

Empire Boxing at Art Rotana

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Empire Championship of Boxing for amateurs and professionals will be held at Art Rotana Hotel in Amwaj Islands on Saturday, under the patronage of HH Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa, First Deputy President of the Supreme Council for Youth and Sports, President of Bahrain Athletics Association, Honorary President of

Bahrain Mixed Martial Arts Association.

Empire aims to create special and unique events and sports that targets all community and encourage them on practicing and promoting it in the Kingdom.

In order to promote Bahrain on the world sports map, the Empire works on a strategy that contribute in promoting the Kingdom by

hosting the Championship in more countries.

Also, there will be a Press Conference at Golden Tulip Hotel to announce the details of the Championship and last updates, and a "Weigh in" will be held for the participants.

Moreover, The Fight Cards of the participants and their schedule of competitions will be announced in this Press Conference.



Officials during the press conference

Liverpool beat Roma

Mohamed Salah and Roberto Firmino scores two each

Anfield

Liverpool scored five but conceded two late goals as Roma gave themselves a glimmer of hope in a 5-2 defeat at Anfield after the home side had swept into a huge lead.

Jurgen Klopp's side were 5-0 ahead after overcoming an uncertain start but the visitors kept going and were rewarded when Edin Dzeko thumped home in the 81st minute and Diego Perotti struck from the spot with five minutes left.

The visitors, playing a high defensive line, were torn apart by Jurgen Klopp's side for much of the match, Mohamed Salah and Roberto Firmino scoring two each and Sadio Mane contributing another.

Roma had the first shot within the first couple of minutes, Dzeko holding the ball up and finding Kevin Strootman, whose strike was held by Loris Karius.

Liverpool responded moments later, Salah cutting in to curl a shot that keeper Alisson, a reported Liverpool target, grabbed.

With five minutes gone Salah played a pass through to Firmino who -- from an angle and appearing offside -- slid the ball low across goal with nobody able to get a touch.

Firmino was again involved when he fed Alex Oxlade-Chamberlain, who tried his luck from distance

but without troubling Alisson.

At the other end, Roma worked the ball to the left but Karius claimed Aleksandar Kolarov's cross, aimed towards Dzeko.

Oxlade-Chamberlain went down in pain after a tackle on Kolarov and was unable to continue, Giorgio Wijnaldum coming on and the ex-Arsenal player stretchered to the dressing room after treatment.

Roma won the first corner after 17 minutes and were within a whisker of taking the lead from it as a swerving

Kolarov drive was touched onto the bar by an uneasy-looking Karius.

The visitors were comfortable in the opening stages as Liverpool struggled to find the rhythm that had swept Manchester City aside in the previous round.

Trent Alexander-Arnold tried to get things moving, taking possession after good work from Salah, but his cross was easily cleared.

With 26 minutes gone, Liverpool won a promising free kick when Mane was fouled by Juan Jesus, who picked up a yellow card, but Milner's floated

delivery was headed away.

Three minutes later, they should have been in front, Firmino putting Mane through only for the Senegal international to blaze over from inside the area.

Firmino was quickly in the thick of the action again, getting onto a Salah through ball and playing in a low cross for Mane, who scooped high and wide.

Alisson saved from Salah as Liverpool continued to turn up the heat and Mane put the ball into the net minutes later only to be thwarted by an offside flag. (PA Sport)



Liverpool's Mohamed Salah (C) vies with AS Roma's Aleksandar Kolarov (L) and Kostas Manolas (Pic courtesy: Xinhua)



'Not really my decision': Wenger

London

Arsenal manager Arsene Wenger says the timing of his departure from the club after nearly 22 years "was not really my decision".

It was announced on Friday that the 68-year-old Frenchman will leave the club at the end of the season, despite having a year left on his contract.

Speaking before Thursday's Europa League semi-final first leg against Atletico Madrid, Wenger said: "I focus on what I have to do every day. "At the moment, I work like ever."

Wenger said he would continue to work "for sure" in the future, but was not ready to commit to anything else "at the moment". Arsenal have won three Premier League titles and seven FA Cups, including the Double in 1998 and 2002, under Wenger.

A number of managers have been linked with replacing Wenger, including former Gunners captain Patrick Vieira and ex-Barcelona manager Luis Enrique.

Asked about the latter, Wenger said: "I don't want to influence the next manager, but of course I have a high opinion of Luis Enrique."

Arsenal have said a replacement will be announced as soon as possible, while chief executive Ivan Gazidis said the club must be bold in their search for a new manager. (BBC)



Stoffel Vandoorne (file pic)

Vandoorne can perform like Alonso now

London

Stoffel Vandoorne believes he is now more capable of producing the same sort of performances in difficult circumstances as McLaren Formula 1 team-mate Fernando Alonso.

Vandoorne's rookie

F1 season coincided with McLaren's tricky final year with Honda and the Belgian struggled, particularly as two-time champion Alonso continued to impress.

McLaren switched to a Renault engine supply for 2018 and although it has not

been able to escape a tight midfield battle, Vandoorne has been much closer to Alonso's performance.

He has qualified one place behind his team-mate in all three grands prix, trailing him by 0.25 seconds on average, with his race

highlight being a Bahrain charge to eighth after falling to last at the start.

Vandoorne said he was beginning to emulate Alonso's ability to "still be able to pull it out of the bag" in tougher scenarios. (Autosport)