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Kallis redefined, rebuilt

Cricket

REUTERS, Cape Town

Jacques Kallis is a far cry from the sorrowful, soul-searching cricketer who struggled to live up to his own expectations in 2003.

Personal sadness and patchy form combined to make the year a trial for the all-rounder.

But now a phenomenal run of form against West Indies has earned Kallis the highest praise from Brian Lara and put him into the record books as the first South African to score hundreds in four consecutive Test matches.

The change in Kallis owes much to his work with Paddy Upton, who for five years in the 1990s was the South African national team biokineticist -- a specialist exercise

When Kallis found his form dipping, he turned not to the nets and a bowling machine but to Upton, who had recently completed a masters degree in sports psychology at an English university and was convinced he could help Kallis in a role he defined as 'executive coach-

"In coaching Jacques I neither instruct nor advise but rather allow him to find the answers for himself." said Upton.

"We scrutinised his (internal) value system and compared that to what he was doing 'out there'.

"Where there was compromise, things generally weren't working. With increased awareness he has more choice to make changes where he finds that he is selling himself short.'

Both men are aware they risk being accused of new-age psychobabble but no-one can argue with the results. Neither Kallis nor Upton are pretentious types, and the

FROM PAGE 13

Ehsanul not out

Arif not out

Bowler

Samad

Sanjid

Parvez

Mowla

Imtiaz

Nabil

Nayeem

Salauddin b Mowla

Extras: (b-3, lb-7, w-1)

Fall of wickets: 1-115, 2-205.

Total: (For 2 wkts in 46.1 overs) 220

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Result: Chittagong won by eight

Man-of-the-match: Masumu-

Barisal v Khulna

Imran st Salim b Jamaluddin

Rabbi c Jamaluddin b Faizul

Towhid c Jamaluddin b Tamim

Mustadir c Salim b Russe

Extras: (b-1, lb-5, nb-5, w-9)

Total: (For 6 wkts in 50 overs) 221

Fall of wickets: 1-3, 2-102, 3-128, 4-

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BARISAL

Nahidul run out

Nayan run out

Arafat not out

Sonnet not out

Bowler

Russel

Shafiul

Razzak

Tamim

KHULNA

Jamaluddin

Shafiul b Arman

Salim b Mustadir

Nizamuddin c & b Anisur

Jamaluddin b Mustadir

Salauddin c Nayan b Tariq

Sanjay run out

Faizul

155, 5-181, 6-210.

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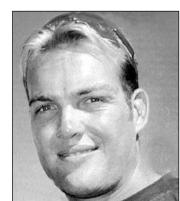
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0 41 player himself noticed a change as soon as he started working with his new advisor

"Working with Paddy I think I found the missing something," says

"As I have learned more about myself. I am able to make better choices more often. More importantly, I was able to more finely tune mv ball-by-ball focus while batting. The results were immediate.

In four Tests against West Indies in December and January, Kallis scored a century in each game and amassed 712 runs at an average of 178 as South Africa won the series



JACQUES KALLIS

Kallis then carried his form into the one-day game, in which he scored a career-best 139 at the Wanderers on Wednesday as South Africa successfully chased 305 to condemn the West Indians to a 3-1 series defeat.

This time he averaged 180.50 over five innings, with two centuries as well as an undefeated 95.

Last year's struggles included a gruelling tour of England. Kallis was already acclaimed as the finest allrounder in the world, but his form was inconsistent and his private life

Niaz c Nayan b Mustadir

Russell c Mustadir b Arman

Total: (All out in 40.1 overs)

Fall of wickets: 1-38, 2-52, 3-92, 4-

112, 5-122, 6-128, 7-138, 8-152, 9-

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Man-of-the-match: Imran Ahmed

Dhaka v Rajshahi

Venue: Cricket Garden, Rangpur.

Moniruzzaman c & b Mahbub 21

Rashedul c Hasan b Aminul jr

Sajjad c Zunayed b Shahzaɗa

K Mahmud st Mortuza b Mahbub

Fahim c Aminul jr b Saifullah

Total: (All out in 41.4 overs)

Rafiqul c Kadir b K Mahmud

Zunayed st Kadir b Fahim

Mahbub Ibw b k Mahmud

Hasan c Kadir b Neeyamur

Fall of wickets: 1-13, 2-13, 3-25, 4-

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35, 5-47, 6-62, 7-79, 8-86, 9-108.

