

HH Shaikh Nasser instructs Royal Endurance Team to widely participate in Windsor Endurance Festival

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HH Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Representative of HM the King for Humanitarian Works and Youth Affairs and Captain of the Royal Endurance team has instructed the team to widely take part in the Royal Windsor Endurance Festival which will take place in London.

His Highness underlined that the continued presence in this prestigious festival comes as an extension of the deep-rooted ties and connections between Bahrain and the United Kingdom thanks to the Royal vision of HM King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, the King of the Kingdom of Bahrain, and the constant support of HRH Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Crown Prince and Prime Minister.

HH Shaikh Nasser expressed his optimism towards the Royal



Royal Endurance Team during training

Endurance team's participation in the race thanks to the team's rich experience in the event.

The championship village will witness the participation of the

Royal Endurance team in the veterinary tests ahead of the races. The team will compete in three categories, namely the 100km race, the 120km contest

and the 160km competition.

Raed Mahmood, Abdulrahman Al Khateri and Nasser Khalifa Mubarak will take part in the 100km race, while HH Shaikh Isa bin Faisal bin Rashid Al Khalifa, Jaber Badier Jaffar, Zuhair Mohammed, Shahad Waleed, Faisal Hameed Al Enzy, Khalid Yusuf Abdulrahman, Fahad Hilal Al Khateri, Salman Isa, Sultan Abdulaziz Al Rumaihi, Mohammed Khalid Al Ruawaie, Yusuf Moahammed Al Sadoon, Khalifa Jamal Al Sendi, Manal Fakhrawi and Asem Abdulwahed Janahi will feature in the 120km race.

Meanwhile, Shaikh Mohammed bin Mubarak Al Khalifa, Mohammed Abdulsamad Al Bastaki, Isa Mohammed Al Enzy, Hamad Isa Al Janahi, Mohammed Abdulhameed Al Hashemi, Mayoof Abdulaziz Al Rumaihi and Ahmed Khalid Al Thuwadi will compete in the 160km contest.

Dog causes world champ Evenepoel to crash at Giro



Remco Evenepoel is assisted by members of his team after crashing

AFP | Salerno

Remco Evenepoel crashed during the fifth stage of the Giro d'Italia when to a dog crossed the road early in yesterday's 171-kilometre ride towards Salerno.

World champion Evenepoel hit the deck more than 150km from the finish in rain-soaked southern Italy after a

dog ran across Evenepoel's Soudal-Quick Step teammate Davide Ballerini.

Evenepoel is second in the Giro's general classification and is the favourite to win the three-week Grand Tour.

The 23-year-old Belgian was attended to by a number of teammates and Quick Step staff and once on his bike raced back into the peloton, assisted by his teammates.

Grealish warns Madrid that Man City are 'unstoppable' at home



Real Madrid's Antonio Rudiger vies with Manchester City's Jack Grealish (R)

AFP | Madrid

Jack Grealish said Manchester City are confident of finishing the job against Real Madrid at home to reach the Champions League final after a 1-1 draw in their semi-final first leg on Tuesday.

City have won all 14 games at the Etihad this year by a combined score of 49-7 as Pep Guardiola's men close in on a potential treble of Premier League, Champions League and FA Cup.

But it is conquering Europe for the first time that matters most to the English champions.

City suffered heartache against Madrid at the same stage of the competition last season as a late collapse in the second leg at the Santiago Bernabeu saw the Spanish giants go on to win the competition for the 14th time.

But home advantage for the return leg could make the difference this year after the sides could not be separated in Madrid.

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Both goals came from spectacular strikes from outside the box as Kevin De Bruyne cancelled out Vinicius Junior's opener.

"At the Etihad at the moment we feel unstoppable," Grealish told BT Sport.

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But they were not at their fluent best as Madrid successfully cut the supply line to 51-goal striker Erling Haaland.

The visitors had dominated possession until they were hit by the Real sucker punch when Vinicius drove forward and fired into the top corner on 36 minutes.

But the roles were reversed after the break as just when City appeared on the ropes, they hit back when De Bruyne drilled past his Belgian international teammate Thibaut Courtois.

Asian volleyball thrills set for Kingdom's fans

BVA announces free entry to all matches in upcoming continental tournament



Al Ahli's professionals are welcomed by a team official upon their arrival at Bahrain International Airport

● **Al Ahli welcome international professional players to Kingdom for tournament**

● **Bahraini side continue daily training programme ahead of start of action**

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The Bahrain Volleyball Association (BVA) is calling on the Kingdom's sports fans to come and cheer for their favourite teams in the upcoming 2023 Asian Men's Club Volleyball Championship, set to be hosted by the Kingdom from Sunday.

The event is set to feature 16 leading teams from across the continent with many top international players in the fray.

Entrance is completely free for all the matches. There will be eight games per day from 11.30am between two arenas at Isa Sports City in Riffa.

The competition is to be held under the patronage of Supreme Council for Youth and Sports first deputy chairman, General Sports Authority president and Bahrain Olympic Committee chief His Highness Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa.

It is being organised by the Bahrain Volleyball Association (BVA) in cooperation with the Asian Volleyball Confederation (AVC), and is scheduled to continue until May 21.

The champions will qualify for the FIVB Volleyball Men's Club World Championship.

Bahrain volleyball giants Al Ahli are flying the Kingdom's flag in the event. They are in Pool A for the competition's preliminary round along with Korean Air Jumbos Pro-Volleyball Club from South Korea, Canberra Heat from Australia and Jakarta Bhayangkara Presisi from Indonesia.

Pool B is set to feature Shahdab Yazd from Iran, South Gas Sports Club from Iraq, Taichung Bank from Chinese-Taipei and Kam Air VC from Afghanistan. Pool C comprises Suntory Sunbirds from Japan, Diamond Food Fine Chef-Air Force



Al Ahli players during a practice



Fans to watch 16 leading volleyball clubs from across continent in prestigious competition, with many top international players in the fray

evening and have been welcomed to the Kingdom by Ahli officials.

Ahli have stepped up their preparations for the event with daily training at the competition venue.

Among Ahli's top Bahraini stars set to feature on the team are Naser Anan, Mohammed Anan, Abbas Al Khabbaz, Ali Alsairafi, Sayed Mohammed Alabbar and Mahmood Abdullhussain, along with Mohamed Yaqoob and Hussain Sultan, who have been signed from Dar Kulaib for the tournament.

Ahli recently captured the silver medals in the 2023 Crown Prince's Cup Volleyball Tournament along with the bronze medals in the 2022/2023 Isa bin Rashid Bahrain Volleyball League.

This year's event will be the second time the Kingdom has staged the competition. It previously held the 2007 edition, which was won by Paykan Tehran of Iran. A Bahrain club has yet to step onto the podium in the tournament.

Last year's competition was also won by Paykan, where they defeated Japan's Suntory Sunbirds in the final.



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