

Injured Mushtaq, Aaqib Pakistan's worry

GEORGETOWN, Guyana, Apr 7: With the first cricket Test between the West Indies and Pakistan just ten days away, the tourists are worried over back injuries to two key bowlers—scorer Aaqib Javed and leg-spinner Mushtaq Ahmed, reports AFP.

And in view of West Indies known weakness against wrist spin, Mushtaq's lack of fitness is the more serious problem.

The Pakistanis have two in-form young pace bowlers in Aatur Rahman and Amir Nazir as cover for Aaqib. But Mushtaq, who joins Somerset for the English county cricket season at the end of the tour, is a major trump card in the tourists' lineup.

Pakistan's coach, Mudassar Nazar, said: "When we pass through Barbados on Thursday on the way to Grenada, we will leave Aaqib and Mushtaq behind for scans. They will catch up with us on Friday—the eve of the Grenada match."

"If their injuries are only muscular they will play in Grenada match. But if they have stress fractures, it means the end of the tour for them."

The match in Grenada, against a West Indies Under-23 XI, is the Pakistanis' last before the Test series starts in Trinidad on April 15.

'Billy' Griffith is no more

LONDON, Apr 7: Former MCC president SC "Billy" Griffith has died in a Sussex rest home at the age of 78, reports Reuters.

Griffith, who played three times for his country, managed the England team to Australia in 1965-66.

Ctg jr cricket

CHITTAGONG, Apr 7: Baikal Sangha and Nasirabad Sporting Club registered victories in their respective matches in the super league of the Metropolitan junior cricket competition here today, reports BSS.

Baikal beat West Ashkardighi Boys Club by 107 runs at the Dampara Police Lines ground.

Baikal batted first and made 205 for the loss of seven wickets. In reply, Ashkardighi lost all their wickets for just 98 runs.

Mohi with 46 was the highest scorer for Baikal followed by Rashid with 40, Tobi with 34, Shuva with 24 and Mithu with 22. Rashidul of Ashkardighi got three wickets for 43 runs.

Shahjahan, 28, and Toyab, 16, were the main scorers for Ashkardighi.

Masud of Baikal took three wickets for only five runs while Shuja claimed four for 44 and Morshed two for 12 runs.

In the other match of the day, Nasirabad Sporting outplayed Agrabad Sonali Sangha by eight wickets.

Sonali Sangha batted first and were all out for only 55.

In reply, Nasirabad reached their victory target of 56 runs for the loss of two wickets.

Arsenal pay for complacency

LONDON, Apr 7: Double cup finalists Arsenal came down to earth on Tuesday when they fielded a below-strength side and lost 1-0 at lowly Middlesbrough in the English Premier League, reports Reuters.

The victory took Middlesbrough off the foot of the table, the goal coming from John Hendrie in the 32nd minute.

Arsenal rested several of the FA cup semifinal side which beat Tottenham 1-0 on Sunday, including Lee Dixon, Ray Parlour, Kevin Campbell, Paul Merson and Ian Selley.

Anders Limpar impressed in flashes, but England international Ian Wright and Alan Smith had quiet games.

It was the first time in six games struggling Middlesbrough had not conceded a goal. They moved one point clear of Nottingham Forest who have two games in hand.

Brian Deane eased Sheffield United's cup semifinal heartbreak with an 86th-minute winner at home to Leeds to clinch three precious points which pulled them out of the bottom three.

United, beaten at Wembley on Saturday by city rivals Sheffield Wednesday, responded by winning 2-1 and condemning champion Leeds to a 12th away defeat of the season, Leeds have the worst away record in England.

Chelsea striker John Spencer equalised at 1-1 in the 56th minute to leave Ipswich uncomfortably close to the relegation zone.

Ipswich, without a win in their last 11 league games, had gone ahead with a superbly worked goal in the 38th minute from Bulgarian striker Bontcho Sventchev.

Pakistan bowlers made to toil

GEORGETOWN, Guyana, Apr 7: Highly-rated Barbados batsman Roland Holder hit an undefeated century to spur a West Indies President's XI to 276 for four at close on the second day of their three-day cricket match against Pakistan on Tuesday, reports Reuters.

Holder ended a rain-shortened day on 140 while Young Guyanese left-hander Shivnarine Chanderpaul was 24 not out as the President's XI made a strong reply to Pakistan's first innings score of 255 for eight declared.

