

Al Ahli sweep past Bani Jamra in volleyball league



Al Ahli's Mahmood Abdulhussain looks to deliver a spike against Bani Jamra last night

● Nabih Saleh outclass Al Shabab in three sets

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Al Ahli cruised to a clean sweep of Bani Jamra last night in their week five encounter in the 2022/2023 Isa bin Rashid Bahrain Volleyball League.

The contest was played at the Bahrain Volleyball Association Arena at Isa Sports City in Riffa.

Ahli were the aggressors from the beginning and cruised to their win with a 3-0 (25-21, 25-21, 25-16) scoreline.

Playing key roles for their team were Mohammed Anan, Ali Al Sairafi, Nasser Anan, Abbas Al Khabbaz, Sayed Mohammed Al Abbar and Mahmood Abdulhussain.

With the result, Ahli claimed their fourth victory and improved to 12 points for first

place in Group One, while Bani Jamra remained on six points.

Also in the same group last night, Nabih Saleh beat Al Shabab 3-0 (25-16, 25-17, 25-23).

Making key contributions for the winners were Kenyan Peter Camara, Sayed Hashem, Hussain Ashoor, Saleh Mahdi and Haider Al Khabbaz.

The 14 teams in this year's league have been divided into two groups for the first round.

The rest of Group One features Ma'ameer, Al Najma and Etehad Al Reef, while Group Two includes Muharraq, Al Dair, Al Nasser, Al Tadhamun, Busaiteen, A'ali and Dar Kulayb.

Following a single round-robin, the top three from each division move on to compete in the round of six for the league title. Action in this stage will feature two rounds, with the top four moving on to the Golden Square semi-finals.

Bahrain Club hand Manama first defeat

Xavier Gibson scores 37 points to power victors to upset in overtime of defending champions Manama in 2022/2023 Zain Bahrain Basketball League

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Xavier Gibson poured in a game-high 37 points including three pressure-packed free-throws in the final minute of overtime in Bahrain Club's thrilling 88-84 upset of defending champions Manama last night which got the 10th week of action underway in the 2022/2023 Zain Bahrain Basketball League.

Manama made a furious comeback in the fourth quarter and forced the extra session with a Hasan Nowrooz basket that tied it at 77-all.

Things remained close in overtime, until Gibson made one of two charity shots with 54 seconds to play to break an 84-all deadlock that gave Bahrain Club a slim, one-point advantage. After an unsuccessful Manama possession on the other end of the floor, the American professional then sank another pair from the line with 17 seconds remaining to make it 87-84.



Manama's Elijah Robinson is guarded by Bahrain Club's Hasan Gerashi

Standings

	P	W	L	Pts
Manama	8	7	1	15
Bahrain Club	9	5	4	14
Al Ahli	6	6	0	12
Al Ettihad	7	5	2	12
Al Najma	8	4	4	12
Sitra	8	3	5	11
Al Hala	8	3	5	11
Muharraq	6	4	2	10
Nuwaidrat	7	2	5	9
Samahajj	8	1	7	9
Isa Town	7	1	6	8

Manama were unable to reply once again and then Ali Abbas split his charities with just a second to play to peg the final score and hand their rivals their first loss of the season.

Bahrain Club also improved to a 5-4 win-loss record with the result.

Gibson's 37-point output included 14 rebounds and three blocked shots. Abbas added 16 and six assists while Ali Asghar had 14, also with six assists. Hasan Gerashi was their last player in double figures with 11 points off the bench.

For Manama, Mohammed Ameer scored 19 points and took down 10 boards, while Elijah Robinson had 18 and 14 rebounds in the loss. Nowrooz chipped in with 17 while Mustafa Hussain had 12.

Bahrain Club were in front for much of the contest and surged ahead by as many as 12 points. They held a comfortable 45-35 lead at the half but Manama made it 54-61 heading into the final canto, where they completed their comeback to force the additional five minutes of play.



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In last night's other game, Al Najma defeated Al Hala 98-88. Najma led by as many as 25 points and managed to stave off a Hala fightback in the second half.

Nick Ward scored 30 points for the winners, while Mohammed Buallay, Mohammed Hussain and Ali Jaber all finished with 18 markers apiece. Najma improved to a 4-4 win-loss record.

For Hala, Tony Farmer had 36 while Ahmed Khalifa scored 17. They dropped to a 3-5 mark.

League action continues tonight with Ahli facing Nuwaidrat at 5.30pm followed by Muharraq taking on Al Ettihad at 7.30pm. Then, tomorrow, Samahajj play Isa Town in the evening's lone fixture at 6pm.

Al Ta'awon survive five-goal thriller to reach final of schools tournament

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Al Ta'awon Secondary School for Boys reached the final of the 1st Nasser bin Hamad Football Tournament for Secondary School after surviving a five-goal-thriller against Al Fateh Secondary School for Boys.

Interestingly, both teams met in the final of last year's football tournament for secondary schools, and the match was won 5-4 in the penalty shootout by Al Ta'awon Secondary School.

Al Ta'awon Secondary School attacked in numbers in the opening minutes and came close to finding the lead in the 17th minute, but were denied by the post. It was a deja vu for Al Ta'awon in the 34th as the same post stood on their way.

Four minutes later, however, Sayed Ali Abduljalil put them ahead after unleashing a screamer from outside the box. Matching the beauty of the goal was the way he controlled a smart pass by his teammate Ahmed Eid.

In the second half, Al Ta'awon



Players in action during the match

continued to mounting pressure on their opponents to double their lead. And Ali Abdulrasool added the second goal before Sayed Ali Abduljalil made it 3-0. It was an uphill struggle for Al Fateh who saw their player Ali Al Enzi shown a red card for a dangerous challenge.

Shockingly, Al Fateh started to pose a threat to the winners after going down to ten men as

Mohammed Fadel gave them a lifeline by scoring in the 60th minute. Ahmed Al Dooseri stunned all those present in the game by adding the second goal.

Al Fateh missed several chances to level the score as Al Ta'awon made their way to the final. Ali Hussain Sanad of Al Ta'awon was named the best man of the match.

Orange Media Open Track Night back at BIC today

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The Orange Media Open Track Night is back at Bahrain International Circuit (BIC) today, with speed lovers getting the chance to experience the thrills of driving around a world-class motorsport facility.

"The Home of Motorsport in the Middle East" is opening its doors to the public to bring their very own road cars or motorbikes and take them out on Bahrain's globally renowned F1 circuit—the same raced on by motor racing's top stars.

Participants can enjoy the chance to explore their car's or motorbike's limits within a safe and controlled environment.

Today's Orange Media Open Track Night will be held along BIC's 2.55-kilometre Inner Circuit between 7pm and 10pm.

The night event allows the drivers and riders to take in the pleasure of speeding around the track under the brilliance of BIC's bright, state-of-the-art floodlights.

Those interested in taking part can book in advance for BD99 for the full night, BD71.500 for the half night and BD33 for a



A car is seen on the track at BIC during an open track event (file photo)

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single session. On the day itself, the full night price is BD115.500, the half-night cost is BD82.500, and the single-session price is BD44.

Driver etiquette is of ultimate importance in every Orange Media Open Track activity, so there is no close or aggressive overtaking permitted. Overtaking is by invitation between corners and driving is monitored, with poor or dangerous driving being dealt with swiftly by officials.

For more information on Wednesday's Orange Media Open Track Night or to book your slot now, visit bahraingp.com or call the BIC Hotline on +973-17450000.