

'Hardwork shaped Khushdil Shah's rise as all-rounder': Mushtaq Ahmed

By Our Staff Reporter



LAHORE: The HBL Pakistan Super League has witnessed progression of Khushdil Shah from a power-hitting batter to a reliable all-rounder who is the second leading wicket-taker with 15 scalps in the HBL PSL 7.

Khushdil Shah also boasts of the third best economy as a bowler at 6.53 behind Shadab Khan (Islamabad United) 6.04 and Rashid Khan (Lahore Qalandars) 6.25 in the league so far while he has achieved the second best strike rate of 9.7 which is second to leading wicket-taker Shadab Khan (8.4) only.

The Multan Sultans all-rounder has also scored 119 runs from eight innings, including four unbeaten knocks, with 9 6s so far and a match-winning knock of 22 against Karachi Kings. He has also achieved a strike rate of 216.36 and a batting average of 29.75.

As a fielder, he has taken 6 catches in the nine outings so far and is regarded as one of the best fielders with safe hands. All these statistics make him sit among the league of leading all-rounders of the world.

Khushdil Shah bowled occasional left-arm orthodox spin in the past but this HBL PSL has seen him bowl regularly with command and guile.

Talking to APP on Khushdil's emergence as an all-rounder, former leg-spin wizard and Multan Sultans bowling coach Mushtaq Ahmed said that Khushdil Shah's hardwork and dedication have contributed to his improvement in the bowling, adding that he had spent a lot of time in the nets to whet his skills with the ball. He said Khushdil's work ethics are remarkable.

"As a coach, I tried to make him understand importance of being more useful to the team so that one can become indispensable for selection", he said, adding look at Haris Sohail who became more useful for the team once he improved his bowling skills. Haris Sohail used to bowl useful bowling spells even if he failed with the bat, he said.

On the advantages of an all-rounder to the team, the former ace-leg spinner was of the view that Shahid Khan Afridi, Shoaib Malik and Mohammad Hafeez had always performed with the ball if they failed to impress with the bat in few matches.

He said a batting all-rounder brings more util-



LAHORE: Railway staffers install Digital Signals Device near Rail Tracks.

Int'l Mother languages day to be marked today

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: International Mother Language Day will be marked today (Monday) across the globe including Pakistan to celebrate language diversity and variety worldwide.

On International Mother Language Day the UN's Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) and UN agencies participate in events that promote linguistic and cultural diversity.

They also encourage people to maintain their knowledge of their mother language while learning and using more than one language. Governments and non-governmental organizations may use the day to announce policies to encourage language learning and support.

On November 17, 1999, UNESCO proclaimed February 21 to be International Mother Language Day and it was first observed on February 21, 2000.

Each year the celebrations around International Mother Language Day concentrate on a particular theme.

Govt supporting digital transformation of media in Punjab, says Khawar

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Special Assistant to Chief Minister (SACM) on Information Hasaan Khawar has said that the government is making all-out efforts to support the digital transformation of the media in Punjab.

According to official sources here on Sunday, he said that in pursuit of the initiative, the Punjab Government Digital Media Advertisement Policy (PGDMAP) had been drafted under the directions of Chief Minister Sardar Usman Buzdar.

The policy draft was a comprehensive document that reflects Punjab government's commitment to advancement of the digital media industry in the country, he added. Hasaan Khawar said that PGDMAP 2022 would also recognise the social media content creators, influencers and vloggers.

He said, "With these policy provisions, the Punjab government intends to bring the young media experts, journalists and influencers into the mainstream media, so their unique contribution to the sector is acknowledged, rewarded and strengthened by

all possible means."

Reaffirming Punjab government's resolve about strengthening the media as an important pillar of state in general and acknowledging the role of journalists for shaping society in particular, Hasaan Khawar said that all stakeholders would be taken into confidence so that maximum benefit could be obtained from the policy.

PFA destroys 4000 rotten eggs, fake butter

The Punjab Food Authority (PFA) discarded 4000 dirty rotten eggs and 76 kg sub-standard butter during a raid on a bakery in Shalimar Town, on Saturday.

PFA Director General Rafaqat Ali Nisswana said that PFA took action against the bakery due to using putrid eggs powder for the manufacturing of bakery items.

He added that the production unit of the bakery was also sealed due to its worst condition. He said that the food business operator failed to take preventative measures to control pests and present the medical certificates of the workers to the raiding team on the spot. Apart from that, PFA watch-

dogs also witnessed the worst condition of hygiene, the presence of cobwebs and poor storage system, he said.

The DG further said that PFA will deal with iron hands to food business operators and revoke their licenses who are involved in continuous violation of the laws. He said that the preparation of products from sub-standard and adulterated ingredients is a 'silent killer' for human health. He said that people could inform PFA about the adulteration mafia on its facebook page, mobile application and toll-free number 080080500.

154 quackery centres sealed across Punjab

The Punjab Healthcare Commission (PHC) has sealed 154 quackery centres in 25 cities in a crackdown on quacks across the province during the last 2 weeks.

