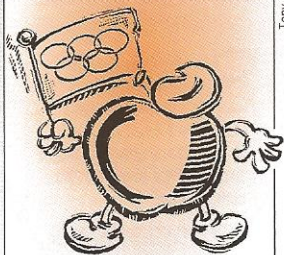


**O**n June 14, the New York Rangers defeat the Vancouver Canucks 3 to 2 in the seventh game of the Stanley Cup play-offs, winning the coveted hockey cup for the first time in 54 years.

The Centennial Olympics will be in Atlanta, Georgia in 1996. The city will emphasize its multicultural aspects to honor athletes from around the world.



Tony Duffy/Allsport

**D**ara Torres-Gowen becomes the first Olympic swimmer to model swimsuits in the *Sports Illustrated* annual swimsuit issue. Gold-medalist Torres-Gowen's sporty looks break the "waifs and glamazons" mold dictated by fashion.



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**F**ans are openly angry when a dispute between players and team owners over salary caps and other issues threatens to shut down baseball. A work stoppage begins on August 12, and no World Series is played for the first time since 1904.

Strong, Gammal/Liaison



**T**onya Harding, barred for life from organized skating for obstructing justice in the investigation of an assault on Nancy Kerrigan, is offered \$2 million by the All Japan Women's Pro Wrestling Association to wrestle as a baddie.

In Super Bowl XXIX in Miami, the San Francisco 49ers beat the San Diego Chargers 49-26, in their record-breaking fifth Super Bowl win. Quarterback Steve Young passes for a record six touchdowns to win most valuable player.



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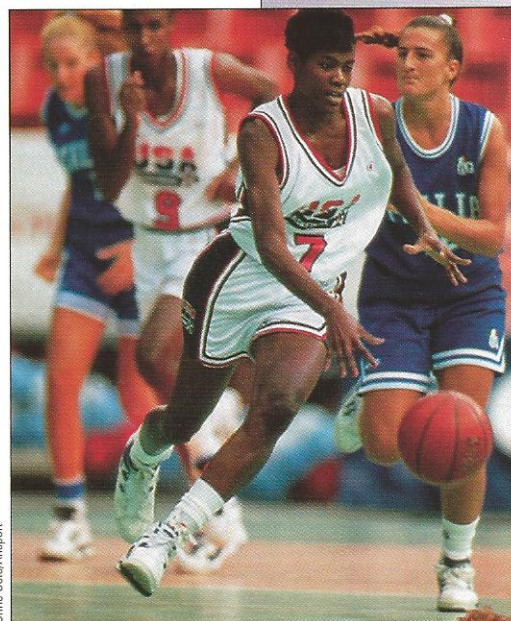


**A**fter 52 wins, four PPG Cup titles, and \$10 million in earnings, Indycar champion Mario Andretti races for the final time in his 31-year career. The four-time Indianapolis 500 champion retires in October 1994.



Ernie Els wins the 1994 U.S. Open golf tournament in sudden-death playoff. The U.S. women's golf team, led by Dottie Mochrie, beats Europe for the 1994 Solheim Cup.

Chris Cole/Allsport



**B**asketball star Sheryl Swoopes leads the U.S. women's basketball team to a gold medal at the Goodwill Games in Russia. Earlier she led Texas Tech to an NCAA title and signed an endorsement deal with Nike.



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**W**orld Cup soccer comes to the U.S. for the first time: 24 teams play 52 World Cup games in nine cities to 3,567,415 fans, culminating in a title match between Brazil and Italy. Earlier the U.S. upset Colombia, but lost to the Brazilian team, who went on to win the cup.