

# Column One

## Boost sports WHIZZ KID

COMPETITION FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN  
**Competition-74**

Tick the Correct Answers  
Competition closes 8 pm, July 26, '97

1. Who lifted the Wimbledon ladies' singles crown this year?	Majoli	Hings	Vicario
2. How many times has Sampiras won the Wimbledon?	Two	Three	Four
3. Which nation clinched the Copa America title?	Brazil	Peru	Bolivia
4. Who became champions in the World Youth Soccer Cup?	Ghana	Colombia	Argentina
5. Who won this year's Green Delta First Division hockey league title?	Mohammedan	Abahani	Usha

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### SPORTS TALK



**Jagmohan Dalmiya**  
(International Cricket Council president)

"Bangladesh, I think, is a hot favourite to be the tenth country to achieve the Test status. Bangladesh is really well ahead of other countries in this race."

### Barisal soccer from Aug 1

BARISAL, July 23: The First Division football league will begin at the local stadium from August 1, reports BSS.

Bakerganj District Sports Association has taken the decision in a meeting here on Monday.

A total of ten teams from different thanas of the district are to participate in the meet.

The team are: Abahani Krira Chakra, Mohammedan Sports Club, Battalion RRF-Police, District Police League, Abu Seraniabat Smriti Club, Udayani Sangha, Rupatali Prantali Sangha, Bakerganj Krira Academy, Bakerganj Football Kheloir Kalyan Samity.

### Anderson gets the call

RIO DE JANEIRO, July 23: Brazil's French-based striker Anderson, consistently overlooked by his country, was finally rewarded with a national team call-up Tuesday, reports Reuters.

The Monaco player, who has enjoyed years of success in French football, was one of three uncapped players included in the squad for next month's brief Far East tour. His absence from the team has been one of the great injustices and mysteries of Brazilian soccer.

Flamengo defender Junior Balano and Sao Paulo striker Dodo were the other uncapped players.

Dodo's inclusion had been widely expected. He began this season as a reserve with his club but quickly made his mark and finished as top scorer in the Sao Paulo championship with 19 goals.

Last week he scored all his side's goals in the 5-0 win away to Cruzeiro in the Brazilian championship.

Coach Mario Zagallo left striker Romario out of the squad and dropped midfielder Djalminha and defender Celso Silva, who joined English champions Manchester United last week. Both played in the Copa America last month.

Atletico Madrid midfielder Juninho, left out of the Copa America team, was recalled while Deportivo Coruna's Rivaldo was brought back for the first time since the Atlanta Olympics.

Fourteen members of the victorious Copa America squad were included.



Mirpur Chalantika custodian Humayun thwarts an East End Club attack during their Rupali Insurance Federation Cup encounter at the Mirpur Stadium yesterday. Mirpur outfit won 3-2. —Star photo

## Headingley Test begins today

# Aussies full of beans

LEEDS, July 23: Australia go into the crucial fourth Test against England at Headingley on Thursday surfing on the crest of a wave of confidence as their key players start to hit peak form, reports AFP.

Ominously for England, leg-spinner Shane Warne, so disappointing earlier in the tour, and Mark Waugh, the batsman England fear the most, are now close to the top of their games.

Warne's six wickets in the first innings of the third Test at Old Trafford, followed by his recent impressive performances against county sides, suggest that reports of his demise earlier on the tour were more than a little premature.

Waugh, meanwhile, crashed a superb unbeaten 142 off 146 against Middlesex on Monday to end a relatively poor run of form which has included a disappointing return of just 106 runs from his last five Test innings.

Middlesex captain Mike Gatting, the former England captain who is now a selector, watched from close range as Waugh played himself back into form.

"He obviously decided to settle in and play a form-building innings in this game," said Gatting.

"Let's just hope the England boys knock him over quickly when he gets to Headingley."

Though the Australian squad as a whole got off to a slow start on the current tour and were accused of giving themselves too little time to acclimatise to English conditions, it was the form of Warne which created the greatest cause for concern.

He took just three wickets in the first two Tests at a cost of 64 runs each and there was little evidence of the magic and the menace which made him the bogeyman of England's batsmen on the 1993 Ashes tour.

