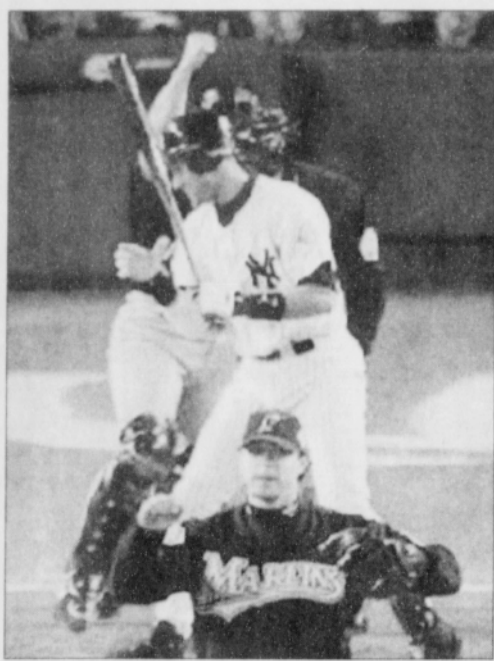


SPORTS

Marlins Celebrate World Series Triumph



Florida Marlins pitcher Josh Beckett celebrates after striking out Yankees batter Derek Jeter in game six of the World Series at Yankee Stadium in New York. Beckett was named Most Valuable Player as the Marlins took the title. (AP photo)

Owner promises to keep winning team intact

(AP) — Marlins owner Jeffrey Loria hoisted the World Series trophy Tuesday as thousands of fans swarmed downtown to cheer their championship team one last time.

A caravan of convertibles ferried the players and cigar-chomping manager Jack McKeon through streaming ticker tape and screaming fans.

"We shocked the world, baby! We did it!" outfielder Juan Pierre told WSVN-TV as his convertible crept along Flagler Street, the main downtown artery.

Leaning from windows along the start of the parade route, fans threw clumps of ticker tape while some commuter trains were plastered with signs declaring: "We love the Marlins."

When Florida won the title in 1997, the celebration was tempered as fans braced for cost cutting by then-owner H. Wayne Huizenga. The result was a last-place finish in 1998 and a steady decline in attendance.

But Loria told WSVN-TV "there's going to be no dismantling of this team."

Asked about the team's prospects next year, he said: "I can tell you one thing: We will make every effort to bring more great baseball to the fans South Florida."

Three parades and two rallies were scheduled in Miami and Fort Lauderdale to celebrate the Marlins, who beat the New York Yankees 2-0 on Saturday night to win the title. Fans in downtown Miami arrived early to grab free towels and T-shirts with the team logo.

"I asked for the day off, but my

daughter called in sick to school," said Nancy Cuellar, who was pressed against metal barricades near the end of the parade route. "It's kind of crazy. I've been a Marlins fan a long time and I came to support them for winning."

City workers shredded 2 tons of

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paper to serve as ticker tape while banners and balloons streamed off office buildings along the route festooned with freshly painted team and World Series logos.

