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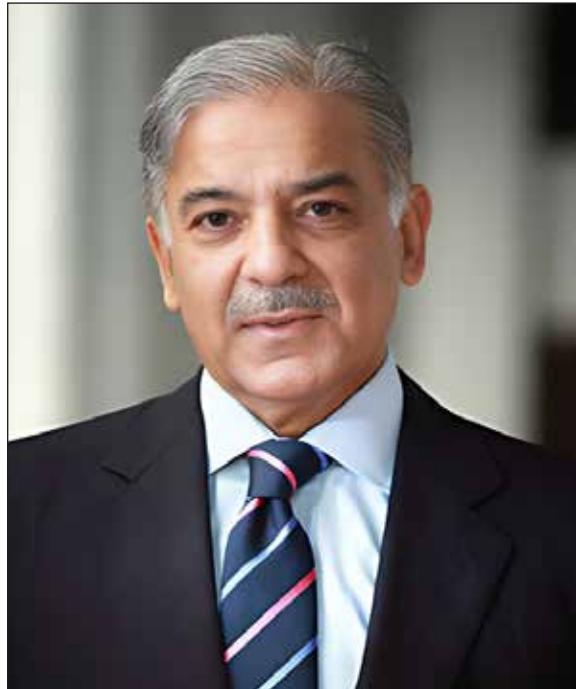
# In Memoriam



## NAWAB ASHIQ HUSSAIN QURESHI

1949 - 2019

*The PVCA is deeply saddened by the loss of one of its thought leaders, Nawab Ashiq Hussain Qureshi, who died of cardiac arrest at Lahore on November 1, 2019. He was educated at La Salle Higher Secondary School, Multan, and Aitchison College, Lahore. Joining the PVCA in 2000, he had the vision early on what the PVCA would do for the cricket fraternity in particular and people in general. An active cricketer, administrator, philanthropist and socialite, he was the Chief Executive of the PVCA since 2006, playing a pivotal role in making it a potent body.*



## Message

No other game is as robustly and passionately followed, and played in Pakistan than cricket. Other than being a source of recreation, cricket binds the nation and brings smiles on the faces of our people. The international cricket will be poorer without the contribution of Pakistan's cricketers who have been such an amazing ambassador of the sport and brought laurels to the country.

I am happy to learn that the Pakistan Veterans Cricket Association (PVCA) has provided the much-needed platform for organizing events for those cricketers in particular who had contemplated quitting the game at the twilight of their careers. Such an initiative, often on self-help basis, is not only helpful in keeping the players connected with the sport they have loved all their life but also provides them with a source of income generation.

Full marks to the PVCA, which has done a tremendous job by organizing tournaments for senior cricketers since its inception in 1998. I am happy that it has expanded its work to every nook and corner of the country.

I congratulate the PVCA and all those associated with the organization on their Silver Jubilee and wish the veterans' body all the best.

**Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif**  
Prime Minister of Islamic Republic of Pakistan



## Message

It is great pleasure to learn that the Pakistan Veterans Cricket Association (PVCA), having been founded in 1998, has completed its silver jubilee and they are bringing out a special publication to celebrate the occasion.

The office-bearers of PVCA merit recognition for having played such an active role in the promotion of cricket activities among the seniors as well as youngsters by organizing dedicated tournaments regularly for the last 25 years. I am glad to know that Pakistan's senior cricketers have also earned laurels at the international level to boost the soft image of our country.

I express my appreciation to the PVCA leadership and its management for their excellent work over the years and hope that they will continue serving the cause of the game with the same passion and enthusiasm in future as well.

**Muhammad Kamran Khan Tessori**  
Governor of Sindh



## Message

The Government of Sindh acknowledges the momentous work of the Pakistan Veterans Cricket Association (PVCA) in bringing laurels for the country besides playing its role in development of the sport at the grassroots level.

Besides facilitating the senior cricketers by engaging them in competitive events every season it has also contributed in providing the teenagers with an opportunity to showcase their cricketing skills by holding Inter-School tournaments.

It's very gladdening to know indeed that the PVCA is credited to have provided the much-needed platform to both senior as well as junior cricketers. I congratulate the PVCA on completing 25 years of its journey which has indeed been a very eventful one. My best wishes to them for taking a fresh guard to continue doing the great work.

**Murad Ali Shah**  
Chief Minister, Sindh



## Message

The PVCA has come a long way forward since its inception in 1998 to be recognized as a vibrant body with an enviable track record of having organized a large number of successful events on a regular basis for quarter of a century now.

Looks like yesterday when the PVCA was founded in 1998 by a group of like-minded cricket devotees who held a clear vision to serve the cause of the game we loved and cared for. We have had our share of ups and downs but now we can derive satisfaction for having delivered and set an example for others to follow in a journey spanning 25 years.

The PVCA has succeeded in creating an infrastructure for cricketers, who previously didn't have any platform in Pakistan to continue exhibiting their prowess after quitting first-class cricket. Now Pakistan's senior cricketers are among the best in business and we proved our mettle by winning the Inaugural Over-60 Cricket World Cup in Australia in 2022.

It's in the fitness of things that the PVCA is celebrating its Silver Jubilee by hosting an international tournament, the Over-40 Cricket Global Cup 2023, at Karachi from September 18 to October 2 in which players from eight countries will lock horns on five beautiful grounds of the metropolis.

**Fawad Ijaz Khan**  
Chairman, PVCA



## Message

The PVCA has done a great service to the game of cricket by building such a solid platform for those who earlier used to contemplate hanging their boots at the twilight of their first-class careers. It has become a different ball altogether now because they have the opportunity of fuelling their passion by showcasing their skills in veterans' tournaments.

The veteran cricketers can now stay fitter and healthier by continue playing the game for much longer time than they normally were able to do in the yesteryears and they also have the incentive of hogging into limelight yet again. It has all been made possibly by the PVCA which has been managed professionally all along since its inception in 1998.

Besides engaging the senior cricketers, which obviously remains its core objective, the PVCA has also mobilized its resources in organizing Inter-School tournaments with fanfare to promote the game from the grass-roots level.

After 25 years of continued service, it's time now for the PVCA to celebrate its Silver Jubilee this year. And there could not have been a more opportune way than to organize an international tournament to mark the occasion. Therefore time to fasten seatbelts for the Over-40 Cricket Global Cup 2023, being held at Karachi from September 18 to October 2.

**Amer Ilyas Butt**  
Chief Executive Officer



## Message

I wish to congratulate the Pakistan Veterans Cricket Association (PVCA) on the occasion of their Silver Jubilee. They certainly deserve to celebrate the moment after having worked so assiduously for no less than two and a half decades now.

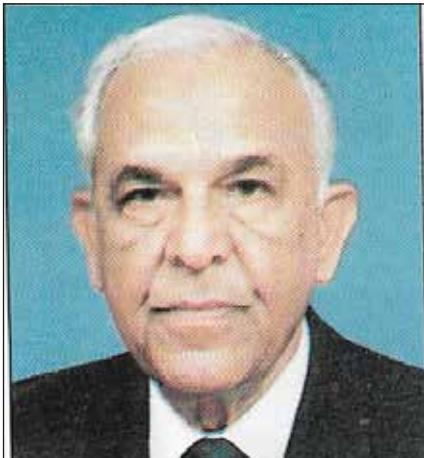
It's really fantastic to find them working with the same zeal today as they used to do in their formative years. They have lost none of their passion or intensity in serving the game which is very dear to their heart. Together they have put in tremendous efforts to hold competitions for different age groups of seniors as well as those for the schoolchildren at a regular basis.

All credit to Fawad Ijaz Khan and his entire team for having done wonders over the years. Their organizational skills have well and truly been awesome as they have been able to overcome the heaviest of odds with their amazing will power and single-mindedness.

We are more than glad to continue lending support to the PVCA to achieve our mutual goal of strengthening the sporting infrastructure in the country.

**Nadeem Omar**  
Owner, Quetta Gladiators

# PVCA Founder Members



Bashir Ahmed



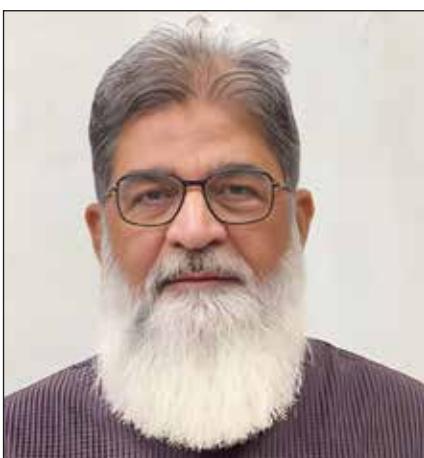
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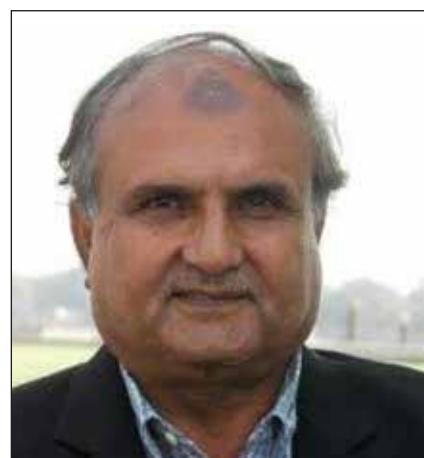
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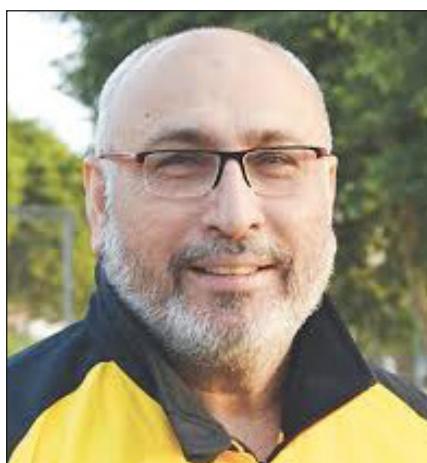
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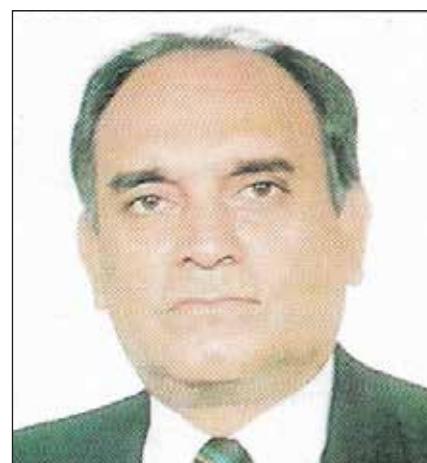
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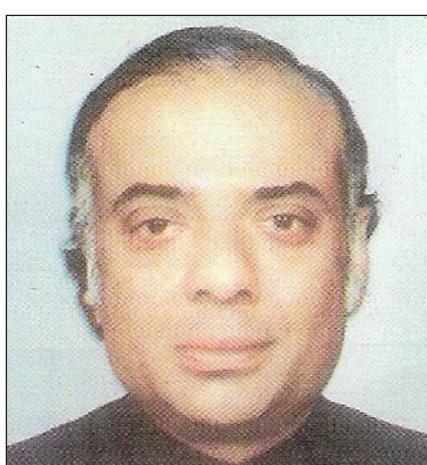
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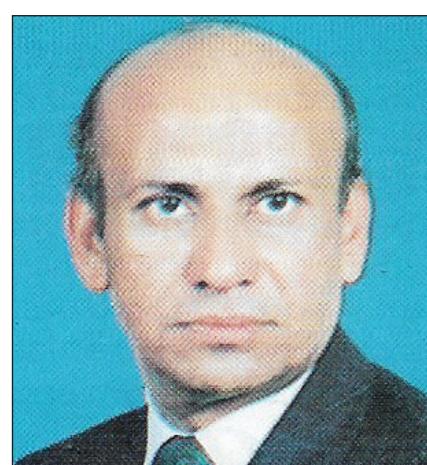
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Shahid Israr



