

**Column One**

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COMPETITION FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN

**Competition-77**

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Competition closes at 8 pm, Sept 5, '97

1 The century Saurav Ganguly hit against Sri Lanka in the second one-day match was his

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2 Who clinched the Pilot Pen tennis title?

3 Who holds the 800m world record?

Reynolds	Moreli	Kipketer
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4 Who won the 12th schools chess tournament?

Parag	Bobby	Ratul
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5 Who lifted the Pioneer Division soccer league title?

Sk Russell	Suritola	Dilkusha
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**Sachin Tendulkar**

(India cricket captain)

"It was a difficult task to contain Sri Lanka after the openers Sanath Jayasuriya and Marvan Atapattu gave an explosive start to their run chase."

Commenting after the second one-day in Colombo which his team lost.

**Another big win for Ajax**

AMSTERDAM, Aug 23: Ajax Amsterdam, who won their opening match of the Dutch league season 5-0 earlier in the week, did it again on Friday against Fortuna Sittard, reports Reuter.

Fortuna, who last season took four points off Ajax, had no chance with Georgian striker Shota Arveladze scoring twice.

Gerald Sibon scored after just 39 seconds off a header from Nigerian Tijjani Babangida, who made it 2-0 in the 27th minute.

Ajax eased off in the second half, giving Fortuna a few chances, but remained lethal on the break.

The third goal was a gift when Portuguese striker Dani fell in the box and was awarded a penalty, which Frank de Boer successfully converted in the 61st minute.

In the 66th and 74th minutes Arveladze scored his second and third goals of the season, both set up by Michael Laudrup.

**Metz regain top spot**

PARIS, Aug 23: Troubled leaders Paris at Germain lost the top spot in the French league on Friday to ambitious rivals, Metz, dealt their first defeat to the season, Reuter reports.

Unbeaten Metz won 2-1 at home for their fourth win in a row thanks to a penalty from Robert Pires in the 63rd minute and a dramatic shot from Bruno Rodriguez with 10 minutes to go against visitors reduced to 10 men right after the break.

The Parisians needed a morale-boosting result before their difficult European Cup preliminary round second leg against Steaua Bucharest at the Parc des Princes next week.

PSG were docked two vital away goals in the first leg after fielding a suspended player and leg-Steaua 3-0.

Champions Monaco, who impressed in crushing Lyon 3-0 at the Gerland Stadium last week, lost 2-1 at Rennes.

Monaco have one win, a draw and two losses from their four matches and tumbled to 12th position in the table.

Former European champions Marseille also suffered their first setback when they lost 3-2 to Lens at home.



Abahani's Uzbek forward Anatoly Matveyev (R) loses the ball to a sliding tackle from an unidentified Old Benedictines defender during their Asian Cup Winners' Cup first round first-leg clash at the Mirpur Stadium. — Star photo

**Abahani trounce tourists**

**Sports Reporter**

Abahani Kriha Chakra roughed up the Old Benedictines of Sri Lanka with a 5-0 thrashing in their first leg match of the 8th Asian Cup Winners' Cup at the flood-lit Mirpur Stadium yesterday.

But the outcome had hardly reflected the course of the lopsided affair where the local giants could have run away with a more flattering margin victory against the lowly-rated tourists, who virtually danced to the tune of the sky blues throughout the match.

Striker Maksudul Amin Rana opened the floodgate in the fifth minute shooting home from close and then celebrated his first international goal with another in the 32nd minute while Matveyev Anatoly, one of the two fresh Uzbek recruits of Abahani, added the third one minute later to enable the Abahani taking an unsailable 3-0 lead at the breather.

Six minutes into the second half Matveyev's compatriot Halulin Rifat then came up with a thunderous right-footer past Benedictine custodian Nassar, whose nervous presence under the bar compelled the beleaguered visitors gulp down yet another goal 12 minutes from the final whistle when he let loose a feeble shot from substitute Liton.

The misery of the visitors compounded when their striker Prasanna got the marching order in the 53rd minute. A hot tempered Prasanna was penalised for abusing Indian referee Andrews.