Holder and his captain Keith Arthurton, who made a classy 74, added 163 for the third-wicket in just over three hours as they slaughtered a depleted Pakistani attack, which was without injured pacesman Aaqib Javed.

The President's XI, continuing from 126 for two at lunch, added 116 runs in the session while losing two more wickets.

Holder, who was 61 at lunch, reached his century in

212 minutes of 149 balls when he stroked pacer Aatur Rahman through extra-cover for his 13th four.

Arthurton, who struck 13



ARTHURTON ... 74

fours in his aggressive knock, was out with the score on 186 when he was trapped leg before wicket by Rehman. He had batted for 186 minutes and faced 136 balls.

SCOREBOARD
Scoreboard on the second

day of the three-day cricket match between West Indies President's XI and Pakistan on Tuesday.

PAKISTAN: First innings 255-8 declared (Inzamamul Haq 84, Rameez Raja 75, S Chanderpaul 4-68)

PRESIDENT'S XI: First innings (overnight 28-2)
D Joseph b Aaqib 4
S Williams c Rehman 11
R Holder not out 140
K Arthurton lbw b Rehman 74
J Adams c Moin b Nadeem 13
S Chanderpaul not out 24
Extras: (lb-4, w-1, nb-35) 10
Total: (for 4 wickets) 276
Fall of wickets: 1-11; 2-23; 3-186; 4-227
To bat: R Jacobs, B Browne, K Benjamin, A Cummins, O Sibson

Bowling
Aaqib Javed 3.1 0 12 1
Aamir Nazir 10 0 61 0
Nadeem Khan 22 7 74 2
Asif Mujtaba 23.5 4 44 0
Aatur Rahman 12 0 69 1
Basit Ali 1 0 5 0
Zahid Fazal 1 0 7 0

UEFA Cup semifinal first leg

Baggio sees Juventus through

TURIN, Italy, Apr 7: An injury time goal by Roberto Baggio saw Juventus scramble to a 2-1 win over Paris St Germain in the UEFA Cup semifinal first leg here on Tuesday, reports AFP.

Baggio scored both goals, but his winner, a brilliant curling shot from a free kick from the edge of area, flattered the Turin team who were outplayed by the classy French team for much of the match.

Juventus left the pitch after the first half of the sound of 50,000 booing fans as they trailed to a fine individual George Weah goal.

But the Italians improved dramatically in the second half under the inspired leadership of international striker Baggio, whose goals will now make them slight favourites for the return leg in Paris in two weeks.

The match looked to be assuming a pattern as the Italians pushed and the French, holding the line well, defended busily.

Juventus went close from a Baggio shot and a Fabrizio Ravenelli header, but Paris SG gained confidence from seeing Weah put the ball in the net after blocking Rampulla's clearance.

The Spanish referee disallowed the effort because of a foul by the Liberian, which might have been tough on Weah.

But justice arrived quickly. As the French broke out of another spell of Juventus pressure, David Ginola and Weah combined to create a fine goal of style and simplicity.

Ginola, drifting down the left side, spied Weah's angled run into space. The Frenchman's pin-point pass split the square defence and gave Weah the opportunity to place

the ball immaculately passed the static Michael Angelo Rampulla.

The Italians managed to raise a cheer in the following minute when an opportunist lobb by Dino Baggio caught Paris keeper Bernard Lama off his line and was only kept out by new Caledonian defender Antoine Kombouare and the post.

But it was not enough to lift the depression now descending on the Delle Alpi Stadium

Trapattoni brought on winger Paulo di Canio for left back Giancarlo Marocchi on the half hour.

The first half ended in with a string of French corners and fine efforts from Laurent Fournier, flashing the ball across the face of the goal, and Paul le Guen, striking just over the bar.

The outplayed Italians left the field to jeers, but the second half was a different story.

Baggio started the fight-back, his angled shot scraped the far post with Lama beaten, before he stole the equaliser in the 54th minute.

Ravenelli, largely ineffective up till then, touched a short ball to his captain on the edge of the French penalty area, and Baggio's low drive never gave Lama a chance.

Juventus played with more urgency and purpose from then on, always looking the more likely to score. Gianluca Vialli's shot from a Baggio cross looped just over, and Jurgen Kohler's deflected long range effort also went close. Put through by Di Canio, Kohler then saw his close range effort well parried by the French keeper.

Paris could still have left Turin with the advantage if Laurent Fournier had been able to control the ball in front of the Italian goal while alone in acres of space. Ginola's long run also ended in disappointment as he put his shot into the side netting.

