

Sport

Column One

DID U' KNOW?

(The Professor does)

That the first gymnasts were acrobats who performed in ancient Egypt in the 2nd millennium BC (that's a long time ago) men and women of Crete during the age of Minoan culture developed the art of bull leaping. In bull leaping the performer would run toward a charging bull, grab its horns and, upon being tossed into the air, execute various mid-air stunts before landing on the bull's back, then dismount with a flip.

Now, Mokles Miah has never heard of Crete or Minoan. But, in some remote village in Barisal that's exactly what he is doing, grabbing the bull by its horn and giving him a piece of his mind before going for his hukka. Dismount with a flip? But, Mokles Miah actually never got on the bull's back. That's for the gymnasts.

SPORTS TALK



Jonty Rhodes

(South African cricketer) "I am no more content in getting 40s and 50s. I am really keen to get the big hundreds."

SPORTS WHIZZ KID

COMPETITION FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN

Sports WHIZZ KID competition-57

Tick the Correct Answers

Competition closes : 8 pm 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
Za Reefat M. Lodhi
- Who clinched the top position in the 16th national age-group swimming championship?
BKSP American Intl School Biman
- Which country will host the 1998 Commonwealth Games?
Malaysia England Hong Kong

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Mohammedans' players led by their skipper Jewel Rana (5) cordon referee Ehsanul Haque to protest a decision of not giving them a freekick during yesterday's Danish Premier Division football league encounter against Farashganj Sporting Club at the Mirpur Stadium.

Farashganj floor MSC

Sports Reporter

A late second-half goal enabled title aspirants Mohammedans Sporting Club to escape defeat in the Danish Premier Division football league when they were held to a 1-1 draw by Farashganj Sporting Club in a return leg encounter at the floodlit Mirpur Stadium yesterday.

In a see-saw affair, Farashganj were up against their superior counterparts when hard working winger Mujibur Rahman Ritu fooled national goalie Ponir with a measured angular shot 15 minutes into the first-half. On the other hand, after a series of fruitless offensives through both the flanks, Mohammedans finally found earth under their feet in the 83rd minute with midfielder Iqbal Hossain scoring the equaliser from close range.

The draw was a big blow to the black and whites campaign for the championship as their four-point lead over arch rivals Abahani were halved last night. However, Mohammedans are still atop the ten-team elite league table with 30 points from 12 matches leaving Abahani behind at second spot with 28 points from as many matches.

On the other hand, Farashganj raised their tally to 16 points yesterday on completion also of 12 matches. With the absence in the midfield of Manik who was facing a one-match suspension as a result of being booked thrice in this league, Mohammedans did not play up to their potentials. Their disorganised midfield was mis-managed by Sabbir and Arman. Other than Iqbal,

the third midfielder, the other two failed to coordinate with the two Nigerian strikers and Alfaz, the leading goalscorer of the on going league.

Besides, the two Nigerians — Jide and Makino, who played vital roles in Mohammedans previous two wins against East End Club and Brothers Union also failed to impress with their performance yesterday missing a couple of easy scoring opportunities.

On the other hand, it was unfortunate that Farashganj, who maintained their 1-0 lead till the 83rd minute, should lose that because of a fumble in front of their goalmouth.

It was a freekick from which originated Farashganj's goal in the 15th minute. Prodeep's freekick deflected from Mohammedan's defensive wall and went to Ritu who dodged past two central defenders Jewel Rana and Monwar Hossain Munna before beating an advancing Ponir through his legs with an accurate angular shot (1-0).

It could have been 2-0 in favour of the old Dhaka outfit had Nurul Islam headed home a left side Ritu cross in the 19th minute. But Ponir saved his side from the danger scooping the ball by diving to his left.

In the next 62 minutes, it was Mohammedans who dominated the proceeding and produced a couple of opportunities to level the score. But, the strict man-to-man-marking tactics adopted by the Farashganj booters never left them with any room to score.

Missing one after another scoring chances, Mohammedans finally lost their cool in the late second half and

got involved in some unpleasant incidents with the referee. In the 75th minute, Mohammedan midfielder Arman attacked referee Ehsanul Haque from behind while arguing for a foul not given in favour of Mohammedans when defender Ruhul Amin was brought down by Farashganj defenders inside their box.

