Afghans greet their heroes

AFP, *Kabul*

President Hamid Karzai added his voice to those of exuberant cricket fans welcoming Afghanistan's young team home Monday after they stayed on course for possible qualification for the 2011 World Cup.

The team was met at the airport in Kabul by sporting officials and a small throng of supporters who presented them with garlands before leading them through the city in a noisy, flag-waving cavalcade.

More fans waited at the stadium, famous for its Taliban-era executions, but the numbers were limited for security reasons, one cricketing official said, with the threat of extremist attacks ever-present in Afghanistan.

In a statement, Karzai described the team and their achievement in winning the final of the International Cricket Council World Cricket League division five in the British crown dependency of Jersey at the weekend as "a source of pride and honour for Afghanistan."

"With this victory, the national cricket team of Afghanistan showed that despite years-long war and financial problems, Afghans can achieve many glories," he said.

Karzai's government is battling to rebuild Afghanistan after decades of war but faces a growing Taliban-led insurgency, booming narcotics trade and corruption undermining morale.

Success at the tournament means Afghanistan, along with Jersey, will compete in the ICC World Cricket League division four in October, taking them one step further along the road to possible World Cup qualification.

Johnson to return Sydney relay gold

AFP, *London*

Five-time Olympic champion Michael Johnson is to return the 4x400m relay gold he won at the Sydney Games in 2000 in the wake of former teammate Antonio Pettigrew's admission he had been taking drugs.

Pettigrew's doping admission came in the perjury trial of athletics coach Trevor Graham, who oversaw disgraced sprint trio Justin Gatlin, Marion Jones and Tim Montgomery.

The confession also followed drugs bans of four and two years respectively for Alvin and Calvin Harrison as well as a failed drugs test for Jerome Young, who were all also members of the victorious US team in Sydney.

Johnson, an outspoken critic of doping in athletics, announced on Tuesday that he will voluntarily return his gold to the International Olympic Committee.

"I know that the medal was not fairly won and that it is dirty," Johnson told the Daily Telegraph newspaper here.

"I will be returning it because I don't want it. I feel cheated and betrayed," said Johnson, who holds nine world World Championship golds and also the world records for the 200m and 400m.

Brawl led

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"I really don't know because neither Asif nor the local authorities have mentioned about this to me," Akram said.

"Right now he is in detention at the airport and the case will go before the public prosecutor this evening. If it is proved he had a banned illegal contraband item on him, he will be charge-sheeted. But we don't want to jump to conclusions right now," he said.

Asif arrested

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"The UAE (United Arab Emirates) has strict procedures -- they want to probe the matter to determine what the substance is. We are hopeful the entire issue is due to some misunderstanding."

The arrest is just the latest controversy to hit Pakistan's troubled cricket team over the past two years.

Asif was banned for one year after he tested positive for the steroid nandrolone in October 2006. Fellow paceman Shoaib Akhtar was banned for two years on the same charge.

The bans were however lifted on appeal two months later. Akhtar meanwhile is appealing a lifetime ban imposed in April for repeated disciplinary problems.

Asif was named on Monday as one of five pacemen in a 16-man squad to take part in next week's one-day tri-series in Bangladesh.

He has had recent problems with injury, undergoing an operation in Australia in December after an elbow problem recurred during the one-day series against South Africa two months earlier.

He missed Pakistan's tour of India late last year before being ruled out of the five-match home series against Zimbabwe.

PHOTO: COURTESY

Officials of Brac Bank hand over a cheque of Tk. 5,00,000 to Bangladesh Tennis Federation officials at a function in the city yesterday. The bank is providing the money as sponsor of the Junior Tennis Initiative, which is a development programme of the International Tennis Federation.

Jimmy takes guard

Cricket

BBC ONLINE, *undated*

England seamer James Anderson expects to face an onslaught from the New Zealand pace attack when the Third Test begins at Trent Bridge on Thursday.

On Day One of the second Test at Old Trafford, one Anderson ball knocked out two of Daniel Flynn's teeth and another struck Jacob Oram on the helmet.

"I expect I'll probably get a few shorts balls from the New Zealand bowlers," said Anderson.

"Certainly it's something I'll be working on in the nets with the bat."

