

Batelco triumph

Manama

Batelco defeated the Pioneers team 8-0 in the third round of the Bahrain Industrial Bowling League at the Fun Land Centre in Manama. Top scoring for Batelco was Mohammed Sultan (217) high game and (717) high series of the week and for Pioneers its team captain Hussain Al Qaseer (253)

game and (675) series.

In another match, Bapco and the Electricity and Water Authority (EWA) shared the points in a 4-4 draw, Bapco guest Ali Maroof (268) high game of the week and Ahmed Janahi (640) for series top scored and for EWA it was guest player Emad Al Jahromi (267) game and (703) series.

Other results (Bowler, Game, Series):

▶ Ministry of the Interior (MOI) (Emerson Gotencio, 259, 653) drew with GPIC (Ahmed Fareed, 256, 677) 4-4.

▶ Banagas (Ali Abdulla, 241, 678) drew with Gulf Air (Yaser Al Khan, 259, Jem Villanueva, 666) 4-4.

Tonight schedule:

- ▶ EWA vs GPIC,
- ▶ Bapco vs Tatweer,
- ▶ Batelco vs Gulf Air,
- ▶ MOI vs Banagas.
- ▶ Bye: Pioneers.



Ali Maroof



M.Sultan

Seven days left in Early Bird discount

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Only seven days remain from today until the end of Bahrain International Circuit's (BIC) Early Bird discount on tickets to the 2017 Formula 1 Gulf Air Bahrain Grand Prix. A 20 per cent reduction covers tickets to the Main Grandstand and Turn One Grandstand and there is also a 10pc deduction on ticket prices to the Batelco Grandstand, University Grandstands and Victory Grandstands. Children aged 12 years old and younger can get their tickets for half the price.

All tickets are for three-day access to the Grand Prix weekend, which is scheduled to take place between April 14 and 16 as the third of 20 rounds on the 2017 FIA Formula



1 World Championship. BIC will be presenting its usual selection of family entertainment, including world famous recording artists, as well as stage shows and extensive fun throughout the event.

Tickets can be purchased at the BIC stand at Bahrain City Centre or at Festival City at Shop Bahrain and further information is available at www.bahraingp.com, or by calling on +973-17-450000.

Indian Club ease past Napco

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The Indian Club reached the quarter finals of The Indian Club Seven-a-Side Softball Cricket Tournament 2016-17 following a three-wicket victory over NAPCO Strikers in the Round of 16 at its premises in Gudaibiya.

Batting first, NAPCO Strikers made 40 for five in six overs and in reply, The Indian Club reached the target scoring 41 for three in 4.4 overs.

In another match, Raju CC was a comfortable 17-run winner over Meenumix, who were dismissed for 36 in 4.5 overs with Nijeeth (20) top scoring, after Raju CC earlier thanks

to a fine knock by Raju (26 not out) scored 53 for three in six overs.

A further three Round of 16 games were played last night with the final two games scheduled for this evening with the tournament being completed on Friday starting with the two Semi-finals and the Final.

Other result:

Moore Stephens 45-4 (Pai 22) in 5.3 overs bt Indian Rising Stars 44 all out in 6 overs by 2 wickets.

Tonight schedule:

(8pm): Awan Cricket Club vs Spartans.

(8.45pm): Target CC vs Chak de Stars.



Indian Club team

Teamwork shown in BAHRAIN MERIDA'S first-ever World Tour

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Bahrain's MERIDA Cycling team are satisfied with its debut in the first Tour Down Under from the Middle East which concluded in Australia at the weekend.

"I just can't wait for the next race now," said Philippe Mauduit the sports director.

"For the first time of that race, Niccolò Bonifazio just simply didn't have the legs on the final leg, but they have been working hard and good work so far. As long as you gave 100 per cent, everything is acceptable. I am satisfied with the race in general, because they have shown team spirit and that was our first goal our coming here so now we are just looking forward to the next race and going out of Tour Down Under in great shape."

Yukiya Arashiro, the Japanese veteran in BAHRAIN MERIDA, is also satisfied with our first ever World Tour race after the last stage.

"You know, it's a new team, new start, first race, we are first time here for racing, no?"

"Every day, better and better, no? Maybe soon we will get our first win."

"I feel that this tour was good for us and I am happy to ride for this team."

The team are again in action from today until January 29 in the Tour de San Juan in Puerto Rico, with Sicilian Vincenzo Nibali leading the team along with teammates Manuele Boaro, Valerio Agnoli, Ramunas Navardauskas, Kanstantsin Siutsou and Franco Pellizzotti for the next challenge.

Netball tonight

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Five matches are scheduled tonight starting from 7.30pm at the British Club in the second round of the second phase in the DHL Bahrain Expatriate Netball League.

The first matches at 7.30pm are between British Club A and Dilmun Club A in Group A with St Christopher's and Dilmun Club C playing in Group B.

Action continues at 8.10pm when two-time defending champions Rugby Club A face off with British Club B in Group A and Dilmun Club B play Sri Lanka Club in Group B, while action concludes in Group B with Rugby Club B and British Club C at 8.50pm.

The teams were split into two divisions after the 10 teams played a first round-robin to determine Group A for the 2016-17 championship, with the remaining six battling it out for the Group B Second Division.