The match stopped for three minutes until police rescued the referee from the cordon of Mohammedan booters. The incident raised a good amount of tension in the gallery.

Mohammedans levelled the match in the 83rd minute with Iqbal sending home a right side Jide cross which could have been easily taken by the Farashganj keeper Aminul had he not misread the line of the ball (1-1).

In the remaining seven minutes, Mohammedans tried their best for a winner, but brilliant defensive play by Farashganj tackled the Mohammedan offensives with due intervention.

After the match, Mohammedan manager Intiaz Sultan Johnny and goalkeeper Ponir attacked the referee. But police saved the man in black from their hands before the matter took serious turn.

Yellow cards: Dulal and Sultan (Farashganj).

TEAMS

MOHAMMEDAN SC: Ponir, Mansoor Ali, Jewel Rana, Munna, Ruhul Amin, Iqbal, Arman, Sabbir (Ranjana), Alfaz, Makino (Rajana) and Jide.
FARASHGANJ SC: Aminul, Prodeep, Sufian, Kaja, Dulal, Munir Hossain, Moimu (Munna), Dulal, Chanchal, Towhid and Ritu.
Referee: Ehsanul Haque.

BTMC stand up to Leonine

Sports Reporter

Leonine Chess Club and BTMC filtered some excitement into the otherwise predictable going-on of the Metropolis first division league when they drew 2-2 on Tuesday. Otherwise, the favourites posted comfortable wins.

Defending champions Mohammedan Sporting Club

almost in monotony reigned supreme in the league standings with 43.5 points at the end of 12th round at the NSC chess room last night.

On Tuesday, Mohammedans posted an easy 4-0 win over Farashganj Sporting Club. GM Krasenkov beat Sayed, GM Dibendu Barua edged past Mizanur Rahman Labu, GM Niaz Murshed out played Swapan while Enamul Hossain Rajib defeated Shakil in their respective boards.

The win raised Mohammedans tally to 43.5 points out of a possible 48 points and kept them atop the 16-team standings with a three-point lead over last year's runners up Bangladesh Biman who beat Avijatrik Chess Club 4-0 yesterday.

Biman's International Master Reefat-bin Sattar and FIDE Master Tahmidur Rahman won their respective boards against Fahim and Chapal while International Women Master Rani Hamid defeated Abdur Rab: In the other board, Kayes Hasan beat Xavier Vashkar. With the win Biman raised their account to 40.5 points.

Leonine Chess Club were in the third spot with 38.5 points, dwindling further in points with a 2-2 draw against BTMC yesterday.

For Leonine, Indian IM Prameswaran and local Rafulqul Islam beat Saifuddin Lovelul and Hasibul Hasan Hanif while for BTMC Abul Kashem and Shipul won their boards against Sheikh Nasir Ahmed and Imon.

In the day's other matches, Ansars tamed Touchstone

Dull draws

Sports Reporter

Both the Danish First Division football league matches ended in dull draws in two different venues yesterday.

At the Mirpur Stadium, title aspirants Victoria Sporting Club were held to a 1-1 draw by lowly BRTC Sports Club while the other match between Rahmatganj Muslim Friends Society and PWD Sports Club at the Army Stadium ended in a goal-less draw.

With the draw, Victorians maintained their lead atop the standings having 26 points from 13 matches while BRTC raised their tally to 16 points from as many matches.

On the otherhand, Rahmatganj and PWD earned 18 and 12 points respectively on completion of 12 matches.

Chess Club 4-0, Anushilon Daba Krira Chakra beat Fire Service 3-1, Sheikh Russel Krira Chakra defeated Narayanjan Chess Club 2.5-1.5, Mahakkhal Prodeep Sangha beat Konica Sangskritik Sangha 2.5-1.5 while Dhaka University and Narayanjan Daba Khelwar Kalyan Samiti shared two points each with a 2-2 draw.

