

# CRICKET INSIGHT

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Our World Ranking 

Men <sup>th</sup>  
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Women <sup>th</sup>  
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- WOMEN 100% WORKSHOP
- COACHING WORKSHOP
- REFEREE AND SCORER WORKSHOP
- FACILITIES AND INFRASTRUCTURE

RANKING

**20<sup>th</sup> 56<sup>th</sup>**

ICC Women's T20 International Rankings  
ICC Men's T20 International Rankings

**7<sup>th</sup> 17<sup>th</sup>**

ICC Women's T20 Asia Rankings  
ICC Men's T20 Asia Rankings

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NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP



# Badung Champions Bali Sixes 2024



## Note from CHAIRMAN

The Persatuan Cricket Indonesia (PCI) is excited to welcome you to the latest edition of "Cricket Insight," our official newsletter specifically designed to share the latest developments, inspiring stories, and significant achievements in the world of cricket in Indonesia. Over the past few months, we have witnessed significant growth in Indonesia's cricket community, not only in the increase of athletes and fans but also through continuously expanding opportunities for Indonesia to play a significant role on the international stage. Through this March 2024 edition of "Cricket Insight," we wish to share some of our achievements and provide insights into what you can expect from us in the future. One of the moments we eagerly anticipate is the hosting of a series of international cricket events in Bali, offering Indonesian athletes the opportunity to test their abilities against teams from all over the world. From the Bali Blast Championship T10 to the Bali Bash International Women's T20i Series and the ICC U-19 Women's World Cup Qualifier, each event marks a significant step forward in advancing cricket in Indonesia.

We are also very proud of our development initiatives, including the launch of training and education programs for coaches and umpires/officials organized in conjunction with the International Cricket Council (ICC). Through these initiatives, we are committed to ensuring that everyone interested in this sport has access to high-quality training and comprehensive education. Furthermore, we are committed to promoting gender equality in sports. Through the celebration of International Women's Day and special workshops, we continuously strive to ensure that cricket becomes an inclusive and empowering sport for everyone, regardless of gender. We are also pleased to share the achievements of various cricket development initiatives in regions, such as in Lampung, where our efforts to build local teams have shown promising results.

Lastly, we invite you to explore the educational section of this newsletter, which provides insights into the history and technical aspects of cricket, including why cricket matches are not played in the rain and the evolution of cricket bat design. As official members of the International Cricket Council (ICC) and the Asian Cricket Council (ACC), PCI's commitment to developing cricket is unwavering. In collaboration with the Ministry of Youth and Sports, the National Sports Committee of Indonesia (KONI), and the Indonesian Olympic Committee (NOC Indonesia), we are dedicated to nurturing cricket from grassroots to international success. We fully believe that through hard work, collaboration, and shared passion, cricket can become a source of national pride for Indonesia. We hope "Cricket Insight" not only serves as a useful source of information but also as inspiration for you to continue supporting and participating in the development of cricket in Indonesia. We extend our heartfelt thanks to all athletes, coaches, umpires, volunteers, and cricket fans for your unwavering support. Together, we can elevate this beautiful sport to new heights in Indonesia.

In Bali, Indonesia, as dusk welcomed the Bali Sixes 2024, the cricket championship reached its peak with the Badung CC Men team emerging as champions, defeating Bali Cricket Putra by 4 wickets in a highly tense final. The tournament, which took place from March 29 to March 31, 2024, successfully captivated cricket fans with a series of energetic matches, smart gameplay strategies, and the spirit of brotherhood that is the core of this sport. The tournament's final day was a real testament to the skill, passion, and resilience of all the participating teams. Badung CC Men, with their exceptional performance, demonstrated their strength and strategic acumen to win the championship title, affirming their dominance in the tournament. Meanwhile, DKI B's victory over Kota Bekasi by 7 runs in another final highlighted the competitive nature of Bali Sixes, with every match being a fierce battle for supremacy.

The road to the final was filled with fierce battles and impressive performances. The elimination and semi-final rounds set the stage for the ultimate clashes, where teams like DKI B and Udayana showcased their strength to secure their spots in the finals. DKI B's victory over DKI A by 3 wickets and Udayana's 40-run win against the Crusaders were among the key matches leading to the decisive day. Bali Sixes 2024 was filled with standout performances, leaving an indelible mark on the tournament. From Badung CC Men's convincing 46-run win over Kota Bekasi to Bali Cricket Putra's strategic 16-run victory over Udayana, the league matches set the tone for a tournament that celebrated cricket's finest talents. The dedication, skill, and sportsmanship of the players were evident, making each match a showcase of cricketing excellence.

More than just competitive matches, Bali Sixes 2024 was also a celebration of the cricket spirit, successfully bringing together players, fans, and communities in a festive atmosphere. The tournament emphasized the universal appeal of cricket, transcending boundaries to unite diverse groups in their shared love for the sport. The camaraderie among teams, enthusiastic support from fans, and the beautiful backdrop of Bali added to the tournament's charm, making it an unforgettable event for all involved. As Bali Sixes 2024 comes to an end, the tournament leaves behind a legacy of thrilling cricket, emerging talents, and unforgettable memories. The success of this year's edition sets the stage for future tournaments, promising more excitement and cricket action. The Indonesia Cricket Association and the cricket community in Indonesia eagerly look forward to continuing this momentum, nurturing the sport's growth, and exploring new horizons in Indonesian cricket. Although Bali Sixes 2024 has concluded, the echoes of its victories, the stories of its players, and the spirit of cricket it celebrated will continue to inspire and entertain cricket fans for a long time.

### WINNERS

**Player of the Tournament:** Kasun Adikari

**First Place:** Badung Cricket Club

**Plate Cup Final:** DKI Jakarta B

**Runner Up:** Kota Bekasi Cricket Club

**Best Bowler of the Tournament:** Ferdinando Banuanaek

**Best Batter of the Tournament:** Ahmad Ramdoni

ABHIRAM S. YADAV  
Cricket Indonesia Chairman



# NOC Indonesia Holds Annual Members' Meeting

## & Extraordinary Congress for Sports Development

Jakarta, Indonesia - The National Olympic Committee of Indonesia (NOC) successfully organized the Annual Members' Meeting and Extraordinary Congress on March 8-9, 2023, at the Fairmont Hotel, Jakarta. The event was attended by NOC members and sports stakeholders, including Abhiram Singh Yadav, the Chairman of the Indonesian Cricket Association (PCI), along with Secretary-General Albert Tangkudung and Sandhan S.Y.

