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It is really hard to think even launching of a sports magazine that carrying news about different sports activities, high lighting the budding youngsters, their hidden talent and provide them due exposure besides reporting youth, culture and tourism to the rest of the word with the aim to portray a softer image of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.

It is certainly a hard nut to crack but with the support of sports organizers, sports persons, government and non-government organizations related to the fields I had selected for my monthly magazine is a key that strikes the idea in my mind. Sport was relaunched by the media industry when I finally succeeded in finding a publisher for my Magazine. "The Sports Lines and News Times HD web, I thought that my troubles were over. I have a way of thinking that, too soon. The publisher who finally took my manuscript was the third I tried.

The morning I saw the first I was practically positive that the business side of my Magazine was settled. I found some good friends as well. That overall boost and make me turn my dreams into a reality of having my own magazine in which I freely provide uncalled exposure to the youngsters. It gave me a perfect opening, we discovered that gathering month wise activities and drawing them on a piece of paper with perfect photos and story making on the merits.

Now the more I sit looking at a blank piece of paper, the more impossible it appears to write a preface. Most prefaces seem to open with an explanation and apology for writing the succeeding pages. What earthly use is this? Why not stand up and face the facts. The thing has happened; it may be regrettable, but if I really think so one should have made more of an effort at prevention, and in nine cases out of ten I suspect that at the very moment when I started writing these words.

The divergence between convention and truth is apparently even greater in writing prefaces than in more ordinary walks of life. There are certain things that one always puts in prefaces. For instance, there is the Muster of Distinguished Names. Now it is true that in the course of preparing this Magazine of mine I met some quite respectably prominent people, but it is not true that they are the ones 'to whom I owe whatever may be of value in the pages which follow.

I owe that, as a matter of fact, to a certain number of conversations with people whose names have no publicity value whatever, to a certain number of those in explicable and utterly unscientific hunches which the preface to every 'sound' magazine spends at least a paragraph in denying, and, what is never under any circumstances admitted, to a certain amount of donkey work of my own. I assured you all well-wishers.

I and my whole team of Magazine Sports Lines and News Times HD web would do justice with the only aim that has in our mind to stand with most neglected youth of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa in these hours of need. The youth of KP were earlier confined to their homes due to serial of bombing but life never stops. That must go one that is why we are supporting them despite every day threat due to militancy and insurgency in this part of the world.

*Editor: Ijaz Ahmad Khan*



# Muhammad Nouman eyeing International Tennis League



By Ijaz Ahmad

**PESHAWAR:** Muhammad Nouman, a budding tennis player from Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, has started preparing for the

International Tennis League and is hopeful of getting a prominent position for Pakistan and creating a place in tennis.

Talking to the media during his practice session at the Synthetic Tennis Courts of the Peshawar Sports Complex, Muhammad Nouman said that he is the winning player of the All Pakistan Tennis Tournament and is fully focused on his game by doing his practice, both in the morning and afternoon sessions.

He said that he wants to make his unique place at the international level. Apart from being the winner, he is also the PSB Inter-Provincial

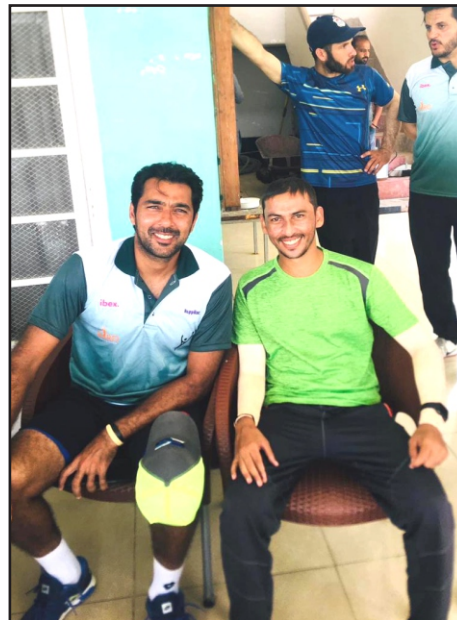


Champion and after maintaining his prominence in junior tennis, he has also won titles in various events in senior tennis tournaments including

All Pakistan Pakistan Air Force Khyber Cup, and All Pakistan Pakistan Sports Board Tennis Championship. He has also won the trophy of the All Pakistan ITF Tennis Tournaments in Islamabad, said that he has been consistently achieving a prominent position in junior tennis from 2008 to 2017 and turned to professional tennis.

Nouman has also achieved a prominent position in the All-Pakistan Khyber Pakhtunkhwa

Tennis Cup organized by KP Tennis Association. Along with playing tennis, Muhammad Nouman is a pro tennis player. He has performed the



coaching duties and was a designated coach of the Tennis Academy Dubai, UAE for one year. Along with this, he is also performing his duties as a Level-I and Level-II qualified coach of Islamabad Tennis Club and Pakistan Tennis Federation.

While getting a prominent position in the Pre-Level-I Green Badge Course of the Pakistan Tennis Federation, he also obtained Level-I Coaching Beginner and Intermediate Certificates. Looking





after his commitment in working hard with the upcoming youth at the grassroots level, recently, the Pakistan Tennis Federation (PTF) awarded him the Advanced Coaching Course Level-II.

Nouman said that Khyber Pakhtunkhwa in particular and Pakistan in general there is immense talent in the game of tennis and especially the players of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Shoaib Pakistan No. 3. The young champ proved himself and at the number three position behind Pakistan top tennis players Aqeel Khan and Aisam-ul-Haque Qurashi, Barkatullah, Shahid Khan, Hamza Roman, Shayan Afridi, Saqib Umar, Aqil Umar are prominent players who have performed outstandingly in the Pakistan Junior Davis Cup.

He met Pakistan No. 1 Aqeel Khan and Aisam-ul-Haque, Chairman Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Tennis Association Dr. Tahir, Senior Vice President Dr. Farhat Abbas, Provincial President DIG Saleem Khan Marwat and former DG Sports Junaid Khan, Asfandiyar Khattak and current DG Sports Capt. (Retd) Khalid Mehmood. While

appreciating the work, he said that at present, work on tennis courts is going on rapidly in every district of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa for the promotion of tennis in the province.

Tennis courts are being built in the province, due to which the players of the province have a prominent status at the national and international level. "I am fully focused on my performance," Nouman said. He said that trials will be held for the five-member Pakistan team for the upcoming Davis Cup.

He is sure that two or three players will be from Khyber



Pakhtunkhwa in the National team for the forthcoming Davis Cup. He said that as coach he is paying full attention to the promotion of tennis at the grassroots level and in the coming time, the players of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa can get a prominent position at the junior level. About his own performance, he said, his main focus is on his tennis as a professional player and for giving his 100 percent in different International Tennis League, he is doing his hard work despite coaching upcoming talent.





## Arshad Nadeem creates history, becomes first Pakistani to win medal at World Championship



By Gul Dar Khan

BUDAPEST: Pakistan's star javelin thrower Arshad Nadeem etched his name in history as he became the

first from South Asian nation to win a medal at World Athletics Championship.

The Pakistan athlete remained runner up after close contest with India's Neeraj Chopra; he got silver medal at made his best throw of 87.82m in third attempt.

Neeraj Chopra, the javelin thrower from Pakistan's eastern

neighbor, got gold with his best throw of 88.17m, while Czech Republic's Jakub Vadlejch ranked third.

Despite not so good start at an international event, Arshad came back in the event with an excellent 82.81m throw in his second attempt. With a brilliant third throw of 87.82 meters, Arshad managed to throw javelin fourth attempt at 87.12m. With around 80m in the fifth throw, Pakistani olympic athlete made last massive throw of 81.86m.

The star Pakistani sportsman who from a small town, Khanewal, located in Punjab province, created history as he brought his country the first-ever medal at the World Athletics Championship.

Earlier this week, the 26-year-old qualified for the final of World Athletics Championship with his best throw of 86.79m. In May this year, Arshad won a gold medal in the 34th National Games.

He achieved the honour by throwing his javelin the longest distance of 78.02 metres. Arshad, who represented the Water and Power Development Authority (Wapda) at the National Games, took home the gold medal.

Last year, he achieved a new milestone by pulling off his best throw of 90.18m in Birmingham to win gold in the Commonwealth Games. He then won gold in the Islamic Games in Turkey after a few days.





## KP players' outstanding performance



By Hashim Khan

**PESHAWAR:** In the first Asian Junior Super Series Squash Championship

silver medal and Hurara Khan won bronze medal in U17 category, Ibrahim Zeb won gold, Mubeen Khan won gold in U15 category.

Talal Rehman Gul won bronze

medal, similarly in U13 category Noman Khan won gold, Ahmed Ryan Khalil won silver, Abdul Kabir won bronze medal, Danish Sikandar won 5th position, Maleeha Shah in

girls U11 category won gold and Zainab Gilani got silver medal, K h y b e r Pakhtunkhwa players thanked Director General Sports Captain (retd) Khalid Mehmood and coaches for their support and hoped that the same cooperation will continue in the future.

under the auspices of Pakistan Squash Federation, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa players showed their best game and won many medals.

They surprised everyone by winning gold, silver and bronze medals, Abdullah Nawaz won gold, Azaan Khalil won



## PCB mourns the passing of former chairman Ijaz Butt

**PESHAWAR:** The Pakistan Cricket Board through its Chairman and members of Management Committee, Board executives and employees has expressed its grief and sorrow over the passing of former Test cricketer and its former Chairman Ijaz Butt today. He was 85. Ijaz Butt, born in Sialkot on March 10, 1938, featured in eight Tests for Pakistan from 1959 to 1962.

He also remained Chairman of Pakistan Cricket Board from 2008 to 2011 and during his tenure Pakistan cricket team won the ICC T20 World Cup in 2009. PCB Management Committee Chairperson Zaka Ashraf said: “On behalf of the PCB, I want to express my deepest condolences on the sad demise of Mr Ijaz Butt.

“I had the privilege of knowing him personally and I have nothing but utmost respect for Mr Butt. “I offer my deepest condolences to Ijaz Butt’s family and friends,

and assure them that he will always be remembered for the contributions he made to Pakistan cricket.





# The Independence Sports Gala, Culture Musical Night ended in a grand ceremony



By Khalid Mehmood

**PESHAWAR:** The Azadi Sports Gala and Musical Night organized by the Directorate of Youth Affairs and Directorate General Sports

Khyber Pakhtunkhwa ended with a firework in a grand ceremony at the Hayatabad Sports Complex Peshawar.