Even Warne's famous accuracy disappeared amid mounting fears that a nagging long-term shoulder injury and a recent operation on his spinning finger were taking their toll. Warne himself seemed downbeat.

But all that has changed in recent weeks and his comic an-

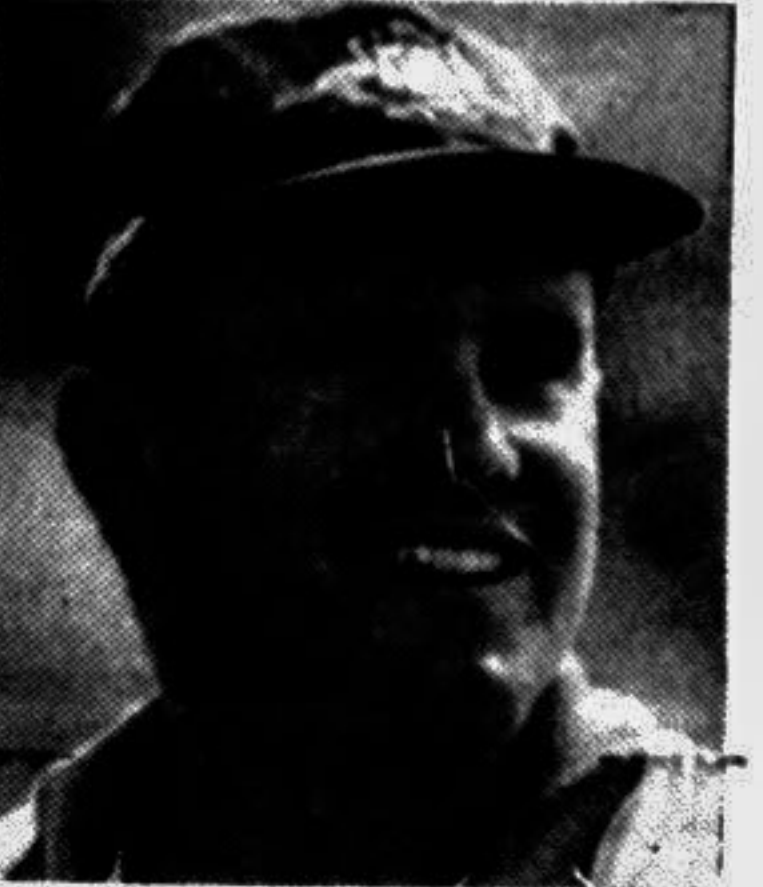
tics on the pavilion balcony at Old Trafford after his excellent display in Australia's series-levelling win suggested his old exuberance was returning.

A recent trip home to Melbourne to see his new-born daughter Brooke for the first time provided a further boost to the man who two years ago was the most feared bowler in the world.

"Warne is going to be damn hard to play for the rest of this series," warned Australian captain Mark Taylor.

"Everyone has their bad games and Shane is entitled to his but he is definitely on the up again."

Ponting, who is poised to fill the void created by a miserably out-of-form Michael Bevan, will be Australia's only change to the winning combination from Old Trafford which beat



MARK TAYLOR



MICHAEL ATHERTON

England by 268 runs.

When Bevan's weakness against short-pitch bowling was exposed yet again by England at Old Trafford, Ponting knew he was in with a chance of a Test recall, and he made no mistake when given the opportunity.

A brilliant unbeaten 126 against Glamorgan at Cardiff was enough to rekindle his Test return.

The talented right hander from Tasmania has played six Tests for Australia and enjoyed a fine start to his Test career scoring 96 on debut against Sri Lanka, which was followed by innings of 71 and 88, all batting at No. 3.

The overall mood in the Australian camp is distinctly upbeat with wicketkeeper Ian Healy warning: "If we win at Headingley, we will win the Ashes. England will not bounce back."

Those are words that will send a shudder of anxiety through the England squad who have been put through motivational sessions — including a talk from former Olympic champion Sebastian Coe — during their preparations.

There is nothing England players fear more than an Australian side with their tails up and Mike Atherton's men know they must seize back the initiative in the very first session of the match.