Raja Sapta Oktohari, the Chairman of NOC Indonesia, expressed his appreciation to all members and sports stakeholders for their contributions. He committed to conveying the meeting's outcomes to the government as the next step in further developing sports in Indonesia. The official opening of the event was conducted by Suharso Monoarfa, the Minister of National Development Planning (PPN)/Head of the National Development Planning Agency (Bappenas), with a gong-beating ceremony marking the start of the meeting.



Oktohari also highlighted key points to be discussed during the Members' Meeting and Congress, including the evaluation of work programs and the refinement of the organization's Articles of Association (AD) and House Rules (ART). The meeting proceeded smoothly in the morning, with representatives from various sports branches sharing their views, including financial reports, progress of activities, implementation of work programs, and strategic plans for the future.

Okto emphasized the importance of discussing this year's work program, given the packed competition calendar facing Indonesian athletes, ranging from multi-event sports such as the SEA Games and Asian Games to individual competitions in their respective sports branches. This activity represents an important step by NOC Indonesia in its efforts to develop and advance sports in Indonesia, through discussion, evaluation, and strategic decision-making for the welfare of athletes and the progress of national sports.





# Construction of Cricket Field for PON XXI/2024 in Deli Serdang

**M**edan, Indonesia - In preparation for the National Sports Week (Pekan Olahraga Nasional - PON) XXI/2024, which will be held in Aceh and North Sumatra, the sports facility development project has reached a crucial phase with the commencement of a cricket field construction in Deli Serdang Regency. On March 6, 2024, a special meeting was held to discuss the progress and implementation plans for the cricket sports branch in this prestigious event, located at the Hall of the Deli Serdang Regency's Office of Culture, Youth, Sports, and Tourism.

The meeting was attended by Cricket Technical Delegates along with the Head of Deli Serdang's Sports Agency, the Equipment Division of PB PON, and representatives from various related institutions. The discussion focused on a detailed presentation by Albert Tangkudung concerning the development plan for the Deli Serdang Twin Fields, including the field size specifications, tree relocation plans, and the construction of supporting facilities.

A question and answer session revealed various technical aspects of the development that will be undertaken, followed by a field visit to identify specific areas to be developed. This visit provided a direct view of the planned locations, tree relocations, and other plans. Additionally, it was discovered that the nearby Scout Lodge could be utilized as an entrance for athletes and support teams, thanks to its adequate room and facility availability.

This activity signifies the strong commitment of the North Sumatra Provincial Government and Deli Serdang Regency in preparing the infrastructure needed to ensure the success of PON XXI/2024. The construction of the cricket field in Deli Serdang is not only a critical milestone in the event's preparation but also demonstrates the seriousness in providing national-level sports facilities.

With adequate infrastructure in place, the PON XXI/2024 event in Aceh and North Sumatra is expected to proceed smoothly and successfully, simultaneously raising the standards of cricket sports organization in Indonesia.

