

DISNEY INTERNATIONAL YOUTH SOCCER CUP GEARING UP FOR ACTION IN PASADENA

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In what will be the first world-wide youth sporting event undertaken by Disney in a decade, youth soccer teams from at least 20 countries will compete for the Disney Cup.

The event, which is scheduled to take place July 18-24 in Pasadena, California, will include teams from Brazil, Japan, Germany, Chile, Italy, Denmark, Russia, Taiwan, Hungary, Senegal, United Kingdom, Argentina, Mexico, Australia, Canada, and of course the United States.

An estimated 6,000 boys and girls, ages ranging from 10-19, will compete in the open tournament. More than 400 teams will have the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, after playing a mini-

sum of five games each during the seven-day competition, to play their final games at the Rose Bowl, just one week after the World Cup.

As title sponsor of The Disney Cup, Disney is providing television exposure, magazine articles, staff and volunteers to assist with the operations of the tournament. All registered players will receive passports to Disneyland Park plus assistance in raising support for their trip to California. The tournament is being hosted by the American Youth Soccer Organization (AYSO) Area C in Southern California.

The Disney Cup is the first-ever Disney junior sports event to be partnered with a volunteer

based organization, and it is Disney's first international youth sports event since the early 1980's when the Sport Goofy International Junior Tennis Championships were held at Walt Disney World.

The sponsor partnership is designed to increase involvement by youth in soccer through involvement with National Soccer Federations around the world.

Nine official sponsors will donate everything from uniform apparel to breakfast nourishment to automobiles in hopes of making the event a smooth success.

The Disney Cup sponsors are:

Umbro - The world's premier supplier of soccer equipment and outfitting the staff; **Disneyland** - Will provide Disneyland passports for all registered players; **Nestlé** - Nestlé Carnation Instant Breakfast and Breakfast Bars Sponsor AYSO and The Disneyland International Youth Soccer Cup. Funds derived from this sponsorship will help AYSO deliver its quality soccer programs to

kids across the country. Samples and coupons will be handed out at the event; **McDonalds** - Will be assisting by sponsoring Opening Ceremonies and providing product and various gifts throughout the tournament in addition to outfitting and sponsoring 3 teams in the tournament; **Nissan** - A long-time sponsor of AYSO, Nissan will be providing toumey vehicles as well as hosting special activities during the event; **Kodak** - Along with Thrifty Drug stores is presenting an in-store Disney Cup Sweepstakes in all California locations of Thrifty Drugs; **Soccer America** - The U.S. soccer publication will be providing the official Disney Cup tournament program as well as conducting an essay contest for Southern California high school students. The contest winners will cover The Disney Cup for **Soccer America**; **American Technologies Group** - ATG, a high-tech company specializing in the development and implementation of solutions to environmental problems has been a long-time sponsor of AYSO and other youth sports activities



The California boys youth soccer team, "Pasadena Fire," warmed up with Disneyland's official "REF," Mickey Mouse, in front of Sleeping Beauty Castle. The team is one of over 400 from all over the world slated to compete in the first-ever Disney International Youth Soccer Cup at the Rose Bowl in Pasadena.

along with The Disney Cup; and, **Pacific West Cellular** - Will provide cellular communications for The Disney Cup.

CHICAGO BULLS ANNOUNCE SALUTE TO MICHAEL JORDAN

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The Chicago Bulls announced last Thursday, that former MVP Michael Jordan will be honored at the United Center on the evening of November 1, 1994. That night, Jordan's #23 will be permanently retired and hung from the rafters of the Bulls' new home court. With #23 being retired, it should lay any rumors to rest, of Jordan returning to basketball.

With no game scheduled for that night, it'll be an evening unto itself, as many of Jordan's former teammates and other dignitaries are expected to attend and pay tribute to MJ.

A bronze statue has been commissioned and will be displayed at the United Center as a permanent tribute to Jordan, as it will be unveiled that evening.

All proceeds from the event, which will be televised live on TNT, will be directed towards a charity to be announced at a later date.

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16 titles.

In England though, Gibson would once again fall at Wimbledon, only this time because of a bit of "tennis-itis." She had competed in more tournaments

consecutively than any woman ever had.

Despite the results at Wimbledon, Gibson's motivation increased as she rose to #2 in the world, with a desire to capture #1.

In 1957, Gibson took time off

to rest for Wimbledon, avoiding the mistake of the prior year, by showing up exhausted.

It was July 6, 1957, and Althea Gibson had achieved the dream of every tennis player - men or women - walking on to Wimbledon's Centre Court to play in the All-England Tennis Championships.

With Queen Elizabeth court-side, Gibson was at the top of her game as she breezed past Darlene Hard, in sweltering 100-degree heat, becoming the first black tennis player to win the sport's top tournament, 6-3, 6-2.

After her successes at Wimbledon and Forest Hills, she was named Woman Athlete of the Year in the Associated Press polls of 1957 and 1958 and was

elected to the Lawn Tennis Hall of Fame and Tennis Museum in 1971. She won the world professional tennis championship in 1960 and then joined the professional golf tour in 1963. She became the athletic commissioner of New Jersey in 1975 and later married Sydney Llewellyn in 1983.

Who is Llewellyn you might ask? Just some part-time cab driver/part-time tennis instructor that saw talent that was harbored away in a future champion.

Althea Gibson - The woman that broke the color barrier in the sport of tennis. Now, one day after the thirty-seventh anniversary of her Wimbledon championship, we honor her.

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