

Bahrain strike gold, set new records in Asian weightlifting

● Gor Minasyan wins Snatch and Total gold medals, claims Clean and Jerk silver

● Medals add to new Asian records in Snatch and Total for men's +109kg class

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Bahrain continued to make sporting history yesterday at the Asian Weightlifting Championships 2022, which came to a close in the Kingdom. Bahraini weightlifter Gor Minasyan won two gold medals



Gor Minasyan, centre, on the podium with two gold and one silver medals and one silver competing in the men's +109kg category, and in records. Minasyan broke the Asian record en route to clinching

gold in the Snatch competition after lifting an impressive 210kg on his third attempt. He had already broken the Asian record in his second attempt when he lifted 205kg, but then did one better just minutes later.

Minasyan was then also able to claim the Total gold medal with a 452kg overall count following his Clean and Jerk lift of 242kg, which earned him his silver.

Minasyan's Total was also a new Asian record.

Minasyan's achievements came just a day after fellow-Bahraini Lesman Paredes captured the men's 96kg Snatch and Overall gold medals, while also clinching the Clean and Jerk silver medal.

Bahrain set for Davis Cup clashes



Action from last year's Davis Cup in Bahrain

● Bahrain Tennis Federation hosting Asia/Oceania Group IV for second straight year

● Bahrain one of nine teams participating in Kingdom's event, one nation to gain promotion

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Bahrain is set to host this week matches in Group IV of Asia/Oceania in the Davis Cup 2022.

The group games have been divided into two events, with the first being held in August in Sri Lanka. Event B is taking place at the Bahrain Tennis Federation (BTF) courts in Isa Town starting today and continuing until Saturday.

Bahrain are one of nine nations competing. The others are Butan, Cambodia, Guam, Kuwait, Lao, Democratic People's Republic of, Mongolia, Singapore and Turkmenistan.

The teams have been divided into two pools for their matches. Pool A consists of Turkmenistan, Cambodia, Mongolia and Bhutan, while Pool B features Kuwait, Guam, Singapore, Laos and hosts Bah-

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rain. The participating countries will play a single round-robin, after which the top team from each pool will meet in the final. The winner of that match-up will gain qualification to Asia/Oceania Group III for next year's Davis Cup, alongside Sri Lanka, who gained their promotion from Event A.

Bahrain open their tournament campaign today against Singapore.

The nationals feature five players, including skipper Abdulkarim Abdunabi, Youssef Ashraf, Hamad Abdula'al, Essa Alqattan and Faris Al Toobli.

Marking the start of the competition, BTF president Shaikh Abdulaziz bin Mubarak Al Khalifa expressed his delight in Bahrain's hosting the Davis Cup group for the second year in a row.

He welcomed all the participating national teams and wished them the best ahead of play.

2 Seas take top 10 finishes, podium in class in British GT season-closer

● Graham Davidson, Aaron Walker steer #20 Mercedes AMG-GT3 to eighth overall, second in Silver-Am category

● James Cottingham, Lewis Williamson in #4 challenger finish ninth overall, seventh in Pro-Am race class

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Bahraini-British racing team 2 Seas Motorsport wrapped up their campaign in the 2022 Intelligent Money British GT Championship yesterday with a pair of top 10 finishes including a podium in class at Donington



The #20 car of Graham Davidson and Aaron Walker in the 2 Seas garage getting ready to race yesterday

Park circuit in the UK. The pair of Graham Davidson and Aaron Walker—making their competitive debut for the team in their #20 Mercedes AMG-GT3 car—took eighth overall on the final classification and a runner-up podium in the Silver-Am category.

Meanwhile, teammates James Cottingham and Lewis Williamson in the #4 challenger finished ninth overall and were seventh in the Pro-Am category.

Both GT3 entrants completed 76 laps over the two-hour

race, but Davidson-Walker were 54.103s behind winners Century Motorsport and Cottingham-Williamson were one minute 08.422 seconds back.

The 2 Seas pair had done well to move up from their grid positions, having started the endurance event in 12th and 13th, respectively.

Following the season-finale, 2 Seas finished third overall in the GT3 Teams Championship with 102 points, behind winners RAM Racing with 189.5 points and Barwell Motorsport with 110.5 points.

Cottingham-Williamson also shared third place in the GT3 Drivers Championship with 102 points apiece, with Ian Loggie the champion on 135 points. Cottingham-Williamson were also fifth in the GT3 Pro-Am standings to end the season.

Al Ahli stun champions Riffa

Ali Jawher scores own goal two minutes from full time as Al Ahli stay undefeated in 2022/2023 Nasser bin Hamad Bahrain Premier Football League

● Ali Jawher inadvertently taps ball into own net in 88th minute

● Al Ahli claim second straight victory, Riffa suffer first defeat

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Al Ahli stunned defending champions Riffa 1-0 last night in a thrilling week two clash of the 2022/2023 Nasser bin Hamad Bahrain Premier Football League.

Riffa's Ali Jawher scored the game's long goal; unfortunately, it was into his own net, as Ahli were able to escape with the win with just two minutes remaining



Riffa's star midfielder Komail Al Aswad looks to keep possession against Al Ahli's Mohammed Jaafar Hassan

in regular time.

Substitute Artem Serdyuk sent in a low cross from the right wing and it remained unclaimed as it reached the face of goal. The ball then found its way to

Jawher, who tapped the ball in past his own goalkeeper as he tried to make a clearance.

Ahli continued to press for a second goal after taking the lead, but Jawher's error proved

Standings

	P	W	D	L	+/-	Pts
Muharraq	2	2	0	0	3	6
Al Ahli	2	2	0	0	2	6
Riffa	2	1	0	1	0	3
Al Shabab	2	1	0	1	0	3
Al Khaldiya	2	1	0	1	0	3
Hidd	2	1	0	1	-1	3
East Riffa	2	0	2	0	0	2
Budaiya	2	0	2	0	0	2
Bahrain Club	2	0	1	1	-1	1
Sitra	2	0	1	1	-1	1
Al Hala	2	0	1	1	-1	1
Manama	2	0	1	1	-1	1

to be enough to separate the two sides.

Riffa could have gone ahead minutes earlier through Bahrain international midfielder Ali Haram, who had an effort in the 78th minute as part of a promising counterattack by Riffa. But his header went wide of the target.

Serdyuk also had a chance for



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touches.

With the result, Ahli claimed their second win in as many matches to start the new league campaign. They improved to six points and are behind only Muharraq on the table due to goal difference. Riffa, on the other hand, dropped their first game and remained on three points in the top half of the standings.

League action continues on Thursday later this week with the first three matches of week three. That evening, Al Hala take on Manama, while Muharraq face off with East Riffa. Ahli will also be back on the pitch against Sitra.

Then, on Friday, Riffa will be locking horns with Bahrain Club. Al Shabab will also take on Budaiya while Hidd face off with Al Khaldiya.

All matches on each day are to take place at separate venues.