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# Riffa, Manama set up title clash



Manama's Nowrooz goes for a lay-up as he is challenged by Nuwaidrat's Quantance. Pictures from the BBA

● Riffa defeated Muharraq to book spot in BBA Cup final

● Manama outclassed Nuwaidrat to advance

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Riffa and Manama last night set up a mouth-watering clash for the title in the Bahrain Basketball Association (BBA) Cup.

American professional Joseph Jones buried the go-ahead three-pointer to help lift Riffa to a thrilling 78-76 victory over Muharraq and book their seat in the tournament final.

Manama, meanwhile, outclassed Nuwaidrat 107-82 to also advance to the championship game.

The final is scheduled to be played on Tuesday next week. It will tip off at 7pm at Zain Basketball Arena in Um Al Hassam. In Riffa's victory, Muharraq

put on a gutsy comeback in the fourth quarter after going down 61-70 with just over eight minutes remaining. They managed to tie the proceedings at 75-apiece with a lay-up by Mohammed Juma'a, but then a triple by Jones off a pick-and-roll with Hassan Helal gave Riffa the lead for good at 78-75 with less than two minutes remaining.

Juma'a would make one more free-throw from there but neither team made another basket the rest of the way.

Jones's three-pointer was his lone make from beyond the arc in the game. He finished with 22 points and 12 rebounds to pace Riffa.

Ali Jassim added 19 including four three-pointers, while Abdulrahman Ghali had 15 and Helal 14 to go with six assists.

Muharraq's US import Kevin Murphy had 29 to lead his team in the loss. Juma'a chipped in with 14 off the bench while Sayed Kadhem Majed added 11.

It was a tightly contested game throughout, with Riffa's nine-point lead in the final canto being



Riffa's Jones posts up Muharraq's Ali Shukrallah during their game last night

their biggest of the night.

In Manama's big win, they took

a commanding lead early on and never looked back.



A golfer in action

## AMH Golf Tournament begins in style

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AMH Island Classic charity golf tournament teed off yesterday with an official opening ceremony which was attended by several VIP's, CEO's, golfers and guests.

The event is held annually and is one of the most awaited event in the calendars of the golfing enthusiasts.



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DR. GEORGE CHERIYAN

The tournament organized under the patronage of His Majesty the King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa at His private golf course in Saffriya, ends on 23rd of November.

Dr. George Cheriyan, CEO/CMO of American Mission Hospital said, "The first day of play went splendidly. Golfers look forward to playing at this course. Golfers enjoyed a good game on the superb nine-hole grass golf course on the first day as the weather conditions were excellent."

Winners of the side contests of Closest to pin, most accurate drive, and longest putt for each flight are listed below:

### Results:

**Flight A (morning) Side Contest winners were:**  
Closest to the Pin (Hole 2): Abdulla Sultan (Aroma)  
Most Accurate Drive (Hole 8): Richard Mudd (E.K. Kanoo)  
Longest Putt (Hole 4): Abdulla Sultan

(Aroma)

**Flight B (afternoon) Side Contest winners were:**

Closest to pin (Hole 2): Abdulla Jalal (Ministry of Interior)  
Most Accurate Drive (Hole 8): Jeff Barrett (AMH Amwaj 1)  
Longest Putt (Hole 4): Farooq Ahmed (AMH Riffa 1)

### Leaders Board after Day One:

The Championship Flight (Team handicap 6 or under):  
Team currently in the lead: Amwaj 1 (54.8 Net)  
Team currently in the second place: Ministry of Interior (56.3 Net)  
Team currently in the third place: AMH Saar 1 (56.4 Net)

**Premier Flight (Team handicap 6.1 or over)**

Team currently in the lead: Independent - US Embassy (54.2 Net)  
Team currently in the second place: RCSI 1 (57.8 Net)  
Team currently in the third place: E.K. Kanoo 1 (60.5 Net)

## Al Awadhi advances in bowling World Cup



Ahmed Al Awadhi in Palembang

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Bahrain's Ahmed Al Awadhi secured his place in the top 24 at the end of the men's qualifying stage yesterday in the 55th QubicaAMF Bowling World Cup, being played at Palembang, Indonesia.

Al Awadhi was classified 14th overall as he joined the world's top bowlers in advancing to the next round of the prestigious competition.

The 20-year-old student completed the four-round qualification phase with a total of 4,878 pinfalls and an average of 203.25 pins over 24 games.

His fourth round score of 1,206 yesterday sealed his berth in the round of 24.

He had earlier posted scores of 1,239, 1,221 and 1,212 over qualifying's first three days.

Al Awadhi was one of only two Arab bowlers to make it through in the tournament, which started with a total of 73 bowlers. Kuwaiti Jasem Alsaqer is the other; he was ranked eighth at the end of the qualification stage.

Francois Louw of South Africa topped all qualifiers with a red hot 5,520 total and 230.00 average. Oliver Morig of Germany followed in second with a 5,332 score and 222.17 average. Lee Wanhee of South Korea was third with counts of 5,155 and 214.79.

Rounding out the top 10 were Ryan Lalisang of Indonesia, Sam Cooley of Australia, Christopher Sloan of Ireland, Jaroslav Lorenc of the Czech Republic, Alsaqer, Jay Leon Guerrero of Guam and David Maycock of Bermuda.

Right in front of Al Awadhi from 11th to 13th were Tony Wong of Hong Kong, Renan Zoghaib of Brazil and Eugene Yeo of Singapore.

The top 24 men will now play a total of eight games today. The top eight at the end of this stage will earn a spot in the next phase, to be played tomorrow, again over another eight games. The top four will then advance to the semi-finals and finals, also tomorrow, on the World Cup's concluding day.

## Honda edge Riffa Star in CBA T20 league

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Honda Bahrain beat Riffa Star by 20 runs in CBA Division C T-20 League.

Honda won the toss and elected to bat first. Opener Ali (112) scored an unbeaten century including twelve 6's and five 4's that helped his team to reach 195 at the end of 20 overs. Adeb took two wickets for Riffa Stars. In second innings, Honda team bowlers' tidy overs restricted Riffa stars for 175 runs and won the match by 20 runs. Rasel took three wickets for Honda.

Honda Bahrain 195/5 (Ali 112, Nabeel 31, Adeb 2/16) beat Riffa Stars 175/9 (Adeb 24, Faisal 24, Rasel 3/22) by 20 runs

Shahzad Zafar 116/8 in 19 overs (Shahzad 37, Muzamil 30, Nandan 2/16) beat Glad-iators 114/10 (Fadhel 32, Khalid 4/24) by 2 wickets

Royal Blasters 104/4 in 10.3 overs (Diju 49, Muzni 2/24) beat Salmuniya Eagles 103/10 (Muzni 16, Roghan 4/26, Krishna 3/14) by 6 wickets

Tornado Riders 100/5 in 16.4 overs (Vijesh 40, Ahmed 2/12) beat Indian Delights 99/10 (Shyju 24, Reji 3/10, Manu 3/14) by 5 wickets

Awali Bapco 135/10 (Ravi 27, Bally 3/28) beat Hempel Paints 99/10 (Ahsan 20, Jigar 4/33) by 36 runs

Karnataka Royals 62/3 in 10 overs (Numair 27) beat Fog CC 61/10 (Hardep 24, Vasanth 4/12, Rajesh 4/10) by 7 wickets

Global Stars 144/10 (Shakeel 36, Abbas 3/19) beat SNCS TransFast 75/10 (Ershad 14, Kamal 2/5) by 69 runs