

## **Evans secures** Porsche Sprint double



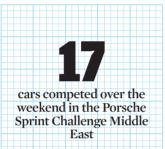
Porsche's race two podium with, from left, Simmenauer, Evans and Hanses TDT | Manama

Jaxon Evans capped a spectacular first round in the 2020/2021 Porsche Sprint Challenge Middle East yesterday, held in support of the Formula 1 Gulf Air Bahrain Grand Prix at Bahrain International Circuit (BIC)..

Evans won the series' second race of the weekend, securing a brilliant double ship's GT3 class Pro category. victory to kick off the new campaign.

lian Hanses, Evans was able victor amongst the Am comto power to first place on lap petitors. one and went on to win the 12lap event in a total time of 25 hammed Al Khalifa (Pro-Am) minutes 11.958 seconds.

ahead of Jean-Baptiste Sim- respectively. menauer, while Hanses finished third 9.089s behind. over the weekend in the Por-Each of the top three were sche Sprint Challenge Middle competing in the champion- East.



Winning the Pro-Am category while finishing fourth After starting from the front overall was Lucas Groeneveld, row alongside pole-sitter Ju- while Eddy Waldhier was the

Bahrainis Shaikh Ali bin Moand Shaikh Jaber bin Ali Al He finished 3.396 seconds Khalifa were ninth and 10th,

A total of 17 cars competed



Jaxon Evans and Julian Hanses lead the field into turn one at the start of race two

## Shwartzman claims pole-to-flag F2 win

Prema Racing driver triumphs in 23-lap Sprint Race at BIC for fourth victory of 2020 season

Nikita Mazepin and Louis Deletraz join race winner Shwartzman on podium

Guanyu Zhou claims fifth place after defending position well from hard-charging Christian Lundgaard, **Michael Schumacher** and Felipe Drugovich

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**n** obert Shwartzman won an exciting Formula 2 Sprint Race from pole yesterday, held as part of the weekend's events in the Formula 1 Gulf Air Bahrain Grand Prix at Bahrain International Circuit (BIC).

Shwartzman, driving for Preof the field due to F2's reverse



Robert Shwartzman takes the chequered flag for Prema Racing



Robert Shwartzman lifts the winner's trophy during the F2 Sprint Race podium

Feature Race.

He made the most of the op-

tend his gap the rest of the way with clean air in front. Shwartzman claimed the

a total winning time of 43 minhis second in a Sprint Race. Mazepin followed 5.283 seconds behind as the runner-up points scorers. to make it a Russian one-two,

Deletraz of Charouz Racing System, who made a brilliant late Jehan Daruvala, forcing the charge to secure his podium Carlin man into an early retireplace 6.472s back. started beside Shwartzman on incident, dropping him to 18th.

the front row, came fourth for ART Grand Prix.

was an impressive fifth, fend- Prix, which will be the final ing off an exciting challenge round of its 2020 season. Racing him. They included Christian Outer Track then.



With vesterday's Sprint Race result, **Mick Schumacher** was able to extend his lead on the F2 drivers' championship standings to 14 points heading into next weekend's final round supporting the F1 Rolex Sakhir Grand

safety car, but was able to ex- Lundgaard in ART's other car, Shwartzman's Prema teammate and championship leader Mick Schumacher, and Feature Race winner Felipe Drugovich of MP Motorsport, who were enutes 15.992 seconds. it was his gaged in some exciting wheelfourth win of the F2 season and to-wheel battles. They were classified sixth through eighth, respectively, completing the

Early in the race on lap sevwhile taking third was Louis en, Callum Ilott in the other Uni-Virtuosi car collided with ment. Ilott was later handed a Marcus Armstrong, who drive-through penalty for the

The F2 field returns to action at BIC next weekend in support Guanyu Zhou of Uni-Virtuosi of the F1 Rolex Sakhir Grand from the three cars behind will be held along BIC's 3.543km

## Bahrain defeat India in FIBA Asia Cup qualifiers

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m B}$  ahrain wrapped up their campaign as hosts of this window's FIBA Asia Cup 2021 qualifiers with a resounding 88-72 victory over India last night at the Khalifa Sports City arena in Isa Town.

After trailing by double digits in the first quarter, the Bahrainis were able to battle back before taking control of the contest in the second half.

The win preserved their perfect record in Bahrain this week, having earlier defeated Iraq on Friday. It was also their second against India in this stage of the qualifiers, having taken their first meeting in February.

Mohammed Hussain and naturalised big man CJ Giles led a balanced attack for the home team with 17 points apiece. Mohammed Kuwayed added 15 and young Muzamil Ameer and Maitham Jameel each chipped in with 12.



Bahrain's CJ Giles dunks the ball during their win against India last night

for India with 18.

In yesterday's other game, Lebanon defeated Iraq 78-69. The Lebanese used a dominant third period, when they outscored the Iraqis 30-11, to help secure the win.

Vishesh Bhriguvanshi top scored mario Mayfield paced Iraq with 22 in the loss.

The qualifiers in Bahrain conclude today with just one game on schedule. The Philippines will be looking for a repeat of their win earlier this week against Thailand Wael Arakji top scored for the when the two teams face off at 4pm victors with 25 points while De- at the same venue.

## **BRAVE CF 2020 Year of Change** Awards - voting starts today!

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Despite the numerous challenges posed by the Covid-19 pandemic, BRAVE Combat Federation stood strong and put on 12 events throughout 2020, as it has done in the last two years, maintaining its commitment with the fans, fighters and MMA industry. And the fastest-growing organization in the world is set to celebrate yet another milestone year with the BRAVE CF Year of Change Awards.

Starting today, the promotion will announce nominees and the categories which will be judged through fan vote. On BRAVE CF's official Instagram account (www. instagram.com/bravemmaf), the fans will have the opportunity to make their voices heard by voting on their favourite performances, fights and fighters from 2020.

BRAVE CF had a momentous year despite champions, several contenders, as well on BRAVE CF's social media platforms.



as upcoming young fighters destined for stardom.

The voting will end on December 7th, the challenges, putting on several histor- and the fans will know the winners in a ic fights and witnessing the rise of new special announcement to take place online,