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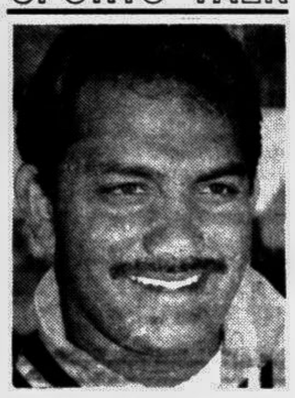


Md Azharuddin

(Former Indian captain)

"Kapil Dev was a champion cricketer. He missed so few one-day internationals. I feel sad that I should be taking away a record from him."

On breaking Kapil's record for most appearances in one-dayers by an Indian.

Div II handball

Three matches of the Sheetal metropolis Second Division handball league were decided at the handball court adjacent to the Dhaka Stadium yesterday, reports UNB.

In the day's first match, Shatirtha Club defeated Mansoor Sporting Club by 14-7 goals after dominating the first half by 8-3 goals.

Nahid scored five, Saijul, Ariful and Rana netted two goals each for the winners while Mamun struck four and Rustom two for the losers.

In the day's second match, West Jatrabari Kishore Sangha outplayed Pallabi Club by 20-8 goals after leading the first session by 9-3.

Motaleb contributed five, Shanta, Mitu and Zaman four each for the Jatrabari team while Babul scored three and Alam two for the Pallabi team.

In the day's third and last match, Bangladesh Air Force earned a comfortable 40-16 goals victory over Purbachal Parishad. The first half score was 20-7 in favour of the Air Force.

Mujibar struck the day's highest 13 goals and Sultan 12 for the winners while Russel made seven and Ranto six for the losers.

SA Cup soccer final drawn

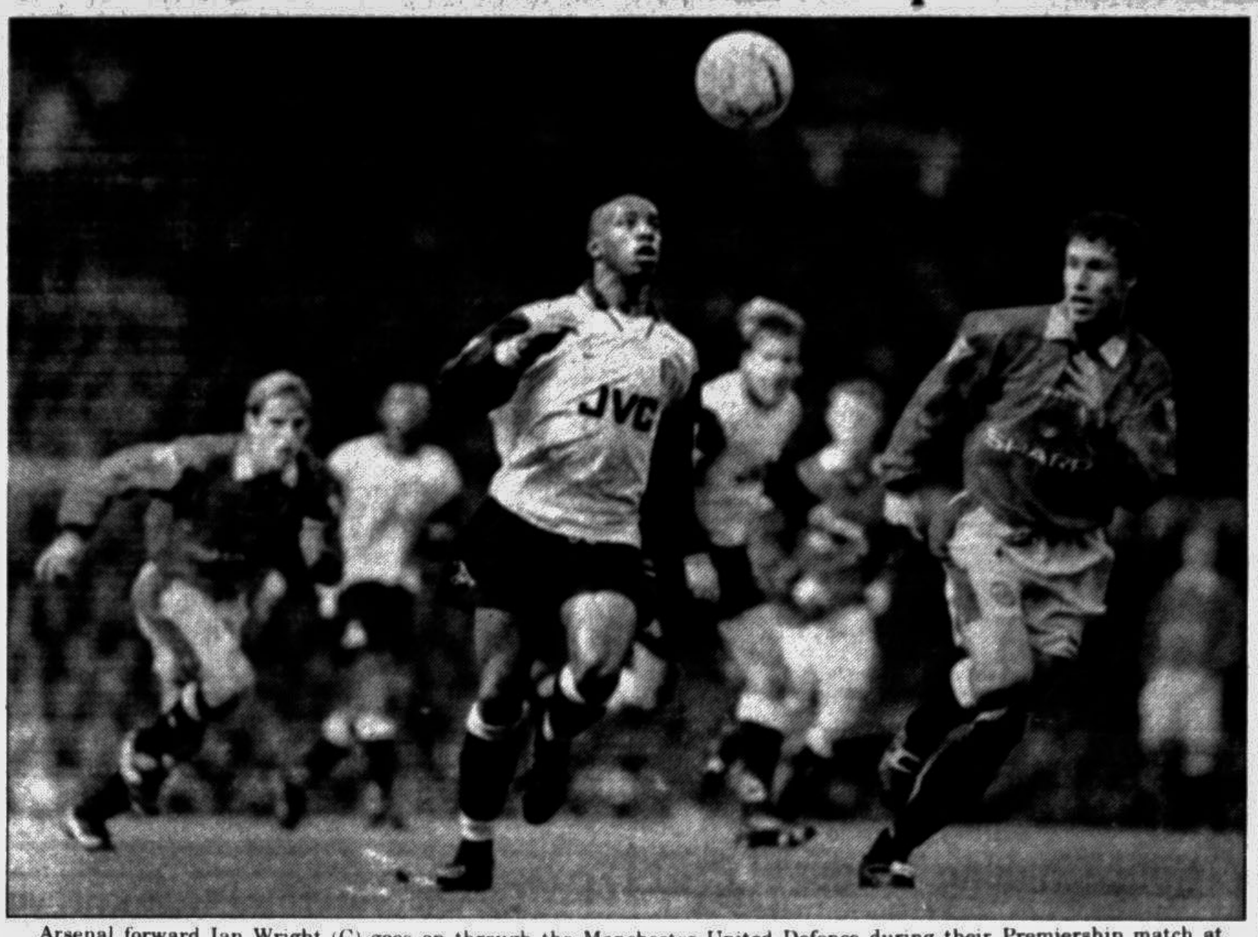
EAST LONDON, South Africa, Nov 17: Unfashionable clubs Bush Bucks and Qwaqwa Stars drew 1-1 in the 250,000-dollar South African Cup football final here on Saturday, reports AFP.

