

Alneaimi, Alshammari vroom ahead with impressive double

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Mishal Alneaimi and Ali Alshammari were both dominant on Friday as they each secured an impressive double in National Race Day championships at BIC in Sakhir.

The Qatari Alneaimi powered to a pair of comfortable wins in the second round of the 2016/2017 Bahrain Superbike Championship, while Alshammari claimed the overall victory in both races in the Bahrain Motorcycle Racing (BMR) 600.



BSBK winners celebrate on the podium

Also sharing the honours were Tim Birkin and Hussain Karimi in the second round of the BIC 2,000cc Challenge.

In BSBK action, Alneaimi turned a double pole into a pair of fine victories as he extended

his unbeaten record to 16 races held over eight rounds – a run that dates back to his perfect campaign in the inaugural season in 2015/2016.

Alneaimi (12 minutes 32.473 seconds) lived up to his tag

as the favourite enjoyed a relatively easy win in race one as he completed the 11-lap sprint 15.031 seconds ahead of runner-up Aaron Moris from Australia, while Mike Edwards (+20.096) from the

UK finished third place. In race two, Alneaimi was once again well ahead of the chasing pack finishing (12:39.231) and was 4.255 seconds clear of Morris at the chequered flag. Alneaimi's fellow-Qatari Fahad Alsuwaidi (+18.657) completed the podium placers in third.

Both races had a total of 16 riders, each of whom competed on identical Ducati 899 Panigale sports bikes.

In race one, Alshammari (13:17.702) riding a Kawasaki ZX6R, did just enough to clinch a pole-to-flag victory ahead (+0.493) of Prince Soud Al Thani also riding a Kawasaki ZX6R.

Mohammed Adhan Al Zaidan (+8.902) riding a Yamaha R6 claimed third

place. In race two, Alshammari (13:16.676) enjoyed winning ahead of Prince Soud and Al Zaidan, who were once again in the other podium placers. They were each amongst the top three overall and in the Super Stock class.

In the Hornets class, where all the competitors were riding identical 600cc Honda Hornet sports bikes, Magnus Mossberg, Pawel Rosciszewski and David Wynne were the top three from both races.

In the BIC 2,000cc Challenge, defending champion Shaikh Salman bin Isa bin Ebrahim Al Khalifa, driving a white Honda CIVIC, was the early pacesetter as he clinched pole position for race one.

Sami Ghazwan bags the Grand Prize

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Sami Ghazwan bagged the Grand Prize of the Bahrain Royal Equestrian and Endurance Federation (BREEF) Championship for showjumping, held yesterday at the Bahrain Defence Force Sports Association grounds in Sakhir.

Riding on Miss Adhary, Ghazwan made a flawless run to the victory, clocking a total time of 45.02 seconds and finishing behind him was Ali Essa (35.25) on Vivika, but with eight faults and third place on the podium went to Ahmed Mansoor (40.41) riding Edward Du Sud BDF with eight



Highlight from the championship

penalties.

Ghazwan (33.29) riding Miss Adhary went to the top

of another podium, fending off from 37 riders in the second contest which featured

obstacles between 110-125 centimetres. He was followed in second and third place by Ahmed Isa on Loopy and Ahmed Jassim on up Horse Pride respectively.

Meanwhile, Ahmed Al Bastaki won the third event of the day, featuring obstacles ranging between 95-105 cm. Jockey Ahmed Al Hashili was in top form too and emerged victorious in two events, designed for young jockeys.

The podium winners of the event which featured obstacles with heights ranging between 125-136 cm were crowned by Shaikh Khalid bin Mohammed Al Khalifa, the President of the Endurance Committee in the Championship.

Klopp hints at Sakho sale

London

Liverpool manager Jurgen Klopp has hinted he could sell exiled Mamadou Sakho in January after admitting the French defender is no longer in his first-team squad.

Klopp was quizzed about his plans for the January transfer window this week and insisted he had no intention of selling England striker Daniel Sturridge or any other first-team player.

"There is absolutely no thought or idea to sell any player from the first team squad. I don't think it would make sense," Klopp said. (AFP)

Level 4 coaching Programme scheduled

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A Level 4 of the National Coaching Programme, organised by the Bahrain Olympic Committee's Sports Training and Development Centre (STDC) is scheduled to commence today. The course which runs until Thursday will focus on athletes high performance analysis and is organised in cooperation with the Coaching Association of Canada.

Indian Expats football resumes tonight

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Another full programme of group matches in the Indian Club Indian Expats Five-a-Side Football Tournament 2016 is scheduled tonight with the group phase to be completed on Tuesday, with the finals evening set for next Friday.

Tonight schedule: Under-15 Category (from 8pm): Group D: Titan FC vs Ahli FC, Raiders FC vs Gladiators FC.

Dortmund rout Gladbach Berlin

Pierre-Aubameyang scored twice and Marco Reus provided three assists as Borussia Dortmund prepared for their Champions League clash at Real Madrid by routing Borussia Moenchengladbach 4-1 in the Bundesliga yesterday. The fleet-footed Reus was outstanding as Dortmund fought back after Gladbach took the lead with six minutes gone.



Mohammed Gaith and Lyn Barrie won against Sally Meikle and Victoria Chappell 7-4, 7-3 to clinch the BTA Torch perpetual trophy during the sixth edition of the social Mixed Doubles Tennis Tournament held at Dilmun Sports Club in Saar. The third place went to Razan Altayeh and Sarah Hugo

Final countdown starts for Ironman

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The final countdown to the Ironman 70.3 Middle East Championship has begun with the Organising Committee putting the final touches on the preparations ahead of hosting the event. The championship be held under the patronage Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander and First Deputy Prime Minister HRH Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa.

The event will showcase elite international superstars alongside participants from Bahrain and GCC states. General Manager of the Championship, Ahmed Al Hajj, also a member

of the Supreme Organising Committee, revealed that work is ongoing at full swing according to the initial plans made for holding the event amid tremendous efforts from members to give the championship the success it deserves.

Al Hajj hailed the keenness of HH Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, representative of His Majesty the King for Charity Works and Youth Affairs, Chairman of the Supreme Council for Youth and Sports, President of Bahrain Olympic Committee, to participate in the practice races, which in turn encouraged Bahraini youths to take part.