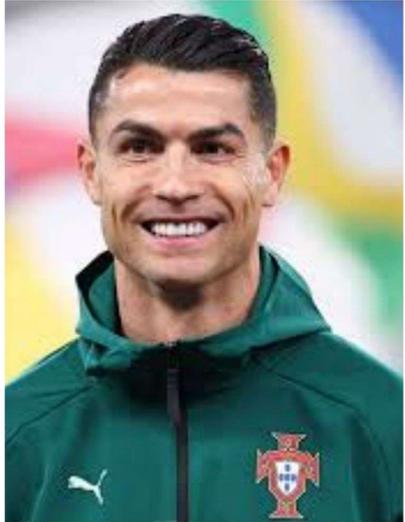


Ronaldo Equals World Cup Qualifiers Goal Record with Stunning Strike



Lisbon (News Desk) Globally renowned footballer Cristiano Ronaldo has equaled another world record. The 40-year-old Portuguese star scored against Hungary in the World Cup qualifiers, matching Guatemala's Carlos Ruiz record of 39 goals in qualifiers. With this goal, Ronaldo's total international goals reached 141, setting a new record. In the UEFA World Cup qualifiers, Portugal defeated Hungary while France overcame Iceland.

Pakistan Cricket Team Enjoys Paddle Games Ahead of Asia Cup Preparations

Dubai (News Desk) Before beginning official preparations for the Asia Cup, the Pakistan cricket team headed to the paddle court in Dubai. Ahead of a major T20 Asia Cup clash, players set aside their bats and balls in the dressing room and enjoyed paddle games. Shaheen Afridi, Haris Rauf, Saeem Ayub, Fakhar Zaman, and other players took to the court with rackets, having a great time. Meanwhile, coach Mike Hesson introduced a 'blindfold' challenge, where players had to locate a ball or a glass of water while blindfolded. After refreshing themselves, the national team players also practiced at the ICC Cricket Academy. Pakistan will play its opening Asia Cup match against Oman on Friday.

Pakistan Cricket Team Trains at ICC Academy Ahead of Asia Cup Opener

Dubai (News Desk) The national cricket team practiced at the ICC Academy in preparation for the Asia Cup. Under the supervision of coaches, players took part in three hours of batting, bowling, and fielding practice. The team will rest today ahead of their Asia Cup opener against Oman on September 12 in Dubai. Yesterday, in the second T20 Asia Cup match, India defeated the United Arab Emirates (UAE) by 9 wickets in a one-sided contest. In the tournament's opening match, Afghanistan beat Hong Kong by 94 runs.



Wasim Akram Urges Inclusion of Babar Azam in T20 Format

Lahore (News Desk) Former national captain Wasim Akram has called for Babar Azam to be included in the T20 format. Babar Azam is the second-highest run-scorer among batters in T20 Internationals but has been out of the team since the series against South Africa last December. He was also not selected for the ongoing Asia Cup, as selectors decided to try young players in view of next year's World Cup schedule. Speaking to an Indian media outlet, Wasim Akram said, "I want Babar to definitely be in T20s. Just imagine, if you have to chase a target of 150 or 160 on a difficult pitch, Babar's presence can be very useful. The team may need to make slight changes, but having a batter like Babar in such situations is essential." He further added that over the past four to five years, the team gave Babar and Rizwan ample opportunities as openers, and both performed well, but they could not perform with the consistency expected, which is why new players are now being given a chance. Wasim Akram also praised the current Pakistani team, especially captain Salman Ali Agha, for their bold thinking, stating that these players have the ability to regularly defeat top teams.



Kamran Akmal Confident Pakistan Can Win Asia Cup Clash Against India

Karachi (News Desk) Former cricketer Kamran Akmal said that winning the Tri-Nation Series has boosted the confidence of Pakistani players, which is a positive sign. Speaking on a private TV program, he stated that Afghanistan's bowling line-up is very strong, and although Pakistan's batsmen did not score big runs, the winning momentum will reflect in the Asia Cup. He added that India no longer has the players who used to dominate Pakistan, and while Pakistan also lacks such players now, this team is capable of winning. On match day, selecting the right playing XI, bowling attack, and optimal number of spinners to form the best combination can help Pakistan secure victory. Kamran Akmal emphasized that in the T20 format, the game can change within one or two overs. Pakistan and India will face each other in a high-voltage Asia Cup match on Sunday, September 14, in Dubai.



