



HH Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa, First Deputy President of the Supreme Council for Youth and Sports, President of the General Sports Authority and President of Bahrain Olympic Committee, received at his office in Al Wadi Palace Bahrain's national cricket team members who won the 2021 ICC Men's T20 World Cup Asia Qualifier. The event was attended by HH Shaikh Salman bin Mohammed Al Khalifa, Vice President of the General Sports Authority, Dr Abdulrahman Sadiq Askar, CEO of the General Sports Authority, HE Mr Mohammed Hassan Al Nusf, Secretary-General of Bahrain Olympic Committee and HE Mr Hatem Abbas Dadabai, President of Bahrain Cricket Association and its Board members. HH Shaikh Khalid affirmed that the victory in the event came thanks to the great performances showcased by the players, stating that this accomplishment represents a great start for the national team towards further successes. Left, HH Shaikh Khalid with other officials and the national team players.

Brand new Bahrain Turf Series all set

Strong lineup of horses from leading trainers in the UK set to compete in first of 10 £50,000 handicaps this Friday at Rashid Equestrian and Horseracing Club in Sakhir

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● The Final of 10 events is scheduled to take place on February 18, 2022



Exciting action set for REHC on Friday (File photo)

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The brand new Bahrain Turf Series starts on Friday at Rashid Equestrian and Horseracing Club (REHC) in Sakhir.

The series consists of 10 £50,000 handicaps with the final series race taking place on February 18, 2022.

The Bahrain Turf Series, introduced to the Bahrain racing programme for this season, has

attracted a strong lineup of horses from leading trainers in the UK.

Derby-winning trainer Michael Bell will have two horses taking part in the Turf Series, in the shape of the three-year-old Ace Rothstein and the five-time winner Natural Path.

Lambourn-based Charlie Hills, who recently ran Pogo to finish seventh in the Bahrain International Trophy, returns to the Kingdom with the four-

year-old colt King's Knight.

Another Lambourn raider, Jamie Osborne, sends two horses, Brains and Peerless. Osborne is well used to campaigning his horses on the international circuit but will be campaigning horses in Bahrain for the first time. His daughter Saffie Osborne will also be making the trip overseas to manage the horses alongside his assistant trainer Jimmy McCarthy.

When discussing his two horses, Osborne said: "Brains will run at the first meeting on December 10 in the 2,000m race. He's been in good form and has won three of his last five races, so he goes there at the top of his game. He will be competing from the bottom of the handicap which gives us a bit of room to manoeuvre and I think he's going to be pretty competitive."

On his other horse Peerless, he added: "Peerless was bought specifically with the Bahrain Turf Series in mind. He's bang on the 85 mark, so he will be right at the bottom of the handicap. He'll run in the six furlong races, and is a horse that is more of a five furlong horse in Britain, but given the configuration of the track in Bahrain, hopefully six furlongs will be his optimum trip."

Osborne added: "We were keen to get some horses to go. I've been everywhere in the Middle East except Bahrain, so I'm very much looking forward to seeing it."

Bahrain Club stun Manama while Ahli cruise past Isa Town



Bahrain Club's Jassim Abul looks to score with a lay-up against Manama Club last night

● Jassim Abul makes go-ahead three-pointer late in game to help Bahrain Club beat Manama 75-72

● - Ahmed Aldurazi buries 10 triples to score 40 points and lead Ahli to crushing 140-76 win over Isa Town

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Bahrain Club handed Manama their first loss of the 2021/2022 Zain Bahrain Basketball League last night with a narrow 75-72 victory during their 10th week meeting.

Jassim Abul buried the go-ahead three-pointer with a minute and eight seconds remaining to make it 72-69, and then Ali Asghar scored the victors' final three points to help them eke out the victory.

Ibrahima Thomas was Bahrain Club's top performer in the contest with 29 points and 14

rebounds, while Abul and Ali Abbas added 14 apiece. Asghar finished with nine points in the game, which helped his team improve to a 6-3 win-loss record.

Devin Ebanks had 30 to pace Manama, who suffered their first loss in nine games. Ahmed Salman and Mohammed Hus-sain chipped in with 11 apiece.

Meanwhile, defending back-to-back champions Al Ahli crushed Isa Town 140-76 in last night's other game.

Ahmed Aldurazi was on fire with 40 big points, including an impressive 10 three-pointers. Maitham Jameel and Hesham Sarhan added 21 apiece, while Anthony McClain scored 14 and took down 18 rebounds while blocking four shots.

Talal Qaheri led Isa Town with 25 points while Mohamed Nabeel had 21.

With the result, Ahli remained the only undefeated team in the league, scoring their ninth victory. Isa Town were handed their ninth loss.

League action continues tonight with Al Najma facing Al Ettihad at 5.30pm followed by Muharraq playing Samahej at 7.30pm.

Bahrain basketball team drop in world rankings

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Bahrain's national basketball team dropped two places to 104th on the latest edition of the FIBA World Ranking for

Men, which was released yesterday by the sport's governing body.

The nationals went to 92.8 ranking points to go down to the 21st team in Asia.

They were also the third-best in the GCC, with Qatar ranked 76th (124.9pts) in the world, Saudi Arabia 79th (119.6pts), UAE 126th (67.9pts), Kuwait 141st (51.1pts) and Oman in

157th (34.2pts).

The U.S. continued to be the number one team in the world with 763.3 ranking points. The rest of the top seven remained unchanged.

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