

Racing against time for a cure

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Imagine the adrenaline going through your body because you know that you're helping find a cure and fight for the cause.

On Sept. 23, 43,000 Oregonians experienced this exact feeling, having participated in the 16th Annual Susan G. Komen Portland Race for the Cure.

The race consists of a five-mile walk and a five-mile run.

This year, Portland was able to reach its goal of raising \$3 million.

Kyle Chambers, who organized the race, attributed its success to having "a great team of local volunteers, donors and sponsors that continually provide a tremendous amount

of support to Komen." Chambers added that so many people are willing to do the race because "Oregon and Washington are number one and two in the country for breast cancer incidence. So, due to the high incidence in the Northwest, the community is more inclined to participate."

It doesn't stop there. Festivities for the cause start the weekend before the event. The Friday and Saturday before the race, there is an annual health expo to help people learn valuable information, and to bring some fun to the gloomy topic of cancer.

The expo includes food, games, raffles and memorabilia to help support the Susan G. Komen Foundation.

In addition, Portland offers support by having a cancer-

survivor luncheon before the race.

Following the race, participants can head over to the after-party.

This year, the after-party took place in the Pearl District, and included a fashion show.

LIVESTRONG Challenge

On Sept. 30, a man who has lived a particularly strong life visited the Nike headquarters in Beaverton.

It was none other than Lance Armstrong.

Armstrong came to Portland to support his LIVESTRONG Challenge

Foundation. He was diagnosed with advanced testicular cancer 11 years ago, on Oct. 2, and has a soft spot for Oregon, having been treated at OHSU for some time.

On the 30th, 2,500 people participated and volunteered in the day's activities, which brought in more than \$1.6 million for cancer research.

Something for everyone

Not even the rain on the morning of Oct. 7 stopped 9,000 Oregonians from gathering in downtown Portland for a 26-

mile marathon.

This marathon is known as the Portland Marathon.

It isn't your typical marathon. The race includes a five-mile race and a "kiddy" race, and if you don't like to run, you are also allowed to walk.

The winners for this year's Portland Marathon were a man from San Jose, Calif. and a woman from Tokyo.

To make the experience more enjoyable, 70 entertainers were featured throughout the course. Participants had the opportunity to attend an after-party and receive a free massage.

However, the best part of the day was perhaps the realization of having helped many

non-profit organizations.

Get involved

If you wish to get involved in your state, these marathons are a great way to become an advocate. Even if you aren't an athlete, you can always volunteer.

Remember: The best way to live a strong life is to get involved.

Too much to eat for Thanksgiving?
Run it off
in the Seattle Marathon
on Nov. 25.



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Participants in the Portland Marathon cross the starting line Oct. 7. 9,000 people turned out to run despite the weather problems. Oregon and Washington rank number one and two in the nation for breast cancer patients.

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*With hopes dashed,
will the Blazers
land on their feet?*

Andrea Simpson
Sports Editor

The Portland Trail Blazers were once a mighty force to be reckoned with.

Think of the Blazers of yesteryear: Clyde Drexler, Bill Walton and Buck Williams.

This year, we added to that great list with the addition of the number one draft pick, Greg Oden.

However promising Oden may have been, Trail Blazer fans were delivered the heartbreaking news that he would not play his rookie year due to a serious knee injury.

Blazer fans, listen closely: Put down the sharp objects, step away and take a deep breath.

Let's face it: Even with 2006 Rookie of the Year Brandon Roy and Greg Oden, the Trail Blazers probably weren't going to win the championship.

This year was all about team-building - developing chemistry between old

players and new, as well as developing the young players like LaMarcus Aldridge. Oden may have contributed to that, but by no means was he going to be the savior of the Trail Blazers.

With the news of Oden being sidelined for the season, some have started to compare him to former Blazer Sam Bowie. Bowie was picked by the Blazers over Michael Jordan in the 1984 NBA Draft. He then proceeded to have multiple injuries for four seasons, before he eventually tucked his tail between his legs and slunk off to play for the New Jersey Nets where, ironically enough, he had a fairly good career.

Bowie has been giving interviews to multiple news sources about Greg Oden, saying how much guilt athletes have when they are sidelined for an injury. He has stated that he can understand the shared sense of embarrassment that comes from being paid to sit and watch your teammates play due to serious injury.

In my opinion, that is where the comparison between Oden and Bowie ends. Bowie was plagued with multiple injuries that stemmed from his college days at the University of Kentucky. Although Oden did have a minor wrist injury last year, the knee injury seems to be an isolated incident.

I think Oden is more like

Amare Stoudemire, who underwent microfracture surgery after the 2005 NBA Playoffs. During the '05-'06 season, he played sporadically, but with no remarkable games. However, he made a comeback as he was All-NBA first team selection for the 2006-2007 season.

Both Stoudemire and Oden are young and should have completely successful careers post-injury.

So, Portland fans, come down off the ledge, turn on the tube and support your Blazers sans-Oden, because next season he will be back with a roaring vengeance.

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