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The victorious Pakistan team, led by Fawad Ijaz Khan, clicked after winning the inaugural Over 60s Cricket World Cup at Brisbane, Australia, in 2022

# Executive Board Officials

## Pakistan Veterans Cricket Association

Formed on 23-04-1998

Incorporated under Companies Ordinance 1984 on 30-01-2001

Period	Chairman	Chief Executive	Secretary	Treasurer
Ad-hoc Board 23-04-1998 to 21-07-2003	Waqar Hasan	Fawad Ijaz Khan	Shahd Israr	Iqbal Qasim
1st Elected Board 22-07-2003 to 21-09-2006	Arif Ali Khan Abbasi (Resigned on 07-04-2006) Fawad Ijaz Khan 08-04-2006 to 21-09-2006	Fawad Ijaz Khan	Brig (R ) Salahuddin	Alamgir Ahmed
2nd Elected Board 22-09-2006 to 21-09-2009	Fawad Ijaz Khan	Ashiq Hussain Qureshi	Lt. Col. (R ) Rafi Nasim	Usman Haq
3rd Elected Board 22-09-2009 to 21-09-2012	Fawad Ijaz Khan	Ashiq Hussain Qureshi	Lt. Col. (R ) Rafi Nasim	Rizwan Nisar
4th Elected Board 22-09-2012 to 31-10-2016	Fawad Ijaz Khan	Ashiq Hussain Qureshi	Mujahid Hamid	Rizwan Nisar
5th Elected Board 01-11-2016 to 31-10-2019	Fawad Ijaz Khan	Ashiq Hussain Qureshi	Mujahid Hamid	Rizwan Nisar
6th Elected Board 01-11-2019 to 31-10-2022	Fawad Ijaz Khan	Rizwan Nisar	Hammad Nazir	Behzad Anwar
7th Elected Board 01-11-2022 to 31-10-2025	Fawad Ijaz Khan	Amer Ilyas Butt	M Amir Sarfraz	Ajaz Ahmed Faquih

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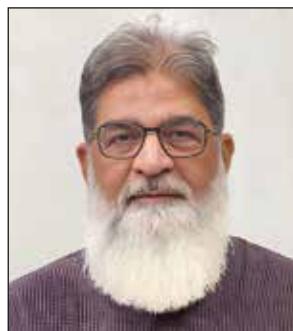
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Chairman



**Amer Ilyas Butt**  
CEO



**Amir Sarfaraz**  
Honorary Secretary



**Ajaz Ahmed Faquih**  
Treasurer



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Director



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**Ahmad Nawaz Sukhera**  
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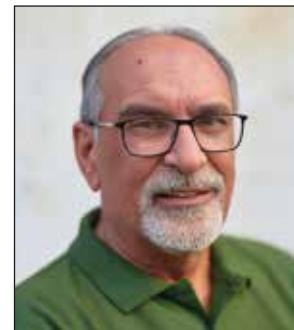
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**Shariq Haseeb Khan**  
Director



**Fazal Jillani**  
Director



**Rizwan Nisar**  
Director



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Director



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**S. M. Shahabuddin**  
Director



**Muhammad Naeem**  
Director

## *In Loving Memory*

The PVCA remembers the great services of Bashir Ahmed, Shahid Israr, Iqbal Umar, Dr. Muhammad Ali Shah, Ashiq Hussain Qureshi, Dr. Faiz Muhammad Khan and Waqar Hasan who are no more in this mortal world. They were among the pillars of the movement to organize the veterans cricket in Pakistan and their contributions to the game will never be forgotten.



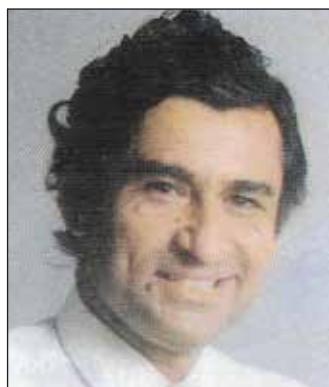
**Bashir Ahmed**



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**Dr. Muhammad Ali Shah**



**Ashiq Hussain Qureshi**



**Dr. Faiz M Khan**



**Waqar Hasan**



# Pakistan, India pioneered global veterans cricket

By **Fawad Ijaz Khan**, (Chairman, Pakistan Veterans Cricket Association)

The veterans cricket has propelled expeditiously throughout the globe during the last few years but the indigenous idea in Pakistan traces its roots way back to 1997 when Ideal Group organized a tournament in Karachi. The final of the landmark event was contested between Ideal Group and A O Clinic which subsequently led to the birth of the Pakistan Veterans Cricket Association (PVCA), which was founded officially on April 23, 1998.

Prompted by a vacuum to engage senior or veteran cricketers in cricket field, I had floated the idea for forming an Association for this purpose, and with support of like-minded friends and patrons, the dream turned into reality. I remained the Chief Executive Officer of the PVCA since its inception until 1998 when I was elected as Chairman of the body.

In October 1997, former Pakistan's Test captain and batting great, Zaheer Abbas, in his private capacity had taken a Pakistani veterans outfit to India which played five matches against the host country, organized by the Veterans Cricket Association of Hyderabad (VCAH). It was the first instance of veterans cricket at the international stage.

Following the groundbreaking veterans series between two of the greatest cricket nations, Pakistan and India, the PVCA remained in touch with Mr P R Maan Singh and later on with Mr Chetan Chauhan of the Board for Veterans Cricket in India (BVCI) after its formation. England Seniors was established in 2009. Australia formally joined the action in 2011 with the creation of organization named Seniors Cricket Australia, later renamed as Veterans Cricket Australia. Veterans Cricket New Zealand and Cricket West Indies Masters Association were formed in the year 2019 with a few other countries following their footsteps.

The PVCA by then was already up and running with 1st Inter-City Veterans Cup (Over 40s) played in 1998-99 with Karachi Blues standing as the national champions. The tournament has continued to grow both in stature and popularity over the last two decades with the latest edition, the 23rd National Seniors Cup constituting 93 Teams with 28 cities taking part in the action.

The PVCA since its inception in 1988 has succeeded in making its mark at the domestic level with the organization of Veterans Cup Cricket Tournaments (Over 50s) & Super Veterans Cup (Over 60s) Contests apart from National Seniors Cup (Over 40s). Inter-School cricket tournaments are another prominent initiative of the PVCA which provided an exceptional platform for youngsters to showcase their potential. Several stars like Sarfaraz Ahmed, the world-class wicketkeeper-batsman who lifted the Champions Trophy for Pakistan in 2017, and Saim Ayub, the flamboyant left-handed opener already having earned Pakistan cap, are proud products of these Inter-School Tournaments.



On the international arena, the first ever veteran's clash in an official capacity took place between India and Pakistan (Over-35) as the Pakistan Veterans team visited India to play four-match series which was organized by two registered veteran bodies, PVCA and BVCI.

The first encounter had taken place at Sirsa Haryana December 26, 2005. A huge turnout of around 15,000 spectators watched the match which was telecast live. The Indian Seniors toured Pakistan in 2006 and Pakistan undertook a tour of India again 2007. All these three series, spread over 12 matches, were beamed live and it featured the participation of prominent former Test players from both countries which attracted huge crowds.

Muhammad Azharuddin, the world record holder for scoring a century in each of his first three Tests, captained the Indian team in all these three series whereas Abdul Qadir, the leg-spinning wizard, captained the Pakistani side two times and Rashid Latif, the ace wicketkeeper-batsman, led them in one series. Pakistan Veterans managed to win two out of these three series.

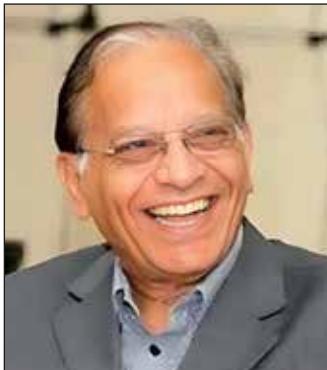
Pakistan Veterans teams have made successful bilateral tours to England in 2009, 2014, 2017 and 2019, undertaking two tours to South Africa in 2015 and 2017 while travelling to Sri Lanka in 2011, 2016 and 2017.

The PVCA, besides its exceptional administration skills, has been simply scintillating in ensuring and depicting top-notch on-ground performances. The Pakistani teams have been successfully dominating the show and are a force to reckon with at various age levels.

The Pakistan Over-50 team remained the runners-up in the inaugural Over 50s World Cup held in Sydney in 2018 and it has the highest winning percentage across the cricketing globe. The Pakistan Over-60, under my captaincy, was crowned as the worthy champions of the Over 60s cricket World Cup held in Sunshine Coast, Brisbane, Australia in 2022.

