

Column One

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COMPETITION FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN

Competition-78

✓ Tick the Correct Answers

Competition closes at 8 pm,
Sept 19, '97

- 1 In which year did Pakistan and India suspend Test tours between them?
1988 1989 1987
- 2 Who won the Italian Super Cup football title?
Vicenza Bologna Juventus
- 3 Who is the England cricket captain?
Stewart Hussain Atherton
- 4 Who lifted the inter-division women's volleyball trophy?
Pabna Khulna Comilla
- 5 Which team clinched the Second Division chess league title?
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SPORTS TALK

Greg Chappell

(Former Australia cricket captain)

"I feel a captain's comments should be heard in the selection committee meeting, for, ultimately, it is he who gets the bouquet or the brickbat."

Schools TT

Sports Reporter

Ratna of Jessore and Rumi of Narail emerged Group A and B champions respectively in the Green Delta Insurance national schools table tennis championships at the NSC wooden floor gymnasium yesterday.

In the group finals Ratna defeated Moonmoon of Gaibandha by 3-1 sets while Rumi won with a straight-sets win over her teammate Jemil.

In today's semifinals, Ratna will take on Group B runner-up Jemil while Rumi is due to meet Moonmoon at the same venue.

In boy's singles, Pappu of Narail and Anup from Rajshahi reached Group A final while Sharif Babu from Dhaka and Hasan of Narail moved into the Group B final yesterday. Pappu edged past Jewel of Rajshahi 3-0, Anup beat Tirtho of Narail Govt School 3-1, Sharif defeated Parag of Narail 3-1 while Hasan trounced Babu of Rajshahi 3-0.

Cute handball

Sports Reporter

Favourites Bangladesh Air Force recorded their fifth successive win in the Cute First Division handball league with a comfortable 37-20 victory over West Jatrabari Kishore Sangha in yesterday's lone match played at the court adjacent to Dhaka Stadium.

The winners led the first half 16-8.

Shafiuddin of BAF struck highest 16 goals while Rakib added six goals to the winners credit. On the other hand, Khaled and Ganesh netted six and four goals respectively for the losers.

The win kept BAF atop the seven-team league table with full 15 points.

Arambagh Krira Sangha will take on Christian Youth Club in today's match at 4:30 pm.

IUB chess

Sports Reporter

Four players — defending champion Rafiqur Rahman Roni, Numayr Enam, Debashish Barua and Kamrul — remained atop the second IUB chess tournament standings with full four points at the end of the fourth round yesterday.

In the day's round, Roni, who played with white pieces against the King's Indian defence of Mahmood, won the board after 35 moves.

In the other boards, Numayr overcame Zilani, Kamrul beat Khaled Hasan while Debashish earned a walk over against Bayezid.

Besides, Murad was trailing the leaders by half a point at the end of Wednesday's round.



Mohammedan defender Monwar Hossain Munna (C) about to fall over Arambagh forward Yousupha after heading the ball while an unidentified Arambagh player (R) looks on during their Mahanagari Cup clash at the Mirpur Stadium yesterday. — Star photo

MSC pull off a thriller

Sports Reporter

A spectacular late rally saw title-aspirants Mohammedan Sporting Club come from behind to pull off a sensational 4-2 victory over Federation Cup runners-up Arambagh Krira Sangha in one of the two Group One final round matches of the Shamsuddin Spinning Mahanagari Cup football tournament played at the Mirpur Stadium yesterday.

In a see-saw affair, Mohammedans, who were trailing the match 1-2 with only nine minutes left, struck three goals within a span of seven minutes to make a brilliant start to the final round which began on the same day.

Forward Matur Rahman Munna scored twice while midfielder Arman and forward Alfaz Ahmed added one apiece. On the other hand, Senegalese forward Yousupha Mobap Phal and midfielder Sajedur Rahman Tushar secured one goal each for Arambagh who held the match in their control for most of the time but eventually went down because of their poor match-reading abilities.

