

**A memorable experience for all attendees**

# ICAIKC successfully hosts badminton tournament

KUWAIT CITY, Nov 9: The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India - Kuwait Chapter (ICAIKC) organized a thrilling Badminton Tournament recently at I Smash Badminton Academy, Ahmadi, Kuwait. The event, open exclusively to ICAIKC members and their families, saw enthusiastic participation from a large number of attendees. The tournament featured various categories, including Men's Doubles, Women's Doubles, Boys' (8-12 Years), Boys' (Teen Category), and Girls' Singles, with winners and runners-up being awarded trophies.

The Tournament began with CA Aditya Dhanuka, Chairman of ICAI Kuwait Chapter inaugurating the event, after which CA Jatin Bagaria, Executive Committee Member, took the lead to warmly welcome the participants and outline the rules, setting an enthusiastic tone for the day's competitions.

The competition was then set into motion, with CA Jatin Bagaria managing the event along with organising efforts from CA Joseph Peter and CA Umesh Soni. The games were smoothly facilitated with the help of additional committee members such as CA Dhruv Shah, CA Bhavani Vikram Joshi, CA Kunjumary Ignatious and CA Sonia Enamakel.

CA Aditya Dhanuka, expressed his congratulations to all the winners and participants, emphasizing that such events help promote sportsmanship and camaraderie among members and their families. He then, extended a special thanks to the committee members who ensured seamless management of the tournament. He also highlighted the joy and enthusiasm that filled the event, creating a memorable experience for all attendees.

CA Aditya Dhanuka also began the Prize Distribution ceremony, where trophies were handed over by the Committee Members to the respective winners. The Chapter also extended its gratitude to its annual sponsors, Al Mulla Exchange and NBK for their continued support.

The tournament wrapped up on a delightful note with a sweet surprise awaiting the attendees where the Chapter presented each participant's family with a special Diwali gift box of sweets by Mughal Mahal, adding festive joy and warmth to the memorable event.

ICAIKC is committed to hosting more events in the future, promoting sportsmanship, unity, and a vibrant community spirit among its members. The Badminton Tournament was another step towards creating a vibrant and connected ICAIKC family in Kuwait.



ICAIKC badminton tournament winners pose with officials.



ICAIKC badminton tournament participants gear up for action.

The winners and runners up in each category were as follows:

Category	Winners	Runners Up
<b>Men's Doubles Category</b>	CA Sanjay Mathew Roy and CA Joseph Thomas	CA Sai Devata and CA Ravikiran Prabhakar
<b>Women's Doubles Category</b>	CA Vijaya Ann Joseph & Roshni Gonsalves (W/O CA Rabin Gonsalves)	CA Nisha Jalan & Hena Dhruv Shah (W/O CA Dhruv Shah)
<b>Boys' Teen Category</b>	Elvin Chacko Mathew (S/O CA Sanjay Mathew Roy)	Ayukit Pawan Kumar (S/O CA NP Kumar)
<b>Boys' 8-12 Age Group</b>	Arva Nagar (S/O CA Ravi Nagar)	Aaron Thomas (S/O CA Abin Raji Varghese)
<b>Girls' Singles Category</b>	Ummekusoom Mahudhawala (D/O CA Mohammad Mahudhawala)	Meera Vikram Joshi (D/O CA Bhavani Vikram Joshi)

# McIlroy makes late error to ruin 3rd-round charge in Abu Dhabi

14-year-old Zhou Shiyuan wins second straight China LPGA title

**ABU DHABI, United Arab Emirates, Nov 9, (AP): Rory McIlroy's charge at the Abu Dhabi Championship faltered when he found water off his drive and made double bogey on the last hole on Saturday, leaving him five shots off the lead held by Paul Waring heading into the final round.**

Nine strokes off the lead after 36 holes, the No. 3-ranked McIlroy had closed to just three shots back in the third round when he pulled his tee shot on the par-5 No. 18, the ball bouncing off the rocks lining the fairway and ricocheting into the water.

