

**Column One**  
**Boost sports**  
**WHIZZ KID**  
 COMPETITION FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN  
**Competition-73**  
 Tick the Correct Answers  
 Competition closes 8 pm, July 11, '97

1 Who is the third fastest server in men's tennis circuit at the moment?  
 Rusedski Rostert Krajcek

2 How many warm-up matches will Bangladesh play before the World Cup in 1999?  
 Four Three Six

3 How many matches has Shahbaz played for Pakistan?  
 219 220 221

4 What is the position of Bangladesh in FIFA rankings for June?  
 137 138 139

5 Who lifted CUTE Premier handball league title?  
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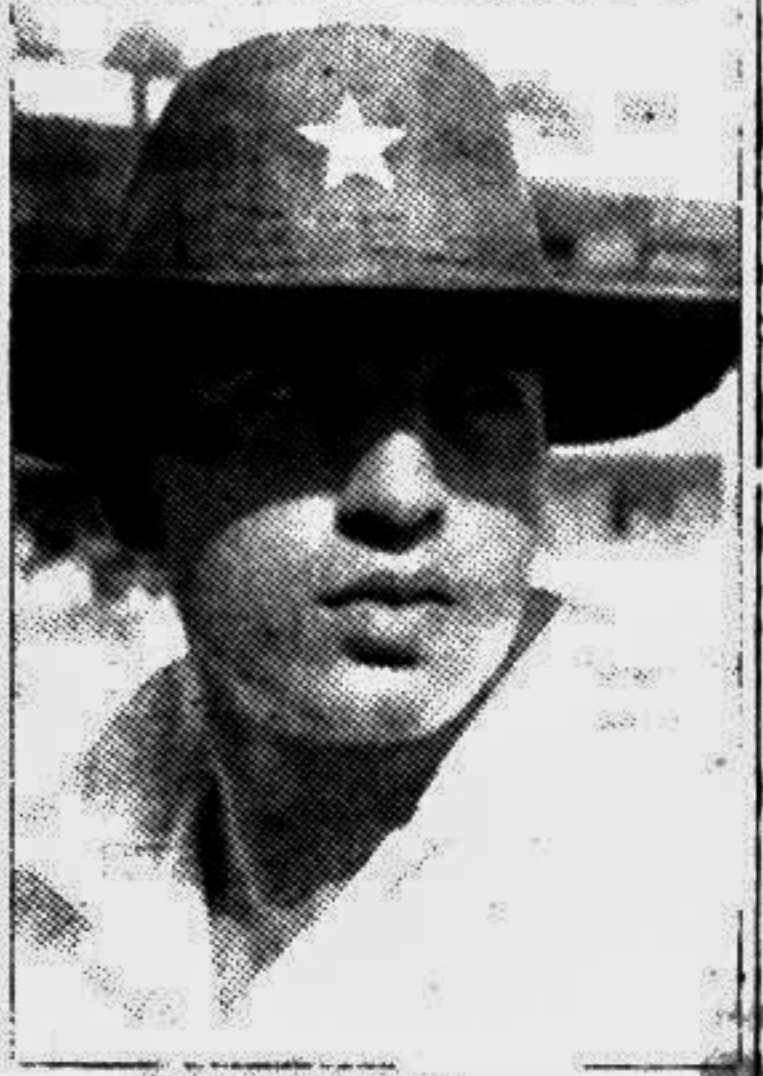
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**EN-VITS**

**SPORTS TALK**



**Saeed Anwar**  
 (Pakistan opening batsman) "I would like to score a double century in one-dayers. That is my aim."

**Dennis to stay at Arsenal**

LONDON, July 6: Dutch international striker Dennis Bergkamp has agreed to sign a new contract at English Premier league club Arsenal but the London side look likely to lose international midfielder Paul Merson, reports Reuter.

The club said on Saturday that the 28-year-old Bergkamp was set to sign a deal which would keep the former Ajax Amsterdam and Internazionale Milan player at Arsenal until the end of his career.

But manager Arsene Wenger has agreed to let English international Merson have talks with relegated Middlesbrough in the next few days.

If they can agree personal terms, the 29-year-old Merson looks almost certain to play in the First Division next season.

