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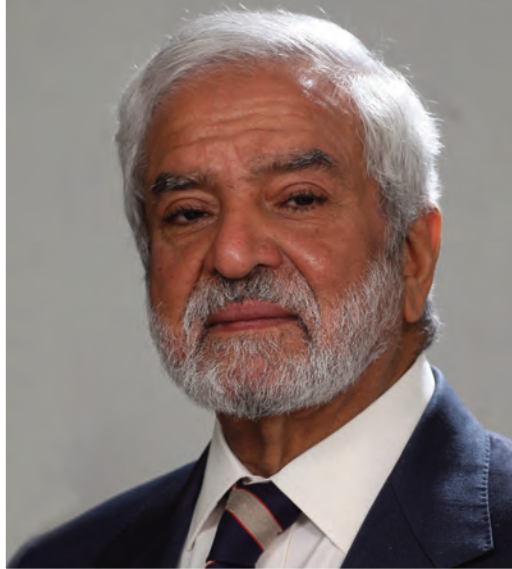
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## PCB CHAIRMAN EHSAN MANI'S REPORT

PCB Chairman **Ehsan Mani**



**It has been an incredibly challenging, but highly rewarding year as Test cricket returned to Pakistan after more than a decade,. The nation also celebrated, cheered and applauded the homecoming of the HBL Pakistan Super League, 26 of the 34 scheduled matches of the 2020 edition were staged in front of passionate fans before the Covid-19 pandemic intervened.**

In February, just before that start of HBL PSL 2020, the world's oldest and most prestigious cricket club – the Marylebone Cricket Club – captained by their President Kumar Sangakkara, visited Lahore for three Twenty20 and one 50-over match. It was MCC's first visit to Pakistan in 48 years. Also visiting Pakistan in the 2019-20 season were Bangladesh's U16 boys and national women's teams, who played matches in Rawalpindi and Lahore, respectively.

We also witnessed a very busy 2019-20 domestic cricket season. Two hundred and six (206) matches were staged in 16 tournaments covering various men's and women's cricket in different age groups. These included 31 four-day first-class and 18 National T20 Cup matches, which continued until everything came to a standstill on 17 March 2020.

Congratulations to Central Punjab for winning the first-class Quaid-e-Azam Trophy, Northern for lifting the National T20 Cup, PCB Blasters for winning the National Triangular One-Day Women Cricket Championship, PCB Challengers for winning the National Triangular T20 Women Cricket Championship, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa for annexing the National U16 Three-Day Tournament and Sindh for claiming the National U19 Three-Day title.

These activities were planned within four weeks after the new PCB Constitution 2019 came into effect on 19 August 2019 and were delivered seamlessly. If you add the successful delivery of domestic cricket together with the overseas matches, comprising women's series in Kuala Lumpur and Australia, 'A' and U19 sides' engagements in Bangladesh and South Africa respectively, and national men's tours to Australia and England, it only reflects the

tremendous effort, professionalism and efficiency of the PCB staff, led by Chief Executive Wasim Khan.

At the back of a successful 2019-20 season, the PCB has registered its interest with the International Cricket Council in hosting some of its major events in the 2023-31 event cycle. The ICC will decide on the event hosts in 2021. I am hopeful that some events will take place in Pakistan. This would be a game-changer for Pakistan after not having held international cricket on a regular basis in the country for the past 10 years.

Moving forward, I will ensure that PCB continues to be run transparently with a sound governance structure following best international practices.

In the past year, we successfully introduced good governance practices, most of which stemmed from the new PCB Constitution 2019.

Some of the key constitutional changes included splitting the roles of the Chairman and the Chief Executive, which resulted in appropriate delegation of authority, transparency and accountability. Later this year we will induct four independent members on the Board of Governors, including a female member. We will also be setting up Nominations, HR & Remuneration and Risk Management Committees. A PCB Code of Ethics was introduced recently.

Also in line with the new PCB Constitution 2019, Model Constitutions for the six Cricket Associations as well as City Cricket Associations and Cricket Clubs were drafted and approved by the Board of Governors along with the Club Affiliation and Operations Rule 2020.

I remain optimistic that in the coming weeks we will have in place the interim management committees to run the six Cricket Associations. This will be the next phase of moving into a completely democratic, transparent and meritocratic system and delegating responsibility and authority to the relevant stakeholders.

The PCB is assisting the government on legislation to criminalise corruption in sports. In the draft paper, the PCB has proposed severe sanctions relating to corruption, illegal manipulation, betting and match and spot-fixing as well as aiding and abetting such conduct on those found guilty of engaging in such offences. PCB has a zero tolerance policy for any form of corruption in the game.

As I have stated previously, accountability starts from me and in this respect, quarterly statements of my expenses and benefits as well as the PCB's Board continue to be available for public viewing on the PCB corporate website. The Annual Audited Financial Statements are also published on the PCB's website.

One of my biggest focuses in the past 12 months has been on eliminating wasteful expenditure and ensuring that the Board gets value for money spent. In the 2020-21 budget, we have reduced expenses by PKR100million, without comprising on cricket, infrastructure and development. The money saved will be invested in our national cricket.

I am committed to making our domestic cricket robust and strong to ensure that our cricketers remain competitive at the highest level of the game.

Under the new domestic structure, teams from various government departments and other organisations are no longer be able to play first-class cricket.

While there has been a lot of discussion on this, I would remind our stakeholders that they themselves had been calling for an overhaul of the system, in view of Pakistan's low rankings in international cricket.

I would also point out that before the 2019 constitution came into effect, some of the leading department teams that looked after champion cricketers, such as IDBP (1982), HBFC (1990), MCB PACO (1994), MCB (1996), PNSC (2000), ABL (2004), PWD (2007), UBL (2018), HBL and NBP had already closed their cricket departments.

PCB's in-house research, which is based on feedback from the 192 domestic cricketers for the 2020-21 season, shows the presently active department sides were offering either short-term or event-based contracts that ranged from PKR15,000 to PKR50,000 a month. Only three departments – SNGPL, WAPDA and PIA – had enrolled star cricketers on a permanent basis.

Under the new domestic cricket arrangements, 190 players were offered 2019-20 domestic contracts. This is in addition to the 19 central contracts that were awarded to our elite cricketers. Our aim is to pay those players who qualify and can contribute to Pakistan cricket, well. During the coming years, we will be engaging a further 100 former cricketers as coaches, managers and administrators.

The 2019-20 season saw a marked improvement in the quality of our first-class cricket.

We introduced the use of Kookaburra cricket balls and applied no-toss and home-away concepts to modernise our cricket. The National T20 Cup was broadcast live, while 10 matches of the Quaid-e-Azam Trophy, our premier competition, and finals of the National Triangular One-Day Women Cricket Championship and National Triangular T20 Women Cricket Championship were live-streamed for the first time in Pakistan's history. The final of the first-class Quaid-e-Azam Trophy was also televised live. We plan to significantly increase the coverage of our domestic cricket matches in the 2020-21 season.

In the past 12 months, I have also been keen to take cricket out of Lahore and reach out to our stakeholders in different parts of the country. I am pleased that for the first time in 11 years, Quetta's Bugti Stadium staged first-class matches after a gap of over 10 years, while a Board of Governors meeting was held in Peshawar in February this year.

We were very pleased and grateful that our great international cricketers Javed Miandad, Wasim Akram, Younis Khan, Rashid Latif, Shoaib Akhtar, Mohammad Yousuf, Mushtaq Ahmed and Moin Khan spoke to our centrally contracted players in a virtual session during the Covid-19 lockdown, prior to the team's departure for England.

Last year, Misbah-ul-Haq and Waqar Younis were appointed as head coach/chief selector and fast bowling coach, respectively, by the panel comprising Intikhab Alam, Bazid Khan and BoG member Asad Ali Khan. These appointments were made after a robust recruitment process. I would like to acknowledge the contribution made to Pakistan cricket by Mickey Arthur, Grant Flower, Azhar Mahmood and Grant Luden.

The Pakistan team will continue to benefit from their wise counsel and the expertise which they imparted.

We also had the opportunity to acknowledge the enormous contribution to Pakistan cricket of the legendary Javed Miandad as well as Saleem Yousuf, Rashid Khan and Umar Gul during the home international matches.

The Covid-19 pandemic paralysed world sport in the first half of the year and the PCB was no exception as we sadly lost two valuable members of our staff as well as a number of former first-class cricketers to this virus. In these difficult times, the PCB staff and centrally contracted players contributed over PKR10million to the Prime Minister's Covid-19 Pandemic Relief Fund. The Hanif Mohammad High Performance Centre was offered as a sanctuary for the paramedic staff, PCB provided financial assistance to support first-class cricketers, grounds staff and other stakeholders facing hardships, besides offering a three-month support package to unemployed women cricketers.

Fans continued to remain our most important and valued stakeholder. Our investment and shift in digital strategy that focused around fan-engagement, coupled with exclusive behind-the-scenes content, saw an overwhelming rise in our social media followers across all platforms, making the Pakistan cricket following one of the highest in the world. Clarity in announcements and messaging brought the fans even closer to the game as they had easy and quick access to latest and accurate information about the PCB, its players, various enhancements and events.

We continue to build relationships, trust and confidence with the international community. The eventual outcome was the visits of Sri Lanka and Bangladesh cricket teams, the chief executives of the ICC, Cricket Australia, Cricket Ireland and ECB, and the involvement of nearly 40 foreign cricketers, out of 425 foreign applicants, in the HBL Pakistan Super League 2020.

I was actively involved during the uncertainty around the ICC Events due to the Covid-19 situation as Chairman of the ICC's Finance and Commercial Affairs Committee, while Wasim Khan was actively engaged as a member of the ICC Women's Committee.

One thing that has disappointed me like millions of cricket followers is the performance of the national sides. We finished third in the ICC U19 Cricket World Cup 2020, failed to qualify for the second round of the ICC Women's T20 World Cup 2020 and lost 2-0 to Australia in the ICC World Test Championship. However, our players will benefit from these experiences over the coming years.

The 2020-21 season will be a challenging one due to the uncertainties of the impact of Covid-19 on domestic and international cricket. We are expecting to host Zimbabwe and South Africa in the coming season and hope we can deliver our complete domestic programme.

Finally, I would like to thank all the members of the Board of Governors, my Executive team, the PCB staff, commercial partners, the PSL franchise owners, all the professional players and respected members of the media for their support over the past year.

**Pakistan Zindabad!**



## RETIREMENTS

### All International cricket

#### Sana Mir

In a 15-year career, she scored 1,630 runs at 17.91 and took 151 wickets at an average of 24.27 in 120 ODIs and a further 802 runs and 89 wickets in 106 T20Is. She retired as the leading wicket-taker in ODI cricket for Pakistan and captained her country in 226 international matches, including two World Cups (2013 and 2017) and five ICC Women's T20 World Cups (2009, 2010, 2012, 2014 and 2016). She won 2010 and 2014 Asian Games gold with the Pakistan national women's cricket team and in October 2018, peaked to number-one on ICC Women's Rankings for ODI Bowlers. As such, it was appropriate that Wisden named her women's team of the decade.

### Test cricket

#### Mohammad Amir

Played a total of 147 internationals from 2009 to 2020 in which he took 259 wickets. He made his international debut against Sri Lanka in the ICC Men's T20 World Cup in England 2009 and helped Pakistan win the tournament.

After serving a five-year suspension from all cricket from 2010 to 2015, he was recalled for the New Zealand tour of 2016. In 2017, he featured in Pakistan's victory in the ICC Champions Trophy. However, in July 2019 he retired from red-ball cricket to focus on white-ball cricket. In December 2020, he retired from international cricket after being left out of the New Zealand tour.

### ODI cricket

#### Shoaib Malik

One of the last few international cricketers to have debuted in the 1990s, he played a total of 287 ODIs, scoring 7,534 runs, the fifth-highest total for a Pakistan batsman. He also took 158 wickets, in a career that began against the West Indies at Sharjah in October 1999.

## OBITUARIES: 1st JULY 2019 - 30th JUNE 2020

#### Shamim Kabir (died 29 July 2019)

Started his cricket career in Pakistan and subsequently led Bangladesh in its first international match, against the MCC in January 1977. After retirement, he was heavily involved in cricket administration, managing the Bangladesh side in the ICC Trophy in both 1982 and 1986.

#### Abid Butt (died 28 August 2019)

Played two first-class matches as a leg-spinner for Allied Bank Limited in the mid-90s, taking his only wicket in his first over. He later served as Manager of the Sui Northern Gas Pipelines Limited team, who won the Quaid-e-Azam Trophy three times in four years in the 2010s.

#### Abdul Qadir (died 6 September 2019)

An integral part of Pakistan's most successful sides in the 1980s, he kept wrist-spin bowling alive single-handedly. He ended with 236 wickets in 67 Tests, and added a further 132 wickets in 104 ODIs. His figures of nine for 56 against England at Lahore in 1987 remain the best for Pakistan in Test cricket.

After retirement, he ran Abdul Qadir Cricket Academy near Gaddafi Stadium in Lahore.

#### Khadim Baloch (died 9 September 2019)

Born in Karachi, he moved to the UK in 1965 to pursue a career in medicine. He possessed a vast knowledge on the development of cricket in the subcontinent and was a prolific writer. In addition, he assisted Pakistan's senior and junior players on their tours of England from 1987 to 2001.

#### Ashiq Qureshi (died 1 November 2019)

He was a former Pakistan Army athlete and a national U19 cricketer, who also played a vital role in the development of Lahore city cricket. He later served as Chief Executive Officer of the Pakistan Veterans Cricket Association.

#### Iqbal Sheikh (died 19 December 2019)

Played 21 first-class matches for eight different teams from 1958 to 1966, taking eight wickets on his first-class debut. He took a total of 87 wickets with his off-spin at an average of just 21.16 and was once invited for trials for a tour of India. He later rose to the position of Executive Vice President of National Bank of Pakistan.

#### Mohammad Munaf (died 28 January 2020)

His slingy, round-arm action enabled him to generate great pace, and he represented Pakistan in four Test matches between 1959 and 1962, taking 11 wickets. He was unfortunate that his peak years coincided with the presence of Fazal Mahmood, Khan Mohammad and Mahmood Hussain in the national side.

#### Waqar Hasan (died 10 February 2020)

An attractive middle-order stroke-maker who scored 1071 runs in 21 Tests for Pakistan between 1952 and 1959. At the time of his death, he was the last surviving member of Pakistan's inaugural Test team, who took the field against India at Delhi in October 1952. After retirement, he had three spells as a national selector.

#### Taufiq Tirmizi (died 9 April 2020)

An all-rounder who played 12 first class matches for Karachi Whites during the 1976-77 season and for House Building Finance Corporation between the 1977-78 and 1980-81 seasons. He played regular senior and veterans' cricket and commented on cricket on TV talk shows.

#### Zafar Sarfraz (died 13 April 2020)

Played 15 first-class matches for Peshawar between 1988 and 1994, scoring 616 runs with four half-centuries. He later coached both the senior and Under-19 Peshawar teams in the mid-2000s. He was the brother of former international Akhtar Sarfraz.

#### Riaz Sheikh (died 2 June 2020)

A leg-spinning all-rounder, he played 43 first-class matches between 1987 and 2005, scoring 1803 runs and taking 116 wickets, predominantly for Karachi Blues and Public Works Department. He was a popular figure on Pakistan's domestic circuit and after retirement worked as a coach at the Moin Khan Academy.

#### Mohammad Irfan (died 20 June 2020)

A former member of the Pakistan Deaf team, he had a 12-match international career and was famously part of Pakistan's squad for the Deaf Asia Cup Cricket Tournament 2007.

#### Khalid Wazir (died 27 June 2020)

A hard-hitting batsman, he was selected to tour England in 1954 after just two first-class appearances. He played two Tests on that tour, but scored only 14 runs in three innings. His father Wazir Ali and uncle Nazir Ali both played Test cricket for India in the 1930s.

