Sport

Nehru Cup hockey

Bangladesh open their bid today

Sports Reporter

The national hockey team will kick off their Nehru Cup campaign against Railway in the Indian capital of New Delhi today.

But hot on the heels of their pitiable performance in the Surjit Singh Memorial hockey tournament in Jalandhar where the national team bowed out of the meet conceding four defeats from as many outings, the prospect of the cellar-dwellers in the more competitive Nehru Cup looks as bleak as ever.

Bangladesh will play their second match against the strong Mahindra and Mahindra. And a win will only ensure Bangladesh's passage to the final phase of the prestigious tournament.

Bangladesh team however appeared to have put behind the blues of the Jalandhar-bashing when they defeated Russia 3-1 in an exhibition match on September 14 with captain Sadeq, his lethal partner up-front Kamal and Rubel notching one goal apiece.

Delta Life h'ball

Rifles Public School and College, Badrunnesa Govt College, Home Economics College and Holy Cross won their respective matches in the Delta Life inter-College Women's handball competition at Dhanmondi Sultana-Kamal ground yesterday, reports UNB.

Rifles Public outplayed Mohammadpur Preparatory Girls College 6-3, Badrunnesa blanked Ispahani Women's College 3-0, Home Economics trounced Ahmed Bawani Academy 8-0 and Holy Cross College crushed Shahid Zia Women's College 12-0.

Srinath recalled

NEW DELHI, Nov 16: Indian selectors on Saturday recalled bowlers Javagal Srinath and Venkatesh Prasad for next week's opening Test in a three-match series against the touring Sri Lankans, reports Reuter.

Pace bowler Srinath had been sidelined from international cricket by a shoulder injury which forced him to quit the tour of West Indies in March.

The first Test begins in the northern Indian city of Mohali next Wednesday.

SQUAD

Sachin Tendulkar (captain), Ajay Jadeja, Navjot Sidhu, Saurav Ganguly, Rahul Dravid, Mohammad Azharuddin, Nayan Mongia, Anil Kumble, Javagal Srinath, Rajesh Chauhan, Venkatesh Prasad, Abey Kuruvilla, Nilesh Kulkarni, Debasish Mohanty.

Action from the inter-college and hall handball tournament encounter between Holycross College and Shaheed Zia College at the Sultana-Kamal Women's Sports Complex yesterday. — Star photo

Premier league starts today

Sports Reporter

The Janakantha Premier Division cricket league begins in the city today with holders Abahani Krira Chakra taking on promotees Azad Sporting Club in one of the two matches billed for the inaugural day.

All-rounder Naimur Rahman Durjoy will stand in for regular captain Akram Khan when Abahani kick off their campaign at the Dhaka Stadium where the popular Dhanmondi outfit retained the Damal Smriti Cricket trophy a week before.

Meanwhile, in the day's other match at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium Abahani's neighbours Kalabagan Krira Chakra, who finished runners-up in the 12-team league last year, will meet First Division champions Ajax Sports Club.

Although all the matches at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium will remain free to all, the tickets for the Dhaka Stadium engagements have been fixed at Taka 10 for gallery, Taka 50 for Club House and Taka 100 for VIP wing.

Meanwhile, all the 12 clubs winded up the registration formalities of their quota of four foreign players yesterday, the concluding day of hired players' enrollment for the most attractive domestic cricket carnival.

Following are the foreign recruits for the different clubs of the elite Premier league:

Abahani KC: Shahid Afridi, Mohammed Hossain, Monirul Haq and Ramon Lamba.

Kalabagan KC: Monzoor Elahi, Sher Ali, Gaffar Kazmi and Saba Karim.

Brother Union: Sanjib Sharma, Zahid Ahmed, Aamir Hanif and Rashed Hanif.

Biman: Salim Malik, Akram Raja, Monsoor Akhter and Iqbal Imam.

Mohammedan SC: Basit Ali, Shahed Mehmud, Arjuna Ranatunga and Sanath Jayasuria.

Agrani Bank: Shahid Iqbal, Shaheen Malik, Ghulam Ali and Shawkat Mirza.

Wari Club: Tariq Mehmud and Amir Wasim.

Victoria SC: Asgar Khan, Nasir Khan, Mohammed Ahmed and Chetan Sharma.

