

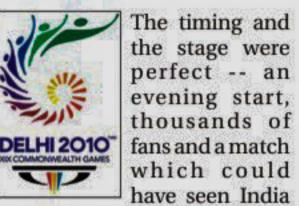
PHOTO: REUTERS

India's players run for joy moments after their 5-4 tiebreak win against England in the XIX Commonwealth Games men's hockey semifinal at the Major Dhyan Chand National Stadium in New Delhi yesterday.

India stun England

Meet Australia in hockey final

AFP, New Delhi



make their maiden appearance in the Commonwealth Games men's field hockey

The Indian team rose to the occasion, staging a remarkable nal. rally to down World Cup semifinalists and European champions England on penalties in the semifinal of fluctuating fortunes before a capacity

Dancing and singing began in the stands when Shivender Singh converted the last penalty to give the hosts a 5-4 win in the shootout.

They will meet world champions Australia in the final.

Goalkeeper Bharat Chetri also played a key role in making

Philosophia

Fire Service & Civil Defense

Sports Club lead with 8 points

after the end of fifth round of

the Philosophia 2nd Division

Chess League-2010.Agrani

Bank Chess Dal and Toyota

Motors are in joint second

position with seven points

each. In the fifth round games

yesterday, Fire Service beat

Agrani Bank Daba Dal by 3.5-

0.5 points while Bangladesh

Women Chess Association

beat Bondhor Fine Chess Club

by the same margin. Habiganj

and Boroder Daba School beat

Rajshahi Daba Unnaon

Sangastha and Al-Haz Abdul

Karim Chess Club respectively

by 3-1 points. Royal

Electronics beat Asad Chess

Club, Habiganj by 2.5-1.5

points while the match

between Toyota Motors and

Friends Chess Power ended in

Anand draws

with Kramnik

World Champion Viswa-

nathan Anand played out a

quick draw with Vladimir

Kramnik of Russia to remain in

second spot after the end of

the third round of the Bilbao

final masters tournament.

Sheikh Jamal

Youngmen's Club o

Fakirerpool in their first round

match at 5:45 pm today. In the

earlier match of the day,

Bangladesh League team

Arambagh Krira Sangha will

season's curtain raiser tourna-

ment, Muktijoddha Sagsad

mauled Bangladesh Navy 8-1

at the same ground yesterday,

thanks to a hattrick from

former Sheikh Russel star

Mohammad Rony. Bukola

Okalyken started the goal feast

in the second minute while

Zahed Parvez Chowdhury

finished it in the 92nd. In

between Rony got a hattrick,

Maruf Ahmed scored twice

and Moga added one Mamun

scored the consolation goal

from the penalty spot for Navy.

In the other match of the day,

the 36th minute.

Another favourites for the

take on invited club BKSP.

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2-2 draw.

PTI, Bilbao

chess

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India's night, saving a penalty after his team had overcome a 3-1 deficit in regulation time.

Indian hockey fan Sandip Bhatia was one of the thousands of fans who thronged the Dhyan Chand Stadium in the Indian capital, confident of the home team's victory.

"I am sure India will win as we have been playing very good hockey in this tournament," said Bhatia, who arrived with his family well before the start of the semifi-

"I don't think holding such tournaments alone can revive hockey in the country. The good thing is that a lot of people are coming to watch the game. The real revival will come when we allow kids access to grounds and stadia.'

Music was on and England players in red and white were the first to appear on to the ground for the warm up, greeted vociferously by spectators whose number kept increasing with each passing

Cricket

the UAE next month.

Misbahul Haq, Pakistan's latest Test captain, has

hit back at criticism over his surprising elevation,

arguing that he hasn't even had the opportunity

yet to show his capabilities as a leader. Misbah has

at least two Tests as captain against South Africa in

ers] are saying, doubting my abilities as a captain,

and saying I am not capable of delivering,"

Misbah told reporters in Lahore. "I know the task

assigned to me is not easy. However, underesti-

mating me as a captain and batsman is not fair as

Wasim Akram was one of those surprised by

the decision to give Misbah, who is 36, charge of

the Test team a day after he was named in the

squad for the first time since the tour of Australia

from the team training and preparing for any

comeback. "I did not give up. I used to train to

keep myself in prime form," he said. "And I was

engaged in cricket because I was confident that I

can make a comeback, which eventually hap-

Pakistan's first since the controversy-ridden trip

to England, during which then captain Salman

Butt and fast bowlers, Mohammad Amir and

Mohammad Asif, were provisionally suspended

by the ICC over their alleged involvement in a

The series against South Africa will be

Misbah, however, said he had spent time away

one always learns with time and improves."

