

# Riffa Hit Four Past Al Shabab as Al Ahli Beat Sitra



Al Hashash celebrates his 11th goal of the season with Al Ahli teammates



Fernandes celebrates his brace and Riffa's fourth goal

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Matchweek 20 of the Nasser bin Hamad Premier League concluded yesterday with two contrasting results, as Riffa produced a dominant second-half display to defeat Al Shabab 4-0, while Al Ahli overcame Sitra 2-0 at the Bahrain National Stadium.

At Khalifa Sports City, Al Shabab actually began the brighter side, creating the better chances in a goalless first half. Their clearest opportunity came in the 41st minute when Daniel Omokhoa failed to convert a promising counterattack, a miss that proved costly as Riffa took

control after the break.

Just one minute into the second half, Riffa broke the deadlock through Thiago Fernandes, who rose to meet Rodrigo Yuri's cross and powered a header in off the crossbar in the 46th minute. That early goal shifted momentum firmly in Riffa's favour.

Mohamed Mashaan's side doubled their lead in the 60th minute when Gabriel Monteiro struck his effort from inside the box after being set up by Wellington Moreira. Although goalkeeper Yousif Al Doseri got a hand to it, he could not keep it out.

Riffa's dominance continued, with substitute Mohamed Hamdaoui adding a third in the 66th minute after a dazzling

solo run ended with a composed finish into the bottom corner. Fernandes then completed the scoring in the 87th minute, reacting quickest after a scramble in the box to secure his brace and a convincing 4-0 win.

The result keeps Riffa third on 43 points, while Al Shabab remain deep in the relegation zone on 14 points.

At the Bahrain National Stadium, Al Ahli also impressed with a 2-0 victory over Sitra. Ali Abdulmajed's side started strongly, hitting the post through Bekaye Wade and missing another clear chance via Bruno Bezerra. However, Al Ahli punished those missed opportunities in the 8th minute when Victor Oliveira

finished from close range after Abdulla Al Hashash's cross.

Goalkeeper Sayed Shubbar Alawi kept Al Ahli ahead with several key saves, including a strong stop from Abulwasea Al Matari. Sitra's hopes suffered a major blow in the 54th minute when Ibrahim Jamal was sent off for an elbow on Oliveira.

Al Ahli capitalised soon after, with Al Hashash converting a tap-in in the 68th minute following a driving run and assist from captain Baqer AlAsfoor.

The win lifts Al Ahli to sixth place on 26 points, while Sitra remain eighth on 21 points as the league table continues to tighten heading into the final stages of the season.

## Sabalenka ready to boycott Grand Slams over prize money



Aryna Sabalenka reacts during a match (file photo)

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World number one Aryna Sabalenka said yesterday she was ready to boycott the Grand Slam tournaments in order to have a greater share of the prize money.

"I feel like the show is on us. Without us there wouldn't be a tournament and there wouldn't be that entertainment," the four-time Grand Slam winner told a press conference at the Italian Open.

"I feel like definitely we deserve to be paid more percentage.

"I think at some point we will boycott. I feel like that's going to be the only way to fight for our rights.

"We girls can easily get together and go for this because some of the things I feel like it's really unfair to the players. I think at some point it's going to get to this."

Last year almost all the leading players signed two letters to the four Grand Slam bosses demanding an increase in prize money, payments into a player welfare fund to improve retirement and maternity benefits, as well as involvement in decisions that affected them.

The letters set a target of a

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22-percent share in tournament revenue, which would bring the majors in line with the nine combined 1000-level events run by the ATP men's tour and the women's WTA tour.

However Poland's Iga Swiatek, a four-time French Open singles champion, believes boycotting tournaments "is a bit extreme".

"I think the most important thing honestly is to have proper communication and discussions with the governing bodies so we have some space to talk and maybe negotiate," said Swiatek, who has also won Wimbledon and the US Open.

"Hopefully before Roland Garros there's going to be an opportunity to have these type of meetings and we'll see how they go."

# BRAVE CF and KHK Heroes launch BRAVE Hearts to empower Bahraini businesses

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BRAVE Combat Federation™ (BRAVE BCF), the world's fastest-growing and most global mixed martial arts organization, has officially announced the launch of BRAVE Hearts, a purpose-driven program created in collaboration with KHK Heroes to provide meaningful assistance to businesses across the Kingdom of Bahrain.

Mohammed Shahid, President of BRAVE Combat Federation, stated: "BRAVE Hearts reflects our commitment beyond sport, extending our platform to create meaningful impact within Bahrain's business community. Through this partnership with KHK Heroes, we are enabling businesses to access the tools and support they need to move forward and grow."

The initiative is rooted in a vision of strengthening local enterprises by equipping them with the resources needed to overcome present challenges and prepare for future opportunities. With a strong emphasis on resilience and shared progress, BRAVE Hearts seeks to foster an environment where



innovation and collaboration can flourish.

Participants will benefit from access to professional guidance spanning integral disciplines such as digital solutions, brand positioning, financial planning, and organizational growth. This integrated approach is intended to address

real-world business demands while promoting sustainable advancement across industries.

By connecting companies with experienced professionals and practical solutions, the program aims to create a supportive network that nurtures confidence and long-term viability within

Bahrain's commercial sector.

Open to businesses of varying sizes and backgrounds, BRAVE Hearts invites organizations seeking to strengthen their foundations and expand their potential to take part in the initiative.

As BRAVE CF continues its international expansion, efforts such as

BRAVE Hearts highlight the promotion's broader purpose of contributing to communities and generating impact beyond sports.

Interested businesses may register through the official BRAVE CF platform at [www.watch.bravecftv.com/brave-hearts](http://www.watch.bravecftv.com/brave-hearts).

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