

Sports News

Mirza leads endurance ride

JAFFER Mirza was ahead of Sumer Singh by five minutes after the second stage as the 2011/12 Endurance Horse Ride season got underway yesterday. Mirza, the Royal Endurance team member, led the first of the three-stages of this 80-km qualifying ride held at the Royal Endurance Village in Sakhir. Riding Razorback, Mirza completed the first stage in one hour, six minutes and 13 second at 27-km per hour speed. He was closely followed by Sumer (1:11:02), also riding for the Royal Endurance Village in Sakhir. Riding Razorback, Mirza completed the first stage in one hour, six minutes and 13 second at 27-km per hour speed. He was closely followed by Sumer (1:11:02), also riding for the Royal Endurance team, on Ramigil with a speed of 25-km per hour.



Gordon Singh, riding Happy Jack, was third in 1:11:40, also at 25-km per hour speed. Not far behind was Abdulrahman Al Zayed, also of the Royal Endurance team, on El Khar in 1:18:43 with a speed of 22-km per hour.

Mirza finished the 30 kms second stage in two hours, 15 minutes and 13 seconds at a speed of 26-km per hour.

He stretched his lead against Sumer (2:32:14), who stayed second and ahead of Gordon (2:32:49) who held on to third place. Mohan Singh (2:36:57) pipped Al Zayed to claim fourth position.

The third and last stage, held later last night, was over 20 kms. Royal Endurance team captain Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa was present at the season opener and followed up his team's progress. Shaikh Nasser, the Supreme Council for Youth and Sports chairman and president of the Bahrain Olympic Committee (BOC), was accompanied by first vice-president and Breef president Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa. The ride was flagged off by BOC chief executive officer Shaikh Khalid bin Abdulla Al Khalifa & Shaikh Nasser with Royal Endurance Team riders before the start of the race.