# Column One

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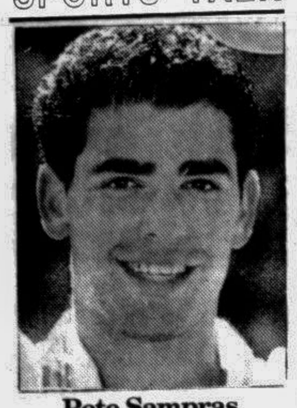

**Pete Sampras**

(World No 1 tennis player)

*"It was tough when he (Tim Gullikson, his coach) passed away. I didn't want to play tennis anymore. But time heals things."*

**After winning this year's Australian Open.**

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| 1 | Who won the third SAARC cricket tournament? | | |
| | Pakistan | India | Sri Lanka |
| 2 | Who clinched the title of the third Grand Masters' chess tournament? | | |
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| 3 | In which group is Bangladesh placed in the ICC Trophy? | | |
| | A | B | C |
| 4 | How many Tests will India play in their ongoing Caribbean tour? | | |
| | 2 | 4 | 5 |
| 5 | After how many matches has Pete Sampras suffered his first loss this year? | | |
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## WBC crown Griffin's

ATLANTIC CITY, New Jersey, Mar 22: Montell Griffin became the WBC light heavyweight champion while unconscious after Roy Jones jr hit him twice while he was down, leading to a ninth-round disqualification Friday night, reports AP.

Griffin, a 10-1 underdog, was more than holding his own when Jones caught him with a right hand to the head early in the ninth round. Jones followed with three more rights and then a left hook that dropped Griffin to his left knee.

Jones then hit Griffin with a right hand, and when Griffin looked up, Jones nailed him with a left hook.

Griffin's eyes rolled up into his head and he pitched forward on his face as bedlam broke out in the Grand Ballroom at the Trump Taj Mahal.

Nat'l youth championship

# Khulna move into final

Sports Reporter

Two brilliant half centuries by openers Babu and Taj guided last year's runners-up Khulna into the final of the Gazi Tank 17th national youth cricket championship with a comfortable five wicket victory over Rajshahi in one of yesterday's two semifinals held on the western strip of Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium.

Chasing a paltry Rajshahi total of 158 in 45 overs, Babu and Taj gave the initial thrust to their innings with a swashbuckling 80-ball 91-run partnership before the former was run out on 57. In his 52-ball innings, Babu smashed nine boundaries and a huge six.

On the other hand, Taj lost three more partners — Setu (6), Uzzal(13) and Farid (0) — in quick succession and remained at the crease until 33.2 overs before returning to the dressing room on 52 off 79 balls leaving Khulna on 153 for five. In his slow but needful innings, Taj, who earlier in the Rajshahi innings took two wickets, hit six fours.

Lower middle order bats Sumon and Shaon, who remained not out on five and two respectively, collected the required six runs in next nine deliveries.

Earlier, electing to bat, Rajshahi were bundled out for 158 in 43.4 overs with opener Mortuza hammering highest 33. Middle order Nazmul and Tapan added 26 and 24 runs respectively.

**BRIEF SCORES**

**RAJSHAHI:** 158 all out in 43.4 overs (Mortuza 33, Nazmul 26, Tapan 24; Turky 3/35, Sadiq 2/18, Taj 2/27)

**KHULNA:** 159 for five in 34.5 overs (Babu 57, Taj 54; Tito 2/14)

Result: Khulna won by five wickets.

**COMILLA:** 194 for nine in 45 overs (Hasan 53, Shanta 33, Faisal 24 n.o, Rashed 3/43, Durul 2/40)

**RAJSHAHI EDUCATION BOARD:** 172 all out in 43.4 overs (Krishna 37, Bidyut 32, Lenin 4/30, Nazrul 2/27

Result: Comilla won by 22 runs.

Khulna's new-ball bowler Turky captured three wickets for 35 runs while Sadiq and Taj shared four wickets between them.

