

Column One SPORTS TALK



Josia Thugwane (South African distance runner) "I am dedicating this medal to him, because he made it possible, he made us free."

After winning the Olympic marathon gold.

SPORTS WHIZZ KID

COMPETITION FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN

Sports WHIZZ KID competition-49

Tick the Correct Answers

Table with 5 questions about the 2000 Olympics, including medal counts and event details.

Registration form for the Sports Whizz Kid competition with fields for Name, Class, Roll No, School Address, and Phone.

Shearer mania hits Newcastle

NEWCASTLE, England, Aug 6: Soccer fans camped outside Newcastle United's ground for three nights, eager to snap up tickets to see world record signing Alan Shearer play his first match for his new club next weekend, reports Reuters.

We have been staggered by the response, which is all to do with the arrival of Alan Shearer... Newcastle spokesman Graham Courtney said.

Wright QPR's new owner

LONDON, Aug 6: Music and media entrepreneur Chris Wright bought English soccer club Queens Park Rangers for about 10 million pounds (\$5.4 million dollars) on Monday and set his sights on an immediate return to the premier league, reports Reuters.

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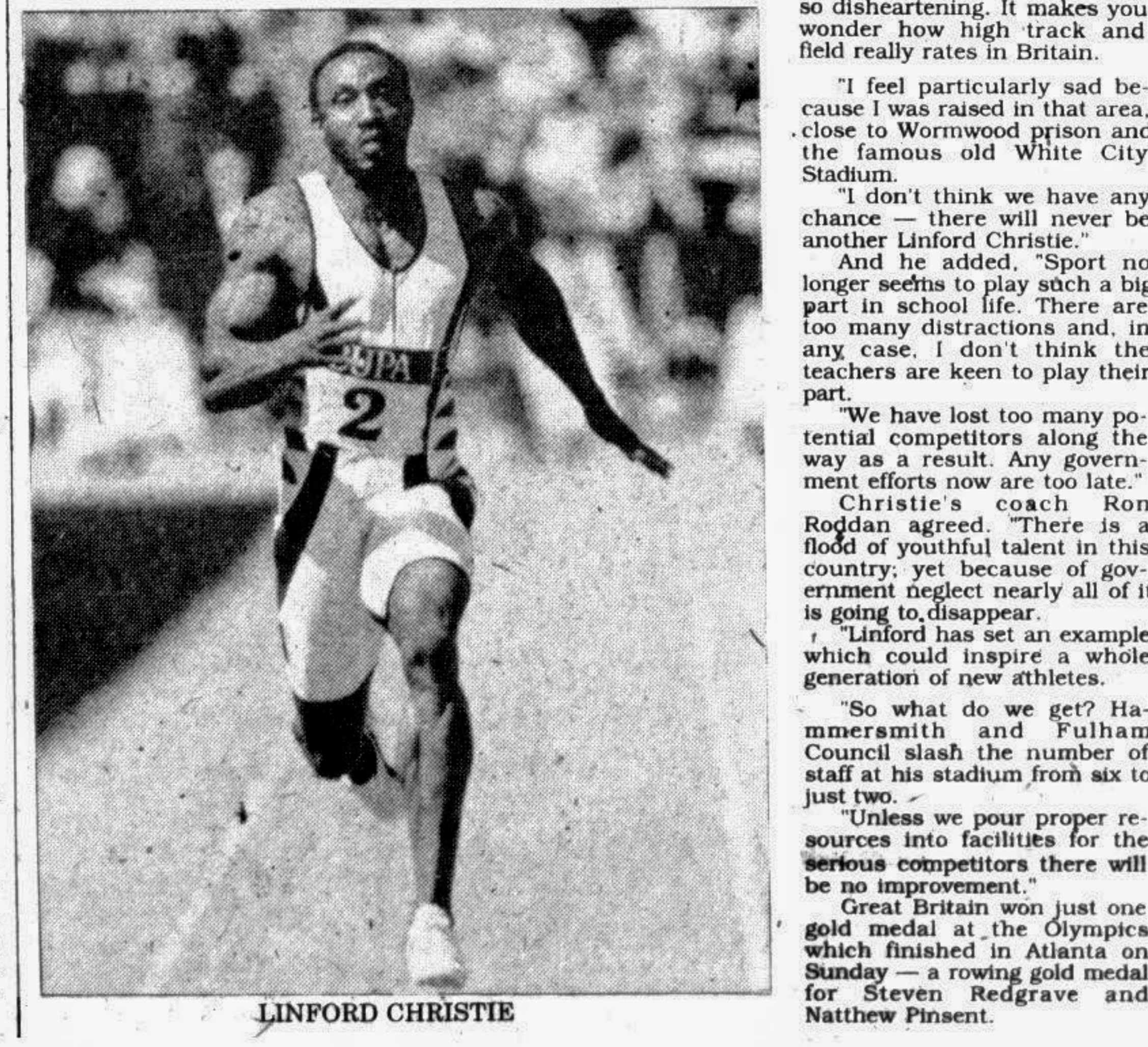
Sports Reporter. Asked by a reporter whether these five were left unattended because of some pressure from a big club or not, Amalesh could not provide a satisfactory answer. About refereeing, Amalesh said, "Last year we were victims of poor refereeing. This year we want a change in this trend. Our demand is not against any foreign or local referee but for something very fair."

Britain, the bridesmaid

LONDON, Aug 6: Britain's goal for the 2000 Olympics? Beat Bamundi. Add to that list Syria, Ecuador, Finland, Armenia and more than a dozen other countries that won as many gold medals as Britain did at the Atlanta Olympic Games that ended Sunday, reports AP.

Linford lampoons govt

LONDON, Aug 6: Britain's former Olympic and world 100 metres champion Linford Christie said on Tuesday that Great Britain will never produce another 100m Olympic champion, reports AFP.



LINFORD CHRISTIE

Open rating chess on

Sports Reporter. Open international rating chess tournament, organised by Bangladesh Chess Federation, will begin at the NSC chess room this afternoon.

Pakistan to probe hockey team's failure

ISLAMABAD, Aug 6: Pakistani sports authorities said on Tuesday they would hold a through inquiry into the national hockey team's failure at the Atlanta Olympics, where the world champions finished sixth, reports Reuters.

Ireland awaits her princess

DUBLIN, Aug 6: Ireland's triple gold medalist Michelle Smith will arrive to a heroine's welcome when she returns from Atlanta today, reports AP.

Rich dividends from Atlanta

ATLANTA, Aug 6: The Atlanta Olympics will make a profit and create far more economic development than predicted, organising committee co-chairman Andrew Young said on Monday, reports Reuters.

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HOME BOUND: Olympians at Hartsfield International Airport in Atlanta on August 5 cue for their homeward journey

Lloyd's mixed moment

LONDON, Aug 6: England on Tuesday extended David Lloyd's coaching contract to include their 1996-97 tour of Zimbabwe and New Zealand, reports agencies.

Leicester keep the lead

LONDON, Aug 6: Leicestershire, seeking to become English county cricket champions for only the second time in their history edged three points clear at the top of the table on Monday, reports Reuters.

Caddick being candidly

LONDON, Aug 6: Somerset pace bowler Andy Caddick, who feared he might be forced by injury to quit cricket a year ago, was recalled by England on Sunday, reports Reuters.

Fatal fervour II!

LAGOS, Aug 6: Five people died while celebrating the victory of the Nigerian football team over Argentina in the final of the 1996 Atlanta Olympic Games, press reports said here Tuesday, reports AFP.

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