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Sri Lanka grab three quick wickets in the closing session to gain an edge in the third and final cricket Test against Australia.

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Australian Adam Scott fires his lowest round of the season to take the first-round lead at The Players Championship golf.

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Spotlight on Jerry Bailey

AMERICAN HALL OF FAME CHASES FIFTH WIN ON MEDAGLIA D'ORO

By Amith Passela

DUBAI — Jerry Bailey is the Michael Schumacher of racing at Nad Al Sheba.

The American Hall of Fame member will not be sitting behind a Ferrari but on top of a four-legged liver steed Medaglia D'Oro — the pre-race favourite in the \$2 million Dubai World Cup.

Bailey has an astonishing record here on the Dubai track, winning the world's richest race four times in seven attempts and adding a fifth in tonight's 14th edition of the international race card.

He would be seeking to emulate the Robert Frankel-trained son of El Prado's 1 1/2



Van Niste Kaolino Kahayla

By Hisham Al Gizouli

DUBAI — Richard Hills, riding Kaolino, promised to defend the Kahayla Classic title for the Shaikh Hamdan Stables in the face of the tough threat posed by the Millennium Stables raider Van Nistelrooy under the whip of the Irish jockey Ted Durcan.

"I hope to ride Kaolino in the Dubai World Cup night opening race," Richard Hills said earlier saying that the six-year-old by Dormane will get the job done and walk away with the \$250,000 trophy of the Emaar-sponsored Group One Purebred Arabians Race over 2,000 metres on dirt.

Meanwhile, last year's winner of the crown, Bopp Moon, ridden by John Carroll may probably show the way in the early stages of the competition before he gives way to the stable companion Kaolino to breakthrough as the horses begin to punch in the home turn.

Ironically, Kaolino won all his seasonal outings at the various tracks of the country and virtually beat all his today's opponents with comfortable margins under both Paul Hanagan and Willie Supple but never tasted the flavour of victory under Richard Hills.

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First round results:

Men: Guillermo Canas (Argentina) leads Tommy Haas (Germany) 6-1 4-3 (play suspended due to rain); Nicolas Lapentti (Ecuador) beat Thomas Engqvist (Sweden) 7-5 2-6 6-4; Todd Reid (Australia) beat Flavio Saretta (Brazil) 6-4 6-4; Vince Spadea (U.S.) beat James Blake (U.S.) 6-7 (12-14) 7-6 (7-4) 6-1; Lars Burgsmuller (Germany) beat Jan-Michael Gambill (U.S.) 7-5 6-4; Bohdan Ulihrach (Czech Republic) beat Gilles Muller (Luxembourg) 6-4 7-5; David Sanchez (Spain) beat Luis Horna (Peru) 6-4 6-4; Ricardo Mello (Brazil) beat Jeff Salzenstein (U.S.) 7-6 (7-3) 7-6 (8-6); Karol Beck (Slovakia) beat Victor Hanescu (Romania) 6-1 6-3; Radek Stepánek (Czech Republic) beat Sargis Sargsian (Armenia) 6-3 6-4; Taylor Dent (U.S.) beat Mikhail Youzhny (Russia) 6-3 6-3

Women: Jie Zheng (China) beat Sandra Kleinova (Czech Republic) 6-4 6-0; Viktoriya Kutuzova (Ukraine) beat Marissa Irvin (U.S.) 6-3 6-4; Amy Frazier (U.S.) beat Cara Black (Zimbabwe) 6-4 6-2; Maria Diaz-Oliva (Argentina) beat Anca Barna (Germany) 6-4 5-7 6-1; Barbora Strycova (Czech Republic) beat Samantha Reeves (U.S.) 7-6 (7-3) 6-3; Mara Santangelo (Italy) beat Martina Sucha (Slovakia) 3-6 6-0 6-4; Tatiana Perebiynis (Ukraine) beat Laura Granville (U.S.) 6-3 7-6 (6-); Tamarine Tanasugarn (Thailand) beat Virginia Ruano Pascual (Spain) 6-1 6-3. — Reuters



● Austrian star Gabriel Steindl, winner of the ladies freestyle title

Kerhoeven stars in kitesurfing

By A Correspondent

DUBAI — Dubai-based German kitesurfer Bernd Kerhoeven joined world champion Charles Deleau on the victory podium yesterday as the Red Bull King of the Air reached its climax in Dubai.

While Deleau underlined his status as the extreme sport's top professional rider, Kerhoeven clinched the men's amateur freestyle title to earn a trip to Hawaii for the final of the Red Bull King of the Air series in October.

