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## Talukder shames cricket Neeyamur left in pain

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It could not have been a more eventful day for Neeyamur Rashid. He led Abahani to a 25-run win against Indira Road Krira Chakra with a dazzling all-round show in an important GrameenPhone Premier League match at the Fatullah Stadium yesterday but then experienced the misfortune of sustaining a severe injury on his right-hand by a hot-headed Indira Road captain Jahangir Alam Talukder.

Talukder, a former national left-arm paceman, brought his reputation of being a heart and soul crick-eter to shame when the he used his bat to hit Neeyamur following a heated exchange.

The ugly episode took place when Talukder came into bat at number ten with his side still need-

38 runs off 23 balls to topple Abahani's fighting 199-6 in 50 overs.

But instead of focusing on get-ting those runs, Jahangir wielded his willow targeting the head of

### Sergey, Marat share lead

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GM Sergey Tiviakov and GM Marat Dzhumaev jointly led the table with 8.5 points each after the end of the 12th round games of the sixth United Insurance & United Leasing Grandmasters chess tournament at the NSC chess room yesterday.

GM Ziaur Rahman & GM Alxei Barsov of Uzbekistan are in 2nd position with 8 points each.

In this round Dzhumaev lost  $against\,IM\,Ree fat\,Bin\,Sattar.\,Tiviakov$ drew with IM Vakhidov Tahir. Zia heat FM Taibur Rahman and Barsov drewwith GM Jordi Magem Badals of Spain. GM Alexander Goloshchapov beat FM Sheikh Nasir Ahmed, GM Niaz Murshed drew with IM Abdullah Al Rakib and IM Enamul Hossain Razib drew with IM Neelotpal Das India.

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 Neeyamur after the latter reportedly approached him to ask he had been houting ceaselessly from outside the boundary line.

Neeyamur used his right-arm to block the bat from hitting his head, but only ended up having his arm seriously bruised.

He was immediately taken to the



Jahangir Talukder

the Abahani all-rounder has a severely swelled arm. But it could not be known whether it was bro-

As Neeyamur was being taken to the hospital, Talukder did his or his team's cause no good by makinga duck and Indira Road were promptly bowled out for 174 in 48

"It was really disappointing. It was also unbecoming of a cricketer like Dulu (Talukder) to react so brutally to the comment of a young olayer. It looked like Abahani is gradually becoming a target of such mindless violent acts. You never know I might be the attacked the next day", said Abahani captain

The former national captain said that Talukder was unusually charged up during the match and protesting each and every decision that went against his team's interest.

dent 'sad' some Abahani officials decided to take the issue much beyond the boundary.

While Akram termed the inci-

"We have filed an FIR with Fatullah Police Station against Jahangir Talukder", said Abahani manager Quamruzzaman Litu. He also said that the injury to Neeyamur was big blow for his team. Neeyamur scored a fine 65 off 108 balls after Abahani lost both their openers for only two runs on

He also shared 66 runs with Akram Khan for the fourth wicket. Neeyamur also bowled well to finish with 36-1 in his ten overs.

Akram continued his rich vein of form with an unbeaten 61 off 59 balls. The experienced middleorder batsman struck three fours and a six in his 59-ball knock.

The victory took Abahani's tally to 44 points from 11 games. With one game of the first phase in hand Abahani now jointly share the second position with City Club and Mohammedan SC.

The defeat on the other hand left Indira Road with a must-win situa-tion against Bangladesh Biman in their last match to fancy their chances of a Super League berth.

In the other match of the day at

the BKSP in Saver, Orient SC recorded a comprehensive 63-run win against Kalabagan Krira Chakra.

Sent into bat, Orient scored 227 before being all out in 48 overs. Opener Masum struck 58 off 93 balls that included four boundaries and Mithu hammered a run-a-ball 42. Kalabagan, living in the dreaded relegation zone, were bundled out 164 in 47.5 overs.

