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Bahrain rally past Bhutan

Bahrain won the AFC U-19 Championship's qualifier match 4-0

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Bahrain inched closer to securing a berth in next year's AFC U-19 Championship following a resounding 4-0 victory against Bhutan last night at the Khalifa Sports City Stadium in Isa Town.

Their win was their second in a row in Group E, and it put them two points ahead of their closest challengers Jordan, who were held to a 1-1 draw by Bangladesh in yesterday's other contest.

Bahrain must now beat or draw with their Jordanian counterparts tomorrow in their final qualifying match to ensure their berth in the tournament proper. Only the top-ranked team from the 11 qualification groups gain automatic spots in the championship, along with the four best second-placers.



Action from Bahrain's match last night

In Bahrain's win last night, four different players scored for the home team. They included Adel Al Rumaihi, Abdulrahman Al Sayyad, Abdulla Al Nimr and Sayed Jawad Haider.

The result was the second successive clean sheet for the Bahrainis. It followed their 3-0 triumph against Bangladesh on opening night.

Meanwhile, the Bangladeshis did well to fight back against their Jordanian opponents in their 1-1 stalemate.

Jordan went ahead with a Darnial Ahmed Alfaneh penalty in first-half stoppage time, but in the second half a rejuvenated Bangladesh were able to level the proceedings in the 74th minute with a Yeasin Arafat goal.

Neither team could find a winner from there.

Muharraq beat claim volleyball cup

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Muharraq last night grabbed victory from the jaws of defeat and deservedly claimed the Bahrain Volleyball Association Cup beating Dar Kulaib in a five-set thriller at the Khalifa Sports City in Isa Town.

It was a two-hour 17-minute see-saw battle which went to the wire much to the joy of an appreciative and vociferous crowd.

Dar Kulaib held an upper hand in the first two sets and even raised hopes of a major upset as they were urged on by their passionate supporters donned in blue t-shirts and, more importantly, armed with a microphone through which they screamed their sincere support and encouragement.

But in the end what mattered was pedigree and Muharraq underlined this fact with an emphatic comeback victory 22-25, 23-25, 25-20, 25-23, 15-11 in a fitting finale.

Manama, Riffa triumph in BBA Cup

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Manama and Riffa were both victorious last night in the Bahrain Basketball Association (BBA) Cup.

Manama edged past Al Hala 109-98 while Riffa routed Samaheej 95-53.

Both games were in Group B of the tournament and they were played at Zain Basketball Arena in Um Al Hassam.

In Manama's win, they went ahead by as many as 24 points and then staved off a late comeback from Hala to claim the hard-earned result. Hala were able to get back to within seven points in the final period, but it was too little too late.

American professional Christopher McKnight had a monster effort of 35 points and nine rebounds to spearhead Manama. Skipper Mohammed Hussain

added a near-triple double with 22 points, 11 assists and six rebounds.

Hassan Nowrooz chipped in with 21 points of the bench, while Mohammed Jassim finished with 14 points and 10 boards.

Three Hala players also over 20. Da'quan Cook from the US and guard Mohammed Salah scored 22 points apiece while Ahmed Khalifa added 20 in defeat.

In Riffa's win, they dominated from the start and enjoyed leads as big as 42 points.

American import Joseph Jones had 20 points and 16 rebounds to pace Riffa, who had five players in double figures. Mohammed Khalid and Hasan Alkhaja came off the bench to contribute 18 and 11 points, respectively, while Abdulrahman Ghali also had 11 with Ali Jassim scoring 10.



Manama's Sadeq Shukrallah looks to dribble past tough defence of Hala's Cook

Antwan Wilkerson had 26 and 10 for Samaheej but he got little help from elsewhere.

Cup action continues tonight

with Al Ahli facing Nuwaidrat in Group A at 5.30pm followed by Isa Town playing Bahrain Club in Group B at 7.15pm.

Bahrain prepares for World Cup qualifiers

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Bahrain's senior men's national football team continued their training last night for their upcoming World Cup and Asian Cup qualifiers.

The Bahrainis are set to take on Hong Kong in an away match on November 14.

Bahrain head coach Helio Sousa has been facilitating their daily training sessions at the Bahrain Football Association pitches in Riffa this week.

The nationals are scheduled to leave for Hong Kong tomorrow.

Bahrain are in Group C of the qualifiers for the FIFA World Cup 2022 and AFC Asian Cup 2023.

Following their match with Hong Kong, the Bahrainis will be taking on Iraq on Novem-

ber 19 at the 18,000-capacity Amman International Stadium in Jordan's Al Hussein Youth City.

The match venue was approved by Fifa, who had requested the Iraq Football Association to propose a new location for their upcoming qualifiers against Iran and Bahrain. The games were originally set to be played in Basrah,

The change of venue was formally requested by Fifa because of safety and security concerns.

Bahrain are in Group C of the qualifiers for the World Cup and Asian Cup. Iraq currently tops the group with seven points, leading Bahrain on goal difference, while Iran holds third spot with six points. Hong Kong and Cambodia each have one point.

BAS Motorsport Team set six-hour endurance karting challenge at BIKC

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Bahrain Airport Services (BAS) Motorsport Team are all set to battle for podium places, pride, and bragging rights Saturday (Editor's note: November 9) in the six-hour race of the Bahrain Karting Enduro Championship (BKEC), to be held at Bahrain International Karting Circuit (BIKC) in Sakhir.

BAS have four entrants in the meeting, which marks the second round of the 2019/2020 BKEC season.

Headlining their challenge

will be the BAS Pro team, spearheaded by talented BAS Motorsport Ambassador Lewis Smith.

The three other squads will be competing in the Corporate class, and they include an all-female squad, making for the most dynamic roster of drivers in the event.

BAS CEO Mr Salman Al-Mahmeed has given his full support to the BAS Motorsport Team, which is being managed by BAS COO Mr Tony Smith.

"We are extremely proud of the staff that have been committed to training for the event and



BAS Motorsport Team members at a previous event

the only all-female team entry, which is a fantastic achievement from all the women," said Smith.

"We hope all the drivers have a great experience and enjoy the event, good luck to you all!"

Leading the Corporate teams are Mohammed Faqihi and Ahmed Kooheji.

The other drivers include Mahmood Saati, Ziyad Khalifa, Rene Mader, Dylan Campos, Don Vinura, Saud Alshater, Mohammed Alansari. Their team assignments will be determined just prior to the start of the race.