Surjo Tarun: Shaheed Saeed, Sabur Ahmed, Nadim Younis and Jafar Ali.

Lalmatia Club: HA Tillekeratne, Riaz Sheikh and Ghulam Ali.

Ajax SC: Selim Mhugal and Maksud Raja.

Azad SC: Ahmed Shahed and Ziaur Rahman

Agrani, R'ganj split points

Agrani Bank shared points with promotees Rahmatganj MFS in the Premier Division football league as the two teams played to a 1-1 draw at the Mirpur Stadium yesterday, reports UNB.

Mongal put the Bankers ahead in the first half while Towhid scored the equaliser for Rahmatganj in the second session.

Rahmatganj, who created sensation by beating star-studded Muktijoddha Sangsad 2-1 in their previous match, fell behind in the 17th minute.

Surviving some close calls in the initial period, Agrani Bank raided the opponents territory and succeeded when forward Mongal nodded home off a neat right side cross from Ekram Rana.

This was all for the Bankers in the match as Rahmatganj pressed hard for restoring parity. After Towhid scored the equaliser in the 75th minute, the old Dhaka outfit kept their pressure until the end.

Towhid found the net with a header. But the credit goes to medio Asif who set up the opportunity with a cross beating two Agrani defenders.

Two minutes before the long whistle, Towhid spoiled an easy chance and deprived Rahmatganj of a win. After receiving a defence splitting through pass from substitute Alamgir, the striker shot the ball wide.

Five minutes before time, Pradip of Agrani Bank received his second yellow card and was sent off. Mongal was also shown yellow card.

The result left Rahmatganj on eight points and Agrani Bank on seven after seven matches.

RAHMATGANJ MFS: Pannu, Panash, Shafiqul, Ripon (Kamal), Asif, Nayan, Shah Alam (Monir Hossain), Jahangir, Towhid and Milon.

AGRANI BANK: Bijon, Rafiq, Bishu (Zaman), Raj, Pradip, Rana, Narayan, Zahid (Alamgir), Ekram Rana and Kanchan (Hasan).

Referee: R Alam.

WARI WIN

In the First Division, Wari Club beat Dhanmondi Club 2-1 to post their second win at the same venue earlier in the afternoon.

Shahed and Sattar scored for Wari in the 54th and 74th minutes while Firoz reduced the margin for Dhanmondi in the 81st minute.

Wari Club have eight points from as many matches while Dhanmondi have six after six encounters.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
Public Health Institute
Mohakhali, Dhaka-1212

Appointment Notice

Self handwritten applications are invited from bonafide Bangladesh nationals for appointment on temporary basis subject to the undermentioned terms & conditions to the undermentioned unannounced posts under revenue head of Public Health Institute, Mohakhali, Dhaka as per Bangladesh Health Services (Non-Medical Officers & Employees Recruitment) Rolls 1985.

Serial No.	Name of Post	Number of Post	Pay Scale	Age	Educational Qualification
1	2	3	4	5	6
	3rd class				
1.	Veterinary Assistant Surgeon (Unannounced)	01	Tk 2300-4480/=	18-30 years	A) 3-year Diploma in Veterinary Science passed. B) Veterinary experienced candidates will be given preference.
2.	Medical Technologist (Lab)	03	Tk 1725-3725/=	-Do-	A) 3-year Diploma Medical Technologist passed from any Govt approved Institute of Health Technology. B) As per Govt rules, preference will be given to trained diploma holders on above subject on deputation from this Institute. C) Preference will be given to candidates (male/female) experienced in above related subject.

Terms & Conditions:

