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- Who won the Qatar Open tennis title?
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- Who won the four-day National Cricket League title?

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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 (Day Three)

Second Four-Day Match
Venue: Shaheed Chandu



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 lone 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.

Lehmann, dropped on 20 at slip, extended his series aggregate to 323 in five innings during a knock that included 11 powerful fours

and one lofted six.

"It's good to get some runs... and making up for lost time. You have got to have a plan (in Sri Lanka) and my plan seems to be working at the moment which is good," said Lehmann.

"I am quite confident coming down the wicket and I think you have to back yourself to do that over here.

"In the past teams have come here and let the spinners dictate but we have certainly gone about it in a different way and had some success doing so."

Experienced left-armer Vaas was the pick of Sri Lanka's bowlers, probing away on a good batting pitch to finish with three for 76 from 20 overs.

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 Singhalese Sports Club ground on Wednesday:

AUSTRALIA: First innings				
Langer c Dilshan b Vaas				19
Hayden c sub (Chandana) b S'weera				25
Ponting c M'tharan b Vaas				92
Martyn c S'kara b Vaas				14
Lehmann not out				104
Katich c and b M'tharan				14
Gilchrist c J'suriya b M'tharan				22
Warne not out				7
Extras: (b-5, lb-9, nb-3)				17
Total: (For 6 wks in 90 overs)				314
Fall of wickets: 1-43, 2-60, 3-96, 4-217, 5-244, 6-299				
To bat: Gillespie, Kasprovicz, 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'tharan	28	5	84	2
Herath	23	4	76	0
J'suriya	4	0	13	0

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

Fear the impetus



AFP, Wellington

Protea star Shaun Pollock says the fear of becoming the first South African team to lose a series to New Zealand is all the motivation the tourists need for the third cricket Test starting here Friday.

In stark contrast to five years ago, South Africa arrived in Wellington this week battling to save rather than win a series after being stung by nine wickets in Auckland.

In 1999 Hansie Cronje's men won the deciding Test by eight wickets to take a 1-0 series victory.

This time all New Zealand need is a draw to win a series against South Africa for the first time in their 72-year rivalry.

"We've never lost to them before so it's important we do everything in our power to win this Test and even the series," Pollock said Wednesday.

"They've always been looked on as a small cricketing nation. We understand New Zealand's very rugby focused and we'd expect to beat them in regards to where we're ranked (second to New Zealand's sixth).

"But that's what's great about the game."

Pollock said South Africa's problems were both physical and mental -- tiredness after 16 months of continuous cricket and the drudgery of being on a winless streak since the first one-dayer in Auckland six weeks ago.

He said it was up to the individuals to lift themselves several notches, particularly his bowling cohorts who have struggled throughout the tour.

TEAMS

SOUTH AFRICA (likely): Graeme Smith, Herschelle Gibbs, Jacques Kallis, Jacques Rudolph, Ashwell Prince, Mark Boucher, Shaun Pollock, Lance Klusener, Robin Peterson, Albie Morkel, Makhaya Ntini.

NEW ZEALAND (likely): Michael Pappas, Stephen Fleming, Hamish Marshall, Scott Styris, Chris Cairns, Jacob Oram, Chris Harris, Brendon McCullum, Daniel Vettori, Michael Mason, Chris Martin.

Ganguly scare

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diving at mid-off to stop a drive from Inzamam-ul-Haq in the 10th over as Pakistan chased a victory target of 294.

"Saurav has injured his lower back while fielding," Ratnakar Shetty, the Indian team's manager, told reporters.

"He is in intense pain and is being looked at by the physio. We'll know more about his condition later but he has not been taken to hospital so far," he added.

Lahore writes

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Balaji not out 10
Extras: (b-2, lb-4, nb-5, w-5) 16
Total: (For 7 wks in 50 overs) 293
Did not bat: Kartik, Zaheer

Fall of wickets: 1-34, 2-79, 3-171, 4-183, 5-227, 6-253, 7-276

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Akhtar	10	1	47	1
Shabbir	10	1	56	2
Sami	10	1	63	3
Razzaq	10	0	54	0
Malik	10	0	67	1

PAKISTAN
Hameed b Balaji 2
Umar b Pathan 18
Yousaf b Pathan 1
Inzamam c Tendulkar b Kartik 38
Younis c Yuvraj b Pathan 12
Malik c Kaif b Sehwaq 65
Razzaq c Sehwaq b Balaji 5
Moin b Balaji 72
Sami b Zaheer 23
Akhtar run out 2
Shabbir not out 1
Extras: (b-2, lb-5, nb-3, w-4) 14
Total: (All out in 47.5 overs) 253
Fall of wickets: 1-8, 2-9, 3-25, 4-58, 5-87, 6-96, 7-195, 8-248, 9-250

Bowler **O** **M** **R** **W**
Pathan 10 2 32 3
Balaji 9.5 0 62 3
Zaheer 9 0 54 1
Kartik 10 0 42 1
Tendulkar 5 0 27 0
Sehwaq 4 0 29 1

Result: India won by 40 runs and clinched the series 3-2.
Man-of-the-match: Venkatsai Laxman.
Man-of-the-series: Inzamamul Haq. Toss: Pakistan.
Umpires: David Shepherd (England) and Nadeem Ghauri (Pakistan).

