

Transcom schools hockey

Final round begins today

Sports Reporter

Armanitola Govt High School, one of the four semi-finalists of the last year, along with Dhaka Residential Model High School and Muslim Govt High School moved into the final round of the Transcom national schools hockey championship after winning their respective matches at the Hockey Stadium yesterday.

Armanitola playing in the last match of the day, recorded a thumping 5-0 victory over Narshingdi Pilot High School.

Samad opened the winners' account in the third minute before Rashed Hasan doubled the margin eight minutes later from a nice field goal. Fariduddin and Selim added two more goals in the 17th and 31st minute respectively to give the strong Dhaka school outfit a 4-0 cushion at the breather.

Selim's penalty stroke in the fourth minute of the second half eventually sealed the fate of the match.

Meanwhile, the other two matches were decided in the tie-breaker. Residential Model School upset Nabakumar Institute, another last year's semi finalist, 5-4 in the tie-breaker, while Muslim Govt High School prevailed over Mymensingh Zilla School 3-1 win in yet another sudden death situation.

The eight team final round, split into two groups, will begin today with the lone match between Ahmed Bawani Academy and Manikgonj Model High School at 3.30 pm.

In the eight-leg round robin league, defending champions Narayanonji High School along with Muslim Govt High School, Moezuddin High School and Residential Model High School have been placed in one group.

While in the other group, Ahmed Bawani Academy, last year's runner-up, will be paired with Manikgonj Model High School. Rajshahi Medical Campus High School and Armanitola Govt High School. The two top finishers will meet in the final of the semi-finals on June 6 with the final slated for June 8.

Vladimir arrives in city

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Andrew Vladimir Anatolich, Abahani's Uzbek midfielder, has arrived in the capital yesterday evening to play for the Dhanmondi outfit for the second successive year.

Vladimir, who played the pivotal role in Abahani's Premier league triumph last year, was scheduled to accompany another Uzbek player with him.

But Matbeev Evgeni Anatolich stayed back for reasons not yet confirmed.

Vladimir, who plays for Neftchi in the Uzbek Super Division, is expected to complete the registration formalities within a next few days before appearing for the 'sky-blues' inaugural Federation Cup engagement on June 7.

Big win for Ctg MSC

CHITTAGONG, May 29:

Chittagong Mohammedan Sporting Club beat Green Eleven by 117 runs in the Dettol Soap metropolitan cricket league at the Dampara Police Line ground here today, reports BSS.

In reply, Green Eleven were bundled out for 154 in 39 overs.

Ishtiaq of Mohammedans scored a brilliant century (102) off 95 balls including nine boundaries and two sixes.

Minhazul Abedin Nannu, 51, Masum, 35, Ripon, 31, and Nobel, 21, were the other main scorers of Mohammedans.

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Azim of Mohammedans took four wickets for only seven while Ripon got two for 23.

BDR wrestling

MYMENSINGH, May 29:

Kushtia clinched the title of inter-sector wrestling competition of the Bangladesh Rifles (BDR) here today, reports UNB.

One hundred and seventy competitors from nine sectors took part in the week-long competition, said a BDR press release.

Kushtia became champions capturing 3 gold, 1 silver and 2 bronze medals while Dhaka became runners-up with 2 gold 4 silver and 3 bronze medals in their credit.

Sepoy Azimuddin of Rangpur came out as the all-rounder in the competition.

Director General of BDR Major General Ejaz Ahmed Chowdhury was the chief guest on the concluding day and distributed the trophy among the winners.



Action from yesterday's Beximco 13th Federation Cup football tournament match between Eskaton SS and Udayan KC at the Dhaka Stadium. Eskaton won 5-3. — Star photo

Beximco 13th Federation cup

Goals galore on Day 4



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After a disappointing but expected first three days' proceedings, the Beximco 13th Federation Cup offered some sort of sensation when thirteen goals including two hat-tricks were scored in two first phase matches on the fourth day at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday.

In the day's first engagement, Eskaton Sabuj Sangha, a First Division outfit in the Dhaka football, recorded a goal-feast 5-3 win over Udayan Kira Chakra of Tangail with Tipu notching the first hat-trick in the meet.

The winners led the first half 3-0 with Shaifque scoring the first goal from a penalty awarded in the 22nd minute.

The Eskaton striker Tipu then doubled the margin, with a neat placing shot in the 34th minute before scoring his second goal four minutes away from the short whistle sending the ball over an on-rushing Udayan custodian Ripon.

