

Azharuddin joins elite Indian skippers' club Raju completes SL rout

AHMEDABAD, Feb 12: Leftarm spinner Venkatesh Raju swept aside Sri Lanka's last vestige of resistance to give India their third successive Test win and a clean sweep in the three match series on Saturday, reports Reuters.

Raju ended with six for 87 and career-best match figures of 11 for 135 as Sri Lanka were dismissed for 222 in their second innings, giving India victory by an innings and 17 runs.

It gave Mohammed Azharuddin his ninth win in 27 tests since taking over as captain in 1990, equalling the record of Mansur Ali Khan Pataudi who had nine victories in 40 Tests and Sunil Gavaskar who had nine wins in 47 Tests.

Beginning the fourth day on 154 for five and needing 239 to make India bat again, Sri Lanka were all out 32 minutes before lunch.

India won the first test in Lucknow by an innings and 119 runs, and the second at Bangalore by an innings and 95 runs.

Sri Lanka captain Arjuna Ranatunga blamed his sides poor batting for the whitewash. "The top did not click and every time we tried we seemed to go wrong," he said.

"We would like to forget the whole Test series and start the tour anew, with new hope for the one dayers."

India and Sri Lanka play a series of three one day matches, starting at Rajkot on Wednesday.

Sri Lanka's first objective on Saturday was to avoid another innings defeat and Ranatunga and Kalpage boldly went for their shots.

But India had to wait only 15 minutes before getting the first breakthrough, Kalpage.



RAJU ... 6 for 87 who had hit Raju for two fours in one over, for once pushed defensively forward to Rajesh Chauhan and edged a simple catch to Azharuddin at silly point.

Ranatunga hoisted Raju for a six over long on but in trying to repeat the stroke holed out to Navjot Sidhu.

Only wicketkeeper Pubudu Dassanayake put up any strong resistance and remained unbeaten with 21 as Don Anurasiri, Pramodya

Wickremasinghe and Muttiah Muralidharan all fell to Raju, who was spinning the ball viciously.

With the pitch favouring the spinner, Kapil Dev bowled only five overs in the innings and aided to add to his world record of 432 Test wickets which he set on the first day of the Test.

SCOREBOARD
Scoreboard on the fourth day of the third and final Test match between India and Sri Lanka today.

SRI LANKA: First innings 119

INDIA: First innings 358

SRI LANKA: Second innings (overnight 154 for five)

Mahanama 1bw b Raju 63

Samaraweera run out 20

Tillekeratne c Azharuddin b Raju 40

De Silva c Azharuddin b Chauhan 14

Ranatunga c Sidhu b Raju 29

Attapattu c Mongia b Chauhan 0

Kalpage c Azharuddin b Chauhan 9

Dassanayake not out 21

Anurasiri c Prabhakar b Raju 6

Wickremasinghe c Prabhakar b Raju 0

Muralidharan c Mongia b Raju 4

Extras: (11 lb, 4 b, 1 nb) 16

Total: (104.3 overs) 222

Fall of wickets: 1-67, 2-98,

3-149, 4-149, 5-153, 6-167,

7-193, 8-214, 9-214.

Bowling O M R W

Prabhakar 5 2 11 0

Kapil Dev 5 1 12 0

Raju 32.3 9 87 6

Kumble 28 9 45 0

Chauhan 30 14 45 3

Tendulkar 4 1 7 0

Result: India won by an

innings and 17 runs to take

series 3-0.

Tiviakov stays ahead

CALCUTTA, Feb 12: Top seed Sergei Tiviakov of Russia maintained his slender half-point lead by drawing his seventh round game in the 5th Goodricke international chess championship here yesterday, reports PTI.

GM J Hickl, GM D Barua, GM G Georgadze, GM D Norwood, GM S Conquest and national champion, PM Thipsay are in the second spot with 5.5 points each.

GM J Hickl of Germany missed the opportunity of becoming the leader when he allowed Tiviakov to escape with a draw.

Tiviakov played sharply against Hickl's English opening and got into trouble due to a greedy pawn capture.

Hickl played superbly in the middle-game and obtained a completely winning position. However, with victory only a few moves away, the German Grandmaster made a decisive blunder and allowed Tiviakov to draw the game by setting up the fortress.

