

TEST STATS

■ Test Runs: 4,301

■ Hundreds: 12

■ Fifties: 18

■ Average: 40.57

■ Test Debut: 2013

# Rohit ends Test journey

## ...to continue in ODIs

**PTI, NEW DELHI:** Rohit Sharma on Wednesday announced his retirement from Test cricket with immediate effect ending all speculations about his future in the longest format and leaving India in the need of a new captain for the upcoming five-match series against England.

The 38-year-old was India's most prolific Test batsman in the second half of his career, scoring 4301 runs in 67 Tests with 12 hundreds and 18 half centuries at an average of 40.57.

Having already retired from T20 Internationals after the World Cup last year, Rohit will now only be seen leading India in the ODI format.

"Hello everyone, I would just like to share that I am retiring from Test cricket. It's been an absolute honour to represent my country in whites. Thank you for all the love and support... I will continue to represent India in the ODI format

– Rohit Sharma

POTENTIAL CAPTAINS

Jasprit Bumrah, KL Rahul, Shubman Gill, Rishabh Pant

# Frattesi shoots Inter into final after Barcelona epic

**AFP, MILAN:** Davide Frattesi fired Inter Milan into the Champions League final on Tuesday with an extra-time winner which gave the Italians a stunning 4-3 triumph over Barcelona, 7-6 on aggregate.

Italy midfielder Frattesi won a tie for the ages under a downpour in Milan when he lashed home in the 99th minute, sending a packed and rocking San Siro wild with joy.

CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

Simone Inzaghi's team will face either Arsenal or Paris Saint-Germain at the end of this month in Munich, where they will feel they have a great chance to be crowned kings of Europe for a fourth time after coming out on top in an epic contest.

Tuesday's triumph saved Inter's season as their bid for the treble went up in smoke after getting past Bayern Munich in the quarter-finals.

Frattesi's winning goal, his seventh of the season and probably the most important of his career, was all the more incredible for the fact that Inter should by rights have already been eliminated.

The hosts were head-

RESULT

Semi-final, second leg

Inter Milan 4 (Martinez 21, Calhanoglu 45-pen, Acerbi 90+3, Frattesi 99) Barcelona 3 (Garcia 54, Olmo 60, Raphinha 87) aet

Inter Milan win 7-6 on aggregate

and Yann Sommer had to be at his best to keep Inter with- in touching distance.

Sommer made possi- bly the save of the season between Barca's first two goals, somehow stopping Eric Garcia from finishing off a lightning Barca counter-attack.

And the Swiss ended up being crucial again in the 113th minute when he pulled off another miracu- lous save from Lamine Yamal, who hit the post just before Acerbi's equaliser.

Inter then held off Barca as the home fans held their breath before unleashing a mighty roar at the final whistle of the match of the season.

PROBABLES

**Goalkeepers:** Hritikh Tiwari, Vishal Kaith, Gurmeet Singh Chahal, Amrinder Singh. **Defenders:** Naorem Roshan Singh, Rahul Bheke, Konsham Chinglensana Singh, Anwar Ali, Thangjam Boris Singh, Sandesh Jhingan, Asish Rai, Subhasish Bose, Mehtab Singh, Tekcham Abhishek Singh, Nikhil Prabhu. **Midfielders:** Suresh Singh Wangjam, Naorem Mahesh Singh, Ayush Dev Chhetri, Udanta Singh Kumam, Lalengmawia Ralte, Liston Colaco, Ashique Kuruniyan, Brandon Fernandes. **Forwards:** Sunil Chhetri, Irfan Yadwad, Manvir Singh, Suhail Ahmad Bhat, Lallianzuala Chhangte. **Head Coach:** Manolo Márquez

sion to hang up the boots last year after more than two decades of wizardry upfront.

## Chhetri in coach Manolo's probables' list

**PTI, NEW DELHI:** Indi- an football head coach Manolo Márquez has re- posed faith in the abilities of veteran forward Sunil Chhetri, including him in the 28-member probables squad for next month's AFC Asian Cup 2027 Final Round qualifiers.

Chhetri, 40, was forced to come out of retirement in March to lead a struggling India, reversing his deci-

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