## CRICKET GROUNDS

Across Indonesia



CRICKET GROUND **UDAYANA** BALI



CRICKET GROUND **CENDRAWASIH** PAPUA



CRICKET GROUND **GBK** JAKARTA



CRICKET GROUND **CIBUBUR** JAWA BARAT



CRICKET GROUND **CEGER** JAKARTA

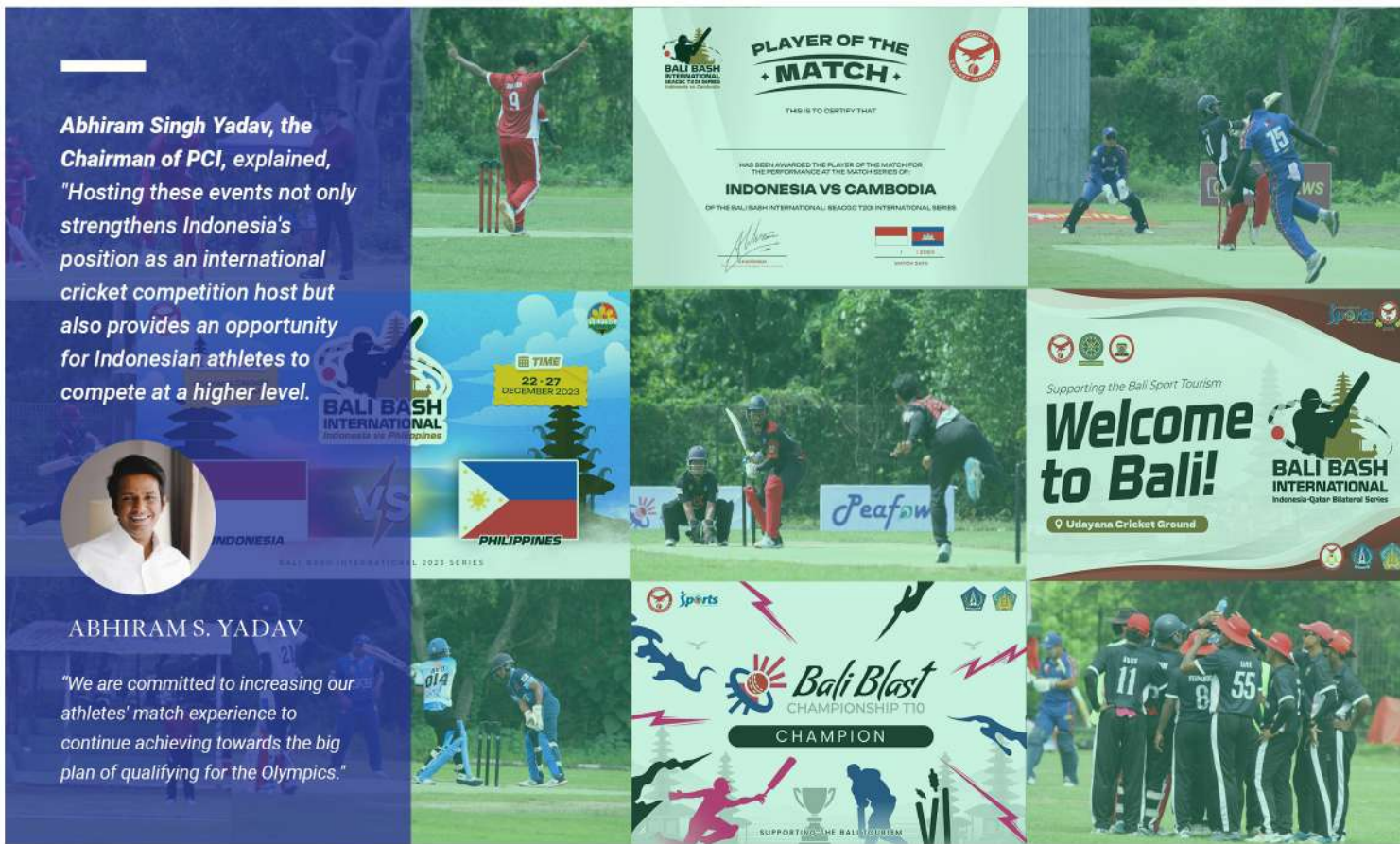


CRICKET GROUND **TUBABA** LAMPUNG

## PON GAME

Participations

- 2016**  
Jawa Barat
- 2021**  
Papua
- 2024**  
Aceh-Sumatra Utara
- 2028**  
NTT-NTB



**Abhiram Singh Yadav, the Chairman of PCI, explained, "Hosting these events not only strengthens Indonesia's position as an international cricket competition host but also provides an opportunity for Indonesian athletes to compete at a higher level."**



ABHIRAM S. YADAV

"We are committed to increasing our athletes' match experience to continue achieving towards the big plan of qualifying for the Olympics."

# PCI TO HOST *a Series of International* CRICKET EVENTS IN BALI



Jakarta, Indonesia - The Indonesian Cricket Association (PCI) has announced Indonesia as the host country for several international cricket tournaments to be held in Bali in April and May 2024. These events mark a significant moment in the cricket sports calendar in Indonesia, with teams from various countries and regions participating. The first event, the Bali Blast Championship T10 (BBCT10), will take place from April 1 to 5, 2024. This men's club T10 championship will feature a total of 15 matches. Participating teams include Crickingdom Thunderbolts from India, affiliated with the Rohit Sharma Academy, the ATC Cricket Club, an expatriate team with players from South Asia based in Bali, as well as the Bali Cricket Team, DKI Jakarta, and Badung Cricket Club, all including national team players. The tournament will be broadcast live via Facebook Cricket Indonesia and the FanCode platform from India.

Additionally, the Bali Bash International (BBI) Women's T20i Series will be held in three different series. The first series against Mongolia will take place from April 20 to 27, 2024, followed by the second series against Nepal from May 1 to 7, 2024, and the third series against Samoa from May 7 to 10, 2024. Each series will consist of 6 matches with ICC T20i status.

In recent news, PCI is also in discussions to host another series for the men's team in early May against Thailand, under the banner of Bali Bash International (BBI). This series is expected to add excitement and elevate the level of competition in the Indonesian cricket sports calendar.

Another major event is the ICC U-19 Women's World Cup Qualifier for the EAP (East Asia-Pacific) Group involving teams from Indonesia, PNG, Samoa, and Fiji. This qualifying tournament is scheduled to take place from May 12 to 21, 2024, with a total of 12 matches competing for a spot in the ICC U-19 Women's World Cup. Furthermore, these events are expected to boost the popularity and interest in cricket in Indonesia and support the development of young talent in this field. The Indonesian Cricket Association hopes for the full support of the community and cricket sports fans for the success of these international events in Bali.





# Indonesia's Efforts to DEVELOP CRICKET *through* ICC TRAINING PROGRAM

**J**akarta, Indonesia - In a significant step towards advancing the sport of cricket in Indonesia, the Indonesian Cricket Association (PCI) has embarked on an important initiative by introducing a series of training and education programs. Supported by the International Cricket Council (ICC), the program aims to inspire and empower individuals and communities through cricket, with the vision of increasing the number of players, facilitators, and fans of this sport nationally.

Recently, PCI successfully hosted a training workshop aimed at forming competent cricket coaches in Indonesia. The event, which took place on February 28, attracted 140 participants from various backgrounds, including athletes, teachers, and students from different regions in Indonesia. Workshop participants had the opportunity to learn directly from leading speakers such as Melven Ndoen from the national coaching team and Edenyce Krismartini, a PCI Tutor, who shared insights about the cricket coaching curriculum.



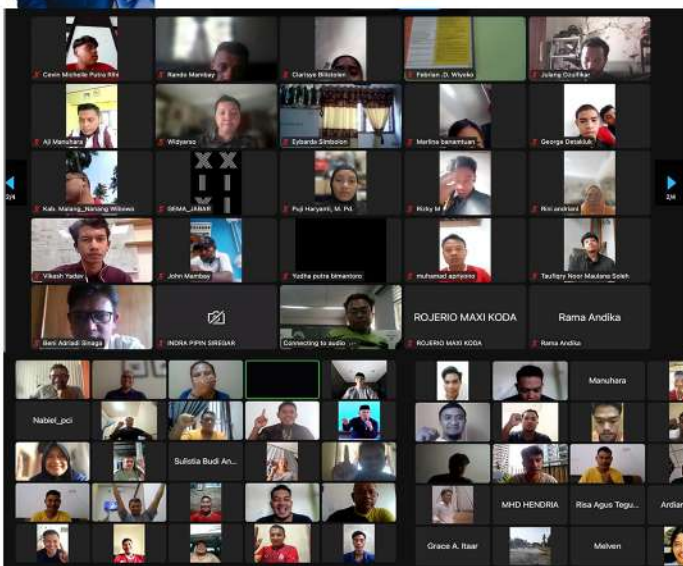
According to **Abhiram Singh Yadav, the Chairman of PCI**, this initiative is part of PCI's efforts to improve the standards of cricket in Indonesia, both at the national and international levels. Yadav emphasized the crucial role of coaches in creating outstanding achievements at the international level. He said,