The Pakistan Over-50 team also participated in the Over-50 World Cup which was staged at Cape Town, South Africa, in March 2023. As many as 14 countries took part in this event but Pakistan narrowly missed qualification in last four. Pakistan, however, earned the distinction of having overpowered England, the eventual champions, in the league encounter.

The PVCA is all set to play host to the Inaugural Over-40s Cricket Global Cup 2023 to be held in Karachi from September 18 to October 2. A total of eight international teams, having celebrated cricketers in their folds, are set to make the event a memorable one. ■



# PVCA: Trailblazers of veterans cricket

By Qamar Ahmed (Cricket Writer & Broadcaster)

To host the Over 40's Global Cup after Pakistan Veterans Over-60 World Cup triumph in Australia, under the captaincy of Fawad Ijaz Khan, speaks volumes of the way the PVCA has progressed since its inception in 1998. This indeed had come into being following the first-ever tournament for veterans which was organized and sponsored by Ideal Group at Karachi in 1997.

Having weathered the storm since, facing their highs and lows, I can safely conclude that the PVCA has established itself as brand ambassadors of veterans cricket globally and that its founders, Fawad Ijaz Khan, Brig Salahuddin, late Ashiq Hussain Qureshi and their other colleagues formed a special bonding between them to promote and lift its status on the world stage where cricket is played at this level.

I may not be an expert on veterans cricket but as per my own knowledge of the game, Pakistan could easily be the only country which has continued to engage retired former international cricketers and players of all levels, be it school, universities, club or first-class level to keep them in focus and in fitness to enjoy a game which they played and cherished.

The contents of this book will be showcasing some of the high points of the 25-year old journey of the PVCA. I will not be exaggerating to declare that Fawad Ijaz Khan, as Chairman and as a captain of Pakistan Over-60 team, has indeed transformed the veterans cricket into an institution to catch the imagination of cricketers of the yesteryears in particular.

Fawad, as we all know, is an amazing individual who keeps hammering his concept of veterans cricket in a way no other individual had ever done before him.

Of course this may not have been possible without the support of some generous individuals around him. Mr Nadeem Omar of Omar Associates and Mr Arif Habib, both cricketers, and others including government officials have been usefully around him to keep the ball rolling.

The Australians and the English and others continue to promote the game at this level but surely Pakistan, I suppose, leads the way with incredibly impressive zest to keep the veterans involved. That a large number of teams will be participating in Over 40s Cricket Global Cup on Pakistan soil is itself a huge credit to the efforts of PVCA. They deserve support and backing they deserve. Congratulations to the PVCA and I wish that they continue flourishing as they have always done. ■



# PVCA completes 25 years of excellence

By Syed Khalid Mahmood (Writer, Author and Analyst)

The Pakistan Veterans Cricket Association (PVCA), whose foundation was laid by Fawad Ijaz Khan and a few of his friends more than quarter of a century ago, has gone from strength to strength over the years to become a solid platform. Having overcome the teething problems, the PVCA has continued making its presence felt all the way during its journey of 25 years.

Fawad, an enthusiastic all-round cricketer himself, has led by example, having squeezed time to oversee the affairs of the Association despite his preoccupations as an entrepreneur. It's his personal interest in particular which has helped the PVCA in running smoothly and continuously. It's never easy to be organizing so many events on a regular basis but they have been doing it consistently without losing intensity.

The PVCA owes a lot to Fawad as he was the man who envisioned the creation of a body to look after cricketers after they had turned 40. The thought seemed to have entered his mind just as he was inching closer to his 40th birthday. And he didn't wish to keep it a secret.

The seeds for the PVCA were sown on August 16, 1997 which was his 40th birthday. As the country was celebrating Golden Jubilee of its independence, Fawad, during his speech in the media launch of the Ideal Veterans Cup Cricket Tournament, floated the idea of having a national body to promote and regulate veterans' cricket.

A go-getter which Fawad has always been throughout his life, he accepted the challenge and his herculean efforts led to the formation of the PVCA on April 23, 1998. It turned out to be a Red Letter day in the history of Pakistan cricket as the rest is history as they say.

The PVCA has been operating professionally from the outset as they succeeded in meeting and beating deadlines in the course of organizing tournaments for Over 40s, Over 50s and Over 60s on a regular basis. Another feather on their cap was launching an Inter-School event in Karachi whose nine editions have already been held so far.

With Fawad at the helm of affairs, the PVCA has kept raising the bar continually. It has completed 25 years of excellence and with so many glories under its belt the Association can look forward to taking a fresh guard with more conviction towards their Golden Jubilee.

By the look of things, the PVCA, under the visionary leadership of Fawad, is expected to accomplish higher goals in the years to come. Their dream of hosting the first-ever Over-40 World Cup, renamed as Global Cup, is set to be fulfilled in the autumn of 2023. Although it's going to be the fifth World Cup for Veterans, as three editions for Over-50 and one for Over-60 have already been organized, the participants can look to something special in Karachi which could open floodgates for more international events in Pakistan. ■



Fawad Ijaz Khan announcing details of Ideal Veterans Cup which laid the foundation for establishment of PVCA



Historic moment as skippers Fawad Ijaz Khan (Ideal Veterans) and Jalaluddin (A O Clinic) prepare for toss in the first-ever veterans' cricket match held at Karachi Gymkhana in August 1997



Group photograph of the finalists with chief guest Badar Anwar Lari, the then President of Karachi Gymkhana



Former Pakistan captain Zaheer Abbas, watched by Fawad Ijaz Khan, speaking during the prize distribution ceremony

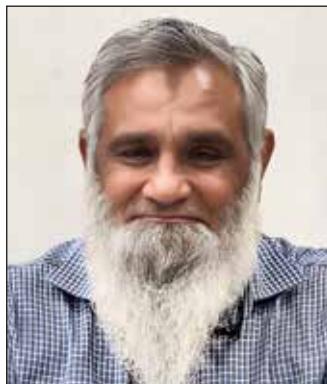


Shahid Israr, a former Test cricketer, conducting the prize distribution ceremony of Ideal Veterans Cup

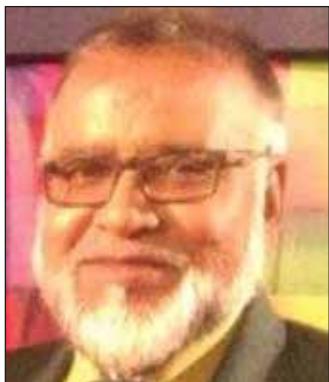


Fawad Ijaz Khan, whose Ideal Group sponsored the tournament, sharing his thoughts on the occasion

# Sindh Seniors Cricket & Welfare Association Governing Board



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# Punjab Veterans Cricket Association

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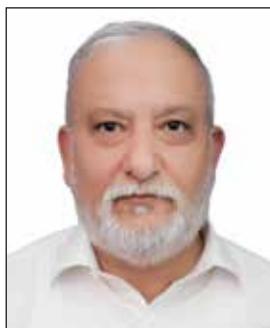
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President

# India's Seniors tour of Pakistan 2006



The Indian captain, Muhammad Azharuddin, receiving the winning purse



The award winners with then PCB Chairman, Shaheryar M Khan, during a presentation ceremony



The Pakistan Seniors squad with skipper Abdul Qadir and PVCA Chairman, Fawad Ijaz Khan



The visiting Indian Seniors party with skipper Muhammad Azharuddin



Legends Javed Miandad and Abdul Qadir being introduced to the chief guest



The Nazim of Sialkot, Akmal Cheema, greeting the visiting Indians



The Indian captain, Muhammad Azharuddin, and his wife, with the PVCA Chairman, Fawad Ijaz Khan, and his wife



Sangeeta Bijlani photographed with PVCA officials and their spouses



Muhammad Azharuddin's wife Sangeeta Bijlani, a Bollywood actress, speaking at PVCA reception



Muhammad Azharuddin receiving a souvenir from Shaheryar Khan, the then Chairman of PCB



Rival captains, Abdul Qadir and Muhammad Azharuddin, addressing media with PVCA Chairman, Fawad Ijaz Khan



The Indian skipper, Muhammad Azharuddin, introducing his team to the chief guest



Former Test fast bowler, Sikander Bakht, interviewing the captains during presentation ceremony



Group photographs of both teams with PVCA Chairman, Fawad Ijaz Khan

# Pakistan Seniors tours of India 2005 & 2007



The Pakistan captain Abdul Qadir and the PVCA Chairman, Fawad Ijaz Khan, celebrating victory



The Pakistan captain Abdul Qadir receiving the win bonus



The PVCA Chairman, Fawad Ijaz Khan, introducing his team to the hosts



The PVCA Chairman, Fawad Ijaz Khan, being presented a shield



The capacity crowd was a feature of the series



The umpires and the players returning to the dressing room during the innings break



The Pakistan squad, led by Fawad Ijaz Khan, being warmly greeted upon arrival in India through Wagah border



Man of the Match ceremony



PVCA Chairman, Fawad Ijaz Khan, watching action



Support staff clicked with organizers



A vintage Azharuddin cover drive



Amjad Islam taking a round of the ground wearing a turban in the match played at Sirsa, Haryana

# PVCA tours of England 2009, 2014, 2017 & 2019



The group photograph of Pakistan squad during the tour of England in 2017

The Pakistan veterans players before the start of a match



Veteran journalist Qamar Ahmed presenting award to Shahid Mahboob

Fawad Ijaz Khan, Chairman, PVCA, presenting shield to West Indian great Michael Holding





Group photograph of the Pakistan team, captained by Fawad Ijaz Khan, during Over 60s tour of England in 2019



Skipper Fawad Ijaz Khan receiving an award



Ashiq Hussain Qureshi being presented an award



Both the participating teams in single frame



The veterans ready to take the field

# PVCA tours of Sri Lanka 2011, 2016 & 2017



Pakistan's team photographed before the start of their match in Galle during Sri Lankan tour of 2017

Asim Jah receiving Man of the Match award at Colombo



The Pakistan skipper, Fawad Ijaz Khan, at the toss at Colombo

Fawad Ijaz Khan presenting a memento to the Pakistan High Commissioner in Sri Lanka



# PVCA tours of South Africa 2015 & 2017



A group photograph of veteran squads of Pakistan and South Africa in 2017

Group photograph of Pakistan Veterans squad before one of their matches in South Africa