STANDINGS

Teams	Points
Mohammedan SC	43.5
Biman	40.5
Leonine CC	38.5
BTMC	36
Prodeep Sangha	30.5
Ansars	29.5
Sheikh Russel KC	21.5
Konica SS	21
Narayanjan DKKS	18.5
Narayanjan CC	18
Dhaka University	18
Farashganj SC	17.5
Anushilon DKC	16
Touchstone CC	13.5
Fire Service	12
Avijatrik CC	10.5

BOA chief back home

President of the Bangladesh Olympic Association and Chief of Army Staff Lieutenant General Muhammad Mahubur Rahman returned home yesterday after attending a joint meeting of the Association of National Olympic Committees (ANOC) and the International Olympic Committee executive board, presided over by IOC president Juan Antonio Samaranch in Cancun, Mexico, reports UNB.

General Mahubur was the country's representative at the four-day meeting that concluded on Sunday.

Taher tennis results

Sports Reporter

Dhaka Club completed a 2-0 victory over Navy Club in the Taher inter-club tennis tournament at the Gulshan Club Tennis Complex yesterday.

Professor Rashiduddin Ahmed got Dhaka Club off to winning start with a 4-6, 6-1, 6-1 win against Lt Cdr M Ashrafal Haque in the singles event.

Later the professor teamed up with Bhutto to record a 7-5, 6-3 victory over the Lt Cdr Lokman-Ashrafal pair.

Bangabandhu Cup soccer tourney

Sports Reporter

The Bangladesh Football Federation has decided to organise an international tournament involving leading Asian clubs in celebration of the silver jubilee of our independence.

As a tribute to the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, the tourney, scheduled to begin in the capital from November 30, has been elaborately named "Silver Jubilee of Independence Bangabandhu Cup Football Tournament '96."

It is expected that apart from the three leading clubs of the country — Mohammedans, Abahani and Muktiyoddha — teams from India, Thailand, Japan, South Korea, United Arab Emirates and Oman will take part in the meet.

DeFreitas in town

Sports Reporter

Philip DeFreitas, discarded England Test and one-day player, along with Paul Algrate arrived in the capital yesterday to play for Abahani in the on-going Damal Smriti cricket tournament.

The right-arm medium fast bowler and a useful long handed bat, who was scheduled to fly into the capital a few days back, on arriving in the morning visited Dhaka Stadium along with his Derbyshire all-rounder teammate Algrate.

Both are expected to appear in Abahani's next match against Agrani Bank on November 23.

Cash awards in Reporters Cup

Sports Reporter

A big cash award awaits the winners of the Reporters Cup cricket tournament to be held at the Dhaka Stadium from November 29 to December 1.

Organised under the joint banner of Dhaka Reporters Unity and Bangladesh Cricket Control Board, our local cricketing giants — Mohammedan Sporting Club, Abahani Krira Chakra, Bangladesh Biman and Brothers Union Club — will feature in the meet designed on a knock-out basis.

The champion team will receive taka 50,000 cash while the runners-up will earn taka 25,000 purse. The man-of-the-match in all the three engagements will pocket taka 5,000 each.

The rates of tickets for the tournament was also announced yesterday as follows: General gallery -Tk 10, VIP (3A)-Tk 20 and VIP (1) -Tk 50.

Khulna soccer

KHULNA, Nov 19: Moheshwarappa Club trounced young Muslim Club 4-1 in the Bull-Head Premier Division football league at the local stadium today, reports BSS.

The winners led the first half 2-1. Shaiful opened the account in the fifth minute but Young Muslims forced a penalty in the eleventh minute and Sohag converted. Shaiful again scored in the 14th minute.

After the break it was one-way traffic.

Amin passes away

Mohammad Amin, a pioneer sports organiser of the country, died of old age ailments at the PG Hospital Tuesday morning. He was 81, reports BSS.

A retired government officer, Amin had been actively associated with the organisation of different sports activities since early fifties.

He was an executive committee member of the then Pakistan Football Federation, and organising secretary of the first committee of the Bangladesh Football Federation.

His namaz-e-janaza was held at Elephant Road Aeroplanes Mosque and was buried at Azampur Graveyard.

His kulkhwani will be held on Friday after Asr prayers at 351, Elephant Road.

Delightful double!

JOHANNESBURG, Nov 19: Adam Bacher, nephew of former Springbok captain All Bacher, became the first South African to score a century and a double century in a first-class match on Monday, reports Reuter.