Pace bowlers Dean Headley, Andy Caddick and Mike Smith look set to battle for two places in England's line-up on a ground which traditionally

## Fed Cup Sohag slams first treble

Mirpur Chalantika striker Sohag scored the first hat-trick of the season to propel his side to a 3-2 victory over East End Club in their Rupali Insurance 14th Federation Cup football match played at the Mirpur Stadium yesterday.

The winners led the first half 2-0.

Sohag, the tall home team forward, put his side ahead in the ninth minute with an accurate side volley from a Hanif pass. He then capitalised on an lqbal free kick to seal the first half with a powerful grounder after 28 minutes.

Inspired by the two goals, Sohag completed his treble placing the ball home from an Al-Amin pass in the 48th minute.

Trailing 0-3, East End staged a late second half rally and pulled two back beginning with Palash converting a penalty in the 78th minute and then Ratan heading the second home with seconds to go before the final whistle capitalising on a Rubel cross.

With the victory, Mirpur Chalantika moved into the first round Group C final billed for May 26 at the same venue. The other finalists were supposed to be decided from the game between Agrani Bank and Wari Club which was postponed after the first half due to non-availability of electricity. Agrani Bank were leading at the time 1-0.

Hasan scored the goal in the 34th minute.

The match will be played today at 4 pm at the same venue.

## Lizarazu a la Ronaldo

ZURICH, Switzerland, July 23: Frenchman Bixente Lizarazu is free to register with Bayern Munich, having validly bought out his contract with Spanish club Athletic Bilbao, FIFA ruled Tuesday, reports AFP.

Lizarazu's transfer was dealt with by the Bureau of FIFA Players' Status Committee, along with the transfer dispute over Brazilian star Ronaldo between FC Barcelona and Inter Milan.

## Rifles school kabaddi champs

Bangladesh Rifles School and College emerged champions in the All Sports 7th schools kabaddi tournament beating Sharmin Textile Mills Model School by 87-78 points in the final at the Outer Stadium Kabaddi court yesterday, reports UNB.

It was the third title for BDR School in the meet.

In the day's final, the winners led the first half by 44-35 points.

State Minister for Youth, Sports Obaidul Quader witnessed the final as the chief guest and distributed the prizes.

On Tuesday, Millat High School finished third in the 16-team fray beating Nawabpur High School in the toss as the match was forced to postpone due to rain.



Players of the Bangladesh Rifles School and College team who won the Ali Sports schools kabaddi final yesterday. —Star photo

# Milan to start afresh

MILAN, July 23: AC Milan return to the football pitch this week, determined to lay to rest the memory of one of their most disappointing seasons in club history, reports AFP.

The 1996 champions turn out for a friendly on Thursday night against their satellite club, Second Division Monza, hoping to erase all thoughts of last season's all-too-frequent defeats.

Milan, now on their third coach in 13 months after the failures of Oscar Tabarez and Arrigo Sacchi, finished mid-table in the Serie A last season and will be without European football in 1997-98.

But Fabio Capello, back in charge after guiding Milan to four league titles in five years before winning the Spanish championship with Real Madrid last season, is convinced they can turn back the page.

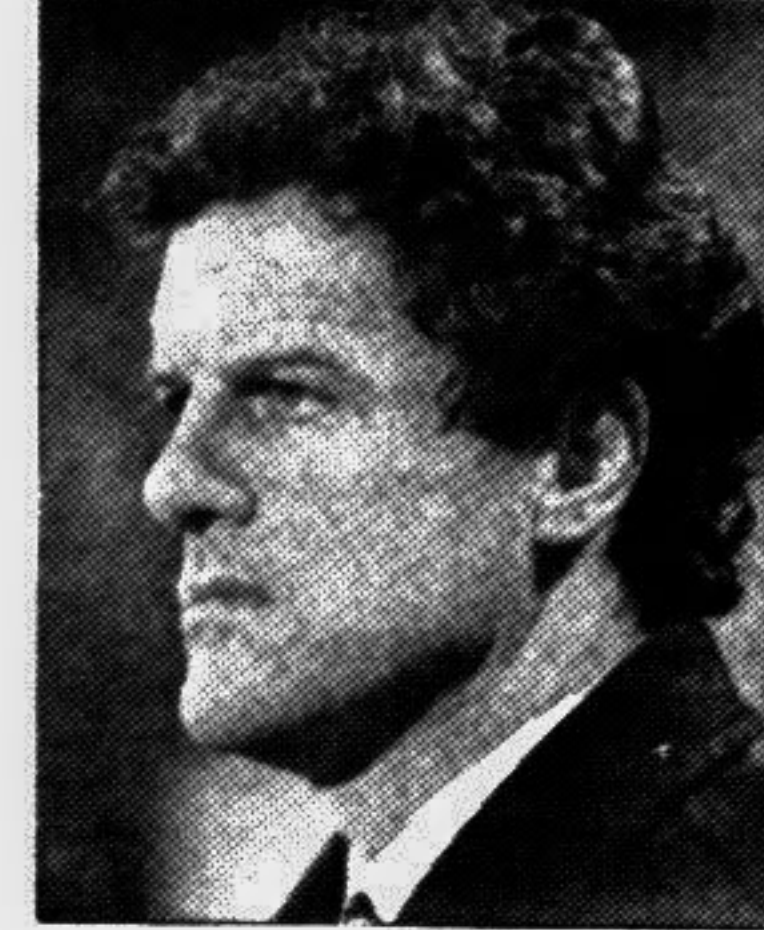
"It's a shame to be out of the European Cup, but I can also see that in this case it could be an advantage not to have any other commitments," he said.

