

Sagar draws in tenth round

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Minhazuddin Ahmed Sagar shared point in the Telegraph School Chess Championship when he drew his tenth round board against Debabati Sinha Biswas in Kolkata on Sunday.

Despite the draw, Sagar still kept his second position with 8.5 points after the round while Jain Shrenin Dakha secured nine points to lead the table.

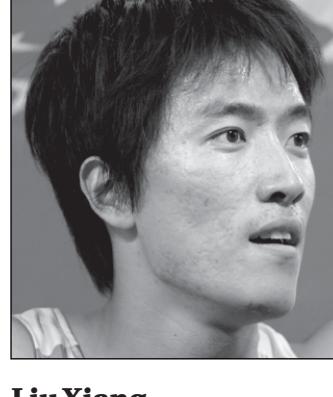
Another Bangladeshi Imran Ali Elin lost his tenth round board to Bijan Banerjee to collect seven points.

Inter-school chess from Sept 3

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The 25th inter-school chess tournament will begin on September 3 at the St. Joseph High School and College auditorium at Mohammdpur in the city.

Interested students have been asked to enrol their names for the two-day tournament, organised by Josephite Chess Club, by September 2.



Liu Xiang

(Chinese sprint hurdler)

"This is a victory not only for China but also for all Asian people."

After winning the 110m hurdles gold in the Athens Olympics.



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Competition closes at 8 pm
Sept 10, 2004 and draw

1. Who won the first gold medal in the Athens Olympics?

Galkina Devers Du

2. Who became Asia Cup cricket champs?

India Pakistan Sri Lanka

3. Who clinched the Cincinnati Masters tennis title?

Federer Henman Agassi

4. Who lifted the 25th nat'l hockey crown?

Usha MSC Bangladesh Army

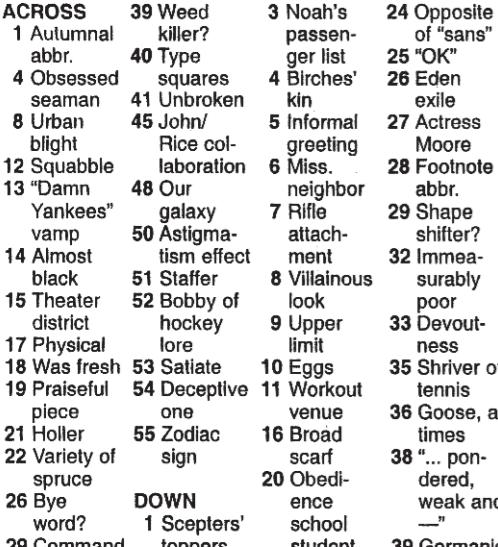
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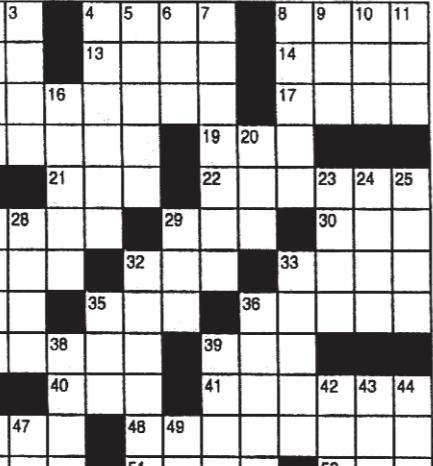
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Today's Cryptoquip Clue: M equals R

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.



Champs Trophy officials named

AFP, London

The International Cricket Council (ICC) on Monday confirmed the umpire and referee appointments for the 12 group matches at the ICC Champions Trophy beginning on 10 September.

Chris Broad, Clive Lloyd, Ranjan Madugalle and Mike Procter of the Elite Panel of ICC Referees will share referee duties over the group stage of the tournament.

All eight members of the Elite Panel of ICC Umpires will officiate on the field and as third umpires over the 12 preliminary matches.

The eight on-field umpires will be joined by International Panel of ICC Umpires Billy Doctrove and Jeremy Lloyds.

Umpires officiating at the ICC Champions Trophy 2004 will take part in a series of technology trials as the ICC continues its approach to understanding what role technology can play in aiding and improving umpire decision-making.

The two technological innovations involving umpires will see standing officials wired-up to TV stump microphones, and third umpires calling no balls.

Umpires in seven of the 15 ICC Champions Trophy matches will wear an earpiece that picks up the audio from the stump microphone as the ball passes the batsman.

This trial will indicate whether the microphone's position close to the action area will provide audible assistance to officials in cases which are sometimes difficult to pick up, such as thin nicks to the keeper or bat pad fields.

The second innovation sees the responsibility of calling no balls in the ICC Champions Trophy passing to the third (or TV) umpire. He will use the two-way link provided by the earpiece to advise standing officials of any deliveries ruled as no balls.

Appointments for the semifinals and tournament final will be made at the end of the group stage.

Sachin to miss England series

REUTERS/AFP, London

Sachin Tendulkar will miss India's upcoming one-day series against England after failing a fitness test on Monday.

The top Indian batsman is still suffering from tennis elbow, media reports said on Sunday. He was due to face a fitness test on Monday but reports said he failed to bat in the nets on Sunday and would definitely be out.

Tendulkar was ruled out of last week's Videocon Cup triangular series in the Netherlands with the same injury, but Indian officials are hopeful he will be fit for the ICC Champions Trophy starting in England on September 10.

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Greek Sunday newspapers agreed the Games were successful, on balance. Organisation, transport, and security were the Olympics' strong suit, they reported. Empty seats in many competitions were regarded as the Games' biggest drawback.

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