The Sri Lankan FC champions, oblivious of their own strength, had promised to win in a pre-match interview. But at the end of the day, they seemed to learn the reality in the most punishing way.

Right from the word go, the popular Dhanmondi outfit got into its usual stride against the pathetic presence of Benedictines. With the inclusion of two Uzbek booters, who made their Dhaka football debut last evening, the star-studded Abahani never looked behind once Rana broke the evening's duck with a deflection off a Rifat pile-driver from the edge of the box.

The nimble striker then broke open an off-side trap to race down the middle before slotting the balls home past an onrushing Benedictine custodian Nassar. He then went on to set Matveyev up for the third goal with an imaginative cross from the right.

But it was Rifat, who struck the gem of a goal much to the delight of a strong 10,000 supporters at the big bowl.

On the other hand Benedictines, willing under ceaseless assaults, resorted to a very negative approach to stymie the hostile hosts. Especially, in the second half, their huffing and puffing players exercised raw tackles to keep the awe-inspiring opponents at bay. Surprisingly, the Indian referee overlooked the awful display, prompting Abahani to make three quick changes in a bid to avoid any injury to their key players.

"I have every respect to my opponents. But they should concentrate more on football rather than those ugly tackles," said a furious Romanian coach of Abahani Constantine Cernianu.

"I'm happy to see the way my boys has played," said the Romanian who took over only a few days back.

On the other hand his Sri Lankan counterpart Sooriya came up with a lame excuse for the debacle, claiming the first goal was an off-side.

"The first goal made all the difference," said Sooriya in a post-match interview. But he was prompt enough to add that Abahani won as a better side.

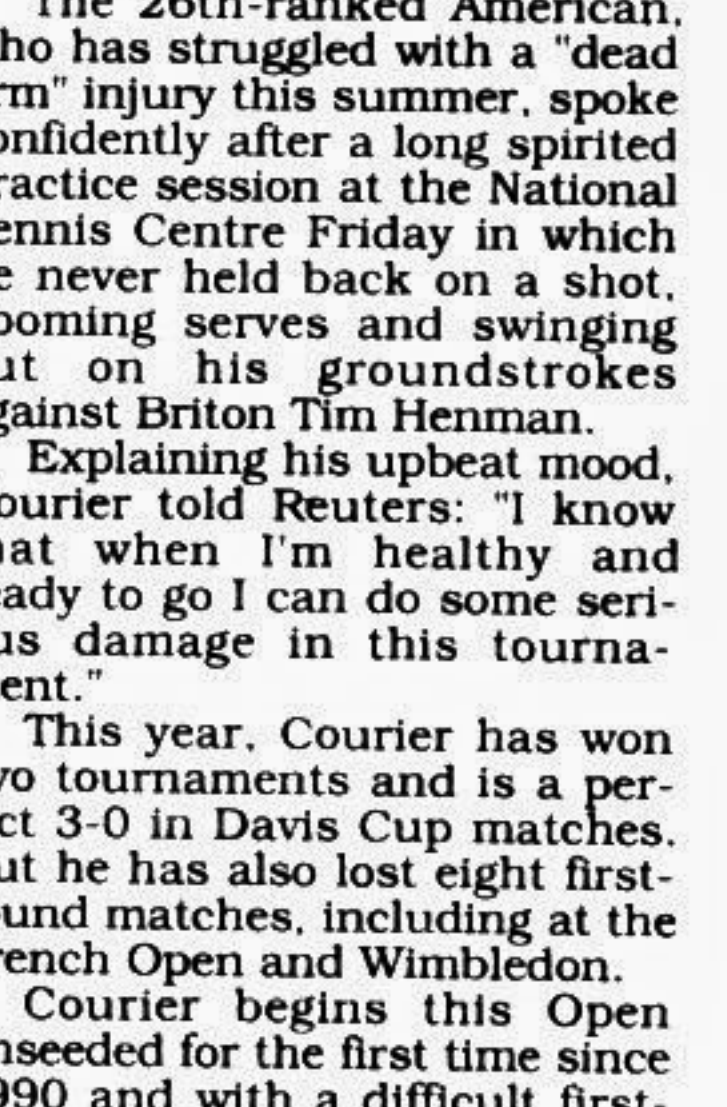
"We will put up a better fight in the next match," said Sooriya whose team will play their return leg match at the same venue tomorrow.

