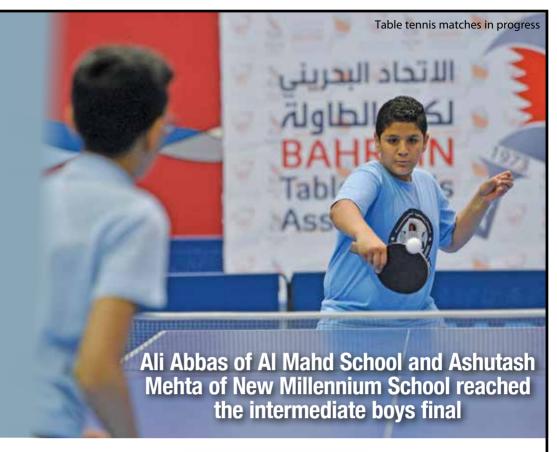
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Al Naseem School, Modern Knowledge School and Middle East School had winning start in the primary boys basketball championship in the Fifth School Mini Olympics.

The Mini Olympics is being organized by the Bahrain Olympic Committee (BOC) in cooperation with the Ministry of Education with more than 3,500 from 58 schools competing in a record 20 sports this year.

Staged at the Bahrain Basketball Association gym in Um Al Hassam, 154 students from 20 government school took to the court and battled in their respective group matches as Al Naseem 'A' and 'B' teams dominated Group 'A' to take an early lead.

Al Naseem 'A' beat Indian School 'A' 2-0, then edged their 'B' team 3-2. In the same group, Al Naseem 'B' defeated Al Hekma 'B' 1-0, before beating Abdulrahman Kanoo 'B' 2-0.

In the other groups, Modern Knowledge 'B' scored three consecutive wins over Sacred Heart 'A' 1-0, Al Naseem 'C' 8-0



and Indian School 'A' 2-0, to top Group 'B', while Middle East School 'A' ruled Group 'C' with wins over Innovative School 2-0, AMA 'A' 4-2 and New Millennium 'A' 2-0.

Basketball action continues today with the second round of the basketball tournament from 9.30am, where the qualified teams will be decided.

Elsewhere, the girls basketball tournament got underway at the Bahrain Sports Federation or People with Disabilities Gym, with Shaikha Hessa School winning their first of a double-game tie

against Modern Knowledge t 4-1, while the latter took the second game 5-3.

In table tennis, the first round of the primary and intermediate stages took place at the Bahrain Table Tennis Association gym in Riffa. The finals will be held today.

Ali Abbas of Al Mahd School and Ashutash Mehta of New Millennium School reached the intermediate boys final, while Ahmed Jaffer and Ali Saleh will face off in the primary stage gold medal match.

The Mini Olympics aims to spread and promote the values and principles of the Olympic among government and private schools in the Kingdom, and motivate them to practice sports activities and follow a healthy life style.

Among main objectives of this event is to discover promising sports talent, build a solid foundation and involve them in competitive sporting activities organized by sports clubs and associations.

It also aims to establish competitive sports activities organized at the school.