#### Haji Bashir (died 18 November 2020)

Haji Bashir, a former PCB head groundskeeper, died of a cardiac arrest in November 2020. Bashir joined the PCB as an assistant groundskeeper in 1959 and remained until 2018. In his 61-year-long career, Bashir played a vital role in curating and maintaining grounds and pitches across the country.

#### Col Rafi Nasim (died 7 Dec 2020)

A former board secretary, Col Rafi Nasim passed away after a protracted illness. He served the cricket board from 1978-88 in the capacity of a secretary and as a media relations officer.



## HIGHLIGHTS: JUNE 2019 - JUNE 2020

### June - July 2019

- Pakistan won five of their eight completed matches in the ICC CWC 2019 group stage but missed out on qualification for the semi-finals to New Zealand on net run rate.
- Victories came against England, South Africa, New Zealand, Afghanistan and Bangladesh, but the team lost to the West Indies, Australia and India with their match against Sri Lanka abandoned.
- Babar Azam scored 474 runs in the competition, breaking Javed Miandad's national record of 437 for the most runs in one edition of the tournament, which had stood since 1992.



- Shaheen Shah Afridi became the first teenager to take at least five wickets in an ICC CWC match when he returned figures of 6-35 against Bangladesh at Lord's.
- He also became the first bowler to take six wickets in an innings in any ODI played at Lord's and the best by a Pakistan bowler in ICC CWC history.
- Pakistan Cricket Board's chairman Ehsan Mani was appointed as the head of the ICC's influential Finance and Commercial Affairs committee.
- PCB General Counsel, Barrister Salman Naseer was included in the ICC's Safeguarding Panel and PCB Managing Director Wasim Khan and Pakistan cricketer Sana Mir were named in the ICC Women's Committee as a full member and current player representatives, respectively.
- A high-powered delegation of the PCB – which included the Managing Director and Chief Operating Officer Subhan Ahmed – travelled to Quetta to explore commercialisation opportunities.

### August 2019

- On the recommendation of the PCB Cricket Committee, the PCB decided not to extend the contracts of head coach Mickey Arthur, bowling coach Azhar Mahmood, batting coach Grant Flower and trainer Grant Luden.
- A new PCB constitution was adopted which superseded the previous constitution which dated from 2014.
- Central Contracts for the 2019-20 season were offered to 19 women cricketers – down from 33 in the previous season.

### September 2019

- Misbah-ul-Haq was appointed Pakistan men's national team head coach and chief selector in all three formats on a three-year contract.
- The head coaches of the six cricket associations' first XI sides were also confirmed as selection committee members. Namely: Abdul Rehman (Southern Punjab), Arshad Khan (Baluchistan), Azam Khan (Sindh), Ijaz Ahmed Junior (Central Punjab), Kabir Khan (Khyber Pakhtunkhwa) and Mohammad Wasim (Northern).
- Former Test batsman Ijaz Ahmed was appointed as the head coach of the Pakistan U19 cricket team on a three-year contract.
- Nadeem Khan was appointed as Coordinator - National Selection Committee.
- Waqar Younis was appointed as bowling coach of the Pakistan men's national side on a three-year contract.
- Pakistan won the three-ODI series against Sri Lanka 2-0. This was Pakistan's first ODI series in Karachi in 10 years.
- The revamped four-day first-class Quaid-e-Azam Trophy started with six newly formed cricket association side taking part. Some of the new innovations included no toss and the use of Kookaburra balls, while ten matches were streamed live on the PCB's Youtube Channel



- The Bugti Stadium in Quetta hosted its first first-class matches for eleven years.
- Pakistan's U19 team featured in the ACC U19 Cricket Tournament in Colombo. Their only victory came against Kuwait as they finished in third place in Group A.
- In the final of The National Triangular One-Day Women's Cricket Championship, PCB Blasters beat PCB Challengers by six runs.

### October 2019

- Sri Lanka won the T20I series with Pakistan 3-0 in Lahore. However, in the first match, Mohammad Hasnain became the youngest bowler, and second for Pakistan, to take a hat-trick in that format.
- The Gaddafi Stadium turned pink for the third T20I after the PCB joined hands with Pink Ribbon to create awareness about breast cancer.
- Pakistan Women won their WT20I series with Bangladesh 3-0 in Lahore with Bismah Maroof making an unbeaten 70 in the second match.
- The PCB hosted senior management teams from the International Cricket Council, Cricket Australia, England and Wales Cricket Board and Cricket Ireland in Islamabad and Lahore.



- The Duke and Duchess of Cambridge visited the state-of-the-art National Cricket Academy in Lahore, a finishing school for future stars of Pakistan cricket.
- Northern completed the double when they won the first and second XI National T20 Cups. In the finals, Northern's first XI defeated Balochistan, while Northern's second XI beat Southern Punjab.
- Nida Dar became the first Pakistan woman cricketer to feature in a foreign T20 tournament when she took the field for Sydney Thunder in the Women's Big Bash League in Australia.

### November 2019

- Pakistan women won the first ODI against Bangladesh by 29 runs but the visitors bounced back in the second to win by one-wicket and draw the series 1-1 at the Gaddafi Stadium.



- Pakistan lost both their completed T20Is on their tour of Australia. The first match in Sydney was a no-result, which was followed by defeats in Canberra and Perth.
- Despite a brilliant 104 by Babar Azam, Australia won the first Test against Pakistan in Brisbane by an innings and five runs.
- Southern Punjab won the Quaid-e-Azam Second XI Trophy based on their first innings lead in the final against Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, played at SBP Complex, Karachi.
- Ahead of ICC U19 Women's T20 World Cup 2021, the PCB held U18 trials in which over 900 girls participated, following which a four-team T20 series was held and won by Western Warriors.
- Pakistan won the Asian Cricket Council Emerging Cup 2019 held in Bangladesh, defeating the hosts by 77 runs in the final at Mirpur.
- Bangladesh U16 toured Pakistan for three 50-overs and two three-day matches. Pakistan won the three-day series 1-0 and the 50-over series 2-0.
- Sindh beat Northern by seven wickets in the final to win the National U19 three-day tournament. Sindh then won the National U19 one-day tournament beating Balochistan by 123 runs in the final.



## HIGHLIGHTS: JUNE 2019 - JUNE 2020 CONTINUED

### December 2019

- Pakistan lost the second Test against Australia by an innings with David Warner's unbeaten 335 for Australia the highlight. Yasir Shah scored his maiden Test century in Pakistan's first innings.
- Test cricket returned to Pakistan for the first time since 2009 as Sri Lanka toured. The first Test at Rawalpindi was drawn with Abid Ali becoming the first player to score a century on both Test and ODI debut.
- A special presentation was made to Javed Miandad and Bandula Warnapura on the first day as they had captained their respective sides in the first-ever Test between the two countries at the National Stadium in March 1982.
- Pakistan won the second Test at Karachi by 263 runs. Their top four all scored centuries in the second innings, and Naseem Shah became the youngest fast bowler to take a five-wicket haul in Test cricket.
- Overall, about 75,000 spectators turned up at the National Stadium over the four days to watch the action.
- Aleem Dar umpired his world record 129th Test when he stood in the first Test between Australia and New Zealand at Perth.
- England Women and Pakistan Women contested a series in Malaysia in the ICC Women's Championship. England won the ODI series 2-0 with the final match a no result.
- In the WT20I series which followed, England won 3-0, batting first each time. Bismah Maroof scored 60 in the first match, and Javeria Khan 57 not out in the third match.
- Central Punjab won the four-day first-class Quaid-e-Azam Trophy, defeating Northern by an innings and 16 runs in the final at the National Stadium. The match was televised on Ten Sports and PTV Sports.
- The HBL PSL Player Draft 2020 took place at the National Cricket Academy in Lahore. 36 overseas stars were equally picked by the six franchisees.
- Mushtaq Ahmed was confirmed as spin bowling consultant and will work 120 days in a year at the National Cricket Academy with the U16, U19 and other domestic bowlers.

### January 2020

- Pakistan defeated Bangladesh 2-0 in their 3-match T20I series in Lahore, with the final match abandoned. Both matches were won batting second, with Shoaib Malik making 58 not out in the first and Mohammad Hafeez 67 not out in the second.



- Khyber Pakhtunkhwa won the National U13 Catch em Young Championship held in Faisalabad, defeating Southern Punjab in the final.
- Bismah Maroof captained PCB Challengers to victory in the National Triangular T20 Women's Cricket Championship in Karachi, defeating PCB Blasters in the final.

### February 2020

- Pakistan finished in third place in the ICC Under-19 Cricket World Cup. They beat Scotland and Zimbabwe to finish second in Group C and progress to the Super League.
- After beating Afghanistan by six wickets in the Super League quarter-finals, they lost to India by ten wickets in the semi-finals.
- Their third-place playoff with New Zealand was abandoned due to rain, and so Pakistan took third place by virtue of having scored more points than New Zealand in the Group stage.
- Pakistan defeated Bangladesh by an innings and 44 runs in the Test Match at Rawalpindi, with Babar Azam scoring 143 and Naseem Shah becoming the youngest player to take a Test hat-trick.
- PCB's Board of Governors met in Peshawar for the first time, and approved the Audited Financial Statements for the period 2018-2019, which highlighted a significant rise in revenue of about Rs 6billion.
- The PCB Cricket Committee met in Karachi and the meeting was also attended by Misbah-ul-Haq and Haroon Rashid – Director of Cricket Operations.
- MCC toured Pakistan for the first time in 48 years and played three 20-over and one 50-over matches under the captaincy of MCC President Kumar Sangakkara.

### March 2020

- Pakistan Women competed in the seventh ICC Women's T20 World Cup in Australia. They finished in fourth place in Group B and failed to qualify for the semi-finals.
- They defeated the West Indies in their first game, before losing to England and South Africa and having a no-result against Thailand.
- The third-leg of Bangladesh's tour to Pakistan comprising a one-off ODI and the second Test in Karachi was postponed due to the Coronavirus pandemic.
- Pakistan's centrally-contracted players pledged Rs 5 million to the national government's emergency fund to combat the pandemic.
- Due to the pandemic, the HBL PSL 2020 format was revised but on the morning of the semi-finals, the event was postponed after a player, who had left Pakistan a few days ago, showed symptoms of COVID-19.
- When the HBL PSL 2020 was postponed on 17 March, Multan Sultans, Karachi Kings, Lahore Qalanders and Peshawar Zalmi had qualified for the semi-finals.
- After a request from the Sindh Government, the PCB agreed to convert its Hanif Mohammad High Performance Centre inside the National Stadium as a temporary living area for paramedic staff working at the makeshift hospital at Expo Centre, Karachi.

### April 2020

- Pakistan's tour of the Netherlands was postponed indefinitely.
- The ICC split the points for Pakistan women's unplayed ODI series with India, which resulted in India women's qualifying for ICC Women's World Cup 2021.
- Umar Akmal was banned from all cricket for three years after two breaches of Article 2.4.4 of the PCB anti-corruption code.



- Sana Mir announced her retirement after a 15-year international career, in which she played 226 international matches, of which she was captain in 137.

### May 2020

- Pakistan postponed their proposed July tour of Ireland.
- The PCB stated they were optimistic their summer tour of England can go ahead.



- Grant Bradburn was appointed as head of high-performance coaching at the High Performance Centre, while Saqlain Mushtaq was appointed head of international player development.
- Babar Azam was appointed national captain in ODI cricket.
- Central Contracts for the 2020-21 season were offered to 21 men cricketers (three emerging) with Azhar Ali, Babar Azam and Shaheen Afridi the three players in Category A.

### June 2020

- The PCB announced an ambitious five-year strategy for the game, which had been approved by the Board of Governors.
- The PCB announced an enhanced Women's central contract list for 2020/21 with Bismah Maroof retained as captain.
- Younus Khan was appointed as Pakistan's batting coach on their forthcoming tour of England.
- 192 players were offered annual contracts for Pakistan domestic cricket from August 2020.
- A 29-man squad was announced for the Test and T20I tour of England, with Haider Ali the new face and Haris Sohail announcing he was unavailable.
- Six of the ten members of the touring party who originally tested positive for Covid-19 - Mohammad Hafeez, Wahab Riaz, Fakhar Zaman, Shadab Khan, Mohammad Rizwan and Mohammad Hasnain - returned two negative results when tested again and were cleared to travel and join the original party in Worcester.
- PCB's Board of Governors approved a PKR7.76billion operating expenditure budget for the 2020-21 fiscal year, a reduction of ten percent on the 2019-20 year.



## HIGHLIGHTS: JULY - NOVEMBER 2020

The Pakistan Cricket Board successfully delivered a series of events in the second half of the 2020-21 season under PCB Covid-19 Protocols, making it the only Test playing country in the world to launch a full-fledged cricket season.

Of the scheduled 225-odd domestic fixtures, the PCB had delivered nearly 60 per cent matches until 23 November, which is a massive achievement considering that other cricket playing countries have only announced an truncated season, while a number of international commitments had been postponed.

The 2020-21 season commenced in September with the National T20 Cup, followed by Zimbabwe's tour to Pakistan, Quaid-e-Azam Trophy, National U19 One-Day and Three-Day Tournaments and the High Performance training camp for women cricketers.

Prior to these competitions, Pakistan toured England for three Tests and three T20Is.

While full reports of these series will be produced in the PCB Annual Report 2020-21, the following provides brief highlights from the six cricket activities.

### Pakistan to England: 28 May - 3 September

A 42-member squad, including 29 players and 13 officials for the Tests and T20Is, visited England from 28 June to 3 September. After observing a two-week quarantine period in Worcestershire, the side moved to Derbyshire to continue with their pre-series training and intra-squad matches.

In the first Test at Old Trafford from 5 August, Pakistan twice squandered an opportunity to go 1-0 up in the series when England came back from behind each time to win by three wickets.

Pakistan had taken a commanding 107-run first innings lead through Shan Masood's 156 and Yasir Shah's four for 66, but failed to consolidate their advantage when they could manage only 169 runs in the second innings that set England a 277-run target.

Pakistan had their second chance to seal the match when they restricted England to 117 for five but Jos Butler (75) and Chris Woakes (84 not out) added 139 runs for the sixth wicket to take their side to an unlikely victory.

The second Test in Southampton was marred by bad weather as less than 135 overs were possible. Mohammad Rizwan (72) and Abid Ali (60) excelled in Pakistan's 236, while Mohammad Abbas bagged two for 28 as England finished at 110 for four.

In the third Test in Southampton, Pakistan escaped with a draw after being forced to follow-on. Azhar Ali struck form when he scored a 406-minute 141 not out as Pakistan was bowled out for 273 in reply to England's 583 for eight declared. When match ended, the tourists were 187 for four.

The Tests were followed by three T20Is and, like the Test series, should have been won by Pakistan.

The first match was abandoned after England were struggling at 131 for six in 16 overs, while in the second match, England scored 102 runs from the last 55 balls to reach 199 runs for the loss of five wickets. Pakistan leveled the series when they defended 190 runs to restrict England to 185 for eight after Mohammad Hafeez's 52-ball 86 not out and Wahab Riaz's two for 26, which was well backed by Shaheen Shah Afridi's two for 28.



### National T20 Cup: 30 September - 18 October

With one eye on the four ACC Asia Cups and the ICC Men's T20 World Cups in the next two years, the High Performance department staged the six-team Second XI National T20 Cup on a single-league basis in Lahore and the six-team First XI National T20 Cup on a double-league basis in Multan and Rawalpindi. The purpose of this event structure was two-fold: provide maximum opportunities to the players to show their talent; and, to allow the selectors to check on the available talent that can help them in their event preparations.

The incentive for the Second XI players was to perform and graduate to the first XI sides for the second-leg of the competitions. This opportunity was fully availed by Abdul Wahid Bangalzai, Akhtar Shah, Taj Wali (all Balochistan), Dilbar Hussain, Mohammad Imran, Zain Abbas (all Southern Punjab) and Muhammad Akhlaq (Central Punjab) who featured in the First XI matches in Rawalpindi.

