

Mohammed Shahid inaugurates the trophy unveiling and launch of teams

# BPL: Team launch, trophy unveiled

## Manama

**L**aunch of Teams for Coca Cola Bahrain Premier League 2018 was held at Bahrain Mall Car park, at 07:00 PM on Friday.

Bahrain Premier League is the first franchise based T20 cricket tournament held under the patronage of His Highness Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa.

The Bahrain Premier League 2018, will comprise of six franchise squads of thirteen resident cricketers competing

in the T20 format of cricket.

The event is organised by KHK Sports and Exelon.

The launch event was ushered by dance, road show and other promotional events.

The launch of teams kickstarted with the road show conducted by the Bahrain Desi Riders. 35 bikers joined from Hidd, Juffair, Gudaibiya and Riffa.

Meanwhile at the Bahrain Mall, various other promotional events were held. CEO of KHK Sports, Mohammed Shahid

and the President of BPL, Mohammed Mansoor sign off the Coca Cola Bahrain Premier League 2018 launch of the teams.

The opening ceremony and match-day one of the Bahrain Premier League 2018 will take place on 26th January, with group matches being played out over three consecutive weekends to determine the four qualifiers for the Semi-Finals.

The Grand Final of the competition is scheduled for March 9th, 2018.

## RKCT beat Falcons



Asim - Pristine Harpreeth - RKCT Jegan -Awali Bapco Riaz - Liaison Safdar - BDS Bassali

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**R**KCT beat Falcon by 97 runs in the latest matches of the CBA Cricket Division C T20 tournament.

Toss was won by RKCT and elected to bat first, opener Harpreeth scored brilliant half-century and well supported by Guru who scored 42.

At the end of 20 overs RKCT scored 193 runs.

Chasing the target, Falcon all-out for 96 runs, Sooraj and Vishal took two wickets for RKCT.

#### Other scores:

Mumbai Raiders 146/7 in 20 overs (Fazal 37, Rizwan 31, Waseem 2/36) beat Muharrag Eagles 93/10 (Noman 35, Shakeel 3/11) by 53 runs.

Pristine 129/7 in 18.3 overs

(Asim 73) beat Lanterns Z XI 126/7 (Farhan 38, Shakeel B 3/23) by 3 wickets.

SNCS Transfast 68/4 in 10.3 overs (Faisal 23, Sachin 2/2) beat Central Café 67/10 (Adil 20, Anish 4/7) by 6 wickets.

Shahzad Zafar 102/3 in 15.5 overs (Majid 31, Shoaib 29) beat Tornado 86/10 (Gigin 25, Khalid 4/14) by 7 wickets.

Awali Bapco 203/4 in 18.1 overs (Jegan 99, Ravi 54, Suhail 3/29) beat Panthers 199/8 (Talha 50, Asad 31, Sukesh 2/32) by 6 wickets.

**Division C 25 over Tournament:**

Kerala XI 119/7 in 23.1 overs (Sajeer 31, Umar 3/22) beat Mudabbar CC 118/10 (Hasham 25, Athul 3/24) by 3 wickets.

Union Group 158/8 in 25 overs (Siva 44, Zaiab 4/38) beat Pak Hawks 103/10 (Khalil 37,

So hail 3/22) by 55 runs.

ACL Haseena 110/2 in 13 runs (Saeed 40, Waqas 37) beat LuLu 109/10 (Pradeep 41, Ali 4/21) by 8 wickets.

Unique CC 70/6 in 17 overs (Azhar 25, Shohaib 2/13) beat Pak CC 67/10 (Faisal 19, Asar 4/18, Jijo .K 3/5) by 4 wickets.

**Knock out T-20 Division D:** Sprite 90/6 in 15 overs (Zeeshan 29, Anand 3/12) beat MNCA Arabian Oryxes 89/8 (Haider 18, Zafar 2/13) by 4 wickets.

Liaison 206/5 in 20 overs (Riaz 91, Fakhar 43, Umar 3/23) beat Asma CC 179/9 (Shoaib 51, Abbasi 51, Sadeer 4/45) by 27 runs.

**Division B T20 Tournament:** BDS Bassali 214/6 in 20 overs (Safdar 89, Rafi 52, Jabir 3/30) beat BOC 140/6 (Noman 56, Rizwan 2/20) by 74 runs.

