

# SPORTS

## Kevin Ford Wins Basketball Tourney

It was a picturesque sunny day at north Portland's Unthank Park Saturday as ballers from the Northwest showed up to compete in the Red Bull King of the Rock Portland Qualifier.

The one-on-one basketball tournament is comprised of qualifiers all over the globe, with the top 64 players advancing to the finals held in The Yard on the island of Alcatraz, Calif. on Sept. 24, the only official sporting event ever held on the Alcatraz, and hosted by basketball superstar Rajon Rondo.

Kevin Ford II of Portland and James Thorn of Tacoma, earned invites to the finals.

Thorn, who is 6'4", was matched up against the 6'9" Ford. The five minute one-on-one game allowed Ford to shine as he led the score the entire time, but not without a valiant effort by Thorn.

As the buzzer sounded the 18 to 9 final score put Ford in the number one seeded position with Thorn in the number two spot.



Runner up James Thorn (left) and champion Kevin Ford II celebrate after earning the top two spots at the Red Bull King of the Rock qualifying tournament Saturday at north Portland's Unthank Park.

When asked about the game, Thorn said, "I couldn't stop him on defense, he bullied me, he's just too strong."

Ford, 24, went to Jefferson

High School and graduated with a communications degree from Oral Roberts University where he played basketball. Last summer he played professionally in

Romania and plans to spend this summer working out and pursuing his dream of a career in the

NBA, all the while prepping for the Red Bull King of the Rock Finals.

## Little League Tournament Begins

Summer has arrived, and people throughout the community are getting ready to attend the upcoming Little League Baseball tournament hosted by Scappoose Little League.

Preliminary rounds for the

2011 Oregon District 1 Little League championship will begin on Saturday, July 2. Local teams represented in the tournament include Parkrose, Peninsula, Rose City, Lakeside, Hollywood, and Wilshire-Riverside. Each of

the teams participating will play four games throughout the tournament, which will come to an end on Friday, July 7.

The first game will begin at 10 a.m. on Saturday between Rose City and Clatskanie.



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