In the Second XI competition, which commenced on 1 October, Central Punjab and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa reached the 8 October final after claiming the top two positions with eight and six points, respectively. South Punjab was third, followed by Sindh, Balochistan and Northern.

In the final, Northern batted first and scored 133 for eight, a target which was easily achieved by Central Punjab for the loss of three wickets with 11 balls to spare. Junaid Ali led Central Punjab's run-charge by returning unbeaten on 66.

In the First XI tournament, its first-leg matches were held in Multan from 30 September to 6 October and the second-leg matches in Rawalpindi from 9-18 October. In the semi-finals, fourth-placed Southern Punjab upset table-toppers Northern by seven wickets and second-placed Khyber Pakhtunkhwa defeated third-placed Sindh by eight wickets.

In the final, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa scored 206 for four with Fakhar Zaman contributing 67, Shoaib Malik 56 not out, Mohammad Hafeez 38 and Mohammad Rizwan 25. In turn, Southern Punjab managed to score 196 for eight with Hussain Talat (63), Muhammad Imran (38 not out) and Khushdil Shah (34) being the notable run-scorers. Shaheen Shah Afridi and Wahab Riaz took three wickets each conceding 36 apiece.

Shoaib Malik (Khyber Pakhtunkhwa) was adjudged player of the final, while other individual award winners were Fakhar Zaman (player of the tournament and best batsman, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa), Shaheen Shah Afridi (best bowler, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa) and Mohammad Rizwan (best wicketkeeper, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa). Khyber Pakhtunkhwa were also declared the best fielding side.

### Zimbabwe in Pakistan: 30 October - 10 November

Zimbabwe toured Pakistan for three ICC Men's World Cup Super League ODIs and three T20Is. These matches were played in Rawalpindi.

Pakistan won the first ODI by 26 runs and the second by six wickets, before the third was tied at 278 after Babar Azam, captaining the home side for the first time in ODIs, scored a majestic 125. In the Super Over, Zimbabwe won comfortably to grab 10 points as compared to Pakistan's 20 points.

Babar Azam with 221 runs was the leading run-scorer while Blessing Muzarabani was the most successful bowler with seven wickets. For Pakistan, Shaheen Shah Afridi, Iftikhar Ahmed and Mohammad Hasnain grabbed five-fers, while Wahab Riaz had a four-fer in the series opener.

In the T20I series, Pakistan clean swept Zimbabwe. Usman Qadir, who made his debut in the series took eight wickets from three matches, and was named the best player of the series.

### National U19 Cricket Tournaments: 13 October - 1 December

The National U19 One-Day Tournament was played in Lahore, Muridke and Sheikhupura from 13 October to 2 November, which provided a clear pathway to the budding youngsters to express themselves and get the attention of the selectors for future assignments.

Like the National T20 Cup, the National U19 One-Day Tournament was played on a double-league format, following which Sindh and Northern qualified for the final after finishing with 14 points apiece. Khyber Pakhtunkhwa ended up with 12 points, followed by Central Punjab (10), Southern Punjab (six) and Balochistan (four).

In the final, Sindh off-spinner Aaliyan Mehmood took four for 45, and Zeeshan Zameer, Talha Ahsan and Adeel Meo bagged two wickets apiece as Northern, chasing 243 for victory and being 151 for two at one stage, was dismissed for 189 in 44.3 overs.

Mohammad Shoaib Khan (71) and Abdul Faseeh (70), later declared best batsman of the tournament, were the key scorers for Northern.

Sindh's 242 for eight revolved around Ghazi Ghouri (62), Rizwan Mehmood (53) and Kashif Ali (38), while Faizan Saleem (two for 19) and Mubasir Khan (two for 47) shared wickets.

Aaliyan was declared player of the final, Mubasir Khan was named player of the tournament, Faisal Akram (Southern Punjab) was adjudged best bowler and Salman Khan (Khyber Pakhtunkhwa) was declared best wicketkeeper.

Sindh retained the National U19 three-day Tournament when they defeated Northern by 194 runs in the final at KRL in Rawalpindi from 28 November to 1 December. Sindh captain and player of the final, Saim Ayub, struck two centuries in the match (108 and 134) and Aaliyan Mehmood took six for 58 in the second innings to seal victory for Sindh, which had finished second Northern after the preliminary round matches.

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Other star performers in the batsmen-dominated final were Sindh's Ghazi Ghauri (100) and Northern's duo of Mohammad Shoaib Khan (109) and Abdul Faseeh (105).

Saim Ayub for his 454 runs in six matches with two centuries and a half-century was declared best batsman of the tournament, while Sindh's Adeel Meo (282 runs and took 19 wickets) and Northern's Mubasir Khan (234 runs and 26 wickets) were jointly-declared best players of the tournament.

Mubasir Khan and Central Punjab's Arham Nawab (26 wickets apiece) were adjudged best bowlers of the tournament, while Southern Punjab's Abdullah Butt was named best wicketkeeper of the tournament.

Quaid-e-Azam Trophy: 25 October - 23 November

The Quaid-e-Azam Trophy three-day and four-day first-class tournament commenced on 18 and 25 October, respectively.

After six rounds of the three-day tournament, Sindh was on top of the leaderboard with 36 points, including four wins and a loss. They are followed by Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (24), Southern Punjab (21), Balochistan and Central Punjab (16 apiece) and Northern (nine).

After 30 league matches, which will conclude on 12 December, the side on top of the table will win the championship.

In the four-day first-class Quaid-e-Azam Trophy, 12 off the 30 league matches had been completed until 23 November. Southern Punjab with 64 points was leading the pack, followed by Northern (61), Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Balochistan (56 apiece), Sindh (49) and Central Punjab (21). After 30 league matches, which will conclude on 29 December, the top-two sides will progress to the five-day final, which will be played at the National Stadium from 2-6 January.

After four rounds, Hussain Talat of Southern Punjab was on top of the batting charts with 441 but he's likely to be overtaken by Northern's second-placed Hammad Butt (410) and Sindh's Saud Shakeel (387) after being selected for the tour of New Zealand. Off-spinner Sajid Khan of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa was the leading wicket-taker with 32 wickets with Northern's Nauman Ali on 29 wickets. Zahid Mahmood of Southern Punjab was third on 25 wickets.

Women's High Performance Camp in Karachi: 8 - 31 October

Former Bermuda and Glamorgan captain David Hemp, who has previously coached the Melbourne Stars' and Victorian women's cricket teams in Australia's Women's Big Bash League and is a Level-IV qualified coach, was appointed as the head coach of the Pakistan women's cricket team on 1 October.

A veteran of 271 first-class matches arrived in Karachi on 22 October and joined the Women's High Performance Camp, which was running at the Hanif Mohammad High Performance Centre since 8 October.

During the camp, 27 elite women cricketers underwent rigour training and practice, besides playing a series of intra-squad matches under PCB Covid-19 Protocols.

The players who attended the camp were: Aiman Anwar, Aliya Riaz, Anam Amin, Ayesha Naseem, Ayesha Zafar, Bismah Maroof, Diana Baig, Fatima Sana Khan, Iram Javed, Javeria Khan, Javeria Rauf, Kainat Imtiaz, Kaynat Hafeez, Maham Tariq, Muneeba Ali, Nahida Khan, Najiha Alvi, Nashra Sandhu, Natalia Pervaiz, Nida Dar, Omaisma Sohail, Rameen Shamim, Saba Nazir, Sadia Iqbal, Sidra Amin, Sidra Nawaz and Syeda Aroob Shah.

HBL PSL 2020: 14 - 17 November

The remaining four matches of the HBL Pakistan Super League 2020 were held at the National Stadium on 14, 15 and 17 November. In a dream final, Karachi Kings defeated Lahore Qalandars by five wickets to win their maiden tournament.

The final, played in front of empty stadium, brought an end to the competition, which started on 20 February but was suspended on 17 March due to Covid-19 pandemic. This was the first HBL PSL that was played in Pakistan from start to finish.

Karachi Kings' Babar Azam for his 49-ball 63 not out was declared the player of the final, player of the HBL PSL 2020 for his three man-of-the-match awards and best batsman of HBL PSL 2020 for his 473 runs. Shaheen Shah Afridi of Lahore Qalandars was adjudged best bowler of the HBL PSL 2020 after he finished as the leading wicket-taker with 17 wickets.

National Triangular T20 Women's Cricket Championship: 22 November - 1 December

Muneeba Ali-led PCB Challengers defended the National Triangular T20 Women's Cricket Championship title with a seven-run victory over PCB Dynamites, who were captained by Rameen Shamim. The three-team tournament was played at the Pindi Cricket Stadium, Rawalpindi, under bio-secure conditions.

PCB Blasters, who were captained by Aliya Riaz, crashed out of the race for the final without a win in the group stage, as they lost three matches and their other fixture was washed out.

PCB Dynamites' Kainat Imtiaz was declared player of the series for her all-round contributions. The 28-year-old scored 111 runs, including a half-century, at an average 111 and took three wickets in four matches.

Pakistan to New Zealand: 23 November

A 54 member Pakistan and Pakistan Shaheens squad left for New Zealand on 23 November on a seven-week tour of New Zealand. During the tour, Pakistan will play three T20Is and two ICC World Test Championship fixtures, while Pakistan Shaheen will take on New Zealand in two four-day and five T20 matches.

This will be Babar Azam's debut tour as Pakistan's captain across all three formats. After being appointed white-ball captain last year, he was named Test captain on 10 October, replacing Azhar Ali.

Amongst the player support personnel included Pakistan's most successful Test scorer Younis Khan, who has been appointed as national men's batting coach until the ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2022.



2020 - 2021 Men's Central Contracts

- Category A**  
Azhar Ali (Central Punjab)  
Babar Azam (Central Punjab/Karachi Kings)  
Shaheen Shah Afridi (Khyber Pakhtunkhwa/Lahore Qalandars)

- Category B**  
Abid Ali (Central Punjab/Lahore Qalandars)  
Asad Shafiq (Sindh/Multan Sultans)  
Haris Sohail (Balochistan)  
Mohammad Abbas (Southern Punjab)  
Mohammad Rizwan (Khyber Pakhtunkhwa/Karachi Kings)  
Sarfaraz Ahmed (Sindh/Quetta Gladiators)  
Shadab Khan (Northern/Islamabad United)  
Shan Masood (Southern Punjab/Multan Sultans)  
Yasir Shah (Balochistan/Peshawar Zalmi).

- Category C**  
Fakhar Zaman (Khyber Pakhtunkhwa/Lahore Qalandars)  
Iftikhar Ahmed (Khyber Pakhtunkhwa/Karachi Kings)  
Imad Wasim (Northern/Karachi Kings)  
Imam-ul-Haq (Balochistan/Peshawar Zalmi)  
Naseem Shah (Central Punjab/Quetta Gladiators)  
Usman Shinwari (Khyber Pakhtunkhwa/Lahore Qalandars)

- Emerging Players' Category**  
Haider Ali (Northern/Peshawar Zalmi)  
Haris Rauf (Northern/Lahore Qalandars)  
Mohammad Hasnain (Sindh/Quetta Gladiators)

2020 - 2021 Women's Central Contracts

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| <b>Category A</b><br>Bismah Maroof<br>Javeria Khan                          | <b>Emerging Contract List</b><br>Ayesha Naseem<br>Fatima Sana<br>Kainat Hafeez<br>Muneeba Ali Siddiqui |
| <b>Category B</b><br>Aliya Riaz<br>Diana Baig<br>Sidra Nawaz                | Najiha Alvi<br>Rameen Shamim<br>Saba Nazir<br>Sadia Iqbal<br>Syeda Aroob Shah                          |
| <b>Category C</b><br>Anam Amin<br>Nahida Khan<br>Nida Dar<br>Omaisma Sohail |  |





## NEW CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS COME INTO EFFECT

The year 2019 will go down as a landmark year in the history of Pakistan cricket as the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) undertook steps necessary to bring the organisation's culture in line with best corporate governance practices whilst revamping domestic cricket from the grass-root level and above by way of constitutional reforms providing a nurturing environment for the development of cricket and simultaneously ensuring across the board accountability and transparency.

On 19 August 2019, the Federal Government of Pakistan through the Ministry of Inter-Provincial Coordination approved a new Constitution for the PCB vide SRO. 1045(I)/2019 which came into force immediately and was subsequently published in the official Gazette of Pakistan on 12 September 2019.

By virtue of being a member of the International Cricket Council (ICC), all National Cricket Federations such as PCB are required to not only put in place a democratic and transparent system of governance, but to also minimize the interference/involvement of the government in the functioning of the respective National Cricket Federations. Accordingly, although the PCB remains constituted pursuant to the Sports (Development and Control) Ordinance 1962, through the 2019 Constitution, PCB has been stated to be autonomous entity having the exclusive right over cricket affairs in Pakistan.

Previously, while serving as the head of the Board, the Chairman was also acting as the Chief Executive Officer responsible for the daily running of the PCB which resulted in a centralised system with minimal delegation of power. However, pursuant to the promulgation of the 2019 PCB Constitution, powers and functions have been redefined to reflect that the office of the Chairman is supervisory in nature and not a full-time executive paid position and the offices of the PCB Chairman and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) have now been separated. The Managing Director was re-designated as the CEO responsible for the effective day to day management of the PCB as well as for implementation and execution of functions determined or assigned to him by the Board of Governors (BOG) or the Chairman. The devolution of powers has also extirpated any element of conflict of interest which resultantly provides the organisation a more strategic and corporate framework. In the same spirit, powers of the Chairman have been modified to transfer administrative and operational and management to the Chief Executive and Chief Operating Officer respectively. However, where required, the BOG has the power to delegate any of its functions to the Chairman.

The 2019 Constitution also introduced a new system for domestic cricket in the country wherein the sixteen (16) regional cricket associations previously existing were replaced with six (06) Cricket Associations and consequently, the number of First-Class teams was reduced from 16 to 6 – one representing each of the six Cricket Associations namely:

- **Balochistan Cricket Association**
- **Central Punjab Cricket Association**
- **Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Cricket Association**
- **Northern Cricket Association**
- **Sindh Cricket Association**
- **Southern Punjab Cricket Association**

The new Cricket Associations absorbed the now defunct 16 regions, and the structure is now as shown right.



**Balochistan Cricket Association**  
Dera Murad Jamali • Quetta



**Central Punjab Cricket Association**  
Faisalabad • Sialkot • Lahore



**Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Cricket Association**  
Peshawa • FATA • Abbottabad



**Northern Cricket Association**  
Islamabad • Rawalpindi • Azad-Jammu Kashmir



**Sindh Cricket Association**  
Karachi • Hyderabad • Larkana



**Southern Punjab Cricket Association**  
Multan • Bahawalpur

These landscape changes in domestic cricket provided a richly rewarding season full of exciting and quality cricket and the reduction in the number of teams brought together the cream of domestic and international cricketers in the midst of six sides who battled hard for glory in the process narrowing the gap between domestic and international cricket.

The six Cricket Associations sit at the top of 90 City Cricket Associations who are responsible for organising club and school cricket in their respective jurisdictions and subsequently forming their city cricket teams. The three-layered structure provides a proper pathway to graduate to the national sides.

In order to ensure conformity with good governance and transparency principles, certain requirements have also been imposed in respect of PCB's constituent members in that all Cricket Associations shall be constituted as registered societies under the Societies Act and adopt the model constitution provided by PCB. Similarly, each City Cricket Association shall be incorporated as a juristic legal entity recognized under the laws of Pakistan and ensure compliance with the code of corporate governance notified by the BOG.

In view of the above, the PCB BOG and General Body compositions are also altered under the new structure and powers and functions of the BOG have also been modified in terms of the division of functions whilst attempting to meet the requirements of good governance.