In the three-day final scheduled to start on the eastern strip of Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium on March 24, Khulna will take on Comilla, who defeated high-flying Rajshahi Education Board (REB) in yesterday's other semifinal by 22 runs at the City Club ground.

Opting to bat Comilla mustered 194 for nine in the stipulated 45 overs. Middle order bat Ahsanullah Hasan hammered highest 53 off 75 balls. Shanta (33) and Faisal (24 n.o) were the other notable run-getters.

For REB, Rasheduzzaman was the most successful bowler with three for 43 while Durul Islam took two wickets.

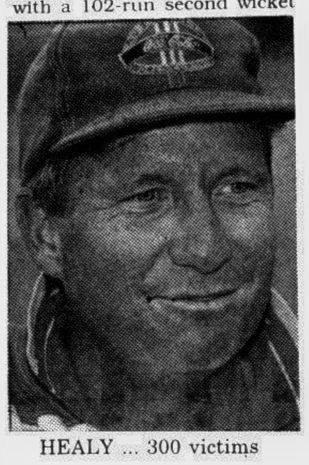
In reply, the losers, who eliminated defending champions Narayanganj in their previous match on March 20, were all out for 172 runs in 43.4 overs.

Comilla's new-ball bowler Lenin, the man behind REB debacle, captured four wickets for 30 runs. He found equal killer instinct in his partner Nazrul who took two wickets for 27.

# South Africa 145/2 at tea

PRETORIA, South Africa, Mar 22: Adam Bacher and Brian McMillan hit half centuries as South Africa produced their best batting effort of the series on the second day of the third and final cricket Test in Pretoria on Saturday, reports AP.

The pair consolidated the South African first innings with a 102-run second wicket stand as the home side took tea on 145 for two.



HEALY ... 300 victims

This was in reply to Australia's 227 all out on the first day.

At the break Adam Bacher and Daryll Cullinan were unbeaten on 51 and eight runs respectively.

Off-spinner Mark Waugh provided the much-needed breakthrough after 159 minutes, having McMillan caught by Matthew Hayden off a bat-pad catch.

McMillan's 55 was his second in back-to-back Tests following his similar contribution in South Africa's first innings in the second Test defeat in Port Elizabeth.

McMillan survived a catch at the wicket when on 23. He gloved fast bowler Glen McGrath soon after lunch to wicketkeeper Ian Healy, but the English umpire Mervin Kitchen turned down the appeal.

McMillan, the stopgap No 3, looked the most entertaining of the two. The pair came together after Gary Kirsten (16) was dismissed earlier in the morning.

It was the first innings half-century by a South African No 3 in the three years of Test cricket.

Bacher, who narrowly missed out on a half century in the second Test, was a model of concentration and was more than prepared to play second fiddle to McMillan.

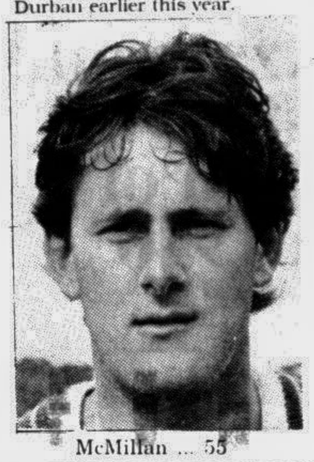
Bacher finally reached his half century, his second in five Tests, sweeping Waugh for two runs.

Kirsten's poor form extended to another innings. Struggling against bowlers going around the wicket to him, Kirsten edged McGrath to give Healy his 300th Test victim in his 88th Test appearance.

Healy is only behind countryman Rod Marsh, who has a world record 355 victims, 343 catches and 12 stumpings in 96 Tests. Healy's scalps are made up of 280 catches and 20 stumpings.

Bacher, who took 49 minutes and 34 balls to get off the mark with a hooked boundary off medium-pacer Greg Blewett, was a model of concentration throughout his 245-minute stay.

Kirsten has scored 0, 29, 1, 9, 8, 0, 43 and 16 since his 103 against India in the first Test at Durban earlier this year.



