

Column One

DID U' KNOW?

(The Professor does)

THAT Pythagoras (of geometry fame) was no bookworm. In fact, he performed on the sports field during the Olympic Games. But, then what other field can there be in the Olympics? You'll be surprised.

The ancient Games attracted huge crowds who came not only to view the sport and attend to their religious devotions, but also to listen to poets, philosophers and orators. Evenings were filled with feasting and public philosophical debates; Socrates and Plato were both known to have discoursed to the assembled crowds.

Dhaka Stadium is true to the Greek traditions. There are lots of edibles available and the galleries are never short of orators. Fans are very philosophical if the ball returns from the crosspiece. Poetry is in abundance. *Wari alow, Mohammedanre khalo*. Or, from another point of view, *Abahani bogoley, federatior-er hogoley*.

Of course, it's difficult to imagine your maths teacher doing the hurdles, or your headmaster heading home a goal.

Religious rituals are quite widely practised here. There are prayers before a match, *milad mahfil* at the beginning of the season; thanks-giving after lifting a trophy, kissing the earth before entering the ground, and so on.

What may be different from the ancient Greeks is the *galagalees* that follow a wild shot over the post.

SPORTS TALK



Azharuddin
(Indian cricket captain)

"I know I can clear many grounds in the world -- I cleared the Adelaide Oval once in a practice game -- but I just cannot afford to do it because we usually have lost a few wickets and I have to bat cautiously."

On the change in his batting style since becoming the captain.

Sports WHIZZ KID
COMPETITION FOR SCHOOLCHILDREN
(The rules are published every Saturday.)

Sports WHIZZ KID competition-11.

- Tick the Correct Answer
- (Competition closes: 8 p.m. Nov 3, 1995)
- The building containing a cycling track is a
Olympia Velodrome Bikanerium
 - The maximum that winners can score in a volleyball game is
15 points 17 points 21 points
 - "Froth" is a term used in
Table Tennis Swimming Hockey
 - The 1995 SAF games will begin in Madras from
December 22 December 28 December 31
 - In night cricket the ball is usually
Red Black White

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School Address:

Phone: (if any)

TCCB's donation

SOWETO, Oct 28: England's Test and County Cricket Board (TCCB) donated 50,000 pounds (79,080 dollars) today to help the development of the sport in South Africa, reports Reuter.

England cricket manager Ray Illingworth presented the money to United Cricket Board of South Africa (UCBSA) president Krish Mackerdhuj during the tea interval on the second day of England's four-day match against an Invitation XI.

TCCB chief executive Alan Smith said: "We wanted to give tangible support to the development of cricket in the townships and felt the timing appropriate to present this cheque."

Mohammedans' easy sail

Sports Reporter

Brief scores

Mohammedan SC: 264 for 8 in 50 overs (Bulbul 56, Mustadr Litu 45, Jahangir 40, Nannu 35; Sumit 3/31)

Bangladesh Boys Club: 120 in 43.2 overs (Sumit 23; S Shahed 3/15; Nannu 3/27).

Star-studded Mohammedan Sporting Club made a resounding start in the 16th Damal Summer cricket tournament, the curtain-raiser meet of the domestic cricket season, defeating a lowly Bangladesh Boys by a massive margin of 144 runs at the City Club ground yesterday.



BULBUL ... dazzling 56

Mohammedans, who were eliminated from the semifinal stage for the first time last year, aided by a century partnership for the first wicket and a brilliant half-century by their skipper Aminul Islam Bulbul made light work of the First Division outfit for a smooth sail in their opening bid to regain the title.

In front of a packed audience at the tiny Mirpur ground Mohammedans, after winning the toss and electing to bat, compiled a huge 264 for eight in the stipulated 50 overs.

Jahangir Alam, who along with Mustadr Litu opened the innings, built a solid foundation of a massive score sharing 112 runs in 21.2

overs. Jahangir, the right handed national batsman-cum-wicketkeeper, who joined Mohammedans this year, was first to go after scoring a polished 40 off 68 deliveries which included six hits to the fence.

But Jahangir's role only as a batsman surprised each and every one when he skipped his wicketkeeping job in the latter half of the match.

Earlier, the right-handed batsman was relieved from the "pool" by the Bangladesh Cricket Control Board (BCCB) following his plea that he was a wicketkeeper.