Eskaton continued their assault in the second half and deservedly got a fourth through their substitute Parvez, who slotted the ball home chasing a neat minus from Tansen in the 49th minute.

Eskaton's goal glut ended only after Tipu gave them an unassailable 5-0 lead on his way to completing the first hat-trick in the meet with a gem of a goal. The Eskaton captain after receiving a ball from midfield started on a break run through the left flank and struck a fierce right-footer from inside the box.

A beleaguered Tangail outfit then pulled three goals back through Nipu and Sumon.

Sumon scored one while Nipu netted twice.

In the day's second match, Shantinagar Club, who came to the field without their eight regular starters and played with ten-men for about 45 minutes due to an internal clash in the club, were thoroughly thrashed by a spirited Badda Jagorani, who won the match 5-0 with Zahed scoring a brilliant hat-trick.

The fleet-footed Badda Jagorani striker earned a rare distinction of notching the second treble in the tourney scoring the first three goals during the first part of the one-sided affair.

After the breather, defender Shahidul and Prince punched two more goals for the Second Division runners-up side to complete the Shantinagar rout.

Meanwhile, twenty players of the trouble-torn Shantinagar Club had approached the Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) to permit them clearance to play for other clubs in the Dhaka league.

In a press release, they also claimed that they felt insecure following an internal clash in the club.



Mid-pitch action from the Transcom national school hockey championship match between Muslim Govt High School and Mymensingh Zilla School at Hockey Stadium yesterday. Muslim Govt won 3-1. — AFP/UNB photo

Title beckons Madrid



MADRID, May 29: The Spanish League title has all but been conceded to Real Madrid, by far the season's most consistent side. Now all they have to do is claim it.

A win at home next Saturday over second-place Deportivo La Coruna would do it, bringing Real Madrid their first title since 1990 and breaking Barcelona's four-year championship string, reports AP.

Even a loss wouldn't be fatal, though it would narrow Real Madrid's lead to two points over Deportivo with two rounds to play.

Barcelona stood in Real Madrid's way of claiming the title Saturday with a 1-0 victory at Camp Nou Stadium in Barcelona when Miguel Angel Nadal scored in the 62nd minute.

Deportivo kept itself alive Saturday by beating Betis 2-0 on two goals by Aldofo Aldana.

In other games Saturday, Albacete won 3-1 at Oviedo, Valencia scored a second-half goal to draw with Racing Santander 1-1, and Ezequiel Castillo scored twice to pace Tenerife over Sporting Gijon 3-0.

Sunday's remaining five games were an afterthought after Saturday's key matches.

Sunday's most important, news was probably the three goals by Real Sociedad's Meho Kodro, giving the Bosnian 25 — just two behind league leader Ivan Zamorano of Real Madrid.

In Sunday's 35th-round matches, it was: Atletico Madrid 3, Espanyol 1; Real Zaragoza 5, Compostela 3; Valladolid 2, Logrones 1; Sevilla 2, Celta 3; Real Sociedad 5, Athletic Bilbao 0.

In the Second Division, Merida won a place in next year's First Division for the first time in the club's history Saturday, beating Eibar 1-0.

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At Madrid, Mariano Aguilar

Massaro moves to Japan in August

TOKYO, May 29: Veteran striker Daniele Massaro of AC Milan will move to Japan in August to play for a J-League team at an estimated annual salary of 100 million yen (1.21 million dollars), a media report said, reports Reuter.

The Tokyo Shimbun newspaper said Massaro, 34, had officially signed with Shimizu S-Pulse, one of the 14 teams in the J-League, for two seasons from July 1; after the team reached agreement with the Italian Serie A side on his transfer.

His contract with Milan expires at the end of June.

Massaro, who played for the Italian national team in the 1982 and 1994 World Cup finals, will make his debut in the second stage of the J-League season starting in August, it said.

No comment from S-Pulse was immediately available.

Lopez, Delfi "Geli" Roural and Spanish international Jose Luis Caminero scored for Atletico. Espanyol's only goal was from Moises Garcia Fernandez. The win kept Atletico out of jeopardy of being demoted to the Second Division.

Real Zaragoza 5, Compostela 3.

At Zaragoza, Juan Edoardo Esnaider scored two goals with Gustavo Poyet, Garcia Sanjuan and Miguel Pardeza notching the others for the European Cup Winners' Cup champs. Fabiano Soares, Christopher Ohen and Bent Christensen scored for Compostela.

Valladolid 2, Logrones 1.