As such, representation on the BOG now comprises:

- **Three members being Presidents of the Cricket Associations (on rotation basis as per applicable regulations to be shared in due course)**
- **Two members nominated by the Patron**
- **Four independent members, including at least one female member (from amongst recommendations of the PCB Nomination Committee)**
- **Federal Secretary of the Ministry of IPC as an ex-officio (non-voting) member**
- **Chief Executive of the PCB**

However, as per the clause 49(1), the existing BOG shall continue for a period until, at least, four members of the BOG are notified from amongst a pool of seven members (three Cricket Associations and four independent members).

Similarly, once all members are inducted on to the BOG, the following shall be the composition of the General Body:

- **PCB Chairman**
- **President of each Cricket Association**
- **President of the Blind Cricket Council**
- **President of Deaf and Dumb Cricket Association**
- **Chief Executive Officer and Chief Operating Officer are the ex-officio members**

## PCB BOARD OF GOVERNORS INDEPENDENT MEMBERS



**Alia Zafar**

Alia has Master of Arts and MBA degrees, and is a Human Resource specialist. Her experience includes HR Group Head at Bank of Punjab, HR Country Head at Askari Bank, HR Lead Expert with Crown Agents

America, UNDP and USAID in a variety of corporate sectors, including Agha Khan Foundation in four continents.



**Arif Saeed**

An Oxford University graduate with early education at Lahore's Aitchison College where he is now a member of the Board of Governors. He is presently Chairman of Service Industries after

having previously attained top positions with APTMA, Lahore Stock Exchange, TEVTA and Institute of Development and Economic Alternative (IDEAS). He was a rugby player and is now a co-founder and President of Pakistan Rugby Union.



**Aasim Wajid Jawad**

Aasim is a graduate from the London School of Economics with early education at the University of Michigan. He is also a Fellow Chartered Accountant of Institute of Chartered

Accountants in England and Wales. Presently, he is Group Head of Strategy and Transformation at Bank Alfalah. He has previously worked with Ernst & Young Global Limited and Deloitte in London.



**Javed Kureishi**

A cricketer-turned-banker who has played first-class cricket and also captained Pakistan U19 on the tours to Sri Lanka and India in late the 70s. He is a graduate from the University of Sussex.

During his 34-year association with Citibank, he has held senior positions in Asia Pacific, Czech Republic, Egypt, Africa, Middle East and Pakistan. He is presently a member of Karachi Stock Exchange.



# MEN'S INTERNATIONAL CRICKET



Pakistan won five out of their nine completed matches in the World Cup. They failed to qualify for semi-finals due to a lower NRR.

## ICC MEN'S CRICKET WORLD CUP 2019

**Pakistan national men's team had an exciting ICC Men's Cricket World Cup 2019 in which they missed out a semi-final berth only due to a low net run rate.**

The team, under the leadership of Sarfraz Ahmed, won five of their eight completed matches on the back of some excellent individual and collective performances.

Pakistan's journey in the much-anticipated event, held in England, began on the second day of the tournament when they took on the West Indies in Nottingham. Pakistan lost the low-scoring contest by seven wickets but bounced back with a 14-run win over eventual champions England at the same venue.

The national side recorded 348 for eight after batting first as Mohammad Hafeez, Babar Azam and captain Sarfraz scored half-centuries. Eoin Morgan-led England were restricted to 334 for nine on the back of a consolidated bowling performance, which saw Wahab Riaz take three wickets, while Shadab Khan and Mohammad Amir picked up two scalps each.

Pakistan's third match of the tournament, against Sri Lanka, in Bristol was washed out and they were up against Australia, the defending champions, in Taunton. Pakistan fell 41 runs short of Australia's 307 and problems compounded for them as they faced their second consecutive defeat against India by a margin of 89 runs (DLS method).

But, the green shirts lightened up the tournament with arguably one of the most scintillating comebacks of the tournament when they entered the historic Lord's to face South Africa.

Batting first, Pakistan, on the back of half-centuries by Babar Azam and Haris Sohail and 44 each by openers Imam-ul-Haq and Fakhar Zaman, set a 309-run target. The Pakistan bowlers never allowed the opposition to settle in their chase. South Africa were 259 for nine at the end of the allotted overs as Wahab Riaz and Shadab Khan took three wickets each and Mohammad Amir took two.

In their seventh match of the tournament, which was against the eventual finalists New Zealand, in Birmingham, Pakistan thumped their authority with a commanding six-wicket win as Shaheen Shah Afridi left his mark with three for 28 in 10 overs to restrict the opposition to 237 for six.

Babar Azam anchored the run-chase with a splendid 101 not out and became the first Pakistan middle-order batsman since the 1987 edition to register a century and helped Pakistan roll over the target with five balls spare in tough batting condition. Haris Sohail scored his second consecutive half-century.

Their next match against neighbours Afghanistan went down the wire as Pakistan sealed the three-wicket win on the fourth ball of the last over in what was another low-scoring thriller.

Teenage sensation Shaheen Shah Afridi continued his impressive form with the ball and took four wickets as Afghanistan were limited to 227 for nine in 50 overs.

But, as it turned out, the star of the match was all-rounder Imad Wasim who after taking two wickets rescued Pakistan after a brief middle-order collapse and took them over the line with a fighting 49 not out.

In their last group-match of the tournament, which was also their last World Cup outing, Pakistan secured a commanding 94-run win over Bangladesh at Lord's.

Imam-ul-Haq and Shaheen Shah Afridi engraved themselves on the prestigious Lord's honours boards as the left-handed opener scored a century and the teenager became the youngest bowler to register a five-wicket haul in the history of the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup.

Batting first, Pakistan scored 315 for nine on the back of Imam's brilliant 100 and Babar Azam's solid 96.

Bangladesh, from the onset of the run-chase, were never in the game as Shaheen picked wickets on regular intervals and returned six for 35 in 9.1 overs.

Shaheen, especially, had an extraordinary tournament. He finished at ninth on the list of the highest wicket-taker in the tournament with 16 wickets from just five matches. His average of 14.62 and strike-rate of 17.6 were better than of the bowlers above him in that list.



With 474 runs in eight innings, Babar broke Javed Miandad's long-standing record of most runs for Pakistan in a World Cup

Shaheen took six for 35 at the iconic Lord's to become the youngest bowler to take a five-wicket haul in World Cup history



## ICC WORLD TEST CHAMPIONSHIP

**The 2019-20 season will be remembered for the complete return of international cricket in Pakistan. Over the course of the home season, the national senior men's team hosted Sri Lanka and Bangladesh for World Test Championship fixtures.**

The World Test Championship commenced with the 2019 Ashes series on 1 August and the nine-team series runs for two years. The final of the inaugural edition will be played at Lord's in June 2021.

Pakistan, by the end of their home season, were fifth in the nine-team World Test Championship. Amongst the top five teams, Pakistan (140 points) were the only team to have played the least number of matches (five) and trailed fourth-ranked England by just six points.

Pakistan's journey in the inaugural World Test Championship began with an away series against Australia. Since, they have played five matches, winning and losing two each, while one has ended in a draw.

In their first outing in the World Test Championship, Pakistan could not change the course of history and returned with a 2-0 defeat from Australia. There were, however, numerous positives from the two-match series, which began in late November and stretched into early December.

Young pacers Naseem Shah and Mohammad Musa Khan made their Test debuts and Mohammad Rizwan's 95 in the first Test at Brisbane was the highest for any Pakistan wicketkeeper on Australian shores.

The Australia tour sparked Babar Azam's prolific run in Test cricket as the star batsman scored his first century in Australia during the first Test at Gabba, Brisbane. He followed it up with a 97 in the next Test and went on to hit three consecutive centuries from there.

In December 2019, Pakistan hosted Sri Lanka for a two-match series, which marked the return of the pinnacle format of cricket to the country after almost 11 years.

The first match, played in Rawalpindi, ended in a draw as rain played spoilsport and only 167 overs were bowled across five days.

On the last day of the historic Test, Abid Ali, in front of a rousing crowd at the Pindi Cricket Stadium, became the only batsman in men's cricket to score a century on both his One-Day International and Test debuts.

The right-handed opener scored a classy 109 not out. From the other end, Babar treated fans with delightful strokes as he scored 102 not out.

Pakistan outclassed Sri Lanka in the second Test in Karachi with a 263-run win. After getting all-out for 191, Pakistan restricted the visitors to 271 all-out as teenage sensation Shaheen Shah Afridi registered his first five-wicket haul and Mohammad Abbas took four wickets.

Pakistan's top four – Shan Masood (135), Abid Ali (174), Azhar Ali (118) and Babar Azam (100 not out) – scored centuries as Pakistan put a mammoth 555 for three (declared) in their second innings.

For his incredible start to the Test career, which saw him score back to back centuries, Abid was declared man of the series.

The 16-year-old Naseem Shah truly announced his arrival in Test cricket. The right-arm pacer bowled incisive lengths to return his maiden five-wicket haul as the tourists were bowled out for 212 in their second innings despite Oshada Fernando's century and a defiant 65 by Niroshan Dickwella.

Pakistan's next assignment in the World Test Championship was a home series against Bangladesh. The two-match Test series was broken down into two legs, the last of which had to be postponed due to the outbreak of COVID-19.

Pakistan secured a commanding win over Bangladesh, by a margin of an innings and 44 runs, in the first World Test Championship fixture at the Pindi Cricket Stadium in Rawalpindi.

Shaheen starred with the ball in the first innings of the match as the visitors were skittled out for 233.

Shan and Babar continued their sublime form with the bat and scored centuries while Asad Shafiq and Haris Sohail scored half-centuries as Pakistan posted 445 all-out.

Naseem and Yasir Shah paired to roll out Bangladesh for 168 as the right-arm pacer and leg-spin bowler picked up four wickets each.



## LIMITED OVERS CRICKET

**The national men's team had mixed fortunes in international limited-overs cricket during the 2019-20 season. They featured in three ODIs - in a home series against Sri Lanka - and eight T20Is.**

Pakistan beat Sri Lanka 2-0 in the three-match series, which was played at Karachi's National Stadium from 27 September-2 October. This was part of Sri Lanka's white-ball tour of Pakistan as the two teams met in Lahore for three T20Is following the completion of the one-day leg.

The first ODI between the two teams was washed out due to heavy showers. Pakistan secured comprehensive wins in the next two matches as they defeated the tourists by 67 runs and five wickets.

Babar Azam's stratospheric progression in the format continued as the star batsman, who is ranked third in the ICC rankings for ODI batsmen, was named player-of-the-series. He scored 115 off 105 in the second match as Pakistan set 305 for seven while batting first. The 25-year-old finished the series with an average of 73 and had a strike rate of over 111.

Left-arm pacer Usman Shinwari, with six wickets, was the highest wicket-taker in the series. He started off with a five-fer in the second match that saw the tourists get bowled out for 238 on the penultimate ball of the 47th over.

Pakistan chased down the 298-run target in the third and final one-dayer with 10 balls spare on the back of a consolidated batting effort. Openers Fakhar Zaman and Abid Ali put a solid 123-run opening stand as both scored half-centuries. Haris Sohail, batting at fifth, also scored a half-century. Earlier, Sri Lanka had managed 297 for nine in 50 overs at the back of Danushka Gunathilaka's 134-ball 133.

The two teams then moved to Lahore for a three-match T20I series, which was won by Sri Lanka 3-0 under the captaincy of Dasun Shanaka. The visitors beat Pakistan by 64, 35 and 13 runs in the matches played at Gaddafi Stadium on 5, 7 and 9 October.

Sri Lanka's Wanindu Hasarnaga, the leg-break bowler, orchestrated the sweeping win for his side with his remarkable bowling performances across the three matches. The 22-year-old was declared player-of-the-series as he took eight wickets at 9.87 in 12 overs.

In November 2019, Pakistan toured Australia where they took on the hosts in a three-match T20I series under newly appointed captain, Babar Azam. In a bid to expand their player pool ahead of the all-important T20 World Cup, Pakistan

provided opportunities to up and coming T20 cricketers as Khushdil Shah and Mohammad Musa Khan made their international debuts in the series.

Australia secured the series 2-0 after the opener, in which Babar scored an unbeaten 38-ball 59, was washed out.

Babar followed up his half-century in the first match with another solid knock as the right-hander scored 50 off 38 balls and Iftikhar Ahmed smashed an 62 not out from 34 balls to take Pakistan to 150 for six.

Australia, on the back of Steve Smith's unbeaten 51-ball 80, chased down the target with seven wickets and nine balls spare.

The hosts secured a 10-wicket win in the third and final T20I as the pair of David Warner and Aaron Finch, the Australia captain, chased down 107 -target in 11.5 overs.

Steve Smith was named player-of-the-series.

Pakistan, however, made a profound comeback when Bangladesh arrived for the first of the three-leg tour in Lahore in January 2020.

Pakistan defeated the visitors 2-0 in the three-match T20I series, of which the last match was washed-out, which was played at Lahore's Gaddafi Stadium from 24-27 January. In the first match, Pakistan beat Bangladesh by five wickets as they chased down the 142-run target in 19.3 overs as Shoaib Malik – the man-of-the-match – scored 58 off 45 balls. He was duly supported by debutant Ahsan Ali, who made 36 off 32 balls.

Babar Azam and Mohammad Hafeez starred in the second match with 66 not out and 67 not out, respectively, as Pakistan strolled to a comfortable nine-wicket win. The hosts chased down Bangladesh's 136 for six in just 16.4 overs.

Hafeez was named man-of-the-match for his match-winning knock in the second T20I, while Babar bagged another man-of-the-series award.

Pakistan explored their bowling stocks in this series by handing international debut to rising T20 fast bowler, Haris Rauf. The right-arm quick picked up wicket each in two matches.



Pakistan defeated Bangladesh in the T20I series



A cleansweep over Sri Lanka in an ODI series



Haris Rauf being congratulated by teammates



# WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL CRICKET



## ICC WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP 2017 - 2020

**The Pakistan women's national cricket team reached new heights and made history over the course of their journey in the ICC Women's Championship.**

Pakistan finished at number five in the standings - missing out on direct qualification for the 2021 ICC Women's Cricket World Cup by four points following the ICC's decision to split the points of the India-Pakistan series. Their journey in this edition, however, was a marked improvement from their run in the last and inaugural edition in which they finished second last, at number seven.

Their successes were led by off-spinner Sana Mir who was the highest wicket-taker in the tournament with 35 scalps at a staggering average of 13.74 to her name. It was her seven wickets in three matches against Australia women in Kuala Lumpur which shuttled her to the number one spot in the ICC rankings, making her the first woman player from the country to achieve the feat.

The weight of Pakistan's batting was carried by Javeria Khan, Nahida Khan and captain Bismah Maroof. Javeria, right-handed top-order batter, was the highest run-getter from her side with 552 runs in 18 innings, including a century in Sri Lanka and two half-centuries.

Nahida, right-handed top-order batter, made 521 runs in 18 innings, while Bismah made 447 runs in 14 innings. Both scored three half-centuries each.

Pakistan won seven of their 21 matches with four of them ending in no-result which included an unplayed three-match series against India women for which the series points were split between the two teams. The girls in green finished with 19 points.

Pakistan's campaign in the eight-team tournament began on 31 October 2017 as they hosted New Zealand women at Sharjah for a three-ODI series.

Though, the team lost 2-1, but they made history in the third and final ODI by securing their maiden win over New Zealand in the format with a five-wicket win.

This historic win followed a whitewash against Sri Lanka women in Dambulla, Sri Lanka. Javeria became the only Pakistan batter to record her second ODI century with a 142-ball 113 not out in the first contest. Her maiden century had also come against the same opposition. On the bowling front, Sana was exceptional as she took 10 wickets at an average of 8.80.

Their next assignment was against Australia women, who they hosted in Kuala Lumpur. The tourists secured a comfortable 3-0 win but Sana's three for 26, one for 37 and three for 53 saw her surge to number one spot.