## State of strength

Captain Tikolo, Maurice Odumbe and Thomas Odoyo and all very useful

India captain Ganguly, Sehwag and Yuvraj have chipped in wickets but on most occasions have not been required to help out a bowling attack which has been able to cope with most situations very admirably.

Kenya edge this category because of their star trio's outstanding statis-

#### Advantage: Kenya WICKETKEEPERS

Of all the pre-tournament mumbles surrounding the India squad, the loudest was that of the non-selection of an established wicketkeeper.

India chose two batsmen, Rahul Dravid and Yuvraj Singh, to fill in the

Dravid, who got the nod ahead of his younger counterpart because of previous experience in the role, has shown his nimble ability with the

Although his form with the bat suffered in earlier group matches, he

has grown in confidence. He has 12 catches to his name,

while his Kenya counterpart Kennedy Otieno Obuya has eight. The opener will be hoping to be fit

in time for Thursday's contest after picking up an injury as a result of a vicious delivery from Australia's Brett Lee brother David Obuya is in line to take over behind the stumps.

But, wherever they are, all Kenyan fans can feel very proud of Steve

**INDIA** (from): Saurav Ganguly (captain), Rahul Dravid, Virender

Sehwag, Sachin Tendulkar, Anil Kumble, Harbhajan Singh, Javagal

Srinath, Zaheer Khan, Ashish

Nehra, Dinesh Mongia, Parthiv Patel, Sanjay Bangar, Ajit Agarkar, Yuvraj Singh, Mohammad Kaif.

runs in Harare (India 255-7 in 50

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Feb 23: beat Namibia by 181 runs at

Pietermaritzburg (India 311-2 in 50

overs; S Tendulkar 152, S Ganguly 112

not out; and Namibia 130 in 42.3

**Feb 26:** beat England by 82 runs at Durban (India 250-9 in 50 overs; R

Dravid 62, S Tendulkar 50; and Eng-

land 168 in 45.3 overs; A Flintoff 64; A

Mar 1: beat Pakistan by six wickets

at Centurion (Pakistan 273-7 in 50

overs; S Anwar 101; and India 276-4 in

45.4 overs; STendulkar 98, YSingh 50)

Mar 7: beat Kenya by six wickets in

Cape Town (Kenya 225-6 in 50 overs;

K Otieno 79; and India 226-4 in 47.5

overs; S Ganguly 107 not out, Y Singh

Mar 10: beat Sri Lanka by 183 runs

in Johannesburg (India 292-6 in 50 overs; S Tendulkar 97, V Sehwag 66;

and Sri Lanka 109 in 23 overs; J Srinath

Mar 14: beat New Zealand by seven

wickets at Centurion (New Zealand

146 in 45.1 overs: Z Khan 4-42; and

India 150-3 in 40.4 overs; M Kaif 68 not

172 in 44.4 overs; SGanguly 3-22)

Advantage:India **FASTBOWLERS** 

Tikolo's boys in green.

LINE-UPS

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**INDIA** 

One of the biggest surprises of the

World Cup so far has been the brilliant

form shown by India's pace attack. Much of the build-up centred around the side's star-studded batting line-up, but they have been outshone by the likes of Javagal Srinath, Zaheer Khan and Ashish

All three bowlers have enjoyed the spotlight.

Who could forget Nehra's sixwicket haul against England, Khan's four for 42 against New Zealand and veteran Srinath's performance against Sri Lanka.

The medium-fast pace of Kenya's Martin Suji, along with the three aforementioned reliable all-rounders will need to be at the top of their game

#### against India's batting attack. Advantage:India

SPINNERS Kenya's Collins Obuya has the ability to steal the headlines if he performs

the way he has been this tournament. With 13 wickets already to his name, the bowler who took five wickets against Sri Lanka, is the second most prolific spinner in the competition behind Muttiah Muralitharan.

On the other hand India's Harbhajan Singh has found the going difficult at this World Cup.

The Turbanator has nine wickets to his name and has been expensive at

But as the saying goes form is temporary but class is permanent. Advantage: India.