***"We are dedicated to maintaining the public's interest in cricket and enhancing the quality of the cricket playing experience throughout Indonesia,"***

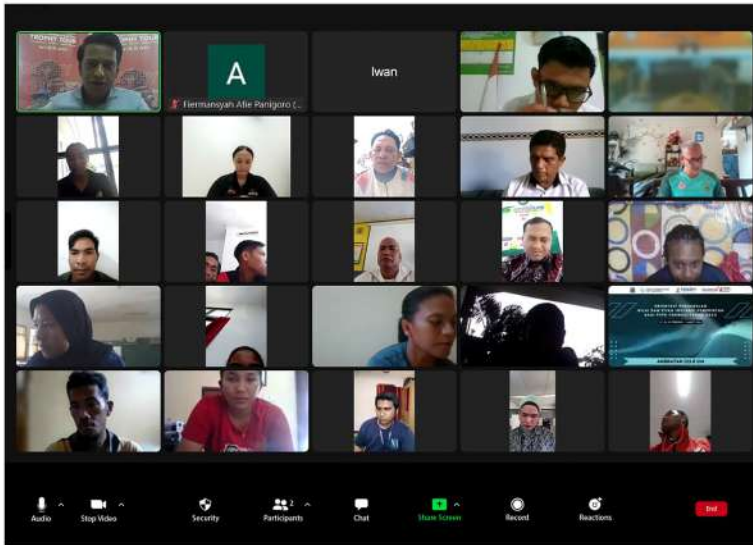
Through the EDApp, a digital learning platform, the program offers access to courses specially designed to provide a fun initial experience with cricket. These courses are available to anyone, anywhere, and can be accessed through various devices, making it easy for participants to learn either through computers, laptops, or mobile applications.

The two main courses offered in Indonesian are the ICC Foundation Certificate (Indonesia) and the ICC Level 1 Training Course (Indonesia), both aimed at preparing new coaches to conduct attractive and interactive training sessions for beginners. PCI is committed to training more than 500 participants through the ICC Foundation Certificate and creating more than 100 new coaches who have successfully passed the ICC Coaching Course Level 1.

Incorporating various course levels, from introductions for new players to player development and training for elite players, the ICC Coaching Course is designed to handle every aspect of cricket coaching professionally and comprehensively. This initiative is expected not only to increase awareness and acceptance of cricket in Indonesia but also to strengthen the cricket community by presenting qualified and committed coaches to develop talent across the country. With full support from the ICC and the application of the latest learning technology, cricket in Indonesia is poised to achieve global success.



# PCI INITIATIVE TO ENHANCE Cricket Quality in Indonesia through ICC UMPIRE TRAINING PROGRAM



Jakarta, Indonesia - In an initiative aimed at raising the standards of cricket in Indonesia, the Indonesian Cricket Association (PCI) proudly introduces a series of training and education programs for cricket umpires. Initiated by the International Cricket Council (ICC), this program is designed to motivate and strengthen the role of individuals and communities in the sport of cricket, as well as to increase the number of players, facilitators, and cricket supporters throughout the country.

A special workshop for umpires held on March 10th successfully attracted 100 participants. Led by Suresh Subramanian, an international cricket umpire, the workshop underscores PCI's commitment to continuing education for umpires within the national cricket ecosystem.

Utilizing EDApp, a digital learning platform, the program offers everyone from all corners the opportunity to participate in cricket umpire training courses. Built on a microlearning method, the program is designed to make learning sessions effective through concise and engaging content. Furthermore, the program aims to create a global network of cricket enthusiasts, including facilitators and umpires accredited by ICC.

Registration for this program begins with filling out an online form on the [edapp.com/icc](http://edapp.com/icc) website, followed by a verification process via email that provides a username and password. Participants can then start their training journey by downloading the EdApp or accessing it through the website. Those who successfully complete the ICC Umpire Course Level 1 online and the ICC Umpire Foundation will be recognized with the ICC Umpire Foundation Certificate, marking their expertise in the field of cricket umpiring.

The final stage of the program ends with a field assessment session conducted in person, ensuring that umpires not only master the theory well but can also apply it in actual match practices. This training program is expected not only to expand insight and fondness for cricket in Indonesia but also to strengthen the national cricket sports structure by providing high-quality umpires. With full support from the ICC and the use of modern learning technology, PCI strives to develop Indonesia's cricket achievements to the international level.

As of March 2024, there have been 217 participants who have completed the basic level training, including 54 umpires and 28 coaches who have achieved level 1 certification. PCI plans to conduct level 1 coaching practice exams for 189 participants and level 1 umpire practice exams for 50 participants in May. This program is expected to be a stepping stone for those interested in diving into the world of cricket, as well as assisting PCI in bringing Indonesia's good name to the international stage. The workshop also serves as a venue for participants to share experiences, expand networks, and gain new insights into the development of cricket in Indonesia, all under the guidance of PCI's Chairman, Abhiram Singh Yadav.

INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION

**NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP**

SOCIAL MEDIA ENGAGED AUDIENCE

18-24	<div style="width: 44.3%;"></div>	44.3%
25-34	<div style="width: 22.6%;"></div>	22.6%
13-17	<div style="width: 18.8%;"></div>	18.8%
35-44	<div style="width: 9.4%;"></div>	9.4%

28.8% Women

71.1% Men

**Social Networking Service** \* More than 20K Followers on Instagram

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# Indonesian U19 Women's Team STRENGTHENS World Cup Qualification with PROFESSIONAL COACHING TEAM FROM SRI LANKA

**Bali, Indonesia - In preparation for the upcoming World Cup Qualifications, the Indonesian Cricket Association (PCI) has taken strategic steps to enhance the abilities and quality of the U19 Women's Team.**

A significant effort in this direction is the inclusion of Kasun Vidura Adikari, a seasoned professional cricket player from Sri Lanka with a distinguished career at Chilaw Marians Cricket Club in the Sri Lankan First-Class cricket circuit, into the national coaching team.

Adikari, who brings a wealth of experience with over 4,000 runs in 142 innings, including four centuries, is expected to significantly strengthen the team's batting capabilities.