"I do not agree with what they [former cricket-

CRICINFO

Field hockey, a poor cousin to cricket in the country, enjoyed a day in the sun, or rather a night in the floodlights, on Sunday when a capacity 19,000 watched the hosts thrash arch-rivals Pakistan 7-4 in a key pool tussle.

The victory over Pakistan in the exciting match raised fans' expectations and interest, despite the history being against India who had never won a men's field hockey medal at the Games.

With flocks of kites hovering over the playing arena and floodlights on, the flag-waving spectators started cheering even when the rival teams were only warming up.

Stands were packed during the India-Pakistan match on Sunday, but there were a few empty seats when Tuesday's game started. The stadium was virtually full when the thriller ended.

"India, India," roared the crowd, and the noise was tage.

'Don't underestimate me'

spot-fixing scandal.

against South Africa."

deafening when India earned their first penalty-corner in the 16th minute, converted by Sarvanjit Singh.

The joy was short-lived as England's Ashley Jackson struck to make it 1-1. India's best came after they trailed 3-1, producing a series of raids to keep pressure on the England defence.

Indian student Puneet Jain was one the fans who left the stadium in happy mood.

"I am following cricket (the second and final Test between India and Australia is finelypoised at Bangalore) on the Internet, but my family loves hockey," Jain, 21, said before the start of the match.

"The main problem is getting tickets as five of my friends are still outside the stadium. Of course, I will be very disappointed if India lose. England are a very good side."

England did look a better side in the second half, scoring two goals to gain a 3-1 advan-

Pakistan had problems on the field as well,

their batsmen struggling in bowler-friendly

conditions; they were bowled for under 100 twice

in four Tests and rarely made it past 200. Misbah,

however, was confident of a better showing in

solely on the tour of England, as batting appeared

to be very difficult," Misbah told Pakpassion.net.

than their statistics in England suggest. The con-

ditions in the UAE will be more akin to what the

Pakistani batsmen are used to seeing, and I am

confident that the batting lineup will deliver

Pakistan's bowling attack will rely heavily on

Umar Gul and the spinners -- Saeed Aimal,

Danish Kaneria and Abdur Rehman. "Our

strength in the spin bowling department could be

the key in the UAE," Misbah said. "We have three

spinners in the squad and all are different styles of

spinners, so the variety is there. There should be

turn and bounce on offer, and it's up to them to

remains a concern, as Misbah -- one of the side's

best slippers -- acknowledged. "We cannot over-

come it [poor fielding] in short time as we have

been lacking in this department for years," he

said. "Only sincere efforts and hard work by play-

in their usual, top fielding form when the first Test

South Africa, on the other hand, are likely to be

The fielding -- shockingly shoddy in England --

make the most of those conditions.

ers can bring improvement in fielding."

begins in Dubai on November 12.

With Amir and Asif missing in action,

"The batsmen at my disposal are much better

"I think it's a bit unfair to judge the batsmen

friendlier conditions in the UAE.

Singna Sangha, and Dhalpur Krira Chakra.

Aussies still

head of

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ICC audit

committee

Bangladesh Cricket Board

(BCB) president Mustafa

Kamal has been nominated by

the International Cricket

Council (ICC) board to

become the chairman of the

representative from the BCB

in the ICC and the IDI has

been chosen for this presti-

gious position, said a BCB

mittee is to review the ICC's

financial reporting process,

the system of internal control

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regulations and its own code

starts today

The First Division Kabaddi

League, organised by Bangla-

desh Kabaddi Federation,

starts at the Kabaddi Stadium

today. Twelve teams are par-

ticipating in the League. The

teams are: Suruzzaman Smriti

Sangsad, Ali Sporting Club,

Abahani Krira Chakra,

Bangladesh Prisons, City

United Club, Manik Nagar

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Sangsad, Diamond Sporting

Club, Manik Nagar Kabaddi

Club, Institute of Kabaddi,

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Mustafa Kamal is also the

The role of the audit com-

This is the first time that a

ICC's audit committee.

press release.

of ethics.

