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Rolling Drag set for tonight at BIC



Cars in action at BIC

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The action is back on the strip today at Bahrain International Circuit (BIC) in Sakhr for the Kanoo Motors Rolling Drag Nights.

Similar to BIC's Ebrahim K Kanoo Drag and Drift Nights, Rolling Drag offers participants the chance to power their very own cars or motorbikes down the circuit's world-class quarter-mile drag strip, which is a member of the US-based National Hot Rod Association (NHRA) Worldwide Network.

The major difference in Rolling Drag is that those who take part do not start from a standstill, but from a rolling speed of 80kph.

Rolling Drag is therefore the perfect activity to invite a friend or more for a chal-

lenging series of head-to-head battles within a safe and controlled environment.

Thursday's Kanoo Motors Rolling Drag Nights is scheduled to take place between 7pm and midnight. Registration will be held at BIC's car park no. two, and it will be open from 5pm until 9pm.

The cost to participate is BD20 for each driver or rider. There is an additional fee of BD5 for a service car and BD7 for an accompanying passenger. Spectators can watch all the action for a nominal entry fee of BD2. Tickets are sold at Car Parks 4 and 2.

Just as in every BIC activity, safety standards of the highest level are followed at all times during the evening's events for both drivers and spectators alike.

Sousa calls up 35 players for local national team training

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Bahrain national football team head coach Helio Sousa has named a 35-player squad that will be gathering from tomorrow for four days of local training.

The Bahrainis will be preparing for their joint-qualifier next month against Cambodia for the Fifa World Cup 2022 and the AFC Asian Cup 2023, as well as for a pair of international friendly matches.

The practices are scheduled to be held at the BFA pitches in Riffa until Monday.

Many of the players selected by Sousa are new call-ups, as the Portuguese tactician aims to give them a chance and to see their capabilities. His list includes players from Muharraq Club, Al Najma, Al Hidd, East Riffa, Al Ahli, Al Shabab, Al Malkiya, Qalali, Al Hala, Bahrain Club, Busaiteen and Budaiya.

There are currently no players called up from Bahrain league champions Riffa and Manama, as both teams are set to play in the AFC Cup club competition next week.



Sousa reacts during a match (file photo)

Bahrain are scheduled to take on their Cambodian counterparts on March 26 in the first of their last three games in this qualification stage. Their friendly matches are against Malaysia on March 21 and against New Zealand on March 30.

The friendly against the Kiwis is a part of their preparations for their penultimate qualifier against Iran on June 4. They then wrap up this phase against Hong Kong on June 9.

Bahrain are currently in sec-

Bahrain Squad

Muharraq: Omar Salem, Hamza Alchuban, Waleed Al Hayam, Ahmed Juma, Mohammed Al Hardan, Abdulrahman Ahmadi
Al Najma: Ali Madan, Hassan Jameel, Ahmed Abdulla, Ali Muneer, Anwar Ahmed

Al Hidd: Ahmed Merza, Talal Saad, Ahmed Bughmar, Rashed Alhooti, Mohammed Abdulwahab, Abdulwahab Al Malood

East Riffa: Omar Duaij, Mohammed Duaij, Abdulla Alhazza, Mohammed Al Rumaihi, Sami Al Hussaini

Al Ahli: Jassim Al Shaikh, Sayed Mohammed Ameen, Mahmood Al Ojaimi

Al Shabab: Abbas Alasfood, Ali Hassan

Al Malkiya: Yousif Habib, Mohammed Jameel

Qalali: Abdulaziz Khalid, Ebrahim Al Khattal

Al Hala: Jassim Khulaif

Bahrain Club: Jaffar Hassan

Busaiteen: Abdulla Al Hashash

Budaiya: Mahboub Al Dossary

ond place in qualifying Group C with nine points from five matches. Iraq are currently atop the table with 11 points. Iran are third with six points but have a game in hand, while Hong Kong are fourth on five points and Cambodia fifth with one.

