

Column One

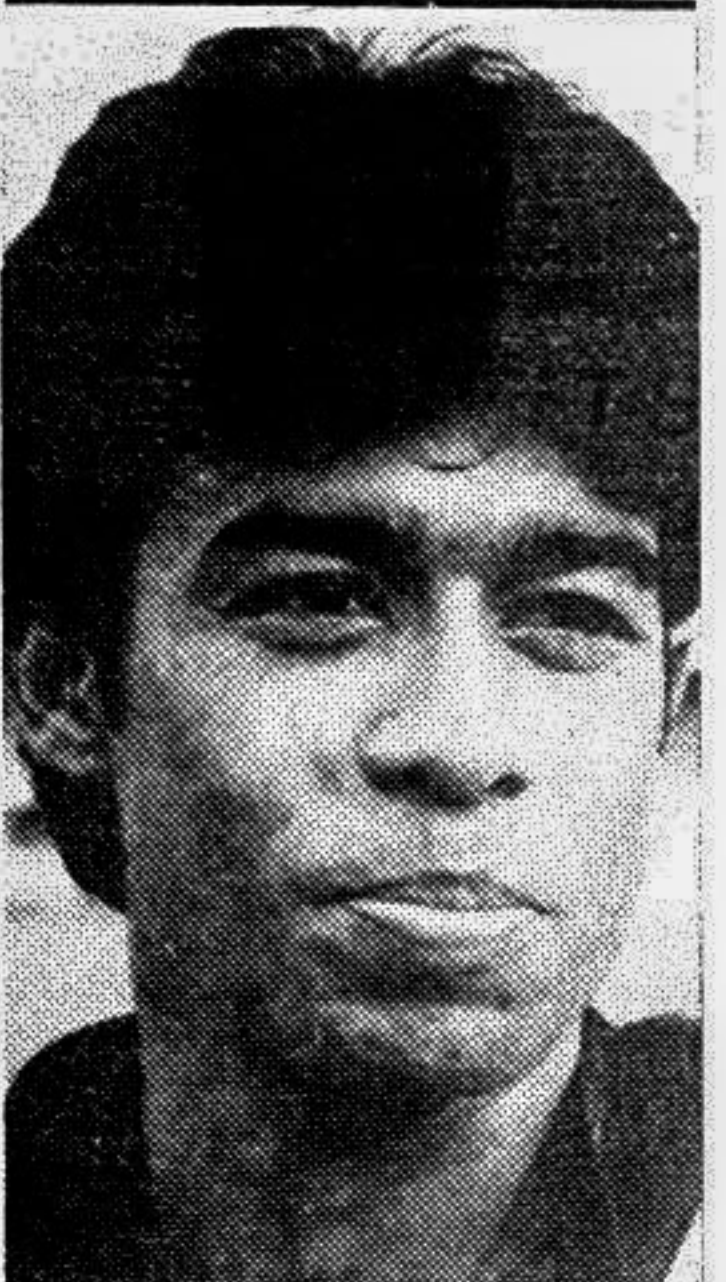
DID U' KNOW?

(The Professor does)

THAT in 1905 when Alf Common signed for Middlesbrough of the English League, the transfer fee to Sunderland was one thousand pounds, a world record then. Almost a quarter century later the Bolton to Arsenal transfer of David Jack was just under eleven thousand pounds, a world record then. Almost a quarter century later, the fifty thousand pounds barrier was broken by amateur Hans Jeppson, who signed for Napoli in 1952. About twenty years later, in 1973, Johan Cruyff shifted from Ajax Amsterdam to Barcelona for just under a million pounds. The ten-million pound hurdle was crossed by Jean-Pierre Papin in 1992 when he left Marseille to sign for Milan.

Actually, I love talking about money, especially when it belongs to someone else.

SPORTS TALK



Sabbir
(Mohammedans' former player)

"I cannot think football and Mohammedans separately. So it is not possible for me to don the jersey other than that of Mohammedans' black and white."