Secretary Sports (retd) Captain Mushtaq Ahmad, Deputy Commissioner Peshawar Shah Fahad, Director General Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Captain (Retd) Khalid Mehmood, Former Minister Sports Matiullah Khan, Director Youth Irfan Ali Khan, Director Hayatabad Sports Complex Niamat Ullah

Marwat, Director Administration Shah Faisal Peshawar, male and female players who participated in cricket, football, squash, table tennis, gymnastics, badminton, karate, taekwondo, and judo were also present.

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Khalid Malik, Ustad Shahid Ali Khan and his team, Miss Yamsa Noor, Wisal Khail, Arzoo Naz, and Jam Boys group performed well by entertaining hundreds and thousands of spectators attended the Azadi Night.

Pashto singers performed in the culture night with their melodious voice as Wisal Khail recalled some of the prominent numbers of his father legendary Khail Muhammad,

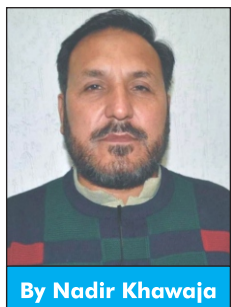
which largely enthralled the sitting spectators. Yamsa Noor, a prominent singer along with Arzoo Naz also came up with their prominent numbers, receiving thundering applause from the sitting spectators while Ustad Shahid Ali Khan compelled the sitting spectators with his Ghazal, National Songs that was largely appreciated by the crowd with their cheering responses.

In different events of the sports, Rehan Ahmed won first in table tennis, followed by Aziz Khan, Maher Nisa won first in women's table tennis, Ania Khan won second, Zabih and Mehran won first in badminton, Haji Mehmood and Mehmood won second position, and Abeera won second in women's badminton. Maha 2nd, Warisha Jamshed 1st and Isha Amin 2nd in Squash Women, Saad Fayaz 2nd in Squash Men, Alien 2nd, Zarar Team 1st in Football, Haroon Team 2nd, Mahroosh 1st in Gymnastics and Hamna got second, Qayyum Stadium Karate Club got first,





## Sana of Pakistan Army, Waqar of PAF win Independence Day Women, Men Squash titles



By Nadir Khawaja

PESHAWAR : Sana Bahadur of Pakistan Army and Waqar Mehboob of Pakistan Air Force clinched the trophies of the Women and

Men Independence Day Squash Championship played here at Qamar Zaman Squash Complex.

Known businessman and Owner of the Deans Plaza Asif Jamal, Col. Abid Aziz, Chief Security Officer Cantt, Daud Khan Secretary to Chief Minister graced the closing ceremony as guests, witnessed the two grand finals of the Women and Men Squash Championships and gave away prizes. Former World Squash Champion Jansher Khan, Chairman KP Squash Legendary Qamar Zaman, Senior Vice President KP Squash Association Ehsan Ullah Khan, Major Sheryar, Associate Secretary Dr Riaz Khan KP Squash Associate Secretary Sajjad Khalil, Finance Secretary Wazir Mohammad, Executive Member Sher Bahadur, Fazal Khalil Directorate Senior Coach & Chief Organizer Munawar Zaman, Squash Coaches Mohammad Waseem, Amjad Khan, Mehmood Khan, Adil Zar Gul, Mohammad Adil Faqir, Chief Referee, Squash players spectators also present during the Independence Day Cake Cutting ceremony.

There was standing ovation from all the participating players for former World Champion Jansher Khan to pay him rich tribute for his

unmatched services, he rendered for keeping the Pakistan's flag high during his 20-years only supremacy, winning 99 consecutive matches, a record unmatched in the world of squash. The players present on this occasion also gave honor to former World Champion Qamar Zaman, who remained World No. 2 for 11 consecutive years, along with another legendary and former World No. 2 Mohib Ullah Khan and former World No. 10 Amjad Khan, former World No. 11 Mansoor Zaman and former World No. 8 Ehsan Ullah Khan. Addressing the ceremony, the chief guest Asif Jamal lauded the services being rendered by the players of KP in the World of squash. "I feel honored to be among the legends of squash Jansher Khan, Qamar Zaman, Mohib Ullah and other leading players," Asif Jamal said. He also thanked Director Blue Tones Squash Academy Wazir Muhammad for inviting him to the Independence Day Championship and giving him a chance to be among the legends. Asif Jamal also appreciated Sana Bahadur and Waqar Mehboob for ranking high among other players of the country besides representing Pakistan at the international levels.

He assured the organizers of his support in the other events. He said along with the government, the business communities and persons from the private sectors should come forward and support the players in different games including squash. Earlier, the Women Final Sana Bahadur (Army) recorded victory Nimra Aqeel (KP) by 3-1, the score

was 11-7, 11-3, 5-11 and 11-6 while in the Men final Waqar Mehboob (PAF) beat Saddam Ul Haq (Army) in straight sets, the score was 13-11, 11-4 and 11-5. In the semi-final Nimra Aqeel (KP) beat Hifsa Yousaf (Wapda) by 12-10, 11-8, 7-11, and 11-1 and Sana (Army) defeated Manahil (KP) by 3-0 in the second semi-final, the score was 11-5, 11-9 and 11-2.

In the Men semi-final Waqar Mehboob (PAF) beat Mutahir Ali Shah (KP) by 3-0, the score was 11-2, 11-7 and 11-5 and Saddam Ul Haq (Army), in the second semi-final, defeated Muhammad Azaan Khalil (KP) by 11-6, 11-9 and 11-4.

### Shujaur Rehman wins Independence Day Squash title

KOHAT: Shujaur Rahman clinched the trophy of the Kohat Jashan Azadi Squash Tournament by defeating Ishtiaq 3-1, the score was 11-9, 10-12, 11-8, 12-10 in the final played at Company Bagh Squash Courts.

Mayor Kohat Qari Sher Zaman, Seth Joharsifullah and Muhammad Sajid Hanif distributed the prizes among the players. Faqir Muhammad Awan, Saeed Khan Afridi and Taseen Khan were also present on the occasion. Players from all over the Kohat district participated in the tournament organized by District Kohat Squash Association.



# Junior Tennis, Tug of War, Table Tennis, Kabaddi events ends



By Ijaz Ahmad

**PESHAWAR:** Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Junior Tennis, Table Tennis, Tug of War, Kabaddi and Weightlifting events organized

by District Sports Officer Peshawar with the collaboration of the Regional Sports Officer Peshawar Region concluded here at Tehmas Khan Football Stadium.

The Tennis event was organized by Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Tennis Association at Quaid-e-Azam Club, Shahi Bagh and Peshawar Sports Complex Synthetic Courts in which in the U8 semi-final, Faizan defeated Ryan Khalil by 6-0 and 7-5 (6-6), Salar Khalil defeated Samar Gul by 6-2 and 6-2.

In the final, Faizan Afridi won the title by defeating Salar Khan Khalil by 6-4 and 6-4. In the U-14 final, Junaid won the title by defeating Zohaib Amjad by 6-2, 3-6 and 7-5 (6-6). Earlier, in the semi-final, Junaid defeated Zain by 6-3 and 6-3 while Zohaib Amjad qualified for the final by defeating Ehsanullah by 6-2 and 6-3.

Senior Vice President of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Tennis Association Prof. Dr. Farhat Abbas was the chief guest at the closing ceremony who also awarded Rs. 25000 as cash prizes from his own pocket to the position holder's players.

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Olympic Association Secretary Zulfikar Butt, Coach Zakirullah, Nauman, Shehryar Khan, Roman, Wakil, Amjad, Shahid Afridi, Jahanzeb, Janan and Inam Gul were also present. In the Independence Day Table Tennis U12 event, Afan won the first position, Obeid the second position and Qasim got third position.

In Boys Junior Usman won first, Areeb second, Haroon third, Gulalai took first position in Girls U-12, Halima Shahzai second, Sawira third, Alishba first, Umm Halima second and Houria third in Girls Junior.

In the Independence Day Inter-District Tug-of-War competition organized, teams from Malakand, Dargai, Mandini Bangla, Mardan, Charsadda and Peshawar participated. In the final, Dargai won the trophy by defeating the Tangi team by 2-1. On this occasion, the chief guests of Provincial Tug of

War Association, Taj Muhammad Khan, Secretary of District Charsadda Association, Khursheed Shabab, distributed prizes among the players.

Ikramullah, Shabbir Hussain, Anwarul Haq and Hameed Gul, the coaches also participated while Uzair Muhammad, Ali Muhammad, Aslam Shah and Muhammad Ali performed duties in the technical committee. Like this year too, the Independence Day tug-of-war competitions were organized in which teams from different districts took part. In the first semi-final, Dargai beat Charsadda by 2-1, while in the second semi-final, Tangi defeated Mandani Bangla by 2-0 in the final. In the final, Dargaia's team won the trophy by defeating Tangi two to one after a sensational match, Charsada won the third position by defeating Mandani.

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## KP Roshan Khan Junior Boys Squash Championship begins



By Fakhr-e-Alam

PESHAWAR: Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Roshan Khan Junior Boys Squash Championship got underway here at Qamar

Zaman Sports Complex.

Secretary to Chief Minister Daud Khan was chief guest on occasion. Legendary Qamar Zaman, Mohib Ullah Khan, Secretary Finance and Director Blue Tone Squash Academy Wazir Mohammad, Executive Member Fazal Khalil, Sher Bahadur, Directorate Senior Coach and Chief Organizer Munawar Zaman, Squash Coach Muhammad Waseem, Amjad Khan, Level-II International

referee and coach Riaz Khan, Chief Referee M. Adil Faqir, Coaches Adil Zargul, Mehmood, players, and official were also present.

The purpose of organizing the Championship in the name of squash heroes is to make the players aware of the achievements of the legend like Roshan Khan, Qamar Zaman said while addressing the gathering. He said involving more players in the different age groups is aimed at promoting the game at the grassroots level. Roshan Khan Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Junior Boys U11, U13, U15, U17 & U19 categories would be part of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Roshan Khan Squash Championship 2023 in which more than 400 Junior players are participating from all over the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.



## NT Strike to win Top&T20 Series, beating Pakistan Shaheens by 46 runs

DARWIN: Northern Territory Strike defeated Pakistan Shaheens by 46 runs in the final of the Top&T20 series after an excellent unbeaten century by Jack Wood (101) off just 59 balls with the help of five sixes and eight boundaries.