Result: Barisal won by 50 runs.

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Extras: (lb-3, nb-2, w-17)

Tamim b Arman

Faizul not out

Bowler

Sonnet

Arafat

Armar

Mustadir

DHAKA

Sanwar run out

Mehrab run out

Illvas b Mahbub

Kadir not out

Bowler

Aminul jr

Mahbub

Saifullah

Rizwan

Shahzada

Nuruzzaman

RAJSHAHI

Neeyamur b Mahbub

Arafat Ibw b Saifullah

Extras:(lb-3, w-9)

an even sterner challenge "2003 was a challenging year for me." Kallis said

"I lost my father and broke up with a long-term girlfriend in a very short space of time, was trying to set up a home between travels and had

gone some time without a hundred "Lauess what I was looking for was to gain some balance between my personal and sporting lives." At the time Kallis dealt with the

loss of his father with a very public gesture, choosing to wear the number 65 -- his father Henry's age -- on his shirt during the one-day series in England.

Kallis was a supremely gifted cricketer before he turned to Upton but would often frustrate his team mates, his coach Eric Simons and his fans when an innings would drift to the point where bowlers regained their self belief.

That has changed. There can surely be no more dispirited bowling attack in cricket right now than the West Indies, whom Kallis often treated with murderous disdain through a spell of merry accumulation. With the addition of 712 runs and just four dismissals against his name, his Test average is now

"He was awesome," West Indies captain Lara admitted

'When he got out I went up to him and told him it was the greatest batting in a series I've ever experi-

enced, for or against," Observers have noticed a change in the burly Kallis. He was always well-mannered, with a smile and nod of acknowledgment to those who greeted him, but there is now a warmth in him that was previously glimpsed only occasionally.

At the age of 28, and with his best years probably ahead of him, Kallis, it seems, has come to accept that his talent still promises more

Nuruzzaman c fahim b Neeyamur 0

Aminul jr c Neeyamur b Sanwar

Total: (For 8 wkts in 39 overs) 109

Fall of wickets: 1-0, 2-2, 3-8, 4-8, 5-

Result: Rajshahi won by two

23 overs (Hafiz 21, Kawsar 4-7,

NEW MODEL: 86/0 in 6.3 overs

Result: New Model won by ten

168/6 in 20 overs (Tawhid 54, Saidur

30. Talha 22. Suion 2-35. Raiu 2-51)

AFTAB MEMORIAL: 150/7 in 20

CITY LAB: 126/8 in 30overs (Mintu

42, Tuhin 15, Dulu 2-28, Apu 2-25,

NEW PROVATI: 130/3 in 14 overs

Result: New Provati won by

(Arman 48, Sunny 35, Apu 26).

(Sohel Rana 43 n.o., Rajib 36 n.o)

New Model

FROM PAGE 13

23. Rana 2-39)

won by 18 runs.

Ridhoy 2-39)

seven wickets.

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Anisur c Fahim b Arafat

Riwan Ibw b Fahim

Shahzada not out

Extras: (lb-1, w-8)

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Illvas

Fahim

Arafat

Sanwar

K Mahmud

Neeyamur

13, 6-47, 7-98, 8-103.

Mortuza not out

Moloy, Anwar

MUKTIJODDHA

rian recruit Arcadia Toe in the 39th minute. The goal was the result of a counter-attack as the Muktis were Wanderers (nine points from 11)

Yellow cards: Matiur Munna (Muktijoddha), Dominic (Wander-

Mamun, Papel, Harry, Ghansa, Lulenti Toe (Saif) and Kanchan

AFP, Wellington

to wait

Astle has

The return of champion New Zealand batsman Nathan Astle for this month's cricket series against South Africa was plunged into further doubt when he was a late withdrawal from the provincial one-

New Zealand's highest one-day international run-scorer failed a fitness test on his injured right knee and was ruled out just before play in the final between Canterbury and Central Districts in Christchurch.

Astle, 32, was expected to play the final and Sunday's inter-island match to test his knee ahead of the first one-dayer against South Africa in Auckland next Friday.

