

Kail, Shakeel win Premier awards as season concludes

A DIVISION T20 LEAGUE, KNOCKOUT FINALS CALLED OFF

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Super bat Kail Khalid of Al Turki NMC was adjudged best batsman while left-arm spinner Shakeel Ahmad of IT Works bagged the best bowler award as Oman Cricket (OC) drew curtains on 2020-21 season after the Supreme Committee on Covid-19 suspended sports activities last month, the second time in a year, due to rise in coronavirus cases in the country.

Before announcing the season's toppers, OC called off the A Division's T20 League as well as the Ramadan T10 Bash Softball Tournament. The game's governing body in Oman also called off senior and junior knockout finals, declaring Orient Travels and Maniz Azad as joint winners of the Senior Cup. Ailag Group and Pitspot were announced joint winners of the Junior Cup.

Kail Khalid had phenomenal success with the bat, scoring 526 runs in 9 games at an amazing average of 75.1. Kail also struck three hundreds and a fifty for Al Turki.

Shakeel's golden arm not only won games for IT Works but fetch him 20 wickets at an incredible average of 9.1 and economy rate of only 2.5 runs per over.

Former Oman star Zeeshan Ahmed Siddiqui, who was instrumental in ARTT winning the A Division title, won the best batsman award, scoring 323 runs in six matches at an excellent average of 80.8. His aggregate included three half centuries.

Best bowler award also went to an ARTT player as Aqil Khan claimed the award for taking



Rahul Chadha of Vanderlande best bowler; all-rounder D Division



Adnan ul Haq of Maniz Azad best bowler C Division



Samir Faizu of OCT Al Hail B best bowler



Saud Haroon of BSI best all-rounder E Division



Khalid Rahim of OCT Al Hail B best batsman



Shoaib Ismail of best all-rounder



Sakil Khan of Mazoon Dairy best batsman E Division



ARTT players Zeeshan Siddiqui and Aqil Khan



Prashant Rana of Y Horizon best bowler E Division



Noushad Haneefa of LC Tech best bowler B Division



Shah Abbas of Ailag Group best bowler E Division



Khalid Kail of Al Turki NMC best batsman of Premier



Wajid Ali of Pitspot best batsman D Division



Warith al Balushi of OCT Mabela best all-rounder team



Suhaib Abdul Ghani of OCT Al Hail A best all-rounder team

21 wickets in 7 games at an unbelievable average of 8.2, taking five wickets in a game twice this season.

B Division's best batsman Arif Hussain of Orient Travels/Gitacs was the highest scorer in a single tournament, scoring 604 runs at an amazing average of 100.7 and outstanding strike rate of 154.9. Arif's super season included 3 centuries and 2 fifties. He also picked up 13 wickets for his side. Naushad Haneefa of LC Tech claimed the best bowler prize for taking 17 wickets in 5 games at a highly impressive average of 9.1.

D Division's top performer Rahul Chadha of Vanderlande won a dream double for his exploits with bat and ball, claiming

the D Division's best bowler and best all-rounder awards. He was very impressive with the ball, taking 14 wickets in 7 matches at 9.4 and scoring 271 runs at an average of 45.2.

Many Omani players made their presence felt during the season, especially star all-rounder Shoaib Ismail who did well playing for two teams — OCT Ruwi and Maniz Azad. He was adjudged best all-rounder for scoring 204 runs in 7 games for OCT Ruwi and taking 10 wickets. His exploits for Maniz Azad included 170 runs in 4 matches at an average of 56.7 and 9 wickets at an outstanding average of 9.4.

Rafeeq Mohammed (OCT Al Nahdha and Orient Travels) and

Zubair Ali Akbar (OCT Ruwi and Y Horizon) won awards for best batsman and best bowler respectively in a category of an Omani national playing for two teams.

Other award-winning Omani nationals playing for one team included OCT Al Hail B's Khalid Rahim (best batsman), Samir Faizu of OCT Al Hail B (best bowler) and best all-rounders Warith al Balushi of OCT Mabela and Suhaib Abdul Ghani of OCT Al Hail A.

The list of team and individual toppers of season 2020-21:
INDIVIDUAL TOPPERS
Omani national playing for one team
Best batsman: Khalid Rahim Bakhsh

al Balushi (OCT Al Hail 'B')
Consolation batting: Zafarullah al Balushi (OCT Al Mabela)
Best bowler: Samir Faizu Khan Mohamed (OCT Al Hail 'B')
Consolation bowling: Nadhir Ghulam (OCT Al Hail 'A')
All-rounder: Suhaib Abdul Ghani al Balushi (OCT Al Hail 'A')
All-rounder: Warith al Balushi (OCT Al Mabela)

Omani national playing for two teams
Best batsman: Rafeeq Mohammed Syad al Balushi (OCT Al Nahda/Orient Travels)
Best bowler: Zubair Ali Akbar al Balushi (OCT Ruwi/Y Horizon)
Consolation bowling: Younis Murad Rahman (OCT Saeb/Al Jaidid)
All-rounder: Shoaib Ismail al Balushi (OCT Ruwi/Maniz Azad)
Premier Division
Best batsman: Kail Khalid (Al Turki NMC)
Best bowler: Shakeel Ahmad (IT

Works)

'A' Division
Best batsman: Zeeshan Siddiqui (Arabian Region — ARTT)
Best bowler: Aqil Khan (Arabian Region — ARTT)
Consolation bowling: Sandip Patel (Sarco LLC)

'B' Division
Best batsman: Arif Hussain (Orient Travels/Gitacs LLC)
Best bowler: Noushad Haneefa (LC Tech)

'C' Division
Best batsman: Parvez Beg (Design Group)
Best bowler: Adnan Haq (Maniz Azad International)

'D' Division
Best batsman: Wajid Ali (Pitspot)
Consolation batting: Vineesh Raj Vijayan Pillai (Jotun Cricket Team)
Best bowler: Rahul Chadha (Vanderlande)
All-rounder: Rahul Chadha (Vanderlande)

'E' Division
Best batsman: Rafeeq Mohammed Syad al Balushi (OCT Al Nahdha)
Best bowler: Shah Abbas Jaffer Rizvi (Ailag Group CT)
Consolation bowling: Saravanan Manickam (Ghantoot Group)
All-rounder: Yusuf Patarawala (Sketch International LLC)

'F' Division
Best batsman: Sakil Khan (Mazoon Dairy Company Saoc)
Consolation batting: Rudhi Rasheed (Y Horizon)
Best bowler: Prashant Rana (Y Horizon)
All-rounder: Saud Haroon Khan (BSI CT)

TEAM TOPPERS
Premier Division: Muscat CT (winners), Al Turki NMC (runners-up)
A Division: ARTT (winners), Sarco LLC (runners-up)
B Division: Orient Travels/Gitacs (winners), LC Tech (runners-up)
C Division: Maniz Azad (winners), Douglas Oil (runners-up)
D Division: Vanderlande (winners), Al Jaidid Eng (runners-up)
E Division: Mazoon UP (winners), Danmark CC (runners-up)
F Division: Israr Ghala (winners), Y Horizon (runners-up)