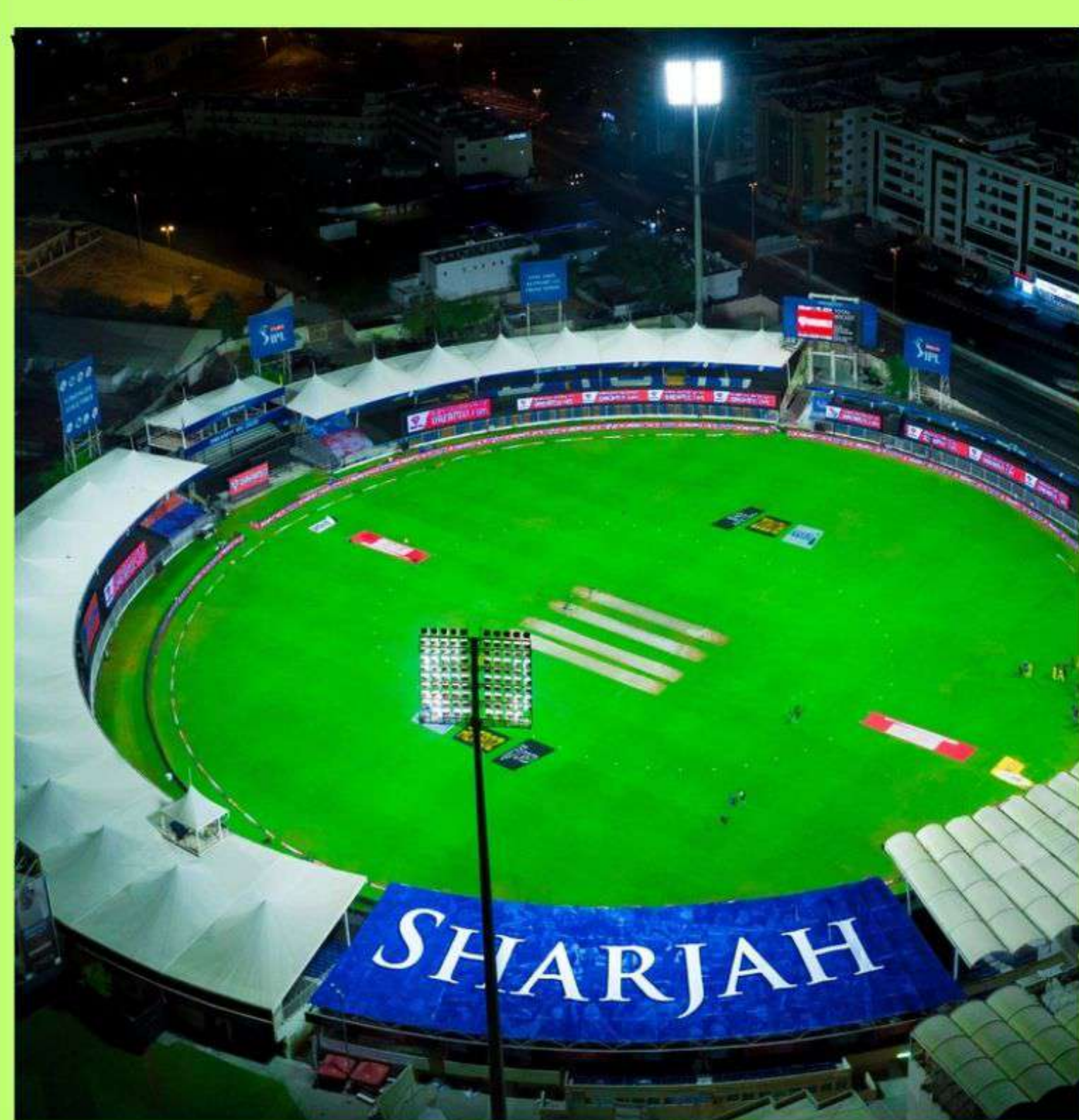


UAE Batter Asif Khan Attributes Defeat to Inexperience, Confident for Asia Cup



Sharjah (News Desk): United Arab Emirates' aggressive middle-order batter Asif Khan, after the defeat against Pakistan, said the loss came due to the team's inexperience, otherwise the result could have been different, adding that they have given a wake-up call to big teams and are confident for the upcoming Asia Cup. Speaking at a press conference after his brilliant 77 runs off 35 balls against Pakistan in Sharjah, Asif Khan said their plan was to go for power-hitting in the final overs, which they executed, but Pakistan's bowling did not allow their strategy to succeed. He also praised UAE captain Muhammad Waseem's innings but admitted that his run-out proved costly. Asif Khan further said Sharjah is their home ground which supported them well, and the team has trained extensively in recent weeks, which will surely bring results. He added that the real strength of the UAE cricket team lies in T20 format, and if they can restrict the opposition to 170–180 runs through bowling, their chances of winning remain bright. It is worth mentioning that Asif Khan was born in Lahore in 1990 and played 32 first-class matches between 2007 and 2014.

