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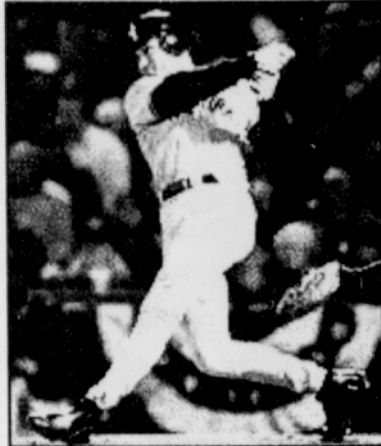
## Yankees eliminate Red Sox in 5 games

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The New York Yankees had no intention of rewriting the ending in baseball's longest-running drama. The characters change, the story doesn't: Yankees win, Red Sox lose. MVP Orlando Hernandez pitched shutout ball into the eighth inning and Derek Jeter hit a two-run homer as the Yankees won their record 36th pennant and a return trip to the World Series, beating Boston 6-1 Monday night in Game 5 of the AL Championship Series.

"To repeat after the incredible year we had last year is a great accomplishment," Yankees manager Joe Torre said. "I tried to warn the club in spring training that we cannot compete against ourselves because it was a once-in-a-lifetime thing," he said. "We had to earn it this year. It was probably more satisfying this year." The wild-card Red Sox brought out all their good-luck charms at Fenway Park, and yet it did no good against their longtime tormentors. Babe Ruth's 82-year-old daughter

threw out the first ball — trying to reverse the Curse of the Bambino — and Red Sox ace Pedro Martinez roused the well-behaved crowd of 33,589 from the dugout and bullpen. And still, it will be the Yankees heading off to defend their World Series title while the Red Sox, after an eighth-inning rally fell short, and their fans can only hope for better luck next century.

"We really had a fine year I told those kids in there we had a fine year all year long," Red Sox manager Jimmy Williams said. "They really did a lot for this city this summer." Game 1 of the World Series will be Saturday night at the home of the NL champion. Atlanta leads the New York Mets 3-2 in the NLCS, with Game 6 Tuesday night at Turner Field. The Yankees played both teams this summer and this will be the first time World Series opponents have met in the regular season. From DiMaggio and Dent to El Duque and Derek, the result stayed the same in this 96-year matchup. "With the rivalry getting back to where



The Yankees' Derek Jeter blasts a two-run homer to center in the first inning.

it was, it's sweet to wrap it up here," said third-base coach Willie Randolph, a longtime Yankees star. Coming off its record 125-win season, New York became the AL's first repeat champion since Toronto in 1992-93 and earned its third trip to the World Series in four years. The Yankees will have a chance to win their 25th title. All of them have come since the Red Sox won their last

championship in 1918, two years before they sold Ruth to New York.

"We didn't have all the miracles all the other teams were having, but we just hung in there," Yankees owner George Steinbrenner said. "It always feels good to be in the World Series. No matter how you get there, it feels great." Certainly it was special to Torre, who missed the first 36 games of the season while recovering from prostate cancer surgery. "You're never sure you're going to care once you get back," Torre said.

Hernandez, blowing on his hand to keep warm on a chilly night, improved to 4-0 with an 0.97 ERA in five career starts in the postseason. Two years ago, his half-brother Livian was MVP of the NLCS for the Florida Marlins. "This is a beautiful moment," El Duque said through an interpreter. "I've very happy to be pitching in these situations."

## Deal allows FSU's Warrick return for game

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Florida State's Peter Warrick could play Saturday against Clemson in a deal that would send him to jail for a month early next year, the star receiver's lawyer said Tuesday. Warrick was considered the leading candidate for the Heisman Trophy when he was suspended Oct. 7 following his arrest on a felony grand theft charge. He has missed the top-ranked Seminoles' last two games. That could change Wednesday if Circuit Court Judge John Crusoe accepts a plea agreement reached by Warrick lawyer John Kenny and the

Leon County state attorney to reduce the charge to petty theft — a misdemeanor.

Florida State athletic director Dave Hart Jr. wouldn't comment Tuesday, preferring to wait until Crusoe acts on the agreement. Warrick and former teammate Laveranues Coles were charged with buying more than \$400 of designer clothes Sept. 29 for \$21.40 from a store clerk, who is also charged. A security camera recorded the transaction.

The agreement would require Warrick spend 30 days in jail, donate to charity clothing he acquired in three trips to

a Dillard's store, pay \$295 in court costs, stay away from the department store and serve a year's probation.

"They wanted the 30 days to offer a misdemeanor," Kenny said Tuesday. "That's pretty standard when looking at felony cases. They worked very hard to look at Mr. Warrick not as a football player." Warrick could have avoided jail time, but not if he wanted to have a shot at playing again this season.

"He looked at the options of going to trial to prove it was a petty theft, but those are not viable options when Peter wants to make himself available

to the university as quickly as possible," Kenny said.

Warrick caught 36 passes for 508 yards and four touchdowns in Florida State's first five games. He also threw a touchdown pass, ran back a punt for another and ran from scrimmage for a TD.

