Khulna cricket

FROM STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Abahani Krira Chakra and Ekota Boys' Club will play in the opening match of eighth Siraj Smiriti DSA Cup Cricket Tournament at the Khulna Stadium today.

Arab Bangladesh Bank Limited are sponsoring the league.

This year 16 teams are taking part in the tournament. Eight teams qualified from the Premier League.

Pioneer football

BSS, *Dhaka*

Surja Sena Sporting Club blanked Murapara Krira Chakra 3-0 in the HH Textile Pioneer Football League at Mirpur Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium yesterday.

Mona struck a hattrick for the winners.

Earlier, Gazipur Eleven and Maghbazar Krira Chakra drew goalless.

Guyana almost shock Aussies

REUTERS, *Georgetown*

Australia survived a scare to force a draw in their opening tour match in West Indies on Monday.

The Guyana Board President's XI almost stole an unlikely victory after being set a daunting target of 442 on the third and final day, finishing just 40 runs short on 402 for six.

Number three batsman Narsingh Deonarine (141 not out) and wicketkeeper Carlton Baugh (115 not out) both scored unbeaten centuries for the Guyana XI.

Deonarine hit 20 fours and a six while Baugh, who is in the West Indies squad for the first Test in Bourda, Guyana starting on Thursday, struck 17 fours and three sixes.

The pair shared an unbroken seventh-wicket stand of 222 in just 140 minutes after left-arm spinner Brad Hogg had grabbed five early wickets to reduce the home team to 180 for six.

Australia were earlier dismissed for 196 in their second innings after resuming at 180 for eight. Martin Love top-scored with 59 in a reshuffled batting order.

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1. Who was the man-of-the tournament in the Cricket World Cup?
Tendulkar | Ganguly | Lee

2. Who was the man-of-the-match in the World Cup final?
Ponting | Bichel | McGrath

3. What was the lowest score in the World Cup?
36 | 40 | 43

4. What was the highest score in the World Cup?
359 | 345 | 394

5. What was the total number of wickets taken by a bowler in the World Cup?
23 | 22 | 21

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Zimbabwe zap Lanka

Cricket

AFP, *Sharjah*

Zimbabwe qualified for the Sharjah Cup final against Pakistan after pulling off a tense four-wicket win over Sri Lanka here on Monday.

The Africans shot out Sri Lanka for 193 and then rode on Grant Flower's unbeaten 61 to survive anxious moments and secure victory with eight deliveries to spare.

Zimbabwe ended the league with two wins and now await Pakistan in Thursday's final of the four-nation event.

Pakistan, who play Kenya in the last league match on Tuesday, also have two wins. Sri Lanka finished with one victory while Kenya have lost both their matches so far.

Zimbabwe's upset win over the World Cup semifinalists was set up by Andy Blignaut and captain Heath Streak, who grabbed three wickets each in the first session to bowl out Sri Lanka for a modest score.

Sri Lanka never settled down after captain Sanath Jayasuriya, who won the toss, lasted only two deliveries in his 300th one-dayer before being bowled by Streak.

This may have been Jayasuriya's last match as captain since he has indicated he may step down for the upcoming home series against New Zealand later this month.

Kumar Sangakkara, who hit centuries in the first two matches, made 25 before he was dismissed by left-arm spinner Raymond Price.

Hashan Tillekeratne top-scored with 31 as Avishka Gunawardena (24), Marvan Atapattu (29) and Kaushal Lokuarchchi (28) failed to build on good starts.

Dion Ebrahim led Zimbabwe's spirited display in the field with two splendid catches to dismiss Gunawardena and Lokuarchchi.

Zimbabwe also got off to a poor start as Craig Wishart left alone an in-swinger from Prabath Nissanka and was bowled for 14 to make it 36-1.

Douglas Marillier cracked 32 off 38 balls and Gavin Rennie made 26, before both batsmen fell to spinners as Zimbabwe reached 103-3 by the half-way stage of the innings.

Jayasuriya rotated his four spinners, led by Muttiah Muralitharan, in a bid to break the rest of the batting, but Flower and Tatenda Taibu held firm.

The pair put on 55 for the fourth wicket when Taibu was caught behind off Kumara Dharmasena for 31.

Zimbabwe lost three wickets for nine runs as Lokuarchchi got rid of Sean Ervine and Dion Ebrahim, but Flower secured the remaining runs in the company of Streak, who made 19 not out.