On the second board, the game between GM D Barua and GM Georgadze ended in a draw. Barua played his favourite Italian opening but failed to gain any advantage against Georgadze's accurate St. Rateginal play. In the ending, the Indian GM won a pawn, but that was not enough to win, as the players reached a theoretically-drawn position.

GM D Norwood of the UK scored over Ziaur Rahman of Bangladesh in a tactical battle. Zia appeared to be in a good position, but Norwood succeeded in confusing him and won a piece to win the game in 46 moves.

National champion PM Thipsay scored an easy victory over IM Reefat-bin-Sattar of Bangladesh. Reefat played a dubious variation of the Sicilian Pelican and was positionally outplayed by Thipsay.

After Kapil

NEW DELHI, Feb 12: The academy in Chandigarh to train fast bowlers will be named after cricket star Kapil Dev in recognition of his achievement of setting the world record for highest number of Test wickets (432), reports PTI.

This was announced by Human Resources Development Minister Arjun Singh at a news conference here today.

'Hair-raising'

SYDNEY, Feb 12: Test cricket umpire Darrell Hair had to change his phone number after receiving threatening phone calls, he said Saturday, reports AP.

Hair told the Australian Broadcasting Corporation (ABC) that the calls followed Australia's third Test victory over South Africa in Adelaide 10 days ago.

He made several controversial decisions in that match.

Hair said "hysteria" was the best word to describe the furore which surrounded some of his decisions — which were widely criticised in the media.

"I must admit it was fairly tough for the first couple of days after Adelaide," he said.

"I had to change my phone number at home to an unlisted number."

Hair's most controversial decision came on the final day of the match when he judged South African veteran Peter Kirsten leg before wicket to Australian fast Craig McDermott.

Hair said Saturday that he still was convinced he made the right decision.

Kirsten claimed he hit the ball before it rapped his pads.

"I give myself 10 out of 10, but some other people wouldn't," Hair said after viewing a replay of the incident. "I was very happy with decision — Peter carried on a bit, but that's all been dealt with."

Kirsten was subsequently fined 40 per cent of his match fee — around \$1,000 US — for his dissent.

Hair will be the neutral umpire for the West Indies-England Test series in the Caribbean later this year.