Wenger has been very active in the transfer market in the close season as he bids to build a new young squad.

Talented Dutch winger Marc Overmars has joined the club from Ajax together with 19-year-old Portuguese striker Luis Boamonte and Frenchmen Emmanuel Petit and Gilles Grimaldi.

**Schools kabaddi**

Bangladesh Rifles School & College outplayed Maniknagar Model High School by 96-52 points in the All Sports schools kabaddi tournament yesterday, reports UNB.

In the other match of the day, Rajarbagh Police Lines School beat Haider Ali High School by 70-60 points at the same venue.

**Prize giving ceremony**

SONARGAON, Narayanganj, July 6: Prize giving ceremony of the Independence Cup cricket tournament was held at the Thana Council auditorium today, reports UNB.

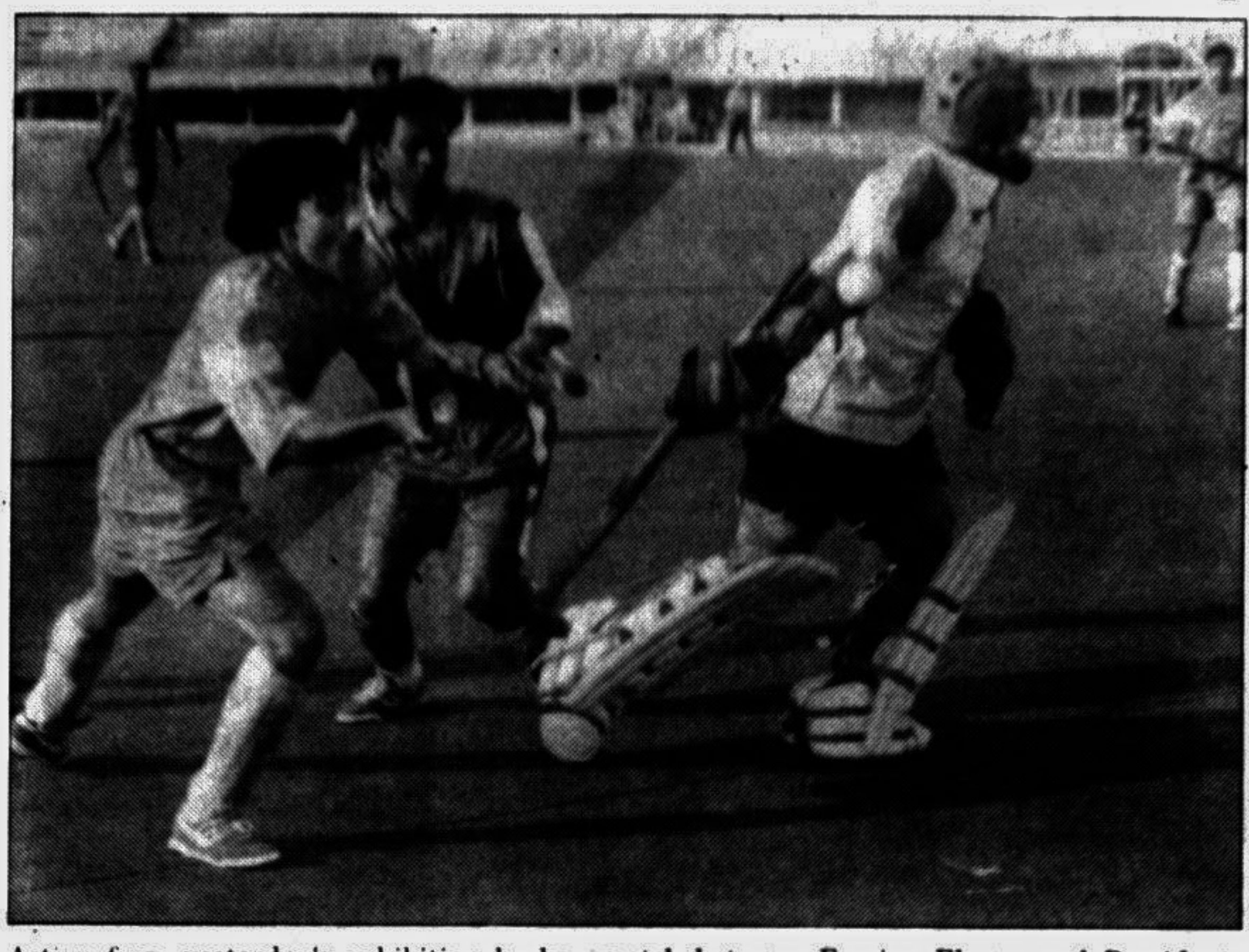
State Minister for Youth and Sports Obaiddul Quader attended the function as chief guest.

