

Main draw events of Indian Club's badminton series begins today

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The Bahrain International Badminton Series 2022 has taken its momentum from the start itself.

Qualifying rounds completed as per the schedule and the main draw events will commence today.

All the internationally ranked players (within the top 100 rankings) will also start their matches to make their best to reach the grand finale.

Practice sessions and the Qualifiers were fairly hectic, as players look to acclimatise to the Indian Club's courts. Today's matches are scheduled to start at 9am.

Score updates, details of upcoming matches and all Tournament news will be posted regularly throughout the Tournament on the Indian Club's Facebook page - IndianClubBahrain

For further details regarding The Bahrain International Series Badminton Tournament 2022, please contact the Club's Badminton Secretary CM Junith (66359777) or The Tournament Director Anil Kumar Koliyadan (37733499).

Team Bahrain flying high in Rotax Grand Finals

Muhammad Wally to start from front row of the grid in Junior MAX category Heats at Kartodromo do Algarve in Portimao, Portugal

● Challenging conditions provide valuable experience for Team Bahrain drivers

● Heat races up next to determine spots for Pre-Finals tomorrow in Portimao

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Action from the Rotax Grand Finals

Qualifying for the 2022 Rotax MAX Challenge (RMC) Grand Finals in Portimao, Portugal, took place after the first two days of practice, with Team Bahrain drivers delivering a solid showing.

Best of the team was 14-year-old Muhammad Wally, who was

second quickest in Junior MAX qualifying, earning him a front-row start for the Heat Races.

Tricky conditions prevailed throughout the first few days as rain fell lightly over the Algarve, wetting the track at times to provide an extra challenge for

non-Europe-based drivers.

Nevertheless, Team Bahrain's talents embraced the conditions and put it down to valuable experience amongst the 394 drivers from the 60 nations represented at this edition of the event, which has run for over



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two decades.

Elsewhere amongst Team Bahrain's participants, Yousif AlGhaith in the Micro MAX class was 33rd in qualifying, Khaled Najjar in the Mini MAX was 23rd, Najashi Rashdan came 28th in the Junior MAX and Sulaiman AlKandari was 35th amongst the DD2 participants in qualifying.

Hasan Shehabi, BIC Commercial Karting and Team Bahrain

manager, summed up qualifying. He said: "We knew our Team Bahrain drivers had to dig deep this week as the weather has played an important role, and will probably continue to do so. The drivers can now build toward the Pre-Finals, with the potential to move up the order in the Heat races."

"Best performer so far was Muhammad Wally, showing strong pace and always among the pacesetters during practice, then delivering a sparkling performance when it mattered in qualifying, setting himself up for top starting places on the grid for the forthcoming Heat races."

Yesterday at Kartodromo do Algarve saw the start of Qualifying Heats to determine positions for the Pre-Finals tomorrow, with the all-important Grand Finals on Saturday.

Asu Almabaev demands world title shot

● Asu Almabaev will look for his fourth BRAVE CF win in Bali, this Saturday

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BRAVE CF Flyweight star Asu Almabaev has only one thing on his mind heading into BRAVE CF 66, which goes down in Indonesia, on November 26th. And that is to be a champion.

Upon arriving in Bali, the number-three ranked BRAVE CF Flyweight sent out a simple yet powerful message to BRAVE Combat Federation. "I want the title fight next," said the Kazakh, who will be facing the unbeaten Filipino MMA athlete and BRAVE CF debutant Kenneth Maningat in the co-main event of the evening.

Almabaev was set to face Bahraini star and former amateur world champion Muhammad



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Idrisov, but he suffered an injury and had to withdraw from the colossal Flyweight bout. A late change in opponent is never an easy situation to deal with, especially when the stakes are so high, however, Almabaev is looking forward to the new challenge.

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a nice match-up. Kenneth is a striker and I'm a wrestler, so it's a good mix," says Almabaev who had an unforgettable 2021.

