TRENT BRIDGE.

Aug 12 (Agencies):

England was

demolished at

Trent Bridge and

Australia won the

Ashes with a Test to spare - but

England captain Mike Atherton

is determined to stay at the

helm of his sinking ship.
"I've said once before, I was

appointed for the entire series

and I will not quit unless I am

asked to," said Atherton after

the powerhouse Australians.

his team surrendered meekly to

Atherton is England's

longest-serving captain with 45

Tests at the helm. But of these

he has won only 11 while losing

16 and drawing 18. He is yet to

lead England to a series win

full support of the England

management and his team-

mates, and he will lead England

into the final Test at The Oval,

and perhaps even to the West

garding Mike's captaincy." said Graveney. "He will definitely be

in charge at The Oval. I think he

does a great job for the team and I would be happy for him to be

England wicketkeeper and

captain for this winter's tour."

opening batsman Alec Stewart,

himself a candidate to become

England's next leader, also

wants Atherton to captain in

45 Tests and he's led from the

front in all of them," said Stew-

art, who has played 68 Tests for

England. "I would like to think

he'll carry on in the West Indies

because he has got the support

Mark Taylor believes now is

not the time to be changing cap-

dies coming up shortly. I'm not

really sure that's the time for a

change of captain," said Taylor,

who himself came to England

as the most beleaguered and

Even Atherton's counterpart

"England have the West In-

"Athers has been captain for

"Nothing has changed re-

Indies this winter.

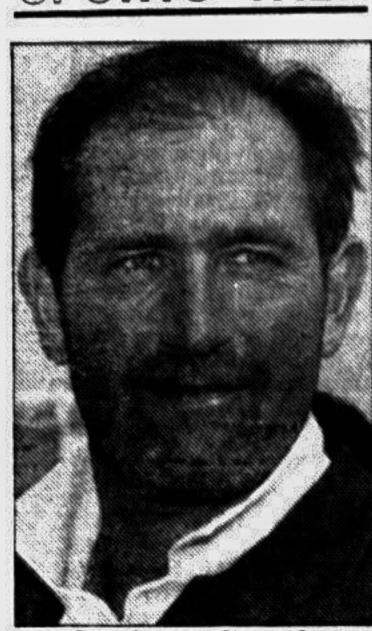
the Caribbean.

of all the players.

tains.

But it seems he still has the

against a leading Test nation.



#### **Graham Gooch**

(Former England cricket captain) "The old petrol warning light has been flashing for five years, and now I know that the tank is

empty."

While announcing his retirement from the game.



### Competition-76

Tick the Correct Answers Competition closes at 8 pm. August 22, '97

The current New Zealand cricket captain is Thompson Brazilian star Ronaldo's new Italian club is

AC Milan Inter Milan Juventus Who scored the golden goal for Abahani against Mohammedan in this year's Federation Cup semifinal?

Who is the coach of Kenyan national cricket team? Amarnath Wadekar

The 100 metres world record holder is Bailey Fredericks Greene

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Phone: (If any) ..... **EN-VITS** ENERGY RELEASING VITAMINS

#### Abahani's day-long commemorative

programme Sports Reporter

Abahani Krira Chakra has chalked out a day-long programme to mark the 22nd death anniversary of Sheikh Kamal, eldest son of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and

The programme will begin with munajat at 12:01 am on August 15 in front of the Sheikh Kamal's portrait at the club. Food stuffs will be dis-

the founder of the club.

tributed among the poor in the noon and a milad mahfil will be held at the club premises after Asr prayers.

#### Cronje stays skipper

JOHANNESBURG, Aug 12: Hansie Cronje has been confirmed as South Africa captain for the next five series, totalling 16 Tests, reports Reuter. The United Cricket Board of

South Africa said Monday that Cronje would be captain, with opener Gary Kirsten as his vicecaptain, until the end of next year's five-Test tour of England. Before then Cronje will lead

his team on tours of Pakistan and Australia and home series against Pakistan and Sri Lanka.