A total of 12 teams took part in the tournament organised by Thana Sports Association held in March and April last. Panam Jubo Sangha and Esha Khan Eleven emerged as champions and runners-up respectively.

**Shahbaz given reception**

Sonargaon Hotel yesterday accorded a reception to hockey star Shahbaz Ahmed, reports UNB.

His compatriots Tahir Zaman, Kamran Ashraf and Wahid Shaheed also attended the function.



Action from yesterday's exhibition hockey match between Foreign Eleven and President Eleven at the National Hockey Stadium. The foreigners won 7-3. — Star photo

**Foreign XI lash locals**

The Foreign Eleven, a constellation of star players from Pakistan and India, recorded a goal-feast 7-3 win over the President Eleven in an exhibition hockey match at the National Hockey Stadium yesterday.

The winners led the first half 5-0.

Although the foreign selection, led by mercurial Pakistan centre-forward Shahbaz Ahmed, started the match without four Indian players, they faced a little trouble in taking a 2-0 lead within 18 minutes.

Shahbaz, who inspired Mohammedans to defend the league title with an all-win record, broke the evening's duck in the 13th minute with a gem of a field goal. His compatriot Tahir Zaman then doubled the margin five minutes later from a penalty corner.

Mukesh Kumar, the Indian inside-right who along with compatriot Sabu Verkey and Riaz Ahmed arrived in the field midway through the first half, wasted no time to feed Kamran Ashraf to score the third goal for the star-studded foreign selection in the 27th minute. Indian star forward, who donned Abahani jersey in the league, did not appear in the meet.

The agony of the all-local outfit, who faced the wrath of the Indo-Pak power, was even compounded when Mukesh and Kamran struck one goal apiece within the span of four minutes.

The President Eleven, however, offered some sort of resistance in the second session scoring three goals against Foreign Eleven's two.

Ramiz gave some sort of entertainment for a handsome crowd scoring a field goal in the 37th minute while Kamal and Sadek shared the other two goals for the home side.

Tahir Zaman and Shahbaz then celebrated their second goals in the match to seal a heavy defeat on President Eleven.

Air Chief Jamaluddin Ahmed, who is also the president of the Bangladesh Hockey Federation (BHF), distributed crest among the foreign players after the match.

**Indian clubs turning cos**

CALCUTTA, July 6: Mohun Bagan, one of India's oldest and best known football clubs, is going corporate to tide over a severe funds crunch.

The 107-year-old Calcutta-based club will change its nomenclature to form a public limited company in the current financial year, say club officials.

Club secretary Anjan Mitra says Mohun Bagan plan to get involved in a big way in the business of manufacturing and marketing sports goods and accessories in partnership with top Indian and international sports companies.

Mohun Bagan will enter the capital market to raise 74 million rupees of the initial capital outlay of 400 million rupees needed for this. The total membership fee of 25 million rupees will be converted into shares in favour of the 7,400 odd club members. Another 300 million rupees is expected to come from financial institutions, banks, and joint venture partners as share participation.

Mitra says the club will use its goodwill to tie up with top Indian or international companies like Tata, Adidas, Nike and Reebok for the manufacture and marketing of sports goods.

The products to be made with imported machinery and knowhow may be branded Tata-Bagan, Adidas-Bagan, Nike or Reebok-Bagan. They will be targeted at niche markets in India, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Nepal and Sri Lanka.

Mohun Bagan executive committee members have cleared the idea in principle and will pass a resolution to this effect in their next meeting, after which it will be placed before the general body meeting for ratification.