Arambagh, who seized the lime light for their brilliant performance in the Federation Cup last month where they moved into the final with an upset 3-0 victory over star-studded Muktojodha Sangsad, started their outing against the black and whites quite

promisingly, offering some entertaining soccer.

But, quite unfortunately, they suffered a jolt when referee Sheikh Badaruddin awarded Mohammedans a penalty virtually from nowhere. Arambagh defender Lipu tried to stop Mohammedan's Munna at the left corner of the box with a professional tackle and moreover it was not at all a prospective attack. But the man in uniform, suddenly got into action by signalling the dreaded spot much to the disbelief of Arambagh booters.

Arman, one of the most flop booters of the county in the SAFF championship, stepped up to give Mohammedans the lead converting the 12-yarder in the 32nd minute.

However, the lead lasted for only ten minutes as Yousupha, the dark and tall striker, levelled the margin through a free-kick from left corner of the box in the 42nd minute.

Inspired by the equaliser, Arambagh then went one up in the very first minute of the second half with Tushar finding the net from 25 yards with a power-packed grounder capitalising on a Yousupha minus from the right flank.

After conceding the second goal, Mohammedans' Iraqi coach Shamir Sakir made three intelligent changes by bringing in Sabir, Askar Babu and Don in place of Manik, Arman and Ruhul Amin to intensify the attack and his decision was

duly paid off as Mohammedans wrested the control from the seemingly tired Arambagh side.

Alfaz restored the parity for Mohammedans with a cool placing-shot after being led by a Munna cross from the right side in the 81st minute while Munna put his side ahead with a grounder from a goal mouth melee four minutes from time.

Thriving on a wave of attacks, Munna then scored his second goal of the match with a nice volley from a Sabir pass in the penultimate minute of the match.

The winners will take on Youngmen's Club Fakirerpool in their next match tomorrow evening.

MUKTIS WIN

Earlier, in the day's first match of the same group, Muktojodha Sangsad Krira Chakra recorded a solitary goal victory over Youngmen's Club Fakirerpool.

In an otherwise eye-soring match which saw the ball kicking around the midfield for most of the time, Rakib struck the match-winner in the 30th minute with a volley from the goal mouth scrimmage.

In their next match tomorrow afternoon, Muktis will meet Arambagh Krira Sangha.

TODAY'S MATCHES

Brothers Union vs Rahmatganj MFS 3 pm

Abahani KC vs Farashganj SC 5pm



Action from yesterday's Shamsuddin Spinning Mahanagari Cup encounter between Muktojodha Sangsad and Youngmen's Club Fakirerpool at the Mirpur Stadium. Muktis won 1-0. — Star photo

McRae, Eriksson upbeat

The tropical plantations of Sumatra are a stark contrast to the conditions experienced in Finland, but pose no less of a challenge for the crews contesting the FIA World Rally Championship. Buoyed by a feeling of renewed optimism, the 555 Subaru World Rally Team head to the Rally of Indonesia confident in the knowledge that, in the hands of Colin McRae and Kenneth Eriksson, the Subaru Impreza 555 will again prove to be the pacesetter as it bids to retain its consecutive World title, says a press release.

The formidable combination of searing heat and high humidity add to the challenge of what is undoubtedly one of the toughest rallies in the world. Fitness will play a significant role in success but, for a team who commit themselves wholeheartedly to physical well-being, the tropical conditions are unlikely to hinder.

