

Aussies one up in one-day series

Dodemaide justifies recall

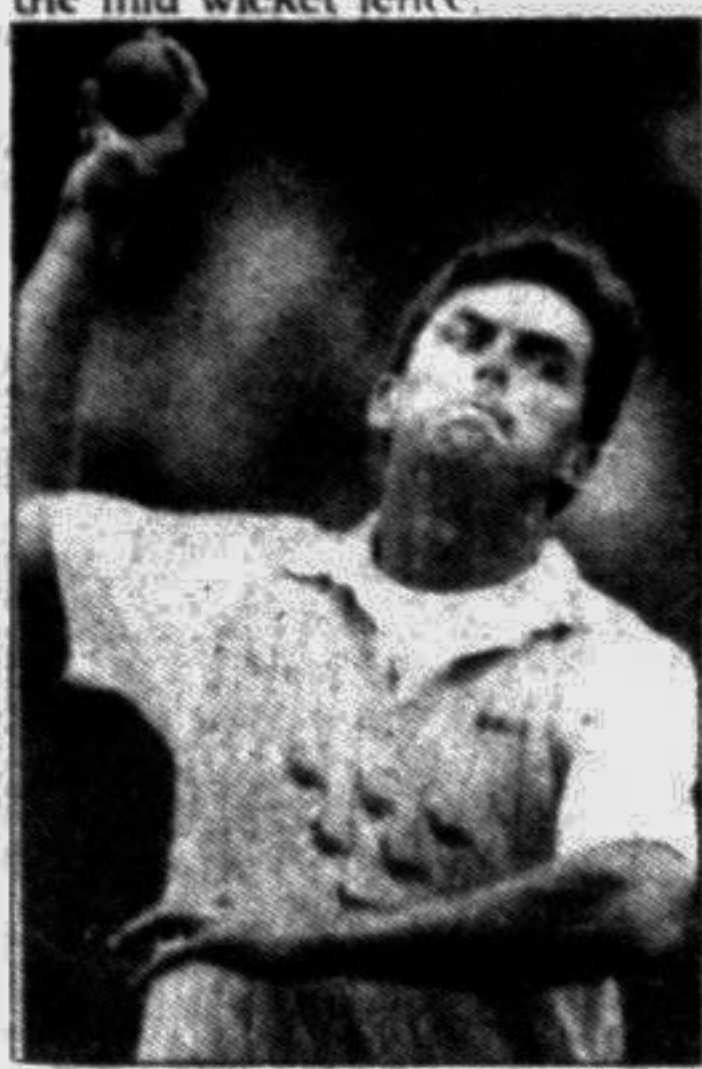


DUNEDIN, New Zealand, Mar 19: Australia comprehensively defeated New Zealand by 129 runs here today in the first of five one-day international cricket matches, reports AFP.

In chilly conditions Australia, sent in to bat, thrashed New Zealand bowlers to complete 50 overs with 258 for four.

In one of the most inept turns at Baseen in recent years New Zealand could only manage 129. Some dignity was retained by a record 10th-wicket stand by New Zealand when bowlers Willy Watson and Danny Morrison on 32 runs provided moments of entertainment. For both, Watson 21 and Morrison 20, it was their best ever one day turns at bat.

The day's bowling highlight was provided by Tony Dodemaide who was recalled to the Australian side following the Test series. He ended the day with figures of 20 for four, including taking a wicket with his first ball of the match.



TONY DODEMAIDE ... 4 for 20

However, he miscued the next ball and Greatbatch ran in from the covers to take a diving catch.

Jones had batted 73 minutes, faced 55 balls and hit two sixes and two fours, adding 104 with Taylor for the second wicket.

In the next over, new batsman Steve Waugh sent Taylor back, but Crowe ran in and hit the stumps with his throw to the bowler's end. Left hander Taylor had batted 122 minutes, faced 154 balls for his 78, hitting three sixes and five fours in a fine performance.

one and New Zealand were 2-2. In the fourth over Crowe slipped a Dodemaide ball to Ian Healy. Umpire Chris King did not bring up the finger, but Crowe walked anyway. Healy was seen to say to Crowe: "Thanks mate."

It was a procession of batsmen after that, with Dodemaide taking Ken Rutherford for 21 and Tony Blain for nought, both in the 10th over. By that point the outcome was inevitable but the crowd of 14,000 stayed on for the last rites.

This came with an amusing last wicket stand which saw Watson get his first ever six in first class cricket.

SCOREBOARD

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Result: Australia won by 129 runs.