Now that he is eluding his duty, it implies that Mohammedans are violating the rule imposed by the BCCB that each team will have a maximum of four pool players. Or, did the organisers, release Jahangir to unduly favour some quarter?

When asked, the tournament committee secretary Golam Faruque Apu opted to remain silent instead of coming in defense of the issue in question.

Back to the match, Mustadr Litu, the makeshift Mohammedan opener, followed Jahangir, scoring a sedate but useful 45 off 72 balls inclusive of six fours.

After the departure of both openers and one down Selim Shahed (18), Mohammedans with the help of two of the most reliable middle-order batsmen Aminul Islam Bulbul and Minhazul Abedin Nannu ensured that their side cross the 200-mark sharing 74 runs off only 70 deliveries for the fourth wicket.

Aminul, the stout right-handed bat, hammered an aggressive 54 off 52 balls embellished with five boundaries and two towering sixes.

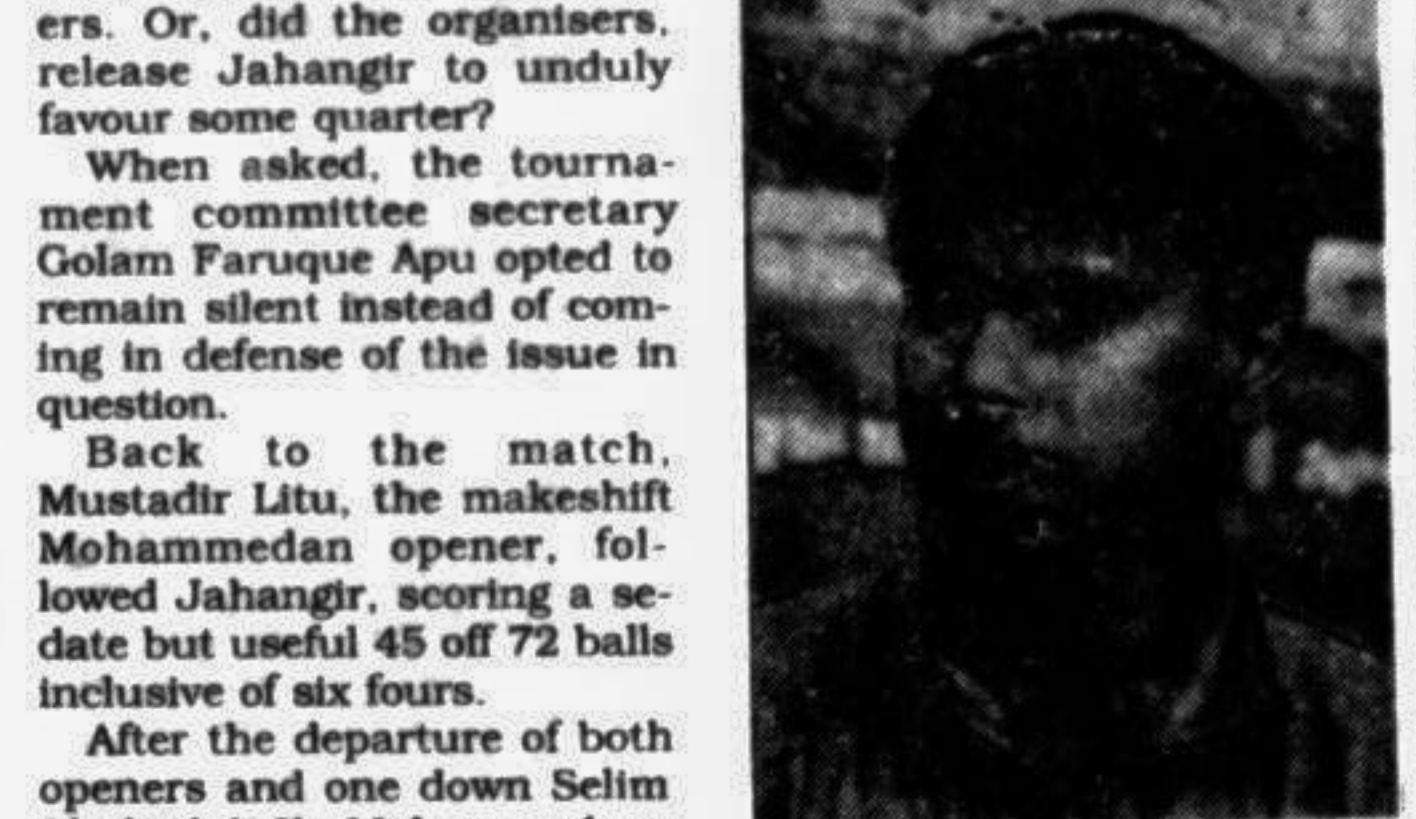
Nannu, the most sensational signing of this year, chipped in with a 41-ball 35. The most accomplished all-rounder in the country, who later did one better with the cherry, joined Mohammedans this year from defending champions Abahani Krira Chakra in a dramatic turnover of events.

