

Tour of Romandie

Manama

Yukiya Arashiro will start tomorrow at Tour of Romandie, Switzerland in place of Enrico Gasparotto.

Gasparotto was really looking forward to this race as it is close to his residence but also because he connected Team Bahrain Merida with the foundation he supports and acts as an ambassador - Greenhope.

The slogan of Greenhope foundation is "sports against

cancer" and that is what Luca Cereghetti and his staff are doing, they are taking young people effected by cancer to the sports events, showing them how with determination you can achieve great goals.

Team Bahrain Merida will wear specially designed helmets to honour the Greenhope foundation. Later those helmets will be auctioned with all profit going to the Greenhope foundation.

Hobday wins Audi quattro Cup Series



Winner Hobday in action

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Despite near gale force winds, Sam Hobday (32 stableford points) narrowly managed to win the fourth round of the Audi quattro Cup Series at the Royal Golf Club on count back ahead of Ahmed Mohammed Ahmed (32).

Jim Lanceley (128 points) continues to top the series order of merit for the third consecutive month, while Ben Elsworth (115) now holds second place.

A field of over 50 players turned for battle in the prestigious series which will be played out over a total of six rounds at the Royal Golf Club.

The series winners of the Bahrain tournament will have

an opportunity to go forward and compete in the World finals, which this year will be held at Quivira Golf Club in Cabo San Luca, Mexico, in December.

Over 100,000 players compete in 750 tournaments in 54 countries annually and the Audi quattro Cup has developed into the biggest worldwide amateur golf tournament series.

Registration is open for the next round of the competition which takes place on May 6.

Results: 1) Sam Hobday (32 points on count back), 2) Ahmed Mohammed Ahmed (32). 2s Club Winners: Ashley Price (hole 2), Jason Smith and Ronan Armstrong (hole 7), Pete Donkin (hole 12).



Brownlee impressive on debut

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Alistair Brownlee had plenty to celebrate on his birthday weekend and Endurance Elite 13 debut as he topped the podium on his first half distance outing at Challenge Mogan Gran Canaria, Spain.

The dual Olympic champion emerged from the 1.9-kilometer swim in the lead pack, then steadily built a lead on the multi-lap 90-kilometer bike course.

He had a clear five-minute lead as he got onto the half-marathon; by the finish tape that lead had ballooned to eight minutes as he logged a new course record in 4 hours 3 minutes and 9 seconds.

"I think I went okay; I didn't really know what I was doing," said Brownlee.

"Obviously I knew how far it was and what the course was, but it was the little things like making sure I had the right nutrition and had my bike sorted. Definitely a few

things I can improve on but that's really why I wanted to get out and do this race first. Iron out those wrinkles in my pre-race setup."

He will next participate at Ironman 70.3 St. George, another race well known for its hills. Getting to the Ironman 70.3 World Championship is atop his goals list this year. "Obviously to do that I need to qualify and the first step for that is doing the race in St. George."

After her regional championship win at Ironman South Africa despite a back injury, Daniela Ryf (4:38.35) seemed unstoppable, but the two-time Ironman world champion looked to be shaking off some rust still as she finished third in Gran Canaria and used the event like a training session.

HH Shaikh Nasser Bin Hamad Al Khalifa finished third in his age group just ahead of his coach Mikel Calahorra.

At Ironman Texas, David Plese finished eighth and just like Ryf, Jan Frodeno used the half distance at the Chia Sardinia Triathlon as a race-specific training day and enjoyed himself with a wire-to-wire win.

Bapco Knockout: GPIC beat Tatweer



Pioneers team

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GPIC defeated Tatweer 2404-2315 pins in the first round of the Bapco Knockout Tournament 2017 organised by the Bahrain Industrial Bowling League at the Fun Land Bowling Centre in Manama.

Top scoring for GPIC was Noora Sultan (247) high game and (697) high series and for Tatweer Hassan K. Hubaishi (223) game and Lito Francisco (604) series.

In another match, Batelco edged out Banagas 2575-2534 with the top scorers being

Fawaz Abdulla (289) game and (761) series for Batelco and Osama Khalifa (255) game and (684) series of Banagas.

Other results: Electricity and Water Authority (Ruel Cruz, 240, 677) bt Gulf Air (Yousif Al Awadhi, 253, JM Villaneuva, 640) 2521-2431.

Pioneers (Mahmood Omran, 300, 733) bt Ministry of The Interior (Ahmed Al Hashil, 234, Emerson Gotencio, 656) 2563-2370.

This week schedule (Semi-finals):
GPIC vs Bapco
Bapco vs EWA