



1 WORLD CUP

SPORTS



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1. **WORLD CUP** Germany wins the FIFA World Cup by defeating Argentina 1–0 at the soccer championship tournament in Brazil.
2. **KEVIN HARVICK** He captures his first NASCAR Sprint Cup championship in the Ford EcoBoost 400 race behind the wheel of his No. 4 Stewart-Haas Racing Chevrolet.
3. **PEYTON MANNING** By throwing his 509th career touchdown pass, the Denver Broncos quarterback breaks Brett Favre's record.
4. **RORY MCILROY** At age 25, the professional golfer from Northern Ireland is the World Number One male player according to the Official World Golf Ranking.
5. **WORLD SERIES** In Game Seven, the San Francisco Giants defeat the Kansas City Royals 3–2 and claim their third championship title in five years.
6. **CFP CHAMPS** The fourth-ranked Ohio State Buckeyes defeat the Oregon Ducks 42–20 to capture the first-ever College Football Playoff championship.
7. **SUPER BOWL XLIX** In an exciting and hard-fought game, the New England Patriots defeat the Seattle Seahawks by a score of 28–24 in the University of Phoenix Stadium in Glendale, Arizona.
8. **DEREK JETER** After 20 seasons with the New York Yankees, the shortstop plays the last game of his MLB career in Fenway Park against the Boston Red Sox.
9. **SERENA WILLIAMS** At age 33, she is the oldest player to be ranked the No. 1 singles player by the Women's Tennis Association.

2014 HIGHEST PAID ATHLETES

1. FLOYD MAYWEATHER: \$105 MILLION
2. CRISTIANO RONALDO: \$80 MILLION
3. LEBRON JAMES: \$72.3 MILLION
4. LIONEL MESSI: \$64.7 MILLION
5. KOBE BRYANT: \$61.5 MILLION
6. TIGER WOODS: \$61.2 MILLION
7. ROGER FEDERER: \$56.2 MILLION
8. PHIL MICKELSON: \$53.2 MILLION
9. RAFAEL NADAL: \$44.5 MILLION
10. MATT RYAN: \$43.8 MILLION

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