Taking a 1-0 lead into the final Test following their six-wicket win in Manchester, England only need to avoid defeat at Trent Bridge to wrap up a series victory.

But Anderson, who exploited a seam-friendly pitch to produce an aggressive post-lunch spell on the opening day at Old Trafford, is preparing to be on the receiving end when England bat in Nottingham.

"I'll be ready to take evasive action or maybe even play some shots -- if they decide to bounce me," he said.

"What happened in the second Test won't stop me using the bouncer again at Trent Bridge on Thursday and overall I am reasonably pleased with my bowling performances in the series."

"Confidence-wise, we are going to take a lot from that win at Old Trafford and build on that during the week at nets and in the time we've got together to prepare us in the right way.

"Hopefully if we stick to what we do well we'll be able to wrap up the series at Trent Bridge with a win and finish 2-0 up."

England have named an unchanged side for a fifth successive match but New Zealand could make changes, especially to their batting line-up, in a bid to draw the series.

James Marshall has endured a hugely disappointing series at number three and followed low scores at Lord's and Old Trafford with knocks of two and 11 in the drawn tour match against Northants.

Number six Flynn, who has been undergoing dental work, made scores of two and six at Wantage Road.

Peter Fulton or reserve wicketkeeper Gareth Hopkins might be in line for call-ups.

"He looked, for the first time in a long time, in pretty good nick," New Zealand coach John Bracewell said of Fulton, who made a first-innings half-century against Northants.

"We were really pleased with the way he went, and he certainly comes into contention."

Despite the Old Trafford defeat, vice-captain Brendon McCullum is remaining positive.

"In a strange sort of way, Old Trafford was a confidence-builder for us," said the wicketkeeper-batsman.

"We put ourselves in a position where we should have won the Test match. That was something that, heading into the Test, we may not have whole-heartedly believed.

"To be able to do that and then go to Northampton and put on a performance like we have -- batting so clinically -- was pretty good.

"It's a step forward. It certainly hasn't rectified all our issues, but in my mind it is a step in the right direction."

'Smith will be ready'

Cricket

AFP, *Johannesburg*

South African skipper Graeme Smith should have recovered in time from a hamstring injury to play in the first Test against England next month, Proteas coach Mickey Arthur said on Monday.

Smith told reporters on Sunday that he would be "struggling" to be fit in time for the start of the four-Test series which begins at Lord's on July 10 after tearing his hamstring while playing in the Indian Premier League.

Arthur however said that although the injury usually takes four weeks to recover he was hoping Smith would be available for the final warm-up game.

"It's a grade two injury, which normally means about four weeks out of action but I am confident (physiotherapist) Shane Jabaar will get him ready in time," Arthur told the SAPA news agency.

"Graeme will probably miss the first warm-up match against Somerset and we will be looking at the warm-up against Middlesex, starting on July 4, as Graeme's comeback game. I'm not even considering Graeme not playing at Lord's."

Smith has fond memories of playing at Lord's, scoring a match-winning 259 on his last appearance in north London in 2003, shortly after becoming captain.

Arthur meanwhile said he was confident that star batsman Jacques Kallis, who has also been playing in India, would be fit for the series.

"Jacques Kallis picked up a bit of a niggle towards the back end of the IPL, but he's also doing fine. I firmly believe that by the time we leave for the United Kingdom, we will have a fully fit side," he said.

The South Africans are due to hold a training camp in Johannesburg before flying to England for a tour which will also see them play five one-dayers and a Twenty20 international.

'My best old

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perfectly."

Australia refused to take the new ball and Lee started his final spell in the 94th over. "The conditions were perfect (for reverse-swing), when I looked at the ball it was spot-on," he said, "scuffed-up on one side."

Lee was called on late in the day to bat as Australia reached 244 for 6. He made an eventful 4 in an innings that included being struck in the helmet by Fidel Edwards before he was ruled caught-behind to the last delivery before stumps. The ball struck his arm, but it could not ruin his memorable day.

"To pick up five wickets is always a bonus, but for me it is always about trying to get that breakthrough and hopefully try and get into a position where we can win the Test," he said. "Hopefully we have done a pretty good job there." Australia have an overnight buffer of 371 and Lee will need to contribute heavily again on the final day if his side is to take a 2-0 lead in the three-match series.

