

## Porsche's Formula One plans stall as Red Bull talks collapse



The Porsche logo is seen on a wheel of the 2020 Porsche 911 Speedster

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Porsche and Red Bull have ended talks over Porsche joining Formula One, but the German sports car brand remains interested in entering the racing series, it said yesterday.

"The two companies have now jointly come to the conclusion that these talks will no longer be continued," Porsche AG said in a statement.

Red Bull team boss Christian Horner told motorsport.com at the Italian Grand Prix that it had become clear during talks with Porsche that "there was a strategic non-alignment".

Volkswagen's former chief Herbert Diess said in May its Porsche and Audi brands would join Formula One, long dominated by the automaker's German rival Mercedes-Benz.

# Bahrain's Winfred claims solid season-ending finish

Elite steeplechase athlete narrowly misses out on World Athletics Diamond League title after runner-up finish in season-ending Zurich meeting

● Winfred leads race at the bell but stumbles on final barrier

● Werkuha Getachew of Ethiopia wins race, Diamond League title

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Bahraini elite athlete Winfred Yavi narrowly missed out on a spectacular double at the Weltklasse Diamond League event held in Zurich, Switzerland.

The meeting was the season-ending round of the 2022 World Athletics Diamond League, and Winfred just came shy of taking the victory in the women's 3,000 metres steeplechase—both in the race as well as for the season's title.

The 22-year-old headed into



Winfred Yavi and Werkuha Getachew jump over the final barrier during their steeplechase race in Zurich

the event as the top qualifier on the steeplechase standings, just two points ahead of Werkuha Getachew of Ethiopia. But at the finale it was her chief rival who claimed the victory, thus securing the season's Diamond League crown.

Winfred was in the lead at the bell, but just like at the world championships earlier this year,

she stumbled at the final barrier. She thus lost her momentum and Getachew took full advantage.

She crossed the finish line in first place with a time of nine minutes 03.57 seconds, while Winfred followed close behind in 9:04.47. Faith Cherotich of Kenya came third in 9:06.14.

There were a total of 11 run-

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ners in the event.

Despite missing out on the double, Winfred remained upbeat and said that her season-ending race was another learning opportunity.

"I can't complain, I am keeping calm," she said. "Closing the season in a style! Going back for rest.

"Jumping has been a prob-

lem for a long time, but I believe practice makes perfect. I almost got it but I had a poor clearance of the barrier, losing my momentum.

"Okay, alright! Moreover, we learn through mistakes and this is sport."

Winfred is already looking ahead towards next season.

"Can't wait and see myself bounce back for 2023," she said. "Thank you to my great supporters, thank you to my coach Kilonzo and technical coach Saadshadad.

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Winfred was the only Bahraini athlete to qualify for the final of this season's World Athletics Diamond League.

## Bahrain-Saudi handball Super Cup agreement signed

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The Bahrain Handball Association (BHA) has signed an agreement with the Saudi Arabian Handball Federation (SAHF) to establish an annual Bahraini-Saudi Super Cup between the champions of the same event in both Kingdoms.

The signing ceremony was held in Dammam and in attendance was BHA president Ali Issa and SAHF chief Fadel Ali Mohammed Al Nemer.



Ali Issa, right, with Fadel Ali Mohammed Al Nemer at the signing ceremony

According to the deal, the one-off match

will be hosted alternatively between the two countries, with the first next year to take place in Saudi.

It was also agreed that the participating teams will each be allowed to sign one professional player for the game.

The agreement is the second of its kind for the BHA with neighbouring Gulf federation. Bahrain also has a deal to play an annual Super Cup game with the UAE.

The reigning Bahrain Super Cup champions are Al Najma.

## 2 Seas set for British GT penultimate round



A 2 Seas mechanic working on the team's car during a previous round (file photo)

● Practice and Qualifying today to set grid for two-hour Race tomorrow

● 2 Seas' two-car entry sees Froggatt-Howard pair join Williamson-Cottingham

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Bahraini-British motor racing team 2 Seas Motorsport are scheduled to take to the track today and tomorrow at Brands Hatch Circuit in Kent, England, for the penultimate round of the Intelligent Money British GT Championship 2022.

2 Seas have a two-car entry for the meeting, having

combined with Sky Tempesta Racing for a second time this season.

The team have welcomed back Chris Froggatt and two-time champion Andrew Howard in the #93 Mercedes-AMG GT3. They will be joining the team's regular Pro-Am pairing of Lewis Williamson and James Cottingham.

British GT action today begins at 11.30am, Bahrain time, with the first hour-long practice, to be followed by another at 2.05pm. Qualifying is then scheduled for 5.45pm.

Following a 15-minute warm-up tomorrow morning, the two-hour race is scheduled to begin at 3.30pm, Bahrain time.

Following this weekend's race, the final round will be held on October 15 and 16 at Donington Park in Derby.

## Bahrain face Bangladesh in U-20 Asian Cup qualifier

● Bahrain head coach Adel Al Nuaimi names final 23-player squad for qualifiers

● Nepal to take on Bhutan in other match tonight, scheduled for a 6pm kick-off

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Hosts Bahrain take on Bangladesh tonight as the Group B qualifiers for the AFC U-20 Asian Cup 2023 kick off in the Kingdom.

Five junior national teams from across the continent are taking part in this division. The three other teams are Bhutan, Qatar and Nepal.

The Bahrainis play the Bangladeshis at 9pm after Bhutan and Nepal lock horns at 6pm.

Both contests are set to be played at the Shaikh Ali bin Mohammed Ali Khalifa Stadium at Muharraq Club in Arad.

Matches continue until Sun-



Bahrain's junior national team players during training

### Group B qualifiers

(All matches to be held at Shaikh Ali bin Mohammed Ali Khalifa Stadium at Muharraq Club in Arad)

Tonight: 6pm Bhutan vs Nepal; 9pm Bangladesh vs Bahrain

Monday: 6pm Bhutan vs Bangladesh; 9pm Nepal vs Qatar

Wednesday: 6pm Qatar vs Bhutan; 9pm Bahrain vs Nepal

September 16: 6pm Bangladesh vs Qatar; 9pm Bahrain vs Bhutan

September 18: 6pm: Nepal vs Bangladesh; Qatar vs Bahrain

day next week, with the group winners earning a direct berth to next year's continental tournament. The runners-up will need to be one of the best five from the 10 qualifying groups to earn a ticket.

Bahrain are coached by Adel Al Nuaimi, who has named his final 23-player squad for the qualifiers.

The roster includes Mohammed Hassan Jaafar, Ahmed Dhiya Ali, Abdulla Sultan Al Khalisi, Abdullatif Al Taie, Sayyed Mahmood Mousawi, Kashem Luay Khuleifat, Abdulla Ali Al Subaie, Sayed Ali Hussain, Abdurahman Hameed, Mubarak Mohammed bin Ahmed, Salem Issa Al Dosari, Talal Ebrahim Saleh, Ali Hammoud Al Dosari,