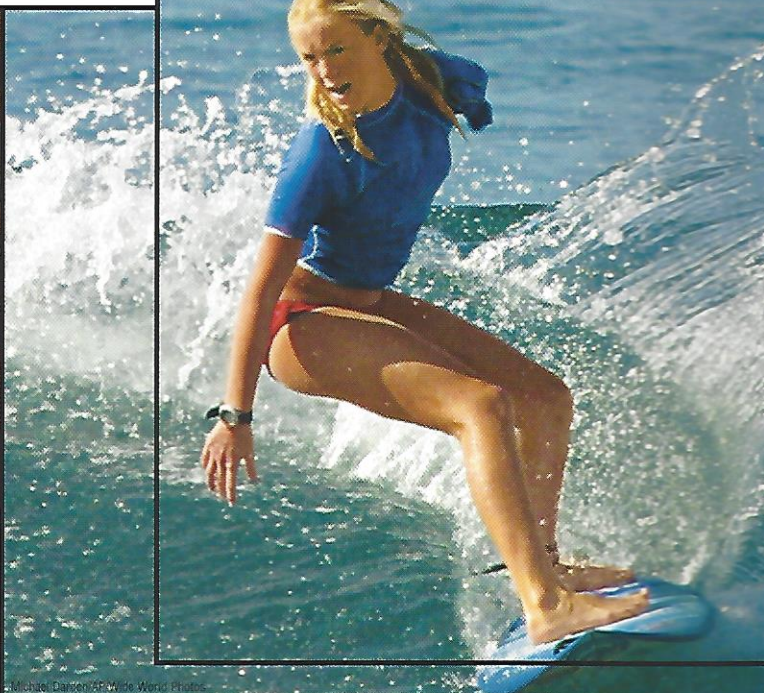
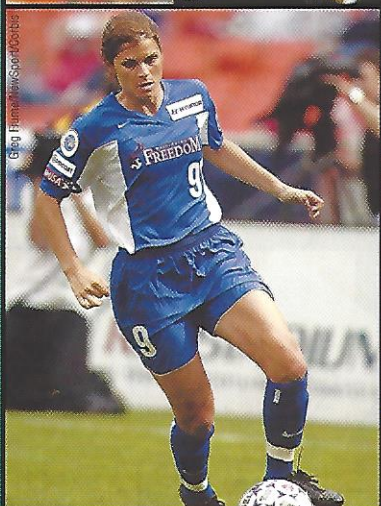
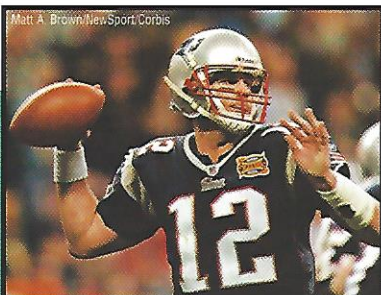
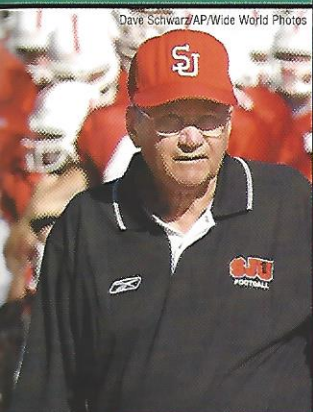


→ The New England Patriots defeat the Carolina Panthers 32-29 with a field goal in the closing seconds to win Super Bowl XXXVIII.

→ Due to a lack of revenue, the Women's United Soccer Association gets the boot after just three seasons.



Champion surfer Bethany Hamilton, 13, loses her arm in a shark attack. Just 10 weeks later, Hamilton places fifth in her age group at a National Scholastic Surfing Association meet in January 2004



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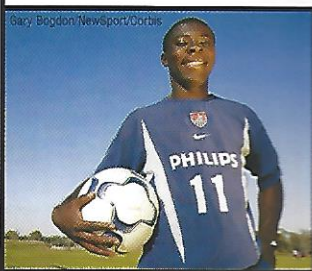
← St. John's University coach John Gagliardi, 77, leads his team to an undefeated NCAA Division III Football National Championship while also setting the NCAA Football record for coaching victories with 414.

Death-defying tricks and thrills bring the extreme sports craze to new heights at the January 2004 EXPN Winter X Games VIII in Aspen, Colorado.

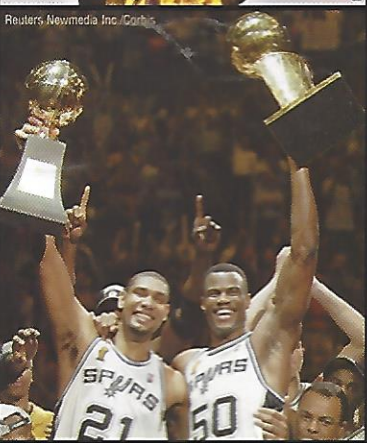
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← Matt Kenseth claims the NASCAR Winston Cup Series championship, after leading the standings through a record 33 races.



↑ Freddy Adu, 14, becomes the youngest American pro team athlete in over 100 years when he signs with D.C. United of Major League Soccer.



← League MVP Tim Duncan and David Robinson—in his final game—lead the San Antonio Spurs to the 2003 NBA title with a 4-2 series win over the New Jersey Nets.