The visiting Pakistan Veterans squad just outside their hotel in South Africa

A group photograph of Pakistan Veterans squad during their tour of South Africa in 2015



# PVCA hosts Canada 2017, 2018, 2019 & 2022



The Canadian squad with Fawad Ijaz Khan, Chairman, PVCA



A group photograph of the home team at National Stadium, Karachi



The Pakistan team clicked before start of the game in Lahore



Both the teams get ready for contest at Naya Nazimabad Stadium, Karachi

## Other Events

# PVCA reception for West Indies U-19



Fawad Ijaz Khan, Chairman, PVCA, presenting a souvenir to the West Indian captain watched by coach Jimmy Adams (left)

# PVCA hosts UK Journalists XI



Fawad Ijaz Khan, Chairman, PVCA, speaking in closing ceremony



Dr Faiz M Khan, founding member PVCA, presenting an award



Fawad Ijaz Khan, Chairman, PVCA, awarding shield to Peter Oborne, displaying his famed book 'Wounded Tigers'

# PVCA Over 40 Inter City National Seniors Cup

Season	South Zone		North Zone		National	
	Winners	Runners Up	Winners	Runners Up	Winners	Runners Up
<b>1998-99</b> 1st Inter-City Veterans Cup	Karachi Blues	Karachi Greens	Lahore Blues	Lahore Whites	Karachi Blues	Lahore Blues
<b>1999-2000</b> 2nd Inter-City Veterans Cup	Karachi Blues	Karachi Whites	Lahore Blues	Lahore Whites	Karachi Blues	Lahore Blues
<b>2000-01</b> 3rd Inter-City Veterans Cup	Karachi Whites	Karachi Blues	Lahore Whites	Lahore Blues	Lahore Whites	Karachi Whites
<b>2001-02</b> 4th Inter-City Veterans Cup	Karachi Blues	Sukkur	Lahore Whites	Lahore Blues	Lahore Whites	Karachi Blues
<b>2002-03</b> 5th Inter-City Veterans Cup	Karachi Whites	Karachi Reds	Lahore Whites	Lahore Blues	<b>Joint Winners</b> Lahore Whites & Karachi Whites	
<b>2003-04</b> 6th Inter-City Veterans Cup	Karachi Whites	Karachi Blues	Lahore Whites	Lahore Blues	Lahore Whites	Karachi Whites
<b>2004-05</b> 7th Inter-City Veterans Cup	Karachi Bulls	Karachi Leopards	Lahore Whites	Rawalpindi Veterans	Lahore Whites	Karachi Bulls
<b>2005-06</b> 8th Inter-City Veterans Cup	Karachi Bulls	????	Lahore Whites	Sheikhupura Lions	Karachi Bulls	Lahore Whites
<b>2006-07</b> 9th National Seniors Cup	Karachi Afrose	Karachi Whites	Lahore Whites	Lahore Gymkhana	Lahore Whites	Karachi Afrose
<b>2007-08</b> 10th National Seniors Cup	Karachi Pro Whites	Karachi Afrose	Askari Greens	Islamabad Panthers	Karachi Pro Whites	Askari Greens
<b>2008-09</b> 11th National Seniors Cup	Karachi Afrose	Karachi Pro Whites	Lahore Whites	Askari Greens	Karachi Afrose	Lahore Whites
<b>2009-10</b> 12th National Seniors Cup	Karachi Reds	Karachi Yellows	Lahore Whites	Askari Greens	Lahore Whites	Karachi Reds
<b>2010-11</b> 13th National Seniors Cup	Omar Associates	Kim Fashion	Rawalpindi Royals	Lahore Whites	Omar Associates	Rawalpindi Royals

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<b>2011-12</b> 14th National Seniors Cup	Omar Associates	Karachi Asim	Amar Cables	Lahore Whites	Amar Cables	Omar Associates
<b>2012-13</b> 15th National Seniors Cup	Moin Khan Academy	Omar Associates	Amar Cables	Askari Greens	Moin Khan Academy	Amar Cables
<b>2014-15</b> 16th National Seniors Cup	Omar Associates	Moin Khan Academy	Golden Eagles	Chaudhary Sports	Omar Associates	Golden Eagles
<b>2015-16</b> 17th National Seniors Cup	Gold Bridge Media	Omar Associates	Amar Cables	Askari Greens	Amar Cables	Gold Bridge Media
<b>2016-17</b> 18th National Seniors Cup	Omar Associates	Trend	Amar Cables	Golden Eagles	Amar Cables	Omar Associates
<b>2017-18</b> 19th National Seniors Cup	RLCA	Gold Bridge Media	Okara Seniors	Wah Power	RLCA	Okara Seniors
<b>2018-19</b> 20th National Seniors Cup	Omar Associates	Factdate Engineering	Amar Cables	Wah Karigar	Omar Associates	Amar Cables
<b>2020</b> 21st National Seniors Cup	Haseen Habib	Factdate Engineering	Amar Cables	John & Scott	Amar Cables	Haseen Habib
<b>2021</b> 22nd National Seniors Cup	Haseen Habib	Total Energy	Amar Cables	Wah Power	Haseen Habib	Amar Cables
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# PVCA Over 40 Inter City National Seniors Cup



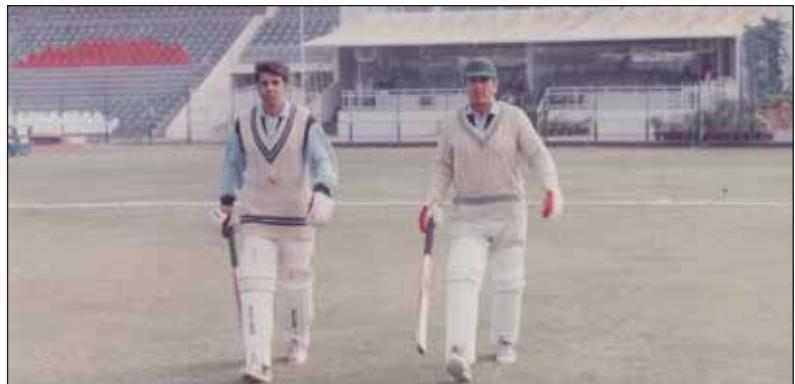
Dr Miftah Ismail, now Adviser to Prime Minister on Finance, Revenue and Economic Affairs, and Fawad Ijaz Khan, Chairman, PVCA, unveiling details of the inaugural Inter-City Cup

Chief guest Maqsood Ismail, Direcor, Ismail Industries Ltd, presenting winners' trophy of the 1st Inter-City Cup to the Karachi skipper, Jalaluddin. Also in the picture on extreme left is Dr Miftah Ismail, now Adviser to Prime Minister on Finance, Revenue and Economic Affairs.



The group photograph of the winning side

Former Pakistan captain, Majid Khan, walking out to open another innings





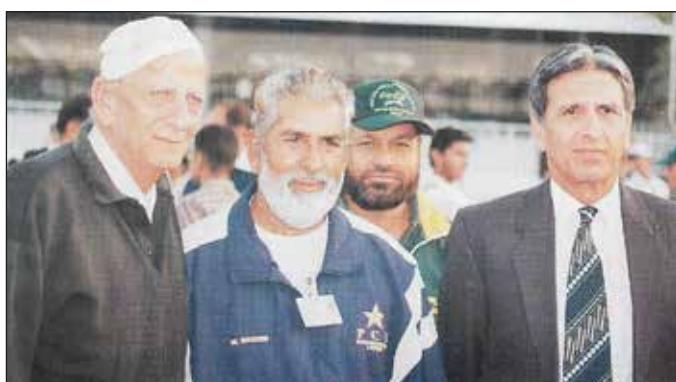
PVCA Chairman, Fawad Ijaz Khan, all smiles during prize distribution ceremony



A group photograph featuring the then PCB CEO, Majid Khan, with the officials of the PVCA



The victorious Lahore outfit



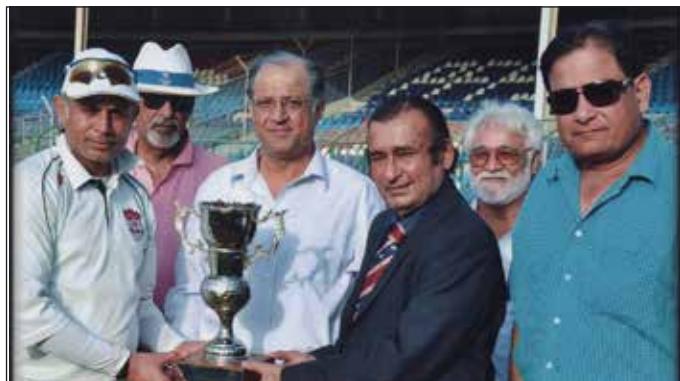
Greats Fazal Mahmood and Majid Khan watching a game alongwith chief groundsman, Muhammad Bashir



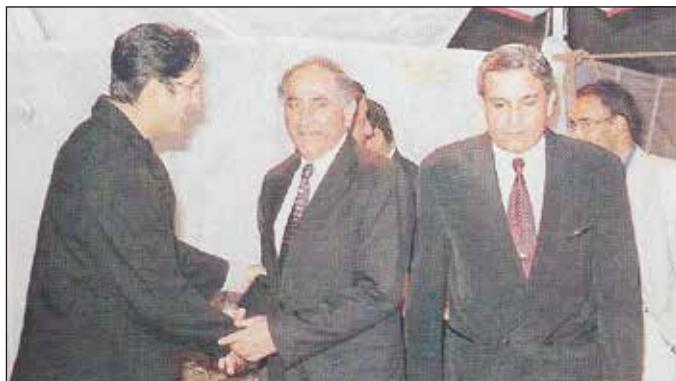
Ajaz Faquih, watched by Waqar Hasan, greeting the chief guest



Jalaluddin and Ajaz Faquih welcoming Iqbal Qasim before the start of a game



Sindh Sports Minister, Dr Muhammad Ali Shah, presenting winners' trophy



Legendary all-rounder Wasim Akram greeting the then PCB Chairman, Lt Gen Tauqir Zia