1. Self handwritten application stating name of candidate (male/female), father's/husband's name, present address, permanent address, educational qualification, date of birth, age, citizenship certificate & nationality etc. should be sent to the undersigned.
2. Applications should reach the undersigned by 24-11-97 within 5-00 PM by post only. No application received by post after this prescribed date & time will be accepted.
3. Postal Order for Tk 50/= (fifty) only (non-refundable) in favour of Director, Public Health Institute, Mohakhali, Dhaka should be deposited with application for each post.
4. Applications of candidates (male/female) in Govt service must be submitted through proper channel to the undersigned within the prescribed date & time.
5. Name of the post prayed for should be superscribed on the envelope of application of candidates (male/female).
6. Age of candidates (male/female) for all posts should be within 18 to 30 years & 32 years in case of freedom fighters. No affidavit will be acceptable in case of this prescribed age.
7. In case of bonafide freedom fighter (male/female) candidates, certificate signed by Chairman, Bangladesh Muktijoddha Chairman & countersigned by the Chief Adviser of Bangladesh Muktijoddha Sangsad the Hon'ble President should be attached with the application. The words Freedom Fighter should be written in the application.
8. (a) Recent 03 (three) copies passport size photographs attested by First Class Gazetted Officer, (b) Attested true copies of all educational qualification certificates & experience certificates, (c) Nationality/citizenship certificate from local Union Parishad Chairman/Municipality Chairman, (d) Character certificate from First Class Gazetted Officer should be submitted with the application of candidates (male/female).
9. No papers submitted with the application will be returned.
10. Age limit is relayable for departmental candidates (male/female).
11. Incomplete & erroneous applications will be treated as cancelled outright.
12. Any sort of lobbying will only prove disqualification of candidate (male/female).
13. As per Govt rules for appointment in Govt service, the said posts will be filled in on the basis of district quota.
14. Candidates (male/female) will be issued interview card for interview in due course.
15. No TA/DA will be admissible to candidates (male/female) for interview.
16. Decision of the authority will be treated as final in matters of appointment.
17. At the time of interview for service, the candidate (male/female) shall have to produce original certificates of all kinds of educational qualification & experience.
18. Services of the employees appointed to all the above posts are transferable to any health establishment under Bangladesh Health Department.

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Rain ruins tour opener

Sports Reporter

The inaugural match of the touring Bangladesh cricket team against the Northern Conference could not be held as heavy rain played foul in Hamilton yesterday.

The limited-over match at the Westpac Trust Park ground was called off without a ball being bowled. The frustrated tourists had to engage in an indoor practice session to limber up for the next fixture, a first-class match against the same side, scheduled to begin at the same venue today.

Bangladesh arrived in Auckland Saturday on a month-long tour to New Zealand where they will feature in two different tournaments.

Meanwhile, the manager of the Bangladesh team, Gazi Ashraf Hossain Lipu has asked the BCB to send both left-arm spinner Saifullah Gem and pacer Monjurul Islam Monju as soon as possible. The two players and tour manager Luthfur Rahman Makhon are expected to start out tomorrow.

Giants clash today

Sports Reporter

Abahani Krira Chakra will be desperately looking for a win when the sky blues take on Muktijoddha Sangsad Krira Chakra in a crucial Premier Division football league match at the Mirpur Stadium today.

The match will kick-off at 4.30 pm. Bangladesh Betar will provide the running commentary on the clash of the two giants in the demestic circuit.

Abahani, who started the league badly conceding three successive draws, have left with a daunting proposition of defeating Muktijoddha to bounce back in real contention. The title chase of Muktijoddha, who have collected 15 points from six matches, will not be hampered even if they draw with Abahani, who are occupying the third place with 12 points from six matches. Defending champions have been leading the point table with 17 points on completion of their seven league matches.

Besides, East End Club take on Badda Jagarani Sangsad in the First Division at 2:30 pm.

Japan become Asia's third

JOHOR BAHRU, Malaysia, Nov 16: Result from Asian World Cup qualifying playoff here this evening, reports AFP.

Japan 3 (Masashi Nakayama 40, Shoji Jo 75, Masayuki Okano 115) Iran 2 (Khodadad Azizi 46, Ali Daei 52)

Half time 1-0.

Japan win in sudden death extra-time.

Japan qualify for the finals, Iran take on Australia, Oceania group winners, in two match playoff on November 22 and November 29.)

Div III cricket qualifiers

Sports Reporter

Banarupa Ekadosh, Russell Krira Chakra, Nakalpara and Rajabazar Krira Chakra won their respective Lotus-Kamal Third Division cricket league qualifiers at different city venues yesterday.

BRIEF SCORES

FRIENDS SPORTS ACADEMY: 199 all out in 34.3 overs (Arman 70, Tanzim 29, Lotas 28; Faruque 22/5.)
BANARUPA EKADOSH: 206 for three wickets in 26.5 overs (Zia 47, Faruque 38 no, Extras 45; Rajib 20/2)
Result: Banarupa won by seven wickets at T&T ground.

