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Speed Weekend wraps up at BIC

Simmenauer and Pereira take **Porsche wins**

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fourth and penultimate round leading position and take the of the 2019/2020 Porsche Sprint Race Two chequered flag in a Challenge Middle East, held as winning time of 24:58.103. part of Speed Weekend at Bahrain International Circuit (BIC) Leon Koehler who was 1.654 in Sakhir.

ing's second race while Pereira the top three overall were comclaimed Race Three for his sec- peting in the Porsche's Pro class. Winners on the podium

ond victory in as many days. Pereira won the meeting's first

race from pole on Friday, and then Simmenauer matched his feat in the second 12-lap sprint around BIC's 5.412-kilometre Grand Prix track.

Simmenauer had clinched 🍝 pole with a fastest lap of two B Simmenauer and Dylan minutes 02.170 seconds during Pereira were both victorious the second session of Qualifying. yesterday to wrap up the He then went on to defend his

The victor was followed by seconds behind, while Pereira Simmenauer won the meet- came third 2.075s back. Each of

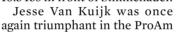




Cars in action during the race

Jesse van Kuijk was triumphant in the ProAm category ahead of Daan van Kuijk and Christoffer Bergstroem; while the top three finishers in the Am class were Michael Knutzon, Shaikh Jaber bin Ali Al Khalifa and Jean-Marc Cordier.

In the third and final race of the round, Jesse van Kuijk was on pole but Pereira was able to claim the impressive win. He completed the event 4.068s ahead of runner-up Koehler and 10.545s in front of Simmenauer.





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category ahead of Groeneveld and Daan van Kuijk; while in the Am category Shaikh Jaber led Knutzon to the finish with Michael Doppelmayr coming third. The winners were presented their respective awards in podium ceremonies held after each race.

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Williamson, Taylor ensure Kiwis head India

AFP | Wellington

ane Williamson and Ross Taylor combined to ensure New Zealand held a first innings lead in the first Test against India in Wellington yesterday but the advantage was not overwhelming.

India stayed in the hunt with three wickets in the final session including Williamson for 89 and Taylor for 44 and the wicket was showing early signs of taking spin.

"You always want your best players to be at the crease. They (Williamson and Taylor) put on a great partnership, both looking nice for a long period of time, but if we can carry on and keep chipping away with



Football national team kick off local training sessions



Bahrain players warming up on the pitch at the start of training TDT | Manama

Bahrain's men's national Bahrain are scheduled football team have kicked to take on their Cambodian off their local training for their counterparts on March 26 in upcoming joint-qualifier next their next qualifier, while their month against Cambodia, for friendly games are against the Fifa World Cup 2022 and Malaysia on March 21 and the AFC Asian Cup 2023.

sions, with many being new call-ups.

against New Zealand on March Bahrain are currently in second place in qualifying Group C with nine points from five but have a game in hand, while

the guys to come ... then it will set us up," New Zealand pace bowler Tim Southee said.

Williamson and Taylor's 93run stand for the third wicket back.

When bad light brought an for 31 off 15 overs. early end to the day, New Zeaby 51.

Kane Williamson plays a shot

from 73-2 to be ahead of In- jetlag after arriving in New Zea- Basin Reserve. dia's 165 before the tourists fight land four days ago, was the pick of the Indian bowlers with three the Basin and that's where the dle following the early dismissal

However, with the initial tant," Southee said. land were 216 for five, to lead green cover fading from the

Ishant Sharma, coming back of spin which could impact on lead as we possibly can that self.

was enough to lift the Kiwis from injury and struggling with New Zealand batting last at the makes that second innings a little bit easier."

"You don't usually see that at first innings becomes impor- of Tom Latham and was rocked

Williamson, called to the mid-

by Sharma with the first ball

"If we can build those part- he faced but from there he rewicket there were early signs nerships and eke out as big a turned to his patient, confident

They are also preparing for 30. a pair of international friendly matches in March.

The practices are being held at the Bahrain Football Associ- matches. Iraq are currently ation pitches in Riffa under the atop the table with 11 points. supervision of national team Iran are third with six points head coach Helio Sousa.

The Portuguese tactician has Hong Kong are fourth on five selected a squad of 35 players points and Cambodia fifth to take part in the practice ses- with one.

Hasaranga stars as Sri Lanka clinch ODI thriller

AFP | Colombo

the first one-day international score. yesterday.

ber eight as Sri Lanka chased ninth wicket. down their target of 290 with

three-match series 1-0.

Hasaranga held his nerve late cameo by Wanindu after Sri Lanka slipped to 253 mate thing but we made couple out to be the highest successful AHasaranga helped Sri Lanka for seven following the de- of mistakes that we have to learn chase at the Sinhalese Sports pull off a thrilling chase to edge parture of Thisara Perera for from," skipper Dimuth Karuna- Club ground. out West Indies by one wicket in 32 to register his highest ODI

He built crucial partnerships Hasaranga, known for his leg- including a 38-run stand with nando could have converted our team's 289 for seven. spin bowling, hit an unbeaten 42 Perera and then put on 27 runs fifties into bigger scores but we after coming in to bat at num- with Lakshan Sandakan for the will look to correct that in fu-

With one to get off the last six five balls to spare and lead the ball Sandakan was run out but who made 50, put on 111 runs in at number three.

Keemo Paul bowled a no ball. "Of course, winning is the ulti- the platform for what turned ratne, who top-scored with 52, said after the victory.

ture."

Karunaratne and Fernando,

for the opening wicket to lay

For the West Indies, Alzarri Joseph claimed three wickets "Both me and Avishka Fer- after Shai Hope made 115 in his

In response, Sri Lanka lost their way after their strong start despite wicketkeeper-batsman Kusal Perera hitting 42 coming



Wanindu Hasaranga plays a shot