The highlight of this match was the brilliant because of the superb century by Jack Wood of NT Strike who scored 101 runs in just 59 balls with the help of 5 sixes and 8 fours and was not out. It should be remembered that in this tournament of six teams, NT Strike won all their six matches.

Pakistan Shaheens had won four out of five matches before the final. Incidentally, Pakistan was beaten by NT Strike by 59 runs in his first match. In the final played in Darwin on Sunday, NT Strike won the toss and scored 185 runs for the loss of 4 wickets in 20 overs.

In reply, Pakistan Shaheens scored 139 runs for 7 wickets in 20 overs. NT Strike's first wicket fell for just 16 runs, but then Jack Wood and Jason Sangha added 71 runs for the second wicket partnership.

Sangha scored 33 runs with the help of three sixes and one four and became the wicket of Ahmed Minhas, but Jack Wood was not controlled by any bowler and he completed the century by batting brilliantly. He hit two sixes and two fours in one over of Faisal Akram.

He remained not out after scoring 101 runs at the end of the innings. This aggressive innings of 59 balls included 5 sixes and 8 fours. Jack Wood was the highest scorer in the series with 227 runs. Pakistan Shaheens had to suffer the loss of Chavez Irfan in the first over of the innings who got out after scoring only 5 runs.

Due to intermittent wickets falling, Pakistan Shaheen's grip on the match continued to weaken. Captain Rohail Nazir 5, Wahaj Riaz 4, Shamal Hussain 23 and Irfan Khan got out after scoring 24 runs, so the score was only 72 runs for 5 wickets. Arafat Minhas was the top scorer for Pakistan Shaheens with 41 runs which included two fours and two sixes.

Brady Simmons took 3 wickets for 16 runs from NT Strike. Pakistan Shaheens will now play a 50-over match against Papua New Guinea on August 8 and NT Strike on August 9. Short score. NT strike. 185 runs 4 out (20 overs) Jack Wood 101 not out. Jason Sangha 33. Pakistan Shaheens: 139 runs 7 players out (20 overs) Arafat Minhas 41. Mohammad Irfan Khan 24. Shamil Hussain 23. Brady Simmons 16 / 3 wickets.

## Jeep Rally to celebrate 76th Independence Day of Pakistan

PESHAWAR: The Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Culture and Tourism Authority, Armed Forces, 4x4 Frontier Club and District Administration of South Waziristan is going to organize a jeep rally from Peshawar to Waziristan on the 76th Independence Day of the country.

The rally will start from the Qayyum Sports Complex in Peshawar and will pass through Razmak on its way to Gomal Zam.

A total of 50 jeeps will participate in the rally, with a race being held on a 7-kilometer track near Gomal Zam.

The race would consist of three categories. Jeeps would be placed in Category A, vehicles with 2000 CC and above would fall under Category B, while jeeps with 2000 CC would be placed in Category C.

This rally aims to promote the positive image of KP, especially of the merged district by showcasing its lush green valleys and plains and providing the local community an opportunity to be part of the Independence Day celebrations.

Furthermore, the rally will serve



as an invitation to foreigners and tourists to explore both the well-known and undiscovered beauty of the KP province.



## Nahida Khan appointed manager of Pakistan Women's team

**PESHAWAR:** Former international cricketer Nahida Khan has been appointed as the manager of Pakistan women's team for the forthcoming South Africa women's series, which is set to commence in Karachi from September 1, 2023. Nahida has been appointed for the South Africa series only, while Ayesha Ashhar will return as the team manager for Asian Games.

The 36-year-old Nahida, who represented Pakistan in 120 matches, scored 2,014 runs and took one wicket, retired from international cricket in June this year. In a brief coaching stint, Nahida worked as the assistant coach of Blasters in the Pakistan Cup Women's Cricket Tournament held in Karachi from May 19 to June 4.



Previously, she deputized head coach Taufiq Umar's Amazons side, which won the Women's League exhibition matches 2-1 against Super Women in March.

In the team management, Nahida will be joined by another former international cricketer Kamran Hussain, who will replace Saleem Jaffar as bowling coach. Mauhtashim Rashid, who had previously worked as head coach of the women's team, is named interim head coach of the national side for South Africa and Asian Games after Mark Coles resigned from the post last week. Player support personnel: Nahida Khan (manager), Mauhtashim Rashid (interim head coach), Kamran Hussain (bowling coach), Taufiq Umar (batting coach), Muhammad Asfand Yar (strength and conditioning coach), Zubair Ahmed (analyst), Rifat Asghar Gill (physiotherapist) and Syed Nazir Ahmed (media manager).

## Mardan, Peshawar Secure wins in PM Youth Talent Hunt Women Football League

**PESHAWAR:** Mardan and Peshawar recorded victories against their respective rivals in the ongoing Prime Minister Youth Talent Hunt Women Football League being played at Abdul Wali Khan Sports Complex Charsadda.

Pakistan Muslim League (N) Youth Coordination Engr. Arif Rawan was the chief guest on this occasion. Director Sports Bacha Khan University Charsadda and Organizing Secretary International athlete Shahbana Khattak, District Sports Officer Charsadda Tahseen Ullah, former national athlete and selector Musawar Khan, national football selector Fahim Butt, Director Sports KUST Wajid Ali,

officials and players were also present.

Speaking on this occasion, Engr. Arif Rawan appreciated the Special Assistant of Prime Minister Sheza Fatima, Engr. Amir Muqam, Director General Sports Higher education Commission Javed Memon for their untiring efforts in holding the Prime Minister Youth Talent Hunt Program in which female players could take part in 10 different events while the male could be part of 12 different Games.

He said through such a program more talented youth would come up at the grassroots level and after going through different games leagues, training and coaching under

qualified coaches these players could reach national and international levels.

He said the government was providing A-class facilities to the players during the league including the provision of complete kits, and shoes besides cash prizes after victory.

He said the Prime Minister Youth Talent Hunt Program is vital in promoting different sports activities across Pakistan including Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.

He said players from Chitral to Dera Ismail Khan including the merged area are now part of the Program which is the actual success of the PML-N government.



## DCA Dir Upper, sports circles hails election of Amir Nawab as President RCA



By Rukhsar Javed

**PESHAWAR:**  
Ex-Secretary District Cricket Association Dir Upper and Manager of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa gold medalist

that won Pakistan Cup in 2016 Mukhtiar Hussain and the entire cricketing circles of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Friday hailed Amir Nawab for his election as President Regional Cricket Association Abbottabad and Secretary Sajjad Ali Khan unanimously.

A notification in this connection was issued by Pakistan Cricket Board on August 17, last, soon after the election conducted by Election Commissioner of the Pakistan Cricket Board Mehmood Iqbal Khakwani with Amir Nawab, a former Pakistan Cricket Board governing body member, taking all 14 votes out of total 19 valid votes.

It is worth mentioning here that Regional Cricket Association Abbottabad has 21 total votes, out of which one vote was cancelled due to submission of a fake degree with five members, having voting writes, decided to abstain.

The vote of the President of Abbottabad Cricket Association Mr. Abid Khan was declared ineligible because of the submission of fake degree while the vote of Rashid Ur Rehman, who participated in the Local Government Election in 2021, was DE notified, and the rest of five voters boycotted from the election, however, among them two of them were Amir Nawab's

supporters.

Talking to APP, Amir Nawab said that he believes in serving the cricket and the youth associated with this game of the entire province like he had been rendered the same when he was member of the Governing Board of the Pakistan Cricket Board. Regional Cricket Association Abbottabad seven affiliated districts including Mansehra, Abbottabad, Haripur, Swabi, Buner, Dir Upper with each district having three votes each of the President, Secretary and Treasurer. In Khyber Pakhtunkhwa there are three regional cricket associations setup including Peshawar, Abbottabad and Fata. Both Peshawar and Fata completed their governing board members' tremor and now it is a good chance for Amir Nawab to be a member of the BoG of the Pakistan Cricket Board.

He said there is lot of talent in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa that is why Khyber Pakhtunkhwa got the honor of winning all national Cups of the various formats held under the aegis of Pakistan Cricket Board including U13, U16, U19, Pakistan Cup, and Quaid-e-Trophy for three times, National Inter-District Club Championship etc.

He said if properly facilitated the players, they would show better results in the future. "We worked hard earlier even when I was member of the BoG of the Pakistan Cricket Board besides establishing cricketing academies from where players are coming up to the National side," Amir Nawab said.

He said after the election, we are duty bound to serve all players hailing from different districts besides developing cricket at the grassroots level.

## Mark Coles steps down as women's team head coach

**LAHORE:**  
Mark Coles, the head coach of Pakistan women's team has resigned due to personal reasons.

He will not be available with the women's side for the upcoming white-ball series against South Africa, which is set to start from 1 September in Karachi.

Coles, who had previously



served as head coach of the women's team from 2017 to 2019, was appointed this year in April.

The PCB would like to extend its gratitude to Mark Coles for his brief stint with the women's side

and wishes him well in his future endeavors.

The replacement of Mark Coles will be announced in due course.



## Rebrands grade-II four-day event as Hanif Mohammad Trophy



By Akhter Sharif

PESHAWAR: In a tribute to one of the pioneers of the early era of Pakistan cricket, the Pakistan Cricket Board has named the Grade-II four-

day tournament as Hanif Mohammad Trophy, which will be contested by 10 regional teams from the 2023-24 domestic season.

This is another step by the PCB to honor and recognize the services of the legends of the game, and ensure that their efforts continue to be remembered. PCB Management Committee Chairperson Zaka Ashraf said that this step is to pay homage to a true cricket legend whose grace, dedication, and timeless contributions to the sport have left an indelible mark on the hearts of cricket enthusiasts in Pakistan and around the world.

“It is of utmost importance that we remember our greats and take steps that keep their memories alive,” he added. Son of Hanif Mohammad and former Pakistan Test cricketer, Shoaib Mohammad said that he and his family are thankful to Zaka Ashraf and the Pakistan Cricket Board for honoring his father’s contributions to the game of cricket.

It is an amazing

feeling to know that the board continues to remember the sacrifices and hard work of cricketers of the early days who played a pivotal role to put Pakistan on the world map.

I hope our young domestic cricketers get inspiration from his career and go on to serve Pakistan, said.

Known as “Little Master”, Hanif Mohammad was one of the most outstanding batting talents in the early years of Pakistan cricket.

