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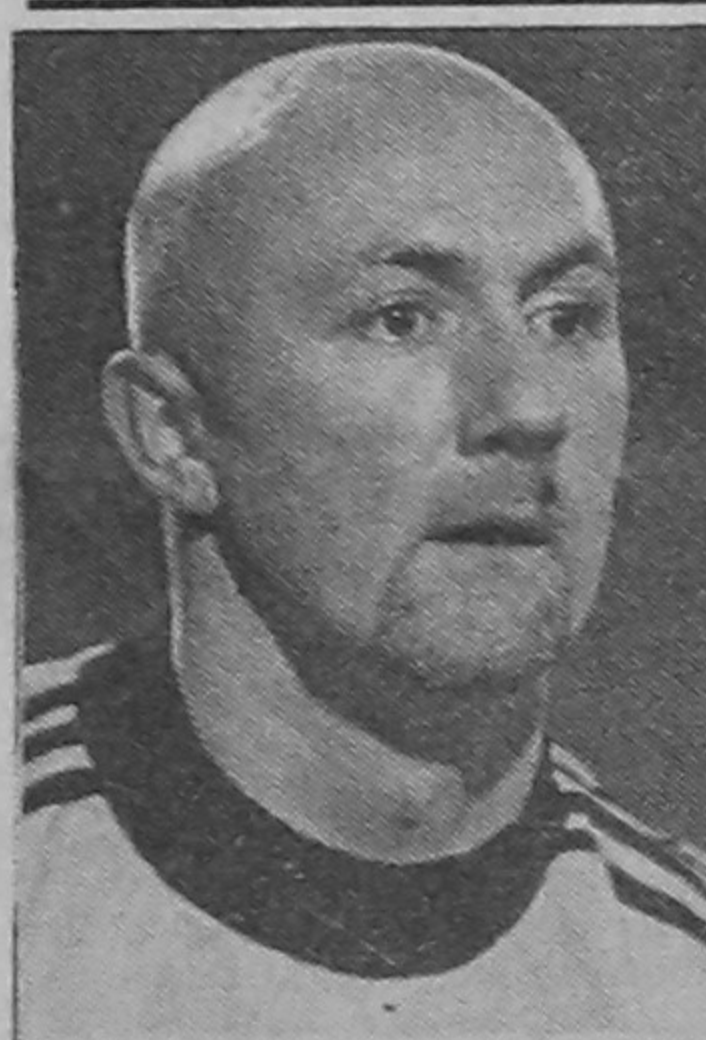
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Fabien Barthez
(French international goalkeeper)

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On his move to Manchester United.

Magura cricket

From Our Correspondent

MAGURA, June 2: The first match in the Econo Cricket League at the Magura Stadium today between Shaheed Mintu Sangha and Lutash Sangha ended in a tie after both the teams scored 99 runs each.

In the second match of the day Kundupara Krira Sangha beat Sky Heart (Junior) by 58 runs.

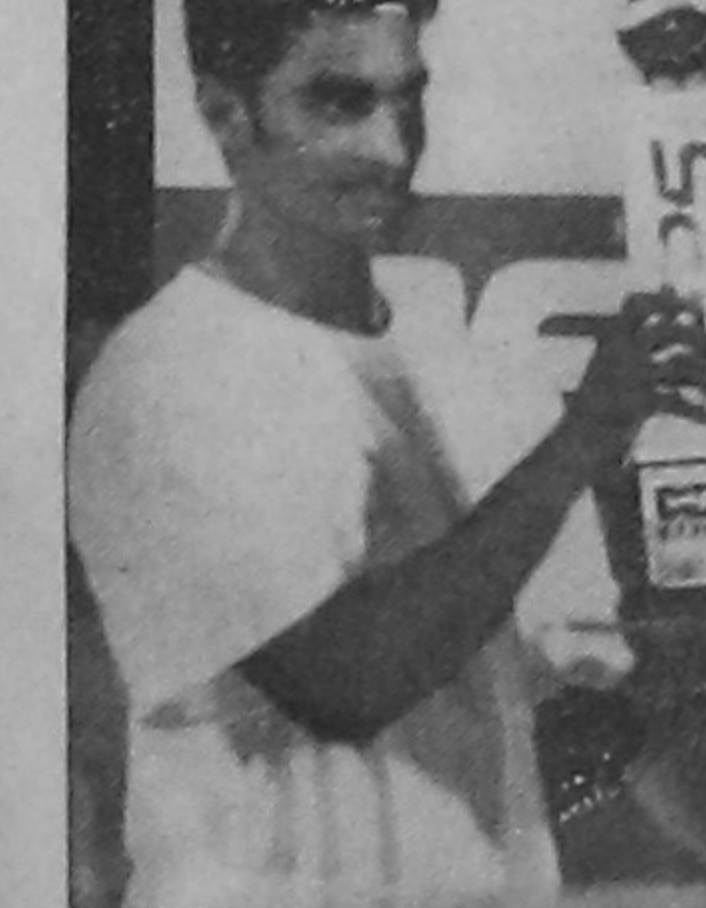
BRIEF SCORES
LUTASH SANGHA: 99 for eight in 20 overs (Habib 23, Jahid 13 not out, Mehedi 12, Kabir 2/18, Milon 2/18, Ruben 2/28).