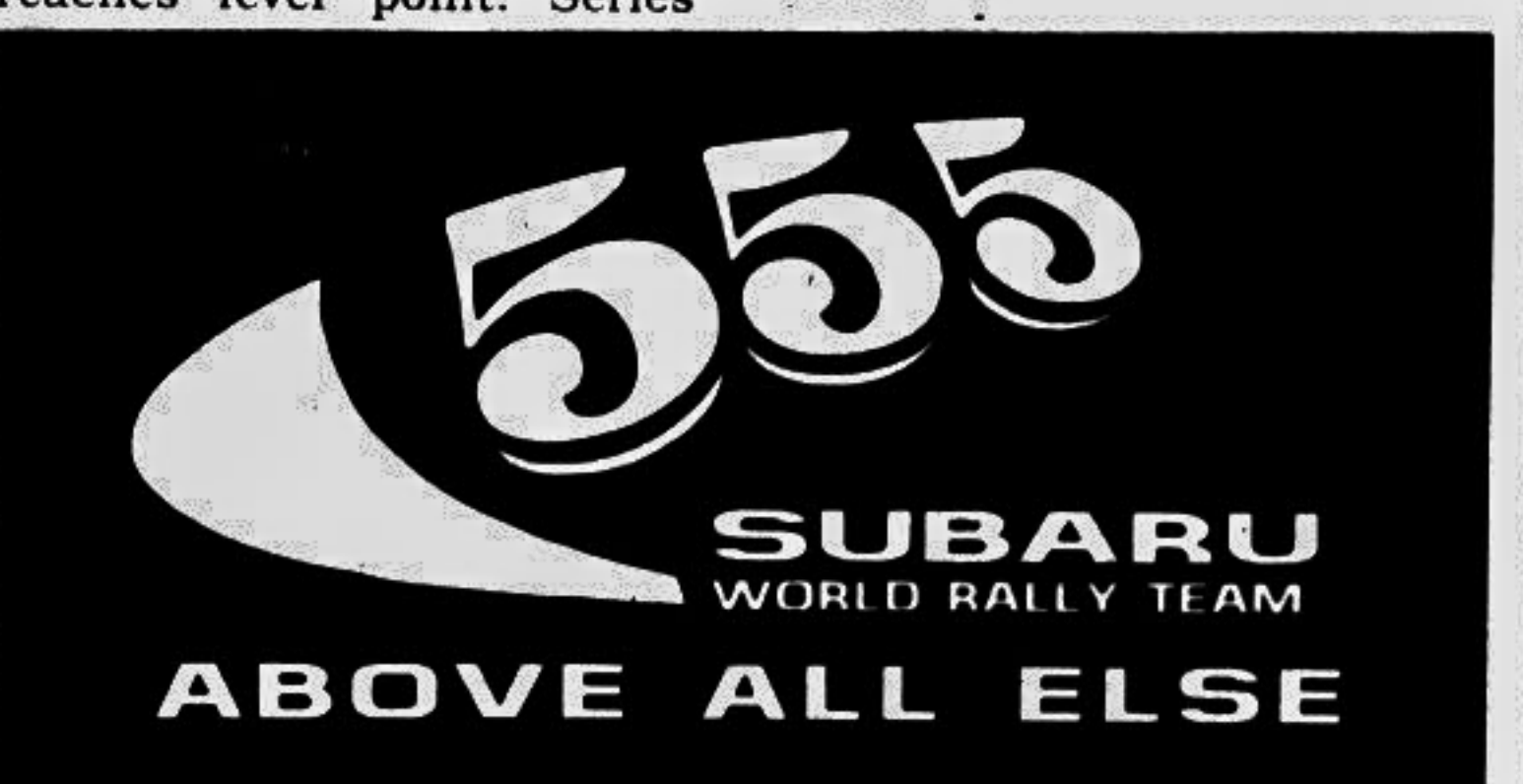
As a qualifying round of both the World Rally Championship and the Asia-Pacific Rally Championship, the 555 Subaru World Rally Team will be capitalising on this double opportunity. However, Colin McRae's focus remains firmly fixed on closing the gap on arch rivals, Tommi Makinen and Carlos Sainz, in the world series. This is the Scot's third visit to Indonesia and, while he retired in frustrating circumstances last year while leading, victory on his first outing in 1995 underlined his expertise on uncharted territory.