**Never count Courier out**

**NEW YORK, Aug 23:** It has been an up and down year for Jim Courier, but the former world number one says he could "do some serious damage" at the US Open starting next week.

The 26th-ranked American, who has struggled with a "dead arm" injury this summer, spoke confidently after a long spiced practice session at the National Tennis Centre Friday in which he never held back on a shot, booming serves and swinging out on his groundstrokes against Briton Tim Henman.

Explaining his upbeat mood, Courier told Reuters: "I know that when I'm healthy and ready to go I can do some serious damage in this tournament."



**JIM COURIER**

the tournament with a knee injury.

While Courier has never lost to Martin in six matches, he would rather begin the Open against somebody less experienced than his Davis Cup teammate.

"I would rather have a knucklehead on the other side and kind of get some momentum that way," said the 27-year-old Floridian. "But the fray is the draw and we know how that works, you got to play whoever is thrown in front of you."

"This is going to be one of those where I try to get through the first match and take some confidence from there."

Courier was the 1991 US Open runner-up to Sweden's Stefan Edberg and he reached the semifinals in 1992 and 1995. His US Open match won lost record of 21-6 is the fifth best among men this decade. Last year he was forced out of



**Richard Krajicek**

that has helped him keep up his confidence through the bad times.

"I've beaten a lot of good players this year."

"Knowing that, I still have to go out on the court and put it in point after point and it comes down to a battle of wills, and my will has just got to be stronger than the other guy's to find a way to win."

"It just hasn't been like that the whole year," said Courier, the world number one player in 1992.

Courier, whose dogged competitiveness and steady back-court game carried him to the 1991 and 1992 French Open crowns and the 1992 and 1993 Australian Open title, opened the year with a flurry.

He won at Doha, Qatar, reached the fourth round at the Australian Open, was the star of the US opening-round Davis Cup match victory in Brazil and then made the semifinals at Dubai. But he couldn't keep up the pace and in his next 11 tournaments he made just one semifinal and one quarterfinal.

**Asian Games Thai chance at stake**

**BANGKOK, Aug 23:** Olympic Committee of Thailand (OCT) chairman and army commander General Chettha Thanajaro fears the country might lose the right to host the 13th Asian Games in December 1998, a local daily said today, reports AFP.

Chettha was worried a decision by the Olympic Council of Asia (OCA) to call an urgent meeting at a date not yet specified might be a warning Thailand could lose the Games, the Bangkok Post reported.

The month-long junior athletics camp which concluded at the BKSP in Savar on Thursday.



The participants of the month-long junior athletics camp which concluded at the BKSP in Savar on Thursday. — Star photo

**Mahanagari Cup resumes Aug 27**

**Sports Reporter**

The remaining first round matches of the Shamsuddin Spinning Mahanagari Cup football tournament, which were to begin today, will resume at the Mirpur Stadium on August 27.

According to a Dhaka Mahanagari Football League Committee press release, The remaining fixtures of the first round will be shifted bodily.

**Div II h'ball from Sept 20**

**Sports Reporter**

The Second Division handball league, organised by the Bangladesh Handball Federation (BHF), will begin in the capital from September 20.

Interested new teams and the participants of last year's league have been instructed to complete their entries by September 10.

Meanwhile, the Cute First Division handball league which was postponed for unavoidable reasons after the inaugural match last Monday, will resume at the handball court adjacent to Dhaka Stadium tomorrow.

Victoria Sporting Club will take on Bangladesh Air Force in the day's lone match at 4:30 pm.

**Premier kabadi**

**Sports Reporter**

Bangladesh Rifles Reds and Fire Service Reds won their respective KM Moinuddin Smriti Premier Division league encounters at the kabadi court near Dhaka Stadium yesterday.

On the fourth day of the eight-team league, the riflemen came from behind to edge past Bangladesh Police Reds by 16-14 points. The winners trailed the first half 1-4. In the other match of the day the Fire Service side outplayed Bangladesh Ansars 'A' by 15-3 points.