SHAHEED MINTU SANGHA: 99 for all out in 21.2 overs (Kabir 7, Milon 7, Sumon 6, Tinku 6, Tauhidul 2/22, Pavel 2/25, Shisham 1/12).

Result: TIE
KUNDUPARA KRIRA SANGHA: 133 for seven in 25 overs (Bappa 52 not out, Ganesh 15, Pintu 12, Mejbah 2/17, Shaon 1/17, Ovi 1/20).

SKY HEART (Junior): 75 all out in 21.5 overs (Shaon 12 not out, Sumon 8, Ovi 7, Pintu 3/10, Aspu 2/17, Ganesh 2/14).

Result: Kundupara Krira Sangha won by 58 runs.



Pakistan's Imran Nazir (L) receives the Pepsi man-of-the-match trophy from Alok Malik, Country Manager of Pepsi-Cola Bangladesh.



Pakistan's Yousuf Youhana turning one to the on-side during his innings of 80 yesterday.

Asian titans meet today

Hasan Masood



Arch-rivals India and Pakistan will lock horns in the Pepsi Asia Cup at the Bangabandhu National Stadium this afternoon. Weather-permitting, the high-voltage drama involving will start at 2:30 pm local time.

This will be a crucial match for both teams since it may ultimately determine their respective stakes in the June 7 final.

Four-time champions India thrashed the hosts in their opening match by eight wickets but suffered an emphatic 71-run defeat at the hands of Sri Lanka on Thursday night.

On the other hand, Pakistan began their campaign with a victory over Bangladesh, and will be aiming for another win in the tournament.

Although, Pakistan have won 51 of the 84 matches played between the two superpowers so far, India boast a fine track record in Bangladesh.

In their previous seven meetings India enjoyed the lion's share -- five triumphs with their most notable being a sensational three-wicket victory in the Independence Cup final in 1998 when they chased a mammoth 314.

However, the Indians go into the key game with morale extremely low following their mauling at the hands of the Lankans.

They are expected to make two changes for today's clash. All-rounder Nikhil Chopra, who suffered an ankle injury during Thursday's match, is likely to be replaced by wicket-keeper Nayan Mongia while left-arm spinner Sunil Joshi, who suffered dehydration on Thursday, might be replaced by left-handed all-rounder Hemang Badani.

The mood in the Pakistan camp was equally very serious.

"We have come here to win our maiden Asia Cup and to achieve that we have to win every match," said skipper Moin Khan.

"They (India) chased 314 when we met last time. We are looking forward to playing them again and winning this time."

"The boys are charged up and are very much focused," Moin

said adding that the final eleven would be decided before the match.

B.C. Cooray and Ashoka de Silva of Sri Lanka will officiate.

TEAMS

INDIA (from): Saurav Gan-

Kumble, Hemang Badani, Nayan Mongia, Amit Bhandari and Nikhil Chopra.

PAKISTAN (from): Moin Khan (captain), Imran Nazir, Saeed Anwar, Inzamamul Haq, Wasim Akram, Abdul Razzaq, Shahid Afridi, Yousuf



guly (captain), Rahul Dravid, Sachin Tendulkar, Mohammad Azharuddin, Ajay Jadeja, Sunil Joshi, Robin Singh, Ajit Agarkar, Thiru Kumaran, Anil

Youhana, Azhar Mahmood, Arshad Khan, Mohammad Akram, Mohammad Wasim, Shoaib Malik and Shabbir Ahmed.

Bangladesh Cricket Team

We wish you success!



