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[We will have to play above our level of ability to defeat England: Taufeeq Umar](#)

[We will have to exceed abilities to defeat England - Taufeeq](#)

ESPNcricinfo Dec 31, 2011

"England have been performing very well and their team combination is a very strong one with all of their players in good form," Taufeeq told *PakPassion.net*. "We saw last summer in England, when..."

[Making a comeback in international cricket is harder than the debut, feels Taufeeq Umar](#)

Better.com Dec 31, 2011

While expressing his feelings to Pakpassion in an interview, Taufeeq revealed that he was under immense pressure while making his comeback against a strong team like South Africa. He said that it was easier starting an international career rather than...

[Taufeeq Umar is happy with Pakistan's success in the last year](#)

Better.com Dec 31, 2011

In an interview to Pakpassion, Pakistan's opening Test batsman expressed satisfaction over his team's performance during 2011. He also expressed delight over his own performance, but said that the overall team performance is more important to...

[We will have to exceed abilities to defeat England - Taufiq](#)

The Daily Times Jan 01, 2011

ISLAMABAD: Taufiq Umar the Pakistan opening batsman, has said that the upcoming Test series against world No. 1 England will be a tough one for his side despite their impressive recent run. Pakistan lost only one Test in 2011, and went through the year without a series...

[Pakistan must play above 100% to defeat England - Taufeeq](#)

MSN Sports UK Dec 31, 2011

Taufeeq made just 18 runs in his only Test against England, in 2006, and was dropped for four years following that failure. He, however, insists that things will be different this time. "I've played just the one Test match against England at Headingley, which was..."

[Umar says Pak will have to perform above potential to defeat England in upcoming series](#)

Yahoo! Cricket Dec 31, 2011

Karachi, Dec 31(ANI): Pakistan's opening batsman Taufeeq Umar has predicted his side will have to perform beyond its potential to defeat the current No. 1 Test team England in the forthcoming series in the United Arab Emirates. "I'm really looking...

[Rashid Latif Backs Pakistan To Defeat England](#)

[Pakistan should start preparing for the next World Cup, says Rashid Latif](#)

Bettor.com Dec 28, 2011

Former Pakistani captain, Rashid Latif, has urged the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) to gear up for the next World Cup, adding that it might get too late if the board waits for 2013 to begin the preparations. The 2015 ICC World Cup will be jointly hosted by Australia and...

[Rashid Latif Rates Pakistan as Favourites Against England](#)

Better.com Dec 28, 2011

Former Pakistan captain, Rashid Latif, has backed Pakistan to beat England in the upcoming Test series, and feels that the conditions on offer in the United Arab Emirates (UAE) are going to favour the Green Shirts. The Test series between the two...

[Pakistan's Test squad is very well balanced, feels Rashid Latif](#)

Better.com Dec 28, 2011

Rashid Latif, the former wicketkeeper and captain of Pakistan, has heaped praise on the selection committee for picking a balanced Test squad for the forthcoming Test series against England. He said that all the players picked have been performing well in recent international...

["I Still Stand by my Decision to Leave the Team in the UAE": Zulqarnain Haider](#)

[Zulqarnain eyeing for a comeback to international cricket](#)

The News International Dec 23, 2011

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan's discarded wicketkeeper Zulqarnain Haider has said that now he is looking forward to make a comeback to international cricket after giving a spectacular performance in the ongoing Quaid-i-Azam Trophy. "I am the best domestic wicket keeper at the moment, I am hoping that the new Chairman of PCB, Zaka Ashraf, will take note of my..."

[Haider still stands by decision of leaving team](#)

Zee News Sports Dec 23, 2011

Haider had fled from his team's hotel in Dubai after allegedly receiving security threats from bookmakers just before the fifth and final One Day International match between Pakistan and South Africa. The Pakistan Cricket Board, however, imposed a fine and reprimanded him for making false accusations after conducting a probe into the issue. Haider is now looking...

[Haider still stands by decision of leaving team before 2010 Pak-South Africa](#)

Yahoo! News UK & Ireland Dec 22, 2011

Karachi, Dec 22(ANI): Out of favour Pakistan wicketkeeper Zulqarnain Haider has said he has no regrets over his conduct during the 2010 series against South Africa in the United Arab Emirates, but admitted that he could have tackled the situation in a better manner. "I still stand by my decision to leave the team in UAE. This was done for the betterment of Pakistani cricket," PakPassion...

["Fast bowling is one of the most un-natural things to do": Kyle Mills](#)

[Pakistan bring a different flavour: Mills](#)

PakistanToday Dec 22, 2011

LAHORE - New Zealand fast bowler, Kyle Mills, said on Wednesday that he really likes playing against Pakistan and as they bring a different flavour to the game of cricket. Pakistan cricket has brought a lot of new dimensions to the game in the shape of reverse swing and the...

[Pakistan brings a different flavour to cricket-Kyle Mills](#)

Associated Press of Pakistan Dec 21, 2011

Other than that, Pakistani cricketers have held a number of world records in international cricket over the years. While speaking to Pakpassion.net, Mills expressed that he loves to play against Pakistan as they are very natural in...

[I love to play against Pakistan-Expresses Kyle Mills](#)

Bettor Cricket News Update Dec 21, 2011

Kyle Mills, the Kiwi fast bowler, really likes playing against Pakistan and said that the Green Shirts bring a different flavour to the game of cricket, making for exciting encounters. Pakistan is known for producing cricketers...

[There is too much international cricket at the moment, says Kyle Mills](#)

Bettor Cricket News Update Dec 21, 2011

Mills said, "Look, I think in my mind the amount of Cricket being played these days is just so much that there is not any respite for fast bowlers. When you are at the international level where it is so competitive and excruciating it definitely takes its toll on..."

[Sabih Azhar Impressed With Under-19 Talent](#)

[There is a lot of talent in Pakistan's Junior Cricket, feels Sabih Azhar](#)

Bettor Cricket News Update Dec 18, 2011

Most of the cricket analysts around the world are of the opinion that Pakistan is the most fertile land when it comes to producing cricketers of the highest ability. This is the reason why that the Green Shirts have done so well at the highest stage of the game in the four decades, even though there is no strong structure of domestic cricket in the country. International cricket has been away...

["Competitiveness Has Diminished Due to Current First-class Structure": Sarfraz Nawaz](#)

Sarfraz Nawaz prefers quality over quantity in the domestic cricket

Bettor Cricket News Update Dec 18, 2011

Sarfraz Nawaz, the former Pakistani fast bowler, believes that the domestic cricket of Pakistan lacks competitive spirit and the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) must focus on quality instead of quantity. At the present moment, the premier first-class tournament in the country, Quaid e Azam Trophy is...

The standard of umpiring is poor in the domestic cricket of Pakistan, feels Sarfraz Nawaz

Bettor Cricket News Update Dec 18, 2011

While speaking to Pakpassion, Sarfraz expressed that different countries in the world have different formats in their domestic cricket and the committee is going to have a close look at the structure of other leading Test playing nations. He said, "We need to look at the domestic structures of other Test playing nations..."

["Pakistan will Find it Difficult to Take 20 Wickets Against England": Michael Holding](#)

Gul not doing justice to his talent: Holding

The Nation Dec 16, 2011

LONDON (Agencies) - Michael Holding, the legendary fast bowler from the West Indies, is disappointed with the progress Pakistans fast bowler, Umar Gul has made so far in international cricket and feels that the fast bowler has not done justice to...

Ajmal has advantage over Swann

The Nation Dec 16, 2011

LONDON (Agencies) - Former West Indian fast bowler, Michael Holding has said that Saeed Ajmal has a better chance of making an impression in the series between Pakistan and England as compared to his English counterpart, Graeme Swann...

[Pak will find it difficult to take 20 wickets in England Tests: Holding](#)

Yahoo! Cricket Dec 15, 2011

Islamabad, Dec 15(ANI): West Indian fast bowling legend Michael Holding reckons that Pakistan's bowling attack will struggle to take 20 wickets on a regular basis in the upcoming Test series against England in the United Arab Emirates (UAE). "I think that definitely will be Pakistan's problem..."

[ECB Denies That Sharjah Snubbed Due To Match- fixing Links](#)

[ECB denies Sharjah stadium snubbed due to alleged match-fixing links](#)

The Guardian UK Dec 14, 2011

However, a spokesman for the Pakistan Cricket Board told PakPassion.net: "The Pakistan Cricket Board were very keen to ensure that Sharjah was the host for at least a couple of matches against England, but the England and Wales Cricket Board were not keen on playing in..."

[ECB denies Sharjah snub linked to match-fixing](#)

PakistanToday Dec 14, 2011

LAHORE - The English and Wales Cricket Board have denied the snub of Sharjah Stadium in their upcoming series against Pakistan for links to alleged match-fixing. The Sharjah Stadium's international return was...

[ECB denies snubbing Sharjah due to previous match fixing links](#)

OnePakistan Dec 14, 2011

London, The England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) has denied reports that the Sharjah Cricket Association Stadium had been ignored as a venue for the series against Pakistan due to its previous alleged match fixing links. "No, that is not correct. The tour itinerary to UAE was agreed and publicised prior to the renovation work being completed at Sharjah cricket ground," a ECB spokesman told PakPassion.net.

[“PCB Needs to Give Future Captains a Proper Chance to Establish Themselves”:](#)
[Azhar Mahmood](#)

[**Azhar Mahmood Backs Wahab Riaz to Return to International Cricket**](#)

Bettor Cricket News Update Dec 11, 2011

Out of favour Pakistani all-rounder, Azhar Mahmood, believes that the left-arm fast bowler, Wahab Riaz, is an asset for the Pakistani team and the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) should make it clear to the cricket fans all across the globe why the fast bowler is out of international cricket...

[**Azhar Mahmood slams the selection policy of PCB**](#)

Bettor Cricket News Update Dec 11, 2011

Discarded Pakistani all-rounder, Azhar Mahmood, has slammed the selection policy of Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) and said that performance is not the only thing considered when it comes to selecting the national team and there are many other factors. The all-rounder made his Test debut back in 1997...