According to Mitra, Mohun Bagan are finding it difficult to make ends meet. With a paltry annual income of 1.8 million rupees, the club has to seek alternate sources for the four million rupees needed to run the club. This comes from private sponsors who pay for use of their logos by Mohun Bagan players. The club also depends on donation from rich fans, like Tata Tea which donated 1.5 rupees million this year. Court cases are also pending against the club.

Officials say opening the door to the corporate sector will also raise club standards by allowing professionals, good doctors and sports officials to be hired.

The club's vice president and former Indian captain, Chuni Goswami, says that at least 20 million rupees are needed every year to run a football club of international standard because of the high cost of hiring professional players and providing the players necessary comfort, medical, insurance and other facilities.

Goswami underlines the need for privatisation as early as possible to run clubs professionally. He says the concept is not new. There is scope for investing nearly two billion rupees on Indian football clubs within the next five years, he says.

Mohun Bagan's plans to go corporate have inspired others too. Arch rivals East Bengal have also got a local sponsor. Another big Calcutta club, Mohammedan Sporting, is also trying to raise corporate funds. "We are to get a suitable proposal," says club secretary Omar Ali.

Officials of the Calcutta Stock Exchange say that given the popularity of football in this part of the country, football clubs would find it difficult to raise money in the market.

Indian companies like JCT of Punjab have been spending large sums in promoting football for quite some time. The company is engaged in a number of areas and presently spends some 20 million rupees per annum on its football club out of the company's annual publicity budget of 80 to 100 million rupees.

Dozens of foreign players, mainly from African countries like Nigeria, are playing for top teams and they are vying with each other to sign them with lucrative offers.

— Source: India Abroad News Service

**Derby bid for Baggio**

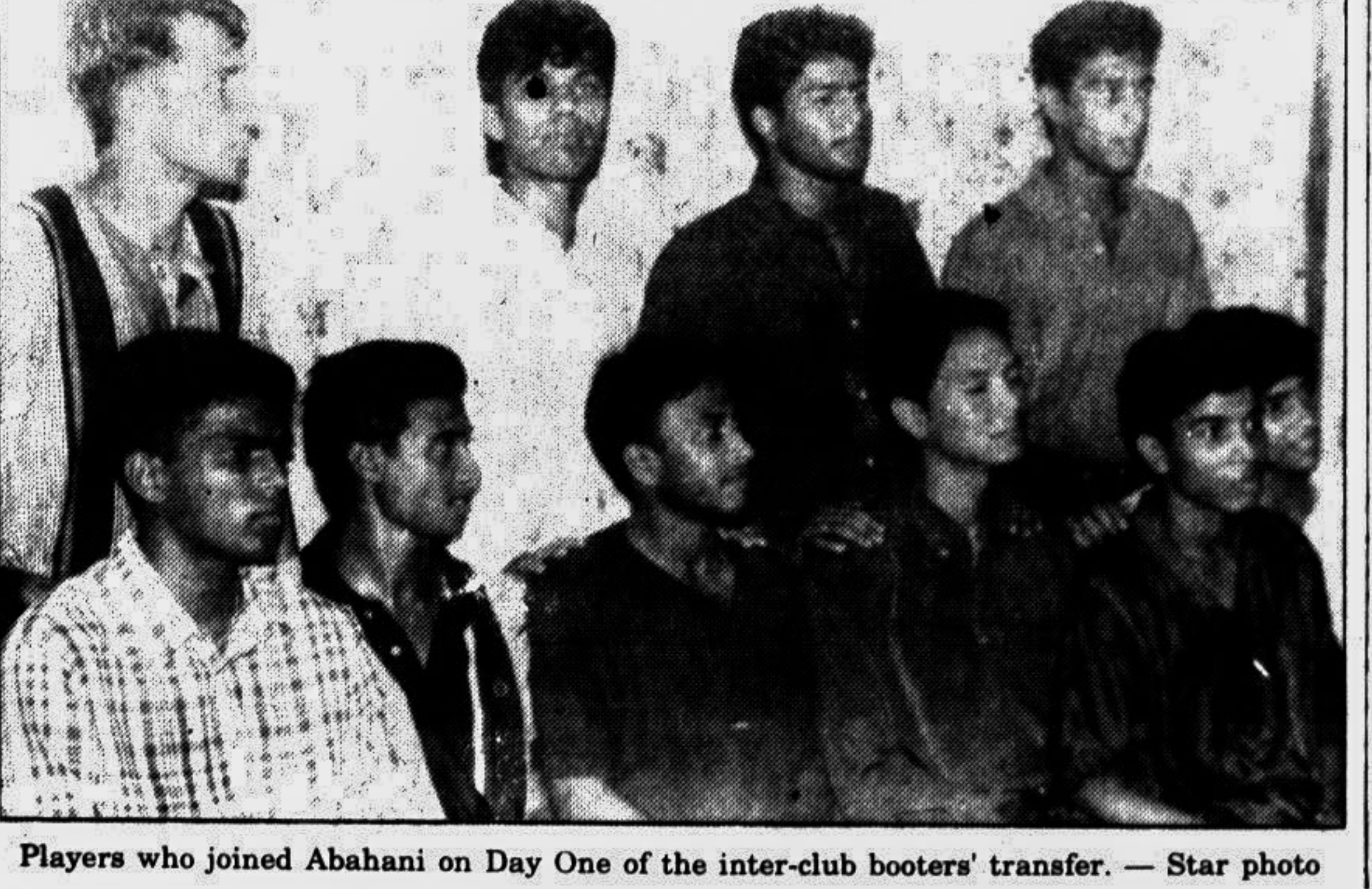
MILAN, July 6: English side Derby county have made a multi-million-dollar bid for Roberto Baggio, Italy's Gazzetta Dello Sport newspaper reported today, reports Reuter.

