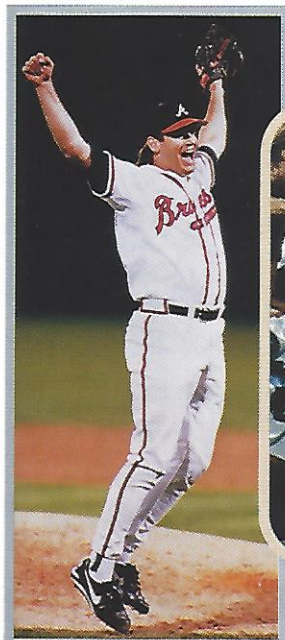
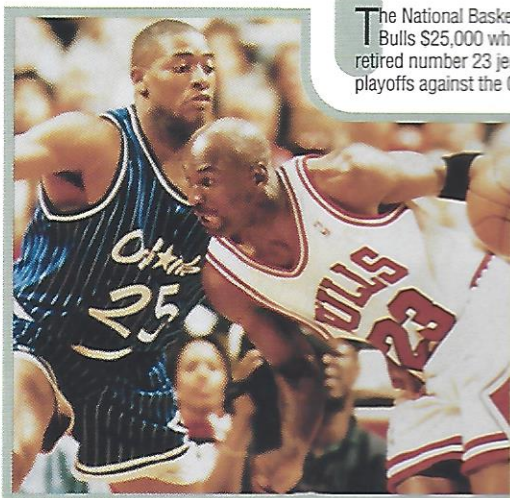


The Atlanta Braves edge the Cleveland Indians 1-0 in game six to win the World Series on October 28. Closing pitcher Mark Wohlers leaps for joy.

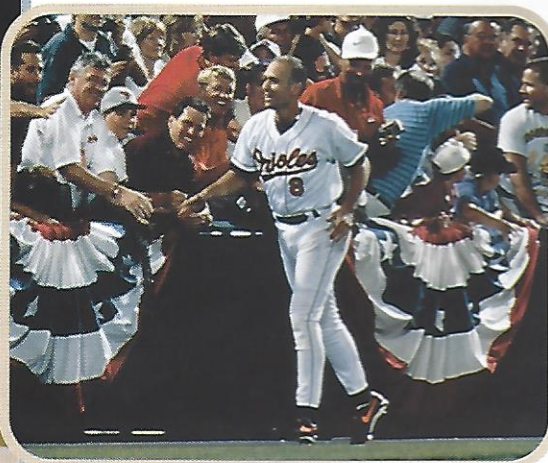


Ric Stewart, Allsport



The National Basketball Association fines the Chicago Bulls \$25,000 when Michael Jordan wears his previously retired number 23 jersey for luck during championship playoffs against the Orlando Magic in May 1995.

Vincent Laforet, Gamma/Liaison



Doug Pensinger, Allsport

In September, Baltimore Orioles shortstop Cal Ripkin, Jr., achieves a record-setting 2,131 consecutive games.



Claire Brunskill, Allsport

## flash

Former L.A. Lakers point guard Earvin "Magic" Johnson announces a return to basketball in January 1996. Johnson retired in 1991 when he discovered he was HIV positive.

The Northwestern University Wildcats—long a gridiron laughingstock—pile up ten victories in 1995 and go to the Rose Bowl for the first time since 1949.

In his first fight in four years, former world heavyweight champ Mike Tyson disposes of challenger Peter McNeeley in 89 seconds. Tyson, who in March finished a three-year jail term for a rape conviction, earns \$25 million for the August boxing match.

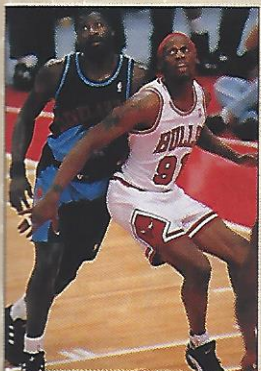
German tennis star Steffi Graf, who won three of five Grand Slam titles in 1995, ends the professional tennis season ranked number one in the world.

National Basketball Association referees strike against the league for much of the autumn. Fill-in officials spark complaints of substandard refereeing.

Pete Sampras, winner of the 1995 men's singles championships at Wimbledon and the U.S. Open, ends the professional tennis season with a number-one world ranking.

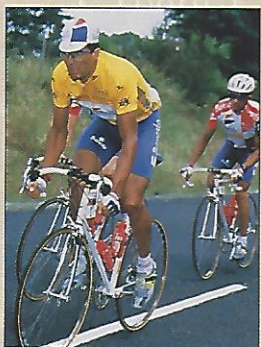


Master of the sinking fastball and still learning to speak English, L.A. Dodgers pitcher Hideo Nomo, formerly with the Kintetsu Buffaloes in Japan, is named Rookie of the Year. Nomo is the second Japanese-born player to join the U.S. major leagues, and the first All-Star.



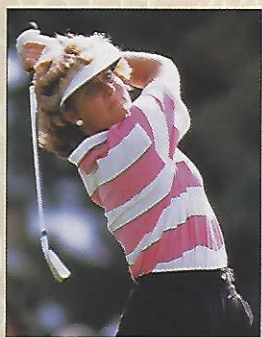
AP/Wide World

Known for his temperamental personality, his many tattoos and his aggressive playing style, basketball center Dennis Rodman (91) debuts with the Chicago Bulls after his trade from the San Antonio Spurs.



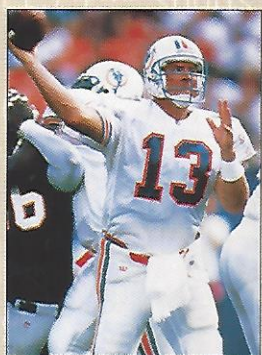
Mike Powell, Allsport

For a record fifth straight time, Miguel Indurain of Spain wins the 22-day, 2,270-mile Tour de France, the world's premier bicycle race. On the 15th day of the race, Italian road-race champ Fabio Casartelli is killed in a seven-man crash.



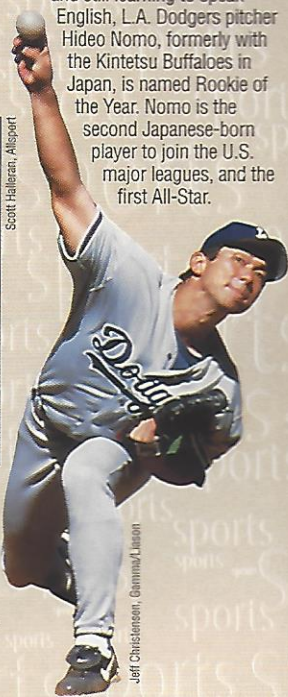
Focus on Sports

Betsy King wins her 30th tournament on June 25 and gains entry to the Ladies' Professional Golf Association's Hall of Fame, one of the most difficult attainments in sports.



Scott Halleran, Allsport

Quarterback Dan Marino of the Miami Dolphins sets four lifetime passing records during the 1995 football season: 47,003 yards, 342 touchdowns, 3,686 completions and 6,467 attempts.



Jeff Christensen, Gamma/Liaison