

New Zealand's Jamieson takes five before India hit back



New Zealand's Kyle Jamieson appeals successfully as he has India captain Virat Kohli lbw for 44

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New Zealand's Kyle Jamieson completed an impressive five-wicket haul before India's bowlers starred on the third day of the inaugural World Test Championship final at Southampton yesterday.

An absorbing day of high-quality cricket, cut short by bad light despite the floodlights being on full beam, ended with New Zealand 101-2 in reply to India's first innings 217, a deficit of 116 runs.

New Zealand opener Devon Conway fell for 54 shortly before stumps -- his third score of over fifty in just five Test innings following the 29-year-old left-hander's stunning 200 on debut against England at Lord's this month.

Jamieson is also in the early stages of his Test career yet the towering paceman still had a miserly return of 5-31 in 22 overs, including 12 maidens.

The 26-year-old's fifth five-wicket haul in just eight career Tests included the prize



Kohli, 10 years to the day since his Test debut against the West Indies in Kingston, had not added to his score when he fell to the eighth ball he faced yesterday

scalps of India captain Virat Kohli and Rishabh Pant.

Yet India's quicks also bowled well in helpful, overcast conditions that made batting difficult, with Mohammed Shami unlucky not to take a wicket after repeatedly getting lift from a good length.

In a match marred by weather interruptions -- Friday's first day was washed out without a ball bowled -- India resumed on 146-3.

Bahrain gold rush!

Five-star Bahrain claim five more medals, including three gold, on final day of 22nd Arab Athletics Championships, which was held in Tunisia

● **Tejitu Daba Chalchissa (women's half-marathon), Tigist Gashaw (women's 1,500m), and Zuhair Awad (men's 5,000m) capture gold**

● **Bahrain wrap up championship campaign with final medal tally of 11, including six gold, three silver and two bronze medals**

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Bahrain enjoyed a sensational five-medal haul, including three gold medals, yesterday on the final day of the 22nd Arab Athletics Championships in Tunisia.

The trio of newest Arab title-winners included Tejitu



Bahrain athletes Zuhair Awad, right, and Al Siddique Mikho celebrate after their one-two finish in the men's 5,000m

Daba Chalchissa in the women's half-marathon, Tigist Gashaw in the women's 1,500 metres, and Zuhair Awad in the men's 5,000m.

The other medals won yesterday were a silver claimed by Al Siddique Mikho in the men's

5,000m where he finished behind countryman Awad; and a bronze medal clinched by Joshua Lemushen Nakeri in the men's half-marathon.

The Bahrain national athletics team's five medals on the last day of action brought their overall tally for the competition to 11. These include six gold medals, three silver and two bronze medals. The results were confirmed by the Bahrain Athletics Association.

In yesterday's women's half-marathon, Tejitu completed the race's 21km distance in a winning time of one hour 16 minutes 43 seconds. She finished nearly half-a-minute ahead of the rest of the pack.

Meanwhile, with her win in the women's 1,500m, Tigist



Bahrain's Tigist Gashaw flies the Bahrain flag after capturing the women's 1,500m gold medal

claimed her second medal of the championships, after she previously won silver in the women's 5,000m.

The men's 5,000m event saw an impressive one-two for Bahrain, with Awad leading Mikho to the finish. Awad captured gold in 13 minutes 30.25 seconds, while Mikho was not far behind in 13:40.37.

For Mikho, his runner-up classification added to the gold medal he had already won in the men's 1,500m.

In the men's half-marathon, Nakeri claimed the bronze medal in a time of 1:09:09.

Bahrain finished among the top national teams in the 20-country field that took part in the championship. The other nations included Lebanon, Algeria, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Oman, Iraq, Palestine, Yemen, Morocco, Jordan, Syria, Sudan, Qatar, Libya, Djibouti, Somalia, Comoros and hosts Tunisia.

