QREC starts Al Uqda racing, stables operation in Al Khor

It will be run in co-ordination with the Ministry of Culture and Sports; some race meetings next season also planned

By Sports Reporter

The Qatar Racing and Equestrian Club (QREC) will manage the operations of the Al Uqda Complex in Al Khor pursuant to the directives of the Ministry of Culture and Sports Qatar (MCS) and His Excellency Nasser bin Sherida al-Kaabi, QREC chairman.

"The use of the Al Uqda Complex will be operated in coordination with the Ministry of Culture and Sports. The stables at the complex will be allocated for the use of trainers to train horses in favour of QREC subscribers. QREC endeavours to provide trainers more opportunities to properly train horses, and consequently enhance racing. It also opens the opportunities for QREC subscribers to benefit from the Al Uqda Complex stability and, thus, ease the waiting list issue."

QREC chairman Issa bin Mohamed al-Mohannadi said, "The Al Uqda Complex in Al Khor is a new asset, which will play a part in the ongoing enhancement of horse racing both at Al Uqda and Al Rayyan Park. The Complex will provide more stables and horse stalls, which will be allocated for the use of trainers according to the regulations in effect. It will also give trainers the freedom of choice in terms of their horses, and provide an opportunity for horse owners to benefit from the Al Uqda Complex stables and, thus, ease the waiting list issue."

QREC CEO Nasser bin Sherida al-Kaabi. The race track at the Al Uqda Complex in Al Khor.

QREC is committed with its strategy in line with the state's strategy in general and QREC's strategy in particular to raise the standard of racing in Qatar in general. "The use of the Al Uqda Complex has been developed and the fine details are being finalised. This will, in turn, provide more racing opportunities for horse owners, trainers and jockeys, and realise the tremendous benefits of the facility aligned with the state's strategy in general and QREC's strategy in particular to benefit the people of the public good."
Fans urge BCCI to retire Dhoni's number seven jersey

Parth and fans yesterday urged India's cricket captain to be remembered in cricket's history with a number seven jersey in his honour. The request was an emotional one as India

Dhoni's fans have long been vocal about retiring his number seven jersey in cricket, unlike in football. His biggest legacy, however, would be as India's 'Captain Cool' who was also one of the greatest finishers in the history of the game.

Indian star Dhoni's five notable innings

1. **Early Impression:**
   - **Indian Cricket:**
     - Dhoni's first-class career began with a century against Vaishali in 2004. He scored five centuries in his first ten innings.

2. **T20 Glory:**
   - **India v Pakistan:**
     - Dhoni's T20 debut came against Pakistan in 2006. He scored a century against them in the 2007 World Cup final.

3. **World Cup Finale:**
   - **Australia v India:**
     - Dhoni's World Cup-winning innings against Australia in 2011 is remembered as one of the greatest innings in cricket history.

4. **Test Success:**
   - **England v India:**
     - Dhoni's Test career saw him score 583 runs against England in 2011.

5. **Bihar Cricket:**
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     - Dhoni's love for Bihar cricket is evident in hisMEMORIAL:'ALL-TIME GREAT'

Dhoni's biggest legacy, however, would be as India's 'Captain Cool' who was also one of the greatest finishers in the history of the game.
When left-arm quick Shaheen added: “He looks like a nuggety ball and field so you are on strike lening in itself, to manoeuvre the is something that should not be in batting with the tail as well.

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“Everybody says ‘thank you for coming’. They just want international players to come and be part of the cricket culture here and it’s been amazing.”

“Shaheen added: “The hardest times you just want to go out and play the game, if you are playing. It’s the same all around the world.”

“The English players were there for the Pakistan Super League in our team, Rahul Dravid – Alastair Cook and Strauss “I said, Shaheen, apparently the left-arm quick bowler is exposure where I enjoyed it, they got looked after beautifully and most pro... to the government of Pakistan, the Pakistan Cricket Board and the Pakistan team and their staff” England-off-spinner Ali made it clear that the attraction of playing against Pakistan is something that we’ll speak about, we’ll talk about this later on.”

In the fourth day’s play, a scheduled 58 overs had been batted when rain stopped play on day two at 12:00pm (1100 GMT).

Abbas before the umpires called a halt at 12:00pm (1100 GMT). "It’s not the cricket performance you get congratulated match-ups where he is not part of the current Test squad but did feature in world champions England once.”

The former England batsman added: “He looks like a nuggety player who needs to be taken seriously and Jonathan Trott after the Pakistan wicketkeeper removed the hosts in the second Test at Southampton yesterday before more rain had interrupted the match. The series ends with the third Test, also at Southampton, starting Friday.

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A NHL season unlike any other will end with the Boston Bruins on the cusp of a Stanley Cup victory in the league's quarantine bowl in Florida.

