

BIC displays Bahrain GP trophy at Jewellery Arabia 2025

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Bahrain International Circuit (BIC), 'The Home of Motorsport in the Middle East', is participating in Jewellery Arabia 2025 with a special display of the Bahrain Grand Prix trophy.

The stand is located at the Exhibition Concourse, and one of the highlights at the stand is the glittering Formula 1 Gulf Air Bahrain Grand Prix Trophy, which is on display to give all visitors an up-close-and-personal look at the coveted cup.

Fans will also be able to book tickets to all of BIC's events and experiences, including the Formula 1 Gulf Air Bahrain Grand Prix 2026, scheduled to take place from 10 to 12 April next year as the fourth round of the FIA F1 World Championship, which kicks off the 'new era' in the pinnacle of motorsport.

Furthermore, all those visiting the BIC stand will have the



chance to purchase all kinds of official BIC and F1 merchandise, along with exclusive memorabilia and a wide variety of gifts.

The F1 Gulf Air Bahrain Grand Prix Trophy was first introduced in 2008 and presented on the podium at BIC every year since. The iconic trophy, designed by Richard Fox/Fox Silver Ltd and Nigel Gray, is created in traditional cup form with two handles.

The centre features the emblem of the Kingdom of Bahrain. The chased design around the lid and base symbolises the convergence of the two seas that surround the kingdom in the Arabian Gulf. The BIC logo is repeated four times in each square segment to form the top and bottom pattern in gold. This trophy embodies tradition and heritage through the form of the lid, reflecting the top of the circuit's main grandstand, inspired by Bedouin tents.

The trophy has been hand-crafted in solid sterling silver with 24ct hard gold plate on the trophy body and base.

The trophy features traditional silversmithing techniques such as spinning, chasing, and polishing, as well as soldering, casting and hand engraving. In 2022, an additional base was added to the trophy to allow for additional inscriptions of future winning drivers.

The BIC stand at Jewellery Arabia 2025 is operational throughout the opening timings of the exhibition until Saturday (Editor's note: 29 November). All are invited to drop by and interact with BIC's friendly team members on hand, who will be delighted to assist.

For more information on BIC's events and experiences, visit bahraingp.com, call the BIC Hotline on +973-17450000, or follow the circuit's official social media channels.

Rumble rings true

Gloves Fly for Charity at Royal Rumble IV

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Royal Rumble IV, the fourth edition of Bahrain's premier charity boxing event, stormed into Crowne Plaza Bahrain on Thursday night with the energy that separates a routine amateur card from a true fight-night spectacle. Eight bouts featuring Bahrain's Royal Guard, national standouts, Saudi rivals, and the UK Armed Forces (UKAF) delivered rising intensity, framed by the event's charity-driven purpose under the patronage of HH Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa.

Before the bouts began, a number of former world champions graced the ring to inspire the fighters, including two-time world champion and Athens 2004 Olympics silver-medallist Amir Khan. WBA super-middleweight world champion Rocky Fielding, middleweight world champion Darren Barker, super featherweight world champion Barry Jones, and British, Commonwealth, and inter-continental heavyweight champion Scott Welch were also present. Barker, Jones, and Welch reflected on their careers fondly, with Welch recalling sharing the ring with Brad Pitt in the movie "Snatch".

Fielding went on to call out his fellow Scouser and MMA star Darren Till, for a potential boxing showdown. Meanwhile, Khan said he would only come out of retirement for a fight against Manny Pacquiao and praised Bahrain boxing coach Tony Davis, alongside Shaikh Khalid, for developing the sport in the kingdom.

The early bouts set the tone with razor-thin decisions. Saudi's Rayan Altayaar edged Bahrain's Abdulrahman Al Mudahki in a split decision, followed by Royal Guard's Isaac Zaman nar-



UKAF team wins Best Team award

rowly defeating UKAF's Dylan Swales. Bahrain's Mehdi Sahak then claimed a third-round stoppage of Omar Ali Mshnawi. Speaking to TDT after his win — his 30th in 31 amateur bouts — Sahak said, "Representing Bahrain is an honor, and staying smart and composed got me that stoppage. I aim to win the major belts like WBA and WBO, but only with the right team. Tonight I wanted to entertain with the Mohammed Ali-style movement rather than finishing too quickly."

