

SAFF Club Cup in doubt

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The first-ever SAFF Club Cup Championship is likely to be deferred by a few months following sponsorship crisis, said a BFF official yesterday.

The SAFF Club Cup Championship, involving two clubs each from Bangladesh and India and one each from the other six countries of the region, was supposed to take place earlier this month in Bangladesh but there is severe doubt over its hosting due to sponsorship crisis.

"You all know that there is a fund problem for the championship and we are searching for sponsors," said SAFF and BFF president Kazi Salahuddin yesterday at Bangabandhu National Stadium.

Women's handball begins

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The EXIM Bank 22nd National Women's Handball Competition began at two separate venues in the city yesterday.

On the day's opening matches at the Handball Stadium, Faridpur DSA beat Gaibandha DSA 12-3, Manikganj DSA defeated Narayanganj DSA 5-3, Tangail DSA outplayed Narasingdi DSA 12-7, Dhaka DSA drubbed Gaibandha DSA 25-0.

Bangladesh Ansar blanked Manikganj DSA 31-0, and Dhaka University held to a 7-7 draw with Kishoreganj DSA.

At the Shaheed Suhrawardi Indoor Stadium, Kurigram DSA crushed Jessore DSA 21-2, Naogaon DSA edged past Joyprhat DSA 6-5, Rajshahi DSA defeated Dalmonirhat DSA 18-7, Dinajpur DSA overpowered Rangpur DSA 18-8, Bagerhat DSA outplayed Chuadanga DSA 11-7, Panchagarh DSA outclassed Narail DSA 13-7, Naogaon DSA blanked Jessore DSA 11-0, Kurigram DSA edged past Joyprhat DSA 4-3, and Jhalakati DSA outplayed Joyprhat DSA 4-3.

KKR keep on losing

IANS, Hyderabad

Kolkata Knight Riders remained at the bottom of Group B as they lost by 19 runs to South Australia Redbacks for their second consecutive defeat in Champions League Twenty20 at the Rajiv Gandhi International Stadium here Tuesday.

SCORES IN BRIEF

SOUTH AUSTRALIA: 188 for 5 (Ferguson 70 not out, Christian 42)
KOLKATA KNIGHT RIDERS: 169 for 9 (Tiwaray 40; Putland 3-31, Harris 3-42)
Result: South Australia won by 19 runs.

Sachin in his dream house

Cricket

PTI, Mumbai

Sachin Tendulkar on Wednesday fulfilled his long cherished dream of living in a house of his own as he moved into a sprawling bungalow at Perry Cross Road in suburban Bandra.

Tendulkar has shifted his residence from La Mer Housing Society, also in Bandra west, to the spacious villa that is spread over 6,000 square feet.

"Everyone has a dream of owning a house. I, too, had this dream. I am happy that I was able to fulfil it. The flat where I earlier used to live, I had received it under the sports quota. I have now vacated that place, so that some other sportsman can live there," he told reporters outside his villa.

"We had done the 'gruha shanti' and 'vastu-puja' on June 11, before I left for England. I could not visit Mumbai after that, but now that I am in the city, today I brought my mother to show the place," the senior cricketer said.

"I have also lived here after the puja. But I have not been able to bring the children here yet," he said.

The batting maestro's new home has been reconstructed on a plot that earlier housed a dilapidated bungalow, which Sachin had bought for 39 crore rupees in 2007.

The villa has been secured with high-walled fencing to avoid curious onlookers. CCTV cameras and sensors have also been installed.

Besides the three storeys above the ground level, the villa, designed after taking into consideration Tendulkar's likes and dislikes, reportedly has two underground basements.

According to sources close to Tendulkar, 90 per cent of the shifting process has been completed.

According to reports, Tendulkar and his wife Anjali are likely to have their bedroom on the top floor, while the rooms of their two

children -- son Arjun and daughter Sara -- and a guest room will occupy the two floors below.

A temple, drawing and dining rooms, besides arrangements for displaying various awards and trophies won by Tendulkar, who holds most of the batting records and is one short of completing a century of international tons, will occupy most of the ground floor.