At Valladolid, Alberto Lopez scored for Valladolid and they got their other goal when Logrones' Oscar Herrero scored into his own goal. Logrones' goal was from Isidro Villanova.

Celta 3, Sevilla 2.

At Seville, Croat Davor Suker scored for Sevilla to give him 16 for the season, but that wasn't enough. Celta's three were from Jose Merino, Patxi Salinas and Bosnian Vladimir Gudelj. Marcos Martin de la Fuente scored the other for Sevilla.

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BCCB to hold U-12 coaching camp

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The Bangladesh Cricket Control Board (BCCB) is planning to conduct a long-term coaching camp for under-12 boys in the city likely to begin next month.

Interested candidates, who are living only in the Dhaka metropolitan area, have been suggested to contact the BCCB office with one copy passport size photograph and bio-data by June 10.

CJKP Ispahani youth cricket

CHITTAGONG, May 29: Shaheed Shajahan Sangha crushed Mohra Cricket Club by nine wickets in the CJKP Ispahani youth tournament at the Outer stadium here today, reports BSS.

Mohra batted first and were all out for a dismal 62 in 30.5 overs.

In reply, Shajahan Sangha reached 63 for one in 14.4 overs.

Masud of Mohra made 26. Moni of Shajahan Sangha took three for 12 while teammate Jainal got two for 15 runs.

Farhad of Shajahan Sangha top scored with 29 while Masud remained unbeaten on 12.

Lancs nip Notts in the bud

LONDON, May 29: Lancashire snatched victory from the jaws of defeat against Nottinghamshire at Old Trafford to stay top of the Sunday league, reports Reuter.

Their 10-match winning start to the season looked set to end when they slumped to 94 for six in the 26th over in reply to Nottinghamshire's 39-over total of 172 for five.

But Graham Lloyd and Ian Austin guided Lancashire to the brink of a four-wicket win with a stand of 79 in 12 overs.

The win was confirmed when Kevin Evans bowled a wide with the first ball of the last over.

Lloyd hit and unbeaten 59 from 57 balls with only two boundaries, while Austin ended with 36 from 39 balls.

Tom Moody pulled off a sensational final ball catch to maintain Worcestershire's 100 per cent start to the league at Gloucester.

Gloucestershire, chasing a victory target of 181 in a rain-reduced 31 overs, needed three off the last delivery from Neal Radford.

But Martyn Ball hoisted a shot to long-on where Moody claimed his catch to clinch Worcestershire's victory on a faster scoring rate.

At Edgbaston, Tim Mounton made his comeback from injury to help Warwickshire beat Somerset on a faster scoring rate.

The former England seamer, bowling in a competitive match for the first time since undergoing a serious back operation, claimed three for 45 to help the champions claim their first victory of the season.

Warwickshire pulled up a formidable 260 for seven and, after two interruptions for rain, Somerset reached 177 for five chasing a revised target of 189 in 29 overs.

Kent, who started the day joint top, lost by 11 runs to Glamorgan in a 23-over side affair at Tunbridge Wells.

TODAY'S MATCHES

Farashganj SC vs Police AC (4 pm)

Rahmatganj MFS vs Diganta Proshari of Rajshahi (6 pm)



England skipper Mike Atherton holds the Texaco Trophy after winning the third and final one-day international against West Indies at Lord's on May 28. England won by 73 runs to clinch the series 2-1. — AFP/UNB photo

England take Texaco Trophy

Atherton Windies' thorn



LONDON, May 29: Mike Atherton, whose batting thrives under the responsibility of captaincy, struck his maiden one-day international century as England beat West Indies by 73 runs in the series decider at Lord's on Sunday, reports Reuter.

Atherton's 127 was the cornerstone of England's 276 for seven in their 55 overs and they ultimately won the third and final match decisively after the West Indian batsmen failed to come to terms with their task.

The touring team were all out for 203 in 48.2 overs, crucially losing Brian Lara for 11 during a six-over spell of two for 18 by pace bowler Dominic Cork.

Atherton, named man-of-the-match, added two catches to his outstanding innings which came only 48 hours after his previous best of 92 during England's 25-run win in the second one-day at The Oval.

Opener Atherton, who was also named man-of-the-series, scored his 127 from 180 deliveries, having taken 27 balls to get off the mark. He struck one six and 14 fours.

Atherton's qualities of application and concentration are familiar to West Indies who fully tested his resilience with some particularly hostile fast bowling during the Test series in the Caribbean early last year.

