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## Is Kawhi saying so long?

Kawhi Leonard wants out of San Antonio. The two-time defensive player of the year, two-time all-star, two-time All-NBA selection and 2014 NBA Finals MVP has decided he wants to leave the Spurs franchise.

The news dropped Friday after a season where Leonard played only nine games while dealing with quadriceps tendinopathy, which he feared was misdiagnosed by the Spurs when he sought out second opinions during the season. The 26-year-old had finished in the top three of the MVP vote each of the previous two seasons, establishing himself as one of the best two-way players in the league.

Even during the uneasiness of Leonard's absence, which was first reported just weeks before the start of the season as something that wouldn't linger, it seemed like he'd remain a Spur. As time went on and his presence was only felt on the sidelines, questions mounted. But it still felt like he'd remain a Spur.

Leonard is stoic at best, near mute at worst. And that's when he's finished winning the NBA finals, or dropping a career-high while matched up against LeBron James. He was never going to speak out about his health and clarify the situation. It's not in his DNA. But \$219 million was waiting, so it still felt like he'd remain a Spur.

When talk started circulating last week linking Leonard to an impending sit down with Gregg Popovich, it didn't just feel like he'd remain a Spur, it almost was certain. Then the news of Leonard's trade demand hit the news before the pair could even get in the same room, further damaging a relationship which has spent the last year splitting at the seams.

So now the Spurs are left with two choices: sit down with Kawhi, who himself hasn't said anything about a trade (or anything else for that matter), to try to mend the fences and get one the NBA's best players to commit to South Texas or trade him as soon as possible for the best package available.

Los Angeles, just a stone's throw from where Kawhi grew up, was a rumored first choice, particularly the Lakers. The Boston Celtics made trade inquiries in February, so they may call again. Throw in the New York Knicks and Brooklyn Nets, both located where Kawhi spent most of the last three months rehabbing and has family, and you've got a who's who of big markets trying to get their hands on the largest hands in the NBA.

It's hard to imagine Leonard no longer suiting up for the Spurs, but maybe it's time to start coming to grips with it.

The end of an era seems imminent.

# Perfect season

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The prize waiting for Supreme Building after winning a clash of top teams Tuesday was an immediate rematch. And once again, Supreme proved it's the team to beat in the boys 6-8 baseball league.

