



Here is a quick history of the previous HBL PSL events that has not only produced high-quality cricket but has given world cricket some of the most entertaining and exciting players of this era.

HBL PSL 2016:

Islamabad United made history when they beat Quetta Gladiators in the final of the inaugural edition of the HBL PSL to become the first-ever side to lift the silverware. Islamabad cruised past the 175-run target for the loss of four wickets with eight balls spare at the Dubai International Cricket Stadium.

West Indian Dwayne Smith was named the player-of-the-match for his scintillating 73 (51 balls, 7 fours, 4 sixes). Karachi Kings' all-rounder Ravi Bopara was named the player-of-the-tournament for his all-round contributions (329 runs at 54.83, 11 wickets at 13.81).

The tournament was played on a double-league basis. Peshawar Zalmi topped the standings at the end of the round-robin stage but lost out on a place in the final after losing both their play-offs to Quetta and Islamabad, respectively.

Qalandars' Umar Akmal topped the batting charts, finishing with 335 runs in seven innings while United's Andre Russell topped the bowling charts with 16 wickets in 10 games.

HBL PSL 2017:

Zalmi outclassed Gladiators in a one-sided final at the Gaddafi Stadium to lift the glittering HBL PSL 2017 trophy. Batting first in the final, Zalmi posted 148 for six in their 20 overs. Gladiators were dismissed for 90 runs in reply to lose their second consecutive final.

Sammy was named the player-of-the-match for his match turning unbeaten 28 off 11 balls (three sixes, one four) and astute leadership.

Kamran Akmal with 353 runs in 11 games including a century in the play-off against Kings and 12 dismissals behind the stumps was declared the player-of-the-tournament. He also bagged best batsman and best wicketkeeper of the tournament awards.

Kings' Sohail Khan, with 16 wickets, topped the bowling charts, while Wahab finished on the second-spot on the bowling charts for the second consecutive time collecting 15 wickets in 10 games.

HBL PSL 2018:

United reclaimed the title when they defeated Zalmi by three wickets in an exciting final at the National Stadium. Batting first, Zalmi posted 148 for nine with United chasing down the target with 19 balls to spare.

Luke Ronchi capped off his player-of-the-tournament performances with a brilliant 52 off 26 balls (four fours, five sixes).

Ronchi scored 435 runs in 11 games to be adjudged player of the tournament. Faheem Ashraf doubled United's joy with a bowler-of-the-tournament performance (18 wickets in 12 matches).

HBL PSL 2019:

It was a case of third time lucky for the Gladiators as they finally lifted the trophy at the National Stadium after defeating Zalmi by eight wickets. Batting first, Zalmi posted 138 for eight as speedster Mohammad Hasnain and the richly experienced T20 globe-trotter Dwayne Bravo shared five wickets between them. Ahmed Shehzad and Rilee Rossouw saw off the chase with an unbroken 73-run third-wicket partnership to

give Gladiators a much awaited HBL PSL title. Ahmed scored 58 off 51 balls while Rossouw made 39 off 32 balls.

Gladiators' Australian import Shane Watson dazzled with the bat with a 430-run tally in 12 innings at 43.00 and a strike-rate of 143.81. Kamran was once again the mainstay for Zalmi producing 357 runs in 13 innings, while United's Cameron Delport stood third with 355 runs in 12 innings.

Hasan Ali had a magnificent season for Zalmi; the right-arm-pacer took 25 wickets in 13 games. Faheem took 21 in 12 games for the United while Wahab was once again among the top three, finishing the tournament with a 17-wicket tally in 13 matches.

The Team of HBL PSL 2019, selected by an independent panel, was (in batting order): Shane Watson (Quetta Gladiators), Kamran Akmal (wicket-keeper) (Peshawar Zalmi), Babar Azam (Karachi Kings), AB de Villiers (captain) (Lahore Qalandars), Colin Ingram (Karachi Kings), Asif Ali (Islamabad United), Kieron Pollard (Peshawar Zalmi), Faheem Ashraf (Islamabad United), Wahab Riaz (Peshawar Zalmi), Hasan Ali (Peshawar Zalmi), Umer Khan (Karachi Kings). Sandeep Lamichhane (12th, Lahore Qalandars)

HBL PSL 2020:

Babar Azam had an event to remember when hit a 49-ball 63 to guide Karachi Kings to their maiden title when they defeated Lahore Qalandars by five wickets at the National Stadium. In pursuit of a 135-run target, Kings reached victory with eight balls and five wickets to spare.

Babar was later judged player of the final, best batsman of the tournament, player of the tournament and captain of HBL PSL Team of 2020.

