

Pakistan Wins Silver in South Asia U-23 Badminton Championship

KARACHI (News Desk) – Pakistan secured a silver medal in the South Asia Regional Badminton Championship Under-23 team event. The national U-23 team comprised Muhammad Adnan, Rana Hassan Mujtaba, Umaima Usman, and Amara Ishtiaq. Pakistan defeated Nepal 2–3, Bhutan 0–5, and Sri Lanka 0–5 during the competition. On the final day, Sri Lanka’s victory over Nepal confirmed Pakistan’s second position. Meanwhile, in the Under-17 category, Pakistan won one match and claimed third place with a bronze medal.



Babar Azam Returns to Lahore, Left Out of T20 and Asia Cup Squads

LAHORE (News Desk) – Former captain Babar Azam returned to Lahore from the United States via Dubai after a brief stay in America following his return from Trinidad. He was received at the airport by his brother and cousin. It is noteworthy that members of Pakistan’s ODI squad had already returned home in groups, while Babar Azam has been in the news for not being included in the T20 squad. He has also been left out of the upcoming tri-nation tournament and the Asia Cup.



Rabada Ruled Out of Australia ODIs, Maphaka Joins Squad

SYDNEY (News Desk) – South African fast bowler Kagiso Rabada has been ruled out of the ODI series against Australia due to discomfort in his right ankle, Cricket South Africa confirmed. Kwen Maphaka, who took the most wickets in the T20 series against Australia, has been added to the squad. The three-match ODI series between Australia and South Africa begins today.



PCB Announces Central Contracts for 2025-26 Season, Abolishes Category A

Lahore (News Desk) – The Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) has announced central contracts for the 2025-26 season, with no player qualifying for Category A, leading to its abolition. Under the new system, 30 players have been awarded contracts effective from July 1, 2025, to June 30, 2026. Last year, 27 players were contracted, but this time the number has increased to 30, including 12 new players: Ahmad Daniyal, Faheem Ashraf, Hasan Ali, Hasan Nawaz, Hussain Talat, Khushdil Shah, Mohammad Abbas Afridi, Mohammad Haris, Mohammad Nawaz, Sahibzada Farhan, Salman Mirza, and Sufiyan Muqem. According to PCB, players are now divided into Categories B, C, and D, with 10 players in each, based on performance. Previously, Babar Azam and Mohammad Rizwan were part of Category A, but this year no player has been selected. Naseem Shah has moved from Category B to C, while Test captain Shan Masood has dropped from Category B to D. Fakhar Zaman has returned to Category B. Category B includes Babar Azam, Mohammad Rizwan, Shaheen Shah Afridi, Fakhar Zaman, Shadab Khan, Abrar Ahmed, Haris Rauf, Hasan Ali, Saim Ayub, and Salman Ali Agha. Category C features Abdullah Shafique, Naseem Shah, Saud Shakeel, Faheem Ashraf, Sajid Khan, Mohammad Nawaz, Mohammad Haris, Sahibzada Farhan, Hasan Nawaz, and Nauman Ali. Category D comprises Test captain Shan Masood, Hussain Talat, Mohammad Abbas, Mohammad Wasim Jr., Khushdil Shah, Ahmad Daniyal, Salman Mirza, Abbas Afridi, Khurram Shahzad, and Sufiyan Muqem. Sources revealed that 9 players managed to retain their previous category, while 8 players failed to secure contracts this year.



Pakistan’s Malika Noor Wins Silver in Asian Open Judo Championship

JEDDAH (News Desk) – Pakistan’s Malika Noor won a silver medal in the Asian Open Judo Championship. She secured the medal in the under-52 kg category after being defeated in the final by a Saudi judoka. Earlier in the event, Malika Noor defeated athletes from three different countries to reach the final.



Vasco da Gama Crush Santos 6–0; Neymar Leaves Field in Tears

BRASILIA (News Desk) – In the Brazilian Football League, Vasco da Gama thrashed Neymar Jr.’s team Santos with a 6–0 victory, leaving Neymar in tears as he walked off the field after the humiliating defeat. Vasco da Gama completely outclassed Santos on their home ground, handing the eight-time champions a crushing loss that pushed them down to 15th place on the points table. Neymar admitted that fans had every right to criticize and protest, expressing his own disappointment and shame over the poor performance. Meanwhile, in the English Premier League, Arsenal made a brilliant start to the new season by defeating Manchester United 1–0, with the decisive goal scored by Riccardo Calafiori in the 13th minute.



Ex-Pakistan Cricketer Sania Khan’s Viral Picture with Virat Kohli



NEW DELHI (News Desk) – A picture of former Pakistan women’s cricketer Sania Khan with ex-Indian captain Virat Kohli has gone viral on social media. Indian media, failing to recognize Sania Khan, mistakenly labeled her as a fan of Kohli. Sania Khan shared photos on her social media with the world-renowned batter and her fellow coach, which were taken during indoor training at Lord’s. She expressed that reaching Lord’s was not an easy journey, but now she is part of the coaching staff, working with young women cricketers in England after completing coaching courses over the past three years. She mentioned that her meeting with Kohli happened last week when he visited Lord’s for a net session, giving her the chance to take the photo. Sania Khan represented Pakistan in 17 ODIs and 25 T20Is before moving to England, where she is now pursuing her coaching career.

India Faces Selection Dilemma Ahead of Asia Cup 2025

New Delhi (News Desk) – India’s selection committee will soon finalize the 15-member squad for the Asia Cup scheduled in the UAE next month. However, a major challenge for the selectors is whether or not to include Shubman Gill in the T20 squad, as the Indian batter is currently in outstanding form. Although the Test captain, who recently performed brilliantly in England, may not perfectly fit into the Asia Cup lineup set to be played from September 9 to 28, his inclusion cannot be ruled out. According to reports, Ajit Agarkar and his fellow selectors face a "tough puzzle" due to the abundance of T20 talent in Indian cricket at present. Nearly 30 players are vying for limited slots, with three to four options available for each position. For the top three batting spots, Abhishek Sharma, Sanju Samson, and Tilak Varma have already impressed with strong performances in the last season. Alongside them, Shubman Gill, Yashasvi Jaiswal, and Sai Sudharsan are also strong contenders.

Lyari Wonders win Norway Cup 2025, demand recognition from federal government

Karachi (News Desk) – Lyari Wonders, who made history by winning the world’s largest youth football tournament in Norway, are still waiting for government recognition. The U-15 head coach Abdul Rasheed, along with the Lyari boys’ team, appeared on a private TV show where he said the team created history by winning the Norway Cup 2025 in Oslo, Europe’s biggest youth football event. This was the first-ever gold medal for Pakistan in Europe, as the boys lifted the trophy with pride. He added that whether it is football or boxing,