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Little League Signups Due

Wilshire-Riverside sends out notices

All children ages 5 to 14 years old interested in playing baseball and softball for the Wilshire-Riverside Little League are encouraged to sign up in person or on-line.

In-person signs up will be held Thursday, Jan. 20 and Wednesday, Jan. 26 from 6-8 p.m. at Alameda Elementary School on Northeast Fremont Avenue. Returning players can sign up online at the league's website, wilshiriversidell.org.

The 2011 baseball and softball season officially gets under way on April 2 with the league's opening day ceremonies held at Riverside Field, located off Northeast 33rd Avenue near Riverside Golf & Country Club.

"We realize it's a little early to be thinking about baseball and softball," said league president Steve Terry. "But there's a lot that takes place prior to the first pitch of the



PHOTO BY PAT HOGLUND

Mary Kate Hoglund gets ready to hit the ball off the tee. Before long spring will be here and area boys and girls will be playing Tee Ball.

and fields over 50 softball, baseball and tee ball teams.

"We really are encouraging people with young kids to sign up and play tee-ball," said Terry. "It's a really positive experience for the younger kids and they are the future of baseball and softball in north and northeast Portland."

Tee ball players range in age from 5-6 and the next level of play is farm baseball and softball, which caters to players who are 7 and 8 years old. For the farm level kids, pitching machines make the experience less intimidating.

"The goal is to make it fun, fast and enjoyable," said Terry. "As the kids get older and advance to the minor and major league levels they're hitting live pitching. But for the younger kids we want to provide as much of a positive experience as possible."

Terry also is putting the word out to recruit coaches for the tee ball and farm levels. "We'd like nothing more than to have a dozen moms or dads sign up to coach. Much like the younger kids in the league, these coaches are the foundation of our coaching fraternity. Without them we wouldn't be as successful of a league as we are."

For more information, visit wilshiriversidell.org or call Steve Terry at 503-780-8735.

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season. We strive to get the word out early so we have enough time make sure the season starts without a hitch."

The Wilshire-Riverside Little League has over 500 boys and girls

Roy Surgeries Went Well

Portland Trail Blazers guard Brandon Roy underwent successful arthroscopic surgery Monday on both knees, it was announced by General Manager Rich Cho.

Dr. Don Roberts performed the surgery in Vancouver. No timetable has been set for Roy's recovery.

"We're hopeful today's procedure will help alleviate some of the pain Brandon has been experiencing in his knees and allow him to get back to playing basketball again," said Cho.

Roy, 26, has missed 18 games this season (three games from Nov. 16-20 and the last 15 games beginning on Dec. 17) with a sore left knee.

A three-time NBA All-Star and 2007 NBA Rookie of the Year, Roy has led the team in scoring in each of the last three seasons. He holds career averages of 19.9 points, 4.4 re-



Brandon Roy

bounds, 4.9 assists and 1.08 steals in 297 career games (295 starts).

In 23 games (all starts) this season, Roy has averaged 16.6 points, 3.0 rebounds, 3.3 assists and 1.13 steals in 35.3 minutes per game. He scored 20 points or more in nine contests and led the team in scoring eight times.