McMillan ... 55

# Germans down Dutch

KARACHI, Mar 22: Germany beat title favourites Holland 3-1 in their last league match of the five-nation hockey tournament here today, giving them a much-needed win before Sunday's final clash, reports AFP.

It also gave the unstoppable Germans a measure of revenge after losing in their last three encounters with the Dutch.

Star forwards Oliver Domke and Christoph Bechmann were unstoppable in the final 20 minutes of the match, marauding into Dutch territory at will and taking one goal each. Captain Christian Blunck scored Germany's third.

For Holland their penalty corner specialist Bram Lomans scored his sixth goal of the tourney, but failed to convert three other penalty corners.

The Dutch also sorely missed Eric Jazet in defence who left for home because of a seriously ill relative.

Rochous West broke also failed to sparkle, missing two chances in the circle.

The Germans started out somewhat timidly failing to make any impression on the Dutch who opened the scoring in the 28th minute when Lomans finally managed to put away a penalty corner.

In the second-half, the German still looked unsure of themselves until Domke latched onto the ball, beat two defenders and equalled the score with a superb reverse hit in the 59th minute.

The score brought the Germans to life with skipper Blunck putting his side in the lead seconds later when he finished off a rebound of the Dutch keepers' pads.

Carving their way through the Dutch, the Germans hammered at the goal, Christian Kurtz only being denied when his fine long shot clipped Ronald Jansen's pads.

A fine move between Domke and Bechmann gave Germany its third goal three minutes from final whistle.

**TODAY'S MATCHES**

**15th Nirman School Cricket Championship:**

Satirpara KK School vs Arapur Pre-Cadet HS (DS)

Pabna Zilla School vs Comilla Zilla School (Uttara)

Scholastica vs Narail Zilla School (T&T)

**Second Division Football League:**

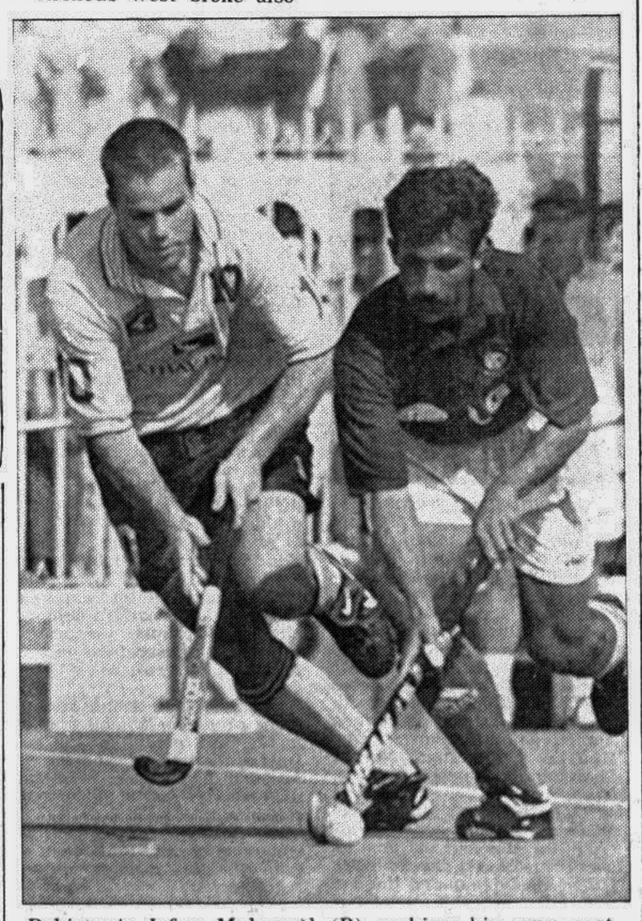
(Venue: Mirpur Stadium)

Eskaton SS vs Mahakhali Ekadash (2:30 pm)

Shantinagar Club vs Adamjee SCC (4:30 pm)

(Venue: Army Stadium)

Dhaka Wanderers vs Muslim Institute (4 pm)