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The Indian's vigil at the crease lasted nearly nine hours, in which he hit 22 boundaries and two sixes.

Hauritz claimed the last two wickets, including Dhoni for 30, to finish with two for 153 from 39.5 overs.

Left-arm fast bowler Tennis Johnson was the most successful bowler with 3-105, while George took two wickets.

SCORES IN BRIEF

AUSTRALIA: First innings 478 (Watson 57, Katich 43, Ponting 77, Hussey 34, North 128, Paine 59; Ojha 3-120 Harbhajan 4-148)

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SPOT-FIXING SCANDAL Kamal made

Afridi hopes for best

Cricket

IANS, Islamabad

Pakistan's one-day and T20 captain Shahid Afridi hopes that the three cricketers reportedly involved in spot-fixing will come out clean in

Salman Butt, Mohammad Asif and Mohammad Aamer are currently under suspension by the ICC for allegedly taking money from a bookmaker in London to bowl no-balls in the Lord's Test match against England.

the International Cricket Council (ICC) inquiry.

In an interview to Express TV, Afridi said: "The players are going to appear in the hearing in Qatar, and hopefully their innocence will be proven."

"I am sure no player of the current team is involved in such practises," he said, referring to the squad for the forthcoming series against South Africa.

"Young players are often ignorant of their surroundings and fall prey to bookmakers," he said, adding that "there was no need for such ill-gotten wealth when the players could earn handsomely from sponsorship deals and

other endorsements."

The T20 captain said he had spoken about his suspicions on alleged bookie brothers Azhar and Mazhar Majeed to the team management after hearing from several people.

"The young team needs support at this crucial juncture and the same set of players will produce winning results," he said.

Responding to a question about the England tour, he said: "It was the most difficult in my 13-14 year career. When I reached there to take charge of the squad for the one-day and T20 leg, the situation was quite worse."

"It was a big achievement to win even two games in such trying circumstances," Afridi said. "It's a team game and everybody should pull together to achieve desired results," he said.

"There is no use indulging in a blame game after something has happened." Afridi conceded that he acted in haste in announcing retirement from Test cricket, after the defeat to England in the first Test.

"It would have been better had I waited for the second Test match," he said. Afridi returned to the Test squad after a four-year break only to go into retirement after defeat in the first match.

Council (ACC). Div-I kabaddi Sachin hailed down under

AFP, Sydney

Australian media on Tuesday hailed a "batting masterclass" by India's Sachin Tendulkar after he erased the tourists' first innings lead with an unbeaten 191 in Bangalore. Shots of the small-statured Indian raising

his arms and bat aloft after hitting his 49th Test century ran in major publications under headlines such as "Sachin is man of the century" and "A privilege to watch". "Emphatic doesn't really come close to

justifying Tendulkar's batting masterclass inside the M. Chinnaswamy Stadium, making Australia's attack look as fearsome as a toiletroll commercial puppy," the Sydney Morning Herald said.

"He wrapped his sheets of genius around them with singles, fours, sixes, flicks, cuts, glances, drives, slogs, no mercy."

The 37-year-old played "like the kid who wished it wouldn't get dark" the paper said in its glowing account of the Indian's demolition of the Australian bowling attack, in which "balls disappeared".

"Tendulkar is exceptional," wrote columnist Peter Roebuck in the same paper. "Every shot he plays is compelling.

such as Tendulkar and Australian spin bowler

Roebuck said cricket did not realise how lucky it had been to have extraordinary talents

also praised the Indian's character. "India might never know how blessed it has been that its best cricketers of the period were

Shane Warne playing in the same period, as he

also its most upstanding," he said, adding that scandal-hit Pakistan had enjoyed no such luxury. Tendulkar is the only man to post 1,000 runs

in a calendar year on six occasions -- with Australia's Ricky Ponting and Matthew Hayden and West Indian Brian Lara hitting this milestone five times, the Daily Telegraph noted. "Tendulkar's resurgence has put an almost

insurmountable gap between him and Ponting in the race to be the highest all-time rungetter," the Sydney tabloid added. The Australian newspaper described the "little master" as "the one constant in an ever-

changing cricket universe, ever present, always scoring. He has been at the crease for 21 years". "The Sachin show never stopped," it said of the third day of the second Test, in which Tendulkar dented Australian hopes of a series-

levelling victory. "The living legend batted all day and was 191 at the close of play." "How he haunts the Australians. Last time they were in India, Ricky Ponting's men

watched him score his 13,000th run. In this Test he brought up his 14,000th and at times yesterday he seemed to be on his way to 15,000th. "God alone knows when he will desist."