KENYA (from): Steve Tikolo (captain), Maurice Odumbe, Asif Karim, Alpesh Vadher, Ravindu Shah, Hitesh Modi, Brijesh Patel, Martin Suji, Tony Suji, Thomas O d o y o ,

Kennedy Otieno, Joseph Angara, Peter Ongondo, David Obuya,

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Feb 21: awarded four ponits after

New Zealand refused to travel to

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Otieno 60: M Muralitharan 4-28: and

Sri Lanka 157 in 45 overs; C Obuya 5-

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Mar 7: lost to India by six wickets in

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K Otieno 79; and India 226-4 in 47.5

overs; S Ganguly 107 not out, Y Singh

Mar 12: beat Zimbabwe by seven

Mar 15: lost to Australia by five

wickets at Bloemfontein (Zimbabwe

133 in 44.1 overs; A Flower 63; and

wickets at Durban (Kenya 174-8 in 50

overs: S Tikolo 51: B Lee 3-14: and

Australia 178-5 in 31.2 overs; A

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35.5 overs; VDrakes 5-33)

Kenya 135-3 in 26 overs)

58 not out)

Feb 24: beat Sri Lanka by 53 runs in

Nairobi over security fears.

Collins Obuya.

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KENYA

India look past Kenya

ROAD TO SEMIS

## Ronaldo carries | Hail gentlemen | Why 'walk'? Real through



A rare header by Brazilian superstar Ronaldo sneaked holders Real Madrid into the Champions League quarter-finals as they beat Lokomotiv Moscow 1-0 in their Group C clash and recorded their first victory in the Russian capital in nine visits.

But for a dreadful miss by Lokomotiv's Brazilian midfielder Julio Cesar in the dying minutes it would have been farewell to the Spanish nine-time European champions and instead Germany's 1997 Champions League winners Borussia Dortmund would have progressed after their 1-0 victory over AC Milan in Milan. Milan However progressed as group

Instead Real remain on course to retain their title having finished a point ahead of Dortmund while Germany is left with no representative in the last eight for the first time

Group D's matches saw both sides that made the last eight, Manchester United and Juventus

United fielded a weakened side made up of raw youngsters and crusty veterans and paid the price going down 2-0 to Deportivo La Coruna while Juventus were beaten by surprise packages Basel, who came from a goal down to snatch a 2-1 victory with an injury-

While Juventus, Basel and Deportivo all finished level on points it was the Italians who progressed as Basel needed to beat them by four clear goals.



**RONALDO** 

## **Captain Latif**

lity of leading the team at this critical stage as I want to play a key role in the revival of the senior team," Latif said.

"It is a big honour for me and I will work closely with the new selection committee and team management to bring positive results for Pakistan.' This is the second time Latif has

Pakistan to Bangladesh, South Africa and Zimbabwe before being removed by the Board. In November, he announced his retirement from Test cricket and

been captain. In 1998, he led

indicated he would retire from one-day cricket after the World Cup. "I have decided against retiring now because this is a critical period for the team," he said.

"And I believe I can still play a vital role in the rebuilding process." Latif, who has played 34 Tests

and 149 one-dayers since his debut in 1992, was one of the few successes for Pakistan in the World Cup with his neat keeping and useful

The team for Sharjah is due to be announced by Friday and several new and young faces are expected in the side for the triangular tourna-

Former captain Miandad was coach twice between 1998 and 2001 before being forced to step down because of differences with senior

Miandad, 45, remains Pakistan's highest Test run maker and is a revered figure in Pakistan cricket.

Another former captain and opener, Aamir Sohail, will head the new selection committee of former Test players Saleem Yousaf, Shoaib Muhammad, Farukh Zaman and Shafiq Ahmed. Ahmed is the only member kept from the outgoing

## Getting scalps

However, his skipper Ricky Ponting scored a century and took

On Tuesday, in the semifinals, he did it again.

At 22 without loss in the fifth over, chasing a meagre 213 for victory in Port Elizabeth. Javasuriva's men had cause for optimism.

