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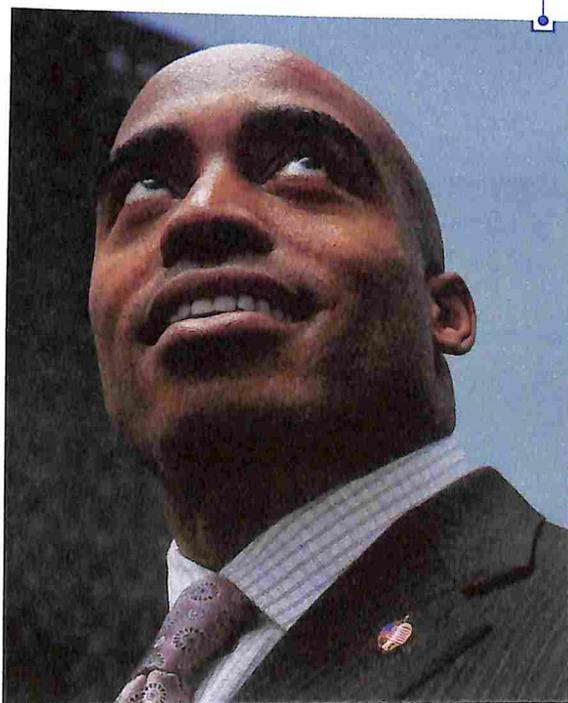
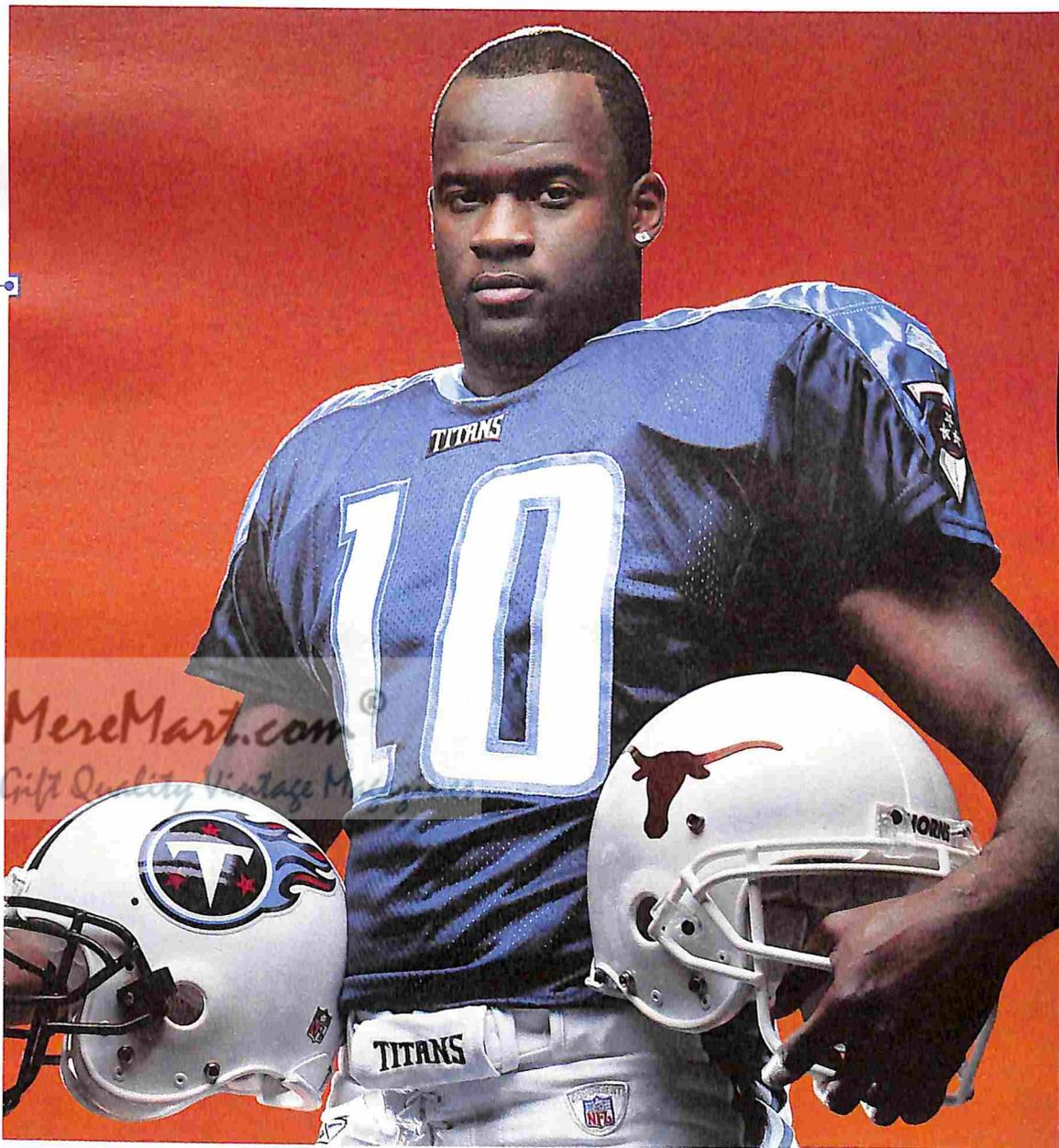
In a year that proved VINCE YOUNG might actually have been underrated, that gave us a Tiger who could put the ball anywhere he wanted and some Tigers who just played ball, that featured an American horse that wouldn't die and a Spanish stud who reanimated men's tennis, how do you pick the 100 most important moments in sports? Thankfully, you don't have to, because we did it for you.

