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PM Resolves Complaint of Karate Champion Shahzaib Rind, Hands Over Prize Money

Islamabad (News Desk): The complaint of Pakistani Karate Combat champion Shahzaib Rind has been resolved. Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif met with Shahzaib's father, Khair Muhammad, and handed over a cheque of Rs. 5 million as the prize money announced for winning the Lightweight World Championship title. The Prime



Minister conveyed best wishes for Shahzaib Rind's future matches. Earlier, Shahzaib had expressed disappointment over not receiving the promised prize money. Federal Information Minister Attaullah Tarar had termed the issue a misunderstanding and assured that it would be resolved on a priority basis.

Gambhir Misbehaves with Oval Ground Curator, British Media Criticizes

London (News Desk): Indian team's head coach Gautam Gambhir got into an argument with Oval Cricket Ground's chief curator Lee Fort. According to British media, when the curator requested Gambhir to stay off the pitch, the coach responded rudely, saying, "Don't tell us what to do, you're just a groundsman." Gambhir's behavior towards the Oval staff was described as highly disrespectful, and the British media labeled him ill-tempered. The chief curator has filed a report against Gambhir with Surrey County. It is worth mentioning that England leads the five-match Test series 2-1 against India. The fourth Test ended in a draw, and the fifth and final match will be played at the Oval from July 31 to August 4.

Arshad Nadeem Hopes to Compete in World Athletics Championship After Rehab



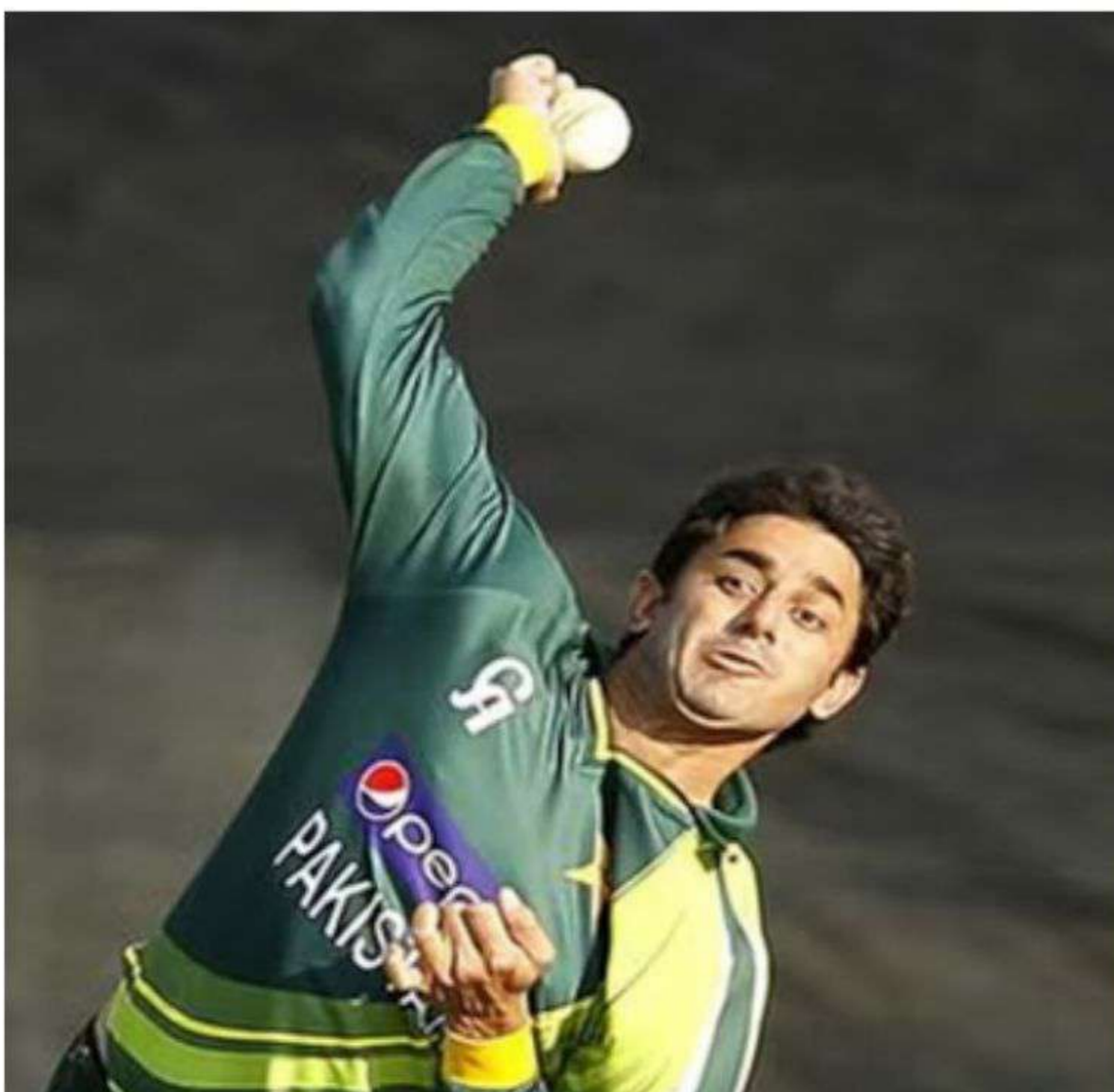
Manchester (News Desk): Pakistan's javelin throw champion Arshad Nadeem has expressed hope of participating in the World Athletics Championship, stating that one and a half months remain until the event. Speaking to the media in Manchester, Arshad revealed he has undergone four surgeries and is currently undergoing rehabilitation. He appealed to the nation for prayers for his swift recovery and thanked the Pakistani media for their consistent support. Currently, Arshad is recovering in London following a calf surgery under Dr. Ali Bajwa's supervision. He is optimistic about regaining full fitness before the Tokyo World Athletics Championship scheduled for September in Japan. He traveled to England earlier this month as part of his preparation, with Diamond League events scheduled in Poland on August 16 and Switzerland between August 27–28.

