



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 Dhyani Chand National Stadium in New Delhi yesterday.

India stun England Meet Australia in hockey final

AFP, New Delhi The timing and the stage were perfect -- an evening start, thousands of fans and a match which could have seen India make their maiden appearance in the Commonwealth Games men's field hockey final.

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 Dhyani Chand Stadium in the Indian capital, confident of the home team's victory.

minute. 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.

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.

Philosophia chess

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.

'Don't underestimate me'

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.

spot-fixing scandal. 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.

Anand draws with Kramnik

World Champion Viswanathan 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.

Test on knife's edge

FROM PAGE 17 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 fantastic job."

Female booters report to camp

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.

Kamal made head of 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 ICC's audit committee.

Div-I kabaddi starts today

The First Division Kabaddi League, organised by Bangladesh Kabaddi Federation, starts at the Kabaddi Stadium today. Twelve teams are participating in the League.

Aussies still

FROM PAGE 17 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.

SPOT-FIXING SCANDAL

Afridi hopes for best

Pakistan's one-day and T20 captain Shahid Afridi hopes that the three cricketers reportedly involved in spot-fixing will come out clean in the International Cricket Council (ICC) inquiry.

Sachin hailed down under

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.

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.

We're just

FROM PAGE 17 number of players who can win the game which is a big plus point for the team," said an excited Mushfiqur.

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.

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 four-days squads.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS 40 Work unit 59 Pastoral 20 Erstwhile acorn 41 En-work 23 Omega preceder 5 — (of) DOWN 1 Rise 24 — Arbor, Mich. (Pref.) 25 Right to vote 3 Young fellows 27 Chart 4 Worries 29 Scoundrel 5 Two-sidedness barrel 6 Early bird? 32 Make wider 7 A Stooze 34 Reasons, in who-duns 8 Sweet potato 9 Drink 37 Pismire 10 "American —" the floor 11 Stitches 42 Fake duck 16 Cabo da —, Portugal 44 — Gras 45 Food 46 Bygone times 28 Skill 48 Incursion 31 Ignore 49 Unattractive, and then some 33 Sweet potato 50 Find a buyer for 35 Malaria symptom 53 Peculiar 36 Below (Pref.) 38 Burst

Cryptogram puzzle grid with numbers and letters.

CRYPTOQUIP K V G W E Y T H N X G O Y S W C H Y X E D B V G Y B O G C H D S O Y . K S I T C X G S X T G B E T T V H N E Y T G W C G O T G W C G O Y G W C G O ? Yesterday's Cryptquip: IF I WANTED SOMEBODY TO OPEN MY BATHTUB PLUG FOR ME, I GUESS I WOULD HIRE A PERSONAL DRAINER. Today's Cryptquip Clue: X equals P