"I know it's down to me to put all these new players together, but I've got faith in this squad. And if they all perform as they're capable of doing, then it'll be the other teams who need to worry, not us."

Milan have strengthened every department in a near 30 million dollar spending spree, bringing in Ajax's Patrick Kluivert and Gothenberg's Andreas Andersson for Roberto Baggio and Marco Simone in at-

tack, and drafting in two new midfielders in Giampiero Maini from Italian Cup winners Vicenza and France's Ibrahim Ba.

The biggest changes, though, are in the defence, which for the first time in 20 years will be without Franco Baresi, now re-



FABIO CAPELLO

tired and manager of Milan's youth teams.

Paolo Maldini will take over as captain, the role he already occupies in the Italian national team, alongside Alessandro Costacurta.

But in come Dutchman Winston Bogarde, Brazilian Andre Cruz and German Christian Ziege, while veteran goalkeeper Sebastiano Rossi will face stiff competition from newcomer Massimo Taibi.

"There's one thing I'm certain of," Capello said, "You can only

win if you've got good players who have the drive and motivation needed to succeed. My mission here will be to communicate the motivation that I've got inside me."

"The key thing will not just be to reach the top, but to stay there — even when the going gets tough. That's when you find out which men you can really count on."

One of those he will be counting on his Kluivert, whose goal against Milan won the 1995 European Cup final for Ajax and who is thrilled to have the No 9 shirt once worn by his idol Marco van Basten.

"He was the greatest," said Kluivert. "He was my hero. Now destiny has brought me to the team where he became a champion, and I want to give everything I have for them."

Looking ahead to his much-anticipated strike partnership with George Weah, the Dutchman said: "I like George a lot as a person and as a player. I don't think there will be any problems."

Weah shares Kluivert's optimism, saying: "Milan is a big team. If someone arrives here, they've got to be up to what's expected of them, and I'm sure the club have made the right choices."

"Milan has to try and improve," said the Liberian. "And all of these men can take the club back to the top. I'm convinced this team has what it takes to have a great season."

Capello, along with tens of thousands of AC Milan fans here, is praying that Weah is right.



Brazilian football sensation Ronaldo shows off his new Inter Milan shirt at a press briefing in Sao Paulo, Brazil on July 22. —AFP/UNB photo

# FIFA favours Inter's bid

ZURICH, July 23: Soccer's world governing body on Tuesday authorised the transfer of Brazilian superstar Ronaldo from FC Barcelona to Inter Milan, report agencies.

The FIFA Players' Status Committee said Ronaldo is free of any contractual obligation to Barcelona after having validly bought out his contract with the Spanish club.

FIFA said Ronaldo is free to join Inter immediately while the two clubs negotiate his transfer fee.

Barcelona had fought Ronaldo's move on grounds that a player can not buy out his contract in order to obtain an international transfer.

But FIFA ruled that the 27 million dollars paid to Barcelona was only for buying out the contract and was "not related to any transfer fee."

