

Al Bahrain Survives Isa Town Fightback in League Clash

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The Zain Bahrain Basketball League continued yesterday as Al Bahrain claimed a hard-fought 89–82 victory over Isa Town at the Bahrain Basketball Association Arena. Following Ahli’s opening-night win, the second game of the season maintained the league’s intensity and offered plenty of end-to-end drama.

Al Bahrain set the tone early, combining disciplined defense with quick transition play to take the first quarter 21–14. Guard Mansoor Jaber sparked the offense with aggressive drives, while forward Talal Ali Saeed dominated the glass for second-chance points. Isa Town stayed close through Jehad Ahmed’s inside scoring and



Isa Town’s Mahdi fends off Altayeb to keep possession
Habib Sami’s steady shooting. Momentum shifted in the second quarter as Isa Town tight-

ened defensively and found rhythm offensively, outscoring Al Bahrain 23–15 to lead 37–36 at halftime. Ahmed orchestrated the offense with poise, while Sami punished defensive lapses. Al Bahrain regrouped during the break to plan a response.

The third quarter proved decisive. Re-energized, Al Bahrain surged with a 30–16 run. Jaber led with jumpers, Ali Husain Baqer added perimeter points, and center Hameed Faraj anchored the defense. By quarter’s end, Al Bahrain had built a 66–53 cushion.

Isa Town pushed in the final quarter, but Al Bahrain’s composure prevailed. Jaber hit a clutch jumper, Saeed hauled in crucial rebounds, and Faraj protected the rim to secure the win.

Jaber led Al Bahrain with 25 points, Baqer had 20, and Saeed 16. Sami finished with 15 and Ahmed 14 for Isa Town. Faraj and Saeed grabbed nine rebounds each.

Gor Minasyan Wins Snatch Gold for Bahrain

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Bahrain continued its golden run in weightlifting at the sixth Islamic Solidarity Games yesterday as Gor Minasyan claimed gold in the men’s +110kg snatch at Riyadh’s Boulevard Arena.

Earlier in the tournament, Bahraini weightlifter Ingrid Grueso made history by winning gold in the 69kg category, earning the Kingdom’s first-ever weightlifting medal at the Islamic Solidarity Games. Building on that momentum, Minasyan dominated his category from the first lift, successfully hoisting 205kg, then 211kg, and finally 213kg, finishing at the top of the leaderboard. Iraq’s Ali Rubaia-iwi secured silver with 212kg, while Uzbekistan’s Sharofiddin Amriddinov took bronze at 188kg.

The remainder of the top six included Reza Hassanpour Feremi of Iran (182kg), Ali Shukurlu of Turkey (170kg), and Mohammad Zeitoun of Lebanon (120kg), while Muhammad Ripqy Ramadhan of Indonesia did not register a total.

Minasyan displayed elite consistency in the snatch, securing gold even before the clean and jerk segment. His victories in the snatch, clean



Bahrain’s Gor Minasyan collects his gold medal
and jerk, and overall total, combined with Grueso’s golds in the women’s 69kg snatch and clean and jerk, bring Bahrain’s weightlifting haul to five gold medals at the Games.

Across all sports, Bahrain’s medal tally now stands at 11, including five golds, four silvers, and two bronzes. The silvers came from Grueso’s 69kg snatch, Sayed Hashim Ahmed in esports, and Israpil Sagaipov in men’s 90kg judo. Bronze medals were won by Poltoras-kii Ruslan in men’s 60kg judo and Askerii Gerbekov in men’s 81kg judo.

As the sixth Islamic Solidarity Games continue in Riyadh, Bahrain’s athletes aim to build on this strong start, competing for further podium finishes across multiple sports.

International players advance as Manama Open Tennis enters round of 16

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The second edition of the Manama Open Tennis Championship (M25) began its main round (Round of 32) on November 12 at the Public Security Officers Club, with international players dominating the opening singles matches. The tournament, hosted by the Bahrain Tennis Federation, is running for the second consecutive.

In singles action, Latvia’s Carles Ozlins swiftly moved into the Round of 16, defeating France’s Luis LaRue in straight sets, 6–3, 6–1. Russia’s Ilya Simakin also advanced quickly, posting a 6–2, 6–2 win against his German opponent, Richard Anthony. Ukrainian player Nikita Piloztsev rounded out the straight-sets winners, beating India’s Vivek Koloro 6–2, 6–1 to qualify for the next round.

The only singles match requiring a third set saw India’s



Action from a match
Manish Sureshkumar secure a hard-fought victory over Russia’s Ivan Nedelko. Sureshkumar took the win in three sets, 6–2, 2–6, 6–4, booking his place

in the quarter-finals.

The doubles championship also saw competitive action in the Round of 16. The Bahraini duo of Talal Al-Sayed and Yousef Qaid were defeated by Ivan Moreiro and Canadian Kessley Stevenson, 6–2, 6–0. Likewise, the pairing of Bahrain’s Faris Al-Tobli and Australia’s Benjamin O’Connell fell to Britain’s Gilles Hussey and Dutchman Jill Sells, 6–0, 6–1.

Meanwhile, a close doubles contest saw the Irish duo of Sian Maguire and Romanian Vladislav Milinke narrowly beat Ali Habib (Britain) and Manish Sureshkumar (India) in a match tie-break, 2–6, 7–5, 10–5. Other winners included the Latvian/Taipei pair of Karlis Ozlins and Jeffrey Hsu, the Georgian/Bulgarian duo Alexander Bakshi and Pyotr Nesterov, and the team of India’s Dave Javia and Poland’s Olaf Piczkowski, all advancing to the next stage.



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