LeBron announces decision, returning to Cavaliers

By Tom Withers / Associated Press

LEVERLAND — If LeBron James was going to win another NBA title, he wanted his heart and his city to feel as good as possible.

So when he signed with the Heat, they won another title. And now the King is coming back to Cleveland. He announced this week that he would return to the Cavaliers, who he left to join the Heat in 2010. He’s bringing home the NBA championship trophy that had eluded his native Cleveland for a long time.

LeBron James told Sports Illustrated on Friday that he is leaving Miami and returning to Cleveland.

“I’m coming home,” James said.

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LeBron's return for good Cleveland

By Christine Brennan

The Herald Times

“Our city hasn’t had that feeling in a long, long, long time. My goal is still to win as many titles as possible, but that’s most important for me is bringing one trophy back to Northeast Ohio.”

LeBron picking Northeast Ohio over South Florida for his home-to-be has been the best thing I have ever said to the world.”

LeBron James is continuing his NBA career with the Heat.

WORLD CUP

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By Neasa Starcovic

Associated Press

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Jose Luis Brown’s head- on and Jorge Valdano’s goal on counterattacked gave Argentina a 2-0 lead before Maradona’s team appeared to be coming back. Because the Germans had scored a goal, Argentina’s goalkeeper had to be removed from the game.”

Karl-Heinz Rummenigge and substitute Rudi Voeller scored from Andlovski’s free kicks and suddenly it was 2-2 with 8 minutes to play.

Maradona had been marked by Lothar Mat- thaus, who did a good job of the ball for the entire match. But with the Germans trying to use the momentum and grab the winner, the ball went for a bounce in midair and Maradona sent it flying. It was a devastating blow for the Germans. The ball happened to be the last major title they would be captained by a Cleve- land team.

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