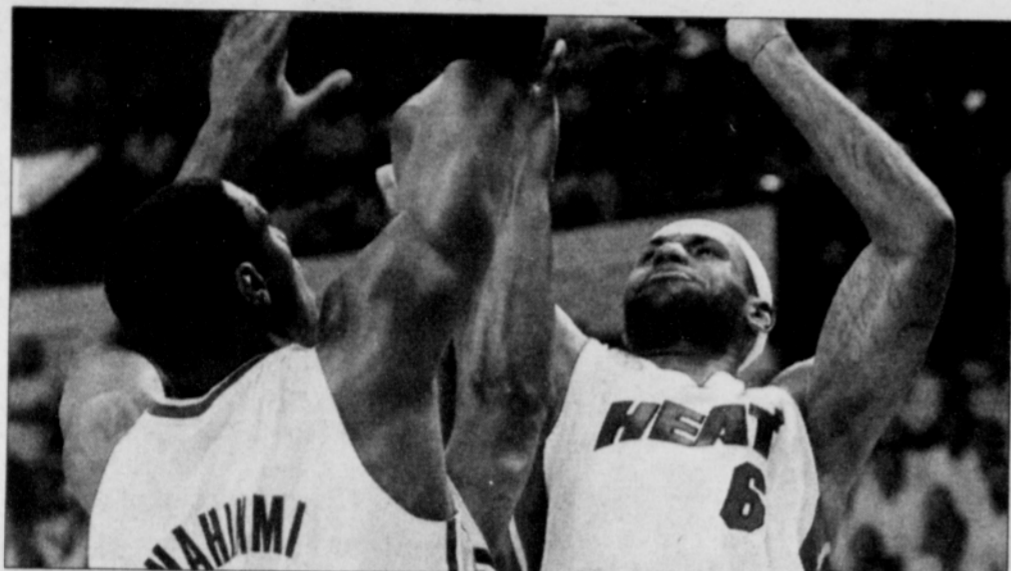


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Miami Heat small forward LeBron James shoots against Indiana Pacers center Ian Mahinmi during the second half of Game 7 in their NBA basketball Eastern Conference finals playoff series. (AP photo)

Heat Headed Back to NBA Finals

Spurs next after Pacers exit in Game 7 runaway

(AP)—LeBron James walked off the court, stopped on his way to the bench to shake David Beckham's hand, then exchanged a few high-fives and quick hugs with teammates.

No raucous celebration was necessary. Getting back to the

NBA Finals isn't nearly enough to satisfy James or the Miami Heat.