BANGLADESH-PAKISTAN SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the Pepsi Asia Cup match between Bangladesh and Pakistan at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday:

PAKISTAN	R	B	4s	6s
Anwar b Naimur	31	32	6	-
Nazir run out	80	76	7	3
Youhana st K Masood b Enamul	80	104	5	1
Inzamam not out	75	61	9	1
Afridi not out	45	29	6	1
Extras: (nb-2, w-7)	9			
Total: (For 3 wickets in 50 overs)	320			

Fall of wickets: 1-83; 2-158; 3-236
Did not bat: Wasim Akram, Abdul Razzaq, Moin Khan, Azhar Mahmood, Arshad Khan and Mohammad Akram.

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Mushfiq	8	0	61	0
Shafiuddin	9	0	65	0
K Mahmud	10	0	81	0
Naimur	10	0	41	1
Enamul	10	0	50	1
Aminul	3	0	22	0

BANGLADESH	R	B	4s	6s
Javed c Azhar b Wasim	6	26	-	-
Bashar c Inzamam b Razzaq	23	44	4	-
Naimur lbw b Razzaq	7	22	-	-
Aminul run out	0	3	-	-
Akram lbw b Razzaq	2	6	-	-
K Masood lbw b Azhar	1	6	-	-
K Mahmud c Anwar b Azhar	4	4	1	-
Mushfiq lbw b M Akram	12	48	1	-
Enamul c Afridi b Arshad	7	22	1	-
Safiuddin not out	3	29	-	-
Extras: (lb-8, w-8, nb-6)	22			
Total: (For 9 wickets in 34.2 overs)	87			

Did not turn up: Shahriar
Fall of wickets: 1-25; 2-47; 3-48; 4-50; 5-51; 6-55; 7-56; 8-74; 9-87.

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Wasim Akram	5	0	12	1
M Akram	7.2	1	23	1
Razzaq	4	1	5	3
Azhar Mahmud	6	0	22	2
Arshad Khan	4	4	6	1
S Afridi	4	2	11	0

Result: Pakistan won by 233 runs.
Man-of-the-match: Imran Nazir (Pakistan).

Lankan board resigns again

COLOMBO, June 2: Sri Lanka's cricket board resigned en masse on Friday for the second time in three months, plunging the crisis-ridden administration of the game into more trouble, officials in Colombo said, reports AFP.

The interim board, appointed by Sports Minister S. B. Disanayake in June last year to manage the controversial Board of Control for Cricket in Sri Lanka, stepped down over differences with the minister, officials said.

The interim treasurer, Asantha de Mel, said they could not continue with their work because their "hands were tied" and they were unable to carry out proposed development plans.

The mass resignation of the five-member interim board came just nine days before the elections to the Board of Control for Cricket in Sri Lanka (BCCSL).

"We wanted to quit several months ago, but the minister wanted us to stay until an audit report was completed," de Mel said. "Now that it is done, we thought we'd better go."

Minister Disanayake was not immediately available for comment.

The interim committee was appointed by the minister following allegations of malpractice during the elections in March last year to the cricket board.

The interim board resigned in February but withdrew their resignation after the minister urged them to stay on until an audit was completed.

Lara returns to face four balls

WORCESTER, England, June 2: Brian Lara was out for one and faced just four balls on his return to action for the West Indies today, reports Reuters.

The tourists were playing their traditional tour-opening match against Worcestershire and decided to bat after winning the toss.

But Lara, batting four, soon found himself at the crease after the early loss of Sherwin Campbell and Chris Gayle. He lasted nine minutes before being caught behind the wicket. In the 11th over the West Indies were on an unimpressive 28-3.

The West Indies squad for the tour was boosted overnight when young Dominican wicketkeeper Wayne Phillip arrived as cover for Ridley Jacobs. Phillip was swiftly drafted into the team for this opening three-day match.

Lara resigned as West Indies captain in March, saying he was taking a break from the game, but was named last month for the England tour.

Coming in Marsh jr.

PERTH, Australia, June 2: Shaun Marsh, 16-year-old son of former Australian cricket vice-captain and coach Geoff Marsh, took a major step Friday on the path to his own senior career, reports AFP.

The left-handed batsman and spin bowler was included in the Western Australian squad of contracted players for next summer when he appears almost certain to make his first-class debut.

Marsh junior is considered one of the brightest emerging talents in the country. Despite his youth, he has already represented Australia at under-19 level -- two years earlier than most young stars get a chance to play in that company.

Geoff Marsh, 41, a farmer's son from the south-west of Western Australia, was a right-handed opening batsman who played in 50 Tests from 1985-86 to 1991-92, hitting four centuries while averaging 33.18.