After the departure of Nannu and Bulbul at 228, wicketkeeper Nasir Ahmed Nasu along with Mahmudul Huq Mithu steered Mohammedans across the 250-land mark.

Nasu, the former national wicketkeeper, scored a rapid-fire 21 off only 14 balls which included three firmly hits to the fence while Mithu scored 10 of 15 deliveries.

In reply, Bangladesh Boys, facing an uphill task of scoring more than five runs per over, caved in rather meekly, scoring a paltry 120 before being all out with more than six overs to spare.

Nannu and Selim Shahed, the slow right-armed duo of Mohammedans, who were instrumental for Boys' batting collapse, evenly shared six



NANNU ... all-round show

wickets among them.

Selim Shahed, who had earlier failed with the willow, made amends claiming three wickets for only 15 runs in his eight overs while Nannu gave 27 runs in his quota of ten over for his three scalps.

On the other hand, Mohammedans young new-ball bowlers Hasibul Hossain Shanto and Murshed Ali Khan Sumon took one wicket apiece.

For Bangladesh Boys opener Russel (22), one down Sumit (23) and Rose (21) were the three batsmen to score 20-plus.

Mohammedans will meet Agrani Bank on November 6 at the same venue in their last Group D match.

Nat'l boxing results

The Sonali Bank 18th national senior boxing championship began here at the Mohammad Ali Boxing Stadium yesterday, reports UNB.

Bangladesh Amateur Boxing Federation president A S Siraj inaugurated the four-day national meet in the afternoon.

Sixty pugilists from 12 teams are taking part in the 12 weight categories competition.

Thirteen quarter-final matches of six weight categories were decided on the opening day.

Light flyweight -- 48 kgs: Delwar Hossain (Bagerhat) beat Atiar Rahman (Comilla), L/Nk Azizur Rahman (Army) defeated A N M Abdul Mannan (Rajshahi), and L/Nk M Monir Hossain (BDR) outplayed M Saed Mahmood (Chuadanga).

Bantamweight -- 54 kgs: L/Nk Abdul Berek (BDR) eliminated M Abul Bashar (Police).

Lightweight -- 60 kgs: M Saifur Islam (Rajshahi) overcame Pijush Kanti Sen (Bagerhat), L/Nk Anisur Rahman (BDR) defeated M A Mannan (Kushtia), and M Raihan Ali (Army) beat M Enamul Hoq (Police).

Welterweight -- 67 kgs: MS Abedin (Navy) beat M Zakaria Masud (Narail), M Rafiqul Islam (Bagerhat) won against Mahmudul Karim (Comilla), M Moniruzzaman (Army) eliminated Nur-e-Alam Badsha (Jhenidah), and M Rafiqul Islam (Ansar) defeated L/Nk M Khaled Hossain (BDR).

Light middleweight -- 71 kgs: M Abu Salek (Ansar) beat M Moniruzzaman (Narail), and L/Nk M Kafiuddin (BDR) defeated M Obaidul Islam (Police).

Solid start for England

SOWETO, Oct 28: England were dismissed for 332 in their first innings on the second day of their four-day match against a South African Invitation XI at the Elkah Oval today, reports Reuter.

On Friday England scored 285 for seven on a day packed with incident.

England openers Alec Stewart and Mike Atherton

of nine for 57 in a Test against South Africa at The Oval last year.

Mandela's visit was the only thing to slow England's progress until mid-afternoon, when a slow left-armed who had taken just nine wickets in eight seasons, dismissed both openers.

Border's Piet Strydom lured Atherton (59) and Stewart (94) into offering catches in the deep. He then had Robin Smith stumped on



Jonty Rhodes of South Africa along with his teammates appeals for a catch-out of England's Richard Illingworth during their four-day match at the Soweto Cricket Oval, Johannesburg, on Oct 28.

chances to show form on this tour and it is great to get runs under your belt early."

