



SPORTS NEWS



German Olympian Laura Dahlmeier Dies In Tragic Accident On Laila Peak

ISLAMABAD, (News Desk) German Olympic gold medallist and world-renowned biathlete Laura Dahlmeier has been confirmed dead following a tragic mountaineering accident on Laila Peak in Gilgit-Baltistan, the Alpine Club of Pakistan (ACP) said on Wednesday. Dahlmeier, 31, went missing after being struck by falling rocks at an altitude of



approximately 5,700 metres during a climbing expedition on July 28. Despite several days of intense rescue efforts, adverse weather including rain, poor visibility, and high winds hampered aerial and ground operations. The ACP issued a statement confirming her death, and its President Maj Gen Irfan Arshad extended heartfelt condolences to her family, friends, and the global mountaineering community, calling it a profound loss. Her climbing partner, Marina Eva—also known as Marina Krauss in local reports—escaped unharmed and safely descended to base camp with help from local rescuers after sending a distress signal. Dahlmeier, admired for her biathlon success and passion for mountaineering, was remembered with deep sorrow by ACP Vice President Karrar Haidri, who called her death a devastating loss to the global adventure sports community. Rescue teams had been attempting to reach her through dangerous terrain, with helicopter operations grounded due to persistent bad weather. Her body will be recovered once conditions permit, as ACP and local authorities coordinate efforts to honour her memory in the spirit of international mountaineering solidarity.

Rising Stars Sahibzada Farhan, Hasan Nawaz Shine As ICC Releases Latest T20I Rankings

KARACHI, (News Desk) The International Cricket Council (ICC) has released its latest T20 International rankings, with several Pakistani players experiencing notable shifts following the recent three-match T20 series against Bangladesh. Young Pakistani batters Sahibzada Farhan and Hasan Nawaz made remarkable progress, with Farhan jumping 69 spots to break into the top 100 for the first time, now ranked 97th with 389 points, while Hasan Nawaz climbed 14 places to share the 54th position with South Africa's David Miller, both standing at 500 points. T20 captain Salman Ali Agha and opener Saim Ayub each moved up two spots, now ranked 91st and 62nd respectively. In contrast, senior players Babar Azam and Mohammad Rizwan fell to 14th and 16th positions, while Mohammad Haris dropped 15 spots to 65th and Fakhar Zaman slipped to 81st. Globally, India's Abhishek Sharma claimed the top spot in T20 batting rankings, surpassing Australia's Travis Head, with India's Tilak Varma in third. No Pakistani bowler features in the top 20, as Abbas Afridi and Haris Rauf dropped to 24th and 26th respectively, while Shaheen Shah Afridi improved to 35th. Spinner Abrar Ahmed fell to 51st and vice-captain Shadab Khan to 67th. New Zealand's Jacob Duffy leads the bowling rankings, followed by England's Adil Rashid and India's Varun Chakravarthy.

Marka-e-Haq Mini Marathon To Be Organized On 14 August

HYDERABAD (News Desk): The Hyderabad District Administration, in collaboration with the District Sports Board, will organize the Marka-e-Haq Mini Marathon 2025 on Independence Day (14th August). District Sports Officer Hyderabad, Maryam Keeryo, informed on Wednesday that the marathon will start from the Press Club Hyderabad and conclude at the Circuit House Hyderabad at 3 p.m.



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Pakistan Battles Bravely, Falls To Poland In FIVB Boys' U19 World C'ship



ISLAMABAD, (News Desk) In one of the most gripping encounters of the FIVB Boys' U19 World Championship 2025, the Pakistan volleyball team lost against European powerhouse Poland in the Round of 16 by 2-3 sets, with set scores of 25-21, 23-25, 25-17, 21-25, 16-18 at Tashkent, Uzbekistan. The match, played at the packed arena in Tashkent, kept spectators on the edge of their seats as both teams traded blows in a contest that showcased world-class skill, determination, and resilience. Pakistan started strong by winning the first set 25-21 with powerful attacks and disciplined blocking. Poland fought back in the second set

, narrowly edging Pakistan 25-23, said a press release. With the match level at 1-1, Pakistan regained momentum to convincingly take the third set 25-17, driven by aggressive net play and precise serves. However, Poland refused to back down and responded with a 25-21 win in the fourth set. The deciding fifth set saw a nail-biting finish as both teams battled point-for-point, but it was Poland who narrowly claimed the set 18-16, bringing the match to a dramatic close. While the result did not favor Pakistan, the young team won the admiration of volleyball fans worldwide for their fighting spirit, technical excellence, and composure under pressure. Their run in this tournament has been historic—registering four consecutive victories in the group stage, topping Pool A, and qualifying for the Round of 16 for the first time in Pakistan's volleyball history. Pakistan will now enter the classification round for final tournament rankings. Chaudhary Muhammad Yaqoob, Chairman of Pakistan Volleyball Federation, commented, "Our boys played with great heart and determination against a top European side. This narrow defeat is heartbreaking but also a proud moment because it shows that Pakistan belongs among the volleyball elite. I congratulate the entire team and coaching staff on their exceptional performance throughout the tournament." Sohail Khawar Mir, President of the Federation, added, "This team has inspired a new generation of volleyball players in Pakistan. Their commitment, skill, and unity have been outstanding. Although we fell short today, this is not the end—it's the beginning of a bright future for Pakistan Volleyball."

