

Bahrain finish round robin strong with win over Qatar

Josserand’s Men Rematch Qatar for Bronze at Islamic Solidarity Games

- Bahrain finishes round-robin with victory
- Team prepares for Arab Challenge Cup
- Bronze medal match versus Qatar

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At the sixth Islamic Solidarity Games yesterday, Bahrain’s men’s volleyball team closed the round-robin stage with a 3-1 victory over Qatar in Riyadh. While the win didn’t affect the standings — Bahrain had already secured their place in the bronze medal match — it was a confident way to finish the preliminaries and build momentum ahead of today’s medal-deciding game.

Bahrain took the first two sets 25-21 and 25-20. Qatar fought back in the third, snatching it 26-24, but Bahrain regrouped to close the fourth 25-22, showing the poise and focus that can win medals, even in a dead-rubber match. Ali Ebrahim led the



Ali Ebrahim delivers a powerful strike for Bahrain

attack with 12 points, including two kills and four crucial blocks. Mahmood Abuldwahed added 11, while Sayed Hashem Isa contributed 12 points and five blocks. Abbas AlKhabbaz and Naser Anan also made key plays to maintain control.

Reflecting on the bronze medal match and the team’s packed schedule, Naser Anan said, “Now we go for the bronze, but this wasn’t our aspiration, so it doesn’t mean much to us. InshAllah we come away with the medal anyway. We’ve played several tournaments, so we’re putting in a lot of effort, but we forget these things by the time a match comes.”

Bahrain will also have to prepare for the Arab Challenge Cup in Jordan from November 28 to December 5, another test of their stamina and readiness.

The team’s tournament has been a rollercoaster: a 3-2 loss to Iran, a 3-1 win over hosts Saudi Arabia, a 3-0 defeat to Türkiye, a straight-sets win over Chad, and now a strong showing against Qatar. Across all matches, Bahrain has shown resilience and adaptability, which are traits they will need this afternoon.

The bronze medal match kicks off today at 12pm Bahrain time at Boulevard Arena, where Bahrain will face Qatar once again. After yesterday’s performance, the team will aim to turn that momentum into a podium finish at the sixth Islamic Solidarity Games.

Australia’s Hazlewood gets all-clear after Ashes scare but Abbott ruled out



Josh Hazlewood
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Pace spearhead Josh Hazlewood was cleared to continue his preparations for the first Ashes Test against England after sending a scare through the Australian camp yesterday when he went for a hamstring scan.

Hazlewood and reserve Test quick Sean Abbott both left the Sydney Cricket Ground during New South Wales’s Sheffield Shield clash with Victoria for assessments.

While Hazlewood was given the all-clear, Abbott, named in Australia’s 15-man squad, was ruled out of the opening Test in Perth starting on November 21.

BIC continues to bring the thrills with latest Open Track Night under lights today



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The action never stops at Bahrain International Circuit (BIC), ‘The Home of Motorsport in the Middle East’.

Less than a week after the FIA World Endurance Championship (WEC) wrapped up its 2025 season in Sakhir, the circuit will be lit up once again with the latest edition of BIC’s widely popular Open Track Night, set to take place today.

Speed lovers will be able to enjoy a thrill like no other, taking their very own private vehicles on track along BIC’s 2.554-kilometre Inner Track – the same raced on in the kingdom’s national championships.

Thursday’s Open Track Night is sched-

uled to take place from 6pm to 10pm.

Those interested in being a part of the experience can book their slot in advance at a reduced rate. The discounted cost for the full night is BD99, while the half night is BD71.500, and a single session is BD33. If booking on the evening itself, the cost is BD115.500 for the full night, BD82.500 for half the night, and BD44 for a single session.

Instructor sessions are also available, while additional drivers and passengers can participate, all for an additional fee.

In every Open Track activity, driver etiquette is of ultimate importance, and there is no close or aggressive overtaking permitted. Overtaking is by invitation between corners and driving is monitored, with poor or dangerous driving being



dealt with swiftly.

For more information on Open Track Night or other events and activities at BIC, visit bahraingp.com, call the BIC Hotline on +973-17450000, or follow the circuit’s official social media channels.