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Building Champions, Empowering Communities, & Shaping Pakistan's Future.

Welcome to Issue 9 of the **BARD Beacon**. Between August and December 2025, the Foundation made meaningful strides in sports development, education, and community impact. This issue highlights milestones that reflect our commitment to strengthening Pakistan's sporting and social ecosystem.

National Pride & Global Recognition

Shehroz Kashif

at just 22, became the youngest Pakistani to summit all fourteen

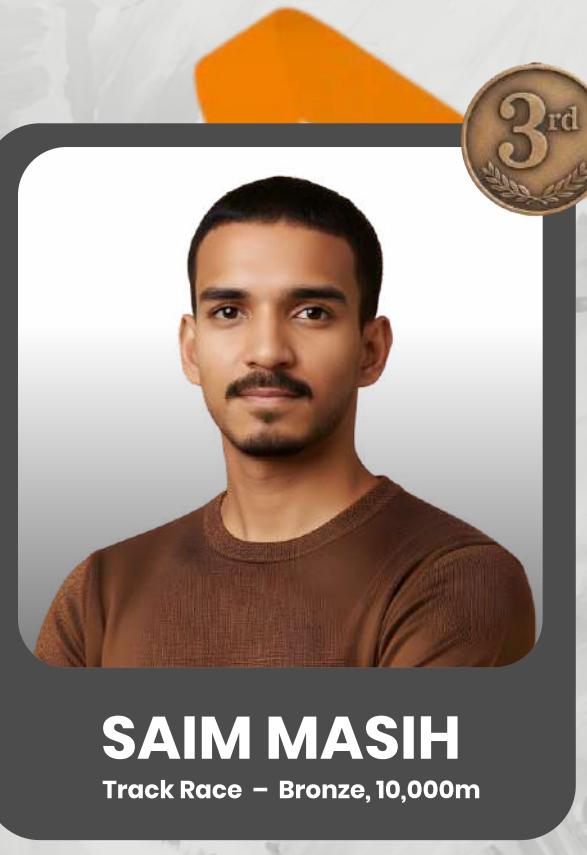
8,000-meter peaks worldwide

In recognition of this extraordinary feat, he has been awarded the **Hilal-e-Imtiaz**, Pakistan's second-highest civilian award. BARD Foundation is proud to have supported his journey, inspiring an entire generation.



ATHLETICS & 35TH NATIONAL GAMES

BARD Fellows delivered outstanding performances:



These achievements underscore BARD's investment in elite athletic development



ADVANCING TENNIS EXCELLENCE IN PAKISTAN



Pakistan marked a historic milestone with the **inaugural ATP Challenger Cup Pakistan**, held from **November 24–30, 2025** at the PTF Tennis Complex, Islamabad. The tournament featured **25 international players** and **10 Pakistani athletes**, competing for a USD 50,000 prize purse, placing Pakistan firmly on the ATP Challenger Tour. **BARD** was a proud sponsor of the event.

Through its continued partnership with ACE Tennis, BARD Foundation supported training, international exposure, and tournament participation for emerging tennis talent.



Notable achievements of tennis players:

For the first time in history, three Pakistani players qualified for the prestigious Junior Orange Bowl, often regarded as the Grand Slam of junior tennis.



Mikael Ali Baig



Shayan Afridi



Rashid Ali Bachani



Ahtesham Humayun

Quarterfinalist, Junior Orange Bowl 2025
Career-high ITF Junior Ranking: 412
Selected for Pakistan Men's Davis Cup Team

Winner, El Paso Junior Open (U14, USA)
Led Pakistan U-12 team to 5th place globally
at ATP Intercontinental Cup

Emerging talent representing
Pakistan internationally.

3rd consecutive National U-18 Singles
Title; ITF J30 Doubles Champion.

STRENGTHENING THE NEXT GENERATION OF SQUASH CHAMPIONS

BARD Foundation continued to play a pivotal role in strengthening its future pipeline of Squash Champions.

Sohail Adnan

Delivered An Exceptional Run Of Performances, Emerging As One Of Pakistan's Most Promising Junior Squash Talents:

- Winner – U15 Scottish Open 2025
- Winner – 36th National Junior Squash Championship
- Winner – CAS National Junior Squash Tournament 2025
- Winner – Aitchison National Junior Squash Championship 2025
- Winner – Markh-e-Haq National Junior Squash Tournament 2025
- Winner – U -15 3rd Qamar Zaman Tournament 2025



M. Mustafa

Continued To Dominate The U13 Category:

- Winner – U13 Scottish Open 2025
- Winner – 3rd Qamar Zaman National Junior Squash Tournament



Umair Arif

Made Pakistan Proud On The International Stage:

- Runner-up – U17 Jessica Hong Kong Junior Championship 2025



Abdullah Nadeem Butt

Showcased Consistency And Resilience At The National Level:

- Runner-up – U19 American Business Club National Junior Squash Championship 2025



Through its partnership with **Markhor Squash Foundation (MSF)**, **BARD Foundation** continued its structured squash development program.

Key initiatives included:

- Identifying and building player bench strength
- Ongoing talent hunt and training camps in **Peshawar, Lahore, and Quetta**
- Joint sponsorship of the **3rd Qamar Zaman All-Pakistan Junior Squash Championship**

The championship brought together 400+ junior athletes from across Pakistan, offering competitive exposure across boys' and girls' categories and distributing nearly **Rs. 3.7 million** in prize money, widely regarded as a milestone for junior squash development



Standing with Communities in Times of Need

BARD Foundation reaffirmed its commitment to social responsibility by responding to flood devastation across Gilgit Baltistan, Punjab, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.

BARD committed over **PKR 20 million** toward relief efforts, focussing on shelter, food & clean drinking water and medical support. Immediately after the floods, BARD partnered with Karachi Relief Trust to provide hot meals and medical assistance to over 10,000 people in Buner, Swat. BARD worked with Alkhidmet to provide more than 350 households with dry rations and winter packages in Ghizer, Gilgit Baltistan and in Kot Abdul Malik.



Committed to helping people re-build their lives, **BARD Foundation** has signed an **MoU with Zaman Foundation** to rebuild homes in Alipur, restoring dignity and stability for affected families.



CREATING ACCESS TO

LEARNING & GROWTH

During this period, **BARD Foundation** reinforced its commitment to education through targeted grants and partnerships



Supported **23 students** through **Kiran Foundation's Uraan Program**, covering tuition and essential academic expenses

Supported the development of an Innovative **English curriculum** with **LEAPS**, piloted with **400 students** in government schools



Partnered with **Right to Play** to promote play-based learning in five **government schools**, benefiting **1,526 children**



These initiatives focussed on **inclusion**, **learning equity**, and long-term **capacity building**.