There will be no matches today due to unavoidable circumstances and the league will resume tomorrow.

**E Bengal blank Tribhuvan**

**CALCUTTA, Aug 23:** City-giants East Bengal virtually toyed with a weak defence to trounce Nepal's Tribhuvan Club 8-0 in the first round of the Asian Cup Winners' Cup tie at the Salt Lake Stadium here today, reports PTI.

Spurred on by a vociferous home crowd, the formidable East Bengal players showed little mercy as they pumped in goals with embarrassing ease in a ridiculously one-sided encounter.

Star striker Baichung Bhutia slammed two goals in the dying stages of the contest while Saravanan Naushad Moosa, Somata Saiza, Hugo Garcia, Nazimul Haque and Bijen Singh scored a goal each for the winners.

The second leg will be held at the Kanchenjunga Stadium in Siliguri on August 25.

**Anderlecht earn full points**

**BRUSSELS, Aug 23:** Anderlecht beat champions Lierse on Friday for their first win of the new Belgian season that started with a humiliating defeat by Molenbeek, reports Reuter.

Lierse dominated in the first half but Oleg Iaschuk scored the winning goal for Anderlecht as the home side failed to convert several opportunities into goals.

Anderlecht's Enzo Scifo was sent off in the last minute after picking up a second yellow card.

The victory was a relief for Anderlecht, Belgium's richest club, who said on Thursday they would not contest a 2-0 defeat by Brussels neighbours RWD Molenbeek last Saturday.

Molenbeek had made too many substitutions in that game, and Anderlecht could have appealed to the Belgian soccer union.

**Romario ruled out**

**VALENCIA, Aug 23:** Brazilian international Romario will miss the start of the Spanish soccer season next week because of injury, his Valencia team doctor said today, reports Reuter.

Romario is expected to be cut of action for seven weeks after pulling an abductor muscle in a friendly match against his former club Flamengo on Friday night, Valencia medical chief Jose Candel said.

The striker's absence will be a bitter blow to Valencia when the season begins next today, they have several tough fixtures in the first month, including home games against Barcelona and Real Madrid.

**Athletics camp concludes**

**Sports Reporter**

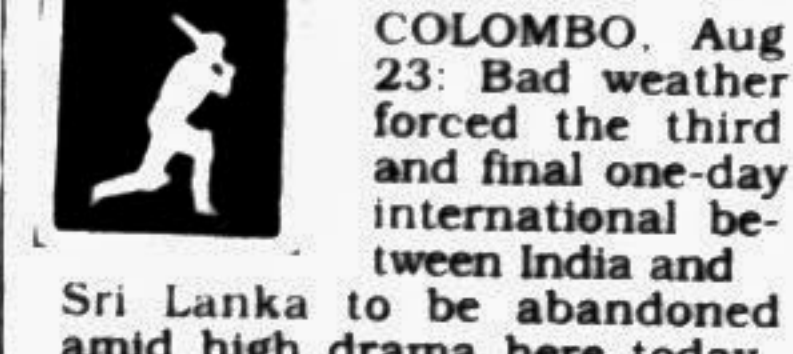
The month-long athletics training camp for the under-14 and 16 age-groups concluded at the Bangladesh Kriha Shiksha Protisthan on Thursday.

Including nine girls, a total of 22 players took part in the camp and all came successful. The participants were given their certificates at a ceremony at the Kriha Palli in Mirpur later on the day.

Abul Kashem, vice-president of Bangladesh Amateur Athletics Federation, distributed the certificates. Five coaches, Abdul Khaleque, AC Chakma, Shamima Sattar Mim, Mizanur Rahman and Mohiuddin Ahmed Mustaq, who supervised the camp, were also present on the occasion.

**Third ODI to be replayed today**

**Singh ploughs the sands**



**COLOMBO, Aug 23:** Bad weather forced the third and final one-day international between India and Sri Lanka to be abandoned amid high drama here today, report agencies.

The match, India's last on the current tour, will be replayed from the start tomorrow.

