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CONTEST FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN

Competition-76

✓ Tick the Correct Answers

Competition closes at 8 pm. August 22, '97

1. The current New Zealand cricket captain is

Flaming Gernon Thompson

2. Brazilian star Ronaldo's new Italian club is

AC Milan Inter Milan Juventus

3. Who scored the golden goal for Abahani against Mohammedan in this year's Federation Cup semifinal?

Mizan Zakir Tipu

4. Who is the coach of Kenyan national cricket team?

Patil Amarnath Wadkar

5. The 100 metres world record holder is

Greene Bailey Fredericks

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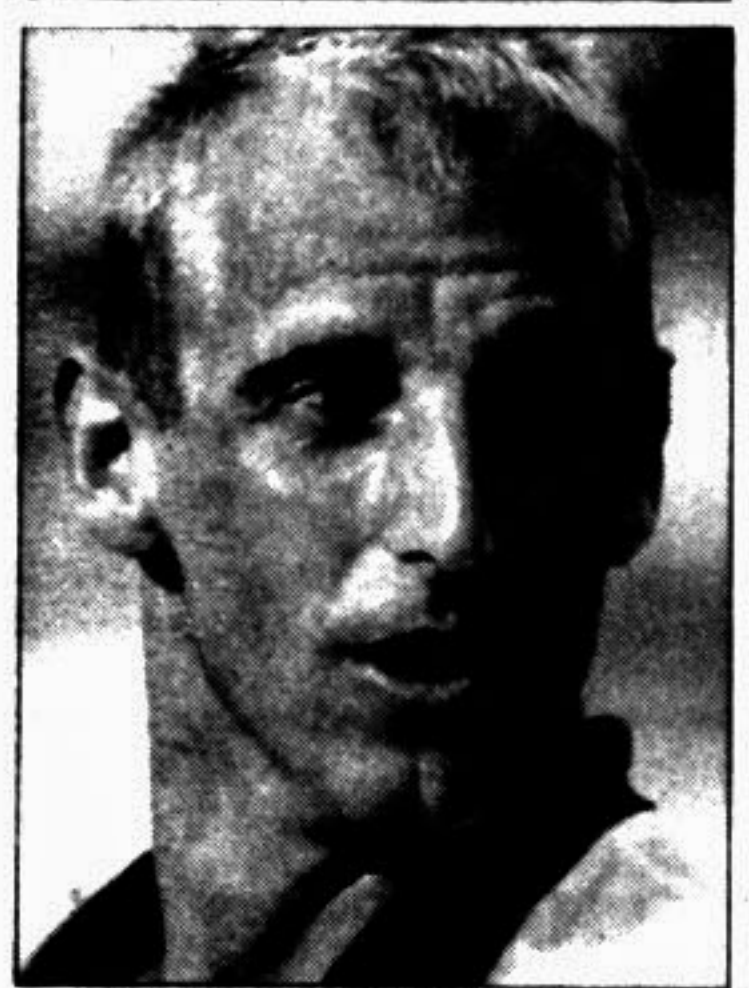
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SPORTS TALK



Thomas Muster
(Austrian tennis star)
"Not Fergie (Sarah Ferguson) ... Too much noise about that one! Maybe it would be Arnold Schwarzenegger. He comes from the same region of Austria as me, but I've never met him."
(On his choice for a dinner partner)

Peter's plea honoured
STUTTGART, Aug 11: Peter Graf, the father of tennis star Steffi Graf, will spend the rest of his prison sentence for tax evasion in Ulm, a town between Stuttgart and Munich, officials said Monday, reports AP.
Graf put in the request in order to spend the remainder of his sentence closer to his home, said Georg Prasser, his Stuttgart-based lawyer. The Graf family lives in Bruehl, a village near Heidelberg and Mannheim.
The time of the move will be set later.
Two weeks ago, Graf reported to a Stuttgart prison hospital. Initially, Graf was slated for imprisonment in the high-security Stammheim facility, but he used a legal provision to gain access to a site of his choosing.