Gazzetta said Derby were prepared to spend 27 billion lire (16 million dollars) to sign Baggio, once the world's most expensive player, from AC Milan.

Derby, who signed Italian international midfielder Stefano Eranio from Milan in May, made an offer for Baggio after talks between the two clubs last Thursday, the paper said.

Baggio said last month he would leave the five-time European champions before the start of next season.

Italian newspapers have linked him to several clubs, including Vicenza, Napoli, Sampdoria and Spain's Barcelona and Atletico Madrid.



Players who joined Abahani on Day One of the inter-club booters' transfer. — Star photo

**Booters' transfer begins**

Mohammedan SC, Abahani and Muktiyoddha Sangsad almost put their houses in order on the opening day of the three day inter-club footballers' transfer yesterday for the ensuing Metropolis Senior Division league, reports UNB.

Muktiyoddha Sangsad KC stole the show confirming the services of 13 top-ranking booters, including eight on commission.

Those confirmed on commission are: Jewel Rana, Iqbal Hossain, Rajani Kanta Barman (Mohammedans), Hasan Al Mamun, Rakib Hossain (Abahani), Aminul Haq (Farashganj), Masud Rana, Intiaz Ahmed Nasub (Muktiyoddha).

Muktiyoddha also received tokens of their five old players. They are: Arun Bikash Dewan, Golam Ghaus, Arif Hossain, Moon, Paritosh Dewan and Riazuddin Biswas.

Defending champions Mohammedan SC recruited 10 players. They are: Joy, Don (Brothers), Munna (Agrani Bank), Ashkar Babu (Youngmen's Club), Nazul (Farashganj), Azim (Rahmatganj), Faisal (Arambagh), Nizam (Victoria), Aminur (Gandaria Farnous) and Hakim (Badda Jagaranj).

Abahani confirmed the services of nine players. They are: Zakir, Kingshuk (Muktiyoddha), Tipu (Brothers), Propid (Arambagh), Sohel Al Masum, Amin Rana (Fakirerpool), Sentu (Agrani Bank), Saurav Raju (East End) and Palash (Sadharan Bima).

Some 160 players, including eight on commission, changed their clubs out of the 216 booters who drew tokens.

**Darren to take Adam's place**

MANCHESTER, July 6: Australia have called up Darren Berry of Victoria to replace reserve wicketkeeper Adam Gilchrist, who has had to fly home with a serious knee injury, reports Reuter.

