

Sloman clinches King Hamad Trophy

British professional golfer wins title for first time in Bahrain's most prestigious golf tournament, held at The Royal Golf Club

● Tom Sloman cards final day's best of eight-under-par 64 to finish 54-hole event with a 13-under 203 total

● Newly crowned champion wins three-round tournament three shots clear of Joshua White, Hugh Foley

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Tom Sloman was yesterday crowned champion of the 14th King Hamad Trophy golf championship, which came to a close at The Royal Golf Club.

The British professional golfer captured the coveted crown after playing the final day's best of eight-under-par 64 to end the 54-hole competition with a 13-under 203 total.

Sloman carded eight birdies yesterday, including five on a superb front nine that saw him score 31 before finishing with a 33 heading back to the clubhouse.



Tom Sloman with the King Hamad Trophy at the awards presentation yesterday

His 64 for day three added to his totals of 67 and 72 the first two days.

Following yesterday's play, Sloman was presented the King Hamad Trophy in an awarding ceremony by General Sports Authority (GSA) vice-president His Highness Shaikh Salman bin Mohammed Al Khalifa.

Also on hand were GSA CEO Dr Abdulrahman Askar, Bahrain Golf Association (BGA) president



Tom Sloman became the newest addition to the list of champions in the King Hamad Trophy. Other former winners included Ahmed Marjan, Luke Joy, Andrew Marshall, Graham Spring, David Park, Yasin Ali, Jamie Elson and Rayhan Thomas

Major General Ali bin Saqr Al Nuaimi, and other high-ranking officials.

The newly crowned champion added to the list of other former winners, including Ahmed Marjan, Luke Joy, Andrew Marshall, Graham Spring, David Park, Yasin Ali, Jamie Elson and Rayhan Thomas.

Sloman ended the prestigious competition three shots clear



HH Shaikh Salman bin Mohammed Al Khalifa is presented with a token of appreciation during the closing ceremony

from his closest challengers.

Briton Joshua White and Irish amateur Hugh Foley finished tied-second with 10-under-par 206 totals.

White, who headed into yesterday's final round as the solo leader, struggled over the last 18 holes with a one-over-par 73. A double bogey on the 15th hole followed by a bogey on the 16th proved crucial to his title bid. His two other scores the first

two days were 69 and 64.

Foley played a two-under 70 total yesterday, carding six birdies but also a couple of bogeys. That added to his 69 and 67 totals from the opening two rounds.

Britons Max Smith and Harry Goddard were tied-fourth on the final classification with nine-under-par 207 totals, while Gabbe Axell from Sweden came sixth with an eight-under 208.

Countryman Oliver Jacobson and two-time former champion Joy of Great Britain were tied-seventh on six-under-par 210 scores.

Three players were tied-ninth (five-under, 211), including Calle Strandberg from Sweden, Ching-Hung Su from Chinese-Taipei and Mehdi El Fakori from Morocco, while Ashita Piamkulvavnich from Thailand and last year's winner Marjan from Morocco were tied 12th (four-under, 212).

Khalifa Daij Al Kaabi was Bahrain's top finisher in tied-24th with an even-par 216 total after three days.

A total of 46 players made the cut for yesterday's final round, but only 43 took to the fairways as three withdrew.

Ninety golfers representing 20 countries from around the world competed in this year's tournament, which was organised once again by the BGA.

The main sponsor was Batelco. Gold sponsors included Alba, Khaleeji Commercial Bank and Foulath. Silver sponsors were Bahrain Economic Development Board, BBK, Security Solutions and GPIC.

Australia squeeze past Tunisia to revive hopes



Australia's Mitchell Duke, left, scores his side's first goal as Tunisia's Yassine Meriah looks on

Australia won a World Cup game for only the third time in their history with a dogged 1-0 victory over Tunisia yesterday to revive their last-16 hopes.

Striker Mitch Duke scored the only goal of a tight game with a clever header in the first half and Australia then desperately held on to silence Tunisia's vociferous fans.

Australia sit second in Group D with three points from two games, having been well-beaten 4-1 by holders France in their tournament-opener.

The Socceroos face Denmark in their final group game and the knockout round is in sight.

Their best World Cup performance came in 2006 when they also reached the last 16, in the days of Tim Cahill, Harry Kewell and Mark Viduka.

Graham Arnold's Australia don't have players of that ilk but they have lots of heart and kicked off to deafening whistles in front of 42,000 at Al Janoub Stadium, where their fans were heavily outnumbered.