Lee then uprooted Marvan Atapattu's off stump with a 160.1kpm (99.48mph) thunderbolt, punching repeatedly at the floor in delight. "That started it off," said Ponting.

Lee kept Jayasuriya honest by peppering his ribcage and cracking him on the elbow, had Hashan Tillakaratne caught behind and then removed Avishka Gunawardene, fencing to the slips, as Sri Lanka collapsed to 45 for four.

Wicket to wicket, Lee took three for 17 in 24 balls, in the process equalling Shane Warne's Australian record of 20 wickets in a single

Lee hasn't just caused inroads, he has ripped the heart out of Australia's opponents. He removes specialist batsmen rather than picking up tail-enders on the cheap. Games look alive and then suddenly, a few halls and a few bemused batsmen later, they aren't. Australia recognise Lee's true

value, even if World Cup adjudicators have not. Lee took five for 30 in the second final of a tri-series event on home turf against England in January and was promptly named both man-of-the-match and manof-the-series. On Tuesday, he was pipped by

Andrew Symonds' excellent 91 not out, which gave Australia a total to

Ponting was delighted with Symonds' knock "he played beautifully, he has done so all tournament" but he had some praise for Lee as well before Sunday's final.

"The way Brett is bowling is outstanding. Let's hope he's got one more big game in him.

## From spinach to spin

he said.

Then former India bowler Balwinder Sandhu arrived to coach Kenya and taught him the basic grip before the under-19 World Cups in 1998 and 2000.

"I spoke to Shane Warne two years ago," Obuya added. "He told me how to hold the ball,

not to grip very tightly.' "I also went to Anil Kumble. He taught me to bowl a googly, how I

should come wide of the stumps. The softly spoken Obuya, who made his one-day debut in 2001 against West Indies, has taken 13 Cup wickets at 25.69 runs apiece. He also impressed in the upset win over Zimbabwe, with three for 32 off 10 overs.

Only 10 players have taken more wickets in the Cup. India's offspinner Harbhajan Singh has taken nine while his teammate Kumble has

It has been a sudden transformation. Before the tournament, Obuya's

career figures showed seven wickets in 16 games at 89.42. India have already had one look at him. He started well against them in the Super Sixes, conceding five runs in his first four overs and dismissing Rahul Dravid caught and bowled.

Although Saurav Ganguly counter-attack to regain the initiative, the India captain praised his young

Former India leg-spinner Laxman Sivaramakrishanan, in

South Africa as a television commen-

"If the right people guide him properly, he can become a very good bowler," he said.

"His control is excellent," he said "He now has to bring more varietv. He should also learn how to vary pace and length, especially when batsmen go after him.

Australia certainly went after Obuya, who has two brothers in the squad, on Saturday, hammering him for 62 off eight overs.

"I went for runs because of the attacking field. But I will get my line back before we face India," he said. Obuya said his most satisfying wicket was that of Sri Lanka left-

hander Kumar Sangakkara, caught

behind off a glove by his brother Kennedy Otieno. "The ball turned just so much," he said with a smile. Quips &

### "I love the job, I love the passion Half-done Lanka

FROM PAGE 16 Jayasuriya said he hoped

"Dav has been very good for the boys. We won the 1996 World Cup with him and we have done well again since he came back in 1999 "He has been doing a good job. He has been there for a long time.

"We have been grooming some

nately some of them did not perform well in this tournament.

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claimed he couldn't be certain that a catch off Steve Waugh was clean or not in the fourth Testin Melbourne.

The Australian skipper, who had made 56 at the time, edged Andrew Caddick who appealed for the dis-

But Butcher said he wasn't certain as he took the ball near the ground. He shook the hand of Waugh who batted on to make 77 as the Aussies eventually went on to win by five wickets.

"It showed good sportsmanship and how the game should be played," saidAustralian batsman Justin Langer.

