

**Aussies call up Maher to WI**

AFP, Sydney

Jimmy Maher was on Sunday called to join the Australian Test touring party in the West Indies to give wicketkeeper Adam Gilchrist a breather.

Maher, Australia's reserve wicketkeeper at last month's World Cup in southern Africa, will replace Gilchrist for the three-day tour match against a University of West Indies XI in Barbados, starting on April 26, the Australian Cricket Board said.

It will be the first match Gilchrist has missed since Australia's victory over the Netherlands in a World Cup preliminary match on February 20.

Batsman Maher is not a specialist keeper but national selection chairman Trevor Hohns said it made sense to use him for the game as he was likely to be selected in Australia's 15-man squad to play seven one-day internationals against the Windies after the four-match Test series.

"Jimmy will more than likely be part of our one-day squad in the West Indies simply on his batting alone, so it is important that we continue to give him added keeping experience if he is to continue covering adequately for Adam Gilchrist on tour," Hohns said on Sunday.

**Magura cricket**

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Magura

The Econo cricket league starts at the Magura Stadium today.

Twenty-four are expected to take part in the meet, which is being organised by the District Sports Association.

**SA A doing well**

AFP, Adelaide

Australia's winning World Cup team member Andrew Symonds scored a cavalier half-century, but South Africa A were well placed at stumps on the first day of their three-day match against Australia A at Adelaide Oval Sunday.

When bad light stopped play, South Africa A were 66 without loss in their first innings, with Ahmed Amla on 38 and Adam Bacher on 20, in reply to Australia A's 263 all out.

Symonds top-scored with a hurricane 78 from 79 balls, including 12 fours and two sixes, both off left-arm orthodox spinner Nicky Boje.

His innings saved his team from major embarrassment after he came to the crease with the score 47 for three after Australia A lost early wickets on a pitch containing plenty of life.



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1. Who was the man-of-the-tournament in the Cricket World Cup?	Tendulkar	Ganguly	Lee
2. Who was the man-of-the-match in the World Cup final?	Ponting	Bichel	McGrath
3. What was the lowest score in the World Cup?	36	40	43
4. What was the highest score in the World Cup?	359	345	394
5. What was the total number of wickets taken by a bowler in the World Cup?	23	22	21

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**Their answers to critics**



REUTERS, Georgetown

West Indies captain Brian Lara and Daren Ganga hit back at their critics by scoring centuries to keep alive their sides' hopes in the first Test against Australia on Saturday.

Ganga, making his first home Test appearance and with his place in the team being questioned after inconsistent displays, celebrated by striking maiden Test century.

His fellow Trinidadian Lara, controversially brought back as captain only one week before the start of the series following the sacking of Carl Hooper, hit his 19th Test 100 to answer his own critics.

Together they took their team, a daunting 252 runs behind Australia after the first innings, to 381 for five after a resilient performance.

"I want to thank Brian Lara and the

selectors for keeping faith in me," said Ganga, who had made only three half centuries in 29 previous Test innings.

"I was under a lot of pressure and it was what I needed," added the 24-year-old who until Thursday had played Test cricket in six countries, all outside the Caribbean.

"I'm happy to have got my first Test 100, it was a long time in waiting. It's great to get a hundred against the best team in the world."

He was eventually out for 113, caught by Brett Lee off a Darren Lehmann delivery.

Lara added: "Darren has very good technique and it was just a matter of time. He showed that today."

Talking about his own performance, Lara brushed aside the heckling he received from part of the Bourda crowd - angry at the sacking of their compatriot Hooper - when he took the field.

"As far as I'm concerned, the supporters seemed to be 100 per cent for me," said Lara, who was given a rousing ovation when he completed his century.

"Now I want us to bat for as long as possible," Lara said after the day's play. "The pitch is still playing pretty good and I don't think it's time to let up now."

"We have to fight their bowlers -- (injured Ridley) Jacobs will come out to bat tomorrow -- so I don't think we have enough just yet and we don't have any top-flight spinner so I want to bat for as long as possible tomorrow."

Having stepped down as captain three years ago, Lara said he was happy to have been given a second chance.

"I understand the situation the West Indies is in," he said. "They needed me to captain the team and I had to accept."

