

“The thrill is gone.”

—Michael Jordan

Chicago Bulls guard Michael Jordan jolts the nation with the announcement of his retirement in October. Jordan's father James is slain July 23.

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ESPN2, a sports cable channel for young people, makes plans to hit the screen with youth-targeted events like skateboarding, snowboarding, BMX biking, white water rafting and rock climbing.

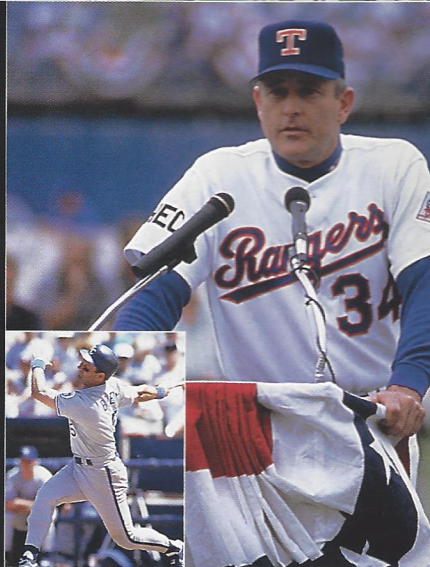
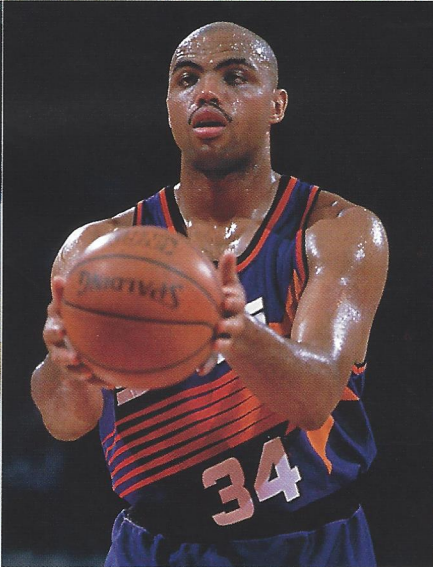


The Toronto Blue Jays win their second consecutive World Series on October 23, when a ninth-inning home run by outfielder Joe Carter gives them an 8-6 victory over the Philadelphia Phillies in game six of the Series.

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“You dream it all those years as a kid, and then here you are”

—Al Leiter, Blue Jays relief pitcher



Alexandre Daigle signs a \$12.5-million, five-year contract with the Ottawa Senators in June, one of the most lucrative contracts in NHL history.

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U.S. Champion and 1992 Olympic Bronze Medalist Nancy Kerrigan becomes the victim of an assault in January. Optimistic about her recovery, the Olympic Committee votes Kerrigan onto the U.S. team.



Basketball superstar Charles Barkley of the Phoenix Suns is named the NBA's most valuable player in May 1993.

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Slugger George Brett of the Kansas City Royals retires from baseball in 1993, after 20 seasons and a career batting average of .307.

Stephen Dunn, Allsport

Texas Rangers pitcher Nolan Ryan retires in September at the age of 45 after a record-setting career.

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