He was diagnosed this week with cartilage damage in his right knee, and seems likely to miss the South Africa series unless he stages a dramatic recovery this weekend.

playing the Proteas and appeared resigned to having more surgery. "I think if the news isn't good on Monday, I'll opt for the surgery

Astle was far from confident of

immediately," he said. "It's too much of a deadline the other way. I really want to go to England (in May). I want to be completely fit, and the biggest thing for

me is to return at 100 per cent."

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FROM PAGE 13
Yellow cards: Iqbal and Victor BROTHERS: Ali, Titoo (Jahangir) Parvez (Montu), Nazrul, Sujon, Igbal, Monwar, Liton, Alfaz (Tapu) Victor and Constantine

BADDA JAGARANI: Al-Amin Chandan, Hafiz, Nazir, Nahid, Sumon (Sabur), Zahid, Belal, (Milon) and Salahuddin (Arup).

Referee: Hannan Miron.

V WANDERERS

Muktijoddha, who will be leaving for Turkmenistan today to participate in the AFC (Asian Football Confederation) Cup competition, were assured full points when Kanchan headed home a right-flank cross from Libefound wanting in attack.

however, should count themselves unlucky. Their young striker Yousuf muffed two easy chances. In the 34th minute. Yousuf sent the ball wide with Muktijoddha custodian Aminul at his mercy. A minute later, he saw his effort being parried by

MÚKTIJODDHA: Aminul, Hasan Al

Biddyut (Lajuk), Munna, Moni, DHAKA WANDERERS: Sabbir, Yousuf Khan, Shahin, Dulal, Dominic, Selim, Masud, Ritu (Dalim), Monir (Ripon) and Yousuf. Referee: Abdul Rakib.

Beckham not amused

Football

AGENCIES, London

David Beckham has issued a strenuous denial on Wednesday after model Jordan hinted of an affair with the England captain.

Jordan, whose real name is Katie Price, seems to have made the allegation while appearing on the show I'm a Celebrity...Get Me Out of Here.

But Beckham's spokeswoman Caroline McAteer said: "It is a false allegation and will be dealt with by David's lawvers."

Speculation has been rife since Jordan whispered the name of a top player to fellow campers and promised to blow the lid on the affair in her book later this year.

It has also been claimed she will devote a chapter to the Real Madrid star and her feud with his wife.

But Becks joked: "It might buy her a few more votes on I'm A Celebrity but there is no truth to this. Jordan, 25, also blamed Beckham's wife Victoria, a former Spice Girl, for ending her relationship with musician Dane Bowers during the show. But while Becks was in jovial mood in Madrid, an aide warned: "If there are untruths he'll sue."

One newspaper has named Frank Lampard as the player, but Jordan talked about the star's "wife hating me" - and the Chelsea

Sheringham also rubbished claims

that it could be him. A friend said "Jordan is not Teddy's type, and Sources close to Teddy



JORDAN

"She was totally desperate to go out with him. She followed him al over the place. But he wanted nothing to do with her."

D.I Mike Read, who was the first to be evicted from the ITV1 show. told The Sun tabloid that Jordan confessed to having an affair with Formula One racing driver Ralf

Schumacher Read said Jordan then added: "There's someone bigger." When asked if that someone was Beckham, the model simply nodded, according to the former Radio 1

Ex-Atomic Kitten Kerry McFadden, footballer Neil "Razor' Ruddock and Read all appeared shocked when they heard the news. McFadden was said to have replied: "That's going to be front page news

every day for weeks." McAteer would not comment on whether legal action had already been launched by Beckham, As rumours of the affair have spread in the press, Beckham has consis-

tently denied any relationship. Earlier this week, he told reporters he had only met Jordan once - at dinner with his wife and Jordan's

then boyfriend Bowyers. "I met her once for dinner but my wife Victoria and singer Dane Bowers were there. Victoria and her

are not best friends and this won't have helped the relationship."

Beckham added: "No offence. but she isn't my type. My only type is

Premiership preview

Premiership leaders Arsenal are set

to be without record signing Jose

Antonio Reyes when they play sec-

ond-from-bottom Wolves at Molineux

said the 17-million-pounds Spanish

winger, formerly of Sevilla, was strug-

gling after playing in Tuesday's

League Cup semi-final defeat against

Bolton despite suffering with an infec-

told Arsenal Plus on Thursday of the

"I think it was very brave," Wenger

Arsenal manager Arsene Wenger

Absentees

Gunners'

worry

AFP, London

on Saturday.