But the French advances petered out as the late pressure came from the Italians, finding better shape with Roberto Baggio on the right and Di Canio on the left.

Defender Antoine Kombouare made the fatal mistake on 91st minute, barging Vialli on the edge of the box to give Baggio one last shot at goal.

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smooth sail for Sabatini

AMELIA ISLAND, Fla, Apr 7: Defending champion Gabriela Sabatini routed South Africa's Joannette Kruger 6-1, 6-2 on Tuesday in the opening round of the \$375,000 Bausch and Lomb Tennis Championships, reports AP.

Top seed Arantxa Sanchez Vicario also won her first match, a 6-1, 6-2 victory over Flora Perfetti of Italy. Kathy Rinaldi of Amelia Island, playing on her home court, beat Silke Frankl of Germany 3-6, 6-4, 6-2.

Steffi Graf, who lost to Sabatini in the title match the past two years, skipped this year's tournament. Patricia Hy of Canada withdrew because of illness.

The singles champion will receive \$75,000 and the winning doubles team will split \$22,500.

Mohun Bagan have a score to settle

CALCUTTA, Apr 7: Star-studded Mohun Bagan, yet to win a match against arch rival, East Bengal in the Airlines East Cup football tournament, will have a point to prove when the two giants clash in the final at the Salt Lake stadium here tomorrow, reports PTI.

Mohun Bagan's quest for airlines glory appears to be jinxed as even after cruising into the final a number of times, they have never succeeded in getting past East Bengal, who have won the tournament for the last two consecutive years.

Mohun Bagan needed the tie-breaker luck to scrape past a spirited Mohammedan sporting 6-4 in the first semifinal while holders East Bengal missed chances galore before suppressing Dempo Sports Club of Goa by a solitary first half goal in the second semifinal.

Christie-Lewis duel at last

LONDON, Apr 7: The long-awaited duel between Carl Lewis and Linford Christie, the 100-metre champions, will take place in Britain this summer, a London newspaper reported Wednesday, reports AP.

The Evening Standard quoted track promoter Andy Norman as saying Lewis and Christie will both run in an invitational event in Birmingham on July 16, and again a week later at a Grand Prix meet in London.

"So far as all parties are concerned there will be two 100-metre races in this country, both with full eight-man fields featuring Linford against Carl," Norman was quoted as saying.

Efforts to bring the two gold medalists together have been in the works since Christie won the 100 in Barcelona last year. Lewis, weakened by illness at the US trials, did not qualify for the race and was unable to defend his title.

Plans for a big-money "Challenge of Champions" at Las Vegas in May fell through earlier this year. The special meet was also to feature Lewis vs. world-record holder Mike Powell in the long jump.

Norman told the Standard the money for July's races was yet to be secured, "but I'm sure that will be no problem."