Effenberg bails Borussia out
BERLIN, Aug 11: Borussia Moenchengladbach scored two late goals in the final 11 minutes on Sunday to deny Hertha Berlin their first win since promotion to the Bundesliga this season, reports Reuters.
A huge home crowd of 52,321 had turned out at Berlin's Olympic Stadium for the match but they had to settle for a 2-2 draw as the hosts were caught off guard.
Hertha, now bottom of the league table after three matches, were 2-0 up with goals in the 32nd and 68th minutes when Moenchengladbach replied.
Peter Wynnoff scored in the 79th minute and Stefan Effenberg hit the equaliser from a free kick in the 89th.
"We know what we did wrong in the first half, we played very poorly at the start," said Effenberg. "The second half shows what we are capable of."
It was Berlin's second draw in three matches and third straight draw for Moenchengladbach.

Karlsruhe, 3-1 winners at home to Arminia Bielefeld on Saturday, lead the Bundesliga standings after three matches level on points with Kaiserslautern.

BAF handball results
JESSORE, Aug 11: Two more matches of the Bangladesh Air Force inter-base handball championship were held at the BAF base Matur Rahman here on the second day today, reports BSS.
The hosts defeated BAF base Bahadur 30-10 and Air Headquarters Unit beat BAF base Zahurul Haque 14-5.

Ashes remains Down Under Thorpe fights in vain



NOTTINGHAM, Aug 11: Australia underlined their domination of England's cricket by winning the fifth Test by 264 runs on Sunday and so securing their fifth successive series victory, reports Reuter.

The latest Ashes thrashing, coming in the penultimate over of the fourth day at Trent Bridge, was the result of another sorry English batting display as the hosts were bowled out for 186.

After Australia had taken their overnight total of 167 for four to 336 all out — courtesy of more poor bowling — they systematically carved their way through the fragile English ranks.

Only Graham Thorpe, who was left unbeaten on 82, showed any sort of application as England faced the prospect of batting for a day-and-a-half to save the match.

Wickets fell at regular intervals and it only needed the extra half-hour, claimed by skipper Mark Taylor, to finish the job.

Victory was completed when Devon Malcolm edged Glenn McGrath to Mark Waugh in the slips to spark noisy celebrations in the Australian ranks.

Australia's bowlers shared the wickets with three each for McGrath, Shane Warne and Jason Gillespie and one for Paul Reiffel.

The morning session had seen more misery for England as Ian Healy (63), Warne (20) and Reiffel (22) piled on the runs at will, making England's afternoon performance look all the more inept.

The result left the tourists with an unbeatable 3-1 lead in the six-match series with the last Test at The Oval beginning on August 21.

Australia have held the Ashes since 1989 and, apart from a brief blip when they were defeated in the first Test at Edgbaston, never looked like losing them in this series.

England were saved by the weather next time out at Lord's after being bowled out for 77 but then lost heavily at Old Trafford (by 268 runs) and Headingley (innings and 61 runs).

"Australia played the better cricket and deserved to win the game and the series," said England captain Michael Atherton, who failed again on Sunday.

managing just eight before being caught behind.

Atherton's position must be under threat but he refused to be drawn after the match, saying only, "We'll wait and see. I've always said I'll know when it's time to go."

His opposite number Taylor also faced calls for his head.

AUSTRALIA: First innings 427 (M Taylor 76, S Waugh 75, M Elliott 69, M Waugh 68; D Headley 4-87)

ENGLAND: First innings 313 (A Stewart 87, G Thorpe 53; G McGrath 4-71, S Waugh 4-86)

AUSTRALIA: Second innings (overnight 167-4)

Taylor c Hussain 45
b B Holloake 37
Elliott c Crawley b Caddick 37
Blewett c Stewart b Caddick 60
M Waugh lbw b Headley 7
S Waugh c A Holloake b Caddick 14
Ponting c Stewart b A Holloake 45
Healy c Stewart b A Holloake 63
Warne c Thorpe b Croft 20
Reiffel c B Holloake b Croft 22
Gillespie c Thorpe b Headley 4
McGrath not out 18
Extras (lb-1, lb-11, nb-6): 336
Total: 336

Fall of wickets: 1-51; 2-105; 3-134; 4-156; 5-171; 6-278; 7-292; 8-314; 9-326

Bowling: O M R W
Malcolm 16 4 52 0
Headley 19 3 56 2
Croft 26.5 6 74 2
Caddick 20 2 85 3
B Holloake 5 1 26 1
A Holloake 12 2 31 2

