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COMPETITION FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN

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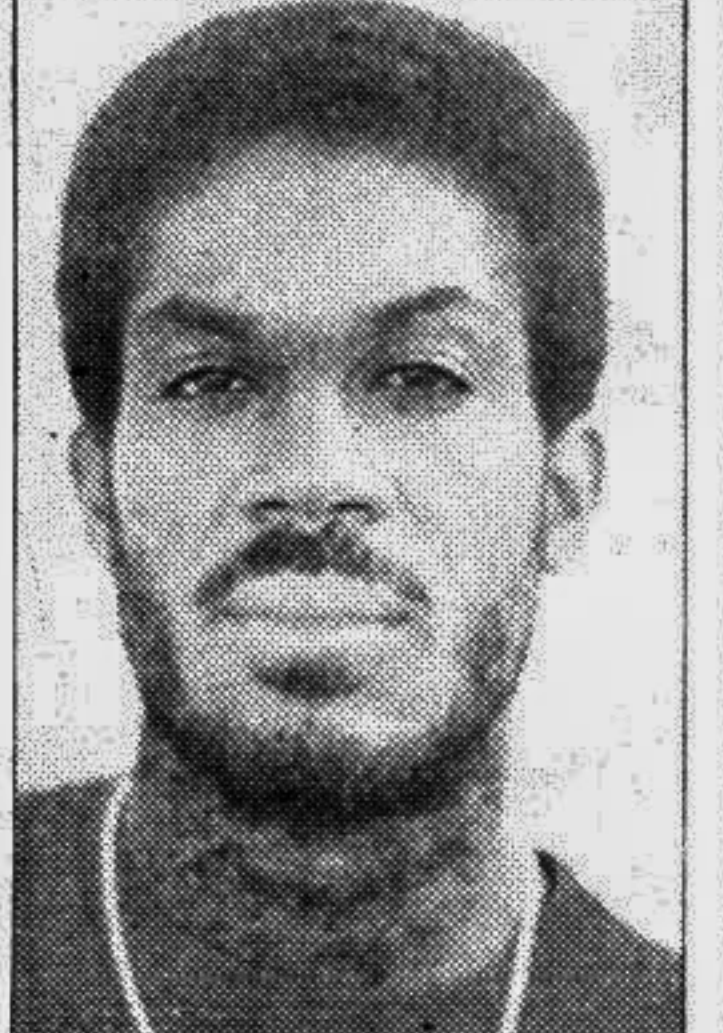
Competition closes at 8 pm on Jan 9, 1998

- 1. Who is the Australia cricket coach?
2. Who is the Argentina soccer coach?
3. Which county will Lara lead next year?
4. Who hit the first century in this year's Premier Division cricket league?
5. Who lifted the women's singles title of the national TT championships?

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EN-VITS ENERGY RELEASING VITAMINS

SPORTS TALK



Michael Holding
(West Indian cricket great)
'I wouldn't pay them tram tickets.'

Queen's honours

LONDON, Jan 1: Former England winger Tom Finney is knighted and Flery Welsh striker Mark Hughes gets the MBE in the New Year's Honours list, announced Wednesday by Queen Elizabeth II, reports AP.

Sydney 2000

Twelve soccer games at MCG

MELBOURNE, Jan 1: Melbourne Cricket Ground will host 12 soccer matches during the Sydney 2000 Olympic Games, despite hiccups in its bid earlier this year, Victoria state premier Jeff Kennett said today, reports Reuters.

TODAY'S MATCHES

- Premier Division Football League: Mohammedam SC vs YMC Fakirpool (Mirpur Stadium, 2:15 pm)
First Division Football League: Badda Jagarani vs Dhaka Wanderers Club (Army Stadium, 2:15 pm)
First Division Cricket League: Gopibagh FA vs Bangladesh Railway (City Club)

Independence Cup notebook

Tickets for the Coca-Cola tri-nation Independence Cup will be available at ten selected branches of the Al-Baraka Bank in and around the city. The tourney involving India, Pakistan and Bangladesh will be held at the Dhaka Stadium from January 10 to 18. According to the Media Committee yesterday following branches of the bank will sell tickets: Principal Office (Mofhel), Imamganj Branch, VIP Road (Naya Paltan) Branch, Narayanganj Branch, Mirpur Road Branch, Bangsal Branch, Islampur Branch, Kauran Bazar Branch, Gulshan (South Avenue) Branch and Dilkusha Branch. However, the committee was yet to decide when the tickets would go on sale.

COIN FOR TOSS

The special coin, which has been issued by Bangladesh Bank to commemorate the Silver Jubilee of Independence recently, will be used for the toss in all the matches. The coin, which has got a face value of Tk 10, costs Tk 1,200 to purchase from the central bank.

SPECIAL GATES

The Bangladesh Cricket Board has named two gates of the stadium after freedom fighters Shaheed Mushtaque and Jewel who were killed in 1971.

Gate No 1 which is mostly known as VIP Gate, will now be known as Shaheed Mushtaque Gate while the Gate No 3 adjacent to Dhaka Mahanagari Football League Committee will be called Shaheed Jewel Gate.