Tour manager Alan Crompton said on Saturday that Gilchrist would have his knee in a brace for four more weeks, but would hope to be fit for the start of the Australian summer season.

He is the second player to go home because of injury. Pacerman Andy Bichel was replaced by Paul Reiffel earlier in the tour.

Berry is already in England, playing and coaching at Macclisfield, just a few miles from Manchester where the third Test is currently being played.

**WC qualifier Marcelo mauls Colombia**

SANTIAGO, Chile, July 6: Marcelo Salas scored three first-half goals to power Chile past Colombia 4-1 here Saturday in a South American qualifying match for the 1998 World Cup, reports AFP.

Salas scored in the 16th, 27th and 41st minutes for the hosts, whose final goal came on a penalty kick by Ivan Zamorano in the 90th minute.

Hamilton Ricard scored Colombia's lone goal in the 53rd minute.

STANDINGS  
 South American World Cup qualifying table following Saturday's match here:  
 Table (played, won, drawn, lost, goals for, against, points)  
 Paraguay 7 2 1 5 6 23  
 Argentina 11 5 4 2 16 19  
 Colombia 2 5 3 4 17 14 8  
 Chile 11 4 4 3 22 14 16  
 Bolivia 10 3 5 2 15 14  
 Ecuador 11 4 2 5 13 14  
 Uruguay 11 4 2 5 11 14  
 Peru 11 3 4 4 11 13  
 Venezuela 11 0 2 9 7 33 2

**J-League resumes**

TOKYO, July 6: Led by their Brazilian stars Mazinho and Bismarck, the defending J-League champions Kashima Antlers kept their place at the top of the table with a 3-0 away win against the Yokohama Marinos on Saturday night, reports Reuter.

Mazinho put Kashima ahead one minute into the second half when he pounced on a poorly headed clearance by a Marinos defender in the penalty box and slammed home a goal from just 10 metres out.

The win took Kashima to 28 points from 12 matches as the J-League resumed after a month-long break.

They are one point ahead of Yokohama Flugels, who also won in a 4-0 goal romp over lowly Ichihara, who have only 10 points.

Brazilian imports were also responsible for the Flugels' easy win with Sampaio and Valber each scoring.

Brazilian striker Edilson also scored twice just before the break to help Kashima notch a comfortable 3-1.

**Tyson awaits his fate**

LAS VEGAS, Nevada, July 6: Mike Tyson means big money for this United States gambling Mecca, a factor that will be on the minds of the five-member panel that decides his boxing future here next Wednesday, reports AFP.

The Nevada State Athletic Commission meets to decide what punishment to inflict upon Tyson for biting Evander Holyfield a week ago to lose by disqualification in their World Boxing Association heavyweight title fight.

Tyson is still a draw. MGM Grand sports betting director Dennis Dahl said, "There might be as many people come to root for him."

Anything that keeps Tyson out of the ring takes profits out of every element of this city. The scale of that income is staggering.

The Tyson-Holyfield fight brought 5.9 million dollars to city hotels, restaurants and non-gambling attractions.

Pay-per-view telecast rights netted 95 million dollars, the MGM Grand made 14 million dollars from a sellout crowd plus had packed houses for several closed circuit telecasts around the city.

And the MGM Grand approached record one-day betting levels last Saturday when almost 27 million dollars was wagered on the Tyson-Holyfield fight.

It's no surprise that MGM Grand officials said last week they would start talks this week on a new contract with Tyson. The six-fight deal they signed with him upon his 1995 release from prison has but one bout to go.

Only the Super Bowl brings more betting business to Las Vegas gambling houses than a heavyweight title fight, with Tyson bouts attracting the greatest interest.

**Steve shuts England out**



MANCHESTER, England, July 6: Australia left England with a mountain to climb after declaring their second innings at 395 for eight on the fourth day of the third Test today, reports agencies.

The visitors left England needing to score a world record 469 for victory in just over four-and-a-half sessions.

No team in Test history has made more than 406 to win a match in the fourth innings.

Earlier Steve Waugh went into the record-books as he became the first player for 50 years to score a century in each innings of an Ashes Test and only the third Australian to do so.

The last instance was by Australia's Arthur Morris and England's Denis Compton in 1946-47.