As a teenager, he opened the innings for Pakistan in the inaugural Test in 1952, played against India at Delhi and went on to score 3,915 runs, which includes 12 centuries and 15 half-centuries, at an average of 43.98 in 55 Tests.

Hanif Muhammad played the longest Test innings at Bridgetown in 1958 when he batted for 970 minutes for his 337 – still the highest score for a Pakistani in the format – against the West Indies.

He also captained Pakistan in 11 Tests from 1964 till 1967 before retiring in 1969. His first-class score of 499 for Karachi against Bahawalpur in 1959 is still the highest for a Pakistani and the second best overall behind Brian Lara’s 501 not out for Warwickshire against Durham in 1994.

He amassed 17,059 runs at 52.32 in his first-class cricket and scored 55 centuries and 66 half-centuries in a 238-match career that spanned from 1951 till 1976.

It is worth mentioning here that the Hanif Mohammad Trophy serves as a pathway for the regional sides to qualify for the Quaid-e-Azam Trophy, premier first-class tournament.

The team that wins this tournament is promoted to the Quaid-e-Azam Trophy, and the side that finishes at the bottom of the first-class tournament is relegated to the grade-II event.





## Six international cricketers to attend PCB Level-2 Cricket Coach course

PESHAWAR: Six Pakistan internationals (men and women) cricketers are among the 30 participants who have registered for the six-day Level 2 Cricket Coach course.

The course will be held at the National Cricket Academy in Lahore from August 18-23. Pakistan international players include Aimen Anwar (8 ODIs, 37 T20Is), Imran Butt (6 Tests), Javeria Khan (116 ODIs, 112 T20Is), Javeria Rauf (4 ODIs, 13 T20Is), Mansoor Amjad (1 ODI, 1 T20I) and Sajid Khan (7 Tests).

The Level 2 course participants will be taught on advance coaching skills which include how to deduct errors and rectifying it through video analysis.

This also includes work on communications skills, mental and physical strength, nutrition, planning and creating plans to help players graduate to the next level.

The course will be conducted by NCA coaches Shahid Aslam, Rahat



Abbas Asadi, Imran Abbas, Rao Iftikhar Anjum, Mauhtashim Rashid, Umar Rashid, Saqib Faqir and Yasir Malik. At the conclusion of the course, the participants will be given three months to complete their assignments.

The successful participants will be awarded Level-II coaching certificates. Participants: Adnan Raees, Ahmed Ali, Aiman Anwar, Altaf Ahmad, Arun Lal, Atiq-ur-



Rehman, Ayaz Hussain Jamali, Haroon Ahmad, Haziq Habib, Imran Ali, Imran Butt, Jahangir Mirza, Jahanzaib Khan, Javeria Khan, Javeria Rauf, Khaqan Ahsan, Mansoor Amjad, Mansoor Khan, Mohammad Zahid, Muhammad Saleem, Mujahid Hamid, Rahim Baz Khan, Saeed Bin Nasir, Sajid Khan, Shahid Ali, Shahid Saddique, Shoaib Zikria, Snobar Gul, Zafar Ali Katper and Zaka-ur-Rasheed.

## Hazara Region Azadi Cup Squash Championship will start at John Sher Khan Squash Complex

ABBOTTABAD: Hazara Region Azadi Cup Squash Championship will start at John Sher Khan Squash Complex organized by Regional Squash Association and Regional Sports Department.

Mile and per mile Under 11 Under 13 Under 15 Under 19 Open category and Veterans category are included.

On the first day, Juniads competitions were started in which

Gill and others won their matches, which will be formally inaugurated by prominent business and social personality Malik Ghulam Murtaza Awan.

On this occasion, TMO Abbottabad Shakeel Khan and President of Regional Squash Association Tariq Mehmood said in a media interaction that the youth are our valuable asset and the youth should be Organizing sports is very

important to attract positive activities and by organizing sports the youth can be saved from many vices and misbehavior.

And organizing this event will bring out new talent on this occasion Regional Sports Officer Ahmed Zaman Khan said that all possible cooperation with the Regional Squash Association will continue and this event will prove to be exemplary and memorable.

## PCB takes regional presidents into confidence before new domestic structure

PESHAWAR: In a significant development for Pakistan cricket, the Domestic Regional Presidents met Pakistan Cricket Board Management Committee Chairperson Zaka Ashraf to discuss the upcoming domestic structure.

The meeting, which was held in a cordial manner at the PCB's headquarters by highlighting the collaboration and shared commitment of all stakeholders to enhance the domestic cricket landscape in the country.

The regional presidents, representing various cricketing regions across Pakistan, expressed their utmost confidence in the proposed changes to the domestic structure that the PCB is set to implement and will announce later on. The meeting provided a platform for open dialogue and comprehensive discussions on the workings of the new domestic framework, focusing on its potential to nurture and elevate cricket talent at the grassroots level.

Separately, the recently appointed Cricket Technical Committee (CTC), led by former captain Misbah-ul-Haq and Mohammad Hafeez as member presented an in-depth briefing to the regional presidents at the National Cricket Academy in Lahore.

Junaid Zia, Acting Director – Domestic Cricket Operations, and also the ex-officio member of the CTC briefed the members on the key components and features of the new domestic structure, emphasising its intent to streamline and refine the player development pathway. Zaka Ashraf said: "I firmly believe that the



heart and soul of cricket in Pakistan lies within our regions.

These regions serve as the nurturing grounds for our domestic cricket, where young talents blossom and refine their skills. "For a considerable span of time, there existed a void, a pause in the proper functioning of our regional setups.

However, I am pleased to share that these regions are back in action, and it's a significant leap forward for the sport in our nation," he added. "I express my gratitude for the support and enthusiasm demonstrated by the Domestic Regional Presidents and highlighted their integral role in driving the transformation of Pakistan cricket," he said. "Together, we will witness the rise of cricketing stars who will carry the legacy of Pakistan cricket forward with pride and honour," he remarked. Misbah-ul-Haq addressing the regional presidents said: "I am confident that we can craft a cricketing structure that not only benefits our cricketers but also upholds the interests of all stakeholders involved.

Your unwavering support is the

foundation upon which this structure will succeed. If we work together, we will build a future that honours the game and the aspirations of countless budding cricketers." Mohammad Hafeez addressing the participants said: "Merit is the cornerstone of our approach, ensuring that cricketers and the support staff are recognised and rewarded based on their skills and dedication.

This structure is a testament to our collective commitment to provide opportunities for people associated with the game. With your support, we look forward to a brighter and more competitive future for the players." During the meeting, the domestic regional presidents extended their gratitude to the PCB for its unwavering commitment to advancing the game within the country.

They extended their unconditional support to the PCB. The invitation for the meeting was sent to all regional presidents, while some of the regional presidents couldn't join the meeting.



## Two-day Communications workshop for women cricketers concludes



PESHAWAR: As many as 22 women cricketers featured in a two-day strategic communications workshop organized at the headquarters of Pakistan cricket, Lahore's Gaddafi Stadium on August 2-3.

The PCB's philosophy behind this initiative was to empower female cricketers beyond the boundaries of the sport. By equipping them with essential communication skills, the board seeks to highlight the individuality and unique personalities of the players, enabling them to build their personal brands and establish themselves as role models in society.

By strengthening the players' communication skills, the PCB envisions creating cricketing ambassadors who can inspire and engage with audiences worldwide. The workshop was led by experienced communication experts and professionals who covered a wide range of topics, including media interviews, public speaking, social media engagement, and crisis

management.

The participants were engaged in interactive sessions and practical exercises, which allowed them to gain confidence and experience in different communication scenarios. PCB Management Committee Chairperson Zaka Ashraf said: "We firmly believe that the players' communication prowess plays a significant role in shaping their careers and portraying a positive image of Pakistan cricket to the world.

This workshop is a testament to our commitment to empowering our female cricketers, helping them grow not only as athletes but also as effective communicators and leaders." He said: "The PCB is confident that this initiative will result in numerous benefits for the players and the sport as a whole.

As the cricketers become more adept at articulating their thoughts and emotions, they will be better equipped to handle the pressures of the modern cricketing world." Head of Women Cricket, Tania Mallick:

"Media plays a significant role in shaping public perception, and we want our players to be well-prepared and confident when representing Pakistan cricket to the world. "Improved communication will foster stronger relationships with fans, sponsors, and the media, promoting greater engagement and endorsement opportunities. Additionally, the players' enhanced communication skills will contribute to a positive and constructive team environment, enabling them to act as mentors and role models for the next generation of aspiring cricketers."

The list of players who attended the workshop include: Aliya Riaz, Anoosha Nasir, Bismah Maroof, Diana Baig, Eyman Fatima, Fatima Sana, Ghulam Fatima, Gull Feroza, Muneeba Ali, Najiha Alvi, Nashra Sundhu, Natalia Parvaiz, Nida Dar, Omaira Sohail, Sadaf Shamas, Sadia Iqbal, Shawaal Zulfiqar, Sidra Amin, Sidra Nawaz, Syeda Aroob Shah, Tuba Hassan and Umm-e-HaniAPP/ijz/1130

## Traditional cultural dances mesmerizing people of all sects, keep alive in KP despite mushroom growth of social media



By Haris Ahmad

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## Rifle-KP team win bronze medals in National Youth Air Rifle Contests

PESHAWAR: Khyber Pakhtunkhwa marked their way by winning the bronze medals in the National Youth and Junior Air Rifle and Pistol Championship held at Army Military Unites, Jhelum on Sunday.

This was stated by international shooter Salman Khan while talking to APP on phone. He disclosed that it was just a day-long practice. He said the talent is there but due to lack of opportunities, the talented players could not reach the national and international teams from Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. Salman Khan said that the following shooters have secured a team bronze medal representing KP Shooting and Rifle Association in the National Youth and Junior Air Rifle and Pistol Championship held at AMU Jhelum.

He said, athletes generally need to practice shooting in order to develop their skills and become proficient in their sport. While natural talent can certainly be a factor in an athlete's ability to shoot accurately, it is not usually sufficient on its own to ensure success at a high level, Salman Khan, who himself is an international shooter, said.

Practice is essential for developing the muscle memory, coordination, and mental focus required to shoot accurately, he said. Athletes often spend countless hours in the gym or on the practice field, honing their shooting skills through drills, repetition, and game simulations, he added.

