

Future Hall of Famer Dale Murphy shares past

by Jeff Adams
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One of the greatest athletes to ever come out of Oregon made a stop in the Rose City on Friday.

Portland native Dale Murphy made an appearance at Civic Stadium to help honor Portland State University head baseball coach Jack Dunn. On Friday, Dunn's Vikings defeated the University of Washington in Dunn's last game ever. Dunn started out at Wilson High School in Portland where he coached a young athlete named Dale Murphy. Murphy was on hand to throw out the first pitch before Friday's game. Following the pre-game festivities I had a chance to sit down and talk with one of baseball's all time greats.

Dale Murphy was born March 12, 1956 in Portland, Oregon. He later went on to star at Wilson High School. Murphy was then drafted by the Atlanta Braves. Murphy started out as a catcher, but that didn't last long as one day he tried throwing out a runner at second when he pegged his own pitcher in the head. That, among other things, resulted in a move to first base. That didn't work out either, and Murphy ended up in the outfield. The move to the outfield proved to be the correct one as Murphy stayed there for the rest of his career. Murphy's best years came in the early 1980's to the mid

1980's. In 1982, Murphy was named the National League's Most Valuable Player. He hit .281, with 168 hits, 36 home runs and 109 RBI. The Braves also won the National League West, but lost in the league playoffs. In 1983, Murphy came back and put up even better numbers resulting in his second MVP award. Murphy hit .302, with 178 hits, 36 home runs and 121 RBI. Murphy is one of only three men in Major League history to win back to back MVP awards. The others being Mike Schmidt in 80,81 and Barry Bonds in 92,93. Murphy said the back to back MVP's were his greatest memory of his career. "The back to back MVP's were probably the best, we also won and had a real good team which makes it a lot nicer."

Murphy continued his consistent play, as the Braves started to falter. In 1984, he hit .36 hr 's; in '85, he hit 37 h.r.'s; in '86, he hit 29 h.r.'s; and in '87, he hit his career high 44 dingers. All of those years Murphy was also named to the All-Star team. Murphy's batting average was definitely not his strong point as he struggled against right handed pitchers. "I didn't have a lot of success against right handers", Murphy said. His main rivals were a young J.R. Richard, Dwight Gooden, and Nolan Ryan. They

all seemed to get the better of Dale. But when Murphy struggled with his hitting he could always rely on his glove. He won five straight golden glove awards as one of the league's three best outfielders. He said that he always took pride in his fielding and base running. "It's easy for a player to get motivated about hitting, but sometimes not for the other things." For Murphy it was easy to get motivated for both. "Base running and fielding take a little more thinking, I always knew if I wasn't hitting I could go out and play good defense."

As the late eighties, and early nineties came around Dale started to struggle. Father Time was catching up with Murphy and the Braves were becoming the worst team in baseball. So on August 3, 1990, the Braves traded Dale Murphy along with Tommy Greene to the Philadelphia Phillies for Jeff Parrett, Jim Vatcher and Victor Rosario. Murphy's stay in Atlanta was over. Ironically, the Braves went from worst in 1990 to first in 1991! The Braves made the World Series, but lost to Minnesota in a seven game classic. Murphy missed his chance at the World Series by one year. When asked if Dale had any hard feelings towards Atlanta for the trade, he replied, "Not a lot of people know this, but I requested to be

traded. The team was in transition with a lot of young players and I was starting to decline so I went to them and said, "Why don't you just trade me." Not in a bad way but in a good way. When asked

about missing out on the World Series, Murphy said. "Pretty bad timing huh? I wish I could've been in the World Series. It sure would've been fun."

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In case you missed it

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Tuesday, May 17: Washington Bullies forward Don Maclean was named the NBA's Most Improved Player. The second year player out of UCLA improved his scoring average from 6.6 points per game to 18.2 points. Latrell Sprewell of Golden State finished a distant second.

Tuesday, May 17: Al Unser Sr. announced his retirement from auto racing. Unser is one of only three men to win the Indianapolis 500 four different times.

Thursday, May 19: Tennis star Jennifer Capriati announces that she is checking into a drug rehabilitation center in Florida. This happens just days after Capriati was arrested on marijuana possession.

Friday, May 20: Oregon St. pitcher Mason Smith was named Pac-10 northern division player of the year. The senior out of Beaverton led the Pac-10 north

in wins, innings pitched, and strike outs.

Sunday, May 22: The Milwaukee Bucks won the NBA lottery and were awarded the number one pick in the June draft. Dallas who again finished with the league's worst record got snubbed and received the second pick. The Bucks will likely take Purdue junior Glen Robinson. The Blazers have the number 17 pick.

Sunday, May 22: Ken Griffey Jr. of the Seattle Mariners tied Mickey Mantle's major league record for home runs in the first two months of a season. Griffey hit his record tying number 20 on Sunday against Texas. He has one week left to improve on the record, and he is on a pace to hit over 60 home runs for the season.

Wednesday, May 25: Celebrating a birthday today. K.C. Jones former NBA player, and coach is 64. (1932)

Hodges prepares tracksters for NWAACC title

Team captains Kevin Bartholomae, Toby Anselmo, Kristie Preiskorn, and Wendy Johnson are only a few of the Cougars' title contenders.

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The Clackamas track teams will prepare for the NWAACC with the same intensity and enthusiasm that led them to the Southern Regional titles. The Cougars will look to their appointed team captains for the leadership they will need to succeed at the conference meet.

The Clackamas men have won the NWAACC title the past four years while the women won the title in 1992 and finished a close third last year. Head Coach Mike Hodges still sees the Clark

men as the favorite even though his team defeated Clark at the regional meet. Hodges expects the men from Lane CC and Highline CC to contend for the title. Hodges sees his women to be in the title hunt right along with the teams from Bellevue, Clark and Lane.

Hodges expects the team captains, Kevin Bartholomae and Toby Anselmo for the men and Kristie Preiskorn and Wendy Johnson for the women, to bring the teams together during the most important meet of the year. Hodges said that these athletes are the



Leaders of the Pack Cindy Keene and Wendy Johnson lead the 5000 meters during the Southern Regional Title races on May 21. The Cougars will prepare for the Northwest Athletic Association of Community Colleges competition on Thursday and Friday. Keene and Johnson are two of the Cougars' hopeful contenders.

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representatives and leaders of the teams who work hard and care about the track program. Hodges also sees his captains as vital to the success of the teams.

Hodges sees possible title contenders for the men to be: Jason West (800m), Kevin Bartholomae (1500m), Mike Hickey and Jason Mottaz (5000m and 10000m), Leo Sanders (3000 steeplechase), Ryan Clay (110

High Hurdles), Mike Thompson (400 Hurdles), Evan Vuksich (long jump and triple jump), Kris Long (shot put and hammer), Dave Island (javelin) and Craig Connors (pole vault). Hodges also expects these women to be in the run for individual titles: Kami Sisk (100m, 200m, and 100 high hurdles), Wendy Johnson (800m, 1500m, 3000m), Cindy Keene (3000m, 5000m, 10,000m),

Vickie Robbins (triple jump) and Karissa Skarberg and Meredith Case (shot put and discus).

Hodges sees the key of the meet to be the leadership of the captains and the attitude of the team. With the conference meet coming up on Thursday and Friday at Lewis and Clark College in Portland, Hodges sees his team to be focused and ready to go.