SL need 10 wkts, India 324 runs

For the fourth successive

day, play had to be extended by

suriya hammered

a scintillating

199 today and Ar-

avinda de Silva

stroked his way to a sixth

successive century on home soil

as Sri Lanka made a bold bid to

win the second Test against In-

43 runs on the first innings,

knocked up 415 for seven de-

clared in their second innings

on the fourth day to leave India

and Navjot Sidhu rattled up 49

in 13 overs before stumps to set

up an enthralling finish on the

final day with India needing

324 from a minimum of 90

in his 35 while Sidhu was un-

lowed his 340 in the first Test

with another monumental ef-

fort, while De Silva hammered

120 to build on his 146 in the

was treated with scant respect

by the pair who put on a run-a-

minute 218 for the third wicket

as Sri Lanka went for quick

aries and two sixes from 226

balls, missing his double cen-

tury by one run when he was

bowled by Abey Kuruvilla in

The left-hander, playing his eight Test in 1997, became the

only batsman this year to

achieve the 1,000-run mark

when he scored his 85th run

three return Tests against

India to come later this year,

Jayasuriya is in line to

approach West Indian Viv

Richards' record score of 1,710

tinued a dream run which have

fetched him scores of 168, 138

not out and 103 not out against

Pakistan, and 126, 146 and 120

against India in his last six

ing Jayasuriya in the 1,000-run

bracket for the year when he

holed out in the deep, at which

point Sri Lankan captain Ar-

juna Ranatunga closed the in-

nings.
Sri Lanka, resuming at

Monday's score of 77 for one.

scored 86 from 25 overs in the

morning session to go to lunch

session came 30 minutes before

lunch when leg-spinner Anil

Kumble had Roshan Mahariama

stumped by wicketkeeper Nayan

who compiled a world record

stand of 576 in the first Test,

added 80 for the second wicket

hammered 119 runs in 35 overs

between lunch and tea, but Sri

Lanka lost three wickets for 11

runs and a fourth 20 runs later

ter Jayasuriya's dismissal, and

Romesh Kaluwitharana both

ran themselves out and Mahela

Jayawardena was caught be-

hind off Kuruvilla as Sri Lanka

mania 7-5, 6-2 Monday in the

opening round of Canadian

Open women's tennis

seeded players on a day that saw

play suspended for two hours by

rain, No. 10 Mary Joe Fernan-

dez defeated Joannette Kruger of

South Africa 6-4, 7-5: No. 15

Sabrina Testud of France beat

Antoine Sanchez Lorenzo of

Spain 7-5, 6-2; and No. 16

Sabine Appelmans of Belgium

eliminated Patricia Hy-Boulais

of Romania trailed Miho Saeki

of Japan 6-4, 6-3, 3-1 when

their match was halted by

the tournament split their deci-

sions Monday. Sonya Jeyasee-

lan battled through a two-hour

The other two Canadians in

Ninth-seeded Irina Spirlea

of Canada 6-3, 6-3.

darkness.

In other matches involving

tournament, reports AP.

TORONTO, Aug 12:

Tamarine Tana-

sugarn of Thai-

land upset 13th-

seeded Ruxandra

Dragomir of Ro-

Ranatunga, who came in af-

in the final session.

Mahanama and Javasuriva.

Jayasuriya and De Silva

India's lone success in the

He was seven short of join-

De Silva's 14th century con-

from 11 matches in 1976.

Test innings at home.

at 163 for two.

Mongia for 35.

With a tally of 1,114 and

Jayasuriya hit 21 bound-

runs to set up a declaration.

trying to clear the in-field.

shortly before lunch.

The stingless Indian attack

Jadeja hit seven boundaries

Left-hander Jayasuriya fol-

Indian openers Ajay Jadeja

a stiff victory target of 373.

