

Labib boost for Aiman

SPORTS REPORTER

Labib Group has come forward to sponsor Bangladesh Games' gold winning shuttler Aiman Ibne Zaman for one year as the company yesterday handed over Tk 2 lakh to Zaman in a reception ceremony at the Bangladesh Olympic Association auditorium. "I think such sponsorship will help me concentrate on my game round the year and I will be trying to repay such honour to the sponsor in the future through my performance," said Aiman, the 15-year old class 9 student who defeated holder Mohammad Javed to win the gold medal in the men's single event. Labib Group chairman Salahuddin Alamgir also promised to help Aiman beyond the sponsorship money.

Hyderabad, Delhi win with ease

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Hosts Sunrisers Hyderabad comfortably chased down 129 to beat Mumbai Indians by seven wickets in an Indian Premier League match at the Rajiv Gandhi Cricket Stadium in Hyderabad on Wednesday. Meanwhile, Delhi Daredevils beat Kolkata Knight Riders, also by seven wickets, at the International Cricket Stadium in Raipur on the same day.

SCORES IN BRIEF
MUMBAI INDIANS: 129 for 4 in 20 overs (Smith 38, Rohit 22, Rayudu 34 not out; Ishant 2-15, Mishra 2-24)
SUNRISERS HYDERABAD: 130 for 3 in 18 overs (Dhawan 73 not out, Sangakkara 21, Vihari 25; Kulkarni 1-13)
Result: Sunrisers Hyderabad won by 7 wickets.
Player-of-the-match: Ishant Sharma.
SOLKATA KNIGHT RIDERS: 136 for 7 in 20 overs (Pathan 20, Das 18, Bhatia 26 not out, Narwar 23, Lee 16 not out; Yadav 2-36)
DELHI DAREDEVILS: 137 for 3 in 17.5 overs (Sehwag 17, Chand 37, Warner 66 not out; Lee 1-16)
Result: Delhi Daredevils won by 7 wickets.
Player-of-the-match: David Warner.

Sk Russel's

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Emily who has struck 17 goals this season. For Sheikh Russel it's a dream come true season. Since their arrival in the top-flight football in 2003, Sheikh Russel could only finish second behind champions Brothers in the now defunct Premier League. But since then they could never prove their potential until the 2012-13 season which they made their own after clinching the club's first trophy -- the Federation Cup -- and then the Independence Cup before the coveted Bangladesh Premier League that Abahani won four times and Sheikh Jamal once. With one game still to go, Sheikh Russel have set a high standard this season by winning 22 out of 26 games they played. They drew the other two games against two defeats.

Cricketers'

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as there is no competitions right at the moment. Initially we have decided to run the camp for a week as we are not sure about the start of the Premier Division Cricket League," said Dr. Debashish Chowdhury, the board's physician, yesterday.

