

# Cyborg has high praise for Brave



Cris Cyborg

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Brave Combat Federation unfolded a historic event this past month in Bahrain and praises are flooding in from all over the world. The latest name to praise the promotion and KHK MMA is UFC Women's Featherweight Champion

Cris Cyborg. Ahead of her UFC title fight with Holly Holm at UFC 219, Cyborg expressed her outlook about the Bahraini MMA Promotion.

Cyborg said that Brave Combat Federation will help the sport grow in GCC and MENA region. "I think the

success BRAVE Combat Federation is having will only help grow the sport of Mixed Martial Arts in the GCC and MENA regions. I like the initiative His Highness Shaikh Khalid Bin Hamad Al Khalifa has taken in helping pioneer the sport in a region with so many athletes ready

to compete."

Bahrain recently hosted the International Combat Week which saw participation from more than fifty countries. The week was concluded with Brave 9: The Kingdom of champions where two new promotional champions were crowned.

## Big win for Pristine

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Pristine beat NDC Bahrain by 146 runs in the latest matches of the CBA Division C cricket tournament.

Toss was won by Pristine and elected to bat first, brilliant centuries from both openers helped their team to reach to the big total of 235 at the end of 20 overs.

Shakeel scored 107 and Asim scored 102, both stand the opening partnership of 223 runs.

Chasing the target NDC windup for 89 runs.

### Other scores:

Kerala XI 109/8 (Mathew 24, Sajeer 36, Ali 3/14, Ashar 3/12) beat Unique CC 99/10 (Sooraj 27, Vinod 5/8) by 10 runs.

RKCT 128/7 in 19.4 overs

(Guru 36, Ganesh 2/9) beat Central Café 129/6 (Sachin 67) by 3 wickets.

Pak Panthers 118/10 (Wali 16, Jamshed 5/14) beat Bahrain Indians 46/10 (Shaheen 11, Shahzad 6/15) by 72 runs.

Shahzad Zafar 150/4 in 20 overs (Majid 74, Niroshan 50) beat Titans 78/10 (Rameez 11, Shehzad 2/4, Waqas 2/6) by 72 runs.

Awali Bapco 103/1 in 12.3 overs (Xavier 34, Ravi 32) beat SNCS Transfast 99/10 (Abu 23, Shabeer 3/5) by 9 wickets.

Falcon 118/5 in 20 overs (Arjun 66, Faisal 2/19) beat Lanterns 114/10 (Afzal 68, Sohail 3/12) by 5 wickets.

LuLu 72/2 in 14.4 overs (Pradeep 33) beat Young Star 71/10 (Fayyaz 17, Twinkle 4/12) by 8 wickets.



Asim and Shakeel- Pristine

## Atletico beat Real Betis

London

Saul Niguez scored the only goal as Atletico Madrid beat Real Betis 1-0 to keep Diego Simeone's team in the chase for the La Liga title.

Betis made a promising start by setting a fast tempo and pushing Atletico into their area.

But the visitors were comfortable in absorbing the pressure until a well-

orchestrated counterattack tilted the contest in their favour.

Diego Godin found Simeone's team in the right flank with a long pass to start the move.

The right-back quickly fired in a cross for three teammates arriving in the area, with the ball reaching the far post where Saul slid and tapped it in. (espn)

# Godinho, Ayadiuno clinch titles

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Erwin Godinho defeated Tristan Manners to claim the title in the final round of the 12-and-under play-off BTA Junior Tennis Tournament, organised by Bahrain Tennis Academy (BTA), held at the Dilmun Club, Saar.

In the play-off for the third place medal, Essa Al Qattan defeated Raj Singh 4-2.

Saudi-based player, Ifeanyi Ayadiuno defeated Anshuman Sonawane 4-1 to claim the title in the final round of the 14-and-under play-off.

In the play-off for the third place medal was a rematch of the 12-and-under final, with Erwin Godinho again proving too strong for Tristan Manners defeating him 4-0.



14-and-under finalists with the Tournament Director Dan Barrie

The top eight players from the group stage, in each age group, returned to battle it out for the medals.

BTA and Tournament Director, Dan Barrie said, "This event saw our participation record smashed with 75 players

competing across the four age categories. The level of play on the final day was a testament to the depth of quality players."

Players wishing to compete in the next tournament should contact the Director at [dan@bahraintennisacademy.com](mailto:dan@bahraintennisacademy.com) or join the Facebook group "Bahrain Junior Tennis Players" for information about upcoming tennis events.

### Results:

#### 12-and-under:

Quarter-finals: Erwin Godinho defeats Zayaan Siddiqi 4-0.

Raj Singh beats Rushikesh Sonawane 4-2.

Essa Al Qattan beats Savanna Colkitt 4-0.

Tristan Manners beats Rohan Mukherjee 4-3 (5-3).

Semi-finals: Erwin Godinho beats Raj Singh 4-2.

Tristan Manners beats Essa Al Qattan 4-1.

3rd/4th play-off: Essa Al

Qattan beats Raj Singh 4-2.

Final: Erwin Godinho defeats Tristan Manners 4-2.

#### 14-and-under:

Quarter-finals: Ifeanyi Ayadiuno defeats Khadija Moussa 4-0.

Erwin Godinho defeats Romain Haessler 4-0.

Tristan Manners defeats Mohamed Al-Shehabi.

Anshuman Sonawane defeats Hani Halawani 4-0.

Semi-finals: Ifeanyi Ayadiuno beats Erwin Godinho 4-1.

Anshuman Sonawane beats Tristan Manners 4-1.

3rd/4th play-off: Erwin Godinho beats Tristan Manners 4-0.

Final: Ifeanyi Ayadiuno beats Anshuman Sonawane 4-1.