ENGLAND: Second innings
Atherton c Healy b McGrath 16
Stewart c S Waugh b Reiffel 33
Crawley c Healy b Gillespie 21
Hussain b Gillespie 32
Thorpe not out 82
A Holloake lbw b Gillespie 2
B Holloake lbw b Warne 2
Croft c McGrath b Warne 6
Caddick lbw b Warne 0
Headley c Healy b McGrath 4
Malcolm c M Waugh b McGrath 0
Extras (lb-6, lb-2, nb-4): 12
Total: 186

Fall of wickets: 1-25; 2-25; 3-78; 4-99; 5-121; 6-144; 7-150; 8-166; 9-186

Bowling: O M R W
McGrath 13.5 4 36 3
Reiffel 11 3 34 1
Gillespie 8 0 65 3
Warne 16 4 43 3

Results: Australia won by 264 runs to take 3-1 lead in the six-Test series and retain the Ashes.

Man-of-the-match: Ian Healy

First Test: Edgbaston — England won by nine wickets

Second Test: Lord's — match drawn

Third Test: Old Trafford — Australia won by 268 runs

Fourth Test: Headingley — Australia won by an innings and 61 runs

Sixth and final Test: The Oval — August 21-25.

early in the summer but has silenced the critics with another superb leadership display.

"To say I'm delighted is an understatement," he said. "It's a fantastic feeling, especially for the captain. We were one-down in the series, but I said at the time there was no need for panic."

"We've got some fine batsmen, two or three good strike bowlers, the world's best leg-spinner, plus an outstanding wicket-keeper in Ian Healy, who was a good choice as man-of-the-match here."

Taylor hinted that he would be tempted to stay on if wanted.

"I'd want the support of the board and the selectors that I'm still the best man for the job," he said.

Atherton meanwhile must decide whether he wants to take on a daunting trip to the West Indies early next year.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard on the fourth day of the fifth Test between England and Australia at Trent Bridge on Sunday:

A twist in Taylor's fate



LONDON, Aug 11 (Reuters): If a week is considered a long time in politics, then three months is a lifetime in sport. It certainly has been for Australian captain Mark Taylor.

When his team arrived in England for the start of the Ashes series in May, he was under threat of the sack. Yet today, the day after Australia had beaten England by 264 runs in the fifth Test to win a record fifth consecutive Ashes series, he was being hailed as the leader of one of the finest teams ever to have played Test cricket.

It represents a major triumph over adversity.

Having inherited a winning side from Allan Border in 1994, Taylor succeeded in keeping Australia at the top of the international tree and series wins over West Indies and South Africa ahead of the Ashes contest confirmed their status as the best in the world.

But that success came at the expense of his own form. As an opening batsman, he had failed to reach 50 in 20 innings and there was a high vocal lobby calling for him to be left out of the tour.

The pressure intensified when England won the one-day series 3-0 and there was serious doubt over whether Taylor would remain at the helm for the Test series.

"Mark Taylor shouldn't even be thinking of playing," wrote former captain and coach Bobby Simpson.

It was a view endorsed by two other former captains, Ian and Greg Chappell, as the Australian media waged a concerted campaign for his removal. One newspaper ran the headline "Dead duck" when he was dismissed for nought in a county game.

In the event, Taylor played in the first Test and although the Australians were outplayed for the only time in the series and lost by nine wickets, the captain saved himself with a battling 129 in the second innings.

and, although held up by rain which caused a draw at Lord's, they won the next three Tests comprehensively to take the series.

Ironically, Ian Chappell, writing in a British newspaper on Sunday, ranked the current team alongside the very best in Australian, and consequently Test, history.

Their strength lies in the fact that there is no weak link in the chain. The batting blends solidity with flair, characterised, on the one hand, by Matthew Elliott and Steve Waugh, both of whom have scored two hundreds in the series, and, on the other, by Greg Blewett and Ricky Ponting.

