

Sports

Kuwait crowned Champions of the Zain Premier League

Company congratulates club on second consecutive win and 18th overall title



Al Shaheen, Al Khashti, Al Ghanim, and Al Enzi crown the Champions.



Kuwait SC players celebrate their historic title.

KUWAIT: Zain recently joined in officially crowning Kuwait SC as Champions of the Zain Premier League (Dawri Zain) during the special ceremony held at Kuwait Stadium in Kaifan during the closing round of the 2022/2023 season. The event was attended by scores of Kuwait SC fans who were eager to see their favorite team lift the top tier's trophy. Zain took to the field to join in crowning the Champions during the ceremony that was attended by Kuwait Football Association Chairman Abdullah Al Shaheen, Zain Kuwait Chief Corporate Affairs and Relations Officer Waleed Al Khashti, KFA Vice Chairman for Financial Affairs Ahmad Al Enzi, Kuwait SC Chairman Khalid Al Ghanim, and the club's board members.

The company congratulated Kuwait SC players and officials on attaining the championship title for the second consecutive year, finishing on top with a total of 55 points. In addition, the team recorded a historic achievement by becoming the club with the most Kuwait Premier League titles with 18 titles in its history. Kuwait SC secured the title two weeks before the season's last match, and the official crowning and trophy presentation came in the last match of the closing round.

Zain joined in crowning the Champions as part of its official sponsorship of the KFA's competitions for the 2022-2026 seasons, including the Kuwait Premier

League (Dawri Zain), the Zain First Division League, HH the Amir's Cup, HH the Crown Prince's Cup, and the KFA Cup (Zain Cup). As the Official Sponsor, Zain offers KD 50,000 worth of prizes for athletes and fans per season, which is the biggest prize pool ever to be distributed in the Kuwaiti League's history. By dedicating cash prizes for athletes, the company seeks to encourage players to pursue excellence and elevate the league's performance.

Zain's role centered around three main areas: supporting athletes with cash prizes, launching social events and interacting with fans at stadiums, and the first-ever Fantasy Football League in Kuwaiti football's history. These contributions and more went in line with the KFA's vision to further enrich the local football scene, given that it is the most beloved sports among Kuwaitis.

Zain firmly believes that the private sector has a vital and active role in developing the local sports and youth sectors, and it makes this belief a reality by sponsoring and supporting some of the biggest sports programs in the nation. This partnership with Kuwait's top football competition comes to strengthen the leadership role Zain plays in the local sports scene and is perfectly in line with the company's sustainability and social responsibility strategy towards the sports and youth sectors.



Bellingham named Bundesliga player of the year

BERLIN: Two days after the heartbreak of watching his team lose the German title in the last match, Dortmund's teenage midfielder Jude Bellingham was on Monday named Bundesliga player of the season. The 19-year-old England international collected most votes in a "Team of the Season" poll. Bellingham, who suffered a late-season knee injury, was an unused substitute as Dortmund drew 2-2 at home to Mainz on Saturday to allow Bayern Munich to take top spot on goal difference.

Bellingham appeared in 31 of his team's 34 games starting in 30, 2,693 league minutes, the most of any player at the club, scoring eight goals and providing four assists. "Every year or half year that I've played at the club, my responsibility in the team has increased," he was quoted as saying on the Bundesliga site. "I came to the club as a talented lad, but I have added elements to my game that have taken it to the next level."

"I have to continue to be everywhere on the pitch and try my best to contribute going forwards and backwards and try and control games, try to dominate the midfield," he said. "I want my teammates to see that I'm always doing everything I can to make sure we win. If we lose a game, I'm the worst person." The midfielder, who signed for Dortmund at 17 from English Championship team Birmingham City



Dortmund's English midfielder Jude Bellingham

for 29 million euros (\$32 million), had a starring role in England's midfield at the World Cup last year, and has been heavily linked with a move to Real Madrid or Manchester City in the summer.