Teammate Kenneth Eriksson has a good record in

Indonesia that includes a win in 1994 and a second place, behind Colin, in 1995. Putting the disappointment of Finland behind him, the Swede remains confident that the team can put in a good showing on an event that favours the Subaru.

Competition in Indonesia will be as tough as ever as the World Rally Championship reaches fever point. Series

leader, Tommi Makinen, will be looking for a fifth victory this year, however the Finn and teammate, Richard Burns, both suffered terminal engine problems last year, adding them to a long list of 1996 retirements. On last year's rally, Carlos Sainz gave Ford their first World Championship win since 1994.



BHF calls up 30

Bangladesh Hockey Federation (BHF) has called up 30 players in the national team camp which will take part in the Surjit Singh tournament, reports UNB.

The invitational tourney will be held in Jalandhar in the Indian state of Punjab in November.

The called up players are: Shamim Ahmed, Javed, Tushar Kanti Hawladar, Russel Khan, Ainul Haq, Mamunur Rashid, Mahfuzul Alam, Isha Mia, Imtiaz Ahmed Shipu, Rabiuddin, Khurshid Alam, Shahidullah Khokon, Jahirul Islam Mithul, Hasan Roni, Rafiqun Nabi, Shamsuddin Tuhin, Mahboob Harun, Musa Mia, Ashiquezaman, Yusuf Ali, Zahidur Rahman, Ziaur Rahman, Tutul Kumar Nag, Shahidullah Titu, Miraj, Sahel and Kamal, Alamgir, Alam, Ramizuddin, Khokon, Rubel, Shuvo, Shamim, Zahid Ahmed Raju.

The selected players have been instructed to report to coach Ehtesam Sultan on September 20 at the National Hockey Stadium.

Sahara Cup Pakistan 169/3 in 31.5 overs

Sports Reporter

Change-bowler Saurav Ganguly claimed two quick wickets to bring India into the match when their arch-rivals Pakistan were cruising along with 157 for one during the crucial third match of the Sahara Cup series at the Toronto Cricket, Skating and Curling Club ground yesterday.

Pakistan, who lost earlier two matches of the five-game series, were reduced to 160 for 3 in 31.5 overs before rain stopped the proceedings. Stylishly-handed batsman Saeed Anwar, who was a pale shadow of his brilliant self in previous matches, remained not out at 74. Anwar put on 74 for the first wicket with his explosive opening partner Shahid Afridi who hammered 47 off 46 balls. Skipper Rameez Raza scored 34 before retiring hurt.

Ganguly, the left-handed opener from Bengal — ignored most of the time as a bowler, gave his skipper the much-needed breakthrough in the 29th over scalping experienced Salim Malik for one. He then went on to take a difficult return catch to send young Hasan Raja (1) to the pavilion in his next over.

Dalmiya's condolence

CAIRO, Sept 17: The head of International Cricket Council (ICC) said here today he had sent a message of condolence to Australian cricketing legend Sir Donald Bradman following the death of his wife, reports AFP.

Jagmohan Dalmiya said, "the world's cricketing fraternity mourns the death of Lady Bradman, who fought a brave battle against cancer."

Jessie Bradman died on September 14, aged 86.

Dalmiya, the former head of the Board of Control for Cricket in India who took over as ICC president earlier this year, sent the message via the Australian Cricket Board.

His message, he said, offered support "to Sir Don to bear this irreparable loss."

Bradman, 86, regarded as one of the greatest batsmen of all time, and his life had celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary in April.

Newcombe not worried

WASHINGTON, Sept 17: Australian Davis Cup captain John Newcombe could hardly be happier if his team's semifinal against the United States was being played Down Under instead of the US capital, reports AFP.

He likes the surface. He welcomes a hostile crowd. And Newcombe is pleased with three rugged practice days by US Open champion Pat Rafter and world doubles number ones Mark Woodforde and Todd Woodbridge.

"I suppose whoever wins this one will go into the final as the favourite," Newcombe said here Tuesday, looking ahead to a matchup against either Italy or Sweden in Rome.

