

Sports & Entertainment Beat

Lights, Contracts, Action: A Holiday Recap of the Year in Sports & Entertainment

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Welcome back to the Spotlight! Since we are in the midst of the holiday season, for my last post this year, I thought it would be fun to try something different and do a holiday-themed recap the year that was. After all, it is the most wonderful time of the year—and given my Jewish heritage, writing Christmas songs is practically in my blood. So here goes...

In the first month of '24, the Spotlight gave to me, Wrexham winning four Emmys and the year's first act of dad jokes that were all too cheesy!

In the second month of '24, the Spotlight gave to me, a Super Bowl for the Swift-ies and a Universal Music boycott of TikTok over AI music and some paltry royalties!

In the third month of '24, the Spotlight gave to me, one Caitlin Clark-ing, Madness a-Marching and Beyonce chart-topping Country!

In the fourth month of '24 the Spotlight gave to me, more Caitlin a-Clarking, Rashee Rice a-speeding, Jontay Porter a-gambling and a solar eclipse for us all to see!

In the fifth month of '24 the Spotlight gave to me, a playoff loss by the Knicks and some brand new Cristiano Ronaldo NFTs!

In the sixth month of '24 the Spotlight gave to me, a Joey Chestnut hot dog ban and a DUI for JT!

In the seventh month of '24 the Spotlight gave to me, FIVE OLYMPIC RINGS!!!!!!!!!!

In the eighth month of '24 the Spotlight gave to me, a haul of US Olympic Medals—including for Simone Biles, who was all smiles, Steph Curry a-napping and swimming dominance from Katie Ledecky!

In the ninth month of '24 the Spotlight gave to me, two Levys Emmy hosting, two Mannings-casting and the 50-50 club for Shohei Ohtani!

In the tenth month of '24 the Spotlight gave to me, more music catalogues a-selling, broadcast booth and owner's suite for Tom Brady and a world championship for the New York Liberty!

In the eleventh month of '24, the Spotlight gave to me. Americans a-voting, Wrexham a-brewing, Shaq NFT lawsuit settling and a crushing defeat for my Yankees

In the twelfth month of '24, the Spotlight gave to me, Juan Soto in Flushing, *trying to finish quick I'm rushing*, Travis Hunter in adidas, *did you truly read this? Thank you for a-coming, for-singing along or humming! Wishing you a joyous holiday season and a New Year that is Happyyyyyy!*

See you in 2025!

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