

# Martin Garrix to headline Bahrain F1

Superstar DJ and producer Martin Garrix to perform live at F1 Gulf Air Bahrain GP 2026

● **Multi-platinum-selling hit-maker to take centre stage at BIC on the Friday night of F1 weekend on 10 April**

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Bahrain International Circuit (BIC), ‘The Home of Motorsport in the Middle East’, announced today that multi-platinum DJ and producer Martin Garrix will perform live at the Formula 1 Gulf Air Bahrain Grand Prix 2026.

The highly anticipated F1 spectacle is scheduled for 10 to 12 April in Sakhir, and Garrix

will be taking to the stage on the Friday night of race weekend on 10 April. His epic show will be open to all grand prix ticket-holders at no extra cost.

Garrix is one of the youngest and most successful DJs and producers championing the pop and electronic scene. He has been ranked number one on DJ Mag’s Top 100 DJs list in multiple years, and his hits have generated more than a billion streams online.

Garrix has collaborated with major stars including Dua Lipa, Ed Sheeran, Bono and The Edge of U2, Bebe Rexha, Khalid, Macklemore, and Avicci, to name only a few.

He is the first top international artists announced by BIC who



Martin Garrix

will be putting on a mega concert at this year’s F1 weekend. Those wishing to experience Garrix’s concert but have yet to purchase their tickets are advised to do so at the earliest to avoid missing out on the Kingdom of Bahrain’s biggest event of the year.

Tickets can still be purchased but there is only very limited availability. BIC’s Main Grandstand and Turn 1 Grandstand are already 95% sold out, while tickets to the Beyon Grandstand, University Grandstand, and Victory Grandstand are selling out fast. Tickets can also be purchased online at bahraingp.com or by calling the BIC Hotline on +973-17450000.

Martin Garrix is more than a decade into a career that began

with the Dutchman bursting through the electronic dance music scene by debuting the single ‘Animals’ in 2013, a hit which soared to the top of the charts internationally. He has performed at major global events including The Winter Olympics, Coachella, Lollapalooza, Ultra Music Festival and Tomorrowland.

Garrix’s live performance at BIC can be enjoyed along with plenty of other off-track entertainment attractions at the F1 Gulf Air Bahrain Grand Prix 2026.

For more information on the Kingdom’s F1 weekend or other events and experiences at BIC, visit bahraingp.com, call the BIC Hotline, or follow the circuit’s social media channels.

# Farhan, spinners lead Pakistan to easy USA win in T20 World Cup

AFP | Colombo

Opener Sahibzada Farhan hit a solid half-century while spinner Usman Tariq grabbed three wickets as Pakistan downed the United States by 32 runs in a T20 World Cup Group A game in Colombo yesterday.

The 29-year-old hit five sixes and six fours in his 41-ball 73 and was aided by a brilliant 32-ball 46 by Babar Azam (four fours, one six) to guide Pakistan to a strong 190-9 total at the Sinhalese Sports Club ground.

Their spinners then checked the inexperienced USA batting with Tariq taking 3-27 and Shadab Khan 2-26 to restrict their opponents to 158-8 in 20 overs.



Pakistan’s Babar Azam (R) and Sahibzada Farhan run between the wickets

The win avenged Pakistan’s shock defeat at the hands of USA in the T20 World Cup two years ago and handed them a second win in as many games following their close three-wicket

win over the Netherlands on Saturday.

For the USA, Shubham Ranjane top scored with a valiant 30-ball 51 including three sixes and as many fours before he fell to pace bowler Shaheen Shah Afridi, who was playing his 100th T20 international.

Opener Shayan Jahangir muscled his way to an attractive 34-ball 49 studded with two sixes and five fours while Milind Kumar scored 29 before United States were derailed from 123-3 to lose the match.

Earlier, Farhan and fellow opener Saim Ayub, who scored a 17-ball 19 with two sixes, put on 54 in five overs.

Pakistan then lost two wickets in the sixth over of their innings, bowled by Shadley van Schalkwyk.