Boost sports WHIZZ KID

COMPETITION FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN

Competition-89

✓ Tick the Correct Answers

Competition closes at 8 pm on March 6, 1998

- Who clinched the Div 1 cricket title?
Orient SC S Bima Victoria
- Which country became Davis Cup Asia/Oceania Zone Group 4 champions?
Bangladesh UAE Bahrain
- What is Pat Symcox's highest score in Test cricket?
108 109 110
- Who won the Paris Open tennis tournament?
Novotina Huber Pierce
- Who is the manager of Chelsea FC?
Gullit Vialli Del Piero

Name

Class Roll No.

School Address

Phone: (If any)



BOOST Sports WHIZZ KID-88 winner

Md Towhidul Islam Shovan (University Laboratory School & College, DU)

(Please remember to bring your ID card and a passport size photograph while collecting the winner's prize from the Sports Desk of The Daily Star on Feb 25 at 8:00 pm).

Mallorca down Alaves

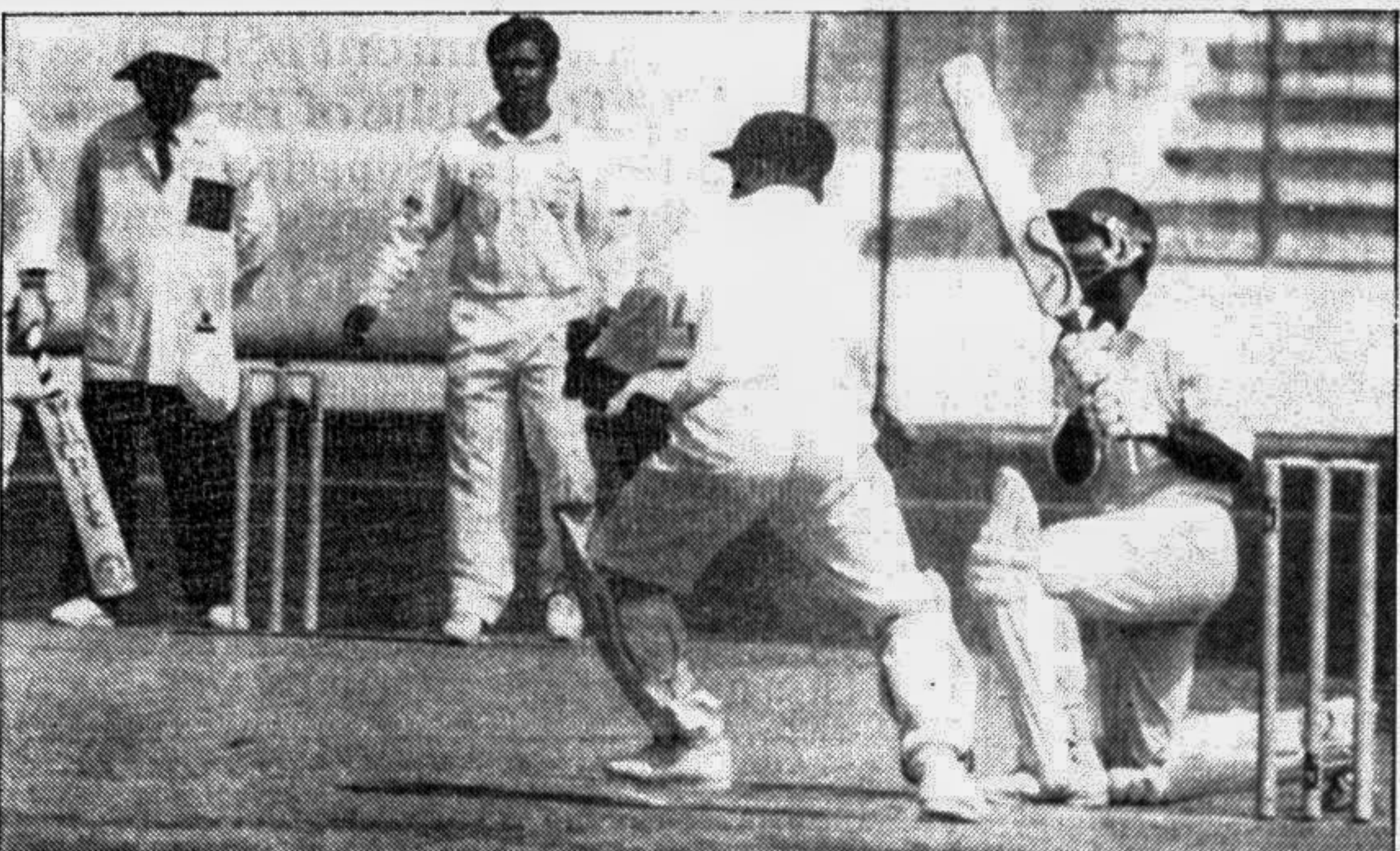
MADRID, Feb 20: Alaves' dream of becoming the first Second Division side to lift the Spanish Cup seemed to be coming to an end on Thursday after they went down 2-1 at home to Mallorca in the first leg of the semifinal, reports Reuters.

