



The Stacks

- ▶ [go to best part](#)
- ▶ [printer format](#)
- ▶ [results list](#)
- ▶ [new search](#)

eSPORTS

BYLINE: John Manasso, STAFF
DATE: 01-17-2001
PUBLICATION: The Atlanta Journal and Constitution
EDITION: Home
SECTION: Sports
PAGE: D; 2

Memorabilia or junk?

Check mlb.com

Next time you're tempted to spend your kids' college tuition on one of Chipper's home-run balls, check Major League Baseball's Web site to make sure it's not a fraud. MLB has hired a company to attend about 200 "milestone" games, such as one in which a player might get his 3,000th hit. The company will affix a hologram sticker containing a serial number to bats, balls, hats, shirts and other memorabilia. The items will be listed in a database on mlb.com. When an item is offered for sale, a potential buyer can check the serial number against the database.

mlb.com

NFL's own home shopping network

Once upon a time, buying Super Bowl merchandise meant you actually had to be on-site. But there's no need to travel to Tampa this year. Now, the league will sell its game program (\$15) and other "Stadium Collection" merchandise over the Internet.

exclusivestadiumcollection.com

It'll have to be better than Izzy

The Japanese and Korean World Cup organizing committees celebrated a countdown of the final 500 days before the 2002 World Cup by announcing that fans would name the three mascots. The cartoon-character mascots were made with "state-of-the-art three-dimensional technology," said Chung Mong-joon, one of the co-chairmen of the Korean team. The yellow mascot, a coach, has three candidate names -- Amo, Poz and Ato. The choices for the youthful blue character are Char, Nik and Rem, and its purple companion will be named either Kaz, Rom or Dap. The contest kicks off Feb. 1 and lasts one month. The results will be announced April 26, which marks 400 days before the start of the soccer festival.

www.fifaworldcup.com

BY THE NUMBERS

The top 10 most searched-for athletes on the Internet, according to the most recent Lycos report:

1. Anna Kournikova
2. Gabrielle Reece

3. Mike Tyson
4. Tony Hawk
5. Allen Iverson
6. Vince Carter
7. Tiger Woods
8. Mario Lemieux
9. Martina Hingis
10. David Beckham

YOUR GUIDE TO THE INTERNET: 01.17.01

FITNESS

Need to shed those holiday pounds?

Sometimes the Internet unites, sometimes it divides. Here's a site that would end the social aspect of gyms and have everyone working out at home in front of a computer. FitnessHeaven.com offers information on exercise, nutrition, medicine, diets and sports. There are interactive body fat calculators and virtual trainers who, through video and audio, demonstrate how to work specific muscle groups. The site also allows users to interact through a virtual bike race. For now, everything is free, but the more advanced features will eventually run \$6.95 a month.

fitnessheaven.com

BEST LIVE CHATS

Many are billing it as the most boring Super Bowl yet. Chat with NFL analyst Chris Mortensen for a Ravens-Giants preview. 8 p.m. ESPN.com

> NBA analyst Jack Ramsay, 2 p.m. ESPN.com College analyst Dick Vitale, 3:30 p.m. ESPN.com
PGA golfer Mike Weir, 7 p.m. Sportsline.com UCLA basketball player Michelle Greco, 7:30 p.m. ESPN.com

BEST LIVE EVENTS

If Georgia wants to make the NCAA Tournament, here's another opportunity to help its cause. The Bulldogs take on No. 7 Florida at 7 p.m. in Gainesville. Listen to the live radio broadcast. georgiadogs.com SAVE TIME ONLINE: All stories and urls in this column are one click away on ajc.com/enews

Photo Tiger Woods Photo World Cup organizers are asking fans... Kaz, Rom or Dap? The coach --- Amo, Poz or Ato? Char, Nik or Rem?



Copyright © 2000 The Atlanta Journal and The Atlanta Constitution