Pakistan's Irfan Mahmood (R) making his way past Australian Jeremy Hiskin during their five-nation hockey tournament match in Karachi on Mar 22. The game ended in a 3-3 draw. — AFP/UNB photo

## MESSAGE

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*sovereign nation to see whether we have actually attained the goals we had set before us on 23rd March, 1940.*

*Independence and freedom in themselves and great blessings of Allah, but for a Muslim, independence and freedom have a far greater purpose. By the grace of Allah, we have been able to take significant steps towards laying the foundations of state policy on Islamic and democratic lines as visualized by the Quaid-i-Azam. However, still greater efforts are needed to make Pakistan a strong and prosperous Islamic welfare state that its founders had envisaged.*

*Let us therefore, resolve to accelerate the pace of development. The Quaid's motto, unity, faith and discipline, should be our guiding principle in the effort to shape the destiny of our nation and to ensure its rightful place in the comity of nations as a developed and strong nation. May Allah bless our efforts. Ameen.*

*Pakistan Paindabad.*

## Quaid-i-Azam

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3 June, 1947 Plan by which Pakistan came to be established on 14 August, 1947.

To many it seemed that Jinnah is pleading something which would tantamount to tearing the Hindu cow's partitioning or division of the country. Dispelling all such false arguments Jinnah made it clear in his presidential address that "the Mussalmans are a nation by any definition" and they occupy large parts of the country — "such as Bengal, Punjab, NWFP, Sind and Baluchistan". People of these areas not only have their separate cultures but they derive inspiration from a source of history which was different from that of the Hindus. Elaborating it further in the world context Jinnah argued: "History has presented to us many examples, such as the Union of Great Britain and Ireland, of Czechoslovakia and Poland. History has also shown to us many geographical tracts, much smaller than the subcontinent of India, which otherwise might have been called one country, but which have been divided into as many states as there are nations inhabiting them. The Balkan Peninsula comprises as many as seven or eight sovereign States. Likewise, the Portuguese and the Spanish stand divided in the Iberian Peninsula. Whereas under the pleas of the unity of India and one nation, which does not exist, it is sought to pursue here the line of one Central Government, when we know that the history of the last 12 hundred years has failed to achieve unity and has witnessed, during the ages, (that) India (was) always divided into Hindu India and Muslim India". (Pirzada, p.338).

## Solid start for Rani

Sports Reporter

Defending champion International Women's Master Rani Hamid got off to a sound start in the 18th national women's chess championship with an easy victory over Nazrana Khan Eva in the opening round at the NSC chess room yesterday.

Playing with white pieces against the Sicilian defence of Eva, Rani, the ten times national eves' champion, checkmated her counterpart after 46 moves.

Apart from Rani, Afroza Khanum Bably won her board against Rukhsana Gulshan Nikon.

Playing with white pieces, Bably began with a queen-pawn opening and forced her opponent to surrender after a marathon spell of 60 moves.

Besides, former champion and last year's runner-up Tanima Parveen drew her opening round clash against Syeda Shabana Parveen Nipa while Masuda Begum and Zakia Sultana also shared points.

The day's other match between Farzana Khan Ava and Jahan Ara Haque Runu was going on till this report was being filed last night.

Today's matches: Nikori vs Runu, Masuda vs Bably, Eva vs Zakia, Tanima vs Rani and Ava vs Nipa.

## Div II soccer

Sports Reporter

Gandaria Famous Sporting Club and Avijatrik Malibagh won their respective Second Division football league matches at the Mirpur Stadium yesterday.

In the first match, Gandaria Famous defeated Little Friend's Club by two goals to nil.

Shipon put the old town outfit ahead in the 41st minute while Monir doubled the margin in the 68th minute.

In the second match, Avijatrik recorded a solitary goal victory over City Club. Abdul Haque scored the winner in the 25th minute.

The day's other two matches at the Army stadium — East End Boy's Club against Jurain Janata Club and Basabo Tarun Sangha against Prantik Krira Chakra, ended in 1-1 draws.

