

Bumrah bowls India to lead before openers fall



Rishabh Pant and Cheteshwar Pujara dive unsuccessfully for a catch as Virat Kohli and KL Rahul look on

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Jasprit Bumrah bowled India to a slender first innings lead before South Africa hit back at the start of the second innings on the second day of the series-deciding third Test at Newlands yesterday.

India were 57 for two at the close, an overall lead of 70, with Cheteshwar Pujara on nine and captain Virat Kohli on 14.

Bumrah took five for 42, his seventh five-wicket haul in Tests, as South Africa were bowled out for 210.

It gave India a first innings lead of 13 but Kagiso Rabada and Marco Jansen dismissed both Indian openers to keep the match -- and the series which is tied at 1-1 -- evenly poised.

Keegan Petersen top-scored with 72 for South Africa but the fragility of the home team's batting was exposed, with no other batsman scoring more than Temba Bavuma's 28.

Even so, South Africa seemed well-placed until Mohammed Shami made a double strike shortly before tea.

With batting conditions seemingly easier in bright sunshine than on the overcast

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The series is level at 1-1, setting up the series finale at Newlands in Cape Town, where top-ranked India could clinch its first test series win in South Africa

first day, South Africa reached 159 for four, with Petersen and Bavuma both batting relatively comfortably.

But the consistently accurate Shami produced a ball which climbed on Bavuma, forcing an edge which was taken by Kohli at second slip.

Two balls later Kyle Verreynne prodded at a good-length delivery from Shami and was caught behind, leaving South Africa with no more recognised batsmen.

Bumrah followed by bowling Jansen with the last ball before tea and then had Petersen caught at first slip in the second over after the interval.

Fantastic 13-strong field to vie for Al Riffa Cup

Al Mohamediya Racing contender Mars Landing returns in bid to claim an impressive third win in five races so far in prestigious Bahrain Turf Series at Rashid Equestrian and Horseracing Club

● Al Mohamediya Racing pair Mars Landing and Medal Winner, along with MKAR Racing challenger Magical Wish have been tipped with a chance of winning Al Riffa Cup

● Two Bahrain Jewellery Centre Cups also to be won, along with three Porsche Cups on day's eight-race card

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Another stellar cast of international contenders are set to line-up along the starting gates for the Bahrain Turf Series tomorrow at Rashid Equestrian and Horseracing Club (REHC) in Sakhir.

The fifth race of the 10 £50,000 handicaps will see 13 horses vie for the Al Riffa Cup.

The event will be race five on tomorrow's exciting eight-race card, and it will be held over 10 furlongs.

Tipped with a chance are Al Mohamediya Racing pair Mars Landing and Medal Winner, along with MKAR Racing challenger Magical Wish.

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Exciting action to be held tomorrow at REHC (File photo)

ond race and then the Al Dana Cup in the third.

Trained by Hesham Al Haddad and to be saddled by Neil Callan, the five-year-old horse will be looking to complete a hat-trick midway through the series but will face some tough competition from the rest of the field.

Medal Winner, trained by Hussain Aldailami, is to be ridden by Paddy Mathers, while Magical Wish, who was the runner-up in the Al Dana Cup, is trained by JS Moore and is to be jockeyed by John Egan.

Three Victorious-owned horses are also in the fray, all trained by Hesham Al Haddad. They include Macaque, to be ridden by Husain Makki; Classical Wave, to be saddled by Lee Newman; and Tawaareq, to be ridden by Charles Bishop; and MKAR Racing's Zezenia, trained by Haider Ebrahim and to be

Some of the other horses expected to make a challenge are Pistoletto, owned by JA Thompson and Stephen Russel, trained by John Ryan and to be saddled by Darragh Keenan; Arqoob, the runner-up in the Al Muharrag Cup, competing for Little Staughton Farms, trained by William Jarvis and to be ridden by Kieran Shoemark; Howzer Black, a three-time winner over 2,000m, representing Middleham Park Racing, trained by Keith Dagleish and to be ridden by George Wood; and George Baker-trained Dawaam, to be ridden by Abdulla Faisal.

