

Hidd, Bahrain Club emerge triumphant

2022/2023 Nasser bin Hamad Bahrain Premier Football League resumes with fourth week of action after weeks-long international break

● **Mohammed Khaled, Abdulrahman Alahmadi both on target in first half in Hidd's win over Al Ahli**

● **Mohammed Abdulrahman, Jair Vinicius Alves De Brito score on either side of break for Bahrain Club**

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Al Ahli's Vinicius Vargas Dos Santos looks to control possession as he is defended closely by Hidd's Mohammed Abdulwahab during their match

Hidd and Bahrain Club were both victorious last night as action resumed in the 2022/2023 Nasser bin Hamad Bahrain Premier Football League with the fourth week of play.

Hidd were on target twice in the first half as they upset Al Ahli 2-0, while Bahrain Club claimed their first win of the new season following a 2-0 tri-

umph against Budaiya. League play had been paused for a few weeks prior to yesterday's games to make away for the international break.

In Hidd's win, Mohammed Khaled and Abdulrahman Alahmadi were the goalscorers for

their side. Khaled opened their account in the 13th minute after receiving a low cross from the left of the box from Alahmadi. Khaled then needed only to tap the ball home amidst some traffic for the 1-0 lead.



Following last night's results, Hidd and Al Ahli became two of five teams who share six points apiece on the league table

Group D standings

	P	W	D	L	+/-	Pts
Muharraq	3	2	1	0	3	7
Al Khaldiya	3	2	0	1	4	6
Al Shabab	3	2	0	1	2	6
Riffa	3	2	0	1	1	6
Hidd	4	2	0	2	-1	6
Al Ahli	4	2	0	2	-1	6
Sitra	3	1	1	1	0	4
Bahrain Club	4	1	1	2	0	4
East Riffa	3	0	3	0	0	3
Al Hala	3	0	2	1	-1	2
Manama	3	0	0	1	-1	2
Budaiya	4	0	2	2	-4	2

Then, only six minutes later, it was Alahmadi's time to strike, and this time the assist was supplied by Mohammed Abdulwahab.

Abdulwahab sent in a floating cross from the edge of the area and Alahmadi used a single touch to guide the ball into the net from the face of goal.

Hidd maintained their advantage the rest of the way as they claimed their second win in four

games to improve to six points. Ahli, who headed into the match in second place on the standings, suffered their second loss but are also on six points.

Meanwhile, in Bahrain Club's win, scoring were Mohammed Abdulrahman and Jair Vinicius Alves De Brito.

A defensive blunder by Budaiya on a mistimed headed back-pass helped Bahrain Club open their scoring in the first half.

Abdulrahman took advantage of the opportunity and sent the ball home into an empty net.

Then, in the 64th minute, Bahrain Club's Joel Vinicius Silva Dos Anjos was taken down in the penalty area, earning his side a spot kick. De Brito stepped up to take the shot, and he made no mistake with his effort, which he sent to the bottom-left corner of goal.

That was enough to secure the win for Bahrain Club, as they improved to four points after four matches. Budaiya suffered their second loss to go along with two draws, and they stayed on two points on the table.

League action continues tomorrow with another two matches on schedule, both kicking off at 6pm. Defending champions Riffa are set to take on Sitra, while Muharraq will be playing Al Shabab.

Then, on Sunday, Al Hala face off with Al Khaldiya, and Manama play East Riffa, both with 6.30pm starts.

Muharraq sweep past Al Dair in volleyball league



Muharraq's volleyball team huddle prior to the start of their match. Pic from Muharraq Club

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Muharraq maintained their winning ways last night in the 2022/2023 Isa bin Rashid Bahrain Volleyball League, being played at the Bahrain Volleyball Association Arena at Isa Sports City in Riffa.

Muharraq swept past Al Dair 3-0 (25-16, 25-19, 27-25) in their week four contest held yesterday.

The victors relied heavily on the strong play of top players such as Nigerian professional Samuel Anthony Ogwuche, Hassan Al Haddad, Mahmood Ali, Abbas Ali, Hussain Khalifa and Rashid Ahmed, to name a few.

With the result, Muharraq improved to nine points on the Group Two standings in the league's preliminary round, while Dair remained on zero points.

Elsewhere in the fourth week of action, Al Nasser beat Al Tadamun 3-0 (25-20, 25-14, 25-14) and Busaiteen overcame A'Ali 3-1 (25-21, 32-34, 25-22, 25-18).