*"Seeing the full commitment of the players to cricket is truly inspiring. I hope my presence here will positively contribute to the development of their cricket careers,"*



**Adikari said regarding his joining the Indonesian U19 Women's Team.**

In addition to Adikari, the coaching staff is also bolstered by Coach Akash and Coach Gihan, both hailing from Sri Lanka, who bring a diversity of strategic insights and tactical skills to the team. The U19 Women's Team's relentless dedication to their training program has been highly commended. With the support and guidance from the coaching staff, the team shows promising potential for progress and development. PCI has planned a series of preparatory events as part of their strategy to replicate the success of the 2022 Qualifications.

With a well-thought-out strategy, skilled training, and rigorous preparation, the Indonesian U19 Women's Team is ready to make a significant impact in the upcoming World Cup Qualifications and strengthen their position on the global cricket stage. PCI's seriousness in preparing the U19 Women's Team demonstrates Indonesia's commitment to advancing and growing in the sport of cricket, while also opening opportunities to enhance achievements on the international scene.



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# PCI Showcase Gender Equality Initiative at INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY 2024 EVENT

JAKARTA, INDONESIA



In a groundbreaking presentation at the International Women's Day (IWD) 2024 online event on Tuesday, 19 March, Persatuan Cricket Indonesia (PCI) took a significant step towards promoting gender equality in sports. During the session, PCI shared insights from its recent Women's Focus Workshop, a key initiative aimed at empowering female cricket coaches and addressing the gender gap in sports coaching.

The event, which ran from 6:00 to 7:00 pm AEDT, was hosted by Anissa Husni from The Australian Volunteers Program which is an Australian Government initiative, with opening remarks by Raine Dixon. The PCI presentation, introduced at 6:14 pm, was a highlight of the evening, drawing attention to the organization's efforts in championing gender equality through cricket.

The detailed PowerPoint presentation, titled "STRENGTHENING GENDER EQUALITY THROUGH SPORT WITH PERSATUAN CRICKET INDONESIA (PCI)," was delivered as part of the session's agenda to shed light on gender-related challenges and achievements within the realm of sports.

This initiative, unveiled in alignment with Indonesia's Independence Day and in partnership with Yayasan Care Peduli and the Australian Volunteers Program, has notably elevated the status of women in cricket. The workshop, attended by over 40 women, combined cricket coaching skills with critical insights into gender equality, women's entrepreneurship, and strategies to combat gender-based violence.

The presentation detailed the workshop's two-phase approach: an online class focusing on Cricket Coaching Level 1 and discussions on gender-related topics, followed by a practical session at Jakarta State University earlier. The PCI speaker Edenyce Eduard provided a holistic approach to coaching women and girls in cricket.



## STRENGTHENING GENDER EQUALITY THROUGH SPORT WITH PERSATUAN CRICKET INDONESIA



**Edenyce Eduard**  
PCI Tutor

PCI's commitment to addressing the gender gap in cricket coaching is crucial for the development of women's cricket both locally in Indonesia and globally. The presentation highlighted the societal norms, lack of opportunities, and gender biases that women face in entering and excelling in cricket coaching. It also emphasized the role of initiatives like the 100% Women's Workshop in breaking gender stereotypes by providing women with the necessary skills, knowledge, and confidence to pursue coaching roles.

The impact of this initiative is profound, directly benefiting over 40 female coaches by significantly enhancing their cricket coaching capabilities while embedding a strong understanding of gender equality principles in sport. The workshop has fostered a supportive community among women in cricket, equipping them to be influential leaders both on and off the field.

The PCI presentation at the IWD 2024 event not only highlighted the organization's dedicated efforts towards fostering gender equality through sports but also showcased how sports can serve as a powerful tool for social change, inspiring future generations and promoting a culture of equality and respect. Through collaborative efforts, PCI aims to challenge stereotypes, break down barriers, and promote a culture of respect and equality, harnessing the power of sports to drive meaningful progress towards a more inclusive and just world.

## CRICKET INDONESIA

# Forging Ahead Towards ICC Development Awards 2023

Cricket Indonesia, with its unwavering dedication to cricket's growth and development, has consistently pursued excellence by participating in the ICC Development Awards. This year, however, marks a significant milestone as Cricket Indonesia proudly presents its candidacy across various categories for the ICC Development Awards 2023.



## 05 ICC Digital Fan Engagement of the Year

In 2023, Persatuan Cricket Indonesia (PCI) launched a comprehensive digital fan engagement campaign, leveraging platforms like the "Cricket Insight" newsletter and strategic social media presence to enhance the visibility of Indonesian cricket worldwide.

## 06 ICC Cricket 4 Good Social Impact Initiative of the Year

Cricket Indonesia's initiative, "Promoting Sport Tourism through Cricket in Bali," exemplifies an innovative approach to integrating sports with tourism and cultural exchange. By launching the Bali Bash International logo and hosting various events, Cricket Indonesia showcased the potential of sports to unite diverse cultures and promote tourism.

### THE ICC AWARD NOMINATIONS

## 01 ICC Development Initiative of the Year

In 2023, the Persatuan Cricket Indonesia (PCI) introduced a groundbreaking cricket development initiative focused on nurturing talent from grassroots levels upwards. A highlight of this initiative was the Qualification Round for the National Games 2024 held in Bali. This event brought together 14 provinces and 24 teams, showcasing spirited competition across T20, T10, and Super Sixes formats. Notably, junior players were integrated into each team, emphasizing the initiative's commitment to fostering young talent.

## 02 ICC Female Cricket Initiative of the Year

In a concerted effort to promote gender equality in sports, Cricket Indonesia partnered with Yayasan Care Peduli and the Australian Volunteers Program to launch a pioneering Women's Focus Workshop. This workshop aimed to empower Level 1 coaches associated with women's teams, offering a comprehensive blend of cricket coaching skills and discussions on gender-related topics.

## 03 ICC Associate Member Men's Team Performance of the Year

The Indonesian National Men's Cricket Team's 2023 season was marked by an ambitious schedule aimed at enhancing the nation's international standing in cricket. Their achievements, including securing a bronze medal at the SEA Games 2023 in Cambodia and hosting the 'Bali Bash International' series, underscored their commitment to diverse competitive experiences.