With England having lost four wickets for four runs either side of tea, John Crawley, who was only in the team because Mark Ramprakash withdrew at the eleventh hour suffering from exhaustion, rebuilt the innings.

But the introduction of Meyrick Pringle with the second new ball changed the course of the match again. As the Western Province pacer took the first hattrick of his career to reduce the tourists to 250 for seven.

Pringle trapped Jack Russell lbw for 11, then struck Mike Watkinson on the ankle with a full toss next ball to gain another leg before decision. Mark Ilett was then yorcked with the hattrick ball -- ironically the seventh ball of an over that had included a no-ball.

"I thought as I was walking back on a hattrick that I hadn't taken one since I was 12," said Pringle. "I'm sure I had Atherton lbw to the first ball of the match, so this was a great way to finish the day."

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard on the second day of the four-day match between England and a South African Invitation XI at the Elkah Oval today:

ENGLAND: First innings (overnight 285-7)

Atherton c Rhodes b Strydom	59
Stewart c Cronje b Strydom	94
Crawley c Rhodes b Davis	85
Smith c Mazkizana b Davis	4
Hick c Toyane b Strydom	11
Russell lbw b Pringle	0
Watkinson lbw b Pringle	0
Ilett b Pringle	0
Illingworth c Rhodes b Davis	19
Fraser c Mazkizana b Davis	6
Malcolm not out	30
Extras: (b-9, lb-14, nb-16)	39
Total: (in 131.4 overs)	332

Fall of wickets: 1-163; 2-170; 3-179; 4-210; 5-250; 6-250; 7-250; 8-312; 9-325.

Bowling

	O	M	R	W
Pringle	26	4	75	3
Snell	13	6	30	0
Williams	29	9	73	0
Davis	21.4	8	68	4
Cronje	8	3	17	0
Strydom	34	14	46	3

Forlorn fellow reaches Rome!

ROME, Oct 28: Boca Juniors striker Claudio Caniggia arrived in Rome for a brief stay on Friday to try to persuade his wife to return to Argentina, reports Reuter.

"I don't like to talk about my personal life but I can say that (my wife) Mariana has preferred to stay away from Argentina for reasons of tranquility," Caniggia told reporters and photographers at Rome airport.

"I returned to Rome to bring back peace to my family," the Argentine World Cup player, father of three children, said. "I will try to see my wife at home, hoping to convince her to come with me to Argentina."

Caniggia, who has been in poor form recently after signing for Boca Juniors in July at the same time as his friend Diego Maradona, said he would return to Buenos Aires early next week.

Mariana Caniggia, also an Argentine was unhappy in Buenos Aires when the former AS Roma forward returned to Argentina after a season with Benfica of Portugal.

She has been living in a house on Rome's upmarket Appia Antica, the ancient Appian way, with the couple's three children.

Brothers Union rule City

Sports Reporter

Brief scores

City Club: 156 for 8 in 50 overs (Rezaur 51*; Gem 3/28)

Brothers Union: 157 for 2 in 41.1 overs (Biddyt 76*, Halim Shah 50*)

Two sedate half centuries, one each by young opener Shahriar Hossain Biddyt and experienced middle-order batsman Halim Shah, paved the way for Brothers Union's emphatic eight-wicket win over City Club on the second day of the 16th Damal Summer cricket tournament at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium yesterday.

Needing a modest 157 runs for a win in 50 overs, both Biddyt and Halim Shah settled for a slow-but-steady approach to the game and enabled their side to reach the target with almost ten overs to spare. Earlier, Brothers Union had lost two quick wickets with the scoreboard reading 22.

Biddyt, the right-handed batsman who reached his fifty off 94 balls, remained unbeaten on 76 as Brothers reached the victory in 41.1 overs. During his 170-minute stay at the crease Biddyt clubbed six four.



HALIM SHAH ... 50

the handsome strokeplayer hit five boundaries during his 136-minute stay at the wicket.

City Club called on all their resources to disturb the steady duo, using as many as nine bowlers, but failed to after the course of the match. Palash was their lone wicket-taker with one for 19 from his six overs.

Earlier, in the morning, Brothers' skipper Ziauddin Ahmed Shovon won the toss and put the Mirpur boys to bat.

