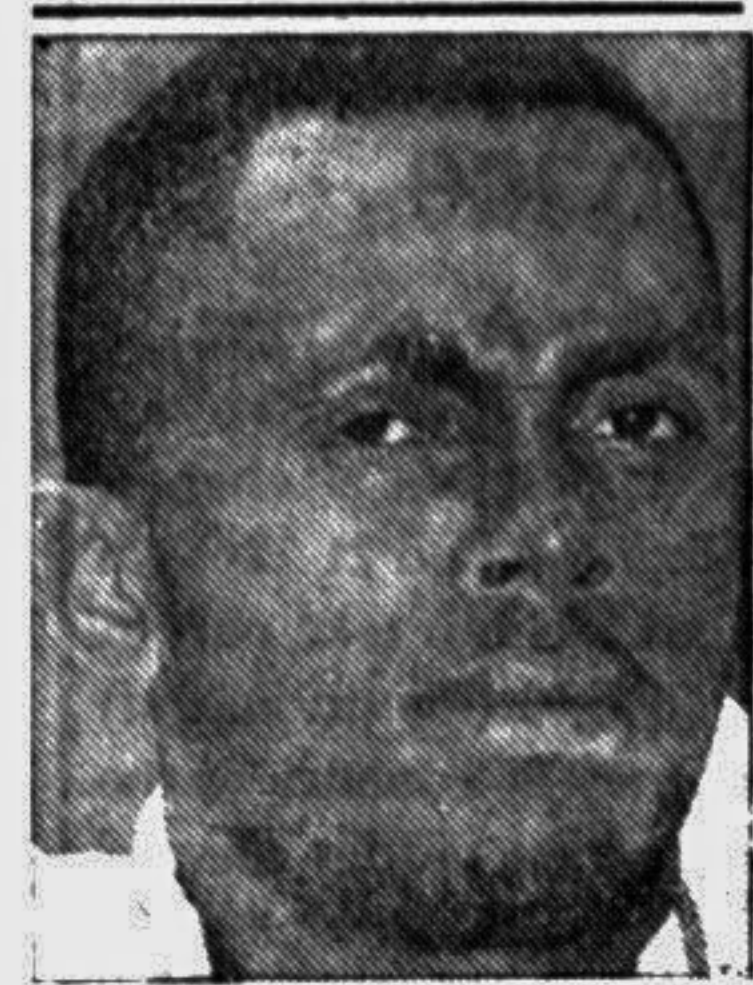


Column One

SPORTS TALK



Courtney Walsh
(West Indies captain)
"I am going to see out my time. I have always given it my all to West Indies cricket and as long as I think I can do that, I am prepared to play on."

BCB XI storm into semis

Sports Reporter



Bangladesh Cricket Board XI stormed into the semifinals of the All Bengal sub junior cricket tournament after thrashing Bagha Jatin Athletics and Cricket Coaching Centre (BJACCC) by 104 runs in their second group match at the Dada Bhai ground in Shilliguri, West Bengal yesterday.
Sent in to bat, the visitors piled up a huge 151 for four in the stipulated 20 overs with opener Anwar Hossain hammering highest 51 off 61 balls. Anwar apart, one down Nafees with 31 off 24 balls and

BRIEF SCORES
BCB ELEVEN: 151 for four in 20 overs (Anwar 51, Nafees 31, Mohiuddin 24, Mustafa 12 n.o., Sujoy 1/24)
BJACCC: 47 for six in 20 overs (Sobhadeep 17, Mustafa 2/6)
Result: BCB Eleven won by 104 runs.

Mohiuddin, who scored 24 off 22 balls, were the other notable contributors to Bangladesh's commanding total.
In reply, facing a daunting task of scoring more than 7.5 runs per over, BJACCC failed miserably as they were restricted to only 47 for six in their allotted 20 overs.
Gulam Mustafa was the most successful BCB XI bowler capturing two for six from his two overs while Ibrahim Saber, Ali

Irteza, Arafat Jahan and Shariful took one wicket each.
It was the second successive victory for BCB XI and confirmed a semifinal berth for them.
However, the group championship will be decided after today's last group match between BCB XI and Agraamee Cricket Coaching Centre 'A' at the same venue.

