



## Did U Know?

Mansoor Ali Khan Pataudi, the youngest ever Test captain, and a very fine batsman played for a long time with a glass eye.



### ESPN

**Series A**  
Highlights at 10:00 am  
Juventus v Deportivo  
UEFA Champions' League  
Repeat at 4:00 pm  
**Sportscenter Hindi**  
Sports News  
Live at 8:30 pm  
Pakistan v West Indies  
3rd one-day international  
Highlight at 12:00 am (Thursday)  
Barcelona v Roma  
UEFA Champions' League  
Live at 1:30 am  
Bayern Munich v Boavista  
UEFA Champions' League  
Delayed as live at 4:00 am

### STAR Sports

England v New Zealand  
3rd one-day international  
Live at 7:00 am  
Super Selector Cricket Programming  
3:00 pm  
**Sportsline Tonight**  
Sports News  
Live at 8:00 pm  
World Cup Mix  
Football Magazine  
8:30 pm



## TALK TURKEY



### Rashid Latif

(Pakistan wicketkeeper)  
"It may have cost me a few years in the game, but I do not regret what I did. Exposing corruption in the game has given me a lot of satisfaction."



PHOTO: ANURU RAHMAN  
THAT MADE THE DIFFERENCE: Mohammedan hero Rafiqul Islam Kamal (C) follows the path of the ball after scooping it to score the winning goal over Usha Krira Chakra in the Jamuna Bank Club Cup hockey tournament final at the Maulana Bhasani Stadium yesterday.

## Kamal breaks Usha's heart MSC's first Club Cup



### Hockey

#### SPORTS REPORTER

Mohammedan Sporting Club won a seven-goal thriller against Usha Krira Chakra to clinch the Jamuna Bank Club Cup hockey tournament at the Maulana Bhasani Stadium on Tuesday.

But Mohammedan's first Club Cup victory celebration was marred after Usha walked out of the ground in protest against the 64th winning goal by ace forward Rafiqul Islam Kamal.

After waiting for more than ten minutes for the two-time champions to return, umpires Aslam Omar Belim and Abdul Rashid Khan finally blew the whistle.

To make matters worse Usha did not bother to turn up at the prize-giving ceremony despite several requests by even the State Minister

for Youth and Sports Fazlur Rahman, the chief guest on the occasion.

The unprecedented scene happened after Kamal, who switched from Usha to the black and whites this season, sealed the tense encounter with a clever reverse hit in a goalmouth melee with six minutes left on the clock.

Instantly it caused Usha players to rush towards umpire Abdur Rashid Khan. They argued that ball hit the leg of Mohammedan defender Zahirul Haq Mitul before Kamal collected it. However, the umpires paid no heed to the objection.

The frustrated Usha players marched off never to return.

Before that unforgettable episode unfolded, the final itself was a topsy-turvy affair.

The popular Motijheel outfit took the lead through Ariful Haq Prince who flicked the ball home from a Moududur Rahman Shuvo pass in the 17th minute. But it was Usha,

which went ahead twice against the sixtimes League champions.

Former national captain and defender Mamanur Rashid equalised for Usha with a powerful short corner hit in the 20th minute while striker Maksud Alam Habul put the old-timers ahead with a brilliant field goal after nine minutes.

Kamal, the leading scorer of the tournament, made it 2-2 at the stroke of the breather.

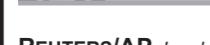
Inspired by the equaliser, Mohammedan went all out in the second half and kept their counterparts virtually in their own half.

But Usha grabbed the lead again

against the run of play when Mamun, the penalty-corner specialist, made no mistake to blast the board with a spectacular hit in the 52nd minute.

Yet the experience of Mohammedan prevailed in the end with two goals in two minutes by Musa Miah and Kamal.

## ICC bows to Asia



### Cricket

#### REUTERS/AP, London

The International Cricket Council (ICC) has postponed a meeting of the panel looking into the Mike Denness affair, which has threatened the unity of the game, following pressure from members of its executive board.

Match referee Denness of England caused a rift between the ICC and the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) when India had him sacked without the permission of the world governing body after he penalised six Indian players including master batsman Sachin Tendulkar during the India-South Africa Test series in Port Elizabeth last year.

The ICC, which saw the Indian action as a threat to its authority, responded by stripping the third match between South Africa and India of its Test status.

"The ICC has announced it is deferring the meeting of its referees' commission, scheduled for the end of this week in South Africa," the ICC said in a statement.

The ICC said the decision to postpone came after members of the ICC executive board from Bangladesh, India, Sri Lanka, Pakistan and South Africa asked for the referees' commission, originally scheduled for 23-24 February, to be put back until after the board meeting in South Africa on March 15-16.

The ICC said no new date had been fixed.

But ICC president Malcolm Gray said he was unhappy with the postponement.

"It is extremely disappointing that the work of a properly constituted commission, established after extensive consultation with the BCCI, has to be halted because of pressure from within the executive board," Gray said in a statement.

The ICC agreed to set up a panel to look into the Denness affair to defuse tension, which at the time threatened to split world cricket. But the composition of the panel has itself become a controversial subject.

The ICC appointed a three-man panel composed of South African judge Albie Sachs, ex-Pakistan skipper Majid Khan and former Australian Test opener Andrew Hilditch.

But the Indian board rejected the panel with BCCI president Jagmohan Dalmiya saying he had not been consulted but merely informed of the panel members.

On January 30 the ICC had said it would go ahead with the referees' commission meeting, with or without India's participation, after India proposed that either the commission should be put on hold until after the executive board meeting or the panel should be enlarged from three to 10 people.

Dalmiya had said that if these alternatives were not acceptable to the ICC, then India would not participate with the referees' commission in any way.

The situation had changed and the meeting had been postponed because India had gained the support of other members of the executive board, a spokesman for the ICC told this news agency.

"There's no indication of what they want to do at the executive meeting in March. The expectation is that they want to raise the make-up of the commission at that time," the ICC spokesman added.

## Shaun fights to be fit

REUTERS, Potchefstroom

Shaun Pollock faces a fitness test before being cleared to lead South Africa against Australia in the first Test in Johannesburg on Friday.

Selector Rushdi Magiet, who announced the team during the second day of a three-day match between South Africa A and Australia in Potchefstroom on Monday, said fast bowler Pollock suffered a side strain while bowling for his province, Natal, in a domestic first class match in Durban at the weekend.

Pollock was expected to be passed fit for the Test, but fast bowler Andre Nel had been put on stand by in case the skipper did not make the grade, Magiet said.

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