

SPORTS



Minnesota Vikings' Daunte Culpepper reacts after he was hit during the first quarter against the Carolina Panthers in Charlotte, N.C., Sunday. (AP photo)

Culpepper Out for Season

(AP) — Minnesota Vikings quarterback Daunte Culpepper will miss the rest of the season and perhaps part of next season because of a severe injury to his right knee. Culpepper sustained damage to the three major ligaments in the knee: the anterior cruciate, posterior cruciate and medial collateral. Coach Mike Tice said Monday that Culpepper, who was hurt on the final play of the first quarter in Sunday's 38-13 loss at Carolina, will have surgery in the coming weeks once the swelling subsides. Recovery from such injuries can take up to a year. "He has a long rehab ahead," Tice said. The Vikings (2-5) will use veteran Brad Johnson as their starter, with Shaun Hill moving up to backup status.

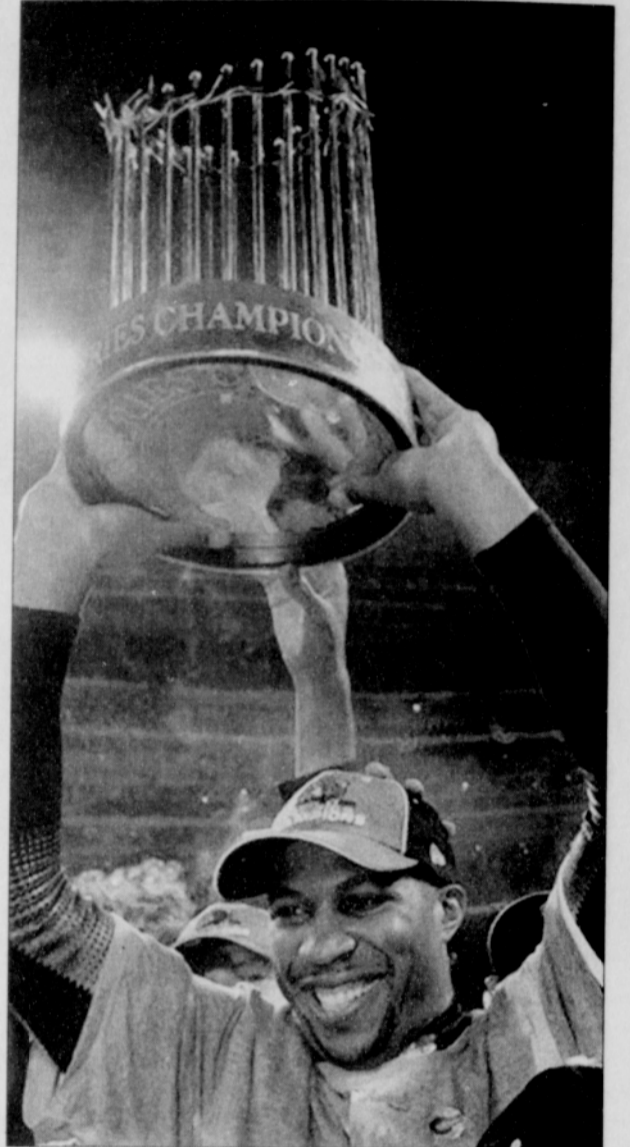
USC Returns to No. 1 Ranking

(AP) — Southern California and Texas flip flopped again, putting the Trojans back on top of the Bowl Championship Series standings. USC jumped over the Longhorns on Monday, returning to first place after a one-week stay in second. It's the first time in the eight-year history of the BCS that the top two teams in the standings switched positions in consecutive weeks. The margin between USC and Texas is still small - only .0038 - though up from last week when the difference between first and second in the standings was the slimmest it's ever been. Third-place Virginia Tech gained on the top two this week, but the Trojans and Longhorns remain on course for a Rose Bowl showdown. The top two teams in the final BCS standings play in Pasadena, Calif., on Jan. 4 for the national title. The first five teams in the latest BCS standings are unbeaten, with Alabama fourth and UCLA moving up a spot to fifth.

