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MEMORANDUM

To: THE WHITE HOUSE

From: Major League Baseball

Date: October 23, 2001

Re: Taping of Message from the President
to be shown during each game of the WS

*Lucy Calaniti
Govt Relations
202 861-1739
Will pick up*

*Office of Commissioner
1050 Connecticut Ave NW
Ste 1100
WDC
200036*

MLB requests that President Bush tape two 15-20 second messages to baseball fans that is uplifting during this time of challenge, and that will be shown on the Clubs' scoreboards during the World Series.

Each message would be 15-20 seconds in length and would end with the words "God Bless America".

The messages would be shown on the scoreboards in Arizona and New York during the 7th inning stretch.

Immediately following, "GOD BLESS AMERICA" will be played and sung.

One message will be broadcast during the games in Arizona; and the other message will be played in New York.

The World Series begins in Arizona this Saturday, October 27th. The first game in New York is next Tuesday, October 30th.

To assure the best tape quality, we request BETA tape.

Thank you for considering this important request.



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2001 World Series

Series	Date	Matchup	Network	Air Time (ET)
Game One	Saturday, October 27	New York Yankees at Arizona	FOX	7:30 p.m.
Game Two	Sunday, October 28	Diamondbacks	FOX	7:30 p.m.
Game Three	Tuesday, October 30	New York Yankees at Arizona	FOX	8:00 p.m.
Game Four	Wednesday, October 31	Diamondbacks	FOX	8:00 p.m.
Game Five*	31	Arizona Diamondbacks at New York Yankees	FOX	8:00 p.m.
Game Six*	Thursday, November 1	Yankees	FOX	7:30 p.m.
Game Seven*	Saturday, November 3	Arizona Diamondbacks at New York Yankees	FOX	7:30 p.m.
	Sunday, November 4	Arizona Diamondbacks at New York Yankees		
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- Baltimore
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National League

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NBA Season Launch Commemorative Video

As the NBA season tips off we are planning a league wide tribute to salute the victims and heroes of September 11th.

As part of this tribute, the NBA is producing a short video honoring the victims, celebrating the heroes and applauding the resilience of our nation.

The video will be televised on 10/30 during the New York Knicks vs. Washington Wizards game. The video will also be shown in every NBA city during the week of 10/30, therefore any reference to the date should not be specific.

Talking Points:

- Grati^{fi}ed at how Americans have responded and come together in so many meaningful ways to help America heal during this difficult time.
- We are going to prevail but as Americans, we must try to return to our daily lives.
- We appreciate the sense of community and enjoyment that sports brings to our lives.
- We must celebrate it more than ever and I welcome the start of the NBA season.



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During the last six years, the Yankees have made it to the World Series five times without sporting so much as one MVP Award winner. This season is no different, with Roger Clemens (left) the only player warranting anything resembling MVP consideration. [More >](#)

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Yankees												
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Game 1: Saturday, 7:30 ET @ ARI TV: FOX
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Gm 1: NYY @ ARI
 Mike Mussina vs. Curt Schilling
 (2-0, 1.38) (3-0, 0.67)

Gm 2: Sun. 7:30 ET - Pettitte (NY) @ Johnson (ARI)
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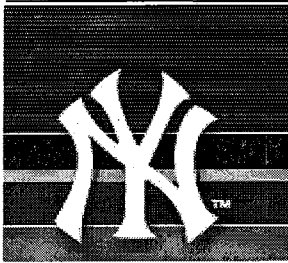
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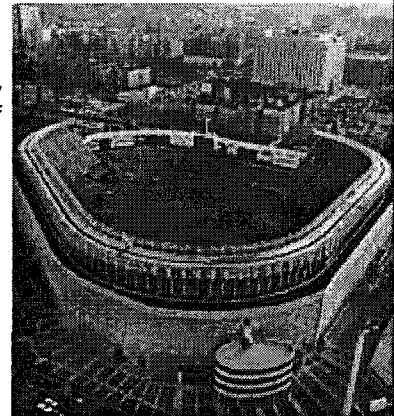
Only a year after they changed Baseball forever with the purchase of Babe Ruth from the Boston Red Sox, the Yankees made another buy that would forever change the way the game was watched.

On February 6, 1921, the Yankees issued a press release to announce the purchase of 10 acres of property in the west Bronx. The land, purchased from the estate of William Waldorf Astor for \$675,000, sat directly across the Harlem River from the Yankees' current Manhattan home, the Polo Grounds, which they shared unhappily with the landlord Giants of the National League since 1913.

The relationship between the Giants and their tenant crumbled after the 1920 season when Yankee attendance boosted by their new slugging sensation doubled to 1,289,422. That was over 100,000 more than the Giants, who, in 1921, notified the Yankees to vacate the Polo Grounds as soon as possible. With their departure from the Polo Grounds now inevitable, Yankee co-owners Jacob Ruppert and Tillinghast L'Hommedieu Huston set out to build a spectacular ballpark of their own, Baseball's first triple-decked structure. With an advertised capacity of 70,000, it would also be the first to be labeled a "stadium."

Original plans of the architect the Osborne Engineering Company of Cleveland, Ohio had the Stadium triple-decked and roofed all the way around. An early press release, in fact, described the Yankees' new home as a field enclosed with towering embattlements, rendering the events inside "impenetrable to all human eyes, save those of aviators." But the initial, grand design was quickly scaled back with the triple-decked grandstand not reaching either foul pole. Contrary to the owners' wishes, the action would be more than visible from the elevated trains that passed by the outfield as well as from the buildings that would spring up across River Avenue. Fortunately, a purely decorative element also survived the project's early downsizing and would become the park's most recognizable feature. A 15-foot deep copper facade would adorn the front of the roof which covered much of the Stadium's third deck. It would

Yankee Stadium
161st St and River Ave
Bronx, NY 10452



give Yankee Stadium an air of dignity that no park has possessed -- either before or since.

The new stadium would favor lefthanded power with the right-field foul pole only 295 feet from home plate (though it would shoot out to 429 by right center). Though the left-field pole measured only 281 feet from the plate, righthanded hitters were neutralized by a 395-foot left field and a whopping 460 to left center. It would also be friendly to patrons, boasting an unheard of "eight toilet rooms for men and as many for women scattered throughout the stands and bleachers." (When the Stadium was remodeled 50 years later, it included more than 50 restrooms.) The club's executive offices would be moved from midtown Manhattan and located between the main and mezzanine decks with an electric elevator connecting them with the main entrance.

