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Oktawian Daniel Olejniczak will be facing Cian Cowley from Straight Blast Gym Ireland.

Cowley is a decorated Muay Thai fighter who trains at SBG Ireland with the likes of Conor McGregor and IMMAF gold medalist Frans Mlambo.

Olejniczak had success in his previous fight against Steve

Owens at BAMMA 35 in Dublin, which he won via unanimous decision.

The bout marks the first event for Cian Cowley after the incident at UFC 223.

Cowley was part of a large contingent which joined McGregor in his attack on the red corner fighters' bus following the UFC 223 media day at Barclays Centre in Brooklyn on April 5.

Cowley was charged with one count of criminal mischief and is due to return to a New York courtroom in June.

McGregor was charged with three counts of assault and one of criminal mischief for allegedly hurling a dolly through the van's window.

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Hanekom will face Tarek Suleiman from Syria on June 9 at the SSE Arena in Belfast, Northern Ireland.

Hanekom is currently undergoing training at the Fight Militia in South Africa and will be competing to redeem the defeat he suffered in his first ever appearance in Brave Combat Federation.

"I don't have anything to say to my opponent. Trash talking is not really my style; I prefer to let my performance dictate my status. I acknowledge him and what he brings to the fight. It is what it is. I do however understand the humanitarian crises faced within his nation of Syria. And although we are competing, I support peace to prevail in his nation and for the people of Syria," said Hanekom.

## McIlroy, Molinari tied for lead

Reuters | London

Rory McIlroy's challenge for the BMW PGA Championship faltered as McIlroy suffered an off-day and was caught by charging Italian Francesco Molinari yesterday.

The Northern Irishman began his third round three shots

clear of the field on 12-under but found the Wentworth course far less obliging and dropped three shots in his opening six holes before dragging his round back together.

McIlroy finished with birdies on 17 and 18 for a one-under 71 to share the lead with Molinari.

# Ricciardo takes Monaco F1 pole with track record lap

● **Sebastian Vettel in the Ferrari was second, with Lewis Hamilton in the Mercedes in third position**

The Guardian | Monaco

Daniel Ricciardo secured pole position for Red Bull at the Monaco Grand Prix after utterly dominating on the streets of Monte Carlo, with the Australian proving to be the class of the field in a Red Bull that has truly found its form on this circuit. Sebastian Vettel in the Ferrari was second, with Lewis Hamilton in the Mercedes in third.

Ricciardo put in the culmination to what has been a superb weekend thus far by delivering a flawless and superb run on his first lap in Q3 that was a full four-tenths clear of his rivals. It was a masterclass in Monaco and although he could not improve it on his second run, he did not need to. Vettel could only close the deficit to two-tenths, with Hamilton four-tenths back.



Daniel Ricciardo drives

Ricciardo had gone quickest in Q1, four-tenths up on Vettel, and was again in the second session but only one-tenth up on Kimi Räikkönen behind him. It had looked tight going into the shootout but the Australian proved untouchable. He has topped every session in practice and qualifying, and in doing so set a new track record on six separate occasions.

This is Ricciardo's second career pole position, having taken his first here in 2016, a race he was set to win until a pit-stop error cost him time and left the Australian angry and

disappointed. It was also the last time Red Bull claimed the top spot and Ricciardo, out of contract at the end of this year, is highly bankable on current form. He won with a fine drive in China and was in good shape at Baku before the accident with team-mate Max Verstappen that ended their race.

He has not won in Monaco but has been on the podium here on three of his four visits with Red Bull, and it is a race he has been clear he dearly wants to win. He was hugely strong in practice, quickest in the opening two sessions and then topped the table

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yesterday morning, and will be optimistic of his chances of converting pole into a win.

The Red Bull has yet to have a chance to show its real race pace in clean air at the front from the off, and Ricciardo will expect to exploit his opportunity on a circuit where track position is all.

Always strong through the slow corners, the downforce-dependent nature of Monaco plays to the Red Bull's strengths and masks its power deficit.

## BOC: Sports day efforts noted

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Bahrain Olympic Committee (BOC) board member Rashid Abdullatif Al Zayani commended the efforts of the Bahrain International Circuit during the 2018 Bahrain Sports Day.

This was announced at a meeting with BIC chief executive Shaikh Salman bin Isa Al Khalifa, who received a special memento in appreciation to their contributions in making this event an all-round success.

Al Zayani noted the significant efforts of the circuit as one of the leading sports organisations in the kingdom, and stressed the importance of such partnerships initiated for the development of the nation.

The event, which was organ-



Rashid Al Zayani (R) presents trophy to Shaikh Salman bin Isa Al Khalifa

ized by the BOC last February, saw a wide range of activities, which included some free kart-

ing races that involved a record 246 contestants, 82 more compared to last year's edition.

## Lorenzo could end up on satellite Yamaha

Autosport | London

Triple MotoGP world champion Jorge Lorenzo could end up on a satellite Yamaha bike next year, as opportunities for him to secure a factory team spot decrease.

Lorenzo, who secured all 44 of his MotoGP wins and his titles as a works Yamaha rider, has struggled to replicate his frontrunning form since switching to Ducati on a two-year deal at the start of 2017. The Spaniard now looks increasingly unlikely to sign a second contract with Ducati, with Pramac riders Danilo Petrucci and Jack Miller seen as more affordable options.

## Surfing is similar to MMA: Zane

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Zach Zane had signed to compete in Brave 13: Europe Evolution hosted on 9th June at the SSE Arena in Belfast, Northern Ireland.

Zane fights out of Wailuku, Hawaii in the United States



Zach Zane

of America. Zane had started training martial arts at the age of four under his grand father. A part from competing in Mixed martial Arts, Zane is also a pro-

fessional surfer. This is for the first time a fighter with a background in professional surfing had signed with the promotion. "Surfing is similar to mar-

tial arts, it is about the skills to adapt. At no time the sea remains the same. So is the sport of mixed martial arts. The sport, tactics and opponents are never the same or predictable. It is about adapting to the change and taking control of the situation," said Zane.

Zane is set to compete against Declan Dalton who is from Belfast and has an impressive record of 7 wins out of his 10 fights.

"Basically all those who I fight with end up becoming friends. I don't have to hate people or talk thrash each time a fight is announced. However when the cage door shuts, it is time for business and there will be no mercy. I will be at my very best will capitalise every opportunity to win," added Zane.