His rear-naked choke victory over Aleksander Doslkalchuk back at BRAVE CF 53 earned him two BRAVE CF Awards: Submission of the Year and Breakthrough Fighter of the Year.

This year, Almabaev extended his winning streak with two more victories. He beat Imram Magaramov at BRAVE CF 57 before collecting the biggest win of his mixed martial arts career by edging Zach Makovsky at BRAVE CF 60.

He now looks to continue on that upward trajectory

Almabaev is a grappling and wrestling specialist with 82 percent of his 16 wins coming via submission and decision wins. He is widely recognized as one of the top Flyweights in the world and ranked number one in Kazakhstan, Central Asia, and the Middle East

post-November 26. "The next thing I want after this fight is the belt, it's the title shot. Give me the belt," added Almabaev who wants a crack at the vacant BRAVE CF 125-pound belt.

BRAVE CF superstars arrive in Bali for a historic event

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BRAVE CF superstars and respectable figures within the global MMA community have started to arrive in Bali, Indonesia for BRAVE CF 66, which takes place on November 26th. BRAVE Combat Federation returns to the planet's largest Archipelagic state following the success of BRAVE CF 12 in the City of Jakarta in 2018 as the promotion aims to put on another spectacular ten-fight card that includes a plethora of international fighters.

The main event will feature South Africa's number-two ranked BRAVE CF Middle-



In Jae La has landed in Indonesia

weight Chad Hanekom and South Korea's In Jae La in a

colossal 185-pound that will determine who is next in line for a shot at the vacant title. Hanekom is a world-renowned African athlete who is tipped to become one of the greatest Middleweights ever. He trains under the tutelage of the famed MMA mastermind and Africa's most successful coach, Richie Quan.

Hanekom is up against one of South Korea's most famous combat sports athletes, Jae La. The former Korean Middleweight champion is a national icon and he can take one step closer to his first world title by over-coming his South-African counterpart.

Winners of "Indonesia vs Indonesia" fights at BRAVE CF 66 will compete abroad, says president

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BRAVE Combat Federation President Mohammed "The Hawk" Shahid has given four BRAVE CF Indonesian fighters the perfect motivation ahead of BRAVE CF 66, which goes down in Bali, on November 26th.

As BRAVE CF prepares to touch down in the South-East Asian nation, President Shahid has guaranteed the winners of Oloan Silalahi vs Wilem Naltalex Munster and Achterson Andre Romainum vs Randi Febian will get the chance to compete against international opponents next year.

"We are very excited to be back in Indonesia," says Shahid. "We have always kept a very close eye on the development of the MMA scene there. We look forward to giving the local fighters a global platform to showcase their talents and I am pleased to announce that the winners from the two "Indonesia vs Indonesia" fights will have the opportunity to fight abroad against an international opponent in 2023".

Indonesia has always been earmarked as a long-term target territory for BRAVE Combat Federation following the success of BRAVE CF 12: KHK Legacy that took place in the city of Jakarta in 2018.

Now, Silalahi, Munster, Romainum, and Febian have an equal shot of earning a life-changing opportunity. In the only Light Heavyweight clash of the night, Silalahi faces his countryman, Munster for honors in the BRAVE CF 205-pound division. Silalahi will make his second BRAVE CF appearance while Munster is set for his BRAVE CF debut. Silalahi introduced himself to



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BRAVE NATION in devastating fashion when he knocked out India's Satinder Bankura at BRAVE CF 20 in 2018. Munster may be new to BRAVE CF, but he is also known for delivering vicious KOs setting up a potential contender for "Fight of the Night".

Featherweights Romainum and Febian make their professional debuts in the opening fight of BRAVE CF 66. Romainum is a former K-1 fighter who trains out of Papua Top Team and Proximo gym and will start his MMA career in the 145-pound division. While Febian has a K1 background, he is also a former Province Sambo champion. The Han Malang athlete will lean on all his knowledge and skill to make his professional MMA debut a lasting one.