

# SPORTS

## Little League Success Rewarded



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Peninsula Little Leaguers Charles Brown II, Christopher Lewis, Taylor Barnett and Briana Rollins display their certificates and trophies during the league's Closing Day ceremony at Peninsula Park. All of the league's teams from north and northeast Portland celebrated the end of the season with a picnic on June 21.

## Sports Calendar

### No Surprise in NBA Draft

On Wednesday, June 26 the 2003 NBA Draft took place. The Cleveland Cavaliers had the number one pick and to no surprise, it was the 6 foot 8 inch, 245 pound, 18-year-old—Lebron James. The Portland Trailblazers had the 23rd pick with Travis Outlaw from Starkville High School in Mississippi.

### Bonds Steals History

On June 23<sup>rd</sup>, Barry Bonds stole his 500<sup>th</sup> career base, becoming the founding member of the 500-500 club; the Major League's first player with 500 homeruns and 500 stolen bases. After his 500<sup>th</sup> stolen base, he scored the winning run in the bottom of the 11<sup>th</sup> inning against the Los Angeles Dodgers in a 3-2 victory.

### Cameroon Player Dies

Cameroon's Marc-Vivien Foe, a midfielder on the national team collapsed while playing in the Confederation's cup against the Colombian national team. The 28 year old was pronounced dead 45 minutes after collapsing on the field. The wife of Marc-Vivien Foe revealed that he shouldn't have been playing because he had been suffering from dysentery two or three days earlier. Dysentery is a disease involving the inflammation of the lining of the large intestines.

### Player Feared Murdered

Baylor University's Patrick Dennehy has been missing since June 11<sup>th</sup>. Authorities have searched the woods around Waco, Texas where they think Dennehy and his former teammate Carlton Dotson were firing guns. His SUV was found in Virginia Beach and police hasn't named any suspects yet. They were first treating this as a 'missing persons' case but turned to a homicide. Dennehy's family reported the 6 foot, 10 inch, 230 pound junior forward missing on June 19<sup>th</sup>.



Lebron James

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## Beavers to Celebrate 4<sup>th</sup> with Fireworks

What's better on the Fourth of July than a baseball game, a hot dog and a great fireworks show to celebrate the nation's birthday with family and friends?

Budweiser and the Portland Beavers are teaming up this year to present a special post-game

fireworks extravaganza as the team plays host to the Edmonton Trappers at PGE Park July 4. The game kicks off a six-game homestand that runs through July 9 and has a special start time of 6:05 p.m.

The fireworks will begin approxi-

mately 15 minutes after the game.

"We were thrilled when we found out we would be playing at home on July 4," said Mark Schuster, president and general manager of the Beavers. "It's going to be a great evening of baseball and Fourth of July fun."

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