[“Even the Teachers Who Told Me Off Were Congratulating Me On My Debut!”:](#) [Hasan Raza](#)

[**I could have served the country better, feels Hasan Raza**](#)

Bettor Cricket News Update Dec 12, 2011

While speaking to Pakpassion, the right-hander claimed that he is still very happy that he got the chance to represent the country at the world stage but expressed that his talent could have been better utilized. He added that there was a lot of competition in the middle-order of Pakistan in the 1990s and this is one of the reasons why he wasn't able to get consistent chances...

[**Playing for Pakistan was an amazing experience, expresses Hasan Raza**](#)

Bettor Cricket News Update Dec 12, 2011

Hasan Raza, the youngest player to have ever played a Test match, repents the lack of chances he was given at the highest stage of the game, but he still feels that he can make a comeback to the Pakistani team even at this stage of his career. The youngster came through the ranks of junior cricket in the country and...

[“Shoaib Malik Will Come Through This Lean Spell”: Mohsin Khan](#)

[**Mohsin Khan backs Shoaib Malik to find back his form sooner than later**](#)

Better Cricket News Update Dec 11, 2011

The interim coach of Pakistan cricket team, Mohsin Hasan Khan, has backed the former Pakistan captain, Shoaib Malik, to hit form sooner rather than later and feels that the all-rounder is a quality cricketer and it is just a matter of one innings before he will be back to his best. Malik has been a brilliant performer for Pakistan over the years, especially...

[**The Interim Coach of Pakistan is all praise for Younis Khan**](#)

Better Cricket News Update Dec 11, 2011

While giving an interview to Pakpassion, Mohsin expressed that Younis is right up there when it comes to the best batsman in the history of Pakistan cricket. He also regrets the time when Younis was not able to break into the national team because of some hidden...

[“I Hope my Domestic Form Earns an International Call Up”: Afaq Raheem](#)

[**Afaq Raheem hopes to be noticed by the national selectors**](#)

Better Cricket News Update Dec 11, 2011

Islamabad's top-order batsman, [Afaq Raheem](#), is extremely happy with his performance in the current domestic season of Pakistan and hopes that the national selectors are going to give him a chance to prove his worth at the international stage. Afaq is currently the leading run scorer of Quaid e Azam Trophy 2011-12, Division One, which is the premier domestic tournament...

[Yasir Hameed Keen to Meet PCB Chairman Zaka Ashraf/Praises Wahab Riaz](#)

[Yasir vows to make a comeback](#)

The Nation Dec 15, 2011

LONDON (Agencies) - Discarded Pakistani top-order batsman, Yasir Hameed, is keen to make a comeback to international cricket and plans to meet the new Chairman of the Pakistan Cricket Board, Zaka Ashraf, so that he can clear his differences with PCB. Yasir has been out of international cricket since the controversial tour of England in...

[Yasir Hameed determined to make a comeback to international cricket](#)

Better Cricket News Update Dec 10, 2011

Discarded Pakistani top-order batsman, Yasir Hameed, is keen to make a comeback to international cricket and plans to meet the new Chairman of the Pakistan Cricket Board, Zaka Ashraf, so that he can clear his differences with PCB. Yasir has been out of international cricket since...

["Fresh Start for Both England and Pakistan": Azhar Ali](#)

[Swann will be a big threat to Pakistan: Azhar](#)

The Nation Dec 10, 2011

CHITTAGONG - Azhar Ali, the top-order batsman from Pakistan, feels that England's off-spinner, Graeme Swann, is going to be a big threat for Pakistan in the upcoming Test series in United Arab Emirates (UAE) and expressed that the Green Shirts would have to be at their best if they are to beat the number one ranked Test team of the world. However, a number...

[Graeme Swann is going to be a big threat for Pakistan, feels Azhar Ali](#)

Better Cricket News Update Dec 10, 2011

Speaking to Pakpassion, Azhar expressed that the biggest threat for Pakistan is going to be Swann, who did well in the last series against Pakistan as well. The pitches in UAE may help the slow bowlers and Swann has the ability to spoil the party for the Green Shirts. Azhar said, "England has a very good bowling line up and Swann is an excellent spinner. He..."

["Spinners will be the match-winners": Mohammad Ilyas](#)

[Pakistan to delay squad announcement](#)

Eurosport Dec 10, 2011

England named their touring party on Friday morning, but Ilyas, acting chief selector for the Pakistan side, is watching keenly as his players battle with the Tigers, working out who will be retained for the series with the world's number-one ranked side. "The selection committee will meet after the series in Bangladesh is concluded and then decide upon the squad," Ilyas told the Pakpassion website...

[Spinners will be match-winners in Pak-England Test series: PCB chief selector](#)

Yahoo! Cricket Dec 10, 2011

Karachi, Dec 10(ANI): Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB)'s acting chief selector Mohammad Ilyas expects spin to play a key part in the upcoming Test series against England in the United Arab Emirates (UAE) and says that spinners could eventually turn out to be the match-winners. "Abdur Rehman and Saeed Ajmal are a...

[Pakistan delay naming squad](#)

EuroSport UK & Ireland Dec 10, 2011

Ilyas added that he knew who the majority of players would be, but is prepared to load up the spin department when England land in the United Arab Emirates. "I expect more sporting wickets that will hopefully have something in them for all types of bowlers as well as offer good value to the batsmen," he said. "I expect the series to be a close one and the standard of cricket should..."

["Umar Akmal Needs a Change in Attitude": Basit Ali](#)

['Umar Akmal needs a change in attitude,' says Basit Ali](#)

Yahoo! Cricket Dec 9, 2011

Karachi, Dec 9(ANI): Despite Pakistani batsman Umar Akmal's decent showing in the ODI series against Bangladesh, Basit Ali feels that he has a lot of work to do before he regains his spot in the Test side. "Umar is undoubtedly a very talented batsman. He has

‘Umar Akmal needs a change in attitude,’ says Basit Ali

Sify Sports Dec 9, 2011

"Umar is undoubtedly a very talented batsman. He has a lot of shots in his armory and can demoralize any bowling attack. In the space of a few overs he can change the course of a match," PakPassion.net quoted Ali, as saying. "However cricket is not about playing a few flashy shots and then going and sitting in the pavilion, looking despondent and watching your team mates at the crease," he added...

‘Umar Akmal needs a change in attitude,’ says Basit Ali

NewKerala Dec 9, 2011

"You simply cannot go out into the middle and throw your bat around every time you go out to bat. If the team is struggling and he goes into bat, I see the same mistakes from him and the same carefree shots," Ali said. "This needs to be eradicated from his batting, but coaches..."

[‘Pakistani Bowlers Lack Stamina and Physical Fitness’: Sarfraz Nawaz](#)

‘Pak fast bowlers lack stamina and physical fitness,’ says Sarfraz Nawaz

Yahoo! Cricket Dec 7, 2011

Lahore, Dec 7(ANI): The future for Pakistan fast bowling is bright, but the players need to improve their physical fitness, according to former fast bowler Sarfraz Nawaz. "Pakistani bowlers lack stamina and physical fitness, but they do have determination. Their cricket will improve when..."

‘Pak fast bowlers lack stamina and physical fitness,’ says Sarfraz Nawaz

OnePakistan Dec 7, 2011

When asked if Twenty20 is good or bad for cricket, Nawaz said: "Look, in my opinion, the future is in Twenty20 cricket because people go to these matches with their family..."

for a short period. In 3 or 4 hours, people also end up having an outing, have a chat with friends...

November 2011

["Pakistan Must Persevere with Shoaib Malik": Basit Ali](#)

Misbah deserves credit for Pakistan's recent success : Basit Ali

Indian Express Nov 28, 2011

Pakistan captain Misbah-ul-Haq deserves the credit for the national team's impressive performance in the United Arab Emirates amid a plethora of controversies, former batsman Basit Ali has said. "All the credit must be given to Misbah. He has...

Misbah deserves credit for Pakistan's recent success : Basit Ali

Yahoo! Cricket Nov 28, 2011

"Misbah is a very straight forwarded person and that's the sort of leader the Pakistani team needs right now," he added. Pakistan had won the three-Test series against Sri Lanka 1-0 and secured the five-match ODI series with a...

["ICC Should be Congratulated on One Day Rule Changes": Mohsin Khan](#)

ICC should be congratulated for bringing in new ODI rules : Mohsin Khan

International Cricket Council Nov 27, 2011

The International Cricket Council (ICC)'s decision to change the batting powerplay rules and use of new balls at each end has provided an edge for the bowlers in one-day cricket, interim Pakistan coach Mohsin Khan has said. "Previously once the ball became older and softer the batsmen would have a field day and generally dominate the bowlers, but now with the...

[ICC should be congratulated for bringing in new ODI rules : Mohsin Khan](#)

NewKerala Nov 26, 2011

"Even as a former batsman I'm really glad that the change of rules has been implemented as I was starting to feel sorry for the bowlers in the 50 over format of cricket, with wides being called for deliveries slightly down the leg side, free hits from no balls and bouncer restrictions," he...

[Abdul Razzaq Confident That He Will Be Fit for the Big Bash League](#)

[Razzaq confident of being fit for OZ Big Bash League](#)

Yahoo! Cricket Nov 27, 2011

"I've been advised two weeks rest by the medics and after that I should be ready to play cricket again. It's a frustrating injury, but I'm confident that I will be fit for the Big Bash League," the 31-year-old told PakPassion.net. Razzaq has signed a deal...

[Razzaq confident of being fit for OZ Big Bash League](#)

NewKerala Nov 27, 2011

Razzaq had aggravated the injury during the third ODI in the recently concluded series against Sri Lanka."I've been advised two weeks rest by the medics and after that I should be ready to play cricket again. It's a frustrating injury, but I'm...

