

## SPORTS



Gold medalists Serena Williams and Venus Williams celebrate during Sunday's medal ceremony for the Women's Doubles Tennis at the London 2012 Olympic Games.

## More Gold for Serena and Venus

(AP)-- Serena Williams relishes her role as copycat little sister. Even if it takes her 12 years.

Now, she has that remarkable Olympic double - just like Venus.

The overpowering American pair teamed to win the women's doubles title at the Olympics on Sunday, with Serena adding to the singles gold she won on Centre Court at Wimbledon a day earlier.

"Crazy," Serena said. "I'm always copying her. I forgot that she did it in Sydney and I do it here. We're the same doubles team, we just split this to singles, so it's cool."

The sisters beat Andrea

Hlavackova and Lucie Hradecka of the Czech Republic 6-4, 6-4 under the roof on a rainy afternoon at the All England Club. Venus - with her red, white and blue braids pulled back into a bun - closed out the match on the very grass she has long loved with a backhand volley winner after the Czechs saved a pair of match points.

"We all talk about this, 'We have so many medals,' but to be able to add to that, it's like an unbelievable feeling," Venus said. "You know that in that count, there you are. It feels amazing."

On Saturday, Serena beat Maria Sharapova 6-0, 6-1 for the singles gold. She joined Steffi Graf as the only women to complete the Golden Slam - winning the Olympics and the four majors.

Serena became tennis' first double gold medalist at an Olympics since Venus won singles and doubles at the 2000 Sydney Games. The sisters also won the doubles gold at the 2008 Beijing Olympics.

With Sunday's victory, they each have a record four Olympic tennis gold medals, and the sisters didn't drop a set through their five matches at the London Games.

## Men's Team Routs Argentina

(AP)—Draining five 3-pointers, one deeper than the next, Kevin Durant scored 17 points in the third quarter and finished with 28 as the U.S. men's team made a defense-battered statement before entering the medal round with a 126-97 win over pesky rival Argentina on Monday night.

With their fourth blowout in five games, the Americans (5-0) moved into the quarterfinals, where they'll meet Australia (3-2) on Wednesday night and proclaimed that if anyone is to beat them in the days ahead they're going to have to outshoot these run-and-gunslingers from the U.S.

Two games after Carmelo Anthony's record-setting performance, it was Durant's turn to put on a show. Once Durant got hot, there was nothing Argentina could do.

Leading by just one at halftime, the U.S. outscored Argentina (3-2)

42-17 in the third quarter, which began with LeBron James flexing his muscles inside. James scored seven quick points, forcing the Argentines to play defense a little closer to the basket. They moved and Durant made them pay.

He hit consecutive 3s to make it 85-66, sending center Tyson Chandler high-stepping from the U.S. bench toward the baseline and making Andre Iguodala belly flop to the floor. Moments later, Durant was at it again, hitting two more long-range shots in succession.

The U.S. only had one tough game, beating Lithuania 99-94, a close call that seemed to awaken

*Kevin Durant reacts after hitting a three-point basket in route to a preliminary contest win for the USA against Argentina on Monday at the 2012 Summer Olympics.*



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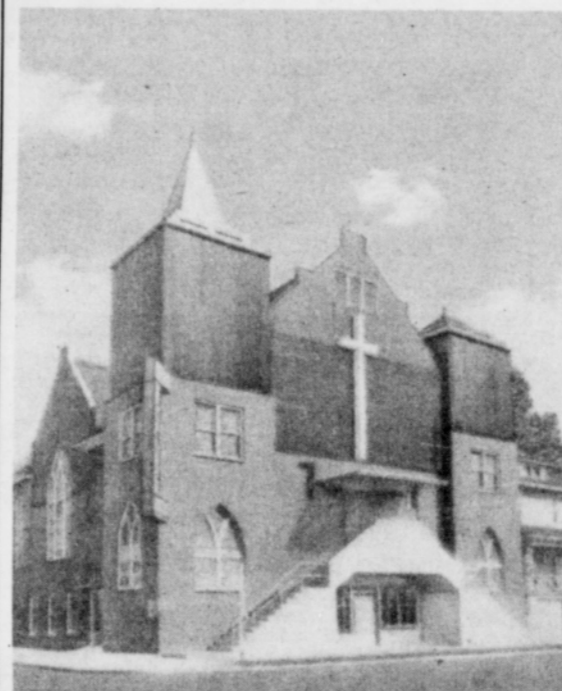
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