Div II cricket Sports Reporter

A fine all-round performance from Debu of Gandaria Cricketers went in vain when his team suffered a 38-run defeat at the hands of Bangladesh Boys Club in the last match of the Second Division cricket super league at the Mirpur Pallabi ground yesterday.

The result left Bangladesh Boys at par with Wanderers Club and Ajax Sports Club, who all have collected six points from four super league matches in Group X.

A play-off series among the three top teams begins today with the top finishers earning promotion to the Milnars First Division league next season.

The Group X championship will be also decided through a play-off match today between Nirman Schools XI and Shantinagar Club B, both of whom have earned six points each from four group league matches.

Yesterday, sent in to bat, Bangladesh Boys amassed a massive 232 for the loss of nine wickets in the stipulated 40 overs, thanks to a brilliant 121-run partnership for the fourth wicket between Nasim and Sumit.

Nasim went great guns with the bat scoring almost a run-a-ball 85 with the help of 10 boundaries while Sumit made a 71-ball 61 an innings inclusive of nine hits across the fence.

Mukul claimed four wickets conceding 32 runs from six overs while Debu bagged three for 24 from eight overs.

Gandaria Cricketers were all out for 194 in 40 overs with Debu topscoring with 52 from 74 balls, a knock that included seven hits across the fence and one over.

Monti made a 46-ball 34 and Rashid 30 from 44 balls while Rafiq remained unconquered on 14.

Tushar and Vjral evenly shared four wickets between them while Bikash, Naim and Sumit took a wicket each for Bangladesh Boys.

PLAY-OFFS FIXTURE Following is the fixture of the play-off matches: Mar 20: Nirman XI vs Shantinagar B (DCS)

Mar 20: Wanderers vs Ajax (Mirpur Pallabi)

Mar 21: Wanderers vs BD Boys (do)

Mar 22: Ajax vs BD Boys (do)

Mar 23: Wanderers vs BD Boys (do)

Mar 24: Wanderers vs BD Boys (do)

Mar 25: Wanderers vs BD Boys (do)

Mar 26: Wanderers vs BD Boys (do)



Australian Mark Woodforde makes a backhand volley during his match against world number one American Jim Courier in the Lipton international tennis tournament in Florida on Thursday. Woodforde upset Courier 6-3, 2-6, 6-2 enroute to the quarterfinal.

Courier loses cool and the match

KEY BISCAYNE, Fla, Mar 19: Top-ranked Jim Courier shook an umpire's chair in anger Thursday night on his way to elimination in the fourth round of the Lipton Championships, reports AP.

Courier, forced to play his second match of the day because rain backed up the schedule, lost to Mark Woodforde of Australia 6-3, 2-6, 6-2. Eight hours earlier, the American beat Mikael Pernfors 6-0, 6-3.

No. 8 seed Andre Agassi also was eliminated — by No. 10 Richard Krajicek of Holland 6-2, 7-5.

Serving and trailing Woodforde 1-3, 30-15 in the final set, Courier became upset when a linesman called one of his shots long. He lost the next

two points and the game, and while walking to his seat during the changeover, he angrily shoved chair umpire Dana Lee onto his chair with his forearm, causing it to shake.

"We all do things in the heat of the moment," Courier said. "I don't regret anything."

Loronto issued a code violation for unsportsmanlike conduct to Courier, who also protested a call on a crucial point in the first set.

"It was a poor performance," Courier said. "I had a poor performance. He had a poor performance."

Courier declined to blame the schedule for his loss. He will not be fined for his outburst, officials said.

Also advancing to Friday's quarterfinals were No. 3 Stefan Edberg, No. 5 Petr Korda, No. 14 Mats Wilander and two unseeded players, Patrick

McEnroe and Marcos Ondruska of South Africa. In women's play, top seed Steffi Graf, No. 2 Arantxa Sanchez Vicario, No. 3 Gabriela Sabatini and No. 16 Kimiko Date won quarterfinal matches.

Graf will play Sabatini for the 34th time in Friday's semifinals, and defending champions Sanchez Vicario will play Date.

The tournament schedule has repeatedly been scrambled by the weather, and on Thursday, matches at the stadium court were delayed because of sun. When the sky finally cleared for the first time in days as Edberg and Guy Forget warmed for their morning match, the hard-court surface began to give way.

"When you were turning your foot, it would just melt, Forget said. Workers with trowels spent

several hours patching rough spots before officials decided the court was safe and play at the stadium resumed. The problem — apparently caused by sunlight following a night of heavy rain — was limited to the 3-month-old stadium court, the newest at the tennis complex.