[Mohsin Khan Warns his Players not to Take Bangladesh Lightly](#)

[Misbah eyes continued run of success in Bangladesh](#)

The National UAE Nov 27, 2011

"The pitches weren't really friendly for one day cricket. The ball was seaming, stopping and gripping off the pitch which becomes a bit difficult for the batsmen to go for their shots," Mohsin told Pakpassion.net. "I'm not saying the pitches are bad, but I think with the new..."

[Don't take Bangladesh for granted, Mohsin tells Pakistan](#)

Arab News Sports Nov 26, 2011

On Friday night, Pakistan cruised to a five-wicket win against Sri Lanka in their one-off Twenty20 International in Abu Dhabi. The result capped a highly impressive run for Pakistan in their 'home' series as they also won the three-Test contest 1-0 and the five-match One-day International series 4-1...

[Mohsin Khan warns Pak team against complacency in Bangladesh](#)

Yahoo! Cricket Nov 26, 2011

Karachi, Nov 26(ANI): Interim Pakistan coach Mohsin Khan has warned his team against taking Bangladesh lightly in the upcoming tour. Khan says that the Bangladesh team will have home advantage, and insisted that his team must be careful. "I think it will be a very good series in Bangladesh. They...

[Mohsin warns Pakistan against complacency](#)

The News International Nov 27, 2011

"However I am very confident of my team and their ability and the way they are playing at the moment, but let's maintain our focus as we will have to play good cricket to beat Bangladesh," Mohsin told Pakpassion.net. A lot more difficult assignment is awaiting Pakistan after...

["The Most Important Priority is to Play India": Ramiz Raja](#)

[Ramiz Raja stresses on Pakistan versus India](#)

NDTV Sports Nov 27, 2011

"I think he (Zaka Ashraf) has made just the right start, since this (Indo-Pak) series benefits both countries and benefits cricket. There is no bigger series than India-Pakistan and they should anoint it as an 'icon' series, as Test cricket is already getting 'knockout punches' from the limited...

‘There is no bigger Test series than India-Pakistan,’ says Ramiz Raja

Yahoo! India News Nov 27, 2011

Karachi, Former Pakistan batsman Ramiz Raja reckons that holding a Test series against India should be one of the priorities of the new Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) Chairman Zaka Ashraf. "I think he [Zaka Ashraf] has made just the right...

Restoring cricket ties with India most important: Rameez

The Times of India Sports Nov 27, 2011

KARACHI: Pakistan's former captain Rameez Raja feels restoring bilateral cricket ties with India should be the top priority of the PCB. "Our cricket has got a few very important priorities which need to be looked at. First one obviously is how to relaunch cricket back in Pakistan. Number two is how to...

[Khalil Eager to Impress in Bangladesh](#)

I have unfinished business- Mohammad Khalil

ESPNCricinfo Nov 25, 2011

Mohammad Khalil, the Zarai Taraqiati Bank Limited left-arm seamer who was called up to Pakistan's squad for the tour of Bangladesh, has said he is looking forward to getting down to 'unfinished business'. "I'm just so excited at my recall," Khalil, 29, told *PakPassion.net*. "It's been a long six years...

Khalil ready for return

Sky Sports Nov 28, 2011

The 29-year-old left-arm seamer has been called up to the squad for Tuesday's Twenty20 clash against Bangladesh after a lengthy absence, having not played for his country since facing India in 2005. Khalil replaces Junaid Khan, who suffered an abdominal strain against Sri Lanka in the UAE, where Pakistan...

Khalil excited by Pakistan call-up

EuroSport Australia Nov 29, 2011

Some outstanding displays in the Quaid-e-Azam Trophy have earned Khalil the recall, and he told PakPassion.net: "It's been a long six years since I last played for Pakistan and I'm so pleased to be back in the international reckoning. It was in my heart to play for my country again as I felt that I have unfinished business to..."

[Khalil's unfinished business](#)

The Daily Star Nov 26, 2011

A stint playing cricket in England helped, he said. "In between [the 2010-11 and 2011-12 seasons] I went to England to play league cricket in Staffordshire, which was a very useful experience. I came back to Pakistan ready and confident for the new season. My..."

[Khalil excited by Pakistan call-up](#)

Yahoo! Sport UK & Ireland Nov 28, 2011

The T20 comes ahead of three one-day internationals and two Tests, with Pakistan looking to continue the fine form they showed against Sri Lanka and Bangladesh hoping to bounce back after a rough time in the West Indies. They lost both the Test and ODI series, with their only..."

["Saeed Ajmal is the Danger Man": Tamim Iqbal](#)

[Ajmal the biggest threat - Tamim](#)

ESPNCricinfo Nov 23, 2011

Tamim Iqbal, the Bangladesh batsman, has said the offspinner Saeed Ajmal will be the biggest threat to Bangladesh when Pakistan tour there in November-December 2011-12. Ajmal is the joint-leading wicket-taker in Tests this year, with 41 from 6 matches at..."

[BD batsmen wary of Ajmal](#)

PakistanToday Nov 24, 2011

Tamim recognised Ajmal was in form and said the Bangladesh batsmen would have to watch his variations carefully. "I've only faced him [Ajmal] for one delivery and that was in county cricket when I was playing for Nottinghamshire and he was representing Worcestershire," he told Pakpassion.net..."

[Ajmal tops ICC ODI bowlers ranking](#)

Pakistan Observer Nov 24, 2011

Dubai—Pakistan's spin bowler Saeed Ajmal has topped the International Cricket Council's (ICC) ODI bowlers ranking at the end of Pakistan-Sri Lanka series that ended with Pakistan's 4-1 victory. Saeed Ajmal took 11 wickets in the 5-match series....

["I Have Got to Thank Kamran Akmal for my Birthday Gift!": Ross Taylor](#)

Taylor confident of Black Caps putting pressure on Aussies in Test Series

Yahoo! News UK & Ireland Nov 17, 2011

New Zealand captain Ross Taylor admits that the upcoming tour of Australia is going to pose a pretty stern test for the Black Caps. Taylor, however, also says that his team is prepared for the challenge and will be boosted by the return of some injured stars. "Playing Australia, our old rivals - I guess we don't need any more motivation than to do better in their own backyard," PakPassion.net quoted Taylor...

Taylor confident of Black Caps putting pressure on Aussies in Test Series

SportGnome Nov 17, 2011

"We proved in Zimbabwe that we are a side gelling well together. But having said that, we have a lot to improve on, and with some of our main guys coming back into the fold, I can definitely see us putting the pressure on Australia, hopefully take it to the fifth day and anything can happen from there," he added.

["Taufeeq has to Work Harder to Stay in the Test Side": Shoaib Mohammad](#)

Taufeeq needs to 'work harder' to stay in Pak Test squad: Shoaib Mohammad

Yahoo! Cricket Nov 15, 2011

Islamabad, Nov 15 (ANI): Former Pakistan cricketer Shoaib Mohammad has said opener Taufeeq Umar should work really hard to stay in the Test side. On being asked if Taufeeq is a long-term opening option for Pakistan, Shoaib said: "To be very honest, I have my doubts. Like I said earlier, this was a blessing in disguise as he got a series..."

Taufeeq needs to 'work harder' to stay in Pak Test squad: Shoaib Mohammad

New Kerala Nov 15, 2011

"I'm sure he has to work a lot harder to stay in the Pakistan side. To be successful, he has to perform in foreign series in various other countries like New Zealand, Australia and England," Pak Passion quoted him, as saying. Both openers Taufeeq and Mohammad Hafeez played a vital role in leading Pakistan to victory in the recently concluded Pakistan-Sri Lanka Test series.

Taufeeq needs to 'work harder' to stay in Pak Test squad: Shoaib Mohammad

Sify Sports Nov 15, 2011

"Former Pakistan cricketer Shoaib Mohammad has said opener Taufeeq Umar should work really hard to stay in the Test side. On being asked if Taufeeq is a long-term opening option for Pakistan, Shoaib said: "To be very honest, I have my doubts. Like I said earlier, this was a..."

"Pakistani Cricketers Now Have an Added Responsibility": Misbah-ul-Haq

We have to present right image of Pakistan cricket: Misbah

Times of India Nov 13, 2011

"Pakistani cricketers now have an added responsibility and we must ensure that we are sticking to the responsibilities that one would expect of an international cricketer. We have to perform well and ensure that we present the right image of Pakistan cricket," he told told 'Pakpassion.net website'. Misbah who has now led..."

Pak needs to ward off Malinga to win against Sri Lanka: Misbah

Yahoo! Cricket Nov 11, 2011

Pakistan cricket Captain Misbah-ul-Haq has acknowledged that Lasith Malinga is a 'very good bowler', who has to be warded off to win against Sri Lanka. "He's a very good bowler. As a team we've talked about him and he's very much in our planning. The plan..."

is simple against Malinga and that is not to give him wickets, concentrate fully when facing him and ensure that we play him well," Pak Passion quoted...

Nothing sweeter than victory: Misbah

Pakistan Today Nov 12, 2011

"The most important thing is to focus on performance and ensure that we play good cricket. The team must focus on cricket and only cricket," Pak Passion quoted Misbah, as saying. "In the last year-and-a-half the team has done very well in all formats of the game. The priority and attention has to be on playing good cricket and that is what we have been trying to achieve.

Pak cricketers now perform well following fixing chaos: Misbah

The Kashmir Monitor Nov 13, 2011

"The most important thing is for the team to focus on our performance and ensure that we play good cricket. The team must focus on our cricket and only on our cricket," Pak Passion quoted Haq, as saying. "The last year and a half the team has done very well in all formats of cricket. The priority and attention has to be on playing good cricket and that is what we have been trying to achieve..."

[Salman Butt's Appeal Against his Sentence Submitted](#)

Butt appeals against sentence

The Hindu: Cricket Nov 09, 2011

Jailed Pakistani cricketer Salman Butt has filed an appeal against his 30-month sentence, a media report claimed on Wednesday. Found guilty in spot-fixing scam, Butt was handed the prison term by a London Court along with teammates Mohammed Asif and Mohammad Amir...