CAMERA

The TV production team of British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) will operate 14 cameras including the 'stump cams.' Two will be used for the stumps and another will be

PCB seeks foreign assistance

LAHORE, Jan 1: (The Dawn): Services of a foreign coach from Australia, England or South Africa will be hired to prepare the Pakistan cricket team for the World Cup Cricket Tournament to be held in Britain in 1999. Talking exclusive to The Dawn newspaper on Wednesday evening, Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) chief executive Majid Khan confirmed that a coach from either of the three countries would be hired. "We are negotiating with the boards of the three countries. Whenever a deal is struck, we will hire the coach and ask him to take over the training of the Pakistan senior team," said Majid Khan.

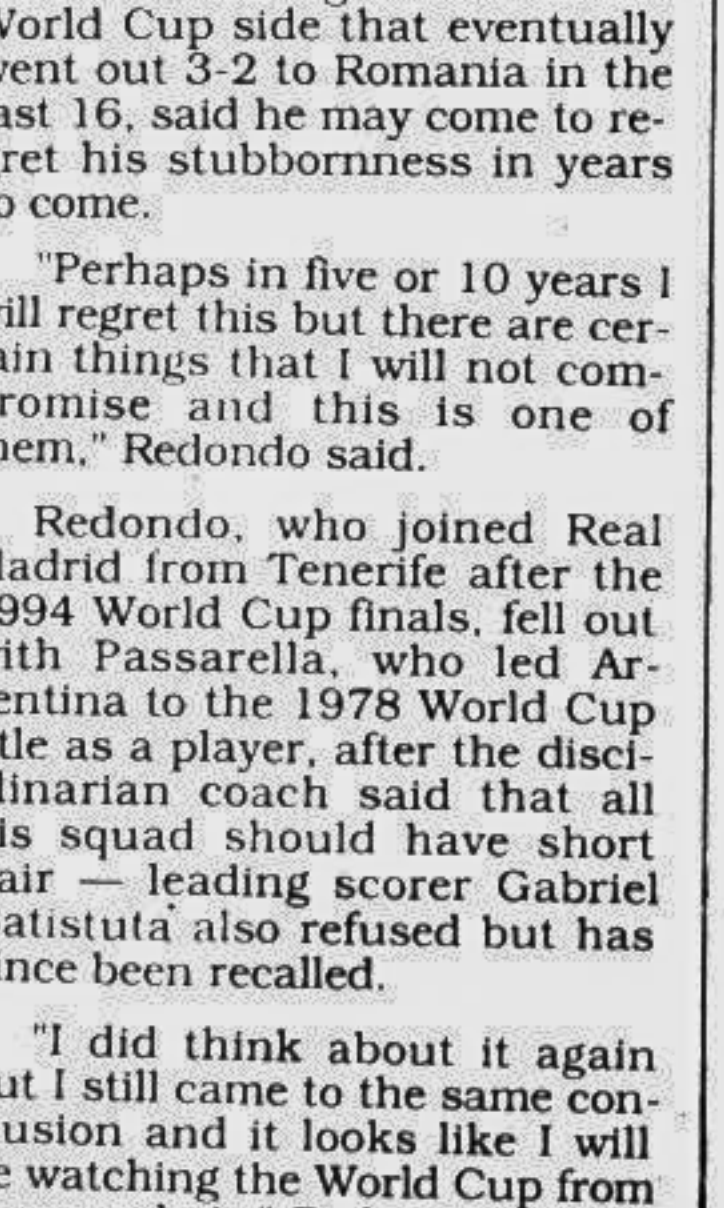
Redondo won't compromise

MADRID, Jan 1: Real Madrid's Argentinian playmaker Fernando Redondo said here on Monday that he would not follow national coach Daniel Passarella's instructions to cut his hair despite the fact that failure to do so would rule him out of the 1998 World Cup finals, reports AFP.

Sub-junior chess

The 18th national sub-junior chess championship begins from January 4 under the auspices of Bangladesh Chess Federation (BCF). Interested boys and girls who were born after January 1, 1983, have been asked to submit their names with Tk 60 entry fees at the BCF office before 8 pm tomorrow.

Greg Lemond (C) the three-time winner of the Tour de France preparing for the first leg of the Vietnam Challenge bicycle race on Jan 1 in Hanoi.



AFRIDI, HUSSAIN fined for playing in Dhaka

The inclusion of spinner Mohammad Hossain in the Dhaka-bound 14-man Pakistan team stirred up an uproar among the cricket followers of the former world champions, according to a report of The Dawn newspaper. The Pakistan team led by Rashid Latif will take part in the tri-nation Coca-Cola Independence Cup starting in Bangladesh from January 10. Latif, whose five-year career was plagued by controversies, had been disciplined by the PCB twice and was included in the Pakistan team only once in



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fixed on a tower for a panoramic view. According to a BCB official, they have selected three towers of which BBC will choose one after their arrival. The three towers being the 20-story building at the Bangladesh Secretariat, 24-story Bangladesh Shilpa Bank Bhaban and Jiban Bima Tower.



COMMITTEES

BCB announced the formation of eleven different committees. Saber Hossain Chowdhury, Deputy Minister for Shipping and president of BCB, will lead the five-member Co-ordination Committee which also includes BCB vice-president Syed Ashraf Haque as co-ordinator and Raisuddin Ahmed, BCB vice-president, CCMD chairman

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