

## Tour of Oman

# Lutsenko secures overall victory

### Muscat

**A**lexey Lutsenko (Astana) secured overall victory at the Tour of Oman, as Alexander Kristoff (UAE Team Emirates) won the bunch sprint of the final stage ahead of Bryan Coquard (Vital Concept) and Giacomo Nizzolo (Trek-Segafredo).

Lutsenko set up his overall victory with top three finishes on three of the six stages. He moved into the race lead thanks to finishing second behind Astana teammate Miguel Angel Lopez on the finish atop the Green Mountain on stage five.

Kristoff's sprint win was his first for his new UAE Team Emirates squad and also his

third consecutive win on the Matrah Corniche. He hit out early on the fast, slightly downhill finish, holding off Coquard who threw his bike

at the line.

"I think I've sprinted on the Corniche nine times because I've done every edition of the Tour of Oman.

I know exact how to do the sprint because I've done it so many times. I've lost it many times before I started to win but I think I've cracked the code on how to win it now," Kristoff explained.

"Today we had a good meeting with my teammates and they knew exactly what we wanted to do in the final kilometres and we did it more or less perfectly. Then I know I'm a hard man to beat in this type of race.

I'm very happy how the team raced and brought me to the front and that I was able to finish it off. It's important to win and I was the first win with my new team so I'm very happy." (Cyclingnews)



UAE's Alexander Kristoff (L) celebrates



Alexey Lutsenko

## Results

### Stage six: Al Mouj Muscat to Matrah Corniche, 135.5km

1. Alexander Kristoff (Nor) UAE Team Emirates, in 3 hrs 11 min 29 secs
2. Bryan Coquard (Fra) Vital Concept Cycling Club
3. Giacomo Nizzolo (Ita) Trek-Segafredo
4. Magnus Cort Nielsen (Den) Astana
5. Nathan Haas (Aus) Katusha-Alpecin
6. Davide Martinelli (Ita) Quick-Step Floors
7. Amaury Capiot (Bel) Sport Vlaanderen-Baloise
8. Greg Van Avermaet (Bel) BMC Racing Team
9. Benjamin Declercq (Bel) Sport Vlaanderen-Baloise
10. Floris Gerts (Ned) Roompot-Nederlandse Loterij, all at same time

### Final general classification

1. Alexey Lutsenko (Kaz) Astana, in 22 hrs 49 min 50 secs
2. Miguel Angel Lopez (Col) Astana, at 11 secs
3. Gorka Izagirre (Esp) Bahrain-Merida, at 28 secs
4. Jesus Herrada (Esp) Cofidis, at 30 secs
5. Nathan Haas (Aus) Katusha-Alpecin, at 32 secs

(Cyclingweekly)



Mohammed Shahid

## Massive lineup of MMA athletes set

### Manama

**B**rave Combat Federation will feature eleven newly signed athletes in the fight card in Jordan.

The fight card features 24 athletes from 14 nations in the first edition of the promotion hosted by the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan.

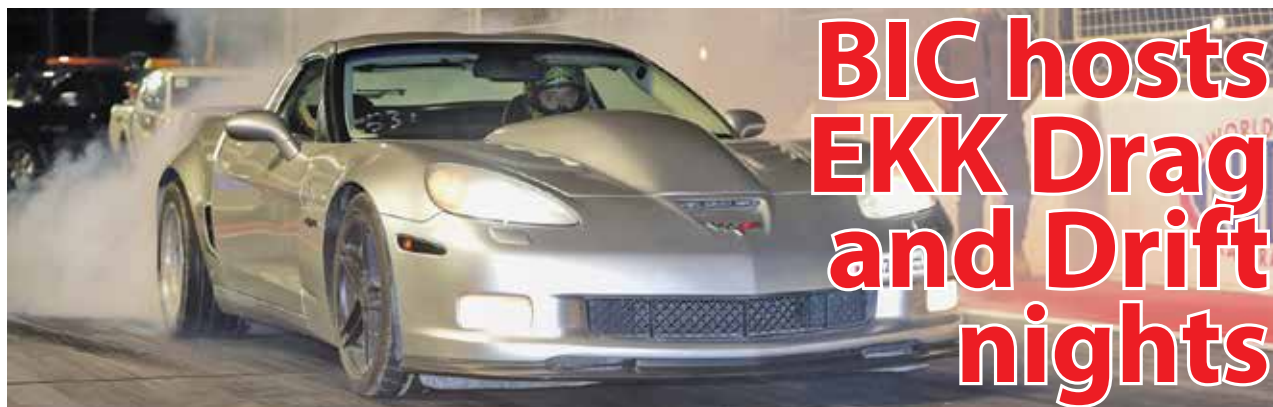
As the announced plan of expanding the global footprint of the promotion, the athlete relations had scouted for talent from around the world for the first event of the Bahrain based mixed martial arts promotion for the year 2018.

The newly signed athletes are David Bear (France), Pawel Kielek (Poland), Sidney Wheeler (USA), Cristiano Pitpitunge (Philippines), Mohammad Ghorabi (Lebanon), Will Fleury (Ireland), Tarek Suleiman (Syria), Dylan Tuke (Ireland)

Sodiq Yousuf (Nigeria), Abdul Hussien (Finland) and Chad Hanekom (South Africa).

The athletes are set to debut for Brave in Jordan on 2nd March at Amman in the Boxing Arena at King Hussien Sports city.

"The fight card translates to the sheer brilliance of the match maker, Yousef Nassar and the ongoing expansion of the athlete relations of the Brave Combat Federation. Committed to the vision of His Highness Sheikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa, we are constantly expanding the global footprint of the Bahrain based sports media property. The initiative was successful not only to strengthen relations with Jordan but also to make the Kingdom of Bahrain to be the focus of global attention." Mentioned Mohammed Shahid, President of Brave Combat Federation.



## BIC hosts EKK Drag and Drift nights

### DT News Network Manama

**B**ahrain International Circuit (BIC) is hosting tomorrow the exciting double-header, sponsored by Ebrahim

K Kanoo (EKK) and powered by Motor City, which is open to the public.

Drivers take part in their own car or motorbike, where they can push the limits and

be in for a surprise! The drag racing takes place at BIC's quarter-mile drag strip – a member of the prestigious National Hot Rod Association Worldwide Network. Drifters

powerslide along a designated course along the BIC car park.

For an additional thrill, the 1000 hp strong Dragster Xperience is available throughout the night.

## Sparta claim challenge cup



BTA, Sparta players and coaches

### DT News Network Manama

**T**eams from Bahrain Tennis Academy (BTA) and Sparta Tennis competed in the inaugural edition of the 10&U Team Tennis Challenge Cup, held at Sparta's base at St. Christopher's School, Saar. The meeting between the two academies featured six players, ten-years-and-under, from each team. Each competitor played six short singles matches, once against each player from the opposing team. The teams then competed in one round of doubles which was worth double points when the total scores were calculated.

At the end of proceedings, Sparta claimed the Challenge Cup, scoring 29 points compared to BTA's 13 points. Sparta Team Captain, Faisal Maseeh, was presented the 10&U Team Tennis Challenge Cup by BTA Director, Dan Barrie.

Two 'Player of the Meet' medals were also awarded to the most outstanding player from each team.