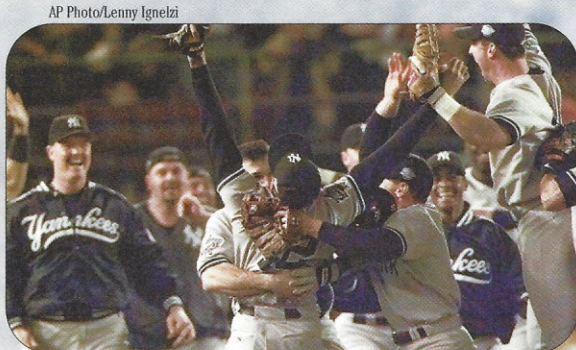


Sports News

➤ In a 4-0 sweep against the San Diego Padres, the New York Yankees win the 1998 World Series to claim their 24th championship. The Yankees' 125 total victories is a modern baseball record.

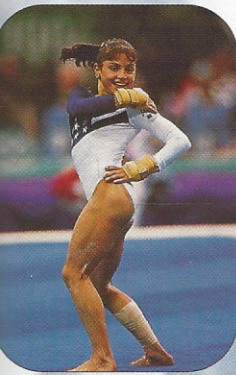


➤ In July, France beats Brazil 3-0 to win its first World Cup soccer title. During celebrations, a motorist drives through the crowd on the Champs-Élysées and injures 60 people.



➤ Lindsay Davenport, 22, defeats Martina Hingis in the U.S. Open in September and becomes the No. 1-ranked player in the world.

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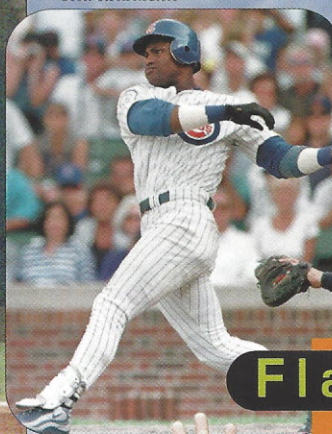


➤ Olympic gymnast Dominique Moceanu is declared a legal adult after suing her parents, alleging they squandered her earnings and oppressed her for years. Later, Moceanu is granted a protective order against her father for stalking her.

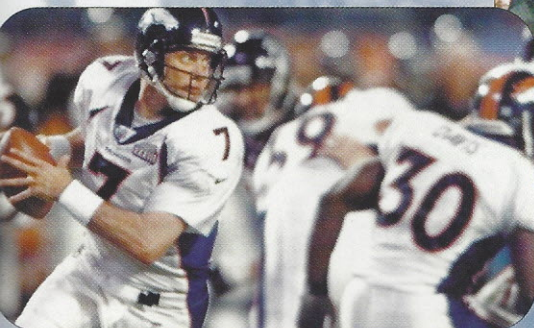


➤ St. Louis Cardinal Mark McGwire hits home run number 62 on September 8, breaking the record set by Roger Maris in 1961. McGwire ends the season with 70 home runs.

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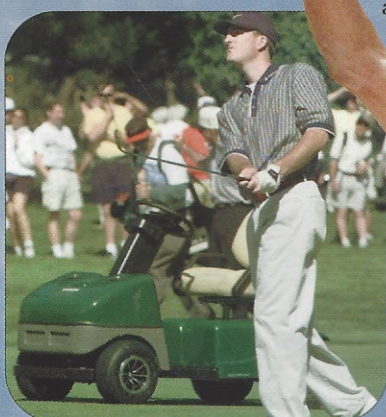


➤ On September 13, Sammy Sosa of the Chicago Cubs also breaks Roger Maris' record with his single-season 62nd home run. Sosa ends the season with 66 home runs.



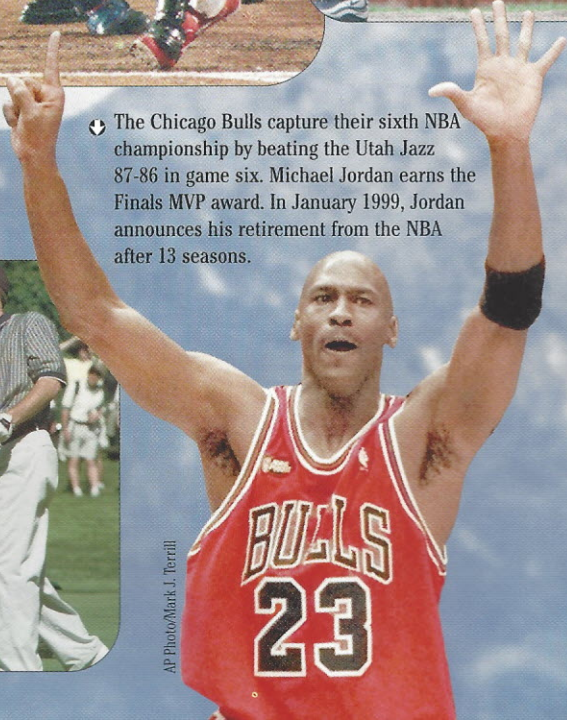
➤ The defending champion Denver Broncos meet the upstart Atlanta Falcons at Super Bowl XXXIII in Miami. The Broncos win 34-19.

➤ Golfer Casey Martin, who suffers from a circulatory disorder in his right leg, wins a lawsuit allowing him to use a cart during PGA and Nike golf tournaments.



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➤ The Chicago Bulls capture their sixth NBA championship by beating the Utah Jazz 87-86 in game six. Michael Jordan earns the Finals MVP award. In January 1999, Jordan announces his retirement from the NBA after 13 seasons.



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Flash

On September 20, Cal Ripken Jr. ends his 16-year streak of 2,632 consecutive baseball games played by withdrawing himself from the Baltimore lineup for that night.

NBA owners impose a lockout on July 1 that causes almost half the '98-'99 basketball season to be lost. The labor dispute is settled on January 6.

Tennis star Pete Sampras wins his fifth Wimbledon title and remains the world's No. 1 player for a record sixth straight year, breaking Jimmy Connors' mark for consecutive seasons on top.

The NFL season is plagued with controversial and incorrect calls. Instant replay is not reinstated, but coin toss procedures are implemented.