The 23-year-old Transvaal opener took his overnight 74 to 112 not out to add to his first innings 210 as his side recorded a 93-run victory over Griqualand West in the Supersport Series, the former Currie Cup competitor, in Kimberley.

Although the feat was performed in 1992 by Allan Lamb, the South African born batsman who played Test cricket for England, his 209 and 107 for Northamptonshire against Warwickshire at Edgbaston was discounted by the United Cricket Board of South Africa.

All Bacher, now managing director of the UCBASA, said the board did not regard Lamb as a South African.

Barisal football

From Staff Correspondent

BARISAL, Nov 19: The inter-district football final between Barisal DSA and Barguna DSA will be played tomorrow at Barguna Stadium.

Abahani too good for Ajax

Sports Reporter

BRIEF SCORES

ABAHANI KC: 244/3 in 50 overs (Javed Omar Belim 87, Munirul Huq 76 n.o., Akram 30 n.o.)
AJAX SC: 156 all out in 44.4 overs (Maqsood Raja 49, Jewel 45, Dulu 3/24, Salahuddin 3/23)

Former champions Abahani Krira Chakra, aided by two half centuries from opener Javed Omar Belim and Pakistani Munirul Huq, recorded an emphatic 88-

run win over Ajax Sports Club in the 17th Damal Smriti cricket tournament at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday.

Javed, the discarded national opener, scored a chancy 87 while the big Pakistani, a key signing for the Dhanmondi outfit, smashed an unbeaten 76 as Abahani, sent into bat in the morning, piled up an imposing total of 244 for three in their share of 50 overs.

In reply, Ajax, one of the three surprise qualifiers to the three second round at the cost of Bangladesh Biman, were bundled out for a paltry 156 with more than five overs to spare.



Ajax's right-arm seamer Bhola appeals for a caught behind against Abahani opener Belim Gollah, who scored highest 87 during their Damal Smriti tourney match at Dhaka Stadium yesterday.

Albeit the defeat for the First Division outfit had always been on the cards, the way the minnows surrendered to their awesome opponents was nothing but a painful exhibition of negative cricket.

The shamesures of Ajax, who had hardly shown their appetite for positive sport, dropped five catches while on fielding, and then with the willow they seemed too shy to have a go against the opponent bowlers in a match they had nothing to lose.

Javed, who was dropped thrice including while on only three, changed his arms to score a patient 87 off 141 balls embellished with a quartet of fours. He shared 47 runs for the first wicket with Zahid Razzak Masum and then went on to build on another 47-run partnership for the second wicket with Al Shahriar Rokon (17) to lay a solid foundation for Abahani.

Munirul Huq, the middle-aged Pakistani, accelerated the run rate sharing 85 runs for the third wicket with Javed and an unbeaten 65 runs off only 42 for the fourth wicket with skipper Akram Khan, who score a quickfire 25-ball 30.

Munirul, who clouted a massive six over mid-wicket and five cracking boundaries in his blazing 64-ball knock, however, dropped twice in successive deliveries of Bhola while on 52. On the other hand, Akram was bowled by a no ball from Ajax's Pakistani all-rounder Maqsood Raja while on 15.

If the languorous fielding was one side of a bad penny, the other side was equally shameful when Ajax, in their chase for a daunting task of scoring five runs per over, could only manage 21 runs at the end of the fifteenth over with both their openers returning to the dressing room virtually playing no shot.

Wicketkeeper Morshed Alam (21), middle-order bat Jewel (45) and Maqsood Raja, the top scorer for Ajax with a sedate 49, however, at least tried to cut loose playing some confident shots on a docile wicket. But the rest capitulated rather meekly nibbling at deliveries from left-arm seamer Dulu and off-spinner Sheikh Salahuddin, who evenly shared six wickets among them.

Abahani, who have been placed in the same group along with Ajax and Agrani Bank, with this huge margin victory almost confirmed a semifinal berth from Group Y. They will take on Agrani Bank in their last group league match on November 23.

Call to make it official

LONDON Nov 19 (Reuters) Seeking to create order from chaos, West Indies manager Clive Lloyd has

endorsed calls to institute a formal World Test cricket champion.

