

Column One

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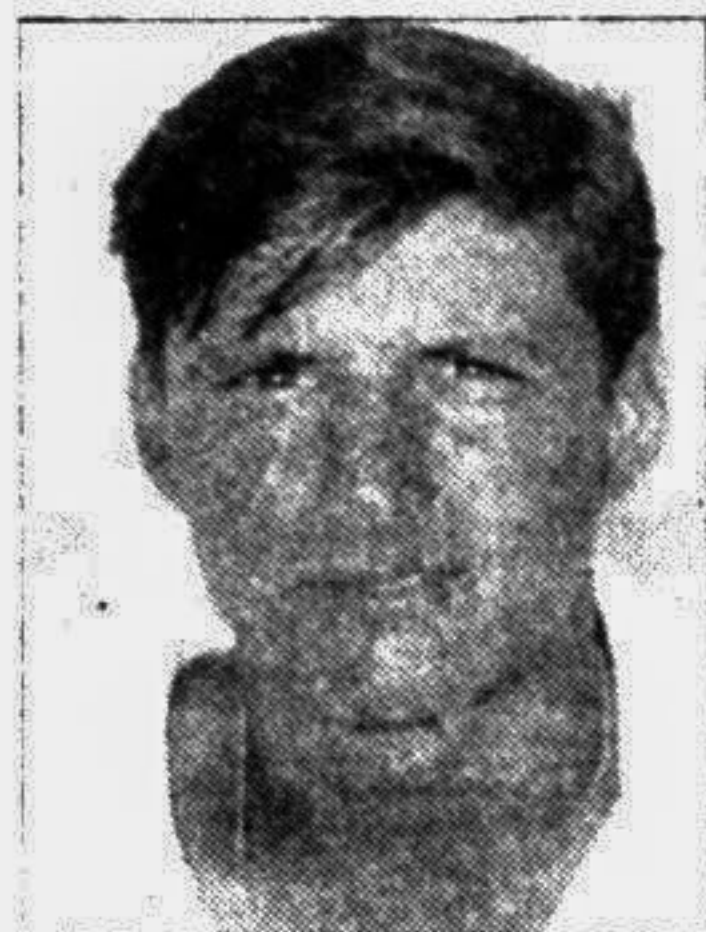
(The Professor does)

That many including myself, have questioned me: meaning I have questioned myself come every Wimbledon, why zero points are referred to by the term love.

One attempted explanation by people who had more knowledge of battles than tennis was that, before the on-court fighting began, the umpire initiated the proceedings with a call for peace — love all. I have never divulged the source after the idea had been rejected all ends up. Professors usually own up to acclaimed issues.

But, now it can be revealed that possibly the love in tennis has been derived from the French word for egg, l'œuf, referring to the physical appearance of the number zero. A tie at 40 is called deuce. Shouldn't we call it an old tie?

SPORTS TALK



Shahid Afridi

(Pakistan's new cricket sensation)

"There are no phone calls from female fans yet. To some extent it is good. I do not want to make girl friends. It is a habit that can drag one away from the ambition one wants to fulfil."

(Said the 19-year-old following his fastest one-day hundred off 37 balls).

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November 22, 1996

- Who won the Titan Trophy?
India S. Africa Australia
- How many one-day matches has Wasim Akram played to capture 300 wickets?
206 207 208
- The 13th QM Hossain IM chess championship was won by
Zia Reza M. Lodhi
- Who clinched the top position in the 16th national age-group swimming championship?
BKSP American Int'l School Biman
- Which country will host the 1998 Commonwealth Games?
Malaysia England Hong Kong

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Office of the Executive Engineer
Local Govt. Engineering Directorate, Chuadanga
Memo No : LGED/EE/Chua/D-91/95-96/1278 Dated : 31/10/96

Tender Notice

No-3/1996-97
Sealed tenders are hereby invited in Bangladesh Form No-2911 from all class contractors/contractor firms prequalified for all projects under Local Govt. Engineering Directorate and LGED enlisted up to date renewed for completion of 17 (seventeen) works (total estimated cost Taka five lakh) under Low Cost Rural Bridge/Culvert Construction Project in different thanas of this district. Tenders will be received in the tender box kept at the office of the Thana Engineer, Sadar, Alamdanga, Damurhuda, Zibannagar, Executive Engineer, LGED, Kushtia, Meherpur and the undersigned up to 12:30PM on 17-11-96 and will be opened on the same day at 1:00PM before the contractors or their representatives (if any) present. Tender schedule and other documents can be purchased at the prescribed price (non-refundable) from the abovementioned offices everyday during office hours up to 16-11-96.