Lee blitzes WI

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for 28 runs from 7.5 overs, and Jerome Taylor snared two for 33 from 12 overs.

Earlier, Australia had been kept at bay for close to an hour-and-a-half by Chanderpaul and Dwayne Bravo in a stand of 132 for the fifth wicket before Lee made his presence felt with five wickets for five runs in the space of 18 balls.

The Aussie fast bowler started the rout, when he had Bravo dubiously caught down the leg-side for 45, although television replays suggested umpire Russell Tiffin may have erred with his verdict as the ball appeared to have ricocheted from the batsman's thigh pad.

This dismissal seemed to have energised Lee getting a ball more than 90 overs old to reverse swing on a hard, docile pitch in hot, sunny conditions.

Next delivery, Lee gained another dubious decision from Tiffin to have Denesh Ramdin adjudged lbw for a first-ball duck to a delivery which moved back from outside the off-stump, but which TV replays suggested its flight path was hardly threatening.

In his next over, Lee also gained another marginal lbw decision from Tiffin to send Darren Sammy back for a second-ball duck.

Lee then shutdown a late flourish of 20 from Taylor which included two fours and a six from 26 balls, when he bowled the West Indies fast bowler, and completed his landmark, when he gained a third, but palpable lbw verdict to dismiss Daren Powell for a two-ball duck.

Mitchell Johnson swiftly ended the West Indies' innings, when he had Edwards caught behind for a 10-ball duck in the next over.

Australia lead the three-Test series 1-0, after they completed a 95-run victory in the opening Test last Monday at Sabina Park in Kingston, Jamaica.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at stumps on the fourth day of the second Test between West Indies and Australia at the Sir Vivian Richards Cricket Ground in Antigua on Monday:

AUSTRALIA: First innings 479 for 7 declared (Katich 113, Clarke 110)

WEST INDIES: First innings (overnight 255 for four)

Smith c Symonds b Johnson	16
Marshall lbw b Clarke	53
Sarwan c Clarke b MacGill	65
Morton c Katich b Clarke	2
Chanderpaul not out	107
Bravo c Haddin b Lee	45
Ramdin lbw b Lee	0
Sammy lbw b Lee	0
Taylor b Lee	20
Powell lbw b Lee	0
Edwards c Haddin b Johnson	0
Extras: (b-17, lb-13, w-2, nb-12)	44
Total: (All out in 107 overs)	352

Fall of wickets: 1-55, 2-103, 3-105, 4-182, 5-314, 6-314, 7-318, 8-341, 9-341.

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Lee	21	7	59	5
Johnson	24	5	72	2
Clark	14	0	39	0
MacGill	21	1	107	1
Clarke	15	7	20	2
Symonds	12	3	25	0

AUSTRALIA: Second innings

Jaques c Ramdin b Taylor	76
Hussey c Ramdin b Bravo	40
Ponting lbw b Taylor	38
Clarke run out	10
Symonds not out	43
Haddin lbw b Edwards	7
Lee c Ramdin b Edwards	4
Extras: (b-8, lb-6, w-3, nb-9)	26
Total: (For 6 wkts in 61.5 overs)	244

To bat: Katich, Johnson, Clark, MacGill.

Fall of wickets: 1-74, 2-163, 3-178, 4-186, 5-222, 6-244.

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Powell	13	3	47	0
Edwards	7.5	1	28	2
Taylor	12	0	33	2
Sammy	12	1	45	0
Bravo	14	1	59	1
Sarwan	3	0	18	0

Paes, Bhupathi reunite for Olympics

AFP, *New Delhi*

India's estranged doubles pairing of Mahesh Bhupathi and Leander Paes on Tuesday decided to put aside their differences and play together in the Beijing Olympics.

"Yes, I will play with Leander in the Olympics," Bhupathi told AFP by phone from Paris, where he is taking part in the French Open.

The duo, who sorted out their differences in a late night meeting on Monday, will also turn out in a couple of tournaments on the ATP circuit ahead of the August Games.

The unexpected turnaround came less than a month after Bhupathi publicly said he would prepare to partner Davis Cup colleague Rohan Bopanna at the Olympics instead of Paes.

"I'd like to play the Olympics for two reasons, winning for India and enjoying the experience," Bhupathi had told local media. "I don't think either will happen playing with Leander without preparation.