Khulna football
KHULNA, Dec 12: Khulna Newsprint Mills Club defeated Dighalia Yma Club 2-0 in the Senior Division football league played here today at the Khulna Stadium, reports BSS.
Winners led the first half 1-0.
Mofiz of Newsprint Club scored in the 27th minute while Zaman netted in the 63rd minute.
Tomorrow's matches: Mohammedan Sporting Club vs Cosmos Club.
Abahani KC vs Ulka Club.

Leonine Div I chess champs

Sports Reporter

Leonine Chess Club clinched the First Division chess league title with a 2.5-1.5 victory over Kamalapur Samaj Kalyan Sangha in the final round at the NSC chess room yesterday.
In the last round, Leonine's Abdullah al-Rakib beat Kamalapur's Mohammad Javed while GM Dimitri Kumarov of Ukraine, IM Nguan Dong of Vietnam and Enamul Hossain Rajib drew against Ali Amjad Mintu, Kafil Mahmood and Krishnapada Biswas respectively.
With yesterday's win, Leonine raised their tally to 45 points and confirmed the championships with a two-point lead over Biman who emerged runners-up.
Biman, who beat Farashganj Sporting Club by 3.5-5 points in the final round, finished with 43 points.
Titus Club earned the third spot with 30.5 points while Kamalapur Samaj Kalyan Sangha finished fourth with 29.5 points.
A total of 14 teams took part in the league.

Parash's perfect prize

Sports Reporter

Ahsan Habib Parash of Bogra completed his double triumph in the Agrani Bank Bijoy Dibash age-group badminton tournament after winning the under-14 boys' singles title at the NSC wooden floor gymnasium yesterday.
On the concluding day of the tournament, Parash, who earlier won the under-14 doubles title along with Raisuddin on Thursday, outplayed Dewan Tareque Chowdhury in the under-14 boys' singles final to join Dulali Haldar of Pabna who also earned a double on Thursday winning both under-16 girls' singles and doubles.
Sports Secretary A S M Shahjahan witnessed the final and distributed prizes.

Poland's maiden gold

Sports Reporter

CHIANG MAI, Thailand, Dec 12: Poland's Andrzej Cofalik walked away with his country's first gold medals in the World Weightlifting Championships for 15 years here Thursday, reports AFP.
Cofalik took the medals in the 83kg category with 172.5kg in the snatch and 38kg overall but had to be content with the bronze in the clean and jerk with a lift of 207.5kg.
Zhang Young, the world record holder for clean and jerk, won China's eighteenth gold of the championships with a lift of 207.5kg.
In the women's event, China's Xiang Fenglan set three women's world records in the 70kg class.
Xiang added a half kilo to the previous bests when she snatched 105.5kg and jerked 130.5 kg — both with only her second attempt.
Chinese lifters have now broken seven records at these world championships and won 17 gold medals which, unlike the Olympics, are awarded for each even — snatch, jerk and total.

WHIZZ KID-84 correct answers

1. Who lifted the Chase Championships title?
Ans. Novotna
2. Who became champions in the quadrangular cricket tourney?
Ans. S Africa
3. How many stadia will be used in the France '98?
Ans. 10
4. Which team clinched the Delta Life handball title?
Ans. Shamsunnahar
5. Who won the Div II handball league?
Ans. W Jatrabari