The authority reserves the right to accept or reject any tender or reject all tenders without assigning any reason. This notice being a short one, detailed information can be known from the abovementioned offices everyday during office hours.

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An exciting moment from yesterday's Danish Premier Division football league match between Mohammedan SC and East End Club at the Mirpur Stadium. —Star photo

Alfaz's heady hatrick

Sports Reporter

Mohammedan SC-5 (Alfaz-3, Makino, Biplab)
East End-1 (Sourav Raju)

A brilliant hatrick by ace striker Alfaz Ahmed guided title aspirants Mohammedan Sporting Club to a convincing 5-1 victory over lowly East End Club in their return leg Danish Premier Division football league encounter at the Mirpur Stadium last night.

In a one side affair, Mohammedans' Alfaz, who also enjoyed a hatrick against Laos Electricity in an Asian Cup Winners Cup match in Dhaka last August, scored three goals while their debutant Nigerian midfielder Makino and substitute Biplab struck one each. On the other hand, East End's national under-19 striker Sourav Majumdar Raju pulled one back for the old Dhaka outfit.

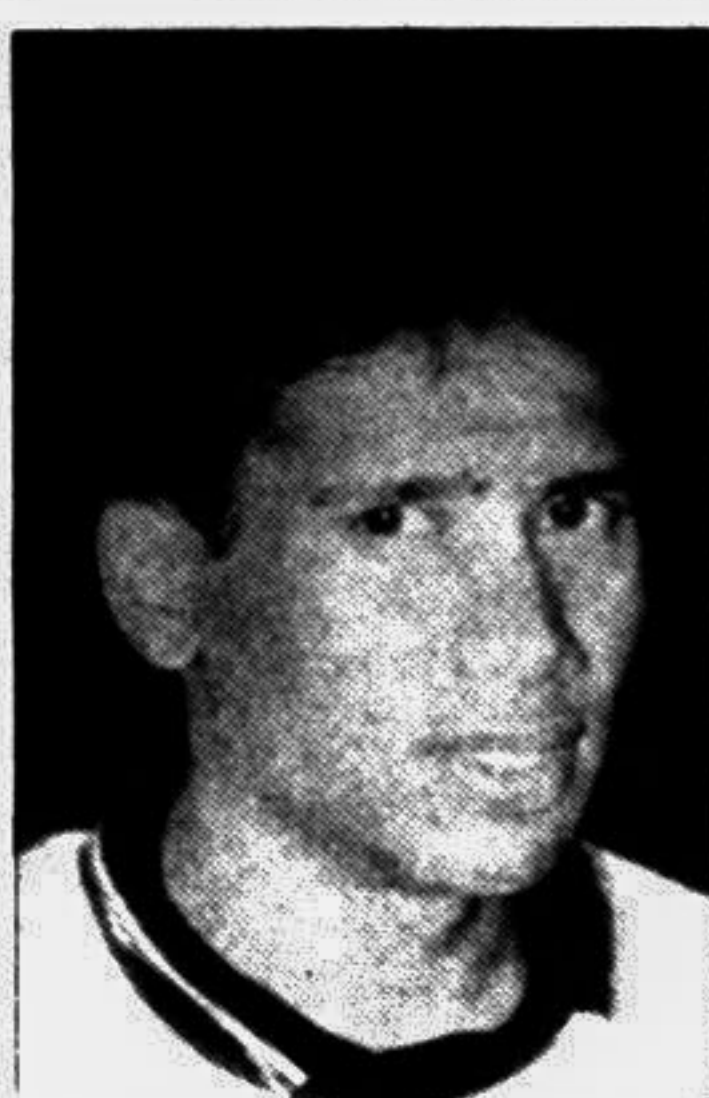
With yesterday's win, Mohammedans kept their championship hopes alive with a four-point lead over arch rivals Abahani atop the ten-team elite group table. The black and

whites have 26 points. MSC and Abahani have both played ten matches.

On the other hand, the defeat kept promotees East End Club at the bottom of the standings along with Bangladesh Boys, both having seven points.

Mohammedans, whose Nigerian booters — Makino and Jide made their maiden appearances yesterday, led the first half 1-0.

Although the two Nigerians pleased the local fans with their



ALFAZ... hatrick entertaining football Mohammedans could not record a big lead in the first half due to a series of misses.