Spot-fixing: Salman Butt submits appeal against 30-month sentence

The Times of India: Cricket Nov 09, 2011

"It's taken a few days to prepare the necessary paperwork and I can confirm that the appeal has now been submitted against the sentence that Salman received. We now await confirmation of when the appeal will be heard," PakPassion.net quoted a source close to the cricketer saying. The source further...

[Salman Butt submits appeal against his spot-fixing trial sentence](#)

Yahoo! Cricket Nov 09, 2011

The source further said that an application has also been submitted for Butt to be moved to a less harsh and open prison. "Butt was undoubtedly finding prison extremely difficult and was missing his family terribly. He's yet to see any of his family from Pakistan and is desperate to see them soon, especially..

[Salman Butt files appeal against his sentence](#)

Pakistan Today Nov 10, 2011

"It's an extremely difficult time for him and we all pray for his well being. An application has been submitted for Salman to be moved to a less harsh, open prison and we await a decision in this regard. We all hope that he is out of Wandsworth prison soon, but a process has to be followed before he can be moved," the source said..

[Asif in Good Spirits](#)

[Asif in 'good spirits' after 'initial shock' of being imprisoned](#)

Dunya News: Cricket Nov 09, 2011

A Southwark Crown Court jury had found Asif guilty of conspiring to cheat and conspiring to accept corrupt payments. "I've been to see Asif and it wasn't easy to see him in such a place. After the initial shock of finding himself in prison, he was now in good spirits, all things considered," PakPassion.net quoted a source, as saying...

[Asif in 'good spirits'](#)

Hindustan Times Nov 09, 2011

A close friend of Md Asif's has confirmed to PakPassion.net that the former quickie was in good spirits in Category B Wandsworth prison. "It wasn't easy to see him in such a place. After the initial shock of finding himself in prison, he was now in good spirits," stated the source...

[Asif in 'good spirits' after 'initial shock' of being imprisoned](#)

Greater Kashmir News Nov 09, 2011

London, Nov 9: Pakistani fast bowler Muhammad Asif, who was sentenced to 12 months in jail for involvement in a spot-fixing scam last week, is in good spirits in the Category B Wandsworth men's prison in London. A Southwark Crown Court jury had found Asif guilty of conspiring to cheat and conspiring to accept corrupt payments...

Mohd Asif in good spirits after 'initial shock' of being imprisoned

DNA Sports Nov 09, 2011

The source also said that Asif continues to share a cell with former captain Salman Butt, who was sentenced 30 months in jail. "Asif is sharing a cell with Butt. An application to move to an open and less harsh prison has been submitted, but Asif will have to wait for this application to be approved before any subsequent relocation would happen," the source...

October 2011

[PakPassion Presents an Exclusive Interview with David Dwyer](#)

PCB knocked back plans for improving players' fitness levels: Ex-fitness trainer

Yahoo! Cricket Oct 31, 2011

"I came up with some things and options that I thought were worthwhile. Looking at trying to instil into their contracts details of fitness so that they had to pass two fitness tests a year and based on those targets. It's a tough thing to try and incorporate completely because we are travelling anywhere up to 12 months a year and playing," Dwyer told PakPassion.net...

PCB knocked back plans for improving players' fitness levels: Ex-fitness trainer

TruthDive Oct 31, 2011

"So, getting the time for the fitness test is not easy, but certainly not impossible if you've got the right staff and ability to be able to support the things you want to do. In relation to the other stuff, I guess it was a difficult time for a lot of people in the sense

that we weren't playing at home, so you don't get the television broadcast and money as regularly as you would if you had series at...

["We Will Go for a Win in Sharjah": Mohsin Khan](#)

Mohsin Khan 'proud and pleased' with Pakistan's nine wicket win over Lanka in Dubai

Yahoo! News India Oct 31, 2011

"I'm very proud and pleased with the way the team played in all departments. We showed a lot of improvement in comparison to the first test in Abu Dhabi and I was really pleased that this time around we finished off the opposition," Khan told PakPassion.net. "The team showed in this Test match in Dubai what they are capable of, if they play to..."

We will never play negative cricket: Mohsin

Times of India Oct 31, 2011

KARACHI: Pakistan team's interim coach, Mohsin Khan has made it clear that his team will go all out for a win in the third Test against Sri Lanka, despite enjoying a 1-0 lead in the three-match series. Pakistan won the second Test in Dubai last week by a convincing margin of nine wickets. Pakistan also dominated the first Test in Abu Dhabi after bowling out the Sri Lankans for 197 on the first day...

Mohsin Khan 'proud and pleased' with Pakistan's nine wicket win over Lanka in Dubai Test

Sify Sports Oct 31, 2011

Pakistan coach Mohsin Khan has said that he is delighted over the team's emphatic nine-wicket win over Sri Lanka in the second Test at Dubai International Cricket Stadium. Pakistan won the match on the fourth day on Saturday to take a 1-0 lead in the three-match series. "I'm very proud and pleased with the way the team played in all departments. We showed a lot of..."

We will never play negative cricket: Mohsin

MSN Sports Nov 01, 2011

"The pitch at Sharjah will of course dictate the game plan. When I played there many years ago it was always a batsman-friendly surface. I hope we get a track that is similar to the Dubai one, but perhaps not one that deteriorates as much as the Dubai wicket did later in the match," he was quoted as saying by 'Pakpassion.net' website...

[Ahmed Shehzad Hopes to Make a Fresh Start](#)

Shehzad says his 'unfair omission' from Pak team 'based on non-cricketing reasons'

Yahoo! News India Oct 26, 2011

Islamabad, Oct 26(ANI): Ahmed Shehzad, who last played for Pakistan during the Caribbean tour in May, has said that he was not dropped from the national team over performance issues, but due to 'non-cricketing reasons'. "Performance was never the issue. I feel the issue for my dropping from the team was something else and even I don't know exactly what this issue was," PakPassion.net quoted Shehzad, as....

Shehzad says his 'unfair omission' from Pak team 'based on non-cricketing reasons'

Yahoo! News India Oct 26, 2011

"Now there have been changes at the Pakistan Cricket Board and we have a new Chairman in place, everything should be different and I am determined to go and meet the new Chairman and discuss my situation with him soon," he added. Shehzad also refuted the bad boy image that some have tried to portray of him, and expressed hope that he would now be able to wipe the slate clean with...

Ahmed Shehzad terms his omission unfair

The Nation Oct 27, 2011

"I feel my omission was unfair and was based on non-cricketing reasons and I definitely want to go and speak with the new Chairman with a view to clearing up any issues. I want to make a fresh start from now onwards," the batsman said. "I made two international centuries at such a young age within the space of a couple..."

Pakistan told to shape up in field

Yahoo! Sport UK & Ireland Oct 25, 2011

Pakistan selector Iqbal Qasim has stressed the importance of an improved fielding performance in the second Test against Sri Lanka. The former Test player believes a repeat of the six dropped catches by Pakistan during Sri Lanka's second innings of the first Test in Abu Dhabi will make taking a 1-0 lead in the series difficult. Kumar Sangakkara hit an eighth Test double century as Sri Lanka salvaged a...

Iqbal Qasim wants better fielding

Orange UK Sports Oct 25, 2011

Iqbal Qasim told PakPassion.Net: "Pakistan needs to improve its fielding for the second Test. "Wickets are batting friendly and Pakistani fielders need to support the bowlers. Whichever team will take the chances will have a better chance to win..."

Pakistan told to shape up in field

SAMAA TV Oct 25, 2011

DUBAI: Selector Iqbal Qasim has stressed the importance of an improved fielding performance in the second Test against Sri Lanka. The former Test player believes a repeat of the six dropped catches by Pakistan during Sri Lanka's second innings of the first Test in Abu Dhabi will make taking a 1-0 lead in the series difficult. Kumar Sangakkara hit an eighth Test double...

Junaid as good as Amir, says Iqbal Qasim

Pakistan Today Oct 27, 2011

Qasim was quoted by Pakpassion as saying, "Junaid is a very talented bowler. I saw Amir and Junaid when I was chief selector when they had just started playing U-19 cricket. Both of them had the same potential, both of them had a lot of bite, eagerness, enthusiasm and terrific..."

["We Only Have Ourselves to Blame for the Draw": Mohsin Khan](#)

"Our fielding let us down": Mohsin

ESPNCricinfo Oct 24, 2011

Mohsin Khan, Pakistan's interim coach, has blamed his team's poor fielding for the draw in the first Test against Sri Lanka in Abu Dhabi. Pakistan dropped six catches in Sri Lanka's second innings after taking a substantial lead, including one off double-centurion Kumar Sangakkara and one off Prasanna Jayawardene; the pair put on a match-saving 201-run stand. "We were particularly good...

[Our fielding let us down: Mohsin](#)

The Frontier Post Oct 24, 2011

"We were particularly good with both bat and ball in the first three days of the match, but our fielding let us down in the end," Mohsin told Pakpassion. "Catches are not dropped on purpose but we dropped some crucial catches at crucial times in the match and we suffered in the end due to those dropped catches." Mohammad Hafeez spilled three chances in the...

[Our fielding let us down: Mohsin](#)

The Pak Tribune Oct 24, 2011

"Taufeeq (Umar) was particularly troubled with a finger injury, which ruled him out of fielding in the slip cordon. Sometimes even the easiest of catches are dropped, that is cricket, but there is no excuse for dropping some of the catches." Much was expected from offspinner Saeed Ajmal on the fourth and fifth days, but he ended up conceding 167 runs in 55 overs and took only one...

["I Wanted to Give up Cricket" : Sadaf Hussain](#)

[Pak pacer Sadaf Hussain says 'he wanted to give up cricket' following mother's death](#)

Yahoo! Cricket Oct 23, 2011

Islamabad, Oct 23(ANI): Sadaf Hussain, who was part of the Pakistan team for the Caribbean tour, has said that he 'wanted to give up cricket for good' following his mother's demise. Although the 21-year-old pace bowler did not play any matches on the West Indies tour, he said that he thoroughly enjoyed the tour, and particularly savoured the opportunity to work with the then Pakistan coach Waqar Younis...

