

Brave announces women's bout in Brazil



Manama

Brave Combat Federation has announced to feature women's strawweight bout in the eleventh edition of the event hosted in Brazil.

Luana Pinheiro will face Elaine Leal in the strawweight division. This also marks Pinheiro and Leal as the first women fighters signed from Brazil.

Luana Pinheiro is an MMA fighter out of Belo Horizonte, Brazil and has a record of five victories out of six

appearances.

While Elaine Leal is more experienced with nine professional bouts in her career and has won five fights.

Brazil has hosted three Brave events and is one of the destinations that closely follow the sport of Mixed Martial Arts.

The event marks the first time female fighters are included in a Brave card in Brazil.

Earlier in 2018, the efforts of the Kingdom of Bahrain to promote and

bring forward female competitors in combat sports were appreciated by multiple international organisations.

In 2017, IMMAF World Championships, Bahrain's first female competitors Fatema Bureshaid and Hend Rezk competed against global competitors.

Bureshaid also became the first Bahraini female to be awarded an IMMAF medal and the first to wear a hijab in IMMAF competition.

Ronaldo scores 4 goals as Real beat Girona 6-3



Real Madrid's Cristiano Ronaldo celebrates

Madrid

Cristiano Ronaldo scored his 50th career hat trick, then went on to add a fourth goal as Real Madrid beat Girona 6-3 in La Liga on Sunday. The Portugal star continued his remarkable scoring streak to take his league tally to 22 goals for the season in another commanding performance at the Bernabeu.

Girona caused them plenty of problems again with Cristhian Stuani scoring twice and Juanpe also on target.

But there was no stopping Ronaldo, who has now hit an incredible 17 goals in his last eight appearances in all competitions, while Lucas Vasquez and Gareth Bale also found the net for the hosts. Ronaldo started the season with just four goals through his first 14 La Liga games, but not has 18 in his last nine in the league. (PA Sport)



Suniel Shetty with Mohammed Mansoor and Aakash Chopra

Suniel Shetty praises local developmental model for sports

Manama

Indian film actor and entrepreneur praised the initiatives by the Kingdom of Bahrain to develop the sports and entertainment sector in the nation. Suniel Shetty is also the ambassador of Bahrain's flagship promotion, Brave Combat Federation.

The veteran actor was in Bahrain to witness the finals of the Bahrain Premier League which is the first franchise based T20 cricket organised in Bahrain.

The developmental model was praised for the global growth of mixed martial arts in which Bahrain is a global hub.

The latest initiative in cricket was praised for giving residents of Bahrain exposure to one of the most financially

sustainable sport in the world.

The growth of sports and cultural initiatives in the Kingdom of Bahrain is exemplary for the rest of the nations to emulate.

Kingdom of Bahrain is emerging with yet another sport after the global success of Mixed Martial Arts. It was within years that Bahrain became recognised for dominating the MMA world.

Now entering into the avenue of cricket is yet another major statement from Bahrain. The growth of sports will also develop media, technology, hospitality and tourism. The level of quality of media products evolving from Bahrain has improved and the trend is spreading across initiatives from MMA to rest of the sports.

Marlon Samuels of West Indies bats (Pic courtesy: espnricinfo)



Windies edge Zimbabwe

Harare

West Indies edged closer to a place in the 2019 World Cup when they defeated Zimbabwe by four wickets in the latest qualifying match yesterday.

Chasing 290 to win, the two-time champions reached their target with six balls to spare after surviving a worrying mid-innings collapse.

The West Indies lead the Super Sixes qualifying table with six points but will still need to avoid defeat against Scotland on Wednesday in their last Super Sixes match to be sure of a place in next year's finals.

Zimbabwe, on five points, can still make the 2019 finals by beating the UAE on Thursday

although the Scots, Ireland and Afghanistan all remain in contention for a spot in the showpiece in England and Wales.

Brendan Taylor top scored for Zimbabwe with 138 which included 20 boundaries and two sixes.

For the West Indies, Marlon Samuels smashed 86 off 80 balls with four sixes while Evin Lewis and Shai Hope also contributed half centuries. (AFP)

BRIEF SCORE

West Indies 290 for 6 (Samuels 86, Hope 76, Muzarabani 2-36) **beat Zimbabwe 289 all out** (Taylor 138, Mire 45, Holder 4-35, Roach 3-55) **by four wickets**