

Albert Finney steals the show

Albert Finney takes narrow victory to lift Al Salam Bank Cup



HH Shaikh Isa bin Salman watches the races with other VIPs



HH Shaikh Isa bin Salman and REHC Executive Director Shaikh Salman bin Rashid Al Khalifa during an award presentation

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Albert Finney clinched the seventh and main race of the day yesterday at Rashid Equestrian and Horseracing Club (REHC) in Riffa, lifting the Al Salam Bank Bahrain Cup and taking home the lion's share of the BD4,000 total prize.

The event took place in the presence of His Highness Shaikh Isa bin Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Deputy Chairman of the High Committee at REHC.

Owned by Victorious and trained by Hesham Al Haddad, jockey Husain Makki steered Albert Finney to the victory in the 10-furlong event for imported horses.

The three-year-old won by the narrowest of margins, completing the distance in a time of two minutes 04.257 seconds, just a head or 0.034 seconds in front of Cartago, who was competing for Al Adiyat Racing, Alan Smith and A Jaleel Ahmed.

Fayez came third for owners Al Mohamediya Racing, trainer Hesham Al Haddad and jockey Paddy Mathers; while in fourth, taking the final share of the total prize, was Macaque, another Victorious-owned entrant trained by Hesham Al Haddad and ridden by Anas Al Siyabi.

The race featured a highly competitive field of 13 horses in all.

The fifth race of the day was for an REHC Cup, and it also carried a total prize of BD4,000, which was the richest of the day. Covering a distance of eight furlongs, Al Nimra was the victor in 1:38.990

for owner Abdulla Fawzi Nass, Hesham Al Haddad and Paddy Mathers.

A length-and-a-half behind was The Dark Knight, owned by Victorious, trained by Alan Smith and ridden by Paul Hanagan. Ramani for Al Afoo Racing, trainer Mohammed Saeed and jockey Lee Newman came third; while Shamikh was fourth competing for His Highness Shaikh Hamad bin Abdulla bin Isa Al Khalifa, James Naylor and Brett Doyle.

Three other races yesterday were also for Al Salam Bank Bahrain Cups while one other was for an REHC Cup.

In race six held over eight furlongs with a BD3,000 prize, Desert Lion was the winner of an Al Salam Bank Cup amongst the participating imported horses in a time of 1:37.976. Owned by Isa Mahmood Al Seddiqi, trained by Hesham Al Haddad and ridden

by Paddy Mathers, Desert Lion triumphed two lengths ahead of Jabir, competing for Ali Hussain Ali Alsaegh, Jaffar Marzooq and Brett Doyle.

Bathos was third for Mahmood Syed Adnan Hashim, Osama Hashim and Ahmed Maki; while in fourth place, taking the last share of the prize money, was Emerald for the Late A Rasool K Darwish Stable, Abdulla Haji and A Rahim Jasim.

The day's fourth race over six furlongs and a BD2,000 prize was won by World Order in 1:11.837. World Order was competing for Al Mohamediya Racing, Jaber Ramadhan and Paddy Mathers. Empiricist was the runner-up one-and-a-quarter-lengths behind for Ghalya Raed Ali Abdulla, Samir Dawood and Abdulla Faisal. In third was Born to Boom for Ali Saeed Salman, Osama Hashim and Ahmed Maki, while fourth came Android, owned by Al Mal-

lah Syndicate, trained by A Jaleel Al Mallah and ridden by Andrew Elliott.

Pulsar claimed race three for Abdulla Fawzi Nass, Hesham Al Haddad and Husain Makki. Pulsar completed the 12-furlong race with a BD2,000 prize in 2:40.312. Good News was second for M and E Racing, Alan Smith and A Rahim Jasim; while Raed was third for His Highness Shaikh Mohammed bin Abdulla bin Isa Al Khalifa, James Naylor and Andrew Elliott. Daarej was classified fourth for His Highness Shaikh Hamad bin Abdulla bin Isa Al Khalifa, James Naylor and Brett Doyle.

In the day's second race for the other REHC Cup, having a distance of 1,400m and a total prize of BD3,000, Pulp Fiction won in 1:29.189 for Al Adiyat Racing, Alan Smith and Paul Hanagan. Saraab was the runner-up for Al Afoo Racing Stable, Mohammed



Winners from yesterday's events

Saeed and Lee Newman; while Alejandro came third for Al Adiyat Racing, Alan Smith and A Rahim Jasim. Jazla finished in fourth place for His Highness Shaikh Isa bin Abdulla bin Isa Al Khalifa, James Naylor and Andrew Elliott.

The first race of the meeting over 1,400m and offering a BD2,000 prize was won by Al

Rabba 1749 for Al Wasmiya, A Kuwaiti and Brett Doyle. Al Muhammannah was the runner-up for Al Riffa, Yousif Alboainain and Hasan Al Saffar. In third came Al Mloesh 1748 competing for Victorious, Yousif Taher and Abdulla Faisal, while fourth from the six-field horse race was Al Krush 1751 for Al Sakhr, Jaffar Marzooq and Andrew Elliott.



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A tight finish in one of the day's races

Pakistan's Hafeez to retire after Twenty20 World Cup

AFP | Karachi

Recalled Pakistan all-rounder Mohammad Hafeez yesterday said he will retire from international cricket after the Twenty20 World Cup later this year, vowing to end his career on a positive note.

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terday.

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Maguire named as new Man Utd captain

AFP | London

Ole Gunnar Solskjaer has confirmed Harry Maguire as Manchester United's new captain less than six months after his £80 million (\$104 million) move from Leicester.

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"He's come in and been a leader in the group. I have

not been surprised but I've been impressed by his leadership skills."

"He is part of a group that we've had that have been leading this young

group," added Solskjaer.

"Ashley has been of course,

Marcus (Rashford) is a young lad but he has been involved, David (de Gea) and Harry, so Harry will keep on wearing the armband now."

Young, who moved to Old Trafford in 2011, will link up at the San Siro with former United teammates Romelu Lukaku and Alexis Sanchez.

"Ashley has been a good servant for the club, he's been captain, he's won trophies, the league, various cups," said Solskjaer.



Harry Maguire

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