Alfaz, the key Mohammedan striker with five goals was among the leading goalscorers behind Abahani's Mizan on completion of the first leg, missed the first opportunity in the 23rd minute when he gifted the ball to East End custodian Shohan from a close range after receiving a Sabir right flank cross.

Eleven minutes later, Alfaz once again failed to capitalise on a Manik pass inside the East End box and his powerful grounder went wide off the far post.

However, the dark and dapper Mohammedan marksman compensated his failures in style when he broke the deadlock in the penultimate minute ahead of the lemon break.

It was a corner from the left side which initiated the goal. Midfielder Iqbal, after receiving the Ruhul Amin corner, headed the ball to an unguarded Alfaz who without any delay pushed the ball home with a magnificent piece of headwork past the helpless Shohan on his right (1-0).



Mohammedans' South Korean coach Man Young Kang anxiously looks on from the gallery during the Danish Premier Division football league match against East End Club. —Star photo

Champions' Trophy

Pak-Kiwi match today

SHARJAH, United Arab Emirates, Nov 9: Pakistan manager Mushtaq Mohammad said on Saturday he hoped the Singer Champions' Trophy defeat by Sri Lanka would serve as "a wake up call" for his batsmen, reports Reuters.

Pakistan, who meet New Zealand on Sunday, were hustled out for 131 to lose by 75 runs to the world champions on Friday.

"Our bowlers did a great job by bowling out Sri Lanka for a modest score but still we blow the chance," said Mushtaq.

"I hope the defeat will serve as a wake up call for the batsmen... most of the top order went to trash strokes which hardly justifies their reputation."

"We experimented by promoting Shahid Afridi to open the innings with Saeed Anwar but it did not work. We might resort to the tried and trusted combination of Aamir Sohail and Anwar on Sunday."

New Zealand coach Steve Rixon said team morale was high after their victory over Sri Lanka in the opening match of the tournament.

Sri Lanka spinner Kumara Dharmasena, who injured his right shoulder while attempting a diving catch on Friday, may be forced to miss his side's next match.

"The X-ray has shown he has no dislocation and there is no fracture. At the most he may miss one match," said manager Duleep Mendis.

Chess league

Scenario unchanged

Sports Reporter

Reigning champions Mohammedan Sporting Club kept their occupation intact over the top slot in the First Division chess league with 13.5 points at the end of fourth round yesterday.

In yesterday's round, Mohammedans' beat Bangladesh Ansars 3-1.

Mohammedans' two foreign Grand Masters — Mikhail Krasenkov and Dibyendu Barua, won their respective boards against Jamilur Rahman and Arifuzzaman Sikdar while GM Niaz Murshed and Enamul Hossain Rajib drew their matches against Ali Anjad Mintu and Tyebur Rahman respectively.

Mohammedans apart, Leonine Chess Club and Bangladesh Biman were in the second and third position having 13 and 12.5 points to their respective accounts.

In yesterday's matches, Leonine, third in the league last year, outplayed Farashganj Sporting Club 4-0 while Biman, last year's runners-up, earned a 3.5 - 5 win over Dhaka University.

Besides, in the day's other engagements, BTMC trounced Sheikh Russel Chess Club 4-0. Narayanjan Chess Club outclassed Avijatrik Club 4-0. Prodeep Sangha tamed Anushil Daba Chakra 4-0. Fire Service defeated Touchstone Club 3.5 - .5 while Konica Chess Club beat Narayanjan Daba Khelwar Kalyan Samiti 3-1.

England earn full points

TBILISI, Nov 9: Two first-half goals saw England easily overcome Georgia in their Group Two World Cup qualifier here on Saturday, reports AFP.

It took only 15 minutes for Teddy Sheringham to open the scoring when he broke into the area and flashed the ball in off the outside of his right foot.

Les Ferdinand all but buried the home side when he got England's second in the 37th minute with a vicious left-footed shot.

It was a sweet victory for England manager Glenn Hoddle who pulled out a masterful battle plan.

The win maintained England's 100 per cent record under their new young coach and sent them three points clear of rivals Italy at the top of their qualifying group.

Hoddle had given a first start to Tottenham defender Sol Campbell and restored David Batty to the starting line-up for the first time in 17 months, and the pattern looked perfect.

Georgia had few chances against an English side that was in complete control.

Army v'ball

The annual volleyball championship of the Bangladesh Army began at the Ghatail Cantonment in Tangail yesterday, reports BSS.

