

WEC Six Hours of Fuji

Porsche celebrate fine start

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Porsche inched closer towards claiming this year's manufacturers' title in the FIA World Endurance Championship (WEC), following an impressive one-two on Sunday at the FIA WEC Six Hours of Fuji in Japan.

The trio of Mark Webber, Brendon Hartley and Timo Bernhard steered their no. 17 Porsche 919 Hybrid to the victory to end an eventful and exciting race that marked the sixth of eight rounds in the WEC season.

Webber, Hartley and Bernhard clinched first place

ahead of Porsche teammates Romain Dumas, Marc Lieb and Neel Jani, who were runners up in their no. 18 Porsche 919 Hybrid. Both teams completed a total of 216 laps, but the winners were quicker by 14.306 seconds.

The Audi trio of Marcel Fassler, Andre Lotterer and Benoit Treluyer claimed the final podium step. Driving their Audi R18 e-tron Quattro, they finished third overall just one lap behind the top two.

Fellow Audi drivers Lucas di Grassi, Loic Duval and Oliver Jarvis were ranked fourth overall, two laps behind the victors. Defending



Action from the race

champions Toyota were fifth (Anthony Davidson, Sebastien Buemi, Kazuki Nakajima) two laps behind the winners and (Alexander Wurz, Stephane

Sarrazin, Mike Conway) in the other Toyota sixth and all top six were part of the LMP1 class.

Porsche (264) lead the

FIA World Endurance Manufacturers' Championship standings, Audi (211) remain second, Toyota (119) third with Nissan are in last place with zero markers.

A total of 31 cars took part in the Six Hours of Fuji, and they competed in the four different race classes.

Following Fuji, the next round of the FIA WEC takes place in China for the Six Hours of Shanghai on November 1. The WEC will then move on to the FIA WEC Six Hours of Bahrain weekend as the season-finale on November 20 and 21.

Meanwhile, tickets are on sale for Bahrain with children aged 15 years and under admitted free.

For more information on the Six Hours of Bahrain or other BIC activities, visit the circuit's official website on www.bahraingp.com or call +973-17-450000.

Other winner results: LMP2 class (Roman Rusinov, Julien Canal, Sam Bird, Ligier JS P2-Nissan). LMGTE Pro category (Gianmaria Bruni, Tony Vilander, Ferrari F458 Italia). LMGTE Am class (Patrick Dempsey, Patrick Long, Marco Seefried, Porsche 911 RSR).

Lane wins Audi Quattro Cup qualifier

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Rob Lane (38 points) won the third round of the Audi Quattro qualifying series at the Royal Golf Club and now tops the series leader board with an overall total of 105 points.

Naeem Ullah Khan (36) clinched the runners up spot and Mohamed Al Sayed (35) was a close second runner up, while Todd Gillespie won the Nearest the Pin side contest on the seventh hole.

Over 50 competitors turned out for the tournament which was open to both members and visitors with valid handicap certificates. The Audi Quattro Cup Series will be played out over a total of nine rounds at the Royal Golf Club, with participants accumulating Stableford points over the series.

After the final round, the two players with the most Stableford points from 8 out of 9 rounds will be selected to represent Bahrain as one of the 60 teams competing in the World Finals.

More than 100,000 players annually compete in 750 tournaments in 54 countries annually and the Audi Quattro has developed into the biggest worldwide amateur golf tournament series. Registration is open for the next round taking place on 21 November.

Results: 1) Rob Lane (38 points), 2) Naeem Ullah Khan (36), 3) Mohamed Al Sayed (35). **Nearest the Pin:** Todd Gillespie (hole 7). **2s Club:** Ronan Armstrong, Pete Donkin and Andy Love (hole 7), John Fitzmaurice (hole 12), Rob Lane and Naeem Ullah Khan (hole 16).

Bahrain take on Qatar in Volleyball Opener

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Bahrain's national volleyball team begin their title defence today in the Second GCC Games when they take on highly favoured Qatar on the inaugural day in Dammam, Saudi Arabia.

The nationals won the trophy in the first edition of the games, nicknamed 'Bahrain 11' which was held on home soil in 2011.

