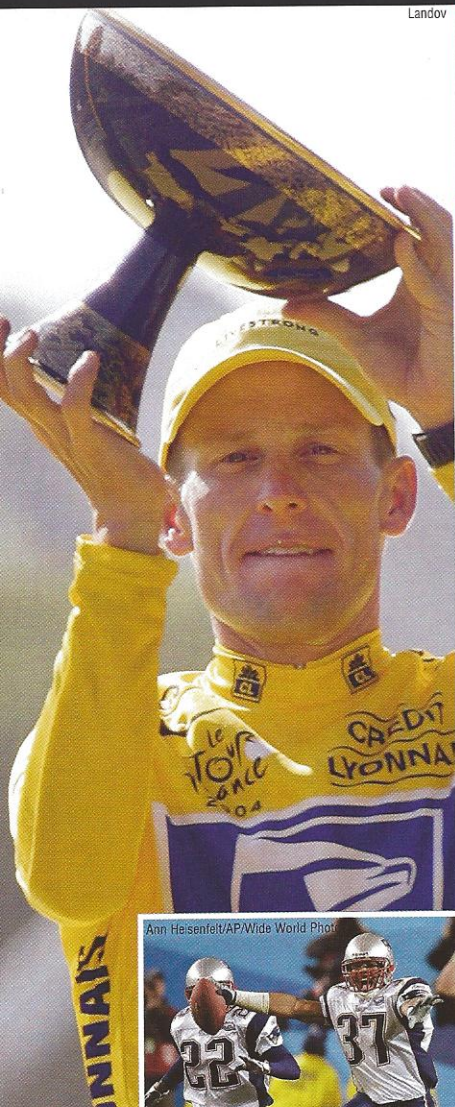


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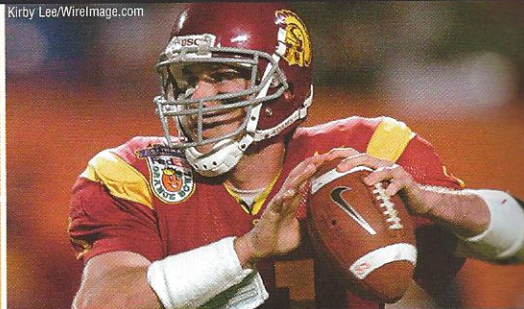


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Ironman Lance Armstrong wins his record-setting sixth straight Tour de France.

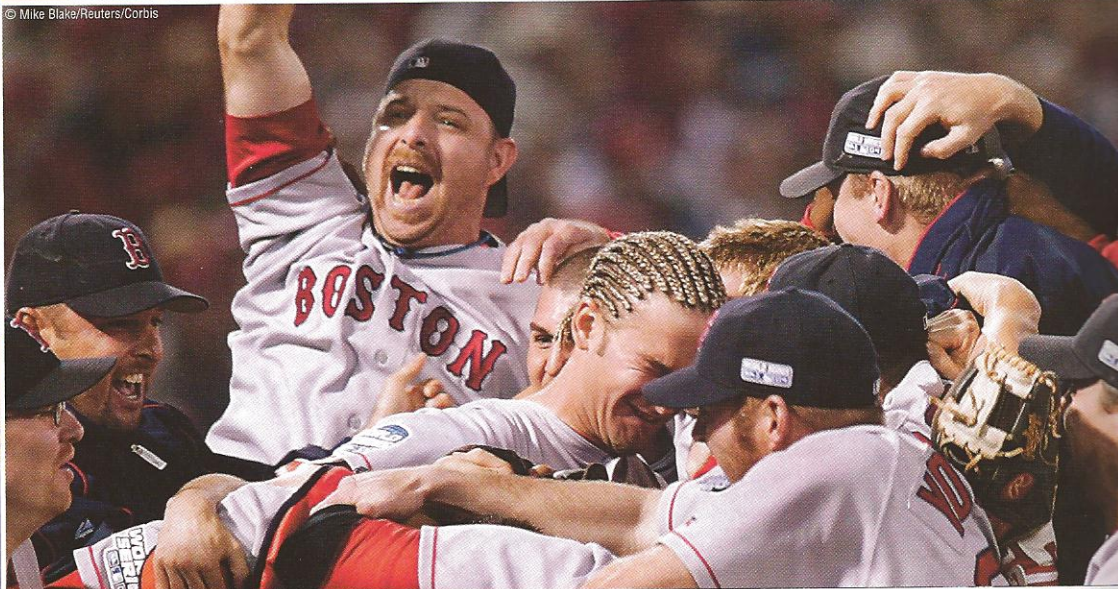
Heisman Trophy winner Matt Leinart leads the USC Trojans to a second consecutive NCAA National Championship by routing the Oklahoma Sooners in the FedEx Orange Bowl, 55-19.