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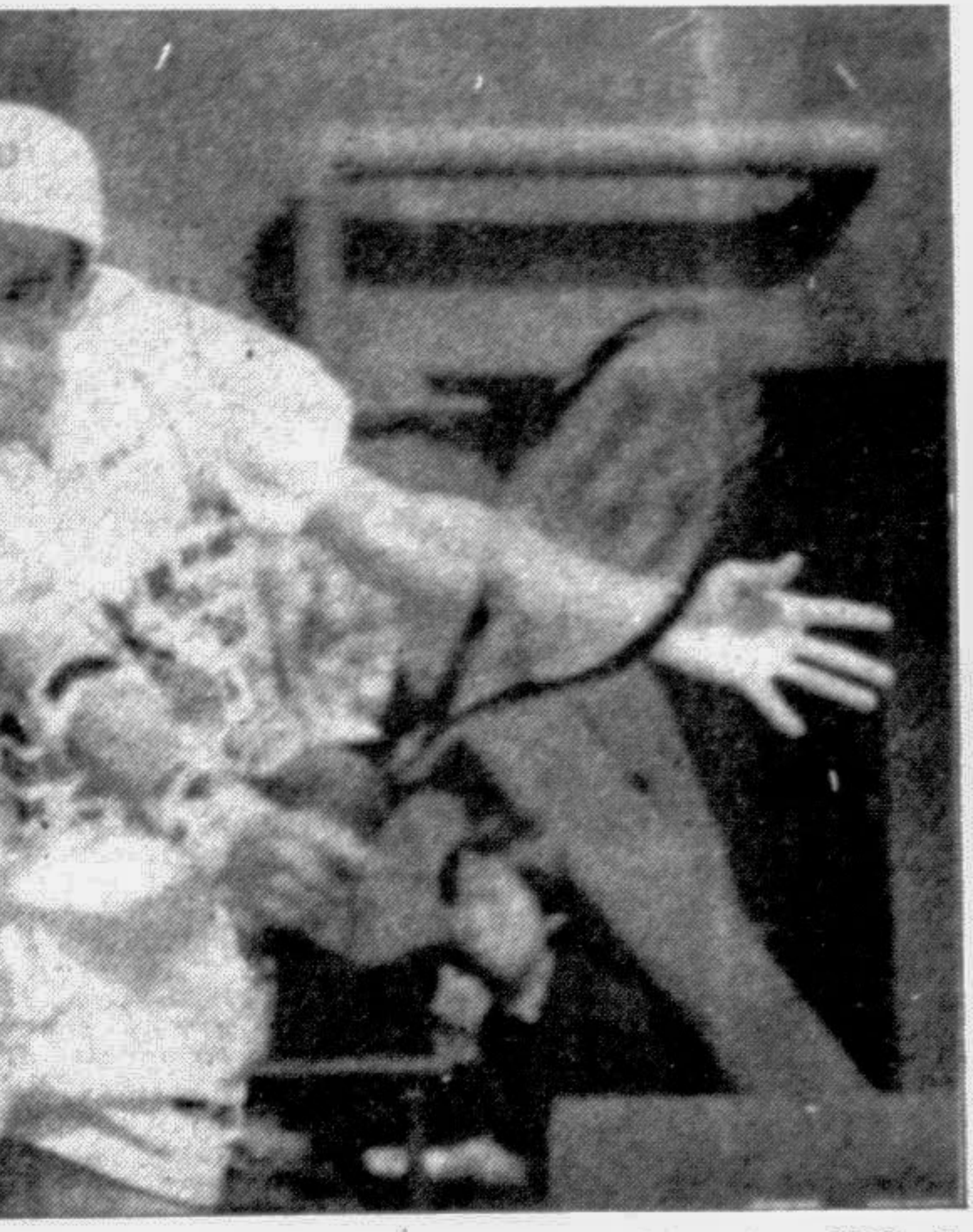
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Soccer sours their ties

HARARE, Apr 7: A controversial World Cup qualifying match between Egypt and Zimbabwe has sparked a war of words between the two nations, including the swapping of racial insults, reports AFP.

The Egyptian embassy in Harare stepped in on Wednesday, disassociating its government and people from comments in an Egyptian soccer magazine about "black slaves" tribesmen and "conspiracies" between black match officials.

This came a day after a letter in the Herald, Zimbabwe's biggest-selling daily newspaper, accused Egyptians of being "poor in intellect and economic achievement despite

huge oil reserves that the gracious lord gave them."

Egypt won the February 28 game 2-1 but the result was annulled by the International Football Federation (FIFA) because Zimbabwe's players and officials had been stoned by the partisan crowd in Cairo.

FIFA set a replay for April 15 in Lyon, France, provoking the Al-Ahliya soccer magazine to launch its trade against black African match officials, saying it was "clear that the referee was sympathizing with his black tribesmen."

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Borussia Dortmund's Rene Tretschok (L) and Auxerre's Raphael Guerreiro fight for the ball during the UEFA Cup semifinal in Dortmund, Germany on Tuesday. — AFP photo

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS

1 Prescription
5 Make
9 Urban
12 Mountain goat
13 NYSE counter-part
14 Breakfast for Brutus?
15 Sweetheart of Harlequin
17 Chaney Sr. or Jr.
18 Nancy Reagan "biographer"
19 Circular
21 6 pts.
22 Fact
24 Rudiments
27 "Ruggles of Red—"
28 Diamond stats
31 South American resort city
32 St. crossover
33 — de France
34 Philippine

DOWN

1 Detective Tracy
2 Double-reed instrument
3 Broker's advice
4 Jumps for joy
5 Burden for three men?
6 — "Blue?"
7 He's a doll
8 Put forth
9 Ivy League school
10 Shakespeare's river
11 Rock group
16 Dr.'s field

65 Goblet part

20 — "Town"

22 Michelangelo statue

23 Top

24 Wall St. wheeler-dealer

25 Life story

26 Ohio city

27 Ready for action

29 Sort

30 Envision

35 "My — and Only"