The first basement will house servant quarters and master surveillance room, while the second basement has been kept for Tendulkar's passion -- cars. It is said to have a parking capacity of a large number of cars.

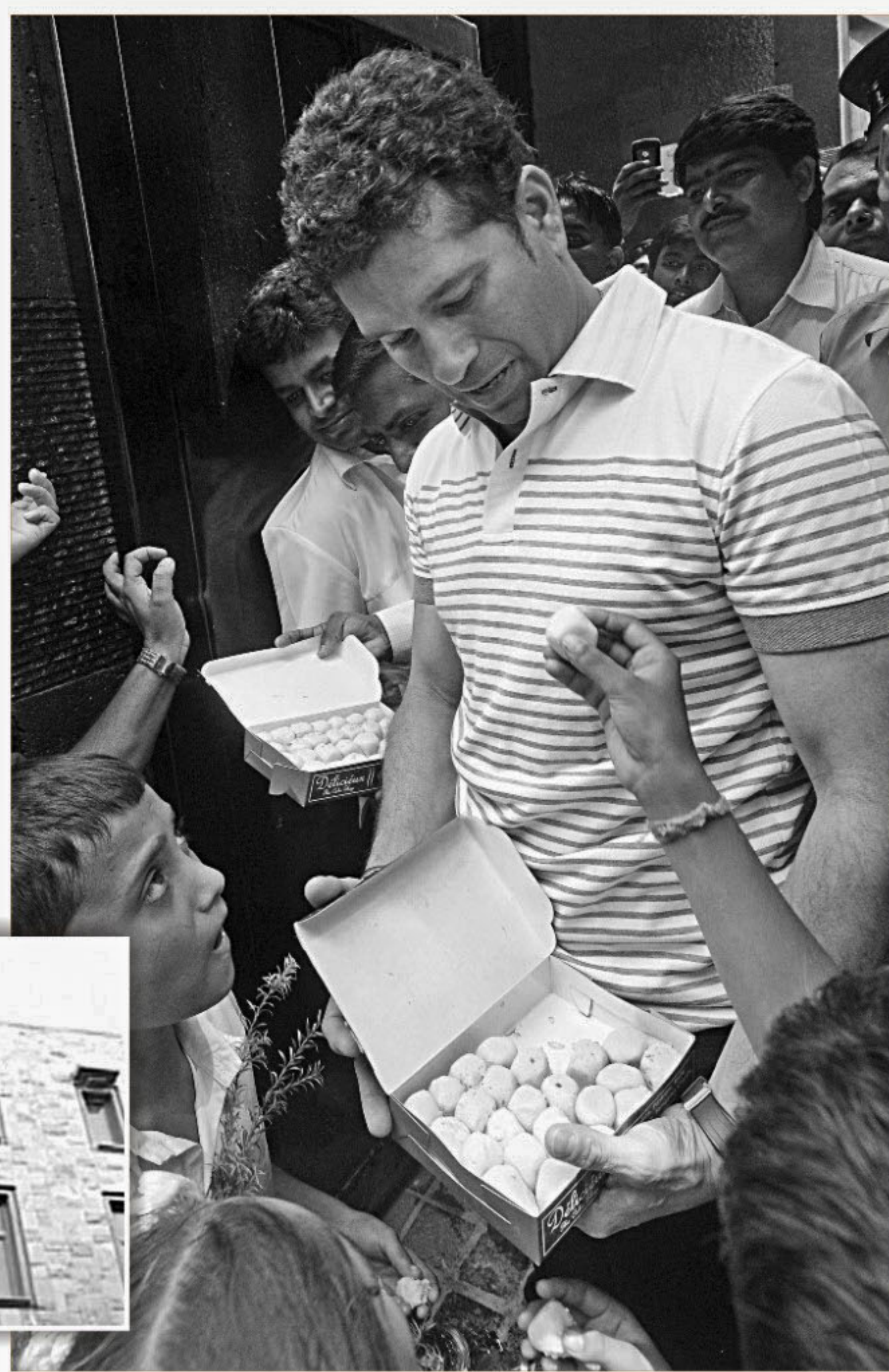
Besides all these, there is a swimming pool on the terrace of the house, reports said.

