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sports**Awalii triumphs at Kempton Racecourse**

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Awalii, owned by Shaikh Duaij bin Salman Al Khalifa, member of the Board of Directors of Bahrain Royal Equestrian and Endurance Federation (BREEF) and Chairman of the Endurance Committee, has triumphed at the Kempton Racecourse in London, in the 3-5 year race of the fifth level, 1600 m which featured the participation of 11 horses.

Awalii's victory on the synthetic track was orchestrated by jockey James Doyle and trainer Simon Crisford, who were able to accurately read the race and determine the victory plan, employing the abilities of Awalii to attain his first win after three participations.

On this occasion, Shaikh Duaij bin Salman Al Khalifa congratulated HH Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Representative of His Majesty the King for Charity Works and Youth Affairs, Chairman of the Supreme Council for Youth and Sports, President of Bahrain Olympic Committee.

"The Kempton race is considered one of the toughest, due to the wide participation of various owners. This result reflects the advanced levels achieved by Bahraini equestrian sport," Shaikh Duaij said, praising the outstanding performance offered by Doyle.

Ben Stokes charged with bringing game into disrepute: ECB

AFP | London

Ben Stokes and Alex Hales have been charged with bringing the game into disrepute by the England and Wales Cricket Board following a late-night altercation last year.

The independent Cricket Discipline Commission (CDC) was tasked with leading an internal disciplinary into last September's incident after Stokes was found not guilty of affray following a trial last month.

Ferrari 'reasonably optimistic' about new F1 car design deal

AFP | Maranello, Italy

Ferrari boss Louis Camilleri said yesterday that he was "reasonably optimistic" about reaching an agreement on the new design for Formula One cars to replace the current models in 2021.

"I'm reasonably optimistic about an agreement within an acceptable timeframe," Camilleri said at Ferrari headquarters in Maranello.

Ross Brawn, Formula One's managing director of motorsports, last week unveiled plans for futuristic new cars to be used from the 2021 season to improve racing and be more attractive to fans.

The former Mercedes team principal said he had been working with teams and motorsport governing body FIA to develop new aerodynamics that would enable cars to follow each other at shorter distances without a loss of performance.



Sebastian Vettel during qualifying in Singapore on Saturday

Brawn showed three different concept designs and said the 2021 cars would incorporate the best features from all of them. The unveiling came days after designs had been leaked on so-

cial media.

The three design concepts include simpler front and rear wings and a sweeping integrated halo cockpit protection system to improve aesthetics.

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agreement that all participants can sign."

Camilleri's illustrious predecessor Sergio Marchionne, who died in July, was at the forefront of efforts to resist a bid by F1's new owner, the United States' Liberty Media, and the FIA, to make racing's top sport more egalitarian.

Selwady lands in Abu Dhabi for Brave 16

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Amidst speculations of a super fight for the lightweight championship, Abdul Kareem Al Selwady arrived in Abu Dhabi, UAE.

The lightweight fighter visited the venue and confirmed his presence during the fight night in the arena during Brave 16 hosted on 21st September.

The lightweight fighter from Fortis MMA was initially set to compete in the fight night at the Mubadala Arena.

Abdul Kareem was set to face Guram Kutateladze in the main card. However the lightweight fighter who is undefeated in Brave Combat Federation in his past four appearances withdrew from the fight card while discussions of an upcoming championship title fight with Ottman Azaitar was trending in social media in the Middle East.

Mohammad Fakhreddine and Hamza Kooheji who had trained at Fortis MMA and Extreme Studio Performance



Abdul Kareem Al Selwady



Fakhreddine will face Gadzhimusa Gaziev while Hamza Kooheji will face Crisanto Pitpitunge

alongside Abdul Kareem will be featured in the fight card at Brave 16.

Fakhreddine will be facing Gadzhimusa Gaziev in the welterweight division while, Hamza Kooheji will be facing Crisanto Pitpitunge from Team

Lakay in a bantamweight fight. Both Hamza and Fakhreddine have high stakes since they will be looking forward to bounce back after their first loss in the promotion.

BOC begins evaluation meetings with federations

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Secretary-General of the Bahrain Olympic Committee Abdulrahman Sadeq Askar affirmed that the technical evaluation of the participation of the Kingdom of Bahrain at the 18th Asian Games that came to a close recently in Jakarta and Palembang, in Indonesia, would provide a clear picture of the most positive and negative points of the participation and push towards enhancing the positive aspects and avoiding the negatives ones in the next edition.

This statement was announced after the BOC first scheduled meeting with the national federations that took part at the 18th Asian Games in an attempt to evaluate the results of its teams.

In the first meeting, attended by representatives of four national federations – bowl-

ing, maritime sports, self defence and cycling, technical information were presented, as each federation discussed their respective results at the games with representatives of the BOC.

The second meeting was attended by members of three federations – equestrian sports and endurance horse ride, shooting and cycling, while the third meeting is scheduled for today with the federations of football, athletics and handball. The triathlon and mixed martial arts federations meeting are yet to be scheduled.

Askar expressed appreciation for the great efforts exerted by the players, technical and administrative staff during the Asian Games, but also stressed the importance of this evaluation process in order to look into some of the unexpected results in some sports during the competition.

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Formula One to enable live in-play betting

Reuters | London

Formula One announced a sponsorship and data rights deal with Interregional Sports Group (ISG) yesterday that it said will enable the development of live in-play betting.

The Financial Times newspaper reported earlier that the deal to sell betting sponsorships was worth at least \$100 million over five years.

Formula One's commercial rights holder is John Malone's U.S.-based Liberty Media, who took full control in January last year.

"As part of the deal, ISG will have the right to sub-license betting partnership rights to select betting brands around the world, subject to regulations," Formula One said in a statement, without providing financial details.

It said that would include regionalised branded on-screen graphics, physical and virtual trackside signage and integration across F1's digital and social platforms.

The Financial Times said ISG would pay an upfront fee to Liberty and recoup that money through separate deals with gambling sponsors.

The partnership also involves Sportradar Integrity Services to help ISG and gambling companies use the data to create markets and spot any suspicious betting patterns.

Sean Bratches, the sport's managing director for commercial matters, said the deal would make the most of data generated at races worldwide.

"Data and sponsorship partnerships like this are common practice across almost all premium sports and this is the latest step in our mission to make Formula One the world's leading sports entertainment experience," he said.