Primera Liga preview

Ronaldo a concern

Football

AFP, Madrid

Real Madrid, with one foot in the Spanish Cup final after their 2-0 semi-final first leg success over Sevilla, will bid to turn up the heat in the title race on challengers Valencia with another three points at hone to lowly Malaga on Saturday.

Theoretically, Real could take to the field at the Bernabeu in second place as Valencia, two points adrift, host fourth-placed Atletico Madrid two hours earlier in what could be the match of the weekend.

Superstar and La Liga's top scorer this season Ronaldo is likely to miss the match with a bout of gastroenteritis, the club revealed on Thursday.

The Brazilian magician, whose two goals at Valladolid last week rescued Real from defeat and left them two points clear of Valencia at the top of the table, missed Wednesday's Spanish Cup semifinal first leg win over Sevilla with flu and will spend some days resting at home, club sources said.

"Ronaldo has gastroenteritis. His temperature came down a little but he spent the morning in bed," revealed club doctor Carlos Hernandez.

"We will see if he can be ready for Saturday.

Portuguese midfielder Luis Fiao remains in doubt after he went off before the break on Wednesday with a rib injury, but with Argentine midfield star Santiago Solari buoved by a superb goal against Sevilla Real appear to have plenty of options in a pack stacked with

Real, Valencia and Atletico are the only top sides in action on Saturday with Sunday seeing the remainder of the programme. Third-placed Deportivo La

Coruna, six points behind Real, will

hope to stay on the shoulders of the leading pair with three points at an Albacete side hovering on the brink of the bottom three. But four other sides are also dreaming of making it into the Champions League next season and all are hovering around the

that fond hope, not least Barcelona, now fifth and level on points with Osasuna, their hosts Sunday eve-Athletic Bilbao, eighth but only a

point off Barcelona, host relegation-

fourth place which would realise

haunted Murcia, coached by Welshman and former Real Madrid boss John Toshack.

Murcia remain five points from safety but Toshack coaxed them to only their second win of the season last week at home to Zaragoza. Villarreal, level on points with

Bilbao. will seek to bolster their own hopes of a top-four finish with three points at Celta Vigo, hovering just above the drop zone. As of last month Celta are coached by Raddy Antic, who after

a spell as a player with England's Luton Town, led Atletico Madrid to the league and Cup double in 1996. Despite their poor league form which led to the sacking of Miguel

Saturday: Valencia v Atletico Madrid (1830), Real Madrid v Malaga (2030)

Sunday: Sevilla v Mallorca (1600),

Albacete v Deportivo La Coruna

1600), Racing Santander v Real Betis

(1600), Celta Vigo v Villarreal (1600),

Espanyol v Valladolid (1600), Athletic

Bilbao v Murcia (1600), Osasuna v

Barcelona (1800), Real Zaragoza

20-year-old forward. "I did not think he was in a state where he was ready to play but he Angel Lotina, Celta have reached credit for that. the quarter-finals of the Champions League and face English giants

wanted to and you have to give him

"But you could see he did not have that zip or sharpness. I think he will be short for Saturday," the Frenchman admitted. "I have given him time to collect his affairs in Seville and I'll see how he is tomorrow (Friday) morning.

"But he had to stay in bed all day Wednesday," added Wenger of Reyes who, trying to tackle back, put through guaranteed Bolton their place in the League Cup final later this month.

Reyes' likely absence adds to Arsenal's injury problems up front. Sweden star Freddie Ljungberg (rib) is set to be out of action for at least "two or three weeks", according to Wenger, Sylvain Wiltord (ankle) needs "three more weeks" and Jeremie Aliadere

(knee) "two more weeks" Meanwhile Kanu is still on African

Nations Cup duty with Nigeria. It all adds to the burden on star striker Thierry Henry as Arsenal look to preserve their status as the only unbeaten team in the league this

Meanwhile United travel to 14thplaced Everton, the Merseyside club just five points above the drop zone.

Off the field the legal row between United manager Sir Alex Ferguson and John Magnier, the club's major shareholder, over the stud rights to champion racehorse Rock of Gibraltar

shows no sign of ending soon. On Sunday, third meets fourth when London rivals Chelsea and

Charlton clash at Stamford Bridge. Third-placed Chelsea are 12 points ahead of Charlton who are one of several teams with a realistic chance of claiming the fourth and final

Champions League place.