Pakistan brushed aside the defeat against the West Indies women with a sensational series in the UAE. Down and out after the first match, Pakistan came from behind to secure a 2-1 series

win. This was also Pakistan's first series win against the West Indies but what furthered sweetened it was the fact that it had come at the back of youngsters' performances. Sidra Amin, right-handed top-order batter, struck two half-centuries while averaging almost 90 in the series and right-arm medium pacer Diana Baig took seven wickets at 10.85 runs apiece in two matches.

Following their outstanding win, Pakistan travelled to South Africa. The Bismah Maroof-led

unit continued to impress with their performances and opened the three-ODI series with an eight-wicket win after bowling out the hosts for 63 – the lowest total in the tournament. South Africa women bounced back to level the series. Pakistan, chasing 266, pulled off a nail-biting tie as they scored 265 for nine as the series ended with 1-1 score line.

In what turned out to be the team's final appearance in the ICC Women's Championship, Pakistan hosted England Women in Kuala Lumpur. They were beaten 2-0 by the 50-over world champions as the last match ended in no-result due to rain.





## PAKISTAN WOMEN V BANGLADESH WOMEN: 2019 - 2020

Bangladesh women toured Pakistan for a three-match T20I and two-match ODI series in October-November 2019. All five matches were played at the Gaddafi Stadium in Lahore, the first time that the historic venue hosted a women's international series.

**Pakistan made light work of the tourists by sweeping the T20I series 3-0, the ODI series was closely fought with Bangladesh securing a nail-biting one wicket win in the second match to tie the series 1-1.**

### T20I series

In the first T20I played on 26 October, Pakistan batted first and scored 126 for seven in their 20 overs. Captain Bismah Maroof who was the player of the series the last time the two sides met in a white-ball series in Pakistan (2015) top-scored with a 29-ball 34. The left-hander was ably supported by Umaima Sohail who made 33 runs. Iram Javed scored a quick fire 21 off 17 balls; Jahanara Alam took four wickets for 17 runs for Bangladesh.

Bangladesh were restricted to 112 for seven in reply as Pakistan secured a 14-run win. Rumana Ahmed (50 off 30 balls, six fours and two sixes) was the only one to offer sustained resistance to Pakistan bowlers. Anam Amin took two wickets for 13 runs, Bismah was named player of the match.

Pakistan took an unassailable 2-0 lead in the series with a 15-run win in the high scoring second T20I played on 28 October. Batting first, Pakistan posted a formidable total of 167 for three with Bismah hammering an unbeaten 70 off 50 balls with the help of nine fours and one six. Star opener Javeria Khan made 52 off 44 balls, Bismah and Javeria added 95 runs for the second wicket. Jahanara continued her fine bowling form by taking two wickets for 27 runs in four overs.

Bangladesh fought hard but were restricted to 157 for seven, Sanjida Islam top-scored with 45 off 32 balls, her innings included eight fours. Fargana Hoque scored 30 off 19 balls. Sadia Iqbal took three wickets for 19 runs. Bismah was adjudged player of the match for the second successive time.

Pakistan completed the 3-0 clean sweep by recording a 28-run win in the third and final match played on 30 October. Javeria Khan top-scored with a 48-ball 54 in Pakistan's 117 for seven total, Umaima scored 31 off 29 balls. Jahanara took three wickets to take her series tally to nine, Rumana took two wickets.

Bangladesh were restricted to 89 for eight in reply, Nigar Sultana contributed 30 while Fargana scored 27 runs. Anam and Saba Nazir took two wickets each.

Bismah was named player of the series from Pakistan while Jahanara won the same award from Bangladesh.

### ODI series

Pakistan won the first ODI by a convincing 29-run margin on 2 November. Opener Nahida Khan's 68 (97 balls, seven fours) was the innings, the total was built on. Bismah scored 39 runs off 43 balls with the help of five fours. Aliya Riaz scored an unbeaten 37 off 33 balls (three fours, two sixes) to ensure Pakistan get past the 200-run mark. The hosts were bowled out for 215 in 48.5 overs.

In reply, Bangladesh were dismissed for 186 in 47.4 overs, Nigar scored 58 off 77 balls (four fours, one six) Rumana made 28 while Fargana contributed 27 runs. Sana Mir took three wickets while Nashra Sandhu, Sadia Iqbal and Diana Baig took two wickets each. Nahida was declared player of the match.

Bangladesh finally recorded a win on the tour which tied the ODI series 1-1. The second match of the ODI series was played on 4 November. Pakistan batted first as Nahida once again top-scored for the hosts (63 off 79 balls, eight fours), Aliya provided solid support with 36 off 68 balls while Bismah made 34 in Pakistan's 210 all out total in 48.4 overs.

Bangladesh went past the target with one ball to spare; Fargana laid the foundations of the chase with a 97-ball 67 batting at number four. Murshida Khatun scored 44 runs.

The last wicket pair of Jahanara and Nahida Akter

won the game for their side with a six-run partnership in eight balls after the middle and lower order had collapsed in front of a sizeable crowd that backed both teams till the end of the game.

Syeda Aroob Shah and Bismah took two wickets each. Fargana was declared player of the match. Nahida and Fargana won the player of the series award from Pakistan and Bangladesh respectively.



Pakistan Women began their ICC Women's T20 World Cup campaign with a win over West Indies



## ICC WOMEN'S T20 WORLD CUP 2020

**Australia staged the ICC Women's T20 World Cup 2020 which was played from 21 February to 8 March with ten teams competing for the trophy.**

Hosts Australia recorded a comprehensive win over India to secure the title in front of a record 86,000 plus crowd, most for a women's game at the iconic Melbourne Cricket Ground.

After an impressive start against West Indies, Pakistan failed to sustain the momentum as they lost crucial games to England and South Africa to bow out of contention at the group stage, Pakistan's last match against Thailand was abandoned due to rain at the halfway stage.

Bismah Maroof-led Pakistan were drawn in Group B along with England, South Africa, Thailand and the reigning champions West Indies.

Pakistan made a thoroughly impressive start to their campaign with a crushing eight wicket victory over the West Indies at Canberra's Manuka Oval.

A disciplined bowling effort helped Pakistan restrict West Indies to 124 for seven, pacers Diana Baig and Aimen Anwer and off-spinner Nida Dar took two wickets each.

Player-of-the-match Javeria Khan's quick fire 35 off 28 balls helped set the foundations of Pakistan's comfortable chase which was duly completed through an unbroken 50-run third wicket partnership between Bismah and Nida who scored 38 and 18 not out respectively.

Pakistan lost their second match to England by 42 runs at the same venue and were dealt a body blow as Bismah was ruled out for the remainder of the tournament after sustaining a thumb injury while batting.

Set 159 runs, Pakistan were restricted to 116 all out in 19.4 overs. All-rounder Aliya Riaz scored 41 off 33 balls (five fours and one six) helping her side get past the 100-run mark, she had also taken a wicket in England's innings to round-off an impressive all-round performance albeit in a losing cause.

Pakistan were in the hunt of a historic semi-final spot when they took on South Africa at Sydney Showground Stadium.

Batting first South Africa posted 136 for six with Diana taking two wickets; Pakistan fought hard with the bat but could not keep up with the mounting required run-rate in the death overs of their chase.

Aliya scored an unbeaten 39 while Javeria made 31 runs, however scant support from the rest of the batting line-up meant Pakistan ending their 20-overs quota at 119 for five, handing South Africa a 17-run win that confirmed their semi-final spot.

Pakistan's last group match against Thailand was abandoned midway due to heavy rain that lashed Sydney after Thailand had posted an impressive 150 for three total in their allotted 20 overs after they had opted to bat first.

Aliya was Pakistan's most impressive batter in the tournament; the right-handed batter scored 80 runs in two innings with one dismissal and maintained a healthy 123.07 run strike-rate. Javeria contributed the most runs (82) with a 106.49 strike-rate; she averaged 27.33 in her three innings.

Diana, Nida and Aimen collected six wickets each; Diana who bowled incisive spells especially with the new ball averaged 14.16 while maintaining a miserly 5.31 economy rate.

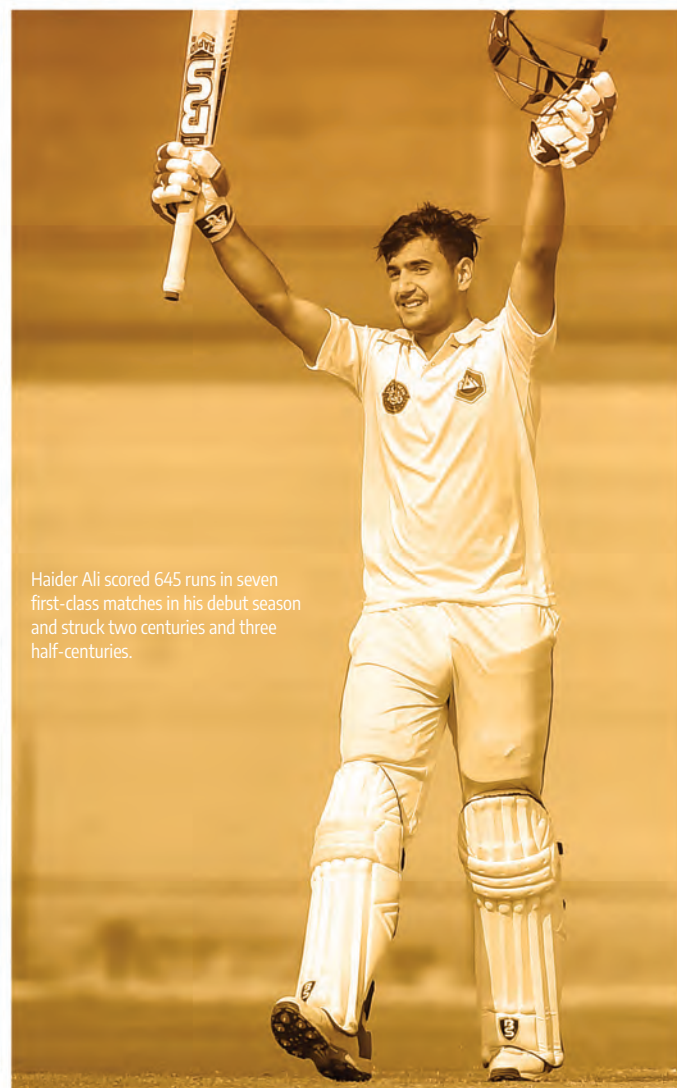
Nida took her six wickets at 19.33 while Aimen averaged 17.50 for her six-wicket tournament tally.



# MEN'S DOMESTIC CRICKET



Nauman Ali took 54 wickets at 25.38 and the Northern captain was named best bowler of the tournament



Haider Ali scored 645 runs in seven first-class matches in his debut season and struck two centuries and three half-centuries.

## QUAID-E-AZAM TROPHY 2019 - 2020

Pakistan's premier domestic competition opened the 2019-20 domestic season on 14 September. The revamped structure, which brought together country's best first-class cricketers in six Cricket Association sides, ensured some of the riveting cricketing action which renewed the interest of the fans and followers of the game alike.

The first-class Quaid-e-Azam Trophy tournament was won by star-studded Central Punjab, who defeated Northern in the final, played at Karachi's National Stadium from 27-30 December, by the margin of an innings and 16 runs, thanks to Umar Akmal's brilliant 218 and Bilal Asif's splendid match figures of 11 for 149.

The six Cricket Association sides locked horns in the first-class tournament organised on a double round-robin basis. To provide context to domestic cricket and relate it to Pakistan national men's side's international cricket calendar, the Quaid-e-Azam Trophy was split into two blocks to make a window for the National T20 Cup ahead of Pakistan's tour of Australia, which had to kick off with three T20Is.

A total of 31 matches, including the final, were played across ten venues in seven cities. The PCB, with an aim to take the sport in every nook and corner of the country, took the first-class cricket back to Quetta after 11 years with the picturesque Bugti Stadium hosting four matches.

The restructuring of the Quaid-e-Azam Trophy was not limited to the quantity of the teams or players participating in the event. To bridge the gap between the domestic and international cricket and emulate the conditions that Pakistan national men's team come across in Test cricket, the PCB introduced various reforms.

To strike balance between bat and ball, the PCB switched from the Dukes balls, used in the last two seasons, to the Kookaburra brand of balls which is not only used by Pakistan in home Tests, but is also used by numerous Test nations.

The six Cricket Association sides were guaranteed 10 matches in the group stage, playing them on home and away basis.

Northern languished at the bottom of the points table for the large part of the tournament. Their astonishing turnaround took everyone by surprise as they won three of their last four games – the remaining one was a draw – to qualify for the final.

For the first time in Pakistan's first-class history, the concept of no-toss rule was implemented, which allowed the visiting sides the option of opting to bowl first to keep the home side from producing wickets which would favour them unnecessarily. The results were immediate with the tilt towards the pacers vanishing.

The first innings batting average jumped to a staggering 422 from the last year's 263. The batsmen got value for spending time on the crease which was evident from an increase in the number of centuries and double-centuries this season despite the reduction of matches (69) from the last season.

Seventy-seven centuries were scored, five more than the 2018-19 edition, and the tally of double-centuries also doubled. The

batting charts were led by Balochistan's Imran Butt who scored 934 runs at an average of 62.27 in nine matches, including four centuries – which also had one score of over 200.

With the matches going distance, the spinners came into play once again. For the first time since the 2012-13 season a spinner finished as the highest wicket-taker in the tournament as

Northern's captain Nauman Ali finished with 54 scalps. He took as many as five five-wicket hauls in 10 matches. Interestingly, the next four in the list of the highest wicket-takers were also spinners.

Central Punjab's all-rounder Zafar Gohar was named man of the tournament. The left-arm orthodox was the third highest wicket-taker in the tournament. He took 38 wickets, which also included a 10-wicket haul in a match, at an average of 36.76.

The 25-year-old, who bats left-hand, scored 458 runs in 15 innings. Over the course of this season, Zafar recorded his maiden first-class century.



Central Punjab's Zafar Gohar earned Player of the Tournament for his outstanding all-round performance

The PCB also introduced an intriguing points system, which encouraged positive cricket by motivating the batting sides to score at a decent pace and incentivising aggressive tactics from the bowling sides.

In the first innings of both sides, the teams were awarded bonus points for scoring

In another first, the PCB live-streamed a match from each round of the Quaid-e-Azam Trophy which helped the fans to keep track of their favourite sides and attracted more and more people towards the game. As many as 10 matches were live-streamed on the PCB's YouTube channel.

### Three-Day Quaid-e-Azam Trophy 2019-2020

The three-day non first-class Quaid-e-Azam Trophy ran simultaneously in which the Second XI side of the six Cricket Associations participated. This provided the First XI sides, playing the first-class tournament, an extensive pool to select the squad.

The non first-class tournament was won by Southern Punjab Second XI on the basis of the first innings lead in the final against Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Second XI.

Southern Punjab's winning campaign was led by 27-year-old Mukhtar Ahmed and veteran left-arm spinner Zulfiqar Babar who topped the batting and bowling charts respectively.

In 11 matches, Mukhtar scored 769 runs – which included two centuries and five half-centuries – at an average of 40.47, while Zulfiqar took 65 wickets at 19.09 in the same number of matches.



## NATIONAL T20 CUP

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Imad Wasim-led Northern were crowned the champions after they thrashed Balochistan, captained by Haris Sohail, by 52 runs. Umar Amin, who was awarded player of the final award, scored a solid 38-ball 60, which helped Northern in setting a 168-run target.

Sohail Tanvir took three wickets in his side's successful defense of the total and the left-arm fast bowler was named best bowler of the tournament with 14 wickets in seven matches.

The exciting single-league event was held before Pakistan men's national cricket team's tour of Australia - which kicked off with a three-match T20I series - in line with the Pakistan Cricket Board's strategy of contextualising the domestic cricket.

The move proved to be beneficial as the tournament helped Pakistan identify the talents of Khushdil Shah, the 25-year-old Khyber Pakhtunkhwa batsman, who made his T20I debut in

Australia series and has since been in the side's shorter-format's plans. Khushdil averaged a staggering 80.50 in five innings as he scored 161, which included a half-century.