Barcelona had thrashed Real Zaragoza 5-2 in the other semifinal on Wednesday.

TOMORROW'S MATCHES

Premier Division Football Super League:
Mohammedan SC vs Brothers Union (Mipur Stadium, 5 pm)

First Division Football Reliance League:
Wari Club vs Bangladesh Boys Club (Mipur Stadium, 3 pm)



Abahani opener Azam Iqbal, who scored highest 76 runs, sweeps Mohammedan skipper Aminul Islam. — Star photo

Azam's successive half ton

Abahani bounce back

Sports Reporter

Brilliant bowling and fielding by holders Abahani Krira Chakra inspired them to an exciting 20-run victory over arch-rivals Mohammedan Sporting Club in their last first round match of the Janakantha Premier Division cricket league at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday.

In a low-scoring affair in front of a big holiday crowd, Abahani, who lost to Kalabagan by a huge 52 runs just the day before, defended a modest total of 190 in 50 overs by booking their traditional foes for 170 with more than three overs to spare.

Right arm medium pacer Ahmed Kamal, drew the first blood dismissing two Mohammedan openers Parvez and Pakistani Shahed Mehmud in his first two overs.

Parvez, the right hand opener, was first to go in the last ball of the second over when he tried to drive but mistimed as the ball hit the inner edge of his bat and then the pad before hitting the stumps leaving Mohammedans three for one.

Right handed Pakistani bat Shahed Mehmud, who was sent as a pinch hitter, returned in the fourth over when he was magnificently caught by Salaududdin at the wicket mid.

One down Minhazul Abedin and middle order Mehrab Hossain then added 33 runs for the third wicket before the later was unfortunately out for 21 following a bizarre incident. The young right hander, member of Bangladesh youth team that won the Plate in the World Youth Cup recently, pulled left arm spinner Saifullah Khan, but the ball ricocheted off forward short leg Raman Lamba's forehead into wicketkeeper Khaled Masud's gloves leaving Mohammedans on 43 for three in the 14th overs.

Lamba suffered a cut and



lim Shahed, the only recognised batsman after Aminul, was bowled by Salaududdin on 162 after contributing highest 39 of 65 balls which included three boundaries.

Mohammedans lost their remaining three wickets in next two overs adding more seven runs.

Mohammad Rafique, who scored a typically aggressive 18 off 24 balls blasting a huge six and a four, and Hasibul (3) were run out while Jahangir Alam



Abahani cricketers, led by make-shift skipper Khaled Masud (2nd from right), exult after defeating arch-rivals Mohammedan Sporting Club. — Star photo

joined captain Akram Khan, who earlier injured his pointer finger while spilling a catch at slip from Parvez off The second delivery of the Mohammedans innings in the dressing room. Both players failed to return to the field for the remainder of the match in the absence of Akram, Khaled Masud admirably skippered Abahani.

In his 29-ball 21, Mehrab showed his class with four sweetly timed hits across the rope.

