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West Indies Defeat Pakistan by 2 Wickets in Second T20

Florida (News Desk): In the second T20 match, West Indies defeated Pakistan by 2 wickets, successfully chasing the 134-run target. Gudakesh Motie contributed 28 runs, Shai Hope scored 21, and Jason Holder added 16 runs to secure the win. Earlier, in the match held in Lauderhill, Florida, Pakistan won the toss and opted to bat first, scoring 133 runs for 9 wickets in the allotted 20 overs. Hasan Nawaz was the top scorer for Pakistan with 40 runs, followed by captain Agha Salman with 38 and Fakhar Zaman with 20. Other batters struggled: Saim Ayub scored 7, Sahibzada Farhan 3, Mohammad Harris 4, Hasan Ali 8, and Mohammad Nawaz 2. Shaheen Shah Afridi added 2 runs, Sufiyan Muqem 1, and Faheem Ashraf was dismissed without scoring. For West Indies, Jason Holder took 4 wickets for 19 runs in his 4 overs. Pakistan had included Hasan Ali in place of Haris Rauf, while West Indies made two changes to their squad. Notably, Pakistan had won the first T20 match by 14 runs.

Pakistan Shaheens Training Camp Begins Ahead of Australia Tour

Rawalpindi (News Desk): A five-day training camp for Pakistan Shaheens began on Sunday at the National Cricket Academy ahead of their tour to Australia. According to the PCB, the Pakistan Shaheens will participate in the Top End T20 Series in Australia, starting with a match against Bangladesh A on August 14. During the camp, fielding and net sessions will be held on August 3 and 4 at the National Cricket Academy, while practice matches will take place on August 5 and 6 at Gaddafi Stadium to simulate match conditions for the players. Seven players currently in England will join the squad on August 7. Initially, eight players are participating in the camp, including Mohammad Irfan Khan (captain), Abdul Samad, Ahmed Daniyal, Khawaja Mohammad Nafe (wicketkeeper), Mohammad Ghazi Ghouri (wicketkeeper), Saad Masood, Mohammad Salman Mirza, and Yasir Khan. According to PCB officials, the aim of the training camp is to enhance player performance, strengthen team coordination, and ensure full preparation for the Australia tour.

Shahid Afridi Cites Injury as Reason for Missing World Championship Matches

Birmingham (News Desk): Former captain Shahid Afridi has revealed the reason for not participating in the World Championship of Legends matches. Speaking at a press conference in the UK, Afridi said he was eager to play, but doctors have advised against it due to injury. He stated that all players are representing Pakistan to uphold its pride and that Pakistan Champions will compete strongly in the final. Afridi added that the players are aware they need to perform well in the final. It is worth mentioning that Shoaib Malik had earlier disclosed Afridi's absence was due to a back injury.

PCB bans players from World Championship of Legends over bias and double standards

Lahore (News Desk): The Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) has strongly condemned the biased conduct and double standards of the World Championship of Legends (WCL), expressing deep disappointment and issuing a stern response. A special meeting of the PCB Board of Governors was held under the chairmanship of Mohsin Naqvi, with members Zaheer Abbas, Zahid Akhtar Zaman, Sajjad Ali Khokhar, Zafarullah, Tanveer Ahmed, Muhammad Ismail Qureshi, Anwar Ahmad Khan, Tariq Sarwar, and others in attendance. Key officials including PCB COO Sameer Ahmed, PSL CEO Salman Naseer, CFO Javed Murtaza, and Director of International Cricket Usman Wahla were also present. During the meeting, the board unanimously decided to ban Pakistani players from participating in future editions of the WCL due to its unfair decisions, such as awarding points to a team that refused to play, which violates the spirit of the game. The board criticized the press release regarding the cancellation of the Pakistan-India match, calling it a clear example of bias and double standards. The release was also condemned for prioritizing political agendas and narrow commercial interests over the true spirit of sportsmanship. The PCB reiterated its commitment to keeping politics out of sports and stated that violating the tournament's core principles under external pressure is regrettable. The board deemed the WCL organizers' biased approach as alarming and dangerous for the future. It stated that the WCL's apology indirectly admits that the match cancellations were not based on sporting grounds but influenced by nationalistic pressures. The PCB concluded that such discrimination and hypocrisy are unacceptable in international sports and that due to this politically tainted conduct, Pakistani players would no longer be allowed to participate in the tournament. It is worth mentioning that India had refused to play against Pakistan in both the round match and the semi-final of the World Championship of Legends.

Mohammad Nawaz hopes to improve batting after solid bowling performance



and kept the match alive until the end.