The construction contract was awarded to New York's White Construction Co. on May 5, 1922 with the edict that the job must be completed "at a definite price" (\$2.5-million) and by Opening Day 1923. Incredibly, it was. In only 284 working days, Yankee Stadium was ready for its inaugural game on April 18, 1923 vs. the Boston Red Sox.

Officially, 74,200 fans packed Yankee Stadium for their first glimpse of Baseball's grandest facility while thousands more milled around outside after the fire department finally ordered the gates closed. Before the game began, John Phillip Sousa and the Seventh Regiment Band led both clubs to the flagpole in deep center field where the American flag and the Yankees' 1922 pennant were raised. Appropriately, Babe Ruth christened his new home with a three-run homer to cap a four-run third inning as the Yankees coasted to a 4-1 win.

Because it was widely recognized that Ruth's tremendous drawing power made the new stadium possible, it would immediately become known as "The House That Ruth Built." Later that season, the Stadium hosted the first of 33 World Series and the Yankees won their first World Championship over their former landlord, the Giants. Of course, as the Stadium became the stage for a staggering number of World titles-now totaling 25-it also would become known as "The Home of Champions."

In its early years, when wooden bleachers surrounded the outfield, a grass slope approached the outfield walls from foul pole to foul pole. Outfielders, especially Ruth in right, routinely backed up the small hill to pull down fly balls. Atop the bleachers were advertising signs except for a lone, manually operated, wooden scoreboard in right-center field which was "big enough to record 12 innings for games played by every club in the two major leagues." Over the years, the board would be replaced by more modern models. The Yankees, in fact, would unveil the first electronic message board in 1959. By 1928, the Stadium was ready for its first major facelift as the triple-deck grandstand in left field was extended beyond the foul pole to its current termination point. The right-field grandstand was extended in 1937, allowing "upper-deck" home runs in both directions. With the '37 expansion of the grandstand, the remaining wooden bleachers were replaced by a concrete structure and the distance to center field dropped from 490 feet to a still-astronomical 461 feet.

Except for the addition of lights in 1946, the look of Yankee Stadium would now remain relatively the same until the winter of 1966-67. Then, under the direction of its new owner, CBS, the 44-year-old facility received a \$1.5-million modernization, most of which was spent on paint (90 tons of it). The brown concrete exterior was painted white as was the by-now greenish copper facade. And all of the grandstand seats went from green to blue,

a color scheme that would be retained when the Stadium was completely remodeled after the 1973 season.

On August 8, 1972, after years of debate about the future of the aging ballpark, the Yankees signed a 30-year lease with the City of New York which called for Yankee Stadium to be completely modernized in time for the 1976 season. After completing the Stadium's 50th-Anniversary season in 1973, the Yankees moved to Shea Stadium for two seasons while their home was almost completely demolished and then rebuilt.

The most striking change of the modernization would be the removal of the numerous, obstructive steel columns which supported the second and third decks as well as the roof. By "cantilevering" the upper decks and by lowering the playing field while increasing the slope of the lower stands, sight lines for fans would be dramatically improved. Of course, with the removal of the original roof, the Stadium almost lost its most-recognizable feature: the facade. But an innovative design concept included an exact replica of the facade atop the new 560-foot-long scoreboard which stretched across the rear of the bleachers. The board would also include baseball's first "telescreen," which could provide instant replays of the action by employing a then-incredible "nine shades of gray."

Yankee Stadium's exterior changed dramatically, too, as three escalator towers were added, one at each of the Stadium's three entrances. And, with 10 additional rows of seats added to the upper deck, the already-grand Stadium would have an even more majestic look.

The remodeled Yankee Stadium opened on April 15, 1976 with the Yankees topping Minnesota 11-4 and, like its predecessor, would host the World Series in its inaugural season. The Stadium, in fact, hosted the Fall Classic in its first three seasons with the Yankees winning back-to-back World titles in 1977 and 1978.

As one of the world's most-prestigious addresses, Yankee Stadium has also been the home of scores of other sports, entertainment and cultural events. While the Yankees were on the road or out of season, the Stadium opened its gates to college and pro football, soccer, political assemblies, religious conventions, concerts and even the circus.

Boxing immediately found a home at Yankee Stadium with Benny Leonard winning a 15-round decision over Lou Tandler for the lightweight title three months after the gates opened on July 24, 1923. Until Mohamud Ali stopped Ken Norton on September 28, 1976, thirty championship fights have been fought at the Stadium, perhaps none more memorable than the one for the heavyweight title between Joe Louis and Germany's Max Schmeling on June 22, 1938. After suffering a knockout loss in the initial non-title encounter at the Stadium two years earlier, Louis now the heavyweight champ avenged his defeat with a stunning first-round KO in the rematch.

Football also became an immediate fixture at Yankee Stadium with the 1923 Army-Navy game inaugurating a rich history of collegiate and later professional football matchups. On November 12, 1928, with Notre Dame and Army locked in a scoreless game at halftime, the legendary Knute Rockne made his famous "win one for the Gipper" pep talk and the Fighting Irish went out and beat the Cadets, 12-6.

The New York football Giants also called Yankee Stadium home from 1956 through 1973 and, on December 28, 1958, played in what is widely recognized as "the greatest game ever played." With the NFL championship at stake, a crowd of 64,185 watched the

Baltimore Colts tie the game 17-17 on a Steve Myrha field goal with seven seconds left. Eight minutes into professional football's first-ever "sudden-death" overtime period, the Colts' Alan Ameche crashed through from the one yard line, ending a contest that would help establish pro football as a major sport.

The Stadium was also an important stop for religious conventions with the conventions of the Jehovah's Witnesses the major outside activity each year. Beginning in 1950, the convention attracted as many as 123,707 people in a single day far more than any other Stadium event. On October 4, 1965 with the Yankees out of the World Series for only the third time in 17 years the Stadium hosted an event of worldwide significance. During the first visit to North America by a Pope, Paul VI celebrated mass before a crowd in excess of 80,000. Fourteen years later, John Paul II also made Yankee Stadium a stop on his tour of the United States.