This Friday in Brisbane, West Indies start a five-match series against Australia, seeking revenge for their loss in the Caribbean early last year.

The series is being billed locally as the decider, a clash which will decide the unofficial world champions.

But, says Lloyd, why should it be unofficial?

"We are not playing unofficial Tests, so something should be set up where you play for the championship of the world," he said.

"Test cricket is the thing. It's what you're known for. Nobody's known for doing anything in the one-day scene. Test cricket is the ultimate."

"At the moment three teams think they are world champions and I find that stupid."

Altogether 12 series featuring 33 Tests and involving each of the nine Test playing countries have been scheduled in the busiest southern hemisphere cricket season ever, in addition to the usual plethora of one-day internationals.

Even Matthew Engel, editor of the cricketers' bible Wisden, admits to confusion.

"I'm editor of Wisden and can hardly fathom what is going on where and why," Engel writes in the latest edition of Wisden cricket monthly.

"What chance has the man on the Clapham omnibus, the

Melbourne tram or the Rawalpindi rickshaw?"

Engel first raised the idea of a World Championship in last year's Wisden.

Now he revisits his original concept, saying bluntly "Test cricket is currently in disarray."

"These mini-series make no impact outside the countries involved, they often mean little except to the most committed cricket follower, even within them. They have no context."

Engel's solution is simple. He proposes awarding points for each series, with the winning team receiving two points and each side for a drawn series.

"All that each country has to do is to agree to play a series against every other country home and away over a four-year cycle," he writes.

Under this plan the championship would be continuous. Each series would remain in the table until the identical series was played in the next cycle.

Lloyd, Engel and all those seeking some structure to Test cricket have a ray of hope.

International Cricket Council chief executive David Richards said the question of a World Championship was on the council's agenda.

"A Test championship is attractive and it is a logical progression in the game," he said. "It needs to be addressed and I hope it will be within the coming year."

In the meantime the three teams at the top of Wisden cricket monthly's current table are all in action this week.

Top-ranked South Africa meet India — ranked fourth equal with Pakistan — in Ahmedabad on Wednesday in the first of three Tests.

Pakistan will host last-ranked New Zealand in Lahore and on Friday Australia and West Indies, ranked joint second, play in Brisbane.