ITF U-14 tennis

Local duo moves into last four

From Our Correspondent

RAJSHAH, Dec 12: Mustafizur Rahman Russel and Kabir Hossain of Bangladesh moved into the boys' doubles semifinals in the first leg of the ITF South Asian under-14 tennis circuit at the Rajshahi Tennis Complex here today.
In today's quarterfinal, Russel and Kabir recorded an easy 6-1, 6-0 victory over Cheema of Pakistan and Mayadune of Sri Lanka.
Indian pair of P Visal and R Gajjar, D Doshkordev and D Jabarov of Central Asia and Pakistani duo Nadeem and Niaz also won their respective boys' doubles quarterfinals.
In the boys' singles, Bangladesh's hopes were dashed. Russel and Kabir lost their quarterfinal clashes.
Russel lost to P Visal of India 6-1, 6-0 while Kabir was beaten by Nadeem of Pakistan 6-3, 6-1.
R Gajjar of India and Niaz of Pakistan also moved into the last four of the boys' singles defeating D Doshkordev of Central Asia and Ramawera of Sri Lanka in their respective quarterfinals.
In the girls' singles quarterfinals, Megha of India outplayed Johra of Bangladesh 6-0, 6-0. Amanmuradova of Central Asia thrashed F Zeema of Maldives 6-0, 6-0. Yelena of Central Asia beat Baishakhi of Bangladesh 7-5, 6-3 while Alibika Kalsariva of Central Asia edged Sasha Abraham of India 6-4, 6-3.
Aygul and Yelena of Central Asia and Megha and Sasha of India entered into the girls' doubles final to be held tomorrow.



Players and officials of Leonine Chess Club. — Star photo

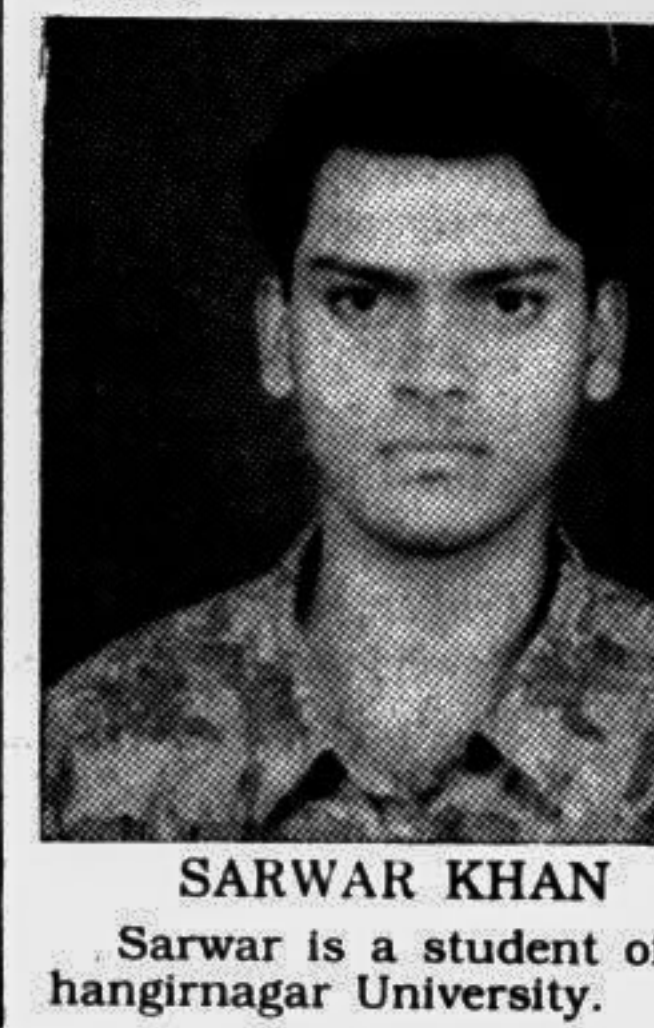
Asian varsity meet

Tennis player off to HK

All Azhar Muhammad Sarwar Khan, a promising tennis player, left for Hong Kong yesterday to participate in the 10th Asian University tournament scheduled to be held from December 15-20, says a press release.
The ruling by the Football Association clears the way for Grobbelaar and Segers to continue their soccer careers.
The six-month bans were suspended for two years, meaning the punishment goes into effect only if the players commit another offence during that time.
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Bruce, Hans let off lightly

LONDON, Dec 12: Goalkeepers Bruce Grobbelaar and Hans Segers, acquitted earlier this year on criminal match-fixing charges, received suspended six-month bans and 10,000-pound fines Friday for breaking FA betting rules, reports AP.
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SARWAR KHAN
Sarwar is a student of Jahangirnagar University.