FIFA said it was asking the two clubs to come to an agreement on the transfer fee by July 31.

"If no agreement is reached by that date, FIFA will impose a fee, which shall be binding," it

said.

"Pending the final decision on the transfer fee, FIFA as authorising the Italian Football Federation to register Ronaldo provisionally and with immediate effect, with Inter."

The ruling means Ronaldo is eligible to make his debut for the Italian club in an exhibition game Sunday against Manchester United at the San Siro stadium in Milan.

Ronaldo, who is in Brazil, is reportedly planning to fly to Italy on Thursday to join his new teammates for training. Inter officials said he would play a portion of Sunday's game.

If the two clubs fail to reach agreement on the transfer fee by July 31, and if Inter then rejects the fee determined by FIFA, Ronaldo could be unemployed on Aug 1.

There have even been suggestions that Ronaldo could be loaned to Barcelona's arch-rivals Real Madrid for six months while negotiations continue.

Internazionale heralded the imminent arrival of Ronaldo and said they were unconcerned by the ruling.

"Now Ronaldo is really ours."

The operation is concluded," a triumphant Inter president Massimo Moratti told reporters in Milan.

Moratti acknowledged Inter still had to agree a transfer fee for the world-footballer-of-the-year and said he saw no reason, as things stood, for them to pay any more for him than what they had agreed to pay.

"FIFA has allowed the transfer to go ahead and that is very important," Moratti said.

But Moratti said he did not rule out the possibility of reaching a deal without further FIFA intervention.

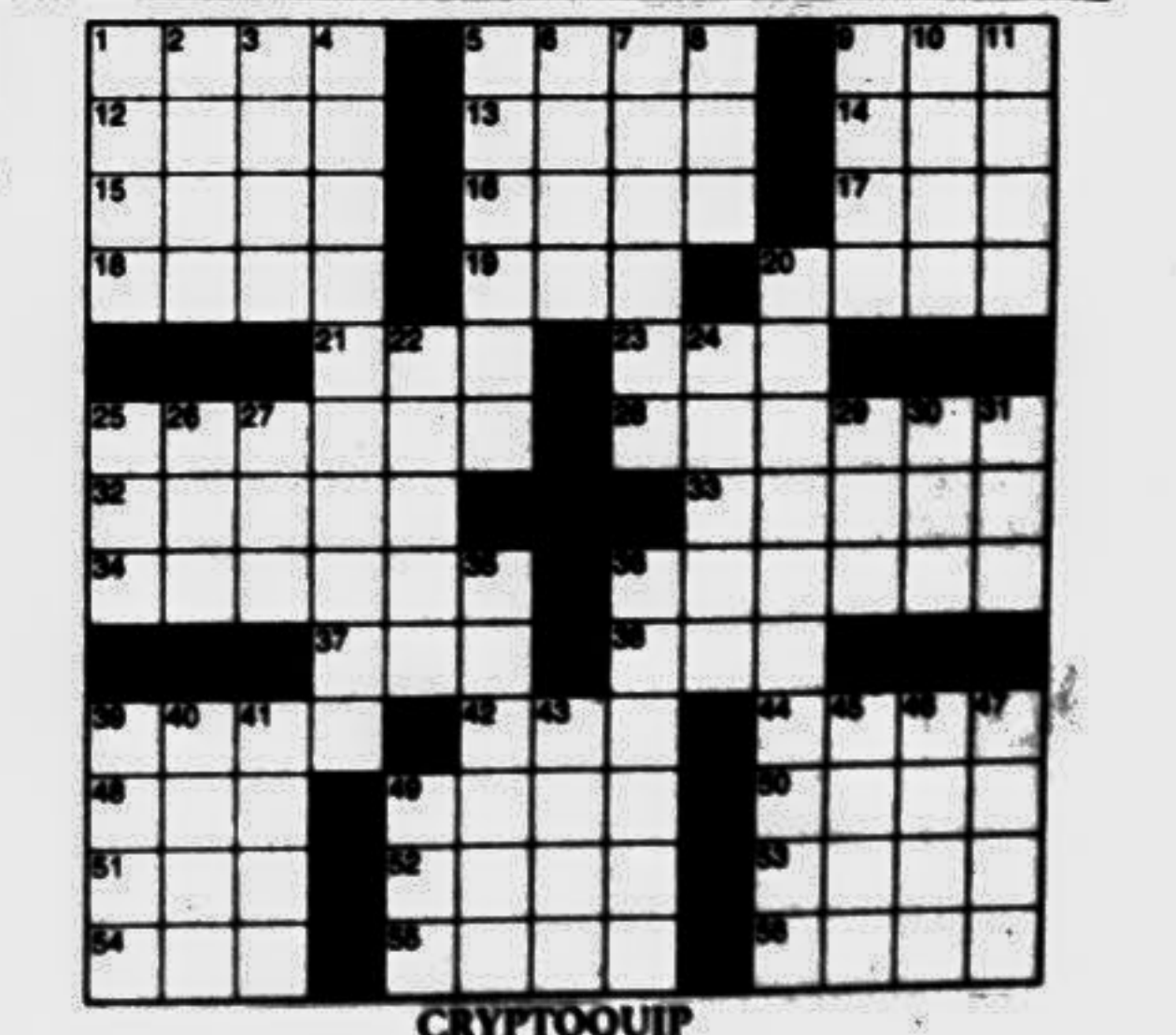
The decision by FIFA did not take the Brazilian superstar by surprise. But he questions its position regarding his transfer fee.