ISLAMPUR CC: 145 all out in 33.5 overs (Mohiuddin 36, Tawfiq 19, Extras 29; Ashraful 22/3)
RUSSELL KC: 146 for six wickets in 30.1 overs (Javed 40 no, Ashraful 38, Extras 20; Mohiuddin 17/3.)
Result: Russell KC won by four wickets at Dhanmondi Club ground.

NAKALPARA: 208 for nine wickets in 35 overs (Litu 42, Nasirul 34, Extras 40; Tutul 21/2)
GOLAPBAGH: 131 all out in 31.4 overs (Shahin 24, Rafique 18, Extras 28; Shaheen 18/3)
Result: Nakalpara won by 77 runs at Mirpur Outer Stadium.

JUPITER KC: 95 all out in 26.3 overs (Niyamat 20, Monirul 20 n.o, Extras 14; Shipon 7/3)
RAJABAZAR KC: 96 for three wickets in 16 overs (Raisul 39 n.o, Extras 26.)
Result: Rajabazar won by seven wickets at Uttara Fridays Club ground.

Martina, Lindsay in final

VALLANOVA, Pennsylvania, Nov 16: Top-seeded Martina Hingis, off for the last three weeks, will play one of the tour's hottest players, Lindsay Davenport, in the final of the 450,000 dollars Advanta Championships Sunday, reports AP.

For the third time in the tournament, Hingis, ranked No. 1 on the tour, needed three sets to advance, beating eighth seed Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario 1-6, 7-6, 6-3 in Saturday's semifinal.

Davenport, the fifth seed, had it a little easier, beating seventh seed Irina Spirlea 6-2, 6-4 in the other semifinal.

Kiwi misery continues

MELBOURNE, Nov 16: New Zealand's dreadful form on the tour of Australia continued Sunday when they collapsed for a second time against Victoria at the MCG, reports AP.

The tourists were dismissed for 82 in their first innings and lost six wickets for 30 in the final session of the third day to be 147 for seven at stumps.

Scores: New Zealand 82 and 147 for seven; Victoria 173.

England beat Cameroon

LONDON, Nov 16: Paul Scholes celebrated his 23rd birthday today to the sort of praise that England players dream of the run-up to the World Cup finals, reports Reuters.

Watched by injured striker Alan Shearer, the Manchester United forward scored England's opening goal in Saturday's 2-0 friendly win against fellow World Cup finalists Cameroon at Wembley and ended the night as man-of-the-match.

England's other goal was scored by Liverpool striker robbie Fowler, whose prolific record at club level has yet to be repeated at international level. Before the Cameroon match, he had scored only once in six appearances.

Lloyd predicts a tough battle

Acid test awaits Akram

PESHAWAR, Pakistan, Nov 16: Pakistan skipper Wasim Akram is looking for a win against West Indies in the series that starts here Monday to fend off mounting criticism of his performance, reports AFP.

WASIM AKRAM

A furious Pakistan Cricket-Board (PCB) chief executive Majid Khan has demanded that the team improve after losing a series against South Africa and failing in a recent four-nation tournament to mark Pakistan's golden jubilee.

The pace spearhead of Akram and Waqar Younis have passed their prime, the PCB chief commented as Pakistan failed to reach the one-day final won by South Africa after thrashing the world champions Sri Lanka.

With Waqar dropped for the first Test, the 30-year-old Akram's abilities will be tested. "I take it as challenge and am confident that we will have a winning start to the series," Akram said.

Akram has happy memories of the ground as he took seven wickets to guide Pakistan to an innings win over Sri Lanka in the only Test played at this venue.

Pakistan and West Indies teams are geared up for the Test after their poor show in the four-nation tournament held in Lahore.

Pakistan suffered a rare 1-0 Test series defeat by South Africa, only their second home series loss in 26 years.

They then failed to qualify for the final of the golden jubilee tournament, when West Indies lost all their three matches.

"Test match cricket is altogether different ball game and we are well tuned up for the Test series. It will be a tough contest," West Indian manager Clive Lloyd promised.

West Indies gained enough batting practice in the drawn four-day game at Rawalpindi, opener Philo Wallace and middle-order batsman Carl Hooper hit centuries in that match.

