War protested at World Cup

AFP, Johannesburg

A few hundred anti-war protestors rallied outside the Wanderers Stadium in Johannesburg while the Cricket World Cup final between Australia and India was under way.

"We hope Australia loses the World Cup because (Australian Prime Minister) John Howard supports the war in Iraq," Anti-War Coalition spokesman Trevor NgwanetoldAFP.

He said between 800 and 1.000 people, donning placards stating "War is not the answer" and "Down with US greed", participated in the protest, but police spokesman Chris Wilken put the figure around 250.

"We have many policemen deployed to monitor the situation and everything is proceeding peacefully," Senior Superintendent Wilken said.

Ngwane said the protest would continue outside the stadium until the end of the cricket match.

"There are plenty of police here and they have brought a water cannon. But if you compare water with the bombs in Iraq, we don't mind taking the water," Ngwane

Hooper to keep job

Internet, undated

Carl Hooper has been invited to captain West Indies in the home series against Australia, according

There has been no official confirmation from the West Indies Cricket Board as yet, but news agencies in the Caribbean say the 36-year-old Guyanese all-rounder will remain in

Hooper has been skipper for the past two years but indicated he was thinking over his future following the team's early exit from the World

They won three of their five completed matches, but were ultimately denied progress in the competition after having to share the points for the game against Bangladesh, which was abandoned due to rain.

He has also been suffering further problems from his troublesome knees, but the selectors feel he is still needed to give a lead to the younger players in the side.

West Indies have won only four out of 22 Tests since Hooper took over from Jimmy Adams, losing 11, but their one-day record is better with 23 wins from 49 games.

He has helped oversee the development of talented youngsters like Ramnaresh Sarwan, Chris Gayle and Marlon Samuels, but none of them is deemed ready for the responsibility of leading the team. West Indies will play four Tests against Australia, who they have not

beaten for a decade. They were whitewashed 5-0 in Australia the last time the two sides met, but will draw encouragement from the 1999 series in the Caribbean when Brian Lara inspired them to a 2-2 draw.



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at the crowded fifth position. Two teams having better net run rate would make it to the Super ague. CCDM officials were calculating the matter when this report was being filed.

Uttara and Indira Road Krira Chakra

In the other match of the day, Kalabagan Krira Chakra defeated Surjo Tarun Club by six wickets at the Fatullah Cricket Stadium.

It was Kalabagan's fourth win in 12 matches while Surjo Tarun tasted their tenth defeat.

With yesterday's three matches, first round of the league concluded. The super league, involving top six teams, and the relegation league are likely to start from March 28.

SCORES IN BRIEF CityClubvUttaraSC

Venue: DCS City Club: 315 for 7 in 50 overs (Faruque 101, Mazharul 61, oniruzzaman 53, Arman 3-46,

Faisal 2-62)

Uttara SC: 204 for 6 in 48 overs Tareq 2-20, Saifullah 2-40) Result: City Club won by 111 runs.

Brothers Union v Young Pegasus

Young Pegasus: 218 for 8 in 50 overs (Rezanul 75, Russell 39, Imrose 38, Mosaddek 2-27, Rana 3-42)

Brothers Union: 222 for 4 in 45.4 overs (Shahriar 55, Salauddin 50, S Kabir 57 n.o, Murad 2-43)

Result: Brothers Union won by six Kalabagan KC v Surjo Tarun

Venue: FCS Surjo Tarun: 161 all out in 45.5 overs (M Akhtar 55, Sakib 22, Nasir 21, Sharfuddowla 2-25)

Kalabagan KC: 164 for 4 in 43.4 overs (Majed 98 n.o, Nahidul 28, Result: Kalabagan won by six wick-

POINTS TABLE								
Teams	M	W	L	T	Bonus	Points		
Victoria SC	12	10	2	0	1	56		
Abahani KC	12	9	3	0	1	50		
City Club	12	9	3	0	1	50		
Mohammedan	12	8	4	0	1	44		
Indira Road	12	6	6	0	1	32		
Uttara SC	12	6	6	0	1	32		
Brothers	12	6	6	0	1	32		
Y Pegasus	12	5	7	0	0	30		
Orient SC	12	5	7	0	0	30		
Kalabagan	12	4	8	0	0	24		
Biman	12	3	9	0	0	18		

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after electing to bat.

