



Shahzad Breaks Record with Aggressive Batting in T10 League

KABUL - Afghanistan wicket-keeper batsman Mohammad Shahzad has slammed an unbeaten 74 off 16 balls to give Rajputs a 10-wicket win over Sindh in the T10 League in Sharjah Cricket Stadium.

The second season of the T10 League got off to a sensational start in the United Arab Emirates (UAE) on Wednesday as Mohammad Shahzad made T10 cricket history with a super destructive innings of 74 off just 16 deliveries.

Shahzad hit eight sixes and six boundaries, setting the record for fastest fifty in the 10-over format, taking his side Rajputs to a 10-wicket victory against the Sindh with six overs to spare in Sharjah. The 16-ball-74 by Shahzad was the highest score in T10s ever and the Afghan wicket-keeper was able to bring up his fifty in just 12 balls—another first in T10 cricket.

Batting first, Shane Watson's Sindh posted a challenging 94/4 in 10 overs with the help of 20-ball 42 from the skipper.

While the Sindh could easily have piled up a lot more runs on board, none of their batsmen except Watson managed to reach double-figure marks.

Chasing 95 to win, Afghanistan wicket-keeper opened the innings with captain Brendon McCullum and single-handedly decimated Sindh's bowling attack. Mohammad Nawaz, Jofra Archer, Thisara Perera and Fawad Ahmed all bowled one over each and went for more than 20 runs.

McCullum, who stitched together an opening stand of 96 runs with Shahzad, scored 21 off just 8 deliveries, was a silent spectator to Shahzad's brilliance on the other end.

While everyone was expecting it to be a tight chase, Shahzad made it a one-sided affair with an incredible inning, that will go down as one of the best-ever knocks by the Afghan opener. (Pajhwok)

Hekmatyar Reiterates Demand for Timely Presidential Elections

KABUL - Head of the Hizb-i-Islami Afghanistan (HIA) Gulbuddin Hekmatyar has stressed the need for timely conduct of presidential elections and asked the government to honor the demands of political parties, according to a statement on Tuesday.

The HIA statement added the party supremo expressed the remarks during a meeting with Jihadi personalities from the Chahardehi area of the capital Kabul.

The statement quoted Hekmatyar as saying: "We tried to convince the government to agree on the plan of the political forces in order to make the elections a solution to the crisis in the country, but the talk did not succeed."

However, citing well-placed source, Pajhwok on Sunday reported the presidential and other three elections had been postponed for three months.

The Independent Election Com-



mission (IEC) head Abdul Bade Sayyad termed the delayed date of July 13 for the presidential and other three elections as "fair and suitable" but added the decision was not yet final...*(More on P4)...(10)*

8 Years on, Harirod Bridge Still Incomplete in Ghor

FIROZKOH - Construction of a bridge over the Harirod River in Lal wa Sarjangal district of western Ghor province has not been completed even eight years after initiation, thanks to government apathy, local residents said on Tuesday.

The bridge on the Ghor-Kabul highway is located in Dahan Qolani area of the district and its construction was started eight years ago.

Local residents say passengers face many problems on the route in rainy seasons when water level rises in the river.

They say the bridge is a vital connection point between Kabul and Ghor and its incompleteness has created many problems for com-



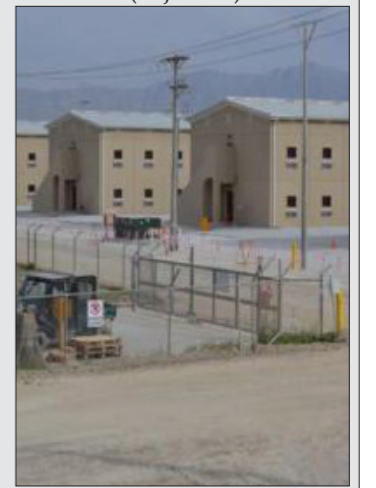
muters. Azizullah Mahdi, a resident of the Lal wa Sarjangal district, told Pajhwok Afghan News that passengers...*(More on P4)...(11)*

2 Rockets Hit Bagram Airbase, No Damage Caused

KABUL - Two rockets have been fired on Bagram airfield, the largest US military base in Afghanistan, causing no injuries or damage, NATO Resolute Support (RS) mission said in a statement on Tuesday.

