

Sport

Busta Cup
Spinners bring
Jamaica back

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SCORES

Jamaica 206 (Ricardo Powell 114 not out; Corey Collymore four for 60, Hendry Bryan three for 74) and 30 for one.

Barbados 269 (Sherwin Campbell 66, Roland Holder 62, Adrian Griffith 47, Floyd Reifer 40; Nehemiah Perry five for 64).

Parma beat
Perugia

ROME, Feb 28 (Reuters/Internet): Italy's Enrico Chiesa scored twice on Saturday as Parma beat Perugia 3-1 to move within one point of Serie A leaders Lazio.

Chiesa struck from the penalty spot in the 31st minute and made it 2-0 just before halftime with a fine one-time volley from a Paolo Vanoli cross.

Substitute Cristian Bucchi pulled one back for Perugia in the 60th minute but Argentine Hernan Crespo sealed the win eight minutes from time.

Parma moved to 44 points, one better than Fiorentina who can regain second place with a win at Siena on Sunday. Lazio can extend their lead with a victory at Vicenza.

Inter Milan and Juventus, virtually out of the title race but still alive in the European Cup, finished 0-0.

AS Roma did city rivals Lazio a favour, beating title challengers AC Milan 1-0 with a goal from Brazilian Paulo Sergio.

Piacenza routed Bologna 5-0 with Simone Inzaghi - younger brother of Juve's Filippo - hitting his first Serie A hat-trick, two of them penalties.

Cameroon
qualify for
U-19 WC

ACCRA, Feb 28 (Reuters/Internet): Cameroon qualified for the world under-20 championships on Saturday when they reached the semifinals of the African Nations' Youth Cup.

Cameroon held hosts Ghana to a 1-1 draw in Accra to join Nigeria, Zambia and Ghana in the semifinals of the African competition.

The top four teams in the Youth Cup go through to the world under-20 championships but as hosts Nigeria qualify automatically there is one more African slot available.

Mali, who defeated Angola 3-1 earlier in the day to finish third in group A of the African competition, will play the team which finishes third in Group B.

Guinea and Malawi, both without a win in the competition, play for that honour in Kumasi on Sunday. Nigeria and Zambia play each other to decide the winners of Group B.

African U-20 soccer

Mali beat
Angola

ACCRA, Ghana, Feb 28: Seydou Keita scored a pair of goals and Mali beat Angola 3-1 Saturday to earn a second chance at qualifying for the World Youth Championship, reports AP.

The victory finished Mali in Group A at the African Under-20 Championship and sent them to a playoff with the third-placed team from Group B, either Guinea or Malawi who play Sunday.

Africa gets five of the 28 berths in the April 3-24 competition, including hosts Nigeria. Reaching the semifinals at the African U20 Championship earns a place in the World U20 finals, but with Nigeria having qualified for the final four of the African U20s, a March 3 playoff will be used to determine the fifth representative.

Keita scored within the first minute and, after Paulo Zanga Pedro equalised in the 15th, again gave Mali the lead in the 52nd.

Mahamadou Dissa added an insurance goal in the 86th.

In the other Group A game Saturday, Ghana and Cameroon drew 1-1, sending Ghana to the semifinals as the Group A winners and Cameroon as the runner-up.

WI President's XI bow to MacGill



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SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard on the opening day of the four-day match between West Indies President's XI and Australia at Guaracara Park on Saturday:

WEST INDIES PRESIDENT'S XI: First innings

S Ragooch	c Healy	b McGrath	8
D Ganga	c Healy	b MacGill	15
D Raper	c M Waugh	b McGrath	0
L Roberts	b McGrath		38
D Joseph	c Langer	b MacGill	64
K Artherton	b MacGill		9
W Phillip	c b MacGill		6
R Lewis	c McGrath	b Warne	8
N McLean	b MacGill		0
R King	not out		0
M Black	c Healy	b MacGill	3
Extras: (b-3, lb-5, nb-18)			26
Total:			177
Fall of wkt: 1-13; 2-14; 3-96; 4-129; 5-141; 6-157; 7-174; 8-174; 9-174.			

Bowler: O M R W

McGrath	13	3	33	3
Gillespie	12	4	27	0
Blewett	5	0	14	0
Warne	16	2	50	1
MacGill	18.5	5	45	6

AUSTRALIA: First innings

Elliott	c Phillip	b McLean	22	
Slater	not out		35	
Langer	not out		11	
Extras: (lb-2, nb-3)			5	
Total: (For one wkt)				73

Fall of wkt: 1-45.

To bat: Steve Waugh, Greg Blewett, Mark Waugh, Ian Healy, Shane Warne, Jason Gillespie, Stuart MacGill, Glenn McGrath.

Bowler (to date): O M R W

McLean	7	1	31	0
King	4	1	19	0
Black	3	0	16	0
Lewis	1	0	5	0

MacGill ... 6-wkt haul

wickets fell for three runs.

Nixon McLean lasted just two balls before he missed a big swing at MacGill to be bowled for zero. Rawi Lewis gave leg spinner Shane Warne his only wicket through a catch to mid off and last man Marlon Black was stumped off MacGill.

McGrath took three for 33 off 13 overs and Warne one for 49 off 16 overs.

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Joseph carried on to a half century, which included 10 fours and spanned 89 balls, but was a MacGill victim, caught at silly point off bat and pad. The

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