"We are not magicians. A medal will not happen just because we step on court."

Paes and Bhupathi won three Grand Slam doubles titles in 1999 before parting ways a year later. The pair have since come together for the Davis Cup and the Asian Games.

Bhupathi had last month written to the All India Tennis Association (AITA) that he did not believe a tie-up with Paes was possible.

"There has been absolutely no communication between Leander and myself since the 2006 Doha Asian Games, even though I have reached out at various times through different avenues," he wrote in the letter to the AITA.

"The field is stronger than four years ago and just going to the Olympics for the sake of it, and not making the most of it by putting all that is required to win does not interest me at this stage of my career."

AITA secretary Anil Khanna had said he would do everything to ensure the pair played together in Beijing.

"Let us not forget that this is the Olympics, not just any Davis Cup tie," Khanna said.

Abahani stay

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Abahani were leading 3-1 after 19 minutes while Shuva's angled pass from the left beat Mohammedan keeper Kiran on way to the far corner where an unmarked Modasser tapped in the ball in the 26th minute.

Abahani lost their composure in the second half once Rana was forced to leave the field due to an injury and his replacement Rony did his best to shadow Sabbir and restrict Pakistani's darting runs.

The submissive Sabbir, however, got his first goal from the spot in the 43rd minute but Shuvo increased the margin ten minutes later after hard work by Modasser.

Mohammedan wasted half-dozen penalty corners but Manik's spectacular back-flick on a long pass by Irfan ran through a forest of legs to find the board in the 65th minute.

Chayan's accuracy from the sky-blues' lone second half penalty corner two minutes later virtually put the match beyond Mohammedan, who returned two goals in the 69 and 70 minutes through Sabbir and Manik.

Warne rules out

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Warne, who retired from international cricket in January 2007 with a then world record 708 Test wickets, raised the prospect himself last month when he said he would consider an Ashes return if MacGill was injured.

But his manager James Erskine on Tuesday said the 38-year-old was happily retired.

"Warnie's position is he's not going back, he's not playing Test cricket again," Erskine told Australian Associated Press.

"He went out on a fairytale and him coming back would be advantageous to no one. He's got no plans to play Test cricket."

Erskine said Warne had a full calendar and had no time to pursue a Test return.

"This year alone he has commitments on 198 days," the manager said.

Bangladesh face

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a family here. We are determined to give our 100 percent to make this tournament a success.

"We are not taking Bhutan lightly but we will be there to win," added the Bangladesh goalkeeper.

Bangladesh have won both their previous meetings with Bhutan, in 2003 and 2005 SAFF Championships, by identical margins of 3-0.

Meanwhile, defending champions India got off to a flying start when they routed Nepal 4-0 in the tournament opener in Maldives capital Male yesterday with goals from Pradeep, Baichung Bhutia, Sunil Chetri and Sushil Kumar.

Kiwis to go for changes

Cricket

CRICINFO, *undated*

New Zealand's line-up for the third Test against England at Trent Bridge on Thursday could feature as many as three changes from the side that lost at Old Trafford last week as the Kiwis attempt to battle back into a series that they looked to have in their control at the mid-way point of the second Test.

After missing the Manchester match with an upset stomach, the teenaged seamer, Tim Southee, seems a sure bet to reclaim his place at the expense of Iain O'Brien, but it is the form and fortunes of two of New Zealand's middle-order batsmen, James Marshall and Daniel Flynn, that will come in for the most scrutiny in the coming days.

Flynn, 21, suffered an horrific facial injury on the second day at Old Trafford, when he ducked into a James Anderson bouncer and was forced to retire hurt with two missing front teeth. He did not reappear in the second innings, and though he played during the warm-up match against Northamptonshire at the weekend, he was a notable failure, lasting just 12 balls in two innings.

Flynn has been enduring several bouts of dental surgery between innings, but his coach, John Bracewell, described him as a "tough rooster" and backed him to resume his two-Test international career sooner rather than later. Even so, there is so much at stake in the third Test, and Flynn's confidence took such a battering, that the steady presence of Peter Fulton could yet be called upon in his place.

