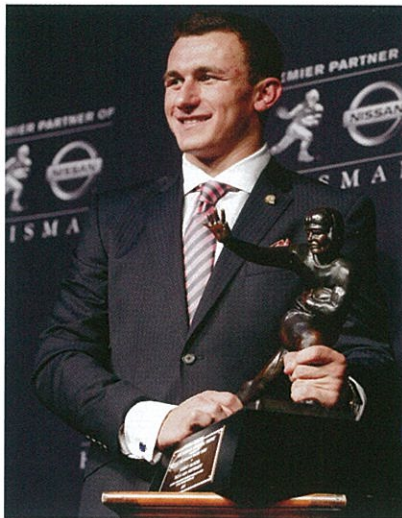


# Sports

## Freshman Wins Heisman ▶

On the 40-year anniversary of freshman eligibility, the Heisman Trophy goes to the first freshman in its history, Texas A&M quarterback Johnny Manziel.



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## NHL Lockout Shortens Season

After a 113-day lockout, the National Hockey League reaches an agreement with the players' association, resulting in a compressed season.



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## Baltimore Ravens Win Super Bowl XLVII

In a dramatic game interrupted by a power outage at the Superdome in New Orleans, the Ravens defeat the San Francisco 49ers 34-31.



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## Indiana Fever Jinx the Lynx

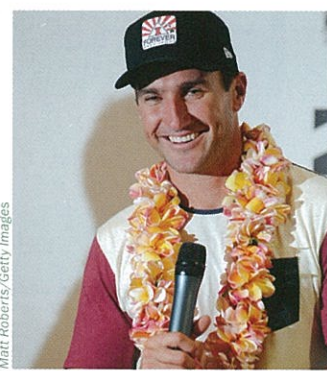
The Indiana Fever defeat the defending champion Minnesota Lynx 87-78 in game four of the 2012 WNBA Finals.



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## ▲ Timothy Bradley Unseats Pacquiao

A hotly debated, split-decision victory for U.S. welterweight Timothy Bradley ends the 15-fight winning streak of Filipino boxer Manny Pacquiao.



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## ▲ Australian Surfs to Victory

Joel "Parko" Parkinson wins his first Association of Surfing Professionals world championship title and the Pipeline Masters on the same day.



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## ▲ Williams Is Named ITF World Champion

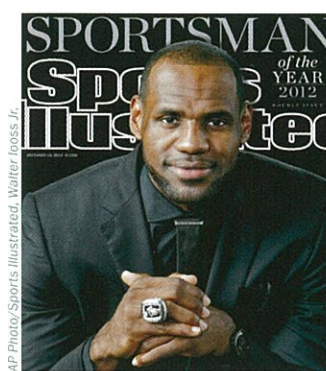
For the third time, Serena Williams earns the World Champion women's prize from the International Tennis Federation.



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## ▲ Golfer Rory McIlroy Wins World Title

Northern Ireland's Rory McIlroy is the world's No. 1 golfer after winning the Deutsche Bank Championship and the BMW Championship.



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## ▲ LeBron Scores Another Award

Sports Illustrated names basketball superstar LeBron James of the Miami Heat their Sportsman of the Year for 2012.



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## ▲ Garrett Reynolds Rolls to Rule

In San Francisco, cyclist Garrett Reynolds takes home two Dew Cup championships for the BMX Street Cycle finals and the BMX Streetstyle competition.



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## ▲ Stacy Lewis Is Queen of the Greens

U.S. professional golfer Stacy Lewis wins four LPGA titles, the most on the year's tour, and is named the LPGA Player of the Year.



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## ▲ L.A. Kings Play It Cool

In game six of the 2012 Stanley Cup Finals, the Los Angeles Kings skate to victory, defeating the New Jersey Devils 6-1.



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## ▲ Keselowski Wins NASCAR Championship

Despite finishing in 15th place in the Ford EcoBoost 400, Brad Keselowski claims the NASCAR Sprint Cup championship.



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## ▲ The Miami Heat Burn Up the Court

In game five of the 2012 NBA Finals, LeBron James and the Miami Heat defeat the Oklahoma City Thunder 121-106.



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## ▲ World Series

The San Francisco Giants defeat the Detroit Tigers 4-3 in the 10th inning of game four to win the World Series in a sweep.



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## ▲ Paul Rodriguez Beats the Street

Paul Rodriguez (aka P-Rod) captures the gold in the Men's Skateboard Street final at X Games 18 in Los Angeles.



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## ▲ Andy Murray Serves Up a Winner

After losing four major finals, Scotland's Andy Murray wins the U.S. Open Men's Singles Championship by defeating defending champion Novak Djokovic.