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Redskins sign Deion Sanders



Deion Sanders, center, with Redskins owner Dan Snyder, left, and head coach Norv Turner, right, holds his new Redskins jersey at a press conference at Redskins Park Monday, June 5, 2000 in Ashburn, Va., just outside of Washington. Sanders signed Monday with the Washington Redskins to a seven-year, \$55 million contract.

REUTERS

The Washington Redskins added to their off-season spending spree Monday when they announced they had signed flashy star defensive back Deion Sanders to a seven-year, \$55 million pact.

Just three days after the electrifying defensive back, kick returner and part-time receiver was cut by the Dallas Cowboys for salary cup purposes, the eight-time Pro Bowl selection landed in Washington and was greeted with an \$8 million signing bonus.

"We were very excited when we first heard Deion was available. We wanted to move on it right away," said Redskins owner Daniel Snyder.

"This is something special. Deion is the ultimate weapon in football," Snyder added.

"It's wonderful to be a Redskin," the 32-year-old Sanders told reporters at a news conference to announce the team's latest high-profile acquisition. "They've always had something special. There's nothing like these fans, this tradition. There's nothing like Redskins football." Already a title contender, the Redskins have been making bold and expensive moves this off-season that could turn them into the NFC's leading Super Bowl candidate. Washington previously signed four major free agents - defensive end Bruce Smith, safety Mark Carrier, quarterback Jeff George and running back Adrian

The Redskins also had two of the first three picks in the April draft and took Penn State linebacker LaVar Arrington and Alabama tackle Chris Samuels.

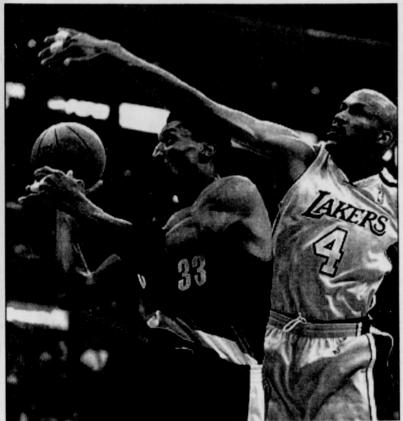
"We've had some big press conferences here over the last few months. But none as exciting as this," Redskins coach Norv Turner said before recounting the numerous times he has watched Sanders burn him as an opposing player.

"I was on the Rams staff (in 1989) when Deion returned his first punt for a touchdown," Turner said.

Sanders, the only athlete ever to play in both baseball's World Series and the Super Bowl, won back-to-back Super Bowls in 1995 and 1996.

After spending his first five NFL seasons with the Atlanta Falcons, Sanders won the NFL championship with the San Francisco 49ers following the 1994 season and repeated with the Dallas Cowboys after the 1995 campaign.

Lakers win over blazers spurs NBC's basketball ratings



Portland Trail Blazers forward Scottie Pippen (33) fires for the hoop as Los Angeles Lakers guard Ron Harper defends. Photo by Associated

won in four straight games over Portland. Previously, the highestrated Western Conference final Game 7 was Seattle's 90-86 win over Utah in 1996, which drew a 13.7.

"We've been saying all along that with good stories and close games the people will be there," said Kevin Sullivan, an NBC spokesman.

Los Angeles trailed by as many as 16 points late in the third quarter. Coming off the bench, Shaw, who averaged 4.1 points during the regular season, scored 11 points, including three three- point baskets.

The Lakers' win garnered a 42.0 rating with a 69 share in Portland and a 27.5 rating with a 49 share in Los Angeles, said Nielsen Media Research Inc.

During the regular season, NBC's ratings for its NBA telecasts dropped 21 percent from the previous season. The best-of-seven NBA finals begin Wednesday in Los Angeles at 9 p.m. New York time.

Ratings measure the number of U.S. households with televisions watching the event, while share is the percentage of households with the TVs turned on watching the event.

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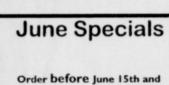
Brian Shaw did more than key Los Angeles' win against Portland in Game 7 of the National Basketball Association's Western Conference finals on Sunday. He helped spur NBC's preliminary ratings.

NBC Sports said about 40 million viewers watched some or all of the

General Electric Co.'s NBC generated a 14.5 rating with a 13 share for the Lakers' 89-84 win, which was the highest-rated Western Conference final game ever, the network said.

The record-setting rating more than doubled the 6.9 average overnight rating of last year's Western Conference final, which San Antonio

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2 - Cascade (wrestling, track)

PGA Tour money leaders ASSOCIATED PRESS

PGA Tour money leaders through the Kemper Insurance Open, which

ended June			
Rank Name	Events Money		
1 Tiger Woods	10	4,149,731	
2 Hal Sutton	15	2,433,173	
3 Phil Mickelson	13	2,355,264	
4 Jesper Parnevik	12	2,135,700	
5 Davis Love III	13	1,860,180	
6 Tom Lehman	12	1,661,073	
7 Vijay Singh	16	1,638,11	
8 Ernie Els	12	1,579,405	
9 David Duval	12	1,340,63	

10 Stewart Cink 15 1,328,252 11 Kirk Triplett 14 1,261,056 12 Jim Furyk 14 1,228,059 13 Carlos Franco 14 1,217,961 14 Robert Allenby 981,874 15

15 Tom Scherrer 17 935,958 16 Dudley Hart 12 870,229 17 Shigeki Maruyama 14 867,811 18 Steve Flesch 15 835,260 815,636 19 Paul Azinger

13 804,049 20 Stuart Appleby 21 John Huston 803,244 22 Jim Carter 16 776,145 23 Mike Weir 14. 758,237

24 Justin Leonard 756,214 25 Loren Roberts 13 748,901

Stanford dunks coach after track title

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Melvin Lister was slumped in a chair, his head bowed, his voice barely audible. The end of Arkansas' eight-year reign as NCAA outdoor track and field champions hit the star of the Razorbacks hard.

"We expected to win, that's the only reason we come to the nationals," said Lister, whose victory in the triple jump and part of a second-place finish in the 1,600-meter relay weren't good enough to catch new champion Stanford.

"I guess it was meant for them to have this win," Lister said late Saturday night at Duke's Wallace Wade Stadium. "I know I gave it my all. My heart is left on this track. I have nothing left."

The Cardinal had nothing left to give either, their fabulous distance runners spent, but heroes of the school's first outdoor title in 66 years. The team still had enough energy for a victory lap in the rain and then a dunking of coach Vin Lananna in the steeplechase pit.

"Whenever you do anything eight years in a row it's a heck of a program," Lananna said of Arkansas. "You figure if you spin the wheel so many times one of them is going to come up right for us."

Indeed, Stanford was due. The Cardinal finished second five straight times to the Razorbacks in the indoors and outdoors championships dating to 1997. "We were working on six consecutive second places in my career. I can't tell you how this feels to win," said Stanford's Michael Stember, who finished second to teammate Gabe Jennings in the 1,500 - the 1-2 finish that all but sealed up Stanford's title. "This is something we all looked forward to. It is kind of surreal."

In races from 800 to 10,000, the Cardinal outscored the runner-up Razorbacks

Stanford's distance runners appeared to thrive off a group of rabid Cardinal fans, who pounded bongo drums and urged the runners on during every lap. The runners seemed to keep pace with every increased beat near the end of

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