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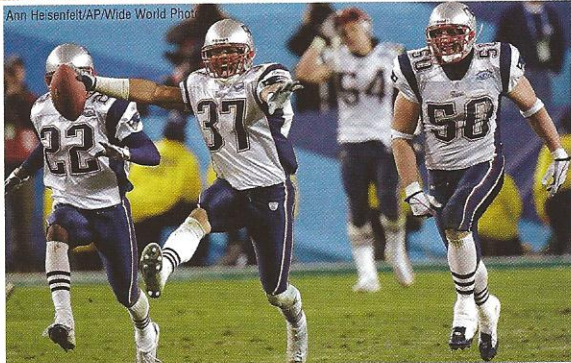


With a series sweep of the St. Louis Cardinals, the Boston Red Sox lift the "Curse of the Bambino" to win their first World Series title since 1918.

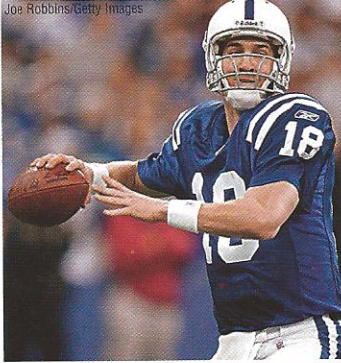
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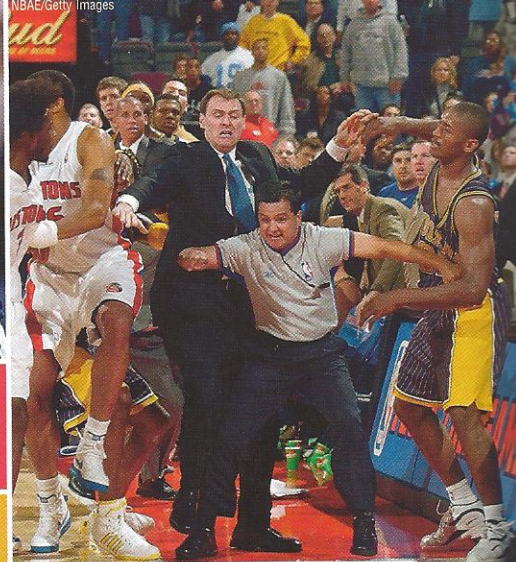
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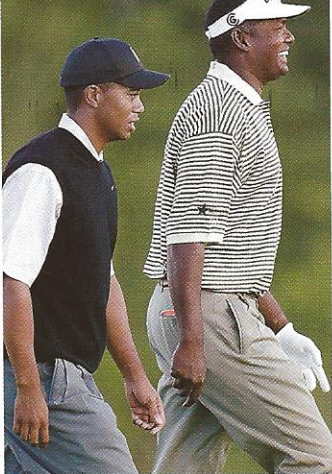


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The New England Patriots defeat the Philadelphia Eagles, 24-21, to repeat as Super Bowl Champions. They have won three of the last four Super Bowls.

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Following his win in September at the Deutsche Bank Championship, Vijay Singh unseats Tiger Woods as the world's No. 1 golfer.

In December, Indianapolis Colts quarterback Peyton Manning throws his record-setting 49th touchdown pass of the season.

In one of the worst brawls in U.S. sports history, five Indiana Pacers players clash with Detroit Pistons fans on court and in the stands. The Pacers' Ron Artest is suspended for the year for his involvement.

Russian teenage tennis star Maria Sharapova defeats Serena Williams to claim the Wimbledon title. Thanks to lucrative sponsorship deals, Sharapova ends the year as the world's richest sportswoman.

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