Asia Cup Sparks Uproar in India: Politicians and Media Urge Boycott Amid Pakistan Clash Fears

New Delhi (News Desk): Following the Asian Cricket Council's confirmation of the Asia Cup tournament, a wave of outrage has erupted across Indian media, political circles, and cricketing spheres as demands to boycott the event grow louder. Indian media claims the Modi government is against giving Pakistan a walkover, fearing it would count as a win, while government sources insist a walkover will not be allowed under any circumstances. Media outlets argue that the Asia Cup is effectively "India's tournament" and that India should not play alongside Pakistan, suggesting that without India's participation, the tournament cannot proceed. Controversy also surrounds Pakistan's inclusion in a tournament hosted by India but scheduled to take place in the UAE from September 9. The most anticipated aspect of the tournament is the possibility of India and Pakistan facing off at least twice, with a potential third clash depending on progression.

Saeed Ajmal Destroys Australia Champions with 6 Wickets, Pakistan Marches to Semis Undeclared

Leicester (News Desk): Pakistani spin wizard Saeed Ajmal made a stunning entry in the World Championship of Legends, leading Pakistan to a 10-wicket victory over Australia Champions in Leicester. With his precise bowling, Ajmal dismantled the Australian lineup by taking 6 wickets for just 16 runs, restricting them to 74 runs as 9 batters failed to reach double figures. Ben Dunk was the top scorer with 26 runs. Ajmal's doosra and teesra left the Australian batters clueless. Pakistan chased the 75-run target with ease in the 8th over, maintaining their unbeaten streak and securing a place in the semi-final, where they will face arch-rivals India.