"Bagram Airfield did receive two rounds of indirect fire this morning. One round impacted on the base, causing no injuries or damage. The other round missed the base, impacting outside its perimeter. The latter is typical for such indiscriminate fire, which poses more potential risk to Afghan civilians in the homes and villages surrounding the

airfield who have no means to protect themselves from such a threat than those on Bagram Airfield." (Pajhwok)



29 Militants Killed in Uruzgan Operation

TARINKOT - At least 29 Taliban insurgents, including two notorious commanders have been killed during a joint operation in the Deh Rawud district of central Uruzgan province, officials said on Tuesday.

Lt. Col. Mohammad Sadiq Isa, spokesman for 205th Atal Military Corps, told Pajhwok Afghan News national army, national police and National Directorate of Security (NDS) personnel conducted operation in the district on Sunday night.

Isa said 12 insurgents were killed and several others wounded in an air raid in the district. Foreign forces also supported the raid, he said, adding heavy and light weapons belonging to rebels also destroyed during the airstrike.

Col. Abdul Wali, fourth brigade commander for the military corps, said the details of the joint operation conducted in Deh Rawud district had not been shared with them so far.

But district police chief Shah Mohammad ...*(More on P4)...(12)*



Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)



What an odd day, Aries! You feel like you've been given a one-way ticket to a faraway place. Departure is imminent, leaving you no time to pack or say goodbye. There isn't a moment to waste.

You're intrigued by the adventure, yet afraid to go. All signs indicate that it will be beneficial if you get on that plane.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)



When the day is done, you will look back on it as an unusual one, Taurus. Wild ideas sprouted in your head like mushrooms. You may have imagined leaving immediately for a trip around the world, or drawn up plans for a housekeeping invention, or visualized an entirely new opening in the online world. Don't dismiss these ideas as unrealistic.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)



There's likely to be some tumult in your emotional life right now, Gemini. You may feel a pressing need to have a heart-to-heart talk with your partner. Tension may develop if you become increasingly insistent about your need to do so. Anger or alienation can be avoided if you express your feelings with clarity and compassion.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)



Friends and family, while dear, can be irritating today, Cancer. Everyone around you seems upset and unable to communicate clearly. Fortunately, your temper has a long fuse. To avoid a sudden explosion, it would be a good idea to avoid home and the tensions there. If you take a break from your normal routine, you're likely to meet people.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)



All dissatisfaction will be abolished today as you systematically confront and resolve all the little problems that have been bothering you. Your tolerance threshold is low to nonexistent. Give a wide berth to friends who have been irritating lately. Your wardrobe improves dramatically as you discard all those clothes that don't fit or no longer suit you.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)



You're rarely surprised or bothered by the occasional setback. Today, however, you should put a firm hand on any project you undertake. This isn't the time for a relaxed attitude, especially where money is concerned. If you take a systematic approach, you will have the double benefit of conserving both energy and assets.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)



Expect to be torn between two seemingly paradoxical urges today, Libra. Part of you wants to spend the day wrapped in a cocoon, playing with your toys. But another side of you is just as committed to spearheading a major creative or social endeavor with friends who share your revolutionary ideas. You feel exhausted from trying to build the perfect world.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)



You're often called the "cleanup crew." Whether it's the home or the unconscious, you enjoy preparing nests for all sorts of births, real and figurative. Don't be surprised if you find yourself tidying up your home, throwing away useless things, clearing the desk, or catching up on mail. There are powerful forces compelling you to prepare for someone or something new and different.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)



Act without hesitation today, Sagittarius, especially if you're following unfamiliar directions or exploring new territory. This may not seem like the best advice, but this is a day for saying an unflinching yes to all manner of proposals that come your way, even if some are unclear. Sagittarius excels at this type of test. Expect to be at the head of the class by the end of the day!

