
PCB marks 15 years of T20 World Cup 2009 Triumph in 53rd Podcast Episode

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Lahore, 4 June 2024: In the 53rd edition of the PCB Podcast, the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) celebrates 15 years since Pakistan's men's cricket team won the ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2009. This celebration coincides with the ongoing ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2024.

The latest episode, available for viewing and free download, features interviews with key players from the 2009 campaign, where Pakistan defeated Sri Lanka by eight wickets in the final at Lord's on 21 June 2009.

Under Younis Khan's leadership, Pakistan won four consecutive matches to claim the title. They defeated New Zealand (six wickets), Ireland (39 runs), South Africa (seven runs), and Sri Lanka (eight wickets). Their other victory was against the Netherlands (82 runs), with losses to England

(48 runs) and Sri Lanka (19 runs).

This victory followed a narrow loss in the 2007 T20 World Cup final and was Pakistan's first ICC title in 17 years.

Key performers from the 2009 campaign shared their reflections and extended best wishes to the current team:

- **Abdul Razzaq:** Took 3 for 20 in the final; joined as a replacement for the injured Yasir Arafat.
- **Misbah Ul Haq:** Averaged 27.33 with a strike rate of 117.14; top score of 31 not out against the Netherlands.
- **Mohammad Amir:** Youngest player in the tournament at 17 years and 58 days; took six wickets; bowled a memorable wicket-maiden first over in the final.
- **Saeed Ajmal:** Joint-second leading wicket-taker with 12 wickets.
- **Shahid Afridi:** Scored 176 runs at a strike rate of 141 and took 11 wickets; player of the match in both the semi-final and final.
- **Shoaib Malik:** Key partnerships with Afridi in semi-final and final; averaged 28.8 with a strike rate of 102.85.

The PCB Podcast episode is a tribute to Pakistan's cricketing history and an inspiration for the current squad.

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