His decision to field first was promptly proved worthy as Md Salahuddin, their fiery new recruit from Wari, captured two wickets in his first two overs to reduce their opponents to 15 for 2. But a fighting unbeaten half-century by middle order Rezaur picked up the City spirits somewhat and helped them to reach a respectable total of 156 for 8 from the allotted 50 overs. Rezaur hit five boundaries in his 104-minute stay scoring 51 from 96 balls faced.

Saifullah Khan Gem was the most successful Brothers bowler picking up three wickets from his ten overs. The left-arm spinner was economical as well, giving away only 28 runs. Salahuddin followed with two for 25 in his short spell of five overs.

Pacer Iqbal Hossain, better known for his highly unorthodox stints with the willow, had the rare delight of seeing his first five overs go for maidens. The balding youngster, who came into the limelight during the same tourney last year with some brilliant long-handled efforts for Victoria, finally ended with figures of 10-5-17-0.

Brothers will meet Dhanmondi Club on November 2. City will meet Gulshan Youth on November 4.

Junior tennis

Sports Reporter

Nadim Kamran Khan Rohan of Chittagong will take on Sheikh Sirajul Majid Sico of Rajshahi in the first semifinal of the national junior tennis championships boys' singles this morning at the Ramna National Tennis Complex.

Two boys from Dhaka -- Kanchan Ram and Syed Aziz Raj -- will play in the other semifinal, also to be played today.

In yesterday's quarterfinals, Rohan beat Babu Lal of Dhaka Officers' Club 6-1, 6-0 and Sico overcame Tahsin Noor Khan Turja of Rajshahi 7-5, 6-1. Kanchan defeated Saiaas Sajal Barai 6-1, 6-3 in the next match while Raj outclassed Iftakhar Morshed 6-2, 6-3 in the days last quarters.

In the day's lone girls' singles, Shifat Nusrat Baishakhi recorded an easy 6-2, 6-3 win over Bushra Ferdousi.

The boys' doubles event also reached its semifinal stage yesterday.

In the semis, which will be played today in the afternoon at 3 pm, the Dhaka duo of Raj and Turja are scheduled to face Sajal and Sico while Rohan and Kanchan will play against the Babu Lal-Kabir pair.

In yesterday's quarters, Raj and Turja beat Minhaz and Aminul 6-2, 6-1. Sajal and Sico outplayed Sajid and Suvas 6-0, 6-1. Rohan and Kanchan won 6-2, 6-0 against Iftakhar and Marshed while Babu Lal and Kabir earned a three-set victory (3-6, 6-3, 6-1) over Bony and Niamat.

Vass Taylor's dangerman

SYDNEY, Oct 28: Australian cricket captain Mark Taylor today rated left-arm pacer Chaminda Vaas as one of the players to watch in a confident Sri Lanka team to arrive here next month, reports AFP.

Sri Lanka has had unprecedented success in the last 12 months, winning Test series in New Zealand and Pakistan and defeating the West Indies in the final of this month's Champions' Trophy in Sharjah.

Vaas, 20, bowled Sri Lanka to their maiden overseas Test victory in New Zealand earlier this year and was one of the stars of the historic 2-1 Test series win in Pakistan last month.

The 18-man squad lands in Calms, in North Queensland, next month for a three-Test series and the annual triangular World Series one-day competition against Australia and the West Indies in December-January.

"I've seen a bit of him and he looks good," Taylor said today after evaluating the Sri Lankan squad.

"He swings it into the right handers and he's one of the main reasons they have done well lately. I faced him in a one-dayer in Sharjah and in Sri Lanka and I'm looking forward to seeing him bowl out here."

Taylor said Sri Lanka were no longer just another nation playing Test cricket and the

Bacrot world U-12 chess champ

PARIS, Oct 28: A young Frenchman, Etienne Bacrot, has captured the under-12 chess World Championships in San Lorenzo, Brazil the French Chess Federation announced Friday, reports AFP.

Bacrot, 12, won decisively taking 10 of 11 possible points with nine victories and two draws. Three other contestants -- one each from the United States, India and Russia tied for second place.

India 144 for 2 on Day 4

MADRAS, Oct 28: An unbeaten 52 by Sachin Tendulkar helped India to reach 144 for two wickets in their first innings at close on the fourth day of a rain-ravaged second cricket Test against New Zealand today, reports Reuter.

India were 54 for the loss of one wicket when play stopped on Wednesday. Thursday and Friday were washed out completely.

Tendulkar and Navjot Sidhu made some fine strokes to cheer up a frustrated crowd after some 20 of the scheduled 24 hours were lost due to rain in the first four days.