The Sri Lankans, trailing by

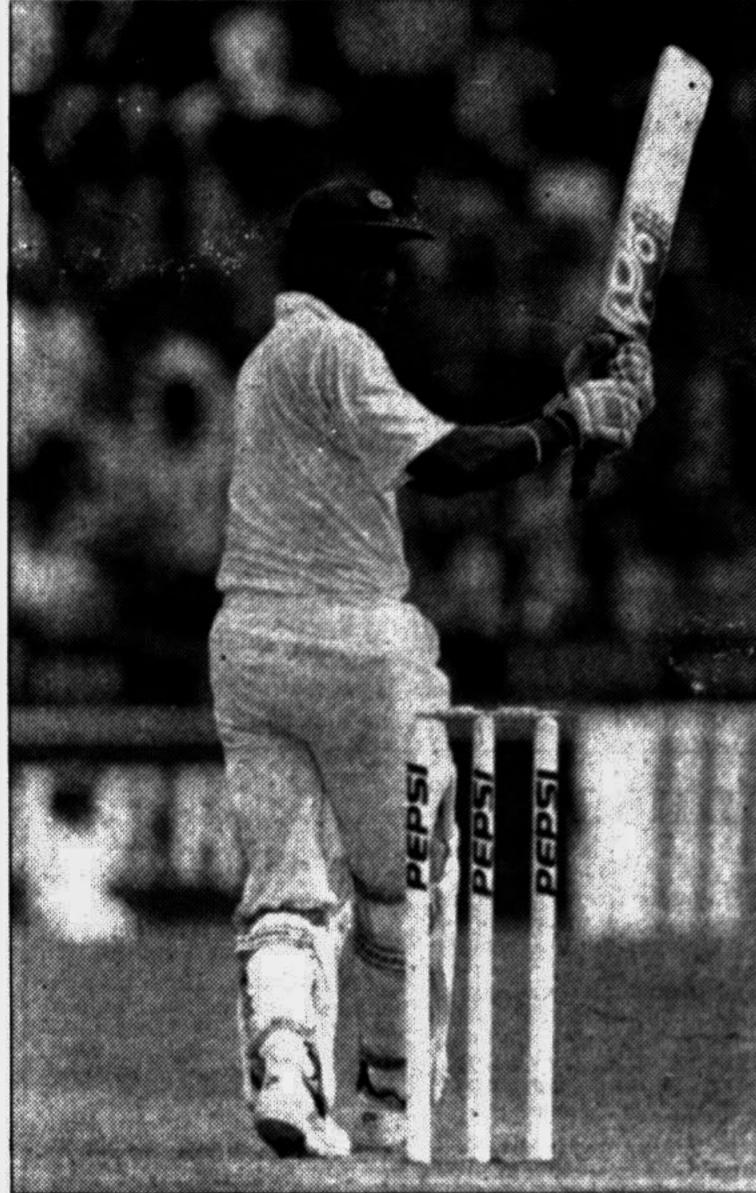
dia, reports AFP.

overs.

beaten on 12.

first innings.

Islanders play positive slipped from 363 for two to 394 COLOMBO, Aug teams for their slow over-rates. 12: Sanath Jayafor six.



SANATH JAYASURIYA ... 199

an hour to accommodate the stipulated 90 overs in the day. Match referee John Reid of New Zealand will decide after the match whether to penalise both

took the vold in the 1,500 at

'amarine tames Ruxandra

rain delay to defeat Meike Babel

of Germany 6-4, 7-6, while Re-

nata Kolbovic lost to Maria

Mary Pierce of France on Tues-

was in the second round of the

Italian Open two years ago,'

Jeyaseelan said of her straight-

set loss. "But I'm a different per-

son now mentally. I'm ready to

go out there, give it my best and

the best of the Canadians in the

field, but she committed 32 un-

forced errors in the loss to Ap-

70 per cent was me," Hy-Boulais

said. "I was never settled. I knew

I had to be aggressive, and that's

my game. As an aggressive

player sometimes if you don't

feel at ease right away, you're

going to miss your feel and

you're going to miss the lie of

the court. That's exactly what

Hy-Boulais was considered

"Thirty per cent was her and

Jeyaseelan will play No. 6

"The last time I played her

Serna of Spain 6-2, 6-2.

see what happens."

pelmans.

happened."

fourth day of the second and final Test between Sri Lanka and India in Colombo Tuesday:

SRI LANKA: First innings 332 (A de Silva 146) INDIA: First innings 375 (S Ganguly 147, S Tendulkar 139)

SRI LANKA: Second innings (overnight 77-1) Jayasuriya b Kuruvilla Atapattu c Azharuddin b Kumble 29 Mahanama st Mongia b Kumble 35 De Silva c sub (Kambli) b Kumble 120 Ranatunga run out Kaluwitharana run out

Jayawardena c Mongia b Kuruvilla 7 Vaas not out Extras (b-1, lb-4, w-1, nb-11) Total (for 7 wkts declared)

Fall of wickets: 1-65; 2-145; 3-363; 4-369; 5-374; 6-394; 7-

Bowling	0	M	R	V
Mohanty	15.2	0	72	
Prasad	15.4	1	72	
Kuruvilla	24	3	90	
Kumble	38.4	2	156	
Ganguly	3	0	18	
Dravid	1	0	2	

Hy-Boulais managed to settle

After holding serve and reg-

Tournament officials an-

nounced Monday that teenage

sensation Anna Kournikova of

Russia had withdrawn.