PMYP–Lahore Qalandars Cricket Trials Inspire South Punjab's Future Stars



ISLAMABAD, (News Desk) The Prime Minister's Youth Programme (PMYP), in collaboration with Lahore Qalandars, concluded a highly successful four-day cricket talent hunt in South Punjab to discover and nurture grassroots cricket talent. Spanning two days each in Bahawalpur and Multan, the trials witnessed an overwhelming turnout of over 15,000 aspiring cricketers, including both boys and girls, all driven by a shared dream to represent Pakistan on the international cricket stage, said a press release. Held under the PM Talent Hunt Youth Sports League and facilitated by the Higher Education Commission (HEC)

, the trials aimed to identify top-tier talent from remote regions and provide them with a pathway to professional cricket. One male and one female team from each city, featuring 16 boys and 16 girls, were selected for their exceptional potential. The trials were hosted at Islamia University of Bahawalpur (IUB) and a key venue in Multan, with Lahore Qalandars' professional coaching staff supervising sessions focused on raw talent and game awareness. Lahore Qalandars CEO Atif Rana praised Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, PMYP Chairman Rana Mashood Ahmad Khan, and the entire PM Youth Programme team for their support. He also appreciated IUB's Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Muhammad Kamran and his team for excellent arrangements and expressed interest in establishing a High Performance Academy branch at IUB. The shortlisted players lauded the initiative for offering a professional and transparent platform and vowed to work hard to make Pakistan proud.

Pakistan-West Indies T20I Series Begins Today in Florida

FLORIDA (News Desk): The first T20 International of the three-match series between Pakistan and West Indies will be played today (Friday) at the Central Broward Regional Park Stadium Turf Ground, Lauderhill, Florida, under floodlights. The Green Shirts have intensified training for the T20 series, with special focus on hard-hitting by batters and intensive bowling drills. The match is scheduled to start at 5 a.m. Pakistan Standard Time. Ahead of the match, the national squad held an extensive practice session, focusing on batting, bowling, and fielding, while coaches tailored the training to match conditions. Batters practiced power-hitting from various angles to implement an aggressive game plan. Cricket fans are eagerly awaiting the series, which is expected to be thrilling. Star all-rounder Salman Agha will lead Pakistan in the T20Is, while all three matches will be played under lights at the same venue. The second T20I is set for August 3, followed by the third on August 4. After the T20Is, Pakistan will travel to Brian Lara Stadium, Tarouba, Trinidad, for a three-match ODI series starting August 8, followed by games on August 10 and 12. Wicketkeeper-batsman Mohammad Rizwan will captain Pakistan in the ODI series.

Shahid Afridi Slams India for Avoiding Match Against Pakistan in Legends Championship



LONDON (News Desk): Boom Boom Afridi bowled a bouncer at Indian players for refusing to play against Pakistan in the World Championship of Legends, stating that he wonders with what face India will now play — but it will have to play against Pakistan. The World Championship of Legends league is ongoing in the UK, and both Pakistan and India had qualified for the semi-finals. Earlier, Indian cricketers refused to play a round match against Pakistan, and Indian politician Arvind Sawant had also advised against playing cricket with Pakistan due to current tensions. Responding to these statements, former Pakistani captain Shahid Afridi took a dig at the Indian team while speaking to the media at a local restaurant in Birmingham, causing the hall to erupt with laughter. He said, “We have reached the semi-finals. Look at our age — we're playing in the semi-final at this stage. Now India will have to play with us, whether it wants to or not. Don't know with what face they will play, but they will play.” His remarks went viral on social media, where Pakistani fans criticized the Indian team and praised Afridi with witty comments. One fan wrote, “Our fighter jet Shahid Afridi shot down five Rafale jets,” while another said, “Brilliant response. Now Pakistani players should not shake hands with Indian players on the field.” Many users commented that India is avoiding the match out of fear of defeat. It is worth mentioning that the scheduled Pak-India cricket match on July 20 in the World Championship of Legends was canceled due to Indian players' stubbornness, unprofessional behavior, and bias against Shahid Afridi.