England's captain did not have to cope with anything too fiery on this occasion but he still needed all his determination when a measure of bounce and movement enabled Curtly Ambrose and Ian Bishop to shackle the batsmen with the new ball.

Only 19 runs came off the first 11 overs but Atherton, first with Graeme Hick (24) and then with Graham Thorpe (28), lifted the tempo until it reached a peak with 122 being smashed off the last 15 overs.

That final flourish was sparked by Atherton and Mark Ramprakash, who shared a fourth-wicket partnership of 92 in 75 deliveries before the England skipper skied a drive off pace bowler Ottis Gibson to mid-off.

Atherton departed to a standing ovation from the ca-

capacity 28,000 crowd, leaving Alan Wells to sustain the acceleration with a quickfire 15 on his international debut.

Wells was one of three wickets taken by all-rounder Gibson on his first limited overs appearance for West Indies, before fellow pacesman Winston Benjamin dispatched Darren Gough and Cork with consecutive deliveries in the last over.

Ambrose, having conceded only eight runs in his first six overs, had 37 hit off his last five and ended the series without a wicket.

All but Lara of the top order West Indies batsmen got established but none stayed to play the major innings needed in pursuit of such a testing target.

Cork struck the most significant blow with the total 44 when Lara aimed to cut a ball wide of off stump but succeeded only in edging it to Alec Stewart, who held the first of three catches behind the stumps.

Carl Hooper was top scorer with 40, though he was never at his fluent best and took 89 deliveries to compile the runs.

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But Atherton added: "It's the third Texaco (one-day home) series we've won against them, but we've yet to break the Test barrier."

"There won't be massive changes for the Test side, but some players were obviously brought in on the back of their one-day performances — the rationale is different for the tests."

Captain Richie Richardson said: "I don't think this will have any bearing on the Test series, as it has proved before."

England won by 73 runs to clinch the series 2-1.

Japan trounce Taiwan

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SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the third and final one-day cricket match between England and West Indies at Lord's today:

ENGLAND				
M Atherton c Adams b Gibson	127			
A Stewart c Lara b Bishop	8			
G Hick b Hooper	24			
G Thorpe c Hooper b Gibson	28			
M Ramprakash not out	29			
A Wells b Gibson	15			
D Gough b Benjamin	8			
D Cork lbw b Benjamin	0			
P Martin not out	4			
Extras: (b-4, lb-12, w-9, nb-8)	33			
Total: (for seven wickets, innings closed)	276			
Fall of wickets: 1-12; 2-79; 3-152; 4-244; 5-263; 6-272; 7-272.				
Did not bat: S Udal, A Fraser.				
Bowling				
	O	M	R	W
Ambrose	11	1	45	0
Bishop	11	2	53	1
W Benjamin	10	0	61	2
Gibson	11	0	51	3
Hooper	11	0	38	1
Artherton	1	0	11	0

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CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS

1 Evergreen

4 Pool component

8 The picture of health?

12 Commotion

13 "A Death in the Family" author

14 Right-hand person

15 Pasadena event

17 Yule refrain

18 Blueprint additions

19 Honey badger

20 Blizzard minута

22 Jeremy's '60s partner

24 Photog's choice

25 Prominent parts

29 Ziering of TV's "...90210"

30 Coupled cups?

31 Man-mouse link

32 Forestalls

34 Supposing

35 Logic-puzzle data

36 Cara or Papas

37 Cautions

40 Infinitesimal bit

41 "Diary of a Housewife"

42 Ken of tennis

46 Lorna's half-sister

47 The same

48 Old Olds

49 Carina

50 Carrots' mates

51 Evergreen DOWN

1 Some-where out

there

2 Altar affirmative

3 Popular sitcom

4 Butler

5 Hollywood clashers

6 Fresh

7 Wet wiggler

8 Citizen Kane's estate

9 Laugh-a-minute

10 "Zip — Doo-Dah"

11 Holler

16 B.P.O.E. members

19 "Consum it all"