Twelve teams are taking part in the annual meet.

The hosts, Momenshahi Area beat the Dhaka Signals in a straight sets 3-0. In another match, Comilla Area won against Jessore Area in 3-1.

TODAY'S MATCHES

Danish Premier Division football league:
Muktijoddha Sangsad vs. Brothers Union
(Mirpur Stadium, 6 pm)

Danish First Division Football league:
Victoria SC vs Police AC
(Mirpur Stadium, 4 pm)
Warl Club vs Mirpur Chalanika
(Army Stadium, 3 pm)

17th Damal Smriti cricket tournament:
Abahani vs Gulshan (CCG)
GMCC vs Ekaton SS (CCG)

Brothers Union vs Sadharan Bima (DCS)

Bulbul's brilliant day



An all-round performance by skipper Aminul Islam in Bulbul's new-ball bowlers had figures of two for 29 while Minharul Abedin Nannu and Mustard Litu took one wicket each.

seven-wicket win over Gopibagh Friends Association in their first appearance in the 17th Damal Smriti tournament yesterday, reports UNB.

Winning the toss at the Dhaka Stadium, Mohammedans sent Gopibagh FA in to bat first and restricted them to 156 for six in the stipulated 50 overs. Later, the holders reached 157 for the loss of three wickets in 43 overs.

Bulbul bagged two wickets for 18 runs in six economical overs including a maiden, and then scored an unbeaten 31 off 39 balls that featured one boundary.

Gopibagh FA batsman Labbu contributed a rapid-fire 42 off 45 deliveries with three hits to the fence while Saiful Islam laboured in making 33 runs off 70 balls and opener Setu scored

an equally costly 22 in 87 balls. Hasibul Hasan Shanto, Mohammedans' new-ball bowler, had figures of two for 29 while Minharul Abedin Nannu and Mustard Litu took one wicket each.

Mohammedans' opening batsman Parvez Ahmed was main run-getter with 54 playing 93 balls while one down Sanwar Hossain made 34 off 92 balls and former national skipper Nannu remained 19 not out off 34 balls.

Ripon, Nadim Nazir and Shaheen of Gopibagh FA took one wicket apiece.

BIMAN SHOT DOWN

In the day's other match on the eastern strip of the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium, Ajax Sporting Club upset Bangladesh Biman beating them by a comfortable 47 runs.

Sent in to bat first after losing the toss, Ajax SC piled up 211 for seven in 50 overs and later dismissed their formidable rivals for 164 in

46.4 overs. Pakistani Maqsood Raja plotted Biman's downfall. He contributed highest 46 off 92 balls, then took four Biman wickets for only 19 runs in 8.4 overs.

Jewel scored 32 off 49 balls that featured two fours and a six, opener Rafiqul Islam made 28 off 67 balls with two boundaries and number six Sumon Biswas scored 28 off 24 balls.

Athar Ali, Zahurul, Hassanuzzaman and Rafique claimed one wicket each for Biman.

For the national airlines outfit, Ahmed Fiyas Shaheen made 28, Habibul Bashar Sumon also scored 28, Hassanuzzaman 23, Athar Ali 20 and Mohammad Rafique 10 runs in four balls.

Besides Maqsood Raja's four wickets, Aminul Islam Shola pocketed two wickets for 21 runs in eight overs while Colonel Ripon and Bipul took one apiece.

BANKERS WIN

In another match at the Mirpur City Club ground, Agrani Bank Club defeated Sadharan Bima KS by 67 runs.

Put in to bat first, the bankers hammered a massive 269 for eight in their allotted with Ishitah making 70, Iqbal 52 and Nishan 43.

Niaz and Hannan of Bima took two wickets each giving away 58 and 62 runs respectively.

In reply, the insurance men were restricted to 202 runs for eight in 50 overs with tallender Nakib Haider contributing 53 not out and opener Abdul Hannan 34 runs.

Shahnewaz Kabir Shuvro bagged three wickets for 27 runs in 10 overs while Suja Irfan, Shahid Iqbal, Moksedur Rahman Mukul and Shahid Mahboob took one wicket each.

