

BIC launches second phase of Early Bird discounts on F1 tickets

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Bahrain International Circuit (BIC) announced yesterday the launch of the second phase of Early Bird discounts on tickets to the Formula 1 Gulf Air Bahrain Grand Prix 2023, happening 3 to 5 March at "The Home of Motorsport in the Middle East".

For a limited period only, fans can enjoy up to 17 per cent off on ticket prices to attend the region's biggest annual sporting and entertainment event.

The 17 per cent reduction covers tickets to the Main Grandstand. Tickets to the Batelco Grandstand, Turn 1 Grandstand, University Grandstand and Victory Grandstand are discounted by 12 per cent.

BIC has also recently confirmed that the University Grandstand tickets can now be purchased for the 2023 Bahrain Grand Prix, enabling fans to book seats in one of the most popular viewing areas at the circuit. Those who have already bought their tickets to other grandstands but wish to change to the University Grandstand can contact the BIC Hotline on +973-17-450000 for assistance.

With the 2022 Bahrain Grand Prix yet again delivering record crowds at BIC and



A general view of a grandstand

the sport experiencing unparalleled popularity around the world, tickets have been selling fast! Fans are thus urged to secure theirs now in BIC's Early Bird phase two sales.

Bahrain's greatest sports and entertainment extravaganza is expected to be bigger and better than ever before, offering fans a unique combination of the very best of racing and spectacular action off the track.

Bahrain once again has the honour of hosting the first race of the season, so fans attending the Sakhir spectacle will be the first to see the new cars and new driver line-ups while experiencing all the uncertainty and anticipation that the first race of a new season brings.

For all upcoming ticket sales, discounts are also available for children aged three to 12 at 50 per cent off, with reductions also available to students, those with additional needs and senior citizens. Full details available on bahraingp.com.

Ticket prices under Early Bird discounts

Grandstand	Days	Standard Price	Discount/new price
Main Grandstand	All	170	17% / BD141.100
Batelco Grandstand	All	130	12% / BD114.400
Batelco Grandstand	Friday Only	70	12% / BD61.600
Batelco Grandstand	Sat / Sun	115	12% / BD101.200
Turn 1	All	120	12% / BD105.600
University	All	70	17% / BD61.600
Victory	All	65	12% / BD57.200

*price inclusive of VAT

Riffa outclass Budaiya in football league

Bahrain internationals Jassim Al Shaikh, Mohammed Jassim Marhoon both on target for defending champions in 2022/2023 Nasser bin Hamad Bahrain Premier Football League

● Riffa claim third win in five matches to move to second on standings

● League leaders Muharraq held to goalless stalemate by Bahrain Club

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Defending champions Riffa narrowed the gap to the top of the standings last night in the 2022/2023 Nasser bin Hamad Bahrain Premier Football League.

Riffa moved to second place after defeating bottom-ranked club Budaiya 2-0 in their week five contest.

Meanwhile, also last night, leaders Muharraq were held to a goalless stalemate by Bahrain Club.

In Riffa's win, Bahraini internationals Jassim Al Shaikh and Mohammed Jassim Marhoon were both on target in the second half.

Riffa improved to 10 points from five games after claiming their third triumph. They moved to within a point from Muharraq, who had a three-



Riffa's Jassim Al Shaikh looks to keep possession against his Budaiya marker

point lead ahead of their rivals heading into yesterday's play.

After both teams failed to find the net in the first half, Riffa took the lead against Budaiya six minutes after the hour-mark with an Al Shaikh strike from inside the penalty area.

Al Shaikh tried to play a pass to teammate Mohammed Al Rumaihi to his right, but it was stopped by the defender. The ball rebounded onto his path in a perfect position for Al Shaikh to unleash a low effort from the edge of the six-yard box, which went to the bottom-left corner of goal.

Then, 11 minutes later, Marhoon doubled Riffa's advantage with a header from the left of goal.

He was on the receiving end of a cross from right of the box supplied by substitute Jassim Hamdouni, and an unmarked Marhoon made no mistake with his attempt.

That sealed the win for Riffa and handed Budaiya their third loss in five outings. They remained on two points in last place on the 12-team league table.

In last night's other game, Muharraq were frustrated by a



With their victory over Budaiya, defending champions Riffa narrowed the gap atop the league table to just one point from first place Muharraq, who dropped points last night in a draw

battling Bahrain Club as the two teams took a share of the points following a tense encounter.

It was Muharraq's second draw in six games as they improved to 11 points to stay atop the standings.

Bahrain Club also had their second tie but they went to just five points in the bottom half of the table.

League action continues tonight with three matches on the cards. At 5.30pm, Al Ahli take on Al Hala while at 6.30pm Al Shabab face off with Manama. Then, at 8.30pm, East Riffa and Al Khaldiya lock horns in an exciting late encounter.