In addition to practice, athletes may also rely on coaching, video analysis, and other forms of feedback to refine their shooting



technique and improve their performance, he informed. They may also study the strategies and techniques of successful shooters in their sport, in order to gain a better understanding of what it takes to succeed, Salman said. "Of course, natural talent can certainly give an athlete an advantage in developing their shooting skills, as it can make it easier to learn and adapt to new techniques. However, even the most naturally talented athletes still need to put in the work and practice diligently in order to reach their full potential," he said.

Furthermore, shooting technique can vary depending on the sport and position an athlete plays, he remarked. For example, shooting a basketball from the three-point line requires a different technique than shooting a free throw, and shooting a soccer ball accurately from long range requires a different technique than shooting a penalty kick.

Thus, athletes must not only practice shooting in general, but also tailor their practice to the specific

requirements of their sport and position. Additionally, the mental aspect of shooting cannot be overlooked. Shooting requires focus, concentration, and confidence, all of which can be developed through practice and mental training. Athletes may use visualization techniques, positive self-talk, and other mental strategies to improve their shooting performance, Salman Khan said.

However, even these athletes still need to put in the work and practice regularly in order to reach their full potential, he said. Natural talent can be a factor in an athlete's shooting ability, practice is essential for developing the skills and technique required to shoot accurately in a particular sport or position. Shooting technique can vary depending on the sport and position, and mental training is also important for developing focus, concentration, and confidence, he said.

The players who win bronze medals in the Team Championship including Ajab Khan Afridi, Mikail Khan Afridi and Salaar Khan Afridi.



# Kalash Valley: A home to ancient cultural heritage requires Govt. patronage to develop infrastructure

Foreign, Local tourists demand installations of ATMs Machines, setting up Banks in Kalash valley



By Sumayya

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There were tourists from different European Countries as well for the Kalasha Festival. "We need



cash in facilities either in the shape of ATMs and banks," one Clare Cat, hailing from the UK said. The roads to Kalash valley are in poor condition and that needs to be improved, Clare Cat said.

I love watching the dancing girls in their traditional customs, she said, adding, "Kalasha vibrant live festivals, musical programs and colorful traditions strengthen bounds of warmth and friendship," William, Clare's boyfriend, said. Nazir Wali Shah also underscored the need for highlighting Kalasha culture through digital and social media so that more tourists especially from foreign countries could come here that would benefit people of Chitral economically.

By promoting infrastructure at Kalash valley, he said tourists' load on Kalam, Kumrat, Malam Jabba, Galayat and Murree would be



## Beautiful example of religious, mutual harmony, brotherhood in the Chitral valley



By Nayab Khan

**CHITRAL :** Kalash and Muslim community living in three valleys Bumborat, Birir and Rumbor but there is no

sectarianism crisis or bias towards each other.

These people live in these valleys with great mutual harmony and regularly participate in each and every religious, cultural or any ceremony or event. Most Kalash people convert to Islam but their family is never angry with them and give them their heirs, property and even allow them to live in a Kalash house with their family.

Whenever a Kalash male or female die Muslim attend their condolence and religious ceremony. Kalash women if die in delivery according to Kalash religion they are not allowed to touch that woman but Muslim community goes to Bashalini to bury the dead Kalash woman.

There are several examples of Kalash and Muslim mutual harmony and peace loving life in the valley. Recently two Muslims namely Haji Zafar Ahmed and Haji Qari Nazir Ahmed who had gone for Haj pilgrim when they came to their valley Muslim and Kalash bothly jointly welcomed them.

They received a warm welcome by the Kalash tribes on their arrival at the Kalash Rombor, after receiving the pilgrimage.

Chief Qazi Sherzada Qazi, and Qazi Fazal Azam from the Kalash community Village Council



Chairman Sultan, former MPA minister's father Bashgali Khan, Kalash leader PTI Domboor's Sadar Barzangi Khan Kalash Azeb Khan Information Secretary PTI Romper, Tash Khan Kalash, Qazi Qand, Sheikh Inayat, women from kalash community and the elders of the area warmly welcomed these two persons from Muslim community who returned after performing Hajj

Baitullah.

This is the third family who became Muslims from the Kalash community who received the pilgrimage. On this occasion former Special Assistant to Chief Minister Khyber Pakhtunkhwa on minority affairs Wazir Zada Kalash congratulated Haji Qari and Haji Nazir Ahmed's family on behalf of the Kalash tribe.



## KP People of KP welcome millions of foreign, local tourists this year: Minister



By Fazal-e-Haq

PESHAWAR: The people of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa have welcomed millions of domestic as well as foreign tourists this year, Caretaker Minister Tourism

Barrister Feroz Jamal Shah said.

According to documental data available to this agency, unlike last year, the number of foreign tourists has decreased this year, probably due to financial crunch being faced by the people across world, however, the number of domestic tourists has increased this year, the data compiled by Police, Lives Officials, Official of the District Administration revealed.

This year 2546 foreigners visited various tourist places all across Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and last year 2947 foreigners visited KP tourist places. This year 9.7 million people from all over the country visited Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and in the year 2022, the number of



domestic tourists was recorded as 88,59636. Local and foreign tourists visited Galiyat, Dir Upper, Malam Jabba, Chitral, Upper and Lower and Kaghan and Naran.

Special measures are being taken for the security of domestic and foreign tourists, said Caretaker Minister Tourism Barrister Feroz Jamal Shah. Special bus service has also been started for the convenience of tourists, Barrister Feroz Jamal Shah. Initially bus service has been started for Khanpur Dam, Takhtbhai Ruins and Peshawar, Barrister Feroz Jamal Shah said.

There is a plan to extend the bus service to more tourist spots, Barrister Feroz Jamal Shah told Sports Line.

Giving complete data, he said 208 foreign tourists visited Dir Upper and Dir Lower, and 847, 5730 local tourists recorded in Dir Lower and Dir Upper, Malam Jabba 323 foreign, and 2,453, 310 local tourists, Galiyat 139 foreign, 2,882,337 local tourists, Chitral Upper 520 foreign, 31966 local, Chitral Lower 1090 foreign, and 402690 local, Kaghan and Naran 266 foreign and 3,080,412 local tourists recorded with an aggregated total 2, 546 foreign and 9, 704,325 local tourists.

The tourist influx data, he said, has recorded through Police Check Posts, Levies Check Posts, Assistant Commissioner's Office and Field Assistant Directors of KDA and GDA from Jan 1 to Aug 28, 2023 while in the last year from Jan 1 to Dec 2022 a total of 2947 foreign and 8,859,536 local tourists recorded.

## Independence Day Jeep Rally ends at Dera Ismail Khan

DERA ISMAIL KHAN: The 76th Jishan-e-Azadi Waziristan Jeep Rally, organized by the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Culture and Tourism Authority (KPCTA) and the Pakistan Armed Forces, concluded Dera Ismail Khan.

The rally began at Peshawar Sports Complex on August 13 and reached the designated point after traversing through Razmak, North Waziristan and South Waziristan. The rally was participated in by more than fifty 4x4 jeeps and bikers from Punjab province.

The event was part of the Independence Day festivities and aimed to promote tourism in the merged districts while highlighting the area's beauty to the world. The rally's purpose was also to enhance the positive image of these districts and attract more tourists by spreading the information that peace has been fully restored in the merged districts.

It also aimed to explore the tourism potential of the merged

# Madaklast: an unexplored beautiful valley of Chitral awaits Govt patronage to bolster tourism



By Fakhre-e-Alam

**CHITRAL :** Known for lush green valleys, snow-clad mountains peaks and primitive history, Madaklast is beautiful valley

awaiting government patronage to build its infrastructure imperative to promote ecotourism and adventure sports in the picturesque town of Lower Chitral district.

Surrounded by Chirpine and Deodar forest of Upper Dir and Chitral district, Madaklast valley attract visitors' attention after entering to Chitral through famous Lower Top in the Hindukash mountains range. "Madaklast carried a unique tourism, archeological and cultural significance that always remained centre of attraction for tourists due to its nearby three famous historic valleys and famous Kalash culture," said Bakhtzada Khan, senior research officer of archaeology and tourism department while talking to Sports Line.

He said the history of Madaklast was as old as the history of Chitral. In 18th century, he said about seven to 12 people migrated to Chitral from Northern parts of subcontinent (now Pakistan) for trade and establish their base camps in various places for residence and finally settled in Madakasht.

"I had visited many tourists sites in the world including Pakistan but Madaklast natural beauty was beyond ones' imagination," said

Manzoorul Haq, former Ambassador of Pakistan while talking to Sports Line.

While staying at Madaklast, he said that a visitor could easily explore the three famous Kalasha valleys including Bumburet (Mumuret), Rumbur and Biriu (Birir) that take tourists in lap of serenity before return back in a day long trip.

He said Kalash culture was a unique identity of Chitral that draw tourists from across the country and world.



Manzoor said the underrated Madakasht could prove the best winter sports destinations due to its trekking and snowfall features. Manzoor underlined the need of improvement of roads infrastructure and showcasing Madakasht's mesmerizing natural beauty through digital and social media to bolster rural economy and promote adventure tourism here.

He said these hidden treasures requires to be projected through Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and other digital media tools with small

videos to take the country's out of existing economic challenges.

Omar Khattak, General Manager Investment, Tourism Authority Govt of KP said that Madakasht would become a hub of tourism and adventure sports after construction of a cable car between it and Kumrat of Dir Upper.

The proposed Kumrat-Madaklasht cable car would be constructed with an estimated cost of USD 200 million with assistance of the World Bank, he said. The 16 kilometers long cable car would have 5,280 meters height with facilities of a base station at Kumrat, intermediate stops stations and car parking plazas for 500 vehicles," he said, adding base station hotels, mosques, hydro plants, walking tracks and final station at Madakasht would be built for facilitation of tourists.

He said feasibility studies of the mega project has been started and would be completed in eight years.

The development of infrastructure and construction of access roads besides additional aspects such as waste management would also be evaluated and roads to be ensured.

The cable car project on completion would attract an estimated 1.2 million domestic and international tourists annually to Malakand division.

He said the project would make the entire KP especially Madaklast and Kumrat Valleys as hub of adventure sports and mountains



# World Junior Squash Championship

## Hamza Khan visit China Window



By Khalid Mehmood

**PESHAWAR**  
: New Junior World Squash Champion Hamza Khan has said that he has turned down the offer to play from America,

he can't imagine representing any other country, Pakistan has honored him and he will always be there for Pakistan. "I will try to regain the lost glory of Pakistan in the world of squash," he said.