Ahli suffer second straight loss in GCC basketball

● **Bahrain champions bow to tournament hosts Shabab Al Ahli of Dubai 92-105**

● **Ahli have one game remaining in tournament's first round against Al Nasser of Saudi Arabia tomorrow**

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Bahrain's Al Ahli suffered their second successive defeat in the FIBA Asia Champions Cup Gulf Basketball Association Qualifier yesterday following a 92-105 decision against tournament hosts Shabab Al Ahli of Dubai.

Ahli battled back from a double-digit deficit in the third to head into the final period down by just six, 72-78. But they couldn't narrow the gap any further as their rivals did well to stave off any potential surge by the Bahrainis.

American professional Mike Harris had 31 points and 13 rebounds to lead Ahli's scorers in the loss. Manny Harris added 17 while Hesham Sarhan scored 16. Ahmed Alderazi contributed 13 points.

For Shabab Al Ahli, the trio of Emirati Qais Omar Alshababi and US imports Tyler Wilkerson and Brandon Triche combined for 86 of their points. Alshababi had a game-high 32, while Wilkerson scored 31 and Triche had 13.

The result gave Ahli a 1-2 win-loss record with just one game to play in this opening round of the competition. The national champions had opened their campaign with a win against Al Shamal of Qatar but then lost to Al Kuwait of Kuwait before yesterday's clash.

Ahli have a rest day today prior to their last



Al Ahli's Maittham Jameel tries to drive past the tough defence of Shabab Al Ahli's Brandon Triche

fixture of this stage against Al Nasser of Saudi Arabia tomorrow. They top four move on to the semi-finals, which are scheduled to be held on Friday, followed by the final the following evening.

The event also acts as the 40th GCC Clubs Basketball Championship.

Standings	P	W	L	+/-	Pts
Al Kuwait (KUW)	2	2	0	+21	4
Shabab Al Ahli (UAE)	2	2	0	+18	4
Al Ahli (BRN)	3	1	2	-18	4
Al Nasser (KSA)	2	1	1	+16	3
Al Shamal (QAT)	3	0	3	-37	3

Bahrain leave for Doha ahead of Arab Cup qualifier

● **National football team to take on Kuwaiti counterparts on Friday in one-off qualifying match for FIFA Arab Cup 2021**

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Bahrain's senior men's national football team depart today for Doha, where they will take on Kuwait on Friday in a qualifying match for a place in the FIFA Arab Cup 2021.

The one-off game will be played at the Qatari capital's Khalifa International Stadium and it is scheduled for an 8pm kick-off.

The travelling delegation is being headed by Bahrain Football Association technical affairs department head Abed Al Ansari and includes national team manager and former Bahrain skipper Mohammed Salmeen.

Head coach Helio Sousa called up 26 players for the match. It is the same group as the one that competed earlier this month in joint-qualifying for the FIFA World Cup 2022 and AFC Asian Cup 2023.

The squad includes Ali Haram, Ali Madan, Hamad Shamsan, Sayed Hashim Isa,



Bahrain national team players during their local training session

Jassim Al Shaikh, Kumail Alaswad, Mahdi Humaidan, Mohammed Marhoon, Redha Isa, Sayed Baqer, Sayed Shubbar Alawi, Abdulwahab Al Malood, Ismaeel Abdullatif, Sayd Mohammed Jaafar, Waleed Al Hayam, Ahmed Bughamar, Ahmed Mirza, Mohammed Abdulwahab, Abdulla Hazaa, Mohammed Al Rumaihi, Rashed Al Hooti, Jassim Khulaif, Ahmed Nabeel, Abbas Fadhel, Ebrahim Lutfallah and Sayed Dhiya Saeed.

Should Bahrain win against Kuwait and book their seat in the Arab Cup, they will be in Group A of the tournament's preliminary round alongside hosts Qatar, Iraq, and either Oman or Somalia.

The Arab Cup will be held from December 1 to 18 as a prelude to next year's World Cup. The tournament is being delivered by FIFA, and it is seen as a vital opportunity to test operations and facilities ahead of the 2022 global showcase.