PAK, SA'S FIXTURES IN LANKA

COLOMBO, June 2 (Reuters): Final schedule for Pakistan's tour to Sri Lanka and the triangular series involving South Africa:

PAKISTAN TOUR

June 10-11: Two day warm-up match in Colombo

June 14-18: First Test match in Colombo

June 21-25: Second Test match in Galle

June 28-July 2: Third Test match in Kandy

TRIANGULAR SERIES

July 4: South Africa warm-up match in Colombo

July 5: Sri Lanka v Pakistan at Galle

July 8: Pakistan v South Africa in Colombo (day/night)

July 9: Sri Lanka v Pakistan in Colombo (day/night)

July 11: Sri Lanka v South Africa in Colombo (day/night)

July 12: South Africa v Pakistan in Colombo

July 14: Finals in Colombo (day/night)

July 15: Reserve day for the final

SOUTH AFRICA TOUR

July 16-17: Two-day warm-up match in Colombo

July 20-24: First Test at Galle

July 26-27: Two-day warm-up match in Colombo

July 30-Aug 3: Second Test in Kandy

Aug 6-10: Third Test in Colombo.

Singles from the Gallery

Lenin Gani

the dressing room to attend the nets. A group of boys approached the players and asked if it was possible to teach them a few tricks of the trade.

So, after the cricketers agreed, the group was split up. Shoaib bowled a couple of off-breaks and Shabbir demonstrated how to grip the ball before delivery.



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How ironic! Since Shabbir,

the right-arm fast bowler, who

until recently was serving an

ICC suspension for having a

suspect action. Legendary West

Indies speedster Michael Holding

cleared him.

TIME FOR SOME FUN

It's not all cricket. A few of the Sri Lankan team left the comfortable surroundings of the hotel for a bit of relaxation at midday. Among them was Kaushalya Weeraratne, the wrecker-in-chief against India. The lanky Lankan took three for 46, including the prize wicket of top-scorer Sachin Tendulkar.

NO HOTEL FOOD, PLEASE!

Distaste for hotel food is not uncommon. Probably that's why someone at liaison desk of the BCB rushed to a local restaurant in Karwan Bazar to order for some down to earth items for an Indian team official.

ANOTHER 24 HOURS

If the lensmen reserved Thursday for Saeed Anwar's wife Lubana, the next day it was the turn of Inzamamul Haq's wife and their kid. Thankfully, the security personnel didn't repeat their blunders on this occasion.

Ratul's claim of harassment

Hasan Masood

or run an apology on his newspaper within 24 hours.

Ratul however failed to understand why nobody was taking his 'sarcastic' report seriously. Talking to The Daily Star Sport, Ratul suggested hitting

below the belt was no bar in India.

"I wrote that to make it a bit sarcastic. But that has got nothing to do with the reputation of Bangladesh cricket. When there