In a season reshaped by the coronavirus pandemic, Boston's advantage should be pronounced.

Raptors back in the playoffs despite losing Finals MVP Kawhi Leonard and starter Danny Green after their title run.

Boston goaltender Rask opted out of the rest of the playoffs because of personal reasons.

Ike Anigbogu said. "I definitely don't believe that, but like I said, I will continue to play my best and try to help my team win games.

The regular season was cut short due to the coronavirus pandemic, which caused the league to stop play on March 11.

In this time of uncertainty and change, it is important to remember that sports can provide a sense of normalcy and a much-needed escape from the challenges we face in our daily lives.

The Nashville Predators are in the playoffs for the first time in seven seasons, having also gone an unassisted 3-1 in seven games.

The move was announced 90 minutes prior to the start of the game at Rogers Arena.

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**SPOTLIGHT**

**BRADY BEATS TEICHMANN TO WIN FIRST WTA TITLE AT LEXINGTON**

Jared Bryndza celebrates with the trophy after defeating Alize Cornet of France 6-1, 6-4, to win the Top Seed Open in Lexington, Kentucky, yesterday. (AP Photo)

**GOLFMILL**

**KIM NEARLY MAKES TWO ACES IN GRABBING LEAD**

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Kim (USA) on the 18th hole during the third round of the PGA Championship at TPC Harding Park yesterday. (AP Photo)

**SPORTS**

**Halep wins Prague title, to decide on US Open today**

We felt really safe here and all the rules were respected. It's a bit stressful but the fact that everyone was in a bubble and everything was done well.

**Cycling**

Colombian Martinez wins Critérium du Dauphiné

**RESULTS**

**US Open**

American Jesper Parnevik, 21, at a 30-year-old at the US Open in New York this year instead of Cincinnati as a result of the coronavirus pandemic. (AFP)

**Tennis**

American Jen Brady defeats Belinda Bencic of Switzerland 6-2, 6-1, to win the the Open in New York this year instead of Cincinnati as a result of the coronavirus pandemic. (AFP)

**World No2 Simona Halep celebrates with Prague Open trophy yesterday. (AP)***

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Shakhtar’s European dream lives on far from Donetsk

“We want to go down in the history of the club, and to do that we must lift trophies”

Shakhtar Donetsk’s players take part in a training session on the eve of the UEFA Europa League semi-final first leg against Inter Milan in Donetsk yesterday. (AFP)

Bayern Munich’s Joshua Kimmich celebrates scoring their 11th goal in a Champions League match against Guangzhou Evergrande yesterday (AFP)

Shakhtar Donetsk are no better equipped than the rest of the teams in the Ukrainian championship to thrive despite not playing in their home city any more.

Upturned by a war to the east in Ukraine between government forces and separatists, the club has been forced to relocate. Firstly to Lviv, 1,200 kilometres from home, for the past three years in Kharkiv, a mere 300 kilometres from their Donbass Arena in Donetsk.

The state-of-the-art 52,000 capacity stadium when it opened in 2017 was built to house the Ukrainian national team, until the war forced them to move. It is already behind us, “ Boateng.

“Of course we were surprised, we had a lot of respect for Manchester, claiming an eighth straight Champions League winner Benitez’s first win in a European clash.

The current squad boasts 12 Brazilians, including international forwards Janus Meeke and Matheus Veron, and a large number of Ukrainian internationals. Midfielder Luiz Carlos has picked up where his compatriot Paolo Guerrero left off when he moved to take charge of Roma at the start of the season.

After narrowly missing out on a position in the Champions League in the past 10 years, they are still ahead of the likes of Tottenham, Ajax and Manchester United, who are not the best players from their rivals have deposed rivals Dynamo Kiev as the Ukrainian champions for the first time in their history.

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Manuel Neuer was named the goalkeeper of the season, Dani Alves and Gabriel Jesus were named the best player and best young player, respectively. Alexander-Arnold was named the defender of the season.

The game between two sides that have one point to play like this in the CSL, which means his young side are bottom of his group with two points.

Dalian Pro coach Rafael Benitez (right) looks on during their Chinese Super League match against Guangzhou Evergrande yesterday.

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Qatar Airways announces partnership with Club African of Tunisia

Qatar Airways senior vice president and chief corporate communications officer Francois Bousquet said: “We are excited to announce this new partnership, which will see Qatar Airways’ logo appear on the shirts of Club African from the 2022/23 season. We are constantly striving to boost our global sports sponsorship portfolio, and this partnership, along with many others, is an important part of our dedication to the sports sector and our belief in the power of sport to bring people together.

We look forward to working with and engaging with the club and its fans to help make a real impact in Tunisia and the region. We are proud to be associated with the long-term vision of the State of Qatar, and of Qatar Airways’ national carrier, we welcome the opportunity to use sport as a means for youth development here in the Gulf.”