Chad Hanekom lands one of the biggest KO's in BRAVE CF history to wrap up incredible Bali event



Chad Hanekom celebrates after his victory

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Indonesian MMA fans were rewarded for their unwavering support of the most global promotion when BRAVE CF 66 played out in the South-East Asian nation today. A spectacle of ten fights showcased BRAVE Combat Federation's vast and deep international reach as 20 fighters from across the world stepped into the BRAVE CF cage in the picturesque Bali province. In the main event, the best was left for last as South Africa's Chad "Superman" Hanekom sent shockwaves around the world when he put South Korea's In Jae La to sleep with a vicious right elbow early in the first round of their Middleweight fight.

The first minute of the fight was just a feeling-out process as both athletes were finding their range and rhythm. At one point, they came close to a clinch, but it was clear that Hanekom was intent on building on his six stoppages when he

pushed the South Korean away to create space before unleashing one of the most incredible elbow knockouts ever.

"Most people are speechless, that was pretty dope, my coaches and I have been practicing that for years. Working on instinct, spur-of-the-moment reactions, and just ticking boxes," said the number-two ranked BRAVE CF Middleweight.

When asked about his future aspirations, Hanekom said the following: "I've been on top of the division for a while now. I just came here to do a job and get the win, and I did it convincingly. That KO is going to send ripples around the world. As a wise man from Stockton once said 'I'm not surprised motherf*****'," referencing global MMA star Nate Diaz.

In the co-main event of the evening, Kazakhstan's Asu Almabaev proved why he is the number-three ranked BRAVE CF Flyweight when he defeated the Philippines' Kenneth Maningat via submission (rear-naked choke) in the second round.

BRAVE CF 66 results

Main Card

Middleweight: Chad Hanekom def. In Jae La via KO (elbow) - 1min35s - Round 1
Flyweight: Asu Almabaev def. Kenneth Maningat via submission (rear-naked choke) - 3min30s - Round 2
Bantamweight: Nkosi Ndebele def. Fajar via TKO (strikes) - 2min37s - Round 2
Heavyweight: Junior Tafa def. Nicolas Djurdjevic via TKO (strikes) - 2min02s - Round 1
Middleweight: Zagid Gaidarov def. Abel Brites via TKO (strikes) - 2min37s - Round 1

Preliminary Card

Bantamweight: Mohammed Farhad and Ruel Panales ended in a No Contest (accidental low blow)
Flyweight: Dansheel Moodley def. Jenel Lausa via unanimous decision (29-28, 30-27, 30-27)
Atomweight: Shi Yin Tan def. Gillian Goh via unanimous decision (30-26, 30-27, 30-27)
Light Heavyweight: Oloan Silalahi def. Wilem Natalex Munster via submission (rear-naked choke) - 1m29s - Round 1
Featherweight: Randi Febian def. Achterton Andre Romainum via TKO (strikes) - 2min0s - Round 1



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From the first bell, it was all Almabaev as he dominated his opponent with a grappling and wrestling clinic as Almabaev had Maningat pinned early on. The Filipino athlete stayed active from the bottom, working and throwing upward strikes. Maningat - who took the fight on short notice - eventually got tired, allowing Almabaev to unleash top-heavy blows. In the second round, it was more of the same as the Kazakh continued his dominance, proving too strong, too fast, and too technical before locking in a rear-naked choke to cement his place

at the top of the BRAVE CF Flyweight division.

In the only Heavyweight fight of the night, the "Big Boys" did not disappoint with a blistering show as Australia's Junior "The Juggernaut" Tafa finished Serbia's Nicolas Djurdjevic via TKO (strikes) in the first round.

One of the most-anticipated fights in the BRAVE CF 66 card ended in disappointment for both sides as Mohammed Farhad and Ruel Panales fought to a No Contest. Farhad landed a clearly unintentional kick to Panales' groin, when the Filipino Bantamweight made the movement to throw a kick of his own. Ruel tried to fight on, but couldn't and the bout was left without a winner.

BRAVE CF now returns home to the Kingdom of Bahrain for BRAVE CF 67 - the penultimate show on the 2022 BRAVE CF calendar - taking place on December 12th before closing out the ground-breaking year with its final show in Dusseldorf, Germany for BRAVE CF 68 on December 17th. For more information, visit www.bravecf.com