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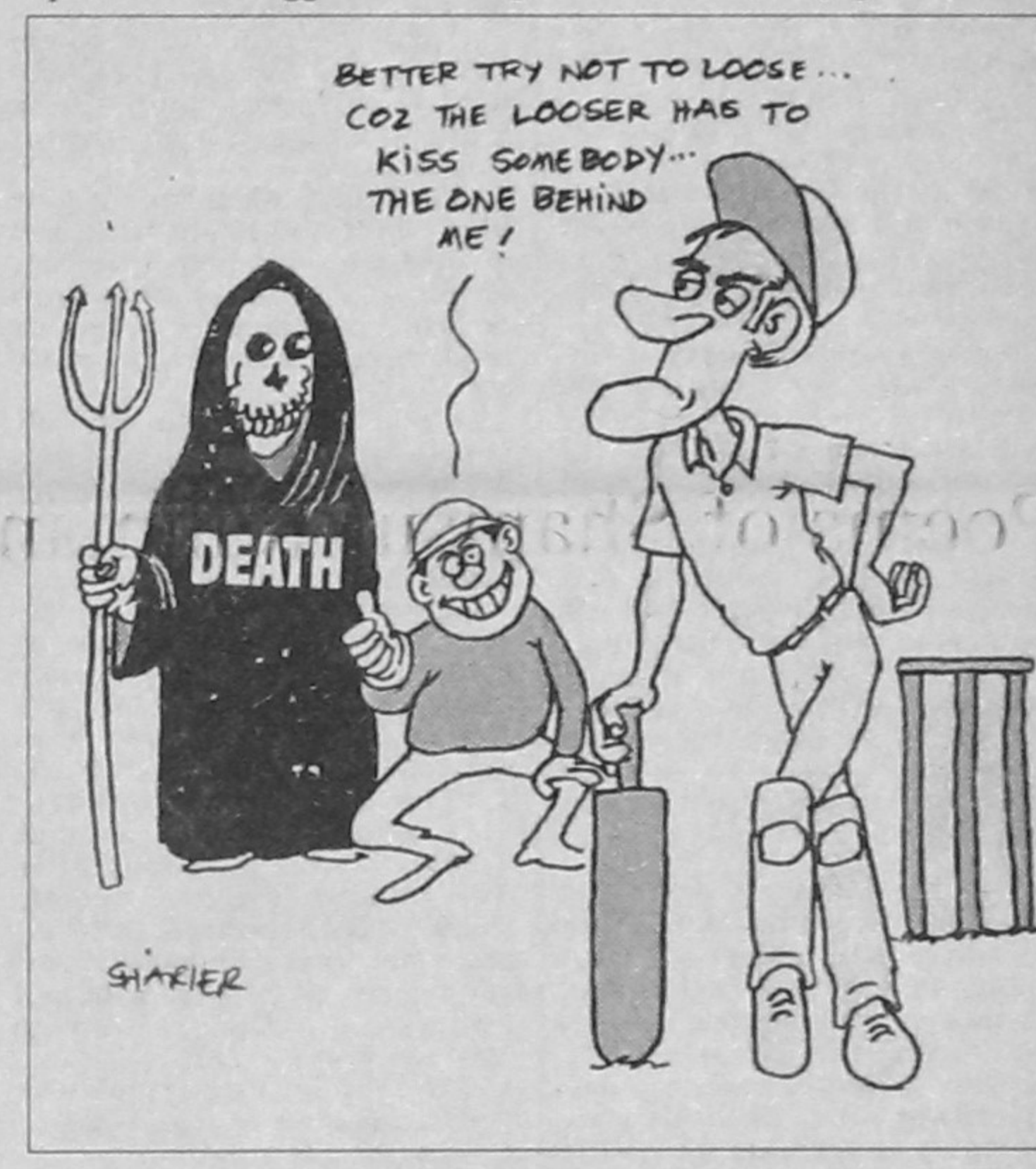


The Indian journalist, whose report on Bangladesh-India match of the Pepsi Asia Cup kicked up an uproar, claimed yesterday that a BCB (Bangladesh Cricket Board) official treated him harshly.

Ratul Gosh, a reporter of the Dainik Bartaman, alleged on Thursday night he was called in from the press box to the Board office where a BCB member and his assistant verbally abused him for his controversial report.

In his report, Ratul claimed the match on May 31 was fixed to allow Bangladesh score nearly 250 runs, their highest total against India. The wiggled man from Calcutta also reported that the cricket-crazy nation was planning to put a mural of the ICC president Jagmohan Dalmiya alongside the one of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman if the ICC gives them Test status next month.

His outrageously speculative report shocked the host nation as well as the newsmen. He was quizzed by Obaidul Quader, the state minister for youth and sports, on June 1 who asked him to substantiate his report



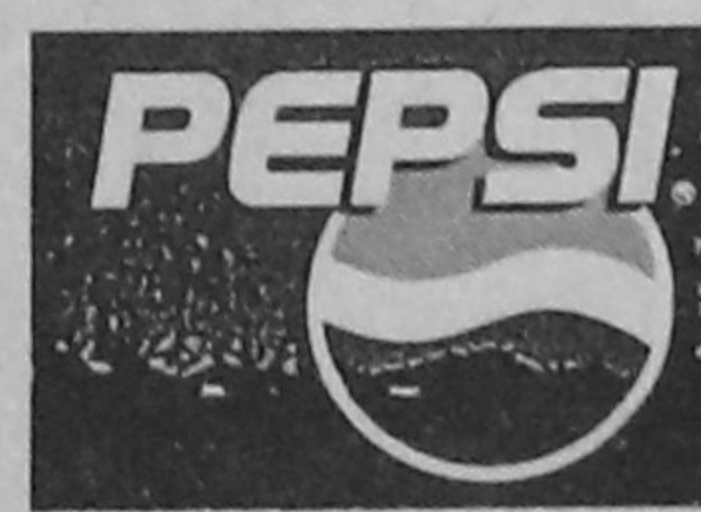
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