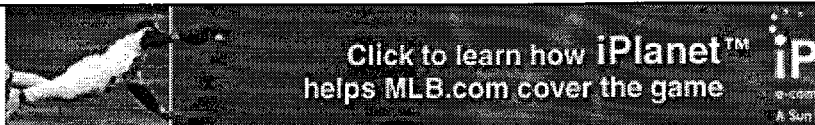
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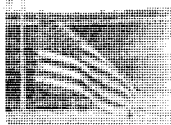
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Flag at half staff is the right statement for baseball

An MLB.com Editorial

Thirty years ago, fast-food giant McDonald's recognized its best workers by awarding them the title of "All American." That did not mean an increase in pay from the going rate of \$1.10 an hour, but each of the honorees did have the privilege of wearing the American flag on a uniform sleeve.

To this day, the overwhelming majority of those uniforms remain in the proud possession of their original owners.



"Our flag was still there..."
-- September 2001

Transcending any fashion statement, that single red-white-and-blue touch has the power to elevate any material to everlasting status. Yes, even itchy polyester. Americans' appreciation for the flag is that special. It is rooted in history and reinforced daily, particularly now -- as Old Glory waves at the world with splendor and significance in a time of unrest.

Much of the last week illustrated the best of what Francis Scott Key called "the Land of the Free and the Home of the Brave." Necessarily, they do go together. Freedom without bravery is short-lived. Bravery without freedom is called a monarchy.

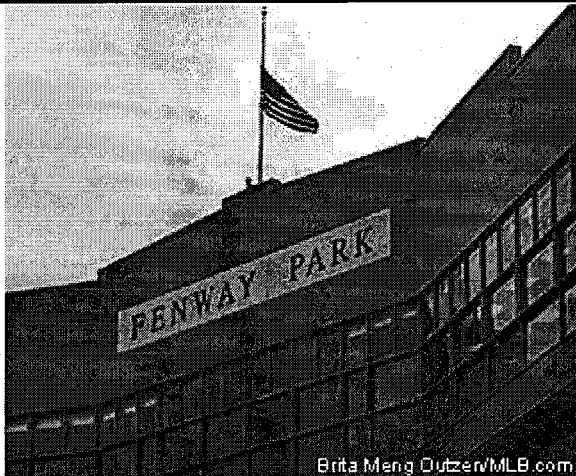
Last Tuesday, midday, we here at MLB's official Web site placed a flag at half staff on our homepage. Since then, every Major League team has displayed on its Web site its own ballpark with the flag at half staff. That image will be part of our sites for the remainder of the season. The flag at half staff is the right statement for baseball. The American flag is without peer in the world in connoting power, respect, bravery and a sense of fair play.

Our flag at half staff is bittersweet. Never do we trifle with our flag in this country. But this powerful nation is in pain, deep pain.

The history of our flag is important to remember. George Washington asked the wife of a friend's nephew to stitch some cloth together. Resembling a pattern Washington and others had designed, Betsy Ross finished our first flag in the spring of 1776, just before the historic vote in Philadelphia. About 38 years later, while watching the British fire upon Fort McHenry in Baltimore, Key penned his most famous verse. Later put to music, the National Anthem pays homage to our flag and everything it represents and reflects in America. "Our flag was still there" has proved to be the watch phrase of freedom.

No matter what comes our way, our flag will not yield.

Think of the inspiring places our flag has flown -- the moon, Iwo Jima, on the uniforms of all of our armed forces here and abroad, on astronauts' sleeves -- and your understanding of its honor, its impact, only grows. The brave patriots working the rubble in NYC,



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many wearing flags, turned the tide of our emotions that fateful day when they raised our flag atop the smoldering steel of what was once the World Trade Center. In that one gesture, they reminded us all that this flag will not yield. "Our flag was still there" -- and so were they.

This disaster showed us all what an American patriot is. She and he are people who risk their lives for anyone else at any time. No questions. All of us have watched the rescue workers dig through the debris, still in harm's way. What we didn't see as vividly on the news -- but can sense -- is the bravery of the flight attendants, the crew, the passengers, the workers in the WTC and the Pentagon, and obviously the firefighters, medical personnel and police. These last few groups are taught to run into the fire while we are running from the fire. They were entering the building while others were justifiably leaving.

Every day, more workers and more Americans are wearing the flag. We are awestruck by their bravery. They make us proud to be Americans. Through these rescuers, our flag was still there.

Commissioner Bud Selig and all of baseball wisely postponed playing regularly scheduled games for six days. Ninety-two games have been postponed until the first week of October. It must have been an extremely tough decision, but it was the right one. Even more important, he made the American flag a central part of baseball's return.

The players will be wearing the flag on their jerseys and their caps for the rest of the season. Major League players, coaches and managers will now wear, overtly, what we all wear tacitly -- our flag. It serves as a tribute to the thousands who perished this week and to their families and friends. It also serves as a reminder to each of us that millions of others also have paid the highest price for our freedom, dating back to the 1770s. And it serves as a reminder that any of us might be called to pay the price of freedom. We hope that we can be as brave as the patriots setting the example in New York and Washington -- and in the struggle that diverted a crash to western Pennsylvania.

Each fan attending a series-opening game on Monday or Tuesday will receive a flag to wave any time she or he wants, but particularly during the "Star-Spangled Banner" and "God Bless America." Baseball in effect is putting the spotlight on a fitting, impromptu Flag Day. Who knows? The outpouring of patriotism measured by flags lining streets, in front of apartments and houses, waving from car and truck windows, worn as bandanas, on belts, as part of so many daily wardrobes, just might persuade McDonald's to consider reinstating its policy. What's more, perhaps Flag Day will be moved to the month of September. (Since 1949, Flag Day has been celebrated June 14).

This is an appropriate role for baseball. After all, it was during a World Series game in 1918 that history was made. After a long discussion about whether to play the World Series during World War I, baseball went ahead. During the traditional seventh-inning stretch, the local band played the National Anthem. It has preceded baseball games ever since, and every sport has followed the tradition. We don't know if "God Bless America" can replace "Take Me Out to the Ball Game" forever, but for now it can.