Minhazul, who scored a century and a fifty in his previous two innings in the league, left Mohammedans tottering on

WHIZZ KID-88 correct answers

- How many countries took part in World Youth Cricket Cup?
Ans: 16
- What is the position of Korda in ATP rankings at the moment?
Ans: 2nd
- How many Test matches has Dave Richardson played?
Ans: 42
- Who is the current 100m world champion?
Ans: Greene
- Which team finished first in the Premier Division soccer league?
Ans: MSC

AKC-MSC SCORECARD

ABAHANI KC

Azam Iqbal b Aminul	76
Raman Lamba b Aminul	43
Al-Shahriar c Jahangir b S Mehmud	5
Akram Khan run out	28
K Masud c Aminul b S Mehmud	2
Nasim c Aminul b Rafique	9
Salaududdin c Nasir b Hasibul	6
Iqbal b Rafique	0
Zakir c S Mehmud b Rafique	3
Ahmed Kamal c Jahangir b Rafique	8
Saifullah Khan not out	0
Extras (lb-5, w-5)	10
Total (all out in 49.3 overs)	190
Fall of wickets: 1/114; 2/121; 3/144; 4/147; 5/164; 6/177; 7/177; 8/181; 9/188; 10/190.	

Bowling

	O	M	R	W
Hasibul	8	0	27	1
Jahangir Alam	6	1	26	0
Morshed	3	0	16	0
M Rafique	8	0	29	4
Minhazul	4	0	22	0
S Mehmud	10	2	26	2
Aminul	10	0	39	2

MOHAMMEDAN SC

Parvez b Ahmed	2
S Mehmud c Salaududdin b Ahmed	7
Minhazul c Ahmed b Iqbal	24
Mehrab c K Masud b Saifullah	21
Aminul lbw b Al-Shahriar	35
S Shahed b Salaududdin	39
Nasir b Salaududdin	8
M Rafique run out	18
Jahangir c K Masud b Zakir	5
Hasibul run out	0
Morshed not out	0
Extras (lb-2, w-6)	8
Total (all out in 46.5 overs)	170
Fall of wickets: 1/3; 2/10; 3/43; 4/67; 5/118; 6/127; 7/162; 8/162; 9/166; 10/170.	

Bowling

	O	M	R	W
Zakir	7.5	1	27	1
Ahmed Kamal	7	0	34	2
Salaududdin	10	0	31	2
Saifullah Khan	9	0	24	1
Iqbal	6	0	23	1
Nasim Rashid	2	0	9	0
Al-Shahriar	5	0	20	1

Result: Abahani KC won by 20 runs.

Dull draws

Youngmen's Club Fakirpool and Agrani Bank Club split points in a goalless draw in the relegation league match of the Premier Division football at the Mipur Stadium yesterday, reports UNB.

With this draw, Fakirpool collected 17 points from 19 matches while Agrani have 15 from 20 outings.

In the day's First Division Super League match, Badda Jagarani Sangsad also shared points with BRTC SC in a goalless draw earlier at the same venue.

Badda now top the league table with 35 points from 20 matches while BRTC have 29 points from 19 matches.

There will be no match today.

Int'l jr tennis

From Our Correspondent

RAJSHAHI, Feb 20: The boys' and girls' doubles finals of the ITF International Junior Championship were decided today at the Rajshahi Tennis Complex.

BOYS' DOUBLES

Vijay Khannan (India) and Ko Kuan Meen (Taipei) beat Karan Doctor and Akshai Bishai of India 6-1, 6-2.

GIRLS' DOUBLE

Dominika Lazarrva (Czech Republic) and Radhika Tulpule (India) defeated Shrutty Dhawan and Sheetal Gautam (India) 6-1, 7-6.

Meanwhile Vijay Khannan and Taipei's Chang Win Lung moved into Sunday boys' singles final.

The Indian outplayed Romania's Van Gelly 6-3, 6-3. Chang booked his place with a 6-1, 6-2 victory over Serotien Danish of Kirghizstan.

State Minister for Youth and Sports Obaidul Quader will give away prizes after the final as the chief guest.

Sachin signs deal with Adidas

MUMBAI, Feb 20: Master batsman Sachin Tendulkar has been signed by multinational sports wear firm Adidas for a period of six years for an undisclosed amount, it was announced here today, reports PTI.

Tendulkar, thus, became the first cricketer from the Indian sub-continent to be contracted by the world-famous brand to endorse its apparels and accessories.

The company's Indian subsidiary managing director, Christoph Holland, told a press conference.

He, however, refused to disclose the amount Tendulkar would receive.