"We just did not have enough runs on the board to put pressure on Zimbabwe," Jayasuriya said.

"I am very disappointed because we were very keen to win the tournament after losing in the semifinals of the World Cup."

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the Sharjah Cup one-day international between Sri Lanka and Zimbabwe on Monday:

SRI LANKA: 193 all out in 49.1 overs (H Tillekeratne 31; A Blignaut 3-33, H Streak 3-36)

ZIMBABWE

Wishart b Nissanka	14
Marillier c Tillekeratne b Muralitharan	32
Rennie c Jayawardena b Lokuarchchi	26
Flower not out	61
Taibu c Jayawardena b Dharmasena	31
Ervine b Lokuarchchi	0
Ebrahim lbw b Lokuarchchi	1
Streak not out	19
Extras: (w-6, nb-4)	10
Total: (For 6 wkts in 48.4 overs)	194

Fall of wickets: 1-36, 2-69, 3-103, 4-158, 5-165, 6-167

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Buddhika	2	0	20	0
Nissanka	6.4	0	40	1
Dharmasena	10	0	33	1
Muralitharan	10	3	27	1
Lokuarchchi	10	2	37	3
Jayasuriya	10	1	37	0

Result: Zimbabwe won by four wickets.
Man-of-the-match: Grant Flower.
Toss: Sri Lanka.
Umpires: Billy Doctrove (West Indies) and Avi Jayaprakash (India).

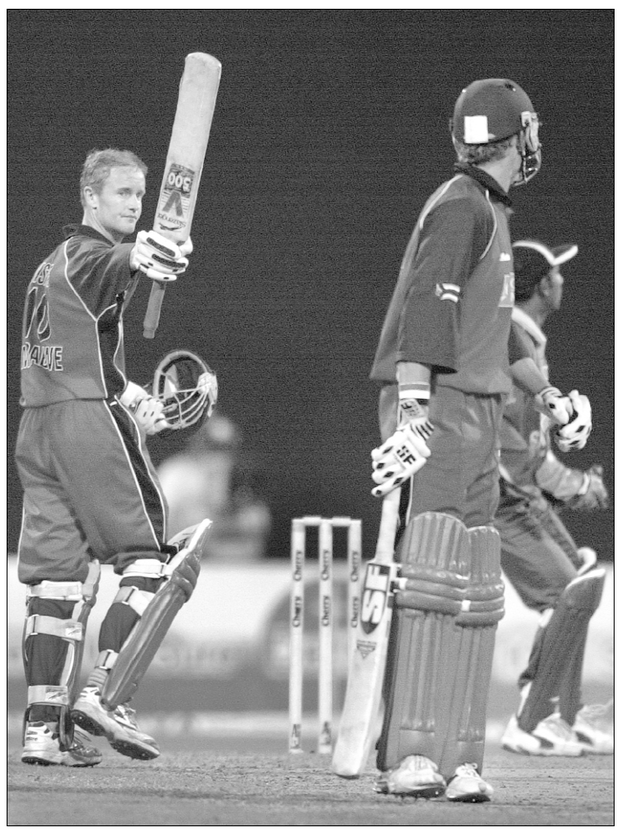


PHOTO: AFP

MAN-OF-THE-MATCH: Zimbabwe's Grant Flower (L) salutes the crowd after reaching his half-century against Sri Lanka in the Sharjah Cup on April 7.

Fergie raises UEFA's eyebrows

AFP, *Madrid*

European football's governing body UEFA have opened investigations into Manchester United manager Alex Ferguson's damning comments on the Champions League draw.

Ferguson, whose side was drawn against nine-times champions Real Madrid in Tuesday's quarter-finals, claimed the quarter-finals were rigged so that Spanish teams avoided Italian sides.

And even though he has apologised, UEFA could still punish him.

"With his remarks Sir Alex cast doubt upon the integrity of the draw for the quarter-finals," UEFA said in a statement.

UEFA disciplinary regulationsstate that member associations, players, officials and members should conduct themselves according to the principle of loyalty, integrity and sportsmanship.

And Ferguson had breached these principles by bringing UEFA into disrepute.

The case will be dealt with by the UEFA Control and Disciplinary Body on May 1.

When the draw was made, Ferguson said: "Real Madrid - they have a nice draw, they must have picked it themselves.

"The Spanish or Italian teams don't play each other, how do you think they work that out? They don't want us in the final, that's for sure."

