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SPORTS TALK



Curlty Ambrose

(West Indies fast bowler)
"I am 12 wickets away and I have done well against England over the years and hopefully I can maintain that kind of form against them. It would be nice to get 400 wickets. So far, only three guys — Courtney Walsh, Kapil Dev and Sir Richard Hadlee — have done that in Test cricket. Wasim Akram, great bowler that he is, is almost there as well, so if I do get there it will be a nice feeling."

England off a to good start

NOTTINGHAM, England, June 1: England were 94 without loss after 37 overs at tea on the first day of the second and final Test here at Trent Bridge on Thursday, reports AFP.

Mike Atherton was 46 not out off 115 balls with nine fours and Mark Ramprakash 40 not out off 109 with six fours. The England openers getting Nasser Hussain's team off to an ideal start.

It seemed as if Zimbabwe had achieved this without a ball being bowled; as captain Andy Flower won the toss.

He thus ensured that his fragile top-order did not have to bat first in overcast conditions and on a seamer-friendly pitch.

TEAMS

ENGLAND: Michael Atherton, Mark Ramprakash, Nasser Hussain (captain), Graeme Hick, Alec Stewart, Nick Knight, Andrew Flintoff, Chris Schofield, Andrew Gaddick, Darren Gough, Ed Gidkins.

ZIMBABWE: Grant Flower, Stuart Carlisle, Murray Goodwin, Alistair Campbell, Andrew Flower (captain), Neil Johnson, Guy Whittall, Heath Streak, Mubelele Nkala, Brian Murphy, Mpumelelo Mbangwa.

Rajshahi hockey

From Our Correspondent
RAJSHAH, June 1: Baikal Sangha beat Upashar Cricket Club 3-0 in the Rajshahi First Division hockey league at local stadium today.

Raju opened the account in the 4th minute while Mamun and Sumon slammed home one goal each in the 8th and 16th minutes respectively.

Primary Krira Training Centre will take on Cosmos Sporting Club and Jagrata Sangha will meet Firoz Shirati Sangha tomorrow.



THE FAMILY IS HERE: A combination of photos showing Pakistan's master batsman Inzamamul Haq (L), and captain Moin Khan (2nd from L) getting out of the Zia International Airport yesterday. Moin's wife Tasmin (2nd from R) and Inzamam's spouse Kasifa, who have also come, hold their babies while waiting to board a bus for their hotel.

—Star photo by Amran Hossain

Pakistan on a mission

Al-Amin



Pakistan captain Moin Khan said that his team is determined to end their Asia Cup jinx.

"We have never won the Asia Cup. So the boys are quite desperate to win it this time and after a successful tour West Indies tour everybody is looking forward to the Dhaka carnival", Moin told reporters on arrival in the city yesterday.

The Pakistan team landed in the afternoon and rested at their hotel following a gruelling journey straight from the Caribbean.

The former World champions will kick-off their Asia Cup campaign against Bangladesh at the Bangabandhu National Stadium today. The clash also promises to be an emotional one specially because it will be the first meeting between the two unequal opponents since Bangladesh's now legendary 62-run win in the 1999 World Cup.

"Cricket is a funny game. Bangladesh beat us in the World Cup. So, we are not going to take them lightly tomorrow", said Moin who also admitted that his boys are likely to feel jinxed after such a long journey.

But the Pakistan captain said that the long Caribbean tour that ended on a defeat in the deciding third Test at St. John's would not effect the morale of his team.

"It does not matter really. The boys are very happy the way they performed in the last match. Although we lost it was still a very exciting game. Our morale is very high at the moment", said Moin who led Pakistan to two one-day tournament victories since taking over from Wasim Akram.

"The boys are in very good form. They have made it a habit of winning tournaments. We won the Sharjah tournament and also the tri-nation in the West Indies", said the Pakistan wicketkeeper.

Moin nonetheless conceded that Dhaka has not been a happy hunting ground for them. The last time they played a tournament here, we lost to India in the final", Moin said recalling the fantastic chase of 314 runs by their bitter rivals in the Independence Cup final two years ago.

Interestingly this is for the second time Moin is going to lead Pakistan in the Asia Cup. In his first assignment in 1995 at Sharjah, the combative wicketkeeper-batsman was however forced to pull himself in the middle of the tournament due to chicken pox.

The Pakistan team is not at full strength in the bowling department as they are without three champion bowlers — speed sensation Shoaib Akhtar, off spinner Saqlain Mushtaq and experienced Waqar Younis.

