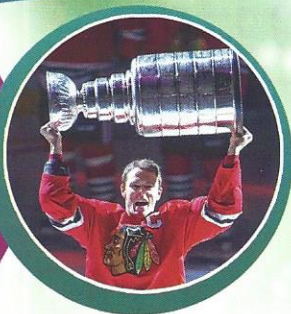
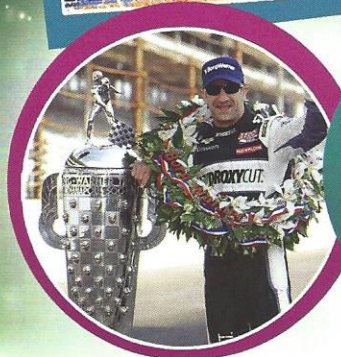
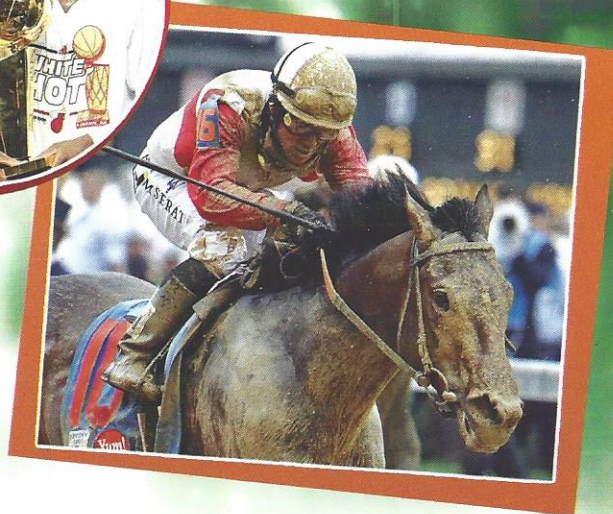
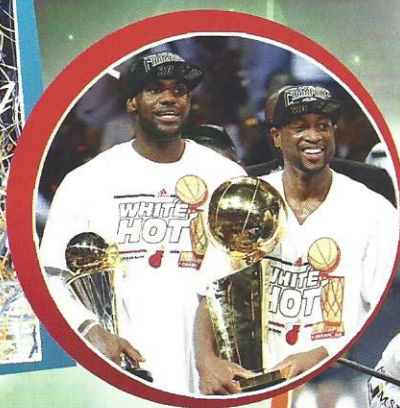
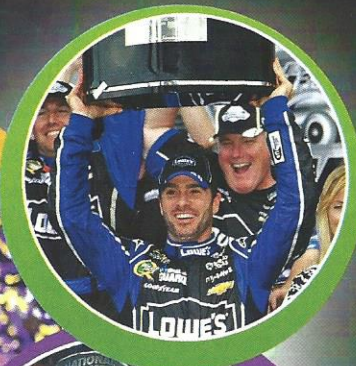
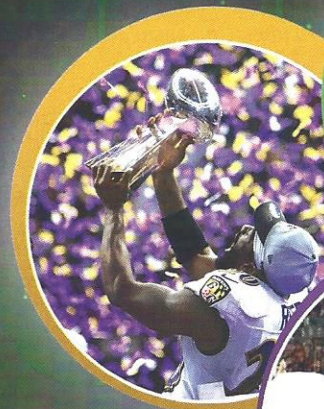
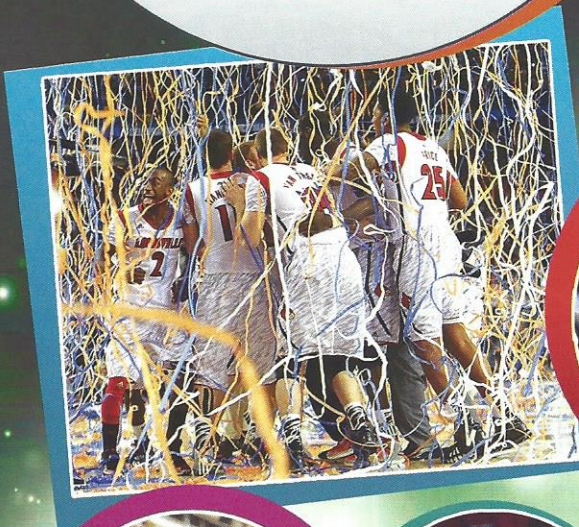


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The Baltimore Ravens defeated the San Francisco 49ers 34-31 to win Super Bowl XLVII, the first Super Bowl loss in 49ers' franchise history. The game was nicknamed the HarBowl, featuring brothers Jim and John Harbaugh as opposing head coaches for the first time in Super Bowl history. Ravens quarterback Joe Flacco was named the 2013 Super Bowl MVP.

Jimmie Johnson was victorious in his 400th career start, winning the 55th running of the Daytona 500. The win was Johnson's second Daytona 500 win. The pole position was won by Danica Patrick, making her the first woman to hold this spot in NASCAR history, and her eighth-place finish was the best ever for a woman in the Daytona 500 race. Dale Earnhardt, Jr. and Mark Martin finished in second and third place respectively.

No. 2 ranked Alabama defeated No. 1

Notre Dame 42-14 to win the 2013 Discover BCS National Championship Game. The win was Alabama's third college football championship in four years.

Finishing the race in 2:02.89 and winning by 2 ½ lengths, Orb won the 139th running of the Kentucky Derby on May 4th. The 3-year-old colt, who was favored to win the race, won a purse of \$1.4 million. It was announced in November that Orb has been retired to begin his stud career.

The Miami Heat won their second consecutive NBA Championship after defeating the San Antonio Spurs on June 20th. The Championship was determined in 7 games and featured four former NBA Final MVPs: Tim Duncan, Tony Parker, Dwyane Wade and LeBron James.

The 75th NCAA Men's Division I Basketball

Championship game paired #1 seed Louisville Cardinals against #4 seed Michigan Wolverines. Louisville went on to win their first NCAA Championship since 1986, by a score of 82-76. The win put Head Coach Rick Pitino in the history books by becoming the first coach in NCAA history to win national championships at two different schools. Luke Hancock was named Most Outstanding Player.

The 2012-13 NHL season was reduced from an 82-game season to a 48-game season after the start was delayed due to a lockout by the owners. The Chicago Blackhawks defeated the Boston Bruins to win the 2013 Stanley Cup Championship.

After 11 attempts, Tony Kanaan got his first Indianapolis 500 win. In the 97th running, Helio Castroneves and Dario Franchitti failed in their attempts to tie A.J. Foyt, Al Unser, Sr. and Rick Mears for the most Indy wins.