Nasir Ahmed Askani Appointed General Secretary of Sindh Football Association

Karachi (News Desk) Nasir Ahmed Askani has been appointed as the General Secretary of the Sindh Football Association. According to a statement issued by Sindh Football Association President Haji Azam Khan, Nasir Ahmed Askani has been given the position with immediate effect. Meanwhile, Ghulam Abbas Baloch, central leaders of the Player Panel South including Ikhtlaq Baloch, Lala Anwar, Master Nazir Ahmed, Ismail Baloch, Shaban Baloch, Shahzeeb Baloch, and Lala Ashraf, congratulated Nasir Askani on his appointment. They assured him of full cooperation and expressed hope that he will play a significant role in the development of football across the province.

KL Rahul Yadav Named Player of the Match as India Defeats UAE in Asia Cup T20

Dubai (News Desk) Indian cricketer KL Rahul Yadav, who was named Player of the Match in the second T20 Asia Cup game, said he will try to perform similarly throughout the event. Speaking to the media after the match against UAE, he stated that the tournament has had a strong start. UAE captain Mohammad Wasim said that although they started well, wickets fell at crucial moments, resulting in a lower score, and the team needs to make a comeback. Indian team captain Surya Kumari Yadav praised his players' performance, noting that they have played several matches in UAE conditions. In today's second T20 Asia Cup 2025 match, India defeated the United Arab Emirates by 9 wickets. KL Rahul Yadav took 4 wickets, earning him the Player of the Match award.

Pakistan Shines at European F-Class Long Range Shooting Championship 2025



Islamabad (News Desk) Pakistan achieved remarkable success at the European F-Class Long Range Shooting Championship 2025, once again proving its global prowess. In the competition held in the United Kingdom, Pakistani shooter Huzafa Gul won a silver medal in the 800-yard individual event, proudly raising the national flag. The championship saw participation from over 260 shooters representing 18 countries, including the USA, Canada, Germany, and the UK. Pakistan's 12-member team scored 1,106 out of 1,200 points, showcasing exceptional skill. Previously, the team had won the championship in 2023 and secured a bronze medal in 2024.

India Begins Asia Cup 2025 with Dominant Win Over UAE

Dubai (News Desk) India kicked off their Asia Cup 2025 campaign with a commanding nine-wicket victory against the United Arab Emirates (UAE) in Dubai. Winning the toss, Indian captain Suryakumar Yadav chose to field first, restricting UAE to just 57 runs in 13.1 overs, with opener Alishan scoring 22 and skipper Waseem adding 19, while no other batter reached double figures. Kuldeep Yadav led India's bowling with four wickets, and Shivam Dube took three. In reply, India chased the target comfortably in 4.3 overs with one wicket down; Abhishek Sharma contributed 30 runs before dismissal, while Shubman Gill (20 not out) and Suryakumar Yadav (7 not out) guided the team to victory. Both India and UAE are in Group A, and the highly anticipated Pakistan-India clash is set for September 14 in Dubai.

9th Al-Zarooni Students Olympic Games to Begin in Karachi

Islamabad (News Desk) The 9th Al-Zarooni Students Olympic Games, organized by the Pakistan Students Olympic Association, will commence on September 16 in Karachi, with the inauguration scheduled for September 19 by Sheikh Ali Zarooni, Head of Buraq Sports (UAE). According to PSOA President Maqbool Arain, the Games will take place across three venues in Karachi: PSB Coaching Center, KMC Sports Complex on Kashmir Road, and Mini Sports Complex in Nazimabad. A total of 24 sports competitions will be held, including archery, athletics, futsal, gymnastics, flying discs, paddle, pickleball, rope skipping, skating, throwball, tug-of-war, taekwondo, fitness, cricket, cycling, basketball, badminton, catchball, dodgeball, netball, handball, table tennis, volleyball, and hockey.