The bowlers present an awkward combination of pace and spin. Glenn McGrath and leg-spinner Shane Warne arrived as the match-winners but Jason Gillespie's seven for 37 at Leeds proved that there was no respite for the English batsmen. They were backed up by a genuine wicketkeeping all-rounder in Ian Healy, some outstanding fielding and a ruthless will to win.

Whether they are a greater side than Warwick Armstrong's in the early 1920s, Don Bradman's in 1948 or even Ian Chappell's in the 1970s remains open to debate, but Mark Taylor can reflect on a job well done.

And no doubt, given his decent nature, he will also find time to sympathise with his opposite number, Mike Atherton, whose high hopes at the start of the summer have faltered on the Australian rocks.

One headline, in particular, today will have brought a wry smile. "Dead duck" screamed one newspaper calling for Atherton's removal. Three months can be a lifetime in sport.



Scene from the fifth round of the schools chess competition at the NSC yesterday. — Star photo

MSC back home

Sports Reporter

After a disastrous Asian Cup trip in South Korea, Federation Cup and Premier Division league champions Mohammedan Sporting Club returned home last night. Mohammedans suffered a huge 0-11 defeat at the hands of Pohang Steelers in their first round away leg encounter last Saturday.

The second leg is billed for August 16 at 6 pm at the Mirpur Stadium. Ticket rates for gallery have been fixed at Taka 20 and for VIP at Taka 50 respectively.

Meanwhile, the Steelers are expected to reach the city on August 15.

Mahanagari Cup Fakirerpool, B Boys to play in opener

Sports Reporter

Federation Cup runners-up Arambagh Krira Chakra have been placed in Group D in the preliminary knockout round of the Dhaka Mahanagari Cup football tournament scheduled to start at the Mirpur Stadium next Sunday.

A total 16 Senior Division teams split into four groups for the first round, will vie for four qualifiers berth in the second round.

Arambagh, who for the first time reached the 12th Federation Cup final with a thrilling 3-0 victory over star-studded Muktiyoddha Sangsad in the semifinals last week, will be joined by Police Athletics Club, Badda Jagarini Sangsad and Victoria Sporting Club.

Young men's Club Fakirerpool have been drawn in Group A along with Dhaka Wanderers Club, Dhanmendi Club and Bangladesh Boys Club while Group B comprises Farashganj Sporting Club, Shantiganj Club, BKTC and East End Club. Agrani Bank Wari Club, Mirpur Chalanika and Rahmatganj Muslim Friends Society will be featured in Group C.

On the opening day, Fakirerpool will meet Bangladesh Boys at 6 pm.

The winners of the four groups will join Mohammedan Sporting Club, Abahani Krira Chakra, Muktiyoddha Sangsad, Krira Chakra and Brothers Union in the robin league which will be held in two groups.

Meanwhile, the final match of the Pioneer Division league between Suritola Right Brothers and Sheikh Russell Krira Chakra will also be held on the same day at the same venue at 4 pm.

Schools chess

Sports Reporter

Ruhul Islam Bobby, Mehedi Hasan Parag, Sadequul Haque Romance and Mahtabuddin Robin were leading the 12th schools chess tournament table with full points at the end of the fifth round held at the NSC chess room.

Bobby of Monipur High School edged past Omar Faruque of Mirpur Bengali Medium High School. Sher-e-Bangla Nagar Govt High School's Parag defeated Saifuddin Islam of Khilgaon Govt High School. Romance of Govt Laboratory High School topped Tapash Barua of Dharmarajika Anath Ashram while Robin of Hazrat Shah Ali Academy won his board against Mohammad Javed of Armanitola High School.

With their respective victories, the winners remained atop the standings with five points each.

Besides, five other players — Yanur Rahman Royal of Jhenidah, Sanveer Hasan of Oxford International School, Hasan Ali of Nabakumar Institution, Golam Mustafa Bhuiyan of City Collegiate and Kazi Shafuiddin of Khan Abdullah High School were in the second spot with four and a half points each.

Cricket camp begins

Sports Reporter

The selection camp for Bangladesh A cricket team began at the Dhaka Stadium under the supervision of national coach Gordon Greenidge.

Thirty-two out of 33 called up for the camp, were present at the opening session. Jamaluddin Babu of Lalmatia Club who lives in Jessore, was absent for unspecified reasons.

