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Ashton Eaton of the US is embraced by his fiancée Brianne Theisen following the 1500m race portion of the decathlon at the London Olympics. Eaton claimed the gold medal.



MARTIN BERNETTI / AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
Andy Murray celebrates his victory over Spain's Nicolas Pietrangeli during their men's singles tennis quarterfinal. He went on to become the first British gold medalist in tennis since 1920.



MARK BLINCH / REUTERS
Yevgeny Trofimov, coach of Russia's Yelena Isinbayeva, wipes her eyes after she won bronze in the pole vault final. The two-time Olympic champion's reign as pole-vaulting queen ended.



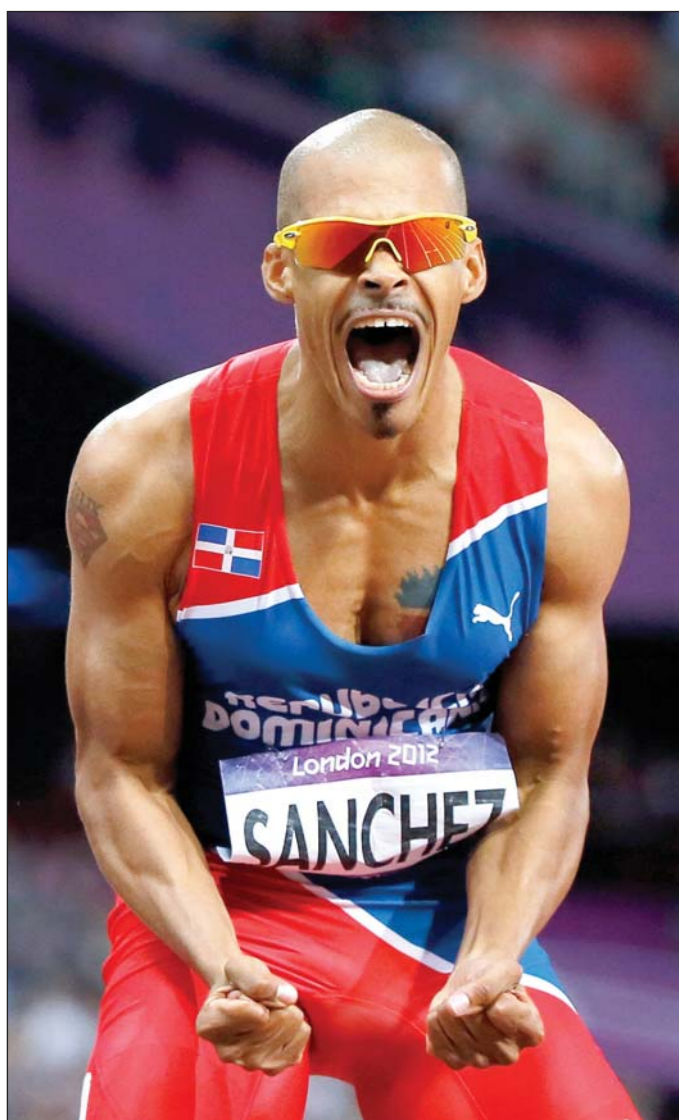
ALBERTO PIZZOLI / AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
South Korea's Shin A-lam cries after an interruption of her women's epee semifinal against Germany's Britta Heidemann. After a protest against a call, she lost her chance at a gold.



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Defending Olympic women's trampoline champion He Wenna of China cries on the podium after finishing a disappointing third at the London Games.



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Members of the United States women's water polo team celebrate after winning the gold medal match against Spain on Thursday. "It's been a long four years since Beijing," goalie Betsy Armstrong said. "It's been up and down, personnel changes, a coaching change, everything you can think of. This is perfect." The team was rocked by a disappointing silver medal at the 2008 Games. "I can't describe it. It's the end of a journey, and I got my fairy-tale ending," US captain Brenda Villa said.



LUCY NICHOLSON / REUTERS
Felix Sanchez celebrates winning the Dominican Republic's first gold medal at the London Olympics, in the 400m hurdles.



ANTONIN THUILLIER / AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
China's Zhang Nan falls to the court after victory in the mixed doubles badminton final with Zhao Yunlei against teammates Ma Jin and Xu Chen. It was the first time China won both the gold and silver medals.



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Jamaica's Usain Bolt poses after his win in the men's 200 meters final at the Olympics. Bolt staked a claim to the title of greatest sprinter ever when he added the 200 to the gold medal he'd won in the 100 earlier in the week and the three golds he won in Beijing. "I'm a legend now," he said.



CHARLES KRUPA / ASSOCIATED PRESS
France's Clemence Beikes smiles as she leaps into the arms of teammate Emmeline Ndongue after beating Russia, 81-64, during their women's semifinal basketball game on Thursday.



ADRIAN DENNIS / AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
Britain's Mohamed Farah kisses his wife Tania, after winning the men's 10,000 meters. Farah was born in Somali and grew up in London.

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Lifetimes of work either bore fruit or didn't this week as the London Games wound down. Things were bound to get emotional.