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### NEWS RELEASE

#### **Governor Welcomes Women's World Cup to New Jersey, Attends Playground Opening in Hasbrouck Heights**

Governor Christie Whitman tomorrow will attend the opening ceremonies of the Women's World Cup at the Meadowlands and will greet fans before the big event kicks off inside the stadium.

Sixteen teams will compete for the honor of being called the World Cup champs. The final round will be held in the United States in June and July throughout the country. The United States won the World Cup in 1991 when the games were held in China.

The United States team includes two New Jersey alumni, Christie Pearce who attended Monmouth College and is originally from Pt. Pleasant, and Saskia Webber who attended Rutgers University.

Earlier in the day, the Governor will attend the ribbon cutting ceremony at the Woodland Park playground in Hasbrouck Heights. The town received a \$50,000 Department of Community Affairs grant for the playground.

