



## Have respect for it: Ricky

We managed to do it again: Robin

AFP, Cape Town



Australia captain Ricky Ponting said his team's top batsmen had not shown enough respect for cricket when they crashed to a shock five-wicket defeat against minnows Zimbabwe in an ICC World Twenty20 Championship match at Newlands Wednesday.

Victorious Zimbabwe coach Robin Brown, meanwhile, said he had reminded his players of a historic day 24 years ago before they took on the World Cup and Test champions.

"In our first World Cup in 1983 our first game was against Australia and we managed to beat them," said Brown.

"I reminded them of that and told the guys to go out and express themselves in our first World Cup Twenty20 game."

Australia limped to 136 for nine in their 20 overs after Ponting became the first captain in the tournament to choose to bat. Man of the match Brendan Taylor scored 60 not out as Zimbabwe won with a ball to spare.

The Australians paid the penalty for trying to attack from the start of their innings, losing their all-star top three of Adam Gilchrist, Matthew Hayden and captain Ricky Ponting for 19 runs inside the first four overs. All fell to rash strokes.

"That was where the game was lost," admitted Ponting. "The top three batters didn't respect their own game enough. When you don't respect this game it gets up and bites you."

Ponting said the fact that it was Australia's first competitive game since they won the World Cup in the West Indies in April was no excuse.

"They outplayed us," he said of the Zimbabweans. "They did most things in the game better than us."

The defeat left the tournament favourites needing to win their remaining group game against England at Newlands Friday if they are not to go home early.

Ponting singled out Taylor as an example to the Australians for sticking to cricket basics and building his innings.

It meant no time for celebration. "I told them to keep the celebrations until tomorrow night when we have beaten England. Then we can have a full go."

Zimbabwe's innings was interrupted by rain when they were on 74 for four after 11.5 overs. At that stage Australia were five runs ahead according to the Duckworth/Lewis method.

When play resumed half an hour later Taylor slammed two sixes in an over off part-time spinner Brad Hodge as he and Hamilton Masakadza shared a 43-run stand.

Brett Lee trapped Masakadza leg before for 27 and Zimbabwe needed 12 off the last over.

A brief glance for four by Taylor off the first ball and four leg byes off the fifth ball got Zimbabwe home with a ball to spare.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the ICC World Twenty20 Championship match between Australia and Zimbabwe at Newlands in Cape Town on Wednesday:

AUSTRALIA

Gilchrist c Matsikenyen b Chigumbura 4

Hayden c Taylor b Chigumbura 4

Ponting c Chigumbura b Brent 8

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An ecstatic Zimbabwe team run off on a celebratory lap after their sensational victory over Australia in their Twenty20 match at Newlands in Cape Town on Wednesday.

PHOTO: AFP

## Brazil end Mexico jinx

### Football

AP, Foxborough

Kaka's goal in the 80th minute off a poor clearance by Mexican captain Rafael Marquez helped Brazil to a 3-1 victory Wednesday night before a Gillette Stadium crowd of yellow-clad Brazil fans.

The hard-fought victory was Brazil's first over Mexico in more than three years. The two ejections, including Brazil coach Dunga, and five yellow cards were proof that the teams treated the game as the latest in a rivalry rather than the friendly.

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