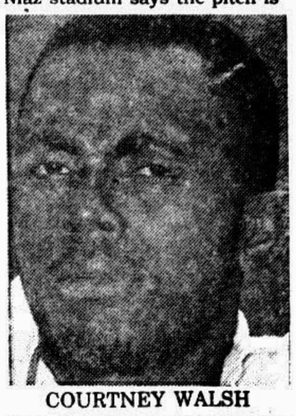
"Every player has a good run-up to the Test and we have a very good batting side. Our final line-up will depend on the surface," Lloyd said.

But Brian Lara will again be the linchpin in the West Indies side and will be under pressure to give West Indies a good total.

Pakistan's batting revolves around Saeed Anwer, Ijaz Ahmed and Inzamamul Haq. Opener Saeed had a poor series against South Africa.

Local spinner Arshad Khan is all set to make his Test debut if Pakistan play with three spinners including leg-spinner Mushtaq Ahmed and off-spinner Saqlain Mushtaq.

The groundsman at Arabab Niaz stadium says the pitch is firm and flat and may take turn with the passage of time. Cloudy weather may help seamers in the beginning.



COURTNEY WALSH

Pakistan and West Indies have always had engrossing contests in both forms of the game. Only one of the last four Test series produced a result, other three ending in 1-1 stalemate.

West Indies won the last series 2-0 at home in 1992-93.

The two teams have met in 31 Tests with West Indies winning 12, Pakistan seven and 12 remained resultless. Pakistan have not won a home series against West Indies since their 1-0 win in 1958-59.

American after a decade

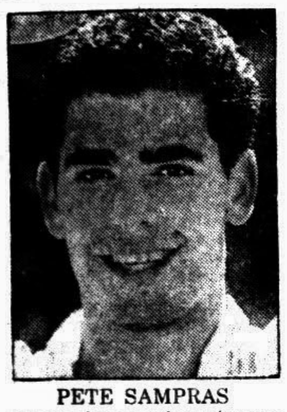
HANOVER, Nov 16: Pete Sampras captured the ATP Tour World Championship for the fourth time Sunday, outclassing Yevgeny Kafelnikov 6-3, 6-2, 6-2 in a one-sided final, reports AP.

Sampras had a shaky start after dropping his serve in the opening game but he quickly picked up his game and simply overpowered Kafelnikov with a full range of shots.

The American became the first player to defend the title in the season-ending event since Ivan Lendl in 1987.

Sampras also won in 1991, 1994 and 1996 and his four victories in the tournament that brings the top eight players in the world gave him a share of the second place on the all-time list with Ilie Nastase. Lendl has five titles.

Like in the three previous years he won the elite tournament, Sampras had lost a round-robin match in the preliminary round, to Carlos Moya. But he won the next four matches in straight sets.



PETE SAMPRAS

Sampras picked up 1.34 million dollar for his victory, bringing his career earnings to over 30 million and his earnings for the year to more than 9 million dollars.

Kafelnikov, No 6 in the world, had to settle for 640,000 dollars.

Sampras, 26, was already assured of finishing as No 1 in the world for the fifth year in a row, a record he shares with Jimmy Connors. He leads the tour with eight titles this year, including Wimbledon and the Australian Open.

The first set began erratically as both players dropped serve twice. Sampras gained the upper hand when Kafelnikov sent a forehand into the net to put the American one break up.

Sampras served out the set with a backhand winner.

Kafelnikov, the 1996 French Open champion, again had to fight off two break points in the opening game of the second set.

But in the third Sampras wrong-footed the Russian repeatedly, gaining a break with a forehand return winner, a cross-court forehand and a forehand passing shot that left Kafelnikov staring in frustration.

From then no, Sampras was all over Kafelnikov, hitting winners from all over the court. He finished off the set with an ace.

Kafelnikov, 23, dropped his serve again at the start of the third set to seal his fate.

Sampras finished with 16 aces to Kafelnikov's two, hit 46 winners to Kafelnikov's 13, and won 81 per cent of his first-serve points, 30 of 37. The match lasted one hour and 28 minutes.