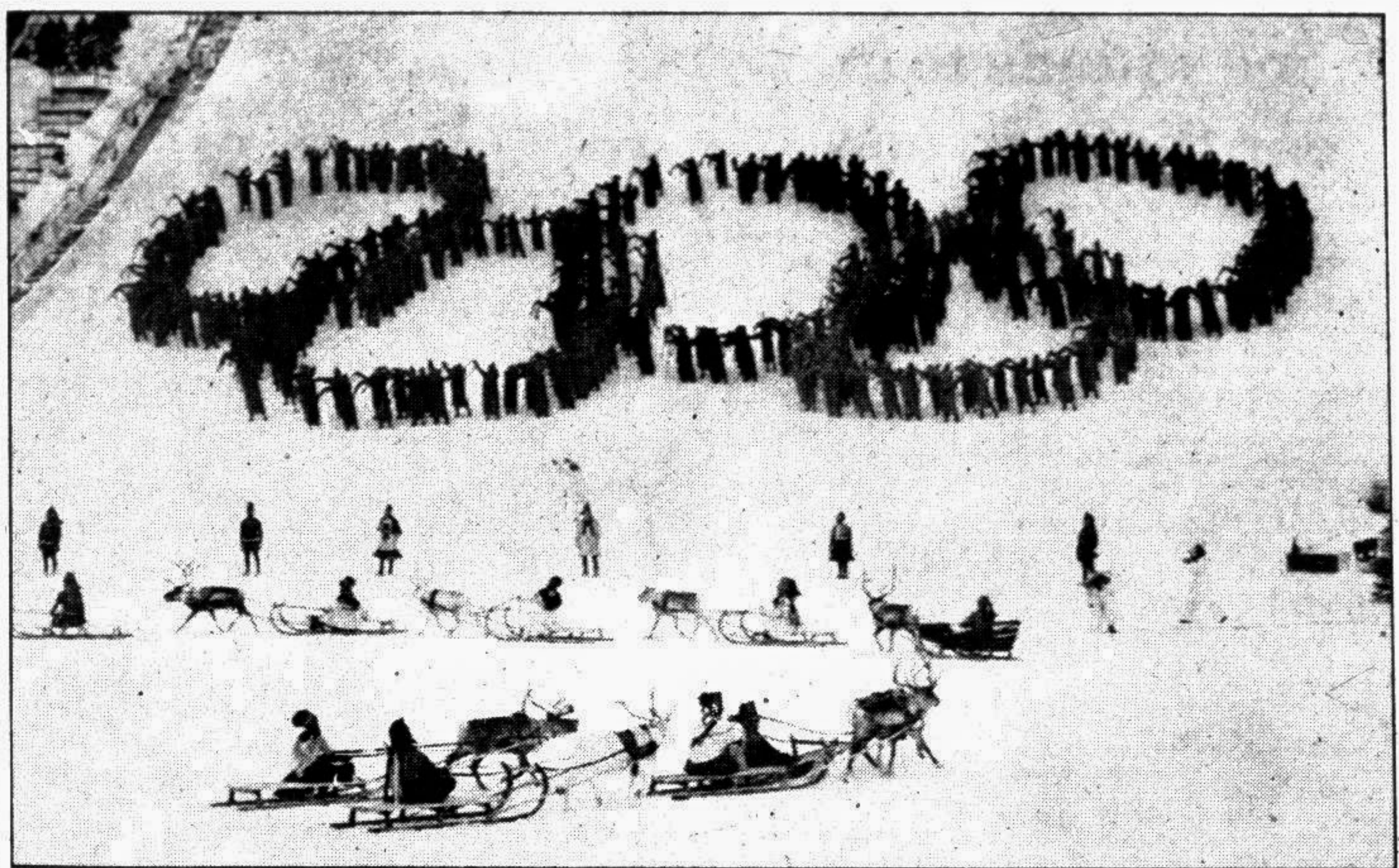
Winston wins it for Leeward

GEORGETOWN, Feb 12: A cavalier, unbeaten 63 by fast bowler Winston Benjamin took Leeward Islands to the West Indies Red Stripe Cup championship on Friday, reports Reuters.

His spirited innings, which contained five fours and three sixes, earned Leeward Islands first innings points against Guyana on a rain-affected second day of their final round match in Berbice.

Level on points with Trinidad and Tobago at the start of this final match of the season, Leeward Islands needed only first innings points to assure them of the title.

They looked to be struggling on 167 for six in reply to Guyana's 241 but Benjamin took wicketkeeper Ridley Jacobs tore into the bowling, smashing an unbeaten 102-run seventh-wicket partnership in 88 minutes.



A bird's-eye view of the Olympic rings and a line of reindeer going past pulling sledges during a rehearsal for the opening ceremony of XVII Winter Games in Lillehammer on Feb 10.

— AFP photo

Hillary meets the team

LILLEHAMMER, Feb 12: US first lady Hillary Clinton, on her first solo foreign trip, met American athletes on Saturday and told them the President was jealous not to be at the Lillehammer Winter Olympics, reports Reuters.

"We are just thrilled to be here," Mrs Clinton told some of the 155 strong US team at the games who gathered to meet her at the Olympic Village on a hill outside Lillehammer.

"The President is a little jealous frankly, that we're here and he's not," said the first lady, who was wearing a traditional Norwegian sweater with an embroidered collar.

Mrs Clinton arrived in Norway late on Friday for the high profile visit.

Independent foreign trips by the wives of US presidents are relatively rare, although George Bush's wife Barbara

made several visits abroad while he was president.

Like no previous first lady, Mrs Clinton has staked out her own place in Washington's power politics. She has been given a key role in her husband's administration, charged with formulating and defending its ambitious health reform package.

In Lillehammer, Mrs Clinton and her daughter Chelsea will attend Saturday's opening ceremony for the 16-day sports festival and also watch several of the 61 Olympic events, including the

men's downhill, an ice hockey game, the luge and the men's speed skating.

The first lady's delegation leaves Norway on Monday.

"We are looking forward to the next couple of days and are so proud to be a part of America's cheering section for all of you," she said at the reception in a hall which will become a Lutheran Church when the Games are over.

Freestyle skier Donna Weinbrecht presented Mrs Clinton with a red, blue and white team tracksuit top and ski jumper Bob Holme gave her a Denim team shirt for Chelsea.

Olympic sprinter Florence Griffith-Joyner and other members of the US delegation to the 1994 Winter Games joined Mrs Clinton in wishing the US team well.

Griffith-Joyner, joking about the bitter cold and mountainous snowfalls, told the athletes: "I found out why God created the Summer Olympics."