Badminton tourney

Sports Reporter

The Rupali Insurance summer open badminton tournament 1997, organised by Bangladesh Badminton Federation (BBF), will begin in the city from August 22.

Interested players have been asked to enroll at the BBF office at the National Hockey Stadium from August 15 to 18.

Barisal soccer

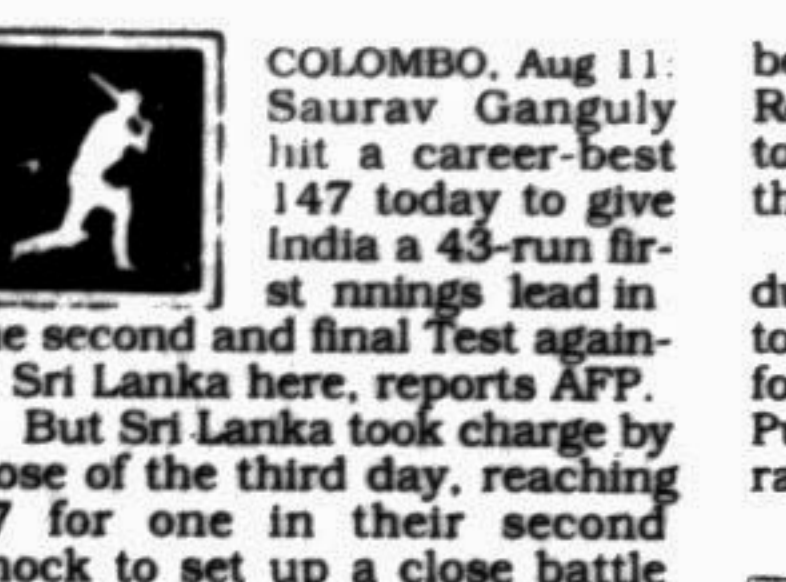
From Staff Correspondent

BARISAL, Aug 11: Udayani Club recorded a lone goal win over Khelkar Kalyan Samity in the Ema Overseas First Division football league at the local stadium this afternoon.

Faisal netted the all-important goal.

Range Reserve Force (RRF) will face Bakerganj Krira Academy at the same venue tomorrow.

Saurav cracks third century Final Test evenly poised



COLOMBO, Aug 11: Saurav Ganguly hit a career-best 147 today to give India a 43-run first innings lead in the second and final Test against Sri Lanka here, reports AFP.

But Sri Lanka took charge by close of the third day, reaching 77 for one in their second knock to set up a close battle over the last two days.

The hosts start the fourth day with a lead of 34 runs, hoping to set India a fourth innings target of around 350 on a wearing wicket at the Sinhalese Sports Club ground.

Ganguly scored 100 of the 149 runs India added to their overnight score of 226 for four before being last out at 375, half-an-hour after tea.

The left-hander hit the headlines last year in England with centuries in his first two Tests, but failed to get another in the next 11 matches before this Test.

Ganguly compensated for the lean period with a valuable seven-hour knock that kept India afloat after a dramatic lower-order collapse in which the last five wickets fell for 47 runs.

The 25-year-old hit 19 boundaries and two sixes to surpass his 136 against England at Trent Bridge, before holing out trying to force the pace in the company of last man Debashish Mohanty.

Off-spinner Muttiah Muralitharan brought a quick end to India's innings with three of the last five wickets. He was the leading wicket-taker with four for 99 from 48 steady overs.

Sri Lankan opener Sanath Jayasuriya (34 not out) and Marvan Atapattu (29) saw off the Indian seamers in the final session with a stand of 65.

Leg-spinner Anil Kumble broke the partnership with a sharp turner which found the edge of Atapattu's bat and carried to Mohammad Azharuddin in the slips.

Jayasuriya and Roshan Mahanama (nine), who put on a world record stand of 576 in the first Test, were together when play was called off six overs early due to bad light.

Play was extended for the third successive day to accommodate the slow over-rate by

both teams. Match referee John Reid of New Zealand is expected to penalise players at the end of the match.

Indian captain Sachin Tendulkar, 117 overnight, struggled to add 22 runs in 90 minutes before driving seamer Ravindra Pushpakumara straight to Muralitharan in the covers.

