

Batelco Gunners trash Al Ahlam

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Batelco Gunners United thrashed Al Ahlam 5-0 in the third round of Group Two of the Nasser 10 Football Tournament, held at Khalifa Sports City Football Stadium in Isa Town.

Scoring for the winners were Ali Nasser (13th minute), Hassan Redha (18th), Diego (23rd and 43rd) and Omar Al Maliki (53rd minute). Team captain Shaikh Khalid bin Salman Al Khalifa won the player of the match award for his contributions during the game.

Meanwhile, HH Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Representative of His Majesty the King for Charity Works and Youth Affairs, Chairman of the Supreme Council for Youth and Sports, President of Bahrain Olympic Committee (BOC), directed for the support of T.V programme "Al Bank" with prizes from the Third Nasser bin Hamad Sports Games "Nasser 10". The programme is being aired on Bahrain TV channel during the holy month of Ramadan. Shaikh Nasser's initiative



Suqoor Al Bahrain eye another victory



From the qualifiers of the Checkers championship

comes as part of his vision to expand it into a comprehensive national project and not just focussing on the sports field,

but also on other areas as well.

He underlined that the support for Al Bank programme which President



Basketball Championship

of the High Organising Committee of Nasser 10 Tawfiq Al Salehi said took suitable measures following directives of Shaikh Nasser, stating that a link was already established with the programme officials to grant them the prizes.

The last round of the Group One stage of the Football Tournament features Suqoor Al Bahrain against Victorious and Majestic Cars at 1pm tonight.

The first two teams qualifying for the last eight round will be determined after

achieving six points, Suqoor Al Bahrain are on the verge of sealing their qualification, but the second ticket will go to either Jurnas or defending champions Victorious. Both have four points from two matches.

Tonight the final match of the Checkers Championship will be held at 10 pm tonight at the Muharraq Traditional Center. The Championship is part of Nasser 10 and will be held in cooperation with the Bahrain Mind Sports Association. This competition is the first mind sport within the series

of games accompanying the tournament. The competition qualifiers, which were held at the headquarters of the Bahrain Mind Sports Association, began yesterday (Sunday). It was held using the knockout system after the participants were divided into four groups, each including three players.

Also the final match of the Nasser 10's Basketball Championship will take place on Friday between the American Team and Filipino Team C. The match will be contested at the Bahrain Basketball Association Hall.

Emotional Kvitova wins 'twice'

Petra Kvitova said yesterday's first-round victory at the French Open felt like winning twice as the Czech star made an



Czech Republic's Petra Kvitova returns the ball to US Julia Boserup during their qualification round match

emotional return from a harrowing knife attack at her home in December.

The two-time Wimbledon champion swept aside American Julia Boserup 6-3, 6-2 in her first match since suffering career-threatening injuries to her left playing hand when she tackled an intruder at her home in the eastern Czech town of Prostějov.

"I came here as a winner already," said Kvitova, who returned to action at Roland Garros after almost six months out.

"When we were thinking about playing here I told my coaches I wanted to come and win my first match. That was a dream. The motivation I had today was amazing -- and I really just didn't

want to lose.

"This match was special to me. I won for the second time, if I can say that."

Kvitova was left fighting to save her career after the attack, admitting earlier in the week that her hand was "still not 100%".

However, the 15th seed won the opening point of the match with a sweeping cross-court forehand to set the tone for a convincing victory in just 74 minutes over world number 86 Boserup.

"The first point was amazing. I surprised myself with the forehand winner straightaway. It felt weird but great, as well.

"It wasn't really about the game. I mean, I had big motivation, and I know that I was going to do everything I can even if I should just run from side to side to win it.

'Courage' and 'belief'

The 27-year-old received a warm welcome on Philippe Chatrier court. She initially kept her emotions in check before finally shedding a few tears after sealing her place in round two.

"My team was there. My family was there. Everyone who helped me through the difficult time. So it was a real pleasure to play in front of them and play how I played," said Kvitova, whose team wore black t-shirts emblazoned with the words "courage" and "belief".

"I think I played well after six months off. I'm happy with the game, of course, but I mean, it wasn't really about the game today.

"Yesterday I was thinking how everything will be, and I couldn't really imagine how that's going to be. I maybe thought that I would cry when I step on the court, but I didn't today.

Football

Scores as of closing
Italy's Serie A:



Cagliari	2	AC Milan	1
Roma	3	Genoa	2
Sampdoria	2	Napoli	4
Crotone	3	Lazio	1
Fiorentina	2	Pescara	2
Inter Milan	5	Udinese	2
Palermo	2	Empoli	1
Torino	5	Sassuolo	3

English League Two play-off final:

Blackpool	2	Exeter City	1
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Scottish Premiership play-off final second leg:

Hamilton Academical	1	Dundee United	0
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