

Grigadale lifts House ME Cup in feature race at REHC



Winners from yesterday's races

● **Four-year-old gelding wins main event for owners Al Mohamediya Racing and trainer Abbas Al Mawali, saddled by Liam Keniry**

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Grigadale won the House ME Cup in the feature race yesterday at Rashid Equestrian and Horseracing Club (REHC) in Sakhir.

REHC hosted back-to-back events over the weekend and yesterday's action featured eight races.

Grigadale won the eight-furlong, BD5,000 event in one minute 35.729 seconds for owners Al Mohamediya Racing and trainer Abbas Al Mawali, with Liam Keniry in the saddle. Purgatory finished second for Naser Ali Naser Almoamen, Ali Nasser and Stephane Ladjadj, while Alabrar came third representing Al Sairafi Syndicate, Osama Hashim and Rob-

ert Tart.

There were six other House ME Cups up for grabs on yesterday's card.

In race six, Law of One triumphed for Al Afo Racing, Mohammed Hasan and Jerome Moutard; Mediterranean Moon won in race five for M and E Racing, AM Smith and Edinson Rodriguez; race four was claimed by Fighter Pilot for Esnaad Racing, Hesham Al Haddad and Stephane Ladjadj; Jamais Assez triumphed in race three for Al Mallah Syndicate, Abduljaleel Al Mallah and Andrew Breslin; Safwa won race two for His Highness Shaikh Isa bin Abdulla bin Isa Al Khalifa, Haider Ebrahim and Ebrahim Nader; and Kuheilat Al Adiyat 1782 triumphed for Victorious, Yousif Taher and Husain Makki in race one.

Also yesterday, Van Halen clinched first place in the seventh race for the Late S Sharaf Al Alawi Cup. Van Halen was competing for owners Al Adiyat Racing and trainer AM Smith, and was ridden by Paul Hanagan.

Anna clinches title double in Bahrain ITF tennis



The singles finalists with officials after being awarded their trophies

● **Anna Kislyak wins girls' singles crown, teams up with Anna Perelman to claim girls' doubles title**

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Anna Kislyak and Rashed Nawaf were crowned singles champions yesterday in the third and final Bahrain event on the International Tennis Federation (ITF) World Tennis Tour Juniors Calendar 2022, being played at the Bahrain Tennis Federation (BTF) courts in Isa Town.

Anna won the girls' singles title after defeating Anna Perelman 6-0, 6-2 in their final while Rashed won the boys' singles title after upsetting top

seed Dmitry Bessonov 5-7, 6-3, 7-6 (5) in their decider.

The results earned Anna a fantastic double in the tournament, after she also won the girls' doubles title with her singles' final opponent Perelman. They defeated fourth seeds Vlada Kozak of Great Britain and Mille Johanna Mørk of Denmark 2-6, 6-3, 10-5 to clinch their championship.

Following the finals, the winners were presented their respective trophies by officials.

The tournament was a J4-level competition on the ITF World Tennis Tour Juniors Calendar 2022. It followed two previous competitions held in the Kingdom, which were both at the J5 level. The action took place over three successive weeks, with youngsters from all over the world competing.

Al Zaeem team wins International Endurance Race

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In the presence of His Highness Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Representative of His Majesty the King for Humanitarian Works and Youth Affairs, Honourary President of Bahrain Royal Equestrian and Endurance Federation (BREEF), His Highness Shaikh Isa bin Abdullah Al Khalifa, President of BREEF, crowned jockey Asim Abdulwahid Janahi of Al Zaeem team as the winner of the 120km international race which took place as part of the second round of the 2022/2023 Endurance Season, organised by BREEF at Bahrain International Endurance Village.

On this occasion, His Highness Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa stressed that the



Winners with their trophies

strong competition in the races organised by BREEF confirms the extent of the expansion witnessed by the endurance sport and the perfect preparation of the stables to participate in the local competitions which are being developed year-in, year-out in an effort to enable the Kingdom continues having positive results abroad.



