

Rashid Khan Becomes Leading Wicket-Taker in T20 Cricket



Dubai (News Desk): Afghanistan captain and spin bowler Rashid Khan has become the highest wicket-taker in T20 cricket. In the third match of the tri-nation series against the United Arab Emirates (UAE), Rashid took 3 wickets for 21 runs, setting a new global record. The 26-year-old Rashid Khan is now the first bowler to claim 165 wickets in T20 cricket. During the same match, he equaled and then surpassed the record previously held by 36-year-old New Zealand bowler Tim Southee, who had taken 164 wickets in 126 matches, while Rashid achieved this milestone in just 98 matches.

Afghanistan Defeats UAE by 38 Runs in Tri- Nation T20, Rashid Khan Breaks Record



Sharjah (News Desk): In the third T20 match of the tri-nation series, Afghanistan defeated the United Arab Emirates (UAE) by 38 runs to secure their first victory of the tournament. After winning the toss in Sharjah, UAE opted to field first, allowing Afghanistan to post 188 runs for 4 wickets in their 20 overs, setting a target of 189 for the hosts. In response, UAE managed 150 runs for 8 wickets in 20 overs. UAE captain Mohammad Wasim scored 67, while Rahul Chopra remained unbeaten on 52, but neither could lead their team to victory. Afghan captain Rashid Khan took 3 wickets for just 21 runs, simultaneously becoming the highest wicket-taker in T20 cricket. Shafiqullah Ashraf also claimed 3 wickets and was named the player of the match. Earlier, Ibrahim Zadran scored 63, Sadiquallah Atal 54, and Karim Janat remained unbeaten on 23 for Afghanistan. UAE bowlers Mohammad Rohid and Sagheer Khan took 2 wickets each. Both Afghanistan and UAE had lost their opening matches against Pakistan. Afghanistan's final XI included Rahmanullah Gurbaz, Ibrahim Zadran, Sadiquallah Atal, Darwish Rasooli, Karim Janat, Azmatullah Omarzai, Rashid Khan, Mohammad Nabi, Shafiqullah Ashraf, and Fazalhaq Farooqi. UAE's final squad comprised Mohammad Wasim, Mohammad Zaheeb, Asif Khan, Rahul Chopra, Ethan DeSouza, Harshit Kushak, Dhruv Prashant, Sagheer Khan, Haider Ali, Mohammad Rohid, and Junaid Siddiqui.

Mitchell Starc Announces Retirement from T20 Internationals

Sydney (News Desk): Australian fast bowler Mitchell Starc has announced his retirement from Twenty20 International cricket. According to Cricket Australia, Starc decided to retire from T20Is to focus on Test and One-Day cricket. In his T20I career, Starc played 65 matches and took 79 wickets. In his statement, Starc said that Test cricket has always been his top priority and that he enjoyed every moment of T20 cricket. He added that he looks forward to performing at his best, fully fit, on the India Test tour, the Ashes, and the 2027 ODI World Cup. Cricket Australia has also announced the squad for the upcoming T20 series against New Zealand in Starc's absence. Pat Cummins will not be part of the series under the management plan, as he is dealing with lower back discomfort, which is currently under assessment, and he will also be rested for the limited-overs series against India. Mitchell Marsh will captain the Australian team in the T20 series against New Zealand, which consists of three matches scheduled to be played on October 1, 3, and 4.



Pakistan's Fastest Female Athlete Tamin Khan Withdraws from World Athletics Championship

Lahore (News Desk): Pakistan's fastest female athlete, Tamin Khan, has withdrawn from the World Athletics Championship due to injury. Tamin will be unable to participate in the event scheduled in Tokyo later this month, where she was set to compete in the 100-meter race. The Athletics Federation of Pakistan had specially secured entry for Tamin in the World Championship. The athlete sustained an injury three days ago during training, and based on MRI reports, doctors have advised her to rest for an additional two weeks. Pakistan's sole representation in the World Athletics Championship will now come from javelin thrower Arshad Nadeem.



Algerian Boxer Iman Khalif Appeals Mandatory Gender Test Decision

The Hague (News Desk): Algerian boxer Iman Khalif has filed an appeal against the mandatory gender test decision. The Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) has confirmed receiving the appeal from Khalif. The boxer has challenged World Boxing's requirement for a gender test in order to compete as a female athlete in international competitions. In her appeal, Khalif requested permission to participate as a female boxer without undergoing the gender test. The CAS has rejected her request to suspend World Boxing's decision pending the appeal. A formal hearing will commence after both parties submit their written statements on the matter.



Wasim Akram Reveals Reason Behind Batting First in 1999 World Cup Final



Lahore (News Desk): Former Pakistan captain and swing maestro Wasim Akram has disclosed why the team opted to bat first in the 1999 World Cup final. Speaking on a private TV comedy show, Akram reminisced about his childhood and cricketing career, stating that during his era, Pakistan's strength lay in its bowling, including in the World Cup. He highlighted that alongside himself, the team featured bowlers and all-rounders like Waqar Younis, Shoaib Akhtar, Saqlain Mushtaq, Azhar Mahmood, and Abdul Razzaq, providing numerous bowling options. Akram explained that Pakistan had been winning round matches by batting first after winning the toss, so the same strategy was applied in the final, aiming to post 200 runs to challenge Australia. He dismissed claims that the decision to bat first was sudden, saying people only remembered it 25 years later. Akram further called the match his worst memory, noting it was a one-sided game; had it been closer, the disappointment would have been less severe. In that final, Pakistan was bowled out for 132, the lowest total in a World Cup final, and Australia chased the target in the 21st over losing just 2 wickets.

Mohammad Wasim Breaks Rohit Sharma's T20 Captain Sixes Record



Sharjah (News Desk): UAE cricket captain Mohammad Wasim has surpassed former India T20 captain Rohit Sharma to become the leading six-hitter as a captain in T20 Internationals. During the tri-nation series match against Afghanistan at Sharjah Cricket Stadium, Wasim played a blazing innings of 67 runs off just 37 balls, including 6 towering sixes and 4 boundaries, chasing Afghanistan's target of 189. The UAE captain has hit 110 sixes in only 54 T20I innings as captain, compared to Rohit Sharma's 105 sixes in 62 innings. Wasim also overtook former New Zealand opener Martin Guptill to become the second-highest six-hitter in T20Is overall. The all-time record for most sixes in T20Is remains with Rohit Sharma, who hit 205 sixes in 159 matches, while Wasim has 176 sixes in 80 matches. Despite his outstanding performance, UAE fell short, scoring 150 runs in 20 overs and losing the match by 38 runs.