After a drop, McIlroy then hit an approach - his fourth shot - into the greenside bunker and could only make a 7, for a 3-under 69 and 13 under overall.

"The leaders weren't getting away and I was making a little bit of a charge," said McIlroy, who made six birdies after opening his round with a bogey. "And one mistake - that drive on 18. Untimely mistake."

It was all the more frustrating for McIlroy because the 229th-ranked Waring - the leader by five shots after the second round - was one of only two players in the top 29 to shoot over par on Saturday.

With a 1-over 73, Waring saw his lead trimmed to one stroke and was 18 under for the tournament. Niklas Norgaard was alone in second place after shooting 69, with Tommy Fleetwood (71), Thorbjorn Olesen (71), Sebastian Soderberg (68) and Shane Lowry (66) tied for third place.

McIlroy was in a tie for 13th place as he seeks a win that can clinch him the Race to Dubai title for a sixth time, tying him with the late Seve Ballesteros and putting him just two off the record eight of Colin Montgomerie.

"I dug myself a bit of hole to get out of," McIlroy said, adding he still goes "into tomorrow feeling like I have half a chance."

McIlroy also made triple bogey on



Rory McIlroy of Northern Ireland plays his second shot at the 17th hole during the second round of Abu Dhabi Golf Championship in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates. (AP)

No. 17 on Friday.

Zhou Shiyuan captured her second straight China LPGA Tour title on Saturday as the 14-year-old amateur delivered in front of her hometown fans, beating Zhang Yunxuan in a second-hole playoff to win the Kove China Sports Lottery Chongqing Women's Open.

After starting the day one stroke off the lead, Zhou, winner of last month's Zhangjiagang Shuangshan Challenge, closed with an even-par 72 over the King Run Nanshan Golf Club to finish on five-under 211, deadlocked with overnight co-leader Zhang (73).

As both players made par on the first playoff hole, the 525-yard 18th, Zhou made no mistake when the two played the same hole again. After Zhang put her approach shot 25 feet away from the pin, Zhou pitched past the hole from 98 yards out and spun her ball back where it settled to within a foot

of the flag.

Zhang nearly extended the playoff as her birdie putt grazed the hole but the ball rolled past the cup. She then made the easy putt for the win.

With the victory, the teenager becomes the youngest player to record two wins on the CLPGA Tour. She is also the first amateur to win back-to-back since Yin Xiaowen in 2021.

"I am proud of myself with this win as a Chongqing local player after a long day. That was the best shot that I shot under the gun," said Zhou of her approach on the second playoff hole.

"This win is not easy. I tempered my expectations on the back nine where Michelle (Zhang) made three birdies. I wasn't stressed for the whole day. After the first win in Shuangshan, I am plenty self-confident." Zhang, who carded four birdies, three bogeys and a double-bogey five at the 164-yard seventh hole in the wet conditions, picked up the 75,000 yuan winner's purse as

the top pro. The second-year pro said Zhou deserved the win as she didn't make any big mistakes.

"Obviously, I put myself into a tough spot on the front nine where I hit into the water and made a double bogey at the seventh hole after two bogeys in a row. But I know the front nine is not my type. I didn't give up and made three nice birdies after the turn," said the 19-year-old who last year won the CGA Ladies Championship in Hainan Island.

"I found out my weak point this week. I need to play better off the tee and make more putts. I will work on this for the LPGA Q-Series next month." Amateur Li Menghan, the other overnight co-leader, carded a 74 to finish one shot back in third, while Chongqing native Li Dongmei closed with a 68 to finish fourth a shot further back. Wang Zixuan (71), Pan Yanhong (73) and Ji Yuai (74) were equal fifth at four shots off the pace.



Al-Alawi and Camilla are among the heroes.