The Edberg-Forget match was moved to Court 7, which seats just 400 fans, and Edberg won 6-2, 6-4. McEnroe rallied past Marc Rosset 4-6, 7-6 (7-2), 6-0. Washington eliminated Nicklas Pietrangeli 7-5, 7-6 (7-3); Korda beat Ondruska 6-4, 6-4; and Ondruska beat No. 9 Michael Stich 7-6 (7-3), 6-3.

Graf, who has lost 10 games in four matches, swept No. 8 Nathalie Tauziat 6-1, 6-0. "I couldn't do anything wrong," Graf said. "I couldn't play any better. Whatever I touched, it just worked."

Sanchez Vicario beat Lella Meskhi 7-5, 6-1; Sabatini swept No. 6 Jana Novotna 6-2, 6-3; and Date beat No. 5 Mary Joe Fernandez 7-6 (7-4), 6-3.

Woodforde, a left-handed redhead ranked No. 22, won by serving 11 aces and finishing 31 points at the net. Courier, meanwhile, struggled with his service return.

"He was a bit nervous," Woodforde said. "That goes to prove he's normal."

Krajicek won the final four games and finished Agassi off at love with his 12th ace. Agassi, the 1990 Lipton champion, has yet to beat a top 20 player this year.

"Losing is going to happen," he said. "I feel I'm making progress. Today doesn't change that."

IAAF challenges Reynolds ruling

WASHINGTON, Mar 19: Track's international governing body, no longer content to merely ignore the decision, has challenged a US court ruling that it owes runner Butch Reynolds \$27.3 million, reports AP.

The International Amateur Athletic Federation filed a motion in US District Court in Columbus, Ohio, late Wednesday, asserting the court did not have jurisdiction to hear the case.

The lucrative award came after two years of battling between Reynolds and the IAAF. Less than a week ago, Reynolds captured the gold medal at 400 metres at the World Indoor Track Championships in Toronto.

Reynolds' representatives believe the IAAF manoeuvre may have begun a process that will get the runner his money.

"We have invited them to participate in the legal proceedings since last fall," Brad Hunt, Reynolds' agent, said Thursday.

"They were at that point hiding behind the issue of not being answerable to any court system in the world. By filing this motion, we believe that a technical, legal sense, they are now conceding jurisdiction. That's a big step toward collection."

"We have a strong case," said John Gall, one of Reynolds' attorneys. "We do not expect that the decision will be overturned."

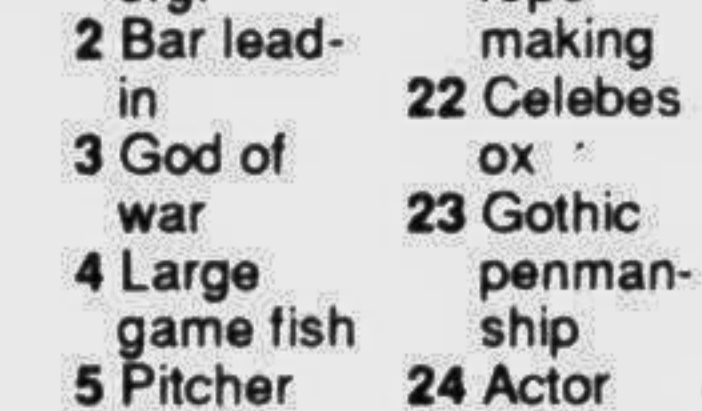
In Atlanta, IAAF officials said both sides were working toward a solution of the dispute.

"There are indications that both parties have had enough," said IAAF general secretary Istvan Gyulal. "If you look at comments by Reynolds

Reynolds challenged the ban, saying his urine sample had been confused with another runner's, but the IAAF refused to consider his appeal or reinstate him. In an increasingly acrimonious struggle, Reynolds went all the way to the US Supreme Court to gain the right to compete in last year's Olympic trials.

He failed to make the American team, but all along the IAAF threatened him with additional penalties unless he ceased his attempts to compete before the ban ended in September 1992.

After the judgement, which was awarded for income lost during his ban, the IAAF threatened another suspension unless Reynolds rescinded the award and apologized for derogatory comments he has made about Nebiolo. Reynolds has steadfastly refused to do that.



BUTCH REYNOLDS

and you look at comments by us, then this is a very clear indication that we'd like to stop it."

IAAF president Primo Nebiolo said: "We are trying to find a solution with Reynolds. We don't have anything personal against him. Personally, I like Reynolds very much. We wish him the best."

Double delight for Foo Kok

LONDON, Mar 19: Veteran Foo Kok Keong ousted two major badminton champions in just over two hours on Thursday on one of the finest days of his long career, reports Reuters.

The 30-year-old Malaysian swept to the semifinals of the All England Championships with victories over Olympic champion Allan Budi Kusuma and All England title holder Lu Jun.