According to a PHC spokesperson on Sunday, action was taken on all types of quackery centres, which included quacks posing as general physicians, non-compliant laboratories, maternity homes run by unqualified physicians, hakeems and ho-

moeopathic doctors using allopathic medicines, opticians, fake dentists and others.

The teams, along with the local police, raided 1,345 treatment centres as per the census. Out of those, 387 quacks were found to have either changed their businesses or closed down their centres. The PHC also put 764 centres under surveillance since, at the time of the visits, those were being operated under the supervision of qualified medics.

Among the closed-down outlets, 12 each were in Lahore, Kasur and Sialkot, 11 each in Sheikhupura and Okara, 10 each in Multan and Gujranwala. In Lahore, Shabbir Pehalwan, Lachianwalla Hadi Jorr, Cheema Clinic, Chacha Aslam Dandan Saaz, Sibtain Afzal Dental Master, Abdul Rauf Clinic, Ijaz Clinic, Hassan Homoeopathic Clinic, Azhar Clinic, Fiaz Medical Store, Shakeel Clinic and Ali Dental Clinic were sealed.

"So far the PHC has sealed 35,876 quacks' outlets, while types of businesses have been changed on 28,810 centres," added the PHC spokesperson.



NORRIABAD: Managing Director NTDC Eng. Manzoor Ahmed inaugurating during Energization Ceremony of Erection, Testing and Commissioning for 220/132kv Grid station Jhimpir II.

NTDC energizes 220/132 kv grid station Jhimpir-II

LAHORE: The National Transmission and Despatch Company Ltd (NTDC) has completed and energized 220/132 kV Grid Station Jhimpir-II at Nooriabad, Hyderabad, on Sunday.

The project will add power to the national grid generated through wind power plants in Jhimpir wind cluster. Managing Director NTDC, Engr. Manzoor Ahmad, attended the energization ceremony as chief guest. While addressing the ceremony, he said that in compliance of the directions of Ministry of Energy (Power Division) Govt of Pakistan and Board of Directors, NTDC is completing its ongoing projects on war-footing-basis to enhance its transmission system.

The 220/132 kV Grid Station Jhimpir-II and allied Transmission Lines will evacuate clean renewable energy from 10 upcoming & future wind power plants located at Jhimpir wind corridor. Three transformers of 250 MVA each have been installed at the grid station. He said that cost of the Jhimpir-II project is Rs 10.753 billion. —PR

Health Card – a ray of hope for millions in Punjab

The Business Report

ISLAMABAD: Advanced healthcare, once considered to be a privilege of the affluent only, is now becoming common for all segments of society through pro-public and innovative health initiatives of the present government.

With successful experience in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, the government has decided to make it a nation-wide project, extending it to different cities of the Punjab province.

After covering four divisions of the Punjab during first phase, the program has now been expanded to central Punjab. Prime Minister Imran Khan had recently distributed health cards among the people at Faisalabad to facilitate approximately 14.179 million persons at 2.21 million households in

the division as the government desires that every resident of Punjab gets Health Card by end of March this year.

"Around 110 million people in 36 districts of the Punjab will be provided health card by the end of March this year," said Punjab Minister for Specialized Healthcare and Medical Education, Dr Yasmeen Rashid.

"Health Card is one of our flagship programs and we are also planning to introduce outdoor services through this initiative as majority of people have expressed satisfaction with its services," the minister remarked.

She informed that poor people in rural and urban areas would benefit more from this facility and get treatment at hospitals of their choice amongst the provided list of health facilities.

"Thousands deserving

citizens have so far availed medical treatment through this facility as the dream of Prime Minister Imran Khan for providing best health facilities to people was coming true," the minister said.

The second phase of providing health cards was initiated by the Prime Minister from Faisalabad a few days back where around 14 million people of over 2.5 million households would benefit from this facility.

"There are 7.875 million people in Faisalabad district, 2.744 million in Jhang, 2.19 million in Toba Tek Singh and 1.37 million people in Chiniot district. Similarly, 1.225 million households are in Faisalabad, 0.428 million in Jhang, 0.338 million in Toba Tek Singh and 0.221 million households in Chiniot district," said a spokesman of the local administration in Faisalabad.

Govt expanding emergency services in all teshils: SAPM

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: The graduation ceremony of 298 Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs) including 25 instructors trained for the establishment of Emergency Service in teshils of Punjab was held at the Emergency Services Academy (ESA) here on Saturday.