## Rifles, Army spikers win

Sports Reporter

Bangladesh Rifles and Bangladesh Army won their opening matches as the Top-five volleyball tournament, organised by Bangladesh Volleyball Federation, began at the Mirpur Indoor Stadium yesterday.

In the first match BDR recorded a straight set victory over Bangladesh Air Force while Army outplayed Titas Club by the same margin.

## Independence Day kabaddi from tomorrow

Sports Reporter

A three-day Independence Day kabaddi tournament, organised by Bangladesh Kabaddi Federation, will begin at the Kabaddi court of Dhaka Stadium from tomorrow.

A total of four Premier League teams — Bangladesh Rifles, Police, Ansars and Fire Service — will participate in the meet.

## Bulls pacify Pacers

INDIANAPOLIS, Mar 22: Michael Jordan vs Reggie Miller was no contest Friday night as Jordan scored 36 points and helped hold Miller to 18 as the Chicago Bulls defeated the Indiana Pacers 117-98, reports AP.

Jordan shot 11-of-25 from the field and hit 13 of 14 free throws as he topped the 30-point mark for the 38th time this season, including 11 of his last 15 games.

Miller, meanwhile, had little room to shoot against Jordan and was 5-of-17 from the field, including 2-for-10 from 3-point range.

Scottie Pippen scored 18, Luc Longley and Steve Kerry had 15 each and Dennis Rodman grabbed 19 rebounds. Rik Smits led five Indiana players in double figures with 20.

**Heat 98, Lakers 97**

In Miami, Willie Anderson hit two free throws with 17.4 seconds left after a basket by Elden Campbell was waved off, and Nick Van Exel missed a jumper at the buzzer as Miami beat Los Angeles.

Voshon Lenard paced Miami with 25 points, while Tim Hardaway and Jamal Mashburn added 21 each.

A 3-pointer by Hardaway, one of 15 by Miami, pulled the Heat to 97-96 with 48.8 seconds left. Van Exel missed a free throw after the Heat were given a technical foul for illegal defense, and Jerome Kersey missed a baseline jumper. Campbell tipped in Kersey's miss, but the basket was waived off and Campbell was called for a loose ball foul on Anderson.

Anderson's free throws put Miami on top, and Van Exel missed a 16-foot jumper at the buzzer.

**76ers 112, Nets 110**

In Philadelphia, Derrick Coleman's follow-up dunk with two seconds remaining gave Philadelphia a win over New Jersey and broke the Sixers' three-game losing streak.

Coleman's basket came seconds after Sam Cassell was hit with a technical foul by referee Jack Nies for taunting. Cassell had been fouled by Iverson and sank two free throws to put the Nets up 110-109.

Rukhsana Gulshan Nikon (L) moves a piece while her opponent Afroza Khanum Bably looks on during their engagement in the national women's championship at the NSC chess room yesterday. — Star photo

# Motijheel Govt, Maple Leaf bow out

Sports Reporter

Motijheel Govt High School and Maple Leaf International School made their exit from the 15th Nirman schools cricket championship when the two reputed institutions in the capital were eliminated from the round of sixteen yesterday.

While Bangladesh Krira Shiksha Protistan (BKSP), one of the four teams from Dhaka who made it to the finals, stormed into the last eight along with Jalakathi Govt School, Khulna Zila School, Rajbari Zila School and Narayanganj High School — defeating their respective opponents at different city venues.

At the Mohakhali T&T ground, Jalakathi Govt School recorded a thumping seven-wicket win over Motijheel Govt School.

Batting first, the Motijheel boys were shot out for a paltry 108 in 32.2 overs with Gopal of the unheralded school from the southern part of the country claiming four wickets for only 12 runs.

In reply, Jalakathi rattled up 111 for the lose of three wickets and with more than ten overs to spare in the 40-over-a-side match. Titu scored 22 while Dhiman, who had earlier captured two wickets, did one better with the willow scoring 19.

Jalakathi will play in one of the four quarterfinals on March 23 against Narayanganj Govt School, who romped into the last eight eliminating Rajarampur School by 99 runs on the western strip at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium.