[Pak pacer Sadaf Hussain says 'he wanted to give up cricket' following mother's death](#)

Andhra News Oct 23, 2011

"I cannot describe how painful and difficult the experience was. I miss my mother terribly, I miss her so much, I remember her all of the time, but it was the Almighty's decision to take her away from us and there is nothing I or anyone else can do to change that. She was suffering from Hepatitis B," PakPassion.net quoted Sadaf, as saying...

Pak pacer Sadaf Hussain says 'he wanted to give up cricket' following mother's death

New Kerala Oct 23, 2011

"After my mother passed away, I was so broken hearted and distraught that I wanted to give up cricket for good. I decided that I would not play cricket ever again. It was my mother's wish that I should play first class cricket and also her wish that one day I would play for Pakistan, so after she passed, I thought she is no longer with me and..."

["Stability in Selection is a Good Thing": Saeed Ajmal](#)

Ajmal feels Pak bowlers 'can get the better of Sri Lankan batsmen'

Yahoo! Cricket Oct 16, 2011

Islamabad, Oct 16(ANI): Pakistan off-spinner Saeed Ajmal has said he thinks that the national team's bowling attack "can get the better of the Sri Lankan batsmen" in the upcoming Test series in the UAE. "The Sri Lankans are a very balanced team. They are a good side, but I look at the Pakistan side and my team mates and I feel that we can be successful in the test series," PakPassion.net quoted Ajmal, as...

We can be successful in the Test Series: Saeed Ajmal

One Pakistan Cricket Oct 16, 2011

ISLAMABAD Oct 20 (APP): Pakistan off spinner Saeed Ajmal said when I look at the Pakistan side I feel that we can be successful in the test series. "The Sri Lankan's strength is their batting lineup, but I think that the Pakistani bowlers are the team's strong point and we can get the better of the Sri Lankan batsmen," pakpassion.net quoted him...

Ajmal feels Pak bowlers ‘can get the better of Sri Lankan batsmen’

One Pakistan Cricket Oct 16, 2011

"The Sri Lankan's strength is their batting lineup, but I think that the Pakistani bowlers are the team's strong point and we can get the better of the Sri Lankan batsmen," he added. Conditions are expected to favour the batsmen in the UAE, but Ajmal, who has taken 23 wickets in his last 3 Test appearances, feels that worrying about the nature of the surface is futile as a...

"Mental Toughness The Key": Mohsin Khan

Mental toughness the key – Mohsin Khan

ESPNCricinfo Oct 15, 2011

"We have a talented bunch of players who have performed well in recent times, have steadily improved and become consistent," Mohsin told *Pakpassion.net* on the eve of the team's departure for the UAE. "The results have been good, the team has gelled and look a very useful unit. The training camp held over the last few days in Lahore has gone well. While working on the usual facets of...

Murali's absence will help - Misbah

DAWN Sports Oct 15, 2011

... grab victory from the jaws of defeat. They were mentally so strong and this is something that I have been speaking in detail about to the Pakistan squad at the camp. You can be the best bowler, batsman or fielder, but if you are not mentally strong then you will rarely succeed at the top level of cricket," Khan told *Pakpassion.net*...

Mental Tougher ‘difference between winning, losing in tight match situations’: Mohsin Khan

DAWN Sports Oct 15, 2011

Karachi, Oct 15(ANI): Pakistan's interim coach Mohsin Khan has said that at the national team's training camp for the Test series against Sri Lanka, he tried to stress the need for

the players to focus on the mental aspects of cricket. "We have a very talented bunch of players who have performed well in recent times, have steadily improved and become consistent" PakPassion.net quoted...

["Pakistan Should Use Home Advantage and prepare 'seaming tracks": Basit Ali](#)

[Pak should prepare 'seaming tracks' for Test Series against Sri Lanka in UAE: Basit Ali](#)

Yahoo! Cricket Oct 14, 2011

Islamabad, Oct 14(ANI): Pakistan should use home advantage and prepare seaming tracks for the Test series against Sri Lanka in the UAE, former Test batsman Basit Ali has said. The series between Pakistan and Sri Lanka includes three Tests, five One-day Internationals (ODIs) and a Twenty20 International, with the first...

[Pak should prepare 'seaming tracks' for Test Series against Sri Lanka in UAE: Basit Ali](#)

Yahoo! News Malaysia Oct 14, 2011

Sri Lanka and Pakistan sit fifth and sixth respectively in the ICC Test rankings, and Basit predicted a closely fought series. "The Sri Lankan and Pakistan team are equal and I don't think either team has an advantage over the other," PakPassion.net quoted him, as saying...

[An Interview with Ijaz Butt](#)

[Spot-fixing sad part of my tenure: Ijaz Butt](#)

NDTV Sports Oct 13, 2011

Former Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) chairman Ijaz Butt called the spot-fixing incident a "very sad" episode during his tenure, and hoped the measures taken by the board will curb the menace in the future. The spot-fixing trial involving three Pakistani cricketers -- former skipper Salman Butt, fast bowler Mohammad Asif and teenage bowler Mohammad Aamir -- is now on at London's Southwark Crown...

[Spot-fixing very sad episode of my tenure, says Butt](#)

Yahoo! Cricket Oct 13, 2011

'I cannot control what individuals do. We cannot monitor them 24/7. It was and remains a very sad episode. We at the PCB have been trying to do what we can possibly do to ensure this sort of thing doesn't occur in the future,' Butt, whose tenure ended Saturday, was quoted as saying in pakpasion.net....

[Spot-fixing very sad episode of my tenure, says Butt](#)

MSN Sports Oct 13, 2011

"We have implemented educational programmes at all levels of domestic cricket, from first class cricket right down to club cricket, to ensure that all of the players know the difference between right and wrong." "We have had a team of individuals working on this project led by Wasim Bari and they are working all over Pakistan, including in the rural areas, educating cricketers at all levels," he...

[Shahzaib Hasan Targets International Recall](#)

[Shahzaib Hasan aims to impress Pak selectors by 'sheer volume of runs' to earn recall](#)

Yahoo! Cricket Oct 11, 2011

Islamabad, Oct 11(ANI): Pakistan batsman Shahzaib Hasan, whose last international appearance was against South Africa in 2010, has said that he will never give up the hope of playing for the country again. The opening batsman has managed to play only in 3 one-day internationals and 10 Twenty20 internationals for Pakistan since making his international debut against New Zealand at the Oval...

[Shahzaib Hasan aims to impress Pak selectors by 'sheer volume of runs' to earn recall](#)

Sify Sports Oct 11, 2011

"I will never give up in the hope of playing for Pakistan again, and the ongoing Quaid E Azam Trophy presents me with a very good opportunity to show everyone that I can perform well," PakPassion.net quoted Shahzaib, as saying. "My intention is to impress the selectors by the sheer volume of runs. I want to claim the opening slot back and I am hopeful that..."

Shahzaib Hasan aims to impress Pak selectors by 'sheer volume of runs' to earn recall

VCricket Oct 11, 2011

"The jump from domestic cricket in Pakistan to international cricket is huge. It was a real eye opener for me especially given that I had played so little domestic cricket before being chosen for my country. Playing in overseas conditions, against the world's best bowlers in high pressure situations, I learnt so much from the experience. The preparation, the intensity...."

["Foreign Coach Would be the Best Option" : Geoff Lawson](#)

Pakistan's first choice for coach should be 'overseas candidate' : Geoff Lawson

Yahoo! Cricket Oct 7, 2011

Islamabad, Oct 7(ANI): Former Pakistan coach Geoff Lawson has said that the best option for Pakistan would be to have a well-qualified overseas coach. "The first choice for Pakistan at the moment should be an overseas coach for a number of reasons. A non Pakistani coach won't have the same levels of pressure that someone from within Pakistan will have," PakPassion.net quoted Lawson....

Pakistan's first choice for coach should be "overseas candidate" : Geoff Lawson

Top News Sports Oct 7, 2011

He said while there is no doubt that there are some good coaches in Pakistan, there is just too much pressure on them within their own system, and also there is the issue of the political aspects. "I think it's much easier for a well-qualified overseas coach to do this"

Pakistan's first choice for coach should be "overseas candidate" : Geoff Lawson

New Kerala Oct 7, 2011

"Things don't seem to be as stable in Pakistan as they were when I was there, so that is going to be an issue if the coach appointed is from outside Pakistan," he conceded. "The best way for it to work may be for the foreign coach to work with the team offshore and perhaps spend as little time as possible in Pakistan. I can see this being the agreement with a number of the top class candidates," he observed.

[PakPassion presents an Exclusive interview with Mohammad Salman](#)

Mohd. Salman vows to make comeback in Pak team 'very soon'

TruthDive Oct 6, 2011

Islamabad, Oct 6(ANI): Pakistani wicketkeeper Mohammad Salman, who has not been selected for the series against Sri Lanka, has expressed his hope of making a comeback in the national team in the upcoming season. "My hopes are always positive and to always stay positive. I never give up and Insha'Allah (God Willing) I will come back very soon," PakPassion.net quoted Salman, as saying...

Mohd. Salman vows to make comeback in Pak team 'very soon'

Yahoo! Cricket Oct 6, 2011

However, he could not give great batting performances during the West Indies tour. When asked whether he was disappointed with his performances with the bat in international cricket, Salman said: "I had come into the team off a solid season with the bat at the first class level. I'd scored three first class hundreds and a hundred in T20s during that season, so I was in pretty good form with the bat at the time.

