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2006 Dodge Charger R/T

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The 2006 Dodge Charger is the latest in a remarkably long line of certain hits from the Chrysler Group. The new Charger has all the necessary ingredients, from an impres-

sive line of engines to state-of-the-art electronic technology, to the right mix of suspension and wheel-and-tire compo entry, to standout styling. The Chrysler Group has done a great job of bringing back the muscle car era in its model lineup. The 2006 Dodge Charger is a fun

drive, especially considering its size. Make no mistake, at more than 16 feet in length and tipping the scales near two tons, this is no sporty coupe. It's a big, heavy, full-size sedan. The V8's most advanced and socially responsible feature, a multi-displacement system that

conserves fuel by shutting down four cylinders when they're not needed to maintain the car's momentum, is invisible. The V8 engine delivers power smoothly. The Charger handled well along the winding, two-lane roads around the coastal range of Oregon.



Tested Vehicle Information: Price: \$36,640; Engine: 5.7L Hemi Multi-Displacement; Transmission: Five speed automatic.

SPORTS

Boxing Great Patterson Remembered

Undersized heavyweight won title at age 21

Floyd Patterson was small for a heavy-weight, but that never stopped him from taking on the giants of his time. Good enough to become the first two-time heavyweight champion of the world, he wasn't big enough to avoid taking beatings from Muhammad Ali and Sonny Liston.

Patterson died Thursday at his home in New Paltz, N.Y., at the age of 71. He had Alzheimer's disease for about eight years and prostate cancer, nephew Sherman Patterson said.

Patterson's career was marked by historic highs and humiliating lows.

He emerged from a troubled childhood in Brooklyn to win the Olympic middleweight championship in 1952.

In 1956, the undersized heavyweight became at age 21 the youngest man to win the title with a fifth-round knockout of Archie Moore.

But three years later, Patterson was knocked down seven times in the third round in losing the title to Ingemar Johansson at the Polo Grounds in New York City.



Floyd Patterson strikes a pose in 1960.

Patterson returned with a vengeance at the same site in 1960, knocking out Johansson with a tremendous left hook to retake the title.

"They said I was the fighter who got knocked down the most, but I also got up the most," Patterson said later.

He fought Ali in 1965, lasting until the 12th round despite taking a beating from the champion, who was angry because Patterson called him by his given name, Cassius Clay.

During the fight, Ali toyed with Patterson, peppering him with jabs and right hands, all the time asking, "What's my name?"

Former Ali business manager Gene Kilroy said the two reconciled in the early 1970s when Patterson came up to Ali while he was eating and said, "Hello, Muhammad Ali." They embraced and remained friendly after that.

"Ali always thought he was a real nice guy," Kilroy said.

Patterson's last fight was also against Ali, who stopped him on cuts and swelling on his face in the seventh round in 1972.

Overall, Patterson finished 55-8-1 with 40 knockouts. He was inducted into the International Boxing Hall of Fame in 1991.

A memorial service is scheduled for Saturday, May 27 in Albany, N.Y.



Detroit Pistons' Rasheed Wallace pleads his case with referee Bennett Salvatore while Cleveland Cavaliers' Eric Snow claims possession in the NBA playoff game Monday, in Cleveland. (AP photo)

Cleveland Ties Series at 2-2

(AP) — Rasheed Wallace's right ankle was heavily taped. Maybe his mouth should have been, too.

Wallace's perfect record of predicting Detroit playoff victories was snapped Monday when LeBron James scored 22 points and the Cleveland Cavaliers dug deep on defense to beat the Pistons 74-72, evening their second-round series at 2-2.

"Everybody was counting us out," James said. "Even people in our own backyard were counting us out. That's extra motivation for us. We don't listen to nobody."

Following Detroit's loss in Game 3, Wallace had pledged the Pistons would not only win Game 4, but that the Cavaliers would be playing in front of their fans for the last time this season Monday night.

He was doubly wrong. The Cavaliers, employing Piston-style defense and getting big shots from everyone, are back in a series that began lopsided and is as tight as it can be. For the second straight game, Cleveland won a low-scoring defensive struggle - the kind of game that has typified Detroit for years.

3-on-3 Tournament Set

The Vancouver hunger and housing organization Share and the Mavericks Sports Club will host Hoops on the River, a two-day, 3-on-3 basketball benefit on Saturday, Aug. 19 and Sunday, Aug. 20 at Vancouver Landing, located just west of the Red Lion Hotel at the Quay along the Columbia River.

The tournament will raise money for Share clients and programs, as well as raise money to start a scholarship program for low-income kids to play league sports or attend sports camps.

Team divisions include: adults, youth, wheelchair and Special Olympics. Volunteers are also needed to assist at this event, including score-

keepers, game timers, beverage runners, block captains, litter and recycling patrol, water sales, referees and individuals to assist with set-up and tear-down.

Registration forms and information on volunteering are available at: www.sharevancouver.org/events/hoops-on-the-river. For more information, contact Susan Oberst, Director of Volunteers, at 360-750-4436, extension 309.

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