Boksic stuns Juve

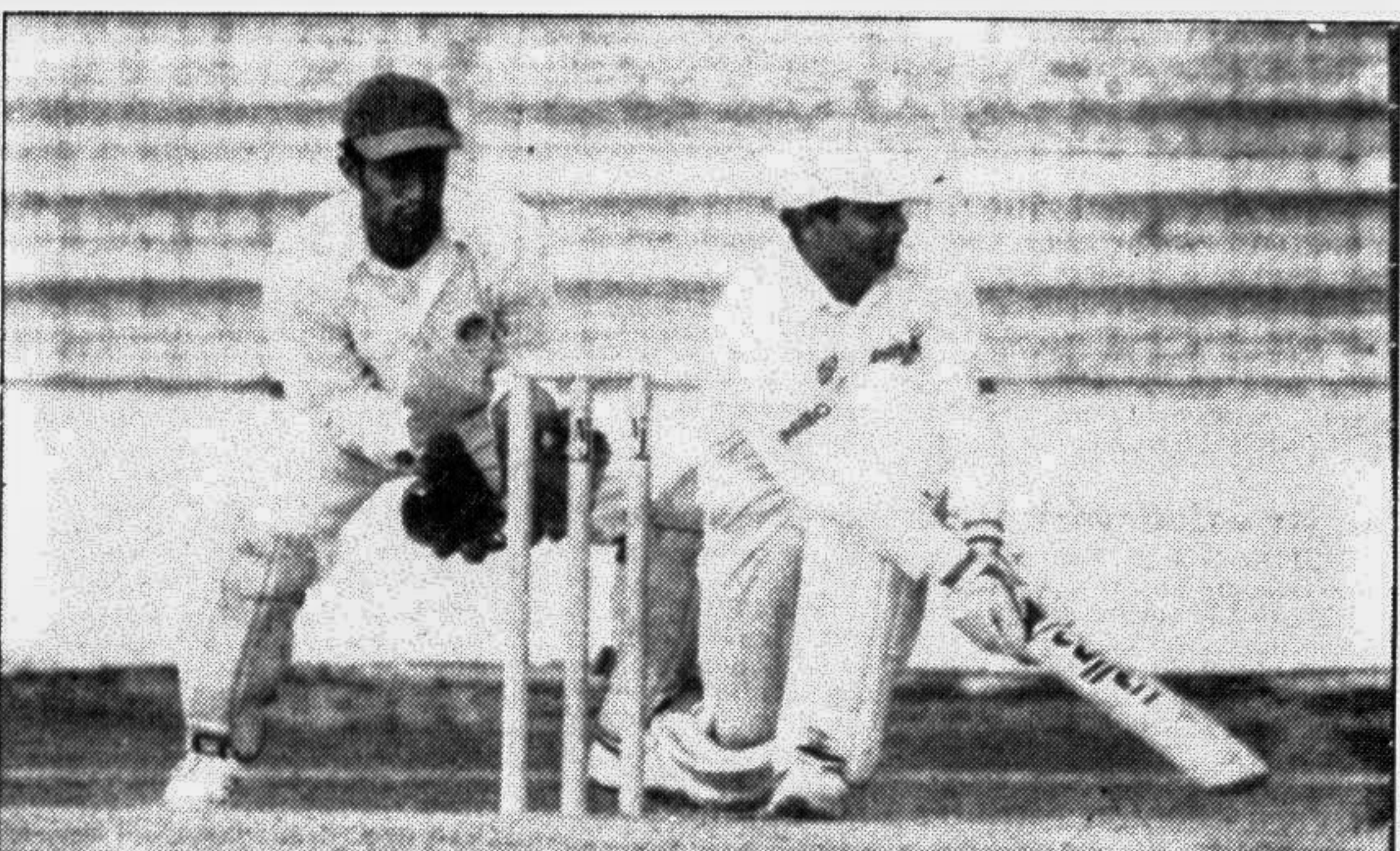
TURIN, Feb 20: Alen Boksic, the Croat striker, fired in the winner Thursday night as Lazio handed Serie A leaders Juventus their first home loss of the season, 1-0, in a Italian Cup first leg semifinal, reports AP.

Boksic chested down the ball at the top of the penalty area and drove it past three Juventus defenders who shielded Italy national keeper Angelo Peruzzi's view of the shot. The goal, in the 22nd minute, was Boksic's fifth in cup play and 13th overall of the season.

