



A Standout Player

Arianne Boyer has made herself known for the Ducks



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Arianne Boyer, a recognized fixture on the Oregon women's basketball team, hopes that her team can go further than anyone could imagine in 1995.

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You cannot miss this player on the basketball floor of McArthur Court. Along with her red hair and hard-nosed toughness, Arianne Boyer stands out as a true power forward in the Pacific-10 Conference.

Boyer can always find a way to frustrate her opponents into fouling her or letting her have an open lane to the hoop. Last year, this type of play earned Boyer a spot on the conference's all-freshman team.

This year, the sophomore has drastically improved her statistics of a year ago. As a freshman, Boyer averaged 8.1 points and 4.9 rebounds a game, as an aggressive spark coming off the bench. This year, however, the seasoned sophomore is the league's fourth-best rebounder (7.7) while averaging 15.9 points a game during Pac-10 action. Boyer's scoring output can be attributed to her outstanding shooting accuracy of 61 percent.

"She's a great player," Oregon head coach Jody Runge said. "I think she has the potential to be an All-American if that's what she wants."

With the improvement of Boyer's play this year, Runge feels that Boyer has become a player that the team can depend on for consistency.

"I think she's taken on that responsibility of bringing her best game in every night and being somebody that we can depend on as a consistent person," Runge said.

Boyer takes no credit for her consistent play this year for the Ducks. She attributes it all to the play of her supporting cast.

"My own personal success comes from our whole team working hard," Boyer said. "I couldn't score points if people didn't feed me in the post and sometimes Renae [Fegent] will tip the ball to me on the rebound, and I'll get the stat for it. Just that everyone is working hard on the whole team makes good things come to people that work hard."

Besides being a great court player, Boyer is also known for her leadership. Boyer usually leads by example, but when needed, she will tell her teammates what's on her mind.

"I think she leads by her abilities to get things done,"

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Money doesn't always buy happiness

I don't usually make a habit of responding to other columnists' views on life, but today is a bit different. With all due respect to my friend and colleague Kris Henry, I have to disagree with some of his thoughts on the issue of Darryl Strawberry and the slugger's most recent fallout with drugs, baseball and himself.

While I actually agree with a portion of what Henry said in Wednesday's issue of the *Emerald*, I strongly feel that another side of the issue needs to be expressed.

The problem with characterizing the mega-millionaire athletes of today is that we, as fans and regular, minimum wage-earning citizens, automatically assume that with money comes happiness. Try to tell me you've never thought to yourself how \$4 million dollars a year would instantly turn your sometimes stressful, mostly boring life into a brilliant Utopian existence.

Sure Darryl Strawberry messed up and deserves what he gets to an extent, but unfortunately, unhappiness and the inability to cope with the pressures brought forth in life (no matter how big or small) cannot be measured with



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a dollar sign in front of it.

Strawberry is far from innocent and by no means deserves to be defended.

But this whole Americanized version of life that automatically assumes that people with money are, or should be happy is a load of crap. There are perfectly happy poor people out there, and in turn, perfectly miserable richer-than-hell people pop their heads up now and again. Why can't we digest that? Does being a fan of sports or music or any other high-profile form of entertainment somehow turn us off to the fundamental aspects of emotions, happiness and life itself?

Henry is right when he urges Major League Baseball to cut the "dead weight" that Strawberry indeed has turned out to be. Darryl has proved that the major

leagues is not where he belongs anymore. He was an incredibly talented player in his day, and conceivably still could be, but more than RBIs and home runs are at stake these days as this guy's life is on the line. Baseball would be doing Strawberry no favors by giving him the "Steve Howe treatment."

More than the cocaine abuse and the other stupid things he's done, though, the really discouraging part about this guy is how he has managed to drag so many people into believing in him. When Strawberry came up missing for the Dodgers' final exhibition game in April 1994, people could only assume the worst, especially considering his troubled past. Strawberry had shown so much promise in the spring and 1994 potentially was to be his biggest year as his bad back appeared to be O.K. finally and things were finally going to go his way.

Just another broken promise. The disagreement I have with Henry's analysis is that he basically considers cocaine as the cause of Strawberry's problems when in fact it is simply a

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Ducks travel to Corvallis for Civil War

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The Oregon women's basketball team will take its game back on the road tonight, to Corvallis, for the beginning of a three-game road trip. The Ducks (12-5-4) are expecting this Civil War to be a blood bath, as 23rd-ranked Oregon State (14-4, 6-3) will be looking to avenge its early-season 10-point loss to Oregon.

"We started to forget what it was like to win a basketball game," Oregon's Sally Crowe said after the Ducks' victory last weekend. "It's a good start before we head off to a blood bath in Corvallis."

The team is anticipating a tough game from the Beavers. Before the Ducks' win over California on Saturday, OSU stretched its current winning streak to five games with a huge, 78-73 victory over No. 3

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Brooks confirms interest

PORTLAND (AP) — Oregon head football coach Rich Brooks confirmed Wednesday that he's been interviewed twice about the vacant head coaching job with the Rams.

"There's not really much I can say other than I obviously have met with them," he said in a telephone interview from his office in Eugene. "No offers have been made and I don't know the parameters of the job if it was offered."

"It's intriguing obviously. There are good and bad things about every situation."

The *Los Angeles Times* reported Wednesday that Brooks has been recommended to replace Chuck Knox as the Rams coach by the team's search committee. Knox was fired last month.

Blazers Legendary Lineup named

PORTLAND (AP) — Bill Walton and Clyde Drexler were the leading vote getters in balloting by fans and media for the Blazers' Legendary Line-up.

The Portland Trail Blazers' all-time team was determined with the help of more than 23,000 votes cast by fans across the state.

The fan votes made up for 50 percent of the voting. The remaining 50 percent consideration was determined by a panel of media that has covered the team throughout its 25-year history.

The team: centers — Walton and Mychal Thompson; forwards — Maurice Lucas, Buck Williams, Calvin Natt and Sidney Wicks; guards — Drexler, Geoff Petrie, Terry Porter and Jim Paxson. Jack Ramsay was selected as coach.

Rocket suspended for punching fan

NEW YORK (AP) — Vernon Maxwell of the Houston Rockets was suspended for at least 10 games and fined \$20,000 by the NBA on Wednesday for running into the stands and punching a heckler during a game at Portland.

Rod Thorn, the NBA's vice president for operations, said the case is unprecedented in his 10 years in the league.

Maxwell must meet with league personnel during his suspension. A decision will then be made regarding his return to active status after 10 games have passed.