Waugh, suffering from a bruised hand, eventually touched a catch to wicket-keeper Alec Stewart after six hours and 20 minutes at the crease, having scored 116.

At lunch on the fourth day Australia were 367 for eight in their second innings — a lead of 440, which is more than any team has ever made in the fourth innings to win a Test.

With the weather good, they appeared well placed to level the six-match series at one each, with three to play.

Even Shane Warne, who was expected to be the key bowler when England batted again on a warring pitch, weighed in with the bat. He made his second-highest Test score of 53 before touching Andy Caddick's first ball of the day to Stewart.

Taking the new ball first thing did England no good whatsoever as Waugh and Warne plundered 30 runs off the opening three overs from Dean Headley and Darren Gough.

There was another blow for England when opening batsman Mark Butcher was forced to leave the field after being hit on the hand while fielding.

Small consolations for them were Headley's eight wickets on debut and Stewart's eight catches, an English record in Ashes Tests.

Headley was unable to claim his fifth wicket of the innings before lunch as Paul Reiffel (27 not out) and Jason Gillespie (18 not out) stretched the lead to formidable proportions.

On Saturday, Waugh set his eyes on a second successive century and helped Australia take a stranglehold of the Test.

Waugh continued from where he left off in his first-innings 108 with a determined unbeaten 82 in their second-innings 262 for six at stumps on the third day.

**LATEST**

MANCHESTER, England, July 6: England, set 469 for victory, were 49 for two at tea on the fourth day of the third cricket Test against Australia at Old Trafford today, reports Reuter.

**SCOREBOARD**

Scoreboard on the fourth day of the third cricket Test between England and Australia at Old Trafford today:

**AUSTRALIA:** First innings 235 (S Waugh 108; D Headley 4-72; D Gough 3-52).

**ENGLAND:** (M Butcher 51; S Warne 6-45; G McGrath 3-40).

**AUSTRALIA:** Second innings (overnight 262-6)

Elliott c Butcher b Headley	11
Taylor c Butcher b Headley	19
Blewett c Hussain b Croft	1
M Waugh b Ealham	55
S Waugh c Stewart b Headley	116
Bevan c Atherton b Headley	0
Healy c Butcher b Croft	47
Warne c Stewart b Caddick	53
Reiffel not out	45
Gillespie not out	28
Extras: (b-1; lb-13; nb-6)	20
Total: (for 8 wts, dec)	395
Fall of wts: 1-5; 2-33; 3-39; 4-131; 5-132; 6-210; 7-298; 8-333.	
Did not bat: G McGrath.	
Bowling: O M R W	
Gough	20 3 62 0
Headley	29 4 104 4
Croft	39 12 105 2
Ealham	13 3 41 1
Caddick	21 0 69 1

**Lewis set for swansong**



STOCKHOLM, July 6: American track legend Carl Lewis makes what will almost certainly be his farewell appearance in Europe when he competes in the DN games here on Monday, reports AFP.

The 36-year-old, who will be leading the Santa Monica 4x100 relay team, has recovered from an Achilles injury that spoilt his US farewell in Eugene, Oregon last May.

Lewis, along with club mates Mike Marsh, Leroy Burrell and Floyd Heard, have already run the fastest 4x100m of the year but it will be a night for emotion rather than records for Lewis.

Lewis will finally quit the sport he has dominated later this year with runs in Australia and New Zealand, brining to an end to a career that saw him rise to become the greatest athlete in the modern era.

Lewis equalled the two of the greatest achievements in Olympic athletics. His four gold medals in the 1984 Games matches Jesse Owens' four in Berlin in 1936.

When he won the long jump in Atlanta 12 years later, he joined discus thrower Al Oreter as the only person to win the same event in four Olympics.

Lewis was denied a chance to win five long jump golds, and perhaps another relay gold, by president Jimmy Carter's decision to boycott the 1980 Moscow Olympics.

But his total of nine Olympic gold-medals is equalled only by distance legend Paavo Nurmi of Finland.

Before 1980, 10.00 seconds had been broken only twice in the 100 metres. Lewis has since

clipped under 10.00 15 times, six more than his two closest rivals, Leroy Burrell and Linford Christie, nine more than his discredited rival Ben Johnson of Canada.