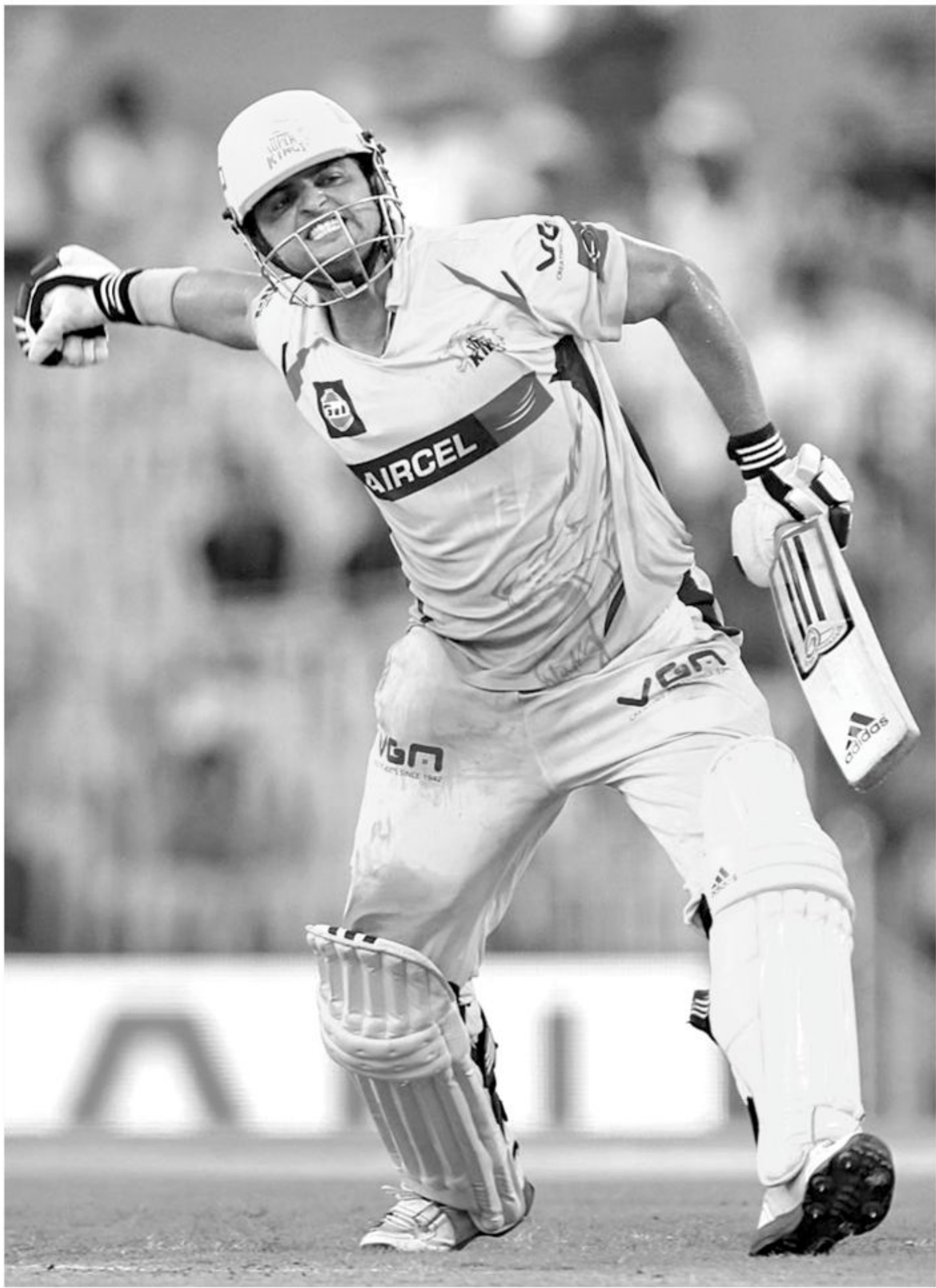


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Chennai Super Kings' Suresh Raina exults after scoring his first IPL century against Kings XI Punjab in Chennai yesterday.

CSK's seventh in a row

AGENCIES, Chennai



Suresh Raina's superb ton helped Chennai Super Kings take a giant stride towards qualifying for the knock-out stages as they defeated Kings XI Punjab by 15 runs to win their seventh match on the trot in the Pepsi Indian Premier League in Chennai on Thursday. Raina scored an unbeaten 100 in Chennai Super Kings' total of 186 for four and then the bowlers kept their cool to restrict Kings XI to 171 for six despite a brilliant counter-attacking partnership of 95 between Shaun Marsh, who scored a 51-ball 73 (8x4, 2x6) and David Miller (51 not out, 26 balls, 5x4, 2x6).

The win took CSK's points tally to 18 from 11 matches and they are now all but through to the last four stage of the competition. The seventh successive win is an IPL record which they now share with Royal Challengers Bangalore.

Needing 19 to win off the last over, Dwayne Bravo bowled intelligently giving away only three runs but more importantly took three wickets to finish with figures of three for 34.

Marsh and Miller were on a 'Mission

Impossible' but did play their part admirably well to get close to the target but in the end, 186 proved to be good enough for the CSK juggernaut to roll on.

Haryana medium-pacer Mohit Sharma had dealt a severe blow by removing both openers Luke Pomersbach and Mandeep Singh in quick succession.

It was always going to be a catch-up game for the Kings XI batsmen but credit to Marsh, who grabbed with both hands the chance to open the innings after regular captain Adam Gilchrist sat himself out in the last two matches after a string of poor scores.

