

HH Shaikh Nasser, HH Shaikh Khalid, and HH Shaikh Isa bin Salman Attend 11th Race over the Alba Cups



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In the presence of His Highness Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Representative of His Majesty the King for Humanitarian Work and Youth Affairs, and Chairman of the Supreme Council for Youth and Sports, His Highness Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa, First Deputy Chairman of the Supreme Council for Youth and Sports (SCYS), Chairman of the General Sports Authority, and President of the Bahrain Olympic Committee, His Highness Shaikh Isa bin Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Minister of the Prime Minister's Court, and Chairman

of the Rashid Equestrian and Horseracing Club's (REHC) High Committee, and His Highness Shaikh Faisal bin Rashid bin Isa Al Khalifa, Vice President of the Supreme Council for Environment, Deputy Chairman of the REHC High Committee, and Member of the SCYS, the REHC held yesterday the 11th race of 2025-2026 season at its race-course in Al Raffah, Sakhir over the Cups of Aluminium Bahrain (Alba).

The eight-round race was attended by a number of Their Highnesses and Excellencies, prominent figures, and representatives of Alba, the official sponsor of the race.

The event witnessed a large

public turnout in an evening marked by excitement and enthusiasm, concluding the racing activities of 2025 in a highly competitive atmosphere, alongside a variety of accompanying entertainment activities that continue to distinguish the REHC's racing evenings.

The winners of the cups were announced, with Khalid Amr Al Rumaihi, Chairman of Alba, presenting the first-round trophy to the winning jockey Ebrahim Nader, the second-round trophy to the winning owner Khalid Al Hermes, the third-round trophy to HH Shaikh Nader bin Mohammed bin Salman Al Khalifa, the fourth-round trophy to Mahdi Salah Mahdi,

and the fifth-round trophy to the winning owner Ebrahim Al Afoo.

Meanwhile, Ali Al Baqali, CEO of Alba, presented the sixth-round trophy to the winning owner Sayed Jawad Sayed Marzooq, the seventh-round trophy to the winning jockey Hasan Mefrih Al Ajmi, and the eighth-round trophy to the winning owner Zaid Al Jasmi.

The race featured eight highly competitive and thrilling rounds among the participating horses and jockeys, with several stables sharing the victories over the Alba Cups, reflecting the strong level of competition and performance.



Arsenal retake top spot from City

Gunners reclaim Premier League summit after Manchester City briefly moved top earlier yesterday

- Arsenal beat Brighton 2-1
- City won earlier at Nottingham Forest
- Liverpool win emotional match over Wolves

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Arsenal responded to the pressure applied by Manchester City by beating Brighton 2-1 to retake top spot in the Premier League after Rayan Cherki inspired Pep Guardiola's side to victory at Nottingham Forest.

Florian Wirtz scored his first Liverpool goal as the Reds beat Wolves 2-1 on an emotional occasion at Anfield as Diogo Jota's former clubs met for the first time since his death.

City's 2-1 win in the lunchtime kick-off at the City Ground took them top for a couple of hours.

However, Arsenal hit straight back despite making life difficult for themselves against inferior opposition once more.

The Gunners have been guilty of not killing games off



Liverpool's German midfielder #07 Florian Wirtz shoots to score their second goal

in recent weeks in narrow wins over Wolves and Everton before sneaking past Crystal Palace on penalties in the League Cup quarter-finals in midweek.

Martin Odegaard's fine strike was all the home side had to show for their first-half domination at the Emirates.

Mikel Arteta's men had some fortune for the vital second goal

when Georginio Rutter turned Declan Rice's corner into his own net.

But Arsenal nerves were frayed after Diego Gomez pulled a goal back.

David Raya produced a stunning save to deny Yankuba Minteh as Arsenal held on to win by a solitary goal for the seventh time in their 13 league victories this season.

In-form Cherki

City were also pushed all the way for an eighth consecutive win as Forest belied their position just above the relegation zone.

But the in-form Cherki produced two moments of magic to keep Guardiola's men right on Arsenal's tails.

The Frenchman teed up Tijja-

ni Reijnders to open the scoring early in the second half.

Omari Hutchinson finished off a fine team move to bring Forest level almost immediately.

Cherki, though, drilled in Josko Gvardiol's knock down on 83 minutes.

"I was overweight after Christmas and now I've lost all my kilos," said Guardiola, who had threatened his players with being dropped if they had over indulged this week. "A really, really, really important three points."

Third-placed Aston Villa's title credentials face a stern test later when they travel to Chelsea.

Jota's children join tributes

Two of Jota's three children and other family members were mascots at Anfield as part of a series of tributes to the Portugal international, who was killed in a car crash in July.

On the field, both teams have suffered since but Liverpool continued their turnaround in fortunes to climb into the top four.

Ryan Gravenberch slammed home the opening goal before Wirtz finally struck for the first time since his £100 million (\$135 million) move from Bayer Leverkusen.

Liverpool are now unbeaten

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Two of Diogo Jota's children were mascots at Anfield for an emotional tribute to the late Portugal star, whose former clubs Liverpool and Wolves met for the first time since his death in July

in seven games but were still far from convincing against a Wolves side without a league win all season.

Santiago Bueno pulled a goal back for the visitors, who remain on just two points from 18 games.

West Ham are still five points adrift of safety as Raul Jimenez earned Fulham a 1-0 win at the London Stadium.

Burnley are now winless in nine games after a 0-0 draw at home to Everton.

Brentford climbed into the top half with a 4-1 win over struggling Bournemouth thanks to a Kevin Schade hat-trick.