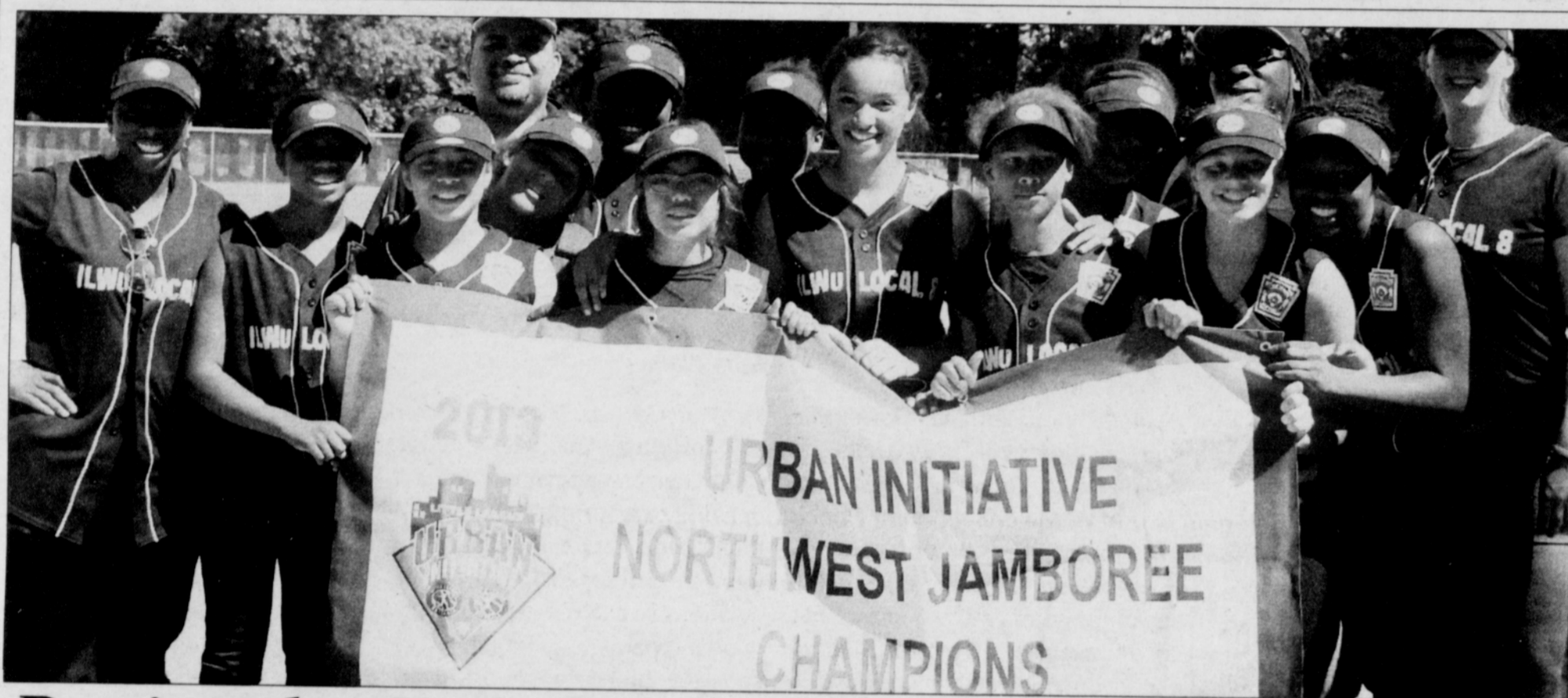
For the third straight year, the Heat are headed to the title round.

James scored 32 points and grabbed eight rebounds, ailing Dwyane Wade matched his best effort of this postseason with 21 points, and the Heat ran away from the Indiana Pacers 99-76 in Game 7 of the Eastern Conference finals on Monday night.

Next up for Miami: Game 1 of the title round, at home against

the San Antonio Spurs on Thursday.

"This is what it's all about," James said. "I dreamed about opportunities like this as a kid to have a Game 7, no matter at home or on the road. And that game allows you to advance to the finals. I have had multiple dreams about it. To see a dream become a reality, I'm just very blessed. Our team is blessed. And we're just happy that we are able to represent the Eastern Conference in the finals."



Peninsula Girls Earn Title in Jamboree

The Peninsula "Hit Squad" Little League Softball All-Stars won the Urban Initiative Jamboree Sunday at Lents Park in southeast Portland. The girls claimed the championship with an 11-1 victory against their rivals the Forest Grove Fighters. Undefeated champions for two years in a row, Peninsula next plays the Tournament of Champions in Scappoose on June 15, before district and state tournaments begin.

Youth Soccer Sunday at Concordia

Youth teams from throughout the Portland area will take to the field at Concordia University on Sunday, June 9 for the Portland Barefoot 3v3 Soccer Tournament and Festival.

The event, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., at Concordia's soccer stadium at Northeast Liberty Street and 29th Avenue will help raise donations for Grassroots Soccer, an HIV prevention program that uses the power of soccer to educate, inspire and mobilize communities.

There will be special appearances by the Portland Timbers and Thorns along with Grassroots Soccer staff and coaches. Players, parents and fans are also invited to take part in the soccer carnival and win cool prizes. Matches will be played to the beat of live African drums and music.

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MLK Dream Run

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tions. It took a year of work, and negotiations, to get the first MLK run off the ground. The event time was a compromise between event organizers, who did not want to disrupt Sunday church services, and city officials who did not want to close Martin Luther King Boulevard on any other day but Sunday. Once it happened, however, it was a great success, attracting 600 runners from five states.

This year's run may draw more participants. A Geoff Hollister Tribute Run honoring the late Nike executive will be sanctioned by U.S.A. Track and Field and is expected to attract world class competitors.

Registration fees are \$25 for the 5K, \$35 for 10K and \$40 for the 15K runs. To sign up, or for more information, call 503-546-8412 or visit MLKDreamRun.org.

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