204 for six in 48 overs.

Victoria Sporting Club.

City Club finished their

GrameenPhone Premier Cricket

League first round campaign on a

winning note with a 111-run white-

wash of Uttara Sporting Club at the

Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium yes-

Opener Faruque Ahmed scored

101 as City Club piled up a huge 315 for seven in the allotted 50 overs

Faruque slammed 12 fours in his

One-down Mazharul Haq and

In reply, Uttara, deducted two

overs because of their slow over rate

while in the field, were restricted to

City Club's ninth win against three defeats helped them finish the

first round joint-second with

Abahani. Both have collected 50

points, six points short of leaders

On the other hand, Uttara suf-

However, Brothers came back

into contention for a super six place

with a six-wicket win over Young

Pegasus at the BKSP ground in

Chasing 218 in 50 overs, Brothers reached 222-4 in 45.4 overs.

Gazi Salauddin laid down the foun-

Openers Shahriar Hossain and

fered their sixth defeat against as

many wins. It kept them glued to 32 points, equal with India Road Krira Chakra and Brothers Union.

middle-order Nuruzzaman supported Faruque with 61 and 53.

AFP, London

A Ruud van Nistelrooy hat-trick fired Manchester United to a 3-0 win over Fulham that sent Alex Ferguson's side above Arsenal at the top of the Premiership.

It was also a hugely significant day at the bottom of the table with West Ham escaping from the relegation zone with a 2-0 win over doomed bottom-club Sunderland and Birmingham moving to the brink of safety thanks to a stoppage time winner over West Brom.

A record total of 67,706 spectators squeezed into Manchester United's Theatre of Dreams and most of them went home happy to have witnessed van Nistelroov's second goal, a stunning solo run from inside his own half finished in trademark clinical fashion.

The win lifted United a point above their London rivals and left them sitting at the top of the Premiership for the first time this

Arsenal can restore their lead with victory over Everton on Sunday but after defeat by Blackburn last weekend and their Champions League exit in midweek, there is no doubt the pressure on the champions is building

Newcastle maintained their drive to force their way back into the final reckoning by moving to within two points of Arsenal with a

5-1 win over Blackburn that did not looks too big with only seven reflect a battling display by the

Blackburn's efforts were rewarded when Damien Duff cancelled out Nolberto Solano's first half opener for the home side.

But a free-kick from French winger Laurent Robert just after the hour mark gave Newcastle the edge and they ultimately ran out comfortable winners thanks to a Iermaine Ienas drive, an own goal by Vratislav Gresko and Craig Bellamy, all in the closing minutes.

Chelsea bolstered their grip on fourth place - the final qualifying spot for the Champions League with a 5-0 win over Manchester City at Stamford Bridge.

Goals from Jimmy Floyd Hasselbaink - his first in four games John Terry, Mario Stanic, Frank and William Gallas amnard guided the Blues to a comfortable victory and gave their goal difference a boost that could prove immensely significant given how tight the race for fourth place is.

City's misery was compounded when Chinese international defender Sun Jihai was red carded near the end for his second bookable offence.

In a day of high drama at the other end of the table. Geoff Horsfield was Birmingham's hero with a header four minutes into injury time to lift Steve Bruce's side to within one victory of their manager's 38-point survival target.

The defeat and West Ham's win means West Brom are now nine points away from safety - a gap that games to play.

West Ham finally provided some proof of the mantra that they are too good to go down by outclassing Sunderland 2-0 at Upton

Goals from Jermain Defoe and Freddie Kanoute vindicated manager Glenn Roeder's decision to leave Paulo di Canio out of his squad.

In the day's other games, Charlton went ahead against Middlesbrough through Finnish striker Jonatan Johansson but Malcolm Christie scored to earn the home side a share of the points. James Beattie became the

Premiership's top scorer with his 20th league goal of the season for Southampton, five minutes before the break. It also made him the first Tissier in 1994 to break that barrier.