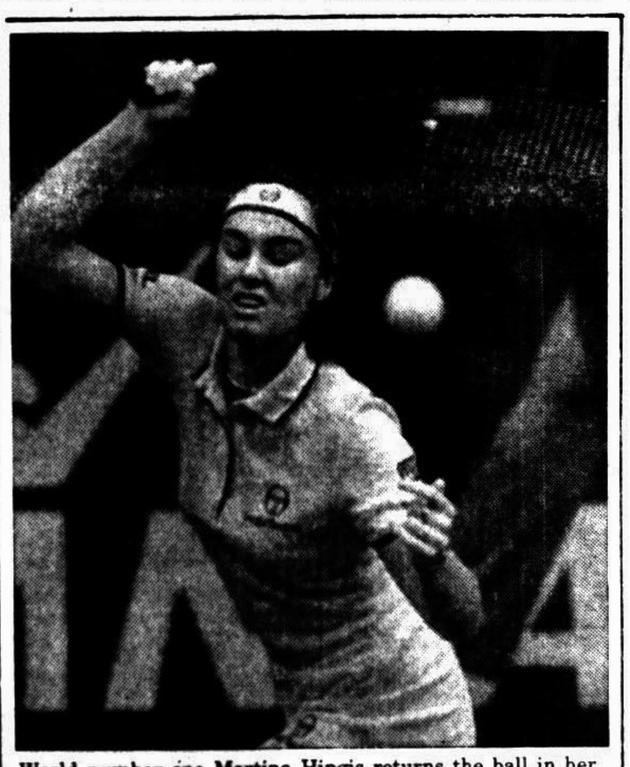
The Russian was playing his first final in three appearances in the event. He only qualified one week ago when he won the Kremlin Cup, his third title of the year. Kafelnikov missed three months after breaking a finger on his right hand just before the Australian Open.

Sampras has qualified for every ATP championship since 1990, the only time he failed to reach at least the semifinals. This was his fifth appearance in the championship match.

The American has now won his last nine tournament finals following a loss to Boris Becker in Stuttgart in October 1996.

Sampras, who was 10 Grand Slam titles, won the 52nd tournament of his career.

He has now beaten Kafelnikov five times in a row, all in straight sets, and holds a 9-2 career edge.



World number one Martina Hingis returns the ball in her semifinal match against Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario of Spain at the Advanta Championships in Villanova on Nov 15. Hingis won 1-6, 7-6, 6-3. —AP/UNB photo

CROSSWORD *By Eugene Sheffer*

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9 Marceau portrayal
12 Neighborhood
13 Storybook villain
14 Bother
16 City of India
17 Ultramodernist
18 Come down
19 Narrow
21 "— Law"
22 More contemptible
24 Oil up
27 Aries
28 Plagiarizes
31 Simile center
32 Whatever number
33 Enemy
34 Gambling game
36 Sleepwear, for short
37 Charon's river
38 Ecuador's capital
40 Egg: prefix
41 Agitate
43 32-card game
47 Garden tool
48 East Indian rat
51 Model Carol
52 Jeannie's portrayer
53 Send forth
54 Guitarist Montgomery
55 Information
56 Part

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1 Rum cake
2 Exam type
3 Painter Guido
4 Silly bunch?
5 Sudden setback
6 Freudian concept
7 Blunder
8 Banana skins
9 She played Mrs. Robinson
10 Thought
11 Combine funds
16 "Eureka!"
20 "— the ramparts..."
22 Musical dueler?
23 Grant and Irving
24 "Mighty — a Rose"
25 Exploit
26 Feasts
27 Engrossed
29 Tarzan's son
30 Westheimer subject
35 "— Town"
37 Pele's game
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50 Bottom line

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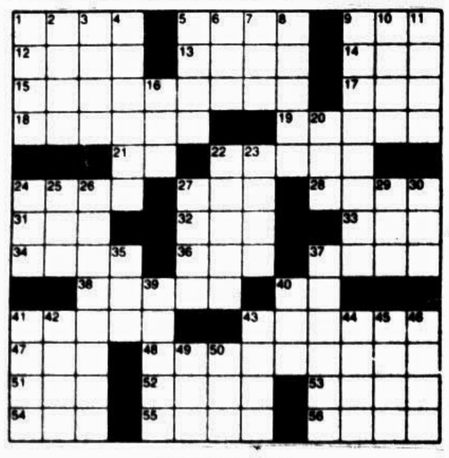

CRYPTOQUIP

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: I'M CERTAIN THAT ALL POLICEMEN TEND TO SHOP AT THE DEPARTMENT STORE.

Today's Cryptoquip clue: K 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.