Florida (News Desk): Pakistan cricket team all-rounder Mohammad Nawaz has expressed hope that his batting will improve just like his bowling. Speaking after the second T20 match against the West Indies, Nawaz said he is trying to play according to the team's needs in these conditions. He praised Hasan Nawaz and Agha Salman for their commendable batting under difficult conditions. Reflecting on his own performance, Nawaz noted that his bowling had been good in both matches, but he couldn't deliver well with the bat. He added that the pitch is a bit slow and offers more assistance to spinners, and despite the low total, the bowlers fought hard

Lyari's Better Future FC wins Norway Cup 2025 U-15 title

Oslo (News Desk): Lyari-based Better Future Pakistan Football Club clinched the Boys Under-15 title at the Norway Cup 2025, the world's largest youth football tournament held in Oslo, Norway. According to reports, the undefeated Karachi team triumphed in the final by defeating Norway's Uvåg Lyn FC 2-0. Ahmed Ali gave the team an early lead in the first half, while Owais doubled the advantage in the second half with a decisive goal. Better Future FC had also reached the final last year. Head coach Abdul Rashid Baloch dedicated the victory to the nation, saying their hard work paid off. He added that Lyari's young footballers made the country proud with their outstanding performance. Over 2,000 teams from 30 countries competed in various age categories across 90 fields. The tournament was organized by the National Council of Norwegian Children and Youth Organizations. Meanwhile, the Pakistan Street Children Football Team from Islamabad was knocked out in the Boys Under-17 pre-quarterfinals by a team from Gambia. Notably, another team from Karachi, Lyari Football Academy, failed to participate in the tournament due to delays despite receiving financial support of 18.3 million rupees from the Sindh Government.

Pakistan Women's Cricket Team Departs for Ireland Series

Karachi (News Desk): The Pakistan Women's Cricket Team has departed from Karachi to Dublin via Doha for their three-match T20I series against Ireland. The team will play its first match on August 6, followed by the second on August 8 and the final match on August 10, with all games scheduled at Clontarf, Ireland. Fast bowler Fatima Sana is leading the 15-member national squad. Key players include Aliya Riaz, Diana Baig, Eymen Fatima, Gull Feroza, Muneeba Ali, Najia Alvi (wicketkeeper), Nashra Sandhu, Natalia Parvaiz, Rameen Shamim, Shawaal Zulfiqar, Sadia Iqbal, Sidra Ameen, Tuba Hassan, and Waheeda Akhtar. The team is expected to arrive in Ireland this afternoon.



India Set 374-Run Target for England in Final Test Thriller

London (News Desk): In the fifth Test match, India set a formidable target of 374 runs for England to win. India scored 396 runs in their second innings, securing a total lead of 373. Yashasvi Jaiswal played a brilliant knock of 118 runs, while Akash Deep contributed 66 and both Ravindra Jadeja and Washington Sundar added 53 runs each. Other Indian batsmen included Dhruv with 34, Karun Nair 17, Sundarson 11, and KL Rahul 7 runs. Earlier, England had won the toss and chose to field first, bowling India out for just 224 in their first innings—Karun Nair top-scored with 57. Sundarson made 38, Sundar 26, Shubman Gill 21, and Dhruv 19. England's Atkinson impressed with the ball, taking 5 wickets for 33 runs, while Josh picked up 3 wickets and Chris Woakes 1. In reply, England scored 247 runs in their first innings, gaining a 23-run lead. Zak Crawley led with 64, followed by Harry Brook with 53, Ben Duckett 43, Joe Root 29, and Ollie Pope 22. From India's bowling side, Mohammad Siraj and Krishna took 4 wickets each, while Akash Deep claimed one. Chasing the target, England lost one early wicket—Zak Crawley out for 14 with the score at 50. India now needs 9 more wickets for victory, and the match has entered a thrilling phase.

Jaiswal Surpasses Shastri with Sixth Test Century Before Turning 24

London (News Desk): In the final Test of the five-match series against England, Indian opener Yashasvi Jaiswal surpassed former cricketer Ravi Shastri by scoring his sixth Test century. Playing in his 24th Test match, Jaiswal reached the milestone in India's second innings of the fifth Test by crafting a resilient knock of 118 runs off 164 balls. With this century at The Oval, Jaiswal became only the second Indian batsman to score more than five Test centuries before turning 24. He now ranks second on the list of most Test centuries by an Indian under the age of 24, trailing only Sachin Tendulkar, who scored 11 centuries before that age. By scoring six centuries, Jaiswal moved ahead of Ravi Shastri and Dilip Vengsarkar, who each had five centuries. Jaiswal's stellar performance has given India a golden opportunity to win the final Test and level the series, as the visitors posted 396 runs in their second innings.

Mike Hesson Praises Hasan Nawaz as 'Quality Player' After Record Century

Florida (News Desk): Pakistan's white-ball head coach Mike Hesson has hailed young hard-hitting batter Hasan Nawaz as a "quality player." According to statistics, Hasan Nawaz averages 35.4 and scores at a strike rate of 162.8 during powerplays, despite being dismissed for zero five times. Post powerplay, his average rises to 49 with an impressive strike rate of 172.9, and he hasn't been dismissed for zero. Hesson praised the youngster, who has scored 284 runs in 12 T20 matches, including one century and one fifty. He remarked that Hasan is "definitely a quality player on the rise." Nawaz made his international debut for Pakistan in the opening match of the T20I series against New Zealand in March. After getting out for zero in the first two matches, he became only the sixth batter overall—and the second Pakistani—to start a career this way. However, in the third T20, Hasan bounced back with a blazing century off just 44 balls—the fastest T20 century by a Pakistani