

Italian Orienteering Athlete Mattia Debertolis Dies at 29 During World Games

ROME (News Desk) – Italian orienteering athlete Mattia Debertolis, aged 29, tragically passed away during the World Games in China. According to organizers, he collapsed during the men’s middle-distance race and was immediately taken to a hospital, where he received medical treatment but could not survive. In a joint statement, the International World Games Association, local organizing committee, and International Orienteering Federation expressed deep sorrow over the incident and extended condolences to his family, friends, and the entire orienteering community. The cause of death was not disclosed. Debertolis was a member of the Italian Orienteering Federation (FISO) team and had competed in multiple World Championships and World Cups, with his notable achievement being helping Italy secure fifth place in the 2022 World Cup final relay. The federation announced that during the ongoing Mountain Bike Orienteering races in Poland, the flag will be flown at half-mast in his honor. Orienteering is a sport where athletes navigate unfamiliar terrain using a map and compass, testing both skill and intelligence against time.

Pakistan Sports Board Issues Charge Sheet to PHF President Tariq Bugti

LAHORE (News Desk) – The Pakistan Sports Board (PSB) has issued a charge sheet to Pakistan Hockey Federation (PHF) President Tariq Bugti, giving him seven days to respond to seven specific questions. In the letter, the PSB warned that failure to reply would result in the matter being referred to the federation’s patron-in-chief, the Prime Minister. The board noted that it had been six months since the PHF was asked to provide account details, but no response had been received. The PSB questioned why PHF elections had not been conducted, stating that holding elections and scrutiny should have been the president’s first priority after his appointment. The letter also demanded details of the PKR 120 million provided by the PSB over the past year, as well as information on perks, privileges, and expenditures highlighted in the PHF’s audit report.

South Africa Defeat Australia by 53 Runs in Second T20I

DARWIN (News Desk) – South Africa defeated Australia by 53 runs in the second T20 International, with Dewald Brevis smashing a blistering century. Batting first, the visitors posted 218 for 7, with Brevis scoring an unbeaten 125 off just 56 balls after reaching his century in only 41 deliveries. Tristan Stubbs contributed 31 runs. In reply, Australia struggled as wickets fell at regular intervals. Tim David played a quick 50 off 24 balls, but the hosts were bowled out for 165 in the 18th over. Keneva Mefaka and Corbin Bosch took three wickets each. With this win, South Africa leveled the three-match series 1-1, setting up the decider on Saturday. Australia struggled as wickets fell at regular intervals. Tim David played a quick 50 off 24 balls

Imam-ul-Haq’s Second Consecutive Century Leads Yorkshire to Victory



LONDON (News Desk) – Imam-ul-Haq guided his county team Yorkshire to victory with his second consecutive century. In the One Day Cup Group B match, Yorkshire defeated Lancashire by seven wickets, chasing down the 295-run target with 19 balls to spare. Pakistan opener Imam-ul-Haq continued his fine form, scoring 117 runs off 124 balls, and shared a 153-run partnership with Will Luxton, who made 77 off 63 balls. Earlier, Lancashire posted 294 for 7, thanks to Michael Jones’ 102 and George Balderson’s 70 off 48 balls. Imam-ul-Haq is currently the tournament’s highest run-scorer with 331 runs so far. James Wharton and Matthew Revis contributed 41 runs each to seal the win for Yorkshire.

Muhammad Asif Falls in World Games Snooker Semi-Final

KARACHI (News Desk) – Pakistan’s Muhammad Asif was defeated in the semi-final of the World Games Snooker event. World No. 14 Zhao Xintong of China beat Asif 2–0. After the semi-final loss, Asif will now play for the bronze medal match, scheduled for this afternoon. Notably, Pakistan has won only one medal in the history of the World Games — a bronze in snooker by Shaukat Ali in 2001.



West Indies Crush Pakistan by 202 Runs to Clinch ODI Series

JAMAICA (News Desk) – Pakistan captain Mohammad Rizwan said the match was in their control for the first 40 overs, but then West Indian batters played brilliantly. He praised Shai Hope’s outstanding innings and noted that after losing three quick wickets in the chase, the team could not recover. Rizwan also lauded Jayden Seales for his excellent bowling throughout the series. West Indies defeated Pakistan by 202 runs in the series-deciding ODI, with Pakistan’s batting line collapsing — five batters were dismissed without scoring. Chasing 295, Pakistan were bowled out for 92, while the hosts scored 294/6, led by Shai Hope’s unbeaten 120. Jayden Seales claimed six wickets for 18 runs. This was West Indies’ first ODI series win against Pakistan in 34 years, with Hope named Player of the Match and Seales Player of the Series.

Indian Youth Accidentally Gets RCB Captain’s Old Number, Receives Calls from Kohli and de Villiers

NEW DELHI (News Desk) – In a surprising incident in India’s Chhattisgarh state, a young man received the old phone number of Royal Challengers Bangalore (RCB) captain Rajat Patidar, leading to unexpected calls from cricket legends Virat Kohli and AB de Villiers. For cricket fans, speaking to their favorite players is a dream, but for 21-year-old Manish, it became a reality-like experience when he bought a new SIM card from a local store. Soon after, friends noticed his WhatsApp profile picture was of RCB captain Rajat Patidar, though they ignored it. Over the next two weeks, Manish kept receiving calls claiming to be from Kohli, de Villiers, Yash Dayal, and other RCB players, which he dismissed as friends’ pranks. Eventually, Patidar realized he had lost access to his WhatsApp and filed a complaint with the Madhya Pradesh cyber cell. Investigations revealed that under company policy, inactive numbers for over six months are reassigned to new users. Police later returned the number to Patidar.

Suresh Raina Summoned by Indian Agency in Betting App Case

NEW DELHI (News Desk) – Former Indian cricketer and Chennai Super Kings star Suresh Raina has been summoned by the Enforcement Directorate in connection with an online betting app case. Reports indicate that the 38-year-old, who is the brand ambassador of the app, has been called for questioning over his alleged role in promoting it. Raina, a left-handed batsman, represented India until 2018, playing 18 Tests, 221 ODIs, and 78 T20 Internationals. He is expected to appear at the Enforcement Directorate headquarters in Delhi on Wednesday. Several other cricketers and Bollywood celebrities are also being investigated in the case.



Shubman Gill Named ICC Player of the Month for July 2025



DUBAI (News Desk) – India’s Test captain Shubman Gill has been named ICC Player of the Month for July 2025 following his outstanding batting performance against England. The 25-year-old scored 754 runs at an average of 75 in the three-match Test series, including a double century and two centuries. In the Edgbaston Test, he scored 269 and 161, leading India to a historic 336-run victory. Gill became the first Indian captain to score a Test double century in England and only the second to achieve the feat overseas. He also broke long-standing records held by Sunil Gavaskar and Sachin Tendulkar. This marks Gill’s fourth ICC Player of the Month award, making him the first male cricketer to achieve this milestone. The other nominees were England’s Ben Stokes and South Africa’s Wiaan Mulder he scored 269 and 161, leading India to a historic 336-run victory. Gill became the first Indian captain to score a Test double century in England and only the second to achieve the feat overseas. He also broke long-standing records held by Sunil Gavaskar and Sachin Tendulkar.