"Ronaldo and Inter expected FIFA's authorisation, but they are perplexed about the issue of the transfer fee, which remains unresolved," the player's manager, Alexandre Martins, said by phone in Sao Paulo.

As far as a fan concerned neither Inter Milan nor Ronaldo owe Barcelona a cent," he added. He would not say what action, if any, would be taken regarding the transfer fee.

## CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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| <b>ACROSS</b>               | 37 Superman            | <b>DOWN</b>                                | 20 1984                        |
| 1 Crossword diagram         | 38 Indivisible         | 1 Breaches                                 | Prince song                    |
| 5 Spheres                   | 39 Part of a           | 2 Laugh-a-minute type                      | 22 Bracelet location           |
| 9 Humor magazine            | 40 Leno monologue      | 3 "Mony Pytho"                             | 24 Hymn of joy                 |
| 12 Staffer                  | 42 Coop                | 4 1938 Bing Crosby                         | 25 Inane one abbr.             |
| 13 Harvest                  | 44 Disquiet            | 5 Threatening clause                       | 27 Savion Glover's specialty   |
| 14 — de-                    | 46 Abby's sister       | 6 Do                                       | 29 Spacecraft                  |
| 15 Magnet                   | 49 Avon                | 7 "Le Pere Goriot"                         | 30 Give the pink slip to       |
| 16 "Days Copper-field" girl | 51 "Who am I — argue?" | 8 Secret seeker                            | 31 Reagan adviser              |
| 17 Just out                 | 52 Tennis great        | 9 Revealing length                         | 32 Notzger                     |
| 18 Flight component         | 53 Thought             | 10 Holey or Karmas                         | 38 "Waiting to —"              |
| 19 Claborn of fashion       | 54 Bass                | 11 Moist, in the s.m.                      | 39 "Monopoly" square           |
| 20 Elf                      | 55 Antelope's playmate | 12 Requisite                               | 40 Aware of                    |
| 21 Faux follower            | 56 Requisite           | 13 Simpson's store-keeper                  | 41 Have more than a mere hunch |
| 22 "Simpsons" store-keeper  | 57 Requisite           | 14 Synchro-                                | 42 Pennsylvanian port          |
| 25 Synchro-                 | 58 Requisite           | 15 Wrist-related subject                   | 43 Shoppe description          |
| 26 Wrist-related subject    | 59 Requisite           | 16 Stronghold?                             | 46 "Now it makes sense"        |
| 32 Benchy subject           | 60 Requisite           | 17 Flexible                                | 47 Burden                      |
| 33 Stronghold?              | 61 Requisite           | 18 1854 book subtitled "Life in the Woods" | 48 Auction action              |



**CRYPTOQUIP**

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Yesterday's Cryptogram: EVEN THOUGH THE DOPE ATE A ROLL OF FILM, IT SEEMS NOTHING SERIOUS DEVELOPED.

Today's Cryptogram clue: U equals P

The Cryptogram 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.