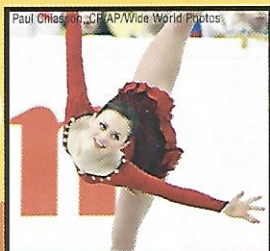


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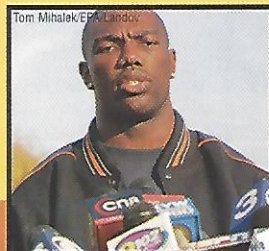
- ▼ In June, the San Antonio Spurs win the 2005 NBA Championship over the Detroit Pistons in a thrilling seven-game Finals series. Spurs forward Tim Duncan wins MVP honors.



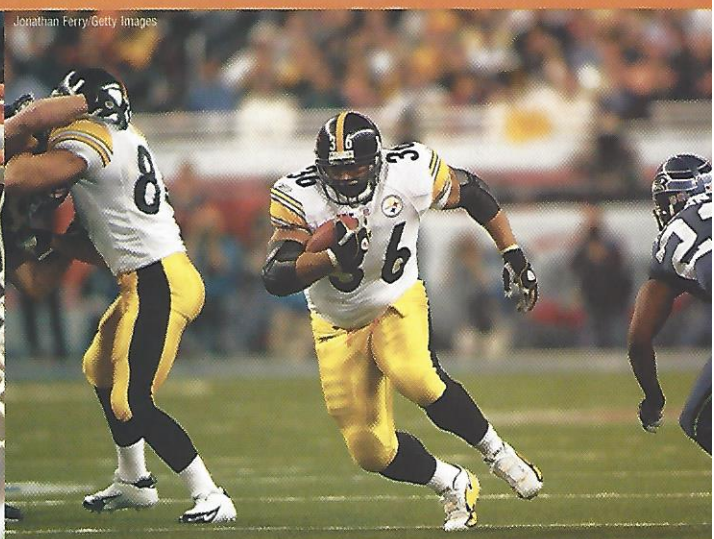
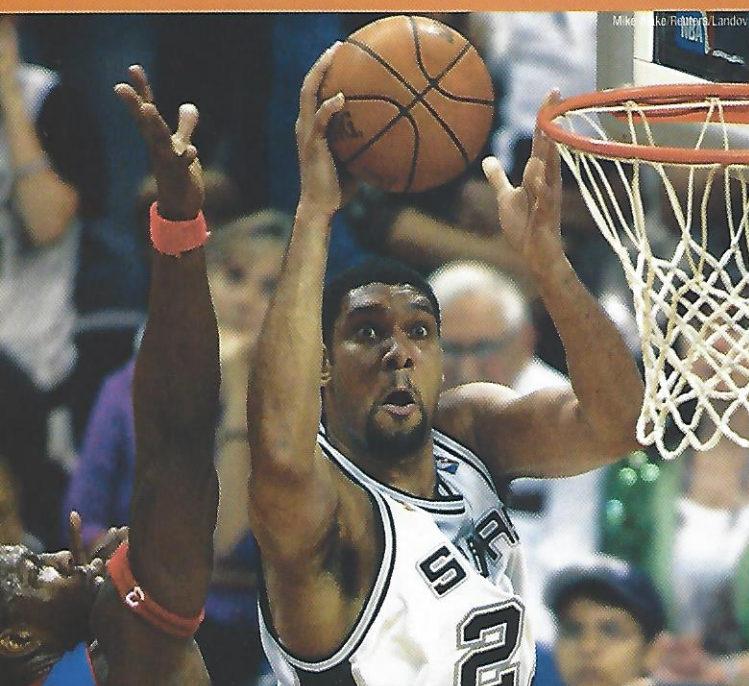
- ▲ In February 2006, figure skater Sasha Cohen leads the U.S. Olympic Team into the XX Olympic Winter Games in Torino, Italy.



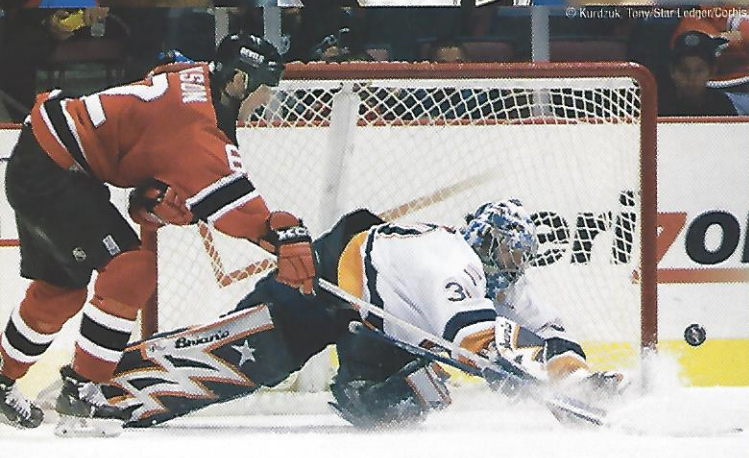
- ▲ Danica Patrick, 23-year-old race driver, wins Rookie of the Year honors in both the Indy Racing League's IndyCar Series and at the Indianapolis 500, where she finishes fourth.



- ▲ Citing conduct unbecoming to the team, the Philadelphia Eagles suspend wide receiver Terrell Owens for four games and deactivate him for the remainder of the NFL season.



- ▲ The Pittsburgh Steelers hold off the Seattle Seahawks for a 21-10 victory in Super Bowl XL. Future Hall of Famer Jerome "The Bus" Bettis retires after the game.



- ▲ NHL hockey returns in fall 2005 after losing the entire '04-'05 season to a labor dispute. Fans flock to see players in new uniforms and exciting innovations like tie-breaking shootouts.

- ▶ Hawaiian golf phenom Michelle Wie turns professional on her 16th birthday and signs endorsements worth \$10 million, making her one of the highest paid female athletes in the world.

