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LA-Bron: James agrees to 4-year contract with Lakers

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Associated Press

CLEVELAND — LeBron James is leaving home for Hollywood and an iconic team.

The Los Angeles Lakers have a new superstar — L.A.-Bron.

The four-time NBA MVP announced Sunday night that he has agreed to a four-year, \$154 million contract with the Lakers, joining one of the league's most storied franchises and switching conferences to try and dethrone the Golden State Warriors and grow his own legacy.

For the second time in his career, James is saying goodbye to the Cleve-

land Cavaliers, who drafted the teenage sensation from Akron in 2003 and have to be satisfied with winning just one title in the 11 years they had him.

Unlike his two previous forays in free agency, James did not drag out his decision and made the announcement less than 24 hours after NBA free agency opened.

This Summer of LeBron was barely a fling.

His management agency, Klutch Sports Group, announced his agreement with the Lakers with a simple, short release. It was a stark contrast from eight years ago, when a poorly conceived TV special to announce his departure from Cleveland backfired

and damaged James' image.

James isn't planning any more comments and there won't be a welcoming press conference or celebration in Los Angeles, a person familiar with his plans said Sunday night on the condition of anonymity. James will make his next public comments on July 30 in Akron when he opens a public school started by his family foundation.

It was all different this time.

The game's biggest star will now lead a young Lakers team — run by Lakers Hall of Famer Magic Johnson — that has been overmatched in recent years while rebuilding. But the Lakers will instantly rise with

James, a three-time champion who after being swept by the Warriors in this year's NBA Finals said he is still driven and very much in "championship mode."

James wasn't planning to have any face-to-face meetings, but Saturday night he met with Johnson, who sold him on his vision for the Lakers, the person told AP. Earlier in the week, Johnson seemed resigned to the possibility he might not get James or Paul George, who ended up re-signing with the Oklahoma City Thunder.

But Johnson was confident he could pull something off.

"I'm Magic Johnson," he said.

The Lakers' rich legacy is some-

thing that has always appealed to James and it wasn't long after his announcement that he heard from Kobe Bryant, who won five titles during 20 seasons with Los Angeles.

"Welcome to the family @King-James," Bryant said on Twitter. "#lakers4life #striveforgreatness."

James and Bryant were Olympic teammates and there has been a perceived rivalry between the pair of alpha males. They're now linked like never before and if James wants to prepare for his eventual life after basketball, who better to learn from than Johnson, who has made a fortune as a business entrepreneur, or Bryant, an Academy Award winner.

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Astoria hosts three-way battle tonight

The Daily Astorian

Tournament seeding for the local junior state baseball district will be decided tonight at CMH Field, where Astoria, Knappa and Warrenton take part in a doubleheader to finish the regular season.

Game 1 will feature Knappa vs. Astoria Ford at 4 p.m., which will be followed by Knappa vs. Warrenton.

The Loggers split games with Clatskanie and Seaside late last week. In a doubleheader at Clatskanie, Knappa won the opener, 23-16, before the Tigers rallied with three runs in the seventh inning to win the nonleague second game, 9-8.

Friday at Seaside, the Gulls defeated Knappa 8-1.

Astoria Ford, Knappa, Seaside and Warrenton will take part in a four-team district tournament next Friday and Saturday, with the top two teams advancing to the Junior state baseball state tournament, July 19-22 at Crescent Valley High School.

Russia beats Spain in epic World Cup upset

Associated Press

With a spirited home crowd cheering on, Russia made a memorable contribution to the World Cup's history of upsets.

The Russians beat Spain 4-3 on penalty kicks in the round of 16 on Sunday, eliminating the 2010 champions and overcoming seemingly nonstop possession by the Spaniards. Russia is No. 70 in the FIFA ranking and Spain is No. 10, and the Spanish were considered serious contenders to win the tournament.

Other World Cup action over the weekend:

- Kylian Mbappe, only 19 years old, scored two goals in a five-minute span of the second half to help France rally for a 4-3 victory Saturday over Argentina.

- Edinson Cavani upstaged Cristiano Ronaldo, first with his head and then with his right foot, and gave Uruguay a 2-1 victory Saturday over Portugal.