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Muharraq, Dair, Nasser, Tadamun, Busaiteen and A'ali are in the same division as Dar Kulaib; while Group One features Bani Jamra, Al Shabab, Al Ahli, Al Najma, Nabih Saleh, Ma'ameer and Etehad Al Reef. Following a single round-robin, the top three from each division move on to compete in the round of six for the league title. Action in this stage will feature two rounds, with the top four moving on to the Golden Square semi-finals.

One week left in first phase of BIC's Early Bird discounts on F1 tickets

● **Limited-time offer of up to 20 per cent off ends on Wednesday, 30 November at 11.59pm**

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Bahrain International Circuit (BIC) is calling on motorsport fans to take full advantage of its Early Bird discounts on tickets to the Formula 1 Gulf Air Bahrain Grand Prix 2023, as only one week remains on the incredible offers of up to 20 per cent off on ticket prices.

Due to exceptional demand, ticket sales for 2023 are being conducted in phases, with the first phase ending just days away next Wednesday, 30 November at 11.59pm.

Fans are urged to act now and book at the earliest to get the best seats at these discount rates.

The F1 spectacle takes place 3 to 5 March at "The Home of Motorsport in the Middle



Action from last year's race (File photo)

Ticket prices under Early Bird discounts

Grandstand	Days	Standard Price	Discount and new price
Main Grandstand	All	BD170	20% / BD136
Batelco Grandstand	All	BD130	15% / BD110.500
Batelco Grandstand	Friday Only	BD70	15% / BD59.500
Batelco Grandstand	Sat/Sun	BD115	15% / BD97.750
Turn 1	All	BD120	15% / BD102
Victory	All	BD65	15% / BD55.250

*price inclusive of VAT

East" kicking off the 2023 FIA F1 World Championship.

The 2022 F1 season just concluded last weekend but BIC's preparations for next year's season-opener in Sakhir are already well underway. Bahrain's greatest sports and entertainment event is expected to be bigger and better than ever before, offering fans a unique

combination of the very best of racing and spectacular action off the track.

Bahrain has the honour of again opening the new F1 campaign, so fans in Bahrain will be the first to see the new cars, new driver line-ups and all the uncertainty and anticipation that the first race of a new season brings.

BIC's Early Bird discount covers ticket prices to all grandstands. In the first phase, those wishing to purchase tickets to the Main Grandstand can get a 20 per cent reduction, while tickets to all other grandstands including the Batelco, Turn 1 and Victory Grandstands can be bought with a 15 per cent discount.

Fans should note that tickets will not be available for the University Grandstand.

Discounts are also available for children aged three to 12 at 50 per cent off, with reductions also available to students, those with additional needs and senior citizens. Full details are available on BIC's official website bahraingp.com.

Next year's Bahrain Grand Prix will mark its 19th edition and 10th race at night under BIC's state-of-the-art floodlights.

For more information on the F1 weekend and other events at BIC, visit bahraingp.com or call the BIC Hotline on +973-17-450000.

Bahrain handball team begin preparations for world championship

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Bahrain's senior men's national handball team have begun their latest stage of preparations for the 28th International Handball Federation (IHF) Men's Handball World Championship, taking place in January of next year.

The nationals are training under Icelandic head coach Aron Kristjansson at the Bahrain Handball Association arena in Um Al Hassam.

The worlds will be held from 11 to 29 January, to be co-hosted by Poland and Sweden, with the Bahrainis amongst 32 national teams from across the globe



Head coach Aron Kristjansson addresses the team at a training session

taking part.

Bahrain have lined up a number of international friendly matches in the lead-up to the tournament.

They will be playing Saudi

Arabia on 17 December and then face off with Belarus in back-to-back contests on 19 and 20 December at home. In addition, the Bahrainis will also compete in a warm-up tournament in

Spain in early January, with other participating nations being Argentina, Romania and hosts Spain. The Argentinians and Spaniards are also playing in the worlds.

Bahrain are in Group H alongside Denmark, Belgium and Tunisia. The 32 nations from five confederations have been divided into eight groups for the tournament's preliminary stage.

The upcoming event will mark Bahrain's fifth appearance at global handball's premier competition, and fourth straight. The nationals had previously also played in the 2011, 2017, 2019 and 2021 editions.