Even 30 minutes extra time on a heavy, rain-soaked surface at the Basil Kenyon Rugby Stadium in the eastern Cape City could not separate well-matched teams.

Joseph Leepo gave 1993 winners Bucks a 50-minute lead with a bicycle kick which flew across goalkeeper Mandela Sibiya before entering the net via an upright.

Bucks supporters in a capacity 20,000 crowd were still celebrating when Fees Moloi levelled two minutes later by driving the ball over Mark Anderson from the edge of the penalty area.

The clubs meet again on November 20 to determine who collects the 50,000-dollars first prize and a place in the 1997 African Football Confederation (CAF) Cup.



Arsenal forward Ian Wright (C) goes on through the Manchester United Defence during their Premiership match at Trafford Park on Nov 16. United won 1-0. — Reuter/ UNB photo

Man United back on track

LONDON, Nov 17: Manchester United's misery was ended in fortunate fashion on Saturday as a Nigel Winterburn own goal presented them with a 1-0 home win over fellow Premier league title challengers Arsenal, reports Reuter.

The 63rd minutes breakthrough was a scrappy affair. Ryan Giggs, in the starting lineup for the first time in seven games because of injury, threaded the ball through to Nicky Butt on his left. Defender Martin Keown intercepted with a strong back pass which posed problems for Gunners' goalkeeper David Seaman, who managed only to knock the ball back towards Butt.

Seaman forced Butt to go wide but the United midfielder managed to put in a cross which Winterburn, in an attempt to turn it clear, succeeded only in chesting the ball into his own net.

Arsenal almost grabbed a late equaliser when striker Ian Wright was put clear inside the penalty area. But Peter Schmeichel, widely criticised for his recent performances, blocked the shot magnificently.

The lone goal proved sufficient to end United's run of three league defeats and revived their hopes of retaining the title.

It left them in sixth place, six points behind leaders Newcastle who were surprisingly held 1-1 at home by West Ham.

Necastle looked to be heading for defeat until veteran Peter Beardsley equalised in the 82nd minute with his 200th league goal.

Newcastle suffered a major blow when they lost England striker Less Ferdinand with a depressed cheekbone as he challenged for the ball in the Hammers penalty area just before halftime.

Manager Kevin Keegan said afterwards the strike could be out for a month to six weeks.

Liverpool pose the main threat to the magpies following their almost clinical 2-0 win at Leeds United which left them in second place just two points behind with a match in hand.

Former England centre-half Neil Ruddock, making only his second start of the season, repaid manager Roy Evans' faith in him with a 13th minute goal.

Stig Inge Bjonebye swung in a near-post corner which was flicked on by Robbie Fowler. Leeds marginally cleared the danger only for Ruddock to stab home his first goal of the season.

Liverpool stayed in control and it was no surprise when Steve McManaman raced clear in the last minute and waltzed around keeper Niegel Martin before slipping the ball into the net.

Wimbledon, third at the start of the day, missed their chance to move into second place when they were held 2-2 at home by lowly Coventry and slipped to fourth.