Tendulkar is currently out of action as he is suffering from an inflammation on his toe. He missed the five ODIs against England and he is not playing in the ongoing Champions League Twenty20 tournament. He's likely to miss at least the first two ODIs against the visiting England side next month.

Asked about the status of his injuries,



Tendulkar refused to comment. Meanwhile, chaos prevailed just before Tendulkar spoke to the media, after a big crowd, including school children between the age group of five and eight years, had gathered outside the new villa to catch a glimpse of him.



India cricket superstar Sachin Tendulkar distributes sweets to school children on the occasion of his "grihapravesha", a popular Hindu ceremony performed on the occasion of one's first entry into a new house, in Mumbai yesterday. (INSET) Tendulkar's new bungalow at Perry Cross Road in suburban Bandra in Mumbai.

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WOMEN'S KABADDI Ansar's big win

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Meizan National Women's Kabaddi Championship started yesterday at the Kabaddi Stadium with eleven matches taking place on the opening day. Bangladesh Ansar chalked up the biggest win of the day beating Comilla by 79-11 points.

In the other matches of the day, Gazipur beat Narail 24-14, Kushtia edged out Satkhira 24-23, Bagerhat defeated Barisal 33-6, Mymensingh overpowered Bogra by 54-32, BJMC thrashed Rajshahi by 42-8, Magura edged past Jhenaidah by 28-26, Rangpur beat Tangail 52-30, Kushtia beat Tangail 31-30, BJMC mauled Magura 38-3 and Ansar thrashed Barisal by 75-5 points.

NSW win in super over

PTI, Chennai

New South Wales defeated Trinidad and Tobago via super-over in a Pool A Champions League Twenty20 match here on Wednesday.

SCORES IN BRIEF

TRINIDAD & TOBAGO: 139 for 6 in 20 overs (Simmons 41; Henriques 2/27).
NEW SOUTH WALES: 139 for 8 in 20 overs (Warner 38, Katic 23; Ganga 3/26, Narine 2/26).
Result: Match tied (New South Wales won the one-over eliminator)

Sheikh Jamal's flying start

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Mohammedan SC have the strongest sides on paper following their collection of experienced players while the other teams are seemingly here to make up the numbers in the first edition of the league.

"We did not have enough time to practice but I am happy with the way girls played against almost the national team," said Dipali coach Jubo Sangsad Akbar Ali.

Ali informed that most of the players of his club are from the needy families of Satkhira and Narail and the club have

been proving each player with Tk3000 to 5000.

Like Dipali Jubo Sangsad, Wari Club have also collected their players from the Southern district Jessore and some seven to eight players have never even played the game earlier.

"We are participating in the league to help women's football. We have collected the players from remote areas providing their parents hopes that their girls have good future in football," said Wari Club coach Emdadul Haque Sachchu.

Sachchu is optimistic about his side as he believes his charges would put up better show on the field in the next matches despite undergoing only 11 days of practice and having eight new players.

Earlier Shajahan Khan, the Minister for Shipping inaugurated the meet as the chief guest. BFF president Kazi Salahuddin, Women's wing chairman Sirajul Islam Bachchu, deputy chairman Mahfuza Akhter Kiron and representative of the sponsors Iqbal Bin Anwar were also present among others.

Nasir too falls short

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hour stay at the crease. Alok Kapali got a good one from Sohrawardi Shuvo as the wicket began to spit the odd one, also resulting in Mominul Haque's catch to silly point. While Shuvo got past Kapali's defences, the left-handed Academy batsman who showed promise in the first innings had no idea as the Shuvo half-volley simply kicked into his face and got the handle of the bat.

Through a 57-run sixth wicket stand between a returning Junaed and Rokibul Hasan, Green recovered somewhat but Shuvogoto Hom Chowdhury made his first contribution by taking Junaed's wicket for 16 in the

last 30 minutes. Rokibul remained unbeaten on 48 off 112 balls, spanning three well-timed boundaries that included a superb straight-drive while Sunny accompanied him on five.

Riyad and Shuvo took two wickets each while Razzak and Shuvogoto picked up one each.

