

# SPORTS/METRO

## Beaverton Girls #2 in Little League Series

(AP) — Mandy Tamez scored the first run on a single by Alyssa Ramirez to start Waco, Texas, on the road to a 6-1 victory over Beaverton and the Little League Softball World Series title last Wednesday at Alpenrose Dairy.

It was the ninth World Series title in the past 11 years for the Midway Little League, coached by Mandy's father, Javier Tamez.

It also marked a strong comeback for the girls from Waco, who lost 4-3 in the 2001 championship.

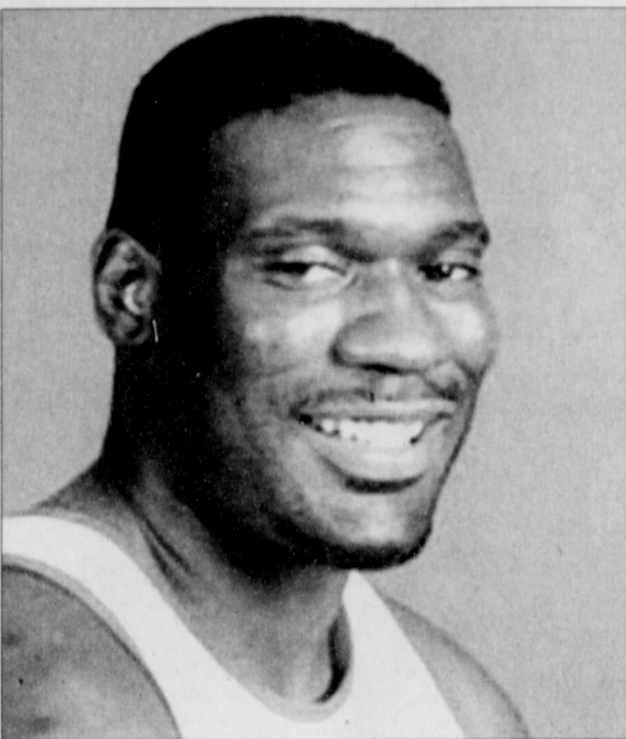
"This is so amazing," Mandy Tamez said. "Everyone has the biggest smile on their face."

The Beaverton runners-up, however, weren't too disappointed by the loss. The team made an unexpected winning run through the tournament after being selected as the host team from District 4.

Beaverton defeated Midway and the defending champion, Latin America, in pool play and didn't lose until the championship game.

"The most important thing here is the memories these girls will have," said Mic Bowman, Beaverton manager. "This is a whole week of hoopla about softball. It was a really special week and they will always remember it."

## Blazers Give Up Kemp in Contract Deal



Shawn Kemp

Shawn Kemp, the former NBA All-Star whose career has crumbled because of weight and drug problems, was to be waived Tuesday by the Portland Trail Blazers, according to a published report.

Kemp has agreed to forfeit more than \$25 million of the \$46.5 million left on his contract, The Oregonian said in its Tuesday editions.

In the agreement, the Blazers will pay Kemp about \$20 million over more than 10 years.

The Blazers' front office contacted by The Associated Press Tuesday would not confirm or deny the report.

The move has important financial implications for the Blazers, with the team likely to save at least \$40 million in NBA luxury taxes.

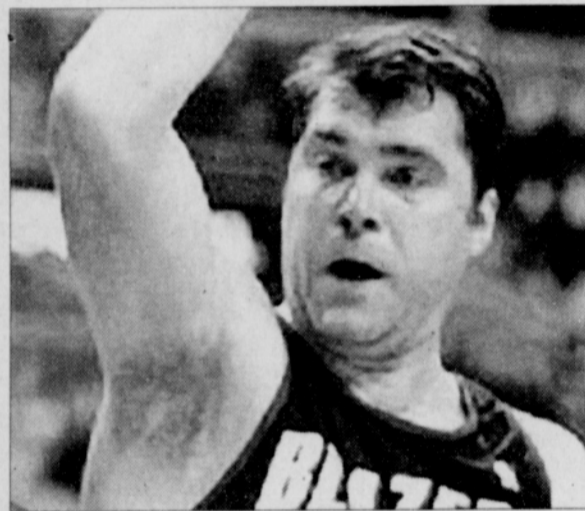
Kemp, 33, signed a seven-year, \$107 million contract in 1997 before he was traded from Seattle to the Cleveland Cavaliers, then traded to the Blazers before the 2000-01 season.

He never regained his All-Star level of play in Portland, averaging 6.3 points in two seasons.

Kemp entered a drug rehabilitation center for cocaine use in April 2001, near the end of his first season as a Trail Blazer. He returned for the 2001-02 season but was suspended for five games in February for failing to comply with his aftercare program.

Kemp appeared in six consecutive All-Star games starting in 1993, five with the Seattle SuperSonics and one with the Cavaliers.

## Sabonis Eyes Return to NBA



Arvydas Sabonis

(AP) — Arvydas Sabonis said last week that he wants to return to the NBA. More to the tune of Trail Blazer fans, Sabonis said he wants to return to Portland.

Sabonis played for the Blazers for six years before deciding not to renew his contract last season. Now he is reportedly looking for a one-year contract between six and eight million dollars.

The Blazers have no salary cap restraints on how much they can offer Sabonis because they retained the rights to him when he left the league.

But Portland is not the only team interested in suiting Sabonis up.

A team in Spain has already made the seven-foot-three center an offer believed to be for \$10 million over two years.

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## Buccaneers Eye Championship

The Multnomah County Buccaneers, Portland's premier semi-professional football team, has high hopes for a fall championship.

The Bucs, consisting of former professional, college and high school players, are in their third year of competition. They are in a tight race for first place in the Northwest Football League. A few more wins are needed to clinch the spot.

"We're happy to come back to Jefferson High to play our home games. Jefferson has been under reconstruction for most of the summer and we had to play games at different venues. Its good to be winning our games under these conditions. It makes us mentally tough," said Derek Johnson, Buccaneers quarterback.

The Buccaneers next home game, against Washington Cavaliers, is on Saturday, Aug. 24 at 5 p.m. at 5210 N. Kerby Ave.

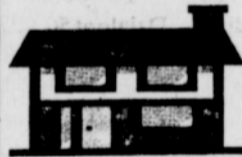
The Bucs are seeking donations and sponsors to support the team.

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