Salisbury signs for Surrey

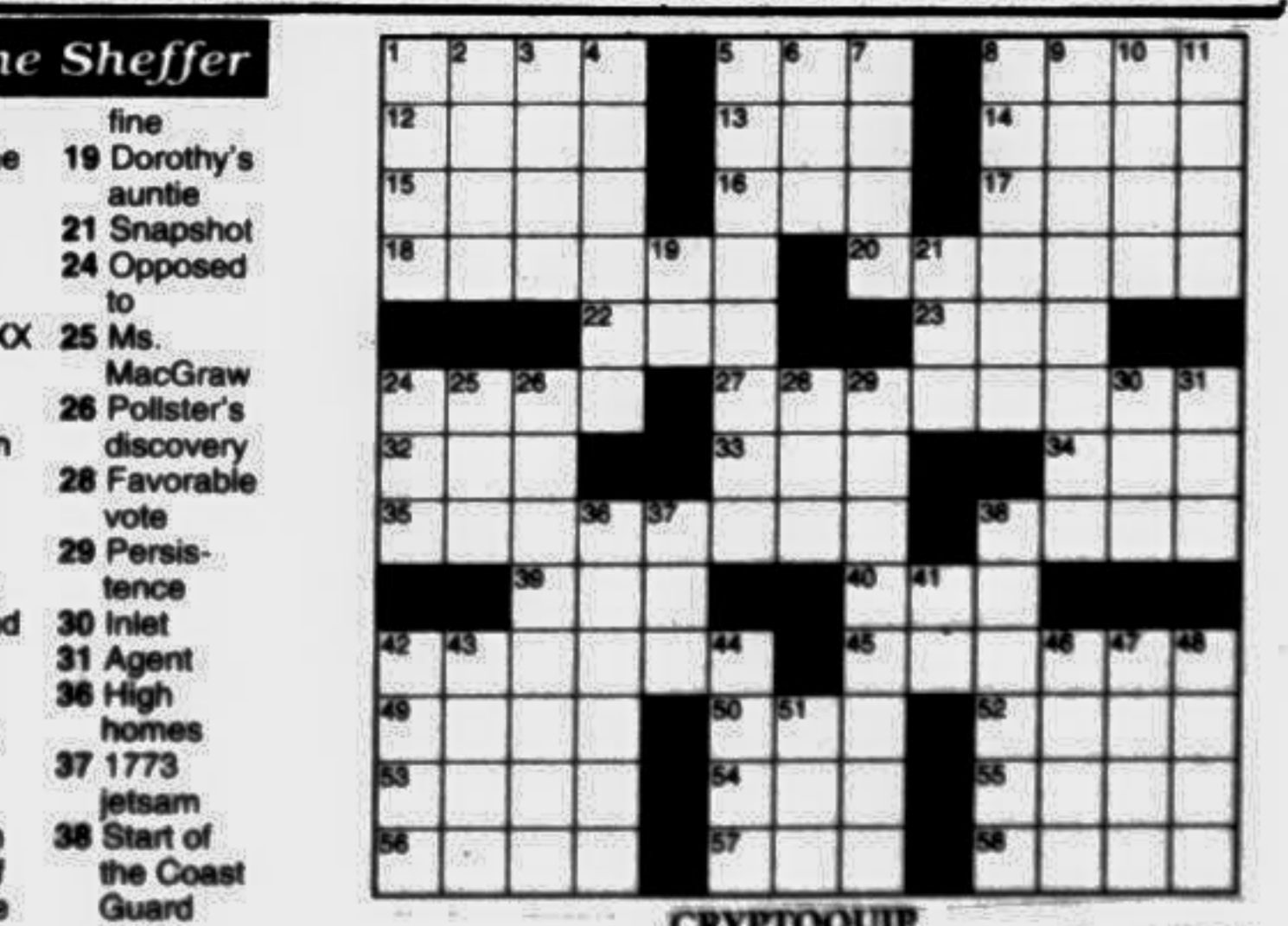
LONDON, Nov 19: Surrey completed the signing of England spinner Ian Salisbury on a three-year contract on Monday, reports AFP.

Salisbury, who has won nine caps for England, had been unhappy at the south coast county for some time and it is felt that the harder pitches at the Oval will be more suited to his bowling.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS
1 Not barefoot
5 Huck's pal
8 "— baby!"
12 Actress — Flynn
13 Lamb's dam
14 Paraphernalia
15 Office outline
16 Fresh group
17 Troop
18 Small word
20 Sales pitches
22 Docs' org.
23 Doccie
24 Long-running Broadway show
27 They work at home
32 Flamenco cheer
33 Caustic solution
34 Chill in the air
35 One away from a perfect score?

DOWN
1 Feed the hogs
2 Own
3 Verbal
4 Super
5 Bowl XXX
6 Feeler
7 Play with plastic
8 Leaguer
9 Stable area
10 Feeling chilly and fever
11 Formerly
12 Hindrance
13 Advantage
14 Buzz
15 Lightyear, e.g.
16 Perused
17 Dorothy's auntie
18 Snapshot
19 Opposed to
20 Ms.
21 MacGraw
22 Pollster's discovery
23 Favorable vote
24 Persistence
25 Inlet
26 Agent
27 High homes
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29 Start of the Coast Guard motto
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31 Trampled
32 CARDIGAN LEAN
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36 Gymnast Korbut
37 Requisite
38 Author
39 Buscaglia



Solution time: 23 mins.
HALF BIZ SCOW
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KNEEL CANDLE
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FACI SECT NAP
LIDAL ALLO JAGE
NOBY WOBLO
DITIM YOGI
DRAMAS OGLER
RIMP CARO GAGE
LIDOL ALE ENID
BEMJ MAX RAITS

CRYPTOQUIP
DREF SAIFU: BWWN ZYFU-
EIFURN XRLF INNRLRZ
SWN RIDUIDZAYDX
Yesterday's Cryptquip: A PROMINENT LOCAL HERO IN THE TROPICS IS SIMPLY PAPAYA THE SAILOR MAN
Today's Cryptquip clue X equals G
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.

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