

HH Shaikh Isa bin Faisal clinches Local Endurance Race title

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HH Shaikh Isa bin Faisal bin Rashid Al Khalifa was crowned the champion of the Local Endurance Race in the second round of the season as Team Victorious dominated the podium.

Team Victorious also won the Best Horse Condition award in the event which was attended by His Highness Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Representative of His Majesty the King for Humanitarian Works and Youth Affairs and Honorary President of the Bahrain Royal Equestrian and Endurance Federation (BREEF).

The event was organised by BREEF and held in the presence of HH Shaikh Faisal bin

Rashid Al Khalifa, Vice Chairman of the Supreme Council for Environment, Vice Chairman of the Rashid Equestrian and Horseracing Club, and member of the Supreme Council for Youth and Sports.

His Highness Shaikh Nasser congratulated HH Shaikh Isa



HH Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa with a winner

bin Faisal bin Rashid Al Khalifa, rider of Team Victorious, on being crowned champion of the 120 km local race, praising the team for their lead and winning top positions.

His Highness emphasised that the extensive participation

witnessed in the races is indicative of the goals achieved by BREEF thanks to their keenness in creating the ideal atmosphere for all stables and riders in order to attract more participants.

Team Victorious dominated the podium of the 120km race as



Winners celebrate with their trophies

HH Shaikh Isa bin Faisal's teammates Mohammed Khalid Al Ruwaie came second and Salman Isa finished third.

The winners were crowned by Ghalib Al Alawi, Secretary of BREEF, Dr. Khaled Ahmed Hassan, Assistant Secretary of the Federation and Manager of the Royal Endurance Team, and Tawfiq Al Salehi, Director of His Highness Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa Media Office and Information Centre and Head of the Media, Marketing and Public Relations Committee

at BREEF.

Team Victorious won the Best Horse Condition Award which is patronised by Her Highness Shaikha Noora bint Hamad Al Khalifa, Captain of Al Fursan team. The award was bagged by Al Ruwaie.

Rider Sarhan Al Anzi of Al Safinat Stables finished first in the international race, followed by Nasser Khalifa of N13 Stables who came second.

Al Anzi's teammate Isa Abdullah came third.

Anann, Battyeford Boy lift Arabian Horse Equestrian Services Cups

● Port Douglas wins Palace Enterprises Cup for owner Ali Jaafar Darwish

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Anann and Battyeford Boy lifted the two Arabian Horse Equestrian Services Cups yesterday at Rashid Equestrian and Horseracing Club (REHC) in Sakhr.

Anann won in the eighth and final race of the day, held over a six-furlong straight with a BD3,000 total prize.

It was a fine win for the three-year-old filly, owned by Al Afoo Racing and trained by Mohammed Hasan, while saddled yesterday by Lee Newman. Turna came second for Zainab Adel Abduljalil, Ramzi Al Baqlawa and Anas Al Siyabi; while Kaasib was third for Al Mohamediya Racing, Ali Abdulmajeed and Jason Watson.

The other Arabian Horse Equestrian Services Cup was claimed in race six, held over eight furlongs with a BD2,000 prize.

Battyeford Boy won for owner Abdulla Al Gaoud, trainer Abdulla Kuwaiti and jockey Abdulrahim Jasim. The five-year-old gelding finished ahead of



Winners from yesterday's events

Al Mukhtar Star, representing Al Afoo Racing, Jaber Ramadhan and Soufiane Saadi, while Suspect Package took third for Victorious, AM Smith and Franky

Vanhonsebrouck.

Race seven was for the Palace Enterprises Cup—a 10-furlong event with a BD3,000 prize, which was claimed by

Port Douglas for Ali Jaafar Darwish and Jaffar Darwish, ridden by Marcialis Jaures. Law of One was the runner-up for Al Afoo Racing, Mohammed Hasan and Soufiane Saadi, while Miss Yvonne took third place for the Mohamediya-Abdulmajeed-Jason Watson triumvirate.

In yesterday's other events, Battle of Talas won race five for owners Al Adiyat Racing; Boudica took race four, also for Adiyat; Khawafy triumphed for Feras Sami Hashem Al Meshgab in race three; Coiled and Ready clinched race two for Victorious; and Krayan 1840 came away with the race one win for owners Al Roudha.