The US-Aussie showdown begins here Friday with world number one Pete Sampras and second-ranked Michael Chang facing the US team. The hard-court surface is a bit slower than that at the US Open earlier this month.

"Our players are quite comfortable on the surface. It's fair," Newcombe said.

A hostile crowd of about 7,000 is expected, but Newcombe is not worried and said Rafter's US Open title might help turn the crowd in his favour.

"Away from home doesn't really bother us," he said. "It's a challenge because you know 95 per cent of the crowd is going to be against you."

"Pat has got a very good following here in the United States, so they might not be as apt to root against him. They like his personality and that should help him."

Rafter, who went five days without touching a racquet after his open title, has matured in the past nine months, shaking off injuries and finding new confidence.

"He was a bit concerned about whether he really had it to match with the top guys," Newcombe said. "His belief in himself is a major difference."

Inzamam in the soup



TORONTO, Sept 17: Canadian police charged Pakistani cricketer Inzamamul Haq with three counts

of assault on Tuesday after he allegedly clobbered a heckler with a cricket bat for calling him a "potato", reports Reuter.

Inzamam, 27, was fielding in the second game of the India/Pakistan Sahara Cup series in Toronto on Sunday when witnesses said he jumped into the stands and allegedly attacked a spectator who had been taunting him with a megaphone all afternoon.

"I was calling him a potato is *purjahi* because he is a little fat for a player — I had no idea that he would come into the stands," one of the alleged victims, Shiv Kumar Thind, was quoted by the Toronto Star newspaper on Tuesday.

Thind said the player tore his shirt and kicked and punched him and when the fracas moved down to field level he was hit with a cricket bat.

Toronto police confirmed on Tuesday a 29-year-old man said he had been assaulted and struck with a cricket bat, and a second man, 18, said he also had been struck.

"I have swelling on my head, scratches on my arms and my neck is still hurting," Thind said, adding that his heckling was not meant to offend anyone.

Inzamam surrendered to police on Tuesday and was charged with assault with a weapon and two separate counts of assault.

If convicted, the charges can carry a maximum penalty of 18 months in jail.

The incident has however put the Pakistani team in an embarrassing position. "This is not a proud moment," Pakistan captain Rameez Raja said. "Nobody is happy with what has happened. This incident does not help any good."

Asked why Inzamam was not being allowed to speak to

journalists, Raja said the player "has limited knowledge of English."

How Inzamam happened to get a bat in his hand while he was fielding continues to be a mystery. Some claim that the bat was brought from the dressing room by another Pakistani player.

Raja had earlier expressed ignorance when asked about the incident: "I honestly do not know. None of our team knows why the bat was there."

The fact that Inzamam was allowed to play on after the incident, despite a two-match ban imposed later, has also been criticised. "The man brandishing the mystery bat is the man facing the pitiful two-game suspension and, depending on the results of any subsequent inquiry, possibly a longer and more meaningful ban from his national federation for, as the cricket books put it, 'bringing the game into disrepute'," said a columnist for a Canadian newspaper.

Rameez and other Pakistan players said the insults were far more personal and abusive. They had persisted throughout

both matches, Rameez added. "It wasn't a wise thing to do and it was bad for cricket but enough was enough," Rameez said. "He is a human being and has feelings."

"Not much else can go wrong," captain Rameez Raja noted Tuesday as he and his players prepared for the remaining three must-win matches Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday.

"It's going to be a test of character to see if we can come back now," he said. "It's a matter of putting the negative things behind us and playing to our potential."

Pakistan came from 2-1 down in the inaugural series last year to win the last two matches and clinch the Cup.

Megaphones will be banned from the remaining matches but Andrew Wildblood, senior vice-president of the tournament organisers, International Management Group (IMG), assured Tuesday the Sahara Cup would remain in Toronto for its originally contracted period of five years, to 2000.

"It was an unfortunate incident but shouldn't be blown up out of proportion," he said.

