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Champions Trophy rights appreciation of Pakistan's hard work, says PCB chief

Pakistan scored a stunning victory over England to win the 2017 ICC Champions Trophy in London. PAKISTAN'S triomph over England in the final of the 2017 ICC Champions Trophy was a testimony to the hard work and dedication of the Pakistan team. The victory was a reward for the team's perseverance and resilience.

**SPORT**

W Doha named Ooredoo Qatar GP event supporter

By Sport Reporter

W Doha has announced Ooredoo as the Qatar Grand Prix Event Supporter and the Official Title Sponsor of the Qatar Motorcycle Island (QMI).

Ooredoo, the leading communications provider in the region, will be the sponsor of the 2021 Qatar Grand Prix in Doha, the event will be held on December 11 at the Losail International Circuit.

The collaborative effort, along with the other brands that get together to share a common vision for delivering unmatchable moments, fans will also be able to embark on a special culinary journey and enjoy W Doha’s award-winning rainforest restaurant, Al Waha, which is a part of the Doha woven landscape.

**FI STWARES TO ASSESS MERCEDES REVIEW REQUEST**

Formula One stewards will next week decide whether to grant them a review of the Sao Paulo Grand Prix incident involving title contenders Lewis Hamilton and Max Verstappen.

The stewards asked for a review on Saturday on the grounds that significant new evidence had emerged since last Sunday's race at Interlagos.

Red Bull championship leader Verstappen appeared to force Mercedes secure world title for Briton Hamilton, and Hamilton was fined and given a ten-place grid penalty. The stewards said they would review the Hamilton-Verstappen collision but not the Hamilton-Sergio Perez incident on the last lap.

**Lanka coach Arthur to join Derbyshire**

Sri Lanka head coach Mickey Arthur will join English county side Derbyshire for the upcoming West Indies Tests, national cricket board officials said yesterday.

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New Zealand skipper Tim Seifert said Thursday they would take positives out of their loss to India and come out on the right side of close matches for the next game.

“The way we started the game wasn’t what we wanted, did well to claw it back in the middle, didn’t go deep and to the end, bowled our bowlers,” Seifert said, referring to Harleen Sethi and Mitchell McClenaghan’s performance.

“It’s tough to come out of a close match with a positive but we’re hopeful to be in a position to do that in the next game.”

India vs New Zealand T20I:

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Pakistan scoring hosting rights for the Champions Trophy is recognition of the hard work put in by the board, the national and provincial teams, and the coaches and players, PCB chief税务总局 pointed out.

The 50-over tournament will be played in Pakistan and India, and Pakistan dominated the first two rounds of the tournament. The team was able to pick up two wins out of four matches, which has given them a lot of confidence.

“I think we have a very strong batting lineup, we spoke from the heart,” former Pakistan captain Inzamam-ul-Haq said about the pitch at the International Cricket Council (ICC) meeting in Mumbai.

“The ICC冰 was more of an emotional tournament for us as well, and I thought the world understood our pain, there was a cricket fan feeling about the game and not just an administrator as such.”

“I thought the world understood quite well and essentially the players also realized that we have put a lot of effort and hard work into it, and that Pakistan cannot be denied. And that’s why we needed the break.”

International teams have largely returned to Pakistan since an attack by Afghan militants on the Sri Lanka team in 2009 that killed six policemen and six team members.

There was a fear the New Zealand team would again dampen the prospects of international cricket in Pakistan.

But in improving sports, Australia lead the way with its four wins against a much-improved Indian team, followed by England’s three, Ireland’s two, and New Zealand’s one win so far.

The Indian cricket board is headed by former cricket star Sourav Ganguly and Ray and said the team’s victory was a result of hard work.

Many cricket fans were buoyed by the news of Pakistan’s success in the tournament after years of uncertainty about whether international cricket would return to the country.

Pakistan players playing a war memorial stadium ahead of their first test against Bangladesh at the Sher-e-Bangla National Cricket Stadium in Dhaka.

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In July, Arthur ordered Sri Lanka players off social media after skipping a game in the World Cup, sparking a storm of defiance overseas. The coach and Sri Lanka players were playing “indefinitely” suspended from social media and voicing their judgment and mood about the preparation for the 2020 World Cup.

At the end of the match, Arthur told the players to expect his resignation to his contract, which was to run until the end of the World Cup, but he said he had changed his mind. He said he hoped Derby - who previously coached South Africa, Australia and Pakistan - was “new to our crew but it’s a positive change”.

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Argentina's Lionel Messi was named by Brays' Alex Sorvest (left) and Gabriel Jesus to shoot during their match against the Netherlands in the FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022 at the Jan Lourens Borde Stadium in San Juan, Argentina (AFP)

"We played very well in every match this year. We're already thinking about the next year," said Brazil's Robinho. "Today we failed in the final third but the most important thing is coming away without a goal against." Messi and Argentina played a match, the action lasted just five minutes. The game in San Paolo was cut short due to a tackle that caused the Dutch to stop the game. However, the Argentina players were not following the protocol Covid-19 quarantine rules. The match this time was better anticipated and while it lacked goals, it did not lack action.

Alongside Vincius Jr and Raphael Varane, Brazil started the game against Argentina with Neymar, their top goalscorer, who did not travel to Argentina amid quarantine rules. The match this year, was quiet until the final seconds but the Paris St Germain striker was quiet until the final seconds but the Paris St Germain striker smashed Arnaut Danjuma's pass to seal the Netherlands 2-0 win over Norway on Tuesday.

The Dutch, with injured coach Louis van Gaal watching the game from the bench, completed a 2-0 win over Norway on Tuesday. The Dutch, who have qualified for the Euro 2020 finals, are through to the semi-finals. The visitors are in danger of missing out on a top-two finish. The visitors are in danger of missing out on a top-two finish. The visitors are in danger of missing out on a top-two finish. The visitors are in danger of missing out on a top-two finish. The visitors are in danger of missing out on a top-two finish. The visitors are in danger of missing out on a top-two finish. The visitors are in danger of missing out on a top-two finish. The visitors are in danger of missing out on a top-two finish. The visitors are in danger of missing out on a top-two finish. The visitors are in danger of missing out on a top-two finish. The visitors are in danger of missing out on a top-two finish. The visitors are in danger of missing out on a top-two finish.
Fan Zone activities revealed as LCSC gets ready for F1 weekend

Almost five decades later, a player, coach and fan reminisce about Ali Ahli’s match against Santos at Doha Stadium

By Sports Reporter

Doha is difficult to spot today amid the chang-
ing urban landscape of Qatar, which is just a stone’s throw from the expansive waterfront skyline. But the early 1970s, Doha was home to the only grass football pitch in the country.

“Doha was just mud, with no coverage, no grass, nothing,” said Ali Jassim, a player who embodied what football should mean, to the Gulf Times. “It was unlike anything the stadium had seen before, ‘Tick-tack!’ exclaimed Pele, on February 14, 1973.

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