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## World's elite horses gather in Bahrain

Top horses and trainers ready for Bahrain International Cup as anticipation builds





Britain's "Royal Champion" is the pre-race favourite

Extensive entertainment and fan games available

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and Horse Racing Club is finalising preparations for the seventh edition of the by "Kalif," from Victorious For-Bahrain International Cup, set ever Stables, who finished third

to take place on Friday.

The highly anticipated event will feature elite owners, trainers, jockeys, and horses from around the world.

As the international race draws near, excitement is mounting among fans and experts alike. The Bahrain International Cup will feature some of the world's most accomplished horses, including Britain's "Royal Champion," a pre-race favourite with he Rashid Equestrian a strong record of international

Bahrain will be represented

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The event will feature jockey Diane McMonigle, who is set to make her highly anticipated **Bahrain racing debut** alongside other top international riders

aiming for a podium finish once

The draw for starting positions will be held today.

The event will also feature racing enthusiasts. an extensive entertainment

season with major cash priz- Maxime Guyon, and newcom- calendar.

"Horse Racing Fantasy" game, will make her Bahrain racing available on both Apple's App Store and Google Play, offering an interactive experience for

The Bahrain Internationprogram designed to engage al Cup will attract some of the raini and international stables, fans and families. Spectators sport's biggest names, includcan purchase tickets via bah- ing top international trainers bred Arabian entries. rainturfclub.com, with multi- such as Joseph O'Brien, John ple seating options and on-site Gosden, Charlie Appleby, class competition, entertainticket sales available on race and André Fabre, alongside ment, and fan engagement is Bahraini trainer Fawzi Nass. set to make this year's Bah-Fans can take part in the Among the jockeys confirmed rain International Cup one popular "Select 6" prediction are William Buick, James Doyle, of the most exciting sporting competition, which returns this Oisin Murphy, Robert Havlin, spectacles on the Kingdom's

in the previous edition and is es, or join the newly launched er Diane McMonigle, who debut.

In addition to the main event, seven supporting races will take place for various sponsors' cups, featuring 66 horses from Bahincluding locally bred and pure-

The combination of world-

## Yamal released from World Cup qualifiers by 'upset' Spanish federation

AFP | Madrid

amine Yamal has been same morning", a statement Lareleased from the Spain yesterday said. squad for their upcoming 2026 Yamal had been due to re-World Cup qualifying matches port for international duty on (RFEF) announced vesterday.

invasive radiofrequen-

cy procedure to

after undergoing treatment, Monday for the start of the the Spanish football federation Spain team's training camp. "This procedure was per-The federation's medical formed without prior notifi-

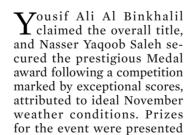
team announced "their sur- cation to the national team's prise and upset" after dis- medical staff, who only learned covering on Monday that the of the details through a report 18-year-old "had undergone an received... last night (Monday)," the statement added. The recommended recovery

treat his pubic discomfort that

time after such a procedure is seven to 10 days, according to the RFEF

statement, with the federation deciding "to release the player from the current squad' to prioritise Yamal's "health, safety and

Lamine Yamal



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Al Qutami.

Al Binkhalil emerged as the overall winner, recording a "colourful" scorecard that featured an eagle, four birdies, and six pars. Saleh, the "grandmaster," won the Medal with an impressive gross score of 70, successfully beating three competitors who finished two strokes behind

by Captain Steve Newall and

Tournament Director Rashed

In the divisional competi-



Al Binkhalil claims overall victory as Saleh

takes medal at Awali Golf Club Tournament

tions, Wendy Doherty secured TD Rashed Al Qutami, winner Yousif and Captain Steve Newall

the Division Three winner's title with a net 68, a result she noted has significantly changed her confidence regarding her ability to perform well in Medal competitions, having previously focused on Stableford.

Zsuzar Madarwala finished runner-up in the division with a net 70.

In Division Two, Matthew Deakin continued his strong season by winning on countback with a net 69, edging out runner-up Adnan Mohammed Al Sowaidi, who also shot a net 69.

Lee McIlear took the Division One title with a net 69, highlighted by five birdies, while Mohamed Ali Al Kowari, who carded 15 pars, was runner-up with a net 70. The club announced that the next event on the calendar will be the Banz

## Atalanta turn to Palladino after Juric sacking

AFP | London

Arival of Raffaele Palladino 2027. as coach yesterday, following on

former Italian international had talanta announced the ar- signed a contract until June 30,

from the sacking of Ivan Juric. teeth at Monza, first with the prisingly departing last July after

winners said in a statement the of the first team in 2022 and competing in two seasons in the top flight.

He then joined Fiorentina, fin-Palladino, 41, cut his coaching ishing sixth in Serie A before sur-The 2024 Europa League youth teams before taking charge only one season in charge.



Raffaele Palladino

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