

# Opening day of July Festival witnesses Bahrain's notable presence

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The Bahrain Turf Club on Thursday marked the beginning of its new, expanded partnership with Newmarket Racecourse by entertaining a wide range of guests on a thrilling opening day to the Boodles July Festival.

The Kingdom of Bahrain is the longest standing sponsor at Newmarket's prestigious July Festival having supported the Bahrain Trophy since its inception in 1991. This year the Princess of Wales's Stakes (Sponsored by the Kingdom of Bahrain) and the Kingdom of Bahrain July Stakes were added to the portfolio as part of a new multi-year agreement.

A packed Newmarket crowd witnessed top-class racing with exciting finishes. Among the highlights was the victory of Israr, running in the colours of Shadwell Estate, who overcame the favourite Adayar - winner of the 2021 Derby - in the Group 2 Princess of Wales's Stakes (Sponsored by the Kingdom of Bahrain).

Following the race, a new trophy was presented by His Highness Shaikh Isa Bin Salman Bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Chairman of the Bahrain Turf Club, to Israr's owner, Sheikha Hissa Bint Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum. Israr



At Newmarket's July Course, His Highness Shaikh Isa Bin Salman Bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Chairman of the Bahrain Turf Club, presents the trophy for the Princess of Wales's Stakes (Sponsored by the Kingdom of Bahrain) to Sheikha Hissa Bint Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum, owner of the winning horse, Israr

is trained by John and Thady Gosden in Newmarket and was ridden by Jim Crowley.

Shaikh Salman bin Rashed Al Khalifa, Bahrain Turf Club High Committee Representative, International Racing,

said, "We have seen some wonderful racing in the Kingdom of Bahrain sponsored races. Our sincere congratulations to the connections of the three winning horses, including HH Shaikh Sultan Al Deen bin Mohammed bin Salman Al Khalifa who owns Jasour, winner of Kingdom of Bahrain July Stakes in great style

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"We are very proud to have become part of the heritage of the July Festival through our long-standing support of the Bahrain Trophy. The Kingdom's association with two further high-profile races reflects our ambitions for the future of horseracing in Bahrain as it continues to grow and international participation increases."

It was recently announced that the value of the Bahrain International Trophy, run in November and the highest

profile race held in Bahrain, has been increased to \$1million and the race's status upgraded to Group 2 level. The increase is part of an all-round investment programme making the 2023-24 season in Bahrain the most valuable yet.

Among an illustrious list of guests in attendance were representatives from the Bahrain Economic Development Board and Bahrain's UK Embassy, together with several commercial partners of the Bahrain Turf Club and senior figures from British racing and around the world.

Yusuf Buheji, CEO of the Bahrain Turf Club said, "Our thanks and congratulations to Newmarket Racecourse for hosting a wonderful afternoon of sport. We look forward to working with Newmarket and The Jockey Club to further develop this day over the coming years."

"I would also like to thank the Bahrain Economic Development Board for their ongoing help and support with our international partnerships. It was a great pleasure to enjoy the racing with their team and guests in the beautiful setting of the July Course.

"It was wonderful to entertain several owners and trainers and I can promise they will receive as warm a welcome when they come to Bahrain this winter."

# Bahrain capture seven more medals

National sailing team add three gold to Kingdom's tally at 15th Arab Games in Algeria

● **Abdulla Janahi, Malak Aldoseri and Waleed Tawfiq capture sailing gold**

● **Khalifa Aldoseri adds sailing bronze medal**

● **Table tennis pairings clinch two silver, one bronze medal**

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Bahrain bagged seven more medals, including three gold, at the 15th Arab Games in Algeria.

The trio of gold medals and one bronze medal were won in sailing, while another two silver medals and a bronze were captured in table tennis.

The sailing gold medals were claimed by Abdulla Janahi in the Laser Standard category, Malak Aldoseri in the Optimist and Waleed Tawfiq in the Laser 4.7 category. Fellow-Bahraini Khalifa Aldoseri also stepped onto the Laser 4.7 podium, tak-



The winning sailors with officials at the awarding ceremony

ing the bronze.

Bahrain Maritime Sports Association president and Arab Sailing Federation chief Shaikh Khalifa bin Abdulla Al Khalifa was on hand to award the medals to the Bahraini sailors. Bahrain's delegation director at the Arab Games, Noman Al Hasan, and technical director Lounes Madene were also in attendance.

Meanwhile, Bahrain's table tennis medals were won in the doubles categories.

The pairing of Maryam Al A'ali

and Phadke Amruta took the silver in the women's doubles after losing in the final to Tunisia's Fadwa Garci and Abir Haj Salah 1-3.

The men's pairing of Mohamed Saleh and Rashed Rashed followed suit, taking the silver in the men's doubles following a 1-3 defeat to Saudi Arabia's Abdulaziz Bushulaybi and Azzam Alim in their final.

The Bahrainis then also claimed a mixed doubles bronze medal, after Maryam and



With Bahrain's seven-medal haul, they brought their total to 43 in all sports so far. That has surpassed the national delegation's previous best of 37, which they posted at the previous edition of the Arab Games in 2011 in Doha

Rashed lost in the semi-finals to Tunisia's Fadwa and Adam Hmam 1-3.

Bahrain Olympic Committee member and Bahrain Table Tennis Association (BTTA) president Shaikha Hayat bint Abdulaziz Al Khalifa was present to hand the paddlers their medals in the awarding ceremony.

The sailing and table tennis seven-medal haul brought Bah-



Maryam Al A'ali, right, and Phadke Amruta with their doubles silver medals

rain's delegation's medal tally to 43 in all sports so far. These include 20 gold medals, 12 silver medals and 11 bronze.

Aside from sailing and table tennis, medals have also been won in athletics, swimming, badminton and cycling.

Two of the other medals Bahrain captured were in athletics for people of determination. These were gold by Elias Alyassi and silver by Amal Fardan. The medals won in this sport are not

counted on the overall table for the nations' final classification.

Bahrain's 43 medals are now the best-ever for the Kingdom at any edition of the Arab Games. The number, which can still grow, has surpassed the 37-medal tally claimed by the national delegation at the previous edition of the Arab Games in 2011 in Doha.

Bahrain also took part in the 2007, 2004, 1999, 1992, 1985 and 1976 editions of the Games.

# Jaiswal falls for 171 as India add to huge lead over West Indies

AFP | Roseau

West Indies finally prised out debutant century-maker Yashasvi Jaiswal and added the wicket of Ajinkya Rahane but India remained in complete control at 400 for four at lunch on the third day of the first Test in Dominica yesterday.

Already facing the prospect of an innings defeat on a deteriorating pitch with the tourists' lead standing at an imposing 250 runs, the Caribbean team didn't help their cause when captain Kraigg Brathwaite dropped a regulation catch offered by Virat



Yashasvi Jaiswal plays a shot

Kohli off left-arm spinner Jomel Warrican.

On 40 at the time, the champion batsman and former skipper's painstaking effort has taken him to 72 off 170 balls at the break in partnership with Ravindra Jadeja (21 not out).

Getting to 171 off 387 deliveries in more than eight hours in the middle, Jaiswal was undone by the extra pace and bounce extracted by fast bowler Alzarri Joseph in edging a catch to wicketkeeper Joshua da Silva after an hour's play to break a 110-run third-wicket partnership with Kohli.

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