In a high-scoring affair, the Narayanganj boys, electing to bat after winning the toss, piled up a huge total of 221 before being all out with two balls to spare. The Narayanganj total was built around a dazzling 72 from Razib and an enterprising 52 by Shiplu. Besides, Samad with 36 was the other notable contribution in the winners commanding total.

In reply, Rajarampur School, facing a daunting task of scoring more than five runs per over, caved in for only 122 with Nishath and Siraj notching 37 runs apiece. Samad with three for 12 was the wrecker-in-chief among the Narayanganj bowlers while Didar and Shiplu took two wickets each.

Away at the Mirpur Sheraton ground, Rajbari Govt School posted a 143-run win against Jessore Govt School. Batting first, the Rajbari boys scored a mammoth 242 for six in their quota of 40 overs with Nuruzzaman hammering 52.

Sohel Rana, who fell two short of what would have been a well-made fifty, and Zahid with 42, were the other notable run-getters for the winners.

On the other hand, Jessore Govt School were skittled out for a meagre 99 in 26.2 overs with Rani making a defiant 35.

Rajbari Govt School will meet in one of the two quarter-finals on March 24 against Khulna Zila School, who recorded a hard-fought three-wicket win over Maple Leaf International at the Mirpur Outer Stadium.

Batting first, Maple Leaf scored 163 before being all out in 39.2 overs. Nafiz top-scored with 34 while Hossain and Bashir contributed 24 and 23 respectively in the vanquished not-so-impressive total.

Sumon with three for 13 was the pick among the Khulna bowlers. He was ably supported by Khalil and Rana, who chipped in with two wickets apiece.

In reply, Khulna Zila School raced on to victory 164 for the loss of seven wickets and with more than six overs to spare. Apel scored highest 48 runs while Sumon, fresh after his three-wicket haul, did one better with the bat, scoring 43.

Meanwhile, in the other match of the day at the remote Uttara Friends Club ground, BKSP earned a facile seven-wicket win over Moulvibazaar High School.

The fancied BKSP, the lone sports institute of the country, chasing a paltry Maulvibazaar total of 88/8 in the stipulated 40 overs for an outright win, milked the required 83/3 in only 14.1 overs.

Dubai World Cup

# Helissio leads the field

The probable field of 13 runners for the US 4,000,000 dollars Dubai World Cup sponsored by Emirates was announced by the Dubai World Cup Committee at a press conference recently in Dubai, says a press release.

Leading the field is the Elie Lellouche-trained Helissio, the emphatic winner of the 1996 Prix de l Arc de Triomphe, who will be ridden in the 2,000 metre race on the sand at Nad Al Sheba on March 29th by the French champion jockey Olivier Peslier.

The other European raiders joining Helissio in the race will be the Michael Stoute-trained winner of the Ganadian International (Grl) and the Japan Cup (Grl), Singspiel, John Gosden's multiple Group winner Flemenfirth; the St James' Palace Stakes (Grl) winner Bijou D'Inde; and the Clive Brittain-trained Luso, who won the 1996 Hong Kong International Vase (Gr2) on his last outing.

The United States of America, who scored a 1-2-3 in the inaugural running of the Dubai World Cup, will be represented by the Grade One Donn Handicap winner Formal Gold and the Richard Mandella-trained pair Siphon and Sandpit, first and second in their last outing in the Santa Anita Handicap (Grl).

Hokuto Vega, who has won her last 10 consecutive races on dirt, will represent Japan while the Gai Waterhousetrained Juggler flies the flag for Australia.

The home challenge will be spearheaded by the winner of the HH Sheikh Maktoum bin Rashid Al Maktoum Challenge Kammatarra, along with Key Of Luck, who scored a runaway victory in the 1996 Dubai Duty Free. The Saeed bin Suroor-trained Tamayaz looks more likely to run in the Dubai Duty Free, but still keeps his Dubai World Cupoptions open.