Indonesia's Kusuma was beaten 18-14, 15-8 in a third round match. Then Chinn's Lu was downed 15-8, 15-3.

Foo's reward is a semifinal today against Indonesian second seed Joko Suprianto.

The other semifinal will be between Indonesian top seed Heryanto Arbi and top European Thomas Stuer-Lauridsen of Denmark.

World youth final today

SYDNEY, Mar 19: Ghana, a refreshing vibrancy in world football, must end a run of African ous ag-

inst Brazil to lift first World Youth Cup here in Saturday's final, reports AFP.

Ghana, playing in their first under-20 championship after graduating from their under-17 world crown in Italy two years ago, have exhibited

breath-taking skills to set up the decider with the two-time champions.

The African champions, the pre-tournament fancy of FIFA Supremo Joao Havelange drew with Uruguay and Germany and downed defending champions Portugal in their group, before outclassing Russia in the quarter-finals and edging out England in the semis to reach the final.

England coach David Burnside acclaimed Ghana's football as "breath-taking", and added: "That's the best junior football I've ever seen. I've never seen a team play so skillfully with imagination and power."

Yet the lavishly-endowed Ghanaian, fielding eight European based players, must overcome their continent's seeming inability to master Brazil at this level.

In six championships, Brazil have vanquished African opposition five times, the Ivory Coast performing the best with a 1-1 draw in a group match in the inaugural championship in Tunisia in 1977.

Bangladesh Television will telecast live today's World Youth under-20 football final between two-time former champions Brazil and Ghana, the world under-17 champions, from Sydney. The telecast starts at 3:00 this afternoon.

But Ghana's technical skills at high octane pace have the armoury to prevent Brazil from laking permanent possession of the Youth Cup should they win it a third time Saturday.

Midfield Dynamo 18-year old Nil Lamptey came here with a reputation as 21st century Pele, yet it has been the exquisite skills of the Torino trio Mohammed Gargo, Emmanuel Duah and Osei Kuffour, the German based pair of CK Akonnor and Daniel Addo and the impressive striker Augustine Ahinful which have also enraptured observers here.

and frenetic they can become under sustained pressure.

Brazil, who rely on slow buildups, monopolising possession, to prise open defences, will start favorites. Giant goalkeeper Dida has only conceded one goal in five matches and in Adriano, Cate, Gian, Hermes and Bruno they have players in the typical Brazilian caste destined for greater things.

Adriano and Cate are two in particular who dominate player-of-the-tournament discussions.

Turkish doctor Ahmet Cakar, who in two preliminary matches has sent off two players and booked 12 others, will provide his stern medicine to referee the final.

In the play-off for third place, England and Australia will be striving for their highest placing in a World Youth Championship after reaching the semi-final stage for a second time.

Likely teams for the final: BARAZIL: Dida, Bruno, Gelson, Wagner, Marcelino, Cate, Pereira, Gian, Adriano, Yan, Hermes.

GHANA: Ben Owu, Emmanuel Asare, Isaac Asare, Mohammed Gargo, Osei Kuffour, Nil Lamptey, Emmanuel Duah, CK Akonnor, Augustine Ahinful, Nelson Mensah, Daniel Addo.

WAY TO FINAL How Brazil and Ghana reached the final of the 7th World Youth Football Championship to be played here Saturday.

Maradona in trouble again

ROME, Mar 19: Argentine soccer star Diego Maradona and his former manager could be indicted for drug trafficking, a newspaper reported Thursday, reports AP.

The Rome daily La Repubblica said prosecutor Maria Cordova asked for the indictment of Maradona and Guillermo Coppola for an alleged shipment of 3 kilograms (6.6 pounds) of cocaine from Argentina to Italy in 1991.

At the time the idolised captain of Argentina's national team played in the Italian League with Napoli.

Cordova could not be reached Thursday. Her office said the prosecutor was ill and wouldn't be available until Monday. Maradona's lawyer, Vincenzo Maria Siniscalchi, said the accusation was groundless.

Rome judges will decide on May 17 whether the two men will stand trial, said court sources cited by the Italian news agency ANSA.

The prosecutor's request for an indictment was partly based on statements by an Italian friend of Maradona, Pietro Pugliese, La Repubblica said.

Pugliese reportedly told the magistrate that on a request by Coppola, at the time Maradona's manager, he picked up a parcel of cocaine at Rome's airport.

Pugliese was quoted as saying that Maradona paid him an undisclosed amount for the favour.

Maradona, considered one of the best players in soccer history, is playing in Spain with Seville after refusing to rejoin his Italian team Napoli. He returned to action last fall after serving a 15-month international suspension for cocaine use.

