

## ■ STRAWBERRY CHRONOLOGY

A chronology of some of Darryl Strawberry's controversial incidents:

January 29, 1987 — His wife, Lisa, files a petition for legal separation in Los Angeles Superior County Court. She accuses him of breaking her nose after a game in October 1986.

March 2, 1987 — Fined \$100 by Johnson for arriving late to camp.

March 14, 1987 — Charges Boston pitcher Al Nipper, triggering a bench-clearing brawl in spring training. Strawberry, who homered off Nipper in Game 7 of the 1986 World Series, was hit in the back by Nipper in the exhibition game.

July 3, 1987 — Threatens teammates Wally Backman and Lee Mazzilli, who had criticized him for missing two games against St. Louis earlier in the week. Of Backman, Strawberry said he wanted to, "bust that little red-neck."

January, 1988 — In an interview in *Esquire* magazine, criticizes Davey Johnson and several teammates, blaming them for the

team's failure in 1987. He claimed catcher Gary Carter and first baseman Keith Hernandez "quit" during the pennant race and that Johnson's managing cost the club games.

October 4, 1988 — Prior to the National League playoffs, says in *Los Angeles Times* article that when his contract expires with the Mets in 1990 he would like to sign with the Los Angeles Dodgers.

March 2, 1989 — Walks out of camp in a contract dispute after taking a swing at Hernandez during the team photo session. He threatens to sit out the 1990 season.

April 7, 1989 — Is named in a lawsuit in Clayton, Mo., charging that he fathered a son with Lisa Clayton.

May 18, 1989 — His wife files divorce petition in Los Angeles. Strawberry says there "are no hard feelings. ... We felt this was the best thing to do."

September 19, 1989 — Fined \$500 by Johnson for returning to the clubhouse during the ninth inning of a loss at Chicago the

previous night.

January 24, 1990 — Blood tests establish Strawberry is the father of Clayton's child.

January 26, 1990 — Strawberry is arrested for alleged assault with a deadly weapon during an argument with his wife. He is alleged to have hit her in the face with an open hand and also is alleged to have threatened her with a .25-caliber semiautomatic handgun. Strawberry is released on \$12,000 bail.

February 2, 1990 — Authorities in Los Angeles announce they will hold a hearing on February 9 to determine if misdemeanor charges will be filed against Strawberry.

February 3, 1990 — Strawberry enters Smithers Center for alcohol rehabilitation.

July 12, 1990 — Mets break off contract negotiations with Strawberry after he rejects a three-year deal for \$9.2 million.

October 19, 1990 — Files for free agency on first day of eligibility.

November 7, 1990 — Agrees to a \$20.25 million, five-year con-

tract with Los Angeles Dodgers.

September 4, 1993 — Arrested for allegedly striking Charisse Simons, the 26-year-old woman he lived with.

September 21, 1993 — No criminal charges are filed by Charisse Simons after the September 4th incident.

March 3, 1994 — Investigated by the IRS and U.S. Attorney's Office for allegedly failing to file tax returns for in excess of \$300,000 of income derived from autograph and memorabilia shows.

April 3, 1994 — Failed to show up for the Dodgers' final exhibition game against California at Anaheim Stadium, and not located until that night.

April 4, 1994 — Dodgers announce Strawberry has a substance abuse problem and place him on the disabled list.

April 8, 1994 — Strawberry enters Betty Ford Center in Rancho Mirage, Calif. for treatment of a substance abuse problem.

May 6, 1994 — Strawberry finishes his 28-day stay at Betty Ford.

May 25, 1994 — Dodgers release Strawberry unconditionally.

June 19, 1994 — The San Francisco Giants sign Strawberry to free-agent contract.

July 6, 1994 — The Giants call up Strawberry from the minors after he hits two homers in two games for Phoenix of the Pacific Coast League.

December 8, 1994 — Strawberry and his agent, Eric Goldschmidt, are indicted on federal tax evasion charges alleging that Strawberry failed to report more than \$500,000 in income earned from autograph shows and personal appearances from 1986 through 1990.

December 18, 1994 — Strawberry and Goldschmidt plead innocent to tax evasion charges in U.S. District Court in White Plains, N.Y.

February 6, 1995 — Major league baseball suspends Strawberry for 60 days for failure to abide by terms of his aftercare program. The Giants, citing a clause in his contract, terminate the deal and release him.

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Williams, who hit a combined .364 with 26 home runs and 58 RBIs with Strawberry batting fifth behind them.

"He brings a lot of threat with him," said Williams, after the Giants' first win with Strawberry. "It's good for everybody, not just me and not just Barry."

Though he had yet to sign for the 1995 season, Strawberry figured prominently in the Giants plans. On Jan. 19, Strawberry and the Giants exchanged salary arbitration figures for 1995. He asked for \$1.8 million and was offered \$750,000.

In October, he said he envisioned a long career in the San Francisco Bay area and enjoyed working in the community. He told the *Contra Costa Times*, "I want to be an example to young kids."

All that ended Monday.

"Will there be a third chance in baseball for him?" Quinn said. "That depends entirely on Darryl. We wish him well."

In addition to his drug-related trouble, Strawberry is accused of evading \$146,000 in income tax by allegedly not reporting more than \$500,000 in cash payments from autograph shows and personal appearances.

An indictment charges Strawberry and Goldschmidt concealed existence of a bank account from accountants so a substantial proportion of their income from card shows would not appear on their 1989 and 1990 tax returns.

Strawberry pleaded innocent Dec. 18, in U.S. District Court in White Plains, N.Y., to tax evasion charges.

Goldschmidt, also pleaded innocent to felony tax evasion, which carries a maximum penalty of five years in prison and a \$250,000 fine.

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