

Eddie Hearn wants to set up two fights

London

Eddie Hearn wants to set up two fights between Anthony Joshua and Deontay Wilder.

The boxing promoter is keen for the heavyweight stars to clash at Wembley and in Las Vegas.

Joshua has revealed that he will fight the

Bronze Bomber after he has taken on WBO champion **Joseph Parker**.

Hearn told *Yahoo Sports*: "We'd fill up that arena with Brits."

"We're open to a US fight for the Wilder fight."

"I think it makes sense to do two, not because we want any rematch clause, but because it's the biggest fight in world boxing."

"Why not run it twice? The Anthony Joshua (file pic) fans would love to see it."

"Run it twice. One at Wembley and once in Vegas, or at the Barclays Center in Brooklyn, somewhere like that."

Wilder has claimed that the WBA, IBF and IBO champion is a "nobody" in America.

But Joshua, 28, suggested he would only take the trip across the pond to "cement his legacy" in the sport.

The American heavyweight has also accused the British bruiser of avoiding him for two years.

Bronze Bomber must first dispose Luis Ortiz, 38, in the seventh defence of his crown. (*thesun.co.uk*)

Alonso dismisses debate over halo introduction

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McLaren driver Fernando Alonso says "there should not be any debate" about the halo cockpit protection device introduced for the 2018 Formula 1 season.

The halo, which was pushed through by the FIA on safety grounds, has been widely criticised, with Mercedes F1 boss Toto Wolff saying this week he would remove it "with a chainsaw" if he could.

Asked whether everyone would forget about the device a few races into 2018, Alonso told *Sky Sports*: "Yeah, I'm sure of that."

"And again, this is a safety device, it's head protection for the drivers, so there should not be any debate on that, as long as it's a safety device."

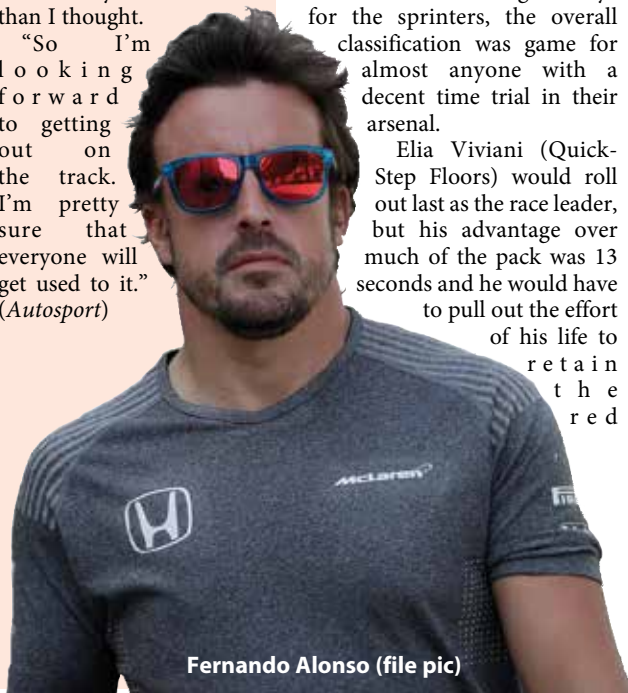
"Yeah, aesthetics aren't the best at the moment, and in the future I'm sure that the sport and the teams will find a way to make it a little bit nicer, for the fans, and for the cars to look a little

bit better."

Ferrari's Sebastian Vettel expressed a similar sentiment during the launch of his team's new halo-fitted SF71H car.

"During the seat fit it was okay," Vettel said. "It was actually less intrusive than I thought."

"So I'm looking forward to getting out on the track. I'm pretty sure that everyone will get used to it." (*Autosport*)



Fernando Alonso (file pic)

Hala joins Brave tour to Jordan

Manama

Bahraini singer, Hala Al Turk is announced among the brand ambassadors for Brave Combat Federation.

Hala became popular when she was selected for *Arabs Got Talent* in 2011 and she subsequently signed to Platinum Records.