Kournikova and her family

have applied for permanent res-

idence in the United States, but

the application hadn't been

and her mother are travelling

abroad with visas as

Kournikova competes in a lim-

ited number of WTA Tour events

this year. However, the

Kournikovas have re-applied to

US Immigration to become

permanent residents of Florida.

still working in Russia, which

created a delay in the process-

ing of the application by US

immigration officials.

But Kournikova's father was

The 16-year-old sensation

processed by Monday.

down late in the second set, but

istering a service break to get

within 5-3. Appelmans won it

by that time was trailing 5-0.

in the ninth game.

Jadeja not out Sidhu not out Extras (nb-2) Total (no wicket) Bowling (to date) O M 29 Vaas Sanjeeva DE SILVA ... 120 Muralitharan 3 0

#### Akram annoyed with Lancs

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SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at stumps on the

LONDON, Aug 12: English county team Lancashire confirmed on Monday that they have made an approach to Australian leg-spinner Shane Warne — to the annoyance of their incumbent overseas star Wasim Akram, reports AFP.

Wasim, arguably the world's best all-rounder, wants to stay with Lancashire to see out the last year of his contract in 1998, despite being restricted to just one championship match this summer because of a shoulder injury.

"I wanted to fulfil my contract next year by playing and I believe I can help Lancashire win the championship," said Wasim, who has had a successful operation on his shoulder.

But the Old Trafford club have confirmed that they made an approach to Warne during the Trent Bridge Test when Australia wrapped up the Ashes. Lancashire want Wasim to stay on as a bowling coach and

have promised to support his testimonial next year. Warne, who is also wanted by Sussex, said, "I will make a decision when I get home."

#### Shakir joins Moham medans

Sports Reporter

Shamir Shakir has arrived in the city yesterday to salvage Mohammedan Sporting Club out of the mire.

The former Iraqi World Cupper will take the charge of a beleaguered Mohammedan team, which returned home on Monday after a nightmarish performance in South Korea. Mohammedans conceded eleven goals without any reply in their away Asian Club Cup Championship encounter against Pohang, who are scheduled to visit Dhaka for the return leg on Saturday at the Mirpur Sta-

The hectic move to bring Shamir by the officials of the popular Motifheel outfit was due to the non-availability of their South Korean coach Mann Young Kang, the man at the helm of the black and whites league triumph last year.

For Shamir, a member of the Iraqi World Cup team in 1986, it was his third visit to Bangladesh since he donned the sky blue jersey way back in 1988. But this time around it will be a more demanding task for the tall defender when he begins his assignment at the Mohakhali T&T ground this afternoon.

#### Schools chess

Sports Reporter Ruhut distamon Bobbyts of Monipur High School and Mehdi Hasan Parag of Sher-e-Bangla Nagar Govt Boys High School recorded their sixth successive victories in the 12th schools chess tournament at the NSC chess room yesterday.

Bobby edged past Sadequi Islam Romance of Govt Laboratory High School while Parag tamed Mahtabuddin Robin of Hazrat Shah Ali Model Aca-

Bobby and Parag remained atop the standings with maximum points each, half a point ahead of Yanoor Rahman Royal from Jhenidah Govt High School

Royal recorded an easy victory over Golam Mustafa Bhuiyan of City Collegiate School. Fifteen boys - Mohammad

Javed, Sabbir Ahmed, Sanveer Hasan, Hasan Ali, Syed Ibrahim Hossain, Omar Faruque, Naim Arefin Ratul, Jainal Abedin, Nasif Ahmed Ayon, Ejaj, Minhajuddin Sagar, Shafiqul Islam, Firose Alam, Romance and Robin were at the crowded third spot with five points apiece at the end of round six.

Seventh round will begin at the same venue today at 3 pm.