## 04 ICC Associate Member Women's Team Performance of the Year

The Indonesian U19 Women's Cricket Team made history by participating in the inaugural ICC Under19 Women's T20 World Cup in South Africa. Not only did they compete admirably, but they also secured a historic victory against Zimbabwe, showcasing Indonesia's emerging strength in women's cricket on a global stage.



Winning these awards would not only validate Cricket Indonesia's tireless efforts but also align with its vision of rapid development in the cricketing sphere. With optimism and determination, Cricket Indonesia eagerly anticipates the outcomes of the ICC Development Awards 2023.

# Jakarta Hosts **WALIKOTA CUP** TO IGNITE PASSION FOR CRICKET *Among Students*

Jakarta – In an effort to advance cricket among students, the Persatuan Cricket Indonesia (PCI) in Jakarta successfully organized the "Walikota Cup East Jakarta" from January 25-27, 2024. The championship, held at Ceger Sports Stadium, saw participation from over 500 students from elementary and junior high schools across East Jakarta, marking a significant step in grassroots cricket development.



*Chair of East Jakarta City Cricket, Widyarso*, in his speech, mentioned that the championship is part of ongoing efforts to enhance the quality and interest in cricket among the youth.

**"This championship is not only a competitive arena but also preparation for participants aiming for selection in the POPB Team or DKI Junior Cricket Team to compete at national and international levels," explained Mr. Widyarso.**



Widyarso added optimism towards the future of cricket in DKI Jakarta, "With the high enthusiasm of participants and visitors, I am confident that cricket will increasingly become a prime sport and bring glory to DKI Jakarta in the national and international sports arenas."



The championship also received full support from various parties, including the local government. The Deputy Mayor of East Jakarta expressed support for this activity and acknowledged the potential of cricket as a sport that can produce professional athletes. Meanwhile, the Head of the East Jakarta Youth and Sports Office, Suyoto, affirmed that the winners of this championship would represent East Jakarta in subsequent events, contributing to the overall sports achievements of DKI Jakarta.

In this championship, about 30 elementary and junior high schools, both boys and girls, participated in the competition, divided into T10 & Super 8s categories. This activity is expected to become an annual agenda that can pave the way for the development of cricket in East Jakarta and serve as a model for similar sports development in other regions. The DKI Jakarta Cricket Management is optimistic that this activity will not only improve skills and experience in playing cricket among students but also foster a spirit of togetherness, discipline, and sportsmanship. With continuous support from the central PCI and various parties, Cricket in East Jakarta is expected to grow rapidly and produce high-achieving athletes who can bring honor to Indonesia on the international stage.



## NATIONAL NEWS

*Which frequently covers Cricket Indonesia*



## SOCIALIZATION

# Evolution of Cricket in Lampung Towards PON Aceh – North Sumatra

The province of Lampung, which has secured its participation in the Aceh – North Sumatra 2024 National Games (PON), has experienced significant progress this year. As part of efforts to develop quality local athletes, the Lampung Cricket Association (PCI) has launched a socialization program in 5 districts and cities: Tulang Bawang Barat, Tulang Bawang, Lampung Utara, Bandar Lampung, and Way Kanan.

With the aim of winning gold medals, the Lampung Men's Cricket Team is currently undergoing a Training Camp at the Tulang Bawang Cricket Field, led by their new coach, Melven Ndoen. Ndoen is optimistic that with this support, they can develop local talents and deliver the best for the province of Lampung.



To create sustainability in athlete development, PCI Lampung plans a series of activities this year such as Tryouts for the Lampung Men's Cricket Team, physical tests for athletes, and organizing inter-school leagues. Currently, there are 15 schools from five districts and cities in Lampung actively participating in cricket.



The Chair of PCI Lampung, Ms. Nilam Djausal, stated,



*PCI Lampung's short-term target is the PON, where we aim to achieve at least one gold medal. We also hope to expand cricket presence in at least eight cities and regencies in Lampung through socialization programs and cooperation with relevant local authorities.*

*This is also a requirement for us to include cricket as a sports branch in the upcoming Provincial Sports Week (Porprov).*

*We will focus on developing human resources in coaching and athlete training, by increasing the number of training sessions, talent development, and athlete regeneration, all aimed at enhancing cricket competency and competition in Lampung."*



### HERE IS THE LIST OF SCHOOLS IN LAMPUNG THAT HAVE INTRODUCED CRICKET:

- |                                   |                                |                                       |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 1. SMPN 11 Kotabumi Lampung Utara | 7. SMAN 1 Tulang Bawang Tengah | 13. SMAN 16 Bandar Lampung            |
| 2. SMAN 2 Kotabumi Lampung Utara  | 8. MAN 1 Tulang Bawang Tengah  | 14. SMP Islam Az Zahra Bandar Lampung |
| 3. SMPN 1 Banjit Way Kanan        | 9. SMAN 3 Bandar Lampung       | 15. SMK Amal Bakti Lampung            |
| 4. SMAN 2 Tumijajar               | 10. SMAN 5 Bandar Lampung      |                                       |
| 5. SMAN 2 Tulang Bawang Tengah    | 11. SMAN 9 Bandar Lampung      |                                       |
| 6. SMKN 1 Tulang Bawang Tengah    | 12. SMAN 10 Bandar Lampung     |                                       |

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## Support the Development of Women's Cricket in Indonesia's Celebration of Kartini Day

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Jakarta, March 31, 2024 – NEUTROGENA® and Clean & Clear® Indonesia, trusted and beloved brands under Kenvue, have officially announced the continuation of their support for the development of women's cricket in Indonesia by sponsoring the prestigious Kartini Cup and the ICC U-19 Women's World Cup Qualifier for the year 2024. This support is a continuation of last year's contributions, where Clean & Clear® led the Indonesian U-19 Women's World Cup team to significant achievements. The initiative now aims to further solidify their commitment to the empowerment of young female athletes in the country.

The matches, held annually on Kartini Day, serve as a tribute to Raden Adjeng Kartini, a national hero remembered for her struggle to empower Indonesian women. The Kartini Cup, taking place from March 20 to April 29, 2024, provides a stage for young female athletes to demonstrate their cricketing abilities, thereby embodying the spirit of women's emancipation through sports.