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 Abdullah 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 Sjaududin, the briefing was addressed by director and chief operating officer of Singer Bangladesh Limited, Hamim Rahmatullah and company's advertising and sales promotion manager Sushil Sutradhar.

Chess enthusiasts can even follow the tournament by logging on to www.bsc-online.org.

AIUB Cup cricket

SPORTS REPORTER

American International University-Bangladesh (AIUB) Blues and Independent University moved into the semifinals of the third AIUB Cup cricket tournament beating their respective rivals at different city venues yesterday.

AIUB Blues defeated BRAC University by six-wickets at the Mirpur City Club ground.

BRAC University were all out for 106 in 31.4 overs.

AIUB Blues, in reply, scored 107 for 4 in 29.3 overs.

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.

Rifles clinch ID kabadi

BSS, Dhaka

Bangladesh Rifles won the Independence Day kabadi title defeating Bangladesh Police in the last group match 36-28 at the outer stadium kabadi court yesterday.

Rifles finished as unbeaten champions collecting six points. Bangladesh Army had to be satisfied with the runners-up spot with four points.

Police and Bangladesh Navy were third and fourth respectively.

Nat'l team bridge

SPORTS REPORTER

ATM Moazzem Hussain's team was leading Aces Alpha by 60-31 IMP (international match points) at the end of the second session of the Fizz-Up 23rd National Team Bridge Championship yesterday.

Both teams reached the final beating Bridge-Base by 123-64 IMP's and Syed Shujauddin Ahmed's team by 96-76 IMP's respectively.

The final is being played over six sessions at the Bangladesh Chess Federation auditorium.

U-15 cricket

SPORTS REPORTER

Khulna and Chittagong comfortably won their respective matches in the Age Group Under-15 Development cricket tournament yesterday.

Khulna defeated Barisal by 69 runs at the Government Rajendra College ground.

Batting first Khulna collected 219 all out in 45.2 overs and later dismissed Barisal for 150 in 33 overs.

Chittagong handed Rajshahi a seven-wicket defeat at the Faridpur Stadium. Chittagong made 185 for 3 in reply to Rajshahi's 182 all out in 38.5 overs.

Saleh, Ashrafal

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Jamal	30	4	61	0
Kapali	2	0	6	0
Rafin	1	1	0	0
Ashrafal	8	3	18	1

BANGLADESH A: First innings
Hannan b Nicolle 4
Jamal c Panyangara b Gripper 18
Tushar c Matsikenyere b Gripper 9
Rajin not out 71
Ashrafal not out 56
Extras: (lb-1, nb-5, w-7) 13
Total: (For 3 wks in 44 overs) 171
Fall of wks: 1-11, 2-30, 3-45

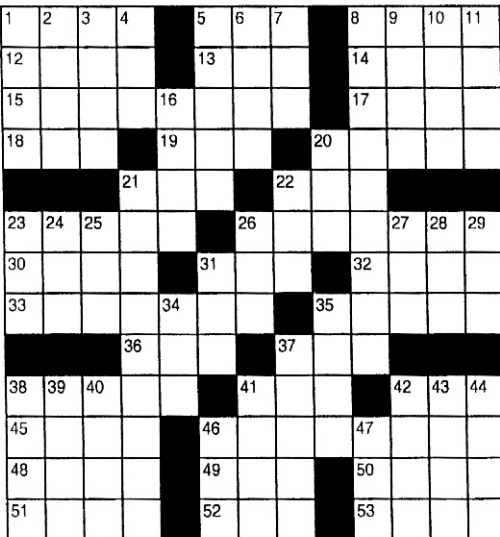
Bowler **O** **M** **R** **W**
Panyangara 7 1 30 0
Nicolle 7 1 17 1
Gripper 18 5 70 2
Mwayenga 6 0 28 0
Sims 1 0 10 0
Ewing 3 0 13 0
Chigumbura 2 0 2 0

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS	38 Momen-tum	3 Samoa-based anthropologist	23 Gist
1 Silent actor	41 Apple computer	4 Tackle a taco	24 Candle count
5 Hiatus	42 Leno's letters	5 React to a pun	25 Under the weather
8 TV reality show	45 Piquancy	6 "Hi, sailor!"	26 Gymnast's move
12 Notion	46 Tea	7 Caudron	27 Payable
13 Plato's P	47 Variety format	8 Quad-rangle	28 "— a Mad, ..."
14 Exam	48 Language of Pakistan	9 Killer whale	29 Speak
15 Patrol officer (SI)	49 Brewed beverage	10 Chums	31 Govern-ment vet
17 Bruins' sch.	50 Responsibility	11 Rebuff a masher	34 Height of fashion
18 Nourished	51 Durante	16 Ice mass	35 Gabrielle Chanel
19 Do brick-work	52 Founda-tion	20 Under-stand	37 Appoint-ed
20 Compre-hend	53 Imperfec-tion	21 Pres-igious school group	38 Phaser setting
21 Charged bit	54 Imperfec-tion	22 Catherine Bell's TV series	39 Poi base
22 Lustrous black	55 Imperfec-tion	40 Tackles' team-mates	41 Guy
23 Unsophis-ticated	56 Imperfec-tion	42 Late-15th century vessel	43 Astigma-tic's problem
24 Shrill grass-hopper	57 Imperfec-tion	44 "— la vie"	45 "— la vie"
30 Homely	58 Imperfec-tion	46 Metro alterna-tive	47 Take blades to blades
31 Glutton	59 Imperfec-tion	48 Take blades to blades	
32 Ford or Lincoln	60 Imperfec-tion		
33 Hotel employee	61 Imperfec-tion		
35 Top of a wave	62 Imperfec-tion		
36 Wet wiggler	63 Imperfec-tion		
37 Affirma-tive action	64 Imperfec-tion		