Surin on track

MADRID, Feb 12: Canada's Bruny Surin made clear his challenge for indoor sprinting honours this year when he set a season's best mark for 60 metres of 6.50 seconds at an international athletics meeting on Friday, reports Reuters.

Lillehammer Winter Games open

LILLEHAMMER, Feb 12: With the world watching, Stein Gruben wobbled but landed masterfully when he leapt into the Lillehammer arena bearing the Olympic torch at the opening of the Winter Olympics today, reports Reuters.

The man who was due to carry out the breathtaking stunt, Ole Gunnar Fidjestole, fell on a practice jump on Thursday and spent 24 hours in hospital with concussion.

Clad all in white, Gruben, 26, took the wood and metal torch from a runner and set off down the 120-metre high hill.

As he burst off the end of the ramp into the Nordic dusk, his skis wobbled about but he kept them under control, landing squarely and bringing the torch to another skier as the 40,000 - strong crowd roared.

Moments later Norway's Crown Prince Haakon lit the Olympic flame which will burn for the 16 days of competition in Lillehammer.

Appelmans holds on

LINZ, Feb 12: Sabine Appelmans of Belgium battled back from a first-set loss Friday to upset first-seeded Anke Huber and advance to the semifinals of the EA Generali women's indoor tennis tournament, reports AP.

Appelmans defeated the German, 4-6, 6-3, 6-4.

In other quarterfinals play, Eugenia Maniokova of Russia defeated seventh-seeded Sandra Cecchini of Italy, 3-6, 7-6, (9-7), 6-4.

Barbara Schett, the 17-year-old Australian, advanced to a semifinal berth for the first time with a 6-1, 7-6, (7-5) victory over Russia's Jelena Makarova in the \$150,000 tournament.

Sixth-seeded Meike Babel of Germany defeated fourth-seeded Lella Meskhi of Georgia, 7-5, 6-3.



US first lady Hillary Clinton (R) is accompanied by former Olympic gold medalist Florence Griffith-Joyner as they arrived in Norway on Feb 11 representing the US delegation at the XVII Winter Olympic Games.

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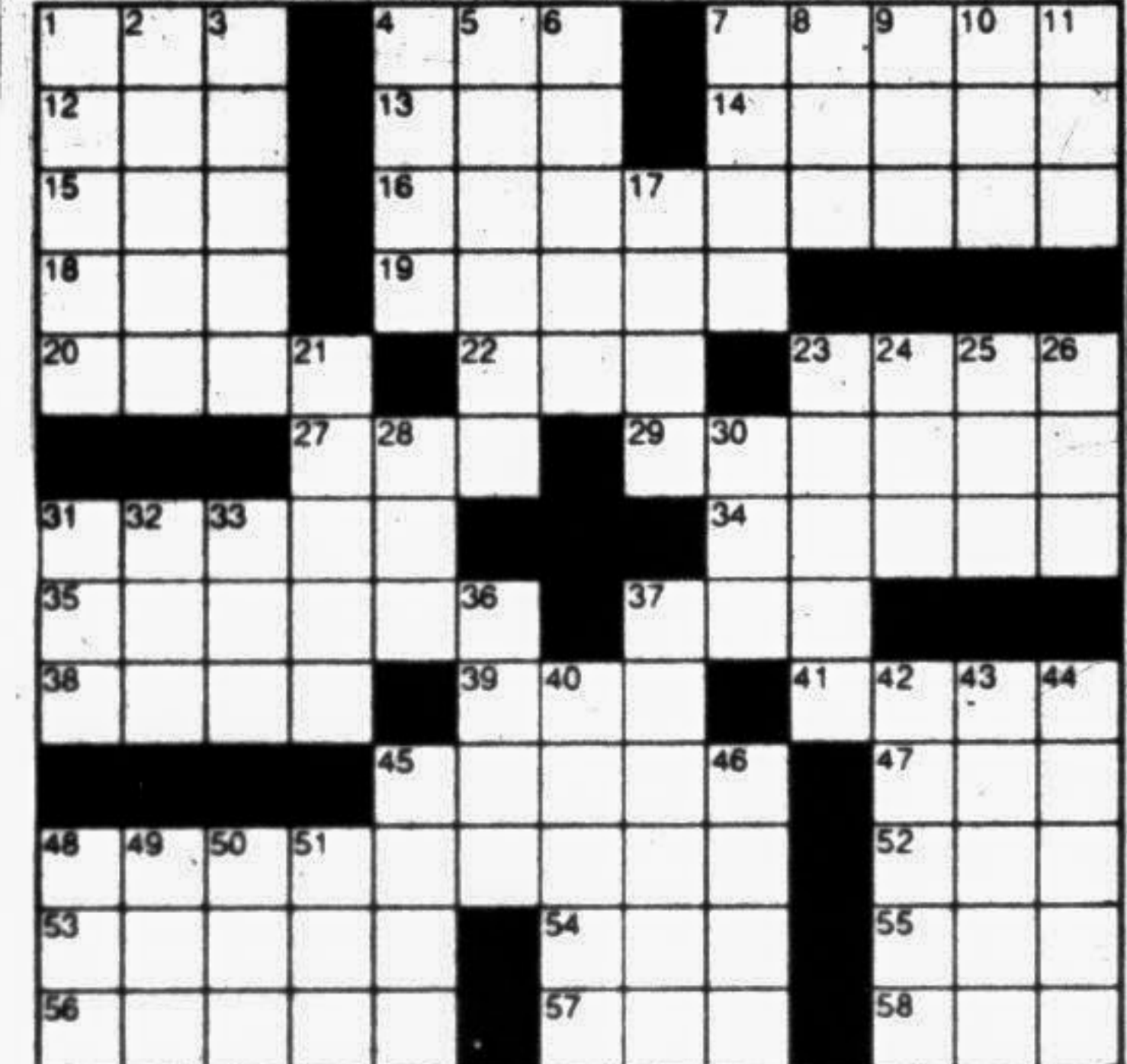
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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: THAT NEW BOOK WAS SO HORRID, KNOWLEDGEABLE CRITICS WROTE IT OFF.

