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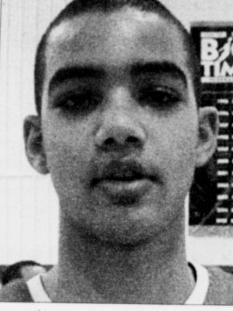
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Sports Future College, NBA Stars Ready for Battle

NIKE's Rose City Showcase this weekend

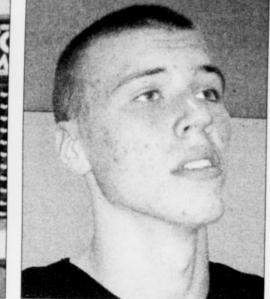
Before Dwight Howard became an NBA All-star, before Josh Smith and Gerald Green won the NBA Slam Dunk Contest, before O.J. Mayo, Michael Beasley, and Kevin Love became All-Americans and before Brandon Rush and Mario Chalmers led Kansas to the 2008 NCAA Championship, they all had one thing in common - they participated in the Rose City Showcase by NIKE.

On Friday, June 17 through Sun-College, the 9th annual event will 2011 Rose City Showcase crown. bring the nation's top grassroots



Trey Lyles

day, June 19 at Lewis and Clark lege and NBA stars to a battle for the Opening night will kick off with basketball players and future col- four Super 17 match-ups including



Kaleb Tarczewski

Indy Heat (Ind.), Baltimore Elite (Md.), Team 94 (Calif.), Team Takeover (D.C.), ICP Portland, California

AAU national powerhouses Spiece Supreme, Boo Williams Summer League (Va.) and Seattle Rotary Select.

BeeJay Anya

ers in the country from the high school classes of 2012 and 2013 include D'Vante Smith-Rivera, Trey Lyles, James Robinson, BeeJay Anya, Justin Anderson, Jamal Ferguson, Samuel Cassell, Aaron Parham, Roschon Prince, Torren Jones, Anthony January Jr. and Anrio Adams.

The Rose City Showcase champion will be crowned at 7 p.m. Sunday, June 19 at Lewis and Clark, where all Super 17's feature games will be held. All other divisional games will tip off Saturday morning at Lewis and Clark, Beaverton Hoop YMCA and Warner Pacific College.

A portion of the proceeds for this year's event will benefit local nonprofit, Inner City Player Athletics.

For maps and detailed schedules The weekend's top featured play- visit rosecity showcase.com.

Free Fishing at Trillium Lake

Young fishing enthusiasts up to age 13 are invited to sharpen their skills at a free junior fishing clinic on Saturday, June 18 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Trillium Lake, about 3 miles east of Government Camp.

Mt. Hood National Forest sponsors the annual event with support from the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife and local merchants. Children should bring warm clothing, a rod and reel, and a cooler to bring home their catch of the day. Bait and refreshments will be provided.

For more information, call Johathan Schillo at 503-622-2016.

Mavs Depth, Teamwork Clinch NBA Title

For LeBron James, the wait continues

(AP) -- For Dirk Nowitzki, the resume is complete. He's an NBA champion.

For LeBron James, the agonizing wait continues for at least one more year. A season that began with Miami celebrating the signings of James, Dwyane Wade and Chris Bosh - along with the promise of championships — ended on the very same floor, with the Dallas Mavericks hoisting the title trophy for the first time in their franchise history after beating the Heat 105-95 on Sunday night. The Mavericks won four of the series' last five games, a turnabout that could not have been sweeter. "I really still can't believe it," said Nowitzki, who had 21 points and took home finals MVP honors. He and Jason Terry, who led the Mavs with 27 points, were the two remaining players from the Dallas team that lost to Miami in the 2006 finals. "Tonight," Terry said, "we got vindication."

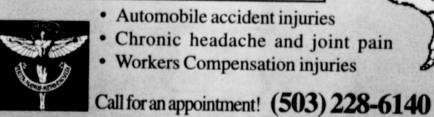


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James did not. Not even close, and a year unlike any other ended they way they all have so far with him still waiting for an NBA title.

He scored 21 points for Miami, shook a few hands afterward, and departed before most of the Mavs tugged on their championship hats

Dallas Mavericks' Dirk Nowitzki, Jason Kidd and Jason Terry celebrate after Game 6 of the NBA Finals in Miami Sunday. The Mavericks won 105-95 to win the series. (AP Photo

and T-shirts. Bosh had 19, Mario Decision" and all the animus that Chalmers 18 and Wade 17 for the Heat.

"We worked so hard and so long for it," Nowitzki said. "The team has had an unbelievable ride."

theirs wasn't a joyride.

coach Erik Spoelstra said. "You're never really prepared for a moment like this. ... Neither team deserved this championship more than the other, but Dallas earned it."

way he left Cleveland with "The

generated not just in Ohio but around the entire league, the only way he could silence some critics was with a title.

Mays coach Rick Carlisle joined So did the Heat. Unlike Dallas, an elite group, those with NBA titles as both a player and a head coach. "It goes without saying," Heat Others on that list include the presumably retired-for-good Phil Jackson, one of Carlisle's mentors in K.C. Jones, and Heat President Pat Riley — who led Miami past Dallas in 2006, and the mastermind of what Make no mistake: Miami lost the Miami did last summer by getting finals, but the blame will be directed James, Wade and Bosh on the same at James. Even he knew that after the team with an eye on becoming a dynasty.