"It's a bit harder, the game revolves around you but I enjoy being captain and I enjoy batting."

His only frustration was to be out for 110 by hitting his wicket when it appeared he could have gone much further.

"It was very disappointing to get out like that," he said. "I have been out like that before but not in such an important situation."



Winners of the Bashundhara Cup golf tournament are seen with the guests after the prize-giving ceremony at the Savar Golf Club on April 11.

**MSC on front foot**

FROM PAGE 8	3	0	12	0
Rajin				
<b>CITY CLUB:</b> First innings				
Faruque not out	0			
Moniruzzaman not out	0			
Extras: (w-2)	2			
Total: (For no loss in 1 over)	2			
<b>Bowler</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>W</b>
Munir	1	0	2	0

<b>Abahani KC v Brothers Union</b>				
Venue: FCS				
<b>BROTHERS UNION:</b> First innings				
Salaudin c Sajjad b Neeyamur	0			
Shahriar c Towhid b Arman	64			
Mosharraf c Al-Shahriar b Arman	24			
Halim st Nuruzzaman b Arman	55			
Mahub c Sajjad b Arman	0			
Shamimul c Al-Shahriar b Suja	18			
Mustadir c Al-Shahriar b Arman	12			
Sanjay c Nuruzzaman b Arman	17			
Alam c Nuruzzaman b Suja	1			
Sohel c Hannan b Arman	4			
Morshed not out	1			
Extras: (b-3, lb-8, nb-1, w-4)	16			
Total: (All out in 90.2 overs)	212			
Fall of wickets: 1-0, 2-77, 3-120, 4-120, 5-155, 6-176, 7-200, 8-201, 9-208				
<b>Bowler</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>W</b>
Neeyamur	6	2	11	1
Alamgir	10	2	24	0
Hannan	4	1	15	0
Suja	37	12	81	2
Arman	30.2	8	62	7
Imran	3	0	8	0

<b>ABAHANI:</b> First innings				
Hannan c Shamimul b Morshed	0			
Sajjad not out	4			
Imran not out	0			
Total: (For 1 wkt in 2 overs)	4			
Fall of wicket: 1-0				
<b>Bowler</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>W</b>
Morshed	1	1	0	1
Mustadir	1	0	4	0

**Ganga, Lara lead**

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13 boundaries in his dashing 88-ball knock of 62.

The left-hander was caught behind off the bowling of Jason Gillespie.

**SCOREBOARD**  
Scoreboard at stumps on the third day of the first cricket Test between Australia and the West Indies at Bourda on Saturday:

**WEST INDIES:** First innings 237 (S Chandernaul 100, R Jacobs 54 not out; A Bichel 3-55)

**AUSTRALIA:** First innings 489 (J Langer 146, R Ponting 117, A Gilchrist 77; V Drakes 5-93)

**WEST INDIES:** Second innings (over-ning 16-0)

Hinds lbw b MacGill	7			
Smith c Gilchrist b Gillespie	62			
Ganga c Lee b Lehmann	113			
Lara hit wkt b Hogg	110			
Samuels c Ponting b MacGill	7			
Chanderpaul not out	26			
Drakes not out	14			
Extras: (b-6, lb-13, w-1, nb-22)	42			
Total: (For 5 wickets in 97 overs)	381			
Fall of wickets: 1-52, 2-110, 3-295, 4-303, 5-354				
<b>Bowler</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>W</b>
MacGill	27	4	127	2
Hogg	15	0	68	1
Lee	14	4	57	0
Gillespie	16	4	35	1
Bichel	13	4	40	0
Waugh	8	1	29	0
Lehmann	4	0	6	1