"Carl Lewis is bigger than the sport," said Joe Greene, bronze medalist behind Lewis in the 1996 Olympic long jump.

"Carl Lewis pretty much set the standard for what it is to be a great athlete."

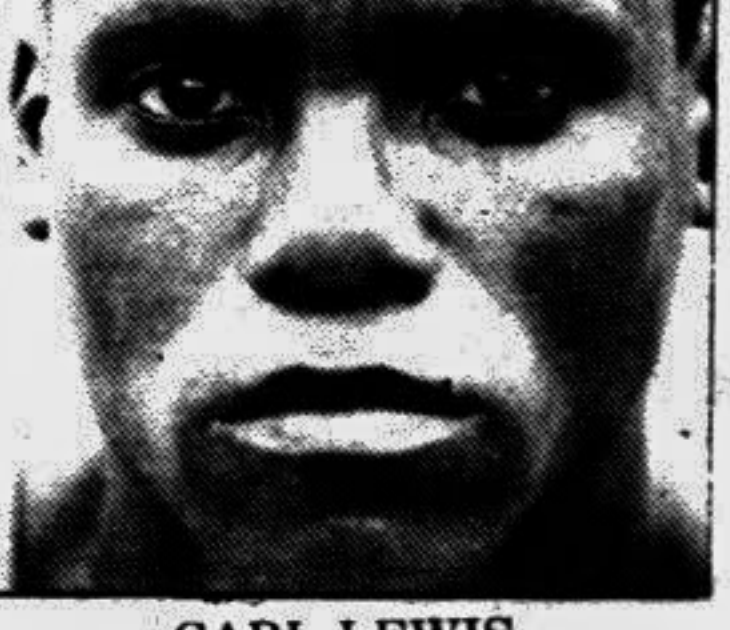
But while the Swedish fans will give Lewis an emotional send off it will be three Kenyan's who threaten to turn the meeting into a spectacular world record busting evening.

Wilson Kipketer, now a nationalised Dane, is poised to break the 16-year-old 800m record of Britain's Sebastian Coe.

In the 100 metres Ato Boldon, who has clocked the fastest time this year with a 9.98 in Modesto, is looking to claim on the absence of world record holder Donovan Bailey.

Looking to upset Boldon will be American Maurice Green who won the American championships in Indianapolis last month along with Mike Marsh, who finished third in the US trials.

**Michell for a fair deal**



INDIANAPOLIS, July 6: Three-time Olympic 100-metre finalist Dennis Mitchell said on Sunday he favoured giving injured world record-holders Michae Johnson and Dan O'Brien "wild-card" exemptions to August's World Championships, reports Reuter.

But the US men's coach for the meet and a former Olympic coach said they opposed the idea.

**CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer**

ACROSS  
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 4 Actor Underwood  
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 13 Ms. Doone  
 14 Chemical suffix  
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 17 Wide-beet string  
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 21 Centenarian showman  
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 25 "How... love thee..."  
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 31 Plinkton component  
 33 Fix the soundtrack  
 35 Screen word from Fred Flintstone  
 36 Artesian

Down  
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 16 Addition-ally  
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 21 "An apple..."  
 22 Gaucip's weapon  
 23 J.P.  
 24 Richard's stage name  
 27 Dull gray-brown  
 29 Grad  
 30 "Flat" Meg's artist  
 32 Singer Lane  
 34 Ennui  
 37 Shuttle plane  
 38 Docking area  
 42 English Channel feeder  
 44 Upper bound  
 45 Spirited steed  
 46 Laminated mineral  
 50 Hodges of baseball  
 51 "Wham!"  
 52 Lamb's dam  
 53 Roulette bet

**CRYPTOQUIP**  
 MVKB U QKYD DPGX  
 KVKYUC CUKJO CPKO  
 OVK XFP GJ MWJV  
 JVK JWCK?  
 Saturday's Cryptoquip: A MINISTER REHEARSING A SERMON IS NOW PRACTICING WHAT HE PREACHES.  
 Today's Cryptoquip clue: Q equals M  
 The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, 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.