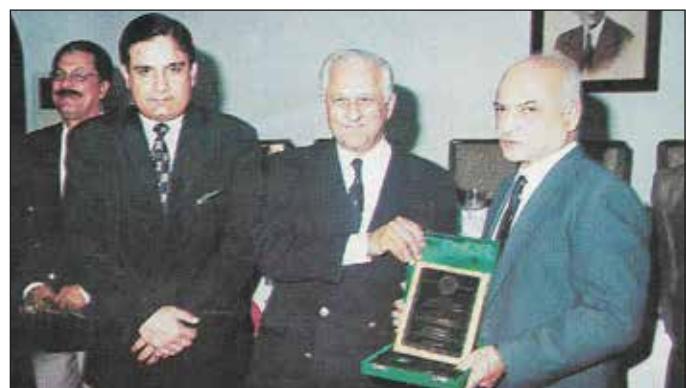
The winners photographed with chief guest, Lt Gen Tariq Wasim Ghazi, the then Commander of Corps 5



The finalists pictured with PVCA Chairman, Fawad Ijaz Khan



The then PCB Chairman, Shaheryar Khan, photographed with the winning team and the PVCA officials



The then PCB Chairman, Shaheryar Khan, receiving an award from the then PVCA Chairman, Arif Ali Khan Abbasi



The PVCA officials photographed with Lt Gen Tariq Wasim Ghazi, the then Commander of Corps 5



The PVCA Chairman, Fawad Ijaz Khan (centre) with Haji Ashraf and Nadeem Omar during prize distribution ceremony



Lt Gen Tariq Wasim Ghazi presenting the trophy to Ajaz Faquih



Group photograph of the winning team with the PVCA officials and chief guest Nasim-ul-Ghani

# PVCA Over 50s Veterans Cup

No.	Years	Winners	Runners Up
01	2008	Karachi Kings	Islamabad Panthers
02	2009	Lahore Lions	Islamabad Panthers
03	2010	Abandoned	
04	2014	Karachi Omar Associates	Lahore Lions
05	2015	Lahore Lions	Karachi Omar Associates
06	2018	Lahore Lions	Karachi Omar Associates
07	2022	Lahore Lions	Karachi Panthers



The Karachi outfit with Ashiq Hussain Qureshi, CEO, PVCA, Bagh-e-Jinnah Ground, Lahore



Karachi Kings skipper, Fawad Ijaz Khan, being presented winners' trophy by former Pakistan captain, Intikhab Alam

The finalists photographed with Ashiq Hussain Qureshi, CEO PVCA



Ashiq Hussain Qureshi, CEO PVCA, in action at Bagh-e-Jinnah, Lahore

Fawad Ijaz Khan, Chairman PVCA, watching proceedings at Bagh-e-Jinnah, Lahore



# PVCA Over 60s Veterans Cup

No.	Years	Winners	Runners Up
01	2009	Karachi Kings	Karachi Knights
02	2010	Karachi Gymkhana	Karachi Kings
03	2011	Karachi Gymkhana	Karachi Kings
04	2012	Karachi Gymkhana	Karachi Kings
05	2013	Karachi Gymkhana	Karachi Kings
06	2014	Karachi Gymkhana	Karachi Kings
07	2015	Karachi Gymkhana	Karachi Kings
08	2016	Karachi Kings	Karachi Gymkhana
09	2017	Naya Nazimabad	Omar Associates
10	2020	Fintex Veterans	Airport Gymkhana
11	2022	Fintex Veterans	Airport Gymkhana



Brig Salahuddin presenting trophy to Arif Habib



PVCA founder members gracing the occasion

The winning Karachi Gymkhana squad



Winners Karachi Gymkhana with former Test cricketer Waqar Hasan

Waqar Hasan presenting an award to famous journalist Qamar Ahmed

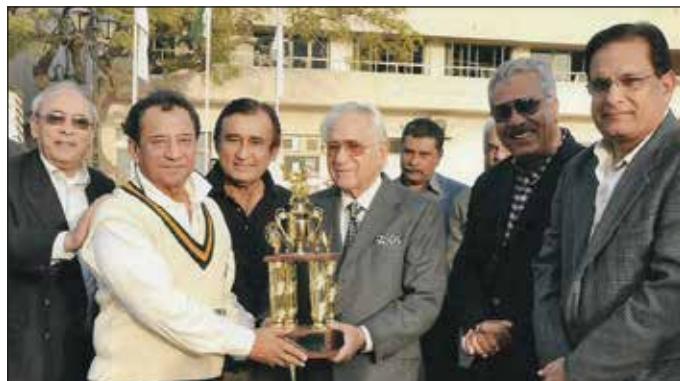




Dr Muhammad Ali Shah receiving trophy from chief guest Waqrar Hasan



Fawad Ijaz Khan collecting his award from chief guest Ali Haider Zaidi



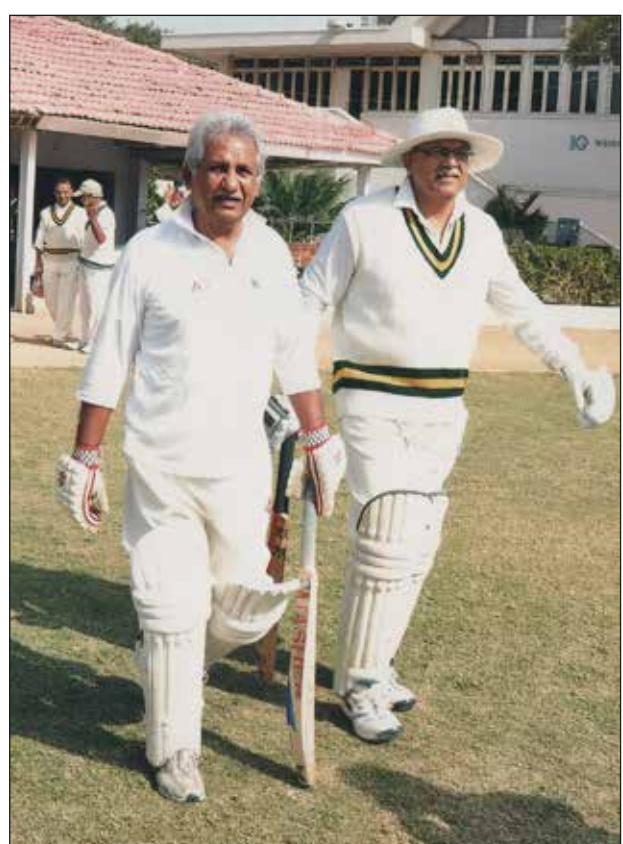
Chief guest Waqrar Hasan presenting trophy to Mirza Masroor, captain, Karachi Gymkhana



The Karachi Gymkhana squad



Zaheer Abbas presenting the trophy



Sadiq Muhammad, a former Test batsman, and Lt Gen Tariq Wasim Ghazi, Commander 5 Corps, opening the innings



Mirza Masroor and Brig Salahuddin at toss

# PVCA Inter School Cricket Tournaments

No.	Years	Winners	Runners Up
01	2002	Zahoor GBSS	APWA GBSS
02	2003	APWA GBSS	Zahoor GBSS
03	2004	APWA GBSS	Zahoor GBBS
04	2008	Fahad Academy	Kamran Public School
05	2010	Royal Academy	Kamran Public School
06	2012	Kamran Public School	Fahad Academy
07	2014	Beaconhouse School	Fahad Academy
08	2016	Fahad Academy	Qadri Public School
09	2018	Kamran Public School	Al Fatima Academy



Fawad Ijaz Khan, Chairman PVCA, Jalaludin, former Test fast bowler and other officials of PVCA and HBL attended certificate distribution ceremony. The outstanding performers of HBL Inter-School Tournament were selected for further training at the Customs Cricket Academy.



Lt Gen Tauqir Zia, the then PCB Chairman, inaugurating the first Inter-School Tournament at National Stadium, Karachi

Sohail Wajahat Siddiqui, MD & CEO, Siemens, giving away winners' trophy to skipper of Zahoor GBSS



Sohail Wajahat Siddiqui, flanked by PVCA office-bearers, sharing tournament details during media briefing

Former Pakistan captain Moin Khan giving away Best Wicketkeeper of the Tournament award





Runners-up Fahad Academy



Winners Beaconhouse School North Nazimabad



Aman Aziz Siddiqui, Head Strategy and Investment HBL, presenting Man of the Tournament award to Tariq Bakht



Aman Aziz Siddiqui, presenting Best Bowler of the Tournament award to Mohib Bin Javed of Kamran Public School



Fawad Ijaz Khan, Chairman, PVCA, giving away Best Batsman of the Tournament award to Ammad Alam



Shaheryar Khan awarding Best Fielder of the Tournament prize to Abdul Moiz of Kamran Public School



Shaheryar Khan presenting Best Wicketkeeper of the Tournament award to Ammar Iqbal of Beaconhouse School



Chief guest Shaheryar Khan giving away runners-up trophy to Fahad Academy's skipper Tauseef Khan



Shaheryar Khan, giving away the winning trophy to Beaconhouse School North Nazimabad's captain Hassan Khan



The group photograph of winners and runners-up squads with chief guest Shaheryar Khan and other dignitaries



Fawad Ijaz Khan, Chairman, PVCA, announcing details of 7th HBL Inter-School Tournament during media briefing



The colourful opening ceremony at Karachi Gymkhana



Superstars Shahid Afridi and Younis Khan meeting the schoolboys during the inauguration ceremony



Shahid Afridi and Younis Khan with the officials of PVCA and HBL



Fawad Ijaz Khan, Chairman, PVCA, delivering a speech



Shahid Afridi inaugurating the tournament

# Proud products of PVCA Inter School Cricket

## Sarfaraz Ahmed

World class wicketkeeper-batsman Sarfaraz Ahmed, who emerged as one of the most successful cricket captains for Pakistan across formats, had first hit headlines when he was declared the best batsman in the 3rd PVCA Inter-School Tournament which was held way back in 2004.



He has gone on to score more than six thousand runs in international cricket which includes six centuries. He has starred in many conquests for Pakistan during an illustrious spanning over a dozen years. His greatest moment was leading the country to triumph in the ICC Champions Trophy in 2017.

## Saim Ayub



Left-handed opening batsman Saim Ayub, who has already represented the country in more than half a dozen Twenty20 Internationals since his debut in March 2023, first came in the limelight by clinching the best batsman award in the 9th PVCA Inter-School Tournament which was staged in 2018.