Hala had performed during *Brave 9: The Kingdom of Champions* hosted in Bahrain.

The performance was a part of the inaugural activities for the fight night. The popular Bahraini singer will join the world tour scheduled by the mixed martial arts organisation for 2018.

Brave Combat Federation had announced that promoting cultural and social initiatives will be a priority while hosting sports events across the world.

Hala being of born Jordanian and Bahraini decent made the perfect candidate to be the brand ambassador for the tour to Jordan by the sports media established in Bahrain under the vision of His Highness Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa.

The initiative will highlight and strengthen cultural and social relation between nations.

Brave has hinted that more talent from GCC will be joining the ever expanding team of

brand ambassadors to tour the world.

"Hala was selected among the list of Bahraini influencers due to her International appeal and portfolio of achievements. We are proud that she will represent the Kingdom of Bahrain as the representative of the youth of Bahrain and we believe that it will be an opportunity for her to perform around the world. As an influencer this is indeed an achievement only a few can claim in the Kingdom of Bahrain and it is noteworthy that Hala had accomplished this early in her career," said Valeria Lang, Chief Operating Officer of Brave Combat Federation.



Hala Turk

Rohan Dennis takes Abu Dhabi lead

Abu Dhabi

Rohan Dennis (BMC Racing) surged into the overall lead at the Abu Dhabi Tour after taking victory in the key time trial on stage 4.

The Australian completed the 12.6km course in a time of 14:21, some 14 seconds quicker than his closest rival Jonathan Castroviejo (Team Sky), while his teammate Miles Scotson finished third a further two seconds back.

Dennis now leads Castroviejo in the overall standings by the same margin he beat him by in the time trial.

World champion Tom Dumoulin (Team Sunweb) was one of the favourites going into the stage but suffered a mechanical, which was fatal to his chances of victory.

After three straight days for the sprinters, the overall classification was game for almost anyone with a decent time trial in their arsenal.

Elia Viviani (Quick-Step Floors) would roll out last as the race leader, but his advantage over much of the pack was 13 seconds and he would have to pull out the effort of his life to



Rohan Dennis celebrates on the podium (Pic courtesy: abudhabitour)

retain the lead

jersey. Team Sunweb set the early benchmark, with Nikias Arndt going around the course in a time of 14:43, beating the likes of Alex Dowsett (Katusha-Alpecin) as he crossed the line. He would enjoy almost half an hour in the hot seat before Scotson came in and booted him off.

Dennis set off while Scotson was still out on course and there was little time to get comfortable for the young Australian before he too was bumped down a spot in the standings as Dennis went 16 seconds quicker. (*Cyclingnews*)

Al Maryah Island to Al Maryah Island, 12.6km

1. Rohan Dennis (Aus) BMC Racing, in 14 hrs 21 min
2. Jonathan Castroviejo (Esp) Team Sky, at 14 secs
3. Miles Scotson (Aus) BMC Racing, at 16 secs
4. Jos van Emden (Ned) LottoNL-Jumbo, at 16 secs
5. Wilco Kelderman (Ned) Team Sunweb, at 16 secs
6. Brent Bookwalter (USA) BMC Racing, at 17 secs
7. Nikias Arndt (Ger) Team Sunweb, at 22 secs
8. Patrick Bevin (NZI) BMC Racing, at 23 secs
9. Alejandro Valverde (Esp) Movistar, at 27 secs
10. Alex Dowsett (GBR) Katusha-Alpecin, at 29 secs

General classification

1. Rohan Dennis (Aus) BMC Racing, in 11 hrs 21 min 10 secs
2. Jonathan Castroviejo (Esp) Team Sky, at 14 secs
3. Miles Scotson (Aus) BMC Racing, at 16 secs
4. Jos van Emden (Ned) LottoNL-Jumbo, at 16 secs
5. Wilco Kelderman (Ned) Team Sunweb, at 16 secs

(*Cyclingweekly*)