He expressed these views on the occasion of visiting China Window, a Chinese Cultural Center established in Peshawar here. Hamza Khan visited various galleries of China Window, signed the friendship wall and recorded his comments in the guest book. Hamza Khan said in a media interview that he had gone to Melbourne determined to win even though he was nervous in the semi-finals.

It was a tight contest and he was



beaten on the last point of the last game, but in the final he did not face much difficulty against the Egyptian player. On the 76th Independence Day, he has gifted his victory.

Hamza Khan said that he represents the Pakistan Army and Army Chief General Syed Asim Munir in meeting him has given him a new passion and desire to play in the future and crown the rule of Pakistan's squash game by becoming a Senior Champion.

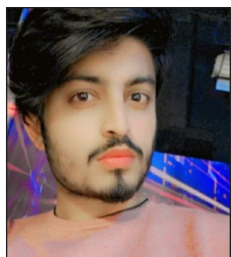
Hamza Khan also appreciated all possible support from Air Chief Marshal Zaheer Ahmed Babar, President of Pakistan Squash Federation. He said that although he belongs to the squash family, he is happy that he belongs to the seven World Squash Championships. The champion is from Nawa Kali, the village of the players. Hamza Khan described the Chinese Cultural Center China Window as Mini China and said that he was very happy to visit the Pak-China Friendship Center and felt like he had come to China.

Although he has gone to China to play the Junior Asian Squash Championship, he may not be able to participate in the Asian Games this time, but he wishes to participate in the squash competitions held in China as well.

Hamza Khan expressed his belief that sports persons will also contribute to Pakistan-China friendship and will play their full positive and constructive role to further strengthen the relationship between the two countries.



# Busy International Women's Cricket Season 2023-24



By Haris Ahmad

**PESHAWAR** : Pakistan skipper Nida Dar will be aiming for a winning start as the captain of the Pakistan women's team

when her side takes on the touring South Africa women's team in the first of the three-match T20I series starting at the historic National Bank Stadium in Karachi.

All-rounder Nida was appointed full-time captain of the side in April this year after Bismah Maroof stepped down from the captaincy following Pakistan's participation in the ICC Women's T20 World Cup in South Africa in February.

After the T20I series on September 1, 3 and 4, Pakistan and South Africa women's sides will feature in three ODIs, which are part of the ICC Women's Championship 2022-25 from September 8 to 14. All six matches will be broadcast live on PTV Sports/PTV National, while in Pakistan Region, they will be live-streamed on ARY ZAP.

The T20Is will begin at 7:30 pm, while the ODIs will start at 3:30 pm. Also, to encourage fans to come to the ground, affordable ticket prices have been fixed for the six matches. The tickets for the matches have been put on sale from Sunday, Aug 27 on <https://pcb.bookme.pk/>. Additionally, physical tickets will be made available to fans on match days at the stadium's box office.

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spectators. In one of the busiest international seasons for Pakistan women's team, they are all set to play 15 ODIs (part of ICC Women's Championship 2022-25), 17 T20Is, and participate in the 19th Asian Games from September 1, 2023 to May 29, 2024. On the other hand, South Africa, who are embarking on their maiden tour to Pakistan will be led by Laura Wolvaardt.

She was given the reins of the touring side recently after Suné Luus led South Africa women's team to the final of the ICC Women's T20 World Cup. Both Wolvaardt and Luus visited Pakistan before when they featured in women's exhibition matches in Rawalpindi in March this year.

In the T20I format, the hosts are ranked seventh in the ICC Rankings, while South Africa are ranked fifth. On a head-to-head basis, Pakistan and South Africa have played a total of 18 T20Is, three of which include matches in ICC events. Out of the 15 T20Is part of the bilateral series, South Africa have won eight, while the hosts have won seven.

The last time both sides featured in a T20I match was in Durban in 2021, where Pakistan defeated South Africa by eight runs on DLS. While talking to PCB Digital on the eve of the series, captain Nida Dar said: "I am feeling really honored to lead the Pakistan team as a full-time captain, and that too at home."

The South Africa women's side is here for the first time, so it's going to be a great experience, and we are looking forward to the series. "There is definitely a lot of cricket happening in Pakistan, with

the Men's Asia Cup also taking place.

There's a lot of cricket for the fans to witness and enjoy," she added. "The National Bank Stadium is a historic venue, and I have always dreamed of playing here against a very competitive side. I am very hopeful that the team will produce positive results here," he said. "We are fully focused on the game."

We haven't played international cricket in the recent past, but we kept ourselves fit through different skills camps and practice games. The team combination is really strong, and as a leader I am looking forward to achieving positive results for the team in the series. "We have a very busy season coming up, so we have prepared ourselves well."

The Asian Games are scheduled after the South Africa series, so this series will help us prepare well in the Asian Games. I expect us to perform well in the series, and we are geared up for the busy year ahead. "Cricket is one sport, whether it's men's or women's cricket that is loved by fans across the country."

I urge the fans to come to the stadium and support this game." Laura Wolvaardt said: "I am very excited to be here again in Pakistan. I had a great time before when I was here for the exhibition match and now I am looking forward to a memorable time. "It's our first-ever tour to Pakistan, so the training sessions ahead of the T20I series will be very important to help us understand the conditions here."

"This is going to be a big series, a closely contested one. Pakistan is a very competitive side, and Nida is a



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## Rania Qazi wins Azadi Cup Squash Title

**ABBOTTABAD:** Promising rising star Rania Qazi clinched the trophy of the Independence Day Squash in Jansher Khan Squash Complex played under the aegis of Regional Sports Officer Abbottabad with the collaboration of District Squash Association.

Azadi Cup Squash Championship played in three categories organized U13, U15 and Senior Veteran categories. In the final of the Girls singles Rania Qazi defeating Nimra Rehman in the final, the score was 11-9, 6-11, 11-8 and 11-9, in the U13 category Ryan defeated Anas by 3-2, the score was 11-6, 7-11, 10-12, 11-9 and 11-7 while in the Under-15 final Rohan recorded victory against Ismail in the final.

The score was 11-9, 12-10 and 12-10. In the men's final, Dr. Shakir

Hafeez defeated Sulaiman. The score was 7-11, 9-11, 12-10, 13-11 and 11-7. Dr. Hafeez lost the first two sets, but Suleiman staged a strong

fitness is very important in squash because squash is very important.

He said that the new talent should focus on the game with hard work and dedication, then there is no reason why Pakistan's flag in squash should once again be raised at the world level.

On this occasion, Regional Support Officer Hazara Ahmed Zaman, former DG Sports Tariq Mehmood also spoke, while Secretary Squash Association Abbottabad Syed Abrar Shah welcomed the guests along with other personalities including Sardar Arif Nasir, Mahmood Shaukat Hussain, Muswal Rehman, and Tahir Naqash Malik and apart from them parents of the players were also present and witnessed the finals.



comeback and defeated his strong rival in a five sets battle.

Known businessman Amjad Quddus distributed prizes among the players. He said that providing positive activities to the youth is the most important need of the time and

# Minister wants to take all stakeholders on board for sports promotion



By Shehzad Mehmood

**PESHAWAR:**  
K h y b e r  
Pakhtunkhwa  
C a r e t a k e r  
Minister for  
Sports, Youth  
Affairs and  
Science and  
Information

Technology Dr. Najibullah Khan Marwat Thursday said that for the promotion of healthy sports activities all stakeholders would be taken on board for a durable and comprehensive result.

Talking to media men during his visit to China Window, a Chinese Culture Center, Dr. Najibullah lauded Sports Writers Association Khyber Pakhtunkhwa for sending a group of young journalists to Sports Digital Training Workshop organized jointly by Pakistan Sports Writers Federation and Azerbaijan Sports Journalists Association to be commencing from September 8-16 at Baku, Azerbaijan.

Dr. Najibullah Khan Marwat said measures to improve the skills of sports journalists are worthy of praise. There, young sports journalists will be able to perform significant services not only for the development and promotion of sports but also for the welfare of the players by using their skills.

He said the visit of the 11-member delegation of young sports journalists to a Digital Media Workshop would help more as far as improving the overall Digital Network looking after the present era of information technology.

President Pakistan Sports Writers Federation Arshad Aziz

Malik, who recently being awarded Sitara Imtiaz for his unmatched services in the field of sports journalism, President SWA, KP Asim Shiraz, Secretary Shahid Afridi, Senior Sports Journalist Ijaz Ahmad Khan (APP), Nadir Khawjah (Daily Pakistan), Azmat Ullah (Sports Plus), Imran Yousafzai (GTV/Daily Mashriq), Shehzad Mehmood (ARY), Javed Ali Daily Jang, and other members attended the event.

On the invitation of Azerbaijan Sports Journalists Association, the young sports journalists of Pakistan will go on a one-week training tour during which they will participate in the digital sports journalism training program and visit various sports venues.

Provincial Caretaker Minister for Sports, Youth Affairs and Science and Information Technology Dr. Najibullah Marwat said in his speech that through sports we can highlight the soft image of Pakistan around the world and especially about Peshawar and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.

In addition to sports and athletes, sports journalists are doing valuable services in eradicating the negative perception. Dr. Najeebullah Marwat urged sports journalists to show commitment and dedication in performing services that will make them successful.

It will help to cooperate. The caretaker provincial minister expressed happiness that a delegation of sports journalists is visiting Azerbaijan with the support of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Sports Writers Association.

He urged the members of the delegation to highlight the positive side of Pakistan. Keep discipline in mind. Addressing the ceremony, Director Sports Merged Area Pir Abdullah Shah said that all possible steps are being taken to make it possible to provide sports facilities in the merged areas, which sports journalists are playing a significant role in highlighting.

He said that the players belonging to the tribal areas are not only included in the national teams but are also performing brilliantly. He termed the visit of sports journalists to Azerbaijan as encouraging and expressed hope that young sports journalists will take full advantage of this visit.

Peshawar Press Club President Arshad Aziz Malik said that our sports journalists are playing a proud role in the promotion of sports across the province and Peshawar Press Club will take all possible steps to improve the efficiency of reporters. He thanked the organizers for organizing the foreign tour.

Sports Writers Association KP President Asim Shiraz said that various programs are organized for sports writers and last year, after the training program for young reporters, an MoU was signed between Pakistan and Azerbaijan.

Under this, sports journalists from both countries will be sent to each other's countries to provide them with international experience. He said that the members of SWA, KP should use all their resources for the promotion of sports. He announced plans to send delegations on foreign tours in future as well.