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For the past year, the Bengals have led AFC wild-card contenders in two categories normally considered mutually exclusive: arrests and wins. Works for them. **BY DAVID FLEMING**

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TIKI BARBER ON BEING MATT LAUER, MEETING CONDI RICE
AND LEAVING GIANTS FANS IN THE LURCH

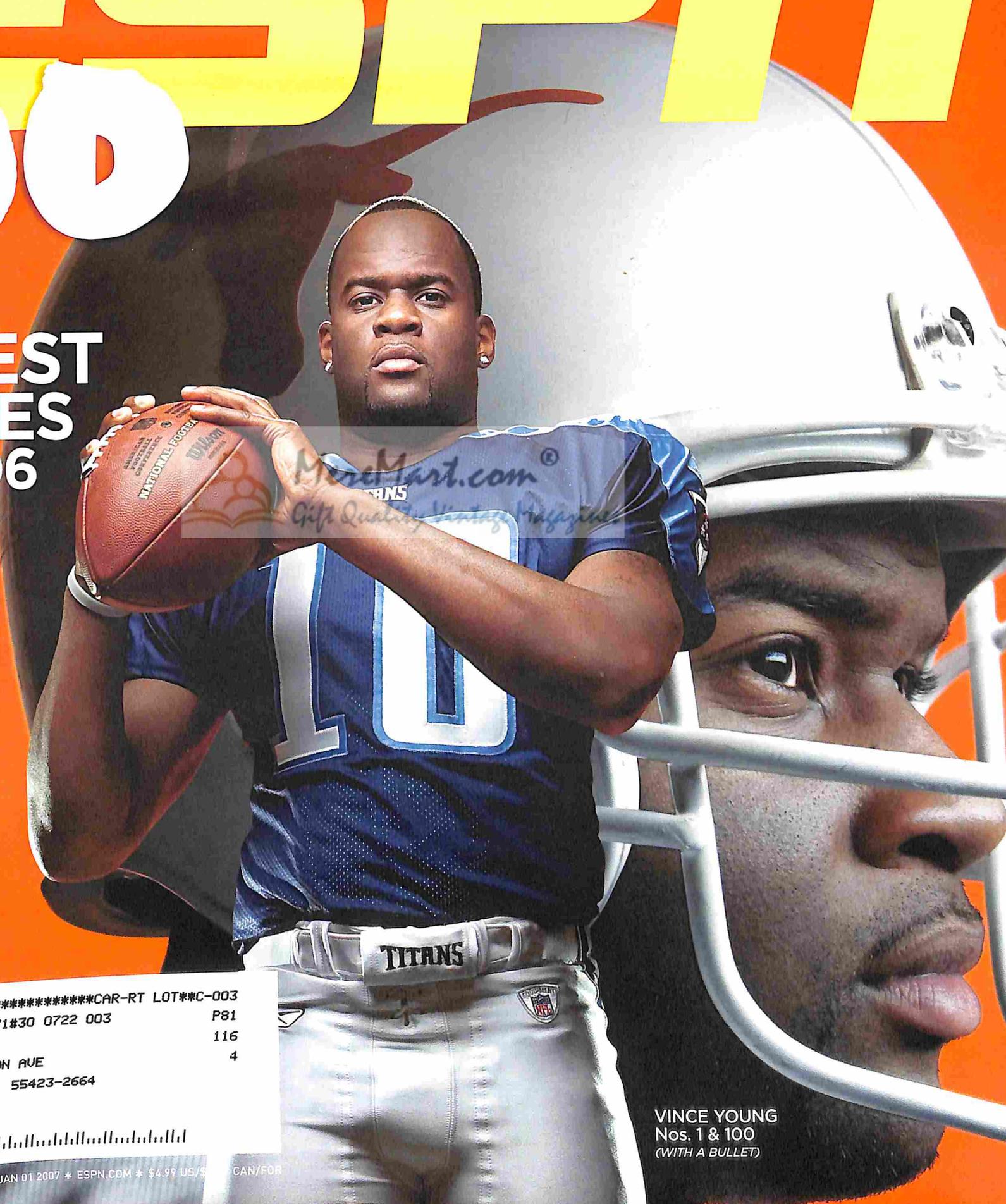
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