**Umpires:** A de Silva (Sri Lanka) and R Koertzen (South Africa)

**INDIA-S AFRICA SCOREBOARD**

FROM PAGE 8	48	76	59	6	0
Mark Boucher c M Kaif b V Sehwag					
Shaun Pollock c Mongia b H Singh	2	5	5	0	0
Robin Peterson lbw b S Ganguly	12	21	15	1	0
Allan Dawson not out	7		5	1	0
Makhaya Ntini b V Sehwag	5		9	1	0
Charl Willoughby st P Patel b V Sehwag	0		2	0	0
Extras: (b-7, lb-3, w-2, nb-3)	15				
Total: (All out in 34.5 overs)	154				
Fall of wickets: 1-5 (Smith), 2-13 (Rudolph), 3-55 (Gibbs), 4-57 (Dippenaar), 5-86 (McKenzie), 6-89 (Pollock), 7-129 (Peterson), 8-148 (Boucher), 9-154 (Ntini), 10-154 (Willoughby)					
<b>Bowler</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>W</b>	
Zaheer Khan	4.5	1	8	0	
Ajit Agarkar	6	0	27	2	
Saurav Ganguly	8.1	0	30	2	
Harbhajan Singh	7	0	22	2	
Amit Mishra	5	0	29	1	
Virender Sehwag	3.5	0	28	3	

**Result: India won by 153 runs.**  
**Man-of-the-match: Mohammad Kaif.**  
**Toss: India.**  
**Umpires: Akhtaruddin (Bangladesh) and Billy Bowden (New Zealand)**

**Serie A**

**Derby daylight for Milan**



AFP, Milan

AC Milan rekindled their title hopes while dampening those of Inter Milan after defeating their local rivals 1-0 at the San Siro on Saturday.

Filippo Inzaghi scored the winner 17 minutes after half-time of the 253rd Milan derby, latching on to Manuel Rui Costa's defence-splitting pass to tuck home his 15th league goal of the season.

Inter's chances of pegging Milan back receded in the 67th minute when Colombian defender Ivan Cordoba was sent off for a wild tackle on Brazilian Serginho.

A win for Milan saw the 1999 champions go second in Serie A above Inter on goal difference, five points behind league leaders and title holders Juventus, who play away to Bologna on Sunday.

Inzaghi dedicated his match-winner to the Milan fans, who have had to endure a roller-coaster season, having seen their team fritter away an eight point lead which they held over Juventus before Christmas.

"I thought we deserved victory and it gave me great satisfaction to score against Inter in the derby," Inzaghi said. "Above all I am happy for the fans, who showed great affection for us tonight."

"The season hasn't always been easy, but they gave us tremendous support."

Milan president Silvio Berlusconi, Italy's prime minister, took the opportunity to dismiss rumours that coach Carlo Ancelotti's job was on the line if the club don't win a trophy this season.

"There has been a lot said in the papers about Ancelotti's future, but I

can assure you we will respect his contract because we are convinced he can lead the club to success," Berlusconi said.

Champions League quarter-finalists Milan settled into their stride early, threatening Inter's goal in the sixth minute.

Italy international Gennaro Gattuso cut inside from the right wing before unleashing a fierce left foot drive from 20 yards which Inter goalkeeper Francesco Toldo tipped over the cross-bar.

Milan continued to press forward and went close to breaking the deadlock 12 minutes later.

Serginho's swung over an inviting left-wing corner which found Rui Costa, but the Portuguese playmaker's downward header was hacked off the goal line by Inter's alert captain Javier Zanetti.

Inter's tenacious midfielder Luigi Di Biagio was booked moments later for a wild tackle, before Emre Belozoglu's low, angled shot warmed the fingertips of Milan's Brazilian goalkeeper Dida.

Andriy Shevchenko shot narrowly wide as Milan regained the initiative and the Ukrainian forward went even closer shortly afterwards when he diverted Alessandro Costacurta's mishit shot inches past the post.

A scrappy first half of few clear-cut chances ended with Marco Materazzi joining Di Biagio in the referee's notebook.

Six minutes after the break Inzaghi was denied by Toldo's outstretched leg before Paolo Maldini, playing in his 33rd derby, was replaced by Martin Laursen.

The Milan captain was accidentally struck in the face by Christian Vieri's flailing elbow and left the field with a fractured nose.

Milan's pressure finally paid off when they broke Inter's resistance in the

**Premiership**

**Goodbye Sunderland**



AFP, London

Manchester United picked themselves up after their midweek mauling by Real Madrid to trounce Newcastle 6-2 and take the lead in the Premiership on Saturday.

That left them three points clear of Arsenal going into Wednesday's Highbury showdown.

