



PRIME MINISTER

Presidents Cup

One of the world's most prestigious golf events, The Presidents Cup, is to be held in Australia in 1998.

The decision by the PGA Tour announced today will be welcomed by sporting fans around the nation.

It has been my privilege to accept the post of honorary chairman of the event in Australia.

The event has created world wide interest since the inaugural Presidents Cup in 1994 which was won by the United States. The US retained the title in a tightly fought contest in September this year.

The Cup will showcase Australia to an international audience and will be an important event in the lead up to the Sydney 2000 Olympic Games.

Some of the world's most talented players will compete for the International and U.S. teams with Australian charities benefiting from the proceeds of the event.

The venue for the event in Australia is yet to be decided but the captains of both the International and United States teams are expected to be announced in the New Year.

Australia is the first nation to host the event outside the United States and has been chosen because of our strong representation in past international teams.

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