India, 1-0 up in the two-Test series, were

435-5 at the end of day three, closing on Australia's first innings total of 478.

Andy gets rolling We're just

AFP, Shanghai

"We've all been on the bad side of having to pull out of a tumbled out of the top 10.

Tokyo]. "I'm glad that I can get

through today and keep trying to build on it." Chinese tennis showed

robust health as unheralded tinue in a 6-3, 2-1 victory for Radek Stepanek 6-3, 6-4 to seed Andy Murray.

Bai, 21, is riding high from Roddick, who lost his opening Chinese Future events in "But I thought I hit the ball slump after a quarterfinal loss well in what we did play today. I last week in Beijing against

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Bai Yan, number 465 in the world, upset veteran Czech move into a match with fourth

titles at a pair of low-level recent weeks while Murray is struggling to escape another

the match to Gael [Monfils in plus point for the team," said an excited Mushfigur. In recent times, the Bangladesh middle and late

order has been struggling to contribute for the team as players like Mushfigur and Mahmudullah Riyad were out of form. So definitely it is an area where coach Siddons would look to see some improvement.

"I'm working hard and I'm looking forward to get some runs if the teams needs it. I'm ready to bat in the top-order if the team management feels like that its necessary," said Mushfigur.

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Test on knife's edge

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in 2009-10.

pened.'

but such is the nature of Test cricket," the Indian star said. "We have come back very well in the match because the

bowlers have done such a fan-

tastic job." Tendulkar, who was on 191 overnight, reached his double century 25 minutes after the start with a quick single off Ben Hilfenhaus.

It was the world batting record holder's sixth doublecentury and his second in four Tests, having made 203 against Sri Lanka at the Sinhalese Sports Club in Colombo in July.

The 37-year-old, who is in his 21st year in international cricket, has already notched up six three-figure knocks this year, besides making 98 in the previous Test in Mohali. Tendulkar was dismissed in

the second over after resumption of play when he edged an intended cut off fast bowler Peter George onto his stumps, giving the tall South Australian a treasured first Test wicket.

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Farashganj Sporting Club won against Bangladesh Air Force "It is always satisfying to by dint of a Jewel Rana goal in region to host big internascore a century against tional sporting events.

Australia, because they are such

a top side," said Tendulkar. "I am enjoying the game as much as I did before. One has to just keep trying and not worry about the results. Our suppor staffkeeps me fit and going.'

George, who turns 24 or Saturday, was delighted a claiming Tendulkar as his first Test victim.

Pakistanis

FROM PAGE 17

Pakistan government has given priority to send their team despite the games having a negative publicity and it was bold on part of Pakistan to support India. Shah also thinks India

would be able to organise Olympics after the near successful Commonwealth Games and that India should be given a chance to host the Olympics within next 15 to 20 years.

inspire India in future but also

encourage other nations of the

four-day squads. The Pakistan chef de mission believes hosting the Commonwealth Games in subcontinent would not only

report to camp SPORTS REPORTER

player, requesting anonymity.

Female booters

26 women booters have reported to coach Golam rabbani Choton at the camp for the SAFF Women's Football Championship at the Sultana Kamal Sports Complex in Dhanmondi yesterday. The players will start their training from today for the championship which will be held at Cox's Bazar in December.

Choton said, apart from Sonia who is appearing for the exams, has reported to the camp and she will join the otners soon.

Changes afoot **FROM PAGE 17**

Some who were picked in the divisional sides for the first time are of the belief that it would be hard for them to return to the "Now the entire focus would

be on one-day cricket which is good for me because I've only played that version mostly. But it would mean I have to play really well in the NCL onedayers and then in the Premier League to make my case for the four-dayers," said a young

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