However, he was sent a letter by UEFA confirming there was no conspiracy against the Old Trafford club and he was forced to concede: "I have been assured by UEFA that the draw was fair.

"I take their word for it, so I was wrong to say what I did."

Lippi Juve's up to 2005

AFP, *Rome*

Juventus coach Marcello Lippi said Tuesday he had extended his contract with the Italian league leaders to 2005.

Lippi, 55 on Friday, also has an option for another year. Press reports said he would earn two million euros (2.2 million dollars) a year.

"It was only a question of settling the details," he said.

If Lippi stays until 2006 he will have been 10 years at Juventus and the club is on course to win its fifth league title under him.

Carlos suspended

Football

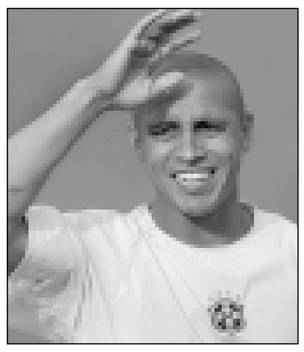
AFP, *Zurich*

Brazil and Real Madrid left back Roberto Carlos has been suspended from national team matches after he was accused of attacking the referee during Brazil's friendly in Portugal ten days ago, FIFA said on Monday.

World football's governing body said the provisional suspension from all matches with Brazil would be effective at least until the next meeting of FIFA's disciplinary committee, which has yet to be scheduled.

FIFA said referee Alon Yefet had reported that he sent off the Brazilian player after he had intentionally pushed him during Portugal's 2-1 win in Porto on March 29.

The report prompted a rare use of international disciplinary code which allows FIFA to intervene in serious cases during friendlies.



ROBERTO CARLOS

"Any attack on a referee is to be regarded as a serious matter," FIFA said in a statement.

"The chairman of the FIFA Disciplinary Committee, Marcel Mathier, can, in emergencies, pronounce a provisional sanction in cases in which it is likely that an offence was committed," it added.

"As the documents submitted to FIFA confirm the inappropriate behaviour of Roberto Carlos, Mr Mathier has decided to provisionally suspend him from all Brazilian national team matches - whether friendly or competitive - until the FIFA Disciplinary Committee can pass an official decision in this regard."

Roberto Carlos can lodge an appeal against the decision before midnight on Wednesday.

Premiership

Sukur punch sinks Fulham

Football

AFP, *London*

Turkey forward Hakan Sukur opened his Blackburn account with a pair of well-taken goals as Rovers beat Fulham 4-0 in their English Premiership match at Loftus Road here on Monday.

David Dunn netted from the penalty spot and Damien Duff scored from open play as the visitors made the most of their chances.

It was harsh on Fulham - who know that manager Jean Tigana will not have his contract renewed at the end of the season - after they dominated possession in the early stages.

The result saw Blackburn stay seventh but close the gap on the top six to just three points as they continued their quest for a UEFA Cup place.

Fulham remained 13th with the relegation zone a mere seven points away.

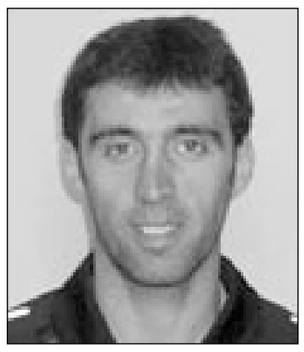
Rovers boss Graeme Souness, who worked with Sukur at Turkish giants Galatasaray, told Sky Sports the goals proved the striker's class.

"He's capable of scoring any type of goal. He's also got the ability to be aware of what's going on around him."

In December, Sukur broke his leg in a training ground accident, and Souness added the striker was not yet back to his best after undergoing a double operation and a two-month spell on the sidelines.

"It will only be in the last three or four games of the season, you'll see the real Hakan Sukur."

Blackburn were gifted the lead when Lee Clarke handled a cross in the penalty area, with Dunn sending Fulham keeper Maik Taylor the wrong way with the resultant spot-kick.



HAKAN SUKUR

Blackburn, 1-0 up in the 37th minute, doubled their lead within five minutes. Lucas Neill's cross found Sukur who showed his international class by losing his man and sliding the ball under the advancing Taylor.

Immediately after scoring his first Rovers goal, in his fourth appearance, Sukur ran to the touchline and embraced Souness who kept faith with him following his injury

It was the ideal way for Blackburn to end a first half in which their other Turkey star, Tugay, was booed by the home fans every time he touched the ball.

