

It's a Pakistani habit

Shoaib Malik's comment was shocking. I felt very bad when I heard it and wish to strongly condemn such remarks. He should've realised that cricket is a sport; there is no need to bring communal affairs in it. Speak for yourself and for your country, Shoaib. It's a typical Pakistani trait. Even in 1979, Mushtaq Mohammad made a similar blunder when he said that a series against India was like *jihad*.

—**Sheikh Mehmood**. Mira Road

“The Pakistan team is not representative of the Muslim community. Irfan Pathan is a Muslim too, and if he wanted he could have made petty religious comments. But he refrained from stooping low.”

—**Reza Fallah**

It's his upbringing

Shoaib Malik's comment reflects the man's upbringing and the environment he lives in. Trying to imply that Muslims all over the world, including those in India, were cheering for Pakistan shows his inability to understand the intentions of a true Indian. In spite of it being the month of Ramadan, half of the mosque where I go for my daily prayers was empty as all were cheering India in the final. And when India won the match, there was joy all around.

It made me feel immensely proud to see India lift the trophy. The educated Indian Muslim would never cheer for any country other than India.

Shoaib Malik and other Pakistani sportsmen should know that religion and sports have their own different places, and it would be better to not drag religion in sports.

—**Hussain Vahanvaty**. Santacruz

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“Shoaib Malik's comment was rubbish. He could have said that he wants to thank Pakistani Muslims for supporting their team. He

can't make such generalisations. Not every Muslim is a Pakistani. India is my country. My family and I were most happy when we won the Cup, just like other Indians. Why will Muslims from India support Pakistan? His comment doesn't make any sense.”

—**Iqbal Khan**. Actor