

First Over-40 T20 World Cup to be held in Pakistan from November 21

ISLAMABAD, (News Desk) – The first Over-40 T20 Cricket World Cup will commence in Pakistan from November 21, featuring teams from 12 countries. A memorandum of understanding was signed between Pakistan’s first sports channel and the Pakistan Veterans Cricket Association to broadcast the Over-40 T20 World Cup matches live. The ceremony was attended by Chairman of Pakistan Veterans Cricket Association, Fawad Ijaz, who signed the memorandum. The tournament will be played in Karachi from November 21 to December 1, with participation from 12 international teams. Chairman Fawad Ijaz stated that this will be the first-ever T20 World Cup for players over 40 years of age, while previously, under-45, under-50, and under-60 events had been organized.

Top BCCI officials absent from Pakistan-India Asia Cup match amid boycott campaign

DUBAI, (News Desk) – Despite hosting the Asia Cup 2025, senior officials of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) were notably absent from the Pakistan-India match. According to Indian media, BCCI decided not to send any top officials to Dubai, as a boycott campaign against Pakistan was ongoing in India. Most BCCI officials are distancing themselves from the match due to the boycott, and their absence has been described as a “silent boycott.” During the Champions Trophy, all senior BCCI and state association officials were present in Dubai, while ICC Chairman Jay Shah had opted to attend a meeting in the United States instead of the match. BCCI Secretary Devjit Saikia is staying away from Dubai citing preparations for the Women’s World Cup, and IPL Chairman Arun Dhimal also decided not to attend the match at the stadium. Indian media reports suggest that BCCI Vice President and ACC Executive Board member Rajiv Shukla may appear on camera if India wins, and other officials will only make a public appearance if India secures victory.

Shubman Gill suffers injury ahead of Pakistan-India Asia Cup clash

DUBAI, (News Desk) – India received a setback ahead of their crucial Asia Cup match against Pakistan when opener Shubman Gill sustained an injury during a practice session. Gill injured his hand and appeared to be in discomfort before leaving the field after the physiotherapist attended to him. Captain Suryakumar Yadav and head coach Gautam Gambhir were seen discussing with the batter, who was alongside his opening partner Abhishek Sharma. However, after spending some time off the field, Gill returned and resumed practice. The Pakistan-India match is scheduled for tomorrow, starting at 7:30 PM Pakistan Standard Time. In the tournament so far, India defeated Hong Kong, while Pakistan secured a win against Oman, making this their second match in the Asia Cup.



Dubai warns Asia Cup fans of jail, heavy fines for abusive or violent behavior

DUBAI, (News Desk) – Cricket fans who engage in abusive, violent, or racist behavior during the Asia Cup 2025 in Dubai will face imprisonment of one to three months and fines of up to PKR 2.3 million. Ahead of the high-voltage Pakistan–India match, Dubai Police issued a strict warning to spectators. Authorities have made it clear that no form of violence, foul language, or racist conduct will be tolerated inside the stadium. According to Major General Saif Muhair Al Mazrouei, Chairman of the Events Security Committee at Dubai Police, violators will face imprisonment from one to three months along with fines ranging from 10,000 to 30,000 dirhams, equivalent to PKR 750,000 to 2.3 million. Dubai Police advised fans to maintain a positive and respectful attitude during the matches, warning that violators will face immediate legal action to ensure the safety of spectators and preserve the stadium environment.



Four PFF officials appointed to AFC standing committees



KUALA LUMPUR, (News Desk) – Four officials of the Pakistan Football Federation (PFF) have been appointed to various standing committees of the Asian Football Confederation (AFC). According to PFF sources, the announcement was made during the recent AFC Executive Committee meeting held in Malaysia, attended by a Pakistani delegation led by PFF President Mohsin Gilani. The appointments include Dr. Muhammad Ali as a member of the AFC Media and Communication Committee, Hafiz Zakaullah to the AFC Futsal and Beach Soccer Committee, Muhammad Azam Khan to the AFC Marketing Committee, and Nermin Malik to the AFC Women’s Football Committee, with all appointments spanning from 2023 to 2027. PFF Vice President Zakaullah told the media that under the dynamic leadership of President Mohsin Gilani, new avenues have opened for Pakistan to gain experience within the AFC and FIFA. He added that the inclusion of Pakistani officials in these committees will create greater opportunities for the development of football in the country and expressed gratitude to the AFC for making PFF members part of its committees.

Cristiano Ronaldo tops list of highest-earning athletes in 2024

LONDON, (News Desk) – Portuguese football star Cristiano Ronaldo has out-earned Lionel Messi in 2024 by a significant margin. According to a British magazine report, Ronaldo became the world’s highest-earning player over the past year, earning £192.40 million, which is approximately PKR 72 billion — nearly double Lionel Messi’s earnings. Saudi Arabia’s massive investment in the sports sector has greatly increased the earnings and wealth of several players. Recently, Ronaldo showcased an outstanding performance in the World Cup qualifiers and equaled a global record, but this time he has amazed the world with his earnings. If his annual income is divided into daily earnings, it amounts to nearly £500,000 per day, surpassing the income of any other player. The ranking list places Cristiano Ronaldo first, golfer Jon Rahm second, and Lionel Messi third, with both salaries and endorsement income included in the total earnings.



Former Pakistan cricketers suggest replacements for Faheem Ashraf ahead of India clash



KARACHI, (News Desk) – Former Pakistan cricketers Basit Ali and Kamran Akmal have proposed alternatives to Faheem Ashraf for Pakistan’s upcoming match against India. Basit Ali suggested on his YouTube channel that Salman Mirza should replace Faheem Ashraf, while Kamran Akmal supported including Hasan Ali in the playing XI. Kamran Akmal stated that if Faheem Ashraf is expected to bat at that position, Hasan Ali can also handle it, play shots, and even bowl with the new ball. Meanwhile, Pakistan easily defeated Oman by 93 runs in the fourth match of Asia Cup 2025. Chasing Pakistan’s total of 161 runs, Oman was bowled out for 67 runs in 16.4 overs. Mohammad Haris scored 66 runs and was named Man of the Match. Hammad Mirza made 27 runs, and Amir Kaleem scored 13 runs, with eight Omani batsmen failing to reach double figures. Pakistan’s bowlers, Saeem Ayub, Sufyan Muqeem, and Faheem Ashraf, took two wickets each.



Shoaib Akhtar raises concerns over Saem Ayub’s batting technique

RAWALPINDI, (News Desk) – Former fast bowler Shoaib Akhtar expressed concerns over opener Saem Ayub’s batting approach. Speaking on a local sports platform, Akhtar emphasized that a batter should carefully observe how the ball is coming, its trajectory, and follow their technique to decide how to move. He advised that a batsman generally needs only a few deliveries to settle at the crease and should avoid playing unnecessary shots. Akhtar added that excessive movement is not required, and within two to four balls, a player can assess the ball’s behavior on the bat. Yesterday, Pakistan defeated Oman by 93 runs, with opener Saem Ayub returning to the pavilion without scoring.