But it was Kevin Davies who was the Saints hero with a last minute equaliser after Villa had led 2-0 through Lee Hendrie and Darius

TOP SIX

English Premiership table after Saturday's matches (played, won, drawn, lost, goals for, goals against, points):

Man Utd	31	19	7	5	51	27	64
Arsenal	30	19	6	5	64	32	63
Newcastle	e 31	19	4	8	54	35	61
Chelsea	31	15	9	7	57	31	54

Serie A

Milan back on track



AFP, Rome

AC Milan threw themselves back into the title race after defeating league leaders Juventus 2-1 at a sold-out San Siro on Saturday.

All the goals came in a thrilling first-half with Fillipo Inzaghi scoring the winner after Juve's Czech midfielder Pavel Nedved had cancelled out Andriy Shevchenko's early goal.

Milan, whose win ended a run of three successive draws, remain third in the table after their victory which reduced Juve's lead over them to five points.

On Sunday second-placed Inter Milan can draw level with Juventus at the summit if they win at Udinese, who have only lost once at home all season.

Milan's Brazilian playmaker Rivaldo was left on the bench along with Iuventus strike duo Alessandro Del Piero and David Trezeguet for the Scudetto show-

The home side settled into a nice early rhythm and took the lead four minutes into the match.

Shevchenko peeled off to the right after collecting Manuel Rui Costa's long pass and tried to pick out strike partner Inzaghi, only to see his cross blocked by Gianluigi

The Juve goalkeeper however could not hold on to the ball, giving

Shevchenko another chance which the Ukranian took, sweeping a low left-foot shot into the net from a few yards out. But Juventus, who along with

Milan and Inter are in the quarterfinals of the Champions League, levelled the scores six minutes Nedved whipped in a vicious free-kick from outside the penalty

box which took deflections off Igor Tudor and Alessio Tacchinardi to deceive Brazilian goalkeeper Dida, who could only help the ball into the roof of the net.

Milan stuttered temporarily and regained the lead over their championship rivals in the 25th minute.

Andrea Pirlo's chipped pass was cleverly controlled by Inzaghi, who in one swift movement turned his marker Paolo Montero and poked the ball between Buffon's legs for his 14th goal of the season.

In Saturday's other match 10man Modena improved their

TOP SIX

Italian league table before Saturday's late match between AC Milan and Juventus (played, won, drawn, lost, goals for, goals against, points):

Juventus 25 17 6 2 48 16 57 Inter 25 17 3 5 52 27 54 25 14 7 4 44 19 49 Lazio 25 11 12 2 44 25 45 chances of surviving the drop after defeating fellow strugglers Reggina

Modena's victory lifted them up one place in the table to 12th, while Reggina remain fifth from bottom.

India warned FROM PAGE 10

the figures involved for England and New Zealand simply represented "prudent financial management" on the part of the world governing body and were based on the commercial value of the respective games

Gray said this World Cup had been the most lucrative ever with proceeds in "excess of 200 million He added that cricket, which

had been "on its knees" two or three years ago because of the match-fixing scandal, was now 'almost corruption free" But the re-named anti-

corruption and security unit will continue to be funded to the tune of one million dollars per year. In a separate development, Speed said surprise World Cup semifinalists Kenya would have their application for Test status

ule in 2005. The ICC also planned to refine its World Test Championship to take account results of individual match as well as series results.

considered a year ahead of sched-

Venables was fired

Terry Venables revealed Sunday he had been sacked from his post as Leeds United manager and he had not left by mutual agreement as stated originally by the cashstrapped club.

The 60-year-old former England coach left the club on Friday after a turbulent period in charge which had seen several star players sold on account of their parlous financial situation and he made no secret in his News of the World column he believed he had been lied to by the board.

"I'm not bitter. I'm angry because I don't think the directors see the situation correctly," said Venables, who was replaced by Peter Reid, himself sacked by Sunderland last October.

"I did not quit Leeds United, I was sacked," added Venables, whose recent record had not helped his case as Leeds had won only one of their last eight matches and crashed out of the FA Cup at the hands of First Division Sheffield United.

Venables, though, made no secret of his low regard for chairman Peter Ridsdale, who was responsible for the spending spree under previous manager David O'Leary which landded them in such dire financial straits.

"Peter Ridsdale feels he has a reason to let me go. But I also have my opinion about his behaviour this season.

"And I think he has got this wrong. The directors should have given me the chance to finish the job."