# Bahrain’s Volleyball Supremacy Up For Grabs



Al Ahli and Dar Kulaib celebrate key points in yesterday’s wins

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Bahrain’s volleyball powerhouse Dar Kulaib and Al Ahli will face each other tomorrow in the semi-finals of the 2026 West Asia Men’s Clubs Volleyball Championship (WAVA) after both secured strong wins yesterday in Kuwait. The domestic showdown promises to decide the kingdom’s top contender for the title.

Dar Kulaib, coached by Ivan Joksimovic from Montenegro, competed in Group C and extended their campaign with a 3-0 victory over Iraq’s Ghaz Al Junoob, taking the sets 25-19, 28-26, 25-17. The Bahrainis had opened the tournament with a 3-1 win over Oman’s Al Seeb, followed by a 3-0 sweep of Kuwait’s Burgan SC, before suffering a narrow 3-2 defeat to Saudi Arabia’s Al Ittihad.

Al Ahli, coached by Brazilian Renato Castro, also booked their semi-final spot with a 3-0 win over Al Ittihad Jeddah (25-21, 25-18, 25-17) in Group B. The Manama-based side had earlier beaten Qatar’s Al Wakrah 3-0, Lebanon’s Jeunesse Sportif Batroun 3-0, and recorded a tight 3-2 victory against Kuwait Club to finish

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**Both Bahraini teams are vying for the 2025 Asian Volleyball Confederation Men’s Champions Champions League. It will take place in Indonesia on May 13-17.**

atop their group. With both teams advancing, Bahrain will be represented by two sides in the knockout stage, keeping the kingdom’s chances of a WAVA title alive. Tomorrow’s semi-final between Dar Kulaib and Al Ahli will determine which side claims the distinction of the nation’s top contender, with the winner advancing to the gold medal match on Saturday. Both teams are also vying for a berth in the 2026 Asian Volleyball Confederation (AVC) Men’s Champions League, set in Pontianak, Indonesia, from May 13 to 17.

# Naafo Stunner Ends Sitra’s Campaign

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Sitra’s AGCFF Gulf Club Champions League campaign came to a heartbreaking end last night after a 1-0 defeat to UAE’s Al Ain at Khalifa Sports City, with a spectacular late strike condemning Bahrain’s sole representatives to elimination.

The result was always an uphill task for the side sitting eighth in the Nasser Bin Hamad Premier League. Al Ain entered the match as runners-up in the UAE Pro League and had already beaten Sitra 4-1 in the opening group fixture.

Al Ain had the better of the first half and created the earliest chance before the break. In the 39th minute, Jonas Naafo found space inside the box but failed to connect cleanly with a free header, sending a volley wide as the Emirati side pressed for the opener.

Ali Abdulmajeed’s Sitra side came out with renewed intent after the interval and almost struck immediately. Captain Vincent Emmanuel tried an audacious outside-the-boot effort from distance just moments af-



Jonas Naafo wheels away in celebration after Al Ain’s spectacular late winner

ter the restart, but the attempt slid narrowly wide.

The hosts continued to show flashes of promise, though winger Kennyd de Lucas was forced off through injury and replaced by Bekaye Wade. Karl Namnganda later tested Al Ain

goalkeeper Hassan Sani with a long-range strike, but the shot was comfortably dealt with.

Just when it seemed Al Ain might break the deadlock, the 84th minute brought drama. The referee called for a pitch-side VAR review to check a poten-

tial penalty on Sitra, ruling that Carlos Cavafe Fernandez had clipped Mohammed Awadalla inside the box. Awadalla stepped up for the spot kick but blazed it high over the bar, giving Sitra a reprieve and keeping their slim hopes alive.

Those hopes were dashed in the 90th minute by a moment of brilliance. A long ball was worked wide before a short cross was headed on by Ibrahim Ndiaye. Nineteen-year-old Jonas Naafo cushioned the ball in midair and executed a stunning overhead kick into the top corner, leaving Sitra goalkeeper Youssef Habib with no chance.

The late winner lifted Al Ain to nine points in Group A, cementing their position as one of the competition’s strongest sides. Sitra, meanwhile, remain bottom with two points from five matches and are now mathematically eliminated.

The Bahraini side will now travel to Iraq for a dead-rubber final group match against already-qualified group leaders Zakho on February 17 at 6:30pm, offering one last chance to close out the campaign on a positive note.