Earlier, Raina's splendid century helped title favourites Chennai Super Kings to post a commendable total of 186 for four after opting to bat.

SCORES IN BRIEF
CHENNAI SUPER KINGS: 186 for 4 in 20 overs (Saha 18, M Hussey 35, Raina 100 not out, Morkel 23; Awana 2-29)

KINGS XI PUNJAB: 171 for 6 in 20 overs (Mandeep 15, Marsh 73, D Hussey 22, Miller 51 not out; Sharma 2-31, Bravo 3-34)

Result: Chennai Super Kings won by 15 runs.

Player-of-the-match: Suresh Raina.

36 lakh

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Ahmed of BJMC, striker Shakhawat Hossain Rony of Abahani, defenders Shohel Rana and Yeasin, goalkeeper Mamun Khan and former national winger Mobarrak Hossain of Mohammedan.

Sheikh Jamal president Manjur Kader however was quite tight-lipped, but admitted they would form a strong team for the upcoming season. This season, they have finished runners-up in both Federation Cup and Independence Cup and are currently in third position of the nine-team professional football league with a match in hand.

Abahani

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games. The can however be overtaken by Sheikh Jamal DC who have a match in hand with 28 points from 15 matches.

Abahani were defeated by Muktijoddha Sangar for the first time in the professional football league which started in 2007. Earlier Abahani beat Muktijoddha five times and drew six times in 11 matches. Muktijoddha Sangsad finished sixth among nine teams with 19 points from 16 matches.

Mike made MCC chief

AFP, London

Former England captain Mike Gatting was on Wednesday named president of the historic Marylebone Cricket Club (MCC).

The 55-year-old, who played his county cricket for Middlesex whose home is the MCC-owned Lord's Ground, will assume his duties on October 1.

He was chosen by the current president, Mike Griffith, who announced the appointment at the Club's AGM this afternoon.

RCB break away jinx

PTI, Pune

Robin Uthappa's excellent 45-ball 75-run knock went in vain as Royal Challengers Bangalore defeated Pune Warriors by 17 runs to consolidate their second position in the Pepsi Indian Premier League yesterday. Uthappa's fiery knock, during which he hit five boundaries and as many towering sixes, failed to take Pune home as, chasing a stiff 188 for victory, the hosts ran out of steam to be restricted to 170 for nine and hand RCB their first win away from home this season.

Earlier, RCB rode on Saurabh Tiwary's fine 52 and AB de Villiers's quick-fire unbeaten 50 to post a 187 for three.

SCORES IN BRIEF

RCB: 187 for 3 in 20 overs (Tiwary 52, De Villiers 50 not out, Henriques 27 not out, Kohli 25; Dinda 2-52)

PW: 170 for 9 in 20 overs (Uthappa 75, Mathews 32; Kumar 3-31, Kartik 2-29)

Result: Royal Challengers Bangalore won by 17 runs.

Player-of-the-match: AB de Villiers.

K'chhari cricket

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Friends Union clinched the District Cricket League title beating Sangu Boi o Thak by 14 runs in Khagrachhari on Tuesday.

Batting first, Friends scored 159 runs in 43.1 overs riding on an unbeaten half-century from Mamun.

In reply, Sangu were all out for 145 in 49.3 overs. Mamun was adjudged player-of-the-match.

Proteas drop Kallis!

AFP, Cape Town



All-rounder Jacques Kallis was a surprise omission when South Africa's 15-man squad for the ICC Champions Trophy in England in June was announced in Cape Town Thursday.

Batsman JP Duminy returned to the squad after recovering from an Achilles tendon injury which has prevented him from playing any cricket since last November.

It had been widely expected that Kallis, who turns 38 in October, would return to one-day international action after he was rested from games against New Zealand and Pakistan in the recent home season, ostensibly as part of a plan to manage his workload.

Kallis is currently playing for Kolkata Knight Riders in the Indian Premier League.

Selection convener Andrew Hudson said Kallis had been unavailable for personal reasons.

"It was at Jacques' request and we are respectful of that."

Asked how this would affect Kallis' future career for South Africa, Hudson said: "It's a little too early to speculate. I'm sure in the next few weeks we'll learn more."