["We Don't Just Want Wonderful 20s & 30s from Umar Akmal in Test Cricket": Mohsin](#)

[Khan](#)

“20s & 30s wonder” Umar Akmal should be “more disciplined for Test cricket” : Mohsin

Top News Sports Oct 5, 2011

Islamabad, Oct 5 : Pakistan's chief selector Mohsin Hasan Khan has said that the selection committee has been asking batsman Umar Akmal to be more disciplined for Test cricket, and this is why he has been omitted from the national squad for the upcoming Test series against Sri Lanka...

“20s & 30s wonder” Umar Akmal should be “more disciplined for Test cricket” : Mohsin

Yahoo! Cricket Oct 5, 2011

"Umar Akmal is undoubtedly a very talented cricketer, but the selection committee has been asking him to be more disciplined for Test cricket. This is not an issue in 50 over or 20 over cricket, but he or any other batsman who wants to succeed in Test cricket has to have discipline," PakPassion.net quoted Mohsin, as saying. "We haven't dropped him (Umar Akmal), rather I would say he..."

“20s & 30s wonder” Umar Akmal should be “more disciplined for Test cricket” : Mohsin

VCricket Oct 5, 2011

Mohsin explained that the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) wants Umar to stay at the crease for long periods, rather than having him score wonderful 20s and 30s in Test cricket. "If you score 15 or 20 runs and you are out to a good delivery, then that is tough luck, that is part of cricket, but once settled at the crease, Umar or any other batsman for that matter, should

[Umar Gul Seeks to Clarify Ball Tampering Comments to the Media](#)

[We haven't tampered with the ball - Cook](#)

ESPNcricinfo Oct 3, 2011

In a statement to Pakpassion.net, where Gul's original comments first appeared, he clarified his remarks. "I was explaining that the ball gets scratched when it is thrown against the rough surface or hits the advertisement boards along the boundary rope. In this manner, I said, every bowler can be accused of doing it." Gul made his earlier comments in an interview...

[Gul says ball tampering comments were misconstrued](#)

Yahoo! News India Oct 3, 2011

"I was explaining that the ball gets scratched when it is thrown against the rough surface or hits the advertisement boards along the boundary rope. In this manner, I said, every bowler can be accused of doing it," he added. Gul had earlier said that he had seen Anderson tamper...

[Comments about ball-tampering were misconstrued: Gul](#)

DAWN Sports Oct 3, 2011

Gul's statement comes after reports that he accused England fast bowlers James Anderson and Stuart Broad of ball tampering last year. "I was asked to respond generally to Shoaib Akhtar's recently made statement on ball tampering. I clarified that the term ball tampering is often misused," PakPassion.net quoted Gul as saying....

[Gul says ball tampering comments were misconstrued](#)

Yahoo! Cricket Oct 3, 2011

Islamabad, Oct 3(ANI): Pakistan fast bowler Umar Gul has claimed that his comments about ball tampering were misconstrued by the media. Gul's statement comes after reports that he accused England fast bowlers James Anderson and Stuart Broad of ball tampering last year. "I was asked to respond...

["I Saw James Anderson Tamper with the Ball Last Year" : Umar Gul](#)

[Cook rubbishes ball-tampering talk](#)

Yahoo! Eurosport Oct 3, 2011

Alastair Cook has vehemently denied Umar Gul's accusation that England bowlers Stuart Broad and James Anderson have engaged in ball-tampering. Gul was quoted by the PakPassion website claiming Anderson tampered with the ball during Pakistan's controversial 2010 tour of England and that

[I saw England tamper with ball last year, says Pakistan ace Gul](#)

Daily Mail UK Oct 3, 2011

Fast bowler Umar Gul has reignited the ill-feeling between Pakistan and England by claiming he saw Jimmy Anderson tamper with the ball during last year's controversial Test series. As England prepare to tour the UAE in the new year, when they will play three Tests against Pakistan, Gul also accused

[Cook rubbishes Gul's ball-tampering charges](#)

Emirates 24/7 Oct 3, 2011

Gul was quoted by the PakPassion website claiming Anderson tampered with the ball during Pakistan's controversial 2010 tour of England and that Broad did the same in the most recent Ashes series in Australia. The Pakistan pacer, who has been recalled for the series against Sri Lanka in the UAE, has since clarified his comments, claiming he meant that any bowler could be accused of ball-tampering.

["I'm Striving for Consistency in Test Cricket" : Shoab Malik](#)

["Akhtar's remarks about Tendulkar, Dravid 'ridiculous'": Malik](#)

Sify Sports Oct 2, 2011

Former Pakistan captain Shoab Malik has said that he finds retired fast bowler Shoab Akhtar's controversial remarks in his autobiography "ridiculous". In his book, 'Controversially Yours', Akhtar wrote that Indian batting maestro Sachin Tendulkar...

“Akhtar’s remarks about Tendulkar, Dravid are ridiculous”: Malik

Rediff Sports Oct 3, 2011

"There are so many ways to prepare the ball, it's not just a matter of scratching it," he wrote. "I have used my boot nails and zip of my back pocket. Many bowlers use vaseline or gum on the ball," he wrote. When asked to comment on the possible effects of the Shoaib Akhtar autobiography...

“Akhtar’s remarks about ‘world’s best batsmen’ Tendulkar, Dravid ‘ridiculous’”: Malik

Yahoo! Cricket Oct 2, 2011

"Personally, I find his words ridiculous and I am sure you [the press] do as well - the things he has said about some cricketers who are considered the best in the world are ridiculous!" PakPassion.net quoted Malik, as saying...

[“I Want to be the Number One Bowler in the World” : Saeed Ajmal](#)

Saeed Ajmal aims to snatch Graeme Swann’s No 1 bowling rank

DNA-Daily News & Analysis Oct 1, 2011

Lahore: Swann currently holds the top spot with 728 points, while Ajmal is ranked seventh with 658 points. "He [Swann] is a good bowler. We both have our own qualities, he has his variations I have mine. We are different types of bowlers, but I want to be the number one bowler," Ajmal told PakPassion.net. The 33-year-old further denied...

Saeed Ajmal aims to snatch Graeme Swann’s No 1 bowling rank

Pakistan Today Oct 2, 2011

LAHORE - Pakistan off-spinner Saeed Ajmal has said that he is aiming to snatch England counterpart Graeme Swann’s World No one ODI bowler ranking. Swann currently holds the top spot with 728 points, while Ajmal is ranked seventh with 658 points....

Saeed Ajmal aims to snatch Graeme Swann's No 1 bowling rank

Top News Sports Oct 1, 2011

The 33-year-old further denied concerns that the new International Cricket Council (ICC) rules, which will require two new balls to be used from each end in ODIs, could adversely affect spin bowlers. "The new ICC rulings will have very little effect on the way I bowl as I will simply get more bounce with the new ball - if anything, this could be beneficial to my bowling and aid my variations," Ajmal...

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["I Don't Have Anything to Prove to Anyone" : Kamran Akmal](#)

I don't have anything to prove: Kamran Akmal

MSN India Sept 28, 2011

Lahore: Pakistan wicketkeeper Kamran Akmal, who was dropped from the national team following the World Cup semi-final against India, insists that after almost a decade of international cricket, he doesn't have anything to prove to anyone. Akmal, who was also...

'I don't have anything to prove to anyone,' says 'dumped' Kamran Akmal

Yahoo! News India Sept 28, 2011

Lahore, Sep 27(ANI): Pakistan wicketkeeper Kamran Akmal, who was dropped from the national team following the World Cup semi-final against India, insists that after almost a decade of international cricket, he doesn't have anything to prove to anyone. Akmal, who was also...

'I don't have anything to prove to anyone,' says 'dumped' Kamran Akmal

TruthDive Sept 27, 2011

...“I’ve shown the watching world what I can do in the last eight or nine years and I don’t go out there thinking that I have to prove anything to anyone,” PakPassion.net quoted Akmal, as saying. “My performance in domestic cricket last year was also very good and...

[“It’s the Captain who Matters, not the Coach” : Imran Khan](#)

Pak cricket is run on ad-hoc basis: Imran Khan

Yahoo! Cricket Sept 23, 2011

London, Sept 23 (ANI): Former Pakistan cricket captain turned politician Imran Khan has said that cricket in Pakistan is run on an ad-hoc basis and the reason behind it is that the Chairman of the Cricket Board is appointed and liked by the President of Pakistan, which according to him is the only qualification of the Chairman....

Captain, not coach more important for cricket team: Imran Khan

Yahoo! News India Sept 23, 2011

London, Sept 23 (ANI): Former Pakistan cricket captain turned politician Imran Khan has said that a good cricket team should be focused on "good players and a good quality captain," rather than being obsessed with who the coach will be. Waqar Younis is the latest in a long line...

Pakistan probably has more cricketing talent than any other country in the world: Imran Khan

Yahoo! Cricket (blog) Sept 23, 2011

London, Sept 23 (ANI): Pakistan probably has more cricketing talent than any other country in the world, former Pakistan cricket captain turned politician Imran Khan has said. As a high quality pace bowler, Imran's test career spanned over 20 years with 362 wickets in 88 test matches at an...

[Captain, not coach more important for cricket team: Imran Khan](#)

Indian Express Sept 23, 2011

..."I think too much time and effort is spent and wasted on who the coach should be. Coaches basically have very limited ability to help a team and I don't understand this obsession with coaches, because...and they had a good quality captain," Pakpassion.com quoted him, as saying.

["The Biggest Weekend of my Life" : Yasir Arafat](#)

[Pak cricket Yasir Arafat to tie the knot at Oval ground today](#)

TruthDive Sept 18, 2011

Islamabad, Sept 18(ANI): Pakistani all rounder Yasir Arafat has described this weekend as the biggest of his life, as its first part went well with Surrey's victory over Somerset, and now he is due to get married on Sunday (today). Surrey's comfortable victory over...

[Pak cricket Yasir Arafat to tie the knot at Oval ground today](#)

Yahoo! Cricket Sept 18, 2011

"Undoubtedly, the weekend is the biggest of my life. There have been some huge occasions such as my debut for Pakistan etc., but of course marriage is such an important and big occasion," PakPassion.net quoted Arafat, as saying. "Part one of the weekend has gone well with the victory over Somerset and the second part of the memorable weekend will occur, God Willing, on Sunday," he added.

