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Rain washes out final session after Jamieson shines with ball



Kyle Jamieson in action

Reuters | Wellington

The final session of the first day's play in the opening test between New Zealand and India at the Basin Reserve was washed out by heavy rain yesterday, giving the tourists time to regroup after they were reduced to 122-5 at tea.

The rain swept in seconds after the players had left the field for the tea break and, despite the skies clearing, umpires Aleem Dar and Richard Kettleborough ended play at about 5.30 p.m. (0430 GMT) after a pitch inspection.

New Zealand pace bowler Kyle Jamieson enjoyed a dream test debut, tormenting India's batsmen and taking three wickets and a catch in the deep, stealing the headlines from Ross Taylor, who was playing his 100th test.

Ajinkya Rahane will resume on Saturday on 38 while the recalled Rishabh Pant will be with him on 10.

"From a team perspective we are in a pretty strong position," Jamieson told reporters. "The game is quite advanced and we are pretty happy with where it is."

Pereira, Raffii, Almuyini triumph on first day of Speed Weekend

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Speed Weekend got off to a roaring start yesterday at Bahrain International Circuit (BIC) in Sakhir, with three different winners in the five races held.

Dylan Pereira was in scintillating form as he took the meeting's first race in the Porsche Sprint Challenge Middle East, while Raed Raffii and Ahmed Almuyini both had doubles, with Raffii winning both sprints in the BIC 2,000cc Challenge and Almuyini enjoying two wins in the Bahrain Motorcycle Racing (BMR) 600.

All three series were holding the penultimate rounds of their 2019/2020 seasons as part of Speed Weekend's events. Both Porsche and 2,000cc raced along BIC's 5.412-kilometre Grand Prix track while BMR competed on the 2.55km Inner circuit.

Porsche action continues today with another two races on schedule. All the action will be held from 11am to 6pm and all are welcome to attend. Tickets are available at the gate.

In yesterday's Porsche programme, Pereira topped the Practice timesheet with a best lap of two minutes 02.273 sec-

onds before securing pole for Race One with a 2:02.088 lap in Qualifying.

Pereira then made the most of his place in the front of the grid, leading in each of the 12 laps en route to powering to an impressive victory in 28:13.180. He was 3.844s ahead of JB Simmenauer, while Leon Koehler came third 7.684s behind. Each of the overall top three were also the best finishers in the Pro class.

The ProAm category was claimed by Christoffer Bergstrom ahead of Lucas Groeneveld and Shaikh Ali bin Mohammed Al Khalifa. Michael Knutzon won the Am class ahead of Jean-Marc Cordier and Shaikh Jaber bin Ali Al Khalifa.

In the BIC 2,000cc Challenge, Tareq Al Tajer in a Ford Focus was nearly two seconds ahead of the pack in Practice, where he had a best lap of 2:27.651. He maintained his strong pace and won pole with a 2:27.754 fastest Qualifying lap.

In the opening eight-lap sprint, Raffii driving a Honda S2000 managed to claim the victory in 19:48.153. Al Tajer had to settle for the runner-up spot 3.446s back, while Shaikh Hamad bin Isa bin Ebrahim Al



BIC 2,000cc Challenge winners on the podium with officials



Winners from the first Porsche race celebrate on the podium with officials

Khalifa in a Honda Civic was third 9.877s behind Raffii. All three were also on the Pro class

podium.

In Race Two, Raffii had another superb win, coming from the middle of the pack at the start. He won over eight laps in 19:29.142. In second place was Ahmed Bin Khanen in a Honda Civic EG4 3.006s behind, while Al Tajer claimed his second podium 5.878s back.

Also in the 2,000cc, Wiebke Buelow was the Novice class winner in both races.

In the BMR 600, Almuyini was the man to beat from the start. He first set the Practice pace with a 1:09.545 lap and then secured pole with a quicker 1:09.467 time in Qualifying.

He absolutely dominated the first 11-lap race, winning in a total time of 12:59.736. He was classified 12.595s ahead of Ali Adiby, while completing the podium winners were Ibrahim Al Sharida 30.830s behind Almuyini.

The ace rider completed his double with a Race Two win in 13:10.441. The same two competitors joined him on the podium, with Adiby finishing with a narrow 0.992s gap and Al Sharida 6.131s adrift.

The winners of the round were presented their respective trophies in a podium ceremony at the end of the day.



Participants in action at the start of the Porsche race

RCM to organise 6-a-side football tournament

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One of Bahrain's most anticipated annual charity sports events is coming back on March 20 2020, at Bahrain Rugby Club-Saar, as Rotary Club of Manama (RCM) recently announced the details of its 22nd Fund Raising Annual 6-a-Side Football Tournament.

Annually organised by RCM with the aim of raising funds to support several humanitarian causes and charities in the Kingdom, such as orphanages, cancer societies, disability associations and more, the Tournament will include more than 15 teams and is expected to attract families and raise more than BD 15000/-.

The announcement came during a press conference organised by RCM on Tuesday at Marjan Space in AlAndalus Garden in the Capital Manama. Attending the conference were the President of RCM Khalid Mukhtar, the Incoming President and



From left- RCM's Board member Renuka Ravindran, RCM President Khalid Mukhtar and Chairperson of the Event Committee Marjan Modara

Chairperson of the Event Committee Marjan Modara, members of the press, and a number of sponsors and stakeholders.

In the conference, they reaffirmed the Club's keenness on annually organising the event, through which funds to support local projects are raised, in addition to shedding light

on several crucial matters, as well as highlighting the woes of the less fortunate segments of the Bahraini society, including locals and expats.

Commenting further, the Chairperson of the Event Committee stated: "Organising the 6-a-Side Football Tournament for the 22nd consecutive year

reflects the constant concern of RCM on serving several noble goals and making positive impact on some of the critical issues faced by the society today and in the future. Throughout the past two decades, we were able to raise funds for machines purchased to assist in causes such as care for cancer patients and preventive measures to combat diabetes. Also, funds raised were used in strengthening community partnership to support orphans, widows and the less fortunate, and protecting the environment amongst other causes."

Founded in 1965, RCM consists of 58 members who have been actively participating and organising key community projects for the past five decades, with the aim of contributing towards societal needs. The Club forms part of Rotary International which is the world's first service club organisation and includes over 1.2 million members.

Liverpool's Henderson out for three weeks

Reuters | London

Liverpool captain Jordan Henderson will be out for three weeks with a hamstring injury sustained in their 1-0 midweek Champions League defeat by Atletico Madrid, manager Jurgen Klopp said.

The injury rules the influential midfielder out of Monday's Premier League home game against relegation-threatened West Ham United, a match in which the runaway league leaders will be desperate "to put things right", the German added.

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