That followed claims the midfielder had issued death threats to England players David Beckham and Rio Ferdinand following Turkey's 2-0 Euro 2004 qualifying defeat at the Stadium of Light on Wednesday - accusations Tugay denied.

In the second half Blackburn killed off thoughts of a Fulham revival with two goals in the space of barely a minute.

From Andy Cole's pass, Republic of Ireland winger Duff's left-foot shot squirmed under Taylor's body - a 53rd-minute strike the Northern Ireland international should have saved.

And just as Fulham were coming to terms with going 3-0 down, Sukur struck again.

He mesmerised the Fulham defence and then cleverly faked what looked like a right-foot shot to leave Taylor flat on his backside before calmly sliding the ball home with his left into the unguarded net.

In the match programme Tigana, for the first time, commented publicly on his departure. "I'm sad I won't be at Fulham next season," he wrote.

"It's a difficult situation but one I have to accept. That's football."

Batting Mahmud's

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to get runs. And if we were to do well in the tournament they would have to score. Besides, our prime target would be to play the full 50 overs which we could not do in the World Cup," said Mahmud.

Coach Sarwar Imran, who took over from Pakistan's Mohsin Kamal, also expressed his concern over his top-order batsmen.

"Our players are having problems facing the new ball. Some looked mentally blocked and the others lack proper technique. I'm working hard to make them understand that they should play with a straight bat especially when the ball is new", said Imran.

Mahmud's men will face their ultimate task however in the two Test series against South Africa immediately after the one-day competition ends on April 20.

King won't

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He discussed the job offer with his family before reaching his decision.

Sutherland added that the ACB had not put any pressure on King, nor had it offered him any inducements to stay.

King works in Adelaide with the academy but his wife and three school-aged children live in Brisbane.

King was angered and embarrassed last week when the WICB announced that the job was his and the media had been informed.

He said that no official appointment offer had been made and no terms and conditions had been agreed with him.

Tickets go on sale

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RATE OF TICKETS

First Round matches (BD v SA/Ind) Gallery/Enclosure	Tk
VIP	600
Executive	400
Club House (west)	300
Club House (east)	250
Intl Galley (west)	150
Intl Gallery (east)	100
Western Gallery	40
Eastern Gallery	30
First Round Matches (SA-Ind) Gallery/Enclosure	Tk
VIP	750
Executive	500
Club House (west)	400
Club House (east)	350
Intl Galley (west)	200
Intl Gallery (east)	150
Western Gallery	50
Eastern Gallery	40
Final Gallery/Enclosure	Tk
VIP	1,000
Executive	600
Club House (west)	500
Club House (east)	400
Intl Galley (west)	300
Intl Gallery (east)	250
Western Gallery	60
Eastern Gallery	50

No Hooper

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All-rounder Hooper, 36, has played 102 Tests for West Indies with a batting average of 36.46 and 49.42 with the ball.

He took over as skipper when Lara stepped down three years ago after West Indies were white-washed on a tour of New Zealand.

Make Hollioake captain

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anyone who would turn down the chance to captain England. It's the ultimate job and I would jump at it," he told the Mail on Sunday.

"Ben's passing has made me a better person and a better player. When Ben went, I suddenly realised that getting a duck was not that important in the grand scale of life.

"I have a fearless attitude where the opposition finds it difficult to read my intentions. If the ball is there to be hit, I flog it.

"It's not suicidal: it's a calculating approach and hugely rewarding, allowing me to play with more freedom.

"I am more compassionate, less selfish and I value players' opinions more than perhaps I did. Above all, I want a chance to have some influence on a bright new era for English cricket."

Hollioake, 31, lost the England one-day captaincy early in 1999 when the selectors decided against having separate captains for one-dayers and Tests.

And he missed the cut for the World Cup squad despite being called up for the triangular series in Australia.

But during the tournament in South Africa Australia's Darren Lehmann told the BBC Sport website he believed Hollioake was the best man for the job.

"I think they should go for Hollioake because I believe he is the best captain by far in English county cricket," he said.

"The selectors may think the time is right to go for one of the youngsters in the side, say Michael Vaughan, but if they were looking for somebody who has a bit of experience then they must consider Hollioake."

Surrey coach Keith Medlycott has also revealed he favours Hollioake for the crucial role.

Old foes

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as inspirational in the 2000-1 home series, averaging 69.8.