"I would have liked to see Daniel spend more time at the crease getting his confidence," Bracewell told the Press Association. "There's nothing like being in the middle, and the hustle and bustle of it, to get yourself back on the bike. He's a tough rooster and he will recover very quickly, it's just whether we match up Peter Fulton's form against him and James Marshall."

Fulton was dropped ahead of England's recent tour of New Zealand after failing in the one-dayers, but Bracewell had some encouraging words after watching him return to form with a confident 57 against Northants. "He looked, for the first time in a long time, in pretty good nick," said Bracewell. "He looked to be hitting the ball crisper in the areas we wanted him to hit the ball, and he certainly comes into contention."

All of which heaps extra pressure on Marshall, who started the tour well with a century against Essex to cement his place at No. 3 for the first Test, but since then his form has been on the wane. He managed just 52 runs in his first four Test innings -- a tally that included ducks at both Lord's and Old Trafford -- and he managed only 13 runs for twice out at Northants.

"James scored a brilliant hundred in trying conditions against Essex earlier in the tour, and I don't think you can discount those sorts of innings," said New Zealand's vice-captain, Brendon McCullum. "The selectors will just have to come up with the best team that can go out and level this series for us."

Even so, McCullum's own success as a No. 5 batsman means that New Zealand could be tempted to call up their specialist wicketkeeper, Gareth Hopkins, who furthered his own cause with a fighting 63 at the weekend. That route, however, would require a promotion for both Jacob Oram and Daniel Vettori, who have played important roles at No. 7 and 8 respectively.

Whatever line-up New Zealand settle on, they will not be dwelling on their missed opportunity in the second Test. "In a strange sort of way, Old Trafford was a confidence-builder for us," said McCullum. "We put ourselves in a position where we should have won the Test match, and that was something that heading into the Test, we may not have whole-heartedly believed.

"To be able to do that and then go to Northampton and put on a performance like we have -- batting so clinically -- was pretty good. It's a step forward. It certainly hasn't rectified all our issues, but in my mind it is a step in the right direction."

Glitz and glamour

RAHUL BHATTACHARYA

A stunning last-ball finish delivered to the inaugural Indian Premier League a finale it deserved, with Shane Warne at the crease when Rajasthan Royals, the least fancied, least expensive franchise, chased down 163 to take the trophy.

With the scores level and a ball to go, Warne, at the non-striker's end ran in from about as far as the bowler, Lakshmipathy Balaji of Chennai Super Kings. The run-up proved quite unnecessary as Sohail Tanvir pierced the infield, and the sight then of an Australian legend and a young Pakistani rejoicing together in victory before a packed house in Mumbai about summed up the contagious novelty of a tournament that has changed forever the scale at which cricket will be played.

The man-of-the-match as well as the man-of-the-series were both from Rajasthan -- all-rounders Yusuf Pathan of India and Shane Watson of Australia -- but it was Warne who as captain single-handedly exposed the fancy obsessions of modern cricket. Never a believer in the coach, he solved the problem by himself taking on the job, and thereafter announcing that his team would do away with all this computer stuff, thank you.

To say the IPL was a wild success is an understatement. Success of this kind can also be disquieting. Indian television consumers have run cricket for more than a decade now, but they were still a limited audience. People may find it hard to believe but there are Indians who could not care to watch cricket. Well, at least there were until a couple of months ago.

The IPL spectacularly cracked open the demographic. Top-rating soaps, reality shows, game shows, all took a pummelling as entire households, mothers-in-law and pets and small children, stopped to stare every evening at this montage of sixes, Bollywood stars, imported cheerleaders with the triumph that Indian rupees had created all of this. A match ran for about the same duration as a Hindi movie.

Instructive was the choice of studio anchors for the telecast: yuppie males, the kind more tuned into EPL and Formula One, who now declared without a shred of embarrassment that this cricket thing was quite fab. An Indian engineer in Afghanistan who was help captive for a month returned home and found solace watching IPL in the evenings.

Cricket had never seen such a PR blitz. Journalists, commentators, players, coaching staff were all first IPL spokespersons. In newspapers the IPL was covered every day on the front page, the city pages, the celeb pages, the business pages, apart from monopolising the sports pages.

If the corporate money pumped into the tournament gave it the profile, it also brought with it a grating intrusiveness. A six in the IPL, every 622 of them, was no longer a six, it was a 'DLF Maximum.' A sharp catch came branded as a 'Citi Moment Of Success'. Commentators tripped over each other to make these plugs. A future where a batsman executes a Toyota Front-Foot Drive against an Intel Faster One may not be the stuff of satire.

