

Johnson close to taking over Miami job

■ **FOOTBALL:** Johnson looks to be the perfect successor to Don Shula

DAVIE, Fla. (AP) — Jimmy Johnson may be within a hair of becoming the Miami Dolphins' coach.

Johnson and owner Wayne Huizenga met to discuss the team's coaching vacancy for the first time Wednesday, and both reported progress toward an agreement.

"One of the big issues is Jimmy has to shave his head," joked

Huizenga, who is bald.

"And that's a big hang-up," replied Johnson, who sports a blow-dried crop.

Huizenga and Johnson met for four hours at the Dolphins' training camp, then emerged to offer a status report on negotiations. Their update only fueled speculation that the hiring of Johnson as Don Shula's successor is inevitable, probably by this week-end and possibly by Thursday.

"I feel very good about it," Johnson said. "I like the relationship that we've started."

"It seemed to be very cordial right from the very first moment we started talking," Huizenga said. "It seemed like we had an instant bonding."

Negotiations could still get hairy. Johnson is expected to command several million dollars a year and perhaps even part ownership.

But two forces give the negotiations momentum: The Dolphins job is the one Johnson wants, and Johnson is the coach Huizenga wants as the successor to Shula, who retired last week.

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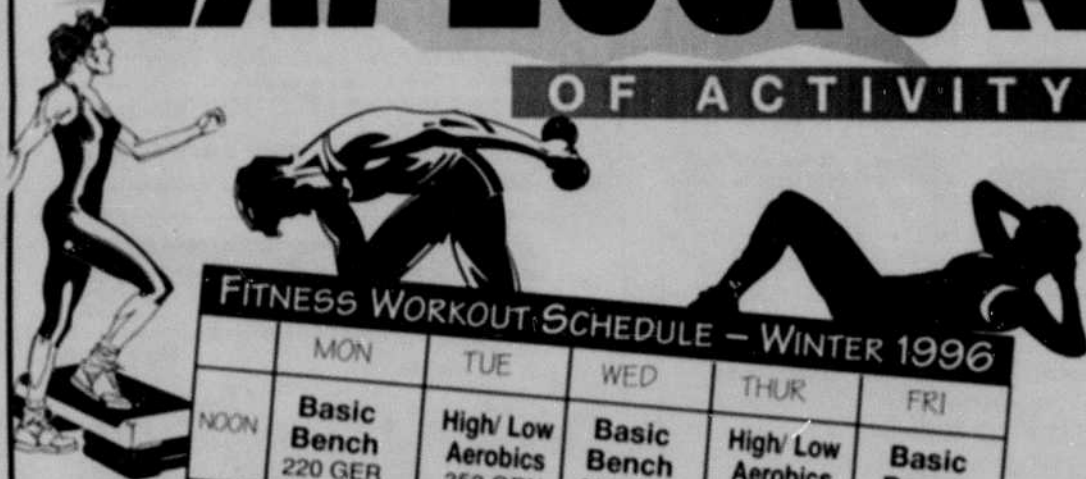
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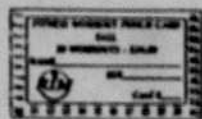
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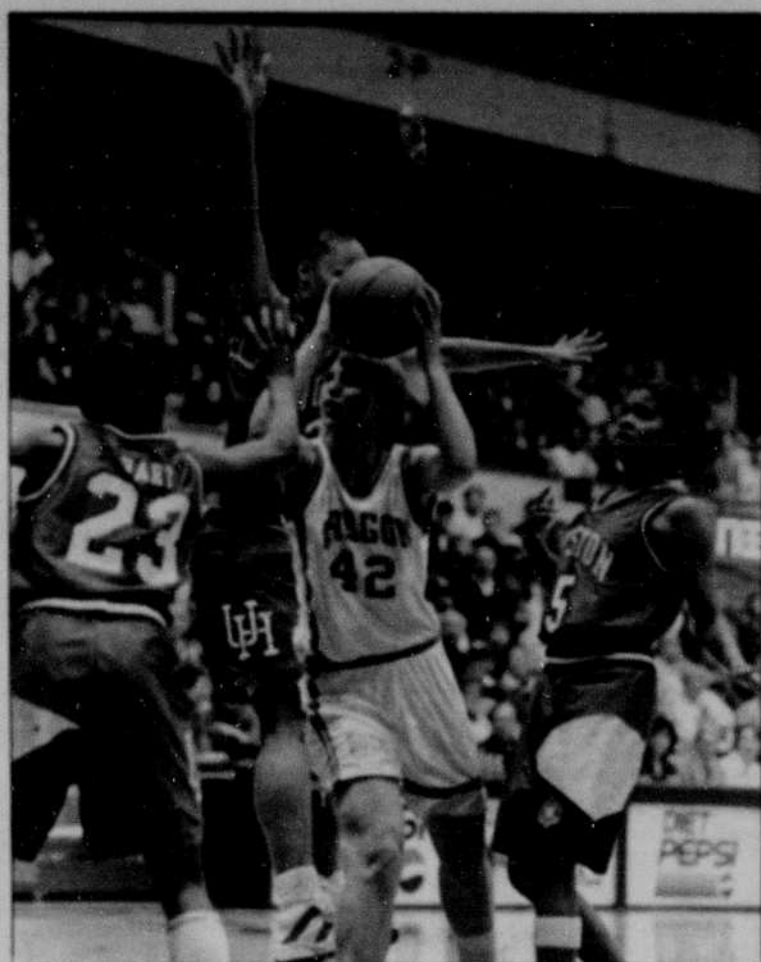


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Arianne Boyer's strong play as a Duck starting forward has been a key factor for the women's basketball team this season.

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court as a positive," Runge said. "I was really pleased with our defensive effort which give us a chance to be there with a shot to win it at the end."

While as a whole the Ducks have stepped up their defensive efforts, the two major role players for Oregon this season have been forward Arianne Boyer and center Renae Fegent. Boyer is averaging 18.2 points and 8.1 rebounds per game, while Fegent has all-around numbers of 13.1 points, 7.7 rebounds, 3.5 assists and 2.5 blocks per contest.

Runge feels that her team must regain its overall composure for this game because of its relevance to the Pac-10 schedule.

"I think we certainly need to win at Washington State and anything less than that would be very disappointing," Runge said.

Prior to returning home, the Ducks will play Washington on Saturday in Seattle.

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Pos.	Num.	Name	Ppg.
F	#32	Betty Ann Boeving	9.4
F	#42	Arianne Boyer	18.2
C	#43	Renae Fegent	13.1
G	#11	Lisa Bowyer	7.4
G	#21	Cindie Edamura	5.2

WASHINGTON ST

Pos.	Num.	Name	Ppg.
F	#15	Jenni Ruff	21.3
F	#31	Kristin Erickson	15.9
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