

## India Defeats England by 6 Runs in Final Test, Series Ends 2-2



LONDON, (News Desk) – India defeated England by 6 runs in a thrilling fifth and final Test match. England required just 35 runs on the final day with four wickets remaining to chase the target of 374 at The Oval. Jimmy Overton hit two early boundaries but Jamie Smith was soon dismissed by Mohammad Siraj. Siraj also removed Overton, followed by the dismissal of Josh Tongue for a duck. Despite being injured, Chris Woakes bravely came out to bat with a fractured hand and received a warm ovation from the crowd. Gus Atkinson offered resistance at the other end, but England fell short, getting bowled out for 367 runs. With this victory, India leveled the Anderson-Tendulkar Trophy series 2-2. Siraj was the hero, taking key wickets and earning India a dramatic win.



## Pakistan Clinches T20 Series Against West Indies, Sahibzada Farhan Shines with Match-Winning Knock



FLORIDA, (News Desk) – Pakistani opening batter Sahibzada Farhan said his focus is now on the upcoming tri-nation series and Asia Cup. Speaking after his match-winning performance in the third T20 against the West Indies, Farhan expressed happiness over contributing to the team’s victory. He shared that he and Saim Ayub had devised a strategy and executed it well. Farhan and Saim shared a brilliant 138-run partnership, showcasing elegant strokes all around the ground. Pakistan clinched the three-match T20 series 2-1, defeating West Indies by 13 runs in the final game. Batting first, Pakistan posted 189 runs in the allotted overs, with Farhan scoring a remarkable 74 off 53 balls, including five sixes and three fours. Saim Ayub scored his second half-century of the series, making 66 runs off 49 balls. For the West Indies, Jason Holder, Roston Chase, and Shamar Joseph took one wicket each. In response, Shai Hope’s XI managed 176 for 6 in 20 overs. Alick Athanaze scored 60 runs while Sherfane Rutherford added 51 off 35 balls but couldn’t take their team to victory. Pakistan’s bowling effort was led by Haris Rauf, Hasan Ali, Mohammad Nawaz, Saim Ayub, and Sufiyan Muqem, each claiming one wicket.

## Mohammad Amir and Imad Wasim Join Northern Superchargers for The Hundred 2025



' from October 1, which had sparked questions regarding the participation of Pakistani players. At the beginning of the year, it was also reported that no Pakistani player was selected during the March draft, which was surprising compared to previous seasons. Speculations suggested that four franchises are owned by Indian nationals while two are owned by Indian-origin Americans, and that Pakistani players may have been ignored due to this influence. However, the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) had categorically rejected these concerns and assured that Pakistani players would not be excluded from the tournament. According to experts, Pakistan’s tour of the West Indies and a tri-nation series in the UAE during the draft period, along with a

dip in recent T20 performances and the last-minute withdrawal of players like Shaheen Afridi and Naseem Shah last year, were among the key reasons. The inclusion of Amir and Imad has strengthened the Superchargers squad, which also features England all-rounder Ben Stokes, although Stokes has opted out of this season due to shoulder surgery.

KARACHI, (News Desk) – Pakistani cricketers Mohammad Amir and Imad Wasim on Tuesday signed contracts with Northern Superchargers for The Hundred 2025 season. According to reports, both Pakistani players have been brought in as replacements for Ben Dwarshuis and Mitchell Santner. Earlier, concerns were raised that Pakistani players might be excluded from the tournament due to the fact that the majority of franchise owners are Indian. The Northern Superchargers are set to come under the management of the Indian media group 'Sun



## PHF Requests Extension from FIH Over Pro League Decision; India Tour Awaits Government Approval

LAHORE, (News Desk) – President of the Pakistan Hockey Federation, Tariq Bugti, stated that the PHF has requested more time from the FIH to decide on participation in the Pro League. Speaking to the media in Lahore, he said discussions with the government regarding the Pro League are ongoing, and good news is expected soon. He mentioned that the FIH had initially set a deadline of August 12, but the PHF has requested an extension until August 20. Tariq Bugti emphasized that participating in the Pro Hockey League would give players valuable exposure and help improve the team's international ranking. A budget of 350 million rupees has been proposed for the Pro League, while a total of 700 million rupees will be needed for all hockey events throughout the year. Regarding the decision to travel to India for the Asia Cup, he said it rests with the government of Pakistan, and the PHF will follow the government's directive. He noted that several developments are currently unfolding in India, and the behavior exhibited in England was not positive. Despite time constraints, the players are actively training. Tariq Bugti also expressed concerns about playing in India, suggesting that a delegation should first visit India to assess the situation before a final decision is made. He highlighted that while neutral venues exist in cricket, the same is not applicable in hockey. The PHF is keeping the Asian Hockey Federation informed about their security concerns and is aware of the threats being reported in the Indian media against the Pakistan team. Addressing internal matters, he remarked that rumors about differences between the president and secretary have persisted since day one, but no one is leaving their post. The federation continues to reach the finals of events and remains committed to participating. He added that some critics still argue that joining the Pro League is a waste of money. Lastly, he mentioned that funds have started to be transferred to players' accounts, with local dailies being disbursed in the first phase, and the players have been made aware of the federation's constraints, which they have accepted.

## Mohammed Siraj Fulfills Dale Steyn’s Prediction with Five-Wicket Haul in Oval Test

NEW DELHI, (News Desk) Indian fast bowler Mohammed Siraj has validated former South African pacer Dale Steyn’s prediction by taking five wickets in the Oval Test match. One day before the final Test, Dale Steyn had posted on social media predicting that Siraj would take five wickets in the fifth Test. At the end of the match, Siraj responded to Steyn’s post, writing, “You said it, I did it. Your words mean a lot to me.” In the Oval Test, Siraj claimed 5 wickets for 104 runs in the second innings and had already taken 4 wickets in the first innings. He also secured the final wicket in a thrilling finish, sealing victory for India and was named Player of the Match. India won the last Test by 6 runs, leveling the series 2-2.



## Brock Lesnar Shocks WWE Fans with Surprise Return at SummerSlam, Attacks John Cena

LONDON, (News Desk) – A surprise entry by Brock Lesnar lit up WWE SummerSlam as he stormed the ring and slammed John Cena with his signature F-5 move. The 48-year-old wrestler, famously known as "The Beast Incarnate," made a shocking return on Sunday night at MetLife Stadium during Night Two of the mega event, stunning Cena fans. The main event featured a championship match between John Cena and Cody Rhodes, which Rhodes won to claim the title. Lesnar’s return comes six months after being named in a lawsuit against WWE and former executive Vince McMahon. Just as Cody Rhodes was thanking and hugging John Cena in the ring, Lesnar’s entrance music blared and he charged in, launching a brutal attack on Cena. WWE's Chief Content Officer Paul Levesque, formerly known as Triple H, addressed Lesnar’s return saying, “When the Beast is in the room, dynamic changes occur. Brock's presence makes everything unbelievably unpredictable.”

## Mohammad Nawaz Names Yuvraj Singh as His Favorite All-Rounder After T20 Series Win



FLORIDA, (News Desk) – Pakistan all-rounder Mohammad Nawaz revealed that Indian cricket legend Yuvraj Singh is his favorite all-rounder. Speaking after Pakistan's 2-1 T20 series win against the West Indies, Nawaz said Yuvraj has always been an inspiration to him. He added that he faced no particular challenges during the series and is determined to maintain his form moving forward. Nawaz, who took 7 wickets in the three-match series, mentioned that he has bowled mostly with the new ball throughout his career, so it wasn’t difficult for him in this series either. Pakistan sealed the series with a 13-run victory in the final T20 match.