Acclaimed as one of the most exciting young talents, he has displayed his prowess globally while appearing in T20 leagues for Quetta Gladiators, Peshawar Zalmi, Rangpur Riders, Toronto Nationals and Guyana Amazon Warriors besides playing first-class cricket.

# Pakistan edged out by Australia in final of inaugural Over 50s World Cup

Pakistan went down fighting against hosts Australia in the final of the inaugural Over 50 World Cup Cricket Tournament, losing the pulsating encounter only by three runs at the Drummoyne Oval in Sydney on December 5, 2018.

Chasing a target of 166 in 45 overs, Pakistan recovered from 94 for nine to be bowled for 162 in 42.4 overs. The last pair added no less than 68 runs with Babar Butt scoring 46 off 59 balls and Imtiaz Tarar remaining unbeaten on 28 off 54 balls.

Pakistan had become the favourites to lift the trophy when the requirement was down to just a few runs with plenty of deliveries in hand. But the final twist came in the 43rd over when John Short trapped Babar Butt leg before wicket and Australia won the game by the skin of their teeth. The Pakistan team was not happy at the umpire's decision.

At the conclusion of the final, the Australian captain, Peter Solway, received the winning trophy while Babar Butt of Pakistan was declared Man of the Match. Solway was also declared the best batsman of the tournament while Stephen Foster (England), Javed Hafeez (Pakistan) and Mason Robinson (New Zealand) were adjudged the best bowler, the best fielder and the wicketkeeper respectively.

It was in the fitness of things that the grand final of the tournament, contested between the only two unbeaten unfits, went to the wire and Pakistan came perilously close to spoiling the party for the home side.

Australiua fought back after a shaky start to post a fighting total of 165. It were the fine knocks from the trio of Tony Clark (44 off 77 balls), Joseph Santostefano (33 off 55 balls) and Todd O'Keefe (25 off 38 balls) which repaired the damage for Australia after they had lost their first three batsmen with only 26 runs on the board.

Dastagir Butt jolted Australia by picking up a couple of wickets in his opening spell of five overs while left-arm spinner Jaffer Qureshi was the pick of the Pakistani bowlers with the figures of three for 25 off six overs with Sagheer Abbas, Javed Hafeez, Zafar Ali and Imtiaz Tarar being the other successful bowlers.

Pakistan also got off to a dreaded start to their innings as three of their prolific batsmen, Shahid Anwar, Ghulam Ali and Sajid Ali, perished without making any significant contribution. Australia was firmly in control of the game when the ninth Pakistani wicket fell at the total of 94. The match came into life as Pakistan's last wicket pair of Babar Butt and Imtiaz Tarar inched towards the target. The bowling honours for Australia were shared between John Short (3-27), William Blair (2-33) and Tony Clark (2-34).

Earlier Sajid Ali's unbeaten century had powered Pakistan to the final when they defeated England by five wickets in the semifinal at the Rosedale Oval in Sydney Australia, who topped the points table at the end of the preliminary rounds, also made it to the final by overcoming fourth placed New Zealand by four runs in the other semifinal at the Hurstville Oval.

Pakistan's early strikes denied any sort of momentum to England in the early part of their innings and they rallied back through half centuries from Foster (71 off 97 balls) and Mo Hussein (56 off 92 balls) to finish with a fighting total of 184 for five in the allotted 45 overs.

Pakistan's spearhead Dastagir Butt claimed a couple of wickets in his opening spell of five overs while the pressure was sustained by the spin quartet of Jaffer Qureshi, Zafar Ali, Javed Hafeez and Imran Tarar.

Chasing a target of 185 in 45 overs, Pakistan's innings was held together by Sajid Ali who remained undefeated on 102 off 127 balls, hitting six boundaries. He was adjudged Man of the Match.

England's bowlers kept the match alive with their steady line and length but Sajid Ali received useful support from Ghaffar Kazmi (29 off 53 balls), Javed Hafeez (19 off 28 balls) and Ghulam Ali (17 off 36 balls) to reach the target with an over to spare.



Ashiq Hussain Qureshi and Amer Ilyas Butt in Sydney



Ghulam Ali receiving Man of the Match award

Sagheer Abbas returns after playing a fine innings



Group photograph of the Pakistan team, with national flag, before start of the final

# Covid-19 brings about abrupt cancellation of Over 50s World Cup 2020



The pandemic of Coronavirus (Covid-19) brought about the abrupt cancellation of the Over-50s Cricket World Cup Tournament 2020 which was being staged in and around Cape Town, South Africa, during the month of March.

The World Cup Ambassador, Barry Richards, a former South African batting great, took the decision, which was duly endorsed by the organizing committee, during the course of the third round of matches, which were then abandoned after the first innings, following the outbreak of the deadly virus.

Sparkling centuries by opener Sajid Ali (124 off 140 balls) and Muhammad Javed

(133 off 84 balls) had put Pakistan in a commanding position as they posted a mammoth score of 321 for two in the allotted 45 overs against Wales. But the match was called off before Pakistan could take the field to defend the huge total.

The first innings in other five matches had also been completed at which point it was decided to stop them following the decision taken by the organizing committee and the tournament was declared cancelled with immediate effect because of the Covid-19 virus.

Canada was taking on West Indies, England was taking on Namibia, Sri Lanka was confronting Australia, Zimbabwe was playing New Zealand and South Africa was tackling India at a time when Pakistan was pitted against Wales.

“The decision was taken for the protection of the players, given their age demographic but also for the local population given that 95% of known cases in South Africa have come from travellers. It is a public health risk decision,” the head of the tournament’s medical committee, Dr Parag Pandya, announced.

“The decision was taken by the organizing and medical committees but it is fully endorsed by the sponsors. There was a great desire to continue but, in the end, it became apparent that cancellation was the right thing to do,” Evergreen Lifestyle’s spokesperson Arthur Case added.

Seven of the 11 visiting teams had been staying in the same Cape Town hotel where appropriate precautions were taken and they were to remain the same until arrangements were made for their repatriation. Pakistan was unbeaten in the tournament, having overpowered Namibia and India in their earlier games and they were strongly placed to roll over Wales as well.

The Pakistan team, having Quetta Gladiators as the main sponsors, with Amar Cables, Turk Plast, Haseen Habib and Bank Al Falah being co-sponsors, was due to take on South Africa and England in their remaining games before the knockout rounds.

The Over-50 Pakistan squad comprised of Ghaffar Kazmi (captain), Sajid Ali (vice-captain), Mahmood Hamid, Jaffer Qureshi, Dastagir Butt, Muhammad Javed, Babar Butt, Raja Arshad Hayat, Azhar Khan, Aziz-ur-Rahman, Zafar Ali, Fawad Bari, Imtiaz Tarar, Asif Hayat and Ahmed Hayat while Behzad Anwar and Aamir Sarfaraz accompanied as manager and assistant manager respectively. The entire contingent landed home soundly and safely, having flown in from Cape Town via Dubai.

# Pakistan wins inaugural Over 60s Cricket World Cup

By **Muhammad Zunair Rashid**

Pakistan Veterans team, led by Fawad Ijaz Khan, exhibited top-notch performances and resultantly became the entitled Champions of the Over 60s cricket World Cup held in Sunshine Coast, Brisbane, Australia. Pakistan Over 60s team ousted the tournament's favorite Australia in the Semi-final before clinching the final against unbeatable New Zealand.

The One-day format World Cup featured 12 teams from the cricketing globe, divided into two pools. Pakistan was placed in Pool B along with sides like New Zealand, South Africa, Rest of the World, USA & West Indies. Whereas Pool A was composed of Australia, Canada, India, Sri Lanka, Wales & Zimbabwe.

Pakistan Veterans played seven matches in a span of ten days. Indeed, a riveting aspect of their dominating World Cup campaign. The men in green began with their World Cup on a high note as they defeated the West Indian side by 23 runs. Tahir Rashid remained the standout with a half-century to his name.

In their second encounter, New Zealand overcame them by 44 runs. They secured victory by a margin of 43 runs in their contest against Rest of the World team on the back of a terrific century from former first-class player Ghaffar Kazmi. The fourth clash against USA got washed out due to heavy downpour. Pakistan Veterans team edge past the South African side in their last pool match, winning it by three wickets.

Remarkable performances throughout the group stage ensured Pakistan successfully grabbed onto a semifinal spot where they had to battle it out against heavyweight Australia. Pakistan after winning the toss opted to bowl first. Australia assembled 215 runs in their allotted 45 overs. Peter Jensen remained the top scorer with his valiant knock of 91 runs. Ashraf Pakhali picked three wickets.

Though Pakistan remained firm in their chase for the most part but Australia made a prominent comeback reducing Pakistan from 161-3 to 198-9. With 18 runs still required and having a bare last wicket at their disposal, wicketkeeper-batter Tahir Rashid, along with tailender Muhammad Yaqoob, kept their calm under vividly enormous pressure, ultimately sealing the deal after nerve-tangling combat.

Pakistan had to face the stiff challenge of New Zealand in the final. The Kiwi side had been equally clinical throughout the competition. In fact, they had remained undefeated in the whole tournament. Moreover, having the psychological advantage of beating Pakistan in the group stage match.

All these speculations though appeared to be unavailing on that very day. New Zealand after winning the toss decided to bat first. They managed to linger onto 173-9 after the quality opening burst from Syed Saghir Abbas and Muhammad Yaqoob which initially reduced them to 38-4. Russell Drake was the top contributor for New Zealand with his steady knock of 51.

Pakistan remained resolute in their chase as the opener Muhammad Aslam played a vital knock of 70. Ghaffar Kazmi who had been scintillating throughout the World Cup again rose to the occasion with his unbeaten knock of 71 runs. Collectively, he accumulated 277 runs at an excellent average of 55.40 and eventually stood as the highest run scorer within the event. Ultimately, Pakistan became the crowned winners after triumphing in the final by seven wickets.

The Victorious squad comprised of Fawad Ijaz Khan (captain), Syed Saghir Abbas, Syed Muhammad Ghaffar Kazmi, Muhammad Ashraf Pakhali, Mohammad Aslam, Tahir Rashid (wicketkeeper), Basharat Ali Babar, Tahir Gul, Muhammad Younus, Nadeem Moosa, Muhammad Yaqoob, Syed Mansoor Hussain, Syed Abid Ali Naqvi, Tahir Buksh, Waqar Ahmed, Syed Muhammad Shahabuddin, Muhammad Akram and Muhammad Amir Sarfaraz (manager).



