

HH Shaikh Nasser hails Bradsell's victory at Royal Ascot festival

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HH Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Representative of HM the King for Humanitarian Works and Youth Affairs has expressed utmost happiness at the victory achieved by the horse "Bradsell", owned by His Highness in the Coventry Stakes G2 at Royal Ascot International Festival.

HH Shaikh Nasser was present during the race with HH Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa, First Deputy President of the Supreme Council for Youth and Sports, President of the General Sports Authority and Presi-



HH Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa with Bradsell after the race

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dent of Bahrain Olympic Committee. The event witnessed a

large audience of equestrian enthusiasts.

Bradsell raced to victory thanks to the smart skills of jockey Hollie Doyle who followed the strategy and plans tailored by trainer Archie Watson to add a new achievement for the Bahraini equestrian sport at the international level.

"We are happy with Bradsell's victory which adds Bahrain's name to the champion list of this international event. This achievement is the result of the support and backing of HM King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, the King of the Kingdom of Bahrain and the interest of HRH Prince

Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Crown Prince and Prime Minister which have positively impacted the development of the equestrian sport and enabled it to achieve exceptional results that cement Bahrain's position on the equestrian sport map at the continental and international levels," HH Shaikh Nasser said.

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Bahrain women's futsal squad set for West Asian event

Head coach Lino Gomes from Brazil names 14-player squad that will bid for the gold medals in the tournament, taking place in Jazeh, Saudi Arabia

● **Bahrainis in Group A of preliminary round with Palestine, Iraq and the UAE**

● **Nationals scheduled to kick off tournament bid tomorrow against Palestinians**

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Bahrain's women's national futsal team head coach Lino Gomes named a 14-player squad for their upcoming participation in the third West Asian Football Federation (WAFF) Women's Futsal Championship 2022 in Jazeh, Saudi Arabia.

The Kingdom's delegation departed yesterday for the tournament, which kicks off tomorrow and continues until June 24.



Bahrain's women's national futsal team during a recent training

The team comprises Dalal Abdulla Mohammed, Amira Sowar, Hessa Al Isa, Hafar Abdulrahman Al Ansari, Rawan Nabeel, Liiia Javed Sabkar, Eman Al Khattal and Wisal Ahmed Al Yasi. The Bahrainis are fresh from winning

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the gold medal at the women's futsal competition at the third GCC Games in Kuwait, which took place in May.

They have been training daily under the supervision of Gomes, who is from Brazil, and their coaching staff.

Heading into the tournament, the Bahrainis will be aiming for gold to add to their silver medals won in 2019.

Team captain Yasmeen Tobellah commented: "Our focus is on doing well in the WAFF competition, hopefully

we can continue on our success and continue achieving.

"We all look forward to tournaments and competitions where we can compete and put our hard work to use."

The Bahraini women have been drawn in a tough Group B along with Palestine, Iraq and the UAE for the competition's preliminary round. Group A comprises Oman, Kuwait and Saudi Arabia.

Bahrain's first game will be on opening day tomorrow against Iraq, scheduled for a 4pm kick-off, Bahrain time.

They then lock horns with Palestine on Saturday at 8.30pm, before playing their final group fixture against the UAE on Monday next week at 4pm.

The top two teams from each group advance to the final four, which is scheduled for June 22.

The bronze and gold medal games are then scheduled to take place on the competition's last day on June 24.

Kompany named new Burnley manager to succeed Dyche

Reuters | London

Burnley have appointed former Manchester City skipper Vincent Kompany as their new manager to take over from Sean Dyche, the Championship club (second-tier) said yesterday.

The 36-year-old former Belgium defender left Anderlecht last month after two seasons as head coach, having joined in 2019 as player-manager before



Vincent Kompany looks on after a match (file photo)

retiring from playing in 2020.

He guided them to a third-place finish last season and sealed European qualification and reached the Belgian Cup final.

"Burnley is a truly historic English side and it's an honour to be appointed first-team manager," said Kompany. "I'm excited by the challenge ahead. "I'm looking forward to getting to work with the players and creating a positive, winning team for our fans when we return to Turf Moor.

"I've been impressed by the board's vision for the club

which aligns with my own and I look forward to playing my part as we enter an important season."

Dyche was sacked towards the end of last season before Mike Jackson took over as interim boss. However, he was unsuccessful in keeping them in the Premier League as they finished 18th, with 35 points from 38 games.

Kompany has plenty of experience playing in England, having captained current champions Man City to four Premier League titles, two FA Cups and four League Cups.

Majestic Modric gives Croatia victory in France

AFP | Paris

Luka Modric's early penalty gave Croatia a 1-0 win over off-form France in Paris on Monday as the World Cup holders finished their June run of UEFA Nations League matches without a victory in four outings.

Veteran Croatia captain Modric stroked in his spot-kick after just five minutes at the Stade de France, and the home side could not find an equaliser despite Kylian Mbappe returning to join Karim Benzema in the starting line-up.

"We had an inferiority complex against France after their win in the World Cup and so to win at the Stade de France in front of almost 80,000 people against the world champions is extraordinary," said Croatia coach Zlatko Dalic.

France won the previous edition of the Nations League last year but they have managed just two points from their four outings this month, with home defeats against Denmark and now Croatia sandwiching draws away to the Croats and



Croatia's midfielder Luka Modric kicks to score his team's first goal on a penalty

France beat Croatia 4-2 in the 2018 World Cup final

in Austria.

As a result, Les Bleus are bottom of League A, Group 1, seven points behind leaders Denmark who beat Austria 2-0 in Copenhagen on Monday with first-half goals by Jonas Wind and Andreas Skov Olsen.

Didier Deschamps' team may now need to win their last two

group games in September to avoid being relegated to the less glamorous League B.

Those matches are also the only games they have left before they begin their defence of the World Cup against Australia in Qatar in November.

"It is not an excuse but in this get-together we have lacked strength, energy and character too," said Deschamps, who missed the defeat against Denmark earlier this month following the death of his father.

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