Kallis has played in 321 one-day internationals since making his debut in 1995-96.

Coach Gary Kirsten admitted that the

absence of Kallis was a blow.

"He's a big player but this team has progressed to a level where we feel comfortable with whoever we pick.

"Obviously he is two players in one so it does affect our combinations but that's the way it is. He's been a great player and ambassador for this country. If he feels personally he is not up for the tournament we have to respect that."

The squad includes eight front-line batsmen, five seam bowlers and two spin-

ners, with three of the batsmen able to provide an additional bowling option.

"We've looked for continuity and I feel there's good experience in the team," said Kirsten.

"We've looked to try to have a bit of flair in the team as we feel that is important in a knockout event. That's why we have gone for eight

batsmen so that we have combinations and options in our batting department that we can try something different in a game."

Kirsten said the squad would have a camp of four to five days in the Netherlands, which includes a one-day international against the Netherlands in Amstelveen on May 31, ahead of their first Champions Trophy match against India in Cardiff on June 6.

South Africa's one-day record in the past year is mediocre. They drew 2-2 with England last year, before losing 2-1 against New Zealand and beating Pakistan 3-2.

Bailey appointed Clarke's deputy

AFP, Sydney



George Bailey was Wednesday handed the vice-captaincy of Australia's squad for their defence of the Champions Trophy, while promising fast bowler Nathan Coulter-Nile won a call-up.

The eight-nation tournament starts in England next month with Bailey getting the nod as Michael Clarke's number two in place of Shane Watson.

Watson is in the 15-man squad but opted to stand aside as vice skipper to focus on his batting and bowling, in the same way he did with the Test side for the upcoming Ashes tour of England.

"Selectors have been impressed with George's leadership when he stepped in to guide the ODI team in Michael's absence last summer and leadership of the T20 team over the past two seasons," national selector John Inverarity said.

"Given George's experience and credentials, he was viewed as the ideal person for the role."

There were few surprises in the squad with Inverarity previously announcing that players chosen to represent Australia A in their England tour that will run at the same time as the Champions Trophy would not be considered.

This ruled out Brad Haddin, Steve Smith, Moises Henriques, Usman Khawaja, James Pattinson and Jackson Bird.

But several of the Ashes squad are on the team, including Clarke, Watson, David Warner, Phil Hughes, Matt Wade, Mitchell Starc and James Faulkner.

SL turn to Chanaka

REUTERS, Colombo

Left-arm fast bowler Chanaka Welegedara was recalled after an absence of three years to Sri Lanka's one-day squad for the Champions Trophy in England next month.

Welegedara, who last played a one-day international in June 2010, has struggled with injury problems.

He was among three players returning to the 15-man squad along with batsman Mahela Jayawardene, who missed the home series against Bangladesh due to a finger injury, and left-arm spinner Rangana Herath who was rested.

SQUAD

Angelo Mathews (captain), Dinesh Chandimal, Tillakaratne Dilshan, Kusal Perera, Kumar Sangakkara, Mahela Jayawardene, Lahiru Thirimanne, Jeevan Mendis, Thisara Perera, Lasith Malinga, Rangana Herath, Nuwan Kulasekara, Shaminda Eranga, Sachithra Senanayake, Chanaka Welegedara.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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1 Cookie container	37 Prom-goers' rides	DOWN	19 Cudgel
4 Pen point	39 Desert	1 Coffee	21 Energy
7 Castle protector	41 Mall units	2 Elderly	23 Morsel
11 Quite eager	43 Droop	3 Hot dog holder	25 Settled a bill
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14 Ames' state	46 Border shrubbery	5 Mid-eastern nation	27 Hammer-head part
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16 Name in China's history	53 Be sick	7 "Pieta" artist	29 Cafe au —
17 Masticate	55 Lounge	8 Reaction to fireworks	30 Bullets et al.
18 Extem-porize	56 Ladder step	9 Emotion eliciting	31 U.S. spy org.
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Wednesday's Cryptoquip: KINDLY CHOP DOWN SOME TREES IN YOUR OVERGROWN THICKET, OR I'M GONNA HAVE TO CULL THE COPSE.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: M equals N