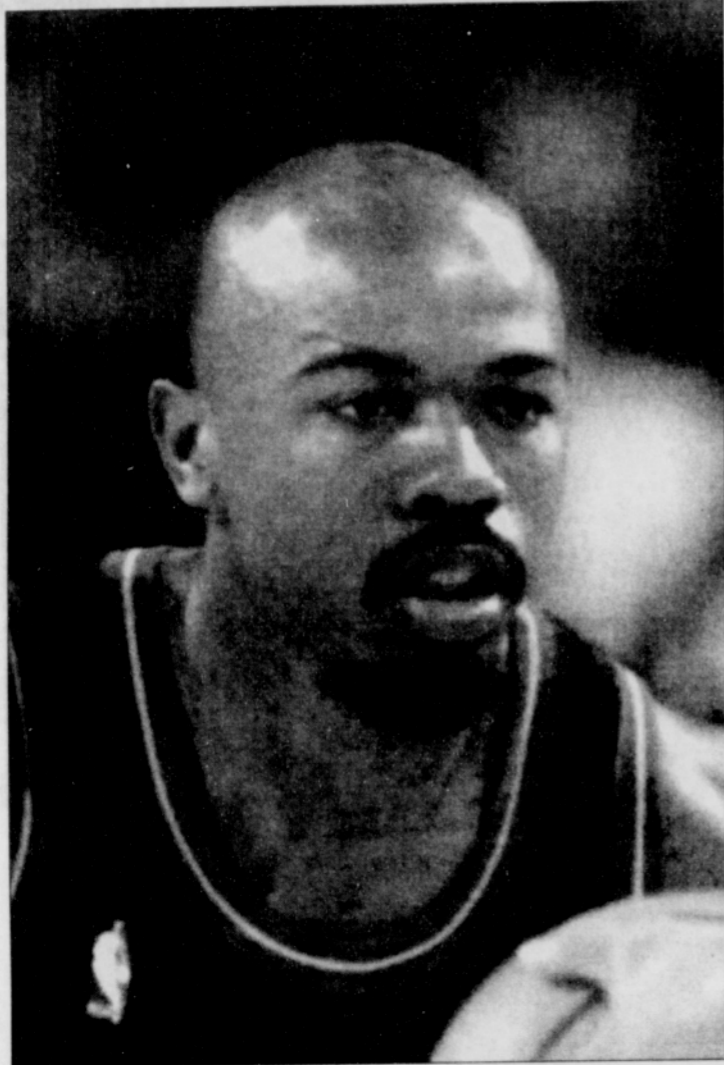


# SPORTS

## Commissioner Agrees with Anthony



The NBA fined Utah Jazz owner Larry Miller \$10,000 for arguing with Portland guard Greg Anthony during Utah's win over the Trail Blazers last Friday.

The league said Miller made "inappropriate comments" in the fourth quarter of the game when he told Anthony, who had just committed a hard foul on John Stockton, he was a "cheap-shot artist."

## Seattle Gets Back on Track

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP) — A healthy Jay Buhner made Tampa Bay pay.

Buhner went 4-for-5, including a two-run homer with two outs in the ninth inning, as the Seattle Mariners beat the Devil Rays 6-4 Sunday.

"It's always nice to contribute. The first couple of weeks I haven't done that much," Buhner said. "It's nice to finally get back out there with some regularity."

Buhner was limited to just 72 games last year by various ailments. The season started with arthroscopic knee surgery in April and ended with "Tommy John" elbow surgery in September.

This season, Buhner has been slowed by strength-sapping food poisoning.

"My elbow is starting to feel a little better, I don't have food poisoning and all these freaky things," Buhner said. "Things are starting to work out."

The opposite-field shot off Tampa Bay closer Roberto Hernandez (0-1) came on a 1-2 fastball.

"I threw the ball right where I wanted to," Hernandez said. "He just beat me."

Seattle hit eight homers in the taking two of three at Tampa Bay. The Mariners, who have 32 home runs this season, had six solo shots Saturday night. In nine games over the past two seasons at Tropicana Field, the Mariners have homered 21 times.

Tampa Bay's Jose Canseco became the ninth player in American

League history to hit 10 or more home runs in April. He tied the game at 4 with his major league-leading 10th homer — a 443 foot solo shot — in the fifth inning.

It was Canseco's 407th homer, tying him for 27th place on the career list with Duke Snider. Canseco also had an RBI double in the third, and leads Tampa Bay with 17 RBIs.

Jose Paniagua (2-2) worked a perfect eighth to get the win. Jose Mesa got the final three outs for his fifth save.

Seattle scored single runs in the opening two innings and twice in the third to take a 4-2 lead. The runs scored on RBI singles by Edgar Martinez, David Segui, Dan Wilson and David Bell.

## Trail Blazers Sign Gary Grant for Rest of Season

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PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — The Portland Trail Blazers signed guard Gary Grant to a contract for the remainder of the season.