Lara's time came in 1999 when he scored 213 in the second Test in Kingston against Australia, followed by 153 not out in Barbados and 100 in the fourth Test. Within a year, however, he had resigned as captain after failing to arrest his team's decline.

"In retrospect, I think it was a good decision...and now it's a big challenge," he said. "I've had two years of introspection, two years of looking and seeing where I've gone wrong, where I can play a part in West Indies cricket.

"I see my responsibilities and I want to play a part."

Despite Australia's problems strike bowler Jason Gillespie is also just back in the side after being forced out of the World Cup with a heel problem they will start as favourites.

Brad Hogg, so impressive in South Africa, seems certain to continue filling Warne's shoes after his nine wickets for 135 against Guyana, while fast bowler Brad Williams will hope for his Test debut.

West Indies' glory days date back to the late 70s through to the early 90s when they beat Australia in seven series out of eight and drew the other but the Australians have turned the tables in recent series, winning three with Lara securing a 2-2 stalemate in the fourth.

The last time West Indies triumphed, Curtly Ambrose and Ian Bishop were bowling at the likes of Allan Border.

Lara may dream of victory, but his first aim will be to avoid a repeat of the last series in 2000-1, when Australia won 5-0 the first whitewash between the teams in 20 series and 70 years since their first meeting.

McGrath to play

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said ACB general manager Michael Brown had a telephone conversation on Monday with McGrath, who said he accompanied his wife to a cancer specialist in Sydney on Friday.

"Jane has seen the specialist and the news is good," O'Beirne said on Monday.

"The visit brought a good prognosis and she will have radiation therapy which is expected to treat her condition.

"As far as the McGraths are concerned it is great news."

Pakistan's late

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Rana c D Obuya b Odoyo	13
Sami not out	12
Kaneria not out	0
Extras: (lb-2, w-7, nb-2)	11
Total: (For eight wickets in 50 overs)	286

Fall of wickets: 1-45, 2-63, 3-102, 4-129, 5-150, 6-222, 7-265, 8-280

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Odoyo	10	1	42	1
Ongondo	9	0	57	2
Angara	8	0	52	1
C Obuya	9	0	56	1
Odumbe	6	0	35	0
Tikolo	8	0	42	3

KENYA: Steve Tikolo, Hitesh Modi, Thomas Odoyo, Kennedy Otieno, Collins Obuya, Peter Ongondo, Joseph Angara, Jimmy Kamande, David Obuya, Brijal Patel, Maurice Odumbe.

Toss: Pakistan

Umpires: Kevan Barbour (Zimbabwe) and Avi Jayaprakash (India)

All set for TVS

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Bangabandhu National Stadium on May 1.

All three teams have undergone minor or major changes since last month's World Cup in South Africa.

India, the losing finalists, will be missing five of their regular players who are either resting or nursing injuries.

Among the notable absentees include master batsman Sachin Tendulkar. Vice-captain Rahul Dravid, pacemen Javagal Srinath, Ashish Nehra and leg-spinner Anil Kumble are the other senior members who will be missing the Dhaka tournament.

Coach John Wright, who recently lost his father, will also not be accompanying the team.

Former Test cricketer Ashok Malhotra has been appointed to fill his shoes until the New Zealander returns.

The South Africans are coming here without injured ace all-rounder Jacques Kallis. Besides, the South Africa board removed Shaun Pollock from the captaincy after the World Cup.

Bangladesh also have named a new captain in Khaled Mahmud. Besides, the selectors have also dropped three top-order batsmen Al-Shahriar, Hannan Sarkar and Ehsanul Haque from the squad.

Coach Mohsin Kamal has also been sacked and the Bangladesh Cricket Board has appointed Sarwar Imran as a makeshift coach.

Meanwhile, the gate, security, law and order committee for the tournament reviewed the security measures for the event.

Faiazur Rahman, the member secretary of the committee, said yesterday that they are planning to deploy mobile vigilance teams to prevent any untoward incidents happening during matches.

Everton bow to SARS

Football

AFP, *London*

Everton said Monday they were withdrawing from a post-season football tournament in China because of concerns over Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS).

The pneumonia-like virus emerged in southern China and has killed 81 people worldwide, according to the World Health Organisation, which has advised people not to travel to Hong Kong or southern China.

Everton spokesman Ian Ross told the club's official website, www.evertonfc.tv: "Sadly, we have to announce that the club's proposed trip to China has this morning been cancelled.

"The simple truth is that we could not take the risk of exposing anyone - be they players, officials or supporters - to the possibility of infection by the Sars virus.