Shoaib and Saqlain have been released by the Pakistan Cricket Board to play in the English county championship

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while Waqar has been rested. One inspiring news for Moin is that dashing left-handed spinner Shoaib Malik and all-rounder Saeed Anwar are fit and all set to get into business after a lay off for about three months. Anwar also reached

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Bangladesh Cricket Team

We wish you success!



INDIA-SRI LANKA SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the Pepsi Asia Cup match between India and Sri Lanka at the Bangabandhu National Stadium on Thursday:

SRI LANKA	R	B	4s	6s
Jayasuriya run out	105	116	12	-
Aravinda c & b Kumaran	23	38	3	-
Atapattu c Dravid b Tendulkar	42	56	2	-
Jayawardena lbw b Agarkar	7	14	-	-
Arnold c Dravid b Tendulkar	5	3	1	-
Kaluwitharana c Ganguly b Agarkar	33	39	2	-
Dilshan c Ganguly b Chopra	1	5	-	-
Vaas not out	34	25	1	2
Weeraratne run out	2	3	-	-
Muralitharan not out	1	1	-	-
Extras: (b-2, lb-11, nb-1, w-9)	23			
Total: (For 8 wickets in 50 overs)	276			

Fall of wickets: 1/58; 2/162; 3/183; 4/191; 5/202; 6/209; 7/264; 8/273.

Did not bat: Nuwan Zoysa.

Bowler:	O	M	R	W
Agarkar	10	1	55	2
Kumaran	9	0	46	1
Chopra	10	0	49	0
Kumble	8	0	36	0
Robin	3	0	22	0
Joshi	2	0	11	0
Tendulkar	8	0	44	2

INDIA	R	B	4s	6s
Ganguly c Kaluwitharana b Zoysa	13	26	4	-
Tendulkar c Jayawardena b Weeraratne	93	95	10	-
Joshi c Kaluwitharana b Vaas	11	15	2	-
David c & b Muralitharan	24	44	3	-
Azharuddin run out	3	11	-	-
Jadeja c Kaluwitharana b Weeraratne	8	14	-	-
Robin c Kaluwitharana b Weeraratne	6	18	-	-
Agarkar c Aminul b Zoysa	0	2	-	-
Kumble not out	18	25	1	1
Chopra run out	5	13	-	-
Kumaran c Vaas b Jayasuriya	7	10	1	-
Extras: (lb-3, w-11, nb-3)	17			
Total: (All out in 45 overs)	205			

Fall of wickets: 1/38; 2/56; 3/123; 4/139; 5/156; 6/174; 7/174; 8/174; 9/194.

Bowler:	O	M	R	W
Chaminda Vaas	6	1	24	1
Zoysa	10	0	47	2
Weeraratne	9	2	46	3
Muralitharan	9	1	38	1
Jayasuriya	9	0	39	1
Aravinda	2	1	8	0

Result: Sri Lanka won by 71 runs.

Man-of-the-match: Sanath Jayasuriya (Sri Lanka).

NZ stands by Bangladesh

Sports Reporter

New Zealand yesterday pledged its full support to Bangladesh's application for Test status in the coming International Cricket Council (ICC) meeting scheduled to be held at Lord's from June 22 to 26.

The official Kiwi recognition after Australia and South Africa will further strengthen Bangladesh's bid to become the tenth Test-playing nation.

"We are pleased to advise you that at our recent meeting, the New Zealand Cricket Board unanimously agreed to lend support to your push for Test status in June," said Christopher Doig, the chief executive of New Zealand Cricket Inc., in a faxed message to Bangladesh Cricket Board president Saber Hossain Chowdhury yesterday.

Only a conservative England is yet to announce its support to Bangladesh.

New Zealand is the third of the four ICC full members who opposed Bangladesh's access to the elite echelon in last year's ICC meeting at the game's Lord's headquarters. Bangladesh won five out of the mandatory seven full members' votes that time.

The announcement from New Zealand follows meetings between Saber and New Zealand Cricket chairman Sir John Anderson and Doig in Wellington and Christchurch last month.

"It's another significant step forward for us in order to get the much-needed Test status. I would still prefer to get the full membership of the ICC with unanimous support," said Saber while responding to the development from New Zealand.

Amritto Lal Dey Chess

BARISAL, June 1: Shawkat Pollab of Bangladesh Ansars took solo lead in the Amritto Lal Dey International Rating Chess tournament securing 4.5 points after the 5th round matches here Wednesday, reports UNB.

He beat Fide Master Rezaul Haque of Bangladesh Biman at the Barisal Muktiyuddah Sangsad Auditorium.