Chelsea, fielding new 4.5 million pounds (7.5 million dollars) signing Gianfranco Zola, similarly failed to improve on their fifth place when they managed only a 1-1 draw at Blackburn Rovers.

The point enabled Rovers to move off the bottom, at least temporarily, above Nottingham Forest who visit Sheffield Wednesday on Monday.

There was an avalanche of goals at Everton where the home side went 5-0 up in the first 35 minutes against Southampton, recent 6-3 conquerors over Manchester United, and went on to win 7-1.

Gary Speed hit a hattrick and Andrei Kanchelskis scored twice.

Arsenal's first defeat under new manager Arsene Wenger failed to dishearten the Frenchman.

"We played a goodgame and were a bit unlucky to lose," he said. "It was a crazy goal, and it is a bit frustrating to lose a big game like that."

United manager Alex Ferguson was understandably relieved at the end of the losing run and had a special word of praise for Giggs.

"He was outstanding. His penetration and balance puts opponents under pressure. We've missed him while he has been out with injury."

Pele's father passes away

SAO PAULO, Nov 17: The father of Brazilian soccer legend Pele died on Saturday of heart failure 10 days after undergoing surgery to remove an arterial obstruction in his leg, a spokesman for a local funeral parlour said, reports Reuter.

Joao Ramos Do Nascimento, 79, known as Dondinho, died at his daughter Lucia's home, where he was recovering from the operation, and was buried in the afternoon in the Port of Santos, a spokeswoman for the Beneficencia Portuguesa Funeral Home said.

Dondinho, who also played professional soccer, passed on a passion for the sport to his son Pele, whose formal name is Edson Afrantes Do Nascimento.

Pele, now retired from the game and Brazil's special sports minister, did not attend his father's burial following a daylong wake, reportedly to avoid drawing a large crowd.

Some 200 others did, however, including Pele's mother Celeste, his wife and his sister after a daylong wake.

A rematch to remember

NEW YORK, Nov 17: Mike Tyson is anxious for a rematch of the fight he says he can't remember losing.

"I don't remember anything after the third round," Tyson said Saturday about his 11th-round WBA heavyweight title loss to Evander Holyfield.

Tyson said his loss of memory occurred after a collision of heads in the third round and his head didn't clear until the post-fight news conference.

Holyfield said he couldn't tell Tyson was fighting in a fog, but he said something similar happened to him when he was an amateur and that he accepts Tyson's story.

The two men talked about the fight and answered questions from a panel of boxing writers for a taping of a show about the match to be telecast Sunday by the American TV cable channel Showtime. Holyfield and the writers were in a New York studio. Tyson was at his home at Southington Township, Ohio, because his parole officer would not allow him to travel to New York.

"I'm looking forward to a rematch in March," Tyson said.

But the 34-year-old Holyfield said that would be too soon. "I know my body," Holyfield said.

Holyfield also said retirement is a possibility, but that there are three other boxers besides Tyson he would like to fight. If he has only one more fight, it would be against Tyson, he said, but "if something came up, I might think about fighting one of the other three."

The other three are Michael Moorer, who out pointed Holyfield for the IBF and WBA titles; Riddick Bowe, who has won two of three fights against Holyfield, and Lennox Lewis.

"What I'm hearing and how his demeanor looks, it doesn't look like there is going to be a rematch," Tyson said.

Holyfield would restate only that there would be no March rematch.

Tyson said that he bounced back from an upset loss to James "Buster" Douglas and a layoff of more than four years due to his rape conviction to become a champion again, and he expects to rebound once more.