Khushdil's side's captain Mohammad Rizwan was named the best player of the tournament for scoring 215 runs, which also included two half-centuries, and dismissing six batsmen in as many matches.

Balochistan's Awaiz Zia was the top-scorer in the tournament with 276 runs in seven matches. The 34-year-old left-handed batsman struck two half-centuries with his highest-score being 77.

Rohail Nazir's impressive glove work for Northern compelled the jury to award him the best wicketkeeper of the tournament award with seven dismissals in as many matches.

Though Central Punjab side failed to secure a semi-final berth along with Sindh, there was silver lining as the only two centuries of the tournament came from their batsmen - Babar Azam, the captain, and Ahmed Shehzad.

### National T20 Second XI tournament

Before Northern secured the title under floodlights in Faisalabad, their second XI side thumped Southern Punjab, who had been undefeated in the tournament until that stage, in the final of the T20 tournament for the second XI sides by 40 runs at Karachi's National Stadium.

Man of the match Jamal Anwar scored a quickfire 21-ball 40 to help his side set a daunting 197-run target. Zeeshan Ashraf scored 61 in the run chase but Southern Punjab crashed from 85 for none to 156 all out as Usama Mir and Salman Irshad picked up three and two wickets respectively.

The award for the player of the tournament was secured by Northern's Second XI's Nauman Ali on the back of 160 runs and 10 wickets.

Southern Punjab's Zeeshan, who struck 395 runs, was declared best batsman of the tournament, while Raza Ali Dar and Muhammad Imran shared the best bowler of the tournament award for taking 13 wickets each.

Like the best bowler of the tournament, the award for the best wicketkeeper of the tournament was shared between Muhammad Akhlaq and Maqbool Ahmed - seven victims each.



## NATIONAL UNDER-19 ONE-DAY AND THREE-DAY TOURNAMENTS

### National One-Day Tournament

The National U19 One-Day tournament along with Three-Day tournament is a regular feature in domestic cricket. The tournament helped the selectors to identify the players for the ICC U19 Cricket World Cup which was played in South Africa in January-February 2020.

Under the new domestic structure, the six city association sides featured in the tournament on a single-league basis which commenced on 5 October 2019. Sindh remained unbeaten in the tournament with five wins from as many matches, taking ten points.

Balochistan grabbed second spot on better run-rate as Khyber Pakhtunkhwa; Central Punjab along with Balochistan had three wins from five matches. All three sides took six points each. Southern Punjab and Northern remained on fifth and sixth position with two points and no points, respectively. The final was played between Balochistan and Sindh on 6 November 2020 at Rana Naveed Cricket Academy in Sheikhpura.

After winning the toss, and opting to bat, Sindh scored 250 for nine in 50 overs courtesy left-handed Saim Ayub's 79 off 104 balls, which included six fours and two sixes.

In their run-chase, Balochistan who had earlier lost their group match to Sindh by four wickets, were never in the hunt to win the match, and were dismissed for 127 in the 36th over. Aamir Ali, the left-arm spinner ended with match figures of four for 31, his best figures in the tournament.

Sindh's captain Mohammad Taha was declared the player of the tournament for his all-round performance which included 153 runs (62 off 78 balls in the final) and 13 wickets from six matches. Saim Ayub for his knock of 79 was adjudicated the player-of-the-match.

Arish Ali Khan, left-arm-spinner from Sindh grabbed 15 wickets from six matches, while Mohammad Huraia from Central Punjab scored 342 runs from five matches, with highest score of 162 registered against Balochistan.

Sindh's Mohammad Taha took winners' trophy and cash prize of Rs 1 million, while Balochistan captain Mohammad Junaid received runner-up trophy and Rs 0.5 million.

### National Three-Day Tournament

The National U19 Three-Day tournament commenced in the first week of October with the six cricket associations Balochistan, Central Punjab, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Northern, Sindh and Southern Punjab taking part in the event.

Before the final, Northern U19 topped the points table collecting 26 points with two wins from five matches, whereas Sindh U19 remained on the second spot with 21 points, winning two matches.

The tournament final, which was a four-day affair, was played between Northern and Sindh at Rana Naveed Academy in Sheikhpura from 9 to 12 November.

Sindh despite trailing by 16 runs in the first innings cruised to a seven-wicket win over Northern on the third day to clinch the trophy.

Left-arm spinner Aamir Ali was named player of the final with match figures of 11 for 133 runs.

Chasing 148 to win, a 109-run partnership between Mohammad Taha (61 not-out) and Saim Ayub 62 helped the side towards victory.

This was double joy for Sindh, as they have earlier win the One-Day tournament beating Balochistan by 123 runs. Jahanzaib Sultan took away the winners' trophy and cash prize of Rs 1.5 million.

Ziad Khan, captain of Northern side who remained top scorer in the second innings with 98-ball 64, took away the runners-up trophy and cash prize of Rs 0.75 million.

Mehran Mumtaz, left-handed batsman and left-arm spinner representing Northern was named best player of the tournament scoring 166 runs and taking 24 wickets from six matches. He received a cash prize of Rs 50,000.





HBL PAKISTAN SUPER LEAGUE 2020

The HBL Pakistan Super League 2020 will go down in history as an extremely significant chapter in full restoration of international cricket in the country.

The fifth edition of one of the most prestigious T20 leagues in the world was staged in its entirety in Pakistan for the first time since its inception in 2016. From 2017 to 2019 the league was phase-wise shifted to Pakistan; in 2017, the final of the second edition was staged in Lahore; in 2018, three matches (two play-offs in Lahore and the final in Karachi) were played in two cities; in 2019, as many as eight matches were held in Karachi.

The dream to bring the HBL PSL home was materialised with a magnificent spectacle of cricket that was adorned by the presence of world-class players, leading coaches and support staff in front of packed and impassioned audiences across the four HBL PSL venues Karachi, Lahore, Multan and Rawalpindi.

After a series of thrilling and nail-biting matches the double league round-robin (each team playing the other twice) concluded with Multan Sultans topping the pool followed by Karachi Kings, Lahore Qalandars and Peshawar Zalmi. These four teams progressed to the semi-final stage which was later deferred due to the Covid-19 pandemic outbreak in Pakistan.

Before the premature break, defending champions Quetta Gladiators and two-time champions Islamabad United were knocked out of the last-four race, marking the first instance in the history of the tournament when none of these two teams qualified for the second round.

United had to face the ignominy of finishing on the sixth and last spot on the table while the Gladiators managed to scrape to the fifth spot.

Sultans buoyed by home support (three wins in their three home fixtures at the Multan Cricket Stadium) finished the league stage with six wins and two no-results providing them 14 points, they only lost two of their 10 fixtures.

Kings who played five home games at Karachi's National Stadium finished with 11 points, they won five matches and got one point out of a no-result.

Qalandars created history by leapfrogging their perennial last spot on the table, a position that they had to endure for the first four seasons to finish on the third spot.

Their resurgence was largely due to the passionate Gaddafi Stadium crowd and the heroics of their overseas Australian batting pair of Ben Dunk and Chris Lynn.

Zalmi, the 2017 champions, had a tough run in the group stage and just about managed to hold onto their fourth spot by the barest of margins. They collected nine points and qualified by the virtue of a better net run-rate (-0.055) compared to Gladiators (-0.722) who also finished the group stage at nine points.



Top performers: First 30 matches

World's number one T20I batsman Babar Azam had another fruitful campaign. The right-handed opener remained the fulcrum of the Kings batting line-up as he amassed 345 runs at a strike rate of 123.65. The Pakistan T20I captain averaged 49.28 in nine innings.

Lynn who ensured Qalandars' entry in the last-four with the side's first-ever HBL PSL century scored 284 runs at 40.57 and maintained a sparkling 179.74 strike rate.

Lynn's compatriot and teammate Dunk took the third spot, on the batting charts, with his 266 runs at 53.20. The left-hander maintained an astonishing 186.1 strike rate and hit the most sixes (23) for the season.

The 2020 edition saw as many as three centuries scored. Zalmi's Kamran Akmal posted his third century of the HBL PSL career while Sultans' Rossouw also notched the three-figures mark before Lynn's heroic 113 not out contribution in his team's last match of the season.

Gladiators' fast bowler Mohammad Hasnain topped the wicket-taking charts with his 15 wickets tally in nine matches for the reigning champions.

Hasnain averaged 19.13 per wicket; Qalandars' left-arter Shaheen Shah Afridi also enjoyed the homecoming of the HBL PSL with a 13 wicket haul at 18.92. Zalmi's Wahab Riaz occupied the third spot in the bowlers' charts. In his maiden season as the captain, the left-arter took 11 wickets in nine games at 23.18. Sultans' Sohail Tanvir did his globe-trotting T20 reputation no harm with another wily performance which yielded him 10 wickets in eight games at 15.30 per wicket. The left-arter was the most miserly bowler of the season conceding a mere 6.80 runs per wicket.

A number of exciting youngsters emerged in the tournament with Zalmi's top-order batsman Haider Ali and Sultans' wicketkeeper and opener Zeeshan Ashraf stealing the limelight. Haider scored 239 runs in nine innings at 29.87 per innings, his strike-rate was 158.27 while the right-hander who represented Pakistan U19 at the ICC U19 Cricket World Cup held earlier in the year in South Africa hit 14 sixes and 20 fours in the tournament to underline his ball striking prowess.

Zeeshan scored 169 runs in nine innings but made a big impression with his stroke-play; the left-hander scored two half-centuries and kept wickets with distinction for the table-toppers.



Batsmen	M	R	HS	Av	50s	100s
Babar Azam	10	345	78	49.29	3	0
Chris Lynn	8	284	113	40.57	1	1
Ben Dunk	8	266	99	53.2	2	0
Luke Ronchi	8	266	85	38	2	0
Shadab Khan	9	263	77	37.57	3	0

Bowlers	M	Wk	Av	Best	4Wk	SR	Econ
Mohammad Hasnain	9	15	19.13	4-23	2	12.8	8.97
Shaheen Shah Afridi	9	13	18.92	4-18	1	16.15	7.03
Wahab Riaz	9	11	23.18	3-21	0	17.36	8.01
Sohail Tanvir	8	10	15.30	4-13	1	13.5	6.8
Imran Tahir	8	10	18.6	3-28	0	14.4	7.75



# WOMEN'S DOMESTIC CRICKET



## NATIONAL TRIANGULAR ONE-DAY WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIPS

**PCB Blasters won the National triangular one-day women championship 2019-20 defeating PCB Challengers by six runs in a thrilling final played at the Lahore Gymkhana Ground. The three-team tournament ran from 17 to 26 September 2019.**

All seven matches were hosted at the Lahore Gymkhana.

Besides the Blasters and Challengers, PCB Dynamites were the third team that took part in the ten-day long tournament. All three teams played four group games each, Blasters and Challengers qualified for the final after the six-match group stage.

PCB Challengers topped the standings at the end of the group stage; they won three out of their four teams while Blasters won two out of their four to finish at the second spot. PCB Dynamites secured a single win in four games and had to content with the third spot.

The highlight of the final match was Pakistan opener Sidra Amin's century for the winners, PCB Blasters. Sidra hit 11 fours in her 153-ball knock that helped her team build a solid 216-run total for the loss of five wickets in the allotted 50 overs.

Sidra's century was the only occasion of a player going past the 100-run mark in the tournament.

All-rounder Aliya Riaz who is also a Pakistan regular stroked an unbeaten 42 off 47 balls with the help of one four and three sixes to ensure a competitive total for her side. PCB Challengers fought tooth and nail in their chase. Opener Jaweria Rauf provided the foundation with an 83-ball 51 with the help of seven fours.

Challengers needed 14 runs off the final over bowled by Aliya but could manage a mere seven runs. Bismah Maroof with 44 and Natalia Pervex with an unbeaten 39 were the main contributors for the losing team.

Almas Akram and Tooba Hassan took two wickets each for the victorious PCB Blasters, Aliya, Waheeda Akhtar and captain Ramin Shamim took a wicket apiece.

Sidra with a tally of 216 runs in five matches at 54.00 was declared the best batter of the tournament. Kainat Hafeez scored 156 runs (five innings) at 31.20 with a best of 82 was the second best run-getter in the event.

Iram Javed scored 142 runs in five innings at 35.50 to occupy the third spot on the run-getters list for the tournament.

Leg-spinner Syeda Aroob Shah made a big mark in the tournament with her spinning deliveries. The right-arm took a rich haul of 14 wickets in five games including a six-wicket haul. Her bowling averaged was a stunning 12.36 while she maintained a miserly economy rate of 3.72.

Aliya took nine wickets in five games at 23.89 while Sadia Iqbal stood third on the bowling chart with a haul of seven wickets in five games at 16.86.

The tournament provided good exposure and practice to Pakistan players who had to play England in the ICC Womens Championship series in Kuala Lumpur. The national selection committee led by Urooj Mumtaz also had the opportunity of identifying some young talent and gauge the fitness of the players ahead of the all-important series against one of the top-ranked sides in the women's international cricket.

Before the England series, Bangladesh toured Lahore for a two-match ODI and two-match T20I series, the National triangular one-day women championship served as a good preparation opportunity for that series also.

Youngster Aroob impressed the selectors by her stunning performances and earned a call-up in the team that took on Bangladesh.

She made her ODI debut against Bangladesh taking two wickets in a closely fought game that the visitors won by one wicket in the last over of the match.





## NATIONAL TRIANGULAR T20 WOMEN CRICKET CHAMPIONSHIP

**Bismah Maroof-led PCB Challengers defeated Rameen Shamim's PCB Blasters by six wickets to win the three-team tournament, held at the National Stadium, Karachi, from 9-16 January.**

The seven-match tournament was organised before the ICC Women's T20 World Cup in Australia, which allowed the players to stake a claim in the national side and get the much-needed match practice ahead of the tournament.

PCB Challengers' Muneeba Ali grabbed the opportunity with both hands as she produced magnificent batting performances throughout the tournament and was rewarded with the call-up in the national side.

The left-handed batter scored 292 runs at a staggering 58.40 average. She struck a century (108) and three half-centuries in five matches.

The bowling charts were topped by Anam Amin, the left-arm orthodox, who played a vital role in PCB Challengers progression



to the final. She took seven wickets at 13.71 runs per dismissal in five matches.

Nahida Khan's PCB Dynamites could win two of their four group matches.

## SKILLS2SHINE U18 T20 WOMEN CRICKET CHAMPIONSHIP

**Following the ICC's decision to hold an inaugural edition of the U19 T20 World Cup in 2021, the Pakistan Cricket Board held an U18 four-team tournament to develop a pool of teenage cricketers ahead of the event.**

The tournament was held in Lahore from 18-24 November with Bagh-e-Jinnah staging the group matches, before the tournament culminated at the Gaddafi Stadium, the home of Pakistan cricket, with Western Warriors' commanding eight-wicket win over Northern Renegades.

The tournament played a crucial role in the identification of the talent in young girls all over the country as following its completion, a 14-day camp for 25 players was held at Karachi's Hanif Mohammad High Performance Centre in which a team of qualified coaches worked on their skills and fitness.

The tournament unveiled the hard-hitting talents of right-handed Ayesha Naseem who made her debut Pakistan debut in the ICC T20 Women's World Cup three months later.



Northern Renegades' Aima Saleem dominated the batting charts as she made 150 runs at an average of 50 in four outings. Her teammate Anoosha Nasir was the leading wicket-taker with six wickets at an average of 10.





# PATHWAYS CRICKET



## PAKISTAN U19 TOUR OF SOUTH AFRICA

**Pakistan national U19 team toured South Africa for a seven-match one-day series from 22 June 2019 to 7 July 2019. Pakistan, led by wicketkeeper-batsman Rohail Nazir, secured a comprehensive 7-0 whitewash over the hosts as both batting and bowling departments of the touring side put up consolidated performances.**

Pakistan's batting efforts were led by their captain, Rohail, who with 318 runs was the highest run-getter from his side and the second highest in the series, behind South Africa's left-handed batsman Jonathan Bird (356 runs in six matches).