Cricket leagues resume tomorrow

Sports Reporter

The Janakantha Premier Division and First Division cricket leagues which were postponed due to inclement weather on December 9, will resume tomorrow. Cricket Committee of Dhaka Metropolitan (CCDM) secretary Jalal Yunus informed last night.
At the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium, Victoria Sporting Club will take on Lalmita Club in a Premier league clash while Gulshan Youth Club will meet Dhaka Wanderers Club at the City Club ground in a First Division fixture.

Premier Div soccer

AKC-Agrani replay Sunday

Sports Reporter

The Premier Division football league clash between Abahani Krira Chakra and Agrani Bank Sports Club, which was abandoned on Wednesday after 87 minutes following Abahani's refusal to play, will be replayed tomorrow at Mirpur Stadium at 4 pm.
This was decided by Dhaka Mahanagari Football League Committee (DMFLC), the organizer of the league, in its emergency meeting last night.
After the meeting, a senior DMFLC official said that the meeting accepted the report of referee Nazir Hossain where he mentioned about the unplayable condition of the ground as the reason behind abandoning the match.
However, the meeting also asked the disciplinary committee to investigate whether the referee had made a correct decision.
It may be mentioned that Abahani refused to play the match after 87 minutes owing to unplayable ground condition, seemingly designed to avoid their fifth draw as the match was locked 0-0 at that time.

Victory Day six-a-side cricket Dec 16

Sports Reporter

A six-a-side cricket tournament, organised by Kalabagan Krira Chakra to mark the Bijoy Dibash 1997, will be held at the Kalabagan Club ground on December 16.
Top six teams of the Premier League — Abahani KC, Mohammedan SC, Biman, Brothers Union Club, Surjo Tarun Club and hosts Kalabagan Krira Chakra will take part in the day-long tournament which offers Tk 10,000 cash award for the champions.
The runners-up will be richer by Tk 5,000 while the man-of-the-tournament will receive Tk 1,000. Besides, all the man-of-the-matches will also get Tk 500 each, says a press release.

Women's youth h'ball

Madaripur lift title

Sports Reporter

Madaripur clinched the inaugural Power national women's youth handball championship with a comfortable 29-8 victory over Jessore in the final played at the Sultana Kamal Women's Sports Complex in Dhanmondi yesterday.
The winners led the first half 13-3.
In a one-sided final, Selina struck eleven goals while Dalia added seven for Madaripur while Nazmun and Farhana scored three goals each for the runners-up team.
Earlier, Rangpur confirmed the third spot with a close 16-15 victory over Dhaka in a play off match.
Chief of the Army Staffs Maj Gen Mahbubur Rahman, PSC witnessed the final and gave away prizes among the winners.

BOOST WHIZZ KID-84 winner

Farah Anjum

(Dhaka Collegiate School)
(Please bring your ID card and a passport size photograph while collecting the winner's prize from the Sport Desk of The Daily Star at 7:30 pm on December 14)