Zaman ton keeps Pakistan alive

Zaman's unbeaten 126 saves Pakistan from World Cup elimination in a match affected by rain

● New Zealand had set a massive target of 402 runs initially

AFP | Bengaluru

Swashbuckling opener Fakhar Zaman cracked a blistering century to save Pakistan from World Cup elimination in a rain-affected and dramatic 21-run victory over New Zealand at Bengaluru yesterday.

The 33-year-old left-hander smashed 11 sixes and eight boundaries in his unbeaten 81-ball 126 as rain forced a premature end to the match with Pakistan 200-1 after 25.3 overs, chasing a revised DLS target of 342 in 41 overs.

"We know that every game is do or die for us," said Zaman.

Rachin Ravindra hit his third century of the tournament while Kane Williamson scored 95 to help New Zealand pile up 401-6 in their 50 overs.

Set a mammoth 402-run target initially, Zaman lifted Pakistan to 160-1 after 21.3 overs before a 90-minute stoppage due to rain led to a revised target for Pakistan.



Pakistan's Fakhar Zaman plays a shot

After the resumption, Zaman kept up the tempo, hitting three sixes off spinner Ish Sodhi's 25th over as Pakistan went past the 200-mark.

Pakistan had needed to overhaul the original target of 402 in 35.3 overs if they were to get beyond New Zealand's better net run-rate which could prove crucial in the battle for semi-final spots.

However, Abdullah Shafique fell for four in the second over.

Zaman and skipper Babar Azam (66) added 194 for the

unbroken second-wicket stand. Zaman took the attack to the New Zealand bowlers, smashing four sixes and as many boundaries in his 39-ball fifty.

He completed his 11th ODI hundred, and first in a World Cup, with a six and a single off Mitchell Santner.

His century came off 63 balls with nine sixes and six boundaries.

Pakistan now have eight points from as many games with their last match against England in Kolkata on November 11.

Scorecard

Pakistan 200 for 1 (Zaman 126*, Babar 66*, Southee 1-27) beat New Zealand 401 for 6 (Ravindra 105, Williamson 95, Wasim 3-60) by 21 runs on DLS

They not only need to win that but also hope New Zealand lose to Sri Lanka on November 9 in

Bengaluru or the match is hit by rain.

"We were trying to give 100% but in some matches we were not up to the mark," said Azam.

"If we win our next match, we'll see... we will try to play positively."

As a consequence of Pakistan's win, South Africa became the second team alongside India to make the semi-finals.

Earlier, it was Ravindra and Williamson who set the platform for New Zealand's total after they were put in to bat.

Ravindra continued his superb form with a 94-ball 108 with 15 boundaries and a six and was matched stroke for stroke by Williamson whose 79-ball knock was spiced with two sixes and 10 boundaries.

This was Ravindra's third cen-

All-round Zampa helps Australia knock out England and close in on semis

AFP | Ahmedabad

Scorecard

Australia 286 (Labuschagne 71, Green 47, Woakes 4-54) beat England 253 (Stokes 64, Malan 50, Zampa 3-21) by 33 runs

Spinner Adam Zampa starred with bat and ball as Australia knocked defending champions England out of the World Cup with a 33-run win yesterday.

Chasing 287 for victory in Ahmedabad, England folded for 253 in 48.1 overs despite a valiant 64 from Ben Stokes to slump to their sixth defeat in seven matches and stay bottom of the 10-team table.

Five-time champions Australia edged closer to securing a semi-final berth alongside India and South Africa -- both

already qualified for the last four -- with their fifth straight win.

Zampa returned figures of 3-21 with his leg-spin to puncture England's hopes that were raised by a couple of partnerships including a 63-run fifth-wicket stand between Stokes and Moeen Ali, who hit 42.

"We put on a really competitive total, but it was going to be tough to defend," said Zampa.

"The ground felt really dewy, really wet. So length control, attacking the stumps, trying to guess what the batsman was going to do was really important."

Zampa, who had earlier hit 29 with the bat, dismissed Stokes when the English star mistimed a paddle to be caught at short fine-leg and departed with a shake of his head.

Adam Zampa