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Aryabhata grabs title in ISB sports day



Students in action during a race

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Aryabhata House has won the overall championship in the 41th Annual Sports Meet 2019 of the Indian School Bahrain (ISB) which was held on Friday.

The overall champions Aryabhata House got 400 points while CV Raman House became the runners up with 358 points. JC Bose House with 348 points bagged the third place while Vikram Sarabhai House got the fourth place with 303 points. Students from both the campuses (Riffa and Isa Town) participated in the colourful event that was conducted in the Isa Town campus from 8am to 2.30pm.

Chief Guest Dr Esaam Abdullah Mohammed, Director, Directorate of Physical Educa-

tion, Scouts and Guides, Ministry of Education, inaugurated the sports day by releasing colourful balloons into the air.

ISB students who excelled in CBSE National Championships and international tournaments were honoured by the school. Prince S Natarajan and VR Palaniswamy presented trophies to overall champions.

School athletes handed over the Olympic Torch to ISB Chairman Prince S Natarajan who lit the lamp. The opening ceremony was a colourful event with march past to the accompaniment of the school band, Bharat Scouts and Guides and state wise processions which brought forth the spirit of different Indian states. Children displayed Taekwondo and Yoga skills.

Brave 33 offers early bird ticket discounts for Saudi Arabia fans

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The fastest-growing MMA promotion in the world, BRAVE Combat Federation makes a thunderous return to Saudi Arabia, on December 27th, with yet another explosive fight card that will leave the Kingdom's fans on the edge of their seats.

As it happened with BRAVE CF 21, last year, the biggest martial arts organization in the Middle East lands in Jeddah, as BRAVE CF 33 takes place at the Sports Hall Prince Abdullah Al Faisal Stadium, with the best international fighters taking on their biggest challenges in search of worldwide recognition and domination.

Fans will have a special 40% discount on Standard and

Premium seats, which will be available until December 13th. Standard seats will be charged a special fee of 12 SAR during the early bird ticket discount period, whereas Premium seats will come at 90 SAR.

After the discount period, full prices will be available, so don't miss the chance of a lifetime to attend one of the biggest sporting events of the year in Saudi Arabia.

BRAVE CF 33 will mark the return of BRAVE Combat Federation to the beautiful Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, as an explosive fight card awaits hardcore fans that will want to soak in the best action the Middle East has to offer, as athletes from around the world descend upon Jeddah for unforgettable fight night.

Bahrain excel in boxing

Kingdom bag five gold medals in the Clash of the Countries Dubai

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The Clash of the Countries Sovereign Boxing Tournament was held in the city of Dubai in the United Arab Emirates which was a fantastic gala altogether 12 bouts in the schedule. One of the developing boxing countries Bahrain impressed in the tournament winning five gold medals in the ultramodern city of Dubai.

The United Arab Emirates hosted a few events already this year and their boxers competed for almost all of the ASBC Asian Boxing Championships in 2019. Afghanistan, Bahrain, India, Ireland, and the United Arab Emirates sent boxers to the international competition which became a super show at the end of the year.

Two female contests were held in the Clash of the Countries Sovereign Boxing Tournament in Dubai where international level boxers met each other. Bahrain competed with a woman boxer at the ASBC Asian Elite Boxing Championships in Bangkok this April but their team introduced a new female talent in Dubai. Their new national team member Priyanka Toshi defeated India's Gisela Camoens winning the bout unanimously which was a superb debut in the international



Bahrain's Boxing Team pose after the event

stage.

Mohamed Bilal became Bahrain's first-ever male boxer who attended in an ASBC Asian Elite Boxing Championships. The 20-year-old flyweight (52kg) talent competed for many further tournaments since the Bangkok continental event and he used up those experiences in his next fight in Dubai. Bilal used his best tempo to catch United Arab Emirates' Khalid Fesal and won his important fight unanimously.