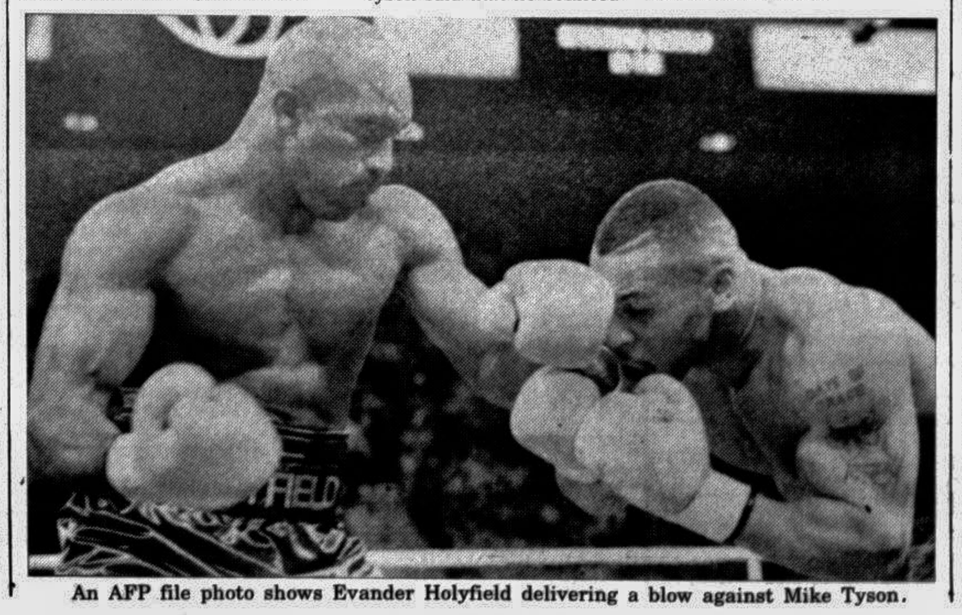
"I know you don't think no little defeat can discourage Mike Tyson," he said.

As for the collision of heads in the third round, and another one in the seventh that buckled Tyson's knees, Holyfield said they were a result of Tyson's style of fighting.

"He uses his head as a defense," Holyfield said. "He puts his head in and moves you out of the way with it and then throws that left hook."

Holyfield's strategy was not to back up, and he hardly ever did.

Tyson said he doesn't even remember being knocked down in the sixth round, and after watching the tape he said it looked more like a slip because the punch caught him on the chest when he was off balance. Holyfield agreed the blow landed on the chest.



An AFP file photo shows Evander Holyfield delivering a blow against Mike Tyson.

Sino spikers lift World Super title

OSAKA, Japan, Nov 17: Atlanta Olympic silver medalists China defeated Thailand to win the World Super Challenge women's volleyball tournament today, thanks to South Korea's surprising win over Brazil, reports AFP.

After watching the Atlanta bronze medalists fall victims to the South Koreans, the Chinese spikers powered past Thailand 15-3, 15-4, 15-2 for their fourth win against one loss to secure the title.

Olympic champions Cuba whipped Japan 15-5, 15-11, 15-7 in the last match for an identical 4-1 win-loss record, but the Chinese were unreachable with a better set ratio.

"Even though we've got the gold medal, we are not satisfied with it, because we were unstable in the tournament," said Chinese coach Lang Ping. "I know I have to enhance our players' ability to participate in such a big tournament. We need more training."

The Brazilians, who were the closest to winning the title after beating Cuba on the first day, slumped into making errors in blocking and hitting and lost the crucial match 13-15, 11-15, 7-15.

"When we lost the first set, we knew we would not win the gold and our players lost concentration. Leila Barros and Vima Dias played badly, affecting others to make easy errors," said Brazilian coach Bernardo Rezende.

South Korean coach Kim Cheol-Yong said: "We didn't expect to beat Brazil in straight sets. Our technique overcame their power and height advantage."

The men's tournament will start Tuesday with Olympic champions the Netherlands, silver medalists Italy and bronze medalists Yugoslavia taking on the top three Asian countries — South Korea, China and Japan.

Spanish soccer scene

MADRID, Nov 17: Deportivo Coruna wasted a golden opportunity to overtake Barcelona at the top of the Spanish First Division on Saturday in a tedious 0-0 draw at neighbours Compostela, reports Reuter.

Champions Atletico Madrid hung on to beat Espanyol 2-1, but Tenerife and Valencia, both in European action this week, endured contrasting fortunes.

Tenerife beat Hercules 3-1 but Valencia could only manage a goalless draw at home to struggling extremadura. Their unhappy fans booed beleaguered coach Luis Aragones at the end of the game and called for the return of Brazilian striker Romario, who left the club last month.

Deportivo's second consecutive goaless draw left John Toshack's side with 27 points from 13 games, one point behind Barcelona, who play Valladolid on Monday.

Deportivo missed suspended striker Michael Madar and injured creative chief Fran Gonzalez in a Galician derby which looked like a practice match. There were less than half a dozen shots on goal in the entire game.