Rohail cracked four half-centuries – with his highest score being 89 – and averaged 45.43 in seven matches. With 317 and 275 runs, right-handed batsmen Haider Ali and Mohammad Haris were the third and fourth highest run-getters.

In his seven outings on the tour, Haider struck a century and two half-centuries, while Haris smashed three half-centuries in as many matches.

Left-arm orthodox Aamir Ali and right-arm fast Naseem Shah – number one and two on the wicket-takers chart – stood out amongst the fellow teenagers. In seven matches, Aamir took 13 wickets at 21.23, while Naseem, who went on to make Test debut for Pakistan on the tour of Australia, took 12 wickets at 13.92 in just five matches.

Mohammad Abbas Afridi, right-arm medium-fast, was the third best bowler in the series with 10 wickets at 22.80 in six matches.

The seven-match series kicked off at Chatsworth Cricket Oval in Durban with Pakistan securing a 17-run win on the back of half-centuries by Haider and Abbas Afridi as Pakistan set a 227-run target. Abbas Afridi's contributions in Pakistan's win were not restricted to bat as he returned two for 44 in 10 overs. Naseem, with two for 45, was the other stand out bowler.

The action moved to Pietermaritzburg Oval for the next four matches. Pakistan, while chasing, secured a four-wicket win after being set a 215-run target. Solid half-centuries by Rohail and Haris got Pakistan over the line in 39.5 overs. Naseem and Akhtar Shah took three wickets each for 30 and 42 runs.

Pakistan's win in the third match was more comprehensive as Haider's brilliant 111-ball 116 helped them to a six-wicket win. Pakistan chased down a 277-run target with 7.5 overs to spare as Fahad Munir, with a 43-ball 50, played a solid supporting role.

Earlier, Abbas picked up four wickets for 40 in nine overs, while Shiraz Khan returned three for 66 in 10 overs.

Pakistan's 88-run win in the fourth fixture was embellished with a consolidated batting performance. Haider, Fahad, Rohail and Haris scored half-centuries to set a daunting 341 for eight in 50 overs. South Africa were bowled out for 253 in 43.3 overs thanks to Naseem and Aamir, who shared eight wickets equally between them.

Mohammad Irfan Khan's 122 off 125 and a brilliant bowling performance in the fifth match helped the tourists to a sparkling 116-run win. South Africa were bowled out for a mere 184 after Pakistan scored 300 for eight. Naseem stood out with three for 21 in seven overs, while Mohammad Wasim Jr, Aamir and Saim Ayub took two wickets each.

The two teams returned to Chatsworth Cricket Oval in Durban for the last two fixtures of the series and Pakistan's 60-run win in the sixth match was inspired by half-centuries by Mohammad Basit and Rohail. South Africa, this time, were skittled out for 222 in 46 overs in their unsuccessful pursuit of 283 as Shiraz Khan, Abbas, Aamir and Mohammad Aamer equally shared eight wickets.

Pakistan thumped the hosts by seven wickets in the last match of the tour as Basit and Haris scored 56 and 69, respectively, to help Pakistan chase 183-run target in 37.3 overs. South Africa were bowled out for 182 with two overs spare thanks to Aamer (three for 40), Aamir (two for 27) and Haris (two for 21).





## ACC U19 ASIA CUP 2019

The ACC U19 Asia Cup 2019 was played from 5-14 September in Sri Lanka. The eight-team one-day tournament was won by India U19, who defeated Bangladesh U19 by five wickets in the final at R.Premadasa Stadium, Colombo.

Pakistan U19, under the leadership of wicketkeeper-batsman Rohail Nazir, were drawn in Group A along with neighbours Afghanistan and India and Kuwait.

Though, the teenagers failed to go past the group stage, there was silver lining as Rohail struck a century in the three matches and ended as the third highest run-getter in the tournament with 167 runs at an average just a shade below 56.

The Pakistan side began their journey on the opening day of the tournament with a match against Afghanistan, however, they had a forgettable outing as they lost by 85 runs (DLS method).

In their second match, Pakistan, despite Rohail's 117 off 108 balls, fell 60 runs short of the 306-run target set by India U19 on the back of centuries by Arjun Azad and NT Tilak Varma.

With the defeat against India, Pakistan were ruled out of the tournament. On 9 September 2019, Pakistan took on Kuwait in their last match of the tournament and while batting first scored a mammoth 335 for nine on the back of a consolidated batting performance, which saw Mohammad Haris (53 off 41), Irfan Khan (63 off 68) and Mohammad Wasim Jnr (55 not out off 20) score half-centuries.

Kuwait were bowled out for a mere 172 in 43.4 overs as the last eight wickets costed Pakistan only 41 runs.

Mohammad Wasim followed up his blazing knock with the bat with impeccable bowling performance as he returned three for 23 in nine overs, which included three maidens. Qasim Akram was another star performer as he bagged the most wickets in the match for Pakistan with four for 38.

The bowling charts for the Pakistan teenage bowlers in the tournament were led by Mohammad Abbas Afridi, a right-arm medium-fast, who took six wickets at an average of 20.

Naseem Shah, who went on to play four Tests for Pakistan following his stratospheric rise at the U19 level in the 2019-20 season, took four wickets in the 19 overs he delivered across the tournament. His economy of 3.42 stood out from the rest of his teammates.



## BANGLADESH U16 TOUR OF PAKISTAN

The Bangladesh U16 team toured Pakistan in October-November for a two-match three-day series and a three-match one-day series, which were played at Khan Research Laboratory Stadium, Rawalpindi.

The tour kicked-off on 25 October when Bangladesh and Pakistan U16 locked horns in the first three-dayer. The contest ended as a draw.

Aaliyan Mehmood's Pakistan, after electing to field, bowled out the tourists for 204 inside 64 overs as Ahmed Khan, the right-arm medium-fast bowler, returned four for 43. For Bangladesh, captain Nayeem Ahmed and Radowan Hossan Siyam struck half-centuries as they scored 54 and 84 respectively.

Pakistan were bowled out for 117 with Ibrar Afzaal Khan being the only notable run-getter with 51, which included eight fours from 74 balls. Right-arm medium-fast Ahmood Sharif and off-spinner Amir Hossain Asif returned four for 24 and three for 19 respectively.

With an 87-run first innings lead, Bangladesh scored 200 all out on the back of their captain's second half-century of the match. Nayeem, the left-handed batsman who ended as the highest run-getter in the two match series with 187 runs at an average of 46.75, scored 73 in his 190-ball stay, which included 14 fours.

With 288 to chase, Pakistan managed to draw the contest as opener Mohammad Shehzad, who later became part of Pakistan squad for the ICC U19 Cricket World Cup in 2020, scored an unbeaten 127-ball 80, which included 14 fours and two sixes. The hosts were 112 for two in 43 overs when the match was declared as a draw.

The hosts staged a thumping comeback in the next match with a seven-wicket win. Pakistan once again put Bangladesh into bat, but restricted the tourists to just 108 by bowling them out in 44.1 overs as right-arm medium-fast Ayaz Shah took three wickets for just 14 runs in his 11.1 overs, while Ahmed Khan and Ali Asfand took two wickets each.

Radowan Hossan Siyam scored his second half-century of the series with a 76-ball 50, which included six fours and a six.

In their reply, Pakistan scored 238 all out with opener Ali Hasan scoring an 81-ball 59 – which included eight fours and a six. Ibrar Afzaal Khan, Abbas Ali and captain Aaliyan scored 47, 37 and 32 not out respectively.

With a trail of 130 to surmount, the visitors were helped to 227 all out by captain Nayeem's 45 and wicketkeeper-batsman Tawhidul Islam Ferdus' 40.

Pakistan chased down the 98-run target at the loss of only three wickets in 22.4 overs, with Abbas Ali being the innings' highest run-getter with an unbeaten 43.

The bowling charts were led by slow-left arm Ali Asfand, who took 12 wickets in two matches and Ahmed Khan who took eight scalps in as many matches.

The three-match one-day series commenced on 4 November which the hosts won by a 2-0 margin.

Pakistan, who had a change of guard with wicketkeeper Mohammad Waqas leading the team, got off to a perfect start with a comprehensive 99-run win. Pakistan elected to bat after winning the toss and set a 231-run target at the back of a 70-ball 53 (five fours and a six) by Ibrar Afzaal Khan.

Bangladesh were bowled out for 132 in 40.5 overs as right-arm medium-fast Muneeb Wasif and slow-left arm Ali Asfand, who also led the highest wicket-taker charts in the one-day series, returned four for 44 and three for 15.

**The second match was abandoned without a ball being bowled due to rain.**

The final match of the series was won by Pakistan by seven runs (DLS method) as they were 148 for six in 27.3 overs in their pursuit of 166 when rain stopped play.

Bangladesh, after opting to bat, managed 165 all out with captain Nayeem top-scoring with 45 off 52. Ali Asfand outshone once again as the slow-left armer returned three for 38, while Ahmed Khan, Ismail Khan and Mohammad Shehzad took two wickets each.





## ICC U19 CRICKET WORLD CUP 2020

Sixteen teams took part in the ICC U19 Cricket World Cup that was held in South Africa from 17 January to 09 February 2020.

Two-time champions Pakistan were drawn in Group C alongside Scotland, Zimbabwe and Bangladesh. The Rohail Nazir-led Pakistan had a good run in the tournament and reached the semi-final unbeaten before they were sent packing in the last four match by arch-rivals India who recorded a 10 wicket win in the match played at the JB Marks Oval, Potchefstroom.

After comfortable victories in their two warm-up matches against Nigeria and Sri Lanka, Pakistan got their campaign off to a perfect start by defeating Scotland by seven wickets at the NW University Oval, Potchefstroom.

Fast bowlers Mohammad Waseem (5 for 12) and Tahir Hussain (3 for 23) were the heroes as Scotland were sent packing for 75 in 23.5 overs; Pakistan overhauled the target for the loss of three wickets in the 12th over. Mohammad Irfan Khan (38 not out, 37 balls, six fours) led the team through the chase. Pakistan next faced Zimbabwe at the Witrand Oval, Potchefstroom. After a shaky start, half-centuries by Qasim Akram (54 off 50 balls, five fours, two sixes) and man-of-the-match Mohammad Haris (81 off 48 balls, six fours and four sixes) took Pakistan to a formidable 294 for nine total in the allotted 50 overs.

Zimbabwe fought hard with the bat but eventually folded for 256 runs in the 47th over, Tahir and Abbas Afridi took three wickets each while Aamir Ali and Qasim took two wickets each. Pakistan reduced eventual champions Bangladesh to 106 for nine in 25 overs when rain and then a wet-outfield forced a premature end to the battle for the top spot in Group C at the JB Marks Oval in Potchefstroom.

Fast bowler Mohammad Amir Khan took four wickets on his U19 Pakistan debut while Abbas Afridi took three wickets as Bangladesh top and middle order was blown away in the overcast conditions.

However, the no-result in the match meant that Pakistan finished at the second spot in the Group C and travelled to Benoni to take on Afghanistan in their quarter-final clash. An impressive bowling performance led by Amir Khan and Fahad Munir who shared five wickets between them helped Pakistan restrict Afghanistan to 189.

Debutant Mohammad Huraira than produced a top-class innings while opening the innings with Haider Ali. The right-handed Huraira hit eight fours and one six in his 64 off 76 balls before his unfortunate run out (mankad).

An unbroken 63-run partnership between Haris (29) and Qasim (25) helped Pakistan complete the chase in the 42nd over. Pakistan returned to Potchefstroom for the semi-final against India. Batting first after winning the toss, Pakistan were rolled over for 172 in 43.1 overs despite half-centuries by Rohail and Haider who scored 62 and 56 respectively.

Pakistan failed to make any breakthrough in the Indian innings as openers Yashasvi Jaiswal and Divyaansh Saxena took their team past the target in the 36th over.

Pakistan finished third in the tournament on the virtue of having more points at the group stage compared to New Zealand as the third position match between the two teams was called-off without a single ball bowled due to heavy rain in Benoni. Haris with 131 runs in three innings at 65.50 was Pakistan's best performing batsman in the tournament, Qasim contributed 93 runs at 46.50 in four innings, Rohail scored 111 runs at 27.75 in four innings while his deputy Haider Ali made 107 runs in four innings at 26.75.

Abbas Afridi with nine wickets in five matches at 20.22 was the highest wicket-taker for Pakistan, Tahir and Amir Khan took seven wickets each from five and three matches respectively.

Irfan Khan with six catches in five matches, finished the tournament as the joint highest catcher along with West Indian Matthew Forde who took six catches in three games.



Rohail Nazir and Haider Ali, the captain and vice-captain, scored half-centuries against India in the semi-final of the U19 World Cup

## NATIONAL CRICKET ACADEMY PATHWAYS

The National Cricket Academy in Lahore, Hanif Mohammad High Performance Center in Karachi and Inzamam-ul-Haq High-Performance Centre (HPC) in Multan like the previous years had a busy 2019-2020 year with a series of age-group camps, Pakistan U19 ICC Cricket World Cup preparatory camp, regional academy camp for U19 players, and different training sessions for academy and regional coaches at various levels.

In the year 2019-2020 session, 360 players from 18 regional teams featured in U19 regional academy programmes across the country. The regional coaches worked on the players' skills in the camps which lasted for six weeks from 24 June to 9 August 2019.

Similarly, a 12-week Emerging Players High Performance Skill and Training camp was organised from 17 June to 7 September at the NCA in Lahore, where the national selection committee and junior selection committee selected 29 players keeping in view forthcoming international commitments.

The camp was held under the supervision of NCA coaches, where work was done on their fitness and other skills.

Twenty-eight U19 cricketers were invited for a six-week High Performance Skill and Training Programme at the National Cricket Academy (NCA), Lahore from 25 November to 27 December. The camp was designed to enhance the fitness and cricketing skills of the players ahead of the ICC U19 Cricket World Cup staged in South Africa

A two-week camp for the U16 players was held at the NCA from 12 to 22 October for the series preparation against Bangladesh U16 at home. The camp helped the players overcome the technical deficiencies spotted during Bangladesh away series held earlier in the year.

The NCA regularly held pre-season regional coaches programmes aimed for improving coaching standards. In this regard, a two-day session for coaches and staff members was held from 6 to 7 September, where the participants were educated on the rules and regulations of the game, and above all training education was given as per the modern requirements.

Moreover, the academy conducted Level-1 basic coaching course on a regular basis. Three sessions were held to encourage and train newcomers.

On the request of current and former Test cricketers, a two-day Level-1 course on 21-22 September was held at NCA specially designed for international cricketers to strengthen the coaching structure.

The NCA also hosted the inaugural ACC Level-1 Women's Coaching Course from 17 to 19 October, which included 16 participants from 11 countries. Four women from Pakistan also participated in the course which included international player Fareeha Mahmood.

The U13 and U16 programmes remained the highlight of the academies work in the year. This year, both age group tournaments were played under new PCB constitution, where six Cricket Associations - Balochistan, Central Punjab, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Northern, Sindh and Southern Punjab featured.

The National U13 Catch em Championship was held in Faisalabad from 27 December to 4 January. In the week-long event, which was 30-over-a-side, all six teams played against each other once. The event was won by Khyber Pakhtunkhwa as they beat Southern Punjab by five wickets in the final.

After the tournament, 26 U13 players featured in a two-week camp organised under the NCA coaches at Inzamam ul Haq High Performance Center in Multan from 19 January to 2 February 2020.

The U16 tournament was played in two formats, three-day and 50-over. The three-day format, played from 25 November to 10 December, was won by Khyber Pakhtunkhwa U16 who defeated Northern U16 by an innings and 55 runs at Iqbal Stadium in Faisalabad.

Meanwhile, Central Punjab and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa were declared joint winners of the PCB-Pepsi U16 One-Day Tournament at the Iqbal Stadium in Faisalabad on 20 December as the match was washed out without a ball being bowled, due to rain.