The Sri Lankans, chasing India's 291 for nine, appeared to be running away with the game when Sanath Jayasuriya's powerful 66 off 32 balls took them to 80 for no loss by only the eighth over.

A heavy downpour at that stage cut short play by an hour and 15 minutes, giving Sri Lanka a revised target of 195 off 25 overs.

The Indians, hoping to end the tour with a consolation win after losing the first two internationals, claimed six wickets in the space of 47 runs after resumption to reduce Sri Lanka to 132 for six.

There were still six overs to be bowled in the match when umpires TM Samarasinghe and KT Francis called off play for bad light, amid protests from the Indians.

The remaining six overs could definitely have been played, because the light improved even as the players were walking off," an angry Indian manager Ramakant Shetty said.

Jayasuriya, who piled up 773

when play resumed after the break, Jayasuriya managed to add only two more before hooking Kuruvilla down Rahul Dravid's throat at fine leg.

All-rounder Robin Singh, who scored his maiden one-day



**AZHAR ... 7000 runs**

century earlier in the day, then claimed three for 20 from four overs as the Sri Lankan to order caved in under fading light.

Singh hit 100 off 102 balls, sharing a third wicket stand of 162 with Rahul Dravid (78) and a quickfire 62 for the fourth with Mohammad Azharuddin (34) after India were sent to bat.

But the Indians, 268 for three at one stage in the 45th overs, lost six wickets in the

over and took the tourists to 206 by the 34th.

Azharuddin, 34, became the world's third batsman to score 7,000 one-day runs when he reached two in his 252nd match.

West Indian opener Desmond Haynes leads the run-getters with 8,648 runs from 236 matches, while Pakistan's Javed Miandad has 7,361 from 233 games.

**SCOREBOARD**

Scoreboard of the abandoned third and final one-day international between India and Sri Lanka in Colombo Saturday:

**INDIA**

Ganguly c Mahanama b Pushpakumara 14  
Tendulkar c Ranatunga b Liyanage 27  
Singh c Pushpakumara b Dharmasena 100  
Dravid c Kalpage b de Silva 78  
Azharuddin b de Silva 34  
Jadeja c Lanka b de Silva 6  
Mongia run out 1  
Chauhan run out 2  
Kuruvilla run out 4  
Kulkarni not out 4  
Prasad not out 2  
Extras: (lb-6, w-12, nb-1) 19  
Total: (for 9 wickets) 291  
Fall of wickets: 1-30; 2-144; 3-206; 4-268; 5-273; 6-274; 7-278; 8-281; 9-288

**Bowling**

	O	M	R	W
Pushpakumara	6	0	47	1
Liyanage	7	0	26	1
Dharmasena	9	0	51	1
Kalpage	6	0	44	0
Jayasuriya	9	0	40	0
Chandana	3	0	22	0
De Silva	10	0	55	3



Indian left-hander batsman Robin Singh, who scored a maiden century, sweeps during the third and final one-day international against Sri Lanka in Colombo yesterday. — AFP/UNB photo

runs in his last six innings against the Indians on the current tour, was in irresistible form before some 25,000 home fans at the Singharees Sports Club ground.

He began the onslaught by lofting medium-pace Abey Kuruvilla for a six in the second over, before taking 23 runs — 4, 6, 4, 4, 4, 1 — off-spinner Rajesh Chauhan in the fifth.

Venkatesh Prasad, who replaced Chauhan, saw his first ball smashed over long on for six and the second over fine leg for another six.

But the rain cut short his attacking stroke-making, and

space of 31 deliveries — three to suicidal run outs — to slide to 288 for nine.

The Sri Lankans, enjoying a decisive 2-0 lead in the three-match series, rested three front-line bowlers Chaminda Vaas, Sajeeva de Silva and Muttiah Muralitharan.

The second-string new-ball attack of Ravindra Pushpakumara and Dulip Liyanage removed openers Saurav Ganguly (14) and Sachin Tendulkar (27) by the 10th over.