Atletico Madrid, in sixth place, closed the gap on Barcelona to seven points thanks to a strike by international playmaker Jose Luis Caminero and defender Santi Denia's first goal for the club.

But Radomir Antic's side had to fight hard to hang on after Javi Garcia pulled one back for the visitors 10 minutes from the end. Shortly afterwards Atletico were reduced to ten men when forward Kiko Narvaez picked up his second yellow card.

Tenerife looked to have victory tied up thanks to a 55th minute goal by Antonio Robaina, only to see Hercules hit back with just five minutes to go. The Canary Islanders promptly struck again twice before the final whistle.

Steffi-Novotna showdown

VILLANOVA, Pennsylvania, Nov 17: It took her more than an hour this time, but top-ranked Steffi Graf wore down Marianne Werdel Witmeyer 6-2, 7-5 Saturday and will bid for a second straight Advanta Championships title, reports AP.

On Sunday, she'll face a streaking Jana Novotna, who beat Indonesia's Yayuk Basuki 6-3, 6-1 and is seeking her third title in two months. Graf has beaten the No 5 Czech the last 14 times they've met.

"She's not going to make as many mistakes, so I have to cut them down, too," Graf said about the serve-and-volleyer. "She's just a more versatile player than most of them. She can play from the back, she can come in, she obviously has a good serve."

Graf, whose back bothered her a little on Saturday, never really found her serve. But the streaky Witmeyer didn't show the control that helped her upset No 5 Anke Huber and No 12 Barbara Paulus.

Witmeyer rallied in the second set, breaking Graf with a big volley and powerful return to pull within 5-4. Then she staved off five match points, three on gutsy forehand winners, in a marathon 10th game. But Graf broke her two games later to seal the win.

"After a while, you feel like you're on 'Candid Camera' and someone's playing a joke on you, because you just can't seem to get the game or lose the game," Witmeyer said about the 22-point game.

The 114th-ranked Californian played with Graf for the first five games before Advanta's defending champion started to roll. The American held her second service game at love, then took Graf to three deuces as the German star struggled with her serve and Witmeyer found her forehand.

But Graf staved off two break points, one with an ace, and went on to take the game and go up 3-2.

In the next game, she broke Witmeyer, whose groundstrokes failed her on four straight points. The errors piled up again at the end of the first set, and Witmeyer double-faulted on set point.

Graf has swept her last six Grand Slams, but struggled with a knee tear and personal turmoil amid her father's trial in Germany for tax evasion. Coming into the Advanta on just two days of practice after a long layoff, she whipped Amy Frazier and Chanda Rubin.

"When I started this tournament, I certainly didn't think I would be here on Sunday," said Graf, who is warming up for the season-ending Chase Championships starting Monday in New York.

STEFFI GRAF

JANA NOVOTNA

Third-seeded Novotna extended her winning streak to 11 matches with solid groundstrokes and crisp volleys against another serve-and-volleyer.

Like her second-round match against Lori McNeil, Novotna found herself racing to beat Basuki to the net. In the first set, Basuki got there first more often, but couldn't put the points away, Novotna broke the 33rd-ranked Basuki at love in the first set when Basuki slapped one shot into the net and two others long.

Novotna didn't waste any time breaking Basuki in the second set, though she had to work harder. Basuki staved off two break points, but then punched a passing shot into the net as Novotna sprinted forward. She went up 1-0, then broke Basuki twice more to go up 4-1 and win the match, each time on an errant Basuki volley.

Novotna won her most recent tournaments at Zurich and Chicago, and is among the few top-ranked women still fresh in a season that ran long with Olympic and Federation Cup competition. In fact, she said she's not even ready for the season to end after the Championships.

She cruised to the semifinals, beating 1995 Advanta finalist McNeil and Anne Miller.

The winner of Sunday's final wins 79,000 dollars.

Graf glinting with glee

BONN, Nov 17: Steffi Graf said on Saturday that she had been unable to sleep well thorough the last days of her father's 15 months in prison and was desperate to get back to Germany after his release on bail on Friday, reports Reuter.

Speaking in Philadelphia where she is playing a tournament, Graf told reporters that she would continue with her playing commitments in the United States in the next nine days including next week's WTA Tour Championship in New York, also known as the Masters.

But in an interview published in Germany, she said: "I wish this tournament and the Masters were already over. I can't wait to get back to Germany when the Masters is over. I talked with my father on the telephone on Friday."

