



**India keep faith with Shaw for Adelaide**

India have kept faith with young opening batsman Prithvi Shaw for the opening day-night Test against Australia in Adelaide, which starts on Thursday, the country's cricket board said.



**Iniesta out for four months after operation**

Andrea Iniesta faces four months out of action after undergoing an operation to treat a ruptured hamstring, the Villarreal midfielder's representatives said in a statement on Wednesday.

# Khawar wins Player of Year prize

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Star Oman all-rounder Khawar Ali walked away with the Player of the Year Award as Oman Cricket (OC) honoured the toppers of 2019-2020 season badly marred by the Covid-19 pandemic at its Annual Awards Night at Oman Cricket Academy ground on Tuesday.

Khawar scored close to 500 runs and picked up 15 wickets across 50-over and T20 formats during the shortened season.

Chief guest Sayyid Qais bin Khalid al Said, Vice-Chairman of Oman Cricket, gave away prizes to the toppers of Premier Division, A Division, B Division league and knockout tournaments in the presence of senior OC officials.

Premier Division League champions Assarain received the winner's trophy while Passage to India (PTI) were presented the runner-up prize. Akshay Patel

of Al Turki NMC was adjudged the best batsman while Waseem Akhtar of IT Works won the best bowler award.

A Division toppers Arm Alpha and AER were presented the winners and runners-up trophies. Danish Mohammed of AER received the best batsman award while the best bowler prize went to Chetan Malliya of Arm Alpha.

Special awards were presented to Omani players as well, Waleed Rahim al Balushi receiving the best batsman prize in a category where an Omani cricketer represented more than one team. Best bowler award went to Shareef al Balushi while Rafeeq al Balushi received the best all-rounder prize.

The category where an Omani cricketer played for only one team saw Salim al Balushi of OCT Mabella winning the best batsman award while Mohammed Aslam al Balushi claimed the best bowler prize.

**LIST OF TOP TEAMS AND INDIVIDUAL PRIZE WINNERS**

**SENIOR TEAM TOPPERS**  
Premier Division 50 overs

**Champions:** Assarain  
**Runners-up:** PTI Al Sawadi  
**A Division**  
**Champions:** Arm Alpha  
**Runners-up:** AER

**Knockout Senior**  
**Joint champions:** Zubair CT and LC Tech  
**Knockout Junior**  
**Joint champions:** Design Group and Gitacs  
**B Division**  
**Champions:** ACT  
**Runners-up:** Rasta  
**C Division**  
**Champions:** Bank Muscat  
**Runners-up:** Zubair  
**D Division**  
**Champions:** Unique  
**Elegant**  
**Runners-up:** Khalsa United  
**E Division**  
**Champions:** Design Group  
**Runners-up:** Global Phone Tech  
**F Division**  
**Champions:** Spanio & VDD  
**Runners-up:** TR  
**Engineering**  
**G Division**  
**Champions:** Gitacs  
**Runners-up:** Vanderlande  
**H Division**  
**Champions:** Desert CT  
**Runners-up:** Rimal & Rock

**SENIOR LEAGUE**  
SEASON 2019-20  
**Individual toppers**  
**Omani nationals (playing for one team)**  
**Best batsman:** Salim al Balushi (OCT Mabella)  
**Best bowler:** Mohammed Aslam al Balushi (OCT Muscat)  
**Consolation bowling:** Mohammed Siddiq (OCT Al Hail A)  
**Omani nationals (playing for more than one team)**  
**Best batsman:** Waleed

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**Best bowler:** Shareef al Balushi (OCT Al Mabella/TR Engg)  
**Best all-rounder:** Rafeeq al Balushi (OCT Al Nahda/Gitacs)

**PREMIER DIVISION**  
**Best batsman:** Akshay Patel (Al Turki NMC)  
**Consolation batting:** Samuth Ismail Ebrahim (Assarain)  
**Best bowler:** Waseem Akhtar (IT Works)  
**Consolation bowling:** Samay Shrivastava (Muscat CT)  
**A Division**  
**Best batsman:** Danish Mohammad (AER)  
**Best bowler:** Chethan Malliya (ARM Alpha)  
**B Division**  
**Best batsman:** Hafiz Irfan (ACT)  
**Best bowler:** Zubair Akbar al Balushi (OCT Ruwi)  
**Best all-rounder:** Abdul Naveed Abdul Majeed (PDO RC)

**Women Senior**  
**Champions:** Indian Social Club  
**Runners-up:** Women's Cricket Sohar  
**Junior U-19**  
**Champions:** Indian School Muscat  
**Runners-up:** Indian School Wadi Kabir  
**Junior U-16**  
**Champions:** Indian School Muscat  
**Runners-up:** Indian School Wadi Kabir  
**Junior U-13**  
**Champions:** Indian School Muscat 'A'  
**Runners-up:** Indian School Seeb



Khawar Ali receiving his award from Sayyid Qais bin Khalid al Said



Waleed Rahim al Balushi receiving Best Omani Batsman Award



Vinu Mathew and Gustav Burger of Assarain receiving Premier Division Winner's Trophy