Our flag was still there. Mr. Key knew his stuff. He saw it that night as he sat on the British warship that pounded Fort McHenry. The Fort did not yield -- that night or any night, and the Stars and Stripes have always flown overhead. It was clear to Key what this country stood for. Bravery is necessary as part of our mission to defend and extend freedom everywhere we can.

Our flag has always stood for these things. The right to display our love of this country every day is a great honor. That is why everywhere we look these days, thankful Americans are finding their flags and putting them on. That is why baseball players will be wearing the flag. That is why Commissioner Selig and the clubs are presenting flags to the fans.

Our flag was still there. Always will be.



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2000 | 1999-90 | 1989-80 | 1979-70 | 1969-60 | 1959-50
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Year	Results	MVP
2000	NY Yankees 4, NY Mets 1	Derek Jeter

Year	Results	MVP
1998	NY Yankees 4, Atlanta 0	Mariano Rivera
1998	NY Yankees 4, San Diego 0	Scott Brosius
1997	Florida 4, Cleveland 3	Livan Hernandez
1996	NY Yankees 4, Atlanta 2	John Wetteland
1995	Atlanta 4, Cleveland 2	Tom Glavine
1994	Not Held	N/A
1993	Toronto 4, Philadelphia 2	Paul Molitor
1992	Toronto 4, Atlanta 2	Pat Borders
1991	Minnesota 4, Atlanta 3	Jack Morris
1990	Cincinnati 4, Oakland 0	Jose Rijo

Year	Results	MVP
1989	Oakland 4, San Francisco 0	Dave Stewart
1988	Los Angeles 4, Oakland 1	Oral Hershiser
1987	Minnesota 4, St. Louis 3	Frank Viola
1986	NY Mets 4, Boston 3	Ray Knight
1985	Kansas City 4, St. Louis 3	Bret Saberhagen
1984	Detroit 4, San Diego 1	Alan Trammell
1983	Baltimore 4, Philadelphia 1	Rick Dempsey
1982	St. Louis 4, Milwaukee 3	Darrell Porter
1981	Los Angeles 4, NY Yankees 2	Guerrero/Cey/Yeager
1980	Philadelphia 4, Kansas City 2	Mike Schmidt

Year	Results	MVP
1979	Pittsburgh 4, Baltimore 3	Willie Stargell
1978	NY Yankees 4, Los Angeles 2	Bucky Dent
1977	NY Yankees 4, Los Angeles 2	Reggie Jackson
1976	Cincinnati 4, NY Yankees 0	Johnny Bench
1975	Cincinnati 4, Boston 3	Pete Rose
1974	Oakland 4, Los Angeles 1	Rollie Fingers
1973	Oakland 4, NY Mets 3	Reggie Jackson
1972	Oakland 4, Cincinnati 3	Gene Tenace
1971	Pittsburgh 4, Baltimore 3	Roberto Clemente
1970	Baltimore 4, Cincinnati 1	Brooks Robinson

Year	Results	MVP
1969	NY Mets 4, Baltimore 1	Donn Clendenon
1968	Detroit 4, St. Louis 3	Mickey Lolich
1967	St. Louis 4, Boston 3	Bob Gibson
1966	Baltimore 4, Los Angeles 0	Frank Robinson
1965	Los Angeles 4, Minnesota 3	Sandy Koufax
1964	St. Louis 4, NY Yankees 3	Bob Gibson
1963	Los Angeles 4, NY Yankees 0	Sandy Koufax
1962	NY Yankees 4, San Francisco 3	Ralph Terry
1961	NY Yankees 4, Cincinnati 1	Whitey Ford
1960	Pittsburgh 4, NY Yankees 3	Bobby Richardson

Year	Results	MVP
1959	Los Angeles 4, Chicago White Sox 2	Larry Sherry
1958	NY Yankees 4, Milw. Braves 3	Bob Turley
1957	Milw. Braves 4, NY Yankees 3	Lew Burdette
1956	NY Yankees 4, Brooklyn 3	Don Larsen
1955	Brooklyn 4, NY Yankees 3	Johnny Podres
1954	NY Giants 4, Cleveland 0	--
1953	NY Yankees 4, Brooklyn 2	--
1952	NY Yankees 4, Brooklyn 3	--
1951	NY Yankees 4, NY Giants 2	--
1950	NY Yankees 4, Philadelphia 0	--

Year	Results	MVP	Year	Results	MVP
1949	NY Yankees 4, Brooklyn 1	--	1939	NY Yankees 4, Cincinnati 0	--
1948	Cleveland 4, Boston Braves 2	--	1938	NY Yankees 4, Chicago Cubs 0	--
1947	NY Yankees 4, Brooklyn 3	--	1937	NY Yankees 4, NY Giants 1	--
1946	St. Louis 4, Boston Red Sox 3	--	1936	NY Yankees 4, NY Giants 2	--
1945	Detroit 4, Chicago Cubs 3	--	1935	Detroit 4, Chicago Cubs 2	--
1944	St. Louis Cardinals 4, St. Louis Browns 2	--	1934	St. Louis Cardinals 4, Detroit 3	--
1943	NY Yankees 4, St. Louis Cardinals 1	--	1933	NY Giants 4, Washington 1	--
1942	St. Louis Cardinals 4, NY Yankees 1	--	1932	NY Yankees 4, Chicago Cubs 0	--
1941	NY Yankees 4, Brooklyn 1	--	1931	St. Louis Cardinals 4, Philadelphia A's 3	--
1940	Cincinnati 4, Detroit 3	--	1930	Philadelphia A's 4, St. Louis Cardinals 2	--
Year	Results	MVP	Year	Results	MVP
1929	Philadelphia A's 4, Chicago Cubs 1	--	1919	Cincinnati 5, Chicago White Sox 3	--
1928	NY Yankees 4, St. Louis Cardinals 0	--	1918	Boston Red Sox 4, Chicago Cubs 2	--
1927	NY Yankees 4, Pittsburgh 0	--	1917	Chicago White Sox 4, NY Giants 2	--
1926	St. Louis Cardinals 4, NY Yankees 3	--	1916	Boston Red Sox 4, Brooklyn 1	--
1925	Pittsburgh 4, Washington 3	--	1915	Boston Red Sox 4, Philadelphia Phillies 1	--
1924	Washington 4, NY Giants 3	--	1914	Boston Braves 4, Philadelphia A's 0	--
1923	NY Yankees 4, NY Giants 2	--	1913	Philadelphia A's 4, NY Giants 1	--
1922	NY Giants 4, NY Yankees 0 (one tie)	--	1912	Boston Red Sox 4, NY Giants 3 (one tie)	--
1921	NY Giants 5, NY Yankees 3	--	1911	Philadelphia A's 4, NY Giants 2	--
1920	Cleveland 5, Brooklyn 2	--	1910	Philadelphia A's 4, Chicago Cubs 1	--
Year	Results	MVP			
1909	Pittsburgh 4, Detroit 3	--			
1908	Chicago Cubs 4, Detroit 1	--			
1907	Chicago Cubs 4, Detroit 0 (one tie)	--			
1906	Chicago White Sox 4, Chicago Cubs 2	--			
1905	NY Giants 4, Philadelphia A's 1	--			
1904	Not held	--			
1903	Boston Red Sox 5, Pittsburgh 3	--			