(1500GMT unless stated)

Saturday: Aston Villa v Leeds, Boltor v Liverpool, Everton v Manchester United, Middlesbrough v Blackburn Newcastle v Leicester, Southamptor v Fulham, Tottenham v Portsmouth

(1605GMT), Manchester City Birmingham (1400GMT)

Milan rocked by Lazio

AFP, Rome

place in the final of the Italian Cup after winning 2-1 away to holders AC Milan in the first leg of their semifinal on Thursday. Lazio stormed into a 2-0 lead

thanks to goals from Stefano Fiore and Portuguese defender Fernando Couto before Filippo Inzaghi, returning to action after six weeks out with a calf strain, pulled one back for Milan, the current Serie Aleaders. All the goals came in the first half

SCHOLARS PREPARATORY: half-hearted appeal that was referred to the third umpire Daryl

Ponting followed five runs later at

balls) and Andrew Symonds (10 not

overs (Apu 43, Shuvo 32, Tawhid 3-193 for three in the 34th over, caught behind off Balaji after hitting seven Result: Scholars Preparatory fours and two sixes. Damien Martyn (20 not out off 37

> out off 15 balls) added an unbeaten 31 for the fourth wicket. Zimbabwe did not score a win in their eight matches in the triangular

series and missed the finals. A third final is scheduled for Brisbane on Tuesday if required.

FROM PAGE 13 emotional and it is now customary to

hear and read about allegations of match-fixing if the team does not perform to expectations.

lost a few close games in those tournaments, but a look at the records suggest otherwise. In Kenya, Pakistan suffered humiliating defeats against Australia -- by 224 runs and nine wickets -- while in Morocco, they lost to South Africa by 54 runs and to Sri Lanka by 39. Pakistan's only narrow loss was by eight runs to South Africa, a match they needed to win to qualify for the

Meanwhile, the report also stated that Wagar had confirmed his participation in the Quaid-e-Azam Trophy, Pakistan's domestic tournament, in a bid to win a place in the Test squad for the series against

"I have not given up hope of playing for Pakistan again that is for

Ponting savages India

Laxman c Symonds b Williams 24 Dravid c Hayden b Harvey Ganguly c Gilchrist b Harvey Yuvraj c Gilchrist b Lee Badani not out Agarkar c Lee b Clark Pathan run out Kumble run out

Extras: (lb-6, w-2, nb-4) Total: (All out in 49 overs) Fall of wickets: 1-6, 2-14, 3-48, 4-48, 5-75, 6-75, 7-177, 8-209, 9-217 **Bowler** 0 0 10 Gillespie 39 9 0 34 Williams 10 38

0 47 0 Symonds 18 Clarke 3 0 **AUSTRALIA** Gilchrist c Tendulkar b Balaji Hayden c and b Balaji Ponting c Dravid b Balaji 20 Martvn not out Symonds not out 10 Extras (b-6, lb-2, w-8, nb-2)

224 Fall of wickets: 1-48, 2-187, 3-193

Bowler 0 R 0 58 Agarkar 9.1 0 Balaii 10 0 52 3 Pathan 8 0 36 0 36 Sehwag 0 29 0 5 Ganguly Result: Australia won by seven wickets to lead the best-of-three series 1-0

Man-of-the-match: Ricky Ponting (Australia) Second final: Saturday at the

Taufel (AUS)

Quarterfinals preview Friendship

can wait soccerfield Trunisia 2004

AFP, Tunis Old friends will become deadly foes on Saturday when Tunisia face Senegal and Mali clash with Guinea in the quarterfinals of the African Nations

At the country's showpiece 60,000capacity Rades stadium, Roger Lemerre leads his Tunisia team into battle against the Senegalese who humiliated him when he was in charge of France at the 2002 World Cup.