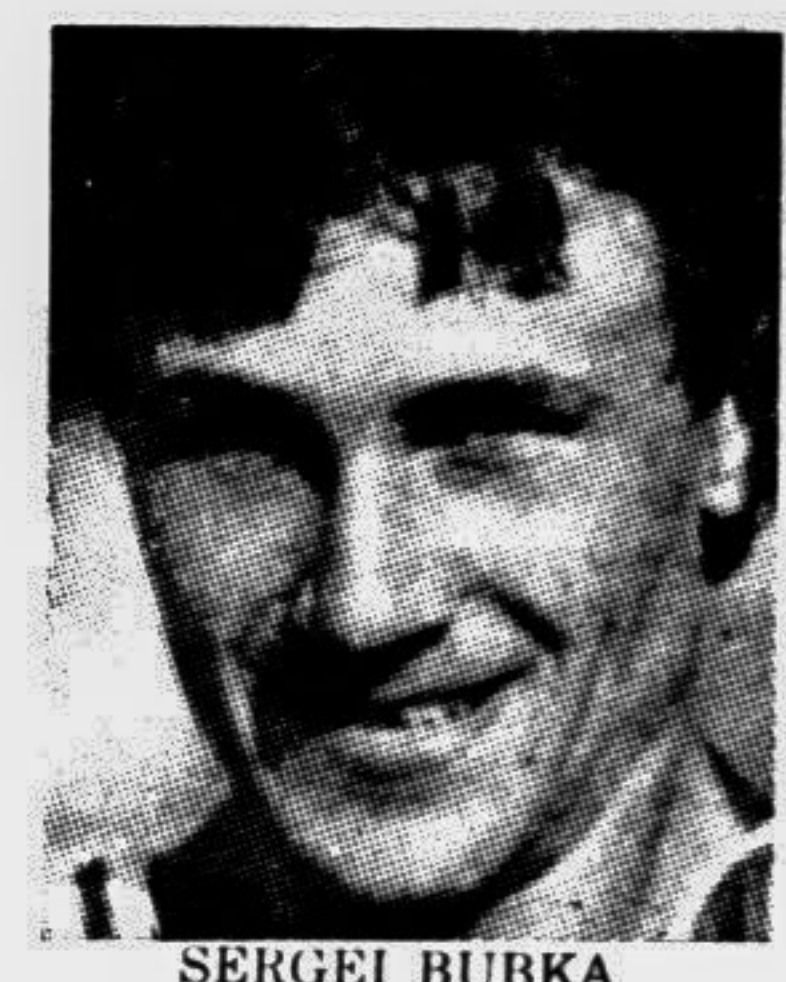
Julio Grondona, president of the Argentine Football Association displays the new national team jersey for France '98 at a function in Buenos Aires on Dec 11. The dark one, worn by the mannequin on the right, has been selected for their exhibition matches. — AP/UNB photo

Inter's biggest test yet

MILAN, Dec 12: Italy's league leaders Inter Milan face the hard-ship of life without Ronaldo this weekend when they meet title rivals AS Roma, reports AFP.
Ronaldo misses the first of several matches over the next six months, as Brazil recall their goalscoring ace for the pre-World Cup friendlies.
The only consolation for coach Gigi Simoni is that the call-up by Brazilian coach Mario Zagallo for the Confederations Cup also includes Roma's two key defenders, Cafu and Aldair.
Simoni has a number of options for replacing Ronaldo, who will also miss Sunday week's game in the Serie A before returning for the much-awaited showdown with champions Juventus on January 4.
Marco Branca will probably take over as centre-forward, but Simoni could either keep Youri Djorkaeff in his current role as strike partner, or move the Frenchman back to his previous job of an advanced midfielder.
This would free-up a slot for Chilean striker Ivan Zamorano, unless Maurizio Ganz's expected move to AC Milan falls through.
One man Inter can definitely count on is midfield revelation Francesco Moriero, who has a score to settle with his old club, and in particular the man who ditched him over the summer, Roma president Franco Sensi.
Man-of-the-match in the stirring UEFA Cup win over Strasbourg in midweek, Moriero did everything but find the back of the net.
"That night, I found out what it feels like to touch the sky with your finger," he said, "It's true, all that was missing was a goal. But I'm keeping that for Sunday, for Roma."
The capital club, currently third in the table under their attacking-minded coach Zdenek Zeman, will also be without key midfielder Francesco Di Biagio who is suspended.
But the one Brazilian who is staying behind, Paulo Sergio, a member of Roma's three-man attack with Francesco Totti and Argentine able Bablo, is promising to make life difficult for Simoni's side.
"They'll be without Ronaldo, and we won't have Cafu, Aldair or Di Biagio, but we're still a better side than Inter."
"If we play like Zeman wants us to play, it won't be difficult to get a result at San Siro," he said. "But let's not talk about a title showdown, it's too early and our objective is still a UEFA Cup place."
Elsewhere, Juventus come back down to earth after the excitement of their Champions' League triumph over Manchester United with a four league fixture at relegation strugglers Piacenza.
Juventus coach Marcello Lippi predicted that the 1-0 win over United and the subsequent quarter-final place in the continent top competition would be a turning point in their season.
Trailing Inter by only two points in second place, they could prove that on Sunday going top of the table if Inter lose.
Parma, who bowed out of the Champions League in Istanbul and have slipped to fifth in the Serie A, need to end a poor run of form at bottom club Napoli.
Surprise packet Udinese, who are level on points with Roma, stand to earn three more from a lowly Bari. AC Milan travel to Bergamo in search of another victory in their recent revival against Atlanta.

