

## 2 Seas wrap up European season with solid finish

● Bahraini-British motor racing team take seventh place in race two of International GT Open final round in Barcelona, Spain

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Bahraini-British motor racing team 2 Seas Motorsport wrapped up their European season yesterday by taking a solid seventh place in the second race of the final round in the International GT Open, held at the Circuit de Barcelona-Catalunya.

After clinching first place in the weekend's first race on Saturday, the pair of Martin Kodric and Ethan Simioni shared the duties once more in the team's #9 Mercedes-AMG GT3 car.

They had qualified sixth earlier in the day with a best lap time of one minute 43.762 seconds.

They then had a strong drive



2 Seas in action in Barcelona

over the 60-minute event where they completed 33 laps and crossed the chequered flag 23.247 seconds behind winners and pole-sitters Inception Racing. Lechner Racing were the runners-up while Vincenzo Sospiri Racing came third.

The results in Barcelona mirrored that of 2 Seas' fine showing in the previous round in Monza, Italy held last month, where they also won race one.

2 Seas Motorsport co-owner His Highness Shaikh Isa bin

Abdulla Al Khalifa commented after yesterday's event: "I am hugely proud of the results we have achieved here this weekend, and the efforts by the whole team. Another great drive by Ethan and Martin, and another strong race performance against some really strong competition."

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another trophy, and it is a reward for the huge amount of work that the team has put in over a busy year.

"We are still building our knowledge, and we become stronger after every session. We will now regroup and focus on the next challenge, which we hope to confirm soon."



HH Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa attends the match

## HH Shaikh Khalid congratulates Muharraq for reaching AFC Cup final

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HH Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa, First Deputy President of the Supreme Council for Youth and Sports, President of the General Sports Authority and President of the Bahrain Olympic Committee, praised the great display of the Muharraq in the semifinal of the AFC Cup against Kuwait Club, which reflected the strong preparations undertaken by the team's players who were equipped with high spirit to achieve victory and qualify for the final game.

HH Shaikh Khalid attended the match on Wednesday which took place at the stadium of the late Shaikh Ali bin Mohammed bin Isa Al Khalifa at Muharraq Sports and Cultural Club.

Among the attendees were Kuwaiti National Assembly Speaker Marzouq Al Ghanim, HH Shaikh Khalifa bin Ali Al Khalifa, Vice President of the Bahrain Football Association,

HH Shaikh Isa bin Ali Al Khalifa, Vice President of the Bahrain Olympic Committee, HE Shaikh Ahmed bin Ali Al Khalifa, President of Muharraq Club, HE Shaikh Thamer Jaber Al Ahmad Al Sabah, Kuwait's Ambassador to the Kingdom of Bahrain, Dr Abdulrahman Sadiq Askar, CEO of the General Sports Authority, Khalid Al Ghanim, President of Kuwait Club.

HH Shaikh Khalid wished the team could repeat its 2008 successes when they lifted the cup of this competition. HH Shaikh Khalid also praised the massive turn-up for the game, underlining that the fans played a key part in this victory.

His Highness said: "We are pleased with what we witnessed throughout the match from our national representative; the Muharraq Club. This well-earned victory hopefully will inspire the team to win the final match too."

## Bahrain clinch four medals to open Arab swimming championship

● Day one haul includes two gold medals, won by former Olympians Noor Yusuf Taha and Fatema Al Mahmeed

● Bahrain's Omar Al Ruwela wins silver medal and Sanad Abdulla claims bronze

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Bahrain captured four medals, including two gold, yesterday on the first day of the Arab Swimming Championships 25M, being held in Abu



Bahrain's Fatema Al Mahmeed, centre, on the podium with her gold medal

Dhabi. The gold-medallists were Noor Yusuf Taha and Fatema Al Mahmeed, while winning a silver medal was Omar Al Ruwela and a bronze medal was

Sanad Abdulla. The quartet are part of Bahrain's national swimming team competing in the meet, which is scheduled to continue until Wednesday.

Noor claimed her gold medal in the Women's 16-18 50 metres Backstroke, while Fatema claimed hers in the Women's Over-19 50m Backstroke.

Noor and Fatema are both former Olympians for Bahrain, with Noor competing in Tokyo earlier this year and Fatema flying the Kingdom's flag in Rio de Janeiro in 2016.

On the distaff, Al Ruwela was the runner-up in the Men's 16-18 50m Backstroke and Abdulla third in the Men's Over-19 50m Backstroke.

There are over 230 athletes competing in the championships from 18 Arab countries. There are three age categories, including 14-15, 16-18 and over-19.

# Bahrain's Women's Asian Cup hopes dashed

Kingdom's women's national football team go down fighting 0-2 to Chinese Taipei as their dreams of qualifying for the 2022 AFC Women's Asian Cup were ended

● Chinese Taipei's Lai Li-Chin, Chen Yen-Ping both on target for the victors in second half

● Bahrainis end Group A campaign in qualification with one point from their two matches at home

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Bahrain went down fighting 0-2 to Chinese Taipei last night, ending their hopes of qualifying for the 2022 AFC Women's Asian Cup.

Lai Li-Chin and Chen Yen-Ping were both on target for the victors in the second half. Lai fired in a brilliantly hit free-kick from nearly 30 yards out while Chen headed home from close range.



Chinese Taipei captain Wang Hsiang-Huei looks to pass to a teammate during their match against Bahrain last night

The result gave Chinese Taipei a perfect six points from their two matches in Group A of qualification. They had previously beaten Laos 4-0.

Yesterday's match was played at the Khalifa Sports City Stadium

in Isa Town. It was the Bahrainis' second fixture within a week after having earlier settled for a goalless draw against Laos. The home team needed nothing less than a victory in order to book their Women's Asian Cup

berth.

Following the match, the list of eight teams to claim their berths in next year's AFC Women's Asian Cup through qualification was completed.

Bahrain head coach Khaled Al Harban fielded the same starting 11 last night that appeared in their previous game against Laos.

Huda Ali Salman was the goalkeeper, while Manar Yaqoob, Marwa Zayed, Rawan Alali and Fatema Alnesuf were the back four. Alyaa Almudhahki, skipper Yasmeen Fayezi, Wesal Alyasi and Eman Alkhattal were in midfield, while Hessa Al Isa and Shaikha Al Anood bint Hamad Al Khalifa were Bahrain's forwards spearheading their attack.

Chinese Taipei went head on the hour mark after Lai scored with her stunning free-kick. Her left-footed attempt flew directly to the top-left corner of the net and away from the outstretched



The 12-nation line-up for next year's AFC Women's Asian Cup is now complete. The participating nations include Chinese Taipei, Vietnam, Indonesia, Myanmar, South Korea, the Philippines, Iran, Thailand, Japan, Australia, China and tournament hosts India

arms of Bahrain's goalkeeper Huda.

In the 78th minute, Chen applied the nail in the coffin after

heading home from close range. Her effort came after Huda saved a shot by Pan Yen-Hsin. The ball then hit the crossbar and Chen was able to get to the rebound, which she headed home.

The AFC Women's Asian Cup finals will be held next year in India. There were a total of 24 teams vying for a place in the competition through qualifying, where they were divided into eight groups.

All eight group winners at the end of a single round-robin booked their place. Joining Group A winners Chinese Taipei as marching through to the Women's Asian Cup finals are Vietnam from Group B, Indonesia from Group C, Myanmar from Group D, South Korea from Group E, the Philippines from Group F, Iran from Group G and Thailand from Group H.

Japan, Australia, China and hosts India had automatic berths and did not compete in the qualification process.