When he led his team out at Cologne in October, Bellingham became the youngest match captain since the Bundesliga started recording the data in 1995. His coach Edin Terzic called Bellingham "the oldest 19-year-old in the world". According to Bundesliga statistics, over the season, Bellingham, also covered more distance (322 km) than any of his teammates and won 482 'duels', a league high. Bellingham was one of four Dortmund players in the team of the season selected by a vote of fans, clubs and experts'. — AFP

London Irish on the brink as Premiership risks losing 3rd club

LONDON: London Irish could join Wasps and Worcester in being suspended from the Premiership on Tuesday following a season of unprecedented financial turmoil in English club rugby. Earlier this month, the Rugby Football Union set a May 30 deadline for London Irish to prove a proposed takeover by an American consortium is a genuine going concern, with the Exiles having reported debts of £30 million (35 million euros, \$37 million).

The RFU, the English game's governing body, stressed the Exiles had to satisfy several conditions in order to compete in the Premiership next season. These included a takeover completed by May 30, which would also require RFU approval, with the buyers undertaking to provide all required working capital to meet the club's obligations for at least next season, or the club showing that it will continue to be funded to operate throughout that campaign.

The RFU added: "If the club fails to meet these conditions, it will be suspended from participating in the Premiership (and other competitions) in season 2023/24 to avoid a scenario where the club enters insolvency mid-season, with the corresponding and substantial impact that has on players, staff and fans, as well as on the remainder of the league." But the takeover, let alone one that satisfies the RFU's conditions, looks increasingly unlikely to go

through by Tuesday's deadline.

The Daily Mail reported that during a virtual meeting on Friday, players were told they were free to talk to other clubs amid the ongoing uncertainty. But with a salary cap in place and the market for players already flooded after Wasps and Worcester were expelled from the Premiership after entering administration earlier this season, finding a new club may be difficult. Significantly, London Irish do not own their own ground, with the club now playing its home games at Brentford football club's Gtech Community Stadium.

That makes it all the more difficult to generate revenue, with the Exiles' long-term owner Mick Crossan saying in September he was ready to sell up. London Irish lock Api Ratuniyarawa, speaking before Friday's meeting, told the Mail: "We've got families. We've got bills to pay. It's quite stressful thinking about — hopefully it goes through. We are just hoping for the best." A top-flight campaign that started with 13 clubs ended with Saracens' the best of the surviving 11 following their 35-25 win over Sale in the Premiership final at Twickenham on Saturday.

London Irish, coached by former Ireland boss Declan Kidney, narrowly missed out on the title-deciding play-offs with the side featuring several rising stars, including England wing Henry Arundell. But the off-field picture remains troubling, with Saracens supremo Mark McCall, a former Exiles and Ireland centre, saying after Saturday's final: "It's hard to be jubilant when these things are happening. "I love London Irish and it would be awful if that (the club going out of business) happens." He added: "It's a shame because it feels like the on-field product is good. Hopefully we can get it right off the field." — AFP

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TENDER No. - KUW/ADM/872/01/2023 DATED-30th MAY 2023

TENDER NOTICE FOR REFURBISHMENT OF AUDITORIUM

Embassy of India, Kuwait invites bids from interested companies for refurbishment of its Auditorium including upgradation of acoustics, lighting, audio video equipment and all other technical requirements with other required minor civil work.

Prospective / Interested companies are advised to inspect the area and present their offers in a sealed cover marked "Offer for refurbishment of Auditorium- to be opened by addressee only" and addressed to the "Head of Chancery, Embassy of India, Diplomatic Enclave, Arabian Gulf Street, Safat 13015, Kuwait." The bid must be submitted at the Embassy on or before 26th June 2023.

A pre bid meeting with all prospective/interested bidders will be held at 1430 hrs on 11th June 2023 in the Embassy of India, Kuwait.

The detailed tender document along with its annexure may be downloaded from Central Procurement Portal <https://eprocure.gov.in/cpppl/> and also the official website of the Embassy of India, Kuwait from <https://indembkwat.gov.in/tender-kuwait-in-india.php>. (please scan QR)



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