At the commencement of the tournament, a four-week U16 development camp consisting of 30 top performers was held at HPC, Multan from 2 to 28 March, but due to COVID-19, the camp was curtailed to two weeks and ended on 15 March 2020







# SUMMARY CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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2018-2019  
2019-2020



## CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER’S REPORT: 2018-2019

I am pleased to present audited financial statements of Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) for the year ended 30 June 2019 along with Auditors’ report that also includes the audited results of HBL PSL 2019. These audited financial statements have also been reviewed by the Audit Committee and approved by the Board of Governors.

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I wish to congratulate the board, since this year has been the biggest revenue year for PCB during the last decade with a profit of PKR4.99billion after tax.

The income of PCB at PKR11.25billion has seen a substantial hike this year (which is 119 per cent higher than previous year). The main contributors of this income has been our domestic brand, HBL PSL, where earnings have climbed massively by 50pc, earnings from hosting high commercially valued series with Australia and New Zealand, ICC distributions for the year and participation fees from Asia Cup 2018. Further, revenues from sponsorships and logo money spiked by 16pc. Indirect income streams, especially return on investment (risen by 53pc), has also been a major contributor to the revenue graph of this year.

On the contrary, our expenses (before tax) have arisen only by 15pc to PKR5.9billion during the year. Major constituents of this increase are the expenses on home tours (41pc) and HBL PSL (20pc) owing to increase number of home tours and hosting more PSL matches in Pakistan. However, this increase has been offset by the decrease in Administrative expenses by 10pc.

PCB Reserves also followed the same pattern of increase and has surged to PKR9.9billion as compared to PKR7.1billion last year resulting in an increase of 38pc but most of the planned capital expenditure is expected to fall in next financial year that may reduce these reserves to some extent. Also, PCB is planning to massively invest towards significant upgrading of various infrastructure facilities which remained neglected during the past ten years due to absence of international cricket from Pakistan but now require major renovation and upgradation in view of return of international cricket and holding of PSL in Pakistan.

### Forward Review

The financial year 2019-20 shall be a challenging one in the wake of Covid-19 pandemic, sports industry around the world can suffer severely and PCB could also experience some testing times. We will, nevertheless, endeavor to explore new avenues of revenues and will steer this ship under the great stewardship of our Board of Governors, Chairman and senior management team.

Ateeque Rasheed, FCA  
Chief Financial Officer (A)  
29 March 2020

### Conclusion

In conclusion, I would like to acknowledge the major contribution made by our PSL franchises and sponsors which has been of great benefit to Cricket in Pakistan.

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR’S REPORT: 2018-2019

### TO THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE PAKISTAN CRICKET BOARD

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### Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial statement of Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) which comprise the statement of financial position as at June 30, 2019 the statement of income and expenditure, statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in fund and statement of cash flows for the year then ended June 30, 2019, and the notes including a summary of significant accounting policies (hereinafter referred as "the financial statements").

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of PCB as at June 30, 2019 and its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with those requirements of International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRSs) as applicable in Pakistan.

### Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (ISAs) as applicable in Pakistan. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements* section of our report. We are independent of PCB in accordance with the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants' Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants as adopted by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Pakistan (the Code) and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

### Emphasis of Matter

We draw attention to the note 5.6 and note 6.2 of the accompanying financial statements which describe that PCB has capitalize and in process of capitalizing certain cost in connection with the construction and installation of civil works, flood lights and electric screen at Rawalpindi Cricket Stadium, Ghari Khuda Buksh Cricket Stadium and National Cricket Academy Lahore, however, the lease agreements in respect of such stadiums / academy have not been finalized yet with concerned government departments. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

### Responsibilities of Management and the Board of Governors for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with those requirements of the IFRSs as applicable in Pakistan relevant to preparing such financial statements and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial statements that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing PCB's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters relating to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to dissolve PCB or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

The Board of Governors are responsible for overseeing the PCB's financial reporting process.

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Chartered Accountants

#### Information other than the Financial Statements and Auditor's Report Thereon

We understand that there will be no other information accompanying the financial statements. Accordingly, we do not have any obligation to report on such information.

#### Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs as applicable in Pakistan will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of the financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs as applicable in Pakistan, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal controls relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of PCB's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates, if any, and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on PCB's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause PCB to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosure, whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

The engagement partner on the audit resulting in this independent auditors' report is Rana M. Usman Khan.

*Deloitte Yousuf Adil*  
Chartered Accountants

Date: February 04, 2020  
Lahore

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AS AT JUNE 30, 2019

	Note	2019 Rupees	2018 Rupees
<b>ASSETS</b>			
<i>Non current assets</i>			
Property and equipment			
Operating fixed assets	5	763,908,679	790,599,632
Capital work in progress	6	1,336,209,457	803,572,009
Intangible assets	7	5,209,130	5,602,671
Long term loans	8	1,753,161	2,290,163
Long term investment	9	37,500	37,500
Long term security deposits		9,047,158	8,209,058
		2,116,165,085	1,610,311,033
<i>Current assets</i>			
Stores and spares		37,066,786	47,631,312
Due from sponsors, franchisees, boards and associations	10	1,464,443,661	173,042,319
Loans and advances	11	159,570,931	115,403,517
Short term prepayments	12	62,026,019	9,878,739
Other receivables	13	163,251,108	65,119,236
Taxation-net		287,960,473	275,071,434
Short term investments	14	9,954,233,886	7,187,788,800
Cash and bank balances	15	503,883,831	215,840,145
		12,632,436,695	8,089,775,502
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<b>14,748,601,780</b>	<b>9,700,086,535</b>
<b>FUND AND LIABILITIES</b>			
<i>General fund</i>			
		13,263,657,218	8,283,173,629
<i>Non current liabilities</i>			
Long term liabilities	16	288,627,671	189,637,925
Deferred revenue	17	49,986,137	57,575,140
Long term security deposits		599,215	599,215
		339,213,023	247,812,280
<i>Current liabilities</i>			
Creditors and other payables	18	808,939,230	1,004,600,500
Current portion of long term liabilities and deferred revenue	19	336,792,309	164,500,126
		1,145,731,539	1,169,100,626
<b>TOTAL FUND AND LIABILITIES</b>		<b>14,748,601,780</b>	<b>9,700,086,535</b>
<b>CONTINGENCIES AND COMMITMENTS</b>			
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The annexed notes from 1 to 38 forms an integral part of these financial statements.

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CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

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CHAIRMAN



## STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE: 2018-2019

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2019

INCOME	Note	2019 Rupees	2018 Rupees
Tours and tournaments			
- Tours inside Pakistan - neutral venues	21	4,407,291,197	964,519,322
- Tournaments	22	5,605,677,783	3,360,716,885
		10,012,968,980	4,325,236,207
Sponsorship and logo income		238,354,554	204,991,797
Rental income	23	48,817,988	25,378,682
Return on investments and bank deposits	24	705,125,567	459,869,099
Other income	25	242,984,606	115,528,181
		1,235,282,715	805,767,759
Total income		11,248,251,695	5,131,003,966
EXPENDITURES			
Direct expenses			
Tours and tournaments			
- Tours outside Pakistan	26	298,592,359	207,376,174
- Tours inside Pakistan - neutral venues	27	1,062,794,012	754,099,698
- Tournaments	28	2,718,810,424	2,216,723,789
Cricket promotional expenses	29	657,007,164	697,443,127
		4,737,203,959	3,875,642,788
Administrative expenses	30	1,070,575,671	1,189,892,107
Depreciation and amortization	5 & 7	99,455,699	69,949,558
Financial charges	31	602,514	848,066
		1,170,633,884	1,260,689,731
Total expenditure		5,907,837,843	5,136,332,519
Surplus / (deficit) for the year before taxation		5,340,413,852	(5,328,553)
Taxation	32	348,606,622	127,756,739
Surplus / (deficit) for the year after taxation		4,991,807,230	(133,085,292)

The annexed notes from 1 to 38 forms an integral part of these financial statements. *DYA*

  
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

  
CHAIRMAN

Babar Azam was inducted in the ICC ODI Team of the Year 2019. He received his cap from legendary Majid Khan.





## CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER’S REPORT: 2019-2020

I am delighted to present audited accounts of Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) for the year ended 30 June 2020 along with Auditors’ report that also includes the audited results of HBL PSL 2020 for 30 matches out of 34 originally scheduled matches. The last four matches were postponed due to Covid-19 outbreak. .

These audited financial statements have also been reviewed by the Audit Committee and approved by the Board of Governors

Despite the fact that our mainstream revenues were less than last year mainly due to lower media rights income, determined by the commercial ratings of scheduled series. During this fiscal year, Pakistan hosted Sri Lanka and Bangladesh, as compared to last year Pakistan played Australia and New Zealand in the UAE. There was a significant increase in returns on investments resulting from appropriate management of cash flows throughout the fiscal year and investment of funds in higher return options. The rental income dropped simply due to fact that the rental property ‘Cricket House’ had undergone renovations during the year. The renovations are now complete and the expectedly increased rental income will begin from next year. The board continues to receive its annual funding from ICC.

Furthermore, the fifth edition of HBL Pakistan Super league which had to be left incomplete due to the outbreak, still made a positive contribution to the PCB’s pre-tax profits.

Notwithstanding the fact that the operational costs increased considerably during the year due to implementation of Covid-19-related safety measures, nevertheless, overall expenses were lower than last year due to the fact that both of its host series were held in Pakistan.

I am pleased to highlight even with serious pandemic challenges, the PCB not only completed almost all its International & Domestic commitments but also earned an after tax profit of approximately PKR3.5b.

Our financial reserves now stand at PKR13.2B as compare to PKR10.4B last year. Furthermore, the board’s surplus fund increased from PKR13B to PKR17B.

The Pakistan Cricket Board paid Rs 478M in taxation to the National Exchequer.

In the face of severe pandemic related operational challenges, the Pakistan Cricket Board has successfully completed its 2019-20 fiscal year. In these difficult times while some international cricket boards are struggling financially, the PCB was fortunate to complete its homes international matches and the majority of the HBL PSL matches before the full impact of Covid-19 was felt.

In the light of the fact that the Covid-19-related challenges are expected to persist for at least part of fiscal year 2020-21, all PCB planned activities for next year are being carefully evaluated on an on-going basis and where necessary alternative options are being explored to ensure that the next fiscal year remains operationally and financially successful.

**Javed Murtaza**  
Chief Financial Officer  
9 November 2020

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR’S REPORT 2019-2020

### TO THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE PAKISTAN CRICKET BOARD

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#### Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial statement of Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) which comprise the statement of financial position as at June 30, 2020 the statement of income and expenditure, statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in fund and statement of cash flows for the year then ended June 30, 2020, and the notes including a summary of significant accounting policies (hereinafter referred as "the financial statements").

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of PCB as at June 30, 2020 and its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with those requirements of International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRSs) as applicable in Pakistan.

#### Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (ISAs) as applicable in Pakistan. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements* section of our report. We are independent of PCB in accordance with the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants' Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants as adopted by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Pakistan (the Code) and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

#### Emphasis of Matter

We draw attention to the note 5.4 and note 6.2 of the accompanying financial statements which describe that PCB has capitalized and in process of capitalizing certain costs in connection with the construction and installation of civil works, flood lights and electric screens at Rawalpindi Cricket Stadium, Iqbal Stadium Faisalabad, Ghari Khuda Buksh Cricket Stadium and National Cricket Academy Lahore, however, the lease agreements in respect of such stadiums / academy have not been finalized yet with the concerned government departments. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

#### Responsibilities of Management and the Board of Governors for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with those requirements of the IFRSs as applicable in Pakistan, relevant to preparing such financial statements and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial statements that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing PCB’s ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters relating to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to dissolve PCB or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

The Board of Governors are responsible for overseeing the PCB’s financial reporting process.

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Yousuf Adil  
Chartered Accountants

### Information other than the Financial Statements and Auditor's Report Thereon

We understand that there will be no other information accompanying the financial statements. Accordingly, we do not have any obligation to report on such information.

### Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs as applicable in Pakistan will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of the financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs as applicable in Pakistan, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal controls relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of PCB's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates, if any, and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on PCB's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause PCB to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosure, whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

The engagement partner on the audit resulting in this independent auditors' report is Rana M. Usman Khan.

Yousuf Adil  
Chartered Accountants

Lahore  
Dated: November 9, 2020

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AS AT JUNE 30, 2020

	Note	2020 Rupees	2019 Rupees
<b>ASSETS</b>			
<i>Non current assets</i>			
Property and equipment	5	1,504,170,283	763,908,679
Operating fixed assets	6	1,092,449,132	1,336,209,457
Capital work in progress	7	4,291,915	5,209,130
Intangible assets	8	-	1,753,161
Long term loans	9	37,500	37,500
Long term investment		9,372,258	9,047,158
Long term security deposits		2,610,321,088	2,116,165,085
<i>Current assets</i>			
Stores and spares		46,614,017	37,066,786
Due from sponsors, franchisees, boards and associations	10	2,862,417,694	1,464,443,661
Loans and advances	11	146,940,874	159,570,931
Short term prepayments	12	64,157,252	62,026,019
Other receivables	13	190,209,361	163,251,108
Taxation-net		278,633,967	287,960,473
Short term investments	14	12,430,283,886	9,954,233,886
Cash and bank balances	15	798,920,700	503,883,831
		16,818,177,751	12,632,436,695
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<b>19,428,498,839</b>	<b>14,748,601,780</b>
<b>FUND AND LIABILITIES</b>			
<i>General fund</i>		17,099,164,322	13,263,657,218
<i>Non current liabilities</i>			
Long term liabilities	16	71,457,273	288,627,671
Deferred revenue	17	33,979,179	49,986,137
Long term security deposits		599,215	599,215
		106,035,667	339,213,023
<i>Current liabilities</i>			
Creditors and other payables	18	1,853,434,435	808,939,230
Current portion of long term liabilities and deferred revenue	19	369,864,415	336,792,309
		2,223,298,850	1,145,731,539
<b>TOTAL FUND AND LIABILITIES</b>		<b>19,428,498,839</b>	<b>14,748,601,780</b>
<b>CONTINGENCIES AND COMMITMENTS</b>	20	-	-

The annexed notes from 1 to 38 forms an integral part of these financial statements.

CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

CHAIRMAN



## STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE: 2019 - 2020

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020

<b>INCOME</b>	<b>Note</b>	<b>2020 Rupees</b>	<b>2019 Rupees</b>
Tours and tournaments			
- Tours inside Pakistan and neutral venues	21	1,234,189,998	4,407,291,197
- Tournaments	22	6,320,213,932	5,605,677,783
		7,554,403,930	10,012,968,980
Sponsorship and logo income		196,808,122	238,354,554
Rental income	23	25,192,624	48,817,988
Return on investments and bank deposits	24	1,501,749,646	705,125,567
Other income	25	66,666,763	242,984,606
		1,790,417,155	1,235,282,715
Total income		9,344,821,085	11,248,251,695
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>			
Direct expenses			
Tours and tournaments			
- Tours outside Pakistan	26	106,154,984	298,592,359
- Tours inside Pakistan and neutral venues	27	519,261,774	1,062,794,012
- Tournaments	28	2,187,763,526	2,718,810,424
Cricket promotional expenses	29	734,632,442	657,007,164
		3,547,812,726	4,737,203,959
Administrative expenses	30	1,233,798,187	1,070,575,671
Depreciation and amortization	5 & 7	244,509,098	99,455,699
Financial charges	31	4,701,553	602,514
		1,483,008,838	1,170,633,884
Total expenditure		5,030,821,564	5,907,837,843
Share of loss of associate	9		
Surplus for the year before taxation		4,313,999,521	5,340,413,852
Taxation	32	478,492,417	348,606,622
Surplus for the year after taxation		3,835,507,104	4,991,807,230

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