Today ended with a heavy downpour which threatened the final day's play on Sunday.

New Zealand asked for the fifth day to be converted into a one-day match but their request met with indifference from Indian officials.

"We did not take it seriously," Jagmohan Dalmya, secretary of the Board of Control for Cricket in India, told reporters.

Tendulkar hit five fours to score his 50 in 88 minutes off 76 balls and punished medium-pacer Chris Cairns, who was otherwise economical, and left-arm spinner Mark Haslam.

Sidhu cover-drove pacer Danny Morrison and chopped him beyond slips to

get two fine boundaries and also straight drove pacer Dion Nash for four before Cairns, replacing Morrison, got his wicket.

A diving Roger Twose caught Sidhu at backward square-leg as Sidhu tried a flick, ending his 33-run knock off 105 balls in 148 minutes, with five hits to the fence.

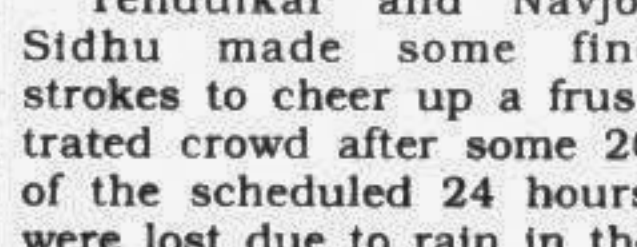
New Zealand's bowlers kept a good length and Haslam contained Tendulkar for a long time before the stroke-maker cut loose.

Opener Manoj Prabhakar continued a dour spell, allowing his colleagues to cross his score, and could hit his first four only on his 209th ball.

The day's play started nearly six hours late. The outfield was wet and a huge stretch in the middle ground was soggy despite night and day work by scores of ground staff working with sawdust and rollers.

India lead 1-0 in the three-match series after their eight-wicket win at Bangalore last week.

The third Test is set to begin on November 8 at Cuttack in the eastern state of Orissa.



Army v ball

Six more robin league matches of the Army volleyball championship were held at the Rangpur Cantonment yesterday, an ISPR press release said, reports BSS.

Rangpur area defeated Dhaka Signals, Chittagong area beat Dhaka Infantry by three straight sets each and Comilla area outplayed Savar area by 3-1 sets in three robin league matches in the morning.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

16th Damal Summer cricket 1995

Biman vs Ajax SC (DCS)

GMCC vs Khelaghar SKS (CCG)

National junior tennis championships

Venue: Ramna Tennis Complex

Semifinals (Boys' singles) at 9:00 am

Semifinals (Boys' doubles) at 3:00 pm

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard on the fourth day of the second cricket Test between India and New Zealand today:

INDIA: First innings (overnight 54-1)

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CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS

- One of the pointer sisters?
- Word ignored in an index
- Gridlock component
- Leoline clan
- Tapestry
- He's not out of the woods yet
- Skilled at shoplifting
- Estival
- Billiards tactic
- "How Can ... Sure?"
- Near the treasure
- "Clue" professor
- "Red Badge of Courage" author
- Talks like an ass?
- Boxer Max
- Signet

DOWN

- City.
- Beelzebub
- Lubricate
- Without grace
- wouldn't call him thoughtless
- Mix up
- Long stories
- Wrong stories?
- Played first 9 A is the Celtic sea god
- DOWN
- Cleanse
- Ogden's stats
- He always rang twice
- Gearshift
- mechanism, for short
- Depend (on)
- Lip
- Saharan
- Spectrum producer
- 40 Celtic sea Addamees
- Miss neighbor
- Picture
- Tukle
- Puzzle, often
- Rap's rival
- 1940s headline word
- 20 Chum
- 21 Intaglio's opposite
- 22 Bugs anew
- 23 Noggin
- 24 Klugman costar
- 25 Scroogean cry
- 26 Walk of Fame decor
- 28 "Playboy of the Western World" writer
- 29 Winning
- 30 Stranger
- 31 Misfortunes
- 32 Cautious solution
- 34 Centrifuge insert
- 35 Entertainer Adams

Solution time: 22 mins.

CRYPTOQUIP

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Yesterday's Cryptquip: YOU MIGHT SAY THE POOR MAN THAT INVENTED SANDPAPER HAD IT VERY ROUGH.

Today's Cryptquip clue: R equals W

The Cryptquip 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.