The cricket itself was both dazzling and monotonous, a bit like video-game cricket, which works as condemnation as well as, in the Play Station era, high praise. The best games had a kind of compressed intensity where each delivery held the weight of an entire match. The vigour with which players of all ages and colours roused themselves was a revelation to those who thought only the national flag could stir such passion.

Too much about the IPL is still unknown. We do not know if the tournament has bred long-term fans or passing oglers, and we do not know if some new television sensation will upstage it the next time round. We do not know, crucially, whether franchises have recovered more or less money than projected. We do not know in either event whether their response then will be to cut cost or push for more matches.

The traditionalist's fear of a franchise hegemony is not entirely baseless. Already Lalit Modi, the commissioner of the IPL, has spoken of the possibility of two editions annually, a league and a knockout. Already it has been suggested that player-trading begin from the next tournament rather than the one after, that five rather than four international players be allowed in starting XIs, and that salary-caps for players be abolished.

"The grand vision," IS Bindra, an influential member of the IPL governing council and principal advisor to the ICC said, "is to move cricket to the next level, and get each league in each country to resemble the English Premier League with an exciting mix of international and national players. And then you have the grand Champions League, like the, UEFA model which has taken football to such heights."

It is hard to envisage international Test cricket retaining primacy in such a scenario. Think of the move, later this year, to squash in the Twenty20 Champions League in the nine days between the fifty-over Champions Trophy in England and a major Test tour of India by Australia. Ricky Ponting and others have sounded a warning for premature international retirements; more worrisome is the thought of young cricketers working out that franchise Twenty20 offers perfectly wonderful career prospects.

No ambitious franchise league in any sport lives on a mere six weeks a year. Here lies cricket's hope. It is not any other sport. It is able to exist so satisfactorily across a range of formats, each highlighting what is special about the other.

Norman Mailer's advice to 9/11 novelists was to not attempt it until 10 years had passed. Even an event so minor as the IPL ought to be given five. 2012 is the right time because that is when the current Test-match Future Tours Programme runs out; when the Indian board chief Sharad Pawar's tenure as the president of the ICC will have come to an end; when franchise Twenty20 leagues will have established everywhere; and when it may be realised of 50-overs cricket after another bloated World Cup in 2011 that it is neither here nor there yet simply everywhere.

And, who knows, maybe by then the Test cricket will flourish as a day-night enterprise, four days, 100-overs per day. It will be played in whites jerseys but with a pink ball. And perhaps Warnie will be around to bowl it.

(Rahul Bhattacharya wrote this for the Guardian website)

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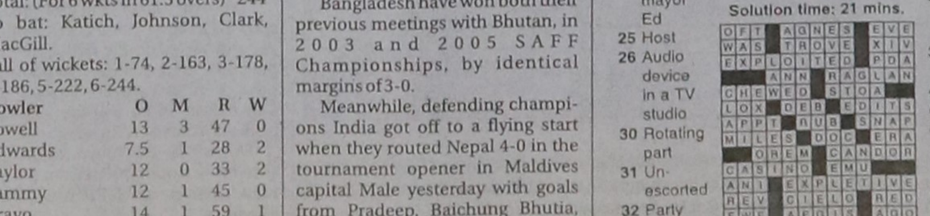

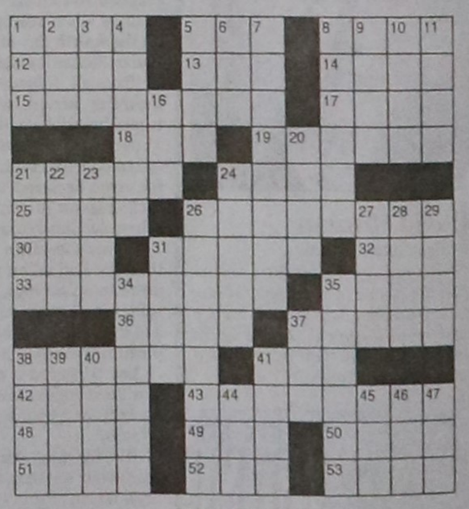

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