

2 Seas Motorsport clinch Gold Cup glory

Bahraini outfit celebrates success after a stellar GT World Challenge Europe campaign

- Team secured podium in every round
- No. 33 car driven by King, Lulham, Vermeulen
- Shaikh Isa praises team's perseverance and professionalism

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Bahrain's 2 Seas Motorsport wrapped up a remarkable European season by winning the Gold Cup title at the conclusion of the GT World Challenge Europe powered by AWS in Barcelona.

His Highness Shaikh Isa bin Abdullah bin Hamad Al Khalifa, owner of 2 Seas Motorsport, expressed pride in the team's achievements, saying the Bahraini outfit has built a strong reputation on the world's most competitive racing circuits while



winners celebrate on the podium

raising the Kingdom's name high. He hailed the season as one of the team's finest, cementing its status as a leading force in international motorsport.

Shaikh Isa said the consistent Bahraini successes in global racing reflect the vision and guid-

ance of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and the support of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, in encouraging youth and sports development.

"It was another great week

for the team, and I would like to congratulate Harry, Chris, Thierry, and the entire Verstappen.com Racing team on securing the Gold Cup title in their first season," he said. "They have performed amazingly throughout the year and acted professionally at every step, proving that hard work and focus pay off."

Shaikh Isa added that although the race was challenging, the team's perseverance brought excellent results, ending the year strongly with another top-ten finish.

At the Circuit de Barcelona-Catalunya, the No. 33 car – driven by Harry King, Chris Lulham, and Thierry Vermeulen under the Verstappen.com Racing program – delivered another podium finish, confirming the Gold Cup title in a fiercely con-



Drivers of No. 33 car – Harry King, Chris Lulham, and Thierry Vermeulen

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The winning No. 33 car trio, racing under the Verstappen.com Racing program, secured the Gold Cup title by earning podium finishes in every round of the Endurance Cup season

AMG GT3 competed in the Bronze Cup, where drivers Tom Lebon, Charles Dawson, and Kern Jewes overcame an early puncture to finish inside the top ten. The crew recovered after a chaotic opening lap incident caused by debris on the track, with a timely safety car period helping them rejoin the lead lap and regain competitive form.

In the closing stages, King steered the No. 33 car to eighth place overall and third in class, sealing a flawless season for 2 Seas Motorsport. Jewes brought the No. 222 car home in tenth place in the Bronze class, rounding off a strong showing for the Bahraini team on the European stage.

The Kingdom's success, Shaikh Isa noted, underscores Bahrain's growing influence in international motorsport and the bright future of its racing talent.



Action from the race

Track Experiences to offer race enthusiasts pure adrenaline rush this Saturday at BIC

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Bahrain International Circuit (BIC), 'The Home of Motorsport in the Middle East', hosts another exciting offering of Track Experiences this Saturday in Sakhir.

Featuring three ultra-quick race cars, this widely popular activity gives fans a pure adrenaline rush, while navigating the challenging turns of a globally renowned Formula 1 circuit.

Saturday's Track Experiences is scheduled to be held from 8am to 3pm and fans will be able to choose between a Renault Clio Cup and either a Radical SR1 or SR3 race car.

Those opting for the Clio Cup Experiences will get an awesome introduction into the high-octane world of motorsports, getting behind the wheel of a Clio Cup sports car that boasts a 1.6-litre, Turbocharged engine. The Driving Experience takes the participant onto the track behind a professional instructor in lead-follow manner, while the Passenger Experience requires those taking part to simply buckle up and enjoy the ride!

Meanwhile, fans can also enjoy choosing between the SR1 and SR3 Experiences. The Radical SR1 Driving Experience is ideal for amateurs and expert racers alike as the car's 185bhp engine roars like no other. Interested participants must complete a Clio Cup Drive



in order to take part in this activity.

The Radical SR3 Passenger Experience takes fans from zero to 100kph in about 3.4 seconds, making for a memorable number of laps around BIC alongside the circuit's expert instructors.

The cost to get behind the wheel for the Clio Cup Driver Experience is BD121, while the Clio Cup Passenger Expe-

rience is BD27,500. For the Radical SR1 Driver Experience, the cost is BD132, while the Radical SR3 Passenger Experience is BD38,500.

For more information on Saturday's Track Experiences or on all other events and activities at BIC, visit bahraingp.com, call the BIC Hotline, or follow the circuit's official accounts on social media.

BIC and Musco Lighting launch program to increase youth racing opportunities

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Bahrain International Circuit (BIC), 'The Home of Motorsport in the Middle East,' and Musco, a global leader in sports and infrastructure lighting, today announced a new agreement, which will offer young people in Bahrain an opportunity to experience and learn more about racing.

As part of the agreement, BIC and Musco will launch The Musco Young Driver Development Programme at Bahrain International Karting Circuit (BIKC). It will offer driver training to young people that may not otherwise have the chance to participate at the world-class grassroots motorsport facility.

The agreement was confirmed in a signing ceremony held at the BIC premises in Sakhir. Signing the agreement were BIC Chief Executive Sheikh Salman bin Isa Al Khalifa and Jeff Rogers, CEO of Musco Lighting, in the presence of senior management from both companies.

"Musco has worked with BIC on lighting projects since 2004, beginning with the drag strip," Rogers said. "We're honored to partner with BIC to support Shiekh Salman's vision that every young person has the chance to experience karting and the life lessons learned through it."



Sheikh Salman bin Isa Al Khalifa, Chief Executive of Bahrain International Circuit, said, "The launch of the young driver programme with Musco is founded based on our shared commitment to give back to the community. As active participants in global sport and entertainment, we both believe in the importance of using the power of sport for good and to better the communities around us. That shared passion is the cornerstone that will drive this programme."

"We are therefore proud to be working with Musco Lighting to develop young drivers in the Kingdom of Bahrain. Having worked with Musco for many years as our specialist lighting provider, we are delighted to extend our relationship and continue our work with them as our preferred lighting supplier."

The Musco Young Driver Development Programme will initially include an entry-level programme open to youth in Bahrain, with intermediate and advanced programmes following. The final stage will also include a fully-paid entry for selected drivers into The Bahrain Rotax Max Challenge, the leading competitive karting championship in Bahrain.

As part of the new sponsorship agreement, Musco also becomes The Preferred Lighting Supplier at BIC. Musco has been involved with BIC since its inception. In addition to providing lighting infrastructure as part of the initial construction of BIC which was completed in 2004, Musco also installed BIC's state-of-the-art track lighting in 2014, with Bahrain becoming a landmark venue across the world for night racing.