BRIEF SCORES

GOPIBAGH FA: 156 for six in 50 overs (Labbu 42*, Saiful 33, Shetu 22; Bulbul 2/18, Shaheen 2/9)

MOHAMMEDAN SC: 157 for three in 43 overs (Parvez 54, Sanwar 34, Bulbul 31*, Nannu 19*, Ripon 1/10)

AJAX SC: 211 for seven in 50 overs (Maqsood Raja 46, Jewel 32, Sumon Biswas 28, Rafiqul 28; Rashed 1/27, Athar Ali 1/21)

BAFGADESH BIMAN: 164 in 46.4 overs (Sumon 28, Shaheen 28, Hassanuzzaman 23; Maqsood Raja 4/19)

AGRANI BANK SC: 259 for eight in 50 overs (Ishitah 70, Shahid Iqbal 52, Ali Nishan 42; Niaz 2/58)

SADHARAN BIMA KS: 202 for eight in 50 overs (Naquib 53, Hannan 34; Suva 3/27)

Shivnarine's stirring show



PERTH, Nov 9: Shivnarine Chanderpaul scored 123 and opener Robert Samuels added 96 as the West Indies tallied 334 runs against Western Australia Saturday on the second day of a three-day match, report agencies.

The West Indies finished the day at 387 for four in reply to the state side's first innings total of 293-6 declared.

Carl Hooper added 84 runs to the West Indies total as Chanderpaul and Samuels put on 207 runs from the second wicket.

Chanderpaul, resuming on 11, carved out 80 in the morning session, then took another 57 minutes and 42 balls after launch to get the nine runs required for his century.

He hit 19 fours but added just 32 runs in the second session before retiring at tea due to a slight groin strain. It had earlier been ruled that Chanderpaul had retired without injury, but West Indian officials asked for an official change following the match, reducing the team's wicket loss for the innings to four from five. Samuels also impressed and was unlucky to be yoked by 22-year-old debutant fast bowler Matthew Nicholson when only four runs short of a well deserved century.

Hooper also enjoyed some free stroking practice, hammer-

ing nine fours and a six. He had a lucky let-off, on 60, when he was dropped at mid-off by Brad Hogg.

Left-arm wrist-spinner Hogg, who made his Test debut for

from 23 overs. The West Indies batting skills are still under the Australian microscope less than two weeks before the first Test in Brisbane having lost both their opening tour fixtures comprehensively.

Chanderpaul, who has quickly established a reputation as class player with an average of 55.58 in his opening 11 Tests, has yet to appear in a Test against Australia.

He was overlooked by the selectors for the series against Mark Taylor's team last year because they feared he would have problems with leg-spinning wizard Shane Warne.

But he now looms as a key player in the middle order and his fortunes are expected to have a major impact on the series.

Aussies win soccer series

JOHANNESBURG, Nov 9: The Australian Olympic team won a two-match series against their South African counterparts following a 1-1 draw at FNB Stadium on Saturday, reports AFP.

Australia, who triumphed 2-0 in midweek, were the most imaginative and penetrative team during the first half and took a 20th-minute lead through Michael Curcija.

