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Sugar Ray Robinson's career record stood at 201 fights, 174 wins, 19 losses, 109 knockouts, 6 draws and 2 no-contests.



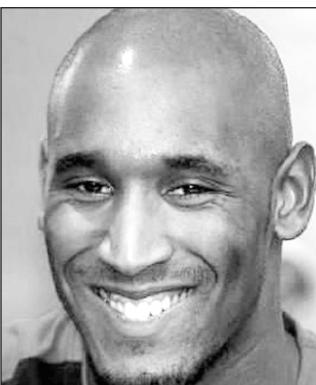
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**March 27, 2004 and draw**

1. How many runs did Bangladesh score against Zimbabwe in the third ODI?	230	242	238
2. Who clinched the first Division Football League title?	Parashanji Victoria	Youngmen's	
3. Who won the Qatar Open tennis title?	Hings Henin	Myskina	
4. Who won the four-day National Cricket League title?	Cricket League		
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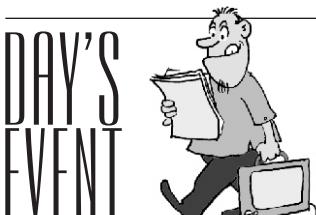


## Nicolas Anelka

(French soccer star)

"I am very happy here and want to stay. I have a contract with Manchester City and I am playing for them at the moment and next season I think I will still be with this club."

**Denying any rumours of a transfer.**



**Bangladesh A vs Zimbabwe A (DayThree)**  
Second Four-Day Match  
Venue: Shaheed Chandu

## CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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PHOTO: AFP

Australian middle-order batsman Darren Lehmann sweeps during his hundred against Sri Lanka on the first day of the third and final Test at Colombo yesterday.

## Lehmann puts Aus atop



REUTERS/AFP, Colombo

Darren Lehmann scored his fifth Test century to help Australia pile up 314 for six on the opening day of the third and final Test against Sri Lanka on Wednesday.

Skipper Ricky Ponting led from the front in the first two sessions with an aggressive 92 and found support from Lehmann, who continued throughout the evening to finish unbeaten on 104.

Ponting and Lehmann stole the initiative with a 121-run partnership for the fourth wicket after Australia had slipped to 96 for three in their first innings shortly after lunch.

Ponting missed out of his first century of a lean series when he spooned up a simple catch to mid-off from the last delivery of the afternoon session from Chaminda Vaas. Ponting's 138-ball innings included 11 fours and one six.

Lehmann, though, continued to resist Sri Lanka's bowlers during the evening session, adding 27 with Simon Katich (14) and 55 with Adam Gilchrist (22) during for sixth wicket stand.

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Off-spinner Muttiah Muralitharan was repelled for much of the day but picked up two wickets in the evening, extending his career tally to 507 as he finished with two for 84.

Sri Lanka's morning started badly when left-arm paceman Nuwan Zoysa broke down with a calf injury after bowling 3.3 overs with the new ball.

However, the hosts remained hopeful he would bowl later in the match after ultrasound scans revealed no serious muscle damage.

### SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at stumps on the opening day of the third and final Test between Australia and Sri Lanka at the Singha Sports Club ground on Wednesday:

#### AUSTRALIA: First innings

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Langer c Dilshan b Vaas	19			
Hayden c sub (Chandana) b S'weera	25			
Ponting c M'than b Vaas	92			
Martyn c S'karab Vaas	14			
Lehmann not out	104			
Katich c and b M'than	14			
Gilchrist c J'suriya b M'than	22			
Warne not out	7			
Extras: (b-5, lb-9, nb-3)	17			
Total: (For 6 wkts in 90 overs)	314			
Fall of wickets: 1-43, 2-60, 3-96, 4-217, 5-244, 6-299				
To bat: Gillespie, Kasprowicz, Williams				

Bowler O M R W

Vaas 20 3 76 3

Zoysa 3.3 1 23 0

S'weera 11.3 1 28 1

M'than 28 5 84 2

Herath 23 4 76 0

J'suriya 4 0 13 0

**SRILANKA: Tillakaratne, Atapattu, Jayasuriya, Sangakkara, Jayawardene, Dilshan, Samaraweera, Vaas, Muralitharan, Zoysa, Herath. Toss: Australia.**

At the Gulshan Youth Club ground, Independent University beat University of Asia Pacific by four wickets.

Independent University scored 118 for 6 in reply to University of Asia Pacific's 117 all out.

## Singer nat'l chess starts Sunday

### SPORTS REPORTER

The final phase of the Singer 30th national chess championship begins at the NSC conference room on Sunday.

Some of the country's leading players including Grand Masters Ziaur Rahman, Niaz Murshed and three International Masters -- Reefat bin-Sattar, Enamul Hossain Rajib and Abdulla Al Rakib earned direct entry in the meet while the other nine participants had to qualify.

During a press briefing yesterday, it was revealed that sponsors Singer Bangladesh Limited is providing Tk two lakh for the event. Presided over general secretary of Bangladesh Chess Federation Syed Sujauddin, the briefing was addressed by director and chief operating officer of Singer Bangladesh Limited, Hamim Rahmatullah and company's advertising and sales promotion manager Shushil Sutradhar.

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