But Singh, coming in at number three in a pinch-hitter's role, and Dravid lifted India to 91 for two by the 15th

**SRI LANKA**

Jayasuriya c Dravid b Kuruvilla 68  
Atapattu run out 21  
De Silva c Prasad b Singh 22  
Ranatunga c Chauhan b Singh 0  
Mahanama c Dravid b Singh 8  
Kalpage c and b Kulkarni 1  
Lanka not out 6  
Chandana not out 0  
Extras: (lb-2, w-3, nb-1) 6  
Total: (for 6 wickets in 19 overs) 132  
Fall of wickets: 1-85; 2-96; 3-97; 4-116; 5-122; 6-132

**Bowling**

	O	M	R	W
Chauhan	3	0	31	0
Kuruvilla	5	0	43	1
Prasad	3	0	21	0
Kulkarni	4	1	15	1
Singh	4	0	20	3

**Worcester weigh on Warwick**

**LONDON, Aug 23:** Former Australian Test all-rounder Tony Moody hit his first county championship century of the season as Worcestershire totalled 448 for a commanding 196-run lead over Warwickshire at Edgbaston on Friday, reports Reuter.

Nightwatchman Richard Illingworth and Graeme Hick also made centuries and shared a double-century partnership for the third wicket. Moody scored 108, Hick 122 and Illingworth 112.

Moody, the Worcestershire captain, then dismissed opener

Andy Moles to leave Warwickshire on eight for one at the end of the third day of the four-day match.

Paceman Chris Silverwood added four wickets to his first innings five-wicket haul as Yorkshire cruised to a crushing nine-wicket win over Sussex at Scarborough.

Paul Jarvis scored a determined half-century against his former county to carry Sussex to 137 before they were all out, but Yorkshire quickly scored the 13 runs they needed for victory.

England all-rounder Mark Ealham and Graham Cowdrey both scored centuries to help tithe-chasing Kent to a first in-

nings lead of 74 over Somerset at Taunton.

Cowdrey hit 101 and Ealham 105 as the visitors built from an overnight 99 for three to 449 all out with Mushtaq Ahmed taking four for 114.

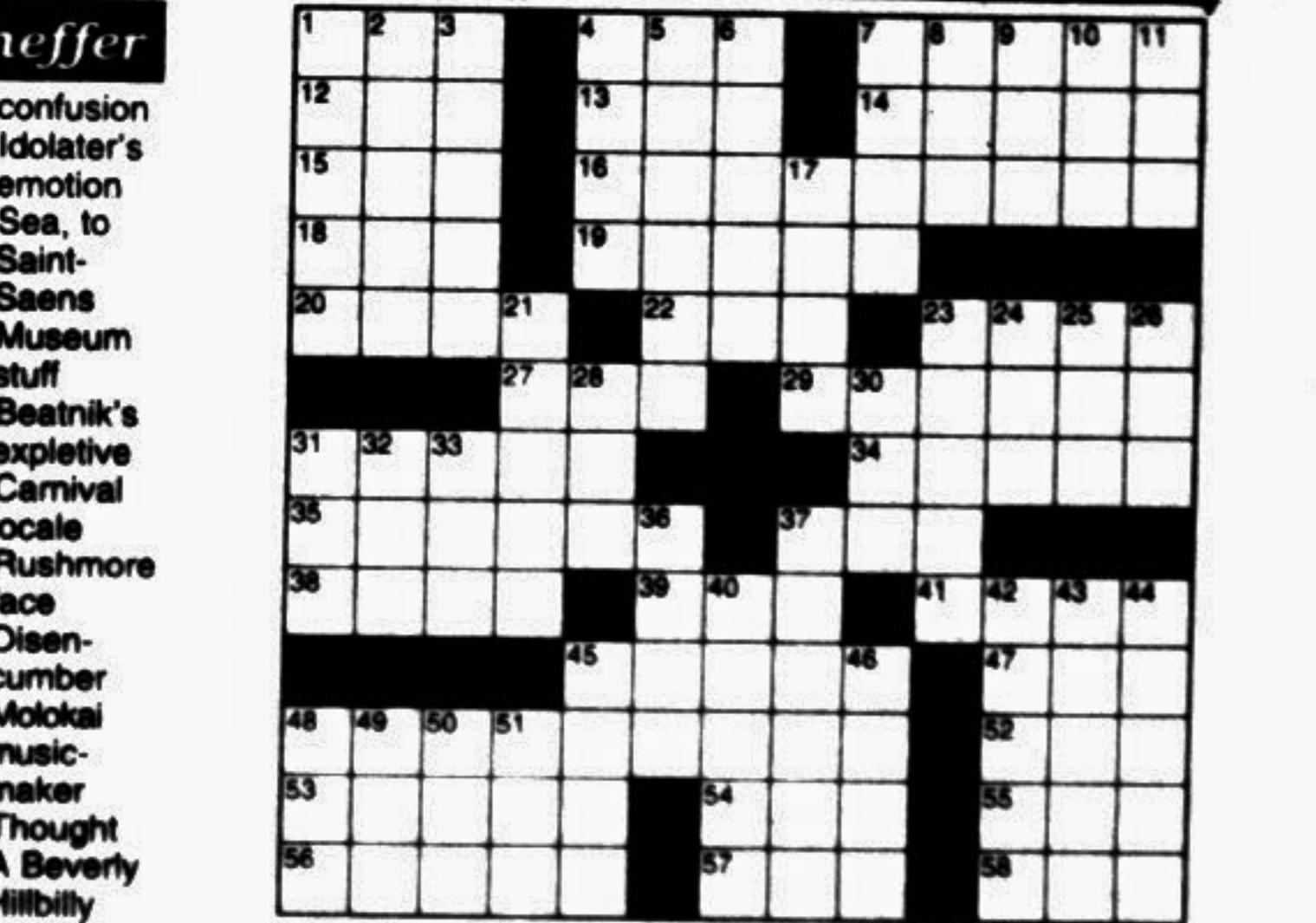
By the close Somerset had reduced the deficit to 23, reaching 51 for the loss of first innings centurion Rob Turner.