Pakistan Records Second-Highest T20I Total at Sharjah Stadium



Sharjah (News Desk): Pakistan registered the second-highest T20 International total in the history of Sharjah Cricket Stadium after scoring 207 runs against the United Arab Emirates in the second match of the tri-nation series. Earlier, the highest T20 total at Sharjah was made by Afghanistan, who scored 215 for 6 against Zimbabwe in 2016. Meanwhile, earlier this year on May 19, the UAE team had scored 206 runs against Bangladesh, which now stands as the third-highest total at the venue.



Pakistan Cricketer Shadab Khan Blessed with Baby Girl

Lahore (News Desk): Pakistan cricket team's all-rounder Shadab Khan has become the father of a baby girl. In a message shared on social media platform X, Shadab Khan informed his fans about the birth of his daughter and also shared a picture of the newborn's tiny feet, writing in the caption that "Alhamdulillah, Allah has blessed us with our first child in the form of a beautiful daughter. I am grateful to Allah for this blessing, please remember us in your prayers as we begin this new journey." It is worth mentioning that Shadab Khan is the son-in-law of former national team head coach Saqlain Mushtaq, who also expressed his happiness by posting a picture on X holding his granddaughter, though the newborn's face was not visible in the photo. The national team's all-rounder further said that he is beyond words grateful for this blessing and requested everyone to keep him and his family in their prayers as they begin this new chapter. Meanwhile, social media users have been extending congratulations to Shadab and his wife, as the cricketer had tied the knot in January 2023 with the daughter of former national team coach and legendary spinner Saqlain Mushtaq.



Pakistan Head Coach Mike Hesson Dedicates Wins to Flood Victims



Sharjah (News Desk): Pakistan cricket team's head coach Mike Hesson has dedicated two consecutive victories in the tri-nation series to the flood victims in Pakistan. After Pakistan's win against the United Arab Emirates, Hesson wrote on social media platform X that the team dedicates both victories to the people affected by the floods, adding that many are going through difficult times and the team is praying for their safety and strength. It is worth mentioning that Pakistan defeated Afghanistan by 39 runs and the United Arab Emirates by 31 runs in the ongoing tri-nation series.



Former Bangladesh Captain Tamim Iqbal Decides to Enter Cricket Administration

Dhaka (News Desk): Former Bangladesh cricket team captain Tamim Iqbal has decided to step into cricket administration, as Bangladeshi media reported that he will be contesting in the upcoming Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) elections. Tamim has already started reviewing the board's election procedures, and a final decision regarding the BCB elections is expected next week. It is worth mentioning that Tamim Iqbal retired from international cricket in January 2025, after briefly returning to the game following a heart-related health issue.



US Open Fan Snatches Cap from Child, Video Goes Viral

Washington (News Desk): At the US Open Tennis Tournament, a shocking incident occurred when a cap gifted by Polish tennis player Kamil Majchrzak to a young fan was snatched away by a man, and the video quickly went viral on social media. The incident took place in New York during the tournament when Majchrzak, after defeating ninth seed Karen Khachanov in a thrilling five-set match and while signing autographs for fans, extended his cap towards a child, but a man standing nearby grabbed it immediately and hid it in his wife's bag. The angry child protested, saying "What are you doing?" but the man ignored him and instead pushed forward a bottle for an autograph. Initially, Majchrzak was unaware of the incident, but the following day he appealed on social media to help find the affected child, assuring that he had plenty of caps and wanted to gift one personally. Later, the tennis star confirmed that the child had been found and expressed joy over the "power of the internet." The incident sparked widespread outrage on social media, with users strongly criticizing the man for snatching the cap from the young fan.



Exhibition Football Matches Held in Islamabad to Mark Pakistan's 78th Independence Day

Islamabad (News Desk): To celebrate Pakistan's 78th Independence Day, Dream Sports Group organized exhibition football matches on Saturday at Jinnah Stadium, Pakistan Sports Complex. The event featured two thrilling contests, with Diplomatic FC and Pakistan Veterans emerging victorious. In the first match, Diplomatic FC defeated Islamabad Veterans 3-2, with Gibson scoring twice and Edward adding one goal, while Nasser netted both goals for Islamabad Veterans. In the second match, Pakistan Veterans secured a 4-2 win against Diplomatic Stars, with Imran Niazi scoring twice and Mian Abbas and Allah Nawaz contributing one goal each, while Amika scored both goals for Diplomatic Stars. The ceremony was attended by chief guest Member of National Assembly Nawabzada Mir Jamal Khan Raisani, PIACBA President Hidayatullah Khan, FATA Olympic Association President Shahid Khan Shinwari, and Islamabad Football Association President Sheikh Ahmad Rehan, along with foreign diplomats, sports figures, and a large number of fans. Dream Sports Group CEO Arsalan Mushtaq said the purpose of the exhibition matches was to promote sports and foster friendly relations between diplomats and the people of Pakistan. The event was part of the Dream Festival, which focused on youth development. In the closing ceremony, shields and trophies were awarded to the winning teams, runners-up, chief guests, players, referees, and officials.