Today's Cryptoquip clue: U equals M
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.

Brazil do not impress Pele

RIO DE JANEIRO, Feb 12: Soccer legend Pele, who led Brazil to three World Cup titles, says the Brazilian team might not be strong enough to win a fourth championship in the United States this summer, reports AP.

In an exclusive interview published Friday by the Rio daily O Globo, Pele criticised team manager Carlos Alberto Parreira for stifling Brazil's offensive artistry and being overly defence-minded.

He rated Sweden as the best European team.

"Brazilians more than anyone must wake up to this fact because the two teams are in the same group in the World Cup finals," he said.

He rated Germany, Brazil, Argentina, Italy and Holland as among the other favourites to win the World Championship, but cautioned "there will be plenty of surprises in this Cup."

Analysing world soccer by regions, Pele said it was still

too soon for an African team to win the World Cup.

Among South American teams, he said that despite Colombia's strong showing in the qualifying rounds, it remained untested in World Cup competition.

"Colombia's offence is spectacular, but its defence is weak," he said.

Pele, known as the 'King of Soccer' and the 'Black Pearl', led Brazil to the World Championships in 1958, 1962 and 1970.

But he expressed doubts that Brazil could win a fourth title in 1994.

"The Brazilian fans have an illusion that Brazil have already won," he told the newspaper. But "Romario had to be called on at the last minute to qualify Brazil."

"The Brazilian players are good athletes but they're not organized," he said.

He added that some players the fans have been counting on have performed poorly on the national team.

On Thursday, Parreira said a front line with three strikers

— a lineup used by Brazil's past World Cup championship squads — represented outdated soccer strategy.

But Pele said, "If I were manager, I would start three strikers if they were in shape."

Pele criticized Parreira for not giving Brazilian players enough freedom on-field and restricting them to overly defensive strategies.

Pele said his strategy would be "get the ball, then go and score."

Pele said Parreira had erred by not giving a chance on the attack to 17-year-old Cruzeiro striker Ronaldo, who was the revelation of last year's Brazilian national championship. Pele was 17 when he led Brazil to their first world title in Stockholm in 1958.

Asked about Argentina's Maradona, who last week shot with an air rifle at Argentine journalists, Pele said, "He thinks he's God and not human. Besides, he's not that great of a player as he is built up to be. He neither heads well nor shoots well with his right foot."



Former BGMEA president Mosharrar Hossain and Zakiuddin Ahmed giving away the champions trophy after the final of the seventh Zaki football tournament at Lakhpur Simulia School ground last Friday.

— Star photo