37 Antitoxins

39 From Cardiff, e.g.

40 Petroleum meas.

41 "Snug as a bug in —"

42 New Rochelle campus

43 Top-notch

44 Drop

45 Competent

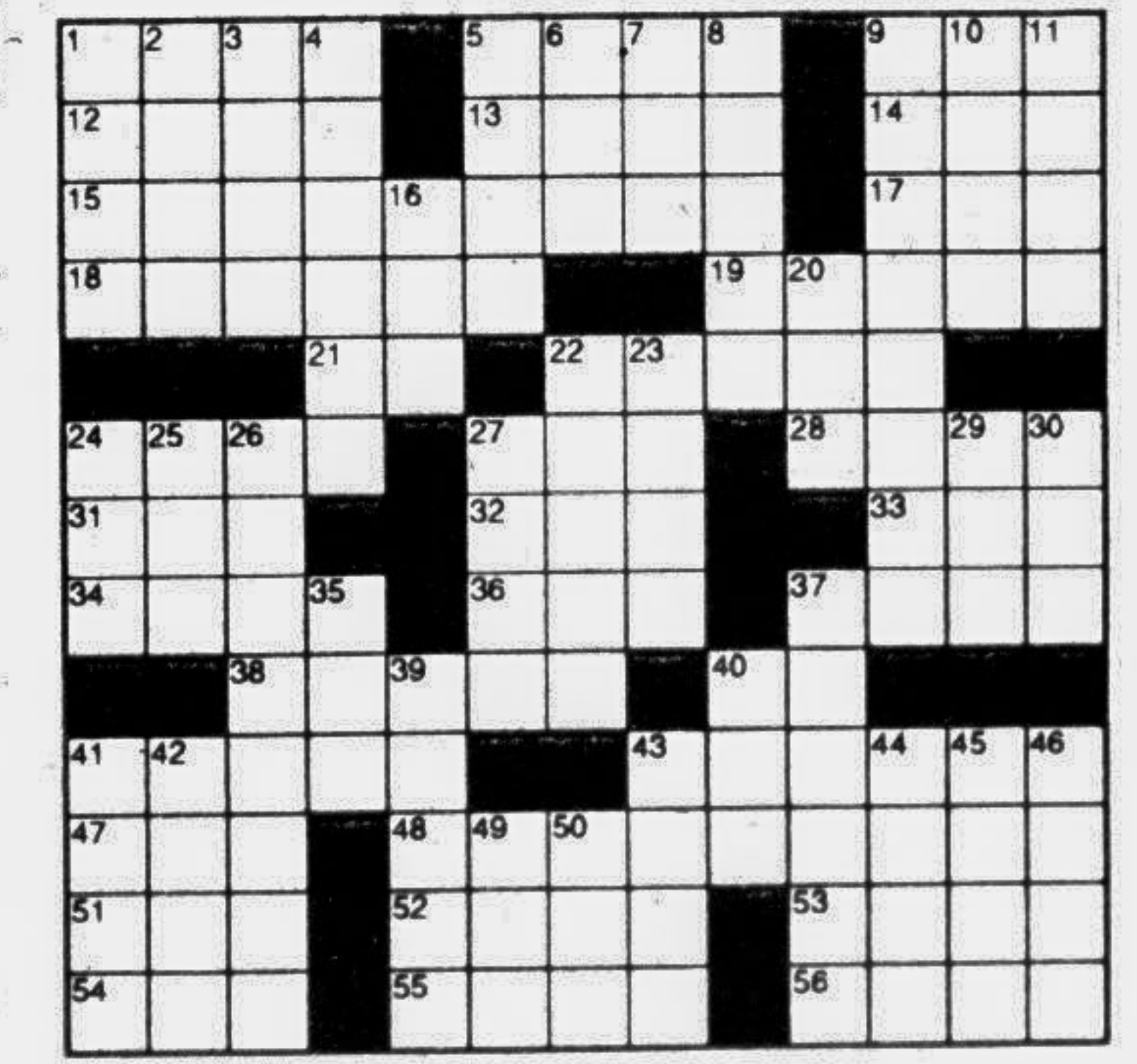
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49 Company?

50 Part of a baseball uniform

Solution time: 22 mins.

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CRYPTOQUIP

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: KING MIDAS'S ROUGH RETORT TO GREEDY SON: "YOU MUST THINK I'M MADE OF MONEY!"

Today's Cryptoquip clue: O equals H

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.