

Benjamin Booker

Booker to perform live

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Bahrain International Circuit (BIC) announced yesterday that American singer-songwriter Benjamin Booker will be performing live at the Formula 1 2018 Gulf Air Bahrain Grand Prix.

Booker will be taking to the stage on the Saturday night of the race weekend, which is

scheduled to take place at "The Home of Motorsport in the Middle East" from April 6 to 8.

All three-day ticket holders to the Grand Prix will be able to attend the concert at no extra charge.

Booker is the second major international artist announced by BIC for this year's Grand Prix. He joins the legendary Carlos Santana, who will be

performing on the Friday night of the weekend.

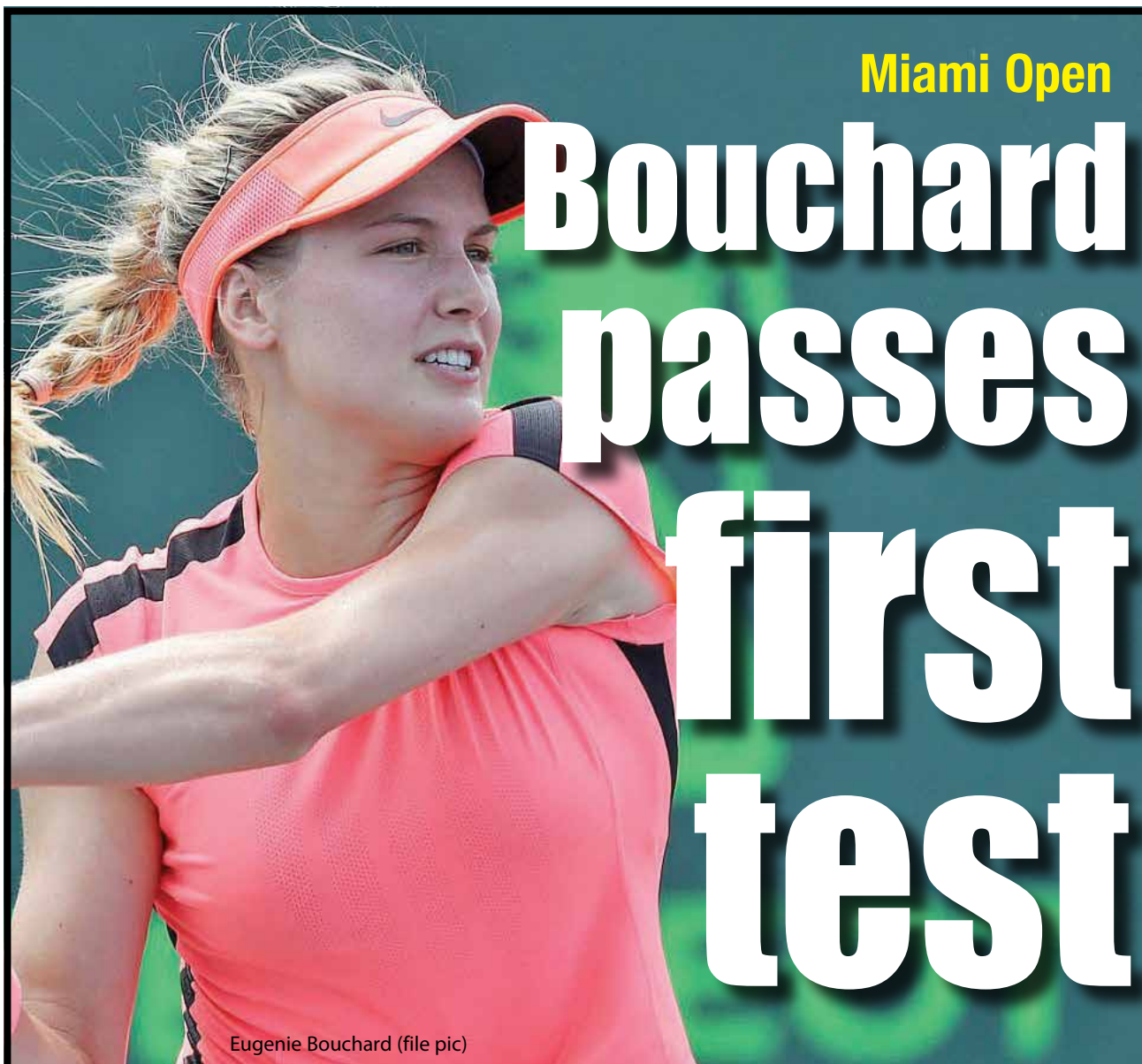
Booker is one of music's rising stars. The 28-year-old's style has been described as "a raw brand of blues/boogie/soul" and as "bright, furious, explosive garage rock."