Club African chairman Ahmad Al Matari stated: “Upon addressing the French press, we are delighted to announce that the club has reached a four-year partnership with Qatar Airways. Club African is glad to be a part of the major group of international local teams that are partnered with and sponsored by Qatar Airways, which is known for its modern yet efficient aircraft that have made it one of the most preferred in each market.

Due to Covid-19 impact on travel demand, the airline has taken the decision to ground its Airbus A380, the aircraft used for commercial and environmental efficiency in order to operate a new aircraft in the current market environment. The Airbus A380 will perform as an Avro 800 and Boeing 787-9 in the market for passengers who prefer a luxurious and comfortable flight experience.

It is incredible because we have won a new format leaves Tunisian Super Cups and is facing the opportunity to use sport as a means for youth development here in the Gulf.”

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FORMULA 1

Hamilton sweeps to record-breaking win in Spain

Mercedes’ world champ now has the record of 156 podium finishes

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ewton Hamilton claimed his 95th Formula One career victory and, with an outright record of 213 points, now leads the standings ahead of Valtteri Bottas by 26 points. The British driver, who started from pole position, blew away the rest of the field to win the Spanish Grand Prix at Barcelona’s Circuit de Catalunya. The win, his fifth of the season, saw Hamilton complete his 92nd pole position, but his best finish of the season.

The Princeton native has now led every lap of every race since the 2019 Austrian Grand Prix, setting a new record. He has also won more races in a single season than any driver in history, breaking Michael Schumacher’s record of 11 victories in a single campaign.

“I’m just motivated to keep going. I don’t think I’m in any sort of form,” Hamilton said. “I’m just enjoying myself and taking the win. I’m happy with the result.”

Hamilton, who started from pole position, held off his nearest rival, Max Verstappen of Red Bull, to win his fifth race of the season. The Dutch driver, who finished second, was unable to prevent Hamilton from extending his lead in the championship to 26 points.

“Today was a real struggle,” Verstappen said. “We were off the pace, and I had to work hard to keep the car on the track. But I’m happy with the result, and it’s a great way to start the season.”

Ferrari, who started from fourth on the grid, scored its first podium of the season with incident-free laps from Sebastian Vettel and Kimi Raikkonen.

“I’m really happy with the race,” Vettel said. “We had a good strategy, and the car was strong.”

MotoGP

Ducati’s Dovizioso wins Austrian GP after horror crash stalemate

Ducati’s Andrea Dovizioso overcame a horror crash in the opening laps to claim his second MotoGP title with a hard-fought win in the Austrian Grand Prix.

The Italian rider, who had led for much of the race before crashing heavily on lap 31, refused to give up and fought back to take the lead back. The win was Dovizioso’s first in Austria since 2010 and his second in 2019.

“Today was really tough,” Dovizioso said. “I had a crash, and then I had to fight back. I’m really happy to get the win.”

KTM’s Brad Binder finished second, with Repsol Honda’s Marc Marquez third. The win was binders third of the season and his first in Austria.

“Today was a hard fought win,” Binder said. “I’m really happy to get the result.”

With the win, Dovizioso moved to within one point of Marquez in the championship standings.

“Today was a really tough day,” Marquez said. “But I’m happy with the result. I’m really happy to get the win.”

Woes for Ferrari as Leclerc engine fails, Vettel slips late on

Ferrari’s awful season continued as Charles Leclerc’s engine failed while leading the race, allowing Lando Norris to take the lead.

“It’s quite simple,” Leclerc said. “We had no luck. We were 10 laps and the car was in front of me. But our engine was not ready, it was a long way to go for the podium.”

The Monegasque driver, who had gone on to lead the race, was forced to retire.

“Ferrari are considering buying more power units, but the engine has not been delivered,” Mattia Binotto said. “We had a chance of sixth or seventh, but the engine was not ready.”

MotoGP driver, Italian's fifth win of the season

Dovizioso, who was 10th in the 2019 season, moved to Aston Martin next year, with Ferrari and linked with a points ahead of Verstappen.

There was no chance of blocking him, so I just had to try,” Leclerc said. “I think I did it, but it was a good way to help my team and to push Verstappen.”

But with 10 laps to go to keep the team’s performance up. The Italian rider said: “I think our engine was not ready, but we had to try.”

“The problem was the engine, and it was not ready,” Leclerc said. “We had no luck and it was not the plan before the race to try 10 laps on the soft tyre.”

FORMULA 1 SPOTLIGHT

Monaco Grand Prix: Charles Leclerc spins during the Austrian Grand Prix at the Red Bull Ring circuit in Spielberg, Austria, yesterday (AFP)