Playing Against Pakistan in Asia Cup is BCCI's Decision, Says Indian Government

Delhi (News Desk): The Indian government has said that the decision to play against Pakistan in the Asia Cup rests with the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI). According to sources, the Indian Ministry of Sports has made it clear that all decisions regarding the Asia Cup are the responsibility of the BCCI. Sources further stated that the BCCI is not yet under the Ministry of Sports, as the National Sports Governance Bill has not been passed. The proposed bill includes the Indian board and would give the Ministry authority to stop the national team or athletes from participating in international events under exceptional circumstances. It is worth mentioning that the Asia Cup schedule was announced on Saturday, with Pakistan, India, UAE, and Oman in Group A, while Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Afghanistan, and Hong Kong are in Group B. The Asia Cup will begin in the UAE on September 9, and the first Pakistan-India group match will be held on September 14. After the schedule announcement, Indian media harshly criticized their board and government, demanding a boycott of the match against Pakistan, similar to what was seen during the World Champions League. Former Indian players also criticized the decision to play against Pakistan.

Australian Bowler Sets Unwanted Record Against Pakistan with 10 Wide Balls in One Over



Leicester (News Desk): An Australian bowler set an unwanted record in the match against Pakistan by delivering a historic number of wide balls. In a crucial match of the World Championship of Legends, Australian Legends player John Hastings bowled 10 wide balls in a single over, severely damaging his team's chances. The situation turned unusual when Pakistan needed only 19 runs to win; Hastings, while bowling, delivered 10 wide balls and one no-ball, shocking everyone. Australian players and fans were left helplessly watching the scene unfold. It is worth noting that Pakistan Champions defeated Australia Champions by 10 wickets with a brilliant performance, remaining unbeaten in the group stage and qualifying for the knockout round. Pakistan achieved the 75-run target in the 8th over, with openers Sharjeel Khan scoring 32* and Sohaib Maqsood 28* runs. Earlier, Australia Champions managed only 74 runs and were all out in the 12th over, with nine batsmen failing to reach double figures.

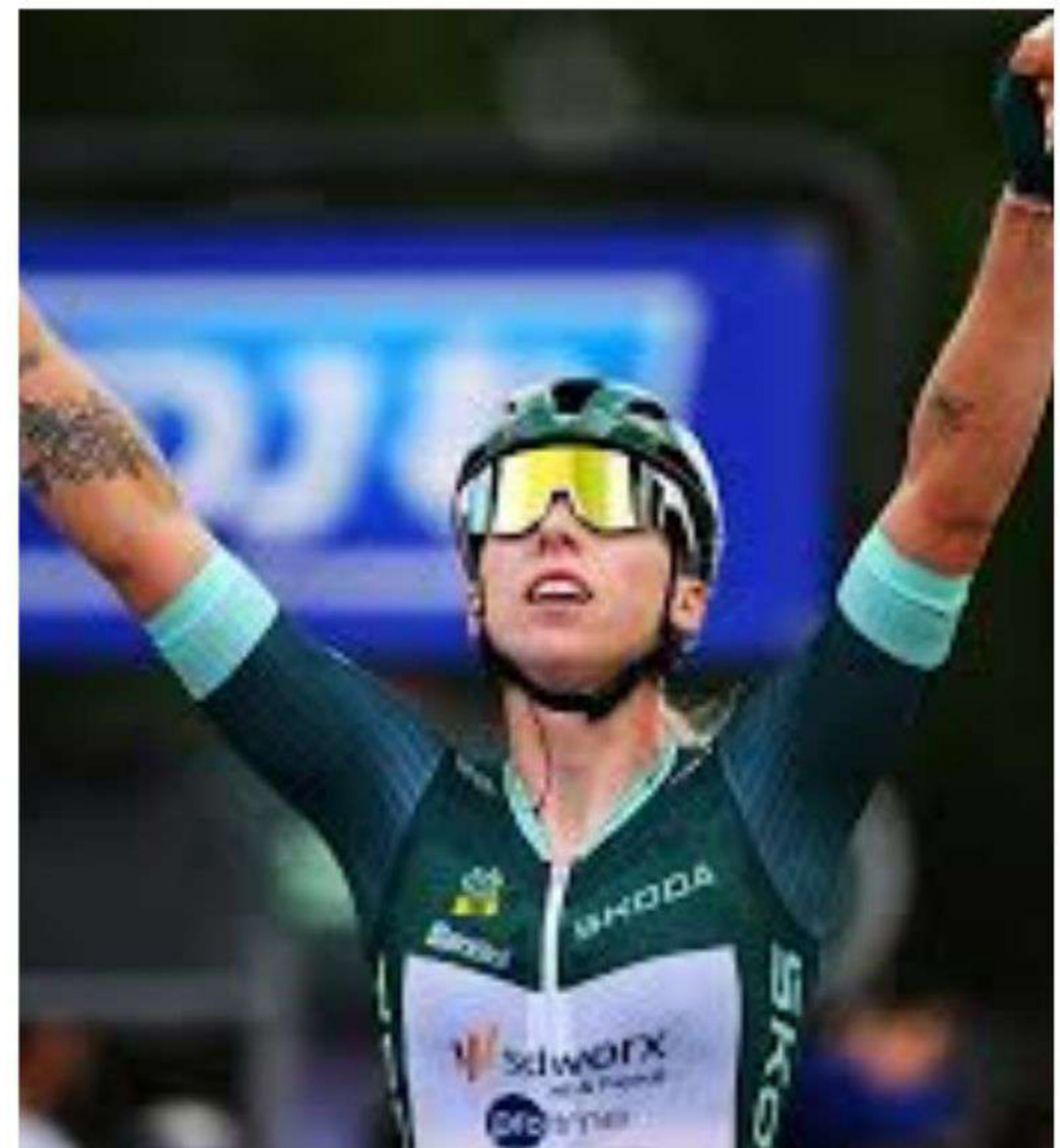
ICC Finalizes Qualification Method for Men's Cricket in LA Olympics 2028

