

# Highlight from the

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he prize for Bahrain's Strongest Man was a 2018 Nissan Patrol, which was awarded to First- Place Heavyweight class winner, Emad Hussain Al Oaffas. He was received the award from HH Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa, First Deputy President of the Supreme Council for Youth and Sports, President of Bahrain Athletics Association, and Honorary President of Bahrain Sports Federation for the Disabled, at the end of the championship.

Y.K. Almoavved & Sons, the sole distributor of Nissan vehicles in the Kingdom of Bahrain, was the official Transportation Partner of Bahrain's Strongest Man Championship, which was held at Bahrain Bay.

Launched under the theme 'Stay Monster', the inaugural edition of the championship was held in line with directives from HH Shaikh Khalid.

It's aim is to promote youth and sports fields in Bahrain, and enhance the Kingdom's position as a leading sports hub.

A leader in supporting events, Nissan provided a total of 45 vehicles that were used to test the abilities of the participants in pulling and lifting competitions.

The proceeds from the Championship will go towards supporting cancer patients, some of whom were present at the event and shared their personal

experiences.
"This championship ties well with Nissan's global strategy to support major sporting activities. This event will help form a strong and determined generation that will help raise Bahrain's position on the international sports stage. It also improves sports awareness in our community and encourages a healthy lifestyle. We are happy to present this award to Mr. Al Qaffas for his achievement, and are proud to play our part in one of Bahrain's most prestigious sporting events," Y.K. Almoayyed & Sons Director, Mohammed Almoayyed said.

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# **DHL top HBL league**







Abid Khan

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DHL defeated Noor Sports by a massive 168 runs in the HBL corporate league organized by Cricket Bahrain Association. Batting first, DHL posted 243 runs for loss of 3 wickets. Imran Anwar top scored with 111 runs and was well supported by Abid Khan, who made 63 runs. In reply, Noor Sports could only manage 75 runs. Meherbaan Mohd claimed 3 wickets for DHL.

Punjab XI beat United CC by 7 wickets in another fixture. Batting

Usman Akbar

first, United CC made 97 runs. Ameer claimed 4 wickets for Punjab XI. In reply, Punjab XI reached target for loss of 3 wickets. Adnan Ahmed top scored with 52 runs.

Super XI win over Public Security Yellow by 10 runs in another fixture. Batting first, Super XI made 103 runs. Umar top scored with 32 runs for Super XI, Usman Akbar claimed 3 wickets for Public Security Yellow. In reply Public Security Yellow could only manage 93 runs. Kabir Hussain claimed 3 wickets for Super

# **Karthik lifts India** to Tri-series win



Dinesh Karthik smacked a six off the last ball to help India register a thrilling four-wicket victory over Bangladesh in the final of the Nidahas Trophy T20 Tri-Series at the R Premadasa Stadium in Colombo yesterday. It was a dramatic end to the chase as Karthik hit a flat six over extra cover with India needing five to win with one ball left.

India were in control as they reached 132/4 after 17 overs in pursuit of Bangladesh's 166/8, but Mustafizur Rahman had a different plan as he bowled a terrific wicket-maiden 18th over, conceding just a leg bye to the under-pressure rookie Vijay Shankar and dismissing Manish Pandey off the last ball.

The equation changed to 34 off two overs when Karthik came in to bat, but the experienced finisher - he was Man of the Match in India's very first T20I back in 2006 - displayed

India 168 for 6 (Rohit 56, Karthik 29\*) beat Bangladesh 166 for 8 (Sabbir 77, Chahal 3-18) by four wickets

immense calmness to smash Rubel Hossain for a couple of sixes and fours to score 22 runs in the penultimate

The match was still not over with India needing 12 in the final over and with Shankar was on strike in his first International innings. The all-important final over started with a wide and a dot ball, before Shankar took a single. Karthik could manage just one in the next ball to leave the equation at nine from three balls. Shankar hit a four before falling off the penultimate delivery - mistiming a lofted shot down the ground - and Karthik took India home in style with a shot heard around the world. (TOI)

# **Unbeaten Barca defeat Bilbao**

# Barcelona

Barcelona maintained their unbeaten La Liga record this season as they cruised to victory over Athletic Bilbao.

The hosts scored after only eight minutes when Paco Alcacer, who replaced the suspended Luis Suarez, steered in Jordi Alba's pull-back.

Lionel Messi made it 2-0 with a low

20-yard strike following good work by team-mate Ousmane Dembele.

Philippe Coutinho also hit the crossbar twice and Paulinho hit the post for La Liga's leaders.

Barcelona are 11 points clear at the top of the table, with second-placed Atletico Madrid playing at Villarreal later on Sunday (17:30 GMT).

No team has gone an entire La Liga campaign without defeat; Barcelona have nine league games remaining, having won 23 and drawn six of 29 matches played so far.

The record for an unbeaten run from the start of a La Liga season is 32 games, set by Real Sociedad in 1979-80. (BBC)