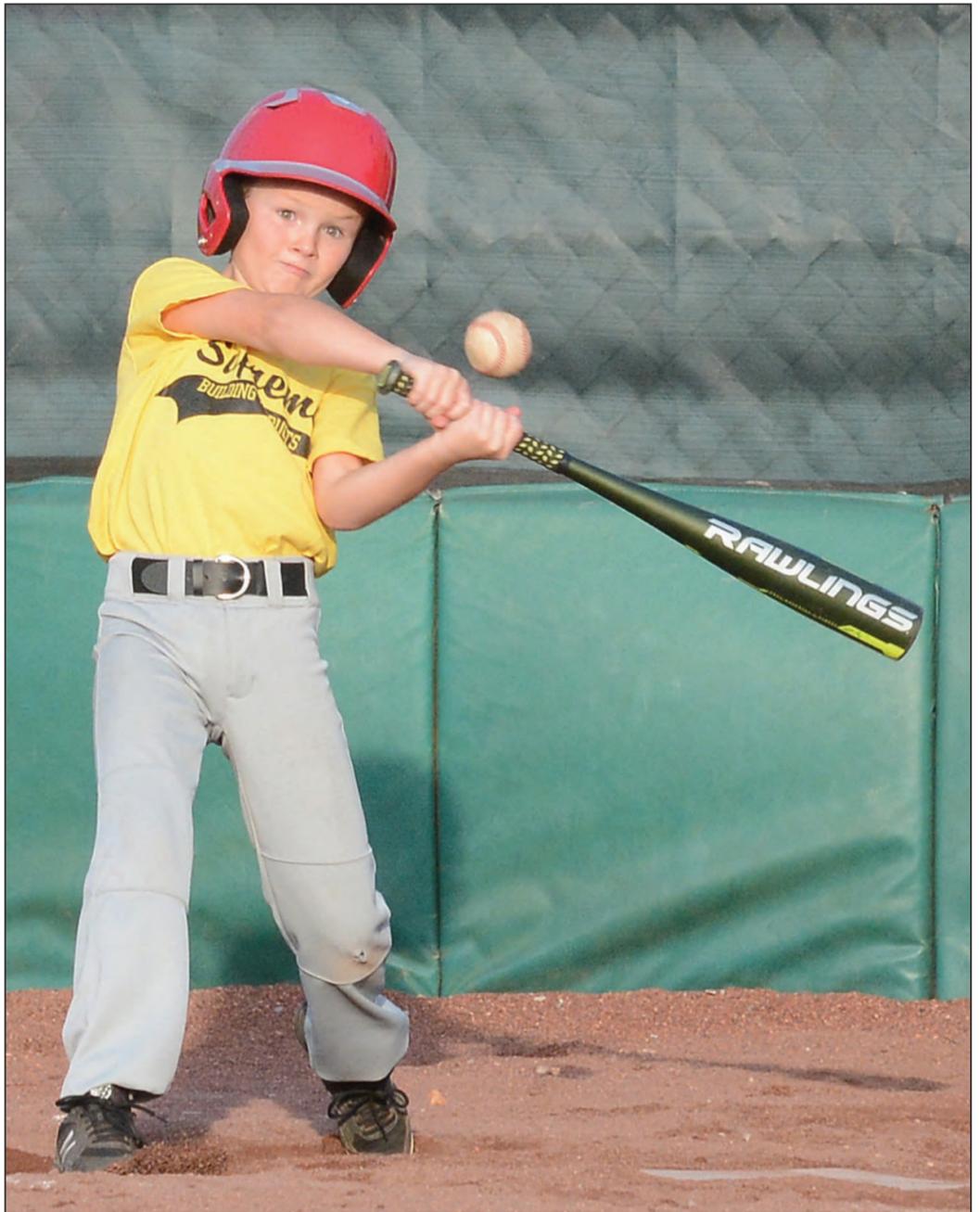
Supreme Building completed its perfect regular season with back-to-back victories Friday, toppling T&M Farms 16-4 before prevailing 12-6 over Triple C Nursery in a rematch of Tuesday's pivotal game.

A.J. Whitman stole the show for Supreme Building, hammering three inside-the-park home runs in the two games. Whitman was particularly devastating at the plate in the second game, slugging two shots to the fence for round trippers.

Whitman's first shot was a two-run homer in the first, scoring Jackson Moore after he reached on a double. Whitman flew around the bases, putting his team up 3-0. Grayson Todd and Miguel Garcia would both follow by singling and scoring, giving Supreme Building a five-run advantage it would never relinquish.

Huck Damon tried to hit Triple C Nursery (8-2) back into the game, ripping an RBI triple in the first and later scoring when Trenton Martin smashed a single.

Whitman responded with a second rocket to the fence, this time going as a solo home run.



Jeffery Simmons photo  
**Jackson Moore had three hits in back-to-back games for Supreme Building Friday. Supreme Building topped T&M Farms 16-4 and beat Triple C Nursery 12-6 to finish the season 10-0.**

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**Brayan Holguin tries to nail a runner at second during Friday's senior league game.**

## Womack Printing takes season title

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A continuation of a postponed game decided the season champion in the boys 12-14 senior league.

Womack Printing found itself only needing to hang

on. Starting up 8-0, a lead built on May 15, Womack Printing was able to hold off Beasley's Brawlers 12-5 to claim the season title.

The Brawlers entered the game up in the standings, but another win was needed.

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## The race is on



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**Emalyn Corcoran, left, couldn't quite catch Addison Cantrell as they raced to third during T-ball action Thursday at McMinnville Civic Center.**

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