Tim Robinson made a long awaited return to form to provide the backbone of Nottinghamshire's confident reply against Essex at Worksop.

The former England opener struck his first championship century of the season and went on to reach an unbeaten 143 as the visitors declared at 351 for three.

**CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer**

- ACROSS**
- 1 Adept
  - 4 Seafood
  - 7 Opium
  - 12 "You"
  - 13 Pub
  - 14 Snow biz
  - 15 Central
  - 16 Awkward
  - 18 Panhandle
  - 19 His job is as easy as pie
  - 20 One of the Baldwins
  - 22 Crude
  - 23 Cripple
  - 27 Bolger sang about her
  - 29 Bureau component
  - 31 Island near Venezuela
  - 34 Composer Jacques
  - 35 Bomb-test island
  - 37 DiMaggio or Torre
  - 38 Unimprovable place
  - 39 Lose power
- DOWN**
- 2 Indolent
  - 5 Car mars
  - 8 Long March
  - 10 Complaint
  - 11 Auction
  - 14 "Zoo Story"
  - 15 Coffee
  - 16 Calf
  - 17 Dander
  - 18 Stairway
  - 20 Angler's need
  - 21 Aviv
  - 23 Ballroom
  - 24 Favorite
  - 25 Little mermaid
  - 26 Scene of short
  - 28 Golf club
  - 29 Taxis
  - 30 She had a cow
  - 31 Roma's
  - 32 "Touched by an Angel"
  - 33 co-star
  - 34 Picks up the check
  - 35 Vacation
  - 36 91 cm
  - 37 Bakker's old milieu
  - 38 Kannel
  - 39 Noise
  - 40 Laszlo
  - 41 Not quite first class
  - 42 Scene of onscreen
  - 43 Circumference
  - 44 Lubum
  - 45 beach's land
  - 46 Mountain air
  - 47 He does his work in shades
  - 48 Fax
  - 49 Prohibit
  - 50 Ivy
  - 51 Leaguer
  - 52 Scale stat
  - 53 Appomattox VIP



**CRYPTOQUIP**

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H B W E T P F Q F W  
T R F W Q E B H D R B T V C  
Yesterday's Cryptquip: SHE DOES INSTIC THAT  
A FREE CAB RIDE CAN BE NO FARE.  
Today's Cryptquip clue: D equals M  
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.