The field is completed by Al Hassanain Racing's Wait Forever, trained by Ali Jan and to be ridden by Ebrahim Nader; Al Adiyat Racing's Giustino, trained by AM Smith and to be saddled by Charles Bishop; and MKAR Racing's Zezenia, trained by Haider Ebrahim and to be

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ridden by Eoin Walsh.

Also on tomorrow's race card, the Bahrain Jewellery Centre Cup with a BD3,000 prize will be up for grabs in the day's eighth and final event, with Riffaa Wonder, Graphite Storm and Al Fajir Mukbile tipped with a chance.

Another Bahrain Jewellery Centre Cup is to be won in the fourth race, with Sabreena, Immortal and Campolina dubbed as pre-race favourites to battle for the lion's share of the BD3,000 prize purse.

Three Porsche Cups are to be won in races seven, six and two, each carrying a BD2,000 prize purse; while in the first race of the day, the Fatees Al Hajeri Cup with a BD1,500 purse will be contested, and those tipped with a chance are Al Ma'anagieh 1789, Al Jellabieh 1752 and Al Krush 1823.

Bahrain ProAm 1,000 moved to next year

● Groundbreaking GT endurance event dedicated to ProAm cars rescheduled to early 2023, organisers announce

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The first Bahrain ProAm 1,000, a groundbreaking GT endurance event dedicated to ProAm cars, has been rescheduled from its original date later this month to next year.

This was announced yesterday by Driving Force Events and Bahrain International Circuit (BIC).

The meeting was set to become the only global GT endurance race open exclusively to ProAm and Am driver combinations, with no Pro combinations permitted.

The race was set to take place on January 29 over 1,000km/185 laps along BIC's 5.412-kilometre Grand Prix track, open to GT3,



A GT endurance race taking place at BIC (File photo)

GT4 and Cup classes.

"BIC and Driving Force Events have made the decision to postpone the 2022 Bahrain ProAm 1,000, scheduled for later this month," said a statement. "The inaugural event will now take place in early 2023.

"Both parties are committed to establishing this innovative series as a long-term, major fixture in the global endurance calendar.

"Whilst there has been strong interest from teams to participate in the race, glob-

al logistical difficulties and the Covid-19 situation across many countries where teams are based do not present the optimum conditions to host an inaugural event of this nature. It has therefore been decided to postpone the event to next year.

"Driving Force events and BIC look forward to launching this brand new event alongside an impressive lineup of teams and drivers."

Driving Force Events is the promoter of the Gulf 12 Hours.

Kanoo Motors Rolling Drag Nights set to light up BIC strip tonight

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Bahrain International Circuit (BIC), "The Home of Motorsport in the Middle East," brings the action back to its world-class quarter-mile strip tonight with the Kanoo Motors Rolling Drag Nights.

Similar to BIC's Ebrahim K Kanoo Drag and Drift Nights, Rolling Drag offers participants the chance to power their very own cars or motorbikes down the BIC drag strip, which is a member of the U.S.-based National Hot Rod Association (NHRA) Worldwide Network. The major difference in Rolling Drag is that those who take part do not start from a standstill, but from a rolling speed of 80kph.

Rolling Drag is therefore the perfect activity to invite a friend or more for a challenging series of head-to-head battles within a safe and controlled environ-



Cars in action at BIC

ment.

Thursday's Kanoo Motors Rolling Drag Nights is scheduled to take place between 7pm and midnight.

The cost to participate is BD22 for each driver or rider. There is an additional fee of BD11 for a service car and BD9 for a crew member. An accompanying passenger can join in on the action at a fee of BD8. Spectators can watch from the sidelines for a nominal entry fee of BD2.

Just as in every BIC activity, safety standards of the highest

level are followed at all times during the evening's events for both drivers and spectators alike.

Moreover, attendees should note that the green shield, as shown on the BeAware App, must be presented on entry. Children under 12 are permitted entry when accompanied by a qualifying adult.

For more information on the Kanoo Motors Rolling Drag Nights, visit the circuit's official website on www.bahrainingp.com or call the BIC Hotline on +973-17-450000.