## Al-Jariwi triumphs at Messilah Equestrian Club Championship

KUWAIT CITY, Nov 9: Kuwait Equestrian Club star Ghazi Al-Jariwi emerged as the champion of the Messilah Equestrian Club Championship, held at the club's track in Subhan.

In the main round at a height of 135 cm, Al-Jariwi claimed victory with the fastest time and no penalty points, triumphing over strong competitors Abdullah Al-Awadhi, Hamad Al-Hajri, and Ali Ahmed Al-Kharafi. Champions were honored by Messilah Club's coach, international Bahraini rider Sayed Adnan Al-Alawi, and trainer Camilla Kudara.

Al-Jariwi expressed his delight with this strong start to the season, emphasizing that these events are essential for preparing horses for upcoming championships, including the local league. He extended his gratitude to Messilah Club's management for the event's exceptional organization and predicted an exciting season ahead.

The championship's judging committee was led by rider Dalal Al-Obaid, with the event course designed by Bahraini international trainer Adnan Al-Alawi.

## Mark Cavendish announces retirement from pro cycling

SINGAPORE, Nov 9, (AP): Mark Cavendish, one of the best road sprinters in cycling history, plans to retire on Sunday after competing in the Tour de France Criterium.

The 39-year-old Cavendish broke Eddy Merckx's long-standing record for most career Tour de France stage wins with his 35th victory this past July.

"I am lucky enough to have done what I love for 20 years and I can now say that I have achieved everything that I can on the bike," the Isle of Man native wrote Saturday on Instagram.

"Cycling has given me so much and I love the sport, I've always wanted to make a difference in it and now I am ready to see what the next

chapter has in store for me."

Nicknamed the "Manx Missile," Cavendish confirmed that Sunday's competition will be "the final race of my professional cycling career."

Cavendish initially planned to retire after the 2023 season but changed course and returned with the goal of passing Merckx for Tour de France stage wins.

He had equaled Merckx's mark of 34 wins during the 2021 Tour, though unlike the Belgian great, Cavendish never won the overall title.

Cavendish won stages at all three Grand Tours - the others are the Giro d'Italia and Spanish Vuelta - and became a world champion in 2011.

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## Kuwait Club and Kazma depart for Asian Clubs Handball Championship in Qatar

KUWAIT CITY, Nov 9: The delegations of Kuwait and Kazma clubs are departing for Qatar today to compete in the 27th Asian Clubs Championship, hosted in Doha from November 12-23.

Last month's draw placed Kuwait Club in Group A, alongside Qatar's Al-Rayyan, UAE's Al-Sharjah, and Bahrain's Al-Shabab. Kazma Club was drawn in Group B with titleholder Al-Khaleej of Saudi Arabia, Al-Duhail of Qatar, Ahli Sidab of Oman, and Iran's Mes Kerman.

The championship's opening day will feature a match between Kazma and Ahli Sidab, while Mes Kerman faces Al-Khaleej and Al-Shabab takes on Al-Rayyan. Kuwait Club will play its first match on the second day against Al-Sharjah.

Kuwait Club prepared for the tournament with an external camp in Bahrain's capital, Manama, which included a friendly match against Al-Ahli of Bahrain. The team is

strengthened by Qatari professionals Frankis Marzo and Portuguese player Angel Hernandez, along with tournament professionals: Portuguese Semedo, Algerian Osama Jaziri, and Brazilian Guillermo Santista. The team is led by national coach Haitham Al-Rashidi.

Kazma Club, meanwhile, held a training camp in Cairo, Egypt, where it played several friendly matches. Coached by Serbian Bozo, the squad includes Tunisian professionals Anwar bin Abdullah and Mohamed Farad, along with tournament players Wajdi Sinan from Tunisia, Argentine Moscono Lux, and Portuguese Gonzalo Felipe.

In support of their participation, the Handball Federation has postponed Kuwait Club and Kazma's league matches from the fifth round. The teams will resume play in the ninth round upon their return, with postponed matches set for March, at the start of the Premier League.



A file photo of players in action.