Bubka: Loves sport, lives sport

LONDON, Dec 12 (Reuters): Elasticity and speed may have diminished with the years. But the technique remains and the astonishing competitive fires still burn fiercely in Sergei Bubka, the only world pole vault champion ever.
Bubka's sixth world title in Athens this year may have been his most noteworthy.
His Olympic jinx continued in Atlanta last year when he was forced to withdraw during the qualifying round through injury and a year ago he underwent surgery on a torn Achilles tendon.
Bubka, who turned 34 this month, did not start training until May and was able to start only two competitions during the northern summer.
The pain was still intense when Bubka travelled to Greece and the pressure greater than at any time in his life.
"The World Championships mean something special to me," Bubka reflected before the start of competition. "It is an emotional thing, it means a lot for me to win here."
Victory seemed distant when Bubka, whose injury problems were compounded when he hurt his back in training, crashed through the bar with his first qualifying attempt at 5.70 metres.
But within half an hour he had stunned his rivals by sparring over the same height by some 30 centimetres, a clear statement of intent.
The final was just as dramatic.
Again he failed at 5.70 metres before a second attempt proved successful.
He managed 5.91 with his second attempt at the new height then watched as Russian Maksim Tarasov, the 1992 Olympic champion, vaulted 5.96.
Then Bubka decided to gamble.
He raised the stakes to 6.01 metres, a height the consistent Tarasov had never managed, charged down the runway and soared over the bar by at least 10 centimetres.
The Russian was demoralised and Bubka had won an unprecedented sixth title.
"That 6.01 was one of the best jumps that I have ever seen," said Tarasov. "It's amazing to see him win six titles at World Championships."
Bubka had not finished, deciding that an 18th world outdoor record would provide a perfect finale. Bubka had the bar set at 6.15 metres, one centimetre above his three-year-old world mark of 6.14.
But a further world record proved a vault too far and Bubka stopped on the runway and abandoned the competition.
As a shy 18-year-old with a bad haircut Bubka won a gold medal for the old Soviet Union at the inaugural 1983 World Championships.
Now the Ukrainian is an articulate millionaire and citizen of the world who chooses to live in Monaco.
He aims to increase his world record to 6.20 metres, win a seventh world title in Seville in 1999 and a second Olympic title in Sydney in the following year.
"My main secret is that I love sport," he said. "I was born for sport and I always wanted to be the best."

