



▲ A season of dominance

Former Bayern Munich manager Jupp Heynckes (C) wrapped up his career after securing the DFB Pokal on his final match as the Bavarians became the first German team to win the Bundesliga, the Champions League and the German cup in one season.

World record transfer

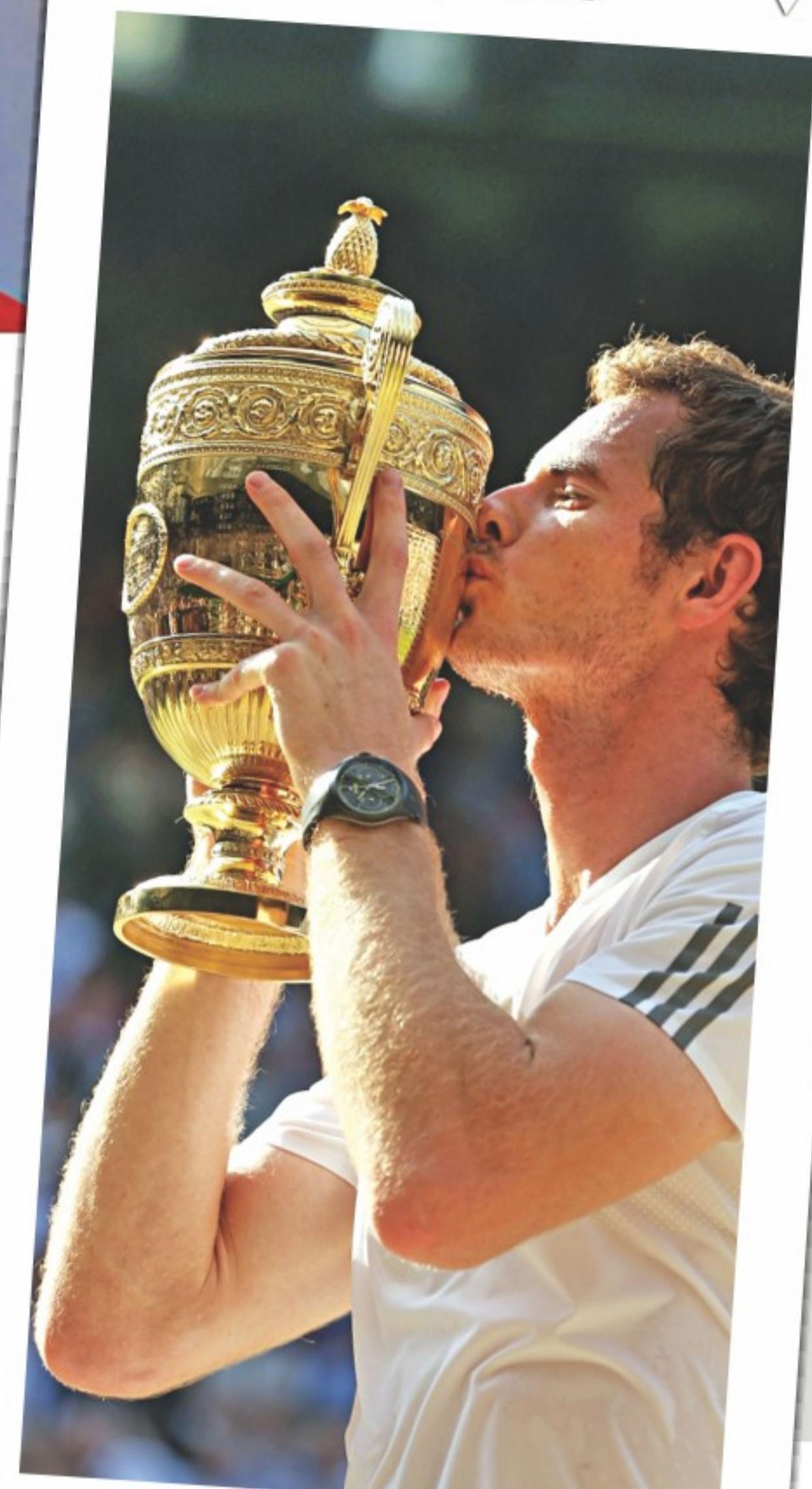


Gareth Bale became the world's most expensive football player when he completed his protracted 85.3 million pound move to Real Madrid in September. The fee eclipsed the 80 million pound that the Spanish giants paid Manchester United for Cristiano Ronaldo.



Wimble...done!

A 77-year wait for a British winner came to an end as Scotsman Andy Murray lifted the Wimbledon men's singles champion trophy on a scorching summer day in London. World number two Murray took three hours and 10 minutes to beat top seeded Novak Djokovic of Serbia 6-4, 7-5, 6-4. This was Murray's second Grand Slam title after winning the US Open in 2012.



▲ Goodbye SIR ALEX

The man who controlled time was finally beaten by time itself as Sir Alex Ferguson ended his reign of 27 years at Manchester United, retiring in style lifting the Premier League trophy one final time.

▼ BRAZIL end Spanish run

Spain were unbeaten in 29 competitive matches since losing 0-1 to Switzerland in June 2010 until Brazil firmly put themselves in the reckoning for of the 2014 World Cup after their 3-0 demolition of Spain in the Confederations Cup final.



In a year marred by doping scandals on the track and field, Usain Bolt went about his business winning double individual gold in the 100 and 200 metres at the Moscow World Athletics Championships. While Usain's prowess may not be surprising anymore, this photo of Bolt speeding past the finish line with a lightning bolt flashing in the Moscow sky is nothing less than extraordinary.

◀ Return of NADAL

Nadal overcame his chronic knee problem with a bang as the Spaniard bagged his record 8th French Open title as well as the US Open title, won 10 out of the 14 finals he reached this year in a total of 17 tournament appearances dethroning Djokovic as the number one in the rankings.

UNSTOPPABLE Vettel

The German smashed one record after another as Sebastian Vettel rounded off his supreme season by equaling two of Formula One's most prestigious winning records with his 9th victory in a row at the Brazilian GP and the 13th win of the year on way to a 4th World Championship.