The backbone of United's demolition job at St James' Park was a superb hat-trick from Paul Scholes. Ole Gunnar Solskjaer, Ryan Giggs and Ruud van Nistelrooy, who claimed his 36th of the season from the penalty spot, were United's other scorers.

Newcastle had taken an early lead with a lethal 25-yard drive from Jermaine Jenas, Shola Ameobi scoring a late consolation goal after a poor clearance by Fabien Barthez.

As well as going some way to exorcising the ghosts of their drubbing in Madrid the result also ensured that, after last week's 4-0 thrashing of Liverpool, United are now only one goal behind Arsenal in terms of goal difference.

The delight engendered by their six star display was in stark contrast to the gloom at Sunderland who were condemned to first division football next season after losing 1-0 to Birmingham.

That loss set a new club record of ten straight league defeats for Mick McCarthy's out of sorts team.

Birmingham, fighting for their own survival, proved willing executioners.

A Brian Hughes strike and Christophe Dugary's first goal in English football secured a 2-0 win that left Steve Bruce's side six points clear of the relegation zone.

**Primera Liga**

**Deportivo drub Barca**



AFP, Madrid

Deportivo La Coruna kept up the pressure on league leaders Real Madrid with a comprehensive 4-2 win over struggling Barcelona at the Nou Camp on Saturday.

The Meringues still lead by three points with a game in hand, but that is a tough one away to third-placed Real Sociedad on Sunday.

Barcelona came into the game against Deportivo on a high following their 1-1 draw away to Juventus in the Champions League on Wednesday and they took the lead after just two minutes when Javier Saviola lobbed Juanmi in



An airborne Gianfranco Zola (L) of Chelsea takes evasive action as Bolton Wanderers' Anthony Barnes hits a volley at Stamford Bridge on April 12.

West Ham's battle to become the first club to beat the drop after being bottom at Christmas continued with a 2-2 draw with Aston Villa, who are still not safe themselves.

French striker Fredi Kanoute was the Hammers' hero with a 65th-minute equaliser. Darius Vassell, from the spot, and Oyvind Leonhardsen had put Villa ahead after Trevor Sinclair had given the home side the lead.

The point moved West Ham, now unbeaten in six games, to within three points off fourth-from-bottom Bolton, who went down to a 1-0 defeat at

Chelsea. Carlton Cole's solo run clinched three points to bolster Chelsea's grip on fourth place, the final qualifying spot for next season's Champions League.

West Ham and Bolton face off next week in a match whose outcome is now set to prove crucial to the survival hopes of both clubs.

West Brom could theoretically still escape the drop. But after a 2-1 defeat at Everton, the Baggies must now win all five remaining games, a task that looks beyond a side that have won only five matches out of 33 so far.

there was no way back for the home side. In the evening's other game, Seville defeated Villarreal 3-1 with two late goals from substitute Niko Machlas, his first two since being bought during the last transfer window.

A deft header brought the scores level four minutes into the second half and then he put Deportivo ahead when he sprung the Barcelona offside trap and set off on a 40 metre run that ended in a goal.

Former Espanyol star Sergio rounded the scoring off after 75 minutes and although both Luis Enrique and Patrick Kluijert went close after that

**TOP SIX**

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

Madrid	28	17	9	2	64	27	60
Deportivo	29	17	6	6	49	32	57
Sociedad	28	15	9	4	48	36	54
Valencia	28	13	8	7	42	23	47
Celta	28	13	6	9	33	24	45
Sevilla	29	11	9	9	27	22	42



Roy Makaay, the Deportivo la Coruna ace, is ecstatic after scoring against Barcelona at the Nou Camp stadium on April 12.

**CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer**

**ACROSS**  
1 Striko-breaker  
5 Apply lightly  
8 Founded by Rockefeller  
12 Saxophone range  
13 One of the Gershwins  
14 Unstable particle  
15 Suitable  
16 Word game  
18 Show up  
20 Prejudices  
21 Morose  
23 L-P center  
24 Discarded  
28 Handle  
31 Motorists' org.  
32 Scarecrow stuffing  
34 Debtor's letters  
35 Strait-laced  
37 Slightly grating

**DOWN**  
1 Episodic tale  
2 Hoofbeat sound  
3 On  
4 Wine shop (Sp.)  
5 Th