Juventus — 16-2-0 at their Delle Alpi Stadium in league and cup action before Thursday — came close to scoring on three free kicks. Lazio keeper Luca Marchetti twice saved attempts from Alessandro Del Piero, while Uruguayan striker Daniel Fonseca spun a set shot inches wide of the near post on the stroke of halftime.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

- ACROSS**
- Obsessed
 - New-seaman
 - Worker's due
 - Round of poetry
 - Two labels, maybe
 - Mound st.
 - River
 - Twice-baked bread
 - Grand-scale
 - Cheer up
 - New product
 - Gentle person
 - Sales pitch?
 - Disconcert
 - Weapon (Fr.)
 - Started
 - The Greatest
 - Sitting Bull, e.g.
 - Rolls
 - U.S. Pa. Off.
 - Slaughter of baseball
 - Recognize
- DOWN**
- Jewel
 - Newcomer's recording
 - Lauer's co-host
 - Collected entries
 - Pod
 - Vegetable
 - Summer squash
 - "Woe is me!"
 - Firewood?
 - Send forth
 - Past
 - Old Olds
 - Assessment
 - Wood-
 - Shaping tool
 - Allen Ginsberg
 - Pinnacle
 - Common street name
 - Largest of the seven
 - Bailey of comics
 - Shell game need
 - Lob's path
 - Tibetan herd
 - Varnish resin
 - Large airship
 - Trans- portation means
 - Noun suffix
 - "Well, I'll be"
 - monkey's uncle
 - 20 Pinnacle
 - 22 Common street name
 - 23 Bunch of kids
 - 25 Removed
 - 26 Pub order
 - 27 Tower resembling stairs
 - 29 Clio or Erato
 - 31 "Foucault's Pendulum" author
 - 32 Morning moisture
 - 34 Big rig
 - 36 Legitimate
 - 40 Wipe out
 - 42 Singer Davis
 - 43 Brat's stocking stuffer
 - 44 Tex. neighbor
 - 45 Despot
 - 47 Arizona Indian
 - 48 Monogram pt.
 - 49 Give as an example
 - 52 Exploit
 - 53 Comedian Margaret



Mohammedan skipper Aminul Islam sweeps during their Janakantha Premier cricket league clash against Abahani at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday. Abahani won the match by 20 runs. — Star photo

Adam puts hosts in control

WELLINGTON, Feb 20: New Zealand were on course for a big first innings lead over Zimbabwe by supper on the second day of the first Test at Wellington today, reports Reuters.

The home side were 176 for the loss of three wickets, just four runs shy of Zimbabwe's paltry first innings total of 180, and well set on a good batting wicket.

Captain Stephen Fleming, not out 33, was in the middle with Nathan Astle, on 19.

After dismissing Zimbabwe mid-way through the morning session, New Zealand got away to a disastrous start when they lost Bryan Young for a duck without any runs on the board.

Young drove at a ball from paceman Health Streak but succeeded only in nicking it to Paul Strang at second slip.

However, Young's dismissal brought wicketkeeper Adam Parore to the crease and, together with Matt Horne, he laid the foundations of a big score.

Combining for a partnership of 103, Parore and Horne completely dominated the middle session. Both hit sixes. Parore swinging leg-spinner Strang over square leg and Horne smashing off-spinner Andy Whittall over mid-wicket.

Medium-pacer Mpumelelo Mbangwa finally made the breakthrough when, with the last ball before tea, Horne edged a ball to wicketkeeper Andy Flower to depart for 44.

After the resumption Parore went for 78 when he



SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at stumps on the second day of the first cricket Test between New Zealand and Zimbabwe at the Basin Reserve on Friday:

ZIMBABWE: First innings

G Rennie b Doull	13
G Flower b Nash	38
Goodwin lbw b Vettori	8
G Whittall c Parore b O'Connor	6
A Flower c Parore b O'Connor	2
Campbell run out	37
P Strang c Young b Doull	1
Streak lbw b O'Connor	39
A Whittall c Parore b Cairns	1
Huckle c Parore b O'Connor	19
Mbangwa not out	0
Extras (lb-10, nb-6)	16
Total (all out in 85.3 overs)	180
Fall of wickets: 1-30; 2-53; 3-64; 4-70; 5-78; 6-89; 7-122; 8-131; 9-171; 10-180.	