Senegal are now coached by Guy Stephan who was Lemerre's assistant during that catastrophic Asian journey. Meanwhile, at the city's Mensah Stadium, Mali's Frederic Kanoute will be looking to get the better of Guinea counterpart Titi Camara with whom he shared a dressing room for two years when both men played for West Ham

Senegal's famous win over Lemerre's defending world champions France in 2002 sent shockwaves throughout football, but both men have been keen this week to play down the significance of the game.

in England

Stephan and I will find it a great pleasure to see him," said Stephan." Lemerre has already had the satisfaction of seeing Tunisia beat Senegal in a friendly here last year and he, too, is trying to divert attention away from the possibility of another of

Teranga.
"The Senegalese had nothing to lose that night. It was a great challenge for them," said Lemerre as he reflected on the May 31, 2002, defeat in Seoul. "But it wasn't defeat against Senegal that eliminated France, it was

his nights being ruined by the Lions of

There will be some familiar faces lined up against Lemerre including El Hadji Diouf and Pape Bouba Diop, the

Real Sociedad (2000)

creator and scorer of that famous World Cup goal. Tunisia made the last eight as Group A winners and will be looking for

Brazilian-born striker Silva dos Santos

to add to his tally of three as they face a

Senegal team which has vet to hit top gear in this tournament. Defender Ferdinand Coly says Senegal have become victims of their own success after their trailblazing

passage to the World Cup quarter-"We have now become the team to

beat," said the Perugia defender. Meanwhile Titi Camara faces the hosts of his bitter experience of the English Premiership when his Guinea team take on Mali. Lining up against him will be Frederic Kanoute, a former teammate during his time at West

While Camara spent most of his

career at Upton Park either on the

bench, in the reserves or on the treat-

ment table recovering from a knee injury, Kanoute was flying. Kanoute's form at Upton Park earned him a 3.5-million-pound (6.3 million dollar) move to Tottenham last summer, while Camara went off to the backwaters of Qatar to lick his

wounds. "This will be a match between "I think Harry Redknapp (West Senegal and Tunisia, it is not a match Ham manager at the time) expected a between Roger Lemerre and Guv lot of me, but I signed for three years and I wanted do everything to show the public that I was a good choice," said Camara who moved to West Ham from Liverpool for 1.5 million pounds in December 2000.

> Camara and Kanoute are key to their teams' hopes on Saturday with both men already having scored three goals at the tournament.

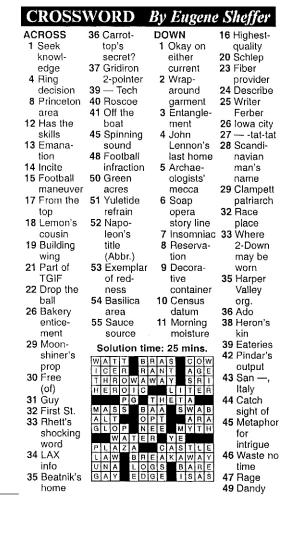
Saturday's quarter-finals: the possibility of it happening to us At Mensah, Tunis: Mali v Guinea (1300 GMT) At Rades, Tunis: Tunisia Senegal (1600 GMT)

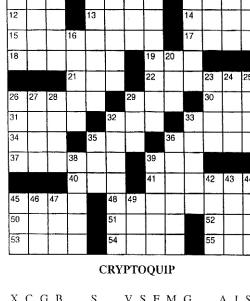
Wolves v Arsenal Sunday: Chelsea v Charlton

Italian Cup

Lazio are well placed to secure a

at the San Siro.



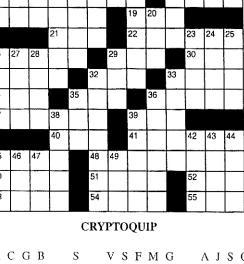


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PANNING FOR GOLD? Today's Cryptoquip Clue: V equals L



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

CYVV XJYVI AFGSQ VJJKG! Yesterday's Cryptoquip: IF A CRITIC GETS PAID WELL FOR HER NEGATIVE REVIEWS, IS SHE

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at the end of the first final of the triangular international one-day cricket series played between Australia and India at the Melbourne Cricket Ground on

Waqar

Waqar may feel that Pakistan

Sehwag c Gilchrist b Gillespie Tendulkar b Lee 53 19 Balaji b Gillespie 222 M R W

2 2 Harvey 10 40

Total(For three wkts in 40.1 overs) Did not bat: Clarke, Katich, Lee, Gillespie. Williams

Toss: India

Umpires: S Bucknor (WIN), S

Sydney Cricket Ground (Day/Night).