- Danijel Subasic saved three penalties, and Croatia held on with a 3-2 victory over Denmark on penalties following a 1-1 draw.



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Jake Mullins, left, looks on as Dan Wolfe makes the throw to first base.

Warrenton alumni return for sixth annual contest

The Daily Astorian

WARRENTON — Twenty-four alumni showed up, and 19 played in the sixth annual Warrenton baseball alumni game Saturday at Huddleston Field.

Adam Elliott — who traveled the farthest to take part (Ashland) — highlighted the game with a home run, and was one of three to receive recognition, along with Dan McFadden and Nick Miller.

Michael "Buddy" Davis won

the postgame home run derby, ahead of Reese Johnson and Jonathan Elliott.

The annual contest usually brings out 20-30 former players, and money raised goes to Warrenton's high school program and field projects.

Stember, Loberg capture junior amateur titles

The Daily Astorian

WARRENTON — Portland's Nate Stember and Olivia Loberg of Bend were the big winners Friday at the Astoria Golf & Country Club.

The two junior golfers earned titles on the final day of the 88th Bob Norquist Oregon Junior Amateur Championship, held Monday through Friday at the country club.

Stember won the junior boys division (age 16-18), while Loberg won the girls' division (age 15-18).

In the junior boys' championship flight bracket, recent Seaside graduate Jackson Kunde lost in the first round (2&1) to Luke Simoneau.

In second flight of match play, Seaside's Samson Sibony defeated Henry Steele, 1-up, in the first round, but then lost to Curtis Posner in the second round, 5&4.

Also in the second flight, Cameron Krauss topped Seaside's Conner Mer-



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Johnny Ward, right, watches Nate Stember tee off during the late stages of Friday's championship match.

rell, 5&4. Merrell won a third flight match, 5&4, over Thomas Gray, before Alex Plummer defeated Merrell, 3&1.

In the boys' age 14-15 championship flight bracket, Brandon Eyre defeated Seaside's Carson Kawasoe, 1-up. Kawasoe responded with a

2&1 win over Cole Rueck in the first flight, but lost 1-up to Andrew Reinhardt in the third round.

In the same age bracket, Collin Hodgkinson defeated Seaside's Curtis Kunde, 4&2, in the second round of the second flight.

Junior boys: Nate Stember (Portland) def. Johnny Ward (Lake Oswego) 1-up.

Girls: Olivia Loberg (Bend) def. Victoria Gailey (Tigard) 19 holes.

Boys: Ethan Tseng (Portland) def. Brody Marconi (Portland) 1-up.

Intermediate girls: Jacinda Lee (Camas, Wash.) def. Kyra Ly (Portland) 2&1.

Intermediate boys: Adam Wrenn (Lake Oswego) def. Tye Dechativong (Beaverton) 1-up.

Pee Wee girls: Natalie Yen (West Linn) def. Cassie Kennon (Bandon) 1-up.

Pee Wee Boys: Lucas Vanderlip (Gold Beach) def. Drew Woolworth (Lake Oswego) 6&5.

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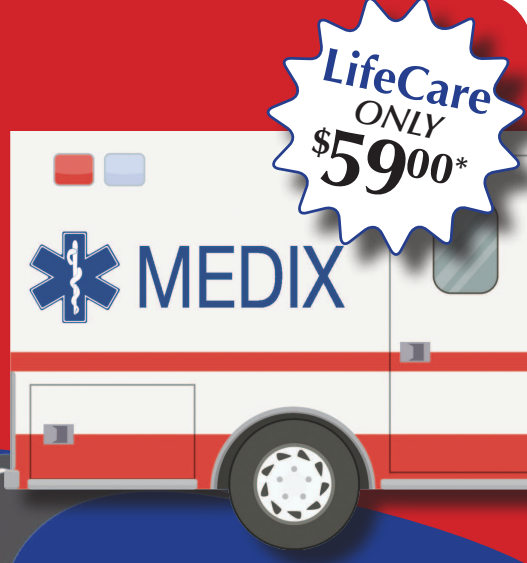
Junior state baseball — (at CMH Field): Knappa vs. Astoria Ford, 4 p.m.; Knappa vs. Warrenton, 6 p.m.



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