## Porte wins on Willunga as Impey takes lead

### Adelaide

**R**ichie Porte (BMC Racing) won the Willunga Hill stage of the Tour Down Under for the fifth year in succession but narrowly missed out on the leader's jersey after a late fightback from Daryl Impey (Mitchelton Scott).

Porte distanced his rivals with two searing attacks and secured the stage win but Impey paced himself up the final climb, coming past a number of challengers – to take second on the stage.

He finished eight seconds back and did enough to take the leader's jersey on countback from Porte.

Tom-Jelte Slagter (Dimension Data) finished third on the stage and now sits third overall with one stage remaining.

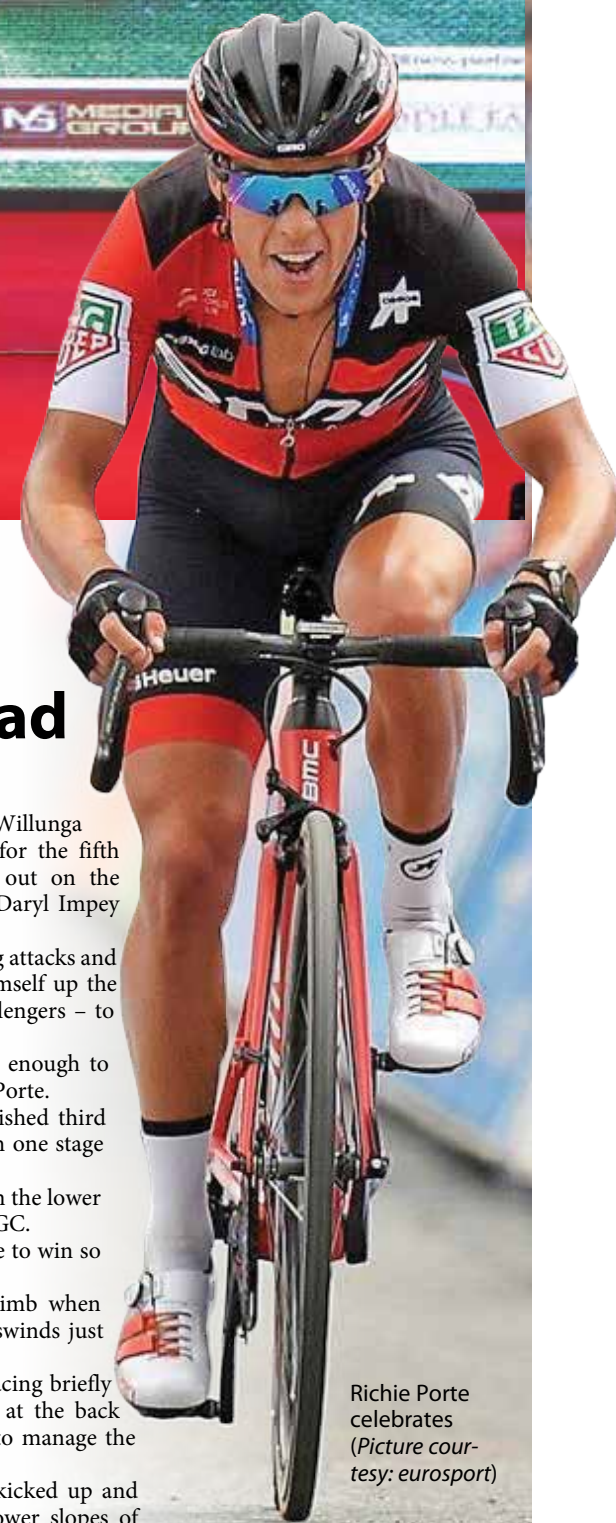
Overnight leader, Peter Sagan, cracked on the lower slopes of the climb and dropped down the GC.

"I tell you what that was the hardest one to win so far," Porte said.

The stage came alive just before the climb when EF-Education First accelerated in the crosswinds just before the final climb.

The move split the peloton and BMC Racing briefly looked in disarray with Porte scrambling at the back of the reduced peloton as his team failed to manage the situation at first.

They regained control before the road kicked up and Rohan Dennis was put to work on the lower slopes of Willunga as the riders faced a stiff headwind. (cyclingnews)



Richie Porte celebrates (Picture courtesy: eurosport)