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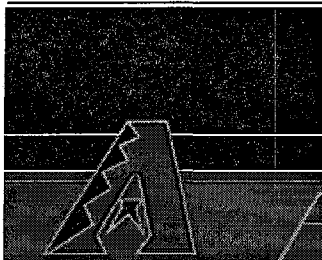
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World Series bound!

By Ken Gurnick
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ATLANTA -- It's fitting for the youngest franchise ever to reach a World Series to be taken there by its 38-year-old Big Unit and some valuable spare parts.

The Arizona Diamondbacks won their first National League pennant Sunday night in a performance that reflected everything their season has been. They got the Game 5 victory they counted on from starter Randy Johnson, clutch contributions from bench players Erubiel Durazo and Danny Bautista, and a two-inning save from Byung-Hyun Kim to edge the Atlanta Braves, 3-2.

They won the best-of-seven NL Championship Series, 4-1, by beating Cy Young winners Greg Maddux twice and Tom Glavine Sunday. They swept three games at Turner Field after splitting the first two at home, and at four years old became the youngest franchise to reach a World Series.

Craig Counsell, a 1997 World Series hero for Florida who was rescued off the scrap heap a year ago, was named the unlikely MVP of this NLCS, but got his greatest pleasure watching the celebration around him.

"So many guys in there have played 10, 12 years, accomplished so much in their career, and not had a chance to do this," said Counsell, who hit .381 in the series. "For them to have a chance to do this, that makes you feel so, so good."

Johnson beat Maddux and Glavine in the series after losing seven previous postseason games. He's one of nine D-Backs with at least 10 years experience going to a first World Series.

"We heard a lot that we were a veteran team that was very old, but I think the one reason why we're here and the one reason why nothing ever really fell apart was because of the veterans," said Johnson. "They didn't allow that."

There also was a rookie. Bob Brenly -- who went from second-guessing managerial moves in the broadcast booth to making them in the dugout -- is the first rookie manager to reach the World Series since Jim Frey with Kansas City in 1980, and the first in the NL since Tom Lasorda with Los Angeles in 1977. The last rookie manager to win a World Series was Ralph Houk of the 1961 New York Yankees.

As they did in each of the Atlanta home games, the Braves beat themselves. Durazo's decisive two-run pinch-homer in the fifth off Glavine produced unearned runs after Marcus Giles



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produced unearned runs after Marcus Giles booted Craig Counsell's leadoff grounder. The Braves committed seven errors in the series, leading to nine unearned runs that weighed heavily on the last three outcomes.

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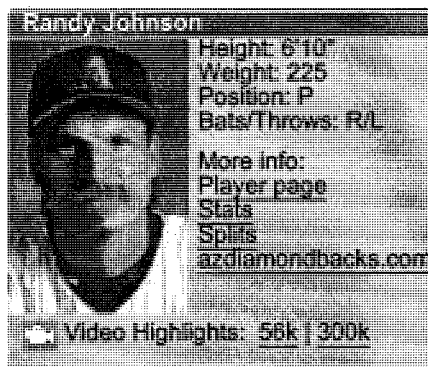
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"We made far too many mistakes," said Glavine. "One thing we were good at all season was pitching and defense. You never want to give a team extra outs in an inning."

While some series are won by hot hitters or hot pitchers, this one was significantly influenced by a hot manager. Brenly won the strategy battle by managing for a seven-game series and keeping his big guns, Johnson and Curt Schilling, on their regular five-day cycle. Atlanta's Bobby Cox went with just three starters.

"We didn't have to do that," said Johnson. "It's hard to do, whether you're a power pitcher or not. If you don't have to, why would you want to?"

As he did throughout the season, Brenly made uncanny lineup substitutions in the series, especially in Game 5. He had Danny Bautista take over center field for Steve Finley and Bautista drove in the first run. When Mark Grace had to leave the game with a hamstring injury, Brenly sent left-handed pinch-hitter Durazo to face the left-handed Glavine.



In keeping with Brenly's charmed run this year, he went with Durazo instead of right-handed hitter Greg Colbrunn because of Durazo's defense. Naturally, the result was game-winning offense.

Talk about poetic justice. When Grace was signed as a free agent, Durazo lost the first-base job he coveted. When Grace went down with an injury Sunday night, Durazo homered to send Grace to his first World Series.

Brenly was asked about his, well, luck.

"I'm just fortunate to inherit this ballclub," said Brenly, who took over for Buck Showalter. "It's easy for things to turn out well when no matter who you send out there does something good to help you win a ballgame. It doesn't make me a genius or anything like that."

"I refuse to take any credit for what's happened with this ballclub this year. They put their egos on the back burner and decided that as a unit we were going to try to go out and do something special. I kind of sat back and watched them."

Brenly said this team's title is a testament to the unselfish attitudes of his players, particularly the ones who don't play every day.

"It would have been easy, you see it happen all the time, guys that are relegated to the bench, they don't take it so well, they sit and pout," Brenly said. "These guys relished it. They may not have liked being a bench player, but they took their role seriously."

