



● The Boston Red Sox competed against the St. Louis Cardinals in the 2013 World Series, defeating the Cardinals 4 games to 2. This was the first World Series won by the Red Sox at Fenway Park since 1918. David Ortiz was named World Series MVP.

● The Minnesota Lynx won their second WNBA title in three years, beating the Atlanta Dream 86-77 in a 3-game sweep. Maya Moore was named as the MVP.

● Sporting Kansas City became the third team to win the MLS Cup in their home stadium, after defeating Real Salt Lake in 10 rounds of penalty kicks. The 2013 final set MLS records for the longest shoot-out and coldest game-time temperature. Days later, Sporting KC's goalie, Jimmy Nielsen, announced his retirement after a 19-year

soccer career. During the team's 2013 MLS Cup championship season, Nielsen led all goalkeepers with 19 victories and 14 shutouts in MLS competition and was named a finalist for MLS Goalkeeper of the Year for the second consecutive season.

● Jason Dufner won his first PGA Championship and first major tournament by finishing two strokes ahead of Jim Furyk at Oak Hill Country Club in Pittsford, NY.

● #1 seed Connecticut defeated #5 seed Louisville 93-60 for the 2013 Women's NCAA Basketball Championship. This was the 6th consecutive year that UConn made it to the Final Four.

● The 2013 US Open was held at theUSTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center in New York. Defending women's singles champion

Serena Williams successfully retained her title after defeating Victoria Azarenka. Rafael Nadal achieved his 2nd US Open win in the men's singles championship.

● 2013 was the inaugural season for the National Women's Soccer League. The League consists of 8 teams, with 4 of those coming from the former Women's Professional Soccer league (WPS). The Portland Thorns became the NWSL Champions after defeating Western New York Flash 2-0.

● Inbee Park was named Player of the Year for the 2013 LPGA season. With 6 victories, Park held the No. 1 spot in world rankings for 32 consecutive weeks, and was the first South Korean to be named Rolex Player of the Year.