## Peshawar Region Clinch PM Youth Talent Hunt Women Football League Title



By Rukhsar Javed

**PESHAWAR:** Peshawar Region claimed Prime Minister Youth Talent Hunt Women Football League title after securing a

solitary goal against Swat in the last leg of the League match played at Abdul Wali Khan sports Complex.

Former International Athlete and Director of Sports at Bacha Khan University Shahbana Khattak was the chief guest who distributed trophies and cash prizes on this occasion.

Former national athlete Musawar Khan, District Sports Officer Charsadda, Tahseen Ullah Khan, Chairman Press Club, officials, players and spectators were also present during the last League



match played between Swat-Chitral (Region) and Peshawar (Region) teams.

Swat Region, which is mixed with players from Chitral as well, played excellently and gave a tough time to the Peshawar team, which remained unbeaten in the League.

The players of both Peshawar and Swat gave each other a tough fight with some excellent and thrilling attacks also witnessed. Talking news agency, Shahbana Khattak said that the League played without any break and all the female players got full facilitation according to the break-up sent in by Javed Memon DG of the Sports Higher education Commi-ssion (HEC).

She said open trials were held and even representation has been given to the female players of Chitral wherein she along with the selection committee also paid a visit

to Chitral. She was amazed to see the talent that female players of Chitral have.

As far as the funds are concerned we have received a complete break-up from HEC and accordingly worked, looking after the break-up only," she said.

"I have also been approached to hand over the rights of social media news which I refused so I think the same people are buying against her running fake reports on social media about "selection" through their respective accounts.

"I will challenge such reports legally," she warned. "I do not have any concern with the selection," a selection committee constituted by HEC has selected players," she clarified.

"I will take legal action against those carrying baseless reports during the Women League, which is being organized in a befitting manner. She said these people are misleading the players on social media without taking her point of view according to the norms of journalism.





# سوات سے تعلق رکھنے والی ننھی سی عائشہ کو کراچی میں (چاندی سپورٹس پروموشن ٹیلنٹ) ایوارڈ سے نوازہ گیا

ایک گولڈ اور ایک سلور میڈل جیتا۔ اسی طرح 2023 کے ہیرو انٹرنیشنل چیمپئن شپ میں 1 سلور اور 2 براؤنز میڈل کے ساتھ اب تک کل سات انٹرنیشنل میڈل جیتنے والی پہلی خاتون کھلاڑی قرار پاء ہے۔ اس کے علاوہ خیبر پختونخواہ سپورٹس ایوارڈ، انٹرنیشنل سپورٹس ایوارڈ اور دستر سوات ایوارڈ حاصل کر چکی ہے۔ عائشہ آیاز آنے والے دنوں میں انٹرنیشنل تائیوانڈو چیمپئن شپ کے لئے روانہ ہو گئی۔



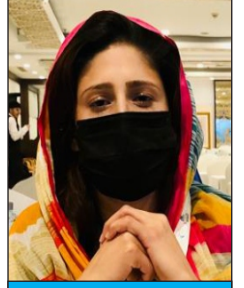
چھوٹی سی عمر میں کامیابی حاصل کی۔ عائشہ آیاز نے بارہ سال عمر کی کنگری میں فائنل میں سلور میڈل جبکہ پچیس میں براؤنز میڈل جیتا۔ عائشہ آیاز



خیبر پختونخواہ، سوات سے تعلق رکھنے والی کم عمر ترین انٹرنیشنل تائیوانڈو سٹار ہے جو آٹھ سال کی عمر سے مسلسل سات انٹرنیشنل میڈل جیت چکی ہے۔ دہائی میں ہونے والی انٹرنیشنل چیمپئن شپ میں گولڈ میڈل حاصل کیا۔ اور تقریباً 9 سال کی عمر میں ایک بار پھر دہائی میں گولڈ میڈل جیتا۔ جبکہ سال 2022 میں تھاء لینڈ میں ہونے والے مقابلوں میں



پشاور: اس سے قبل عائشہ کافی سارے ایوارڈز اپنے نام کر چکی ہے۔ حال ہی میں تھا لینڈ کے شہر بینکوک میں منعقدہ ہونے والے تائیوانڈو کے مقابلوں میں 2 براؤنز اور 1 سلور میڈل



By Sumayya



جیت کر اپنے ملک پاکستان کا نام روشن کیا ہے۔ عائشہ کے والد آیاز نائیک جو کہ خود بھی تائیوانڈو کے بین الاقوامی سطح کے کھلاڑی ہے اور خواتین کیلئے تائیوانڈو کلب بھی چلا رہے ہیں نے اپنی بیٹی عائشہ کو بھرپور طریقے سے سپورٹ کیا اور انٹرنیشنل لیول پر کھیلنے اور میڈل جیتنے کے قابل بنایا۔ عائشہ آیاز نے بہت ہی کم عمر میں اپنے کیریئر کا آغاز کیا اور





## سکواش ہیروز کے نام پر چیمپئن شپ منعقد کرانے کا مقصد کھلاڑیوں کو لیجنڈز کے کامیابیوں سے روشناس کرانا ہے، قمر زمان



پشاور (سپورٹس رپورٹر) اعظم خان میل و فیملی خیر پختونخوا سکواش چیمپئن شپ 2023 پشاور سپورٹس کمپلیکس کے قمر زمان سکواش کورٹ میں شروع ہو گئی۔



جس میں 65 سے زائد مرد و خواتین کھلاڑی شرکت کر رہے ہیں، چیمپئن شپ کا باضابطہ افتتاح گزشتہ روز ورلڈ سکواش چیمپئن قمر زمان نے کیا اس موقع پر ان کے ہمراہ ایسوسی ایٹ سیکرٹری سجاد خلیل، ایگزیکٹو ممبر شیر بہادر، فنانس سیکرٹری وزیر محمد، چیف آرگنائزر منور زمان، سینئر کوچز طاہر اقبال اور وسیم موجود تھے، خیر پختونخوا سکواش ایسوسی ایشن کے زیر اہتمام منعقدہ اعظم خان میل اور فیملی سکواش چیمپئن شپ میں خیر پختونخوا کے ٹاپ پلیئرز سمیت 65 سے زائد مرد و خواتین کھلاڑی شرکت کر رہے ہیں جس کے فائنل مقابلے 14 اگست کو منعقد ہوں گے۔

ان کا کہنا تھا کہ ہماری کوشش ہو گی کہ جتنے بھی سکواش کے لچبڈز ہیں ان کے نام پر باری باری ٹورنامنٹس کا انعقاد کیا جائے، ان کا کہنا تھا کہ صوبائی سکواش ایسوسی ایشن کی کوشش ہوتی ہے کہ ہر مہینے دو چیمپئن شپ منعقد کرائیں تاکہ سینئر اور جونیئر دونوں کو اپنی صلاحیتوں میں نکھار لانے کی بھرپور مواقع ملے اور آگے جا کر ملک و قوم کا نام روشن کر سکیں۔

افتتاحی روز کھیلے گئے مقابلوں کے نتائج کے مطابق حصہ یوسف نے سحرش نور کو، نمرہ عقیل نے روہنہ بابر کو جبکہ ثناء بہادر نے صدف فرہاد کو شکست سے دوچار کیا اسی طرح مردوں کے مقابلوں میں وقار محمود نے افاق خان کو، عبیر عارف نے عاصم شہزاد کو، خوشحال ریاض نے ذیشان گل کو شکست دے کر برتری حاصل کر لی، تاہم فواد حسین نے رضوان گل کو، حاشر کفایت نے شاہ زیب کو شکست دے کر دوسرے راؤنڈ کیلئے کوالیفائی کر لیا۔

افتتاحی تقریب سے خطاب کرتے ہوئے ورلڈ چیمپئن قمر زمان نے کہا کہ اعظم خان کے نام پر چیمپئن شپ منعقد کرنے کا مقصد نئے کھلاڑیوں کو سکواش کے لچبڈز کے کامیابیوں سے روشناس کرانا ہے تاکہ وہ اپنے ہیروز کے نقش قدم پر چلتے ہوئے پاکستان کو سکواش میں اس کا کویا ہوا مقام واپس دلا سکے۔





# ایشین جونیئر سپر سیریز سکواش چیمپین شپ، خیبر پختونخوا کھلاڑیوں کی شاندار کارکردگی



پشاور (سپورٹس رپورٹر)  
پاکستان سکواش فیڈریشن کے  
زیر اہتمام پہلی ایشین جونیئر سپر  
سیریز سکواش چیمپین شپ میں  
خیبر پختونخوا کھلاڑیوں نے  
بہترین کھیل کا مظاہرہ کرتے



تحریک نایاب خان

ہوئے متعدد میڈلز اپنے نام کر لئے۔

ڈائریکٹریٹ آف سپورٹس خیبر پختونخوا سکواش اکیڈمی  
کے کھلاڑیوں نے اپنی غیر معمولی کارکردگی کے ساتھ سونے،  
چاندی اور کانسی کے تمغے جیت کر سب کو حیران کر دیا، چیمپین  
شپ میں انڈر 17 میں عبداللہ نواز نے گولڈ، اذان خلیل نے  
سلور میڈل اور حریرہ خان نے کانسی کا تمغہ حاصل کیا، انڈر 15  
کیٹگری میں ابراہیم زیب نے گولڈ، عبین خان نے سلور میڈل،  
طلال رحمان گل نے کانسی کا تمغہ حاصل کیا۔

اسی طرح انڈر 13 کیٹگری میں نعمان خان نے گولڈ،

کیا، خیبر پختونخوا کے کھلاڑیوں نے بھرپور تعاون پر ڈائریکٹر جنرل  
سپورٹس کیپٹن (ر) خالد محمود اور کوچز کا شکریہ ادا کیا اور امید  
ظاہر کی مستقبل میں اسی طرح تعاون جاری رہیگی۔

احمر ریان خلیل نے سلور، عبدالکبیر نے کانسی کا تمغہ جیتا، دانش  
سکندر نے پانچویں پوزیشن حاصل کی، گرلز انڈر 11 کیٹگری  
میں ملیحہ شاہ نے گولڈ اور زینب گیلانی نے سلور میڈل حاصل

## آزادی سائیکل ریس



پشاور (سپورٹس رپورٹر)  
خیبر پختونخوا سائیکلنگ  
ایسوسی ایشن کے زیر اہتمام  
آزادی سائیکل ریس 13  
اگست کو ناردرن بائی پاس  
پر منعقد ہوئی۔