England qualifier in war fear

AFP, London

England's Euro 2004 qualifier in Liechtenstein on Wednesday is in danger of being postponed over fears for the safety of Sven-Goran Eriksson's men, the Sunday Times

The paper said that fearing the England team could be targetted for terrorists and anti-war protesprincipality want the game called

It said that UEFA security experts would visit Liechtenstein on Monday to check out the con-cerns after being told of them on

Best-kept secret

FROM PAGE 10 World Cup and I want to enjoy it as

you can't play forever." Martyn's contribution is certainly not underplayed by his

Ponting was desperate to get him back into the side despite his finger injury, and the way he played on Sunday it was clear to

see why. The fact Martyn took the field just eight days after fracturing his finger was the latest example of the desire the Australia players have to get on the field at all costs.

"I feel like part of my farewell tour is to say thank you," said It also showed that when they do get on the field, they also

That desire was shown most famously by Stephen Waugh in 2001 when he made it onto the ground just 19 days after tearing a calf muscle. Although nowhere near fit, he still made 157 not out against England.

It comes from a love of the game

and a love of the team and flag. It

may also be a recognition that, such is the competition for places in the Australia side, players cannot risk giving up their spots for anylength of time. Martyn knows that all too well. After being dropped in 1994, it took

him four years to get back into the one-day side and six years to win another Test cap. Although he was in the World Cup squad four years ago, he did not make the side for the final against Pakistan and he felt this

would be his last chance to play in the final. After practising on Saturday, he and the team's medical staff decided he was fit enough to play and the reward for that decision was a partnership of 234 between

Martyn and Ponting, a third wicket record for Australia in one-day Martyn's appearance was another feather in the cap of longserving team physiotherapist Errol Alcott, who has been performing near miracles ever since starting work with the team in 1984.

Heroes welcomed

FROM PAGE 10 The team were driven to the Kenya

Cricket Association headquarters through Nairobi's streets. "Kenya did not win the World Cup buť we certainly won many hearts all over the world. Steve (Tikolo) and the boys united the whole country," said Balala.

"We shall make cricket a bigger national agenda and we must move the sport to the countryside. We want to develop cricket from grassroots and we want to see a competitive league system in the country. Tikolo said a few of his players

had been approached by South African clubs Leg-spinner Collins Obuya,

who took five wickets against Sri Lanka, confirmed he would be returning to South Africa to complete negotiations with a club.

No action against Lara, **Iqbal and Sharjah**

Cricket

REUTERS, Johannesburg

The International Cricket Council (ICC) has shelved reports on alleged corruption involving West Indies' batsman Brian Lara, former Pakistan all-rounder Asif Iqbal and the annual Sharjah one-day tour-

ICC president Malcolm Gray told a news conference on the eve of the World Cup final on Saturday that the executive board had considered three separate reports but decided to take no further action.

"What the board did decide was to accept the reports and virtually draw a line under any further investigations," he said.

"In most of those cases we cannot take matters any further, or if we did it would cost us enormous amounts of money and we would probably not get very much further. Also it's because we believe now we should look forward rather

REUTERS, Johannesburg

Tennis

Two-time defending champion

Andre Agassi successfully

launched his defence of the Key

Biscavne crown Saturday with a 6-

4, 6-2 win, leaving the soon-to-be

retiring Michael Chang to take a

Even the second-seeded Agassi

as moved enough by Chang's

final appearance at this tourna-

ment to take a courtside seat and watch his long time rival, brushing

away tears, receive a standing

AFP, Key Biscayne

final bow here.

on March 21.

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than look back."

Lara was one of nine non-Indian Test players mentioned in a submission to Indian police by Indian bookmaker MK Gupta who said he had offered them money for information. Lara has denied the

Asif has been involved in organising the Sharjah tournament, which has been investigated by the ICC's Anti-Corruption Unit (ACU) after allegations of match-fixing.

