

KARACHI: (News Desk) The Pakistan Super League (PSL) has been ranked as the world's second most entertaining cricket league, behind only the Indian Premier League (IPL), according to a recent BBC Sport report. The ranking, prepared in collaboration with cricket analytics firm CricViz, compared major T20 and short-format franchise tournaments, including the IPL, South Africa's SA20, Australia's Big Bash League (BBL), the Caribbean Premier League (CPL), UAE's International League T20 (ILT20), and England's The Hundred. The analysis evaluated leagues based on multiple performance and entertainment metrics such as average fours and sixes per match, batting strike rate, proportion of matches decided in the final over or ball, impact of home advantage, wicket-taking trends, and the average number of international caps among playing XIs. Statistically, the PSL recorded the highest average first-innings score per match (180 runs), narrowly ahead of the IPL's 179. In terms of close finishes, 27.5% of PSL matches were decided in the final over—second only to the IPL's 28.9%. The PSL also ranked second in average number of boundaries struck per match.