

## Dabo scores winner for Sitra against Bahrain Club

● Hidd defeat Al Shabab 2-1

● Al Ahli cruise past Budaiya 4-1

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Sitra, Hidd and Al Ahli were all winners on the final day of week nine in the 2022/2023 Nasser bin Hamad Bahrain Premier Football League.

Sitra edged past Bahrain Club 1-0, Hidd defeated Al Shabab 2-1, and Al Ahli cruised past Budaiya 4-1.

In Sitra's win, Seydina Laye Dabo scored the match's lone goal. Sitra improved to 13 points on the league standings with their third win in nine matches, while Bahrain Club suffered



Bahrain Club's Jair Vinicius Alves De Brito tries to defend possession against his Sitra marker yesterday

their fourth loss and stayed on nine points.

In Hidd's win, Issa Jihad had a brace to spearhead his side to their fourth triumph. Hidd rose to 13 points with the re-

sult. Shabab's goal was scored by Sayed Jawad Haider, as they suffered their sixth loss and stayed on seven points.

In Ahli's big win, Hasan Madan and Vinicius Vargas Dos

### Standings

	P	W	D	L	+/-	Pts
Muharraq	9	6	3	0	12	21
Al Khaldiya	9	5	3	1	10	18
Riffa	9	5	1	3	3	16
Manama	9	4	3	2	7	15
Al Ahli	9	4	2	3	3	14
Sitra	9	3	4	2	2	13
Hidd	9	4	1	4	-4	13
Bahrain Club	9	2	3	4	-1	9
Al Hala	9	1	6	2	-2	9
East Riffa	9	1	5	3	-4	8
Al Shabab	9	2	1	6	-4	7
Budaiya	9	0	2	7	-22	2

Santos both had two goals in the contest. Sultan Al Sultana supplied the solo consolation for Budaiya.

Ahli improved to 14 points on the table with their third victory, while Budaiya remained on the bottom of the league standings with just two points after their seventh loss.

## Seef Properties sponsors annual Seef Mall Half Marathon



Officials after the announcement

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Seef Properties has recently announced its sponsorship of the annual Seef Mall Half Marathon, which will be organised on January 13, 2023, by Bahrain Road Runners Committee under Bahrain Athletics Association.

The race will cover a distance of 21.1 km from Seef Mall – Seef District, passing through Seef District, on to Bahrain Financial Harbour and then returning to the finish line in Seef Mall – Seef District. The Seef Mall Half Marathon is an annual sporting event that has been organised for several years and attracts large numbers of participants from both genders, and different age groups and nationalities in the Kingdom.

The event comes as part of Seef Properties' keenness to continue promoting the values and principles of social

responsibility in the Kingdom, especially in the sports field, by spreading sports culture and promoting public health in the local community, through co-operation with various sports institutions, local events and initiatives of both the public and private sectors.

On this occasion, Ahmed Yusuf, Chief Executive Officer of Seef Properties, commented: "We renew our thanks and appreciation to Bahrain Road Runners Committee for their constructive partnership and tireless efforts to make this important sporting event a success one every year."

For his part, Shaikh Abdullah bin Ibrahim Al Khalifa, Chairman of Bahrain Road Runners Committee, expressed his appreciation for the endless support and constant cooperation dedicated by Seef Properties, which contributes to creating a special atmosphere for the participants in the race.

## World number one Swiatek starting 2023 with a clean slate

AFP | London

World number one Iga Swiatek said yesterday she will put a breakthrough 2022 season behind her to concentrate on staying at the pinnacle of the women's game.

The Polish star won eight singles titles, including the French and US Opens, in a stellar season that saw her take a commanding position at the top of the rankings, well clear of second-placed Ons Jabeur of Tunisia.

The 21-year-old inherited the number one spot with the shock retirement of Australia's Ash-



Iga Swiatek

leigh Barty in March, but has since made it her own.

"I'm going to try to kind of cut off everything that happened last year and just focus on the future, because I feel like I can take a lot of experience from

these tournaments last year," she said ahead of the inaugural mixed-teams United Cup in Brisbane.

"I don't want to really like hold on to that too much, because I want to go forward and kind of focus on my next goals."

Swiatek admitted she had mixed emotions when she became number one after Barty's retirement, not sure that she deserved it.

"At first I felt like I wasn't sure if this is kind of my place to be," she said. "Ash, she seemed like a huge role model for everybody in terms of her behaviour on

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court but also off court so I felt like she really set the bar pretty high.

# Australia eye victory after Carey ton in second South Africa Test

Alex Carey's maiden ton and Cameron Green's defiant fifty bury South Africa

● Pat Cummins struck early with the ball before rain curtailed Australia's final-session push

AFP | Melbourne

Australia closed in on winning the second Test and the series against South Africa yesterday after Alex Carey struck a maiden century to leave them in a commanding position.

The hosts declared at tea on 575-8 on day three with an ominous lead of 386 after South Africa were bowled out in their first innings for 189.

In reply, the Proteas were 15-1 when play was abandoned early at the Melbourne Cricket Ground due to persistent drizzle.

Their bid to save the Test, and the three-match series after losing the opener in Brisbane, got off to a horror start with under-pressure skipper Dean Elgar caught by Carey off Pat Cummins without scoring in the second over.

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Alex Carey and Cameron Green run between the wickets

dropped by David Warner on three, was not out six alongside Sarel Erwee on seven.

Wicketkeeper Carey, playing in his 14th Test, was superb in reaching three figures for the first time before he was caught and bowled by Marco Jansen for 111.

At the declaration, a battling Cameron Green was not out 51 despite a fractured finger, alongside Mitchell Starc on 10.

"It was nice to be able to consolidate from our start from yesterday," Carey, only the second

wicketkeeper to make a Test century at the MCG after Rod Marsh, told reporters.

"This one's really special, obviously it's a big moment. But it's also great to help the Australian cricket team be in a strong position. That's what we play for, to win games."

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Australia began on 386-3 with Travis Head on 48 and Carey on nine after a herculean unbeaten double century from Warner in his 100th Test in gruelling heat on day two.

The veteran opener retired exhausted with severe cramp after making his third Test double ton, but he returned to the crease when Head was out for 51.

He told host broadcaster Fox before play began that he had a "rough night's sleep".

"I probably woke up six or seven times," he added, and was bowled first ball by an Anrich Nortje yorker as Australia lost

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three wickets for five runs.

**Green ruled out of bowling**

Temperatures were much cooler than the 37 degrees Celsius (98.6 Fahrenheit) on Tuesday, with conditions overcast and humid -- generally favourable to the bowlers.

And the ever-dangerous Anrich Nortje took advantage, bowling Head in the third over before snaring a bewildered Warner next ball.

"In general it has been a tough

three days for us as a bowling unit," admitted Proteas bowling coach Charl Langeveldt.

"Kagi (Rabada) wasn't on song and a few of the other guys in periods didn't bowl well as a unit. It's important for us to get the consistency going, but it hasn't been there for us in this game."

"We have to take it hour by hour tomorrow and just try and get runs and see where it goes from there," he added.

Pat Cummins fell to the third ball he faced when South Africa successfully reviewed a caught behind decision off Rabada's bowling that was initially denied by the umpire.

Carey was joined by Nathan Lyon and they steadied the ship with the spinner making an entertaining 25.

Ahead of play, Green, who took 5-27 in South Africa's first innings, was ruled out of bowling again in Melbourne -- and the third Sydney Test -- with a fractured finger, but he bravely came out to bat.

After a slow start, he began playing his shots in an admirable supporting role to Carey, who counter-attacked after the early wickets fell to consolidate Australia's advantage.