The cadets of the 37th Basic Rescue Course including 15-female cadets took part in the passing-out parade on the completion of their training. The Special Assistant to Prime Minister on National Health Services, Dr Faisal Sultan graced the ceremony as Chief Guest. DG Emergency Services Punjab Dr Rizwan Naseer, senior officers from Rescue Headquarters, and Emergency Services Academy were also present at the ceremony. A large number of rescuers, their parents, families, and friends also witnessed the graduation ceremony. The Special Assistant to Prime Minister on National Health Services, Dr Faisal Sultan congratulated the passing out rescuers, their families and friends. He said that it gives immense satisfaction to our Government that Emergency Services Academy is providing training to emergency services from all provinces of Pakistan and rescuers trained from Academy are serving humanity

without any discrimination in their respective districts and provinces. Dr Faisal further commented that Punjab govt is strengthening Emergency Services by expanding it all Teshils of Punjab and establishing Motorbike Rescue Service. He also appreciated the efforts of Rescue 1122 Punjab on rescuing over 10 million victims of emergencies in Punjab and Academy to get United Nations INSARAG certification. He also applauded the Instructors of the Academy and its entire management under the leadership of DG Emergency Services Dr Rizwan Naseer for providing professional training to rescuers in ESA.

In his remarks, Dr Faisal said that a truly inspiring, excellence, pride professionalism, and a focus on humanism. With the time "1122" has become a source of pride for Pakistan. Speaking at the graduation ceremony, DG Emergency Services Punjab Dr Rizwan Naseer took oath from 298 passed-out rescuers.

He congratulated the rescuers on the successful completion of their professional training and becoming part of this Live-saving Service. He said that I hope the rescuers would exhibit their highest professionalism while providing immediate rescue services to victims of emergencies in their respective dis-

tricts. He encouraged the rescuers they would leave 'no stone unturned to maintain the standards of the Rescue Services.

While highlighting the operational performance of Emergency Service, Dr Rizwan Naseer said that Rescue 1122 has so far rescued over 10 million victims of emergencies since the inception of Rescue 1122. The Fire Rescue Service has also responded to over 177,000 fire emergencies and saved losses worth over Rs 530 billion with professional firefighting in the modern lines. The Emergency Services Academy has trained to over 22,000 emergency personnel for all provinces of Pakistan since its inception. He said that PPSD is also providing technical assistance to all provinces. Earlier, the passed-out cadets displayed their professional skills of emergency management during mock exercises of deep-well rescue, water rescue, firefighting, urban search and rescue, rescue from confined spaces & rescue from height. In the end, chief guest presented awards to distinguished cadets of the 37th course. Dr Faisal Sultan along with Dr Rizwan Naseer gave away rescue shields & certificates to the best performance in medical male, female, physical, and overall, best 37th-course award to Shahid Shahzad, Rubeela Zafar, M Wa-

Qatar Airways congratulates Roberto Bautista Agut for his impressive victory

DOHA: – Qatar Airways, the Official Airline Sponsor, and Qatar Duty Free (QDF), the Official Retail Sponsor of the Qatar ExxonMobil Open 2022, congratulate Roberto Bautista Agut, for his impressive victory in the finals of the annual men's international tournament held at the Khalifa International Tennis and Squash Complex.

The new champion earned his winning title against Nikoloz Basilashvili in a captivating showdown last night, with a 3-6, 4-6 victory. The much-anticipated tournament proved to be a tremendous success among fans, who witnessed some of the world's finest talents compete in Doha for the coveted prize. Qatar Airways Group Chief Executive, His Excellency Mr. Akbar Al Baker, said: "The ATP World Tour 250 series tournament in Doha has consistently showcased some of the best tennis in the world, and this year was no different.

The best part in being involved as sponsors is seeing how people come together to enjoy the tournaments festivities and witness these talented athletes in action. I would like to congratulate both finalists for putting on a great show for the crowd, from start to end. We now look forward to the women's Qatar TotalEnergies Open 2022, where Qatar Airways will welcome many of the world's best singles and doubles female players to Doha. The continuity of Qatar's success in hosting these events will eventually build up to the greatest sporting show on Earth, The FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022™." Qatar Duty

Free Vice President Mr. Thabet Musleh said: "Congratulations to Roberto Bautista Agut on his remarkable performance and well-deserved win at this year's Qatar ExxonMobil Open. Thank you to all the players for an exciting tournament, bringing people in Qatar and around the world together through sports. Qatar Duty Free is proud to sponsor this prestigious tournament featuring the world's leading tennis players." Top-ranked tennis players including Andy Murray, Nikoloz Basilashvili and Gaël Monfils were among the athletes at this year's annual star-studded ATP World Tour 250 series tournament. In all, 28 players made the entry list for the singles event, while 16 teams took part in the doubles event.

In December 2021, the FIFA Arab Cup Qatar 2021™ demonstrated yet again the country's readiness for the grandest upcoming stage in world football, the FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022™. Qatar Airways congratulated Algeria on lifting the prestigious trophy and fans were left with a poignant 'au revoir' with screens at the final displaying the airline's key messages 'The World's Best Airline' and 'See You in Qatar 2022'. Last year, Qatar Airways sponsored the 2021 CONCACAF Gold Cup and the UEFA Euro 2020™, and has a robust global sports partnership portfolio including football-governing bodies such as FIFA, CONCACAF and CONMEBOL. The airline also sponsors some of the world's biggest football clubs, including Al Sadd SC, Boca Juniors, FC