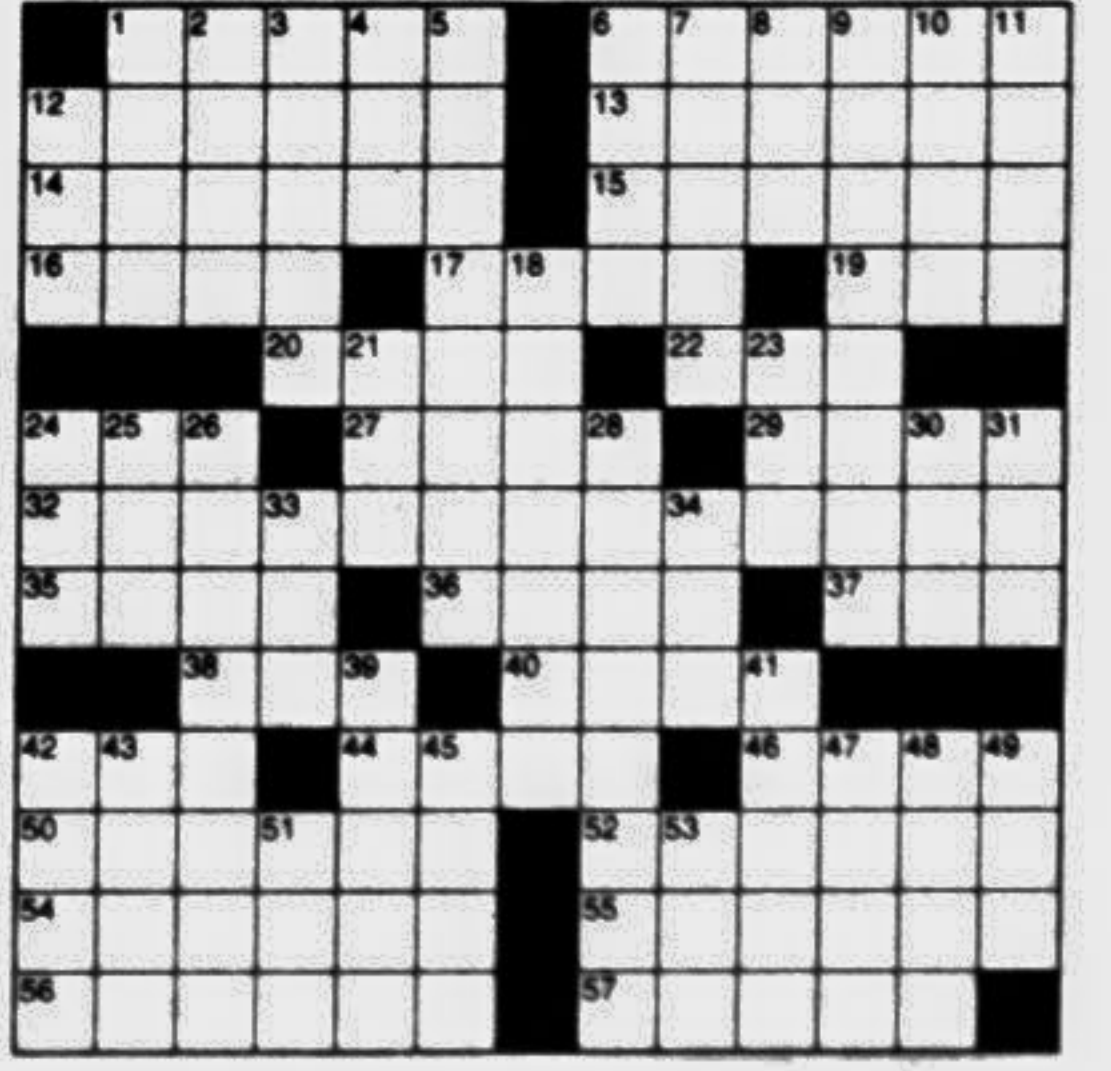


SERGEI BUBKA
unprecedented sixth title.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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6 "Good Night"
12 Cauldron concoction
13 Loathe (to)
14 Mishap
15 Gloomy
16 Impale
17 All hands on deck
19 Proof conclusion
20 Sushi eater's quaff
22 Old French coin
24 "I... Camera"
27 Lillian of silents
29 Lather
32 Causing perturbation
35 Information
36 Mentor
37 "— your old man!"
38 Sprite
40 Writer
42 Shake or shock

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2 Portico
3 "In the Heat of the Night" role
4 Perfection, and Far
5 Critic's
6 Weak, as an excuse
7 Declares openly
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9 Five Nations member
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11 Burpee merchandise
12 Barney's home
18 Out of danger, now
21 "Long —" to a bowler
23 Frequently, in verse
24 Put together
25 Woody's ex
26 One of the stars on "M*A*S*H"
28 Cattle driver
30 "Can I take that as —?"
31 Booker T's band
33 Western st.
34 Parthian problem
36 Pamphlet
41 Clear, cloudless sky
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43 Carreras show-stopper
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47 Mid-eastern airline
48 Deadly cable
49 Cable guide abbr.
51 Telecom-munications co.
53 Acapulco gold



CRYPTOQUIP
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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: ONLY GREEDY ARITHMETIC STUDENTS ARE SUCH HOGS — ALWAYS WANTING SUM!
Today's Cryptoquip clue: E equals D
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.

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Ajax Amsterdam's Nigerian star Sunday Oliseh (L) is checked by Bochum's Thomas Rejs during their UEFA Cup third round second leg match at Bochum in Germany on Dec 11. — AP/UNB photo