BRIEFScores
BCB GREEN: First innings 281 all out; second innings 174-6 in 68 overs (Rokibul 48 not out, Nafees 46; Shuvo 2-29, Riyad 2-36).
BCB RED: First innings 285 all out in 81.1 overs (Nasir 93 not out, Imrul 85; Elias 3-53, Shahadat 3-71, Tanvir 2-23).

Akhtar book evidence

AFP, Karachi

Pakistan cricket authorities said Wednesday they would use confessions made by retired pacesman Shoaib Akhtar in his autobiography in court to justify disciplining the former international. In the book, launched last week in India, Akhtar confessed to ball-tampering and other violations of conduct during a 14-year career that was marred by injury and discipline problems before his retirement in April this year.

The book, "Controversially Yours", has riled Indian fans and media alike with harsh comments on batting greats Sachin Tendulkar and Rahul Dravid, claiming the duo were not "match winners."

Akhtar's appeal against a record seven million rupee (then 82,400 dollars) disciplinary fine imposed three years ago is pending in the Lahore High Court. Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) legal adviser Taffuz Rizvi said excerpts of the book will now be used in court against the one-time world's fastest bowler.

"In a writ case it is important for someone to have clean conduct and in his autobiography Akhtar has confessed to breach of discipline and has not come out clean, so we will use them in the court case," Rizvi told AFP.

Akhtar was banned for five years after he criticised the PCB for axing him from the central contracts in early 2008.

Second tier with six teams

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Bangladesh Football Federation has been forced to start the second-tier Bangladesh League with six teams instead of originally planned eight as Chittagong Mohammedan SC and Uttar Baridhara Club have pulled out of the inaugural edition of the league.

"The League committee has decided to start the second-tier league with six teams, who will face each other three teams during the league," said BFF's acting general secretary Abu Nayeem Shohag.

The league will get underway in November and the transfer window will open next month, said Shohag adding that the Bangladesh League committee meeting yesterday finalised rules and regulations as well as promotion and relegation system.

The participating teams are: Chittagong Abahani, Beanibazar SC, Victoria SC, Agrani Bank, Cox's City FC and Wari Club.

End of Caroline Maria, Petra re-match

Tennis

AFP, Tokyo

Unseeded Estonian Kaia Kanepi toppled world number one Caroline Wozniacki in the Pan Pacific Open tennis tournament on Wednesday, dashing the Dane's hopes of defending her title in Tokyo.

The 21-year-old Wozniacki, playing her first tournament since her semifinal exit at the US Open two weeks ago, bowed to the 43rd-ranked Estonian 7-5, 1-6, 6-4 in the third round.

"I felt I played some good tennis in the second set, and a half in the third. I had 3-0 [in the final set], and my serve... I just couldn't get any first serves in. I think I should have won that match," said Wozniacki.

Kanepi stormed back from 0-3 down and then 2-4 down in the final set before taking the following four games in a row.

Although she needed three match points, she punished Wozniacki's short ball on the third match point with a clean forehand winner to finish off the two-hour-23-minute battle.

"It feels great," said Kanepi. "Of course, I'm very happy, not because I beat her, but also because I played well and I hung in there."

It was Kanepi's first win over Wozniacki in three meetings.

Meanwhile, crowd-favourite Maria Sharapova needed just over two hours to defeat Germany's Julia Goerges 7-6 (7/4), 7-6 (7/4) and set up a revenge match against Wimbledon champ Petra Kvitova.

The 21-year-old Czech, who defeated Sharapova in the final to claim her first Grand Slam title at Wimbledon in July, outclassed American Vania King 6-1, 7-6 (7/4) to reach the quarterfinals.

Her compatriot Maria Kirilenko, who eliminated US Open champion Samantha Stosur of Australia in the second round, kept her momentum by beating former world number one Ana Ivanovic of Serbia 6-3, 6-1.

Fourth seed Vera Zvonareva of Russia whipped Iveta Benesova of the Czech Republic 6-1, 6-2, while seventh seed Marion Bartoli of France breezed past China's Peng Shuai 6-2, 6-1.