This occasion not only commemorates Kartini's services but also reflects the progress made towards gender equality and women's empowerment in Indonesia. By organizing this tournament, the Cricket Association of Indonesia (PCI) together with Kenvue, strives to present a new narrative about the role of young women in a sport that is increasingly gaining popularity among the public.

Moreover, Bali is set to host the ICC U-19 Women's World Cup Qualifier from May 12 to May 21, 2024. The event is not just an ordinary competition but also a showcase of talent and potential that will shape the future of women's cricket. Set against the enchanting backdrop of Bali, Udayana Bali Cricket Ground is prepared to welcome the teams that will compete, promising intense and captivating contests.

Indonesia, with an ever-growing enthusiasm for women's cricket, is gearing up to make its mark on the international stage. Their participation is not merely about victory, but about positioning Indonesia as a new power to be reckoned with in world cricket. Achievements such as winning the gold medal at the SEA Games 2023, participating in the U-19 Women's World Cup last year, and entering the top 20 rankings globally have demonstrated that Indonesia is on the right track.

Through this partnership, NEUTROGENA® and Clean & Clear® Indonesia are determined to foster a spirit of empowerment among young women. The support provided is expected to serve as a catalyst allowing them to break through social barriers, and promote values such as teamwork, leadership, and the development of strong self-confidence, both on and off the cricket field.

Indeed, the initiative taken by Neutrogena and Clean & Clear® Indonesia along with PCI is a strategic step in pushing a new narrative of empowerment, resilience, and excellence among young women in Indonesia.

*"The journey of these athletes is not only inspirational but also opens doors for the next generation to dream and achieve more," said PCI Chairman Abhiram Singh Yadav.*



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# WHY ARE CRICKET BATS FLAT?

FUNFACTS

Cricket bats were not always flat; indeed, at the early dawn of cricket play, they bore a resemblance to modern hockey sticks, emphasizing lightness and high swing speed. Although their exact origin remains largely disputed, it is believed that these early cricket bats served a dual purpose, also acting as shepherding sticks off the pitch. Additionally, the game itself differed significantly from modern cricket, with less emphasis on defending the wicket and a greater inclination for batsmen to strike at every bowl, making the shape of these early bats seem alien to modern cricketers.



Image Source: wikipedia.org

It wasn't until the early 20th century that the flat-shaped cricket bat gained favor over earlier iterations. This shift was largely attributed to the rise of Test match cricket, where defending the wickets became essential for victory. Initially, bats were crafted to be flat and thin, combining the traditional belief that thin bats were light enough for quick swinging with the new requirement for a flat strike face to effectively deflect and defend against bowled deliveries.

In modern times, cricket bats have undergone further evolution, including the introduction of "bowling," where the bat is constructed with an outward curve. This innovation provides batsmen and women with a distinct advantage, enabling them to hit the ball even harder and higher.

Overall, the history of cricket bat design is fascinating, reflecting the evolution of the sport itself. From the early days of hockey stick-like shapes to the introduction of flat-faced bats and subsequent innovations like bowling, each development has contributed to the dynamic nature of cricket as we know it today.



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## Episode: Why cricket matches are not played during the rain

Many people often wonder why cricket matches are not played during the rain. The particular reason for this circumstance is due to several reasons. Player safety is paramount, as the outfield becomes slippery, posing risks for fielders, bowlers, and batters running between the wickets. As a matter of sportsmanship and fair play, it is generally not advisable to continue playing cricket in the rain. Continuing play in the rain may result in damage to the equipment, affecting the integrity of the match. In addition to that, the presence of rain during a cricket match can lead to distractions for players, affecting their focus and concentration. Furthermore, the impact of rainwater hitting the face can create visibility issues, making it more difficult for players to track the ball effectively.

Moreover, the rain or simply water can severely damage the ball, pitch, and outfield, hence compromising the quality of the overall play. Fielders positioned in the field and bowlers running to catch and stop the ball on a wet field can increase the risk of damage to the grass. This can result in the formation of holes or damage in specific areas. While play may continue in light rain, umpires ultimately determine safety. Covers are used to protect the pitch and bowlers' run-up area, while modern grounds' excellent drainage systems help dry out the outfield quickly after rain stops. Therefore, it is considered in the best interest of all involved to suspend play until the weather improves and conditions are safe for cricket to resume.



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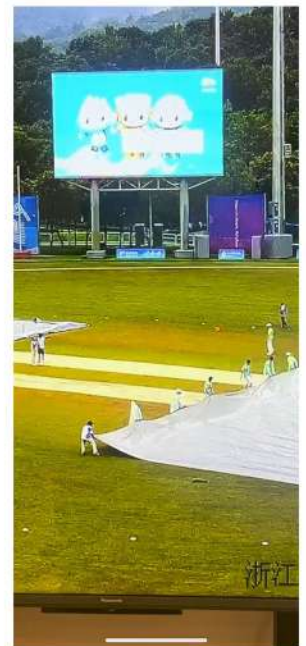


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# Indonesia Cricket League (ICL) T20 Embraces the Cricket Frenzy

Jakarta, Indonesia – This year, the Indonesian Cricket League (ICL) T20 2024 has unquestionably become the epicenter of Jakarta's sports narrative, captivating a wide audience with a spectacular display of cricket. The competition, meticulously organized by the Jakarta Cricket Association and Persatuan Cricket Indonesia (PCI), has not just intensified the rivalry among teams but has firmly positioned cricket as a burgeoning passion in the Southeast Asian region.

Dominating the league with unprecedented zeal, the Apacs Warriors have quickly become the team to watch, amassing a remarkable 48 points from their flawless winning streak. The Jaguar Badla CC, not to be overshadowed, has aggressively pursued the lead, securing 36 points and declaring their robust championship aspirations through their performances. This nail-biting scenario sets the stage for a fiercely competitive season, with the Mighty Gladiators and Crickingdom Lions also making significant strides to challenge the frontrunners. The season has been marked by a series of adrenaline-pumping matches, offering cricket aficionados thrilling finishes and showcasing strategic finesse. Noteworthy among these have been the Jakarta Knight Riders' calculated triumph over the TKCC Royals and the Mighty Gladiators' dynamic chase against the Daehan Smashers, each match contributing to a riveting narrative of cricket in Jakarta.