Tendulkar, who came in before lunch, added 50 more during the afternoon session for the loss of three wickets to Muralitharan.

He bowled Nayan Mongia for 15 and then had Anil Kumble and Abey Kuruvilla snapped at silly point by Mahela Jayawardena.

Left-arm seamer Sajeeva de Silva took over after tea, removing Venkatesh Prasad and Ganguly to finish with three for 101.



fore lunch on Sunday at nine for two, put on 150 for the fifth wicket with Ganguly, but the rest of the batsmen offered little resistance.

Their partnership was India's best for the fifth wicket against Sri Lanka, surpassing the 87 by Mohammad Azharuddin and Sanjay Manjrekar at Bangalore in 1993.

Ganguly, 47 overnight, reached his half-century by driving Chaminda Vaas for his seventh boundary and went to lunch on 87 with India's score on 297 for five.

Mike still Graveney's man



NOTTINGHAM, Aug 11: England chief David Graveney wants beaten Ashes captain Mike Atherton to lead the team on the tour of West Indies early next year, reports Reuter.

Graveney's vote of confidence came after Australia beat Atherton's side by 264 runs in the fifth Test at Trent Bridge on Sunday to take a winning 3-1 lead in the six-Test series and retain the Ashes.

Chairman of selectors Graveney believes Atherton is still the right man to captain England despite the failure to add to their early-season successes against Australia when they won the one-day series and the first Test at Edgbaston.

Atherton, who became captain four years and 45 Tests ago, said his great ambition was to regain the Ashes, but now his hopes have been shattered.

some close confidantes of the England skipper believe he is ready to step down at the end of the series.

Graveney said, "I will be having a chat with Mike after the last Test at The Oval, and what ever decisions are made will be in the best interests of English cricket."

"But he will definitely be in charge at The Oval — we appointed Mike for the whole of the series."

"But, personally, I think that he does a great job for the team and I would be happy for him to be captain for this winter's tour."

"If we both feel that it would



factor in any decision may be his own batting form.

Having thrived on the responsibility of leading his country by making significant scores as an opener, Atherton has endured a moderate Ashes series.

England's captain, who has completed 241 runs from 10 innings at an average of 26, said, "I have not played at my best, but it has been very hard work as an opening batsman."

Lancs left behind

LONDON, Aug 11: Warwickshire beat Lancashire in the battle of the top two in the English Sunday League while Kent moved second after thrashing fellow title hopefuls Essex by 117 runs, reports Reuter.

Warwickshire reached 219 for nine batting first at Old Trafford and Lancashire looked well placed at 107 for two at the halfway mark.

But despite a brilliant 79 by Neil Fairbrother, the home side collapsed to 198 for nine, Lancashire now trail the leaders by four points but have a game in hand.

Kent won with more than 12 overs to spare at Canterbury as Essex, set 224 to win, fell for 106.

Kent's total was based on a stand of 89 in 16 overs between Mark Ealham (50) and Graham Crowder (80).

At Northampton, Worcestershire beat Northamptonshire by two wickets in a dramatic finish.

Needing 16 to win off the final over, Stuart Lampitt tore into former England spinner John Emburey to reach the target with a ball to spare.

ATP Tour ranking

MONACO, Aug 11: Leading rankings issued in points by the ATP Tour today, reports Reuter.

1. Sampras	5,792
2. Chang	3,632
3. Ivanisevic	2,779
4. Muster	2,546
5. Corretja	2,429
6. Kafelnikov	2,407
7. Bruguera	2,326
8. Kuerten	2,250
9. Moya	2,247
10. Rios	2,172
11. Enqvist	2,063
12. Mantilla	2,051
13. Philippoussis	1,924
14. Becker	1,918
15. Costa	1,756
16. Krajicek	1,702
17. Korda	1,677
18. Rafter	1,587
19. Medvedev	1,582
20. Woodbridge	1,552

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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CRYPTOQUIP

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Yesterday's Cryptquip: A DERMATOLOGIST OFTEN REMARKED, "PLAINLY, MY FAVORITE PASTIME IS SKIN DIVING."

Today's Cryptquip clue: W equals C

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.