

REHC, RACE Academy to host first-ever jockey courses

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Shaikh Salman bin Rashed Al Khalifa, executive director of Rashid Equestrian and Horseracing Club, met yesterday with Keith Rowe, the director of RACE Ireland (Racing Academy and Centre Of Education).

The REHC and RACE Academy have agreed a partnership that will see Bahrain's first ever jockey academy set up here at the club



Shaikh Salman bin Rashed Al Khalifa, Keith Rowe and other officials at their meeting

It was part of the REHC High Bahraini talent to ensure that develop and compete at the Committee's vision to invest in Bahraini jockeys and riders can highest level.

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riders will also be able to use the support and expertise of RACE Academy coaches, who will be based out in Bahrain for the duration of the course.

Shaikh Salman bin Rashed Al Khalifa commented: "It is an incredibly exciting time for horse racing in Bahrain, and by establishing this partnership with RACE Academy, we are providing a platform for young riders to develop their skills and maximise their potential here in Bahrain."

"It is thanks to the vision of His Highness Shaikh Isa bin Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa that this is possible and we can't wait to see what the future holds for young Bahraini riders both here and on an international scale."

'Demolition Man' to resume MMA career at BRAVE



Lausa is returning to the cage at BRAVE

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Filipino sensation Jenel Lausa is set to resume his mixed martial arts (MMA) career after signing an exclusive multi-bout contract with Brave Combat Federation.

After three years, the 32-year-old Iloilo native and a former boxing champion is returning to the cage and looking to leave his mark in the Bahrain-based promotion, the fastest-growing combat organization in the world.

He begins his comeback journey against Afghan knockout artist Rahmatullah Yousufzai on the undercard of Brave CF 47 on March 11 at the National Stadium in Bahrain.

Yousufzai, the Brave CF 2020 knockout of the year awardee, holds an unblemished record of 4-0. He demolished Abdulmanap Magomedov in 42 seconds in his last outing at Brave CF 41 in September 2020.

The Ultimate Fighting Championship (UFC) veteran Lausa was last seen in action in 2018, where he lost to Japanese Yuta Sasaki in the UFC. He fought in the UFC four times, finishing with a 1-3 record.

"I've been missing the MMA cage for too long. I'm so excited to share that I'm joining Brave Combat Federation, the fastest-growing MMA organization in the world. I will represent the Philippines in the biggest Asian event and I'm looking forward to my return to competition," wrote Lausa on his Facebook page of his decision to sign with Brave CF.

With a new home at Brave, Lausa is motivated to come back stronger and put himself back in contention in the promotion's flyweight division.

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"Coming back to mixed martial arts is really something that I look forward to. I am very grateful for this opportunity, and I value the trust that Brave CF has given me," he said.

Lausa holds a professional MMA record of 7-5 with two knockouts wins and two by way of submission. He once held the Pacific Xtreme Combat flyweight title by defeating Team Lakay's Crisanto Pitpitunge via split decision in 2016.

He is also an accomplished boxer, holding a perfect 10-0-1 record with six knockouts. He captured the Philippine Boxing Federation Super Bantamweight Championship in 2016 and then clinched the Global Boxing Organization Asia-Pacific Super Featherweight title three years later.

"I'm very, very happy I will be able to showcase my talent again so everyone will know that I'm representing the Philippines in MMA," Lausa said.

The main event of Brave CF 47 is former UFC fighter Rolando Dy (14-9), the son of Filipino boxing legend Rolando Navarette, who will be up against Abdisalam Kubanychbek (17-3) in a three five-minute round lightweight title eliminator.

Palma hat-trick powers Hidd past East Riffa

Brazilian striker spearheads defending champions' charge to fifth victory in Nasser bin Hamad Bahrain Premier Football League

● Hidd give up early penalty but battle back and take lead for good in second half through Syrian professional Mohammed Fares

● Mohammed Al Rumaihi also has a hat-trick for East Riffa, who suffer only third loss but remain second on league table, ahead of Hidd

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Hidd's Ahmed Bughammar vies for the ball with East Riffa's Luiz Fernando Correa Sales during their match last night

Defending champions Hidd battled back from a goal down to defeat East Riffa 4-3 last night in the 2020/2021 Nasser bin Hamad Bahrain Premier Football League.

Brazilian professional Eric Luis Palma finished with a hat-trick for Hidd, as did East Riffa's Mohammed Al Rumaihi. Palma's third goal applied the final nail in the coffin and it followed a strike from Syrian teammate Mohammed Fares that broke a 2-2 deadlock.

The result earned Hidd their fifth win in 10 matches as they remained fourth on the league table with 17 points. East Riffa suffered only their third loss but stayed second on the standings,

nine points behind leaders Riffa.

Both teams were engaged in an exciting exchange over the opening hour of the match. East Riffa were the first to make it onto the scoresheet on a Mohammed Al Rumaihi penalty in the seventh minute. Brazilian Yuri de Jesus Messias was brought down in the area by Hidd goalkeeper Redah Bahram, and Al Rumaihi later made no mistake with his spot kick.

Hidd levelled the scores in the 15th minute with a crafty equaliser from Palma. He was on the receiving end of a right-corner kick and he brilliantly squeezed his header past East Riffa's defenders from an acute angle. That sent the game into the half-

time break tied at 1-1.

Hidd then went ahead just four minutes after the re-start with Palma's second strike of the night. He scored off a rebound after teammate Saad Al Amer's shot from the left of goal was parried by East Riffa goalkeeper Rashed Aldosary. The ball went straight to an unmarked Palma on the right of the net, who only needed to tap it home.

The match was then level once again just nine minutes later. Al Rumaihi he did well to chase down a long forward pass from Messias, then got enough of a touch on the ball to nudge it past a charging Bahram.

Things were not even for long as Hidd went ahead for the second time in the contest in the 62nd minute. Substitute Abdulla Duu Abdulla provided the assist with a low cross from the right wing that somehow made its way past a number of opposing defenders, along with East Riffa's Aldosary. An unmarked Fares was waiting in front of goal, and he supplied the finishing touch to make it 3-2.

Palma completed his hat-trick in the third minute of stoppage time following some brilliant approach play from Fares and Abdulla. He received a short pass was able to send the ball home in traffic. Al Rumaihi then fired in his third in the eighth minute of stoppage time, although it had no bearing on the final result.

Riffa, Ahli clash tonight in HM the King's Cup final

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The final of this year's His Majesty the King's Cup between Riffa and Al Ahli is set to be played tonight.

The match will take place at the National Stadium in Riffa and it is scheduled for a 6.15pm kick-off.

Riffa qualified for the title-decider after defeating East Riffa 2-1 in the semi-finals while Ahli ousted last year's losing finalists Hidd 5-3 in a penalty shootout.

Riffa will be out to claim

their seventh King's Cup title, having previously triumphed in 2019, which was also the last time they played in the championship match. Ahli, on the other hand, will be gunning for their ninth crown in the history of the competition. Their last win was in 2003.

HM the King's Cup is the richest tournament in Bahrain football. Last year's winners were Muharraq, but they were unable to make it past the quarter-final stage this season. Muharraq also hold the record for King's Cup titles.

Standings

	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
Riffa	10	9	1	0	11	28
East Riffa	10	6	1	3	8	19
Manama	10	5	2	3	5	17
Hidd	10	5	2	3	4	17
Muharraq	10	3	3	4	1	12
Al Najma	10	3	3	4	-2	12
Al Ahli	10	3	2	5	-8	11
Budaiya	10	2	3	5	-6	9
Busaiteen	10	1	4	5	-2	7
Malkiya	10	1	3	6	-11	6