The triumphant skipper, Fawad Ijaz Khan, proudly displaying national flag



The spirited Pakistani team in the field



Ghaffar Kazmi receiving Player of the Tournament award



Pakistan's skipper Fawad Ijaz Khan watching proceedings



The winning team with national flag



Time for national anthems at the ground



Celebration time for Pakistani players



Skipper Fawad Ijaz Khan holds aloft the winning shield



Player of the tournament, Ghaffar Kazmi, sharing glory with skipper Fawad Ijaz Khan and teammates



Fawad Ijaz Khan with match officials

Pakistan's captain Fawad Ijaz Khan with members of rival team



Skipper Fawad Ijaz Khan doing the honours in presentation ceremony

# Pakistan wins Plate Final in Over 50s World Cup 2023



Pakistan Over 50 team finished its World Cup campaign with five consecutive victories and finishing at fifth position in the mega event. In the plate final, they whipped Zimbabwe by six wickets at Rylands Cricket Club in Cape Town, South Africa, to end the tournament in a blaze of glory.

Pakistan opted to bowl first after winning the toss. Gavin Parker fell for a duck in the very first over bowled by Muhammad Jawed. Andrew Walton and Stuart Carlisle then offered some resistance with a 77-run stand for the second wicket. Afterward, wickets continued

to tumble from time to time and Zimbabwe ended their innings on 190-9. Stuart Carlisle remained the highest scorer with 47 off 70 balls. Their innings was wrecked by the duo of Jaffar Qureshi (3-31) and Muhammad Hafeez (3-32).

Openers Azhar Khan (77 off 72 balls), adjudged Man of the Match, and Asif Hamayun (60 off 68 balls) provided Pakistan a flying start with their 123-run partnership. The middle-order wobbled a bit as Michael Van Staden, Andrew Walton and Darshan Vaghmaria picked up quick wickets but the target of 191 was achieved quite comfortably in the end.

The rub of the green didn't go Pakistan's way in this event as they couldn't finish among the top four despite having lost just one of their league matches. Their game against United Arab Emirates (UAE) was abandoned due to rain which cost them a place in semifinals despite having fared brilliantly throughout the competition.

Placed in Pool B, Pakistan began their World Cup campaign with an emphatic seven-wicket win over Wales. Fine bowling by Jaffar Qureshi (3-27), Rehan Rauf (2-29) and Naeem Tayyab (2-40) restricted Wales to 159 for nine in 45 overs. The 133-run fourth wicket partnership between Asif Hamayun (68 off 86 balls) and Muhammad Jawed (66 off 75 balls) allowed Pakistan to reach the target in 32nd over.

South Africa defeated Pakistan by five wickets in the second round match. Put into bat, Pakistan recovered to reach a respectable total of 206 for nine after having been reduced to 65 for six with Muhammad Hafeez (76 off 84 balls) and Jaffar Qureshi (67 off 76 balls) leading the recovery. The home side was reeling at 117 for five in reply but they fought back to clinch the game.

The third round match against was washed out as downpour played the spoilsport in Durbanville Cricket Club in Cape Town South Africa but Pakistan kept its semifinals hopes alive by trouncing England by 40 runs. Fluent knocks from Jamshaid Ali (55), Azhar Khan (34) and Nafees Ali Khan (31) enabled Pakistan to post a total of 234 for eight which was defended successfully thanks to fine bowling from the quartet of Naeem Tayyab, Jaffar Qureshi, Rauf Wain and Imtiaz Ahmad.

Pakistan then defeated the archrivals India by five wickets in the sixth round. Muhammad Hafeez and Jaffar Qureshi grabbed a couple of wickets each to limit India to 175 for seven in 45 overs. Muhammad Jawed (45), Muhammad Hafeez (37) and Syed Mazhar Hussain (30) then chipped in with useful knocks to take Pakistan to victory in 42nd over. Pakistan also registered victory in their last group game against Namibia, who couldn't recover after a nightmarish start. After bowling Namibia out for 67, Pakistan raced to the modest target in only the 14th over.



Pakistans team photographed with PVCA chairman, Fawad Ijaz Khan, after winning Plate Championship



The Namibian team before taking on Pakistan



Exchange of flags before starting the game



PVCA Chairman, Fawad Ijaz Khan, with one of the participating teams

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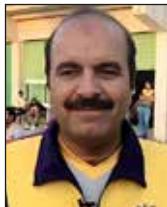
### Participating Teams



#### Pakistan



**Misbah ul Haq**  
Captain



**Azam Khan**  
Manager

Abdul Razzaq (Vice Captain)  
Shahid Afridi  
Muhammad Sami  
Hassan Raza  
Tariq Haroon  
Khurram Ali Khan (W.K.)  
Waqas Ahmed  
Abdul Qadir  
Muhammad Rizwan Aslam  
Kashif Sidiqque  
Muhammad Ilyas  
Afzal Shah (W.K.)  
Amjad Ali  
Imran Ali  
Tassawar Abbas  
Haris Ayaz  
Junaid Khalil Nainitalwala  
Yasir Hameed (Reserve)  
Ali Iqbal (Reserve)  
Shehzad Malik (Reserve)  
Jalal-ud-Din (Coach)



#### Canada



**Talal Iqbal**  
Captain



**Asad Khan**  
Manager

Aftab Qaisar  
Ali Farooq  
Ali Shah  
Ayaaz Ali  
Badar-e-Munir Atique  
Dheeraj Paul  
Iqbal Kassamali  
Khalid Gilani  
Mohammad Faisal Moledina  
Mohammad Riaz  
Nasir Mahmood  
Sajjad Din  
Sheraz Zubair  
Sivanan Thharaj Amir Thalingam  
Sultan Malik  
Tyrone Atmaram Persaud  
Zubair Ansar  
Subramanian Palani Kumar



#### Australia



**Justin Poole**  
Captain



**Nathan King**  
Manager

Tim Bott (Vice Captain)  
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Steven Leahy  
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Michael Durbridge  
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Chris Dickson  
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Captain



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Manager

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Iftikhar Ahmad  
Bodhisatya Guha  
Mohsin Naqvi  
Matt Jones  
Saurav Biswas  
Naveed Tariq Khawaja  
Khan Zar  
Khan Jamshed  
Mohit Sarvaria  
Rahul Sambhus  
Shelton Joseph D Cruz  
Murali Ganesan  
Kashif Shams  
John Patrick Roy Lamsam  
Najeeb Amar (Coach/Player)  
Ahmad Hayat Butt (Assistant manager)



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**Raj Singh**  
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Bhesham Seepersaud  
Lawrence Farnum  
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Lookeshwar Mahabeer  
Sanjiv Gooljar  
Randy Thomas  
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Randy Lindore  
Devon Clements  
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## USA



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Farrukh**  
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Krishnan**  
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Vinod Shankar Periagaram  
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Sakhi Muhammad (Team Director)



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Imranullah Sheikh  
Sarfraz Khan  
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Mohsin pardesi  
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Azhar Gul  
Noman Ali  
Amjad Jawed



## Nepal



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Chhetri**  
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Sanjaya Shrestha  
Binit Bastola  
Sachin Malla  
Suman Udaya  
Khim Bahadur Thapa

# Match Venues

## National Bank Stadium



The National Bank Stadium, previously known as National Stadium before the sponsorship, was inaugurated in April 1955. It has hosted over a 100 international matches since then, including World Cup matches in 1987 and 1996. The National Cricket Academy Karachi Center is also located in the complex, officially named Hanif Mohammad High Performance Centre.

## NBP Sports Complex



The ground has hosted hundreds of first class matches and remains a top class cricket ground. It has 9 pitches and its dressing rooms are equipped with modern amenities with separate umpire and referee rooms and also a media gallery.

## Karachi Gymkhana Cricket Ground



Karachi Gymkhana remains the country's most prestigious and historical cricket ground. It has been the venue for several international and national first class cricket matches. It was on this ground that Pakistan scored its historic win against MCC in December 1951 thus due to which Pakistan was granted Test status by ICC.

Gymkhana official teams play matches here regularly, sometimes against foreign sides. An annual Ramazan cricket tournament is continually organized since the last 25 years here.

## DHA Moin Khan Cricket Academy



The cricket ground consists of five turf pitches in the centre & equipped with four light towers for day & night matches. Five turf pitches and two astroturf pitches for practice are also available where coaching is also provided to the Children b/w 6 to 19 years of age. The cricket ground is also famous for hosting Corporate T20 Ramadan Tournament viewed throughout the world by live broadcast. A beautiful pavilion also exists with a capacity of 3000.

## DHA Southend Club Cricket Stadium



Southend Club, also known as DHA Cricket Stadium, was built in 1990. Within three years it obtained the international status by organizing the first ever Test match between Pakistan and Zimbabwe in 1993. The management has since then also established the Cricket Centre Pakistan (CCP) Academy to polish the skills of young cricketers under the guidance of Test and First-class players. The ground recently hosted ODIs between the women teams of Pakistan and Sri Lanka.

## Interview

# Veterans' cricket spreading like wildfire globally: Fawad Ijaz Khan

**Q: How and when did you decide to host the Over-40s Global Cup?**

A: It had been in my mind for quite some time and I first shared this idea with Haroon Lorgat the then Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the International Cricket Council (ICC) during my meeting with him at the ICC Headquarters in Dubai in 2008. It was the time when only the Indian Board of Veterans was the only active body, other than ours, in the entire cricketing world.

Seeking facilitation and assistance from the world's governing body for arranging teams from member countries for my proposed Over-40 tournament, I was communicated that the veterans' cricket was out of their purview. In fact, the ICC supremo had informed me that senior players in the majority of their member countries didn't enjoy cordial relations with their respective boards.

Although he was appreciative of this novel idea all he could commit on behalf of the ICC was to send umpires for the tournament which obviously was not going to be enough. I was left with no other option than to wait for a while until there was a change of heart. The seeds, however, had been sown, and I had the gut feeling that my dream of launching an Over-40 tournament at the international level will be fulfilled sooner or later.

As expected, veterans' cricket gained momentum in various countries over the years and the activities were regulated with the formation of controlling bodies. Things kept moving in the right direction as the Over-50 World Cup made its debut in 2018 followed by the launch of the Over-60 World Cup in 2022. Now the Over-40 World Cup by the name of Global Cup is on the horizon.

