

Double podium for 2 Seas

Bahraini-British motor racing team finish second and third in season's sixth round in 2023 British GT Championship

● **2 Seas' James Cottingham and Jonny Adam come 0.042s shy of victory**

● **Teammates Ian Loggie and Jules Gounon finish in third place overall**

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Bahraini-British motor racing team 2 Seas Motorsport claimed a double podium yesterday in the sixth round of the 2023 Intelligent Money British GT Championship, held at Snetterton Circuit in Norfolk, the UK.

The pair of James Cottingham and Jonny Adam in 2 Seas' #4 Mercedes AMG-GT3 Evo challenger finished as runners-up in what was the second 60-minute sprint race of the weekend.

Meanwhile, teammates Ian Loggie and Jules Gounon in 2 Seas' #1 car were right behind them in third.

The two 2 Seas cars also had a strong performance in the fifth round, held earlier in the day yesterday, with both



2 Seas' #4 car, right, tries to close in as Ram Racing are about to cross the finish line in the season's sixth round yesterday, with 2 Seas' #1 car right behind in third place

crews finishing in the points in sixth and seventh place, respectively.

The Snetterton event was the last of just two meetings in this British GT season featuring two races. The other

was at Oulton Park in Cheshire, where the campaign's opening two rounds took place.

In the second race of the day yesterday, it was a hotly contested finish with



2 Seas' pair of contending crews added to their podium appearances in yesterday's second race by taking some valuable points from the day's earlier 60-minute sprint. James Cottingham and Jonny Adam were classified sixth in that opening event and Ian Loggie and Jules Gounon were seventh

both 2 Seas crews amongst a leading group of four battling bumper to bumper over the last two laps.

At the finish line, the Ram Racing tandem of John Ferguson and Raffaele Marciello finished just inches ahead of Cottingham and Adam to claim the win

by a mere 0.042 seconds.

Loggie and Gounon followed not far behind but not after a tough fight with Orange Racing Team by JMH, shared by Simon Orange and Michael O'Brien. They had an incident over the final corners that saw both cars go off the track, but Loggie and Gounon were able to get ahead of their rivals at the finish.

They were classified 0.422s from first.

In yesterday's earlier race, Cottingham and Adam were classified 30.430 seconds behind winners Shaun Balfe and Sandy Mitchell of Barwell Motorsport. They had started from sixth on the grid.

Loggie and Gounon, starting from 11th, finished 31.924s from the victors for a solid seventh place.

The 2023 British GT campaign features nine rounds in all. Following this weekend's action, the series now heads for Autodromo do Algarve in Portugal, for its only round outside of the UK on July 22 and 23.

The championship will then race at Brands Hatch on September 9 and 10, and then at Donington Park again for the season-finale on October 21 and 22.

ISB Community Sports Fest: Cricket-league round begins in style



Event organisers and team officials pose for a photo after the captain's meeting

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The Indian School ground in Isa Town has come alive with the commencement of the Floodlit Cricket Tournament, as part of the ISB Community Sports Fest 2023.

With 40 teams participating in this round, divided into eight groups of five teams each, the competition promises to be fierce as the teams battle it out to secure a spot in the final stage.

In Group A, the Bharati Tamil Sangham A team has taken an early lead with 2 points. In Group B, the Shaheen Group-A team is currently at the top with 2 points, while Sahar Auto Parts and Asri Lions are leading the pack in Group D with 2 points each.

The PCD Mavericks have dominated Group E with 2 points, and in Group F, both Shaheen Group B team and Jai Karnataka Smart CC are leading with 2

points each. Pacet-Blue stands out in Group G with 2 points.

The tournament has already seen some outstanding performances on the field. Vivek Soman Nair of PCD Mavericks has emerged as the leading scorer, showcasing his prowess with an impressive 40 runs at a remarkable strike rate of 307.69.

Close behind is Shyamkumar Sukumaran of Pacet-Blue with 27 runs. On the bowling front, Raheem Moideen from IYCC Avengers has established himself as the leading wicket-taker, having claimed 3 wickets so far. The first round of matches took place on June 15, 16, and 17, and the tournament will continue in the following weeks.

To ensure the smooth running of the event, a captain's meeting was held at Jashanmal auditorium, where the fixtures were finalized. ISB Chairman Prince S Natarajan, Secretary Saji Antony, EC Member - Sports Rajesh



Action during a match

MN, and Organizing Committee General Convener Tawfeeq, along with team captains, attended the meeting.

The cricket tournament is being conducted in collaboration with the Bahrain Cricket Federation for Indian nationals residing in the Kingdom, as part of the grand ISB Community Sports Fest 2023, under the patronage of the Indian Embassy in Bahrain.

Alongside cricket, the festival will feature a range of other exciting sports events, including Badminton, Table Tennis, Football, Volleyball, Tug of War, Kabaddi, and Athletics, in the weeks to come. Sports enthusiasts can look forward to an action-packed and thrilling series of events that celebrate the spirit of athleticism and camaraderie within the community.

Maysara Mohamed hailed as the "Egyptian Conor McGregor"



Maysara (right) pushes Ruel yesterday at the BRAVE CF 71 staredowns

● **BRAVE CF president believes the energy Maysara brings is compared to that of the Irish MMA legend**

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BRAVE Combat Federation's Maysara Mohamed has been compared to Conor McGregor in the way they both set the pace of their fights in terms of energy before and during their bouts.

BRAVE CF president Mohammed Shahid hailed Maysara as a fighter who can deeply impact his opponent, through the "aura" he possesses.

Mohamed makes his return to BRAVE CF when he takes on Ruel Panales in the preliminary card of BRAVE CF 71, today, and he will look to control the fight the same way he has done in the past.

"There's something that usually happens in a fight, when two fighters are competing, and one of them controls the aura of the cage. Fighters like Conor McGregor, for example, come in and control the energy. You look at his opponents and you feel sad for them – and the fight hasn't even begun! You look at all the data and you

think they're evenly matched, but then you get them face to face right before the fight begins, and it's another story. That fighter has everything under his control and the aura, the energy is by his side. That's Maysara Mohamed for you. I've seen that in him, he has that it factor, he makes people stand up, they get that energy from him and he feeds off of that exchange as well. That's something you can't see, but you can feel every time Maysara fights", said Mohammed Shahid, BRAVE CF president, during the taping of Hawk's Corner.

And this time around, Maysara has even gone as far as kicking things off before the fight begins. Usually reserved outside of the cage, the Egyptian Conor McGregor has gone out of his shell this fight week and had an altercation with his opponent Ruel Panales during their staredown.

BRAVE CF 71 is the first event of a series of two cards held by the promotion in the Kingdom of Bahrain. Today's fight night will be headlined by the aforementioned Featherweight title eliminator bout between Omar Solomanov and Ilyar Askhanov.

The event will be broadcast live on BRAVE TV App and Bahrain TV.



Bahrain Tennis Club (BTC) has kicked off its BTC Members Tennis Tournament 2023 at the BTC courts in Juffair. The tournament features several categories including the men's super singles, men's singles, men's doubles, ladies' singles and ladies' doubles. An opening ceremony was held with BTC president Dr Khamis Al Muqla on hand. Above, Dr Al Muqla, standing ninth from right, with players on the competition's first day