

## HM the King's Cup endurance ride gets underway

● Victorious riders clinch one-two in 120km international qualifying race

● Faisal Humaid Al Enezi wins 100km local qualifying race

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His Majesty the King's Cup Endurance Ride Championship got underway yesterday at Bahrain International Endurance Village in Sakhr.

The event, being held under the patronage of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, has been organised by the Bahrain Royal Equestrian and Endurance Federation (BREEF), and it continues until tomorrow.

Spanish rider Rocio Esperanza of Victorious team finished in first place in the 120-kilometre international qualifying race after completing the distance in a time of five hours and 46 minutes.

Mohammed Abdulhamin Alhashemi, also of Victorious, finished as the runner-up in 5:46:11, while Sarhan Hamid Al Enezi came third in 6:11:22.

Meanwhile, in the 100km local qualifying race, Faisal Humaid Al Enezi was the winner in 4:56:10. Ahmed Yousef Al Dosari came second in 5:01:50, and Abdulaziz Al Mutairi from Kuwait finished third in 5:12:16.

HM the King's representative for humanitarian work and youth affairs and BREEF honorary president HH Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa praised the royal support to equestrian



Participants during yesterday's rides compete

sport in Bahrain. HH Shaikh Nasser also praised the festival's sponsors, including Batelco, ALBA, NBB, House ME, Chevron, Sino Contracting, Kuwait Finance House and Ascon for supporting the event. He also praised the efforts of BREEF and its president HH Shaikh Isa bin Abdulla Al Khalifa in ensuring the success of the festival.

Action continues today.

## BIC to display replica 2022 F1 car at Sa'ada

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The excitement and anticipation are reaching fever pitch ahead of next month's history-making Formula 1 Gulf Air Bahrain Grand Prix, and Bahrain International Circuit (BIC) continues to give the Kingdom's motorsport fans a chance to get a sneak peek at what's to come with public displays of a replica 2022 F1 car.

The latest display exhibit of the all-new racing machine can be enjoyed at popular waterfront development Sa'ada, located in Muharraq.

The replica F1 car, which features a special Bahrain livery, will be on display today and tomorrow, offering Bahrain's motor racing lovers the opportunity to be among the first in the world to see the radical new F1 car design in person.

These cars are set to be introduced this season as part of the biggest revolution of regulations in the history of the top flight, all of which will come into effect at the F1 Gulf Air Bahrain Grand Prix 2022, taking place 18 to 20 March at BIC in Sakhr.

There will also be a BIC stand next to the car where tickets



The replica 2022 F1 car with Bahrain livery

can be purchased.

Tickets to this year's race weekend are selling fast and those wishing to attend are advised to secure their seats at the earliest as less than 30 days remain for the region's biggest sporting and social occasion.

Discounts are available for children aged three to 12 at 50

per cent off, with reductions also available to students, those with special needs, and senior citizens.

To buy tickets or for further information on the Formula 1 Gulf Air Bahrain Grand Prix 2022, visit BIC's official website [www.bahraingp.com](http://www.bahraingp.com) or call the BIC Hotline on +973-17-450000.

# Bahrain Turf Series finale set

REHC hosts final two races of 10 £50,000 handicaps today with Al Sakhr Cup and Vision 2030 Cup

● Two HH Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa Cups also to be won in day's final two races

● Exciting eight-race card set for today featuring globally renowned and top local contenders

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Rashid Equestrian and Horseracing Club (REHC) hosts the final two races of the prestigious Bahrain Turf Series today as part of an exciting eight-race card that also includes two His Highness Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa Cups.

The turf series is set to conclude with the Al Sakhr Cup and Vision 2030 Cup—the ninth and 10th £50,000 handicaps featuring star-studded fields.

The Al Sakhr Cup, today's fifth race at 3.15pm covering seven furlongs, will see one returning turf series winner in Deep Intrigue, the 96-rated, Hasan Mefareh Alajmi-owned and Hesham Al Haddad-trained contender, who will be ridden by last year's Bahrain International Trophy winning jockey David Egan.