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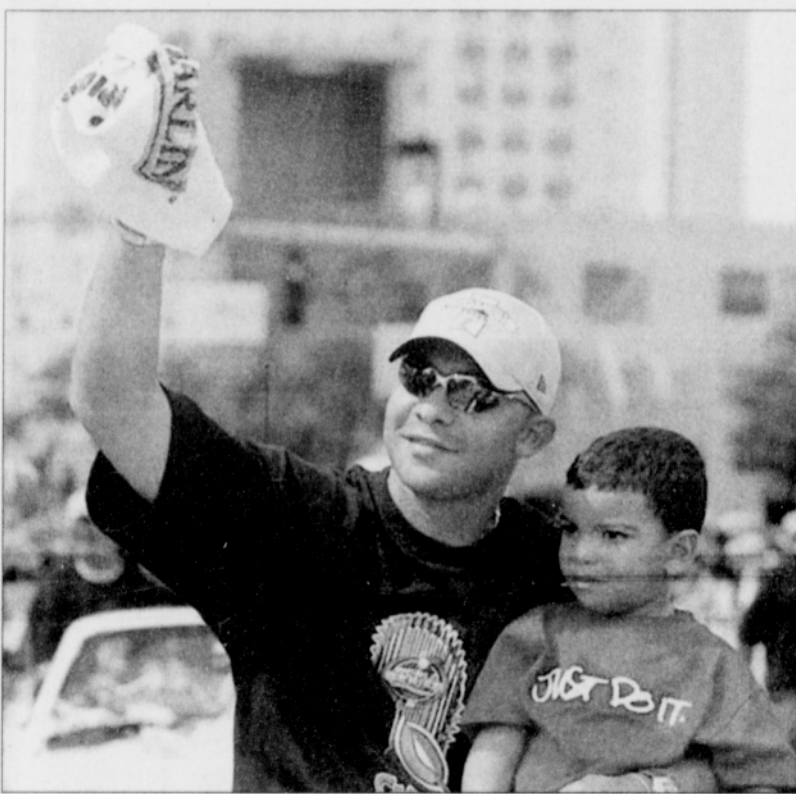
through the Little Havana neighborhood and then a boat parade and second rally in Fort Lauderdale.

Officials estimated at least 100,000 people would attend the daylong celebration but police officers said the numbers could swell beyond initial projections.

The Marlins' run from last place in June had fans clamoring for team merchandise and paying brokers hundreds of dollars for tickets. Many of these same fans largely ignored the club for several seasons.

Annette Massey said her family would consider buying season tickets for 2004. Massey owned seats through the 1997 season, but dropped them when the team went from unbeatable to unwatchable in just one year.

"My husband is a pilot for Delta and he was in Madrid on Saturday night," Massey said. "And he had to listen to the last three innings of them winning by cell phone. It's going to be expensive, but worth it."



Florida Marlins shortstop Alex Gonzalez of Venezuela rides with his child Alex Jr. during a parade honoring the World Series champion Florida Marlins Tuesday through the streets of downtown Miami. (AP photo)

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Blazers Shore Up Lineup with Murray

Home opener features LeBron James and the Cavaliers

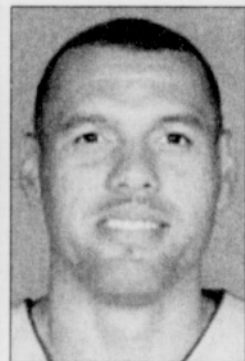
The Portland Trail Blazers shored up their lineup by giving Tracy Murray the final spot on their roster as the team prepared for the season opener at Utah Wednesday and the home opener against rookie sensation LeBron James and the Cleveland Cavaliers on Saturday.

The Blazers won four games and lost four games during the preseason.

Monday, the team released forward Jerald Honeycutt and placed



LeBron James



Tracy Murray

the injured list.

The Blazers said they picked Murray over Honeycutt because

they needed an outside shooter more than a backup power forward.

Murray, 33, averaged 7.8 points in six exhibition games. He shot 51 percent from the field and 53 percent from 3-point range.

Murray started his career with Portland in 1992, and has since played for Houston, Toronto, Washington, Denver and the Los Angeles Lakers.

He appeared in 31 games for the Lakers last season.

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TEAM	LEAGUE:W/L	SEASON:W/L
Wilson Trojans	6/0	8/0
Lincoln Cardinals	4/1	6/1
Jefferson Democrats	4/2	4/4
Franklin Quakers	3/3	4/4
Grant Generals	3/3	4/4
Benson Techmen	3/3	3/5
Marshall Minutemen	3/2	3/4
Madison Senators	1/5	2/6
Cleveland Warriors	1/4	2/5
Roosevelt Roughriders	0/5	0/7

Friday Football Schedule

HOME/VISITOR
 Cleveland v. Franklin at 1 p.m.
 Grant v. Jefferson at 7 p.m.
 Madison v. Marshall at 7 p.m.
 Wilson v. Lincoln at 7 p.m.
 Jesuit v. Century at 7:30 p.m.
 Sandy v. Parkrose at 7:30 p.m.
 Central Catholic v. Barlow, 7:30 p.m.
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