The 6-foot-3 point guard appeared in 22 games for Portland last season and averaged 4.8 points, 3.8 assists and 16.3 minutes. He had been playing for a team in Greece earlier this year.

The Blazers also placed guard Bonzi Wells on the injured list with asthma and have waived forward Nikita Morgunov.

Wells appeared in six games this season, totaling 19 points in 23 minutes.

Morgunov, a free agent signed prior to the season, did not appear in a regular season game.

## Records are Made to be Broken

GREENSBORO, N.C. (Reuters) — Jesper Parnevik smashed the tournament record but still had to work hard Sunday to win the \$2.6 million Greater Greensboro Classic.

Despite driving the ball wildly, the 34-year-old Swede eked out a two-under-par 70 on the Forest Oaks course to beat persistent American Jim Furyk (69) by two strokes.

They were so far ahead of the rest of the field that Furyk finished six strokes clear of third-placed Jeff Maggert.

"You think your first (win) is tough but this one was almost tougher because I really struggled with my driving on the weekend," said Parnevik, who hit just 10 of 28 fairways over the final two rounds.

Parnevik's 23-under-par 265 total was six strokes better than the old tournament record low score in relation to par.

"I probably hit the widest tee shot of my life on 14. After that I didn't have a clue where the ball was going," said Parnevik, who collected \$468,000 for his second PGA Tour win.

"Pretty much every time I hit the fairway I made birdie. Apart from that it was a struggle.

"I was like Seve (Ballesteros) on his best day. Now I know what (Jose Maria) Olazabal means when he says it's pretty nerve-wracking on every tee. You don't know whether you're going to hit it straight right or straight left."

The Swede's total was also the best numerical score by two strokes, beating the old mark set by George Archer, Billy Casper and Chi Chi Rodriguez at the Sedgefield course, one of the event's previous venues.

Parnevik, who also has won four times on the European tour, became the first player in nearly two years to lead alone after every

round on the U.S. Tour.

Unfortunately, Parnevik's performance earned him no European Ryder Cup points, so he is probably going to have to rely on a captain's pick to make this year's team unless he plays particularly well in the remaining three majors and the few European tournaments he plans to contest.

Parnevik only entered at the last minute to keep compatriot Per-Ulrik Johansson, who received a late invitation, company.

He started the day with a three-stroke lead over Furyk, and extended the margin to five strokes after six holes.

However, Furyk picked up a shot at each of the next three holes to claw the gap back to two strokes at the turn, before holing out from off the green for birdie at the 11th to make it just a one-shot difference.

Parnevik responded by chipping in for birdie at the 12th, then also

birdied the 13th to go three ahead.


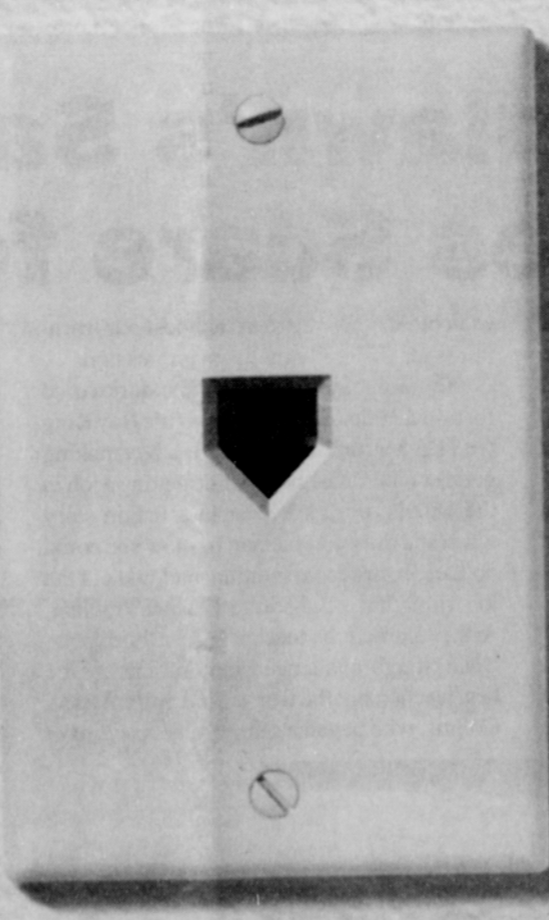
His wayward drive at the 14th led to bogey and he was in danger of dropping another shot at the par-5 15th, only to sink a clutch 10-footer for par.

When he stiffed his approach shot to the 16th for birdie, Parnevik was three ahead and the tournament was all but his. Even a bogey at the last did not matter.

"I can't be upset about the way I played," said Furyk. "I beat the rest of the field by six. It was a fun day. He's an exciting player to watch."


Parnevik won with new caddie Lance Ten Broeck, a former touring professional, on the bag.

After three weeks off, during which wife Mia is expecting their third daughter, Parnevik plans to resume at the TPC of Europe in Heidelberg, Germany, starting May 21.

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