It has got plenty of coverage in Toronto's three daily newspapers.

"Cricket dealt black eye as player attacks fan," headlined the Toronto Star.

The Globe and Mail noted the irony in the reason for staging the tournament in Toronto.

Matches between Pakistan and India have been plagued by clashes between cultures, particularly at home," it reported. "Some matches have resulted in near riots. It was precisely to provide a neutral and safe haven for the players and spectators that the series was held in Toronto."

Live ball-by-ball television coverage is carried in India and Pakistan by the satellite network, ESPN Asia, which has paid a reported 18.5 million dollars for the rights over five years.

Majid, Hanif spell out



ISLAMABAD, Sept 17: The Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) yesterday ruled out any possibility of its team pulling out of the Sahara Cup following the incident involving Inzamamul Haq or taking any action against the cricketer, reports PTI.

Reacting to the fracas between Inzamam and a spectator during the second one-dayer on Sunday at the Toronto Cricket, Skating and Curling Club, PCB chief executive Majid Khan told an English daily here, "Inzamam has already been punished by the ICC referee and I do not think we have to take any further action as the matter was the sole concern of the match referee."

However, Majid, who has himself served as a match referee earlier, told "The News", "I must say, Inzamam didn't do the right thing," but added the incident was an attempt to sabotage India's tour of Pakistan later this month.

He said, "The logical conclusion that one can draw from this uncalculated and unwarranted fracas is that there are certain elements who do not want to see India playing in Pakistan for the golden jubilee celebrations."

"If such an ugly incident had happened during the 1996 World Cup quarterfinal against India at Bangalore, it would have been quite understandable but in Toronto there cannot be anything else."

Asked whether the spectator was an Indian, he said, "It's quite difficult to say whether the heckler was a Pakistani or an Indian because even the TV commentators were not sure in this regard."

However, Majid said "whatever the provocation, instead of reacting in such a manner, he should have gone to the match referee and lodged a complaint because according to ICC code of conduct no player is allowed to retaliate whatever the circumstances might be."

Former Pakistani skipper, Hanif Mohammad was also of the view that the Pakistani batsman should have handled the situation better.

He told "The Dawn" in

Karachi that skipper Rameez Raja was to be held equally responsible for the ugly incident.

"If the spectator was continuingly creating problem for Inzamam, the least the player should have done was to ask the captain to change his fielding position", he said.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh Forest Department Office of the Director National Botanical Garden, Mirpur, Dhaka Civil Works Consultant Appointment Notice

Tender Notice No 3/1997-98

Dated: 08-09-97

Tenders with technical and financial proposals in separate sealed covers are invited from minimum 7 (seven) years experienced architectural and engineering consultant firms for supervision of detailed drawing, estimating, soil testing, tender document preparation etc of detailed architectural, engineering and various civil works for construction of an overhead water tank-cum-observation tower at this garden and repair of 6 (six) conservatory houses at Baldha Garden, Wari, Dhaka at a cost of Tk 1 (one) crore during 1997-98 and 1998-99 financial years under Director, National Botanical Garden, Mirpur, Dhaka.

Tender should be deposited in the tender box kept at the office of the undersigned or office of the Divisional Forest Officer, Dhaka Forest Division, Ban Bhaban, Mohakhali, Dhaka or office of the Superintendent, Baldha Garden, Wari, Dhaka by 12-00 Noon of 09-10-97. Tender document will be sold against cash payment of Tk 400/= (four hundred) only (non-refundable) from the office of the undersigned and office of the Superintendent, Baldha Garden, Wari, Dhaka from 23-09-97 to 25-09-97.

Any information regarding the tender can be seen and known from the Accounts Section of the office of the undersigned during office hours.