England found themselves the beneficiaries of a gesture of Test match sportsmanship in Bombay in 1980 when Bob Taylor made his way to the pavilion thinking he was out, caught

However, he was called back by Indian captain Gundappa Viswanath and Taylor seized his chance by building a match-winning partnership with It's not just in cricket where unexpected generosity has been

applauded. At the Australian Open in 2001, Swedish tennis player Magnus Norman handed victory to French player Sebastien Grosjean by ignoring "let" on match point in their fourth roundmatch.

The gesture by Norman gave Grosjean a place in the quarterfinals.

### Time is Wright

mated side. Like us they've grown in confidence during the tournament."

"This next match is a very impor-tant match for us. Motivation will take care of itself. You shouldn't need

### Symonds shows

FROM PAGE 16 own bat.

"I knew he had that in him and everyone who has ever played with him knew he had it in him and it is now coming out at vital times," Ponting

"If you look at his numbers they are very good, but more importantly is the way he has gone about his cricket since he has been out here. "He has been good, positive and

the field and he is just a lot more confi-"That success in the first game against Pakistan (when he made 143 not out) makes it easier but he is more of a thinking cricketer than maybe he

Symonds said hard work and belief had been the keys to his turnaround in form during the tournament.

"Ithas probably been practice and a

lot of assistance from the team and peoplewithin the side," he said. "I am believing in myself and after

ashigh as it ever has been. "I am also now trusting myself to go out every time to produce the same

Sports on war

warwentahead Thursday. "Washington is probably the safest place over the next weeks," said Leslie Gianelli co-president of the organis-ing committee. "We worked with district and federal authorities to

Series event in Miami starting Wednesday and others that follow in Europe and the United States next month could become targets of errorism, a fact which worries play-

The 12-day WTA and ATP Masters

much we can do about it. We have to ATP and WTA players go to Estoril, Portugal, in early April. The men's tour has events in Monte Carlo and Barcelona. The women have events in Casablanca and Budapest but also three US tournaments after Miami.

Meanwhile French sports minister Iean-Francois Lamour announced the setting up of a "lookout cell" to oversee the security of their athletes

Sri Lanka skipper Sanath Jayasuriya added: "We thought it was out...and he walked off. We were very pleased but he would have felt it (the edge)."

De Silva also walked after edging a catch against Zimbabwe on Saturday.

It was Australia, under Ian Chappell in the mid-1970s, who were widely credited with starting the trend of not walking, even when the batsman knew he was

Chappell's attitude was that it was the umpire's job to make the decision. While other sports, such as golf

and snooker, commonly see competitors call fouls against themselves, cricket has slipped down that fair-play scale. However, the Australian Sports Commission (ASC) said Gilchrist

should be applauded for his deci-"Such behaviour is vital for the very integrity of sport and our sporting system," ASC chief execu-tive Mark Peters said in a state-

The Government-funded ASC administers grants to peak sport-

ing bodies in Australia. Australia's success in sports

such as rugby union, rugby league, cricket and tennis has come at a price with some critics saying the ruthless approach of some of the country's top sportsmen has lacked a sense of fair play.

"I'm sure many of us have witnessed examples of poor behaviour on and off the sporting field, by players and spectators," Peters

"The personal values and social

and behavioural skills once ...learned through participation in sport have become less com-

"I've stood there before and not

walked, but maybe that's just

where I think my career should head," Gilchrist told Sydney radio on Wednesday. "Hopefully maybe it can have

an impact on cricket." The Age newspaper also called Gilchrist's act "a display of honesty rarely seen on international cricket

"This was a refreshing gesture from a quality player after the game reached new lows in Australia over recent summers, with batsmen who have clearly been caught hanging around for mostly incon clusive replays viewed by the third umpire," The Australian newspa-

have been away from home for far

too long, so I think it's high time I

spent a little bit of time at home

with my family and concentrated

on whatever the second phase of

who was born in Colombo but

played seven Tests for Australia.

said inconsistent batting form had

cost Sri Lanka the chance to emu-

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order batsmen didn't give us the

have done a bit better in, they were

a bit naughty at times. The bowlers

runs we needed," Whatmore said.