Seven players — IM Abdullah Al-Rakib (Biman), FM Enamul Hossain Rajib, Syed Ruhul Kabir Shiplu (Titans Club), Taibur Rahman Sumon (BUET), Arghyadip Das (India), Firoz Ahmed (Uttara Central) and Arman Begum (Kamalapur) — are jointly in the second place obtaining four points each.

Five players — Rezaul Haque, Sheikh Nasir Ahmed (Ansar), Prodip Gosh (India), Saidul Islam Masum (Barguna) and Shamim — were in the third position with 3.5 points each.

In the 5th round matches, Rakib beat Prodip, Shiplu beat Ruhul Islam Boby, Firoz beat Imom, Sumon beat Soham, Arman beat Sakil and Masum beat Masuda Begum.

In the other matches, Rajib drew with Arghyadip and Nasir drew with Shamim.

Sydney Games

Watch out for the closing function

SYDNEY, June 1: Sydney Olympics organisers said today the closing ceremony for the Games would be a spectacular lasting more than five hours and featuring 45 world-famous celebrities from the fields of sport and entertainment, reports Reuters.

The closing ceremony on October 2, promoted as the biggest in Olympic history, will feature 7,000 performers including 1,000 ballroom dancers, and require 50,000 sequins, 100,000 metres of fabric and 30,000 litres of paint.

Singles from the Gallery

Syed Ashfaul Haque



The India team management has not had a change of heart yet about Nayan Mongia. Currently an ill-starred Mongia was flown to Dhaka to replace injured wicketkeeper Saba Karim on Wednesday.

But a veteran of 42 Test and 139 one-day internationals, Mongia was seen sitting grim-faced yesterday at the players' lounge after being left out of the starting eleven against Sri Lanka.

The team management, which is reportedly not on good terms with Mongia, decided to go on with the makeshift wicketkeeper Rahul Dravid. And by doing so they wanted to make room for another batsman in Ajay Jadeja to bolster further their already vaunted batting line-up.

Sources close to the present India team management, described Mongia as a man with mysterious credentials. They had to accept Mongia as the Board selected him as replacement.

Mongia was sent back home by the same team management from their winter tour to Australia after the Board had asked him to go down there as a replacement of MSK Prasad.

Meanwhile an AFP report from Madras says: Karim, who received a blunt injury in the middle of his right eye and forehead, does not require

surgery. There is some damage, but it should be okay in 10 days," said Dr Lingam Gopal told reporters. Karim, who also attended the news conference, said he was disappointed to be out of



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the Asia Cup. "It is now important for me to get my full vision back as soon as possible."

THAT WAS A FIXED MATCH!

Did you know that Bangladesh played a fixed match against India on Wednesday? Yes, that's what an Indian newsman observed in his 'exclusive' report for his newspaper 'Dainik Bartaman'. Ratul Gosh became the only reporter in the town who could 'fix' the scoop news while the others just missed out on the hot event!

Although the exact content of the report could not be known but it was gathered that the Calcutta-based daily ran a

lengthy story claiming that the match was fixed to allow Bangladesh to score nearly 250 runs in their innings. The report also alleged 'Bangladesh is planning to put a mural of ICC president Jagmohan Dalmiya alongside the one of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman if Bangladesh gets the Test next June.'

When asked about it Ratul said, "I did not file the report like the way it was published. It was misinterpreted by the men back home."

He was later summoned by Obaidul Quader, the State Minister for Youth and Sports, and was asked to substantiate his report or face the music. "I asked him to show evidence or run an apology in his newspaper within 24 hours from now on. If he does not oblige, I will take whatever necessary action needed against him."