#### U-20 cricket camp from today

Sports Reporter

Trials for Bangladesh under-20 cricket team which will participate in the World Youth Cup qualifiers to be held in Hong Kong next December, begin at the Dhaka Stadium this morning under the supervision of national coach Gordon Greenidge.

Around 400 cricketers from different clubs across the country are likely to participate.

#### Boxing meet begins today

**Sports Reporter** The 14th national junior and fifth intermediate boxing championships begin at the

Bangladesh Olympic Association president Lt Gen Mahbubur Rahman, psc, is expected to inaugurate the three-day meet at 5:30 pm.

#### Federation Cup karate ends

Mohammedan Sporting Club emerged champions and Ronokaushal Proshikkhan Kendra finished runners-up in the third Federation Cup Karate competition that concluded on Monday at the Mirpur Stadium, reports UNB.

National Sports Council (NSC) secretary ASM Ali Kabir was the chief guest at the clos-ing function of the two-day meet and distributed prizes. In all, 150 karatekas from

captains after his abysmal batting form.

"I think England cricket is improving. If they keep bal-

#### Border says, Aussies the best

BRISBANE, Aug 12: Former captain Allan Border backed incumbent Mark Taylor's view that Australia's cricket team is the best in the world - but warned that South Africa and Pakistan were capable of changing that in the next 15 months, reports AP.

Taylor led his side back from one Test down to 3-1 up with one to play in the Ashes series against England. It was a record fifth win in

succession in the sport's most

famous match-up and Taylor

was moved to comment, "I was never going to say this, but think we are the world's best side at the moment." There is no official world championship in Test cricket,

unlike the one-day limited overs game where supremacy is decided in a tournament once every four years. "Right at this moment I be-

lieve we are the top side (but) I uess it's always debatable. Border said on Tuesday. Australia's next opponent is

South Africa at home before they travel to India for three Tests in March and Pakistan for three Tests in October. "Next year will throw up an

interesting series against South Africa," Border said. "We virtually stole the second Test against them this year when we won the series 2-1. "They probably believe they

are not far off the pace and I'd reckon Pakistan would think they have a chance too." Border also backed Taylor's

right to stay captain as long as he wants, despite his long run of poor form.

Mike survives close call? anced and keep focused in the

West Indies there's no reason why they can't win over there." Speculation about whether Atherton would quit intensified after Australia's fourth Test victory at Headingley which

gave the tourists a 2-1 lead. One columnist questioned: "It's not a case of whether, but

when?" "I will sit down after this series ends and ruminate over it." said Atherton. "I've always said.

know when it is time to go." With three consecutive crushing defeats at Old Trafford. Headingley and Trent Bridge, the British press is con-

vinced that time is now. One tabloid referred to Atherton as a "dead duck" and accused him of "impersonating

an England cricket captain." Meanwhile, Atherton's deputy Nasser Hussain believes that the England cricket team needs to get nasty if it wants to compete with the best in the

"We have to get a bit of nastiness in our game. Everyone can work out how you can get nasty," said Hussain on BBC Radio 4.

He believes that the main reason English cricketers are not fired up enough for Test matches is that they are asked to play too many games.

when you play too much county cricket it's difficult to get fired up. If we played less cricket then we'd be ready. "We have several individuals

who play brilliantly, but the difference between the two sides is that Australia are harder than we are. When you are playing against the best team in the world you can't afford to be

Hussain gave little away when asked if Mike Atherton was likely to stay on as captain for England's tour of the West Indies next winter. "It's not for me to say. I'm

sure he'll be thinking what's best for himself and for England," he said.

#### Vogts calls up Ricken BERLIN, Aug 12: Juventus in a 3-1 win — just 16



Borussia Dortmund's young attacking midfielder Lars Ricken was called into

Germany's squad of 22 on Monday for a World Cup qualifier against Northern Ireland on August 20, reports Reuter. The 21-year-old, a key figure in Dortmund's European Cup

despite his tender years, is set to make his senior debut in place of weteran Dietr Ella for the match in Belfast. "I'm really pleased, it's recognition for achievement

winning campaign last season

but also motivation for me to improve," said Ricken, who has graduated from the German under-21 squad. The dropping of Werder

Bremen's Eils, capped 31 times, surprised some but Germany coach Berti Vogts was unrepentant. "He has been a disappointment recently," he said. Ricken could not be ignored after scoring plenty of goals last

season - some vital and some that were simply impressive. Of the former he scored the goals that dumped France's Auxerre out of the European Cup quarter-finals and Manch-

ester United out of the semifi-

nals. In the final, he scored the third individual goal against second after going on a substiinjury plagued Europeanfootballer-of-the-year Matthias Sammer will miss Belfast after

damaging his knee in Dortmund's season opener against Hertha Berlin.