Qalandars' Shaheen Shah Afridi won the Best bowler of the HBL PSL 2020 award with 17 scalps – the most in the edition –and Ben Dunk won the Best wicketkeeper of the HBL PSL 2020 award for accounting for nine batsmen behind the stumps. Peshawar Zalmi's Haider Ali was declared as the Emerging Player of the HBL PSL 2020 as he scored an impressive 239 runs at a strike rate of over 157.

The Team of HBL PSL 2020, selected by an independent panel, was (in batting order) – Babar Azam (Karachi Kings), Chris Lynn (Lahore Qalandars), Alex Hales (Karachi Kings), Haider Ali (Peshawar Zalmi), Mohammad Hafeez (Lahore Qalandars), Shadab Khan (captain, Islamabad United), Ben Dunk (wicketkeeper, Lahore Qalandars), David Wiese (Lahore Qalandars), Mohammad Amir (Karachi Kings), Shaheen Shah Afridi (Lahore Qalandars), Mohammad Hasnain (Quetta Gladiators). Fakhar Zaman (12th, Lahore Qalandars)

HBL PSL 2021:

Multan Sultans became the fifth team to win the HBL PSL when they defeated Peshawar Zalmi at the Sheikh Zayed Cricket Stadium in Abu Dhabi by 47 runs.

Batting first, Sultans scored a record 206 for four that revolved around Sohaib Maqsood's 65 not out and Rilee Rossouw's 50. In turn, Zalmi finished at 159 for nine with Imran Tahir collecting three for 33 and, Blessing Muzarabani and Imran Khan Snr picking up two wickets apiece conceding 26 and 27 runs, respectively.

Sohaib Maqsood not only earned a Pakistan call-up for the England and West Indies tours for his 428 runs, he also walked away with the player of the final, best batsman of HBL PSL 2020 and player of HBL PSL awards.

Multan Sultans' Shahnawaz Dahani won the best bowler of HBL PSL 2020 for his 20 wickets and was also adjudged Best Emerging Cricketer of HBL PSL 2021, while Sultan's captain Mohammad Rizwan was declared best wicketkeeper for his 20 dismissals.

The Team of HBL PSL 2021, selected by an independent panel, was (in batting order): Hazratullah Zazai (Peshawar Zalmi), Babar Azam (Karachi Kings), Colin Munro (Islamabad United), Sohaib Maqsood (Multan Sultans), Mohammad Rizwan (captain, wicketkeeper), Asif Ali (Islamabad United), Wahab Riaz (Peshawar Zalmi), Rashid Khan (Lahore Qalandars), Hasan Ali (Islamabad United), Shaheen Shah Afridi (Lahore Qalandars), Shahnawaz Dahani (Multan Sultans). James Faulkner (12th, Lahore Qalandars)

HBL PSL 2022:

Lahore Qalandars ended their seven-year wait when they defeated defending champions Multan Sultans in the final at the Gaddafi Stadium by 42 runs. The two sides had claimed the top-two spots after 30 league matches and while Multan Sultans defeated Lahore Qalandars in the Qualifier by 28 runs, Lahore Qalandars bounced back to defeat Islamabad United by six runs to reach their second final.

In the final, Mohammad Hafeez scored a 46-ball 69 and Harry Brook hit a rapid 22-ball 41 not out to lift Lahore Qalandars to 180 for five. In turn, Shaheen Shah Afridi claimed three wickets and, Mohammad Hafeez and Zaman Khan bagged two wickets apiece to dismiss Multan Sultans for 138 in 19.3 overs.

Fakhar Zaman of Lahore Qalandars was the series top-scorer with 588 runs and was followed by Multan Sultans team-mates Mohammad Rizwan (546) and Shan Masood (478). Shaheen Shah Afridi of Lahore Qalandars was the most impressive and successful bowler with 20 wickets, while Islamabad United's Shadab Khan took 19 wickets and Zaman Khan of Lahore Qalandars scooped 18 wickets.

The Team of HBL PSL 2022 selected by an independent panel, was (in batting order): Mohammad Rizwan (Multan Sultans) (captain & wicketkeeper), Fakhar Zaman (Lahore Qalandars), Shoaib Malik (Peshawar Zalmi), Shadab Khan (Islamabad United), Rilee Rossouw (Multan Sultans), Tim David (Multan Sultans), Khushdil Shah (Multan Sultans), Rashid Khan (Lahore Qalandars), Shaheen Shah Afridi (Lahore Qalandars), Zaman Khan (Lahore Qalandars), Naseem Shah (Quetta Gladiators). Shan Masood (Multan Sultans) (12th).