In this phase of the joint-qualifiers, there are eight groups in all, with five nations in each group. Teams play home and

away matches. At the end, the eight group winners and the four best runners-up advance to the third round of World Cup qualifying, and also book their berths in the Asian Cup.

Bahrain are currently amongst the four best runners-up.

The next best 24 teams will compete in a separate competition for 12 remaining slots in the Asian Cup.



Students control their cars during the 'Remote Controlled Toy Car Race' organized by New Millennium School. 25 enthusiastic racers from Grades VII and VIII participated in the preliminary round displaying their great mental agility and alertness. The top five students were selected to participate in the final yesterday. Principal, Arun Kumar Sharma felicitated the top three winners, Steve Arun Philip, Devansh V Sharma and Ezra Clyde Philip

Brave set to find out first Flyweight champion

BRAVE CF puts huge tournament together to crown its first Flyweight world champion

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Brave Combat Federation will finally crown a Flyweight world champion, as the fastest-growing MMA promotion in the globe will put together a year-long tournament to find out who's the best in the division.

The organization has announced that several of its signed athletes will have an equal chance to become the division's inaugural titleholder.

Brave CF has put the Flyweight championship on the line at BRAVE CF 18, in November of 2018, in a bout between Brazil's Marcel Adur and Russia's Velimurad Alkhasov.

The latter won the fight but didn't get to be the champ since he missed weight, and the belt will now be contested through



a tournament, designed to give the Flyweight stars equal chances to earn the world title.

"We have the deepest fly-

weight division in the world of mixed martial arts. BRAVE CF has some of the best fighters that deserve the chance to be

the best in the world.

This tournament does just that. The MMA fans are going to see the best Flyweights decide their own future to reach the top. If you want to be the best than beat the best as they say", claimed an excited Mohammed Shahid, president of BRAVE CF.

No bouts or participants have been announced, but a teaser video posted on BRAVE CF's social media profiles will give fans a taste of what's to come in the next months. Fights for the tournament will take place in different events, and the final match-up will be contested later in the year.

The format and participants, as well as the initial match-ups, will be announced by the organization in the coming days.

BDS storm into ETS Final

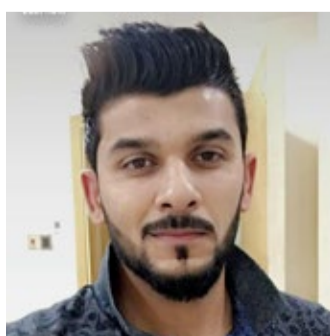
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BDS Bassali defeated AbuSaad Climax by 4 wickets in the Semifinal of the ETS Div A T40 league organized by Cricket Bahrain Association. Batting first AbuSaad Climax posted 253 runs. Malik Hassan top scored with 64 runs. Imran Javed and Junaid Aziz claimed 3 wickets each for BDS Bassali. In reply BDS Bassali chased target for the loss of 6 wickets. Yousuf Wali and Junaid Aziz top scored with 57 runs each for BDS Bassali.

BCC defeated BCC A by 5 wickets in the second semifinal. Batting first BCC A posted 238 runs. Haider Ali top scored with 72 runs. Majid Abbasi claimed 4 wickets for BCC. In reply BCC chased target for the loss of 5 wickets. Umer Toor top scored with 79 runs for BCC.



Junaid



Umer Toor



Indian men's national basketball team members are received by Bahrain Basketball Association (BBA) officials on their arrival to the Kingdom. Bahrain are set to face the visitors in a qualifying game tomorrow for the 2021 Fiba Asia Cup. The Indian squad, who arrived yesterday morning, have travelled with a 12-player team. They are coached by renowned Serbian tactician Veselin Matic, while the delegation is being headed by team manager B Dayananda. Tomorrow's qualifier is scheduled for a 7pm tip-off and it will be played at the Khalifa Sports City arena in Isa Town. Entrance will be free for fans wishing to attend.