BERTI VOGTS

He had surgery last week for cartilage damage and will be replaced by Karlsruhe's Thomas Haesler, who returns after nine months out due to a fractured left leg.

South African-born striker and clubmate Sean Dundee called up against Ukraine in

Vogts kept faith with three Italian-based players Juergen Klinsmann at Sampdoria, Christian Ziege at AC Milan and Oliver Bierhoff at Udinese despite the fact that the Italian league season does not start until the end of the month.

The game in Belfast will be the first time since 1988 that the national team have competed in a qualifier without a practice game beforehand. Vogts said playing cold was a compromise which I had to make bon neled

Germany are second in European Group Nine, two points behind Ukraine but with two games in hand, they are level

with Portugal on points but again have a game in hand. SQUAD

Goalkeepers: Oliver Kahn.

Andreas Koepke. **Defenders: Markus Babbel** Thomas Helmer, Juergen Kohler, Thomas Linke, Jens Nowo-

tny, Stefan Reuter, Christian

Woerns. Midfielders: Mario Basler. Joerg Heinrich, Thomas Haessler, Andras Moeller, Thomas Strunz, Michael Tarnat, Darius

Wosz, Christian Ziege. Forwards: Oliver Bierhoff, Fredi Bobic, Ulf Kirsten, Juergen Klinsmann, Lars Ricken.

## Wright bang on target



A double strike by the predatory lan Wright shot Arsenal to a 2-0 victory over Coven-

LONDON, Aug 12:

try at Highbury on Monday and strengthened his claim to injured Alan Shearer's England shirt against Moldova next month, reports Reuter.

The Arsenal hit-man now has three goals from his first two matches of the season. making him favourite to partner Manchester United's Teddy Sheringham when Moldova visit Wembley for the World Cup qualifier on September 10. Les Ferdinand is Wright's

main rival for the England job but it may take him time to find form after his six million pounds (9.5 million dollars) move to Tottenham from New-

castle in the close season. Wright's goals left him just one short of Cliff Bastin's alltime Arsenal scoring record of 178 set in the 1930s and 40s. Coventry, conquerors of

Chelsea in their opening match on Saturday, looked ragged and jaded as Arsene Wenger's European imports ran the show from the start. Arsenal's Dutch winger Marc

Overmars caused constant havoc in the Coventry defence and on the half-hour Wright made the pressure count. A thumping header from de-

fender Scott Marshall rattled off the Coventry bar and was cleared to Patrick Vieira on the edge of the penalty area. The Frenchman rifled in a low shot which bobbled out of

Coventry 'keeper Steve Ogri-

zovic's grasp for Wright to

pounce from five metres and open the scoring. Coventry grimly held on un-

til half-time but two minutes

after the break Wright again

punished the visitors for sloppy defending. Defender Richard Shaw was hustled out of possession by Wright 40 metres out and the England striker ran on to guide the ball past the advancing

Ogrizovic for 2-0. The victory gave Arsenal four points from their first two matches

In the League Cup first round, first leg a brace of goals from Dutch striker Pierre van Hooijdonk, Swedish defender Jon Olave Hjelde and Dean Saunders helped First Division Nottingham Forest to an 8-0 thrashing of Third Division Doncaster.

# National Indoor Stadtum in Mirpur this afternoon.

Scene from the sixth round of the schools chess competition at the NSC yesterday.

-Star photo

30 teams took part in the competition.

### CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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CRYPTOQUIP LOUPPYSLO WSTOQ BYQUI GU LUUI TNWGPSIT NQ

Saturday's Cryptoquip: A PRACTICAL GOLFER WORE TWO PAIRS OF PANTS IN CASE HE GOT A HOLE IN ONE. Today's Cryptoquip clue: W equals M The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it

QOU FPNWL FNLSIB.

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.