

## Hamilton warns he will keep racing until he turns grey



Lewis Hamilton  
AFP | Berlin

Lewis Hamilton issued a clear warning to his rivals after his record-equaling 91st career win at the Eifel Grand Prix when he said he wants to keep chasing records until he turns grey.

The runaway series leader and six-time world champion equalled Michael Schumacher's total of wins and moved closer to leveling him on seven drivers' titles with his victory at the Nurburgring on Sunday.

It was his first win at the circuit for Mercedes and the team's first triumph at the historic venue since Juan-Manuel Fangio's victory in 1954.

"Of course, I can set goals and I will continue to charge on and see what is possible," said Hamilton.

"I love the sport – the smell of it, the whole aura and atmosphere it creates – and it is going to be difficult to let it go.

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aces were required for Lewis Hamilton to achieve his 91st career win and equal Michael Schumacher's record

# Muharraq lift HM the King's Cup!

Everton scores winning goal in third minute of stoppage time in tightly contested final against recently crowned league champions Hidd

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Muharraq lifted this year's His Majesty the King's Cup last night following a thrilling 1-0 victory over league champions Hidd in the final.

After 92 minutes that saw a number of narrowly missed chances, Brazilian professional Everton de Mendonca finally



HH Shaikh Khalid and Muharraq captain Sayed Mohammed Jaffar lift the King's Cup during the awarding ceremony

broke the deadlock to help his team secure the hard-earned win.

The result extended Muhar-



Hidd's Mohammed Abdulwahab and Muharraq's Thiago Augusto Fernandes vie for the ball during last night's match

raq's record run in the competition, having earned their 33rd King's Cup title. They last won the tournament in 2016, and previously appeared in the final in 2018 when they lost in a penalty shootout to Al Najma.

Hidd, on the other hand, were gunning for their second King's Cup. They lost in the tournament final for the second year in a row, as they were beaten by Riffa in another thriller in 2019.

Supreme Council for Youth and Sports first deputy chairman and Bahrain Olympic Committee president His Highness Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa and Bahrain Football Association (BFA) president Shaikh Ali bin Khalifa Al Khalifa were among the high-ranking officials on hand for yesterday's match, played at Khalifa Sports City stadium in Isa Town. They partici-

pated in the awarding ceremony.

Muharraq goalkeeper Sayed Mohammed Jaffar received the trophy from HH Shaikh Khalid on the team's behalf.

Muharraq's triumph dashed Hidd's hopes of a prestigious league-and-cup double, having just last week clinched the Nasser bin Hamad Premier League crown.

Muharraq, meanwhile, will be aiming for their own cup double later this week, when they play Busaiteen in the final of the BFA Cup on Friday.

### Winner

Everton scored last night's winner from close range off a low cross from the left flank by Bahraini teammate and national team star Jamal Rashed.

Muharraq's Nigerian striker Prince Obus Aggreh sent a short

pass to a sprinting Rashed, who with one touch delivered the key assist. Everton made no mistake with his sliding effort, slotting the ball home past Hidd goalkeeper Abbas Ahmed.

Earlier throughout the match, both teams had quality chances to score but were unable to provide the finishing touches.

In the 41st minute, Muharraq's naturalised forward Thiago Augusto Fernandes headed straight to Ahmed right in the face of goal, while in the 47th minute Hidd's Brazilian striker Carlos Giovanni hit the crossbar.

Syrian midfielder Mohammed Fares also had an opportunity to break the tie for Hidd in the second half, as did team captain Abdulwahab Al Malood, while Prince came close on the other end.

Muharraq's victory capped a season-long duel for supremacy between the two clubs. Hidd were able to claim the league championship after finishing just one point ahead of Muharraq after 18 matches. It was only their second title in league history, having won it the first time in the 2012/2013 season.



Muharraq claimed a record 33rd title in the King's Cup following a victory last night

## Swiatek won't rest on laurels after French Open triumph, says coach

Reuters | Paris

Even in the glow of a champagne performance in Paris, Poland's newly-crowned French Open champion Iga Swiatek stuck to still water as she celebrated a maiden Grand Slam success and offered a glimpse of a new era in women's tennis.

Celebrations have been in full flow since the unseeded 19-year-old lifted the trophy on Saturday, becoming the first Pole to claim a Grand Slam singles title and the youngest to win the tournament since Monica Seles in 1992.

But Swiatek's cool head is helping her to take her triumph, secured with a 6-4 6-1 win over fourth-seeded American Sofia Kenin in the final, in her stride. During a celebratory dinner at a Japanese restaurant, Swiatek's discipline remained firm.

"We drank to her health, which she of course refused. It made an impression on me after such a success," her trainer Piotr Sierzputowski told Reuters.

The 28-year-old coach thinks that mindset will be essential as Swiatek prepares for a short



Poland's Iga Swiatek poses with the trophy near the Eiffel Tower in Paris

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break before training for the Australian Open starts again in the coming weeks.

"Iga is a professional. If professionals were to suddenly change their behaviour, or react dramatically because of such a result, that wouldn't be good. I'm proud of her for being so calm," he added.

Swiatek, whose father was an Olympic rower and mother a doctor, is due to fly back to Poland on a private jet sponsored by Red Bull.

## Bowlers help Bangalore thrash Kolkata

ANI | Dubai

Royal Challengers (RCB) showed no mercy as they thrashed Kolkata Knight Riders by 82 runs at the Sharjah Cricket Stadium yesterday.

No KKR batsmen got going as RCB restricted the Dinesh Karthik-led side to 112/9 in their allotted 20 overs on the back of some all-round bowling performance.

Yuzvendra Chahal picked a wicket and gave away just 12 runs from his four overs. Washington Sundar and Chris Morris bowled brilliantly and picked two wickets each.

Chasing 194 runs, KKR got off to a moderate start as the openers Tom Banton and Shubman Gill stitched a 23-run stand for the first wicket. Navdeep Saini bowled Banton in the fourth over to hand RCB their first breakthrough of the day.

Nitish Rana then joined Gill in the middle but the former played a very sluggish knock. A slow start and dismissal of both Rana and Gill in the eighth and tenth over respectively dented KKR hope of winning the match.

The wicket of Gill triggered a middle-order collapse as KKR lost four wickets for 13 runs. First Dinesh Karthik and then



Players of Royal Challengers Bangalore celebrate a wicket

Eoin Morgan wicket in the 12th over left KKR reeling for 64/5 with 131 still needed in 53 balls.

A cameo from Andre Russell in the 14th over provided a ray of hope but Isuru Udana dismissed the swashbuckling batsman to end KKR's hope. Wicket kept falling at regular intervals as KKR got reduced to 99/8 and the target became a distant dream for the Karthik-led side.

In the end, RCB restricted KKR to 112/9.

Earlier after opting to bat first, RCB posted a massive total of 194 runs on the back of AB de Villiers blistering knock. De Villiers played an unbeaten knock of 73 runs from just 33 balls while skipper Virat Kohli scored an unbeaten 33.

RCB had got off to a good start as openers Devdutt Padikkal and Aaron Finch struck regular boundaries. Both played brilliantly and took the team over the 50-run mark in the seventh over.