Bowling

	O	M	R	W
Streak	16	2	50	1
O'Connor	18.3	7	52	4
Doull	17	8	18	2
Nash	14	7	11	1
Vettori	20	10	39	1

NEW ZEALAND: First innings

Young c P Strang b Streak	0
Horne c A Flower b Mbangwa	44
Parore c A Flower b Huckle	78
Fleming not out	33
Astle not out	19
Extras (lb-1, b-1)	2
Total (for three wickets)	176
Fall of wickets: 1-30; 2-103; 3-144	

Bowling

	O	M	R	W
Streak	14	5	39	1
Mbangwa	11	3	28	1
P Strang	24	6	58	0
G Whittall	5	2	12	0
A Whittall	4	0	14	0
Huckle	12	3	23	1

Deborah's third in a row

NAGANO, Feb 20: On a great day for veterans, Deborah Compagnoni won an unmatched third Alpine gold in consecutive Winter Games and speedskater Gunda Niemann-Stirnemann equalled the record for individual medals Friday, reports AP.

And Dominik Hasek led the Czechs into the Olympic hockey final, shutting out the heavily favoured Canadians in a shootout following a 1-1 tie. Pavel Bure scored five goals to lead Russia past Finland 7-4 and into Sunday's showdown.

Despite the heavy input of professional players from hockey's North American home ground, Europe came out on top in the tournament. Stung by the outcome, some of the US hockey millionaires trashed their rooms and embarrassed the National Hockey League before going home.

In stark contrast, Compagnoni stayed cool and composed under pressure.

The Italian won the giant slalom by a huge margin and defended the title she won in Lillehammer four years ago. Combined with 1992 super-G title from 1992, it stood as a record triple that even her more famous compatriot Alberto Tomba cannot match.

Compagnoni has overcome a series of career-threatening injuries to claim her spot in Olympic history. On a treacherous, icy course, her technical acumen made it seem easy.

"What probably distinguishes me is the fact that I try to keep a certain natural element when I'm facing these courses," she said.

"What I'm saying is it has to be a pleasure to ski, and I find great pleasure in skiing," she said.

Niemann-Stirnemann has also fought off long-term injuries, but she came back to the Olympics to set a world record in the 5,000. Her German teammate Claudia Pechstein beat the mark in the final pairing to take the gold.

The 31-year-old German settled for equaling the Winter Games record of eight individual medals held by East German speedskater Karin Enke-Kenia and Norwegian cross country skier Bjorn Daelhlie.

Daelhlie has 11 medals in all, but three of them have come in relays.

"When you reach the top, you want to stay there," Niemann-Stirnemann said. "That's why I was motivated to win all these medals."

The speedskating double further boosted Germany's position on top of the medal standings to 27 overall, including 10 gold, already assuring that nation's best finish in Winter Games history.

Norway was boosted by victory in the team Nordic combined competition and is in second place with 21 medals overall, including 8 gold.

Russia is third with 16 medals, including 9 gold. It has relied heavily on cross-country star Larissa Lazutina, who collected her fifth medal at the Nagano Games Friday by winning bronze in the 30-kilometre cross-country race. She already had three golds and one silver here.

Her teammate Yulia Tchechpalova won the race, completing a first-ever Russian sweep of the five Olympic women's cross-country events.

The Czech Republic has yet to win gold, but Hasek's goal tending has already thrilled the nation and sent Canada and the United States packing.

Canada scored with 63 seconds remaining in regulation to tie the match 1-1 and force an extra period. After a scoreless 10 minutes, Reichel beat Patrick Roy on the first Czech attempt in the penalty shootout and Hasek did the rest.

The 14-year veteran on the Czech team stopped all five shots he faced in the shootout, making him the biggest hero of the hockey tournament so far.

Nobody can beat the Dominator. He's the man." Czech left wing Martin Rucinsky said of Hasek. "In big games like this, he's outstanding."

