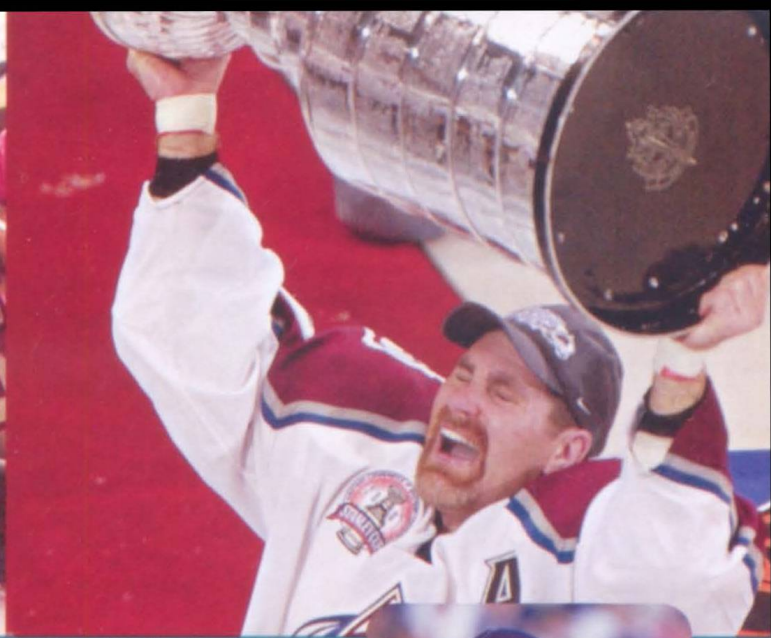


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↑ Former Georgia high school homecoming queen Ashley Martin becomes the first female to score in Division 1-AA college football by kicking three extra points for Jacksonville State.



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↑ The Colorado Avalanche skate to victory in the 2001 NHL Finals against the New Jersey Devils, marking the first Stanley Cup win for 20-year veteran Ray Bourque.



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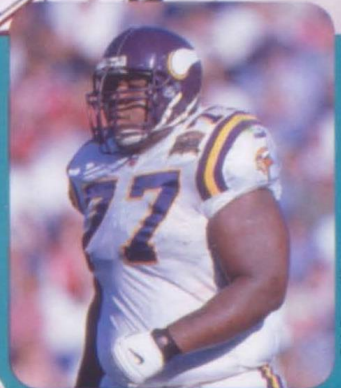
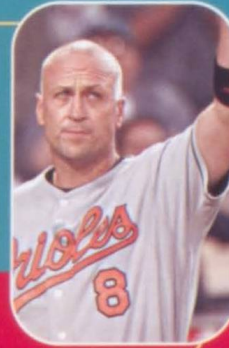
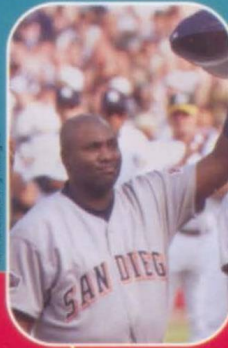
↑ In 2001, superstars Kobe Bryant and Shaquille O'Neal propel the Los Angeles Lakers to their second straight NBA title.

↓ Future Hall of Famers Tony Gwynn, Mark McGwire and Cal Ripken Jr. all retire from major league baseball at the end of the 2001 season.

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↑ The NFL season begins on a tragic note when Minnesota Vikings tackle Korey Stringer collapses at practice and dies a day later from heatstroke complications.

→ America welcomes athletes from all over the world to Salt Lake City, Utah, to compete in the 2002 Winter Olympics.

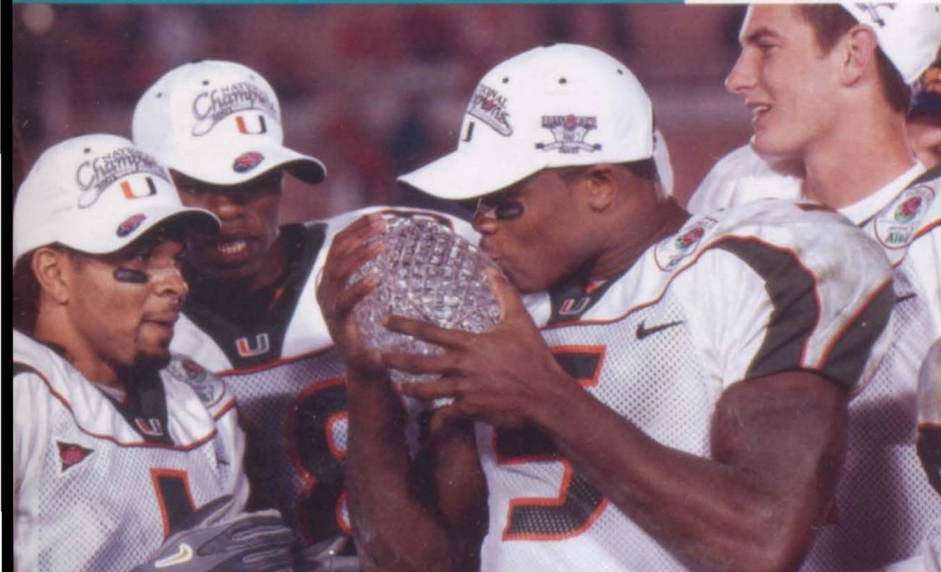
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↓ On their way to an undefeated season and undisputed NCAA Football national championship, the Miami Hurricanes roll over the Nebraska Cornhuskers 37-14 in the 2002 Rose Bowl.



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↑ In the first Saturday night women's U.S. Open final, tennis ace Venus Williams defeats her younger sister Serena 6-2, 6-4.