Tigers to brush

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was five years ago in 2006, while there have been no domestic Twenty20 matches since the 2009-2010 season.

The Tigers will get a break on Friday after the four-day practice match ends today and will return to training on Saturday.

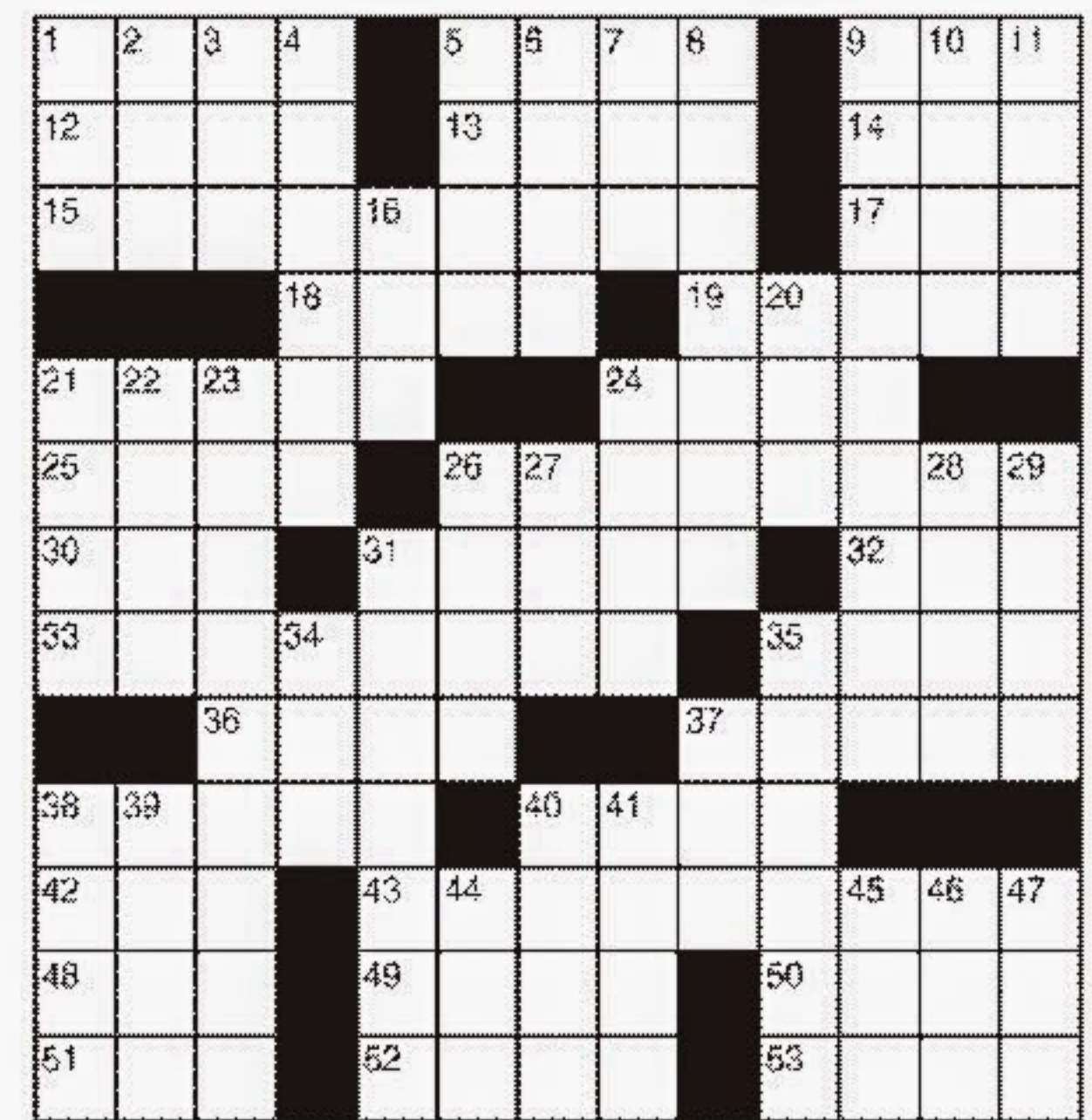
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