Johnson, who was overpowering in a Game 1 three-hit shutout, wasn't the same pitcher in Game 5. But with the game on the line in the seventh, he faced seven Braves and allowed only one to score, ending it with a strikeout of Brian Jordan.

"I felt like I was mentally spent walking off the mound," said Johnson, who gave way to Kim. "I knew that I got out of a situation that could have been a momentum shift easily to the Atlanta Braves had anything happened more than what already had happened."

Johnson allowed a solo home run and RBI single by 40-year-old Mexican League castoff Julio Franco, but escaped further damage from a pair of bases-loaded jams. Relying more on the slider than his world-reknown fastball, Johnson allowed seven hits in seven innings, struck out eight and walked two.

Although Bautista's batting average against Glavine was less than half that of Finley's, (.312 versus .154), he made his manager look like a genius in the fourth. With one out, Mark Grace singled, Matt Williams walked and Bautista came up. Given the green light on a 3-0 pitch, Bautista foul tipped a fastball.

The next pitch was one of those Brenly talked about, out over the plate where Bautista could get his arms extended. He took it right back up the middle, just beyond second baseman Marcus Giles and into center field.

Grace, no speedster, was sent home by third-base coach Chris Speier, but Andruw Jones' throw was cut off by Franco. That was a big favor to Grace, who felt his hamstring tighten en route to the plate and pulled up lame as he scored without a play.

Franco tied the game leading off the fourth with an opposite-field home run off a 98-mph fastball that bounced off the top of the wall in right. With the bases loaded and two out in the fifth, Franco hit a one-hop shot at shortstop Tony Womack, who turned a force and end the inning.

"That was the hardest-hit ball of the night," said Cox. "That killed us."

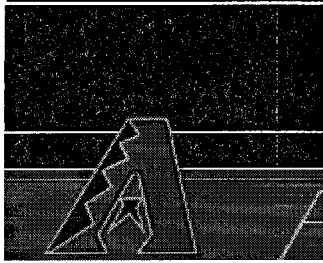
But even when things went bad for the Diamondbacks, they turned out well. Grace's injury was an obvious example, as Brenly was forced to hit for his first baseman in the fifth inning after Giles' error on Counsell's grounder.

Brenly sent up Durazo, who had struck out in his only LCS appearance in Game 2. Lefty against lefty, Durazo drove a fastball away down the left-field line, tucking it just inside the foul pole. Durazo said hitting coach Dwayne Murphy told him to look for something away, and he found it.

"It was a fastball up, probably one of the only pitches I left up all night," said Glavine. "He hit it in probably the only place it was going to go out."

It's been quite a ride for Durazo this year. He was counting on significant playing time at first base, but the team instead signed Grace as a free agent. He reluctantly became a premier bench player with five pinch-homers by May 20, but none since until Sunday. In late June he suffered a serious concussion in a plate collision with Colorado's Terry Shumpert. Later he suffered a back strain and for the second half of the season was pretty much invisible.

Franco, however, wasn't finished with Johnson, who allowed a one-out



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Bank One Ballpark: A Unique Baseball Experience

From its signature swimming pool to its retractable roof, Bank One Ballpark has become one of the game's most recognizable landmarks in just two seasons. Since the air-conditioned facility first opened its doors to a regular-season game on March 31, 1998, more than 6.6 million baseball fans have enjoyed the opportunity to watch the Arizona Diamondbacks without worrying about Phoenix's summer heat or monsoon storms.

Owned by Maricopa County, the 49,033-capacity ballpark joins nearby America West Arena in making downtown Phoenix the sports hub of the Valley of the Sun. It is located just one block east of AWA, home of the NBA's Phoenix Suns and NHL's Phoenix Coyotes. The ballpark is bounded by Jefferson Street on the north, Fourth street on the west and Seventh Street on the east. Easiest freeway access is by taking the Seventh Street exit from either I-10 (turn south) or I-17 (turn north).

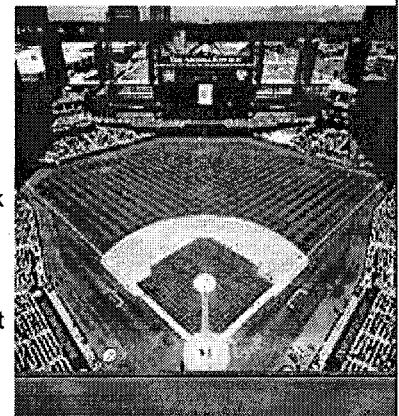
With an elevation of approximately 1,100 feet above sea level, Bank One Ballpark is the second-highest facility in the major leagues, trailing only Coors Field in Denver. Scientists have estimated that a fly ball will travel seven feet farther for every 1,000 feet of altitude.

The Structure

Ground was broken on Nov. 16, 1995, for a construction project that took 28 months and cost \$354 million. It was designed by Ellerbe Becket, with architect Bill Johnson as the design principal. John Wasson was the project manager for the Arizona Diamondbacks, with Huber, Hunt & Nichols serving as the managing contractor.

The structure incorporates the traditional look of red brick and green structural steel in a setting that blends into its surroundings. Many of the design details are borrowed from the warehouse district that surrounds the Ballpark. One former warehouse, the Stern Produce Building, is

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actually preserved and incorporated into the south facade of the building. Appropriately, that former food warehouse is used as a commissary for the Ballpark's concessions stands.

The Roof

The retractable roof, comprising 9 million pounds of structural steel, operates on the same tried-and-true technology found in drawbridges and overhead traveling cranes. A pair of 200-horsepower motors open or close the roof in slightly more than four minutes, utilizing more than four miles of cable strung through a pulley system. Each half of the roof consists of three moveable trusses which telescope over a fixed end truss. The east and west sides of the roof can operate either in unison or independently. Either side of the roof can be opened to any position in order to maximize sunlight on the turf and minimize it on the interior steel and concrete.

The Field

It took some experimentation before the turf at Bank One Ballpark hit the Bull's Eye. In this case, it means Bull's Eye Bermuda, which was installed on the playing field over the All-Star Game break in July, 1999, and proved the best solution to date for growing a natural grass field in a roofed facility.

For the 2000 season, the playing field was Bull's Eye Bermuda, overseeded with Kentucky blue grass and perennial rye grass.