20 Use a spatula

21 Archie Bunker's creator

22 They ain't worth a dime

23 Bartholomew Cubbins' 500

25 Peachy-keen

26 It's "for remembrance"

27 Green acres

28 Bank fixture

30 Cribbage needs

33 Graffiti artist, e.g.

34 Queued up

36 Particulars

37 Base on balls

38 Grenoble girlfriend

39 Demolish

40 Cruising

42 Shred

43 Tribute in verse

44 Shelter

45 Bass

NOVA BAH ACED

OPEN ADE SUMO

BARD NOR PLUG

SHARIF SKIT

OFFTHECUFF

CHRIS HEN ROO

LAI DRY BERG

ELF RIO FADES

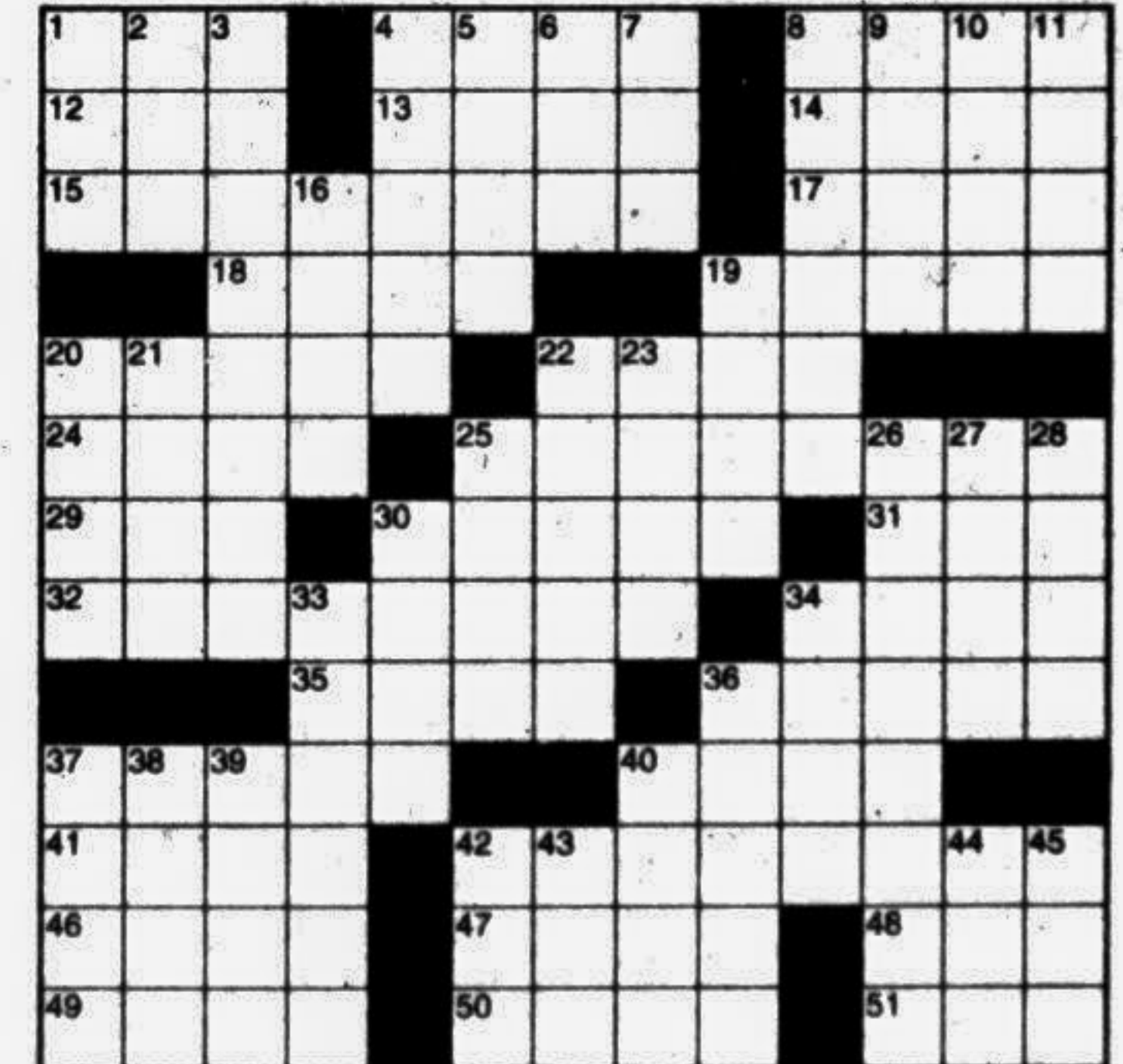
OFFTHEWALL

ROOT DULLER

SOAK APE OUZO

ALFA RIP OKRA

DEFY VET NEAR



CRYPTOQUIP

L D G F G K C F Z X N X Z R B C
I B Z L N K Z C L V N C U H R V H
P R K F Z X U Z H I D Z C
P K Z G H T C

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: ARTIST WHO BECAME FASCINATED WITH BROOMS FINALLY DREW STRAWS.

Today's Cryptoquip clue: P equals F

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.