Highlighting the league's instrumental role in spotlighting emerging talents alongside established cricketers, players such as Sakthi Seelan and Padmakar Surve have become household names, enchanting fans with their exceptional batting skills. Meanwhile, bowlers Hariharasudhan ES and Danilson Hawoe have carved a niche for themselves with their bowling prowess, illustrating the league's commitment to nurturing cricketing talent across Indonesia. As the ICL T20 2024 season progresses, the palpable anticipation and burgeoning excitement among both fans and players underscore each match's significance, inching closer to the coveted league title. The tournament has transcended the conventional bounds of competition, emerging as a vibrant celebration of cricket's enduring spirit, marked by camaraderie, community engagement, and the relentless pursuit of excellence.

The success of the league serves as a robust testament to the unwavering dedication of the Jakarta Cricket Association and Persatuan Cricket Indonesia (PCI) in promoting cricket. By offering a prominent platform for both local and international players to showcase their prowess, the league has significantly contributed to the sport's growing footprint in Indonesia, weaving cricket into the fabric of Jakarta's sporting culture.

As the season unfurls, Jakarta stands as a testament to cricketing excellence, with athletes making remarkable strides in both batting and bowling, setting new records, and providing an electrifying display of talent that has captivated fans across the region and beyond. In the batting domain, Sakthi Seelan of the Daehan Smashers has emerged as a force to be reckoned with, leading the charts with an impressive 190 runs, including two notable half-centuries, setting a high benchmark for the season.

Not to be outdone, the Apacs Warriors' duo of Gede Agus Priandana and Padmakar Surve have been pivotal to their team's ongoing success, showcasing the depth and versatility of batting talent within the league. Their contributions, along with those from other teams, hint at a bright future for cricket in Indonesia, with emerging talents poised to take the sport to new heights. On the bowling front, the league has been a battleground for bowlers to demonstrate their skill and strategic acumen, with Hariharasudhan Eswaramoorthi of the Daehan Smashers and Aprilandy Abdillah Rahayu from the Apacs Warriors leading the charge with impactful performances. The prowess of bowlers like Janam Kapadia and Karan Tiwari has underscored the strategic depth within the league, proving pivotal in their teams' fortunes. With the ICL T20 2024 heading towards an exhilarating climax, the exceptional talent display by both batsmen and bowlers is not merely a showcase of individual excellence but a reflection of the competitive spirit and high cricket standards in Jakarta. As the league drama unfolds, each game promises more action, with the potential to alter the season's course, ensuring cricket continues to be an integral and unforgettable part of Jakarta's sporting legacy.



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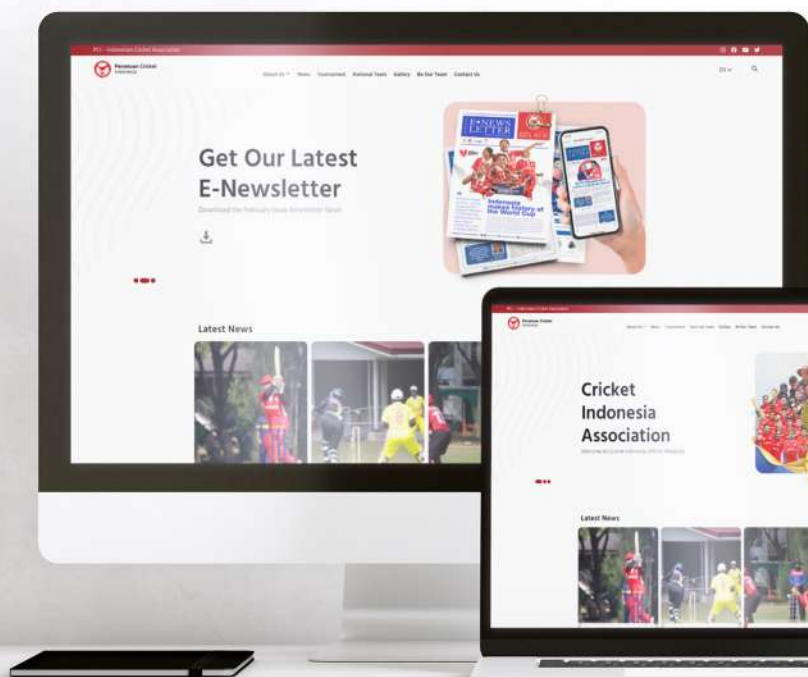
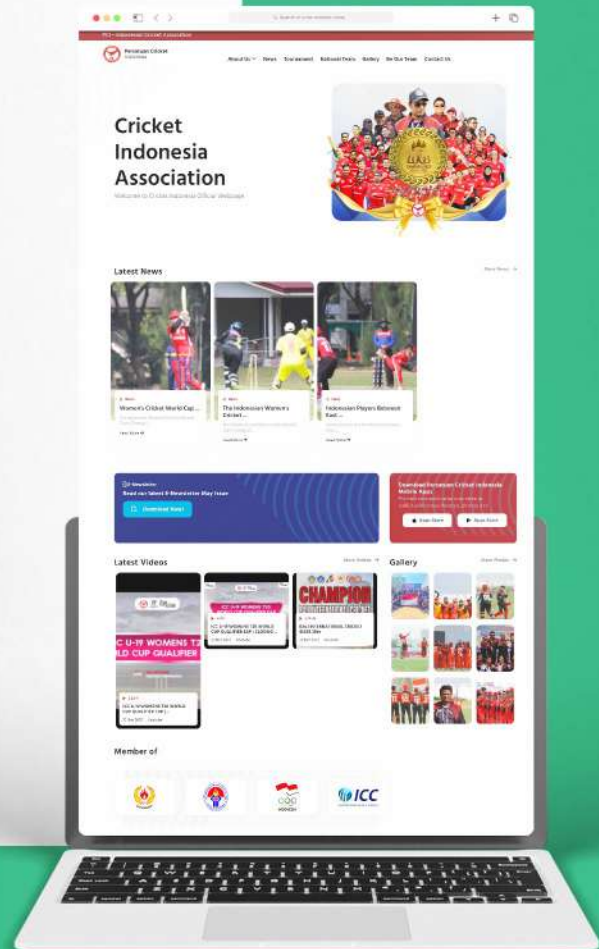
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