

Horseracing spectacle set at REHC

Michael Bell and Ryan Moore team up to take on Bahrain's best with Ace Rothstein in Listed Crown Prince's Cup, sponsored by Howden, at Rashid Equestrian and Horseracing Club

● **Stellar 12-horse field to vie for Listed HRH The Crown Prince's Cup tomorrow, including a number of the Kingdom's best horses and recent Bahrain Turf Series winners**

● **HRH The Crown Prince's to be one of seven races on tomorrow's card at REHC, with action scheduled to be held from 1.50pm onwards**

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A field of 12 has been declared for tomorrow's Listed HRH The Crown Prince's Cup, sponsored by Howden, and taking place at Rashid Equestrian and Horseracing Club (REHC) in Sakhir.

The race, awarded Listed status for the first time, is run over 1m 2f (2,000m).

The Michael Bell-trained Ace Rothstein has been based in Bahrain for the inaugural Bahrain Turf Series, but managed to beat two smart rivals to win a local Grade 2, The Al Adiyat Cup earlier this month under Charlie Bishop.

Bell has secured the services of 2021 Longines World's Best Jockey Ryan Moore for tomorrow's ride. It will be Moore's first ride in Bahrain since finishing third in the 2020 Bahrain International Trophy on Sovereign.



HRH The Crown Prince's Cup contender Pistoletto putting in some work

2022 HRH The Crown Prince's Cup (Sponsored by Howden 1m 2f/2,000 metres) field:

- 1 Ahdab, 2 Arctic Vega, 3 Cloud Drift, 4 Dawaam, 5 Macaque, 6 Mars Landing, 7 Medal Winner, 8 Pistoletto, 9 Port Lions, 10 Rayounpour, 11 Ace Rothstein, 12 Tawaareq

Derby winning trainer Michael Bell has made the trip over to Bahrain ahead of the race and spoke of his chances. He said: "Ace Rothstein won a couple of races back in England having had a late start to his three-year-old career. He came out to Bahrain just before Christmas and was a bit unlucky in one of the Turf Series races when he got a bit squeezed on the rail. He then won a nice trial race for the Crown Prince's Cup 10 days ago."

Bell continued: "In theory, he'll have to step up again. He was getting six-and-a-half pounds from Medal Winner who is one of the best horses trained in Bahrain, but he beat him pretty emphatically and it was over a trip short of our best. We're stepping up to ten furlongs this week which should suit so even though we're worse off at the weights, the extra furlong should stand him in good stead."

On the booking of Moore, Bell said: "We've got a very experienced jockey and the horse is definitely training well over here. He looks great and he's eating well. With the locals, it's always the same when you go overseas. When you go to Ireland you take on Aidan O'Brien, and when you come to Bahrain

you take on Shaikh Isa and Fawzi Nass."

Moore is riding in Saudi Arabia on Thursday before making the trip over to Bahrain. He said: "I'm looking forward to riding in Bahrain again. I ride Ace Rothstein who won well over 1m 1f recently on this course in a small field proving he handles the conditions. This looks a competitive race, and we will need to improve again."

The field is made up of both locally and internationally trained horses with a total of three British-trained contenders in the field. Pistoletto (John Ryan) will be ridden by Stevie Donohoe and Dawam (George Baker) will be ridden by George Wood.

The locally trained horses include recent Bahrain Turf Series winners Tawaareq and Mars Landing, who represent the Hesham Al Haddad and Fawzi Nass training operation and will have



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One of the HRH The Crown Prince's Cup entrants working on the track yesterday

NBB sponsors Bahrain Series to enhance horseracing and contribute to the Kingdom's Economic Vision 2030

The National Bank of Bahrain (NBB) proudly announced its sponsorship of the Bahrain Series, formed by the Bahrain Turf Club.

The Bahrain Series, under the vision of His Highness Shaikh Isa Bin Salman Bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Chairman of the Rashid Equestrian and Horseracing Club, aims to enhance the quality of horseracing in the Kingdom.

NBB's four-year strategic partnership will contribute to uplifting the Kingdom's Economic Vision 2030 of

supporting sports in all government programmes and initiatives.

The Series is the first of its kind and invites regional and international racers to compete against domestic Bahraini horses on its new racecourse facility, placing the Kingdom on the map and taking equestrian sportsmanship to new heights. NBB is proud to be a part of a local initiative with an international outlook and continues to support the Kingdom's realisation of its economic goals.

clude recent Bahrain Turf Series winners Tawaareq and Mars Landing, who represent the Hesham Al Haddad and Fawzi Nass training operation and will have

a total of six horses lining up in this year's renewal. David Egan, operating at a 32% strike rate this season in Bahrain, will ride Tawaareq.

Team Bahrain guarantees 13 medals at IMMAF Worlds

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It was a magical day for Team Bahrain at the IMMAF World Championships, an MMA amateur competition that is being held in Abu Dhabi this year.

No less than 13 fighters have made their ways to the semi-finals, guaranteeing that all of the winners from today's bouts will receive a medal.

Tomorrow the likes of defending champions Sabrina Sousa, Pasha Kharkhachayev, and Ramazan Gitinov will look for a place in the final, to retain the world title in their respective weight-classes and add three more gold medals for Team Bahrain.

They will be joined by 10



Team Bahrain's Mohamed Alsameea

other winners, namely Rasul Magomedov, Aieza Ramos, Murad Ibragimov, Mohamed Alsameea, Fabiola Silva, Beatriz Consuli, Raiane Guimaraes, Gimbat Magomedov, Kurban Idrisov, and Sultan Omarov.

The 13 athletes will have the opportunity to fight for a gold medal, provided they continue their winning runs - otherwise, they will already have made Bahrain proud by winning a bronze medal.

Bahrain beat Iran to sweep Asian handball main round

● **Bahrain skipper Hussain Al Sayyad spearheads national team with 12 goals against Iranians, while goalkeeper**

● **Nationals remain undefeated after six games heading into tournament's semi-final stage, where they take on Saudi Arabia**

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Bahrain completed a clean sweep of Group II in the main round of the 2022 Asian Men's Handball Championship in Saudi Arabia last night following a resounding 36-26 victory over Iran.

The result earned the Bahrainis first place in their group standings heading into the tournament semi-finals, where they will



Bahrain's Ali Mirza attacks the Iranian defence during their game yesterday take on Saudi Arabia.

The Iranians face Group I winners Qatar in the other final four clash. Both games are scheduled for Saturday.

The nationals earned their third successive victory in this stage, after also claiming wins over Kuwait and Iraq. They maintained their unbeaten record so far for the competition after having also breezed through the preliminary round.

Bahrain led 19-10 at the half in yesterday's clash. They did well to finish things off in

the final 30 minutes and are now in impressive form heading into the semis.

Team captain Hussain Al Sayyad spearheaded the nationals against Iran with 12 goals from 14 attempts. Mohammed Habib Nasser added four goals, while Hassan Samaheji, Ali Abdulqader, Mohammed Habib, Mahdi Saad and Ahmed Fadhul each finished with three.

Bahrain goalkeeper Mohammed Abdulhussain was also in fine form

The Bahrainis, coached by Icelandic tactician Aron Kristjansson, are gunning for their very first Asian title. In the previous edition of this competition held in January of 2020, Bahrain finished fourth overall. Bahrain have been runners-up four times in the last six editions and bronze-medallists once.

The nationals have also already secured their berth in next year's IHF World Men's Handball Championship after sealing their semi-final berth in their previous game against Iraq.

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