A number of other top names are in the fray, including Silent Film for owners Godolphin and trainer Charlie Appleby, to be saddled by James Doyle; Sonja Henie, competing for Victori-



Irish jockey Eoin Walsh rides Howzer Black on the REHC track yesterday in preparation for the Vision 2030 Cup

ous and Hesham Al Haddad, to be ridden by Husain Makki; and the Al Mohamediya Racing trio of Shebil Aljazira (Marcialis Jaures), Tamerlane (Jason Watson) and Desert Gulf, co-owned with Fawzi Nass, to be ridden by Paddy Mathers.

The 16-horse field is completed by Magical Wish for MKAR Racing, Kinks for Isa Mahmood Al Seddiqi, Nayslayer for Bahrain Racing Team Syndicate, Mushtaq for FF Racing, Urgent Appeal for Rabbah Racing, Graphite Storm for Al Hassanain

Racing, Natural Path for Peter Trainor, King's Knight for Ziad A Galadari, Wonder Elzaam for Paul Kwok, Angel Li and Orbital Racing Group, and Nebo for Julie Routledge-Martin and David R Martin and Dan Hall.

Meanwhile, the Vision 2030 Cup follows as the sixth race of the day starting at 3.45pm. It will be contested over 10 furlongs, with a field of 11 battling it out.

Godolphin are being represented once more as Tamborada, also trained by Charlie Appleby and saddled by James

Doyle, is competing. Al Mohamediya Racing have three entrants, namely Bond's Boy, to be ridden by Paddy Mathers, Ahdab with Jason Watson in the saddle, and Zagato, to be ridden by Neil Callan.

Also in the fray are George



Last year's Bahrain International Trophy winner David Egan will be looking to claim his fourth win in the Bahrain Turf Series, riding Deep Intrigue today in the Al Sakhr Cup. He previously saddled Deep Intrigue to victory in the Al Wasmiya Cup, and also won the Al Riffa Cup on Tawaareq and the Anchorman Cup on Classical Wave



International horses at REHC yesterday getting ready for today's races

Baker Racing Bahrain Syndicate's La Maquina, with Lewis Edmunds the jockey; Arqoob of Little Staughton Farms Ltd with David Egan in the saddle; and Howzer Black for Middleham Park Racing LXXVIII, to be ridden by Eoin Walsh.

Rounding off the contestants are Wait Forever and Zymyran, both representing Al Hassanain Racing, Mission Boy for MKAR Racing and Brains for The Judges and Partner.

### Prestigious cups

Meanwhile, the two HH Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa Cups will be on offer in today's last two races.

In the eighth and concluding race, to be held over 11 furlongs with a BD10,000 prize, Medal Winner, Tawaareq and Encourage have been tipped with a chance amongst the nine-horse field; while in race seven, Sabreena, Alejandro and Epic are the favourites over another

11-furlong ride, with a BD5,000 prize purse.

The first race of the day will be for the HH Shaikh Mohammed bin Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa Cup, to be held over eight furlongs with a BD3,000 prize. Kuheilani Umm Zorayr 1797, Obeyan 1777 and Kuheilani Afas 1708 are the pre-race favourites.

Race two is for the HH Shaikh Hamdan bin Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa Cup, covering eight furlongs with a BD3,500 prize. Taufan, Wewonitsixtimes and Shawwash have been tipped with a chance.

The third race is for the HH Shaikh Hamad bin Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa Cup. Mudalal, Mahaam and Raseen are the favourites to take the win over a six-furlong straight for the lion's share of the BD3,500 prize.

Race four is for the HH Shaikha Sheemah bint Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa Cup, set for five furlongs with a BD5,000 prize.

### Bahrain Turf Series winners to date

Cup	Horse	Owner	Trainer	Jockey
Al Manama Cup	Happy Craf	M and E Racing	AM Smith	Edinson Rodriguez
Al Muharraq Cup	Mars Landing	Al Mohamediya Racing	Hesham Al Haddad	Neil Callan
Al Dana Cup	Mars Landing	Al Mohamediya Racing	Hesham Al Haddad	Neil Callan
Al Wasmiya Cup	Deep Intrigue	Hasan Mefareh Alajmi	Hesham Al Haddad	David Egan
Al Riffa Cup	Tawaareq	Victorious	Hesham Al Haddad	David Egan
Al Jasra Cup	Happy Craf	M and E Racing	AM Smith	Edinson Rodriguez
Hawar Cup	Roman River	M and E Racing	AM Smith	Edinson Rodriguez
Anchorman Cup	Classical Wave	Victorious	Hesham Al Haddad	David Egan