Gray said the decision not to take any further action did not amount to "a blanket exoneration" and ICC chief executive Malcolm Speed said the ACU still had an annual budget of one million

LEADING INDIVIDUAL SCORERS

Leading individual scores in World Cup history after Ricky Ponting's 140

not out for Australia in Sunday's tournament final against India (*

188* Gary Kirsten South Africa v UAE, Rawalpindi, 1995-96

181 Viv Richards West Indies v Sri Lanka, Karachi, 1987-88

175* Kapil Dev India v Zimbabwe, Tunbridge Wells, 1983

172* Craig Wishart Zimbabwe v Namibia, Harare, 2002-03

171* Glenn Turner New Zealand v East Africa, Birmingham, 1975

152 Sachin Tendulkar India v Namibia, Pietermaritzburg, 2002-03

161 Andrew Hudson South Africa v Netherlands, Rawalpindi, 1995-96

143*-- Andrew Symonds Australia v Pakistan, Johannesburg, 2002-03

143 Herschelle Gibbs South Africa v New Zealand, Johannesburg, 2002-

142 David Houghton Zimbabwe v New Zealand, Hyderabad (Deccan),

183 Saurav Ganguly India v Sri Lanka, Taunton, 1999

145 Rahul Dravid India v Sri Lanka, Taunton, 1999

145 Aravinda de Silva Sri Lanka v Kenya, Kandy, 1995-96

Gray added that three years ago he had said the game was "on its knees" after a corruption scandal which exploded when the late South Africa captain Hansie Cronje admitted taking money from bookmakers for information. Cronje and two other international captains, Salim Malik of Pakistan and Mohammad Azharuddin from

India, were subsequently banned

"In a relatively short time we can now say the game is corruption

free," he said. Grav said that the head of the ACU Paul Condon had reported that the World Cup had been free of

corruption. The ACU drew up a list of about 100 people who would be barred from South Africa if they tried to enter the country during the six-

week tournament. Former British police officer Condon was appointed as director of the ACU as a result of the corrup-

It's cricket time

"I will not eat anything today till the last ball is played," he said.

Outside Ganguly's residence, fans erected a huge replica of the World Cup while residents of apartment blocks nearby hung garlanded posters of the other members of the team.

The boisterous public were not the only ones to cheer the Indian

Cricket secured space on page one of all Sunday newspapers, otherwise dominated by reports on the US-led war on Iraq.

a banner headline in the Indian Express newspaper, followed by a sub-headline: "A nation hopes for a repeat show of 1983."

"India has a billion hearts" read

The Pioneer paper urged the team to "Catch the Kangaroo by its Corporates, including South Korea's Samsung Electronics and India's Sahara Group, published full-page messages of encourage-ment to the Indian team, while the Times of India gave space to fans to

express their best wishes in print.

Sanath's to stay Agassi advances FROM PAGE 10

Chang, who will retire following his

17th consecutive US Open this summer. "Thank you to the fans, to

the people, than you to the tourna-

ment directors, tournament staff, people that are involved. I realize

i'm not going to have another

opportunity to do that. Florida has been very kind to me."

the front runner in the 6.2 million-

dollar hardcourt touranment with

Llevton Hewitt's second round

departure on Friday night, under-

"Today felt a little something extra, I think, playing Michael," Agassi said. "We've just been on the

court so many times in big situa-

tions that even though it's only the

second round, it still always cer-

tainly holds something special.

stood the magic of the moment.

Agassi, who is now considered

Lankan leadership after the country's disastrous show in the 1999 World Cup held in England, where they failed to reach the super six Jayasuriya succeeded Arjuna

infuse new blood and has led the team ever since. In 2002, he became Sri Lanka's most successful Test captain ever by winning a record 10 consecutive

Ranatunga as part of the then

policy of the national selectors to

Tragic

FROM PAGE 10 plaint with the police against her husband, saying she saw her son lying in a pool of blood when she

regained consciousness. The boy was pronounced dead

on arrival at a local hospital. Sachin way

FROM PAGE 10 people around the cricketing world," Bacher said.

"He thoroughly deserves this accolade Tendulkar, one-day cricket's most successful batsman with over 12,000 runs and 34 centuries, said before the tournament that win-

ning the World Cup was more important for him then any personal landmarks. Player of the tournament standings ahead of the final:

Pts	Player	Country
14	STendulkar	India
10	S Ganguly	India
9	CVaas	SLanka
8	MAtapattu	SLanka
7	BLee	Australia
6	A Symonds	Australia

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: I ONCE GOT A MAJOR INJURY TRIPPING ON A CARPET MY MOTTO IS "JUST SAY NO TO RUGS." Today's Cryptoquip Clue: A equals E

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for

another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.



By Eugene Sheffer

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