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Bapco teams claim fantastic treble

Bapco's success comes in tightly contested 12-hour endurance race at BIKC

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Bapco claimed a fantastic treble over the weekend in the 12-hour third round of the Bahrain Karting Enduro Championship (BKEC) at Bahrain International Karting Circuit (BIKC) in Sakhir.

Bapco Engineering claimed both the overall victory and first place in the Nations category, while Bapco Motorsport triumphed in the Corporate class.

Go Bahrain were the winners in the Pro class, which was the third division in the ultra-competitive race.

All the action took place along BIKC's 1.414-kilometre Commission Internationale de Karting Track. The endurance challenge featured a unique format, starting at 11pm at night under floodlights and then finishing at 11am in the morning in the daylight.

The 12 participating teams were competing in identical 390cc RT8 karts.

Winners Bapco Engineering were composed of Faisal Al-shafei, Abdulla Al Thawadi and Yousif Khamiri. They managed to snatch away a fine overall victory despite starting from fifth place on the grid.

They completed the race with a total of 557 laps – a total that was matched by overall runners-up and pole-sitters Racing BH Junior as well as third-placers Go Bahrain. But Bapco Engineering enjoyed a comfortable 8.915-second gap ahead of Racing BH Junior (Khaled Al Wazzan, Khaled Al Zayed and Rashed Almuammari) and were also one minute 07.393 seconds ahead of Go Bahrain (Abdulla Buhindi, Abbas Sarhan and Ali Baslar).

In fourth through sixth place, respectively, were Bapco Sadeem (Osama Albuflasa, Ali Abdulla and Khalifa Al Zayani), Racing BH (Mohammed Mattar, Shaikh Salman bin Rashid Al



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Khalifa and Khaled Al Rayes) and Bahrain Airport Services (BAS) A (Lewis Smith, Ahmed Abduljalil and Gavin Halls).

Racing BH were the overall winners from the BKEC's first two rounds, consisting of three and six-hour events, but this time had to settle for fifth.

Meanwhile, Bapco Engineering and Racing BH Junior were

also the top two teams in the Nations class. They were joined on that podium by Manama Drift (Erich Grawunder, Franklin Call, Michael Spencer and Colby Narine), who completed 539 laps in third place.

In the Corporate category, Bapco Motorsport (Essa Mahmoud, Aziz Bufalah and Abdulrahman Alawadhi) were the victors, having also finished in eighth overall. They posted 553 laps.

BAS had their B and C teams take second and third place, respectively. The B squad (Mahmood Saati, Yusuf Yaqoob and Ziyad Khalifa) completed 543 laps, while the C team (Saud Alshater, Philip Morais, Don Vinura, Ammar Alghawas, Mohammed Fadhel and Hussain Habib) had 537 laps.

In the Pro class, Go Bahrain were joined on the podium by Bapco Sadeem and Racing BH. Bapco Sadeem were just one



Participants in action during the race

lap behind the race's overall top three, while Racing BH were just two laps back.

Meanwhile, a special trophy was awarded to the race's all-ladies team, BAS F. They comprised Maryam Al Qassim, Alanoud Alaiwi, Fatima Mohammed, Sujusha Bakaal, Alya Adel and Christina Anieliesia, and they completed 515 laps in the race.

Following all the action, the winners were presented their respective trophies in a podium ceremony.

The BKEC now heads towards the fourth and final round of its 2019/2020 season, which will be a 24-hour race. This championship-finale and the ultimate challenge of the year is scheduled for February 14 and 15 at BIKC.

ISB to host major Badminton Tournament

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The Indian School Bahrain (ISB) in association with Bahrain Badminton and Squash Federation (BBSF) will be conducting a major ranking tournament this year with an aim to develop the sport in the Kingdom.

BBSF ISB Brain Craft International Bahrain Junior Ranking Circuit 2020 will be hosted by the Indian School from January 23 to 27, 2020. The ranking will be given separately to boys and girls in the under 9,11,13,15,17 and 19 singles and doubles events. This is the first Badminton tournament to be held in the recently refurbished ISB badminton courts. There are four well-lit badminton courts housed in the high ceiling Jashanmal auditorium with impact resistant flooring.

The Junior Ranking Circuit will follow the law of Badminton strictly. The BWF General Competition Regulations (GCR) shall apply to the Championship to the extent of national tournament requirements, except for clothing and advertising. The BWF Badminton Regulations and Codes of Conduct are applicable for this tournament.

This tournament will be followed by other ranking events hosted by Bahrain Keraleeya Samajam (BKS), Indian Club, Philippines Club (PBG), Ebrahim Badminton Academy (EBA) and BBSF.

The top ranked players will be announced at the end of the year and they will be awarded during the Junior International Series 2020 in December 2020.

For more details please contact Indian School Badminton coach Junith CM on 66359777.

Kanoo Motors Rolling Drag set to light up the strip on Thursday at BIC

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Bahrain International Circuit (BIC) keeps the action going on its world-class NHRA drag strip on Thursday with the Kanoo Motors Rolling Drag Nights.

Similar to BIC's Ebrahim K Kanoo Drag and Drift Nights, Rolling Drag gives a chance for participants to power their very own cars or motorbikes down the circuit's quarter-mile 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 and then challenge them for a series of head-to-



A car on track at BIC (file photo)

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.



Star XI players with the CAB Carrefour T-20 league cup after defeating Lankan Blues by 26 runs

Rashford vows to return 'fitter than ever'

AFP | London

Marcus Rashford has vowed to return for Manchester United "fitter than ever" as he recovers from a stress fracture of the back.

The 22-year-old striker faces at least six weeks on the sidelines, with United boss Ole Gunnar Solskjaer confirming the full extent of the injury after

Sunday's 2-0 Premier League defeat at Liverpool.

Rashford, who has scored 22 goals for club and country this season, tweeted: "Blink and I'll be back, fitter than ever. See you soon."

The England international also said he would remain heavily involved in all aspects of club life at Old Trafford during his rehabilitation.

"On the pitch or not, @ManUtd fans don't get much bigger than me," he added.

"You best believe I'll be involved in team meetings, team huddles and team sessions throughout this recovery."

Rashford sustained the injury after being introduced as a second-half substitute in last week's FA Cup third-round replay win over Wolves.