ce Sports NATIONAL LEAGUE PREVIEW HIS JUST MAY The Atlanta Braves had a year (3.06 ERA) and should be hrower with a tight slider and a only if numbers get bigger in-

storybook ride into the October classic with a fast finish in edoing the Los Angeles Dodgers in the West, a championship series victory over the heavily favored Pittsburgh Pirates and a World Series hope that went into the 10th inning of the seventh game. But that was last year. Trades and acquisitions have been made and the National League looks to be throwing parties in Pittsburgh, once again, and Los Angeles.

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NATIONAL LEAGUE WEST Los Angeles Dodger Eric Davis and old high school homeboy Darryl Strawberry, both closing in on put-up or shut-up time at age 30, have long talked of tearing it up together as teammates. If they meant on the field, this could be the year.

The Dodgers had the the best pitching staff in the league last

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about the same this year, with the signings of knuckleballer Tom Candiotti and hard-throwing reliever Rudy Seanez. Orel Hershiser looks to have gained his Cy Young form of 1988 while ace pitcher Ramon Martinez proves to be the leader of this deep staff. Martinez, a very hard

very good change-up, ranked in the top 10 in six different pitching categories last year.

The Atlanta Braves have the finest young staff in the game with Steve Avery, John Smoltz and Cy Young winner Tom Glavine. They have a possible superstar of the '90's in David Justice,

third-weakest in the league last year, something that could be damaging in challenging the Dodgers for the NL West race. The San Francisco Giants. who used to have some impressive pitching, are rebuilding their staff and hoping the hitting of Will Clark and Matt Williams will offset the loss of Kevin Mitchell. Mitchell was sent to Seattle for

stead of his mouth or ego, and a

solid manager in Bobby Cox.

Atlanta doesn't have much in

the defense department, the

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three strong arms including prime reliever Bill Swift. The darkhorse of the NL West, in 1992, has to be the Cincinnati Reds. Rob Dibble, who had 31 saves last season, will be the main stopper for the Reds, minus his explosive temper, hopefully. With the addition

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Philadelphia Eagles quarterback Randall Cunningham donated several items form his professional football career to LJ's Sports Bar and Grill recently.

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Cunningham, who played college football at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, donated the jersey he wore in the Eagles' 1991 season opener with Green Bay in which he injured his left knee. Cunningham missed the rest of the season because of the injury.

The Cunningham collection at LJ's also includes a game ball awarded to him by his teammates after the Green Bay game and three items he wore during the 1990 season - an Eagles helmet, his football shoes with gold-tipped laces and an Easton alove.

Cunningham made the presentation to LJ'S during a break for a pre-season conditioning

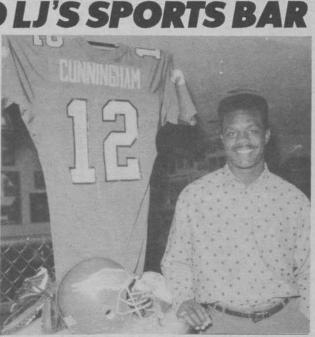
and mini-camp he sponsored in Las Vegas for himself and several of this Eagle teammates.

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Cunningham arranged the practice sessions to help rehabilitate his left knee and paid all the expenses to bring teammates Keith Jackson, Keith Byars, Fred Barnett, Calvin Williams and Eric Dickerson of the Indianapolis Colts to Las Vegas. The workouts were held at his former practice field, Rebel Park. The Eagles' quarterback said

he would be ready for the 1992 season.

Cunningham's memorabilia joins a wide variety of sports history at LJ's, including the allwhite outfit worn by Las Vegas tennis star Andre Agassi during the 1991 Wimbedon Tournament in England, autographed jerseys from the starters on UNLV's 1990 national championship basketball team, auto-



RANDALL CUNNINGHAM, QUARTERBACK FOR THE PHILA-**DELPHIA EAGLES, POSES WITH HIS COLLECTION**

graphed jerseys from many standouts from all sports including, Wayne Gretzky, Brett Hull, Joe Namath, Joe Montana and Mickey Mantle; and some recently-donated memorabilia from former UNLV basketball coach Jerry Tarkanian.



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