"From time to time in the tour-

"That was the area we could

With the next World Cup sched-

uled for 2007 in the West Indies, Sri

Lanka has time to develop a team

capable of winning cricket's pre-

batsman who needs replacing.

De Silva may not be the only

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Sri Lanka coach Dav Whatmore,

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### **De Silva**

experience.'

conference.

Jayawardene, who has the second-highest Test average of the current Sri Lankan team, made 21 runs in seven World Cup innings. Arnold, whose career average in one-day cricket is 36.32, totalled 92 in 10 innings.

De Silva scored 267 runs in his fifth World Cup, including a highest score of 92 against Australia in the Super Sixes.

In his last innings at Port

Elizabeth, the right-hander was run out for 11 as Australia won the rain-affected match by 48 runs. "I was hoping it wouldn't be my last match," De Silva told a news

"It's pretty sad that after doing the hard work we didn't apply ourselves with our batting. It was a good total for us to chase and we should have made it.'

De Silva made his debut against

England at Lord's in August 1984, playing against the likes of Ian

Botham and David Gower. Team

mate Muttiah Muralitharan would have been 12 at the time. De Silva, who also had success-

ful stints with Kent and Auckland, announced his Test retirement in

### some of them didn't perform but "It's been a long career and I

FROM PAGE 13 Norld Cup and India looking for their first World Cup final since winning the title in 1983, are firm favourites to meet defending

champions Australia in Sunday's

final at the Wanderers.

But Ganguly said: "Kenya have surprised a few teams in this tournament. They have played well. You don't just wake up and get to a World Cup semifinal.

He added that despite the expectations on India's sĥoulders. the East Africans would be nervous "They want to go to the final.

They don't want to go home." Ganguly confirmed that India would stand by the team that had got them to the last four, meaning leg-spinner Anil Kumble would once again be sidelined.

Australia's semifinal win over

Sri Lanka was ultimately decided by the Duckworth-Lewis method after rain cut short Tuesday's match in Port Elizabeth. Durban has also had rain during

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the past two days and Ganguly admitted the weather could still have a vital role to play. "We need to keep an eye on the Marvan Atapattu 32 and captain Sanath Jayasuriya 33. "We have been grooming some youngsters for the future," Jayasuriya said. "Unfortunately,

Saurav staying put team beat England by 82 runs

> under the Kingsmead lights in a group match last month. Ganguly added it would be the coaching staff's job to monitor the Duckworth-Lewis situation. India's newly-formed pace trio

> of Javagal Srinath, Zaheer Khan

and Ashish Nehra have taken 43

wickets between them at the World Cup, with Nehra claiming six for 23 under the Kingsmead lights against England. But Ganguly said the pitch would assist India's quicks whatever the result of the toss. "It's a

hard wicket, with pace and bounce

and that will be good for our seam-

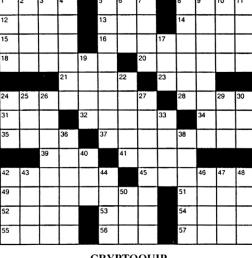
Australia, who beat India by

nine wickets in a group match, have yet to lose a match at this However, Ganguly said Ricky Ponting's men would still be tense

"Australia are a good side. Whoever gets there will have to play good cricket to beat them.

on Sunday.

"But there will be pressure on both sides. They are the reigning champions and want to defend their title. The World Cup final has to be a pressure game.'



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Quotes innings of 91 against Sri Lanka.

Whatmore will continue.

"But we have some talent in the side and when we go into the middle we have to fight hard."

youngsters since 1999 but unfortu-

'The Kenyans are an underesti-

And he insisted there was no danger of his players not being up for

#### "For all of us, it's one of the biggest games of our careers."

has worked on all aspects of his game, batting, both forms of bowling and in

was in the past and I could not be happierwithhim,"

ensure the safety of skaters."

"I have the same concerns as anyone," said world number one LLeyton Hewitt of Australia. "But as professional athletes, there is not

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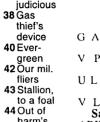
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