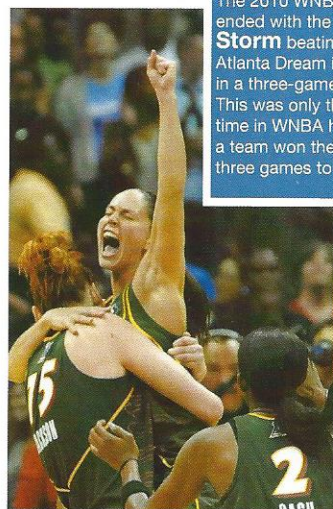
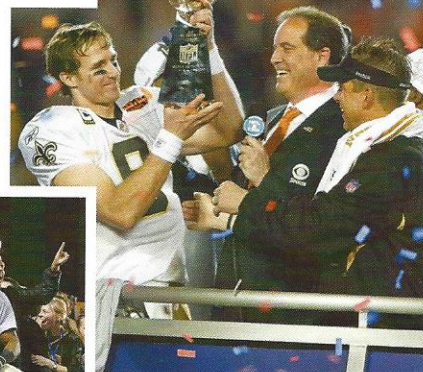


The 2010 Stanley Cup playoffs ended on June 9, 2010, with the **Chicago Blackhawks** defeating the Philadelphia Flyers 4 games to 2 to win their fourth championship and their first since 1961.

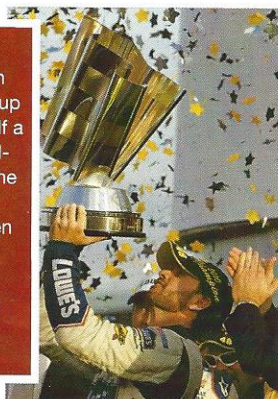


The 2010 WNBA finals ended with the **Seattle Storm** beating the Atlanta Dream in Atlanta in a three-game sweep. This was only the second time in WNBA history that a team won the Finals three games to none.



The **New Orleans Saints** have won Super Bowl XLIV. They beat the Indianapolis Colts 31-17 at Sun Life Stadium in South Florida. Saints quarterback Drew Brees was 32-of-39 for 288 yards and two touchdowns. But it was the big 75-yard interception return for a touchdown by cornerback Tracy Porter that sealed the deal.

The **Jimmie Johnson** dynasty in the NASCAR Sprint Cup series stretched to half a decade at Homestead-Miami Speedway as the most dominant driver the sport has ever seen won his fifth straight championship with a second-place finish in the Ford 400 season finale.



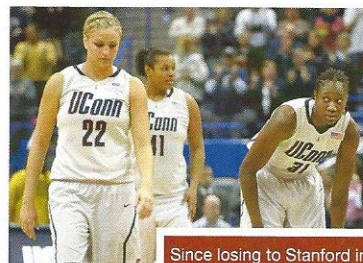
It's been a long time coming — 53 years, to be exact. The **San Francisco Giants** won the World Series — their first since the team moved to San Francisco in 1958 — with a 3-1 win over the Texas Rangers in Game 5 at Rangers Ballpark in Arlington, Texas.



Belgium's **Kim Clijsters** won her second straight U.S. Open women's title after crushing seventh-seeded Russian Vera Zvonareva 6-2 6-1 in the most lopsided triumph in 34 years. The second-seeded Clijsters hit 17 winners while making just 15 nervous errors against a nervous Zvonareva to match the three games lost by American Chris Evert in her 6-3 6-0 demolition of Australian Evonne Goolagong in 1976.



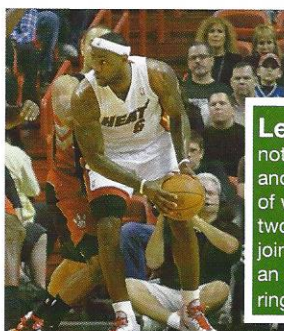
The **Los Angeles Lakers** became BACK-TO-BACK NBA Champions as they defeated the Boston Celtics 83-79 in Game 7 of the 2010 NBA Finals at STAPLES Center. It's the Lakers' 16th NBA Championship, Phil Jackson's 11th championship as a coach and Kobe Bryant's 5th championship ring.



Since losing to Stanford in the Final Four in 2008, the **UConn Lady Huskies** didn't lose a game until December 2010. This loss was also against Stanford. They went 39-0 during the 2008-09 season, winning their 6th national championship, and followed it up in 2009-2010 with another 39-0 season and their 7th national title. Their winning streak went to 90 games, lasting until a 71-59 loss to Stanford on December 30, 2010. Therefore, the UConn Huskies had the longest winning streak in college basketball (men's or women's) history.



Duke beat Butler 61-59 for the national championship, a win that wasn't secure until after the buzzer sounded - when Gordon Hayward's half-court, 3-point heave for the win barely missed to leave tiny Butler one cruel basket short of the Hollywood ending.



LeBron James put the NBA on notice in July, joining Dwyane Wade and Chris Bosh in Miami. Ending weeks of will-he-or-won't-he speculation, the two-time MVP said that he's decided to join the Heat and leave the Cavaliers after an unsuccessful seven-year quest for the ring he covets.