Another UAE-based rider, Venetia Maunsell, won the ladies amateur freestyle crown as the three-day event drew to its conclusion at Le Meridien Mina Seyahi Beach Resort and Marina.

Even though light winds restricted the final day action, the week's activities in Dubai have ensured that kitesurfing in the Gulf is on course for another rise in popularity.

The event showcased the skills which have taken Deleau to the world title and gave Arab nationals and other Gulf-based enthusiasts the perfect opportunity to study and learn from the master.

UAE entries

UAE's Shaikh Ahmed Hamdan Al Nahyan, Abdullah Al Muhairy and Ali Al Mahar, and Kuwait's Ahmed Al Sabah, were among a 32-competitor lineup, sharing the stage with Deleau and a cluster of other kitesurfers.

And while Deleau, as anticipated, took the mens' professional freestyle title to underline his status as the reigning Kiteboard Pro World Tour champion, the Red Bull King of the Air provided fresh impetus to the continued growth of the exciting extreme water sport in the Gulf.

Other competitors representing Poland, South Africa, Britain, New Zealand, Holland, Germany, and Austria, as well as the UAE, Kuwait, and Qatar, underlined the international flavour of the event which was organised by Dubai International Marine Club (DIME) in association with the UAE Marina Sports Federation.

With winds picking up in the late afternoon, the event

Salim gives UAE gold

By Our Sports Reporter

DUBAI — Salim Abdullah Salim presented hosts UAE with their first major victory on the final day of the second Arab youth cycling championship in Ras Al Khaimah on Thursday.

Salim outspurred his rivals to clinch the 98.4km individual road race for men held from behind KFC to Laifa Sahila area and back.

And in the women's category of 25km, Bal Madani Houda of Algeria timed 41mins 31secs to take the top spot at an average speed of 36.5km per hour.

A. Nasreen of Algeria was the runner-up in 41mins 57secs with Rajah Warda of Syria, third after she clocked 47mins 57secs.

Daliah Hussain of Egypt, who finished fourth, was unlucky as she led for the most part of the race. But she lost the lead about a kilometre from the finish line following a pile-up for



● Shaikh Faisal bin Humaid Al Qasimi with the prize-winners. — Photos by Mushtaq Ahmed

Houda to storm in front to clinch victory.

It was a very close race in the men's division which comprised 48 cyclists from nine countries.

Five riders including Salim broke away after the half-way mark taking a 2km lead. But with 500 metres to the finish, Salim powered his way to victory with a late sprint. Salim timed 2hrs

22mins 39secs at an average speed of 40km per hour, followed in second place by Hassan Ahmed Ibrahim of Bahrain, clocking the same time.

Third place went to Amru Mohammed Ahmed of Egypt, who clocked the same time.

Shaikh Faisal bin Humaid Al Qasimi, president UAE Cycling Association,

expressed delight with Salim's effort on the last day of the championship.

He said Salim's victory was an inspiration to young cyclists in the country.

Shaikh Faisal, who is also the president of the Arab Cycling Federation, and other officials, later distributed prizes to the winners.

Overall results: (54.8km men's team time-trial) 1. Saudi Arabia 1hr 13mins 24secs; 2. Egypt 1hr 13mins 59secs; 3. UAE 1hr 14mins 28secs; 4. Algeria 1hr 18mins 42secs; 5. Iraq 1hr 18mins 42secs.

17km women's time-trial: 1. Egypt 28mins 27secs; 2. Algeria 29mins 54secs; 3. Syria 30mins 27secs; 4. Iraq 33mins 04secs; 5. UAE 34mins 16secs.

25km men's individual time-trial: 1. Razi bin Mohammed Al Ayousri (Saudi Arabia) 32mins 22secs; 2. Ahmed bin Ali Al Asiri (Saudi Arabia) 32mins 30secs; 3. Rafa bin Mohammed Shateri (Tunisia) 32mins 42secs; 4. Ahmed Ali Saeed (UAE) 32mins 57secs; 5. Hassan bin Mohsen Nasser (Tunisia) 33mins 19secs.

15km women's individual time-trial: 1. Sabah Rai (Syria) 18mins 34secs; 2. Yousra Mohammed Saeed (Egypt) 18mins 37secs; 3. Barbara Yasmin (Algeria) 18mins 51secs; 4. Dalia Hussain Issa (Egypt); 5. Bal Madani (Algeria) 19mins 09secs.