Sox Take World Series

First championship in 88 years

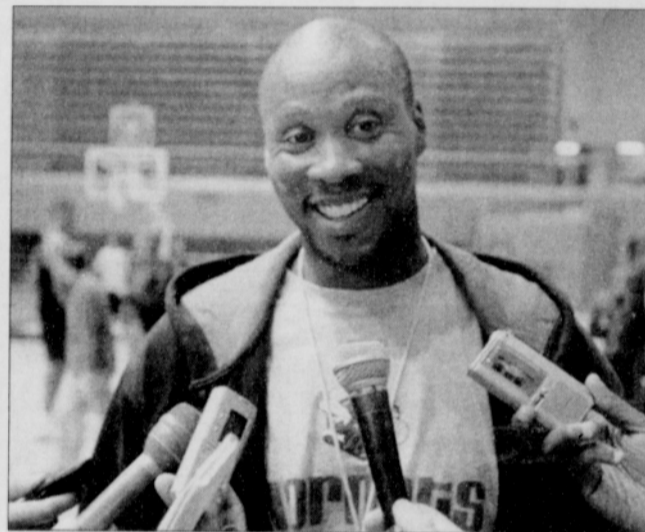
(AP) — Wearing a wide, satisfied smile on a face flushed with pride, Ozzie Guillen stood off to the side by the third base line and simply watched his White Sox rejoice in the middle of the field. Chicago's exuberant young manager might have enjoyed sprinting toward that cluster of jubilant players and leaping right into the fray. He passed. But don't think for a moment he didn't relish this long-overdue championship as much as every die-hard fan on the South Side. "People thought I was going to be jumping around my players. I have to respect the opposite team," the 41-year-old Guillen said. Chicago completed a World Series sweep with a 1-0 victory over the Houston Astros on Oct. 26, becoming the second consecutive set of Sox to end a title drought that dated all the way back to World War I. Their first title in 88 years certainly didn't come easily, even in a four-game sweep. The gritty White Sox had to scratch and claw for every win all year, and October was no different. That's what makes their dominant run through the postseason so remarkable. With stellar pitching, solid defense, timely hitting - and even some help from the umpires - Chicago joined the 1999 New York Yankees as the only teams to go 11-1 in the postseason since the extra round of playoffs was added in '95. Going back to the regular season, the White Sox won 16 of their final 17 games. It's the same charming story as last year, when the Red Sox swept St. Louis for their first championship since 1918. Chicago hadn't won it all since 1917, and hadn't even reached the Series since '59. But thanks to MVP Jermaine Dye, slugger Paul Konerko and the rest, the White Sox will no longer be mainly remembered for Shoeless Joe Jackson's Black Sox, who threw the 1919 Series against Cincinnati. And another parallel is striking: Boston won its final eight games in the 2004 postseason, just as the White Sox did this year. Chicago White Sox's Jermaine Dye holds up the World Series trophy after the White Sox defeated the Houston Astros in Game 4 to win the World Series. Dye was also the series MVP. (AP photo)



Oklahoma City is Newest NBA Town

Welcome mat is layed out for displaced Hornets

(AP) — There's a buzz in Oklahoma City. The NBA is in town. The Hornets, forced out of New Orleans by Hurricane Katrina, open the NBA season this week with the first of 35 regular-season games at the Ford Center. "I think it's going to be wild and crazy," Hornets coach Byron Scott said Monday. "It's going to be fun. It's going to be a great atmosphere." Forward P.J. Brown, entering his 13th NBA season and his sixth with the Hornets, is the only player left from the team's move from Charlotte to New Orleans in 2002. "It's going to be a new city, kind of like a grand opening," Brown said. "There's going to



Byron Scott

and overcame 20-point first-half deficits in both games - one a win and one a four-point loss. "We want to establish some type of a home-court advantage," Scott said. "We've got a great crowd, so we've got to bring an energy and a physicality to the game that we haven't been bringing, and all our guys know that right now." The Hornets opened last season 2-29 and were the NBA's lowest-scoring team with only 88.4 points per game. But that hasn't mattered to fans in Oklahoma City who have been longing for a chance to prove their city is ready for a major-league franchise. Out at restaurants, fans recognize players, acknowledge them and say, "Welcome," Paul said, and that goes a long way. "We're in a new city away from home," Paul said, "but the more people embrace us the more we feel at home."

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Ali's Health May be Getting Worse

(AP) — Former heavyweight boxing great Muhammad Ali, 63, who has suffered from Parkinson's disease for many years, is getting worse, his daughter, Laila Ali, told The Los Angeles Times. "I feel like the disease is progressing," she told The Times. "Different things start happening as you get older. I have noticed a change in him, something that goes along with Parkinson's." "It's painful for me because I would love to sit down and talk

to my dad about the way he used to be when he was my age, when he was in his prime, because we are so much alike. I can't really do that. I can't share a lot of things with him." Laila Ali, 27, who lives in Los Angeles, is an undefeated professional boxer (21-0 with 18 knockouts). "He has his good days and his bad days," she said. "He's taking a lot of different medications. Sometimes, his speech is so slurred, you can't hardly understand him. But he definitely knows what's going on. That's for sure." "He's just taking life easy. He likes doing simple things. He loves to draw, he likes to color,



he likes to clip pictures out of magazines. And he likes to do magic tricks. It doesn't take a whole lot to keep him entertained. But his attention span is very short when the subject is something more than that. He doesn't feel sorry for himself, so it's hard to feel sorry for him."

Boxing great Muhammad Ali, who long has suffered from Parkinson's disease, is getting worse, according to his daughter, Laila. (AP photo)



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