After the probable field was announced the racing secretary of the Emirates Racing Association, Kevin Greely, said." "It looks a very open and competitive race, the field is of the highest quality with the average rating of the runners being 122, which is slightly up on last year's running, and a record average rating for any international race ever held."

The final field will be announced at the Post Position Draw on Tuesday March 25.

**Dubai World Cup 1997 probable field**

| Horse | Trainer | Owner |
|---|---|---|
| Bijou d'Inde (GB) | Mark Johnston | Mr JS Morrison |
| Even Top (IRE) | Mark Tompkins | Mr B Schmidt-Bodner |
| Flemensfirth (USA) | John Gosden | HH Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum |
| Formal Gold (USA) | William Perry | Mr. John D. Murphy |
| Helisso (FR) | Elie Lellouche | Sr. E Sarasola |
| Hokuto Vega (JPN) | Takao Nakano Co Ltd | Kanamori Shoji |
| Juggler (AUS) | Gal Waterhouse | Mr. PDL Harwitz & Mrs. SE Horwitz, Ms. V. Bridger, M Turnbull & R Zamin |
| Kammatarra (USA) | Saeed bin Suroor | HH Sheikh Saeed bin Maktoum Al Maktoum |
| Key Of Luck (USA) | Kiaran McLaughlin | HH Sheikh Saeed bin Maktoum Al Maktoum |
| Luso (GB) | Clive Brittain | Mr. Saeed Manana |
| Sandpit (BRZ) | Richard Mandella | Sierra Thoroughbreds |
| Singspiel (IRE) | Michael Stoute | HH Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum |
| Siphon (BRZ) | Richard Mandella | Sr Eduardo de Paula Machado Linneo |

## CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

**ACROSS**

1 Craze
4 Billions and billions
8 Satchmo's style
12 Numerical prefix
13 Vicinity
14 Lotion additive
15 Something redoubtable
17 Blackthorn fruit
18 Puts forth
19 Terrible age?
21 Sandra or Ruby
22 "Babbitt" setting
26 Disconcerted
29 Still, in verse
30 Prompt
31 — friendly
32 Pub potation
33 Singer McEntire
34 Greek H
35 Interrogate
36 Autumnal quaff
37 Talmudic demoness
39 Frat-party need
40 Earl Grey, e.g.
41 Cover stories?
45 Hirt hit
48 Composer Willson
50 Wicked
51 Basin accessory
52 Mainlander's memento
53 Showroom auto
54 Say it isn't so
55 Alphabetic trio

**DOWN**

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2 Strong as —
3 Eat in style
4 Fountain request
5 Obey reveille
6 Bottom line
7 Dice game
8 Argonauts' commander
9 100 percent
10 Wildlife refuge
11 Wye follower
16 Sequence
20 Old English double-u
23 On the rocks
24 Subway, in London
25 Catch, in a way
26 Gas or oil
27 Italian wine region
28 Enthusiasm
29 Wapiti
32 Overcome by guilt
33 Unyielding
35 Noshed
36 Crunchy bunch to munch
38 Writer Calvino
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47 Energy
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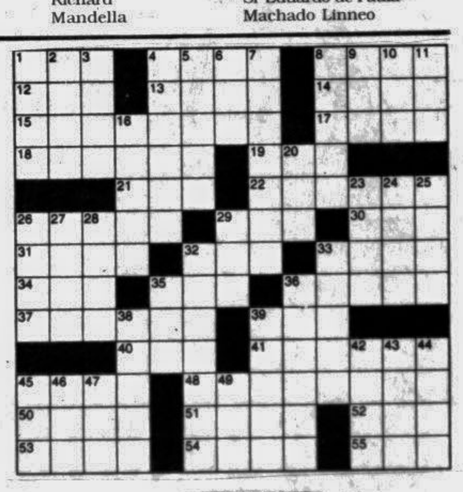
**Yesterday's answer**



**CRYPTOQUIP**

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**Yesterday's Cryptoquip: IT'S SADLY PITIFUL FOR BABY VAMPIRES EVER TO SUFFER FROM BAT DREAMS.**

Today's Cryptoquip clue: S 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.**