DHAKA JINX GOES

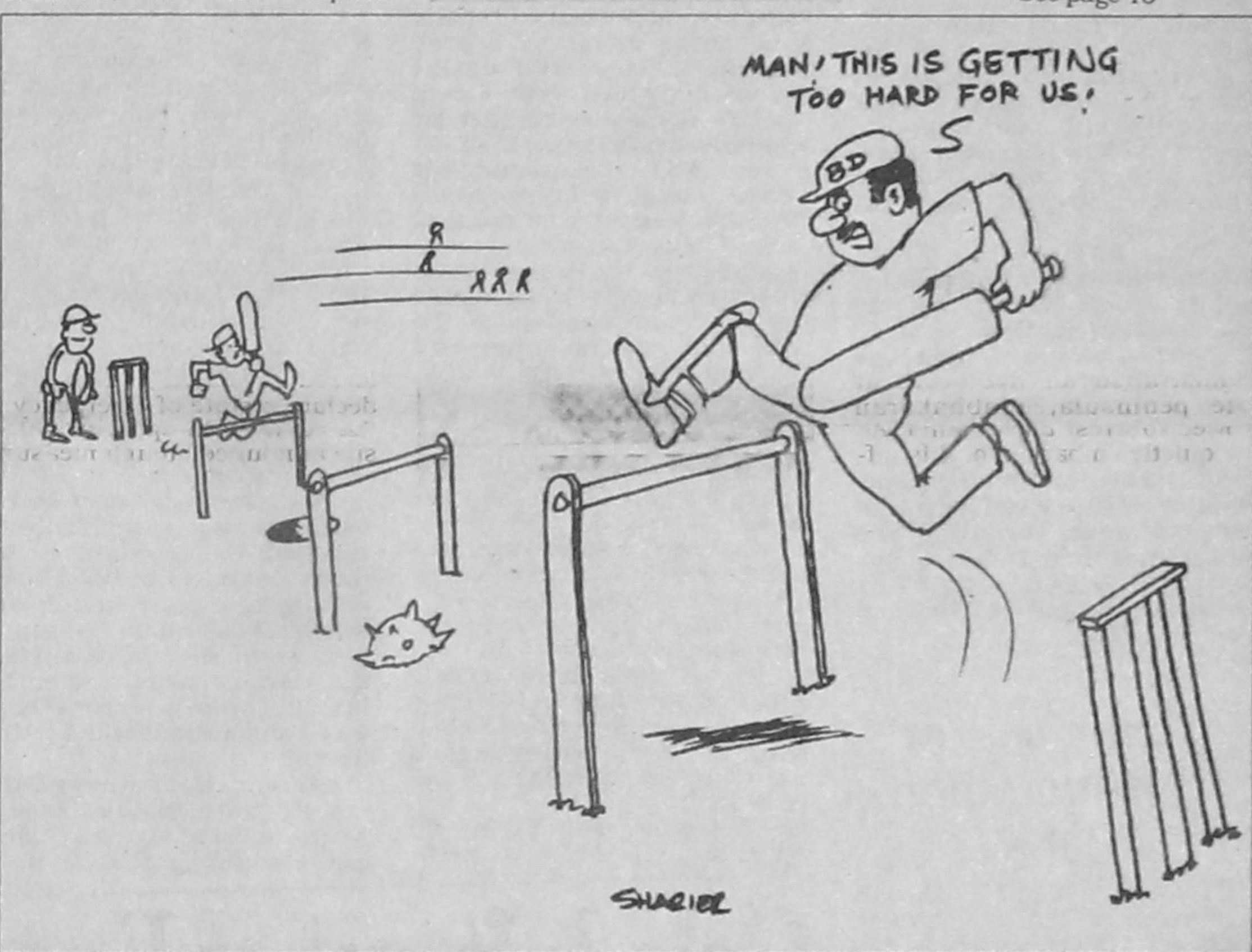
Sri Lanka skipper Sanath Jayasuriya finally broke his Dhaka jinx when he smashed a superb 105 against India yesterday. The Lankan ball-basher, who also had an unsuccessful stint with the Dhaka Mohammedan Sporting Club couple of seasons back, failed to live up to his reputation at the Bangabandhu National Stadium previously.

His previous best score in Dhaka was 28, scored against Bangladesh in the opening match of the Pepsi Asia Cup.

FAR FROM THE MADDENING CROWD

Three members of Pakistan

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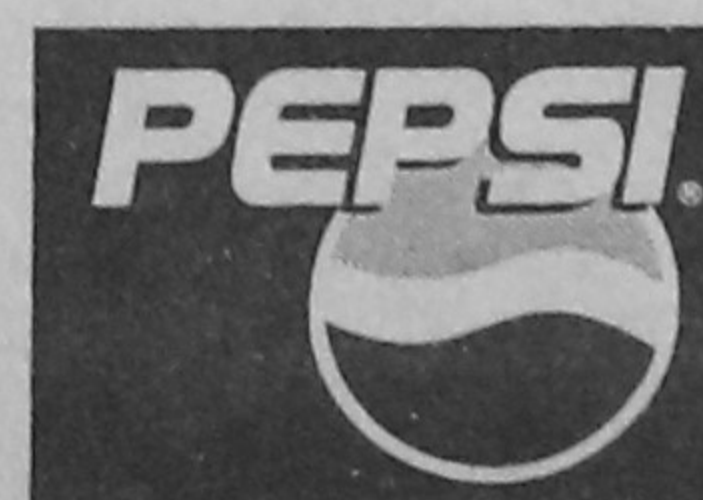
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