Even though more than half of the Diamondbacks' games are played with the retractable room in a closed position, the turf receives sunlight at every opportunity. Even on game days, the roof remains open into the afternoon to allow maximum exposure. When areas of the field receive too little natural sunlight, large incandescent growth lights provide a substitute.

The layout of the field includes a unique, visible feature that takes baseball fans at Bank One Ballpark back in time almost 100 years. There is a dirt path between the pitchers mound and home plate, reminiscent of the paths seen in very early pictures of the game. In a way, that path is symbolic of the Bank One Ballpark experience: The best of baseball history displayed in a setting that features all the modern conveniences.

Keeping Cool

The 8,000-ton cooling system is the equivalent of air conditioning for more than 2,500 typical Arizona homes. The system incorporates air handlers and a large cooling tower on the south side of the Ballpark. The air handlers push 1.2 million cubic feet of air per minute across cooling coils containing water chilled to 48 degrees (several degrees cooler than an average residential system). The system, which is designed to bring the temperature down by 30 degrees in three hours, is configured to deliver cool air only to the seating areas and concourses. It will not cool the entire volume of the Ballpark.

Seating and Tickets

Because Bank One Ballpark is a baseball-only facility, its sight lines are second to no other facility. More than 80 percent of the seats are inside the foul poles, and there is no upper deck around the outfield. What's more, the seats down the foul lines beyond the infield are slightly canted so that no fan will have to twist his or her body to look toward second base and the pitcher's mound.

All lower-deck seating is directly accessible from the

lower concourse, which is at the same level as the outside pedestrian entry plazas and gates. The concourse itself is open to the playing field so fans can stay in touch with the game while using the concessions, merchandise store or other amenities.

The Infiniti Diamond Level concourse is designed to serve as a continuous lounge and dining area servicing approximately 4,400 club seats. Above those seats are 69 private luxury suites designed to offer the utmost in comfort and catering. One floor up from the suite level, the upper concourse will seat approximately 20,000 fans. Escalators on the west side of Bank One Ballpark will take guests to either of the upper levels.

Finally, behind the centerfield wall is the Fry's Picnic Pavilion with seats available to individuals or groups. The Pavilion has picnic tables on tiers to allow approximately 600 fans a full view of the action while enjoying a picnic or family gathering. During the 1999 National League Division Series, a portion of the picnic area was converted into an overflow press box.

Food

The Ballpark offers a wide variety of food and drink. Fans heading for the rotunda that marks the main entrance will have an opportunity to stop by Leinenkugel's Ballyard Brewery in the plaza along Fourth Street. The brew pub's game-day menu, specially tailored to fans, will feature items that will not require utensils so that guests can carry food to their seats. The 20,000-square foot building features a 60-foot, 6-inch mahogany bar in the main restaurant, mirroring the distance between the pitcher's rubber and home plate.

The main concourse and the upper concourse feature approximately a quarter mile of concession stands, offering traditional ballpark fare, while specialty stands located throughout the park give fans their choice of such treats as McDonald's (Bank One Ballpark is the only major-league facility in the United States to have the Golden Arches inside), Blimpie's sandwiches, Little Caesar's pizza and Garcia's Mexican food. Fans will also find specialty ice cream, yogurt, smoothies, shaved ice and specialty popcorn. There's even a farmer's market. Fielder's Choice offers a selection of fresh fruits and vegetables.

Friday's Front Row Sports Grill in the left-field corner gives fans an opportunity to enjoy fine food and beverages while they watch the game from the terraced seating. The Sports Grill is open on non-game days as well. The upper concourse houses two 6,000-square foot Miller Lite beer gardens that overlook the playing field.

On the Infiniti Diamond Level, the Arizona Baseball Club in the right-field corner fills the needs of fans in the club seats or luxury suites.

Sun Pool Party Pavilion

On a warm evening in Phoenix, some folks like to relax around the pool. Others prefer to go to the ballgame. Patrons of the Sun Pool Pavilion at Bank One Ballpark will be able to do both.

In recreating an upscale Arizona backyard, the Pavilion gives about 35 guests the opportunity to see the Diamondbacks play while enjoying a swimming pool, hot tub, fountains, catering and other amenities.

The Pavilion is located next to the outfield wall in right-center. With the pool approximately 415 feet from home plate, home runs occasionally make a splash. When a Diamondback homers, water cannons celebrate

by firing streams 30 to 35 feet into the air.

Parking

Like any downtown sports facility, Bank One Ballpark utilizes the established parking infrastructure for its guests. An attached 1,500-car parking garage will provide parking for guests on the Infiniti Diamond Level. Away from the park, downtown Phoenix boasts some 33,000 parking spaces within a 15-minute walk of Bank One Ballpark. The Diamondbacks estimate that about 15,000 spaces are necessary to accommodate a sellout crowd.

Fox Sports Net Arizona DiamondTown

While Bank One Ballpark offers fans up-to-the-minute amenities and comfort, it also evokes a sense of baseball's history and tradition. Nowhere is this more evident than on the main concourse in Fox Sports Arizona DiamondTown. Video walls, a graphic timeline and three-dimensional exhibits give Diamondbacks fans 10 themed areas featuring the best of baseball history.

Music

Traditional baseball means organ music, and Bank One Ballpark has some of the best in the talented fingers of Bobby Freeman. He moved into the major leagues without a hitch in 1998 after being a long-time fan favorite as organist for the Pacific Coast League's Phoenix Firebirds.

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Eye on Jordan: Several NBA scouts were in attendance, including Walker D. Russell (Toronto Raptors). Russell also watched Michael Jordan during his secret training in Chicago over the summer.

Russell said Jordan might not have the same physical attributes of the past, but his knowledge of the game is even better. "This time, he's trying to bring the young guys instead of just doing it himself," Russell said. "When you're young, you just want to run and do it by yourself, and he's done that."

Russell pointed to his head as he added: "Now he has it up here, and he'll bring them along with him.

"He isn't as explosive as he was, but he's still MJ. Before, he'd beat you in the air and on the floor. Now he'll just beat you on the floor. He's still going to win."