تحریک فرحان اللہ

اس سلسلے میں کے پی  
سائیکلنگ ایسوسی ایشن کے صدر شایان علی شاہ اور چیئرمین کے  
پی سائیکلنگ ایسوسی ایشن سید اعظم علی شاہ نے مقابلوں کا  
انقصاد کیا۔ ان کے ہمراہ صدر سید شایان علی شاہ سیکرٹری محمد علی  
نثار احمد طیفور زرین سمیت دیگر کوچز اور ٹیکنیکل آفیشلوں بھی موجود  
تھے یہ مقابلے ہر سال آزادی کی خوشیاں دوہلا کرنے کے لئے  
منعقد کئے جاتے ہیں، تقریب تقسیم انعامات ریس کے بعد  
پشاور سپورٹس کمپلیکس میں منعقد ہوئی۔

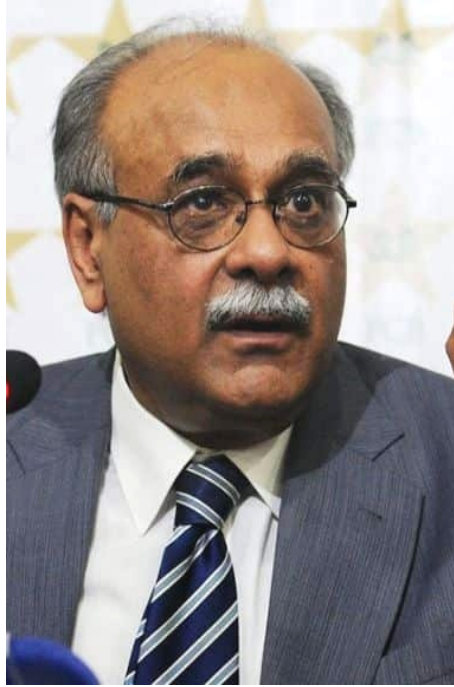


# کرکٹ: ایشیا کپ جھلکیاں

## پاک بھارت: بارش سے متاثر ہونے پر شائقین بی سی سی پر برہم

ایشیا کپ 2023 کا سب سے بڑا اور اہم میچ بارش کی نذر ہو گیا، جس کے بعد سوشل میڈیا پر شیڈول کے حوالے سے بی سی سی آئی کے سیکرٹری کو ان کے فیصلے پر شدید تنقید کا نشانہ بنایا گیا۔ سماجی رابطے کی ویب سائٹ ایکس (ٹوئٹر) پر پاکستان اور بھارتی صارفین بھارتی کرکٹ بورڈ کے بے شاہ سے ناراض دکھائی دیئے۔

جنہوں نے بھارت کو پاکستان میں کھیلنے کی اجازت نہیں دی تھی، جس سے دونوں ممالک کے شائقین کرکٹ کو مایوسی کا سامنا کرنا پڑا۔ کچھ ٹوئٹس ایسے ہیں جس میں ناراض صارفین اپنے خیالات کا اظہار کر رہے ہیں۔ جس میں انہوں کا کہنا ہے کہ میچ بے نتیجہ ختم ہونے سے پورا دن برباد ہو گیا جس کے ذمہ دار چیئرمین بے شاہ ہیں۔

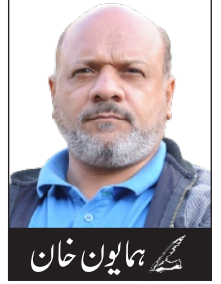


ای میں گرمی ہوگی۔ نجم سیٹھی کا کہنا تھا کہ یو اے ای میں ویسا ہی موسم ہوتا جیسا آئی پی ایل یا پچھلے ایشیا کپ میں تھا۔ خیال رہے کہ ایشیا کپ 2023 میں بارش کے باعث پاکستان اور بھارت کے درمیان ہونے والا میچ بے نتیجہ ختم ہو گیا اور دونوں ٹیموں کو ایک ایک پوائنٹ مل گیا۔



## ایشیا کپ کا ہائی وولٹیج ٹاکرا بارش کی نظر

ایشیا کپ میں پاک بھارت ٹاکرا میں پاکستان کے خلاف بھارت کی پوری 266 رنز بنا کر آؤٹ ہو گئی تھی۔ پاکستان کے فاسٹ بالور شاہین شاہ آفریدی نے 35 رنز دے کر



4 کھلاڑیوں کو آؤٹ کیا۔

جبکہ نسیم شاہ نے 36 رنز دے کر 3 کھلاڑیوں کو آؤٹ کر دیا۔ اسی طرح فاطمہ بابر حارث نے 58 رنز دے کر 3 وکٹیں حاصل کیں۔ جبکہ بارش کے باعث پاک بھارت میچ بے نتیجہ ختم ہو گیا۔ اور روایتی حریف ٹیموں کو ایک ایک پوائنٹ مل گیا۔

جس کے نتیجے میں پاکستان نے سپر 4 مرحلے کے لیے بھی کوالیفائی کر لیا۔ اس میچ میں شاہین شاہ آفریدی اور نسیم نئی تاریخ رقم کی۔ اور ون ڈے کی تاریخ میں پہلی بار فاسٹ بولرز نے مخالف ٹیم کی تمام وکٹیں اڑا دیں۔

## پاک بھارت میچ نجم سیٹھی سخت مایوس

پی سی بی کے سابق سربراہ نجم سیٹھی نے ایشیا کپ میں پاک بھارت میچ بے نتیجہ ختم ہونے پر سخت مایوسی کا اظہار کیا ہے۔ ایک بیان میں نجم سیٹھی کا کہنا تھا کہ کرکٹ کا سب سے بڑا میچ بارش سے متاثر ہونا مایوس کن ہے، سری لنکا میں ان دنوں بارشوں کا ہمیشہ خدشہ رہتا ہے۔

نجم سیٹھی کا کہنا تھا کہ بطور پی سی بی سربراہ اے سی سی کو کہا تھا کہ میچز یو اے ای میں کر لیں لیکن سری لنکا کو ایونٹ دینے کے لیے مختلف بہانے بنائے تھے اور کہا گیا کہ یو اے

جس کے بعد سوشل میڈیا پر مختلف چمگوئیاں ہونے لگی تھیں، تاہم اب کرکٹر کی جانب سے بیٹے کی ولادت کا اعلان تمام تجسس سے بھرپور سوالات کے جواب دے گیا۔ جسپریت بمرانے انسٹاگرام پر ایک تصویر بھی شیر کی ہے جس میں وہ اپنی اہلیہ سنجنا اور ان کے نومولود بیٹے کی پکچر دی ہے۔ بمرانے تصویر کے ساتھ لکھا ہے کہ یہ ہماری چھوٹی سی فیملی میں اضافہ ہوا ہے اور ہمارے دل خوشی سے اس قدر بھر گئے ہیں کہ جس کا ہمیں کبھی اندازہ بھی نہیں تھا۔



## ورلڈ کپ ٹرائی 5 ستمبر کو پاکستان لائی جائیگی

نیوز ایجنسی کے مطابق ورلڈ کپ ٹرائی کا پاکستان ٹور 5 ستمبر کو ہوگا جس کے تحت ٹرائی منگل کی صبح لاہور پہنچائی جائے گی۔ ذرائع نے یہ بھی بتایا ہے کہ 2 روزہ ٹور میں ٹرائی کو تعلیمی اداروں، تاریخی مقامات اور شاہنگ مالز لے جایا جائے گا۔ واضح رہے کہ آئی سی سی ورلڈ کپ ٹرائی ٹور کے قتل کا شکار ہونے کی وجہ سے اگست میں پاکستان نہیں آئی تھی۔



سٹیڈیم کا رخ کیا۔

گزشتہ روز سری لنکا کے پالی کیلے اسٹیڈیم میں پاک بھارت ٹاکرے نے جہاں شائقین کرکٹ کو دیوانہ بنایا وہیں شوبز شخصیات بھی میچ سے لطف اندوز ہوتی نظر آئیں۔ سنسنی خیز مقابلے کو براہ راست دیکھنے قومی ٹیم کا حوصلہ بڑھانے کیلئے اداکار و میزبان مومن ثاقب، خوبرو اداکارہ کنزہ ہاشمی بھی اسٹیڈیم میں موجود تھے

جبکہ انکے علاوہ معروف یوٹیوبر ڈکی بھائی انکی اہلیہ عروبہ جتوئی اور عرفان جونجو بھی موجود تھے۔ فوٹو شیئرنگ ایپ انسٹاگرام پر بالی ووڈ اداکار کرن وانی کے ہمراہ تصویر شیئر کی جس میں ان دونوں کو اپنی اپنی ٹیم کی حوصلہ افزائی کرتے ہوئے پاک بھارت شرٹ میں ملبوس دیکھا گیا۔

## ایشیا کپ میں بابر اعظم نے ہاشم آملہ کا ریکارڈ توڑ دیا

پاکستان قومی کرکٹ ٹیم بابر اعظم نے ایشیا کپ میں نیپال کے خلاف میچ 19 ویں سنچری بنالی اور اس کے ساتھ ہی انہوں نے ہاشم آملہ کو پیچھے چھوڑ دیا۔ جنوبی افریقہ کے ہاشم آملہ نے 104 انگلز میں 19 ویں سنچری بنائی تھی جبکہ بابر اعظم نے 102 ویں انگلز میں ہدف پورا کیا۔ قومی کرکٹ کے کپتان بابر اعظم اتنی ہی انگلز کھیل کر سب سے زیادہ رنز بنانے والے بلے بازوں میں بھی پہلے نمبر پر آگئے ہیں۔

## بمرا انڈین سکواڈ چھوڑ کر بھارت روانہ

ممبئی: بھارتی کرکٹ ٹیم کے فاسٹ باؤلر جسپریت بمرانے اپنے گھر نئے مہمان کی آمد کا اعلان کر کے اپنے مداحوں کو خوش کر دیا۔ گزشتہ روز یہ خبر سامنے آئی تھی کہ بمرانے کسی نامعلوم وجہ کے سبب سری لنکا میں موجود کرکٹ سکواڈ کو چھوڑ کر بھارت روانہ ہو گئے ہیں۔

## ایشیا کپ: پاک بھارت میچ دیکھنے کیلئے کن شوبز شخصیات اسٹیڈیم کا رخ کیا

ایشیا کپ میں پاکستان اور بھارت کے درمیان اہم معرکہ دیکھنے کیلئے دونوں ممالک کی شوبز شخصیات نے بھی