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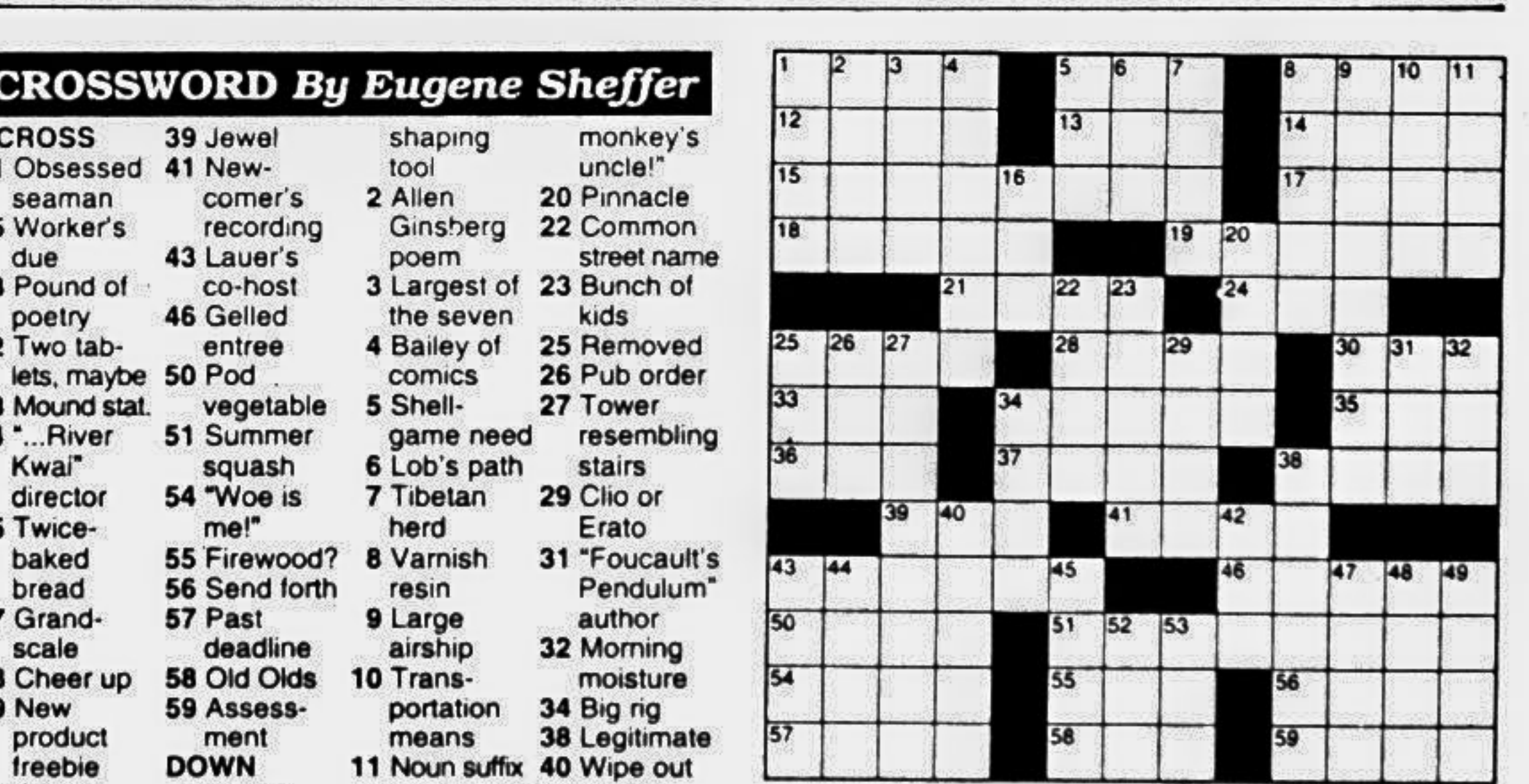
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CRYPTOQUIP

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I O H O C D O H P W A J
Q J C C W C X W T P X I O Z D P F A
H O D Q I N T P H.

Yesterday's Cryptogram: IS ONE BEING SILLY TO CALL A SCHOLARLY DEBATE FEUD FOR THOUGHT?

Today's Cryptogram clue: Q equals C

The Cryptogram 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.