Press Room: More than 300 media members jammed into the Pistons' media area. ESPN, FOX, CNN, Sports Illustrated and reporters from Japan, Italy and Spain were in attendance. Pistons spokesmen said they had not hosted so many writers and broadcasters since the 1991 Eastern Conference Finals. Ironically, the Chicago Bulls, led by Jordan, swept the Pistons that year and moved on to their first of six titles.

More Mike: Jordan will make his national television debut at 8 p.m. tomorrow on TNT in Washington's exhibition game against New Jersey. Jordan's regular season debut will be the **NBA's season opener** on Oct. 30 at New York. On Nov. 3, the Wizards will host the Philadelphia 76ers in a televised game on NBC.

From the locker room: "I'm used to this media attention because of Kobe [Byrant] and Shaq [O'Neal]," said former Lakers guard Tyronn Lue, now with the Wizards. "The only difference is that all of the media is on one person and the attention was split between two people in L.A."

Jordan line: 16 minutes, 4-8 from the field, 0-1 from 3-point range, 0-0 from the free throw line, three rebounds, one personal foul, one steal, two turnovers, one blocked shot, eight points.

-Branson Wright

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NBA Season Launch Commemorative Video

As the NBA season tips off we are planning a league wide tribute to salute the victims and heroes of September 11th.

As part of this tribute, the NBA is producing a short video honoring the victims, celebrating the heroes and applauding the resilience of our nation.

The video will be televised on 10/30 during the New York Knicks vs. Washington Wizards game. The video will also be shown in every NBA city during the week of 10/30. therefore any reference to the date should not

1997	CHICAGO	Phil Jackson	4-2 (WWLWW)	Utah	Jerry Slo
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1999	San Antonio	Gregg Popovich	4-1 (WWLWW)	NEW YORK	Jeff Van Gundy
2000	LA Lakers	Phil Jackson	4-2 (WWLWLW)	INDIANA	Larry Br
2001	LA Lakers	Phil Jackson	4-1 (LWWWW)	PHILA. 76ERS	Larry Br

Note: Four finalists were led by player-coaches: 1948—Buddy Jeannette (guard) of Baltimore; 1950—Al Cervi (guard) of Syracuse; 1968—Bill Russell (center) of Boston; 1969—Bill Russell (center) of Boston.

Most Valuable Player

Selected by an 11-member media panel. Winner who did not play for the NBA champion is in **bold type**.

Multiple winners: Michael Jordan (6); Magic Johnson (3); Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, Larry Bird, Hakeem Olajuwon, Shaquille O'Neal and Willis Reed (2).

Year	
1969	Jerry West, LA Lakers, G
1970	Willis Reed, New York, C
1971	Lew Alcindor, Milwaukee, C
1972	Wilt Chamberlain, LA Lakers, C
1973	Willis Reed, New York, C
1974	John Havlicek, Boston, F
1975	Rick Barry, Golden State, F
1976	Jo Jo White, Boston, G
1977	Bill Walton, Portland, C
1978	Wes Unseld, Washington, C
1979	Dennis Johnson, Seattle, G
1980	Magic Johnson, LA Lakers, G/C
1981	Cedric Maxwell, Boston, F
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- Sept. 3-9 (Mon.-Sun.) 2001 Goodwill Games (Brisbane, Australia)
- Sept. 20-23 (Thur.-Sun.) NBA League Meetings (Orlando, Fla.) -- CANCELLED
- Oct. 2 (Tue.) NBA training camps open
- Oct. 5 (Fri.) Basketball Hall of Fame enshrinement ceremonies (Springfield, Mass.)
- Oct. 5 (Fri.) First day teams with international schedule commitments can play pre games
- Oct. 9 (Tue.) Preseason games begin for remainder of teams
- Oct. 11 (Thu.) NBA Europe Games 2001: Toronto Raptors vs. Telekom Baskets Bonn CANCELLED (Kolnarena; Cologne, Germany)
- Oct. 11 (Thu.) NBA Europe Games 2001: Minnesota Timberwolves vs. Scavolini Pesa CANCELLED (BPA Palas arena; Pesaro, Italy)
- Oct. 13 (Sat) NBA Europe Games 2001: Minnesota Timberwolves vs. Toronto Raptoro CANCELLED (Kolnarena; Cologne, Germany)
- Oct. 13 (Sat) NBA Japan Games: L.A. Lakers vs. Golden State Warriors -- CANCELLED (Tokyo Dome; Tokyo, Japan)
- Oct. 14 (Sun) NBA Japan Games: L.A. Lakers vs. Golden State Warriors -- CANCELLED (Tokyo Dome; Tokyo, Japan)
- Oct. 21 (Sun) NBA Mexico 2001: Orlando Magic at L.A. Clippers -- CANCELLED (Palacio de los Deportes, Mexico City, Mexico)
- Oct. 26 (Fri) Last day of preseason games
- Oct. 29 (Mon) Rosters set for opening day, 6 p.m. ET
- Oct. 30 (Tue) Start of the 2001-02 NBA regular season

2002

- Jan. 7 (Mon) 10-day contracts may now be signed
- Jan. 10 (Thu.) All player contracts are guaranteed for the remainder of the season
- Feb. 8-10 (Fri.-Sun.) NBA All-Star 2002 (Philadelphia)
- Feb. 21 (Thu.) Trading deadline, 6 p.m. ET
- Apr. 3-7 (Wed.-Sat.) Portsmouth Invitational Tournament (Portsmouth, Va.)
- Apr. 17 (Wed) 2001-02 NBA regular season ends
- Apr. 20 (Sat.) NBA Playoffs 2002 begin
- May 12 (Sun.) NBA early entry eligibility deadline, 11:59 p.m. ET
- May 19 (Sun) NBA Draft Lottery
- June 2 (Sun) NBA Finals first possible start date
- June 4-7 (Tue-Fri) NBA pre-draft camp (Chicago, IL)
- June 5 (Wed) NBA Finals latest possible start date
- June 19 (Wed) NBA Finals latest possible end date
- June 19 (Wed) NBA Draft early entry entrant withdrawal deadline
- June 26 (Wed) NBA Draft 2002

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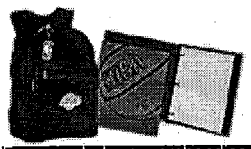


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