BRAVE CF 67 full fight card announced

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The BRAVE CF 67 fight card is locked and loaded as the penultimate event on the 2022 BRAVE Combat Federation calendar will take place in Bahrain on December 12th.

BRAVE CF 67 will be a special closed show for BRAVE TV featuring the top Arab athletes from around the region as they fight for an opportunity to walk in the footsteps of legendary figures such as former BRAVE CF world champions Jarrah Al-Silawi (Jordan) and Mohammad Fakhreddine (Lebanon).

The fight card sees BRAVE CF Super Lightweight champion

BRAVE CF 67 Full Fight Card

Super Welterweight: Eldar Eldarov vs Denis Maher

Catchweight 63kg: Yannis Ghemmouri vs Bair Shtepin

Catchweight 98kg: Osama ElSeady vs Mohamed Juma

Super Lightweight: Mahmoud Sebie vs Wajdi Missaoui

Middleweight: Omar El Dawrayy vs Ahmed Sami

Featherweight: Abdelghani Saber vs Aymene Souane

Catchweight 73kg: Ayman Galal vs Anthony Zeidan

Lightweight: Mohsen Mohammadsseifi vs Dhia Meguellati

Eldar Eldarov taking on Belarus' Denis Maher in a Super Welterweight main event bout. In the co-main event, France's Yannis Ghemmouri aims to continue building on his successful BRAVE CF debut when he meets

Russia's Bair Shtepin - who returns to BRAVE CF after a one-year hiatus - in a 63-kilogram Catchweight bout.

Adding to the allure of BRAVE CF 67 is Mahmoud Sebie. A world-renowned Greco-Roman

wrestler from Egypt, he will become the first Olympian to fight for BRAVE CF when he takes on Tunisia's Wajdi Missaoui in a Super Lightweight bout.

Lightweights Mohsen Mohammadsseifi and Dhia Meguellati will kick start the exciting event. Iran's Mohsen had a memorable BRAVE CF debut when he stopped Morocco's Bichi Zakaria at BRAVE CF 48. The Iranian, who's a five-time wushu sanda world champion, has the chance to build on his first-ever pro win when he meets Algeria's Meguellati, stepping into the BRAVE CF cage for the first time this month.

Samaheej edge past Isa Town in basketball league

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Samaheej eked out an 81-79 victory over Isa Town last night to wrap up the 10th week of action in the 2022/2023 Zain Bahrain Basketball League.

The victors led for most of the contest and went up by as many as 20 points, but Isa Town were able to reduce the deficit in the second half and get to within a single possession with less than a minute remaining.

That made for a dramatic finish, but Isa Town could not complete their comeback.

Stephen Hurt had 26 points and 17 rebounds to lead Samaheej in the game, while Hussain Busafwan, Sayed Ali Mahmood and Ahmed Fateel each contributed 12 markers.

Oumar Barry paced Isa Town with 36 points while Mohamed Nabeel added 14.

Samaheej led 24-18 at the end of the first quarter and then extended their advantage to 50-38 at the half. In the third, they powered ahead 58-38 on a Busafwan lay-up, but Isa Town were able to get back to within 58-72 heading into the final canto.

There, a Hurt basket put Samaheej up 81-72 with just



Isa Town's Mohamed Nabeel goes for a lay-up in transition during their game against Samaheej last night over three minutes to go, but Isa Town were able to score the next seven points—which were also the last points of the game—but came no closer.

Samaheej claimed only their second win in nine contests with last night's result, while Isa Town suffered their seventh loss as they stayed on the bottom of the standings.

Muharraq power past Tadhamun in volleyball league

● Al Nasser battle back from set down to defeat A'ali

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Muharraq stormed to another big victory last night in the 2022/2023 Isa bin Rashid Bahrain Volleyball League.

The title contenders swept past Al Tadhamun 3-0 (25-23,



Muharraq's Samuel Anthony Ogwuche celebrates after scoring a point against Tadhamun last night

25-20, 25-19) in their week five clash to improve to 12 points on the Group Two standings and raise their chances of advancing to the ensuing round-of-six.

Nigerian professional Samuel Anthony Ogwuche was Muharraq's top scorer in yesterday's game with 18 points, while Hassan Al Haddad added 11 and Hussain Khalifa 10 points.

Also making key contributions for the victors were Mahmood Al Afia, Mahmood Ali and Abbas

Ali, amongst others.

Meanwhile, in another week five contest, Al Nasser battled back from a set down to defeat A'ali 3-1 (22-25, 25-17, 25-19, 25-19), also in Group Two. Nasser posted their fourth win in this stage of the league.

The other teams in their division are Al Dair, Busaiten and Dar Kulaib; while Group One features Bani Jamra, Al Shabab, Al Ahli, Al Najma, Nabih Saleh, Ma'ameer and Etehad Al Reef.