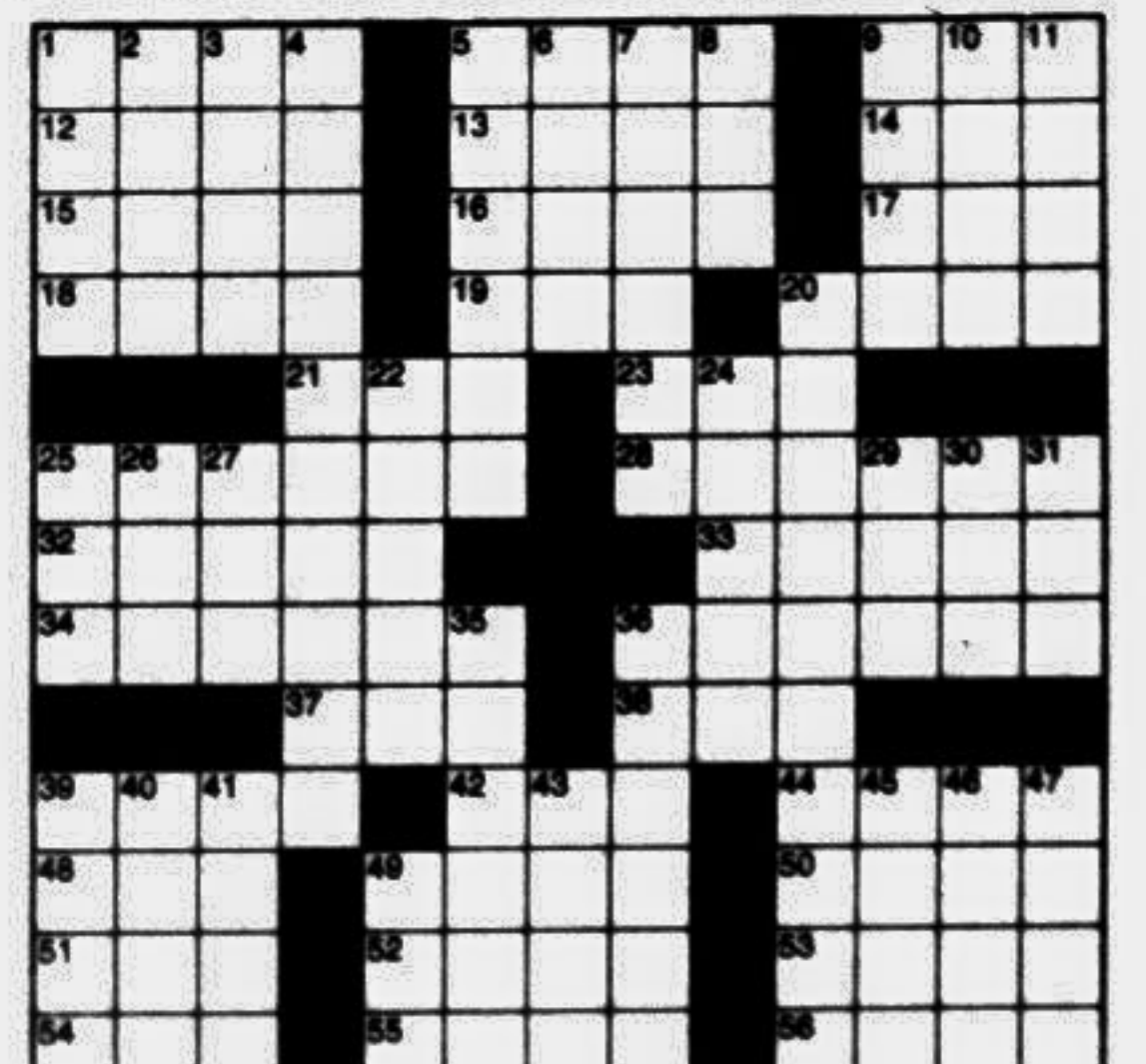
CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS
39 Open a crack
42 Prop for Minnesota
5 Mountain-ear's toothhold
9 Scoundrel
12 Grand-scale
13 Pergrinate
14 Mined-over matter?
15 DNA passenger
16 Leading man
17 Caco-phony
18 Vicinity
19 Track action
20 Indolent
21 Arise
22 Charities chum
25 Indeed
26 Haphazard
32 Crueltest of the 12, said Elliot
33 Singer Della
34 Liberate's collection
37 Less lax
37 Lamb's dam
38 She-dadled

DOWN
55 Network
56 Indonesian appetizer
1 Humongous: prefix
2 Copycat
3 Fellini-based musical
4 Luxury ship
5 Ill-tempered
6 Took the bus
7 Incarnation
8 Priced possession
9 End of the rendition
10 Neighbor of N.M.
11 Say it isn't so
20 Comments on the record?
22 Permit
24 "West Side Story" song
25 Knock
26 Beside: prefix
27 Coach Par-seghian
29 Rep's rival
30 Simple sugar
31 Mail de—
35 Firmly established
36 It's the talk of Parsee
39 Saharan
40 Hint hit
41 Irving and Grant
43 "Exodus" author
46 Cougar
46 Condo, e.g.
47 Post-Christmas event
48 President pro —

Solution time: 27 mins.

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER
1 AM CLUB MULL
2 ODI RINK ISEE
3 PASTIMES KENO
4 THREE AARON
5 HATED BIND
6 EATEN ANTILOGUE
7 USE LITTLE ONE
8 PASTIMES BONE
9 ELKS OLIVER
10 LUMP PASTRAMI
11 AGONE AUTO TON
12 NOTH SKIN EON
13 YESTERDAY'S ANSWER



CRYPTOQUIP

FAIF HBVCIFXPXQSNF
NWVB SN SVZXNCB
ABVBIPR QBFN WUXBV
CRNZSU

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WHEN THE FIRST CREDIT CARD WAS ISSUED, SOME MEN GOT A CHARGE OUT OF IT.

Today's Cryptoquip clue: H equals D

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.