**Q: How tough is it to host an international of such magnitude during difficult times especially economy wise?**

A: Hosting the tournament in Pakistan was always to be a tough task for obvious reasons. Convincing the international teams to come down here was not easy. We had to offer them incentives in order to rope them for our event. They had security concerns but we are grateful to the Government of Sindh in particular for providing the necessary assurances which satisfied the foreign participants.

Secondly, we had a narrow window for our tournament as lots of cricketers had other obligations. The delayed confirmation from some of the participating teams allowed us less time to do the event's marketing. As we approached the corporates for sponsorship at the eleventh hour, their budget for the year had already been exhausted due to their commitments in Asia Cup and World Cup. The economic meltdown in the country didn't



help our cause either. We, however, have managed to secure funds to meet the costs of the tournament thankfully.

**Q: Veterans' cricket has come a long way. How do you describe the journey?**

A: We have been successful in making our presence felt both at the national as well as international level during our 25-year-old journey which has been quite an eventful one. The veterans' cricket has propelled expeditiously throughout the globe during the last few years but the indigenous idea in Pakistan traces its roots way back to 1997 when Ideal Group organised a tournament in Karachi. The final of the landmark event was contested between Ideal Group and A O Clinic which subsequently led to the birth of the Pakistan Veterans Cricket Association (PVCA), which was founded officially on April 23, 1998.

Prompted by a vacuum to engage senior or veteran cricketers on the cricket field, I had floated the idea of forming an Association for this purpose, and with the support of like-minded friends and patrons, the dream turned into reality. I remained

the Chief Executive Officer of the PVCA from its inception until 1998 when I was elected as Chairman of the body.

Since inception, we have succeeded in making our mark at the domestic level by organising the Veterans Cup (Over-50s) and Super Veterans Cup (Over 60s) apart from National Seniors Cup (Over 40s) on a regular basis. Inter-School cricket tournaments are another prominent initiative of the PVCA which have provided an exceptional platform for youngsters to showcase their potential.

Several stars like former Pakistan Test captain Sarfaraz Ahmed, the world-class wicketkeeper-batsman who lifted the Champions Trophy for Pakistan in 2017, and Saim Ayub, the flamboyant left-handed opener already having earned Pakistan cap, are proud products of these tournaments.

**Q: When did you break into the international arena?**

A: The first ever veteran's clash in an official capacity took place between India and Pakistan (Over-35) in 2005 when the Pakistan Veterans team visited India to play a four-match series which was organised by the Board for Veterans Cricket in India (BVCI).

The first encounter took place at Sirsa Haryana on December 26 where a huge turnout of around 15,000 spectators watched the match which was telecast live. The Indian Seniors then toured Pakistan in 2006 and Pakistan undertook another tour of India again 2007. All these three series, spread over 12 matches, were beamed live and it featured the participation of prominent former Test players from both countries which attracted massive crowds.

Following the groundbreaking Veterans series between two of the greatest cricket nations, Pakistan and India, the PVCA had remained in touch with P R Maan Singh and later on with Chetan Chauhan who headed the BVCI after its formation.

Muhammad Azharuddin, the world record holder for scoring a century in each of his first three Tests, captained the Indian team in all these three series whereas Abdul Qadir, the leg-spinning wizard, captained the Pakistani side two times and Rashid Latif, the ace wicketkeeper-batsman, led the side in one series. Pakistan Veterans managed to win two out of these three series.

Pakistan Veterans teams have made successful bilateral tours to England in 2009, 2014, 2017 and 2019, undertaking two tours to South Africa in 2015 and 2017 while travelling to Sri Lanka in 2011, 2016 and 2017.

The PVCA, besides its exceptional administration skills, has been simply scintillating in ensuring and depicting top-notch on-ground performances. The Pakistani teams have been successfully dominating the show and are a force to reckon with at various age levels.

The Pakistan Over-50 team remained the runners-up in the inaugural Over 50s World Cup held in Sydney in 2018 and it has the highest winning percentage across the cricketing globe. The Pakistan Over-60, under my captaincy, was crowned as the

worthy champions of the Over 60s Cricket World Cup held in Sunshine Coast, Brisbane, Australia in 2022.

The Pakistan Over-50 team also participated in the Over-50 World Cup which was staged at Cape Town, South Africa, in March 2023. As many as 14 countries took part in this event but Pakistan narrowly missed qualification in the last four. Pakistan, however, earned the distinction of having overpowered England, the eventual champions, in the league encounter.

**Q: Are national cricket authorities supportive of veterans' cricket?**

A: Neither the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) nor any governmental organisation lend us financial support. The PVCA, registered with the Securities Exchange Commission of Pakistan (SECP), is governed on a self-help basis by a board of 20 directors who are elected for a term of three years.

**Q: Do you expect fans to turn up for matches to support the Pakistan team which features former stars like Shahid Afridi and Abdul Razzaq in the upcoming Over-40s Global Cup?**

A: We all know that the spectators, of late, have not been turning up in very large numbers to watch the national team even in One-day Internationals. Therefore, we don't expect capacity crowds to watch the action but certainly we are hopeful of substantial turnouts in the matches at National Stadium.

Now T20 are known for attracting the masses. We were eager to organize this Over-40s Global Cup in the T20 format but other teams didn't agree. We, however, are planning an international T20 tournament next year in which the other leading teams like England, South Africa, New Zealand and Sri Lanka will also be persuaded to participate.

**Q: How do you foresee the future of veterans' cricket in Pakistan and internationally?**

A: Trust me that veterans' cricket is spreading like wildfire globally. Some people may be surprised but the fact remains that it has become the most popular brand of cricket internationally. As many as 25 countries are into it very seriously now. Afghanistan, Saudi Arabia, Scotland, Ireland, Wales and Kuwait are among the nations where veterans' cricket has got a firm foothold and they look forward to joining the elite list of 14 countries who have settled infrastructure already. So, veterans' cricket is here to stay and flourish, both in Pakistan as well as internationally.

**Q: As chairman PVCA what do you think are the standout milestones achieved by the association over the years?**

A: Hosting the series against India in 2006, which was a roaring success, was deemed as our single biggest achievement until we won the inaugural Over-60s World Cup against all odds in Australia last year. We have had only four Over-60s outfits in Karachi and none elsewhere in the country.

We managed to overpower hosts Australia in the semifinals and before overcoming their neighbours New Zealand in the final. Both these countries, having a large number of Over-60s teams, enjoyed greater experience of it but we shocked them with our sterling performance to lift the trophy. ■



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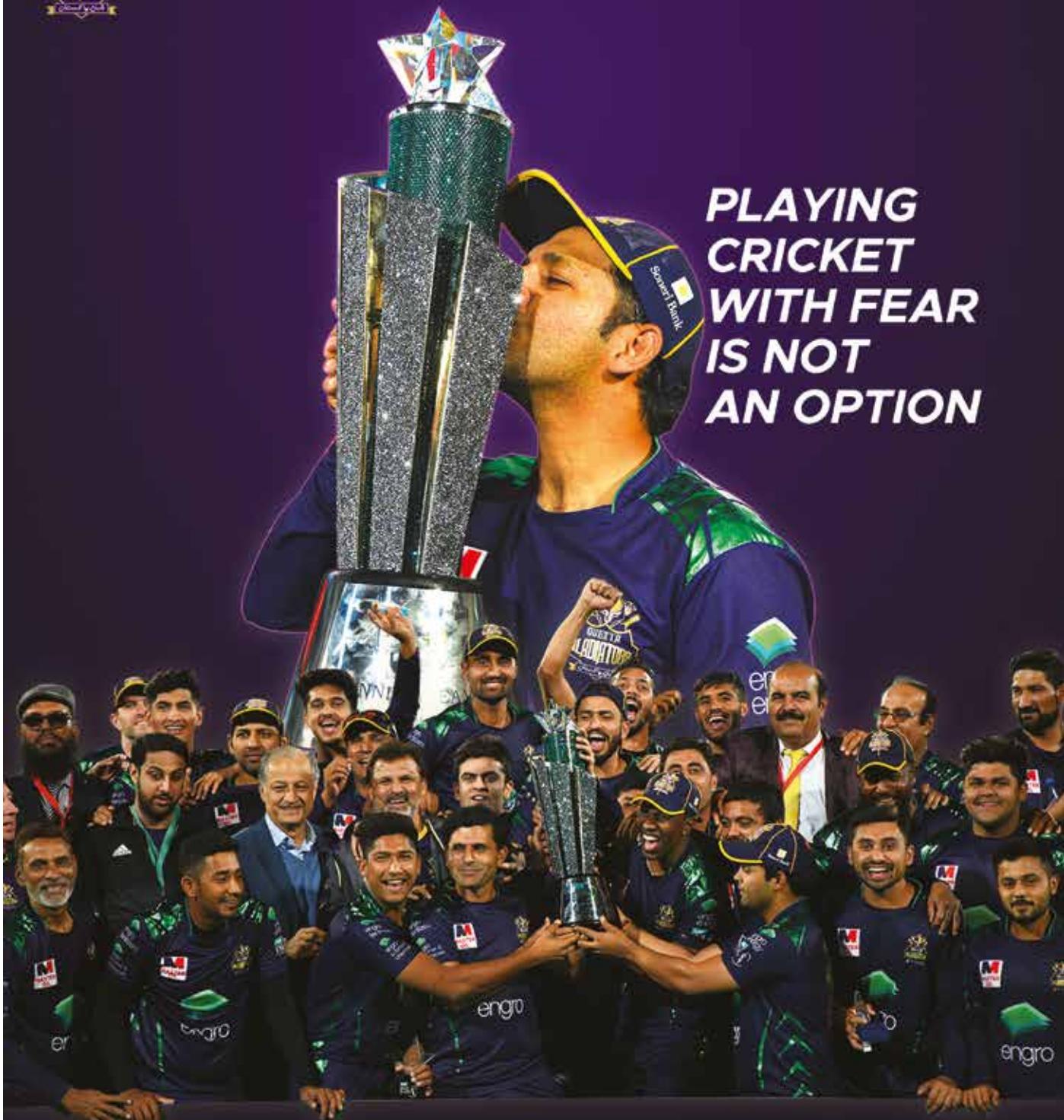
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