Five teams are in the round-robin championship - Bahrain, Qatar, UAE, Saudi Arabia and Oman, while Kuwait decided to withdraw at the last minute and therefore the competition's programme was rescheduled.

Bahrain's first game today will kick off at 5.30pm, then they face UAE on Thursday at 1.30pm. Their third match is against hosts Saudi Arabia the next day at 5.30pm, then take on Oman in

the concluding game on Sunday at 3.15pm.

Argentina's El Geta Jorge, the head coach for Bahrain, led his team's final preparations yesterday at Al Khaleej Club gym ahead of their opener.

The team will be pinning hopes on Hasan Dahi, who recovered recently from a wrist injury, Jassim Al Nabhan, Ali Al Sairafi, Mohammed Saleh, playmaker Hussain Al Haiki and Mahmood Abdulwahed the other prominent Bahraini players named for the games.

Meanwhile, Bahrain's goalball team started their campaign with a heavy 3-11 defeat to recently-crowned GCC champions Saudi Arabia at Al Raka Gym yesterday. The Saudis took control of the entire matches and were ahead 5-2 at half-time. The tournament features only four teams - Bahrain, Saudi Arabia, Qatar and UAE, while Kuwait and

Oman were unable to send their teams. Bahrain coach Husain Meshaima started the game with his trio Husam Abdulaziz, Ebrahim Al Mudaweb and Mohsin Abdulrazzaq, who faced a solid team of Saudi Arabia's Ammar Al Rashidi, Musaad Al Huwaimel and Khalid Tasan.

The Bahraini goals were scored by Ebrahim Al Mudaweb (2), before substitute Abdulaziz Abdunabi fired in a late strike for the team in red jerseys. Bahrain play their second game tomorrow at 12 noon against the UAE, who drew 4-4 with Qatar yesterday.

Bahrain is participating 11 disciplines for this two-week regional gathering which concludes on 26 October, the remaining disciplines includes athletics, football, basketball, handball, weightlifting, table tennis, bowling, karate and swimming.



Bahrain volleyball players practice for today's opening match against Qatar

Shaikh Isa shines in karting sprints

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Shaikh Isa bin Salman Al Khalifa enjoyed an impressive double in the season-opening round of the 2015/2016 Bahrain Rotax Mojo Max Challenge, held over the weekend at Bahrain International Karting Circuit (BIKC) in Sakhir.



An action from the race

He won both races in the Max class of the BRMMC that also featured plenty of tightly knit racing in the SWS Bahrain Championship (SSWS).

Both the BRMMC and the SSWS make up the Bahrain Karting Sprints Championship (BKSC), which is organised by BIKC in cooperation with Bahrain International Circuit and the Bahrain Motor Federation.

Ali Baslar and Abdulla Buhindi each won a race each in the third round of the 2015/2016 SSWS season.

In the BRMMC, Shaikh Isa won race one in a heated battle with Shaikh Mohammed bin Hamad Al Khalifa (+0.444) to finish second, with Hussain Hasan (+8.682) in third and Abdulla Beshara (+18.576) fourth.

In race two, Shaikh Isa was in even more dominant form and

way ahead of runner-up Hassan (+7.308) with Shaikh Mohammed (+8.657) third.

Zaid Audih and Talal Beshara also took part in both Rotax races while competing under the Junior Max category. Zaid finished ahead of Talal both times.

In the SSWS first race, Baslar claimed the first race in a competitive grid featuring 18

participants by the narrowest of margins with the top four within four-tenths-of-a-second amongst each other.

Khalid Alsaie (+0.039) was second, Buhindi (+340) third, Mohammed Mattar (+0.384) fourth, while Rashid Almuammari (+7.101), Bader Mubarak (+8.251), Ahmed Ebrahim (+11.504) and Younes Alouair (+12.902) completed the top eight.

In race two, Buhindi triumphed leading the same top four in another highly competitive battle with Alsaie (+0.046) again second, Mattar (+0.317) third and Baslar (+0.399) fourth, while Ebrahim (+0.857), Mubarak (+4.959), Elouaid (+9.274) and Almuammari (+11.897) were fifth through eighth.

At the end of all the action, the winners were awarded their trophies in a podium ceremony.