FIFA selects Wembley, Munich

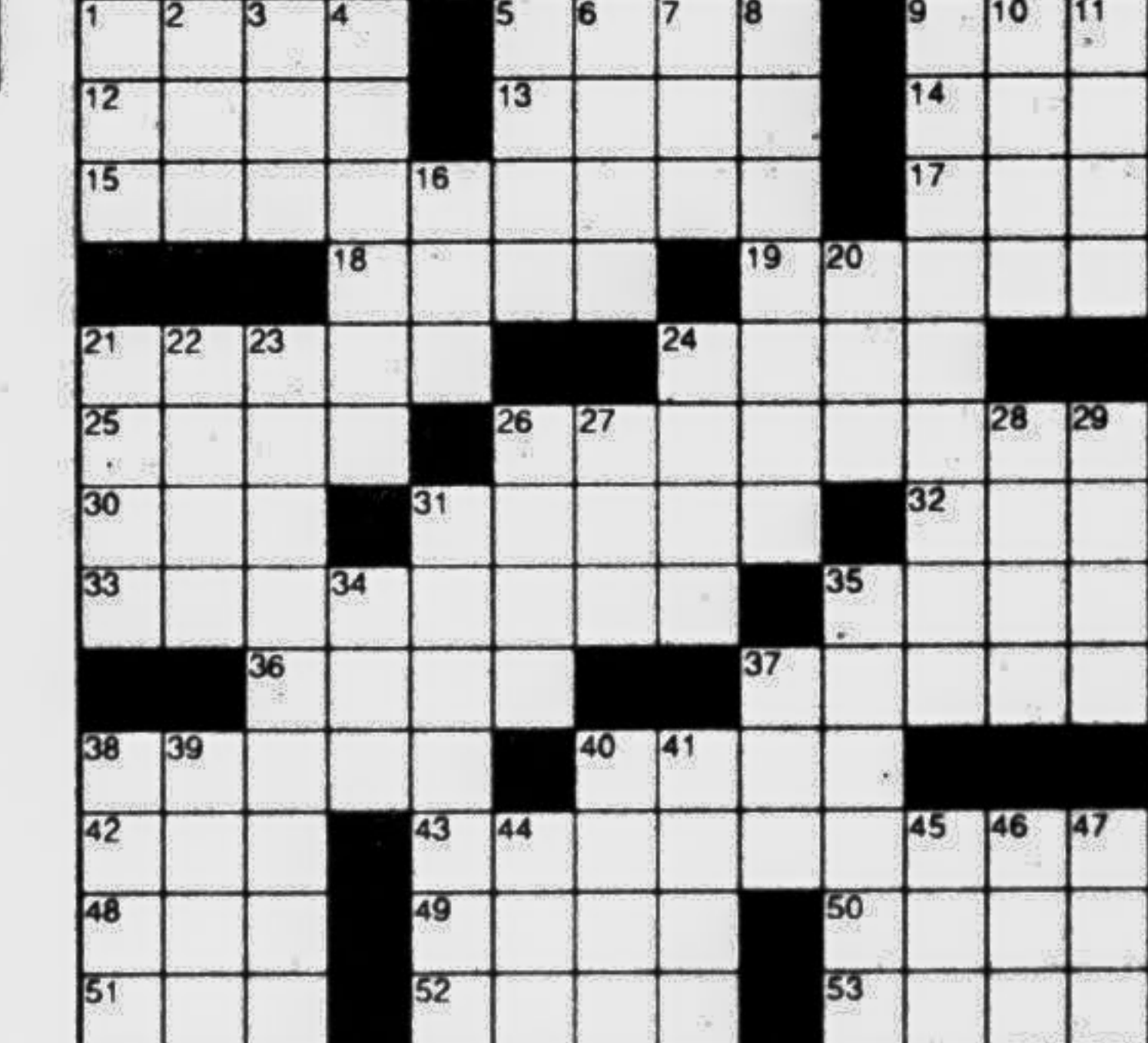
GENEVA, Mar 19: European soccer's ruling body, UEFA, Friday awarded this season's May 26 final in the Champions Cup tournament to Olympic Stadium in Munich, Germany, reports AP.

London's Wembley Stadium will host the May 12 European Cup winners Cup final, UEFA General Secretary Gerhard Aigner announced before Friday's European Cup draw in Geneva.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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CRYPTOQUIP

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: THE RETIRED ASTRONAUT WILL PROBABLY DECIDE TO LAUNCH A NEW BUSINESS.

Today's Cryptoquip clue: L equals V 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.