"We have taken expert advice on a daily basis over the past fortnight and we have now been advised not to travel to the Far East at this point in time.

"The club doctor has spoken at length with the relevant authorities both in the United Kingdom and in China.

"There is an understandable degree of disappointment inside the club because this particular trip had been long in the planning and was eagerly anticipated.

"However, our first responsibility is to our supporters and to our players - we just cannot compromise where safety is concerned.

"It is bitterly disappointing but the health of those who work for this club and who play football for this club must come first."

Everton, who are sponsored by a Chinese telecommunications company, were due to travel to play two matches in May at the Shenzen stadium against Chinese first division sides Shenzen and Shandong.

The tournament is also due to feature Aston Villa but Everton's English Premiership rivals have yet to say if they will still be participating.

U-23 booters off to Yangon

BSS, *Dhaka*

A 23-member national under-23 football team leaves for Yangon today to take part in a preliminary round match for next year's Olympic Games in Athens.

Bangladesh play their away match against Myanmar on April 12, while the home leg will be held on April 19.

The players are: Biplab Bhattacharja, Mohammad Sujon, Arif Khan Joy, Mohammad Arman, Mahmudul Hasan, Saifur Rahman Moni, Rokonuzzaman Kanchan, Mostofa Anwar Parvez, Rajani Kanta Barman, Firoze Mahmud Titu, Monwar Hossain, Faisal Mahmud, Titumir Chowdhury, Mehedi Hasan Ujjal, Papel Mahmud, Shamsher Alam, Azmal Hossain Bidyut and Khokon Das.

Team leader -- Abul Kalam Mohammad Zaki, manager -- Mohammad Shafiquzzaman, assistant manager -- Amirul Islam Babu, coach -- Shafiqul Islam Manik and team doctor -- Moshiur Rahman.

CROSSWORD *By Eugene Sheffer*

ACROSS
1 New Zealander
5 Drunkard
8 Bath powder
12 State with conviction
13 Chatter
14 Met melody
15 Convince
17 Not as much
18 Remnant
19 Two, in Tijuana
20 Emulate Bonnie Blair
21 Massachusetts cape
22 Cone producer
23 Menotti lad
26 Pouch-cheeked monkey
30 "David Copperfield" wife
31 Hockey team
32 — mater
33 Fanatical
35 Huge
36 Pond carp
37 In addition
38 Direction
41 Chest protector?
42 Clear the tables
45 Bear in the air
46 "Goo goo," e.g.
48 Spool
49 Spoon-bender Geller
50 Skin condition
51 Dinner tool
52 Earl Grey, for one
53 Dissolve

DOWN
1 Actress Hudson
2 Terrible guy?
3 Join with heat
4 Annoy
5 Church council
6 Feed-bag fill
7 Ring letters
8 Limbaugh's medium
9 Neighborhood
10 Roster
11 Docket entry
16 Pedestal occupant
20 [Uncorrected]
21 Locker room lecture
22 Send instantly
23 Wood-shaping tool
24 A Stooge
25 Coach Parseghian
26 Wrong (Pref.)
27 Sine-non link
28 Coffee maker
29 Dine
31 — generis
34 "Aah!"
35 Elapse
37 Leg bone
38 Go from Web site to Web site
39 Kind of cookie
40 Addict
41 Unembellished
42 "Art of the Fugue" composer
43 Radius' neighbor
44 Distort
46 "On the other hand ..."
47 Make lace

Solution time: 21 mins.

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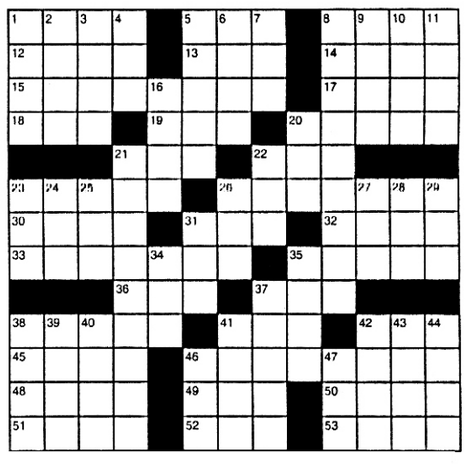

CRYPTOQUIP

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: IF A SHORT PSYCHIC ESCAPED PRISON, THEY'D GO HUNTING FOR A SMALL MEDIUM AT LARGE.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: I equals C

The Cryptoquip 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.