

## Cebarco Named Official Sponsor of HRH the Crown Prince's Cup and Platinum Sponsor of the Bahrain Turf Series



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As part of the ongoing partnership between Rashid Equestrian and Horseracing Club (REHC) and Cebarco, the sponsorship agreement has been renewed, naming Cebarco as the official sponsor of HRH the Crown Prince's Cup as part of HRH the Crown Prince's Cup Festival and the platinum sponsor of the Bahrain Turf Series for the 2025/2026 horseracing season.

This renewal reflects the Club's commitment to strengthening partnerships with private sector institutions and supporting the continued development of seasonal races and international championships hosted by the Kingdom of Bahrain.

HRH the Crown Prince's Cup is regarded as one of the most prominent races on the horseracing calendar, having built a distinguished reputation over the years through the participation of elite imported horses, alongside consistently high organizational standards.

These achievements have qualified the race for Group 3 international classification, underscoring the remarkable development of Bahraini horseracing and its advancement in line with internationally recognized standards.

The agreement was signed by Mr. Yusuf Osama Buheji, Chief Executive Officer of Rashid Equestrian and

Horseracing Club, and Mr. Mohammed Khalid Abdulrahim, Executive Director of Cebarco and the Khalid Abdulrahim Group, in the presence of Dr. Khalid Mohammed Abdulrahim, Chairman of Cebarco and Chief Executive Officer of the Khalid Abdulrahim Group.

Mr. Yusuf Osama Buheji commended the prominent role played by Cebarco in supporting and sponsoring major horseracing events and championships, particularly its continued sponsorship of HRH the Crown Prince's Cup for the third consecutive season, in addition to its support of the Bahrain Turf Series. He noted that this ongoing commitment plays a key role in the success of these major sporting events and contributes to enhancing the Kingdom of Bahrain's standing on the international horseracing stage.

Mr. Buheji further emphasized that the Club's continued success in hosting international championships—and the positive impact of these events on the advancement of both local and international races—has contributed to expanding REHC's network of partners and attracting a wider base of sponsoring companies and institutions. This forms part of the Club's broader efforts to further develop and elevate horseracing in the Kingdom.

For his part, Dr. Khalid Abdulrahim expressed his pride in the company's continued involvement in these major events.

# Muharraq seek Swift response against Sitra

Defending champions look to bounce back from first defeat of the season



Muharraq huddle ahead of kick-off in a previous match

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The Nasser Bin Hamad Premier League continues this evening as defending champions Muharraq take on Sitra at Khalifa Sports City Stadium at 7pm, with Muharraq eager to respond after suffering their first defeat of the 2025-26 season.

Muharraq's unbeaten run came to an end in the previous round, losing 1-0 at home

to Al Khaldiya. Joel Beya's early strike proved decisive, leaving Muharraq in third place with 20 points, four points behind the leaders. A win tonight would move them into second, behind Al-Riffa, and within striking distance of the top.

Despite that setback, Muharraq remain one of the division's most formidable sides. They boast one of the league's best defensive records, having conceded only three goals in nine matches, and have record-



Abdulwasea Al Matari (R) drives forward for Sitra during their previous fixture

ed six wins and two draws so far. A victory tonight would help them regain momentum and keep pressure on the title contenders.

Sitra, meanwhile, sit in eighth place with 11 points, having drawn five of their nine matches — the most in the league. They are organised and resilient but have struggled to secure wins consistently. Their last match ended in a 1-1 draw with Al Shabab, with Mohammed Al Akram scoring the equaliser.

Tonight's fixture presents a stern challenge for Sitra, who have shown consistency in familiar surroundings, but face a motivated Muharraq side looking to make an immediate statement after their recent disappointment.

With the title race taking shape, Muharraq know there is little room for error, while Sitra will aim to frustrate another heavyweight and add to their tally of hard-earned points.

## Djokovic quits players' union he co-founded

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Novak Djokovic announced on Sunday he was leaving the professional players' union he co-founded in 2020, citing "concerns regarding transparency and governance" within the body.

The Professional Tennis Players Association (PTPA), founded by the current world

No. 4 and Canadian Vasek Pospisil, took legal action in March 2025 against tennis governing bodies, denouncing "anti-competitive restraints and abusive practices".

The action also highlighted the "unsustainable schedule" for players, with tournaments scheduled 11 months out of 12 by both the men's ATP and women's WTA.

## Ettihad, Hala Claim Crucial League Wins



Romeo Enan fends off Sitra's Mahmood Ebrahim

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Gameweek eight of the 2025-26 Zain Bahrain Basketball League saw Al Ettihad and Al Hala claim impressive victories yesterday at Um Al Hassam Sports Complex in two competitive contests.

In the premier division, Al Ettihad edged Sitra 92-82 in a high-intensity encounter. Sitra held a narrow 21-19 lead after the opening quarter, with import Austin Ajukwa dominating early with jump shots, fadeaways, and free throws. Captain Mahdi Abdulameer contributed a step-back jumper and a three, while Dhaif Husain Dhaif add-

ed a pull-up jumper. Al Ettihad kept in touch through Romeo Enan, Mohamed Ghazwan, Feras Ali, and Isa Jassim Juma, gradually closing the gap.

Al Ettihad turned the tide in the second quarter, outscoring Sitra 27-15. Isa Jassim Juma erupted for multiple layups and threes, supported by Ali Ghadeer, Romeo Enan, and Fadel Abdulelah, to establish a 10-point halftime lead at 46-36. The third quarter saw the lead fluctuate between 7-16 points, with Austin Ajukwa keeping Sitra in the game through free throws and pull-ups.

In the fourth quarter, Al Ettihad pulled away decisively, capitalizing on clutch free throws



Action from Al Hala's win against Nuwaidrat last night

and inside dominance from Romeo Enan, who finished with 23 points and 17 rebounds. Isa Jassim Juma added 17 points, while Mohamed Ghazwan contributed 12 points with 8 rebounds and 5 assists. Sitra relied heavily on Ajukwa's 34 points and Ali Mohsen's 22, but poor shooting (33%) and turnovers prevented a comeback.

Meanwhile, in League B, Al Hala completed a thrilling comeback to beat Nuwaidrat 86-75. Nuwaidrat jumped to an early 25-16 lead behind strong Quinton Rose and Murtadha Salman. Shaheed Davis and Ahmed Khalifa kept Al Hala within striking distance.

By halftime, Nuwaidrat led narrowly 42-39, but Al Hala mounted a third-quarter surge, outscoring Nuwaidrat 22-21 behind Davis' sharpshooting and a buzzer-beater three. In the final period, Al Hala seized control with aggressive defense and accurate three-point shooting, including key baskets from Abdulqader Thani and Davis.

Davis starred with 28 points, 16 rebounds, 4 assists, 3 steals, and 4 blocks, while Thani added 19 points and 7 assists. For Nuwaidrat, Quinton Rose also scored 28 points and Murtadha Salman contributed 19, but turnovers (20) and cold shooting late in the game cost them.

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