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Forest Conservator

Director

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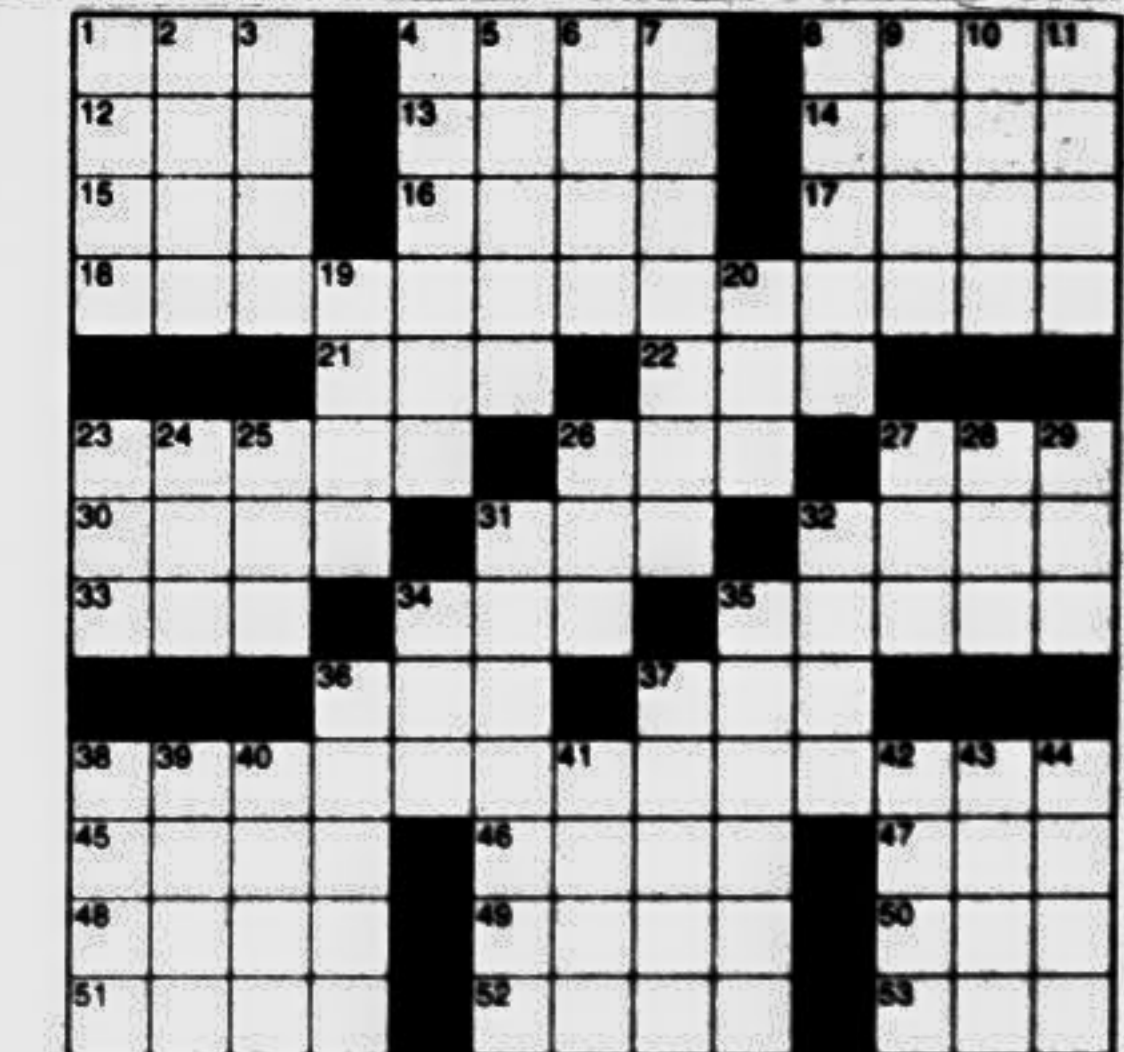
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CRYPTOQUIP

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: IN CAMELOT, THE WALKING INSOMNIACS WILL PASS SLEEPLESS KNIGHTS

Today's Cryptoquip clue: A equals W

The Cryptoquip 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.