His concert at the Grand Prix will mark his debut appearance in the Kingdom of Bahrain.

Booker has produced two

critically acclaimed studio albums. The first was a self-titled record released in 2014 and it was followed by "Witness" last year.

Tickets to the Formula 1 2018 Gulf Air Bahrain Grand Prix can be purchased at the BIC stand at Bahrain City Centre. They can also be bought online at www.bahraingp.com or by calling the BIC Hotline on +973-17-450000.



Eugenie Bouchard (file pic)

Miami Open

Bouchard passes first test

Miami

Canadian Eugenie Bouchard beat American wildcard Allie Kiick 6-2 6-2 to be among a parade of former top 20 players to win their first round qualifying matches at the Miami Open on Monday.

Bouchard, a former Wimbledon finalist who has fallen outside the top 100 in the world rankings since reaching a career-high fifth in 2014, fired seven aces as she dispatched Kiick.

The 24-year-old Canadian, who last month won a slip-and-fall lawsuit against the U.S. Tennis Association over an incident at the 2015 U.S. Open that left her with a concussion, was playing her first match since a first-round loss at Indian Wells two weeks ago.

Yanina Wickmayer, who climbed to a career-high 12th in the rankings shortly after reaching the Miami Open quarter-finals in 2010, also advanced but needed nearly 2-1/2 hours to earn a 6-4

6-7(3) 6-4 win over Australia's Olivia Rogowska.

Andrea Petkovic, a former world number nine, booked her spot in the second round of qualifying when German compatriot Sabine Lisicki retired. Petkovic was leading 4-6 6-3 3-1.

Former French Open runner-up Sara Errani, who was ranked fifth in the world in 2013, fell at the first hurdle after being beaten 6-4 5-7 7-6(2) by Czech Tereza Martincova. (Eurosport)

Coleman ready to take on Gay's record



Christian Coleman (file pic)

London

American sprinter Christian Coleman believes he can become the second fastest man of all time in 2018, but has conceded Usain Bolt's world record is out of his reach for now.

The 22-year-old won 60m gold at the World Championships earlier this month.

Bolt's world record is 9.58 seconds, with the USA's Tyson Gay in joint-second on the all-time list with Yohan Blake (both 9.69).

"Tyson Gay's record is more in reach than Usain Bolt's," Coleman said.

"I'll be prepared to run fast this season. I'll get in a good race with a lot of competition and I'll be ready to run fast... that's when records are broken."

Coleman's best time is 9.82, which he set in 2017 to beat the US collegiate record time. He also went on to win two silver medals at the 2017 World Championships in London and broke the 20 year-old 60m world record with a new time of 6.34.

Coleman's achievements have drawn comparison with eight-time Olympic gold medalist Usain Bolt, and the Atlanta-born sprinter said: "When you have somebody as great as Usain Bolt and you get compared to the icon of your sport you never get annoyed with this comparison. (BBC)

BOC: Sport, environment committee plans reviewed

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Supreme Council for Youth and Sports assistant general secretary and Bahrain Olympic Committee (BOC) general secretary Abdulrahman Askar

affirmed the committee's commitment for the Olympic movement principles, which gives high priority for the environmental dimension as one of its three pillars, which also includes sport and

culture.

This statement was announced at his meeting with BOC board members Shaikh Hamad bin Rashid Al Khalifa and Khalid Al Khayyat, who were assigned

to manage the sport and environment committee at the board most recent meeting, chaired by HH Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa.

Both parties had discussions to further promote the sport

and environment committee activities in the near future in partnership with other relevant authorities, such as the Supreme Council for Environment, in an attempt to fulfil the objectives of the

committee.

They also reviewed the proposed candidates to form the sport and environment committee and handle their respective duties in the coming stage.