Los Angeles (News Desk): The International Cricket Council (ICC) has finalized the qualification method for men's cricket teams participating in the Los Angeles Olympics 2028. According to British media, the ICC will use a regional qualifying formula allowing top-ranked teams from Asia, Oceania, Africa, and Europe to qualify directly. The United States will qualify automatically as the host, while the method for selecting the sixth team is yet to be decided. Reports state that the PCB and New Zealand Cricket have criticized the format, as it may hinder their direct qualification. Pakistan, currently ranked eighth in the ICC rankings, could miss direct qualification, while top-ranked India is set to qualify. Similarly, New Zealand, despite being fourth in the rankings, may miss out, as Australia, ranked second, will qualify from the Oceania region. The UK will qualify from Europe, and discussions are ongoing between the England and Wales Cricket Board and cricket boards of Scotland and Ireland regarding team formation. The host USA will qualify despite being ranked 17th. Qualification for women's teams will be determined through the upcoming T20 World Cup. The International Olympic Committee has supported the ICC's regional qualifying model. Notably, cricket returns to the Olympics after 128 years with six men's and six women's teams participating.

Lorena Wiebes Wins Stage 4 of Tour de France Femmes 2025



Paris (News Desk): Netherlands' cyclist Lorena Wiebes claimed victory in Stage 4 of the Tour de France Femmes 2025. The fourth edition of the women's cycling race continues with fierce competition among 22 teams from around the world vying for the prestigious title. In Stage 4, cyclists covered a 165.8-kilometer route from Jonzac-Margny (Futuroscope) to Gourret in France. 26-year-old Lorena Wiebes completed the distance in 2 hours, 54 minutes, and 11 seconds to secure first place. Fellow Dutch cyclist, 28-year-old



Marianne Vos, took second place, while 24-year-old Irish cyclist Lara Gillespie finished third. Another Dutch cyclist, 23-year-old Elin Janssen, came in fourth. Marianne Vos retains the coveted yellow jersey. The nine-stage race spans a total distance of 1168.6 kilometers and will conclude on August 3. Among the top contenders is Poland's 30-year-old Katarzyna Niewiadoma, who is striving to defend her title.