Bahrain's Yousuf Al-Bloushi claimed the bronze medal in the Ramadan Open Boxing Championships half year ago which he changed into gold in Dubai. Bahrain's lightweight (60kg) boxer was slightly better than United Arab Emirates' AIBA Asian &

Oceanic Olympic Qualification Event competitor Sadid Saad Mazher.

United Arab Emirates' duo 18-year-old Amer Al-Suwaider and former Moroccan national team member El Mehdi El Jamari both impressed in their fights against tough opponents. Al-Suwaider controlled all of the rounds against Afghanistan's Bilal Noor and won the bout unanimously. El Jamari has done his debut for the United Arab Emirates and defeated one of the top Europeans, Kurt Walker of Ireland winning the fight by split decision.

Abdullah Fadhel won the Ramadan Open Boxing Championships and returned to the United Arab Emirates with high expectations which he realized

against the host country's welterweight (69kg) No.1, Greece Saja in Dubai. Bahrain's new national team member former Russian boxer Marat Isaev was not able to stop his opponent's attacks and lost to Ireland's Fergus Quinn at the middleweight (75kg) fight.

Bahrain's best male boxer Denis Latypov attended the World Series of Boxing as a member of the Russian franchise a few years ago and following his change to the Arabic country, he is focusing on the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games. The super heavyweight (+91kg) boxer followed his coach Tony Davis' instructions and defeated Ireland's experienced Stephen McMonagle in one of the best fights of the day.

Matches continue in BTA junior tennis tournament

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Matches in the 8-and-under and 10-and-under categories of the BTA Junior Tennis Tournament, organised by Bahrain Tennis Academy (BTA), took place at the Dilmun Club, Saar. Players initially took part in a round-robin competition, after which the top two players in each group progressed to the final rounds.

In the 8-and-under semi-finals, Lukas Bhillotra defeated Dylan Barrie 10-3 while Mohammed Al-Kadhim defeated Abdulla Aldosari 10-6. In the play-off for third and fourth place, Abdulla overcame Dylan 10-3. Then, in the final



8-and-under players pose with tournaments organisers after the event

match, Mohammed claimed the title with a 7-4, 7-2 win over Lukas.

In the 10-and-under category, eight players earned them-

selves a place in the following day's quarter-finals by topping their respective groups. Ali Al-Ayesh, Abdulrazzaq Al-Henabi, Haiydar Al-Fareed, Abdul-

rahman Aldosari, Hashim Al Toobli, Hamad Al Jishi, Ali Al-Ahmed and Ahmed Al-Sayed will all return to play for the trophies.

Stephen Loman honoured by his hometown after another title defence

Loman landed his fourth consecutive title defence over Louie Sanoudakis, last week at BRAVE CF 30, in India

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BRAVE Combat Federation's current and only Bantamweight world champion, Stephen Loman has had his achievements recognized in his hometown back in the Philippines. After landing his fourth consecutive title defence over Louie Sanoudakis, last week at BRAVE CF 30, in India, "The Sniper" was commended by the Baguio City Council for his con-

tinued success inside the BRAVE CF Arena.

One of the Philippines' biggest sporting heroes, Loman received a resolution of congratulations by Councillor Arthur Allad-iw, which was then adopted by the entire Council as he received yet another accolade for his sporting conquests.

"Loman is from the well-known team worldwide, Team Lakay, and is an inspiration to all athletes and brought prestige



Stephen Loman with his title

and honour to the City of Baguio, to the Cordillera Region, and the country as a whole", said the resolution by Allad-iw.

The BRAVE CF Bantamweight king is rapidly rising as one of the superstars of the organization and is one of the most famous athletes in the Philippines right now. Before his successful title defence against Sanoudakis, Loman soaked in the support of his countrymen with a near-flawless performance in

his homecoming, at BRAVE CF 22, when he defeated Elias Boudegzame in Manila.

He hopes to fight again in the Philippines in order to further extend his title defences record in 2020. While Loman has been able to maintain his title in four defences, no other BRAVE CF world champion has gone past the one defence mark, with Boudegzame and Bubba Jenkins each defending the Featherweight belt one time.