

# GREEKS IN THE NEWS

## THE HOMELAND

### PANATHINAIKOS IN VOTANIKOS

An agreement has been signed to build a new soccer stadium and complex for Panathinaikos in Athens' west neighborhood Votanikos. Athens Mayor Kostas Bakoyannis, Development Minister Adonis Georgiadis, two club representatives from Panathinaikos, and Alpha Bank CEO Vassilis Psaltis have reached an agreement to build a 40,000-seat soccer stadium.

Currently, Panathinaikos plays in Leoforos Stadium, which opened in 1922 and is the oldest still-active stadium in Greece. Along with the soccer stadium, the agreement includes the construction of a 12,500-seat basketball arena, a volleyball stadium, an Olympic-size swimming pool, gymnastics facilities, and a large park. The project is supposed to be completed by late 2023.



### GREEK NATIONAL TEAM IN EUROBASKET

With qualifying going on right now for Eurobasket 2022, Greece is in the “Sarajevo Bubble” without their top-tier players, as most are playing on their professional teams. For qualifying, Greece has brought out a lot of youngsters without much experience, and, after suffering a loss to Latvia a couple weeks ago, the Greeks bounced back with an 84-78 overtime win over Bulgaria.



Yiannis Athinaiou led the way for Greece with 21 points and two huge three pointers down the stretch to give the Greeks the win. This is what's known as the “second window” of the tournament, and Greece has already qualified for the next round, which takes place in the Spring of 2021.

## RUN MESSINIA: RUN FOR FREEDOM

Run Messinia: Run For Freedom is only a couple of months away, and in doing my research on this event, I was blown away at the history and the meaning of 10 marathons in 10 days featuring 10 runners. I could synthesize and analyze it for you, but instead I'm gonna let *The National Herald* break it down for you. [This is truly a fascinating read...](#) (If clicking that link doesn't work for you, enter this URL into your browser window:

[https://www.thenationalherald.com/sports\\_greece/arthro/run\\_messinia\\_run\\_for\\_freedom\\_10\\_long\\_distances\\_10\\_days\\_for\\_1st\\_time\\_in\\_greece-1301209/](https://www.thenationalherald.com/sports_greece/arthro/run_messinia_run_for_freedom_10_long_distances_10_days_for_1st_time_in_greece-1301209/) )

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## STONIE'S SPORTS HANDICAPPING

If you haven't subscribed yet, you're behind the times; and if you're betting on your own, you're costing yourself money. Last week's picks were our best of the year so far, as we wound up a very impressive 18-7 on the week, including an eye-popping 12-1 in NCAA Football. With the start of NCAA Basketball, there will literally be something to wager on every day from now until the end of the NCAA Tournament in April. I will continue to post **a new video every Friday** to break down the weekend's action. This week's version is [right here](#), you can **SUBSCRIBE** to my channel [right here](#), and don't forget that IF YOU WANNA WIN BIG, YOU GOTTA BET BIG. GOODLUCK2YA!

– Stonie

P.S. – If the links above don't work for you, enter this URL into your browser window to subscribe to my YouTube channel and see last Friday's video: [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCiSb8S\\_H7Ik5ZCJ4XqPgIkA](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCiSb8S_H7Ik5ZCJ4XqPgIkA)