["Chennai are the Favourites in the Champions League" : Richard Pybus](#)

[Chennai Super Kings 'favourites' in CLT20: Richard Pybus](#)

Indian Express Sept 19, 2011

Former Pakistan coach Richard Pybus has said that Chennai Super Kings are favourites to him in the Champions League T20 tournament, "purely because of what they have

achieved recently." Pybus, coach of the Cape Cobras team, said that Chennai Super Kings....

Chennai Super Kings 'favourites' in Champions League T20 Tournament: Richard Pybus

Yahoo! Cricket Sept 18, 2011

"Chennai will have their World Cup winners available and are IPL champions. They are a very serious cricket team with a very strong squad and will no doubt go into the competition full of confidence. They look like the team to beat..."

Chennai Super Kings 'favourites' to win CLT20: Richard Pybus

MSN Sports Sept 18, 2011

They look like the team to beat and are favourites to me, purely because of what they have achieved recently," PakPassion.net quoted Pybus, as saying." And then there are the Mumbai Indians with the likes of Sachin (Tendulkar), Lasith Malinga and Kieron Pollard..."

[PakPassion.net Exclusive: The Wasim Akram Interview](#)

Pak players should be consulted regarding head coach selection: Akram

ZeeNews India Sept 17, 2011

Islamabad: Former Pakistan captain Wasim Akram has said that had he been the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) chief, he would have tried to have one leader for the national cricket team for at least an year, and would also consult the players before selecting the head coach..."

Pak players should be consulted regarding head coach selection: Akram

ICC Cricket-Yahoo! Sept 17, 2011

"Either it's a foreign coach, or it's a Pakistani coach, whoever, you should ask the boys first because they are going to be working with him. Bring stability into the system and I think everything will eventually work," he told PakPassion.net. After implementing the...

[What would Wasim Akram do as PCB chairman?](#)

DAWN Sport Sept 17, 2011

What would Wasim Akram do if he was the chairman of the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB)? "First of all I would just try to have one leader [of the cricket team] and at least announce him for a year, and then get a coach and obviously get a guy who...

[Wasim advises PCB to consult players before picking new coach](#)

Pakistan Today Sept 18, 2011

Former Pakistan skipper Wasim Akram has advised the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) to consult national players before appointing the new head-coach. The PCB is currently in hunt of a coach after Waqar Younis' resignation due...

[Kaneria Not Surprised at Flower's Success as England Coach](#)

[Kaneria lauds England coach Andy Flower's "great cricketing brain"](#)

Yahoo! Cricket Sept 14, 2011

Islamabad, Sept 14(ANI): Pakistani leg spinner Danish Kaneria has paid tribute to his former Essex team mate and current England coach Andy Flower for his leadership and man management skills. Kaneria noted the key role played by...

[Kaneria lauds England coach Andy Flower's great cricketing brain](#)

South Asia News Sept 14, 2011

He wasn't one to rant and rave in the dressing room, rather he would be constructive and offer his opinions in a thoughtful and intellectual manner, PakPassion.net quoted

Kaneria, as saying. When Andy spoke, everyone listened and his thoughts and ideas were always valued.

["Anderson can become a legend" : Mohammad Asif](#)

'Banned Asif learning Anderson's tricks against India'

NDTV Sports-Press Trust of India- Sept 08, 2011

"If you think you are the finished article and don't need to learn from others then you are wrong", Asif told 'PakPassion.net'. "I love watching Test cricket. Test cricket for me is the pinnacle, the real deal. The England versus India Test series was fascinating, I really..."

'Learning tricks from Anderson: Asif

Yahoo! Cricket Sept 08, 2011

Karachi, Sep 8 (IANS) Banned Pakistani fast bowler Mohammad Asif says he has been closely following English pacer James Anderson's exploits against India and will use few of his tricks on his return to big-time cricket. Asif was slapped a five-year ban for his involvement in spot-fixing...

'Asif learning Anderson's tricks against India'

The Shillong Times Sept 09, 2011

Karachi: Serving a five-year ban for involvement in spot-fixing, Pakistan pacer Muhammad Asif says he has been watching James Anderson's performance against India very closely and would try employing the England seamer's tactics if he manages to make...

Asif to emulate Anderson's style if gets a chance to return

Daily National Courier Sept 09, 2011

KARACHI: Pakistan banned cricketer, Mohammad Asif, has said that he would try to emulate English player James Anderson if he gets to make a comeback into the national team. Asif, who is currently serving a 5-year ban from international cricket, said, "I have watched Anderson's bowling..."

["I Want to be Remembered Long After I've Retired from Cricket" : Wahab Riaz](#)

[**Akram helping Wahab Riaz develop the inswinger**](#)

Dawn Sport Sept 15, 2011

Pakistan's emerging left-arm fast bowler Wahab Riaz has labeled the series he played for Pakistan A against Australia A two years ago as the turning point in his career and one that helped him fast-track his entry into the national side. Speaking to PakPassion.net, Riaz...

[**I want to represent Pakistan in all formats - Riaz**](#)

ESPNcricinfo Sept 12, 2011

Pakistan seamer Wahab Riaz has credited the series he played against Australia A two years back as being crucial in his development and believes he will become a complete bowler once he has perfected his inswinger. "The great thing about that tour was that we were playing against a talented side," Riaz told *PakPassion.net*...

[**Wahab Riaz aims to become a genuine all-rounder for Pakistan**](#)

Yahoo! Cricket Sept 12, 2011

Islamabad, Sep 12(ANI): Pakistan fast bowler Wahab Riaz reckons that he can be considered as a genuine all-rounder for the national team in the future. "Definitely. In order to become an all-rounder, I feel I have the ability and can contribute with the bat. At this point though..."

[**I want to represent Pakistan in all formats, says Wahab Riaz**](#)

Daily Times Sept 14, 2011

Riaz is confident he can develop the inswinger without ruining his natural ability to shape the ball away. "I have talked to Wasim Akram too and he has helped me a lot. I obviously can't develop deliveries and skills in just one month..."

I want to represent Pakistan in all formats: Wahab Riaz

The News International Sept 14, 2011

LONDON: Pakistan seamer Wahab Riaz has credited the series he played against Australia A two years back as being crucial in his development and believes he will become a complete bowler once he has perfected his inswinger. "The great thing about that tour...

Mohammad Akram: "Youngsters Benefitting from Misbah's Professional Approach"

'Misbah's "calm personality, cool-headed approach" positively impacting youngsters

Yahoo! Cricket Sept 07, 2011

Islamabad, Sept 7(ANI): Pakistan captain Misbah ul-Haq's calm personality and cool-headed approach can only have a positive impact on the youngsters being introduced into the national team, former pace bowler Mohammad Akram has said. "After all the troubles Pakistan have faced in recent times...

'Misbah's "calm personality, cool-headed approach" positively impacting youngsters

TruthDive Sept 07, 2011

"In a different era he would have had a much longer test career, but credit to him – he has quietly and professionally waited to get his chance and he's proven to be good enough to cut it at international level," he added. Back then, Misbah was known as a hardworking player and it's this commitment to fitness...

'Misbah's "calm personality, cool-headed approach" positively impacting youngsters

VCricket Sept 07, 2011

The younger players could learn a lot from the dignified way he has managed his career and in the absence of other more experienced players, his contribution will be vital in helping the Pakistan team to gel, the former pacer said. "His calm personality and cool-headed approach...

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["I Hope to Show a Lot More Maturity and Composure in Future" : Umer Amin](#)

'I hope to show a lot more maturity and composure in future,' says Umar Amin

Yahoo! Cricket Aug 29, 2011

Lahore, Aug 29(ANI): To be called upon to stride out to bat against a formidable Australian and English bowling attack can be daunting enough, but to do it on your debut and on the swinging pitches of England is certainly an almighty ask. The challenge proved too much for a young...

'I hope to show a lot more maturity and composure in future,' says Umar Amin

TruthDrive Aug 29, 2011

..."That international tour was the toughest tour I have ever been on, not just because it was an international tour, but the conditions were very tough to bat on," PakPassion.net quoted Amin, as saying. After four Test matches, Umer managed a meagre highest score of 33...

["New Coach Should be Pakistani" : Zaheer Abbas](#)

PCB appoint committee to select coach

ESPNCricinfo Aug 29, 2011

The PCB have appointed a three-member committee consisting of former players Zaheer Abbas, Intikhab Alam and Naushad Ali to select the next Pakistan coach...Abbas also said a local coach would be preferred. "My preference is for the next coach of the Pakistan cricket team to be Pakistani," he told Pakpassion.net...

Zaheer Abbas wants 'non-controversial, mature' Pakistani coach to succeed Waqar Younis

ICC-Cricket Yahoo! Aug 30, 2011

Former batsman and team manager Zaheer Abbas, who is one of the members of the committee constituted by the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) to hunt for a new head coach to succeed Waqar Younis, has expressed his preference for a Pakistani coach. "My preference is for the next coach of the Pakistan cricket..."

Non-controversial, Asian coach needed: Abbas

Pakistan Today Aug 30, 2011

"Next Pakistan cricket team coach must be from Pakistan as team has made strides under Waqar's leadership and we need to build on this," PakPassion quoted Abbas, as saying. Abbas expressed that it would be extremely difficult for a non-Asian coach to perform the role in the current situation of Pakistan...

["Cool & Cool Corporate T20 Tournament was a flawless event": Nasir Jamshed](#)

Moin Khan's brainchild T20 event promotes 'departmental cricket' in Pakistan

vCricket Aug 27, 2011

Islamabad, Aug 27: A history of sorts was created on August 6, when the first edition of Cool and Cool Corporate Twenty20 night tournament kicked off at the DHA Sports Club (Moin Khan Academy) in Karachi. A brainchild of former Pakistan captain Moin Khan and his brother Nadeem Khan, who is also...

