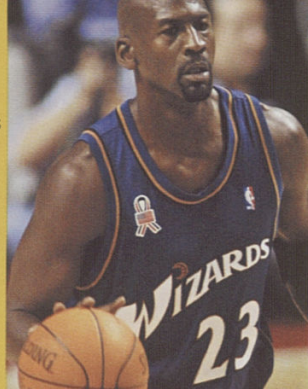




← The 14-point underdog New England Patriots shock NFL viewers by kicking a dramatic last-second field goal to upset the St. Louis Rams 20-17 in Super Bowl XXXVI.

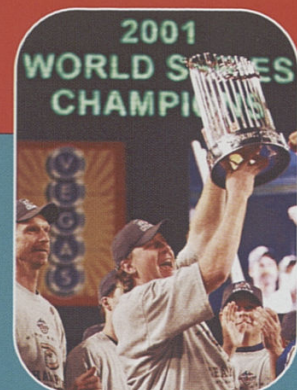
→ Michael Jordan, 38, returns to the NBA with the Washington Wizards. Jordan fills arenas nationwide and propels the previously doormat Wizards to instant respectability with an over-500 record.



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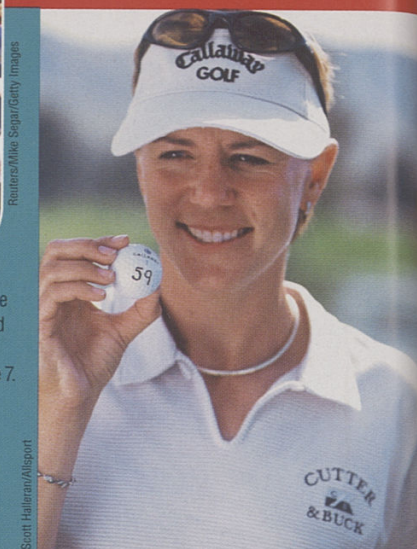
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↓ Swedish golf superstar Annika Sorenstam wins the 2001 money title, eight tournaments and Player of the Year, and sets over 30 LPGA records, including the all-time low score of 59.

↑ The Arizona Diamondbacks stun the New York Yankees to win the World Series with a two-run rally in the bottom of the ninth inning of Game 7.

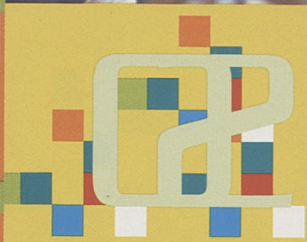
← San Francisco's Barry Bonds makes baseball history with 73 home runs and an astounding slugging percentage of .863—both all-time records.



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↑ After her team loses only five games all season, playoff MVP Lisa Leslie leads the Los Angeles Sparks over the Charlotte Sting to win the 2001 WNBA Championship.



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↑ Snowboarders Danny Kass, Ross Powers and J.J. Thomas give the United States its first medals sweep in the Winter Olympics since 1956.

← In July, Dale Earnhardt Jr. wins the Pepsi 400 in Daytona, Florida. Ironically, Earnhardt's victory comes on the same track where his father died just five months earlier.

→ In November, NASCAR superstar Jeff Gordon wins his fourth Winston Cup Championship.



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