Israel Davis added a split-decision win over UKAF's Dominik Zieba, while Bahrain's Maryam Khamis delivered a unanimous victory over Saudi's Khatoum Hantoul, keeping her unbeaten home record intact. An elated Maryam Khamis, speaking after her win, said, "I really enjoyed the fight. I could've finished it early, but I wanted to take it all in. I fought with heart, the crowd lifted me, and at one point I laughed and said, 'easy, guys'."

Momentum shifted as the evening progressed. UKAF's Kieran Cooper claimed a unanimous decision over Isaac Augustine, followed by Blaine Lambert narrowly defeating Abdulla Al-Abdullah in a split decision.

In the main event, Leon



Moulds (L) celebrates controversial main event win

Moulds defeated Prakash Limbu via split decision, moving the series to 3-2. The result was seen as controversial by many, as Limbu had unleashed a flurry that got the crowd on its feet and seemed likely to sway the judges. He was later consoled by teammate Ali Alaradi, who was unavailable to fight for the Royal Guard that night.

A dejected Limbu told TDT, "I felt the judges didn't reward what I did. Losing to the same opponent three times affects how people see me, but I gave everything and I'll come back faster, sharper, and strong-

er. With that, UKAF's late surge ended the Royal Guard's three-year winning streak in Bahrain.

The night's charitable spirit was evident throughout, with a charity auction held during the event that raised funds for the Royal Humanitarian Foundation.

Items included a Rio Ferdinand-signed Manchester United shirt that sold for 900 BD, Joe Calzaghe-signed gloves for 500 BD, a Steven Gerrard-signed Liverpool shirt for 500 BD, and Amir Khan-presented gloves for 550 BD, all contributing to the event's focus on giving back.

Piastrì edges Norris as McLaren dominate Qatar practice



McLaren's Australian driver Oscar Piastrì drives during the first practice

AFP | Doha

Oscar Piastrì rediscovered his form to top the times ahead of McLaren team-mate and title favourite Lando Norris in yesterday's opening practice session at the Qatar Grand Prix.

The 24-year-old Australian, who led the championship for much of the season until he lost form and consistency, clocked a fastest lap in one minute and 20.924 seconds.

Norris, who leads him and Max Verstappen by 24 points in the title race, was outpaced by 0.058 seconds in the final minutes.

Fernando Alonso was third for Aston Martin ahead of Carlos Sainz of Williams, Racing Bulls' rookie Isack Hadjar and Verstappen, who was half a second off the McLaren's pace for Red Bull.

Alex Albon was seventh in the second Williams ahead of Ferrari's Charles Leclerc, Lance Stroll in the second Aston Martin and teenage Italian rookie Kimi Antonelli for Mercedes.

Seven-time champion Lewis Hamilton was 12th, eight-tenths off the top, in the second Ferrari and like most drivers endured a series of 'offs' in a difficult afternoon session at the Lusail International Circuit.

Norris made a leisurely start to proceedings and after 25 minutes had run only six laps, the McLaren team

having delayed both cars' entry into practice to run various safety and mechanical checks.

As a result, Norris was 20th and last as the circuit floodlights came on and he began his climb through the standings reaching 11th, two places below Piastrì, after half an hour.

He was still eight-tenths off the pace after running wide twice and had asked his race engineer "where can I find 1.6 seconds?"

Like McLaren, Ferrari were also struggling for balance and pure pace with Leclerc 14th and Hamilton 12th after 40 minutes and several off-track excursions as they battled the dusty and bumpy conditions. Norris's perseverance began to pay off as he climbed to fourth, Piastrì remained 10th.

Verstappen was clearly unhappy with his car and spent much of the session complaining about his set-up.

"Every time I'm off the throttle, the car is jumping a lot," he said before later adding that the "clipping out of turn six is a disaster".

With 12 minutes remaining, Oliver Bearman switched to softs in his Haas as teams began evaluating their tyre options ahead of sprint qualifying later yesterday and a Grand Prix, on Sunday, in which all tyres have been restricted to a maximum of 25 laps — a rule designed for safety that will ensure a two-stop race.