

Lobo-Garcia pair win foursomes competition at AGC



Tournament runners-up Chuck McKay and Gerry Dunn with BMMI representative Jacob Grierson, left, at the awarding ceremony



Awali Golf Club captain Susan Scott, left, with BMMI representative Jacob Grierson at the prize presentation

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Raul Lobo and Manuel Garcia won the BMMI Foursomes competition held over the weekend at Awali Golf Club (AGC).

The victorious pair claimed first place with 40 points.

Scotsmen Chuck McKay and Gerry Dunn followed as the runners-up with 37 points on countback. In third place, also on 37 points, were Les and Joy Young, while winning fourth

on countback with 35 points were Steve Coleman and Ali Danesh.

A total of 36 tandems signed up for the event, which was followed by an awarding ceremony at the AGC clubhouse attended by AGC Captain Susan Scott, and representatives from event sponsors BMMI, Jacob and Paige Grierson.

Action at AGC continues on Friday with the Awali Half Trophy.

Man United can bounce back from adversity, says Matic

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Manchester United are capable of producing a good run against tough opponents in the coming weeks to soothe the disappointment of Saturday's 4-2 Premier League defeat at Leicester City, mid-

fielder Nemanja Matic said.

The result stretched United's winless league run to three games and left them five points behind leaders Chelsea ahead of a tough fixture list, starting with Wednesday's Champions League clash with Italian side Atalanta at Old Trafford.

Saudi Arabia to allow sports fans to attend full-capacity events



Fans inside King Saud University Stadium, Riyadh before a match (file photo)

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Saudi Arabia's sports fans will be allowed to attend full-capacity events at all stadiums and other sports facilities starting on Sunday, the country's ministry of sports announced in a statement on Saturday.

Stadiums and other sports facilities will limit entry to fans who have received two

doses of a COVID-19 vaccine approved by the kingdom, the ministry said.

On Friday, the interior ministry said Saudi Arabia would ease COVID-19 curbs beginning on Sunday, the interior ministry said on Friday, in response to a sharp drop in the daily number of infections and what it characterized as a considerable development in vaccinations.

Rushkesh, Kira each take title double in ATF event

Winners crowned as second Bahrain Asian Tennis Federation U14 Junior Championship this month wraps up at the Bahrain Tennis Federation courts

● **Rushkesh Sonawane of India and Kira Malakhova of Russia win respective singles titles**

● **Rushkesh teams up with Ahmed Ibrahim of Egypt to win Boys' Doubles crown**

● **Kira and Larissa Brasil Dias of Brazil capture Girls' Doubles championship**

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Rushkesh Sonawane of India and Kira Malakhova of Russia each claimed fantastic title doubles in the Bahrain Asian Tennis Federation (ATF) U14 Junior Championship, which has come to a close at the Bahrain Tennis Federation (BTF) in Isa Town.

Rushkesh was crowned champion in both the Boys' Singles and Boys' Doubles where he teamed up with Ahmed Ibrahim of Egypt, while Kira clinched both the Girls' Singles and Girls' Doubles along with partner Larissa Brasil Dias of Brazil.

The tournament was the second ATF event hosted by the BTF this month.

Following the final matches, an awarding ceremony was held in which the winners and runners-up were presented their respective prizes. BTF president Shaikh Abdulaziz bin Mubarak Al Khalifa and other BTF officials were on hand to give away the awards.



The winners and runners-up with officials at the awarding ceremony

The Boys' Singles final was an all-Indian affair with Rushkesh, a wild card entrant in the competition, taking on qualifier Idhant Kastwar. Rushkesh won in straight sets 6-3, 6-2 score line.

His victory made up for his loss in the Boys' Singles final of the previous ATF competition.

In the Boys' Doubles final, Rushkesh and Idhant were once again on the opposing ends of the hardcourt but this time playing with their teammates. Rushkesh and Ahmed were able to defeat Idhant and Briton Enzo El Kahi in a hotly contested encounter 6-2, 3-6, [10-6] in a super tie-break.

The result gave Ahmed a win after finishing as runner-up of the same category in the first ATF tournament.

On the distaff, Kira lived up to her tag as the Girls' Singles top seed in her title triumph. She defeated Jordan's Mariam Faisal 6-2, 6-2 in the final.

Kira did the same in the Girls' Doubles category, where she

was the top-seeded pairing with Larissa. Together, they took the championship-decider over Bahrain's Hajar Zaidan and Qatar's Dana Khalifa 6-0, 6-1.

Bahrain in Pool A for Davis Cup action

The quartet of Yusuf Qaed, Elias Abdunabi, Hasan Abdunabi and Abdulkarim Abdunabi will be representing hosts Bahrain in this year's Davis Cup Asia/Oceania Group IV event, which will be held from today at the Bahrain Tennis Federation (BTF) in Isa Town.

The Bahrainis have been drawn in Pool A for the competition, which will now feature just 12 teams following the exit of Singapore and Tajikistan, who joined Bangladesh and Myanmar as withdrawals.

The other nations in Bahrain's group are the UAE, Saudi Arabia and Guam.

There are two other pools. Pool B features Turkmenistan,



Bahrain Tennis Federation (BTF) president Shaikh Abdulaziz bin Mubarak Al Khalifa and other BTF officials presented the prizes to the tournament's winners and runners-up in an awarding ceremony following the final matches

The back-to-back tournaments in Bahrain are a part of the ATF U14 circuit



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Oman, Iraq and Mongolia; while Pool C is composed of Iran, Cambodia, Kyrgyzstan and Yemen.

Play will be held in a round-robin basis. The top two nations in each pool will play off to determine the three nations that will be promoted to the Asia/Oceania Group III for 2022.

Manama keep top spot, champions Riffa edge Khaldiya

● **Isa Jehad Alanezi scores brace to help lift Manama to 4-2 win over Al Hala to stay atop table**

● **Ali Hassan Saeed scores early in second half to give Riffa win over Al Khaldiya**

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Manama maintained their place atop the table while defending champions Riffa edged past Al Khaldiya in last night's action in the 2021/2022 Nasser bin Hamad Bahrain Premier Football League.

Manama were in a class of their own in a resounding 4-2 victory against Al Hala, while Riffa scored an early second-half goal to defeat Al Khaldiya 1-0.

Both games were part of the



Action from Manama's win over Al Hala

fourth week of action in the new season.

In Manama's big win, scoring a brace was Isa Jehad Alanezi. Supplying their two other goals were Mahdi Abdullatif and Mahdi Abduljabbar, last season's Golden Boot winner.

For Hala, Abdulfatah Bashar Othman scored both their goals in the loss.

With the result, Manama improved to 10 points for their third win four games in top spot. Hala suffered their first loss and remained on five points in the top half of the standings.

In last night's other match, Ali Hassan Saeed fired in the winning goal early in the second half with a stunning volley.

The goal gave the defending champions their second win in four matches for eight points, which put them in second place in the table behind Manama.

Khaldiya suffered their second loss and stayed on five points but are still amongst the top-ranked clubs.