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)



You're obviously struggling with something big, Capricorn. Recent comments about your irritability are well founded. But don't worry. They'll forgive you eventually. In the meantime, do what you can to control your temper. It stems from your current fears, which seem to be multiplying exponentially. Blame the situation on the planets and accept

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

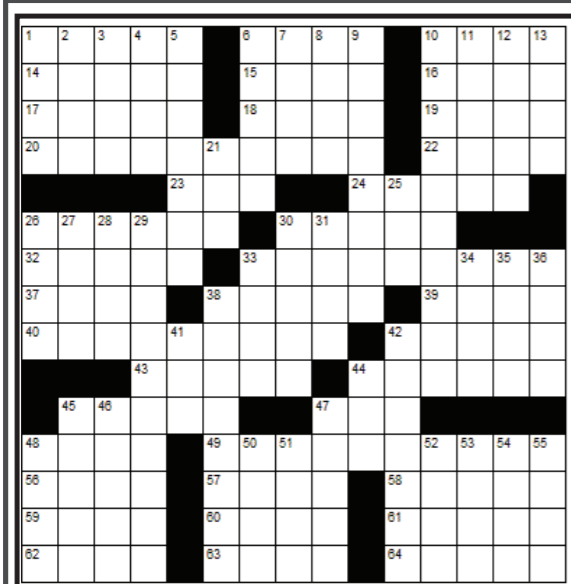


Expect to be in a provocative mood today, Aquarius. For the past few days you may have been searching for an outlet for the overflowing energy you're so lucky to have. You will have an opportunity today, as innovative projects are likely to come your way. If you face your demons, you will find a unique opportunity to rid yourself of the fears you've been carrying around for so long.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)



Your passions have been stirring like a caged animal for the past several days, Pisces. Now is the time to let them out. Some of what you express may elicit surprise or disapproval, but that's no reason to stay silent. If you don't express yourself, illness may result. Your goal should be to be true to your inner self. Ultimately, that's the only way to be happy and healthy.



Across

1. Rehabilitation, 6. Run away, 10. Couch, 14. Overact, 15. Forsaken, 16. Atop 17. Eyeshade, 18. Parental sister, 19. A box or chest, 20. Daughter of a step-parent, 22. Swear, 23. Antlered animal, 24. Colonic, 26. Land, 30. Sharp blows, 32. Exclamation expressive of regret, 33. Hangman, 37. After-bath powder, 38. Dons, 39. Notability, 40. Tolerably, 42. Oddity, 43. Thaws, 44. A European peninsula, 45. Gutsiness 47. Very Important Person, 48. Jail (British), 49. Not oriental, 56. Killer whale 57. Relating to urine, 58. France's longest river, 59. Rhythm, 60. French for "Head", 61. An independent film company, 62. Small island, 63. Views, 64. Requires, ,

Down

1. Guns an engine, 2. Send forth, 3. A flexible pipe, 4. At the peak of, 5. Frenzied, 6. Vacuum bottle, 7. Boor, 8. Sea eagle, 9. Beseches, 10. Prospering, 11. Codeine source, 12. Civet-like mammal, 13. Picnic insects 21. Type, 25. Greatest possible, 26. Rendezvous, 27. Distinctive flair, 28. Hairless, 29. Fund, 30. Aquatic mammals, 31. Cautious, 33. Liability 34. Assign a grade, 35. Dogfish, 36. A noble gas, 38. Strikes 41. Record (abbrev.), 42. Very small northern fish, 44. Offer, 45. Peels, 46. Neighborhood, 47. Transgressions, 48. Mongolian desert, 50. Algonquian Indian, 51. Give as an example, 52. Not a single one, 53. It ebbs and flows, 54. Desiccated, 55. Dregs, ,

Yesterday's Solution

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ASS SMARTEN BOO
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HAVE BETS YOGI
LICE BOLLEHUS ROE
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