Solution time: 21 mins.

DAM ASS WAVY
ISAW ROT ALDIE
SERIA CUE TEXT
GASTE LANE
OVERBORN VITAL
HERB SIP NOVA
MAMAS BERGMAN
SHALOM RAH
SLALOYON YOKEL
SHLO TOW LITRA
HALO ONE ENOS
EDEN ROB DIST



CRYPTOQUIP

Q L S F N P X O H Q Y Z D X Y Z
L Q A W S Q K A X G N S U N I N R
D R H H N D Z S W Z I W X P Z V X U
V G N N U V Z S F Z Z K S W Z O ?
Yesterday's Cryptquip: THE SUCCESSFUL FLOWIST'S NEW PLAN TO OPEN HIS OWN FLOWER SHOP WAS CUT AND DRIED.
Today's Cryptquip Clue: N equals O

The Cryptquip 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.

'Learn from England'



AFP, Port-of-Spain

West Indies skipper Brian Lara was clinging to his job on Wednesday but insisted that the fallen Caribbean kings could still level the series against England if they followed the example set by Michael Vaughan's men.

England won the second Test here by seven wickets to add to their 10-wicket triumph in the opening match in Jamaica and one more success in the two remaining games will give them a first series win in the West Indies since 1968.

Lara believes his senior batsmen, including himself, can take an example from England's Mark Butcher, Nasser Hussain and Graham Thorpe.

"We are clearly not producing at our optimum," Lara said. "The team gets its impetus from us, similarly to the English team with Butcher, Hussain and Thorpe."

"They have been able to come up to scratch in these two Tests to give their team what they required and we have faltered in that area. We will have to look in the mirror and think that we are definitely the top batsmen in the team and we must perform better than this."

Lara said his side was disappointed and embarrassed at the way they have under-performed in the first two Tests.

The defeat also prompted West Indies team manager Ricky Skerritt to resign, but Lara, whose position is also under pressure, was trying to be upbeat.

"Everybody is now looking forward to better things in Barbados and Antigua."

"The first thing is to realise that we are going wrong somewhere and I think we have done this. I do not think we are divided on the opinion that some are doing well and some are not."

"The entire team knows that we are

not performing. We have been doing some soul searching and trying to get that out of the guys."

Lara believes there is still hope of his side winning the two remaining Tests, starting in Barbados on April 1 and in Antigua on April 10, and squaring the series.

"It's not difficult to understand why



BRIAN LARA

we are 0-2 down, but I think we can level the series if we can regroup and ensure that we do not make the same mistakes again," he said.

"I still think there were moments in both Tests, where if West Indies had taken hold of the advantage, we would be in a much better situation. We did not and so we need to find the weak points and try as much as possible to strengthen them."

Vaughan said leading the series 2-0 was beyond his and the team's wildest dreams.

"We expected to come out to the Caribbean and win, but it's a great position for us to be in," Vaughan remarked.

"It has taken a lot of hard work to get to this position. Both matches could have gone the other way. There were real tough periods of play in both Tests

and we came through them."

Although England have virtually ended their 36-year wait for a Test series victory, Vaughan was not ready to pat his team on the back.

"We have not won the series yet," he said. "There are two matches left and the two in Jamaica and Trinidad could have gone either way."

"We have to make sure we keep working hard, make sure we are not complacent, make sure we keep our heads, and keep grinding it out when the going gets tough and keep getting the odd individual producing the magic as we are at the moment."

"If we do not do it, the West Indies will come back and will fight hard. We must make sure we keep doing the same things that we have been doing over the last four weeks and, hopefully, the results will take care of themselves."

Hefty fines on Jones, Lara

AFP, Port-of-Spain

West Indies captain Brian Lara and England fast bowler Simon Jones have been fined half their match fees after being found guilty of breaching the International Cricket Council's (ICC) code of conduct during the second Test here.

Match referee Mike Procter said that Lara was fined for showing dissent to the umpires late on Sunday when the England batsmen were offered the light for the second time, even though they had declined to go off just minutes earlier.

Jones, whose five-wicket haul on Monday helped England on their way to their seven-wicket win, pleaded guilty and was punished for bringing the game into disrepute.