Asked whether the last few days had been very emotional, Graf added: "Very emotional. I have hardly been able to sleep the last few nights but I hope that is all over now."

Peter Graf, who has acted as Steffi's full-time manager since she was eight years old, paid five million marks (3.3 million dollars) in bail and headed home from prison after being held in custody during a German court trial on tax evasion charges.

The Mannheim court has yet to decide whether 58-year-old Graf is guilty of the allegations of evading 19 million marks (13 million dollars) of tax on his daughter's earnings between 1989 and 1993.

Graf still has to report to police twice a week and receive psychotherapy. His mental health during his time in custody has been the subject of German newspaper speculation.

But for the world's leading female player, who has always had a close relationship with her father, his release from prison has come as a big relief. She has broken down several times in public when asked about the scandal.

"I'm so happy for my father and my family," Graf said. "It is just a shame that I can't be in Germany today."

The release of former second-hand car salesman Graf was given front-page coverage in Germany's newspapers and a leading national television network changed its prime-time viewing schedule on Friday to run a special programme on the affair.

Graf's form dipped when the newspapers were full of stories of Peter's relationship with a topless model in 1990. But Graf has shown maturity beyond her 27 years during this scandal and produced some superb tennis during the last 15 months.

Asked how she has been able to keep up her form despite the emotion of the affair, Graf said: "I must admit, that is a puzzle to me sometimes. I'm playing good tennis here... it helps that I am fortunate enough to be playing without any injuries."

Van Almsick axes coach

BERLIN, Nov 17: Germany's top swimmer Franziska van Almsick has split with her coach Dieter Lindemann, reports Reuter.

Van Almsick, who has worked with Lindemann throughout her senior career, will now link with Berlin coach Gerd Esser who also trains her friend Steffen Zesner.

"I had to think a lot about the change," Van Almsick said on Saturday. "I had six great years with him which were amazingly successful with 24 medals."

Samaranch's silly slip

CANCUN, Mexico, Nov 17: IOC president Juan Antonio Samaranch sparked a flurry of confusion on Saturday when he said he was "not impressed" with a presentation made by the 2000 Sydney Olympics organisers, reports Reuter.

Asked by a reporter at this Mexican Caribbean resort, where the IOC is meeting for four days, whether he was impressed by the Sydney presentation, Samaranch replied: "Not impressed, but we were very pleased, things are going well."

He went on to praise the preparations for the Sydney Summer Games.

IOC officials hurried to correct any impression that Samaranch was being critical of the Sydney report, adducing linguistic nuance and press cluster tactics to explain his remark.

"He never meant to be not impressed," IOC director general Francois Carrard said. "We had an excellent report by the Sydney organising committee."

SAMARANCH

Describing Samaranch as having been "caught abruptly ... by a storm of journalists", Carrard said that as a Spanish speaker for whom English is not a first language 'for him the world impressed' is anything sensational."

The Spanish cognate world "impressionado" has stronger meaning than in English and can be positive or negative. It does not carry the favourable implication of the English word.

In other remarks to reporters, Samaranch said the Sydney Games would be smaller than Atlanta after a cap of 10,200 athletes was agreed with the organisers. "In Sydney we will have 500 athletes less and two sports more," he said.

Samaranch said earlier this week that 10,700 althetes went to Atlanta, although not all of them competed. Teakwondo and the triathlon have been added to the Sydney sports programme.

Olympics Minister Michael Knight, who heads the Sydney organising committee, said that the IOC board "seemed very pleased with our progress."

CROSSWORD *By Eugene Sheffer*

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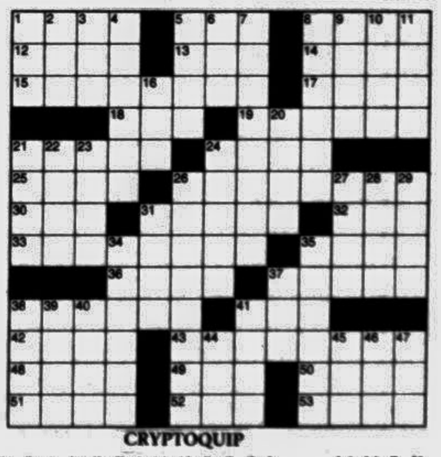

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: COULD YOU POSSIBLY DESCRIBE A SNORER AS A SOUND SLEEPER?

Today's Cryptoquip clue: V equals C

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.