Participants in action

His Highness Sheikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa explained that the 120km race witnessed excitement in all stages amid stiff competition among all the riders who followed detailed technical plans prepared by their technical teams, stating that the efforts of the participants to deal with the specified speed limits were clear.

His Highness Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa said, "The beginning of the current season is more thrilling and saw further competitions for top places, and this confirms that the endurance sport of Bahrain is reaching higher levels. We have promising riders who are ready to honour the Kingdom of Bahrain abroad and bring home the best results."

The winners of the top places were crowned by His High-



HH Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa looks on during the race

ness Shaikh Isa bin Abdullah Al Khalifa. Asim Abdulwahid of Al Zaeem dominated the race and comfortably won it after clocking 4 hours, 27 minutes and 32 seconds, followed by his teammate Sultan Abdulaziz Al Rumaihi (04:51:20) and Nasser Hamad Al Qahtani of the KHK team (04:59:45)

Victorious Wins 100km Race

Meanwhile, the Victorious team's Othman Al Awadhi triumphed in the 100km race which was organised as part of round two.

Norbert Michelisz and Harry King victorious

Bahrain International Circuit (BIC) wraps up Bapco 8 Hours of Bahrain support series programme with WTCR Race of Bahrain and Porsche Sprint Challenge Middle East

● **Norbert Michelisz wins weekend's second race in the WTCR Race of Bahrain, part of the WTCR-FIA World Touring Car Cup**

● **Harry King completes superb double after clinching race two in opening round of Porsche Sprint Challenge Middle East**

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Norbert Michelisz and Harry King both triumphed yesterday in their respective championships on the final day of action at Bahrain International Circuit (BIC) supporting the Bapco 8 Hours of Bahrain, the final round of the FIA World Endurance Championship (WEC).

Michelisz won the weekend's second race in the WTCR Race of Bahrain, part of the WTCR-FIA World Touring Car Cup, while King completed a superb double after clinching race two in the Porsche Sprint Challenge Middle East.

All the action took place along BIC's 5.412-kilometre Grand Prix track.

Michelisz, from Hungary, steered his Hyundai Elantra N TCR to first place in the WTCR event after starting from sev-



The Porsche Sprint Challenge race winners celebrate on the podium

enth on the grid. He finished in 29 minutes 04.963 seconds after 13 laps, taking the chequered flag with a 1.046-second gap ahead of Esteban Guerrieri from Argentina, driving a Honda Civic TCR.

Nicky Catsburg from the Netherlands completed the podium 3.677s from the victor, also driving an Elantra.

Race one winner Mikel Azcona from Spain finished fourth, Nathanael Berthon from France was fifth and Tim Coronel from the Netherlands came sixth. The top eight was rounded out by Franco Girolami from Argentina and Mehdi Bennani from Morocco.

Fifteen drivers in all took part in this weekend's events, which marked the penultimate eighth and penultimate round of the WTCR season.

In yesterday's second race in the Porsche Sprint Challenge Middle East, King followed up on his pole-to-flag victory in the weekend's first race on

Friday with a repeat performance, which capped a virtually perfect weekend for the Briton.

King enjoyed a comfortable 10.210s gap at the chequered flag ahead of runner-up Harri Jones from Australia, while Ariel Levi from Israel came third 10.836s back.

Ghislain Cordeel from Belgium was fourth and in fifth came Bashar Mardini from Canada, who was also the winner of the ProAm class.

Bahrain's Shaikh Salman bin Rashid Al Khalifa was classified ninth overall and fourth in

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This weekend's events in the support series marked the eighth and penultimate round of the 2022 WTCR-FIA World Touring Car Cup and the first of six rounds in this season's Porsche Sprint Challenge Middle East

the ProAm, while also finishing second amongst GCC drivers behind Bandar Alesayi from Saudi Arabia.

The Am category was won by Cedric Chassang from France.

This weekend's meeting was the first of six rounds on the Porsche Sprint Challenge's season calendar. The next event will be back at BIC on 2 and 3 December.



Action in the second race of the WTCR Race of Bahrain