["I have been victimised by the PCB!" - Faisal Iqbal](#)

[Faisal Iqbal accuses PCB of victimising him](#)

Pakistan Daily Times Aug 26, 2011

ISLAMABAD: Batsman Faisal Iqbal has accused the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) of ignoring him despite giving fine performance. "I have been victimised by the PCB. Over the years I have suffered. But now I have decided to speak out. ...

['Neglected' Pak batsman Faisal Iqbal claims he's been "victimised by PCB"](#)

Yahoo! Cricket Aug 25, 2011

Karachi, August 25(ANI): Pakistan batsman Faisal Iqbal has accused the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) of victimising him, and said that the blame for the lack of attention towards him goes to the selectors and the key board officials. "I have been victimised by the PCB...

["I want to Top the Bowling Rankings in All Formats" : Saeed Ajmal](#)

[Ajmal to unveil new delivery against England](#)

ESPNcricinfo.com (blog) Aug 25, 2011

Ajmal told **PakPassion** that he didn't get a chance to experiment with the delivery during the World Cup 2011 and was now saving it for the England series in the UAE. "I didn't bowl it (in the World Cup) because I wanted to stick with my best and most ...

[Pak spinner Ajmal says he's saving "top secret" delivery for series against England](#)

Yahoo! Cricket Aug 24, 2011

When asked during an interview with PakPassion.net whether he actually bowled the new type of delivery, on which he was working on, during the World Cup,

[Saeed Ajmal working on 'secret delivery'](#)

The Express Tribune Aug 24, 2011

By PPI Ajmal says he is saving his new 'secret delivery' for the England series. .

[Ajmal says he was surprised to see Sachin struggle against him in WC Indo-Pak ...](#)

Yahoo! Cricket (blog) - Aug 24, 2011

He was having a really hard time picking my doosra," PakPassion.net quoted Ajmal, as saying. "You can study videos as much as you want of a bowler, but going up against a new player on the field is always a different challenge. ...

["Time to Forget the Past, Move On and Look Forward" : Shoaib Malik](#)

[Malik thanks "great life partner" Sania for "brilliant support"](#)

Yahoo! Cricket Aug 21, 2011

My wife Sania has helped me a lot," PakPassion.net quoted Malik, as saying. "She's been playing international tennis for the past 10 to 12 years and the ...

[Malik included for Zimbabwe tour](#)

ESPNcricinfo.com (blog) Aug 21, 2011

I have been training hard and practising with intensity," he told PakPassion.net. "From 29 onwards, the next six or seven years are the best years for a ...

[Time to move on, says Malik](#)

PakistanToday.com.pk Aug 21, 2011

According to a report in PakPassion, Malik explained that he was delighted to be back in the reckoning for international selection and that his form and ...

[Malik recalled to Pakistan squad for Zimbabwe tour](#)

MSN Sports Aug 21, 2011

Malik last played for Pakistan during their controversial tour of England last summer. He was involved in a row with the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) and was cleared by the PCB's integrity committee last week. "His name was already in the reserve list...

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Speaking exclusively to PakPassion.net, Mudassar a veteran of 198 matches for Pakistan stated "Waqar has done remarkably well....

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[Mudassar wants Aaqib to be next coach](#)

Pakistan Daily Times

I would be happy if he was given the role, provided he should be given some support with a batting coach," **PakPassion.net** quoted Mudassar as saying. ...

["Junaid is a very natural bowler who can perform at all levels": Peter Moores](#)

[Moores calls Pakistan's Junaid "very skilful" bowler who understands cricket](#)

Yahoo! Cricket Aug 19, 2011

Islamabad, August 19(ANI): Former England and current Lancashire coach Peter Moores has praised Pakistani pacer Junaid Khan as a "very skilful" bowler and a "very natural cricketer" who understands the game. Inexperienced left arm pacer Junaid was a surprise...

[Moores calls Pakistan's Junaid "very skilful" bowler who understands cricket](#)

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"..he understands the field he should set tactically in accordance with what he will bowl," PakPassion.net quoted Moores"

["BCCI is treating it's cricketers like machines" : Mushtaq Mohammad](#)

[BCCI treating Indian players "like machines": Ex-Pak captain](#)

Indian Express - 16 Aug 2011

Former Pakistan captain Mushtaq Mohammad has blamed the Board of Control for ... need rest which is very important," PakPassion.net quoted him, as saying. ...

[BCCI treating Indian players 'like machines': Ex-Pak captain](#)

Yahoo! Cricket Aug 17, 2011

Islamabad, August 17(ANI): Former Pakistan captain Mushtaq Mohammad has blamed the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) for the dismal performance of the Indian team during its ongoing England tour. "The BCCI is very much responsible for poor planning of this tour. They thought their cricketers were machines...

[BCCI responsible for Team India's poor show: Mushtaq](#)

NDTV.com – 19 Aug, 2011

PTI Karachi: Former Pakistan Test captain Mushtaq Mohammad has blamed the Indian ... and they do need rest," Mushtaq told Pakpassion.net in an interview. ...

["I'll Come Back to the Pakistan Side as a Better Batsman" : Usman Salahuddin](#)

[Usman eyes comeback despite exclusion for Zimbabwe](#)

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ISLAMABAD: ...Usman's introduction to international cricket was short lived as the 20-year-old was dropped after only two one-day internationals (ODIs) against the West Indies..."I have been training even harder in the off season," PakPassion.net quoted Usman...

["Positive" Usman "not feeling down" over exclusion from Pak's Zimbabwe tour](#)

Yahoo! Cricket - Aug 16, 2011

Islamabad, August 16(ANI): Pakistani batsman Usman Salahuddin has said that he looks at his non-selection for the Zimbabwe tour and the Pakistan Cricket Board's central contract as "a temporary setback", and has expressed confidence...

[Usman hopes for a comeback despite not being selected for the Zimbabwe tour](#)

Associated Press of Pakistan - Aug 16, 2011

Pakistani batsman Usman Salahuddin, who was out of Pakistan Cricket Board's central contracts list, on Tuesday said that he is confident for making a comeback to the national team despite not being selected for the Zimbabwe ...

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[ICC Award nominee Misbah feels 'honoured' to be nominated with world's top players](#)

Yahoo! Cricket - Aug 13, 2011

Islamabad, August 13(ANI): Pakistan Captain Misbahul Haq has expressed his 'joy' over winning nominations in two categories for the International Cricket Council (ICC) Awards 2011, saying that it is an honour to be nominated with top players...

[ICC Award nominee Misbah feels 'honoured' to be nominated with ...](#)

International News Network - 13 Aug 2011

Misbah, who boasts an average of 44.32 in Tests and 42.78 in ODIs, ... In an exclusive interview with PakPassion.net, he expressed his utter delight at the ...

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[Awarding central contract to Razzaq "backward step" by PCB: Aamer Sohail](#)

Yahoo! Cricket - Aug 11, 2011

Lahore, August 11(ANI): The Pakistan Cricket Board's decision to award the central contract to 31-year-old all-rounder Abdul Razzaq is "a backward step", former chief selector Aamer Sohail has said

[Awarding central contract to Razzaq a backward step: Aamer Sohail](#)

Zee News Limited - Aug 11, 2011

Lahore: The Pakistan Cricket Board's decision to award the central contract to 31-year-old all-rounder Abdul Razzaq is "a backward step", former chief selector Aamer Sohail has said. "I am very much surprised by that [central contract offer to Razzaq]. The thing is, you keep on...

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Aug 15, 2011

Pakistan celebrated its 64th birthday yesterday and, in the time since it was made an independent nation, cricket has become an important element in its culture.

[Ian Bell incident shows umpires have common sense](#)

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Umpires have learnt to be accommodating and, like the Trent Bridge officials showed, sacrificing their egos.

[Iqbal Qasim lambasts "inconsistent selection policy"](#)

[Ex-Pak Test Spinner Iqbal Qasim blasts "inconsistent selection policy"](#)

Yahoo! Cricket - Aug 6, 2011

Lahore, Aug.6 (ANI): Former Test cricketer and chief selector Iqbal Qasim has criticised the selection committee for adopting a "futile" youth policy in team selection.

[Praveen Kumar Involved in Ugly Spat with Fan at Northampton](#)

[Praveen in spat with fans after practice match: Report](#)

NDTV, Press Trust of India - Aug 7, 2011

If injuries and back-to-back Test defeats were not enough, the Indian cricket team's tour of England has taken another disastrous turn as pacer Praveen Kumar reportedly got into a spat with fans ..

[Praveen involved in a spat with fans in Northampton](#)

Yahoo! Cricket - Aug 7, 2011

Northampton, Aug 7 (IANS) India's medium pacer Praveen Kumar was heckled by cricket fans and had to be restrained by teammates

[Lancashire hoping to reach an agreement with PCB on Junaid's participation in Finals Day](#)

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Yahoo! Cricket - Aug 7, 2011

Islamabad, August 10(ANI): The Lancashire County Cricket Club has expressed hope of coming to an agreement with the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) over pace bowler Junaid Khan's participation ...

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[Pakistan looking for reserve pacemen- Mohsin Khan](#)

ESPNcricinfo, ESPN EMEA Ltd. - Jul 31, 2011

Pakistan's chief selector Mohsin Khan has said the squad for the tour of Zimbabwe is an opportunity to blood a few young players in the company of more experienced senior players. "Zimbabwe cannot be taken lightly and our squad was picked with full respect for the opponents," Mohsin told *Pakpassion.net*. "There was never...

['Rameez Raja has an opportunity to shine,' says Mohsin Khan](#)

Yahoo! Cricket - July 31, 2011

London, July 31 (ANI): Pakistan's chief selector Mohsin Khan believes that 24-year-old batsman Rameez Raja has an opportunity to shine during next month's tour of Zimbabwe consisting of three one day internationals, two Twenty20 fixtures and a solitary test match. In an interview to *Pakpassion.net*...

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