Florida State (7-0, 3-0 ACC) visits Clemson (3-3, 3-1) in the first father-son matchup in Division I-A history as Bobby Bowden coaches against his son, Tommy. Also, the elder Bowden is trying to become just the fifth major college coach to win 300 games.

## Safeway announces WNBA ticket purchase

**Portland's WNBA team reaches required 5,300 ticket mark**

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Safeway stores formally announced today a commitment to purchase \$25,000 worth of WNBA season tickets to assist in the effort to bring a WNBA franchise to Portland. This

purchase matches the commitment made previously by both Fred Meyer and NIKE, Inc. With Safeway's investment, the Portland WNBA season ticket deposit number stands at 5300, leaving the team only 200 season ticket deposits short of officially being awarded the franchise.

"Having a WNBA team in Portland is great for this city, and as a strong community-oriented corporation we wanted to play a role in making that happen" said Jerry Hoffman, Vice President of Marketing for Safeway.

"We are buying these tickets because we support the WNBA, we support women's athletics and we support the city of Portland.

The Blazers are required to sell 5,500 ticket deposits by October 15 in order to secure a new franchise. Fans simply need to place a \$50 deposit a season ticket for the 2000 season. For each ticket sold, one dollar will be donated towards breast cancer awareness.

The Blazers announced in June that Portland was offered a WNBA team for the 2000 season and are currently

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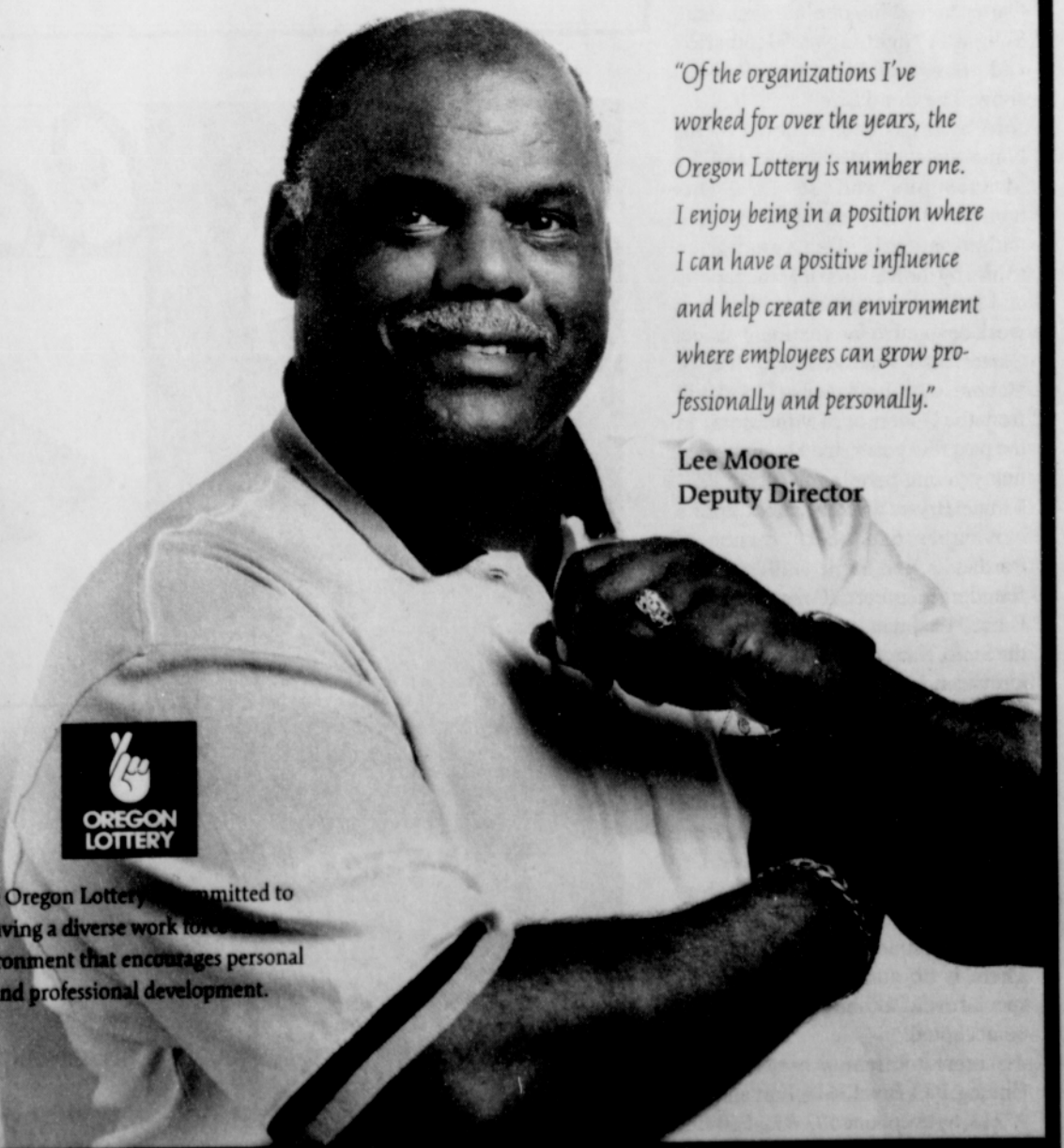
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