

What's happening Shoania?

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Sania Mirza slumped out of Wimbledon as Germany's Angelique Kerber claimed a 6-4, 6-1 win in the first round of the women's singles. Kerber was never troubled by Sania, who was left to rue her continued poor form. Mirza, who married Pakistani cricketer Shoaib Malik during her two-month break from the game, made the second round in the warm-up tournament in Birmingham, but failed to qualify for the final stages at Eastbourne.

On the other side, while Shoaib appealed and successfully got into the national team again after being banned for a year, he had a rather ordinary run in the Asia Cup. Playing for the Pakistan team after a hiatus, he put up an ordinary show at Asia Cup. He was played for two matches and notched up an average of 23.5, scoring a patient 39 against arch-rivals India. Nothing sterling, but maybe enough to keep him in hunt for a future place in the Pakistan cricket squad.

The Indian, ranked 113, played two tournaments in her build-up to Wimbledon and she was on the phone with her husband after every match. "After a loss I go very quiet, but he won't let it be which can be very irritating," Sania said with a laugh that brought the blush full-on. "I snap, but he keeps talking, trying to get me to talk. He's so patient, sickeningly patient. He tells me, I know you don't want to talk right now, but I'm not hanging up. He loves giving advice.

Sania and Shoaib married in April. "We have been together since our marriage and this separation, I saw him last on June 1, has been very difficult. It's already 20 days. I cannot wait for the 26th, that's when he's expected here," she said. "What makes this work for both of us is the understanding. Because he is who he is, an international sportsman, he understands everything about me - my moods, my moves, everything."

Pakistanis have gone crazy for the sexy and sizzling Sania Mirza, data from Google suggests. Sania has become one of the most popular celebrities in Pakistan and her popularity is reportedly more than in India itself. Infact, Pakistanis want Sania to represent Pakistan only in tennis, she being married to a Pakistani. Pakistan Tennis Federation Chairman Abbas minced no words when he stated that Sania has to represent Pakistan only as she has become a Pak citizen after marriage.