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Tarpley returns to Mavericks Star forward refuses comment on drug problem

DALLAS (AP) — Dallas Mavericks forward Roy Tarpley — who missed 49 games and lost \$784,000 while undergoing treatment for a cocaine-related suspension — officially returned to the team Wednesday, but refused to talk about his drug problem.

Tarpley practiced, underwent a physical, and was available to play in Wednesday night's game against Phoenix at Reunion Arena.

He issued a prepared statement in a press conference then left all questions to Dr. Dave Lewis, who directed his aftercare treatment at ASAP Family Treatment Center, Van Nuys, Calif.

"It's good to be back," said Tarpley, winner of the NBA's 1988 Sixth Man award. "My number one priority is my personal recovery. I don't want it to be a big deal or the whole show."

With that, Tarpley hugged Dr. Lewis and left.

Tarpley, 24, wouldn't comment on his aftercare or how he became involved in cocaine.

He was interviewed in late March by Dallas police about buying cocaine from the lieutenants of an interstate drug ring whose leader was

found slain in Dallas County. No charges were filed.

Assistant District Attorney Cecil Emerson said Tarpley also was questioned about how he foiled the NBA's drug testing program by submitting false "clean" urine samples.

Tarpley has two strikes against him and a third violation could lead to his suspension from the NBA for at least two years.

Dr. Lewis said Tarpley's aftercare program includes observed urine samples two or three times per week.

"Roy at this point needs to go out and have more responsibility and freedom and we'll see how he handles it," Dr. Lewis said. "That's why we brought him back with six games to go."

Dr. Lewis said: "We don't know if Roy is going to make it. This is not an exact science. As (comedian) Richard Pryor said, 'Cocaine is a cunning and baffling disease.'"

Tarpley was suspended Jan. 5 by the NBA for violating the provisions of the league's drug-treatment program. He had sought treatment for cocaine and alcohol abuse after the 1986-87 season.

"I think Roy is doing wonderfully," Dr. Lewis said. "I think Roy is a wonderful, nice person. We just

need to observe him over the next six games and see how he handles it, including life on the road."

Norm Sonju, general manager of the Mavericks, said Tarpley was a changed person.

"I sense real changes in Roy over his other problem times," Sonju said. "This time I sense in him an enthusiasm and responsibility toward his problem areas that I didn't sense before. He really believes in his (aftercare) program. He's converted. I do like what I'm seeing."

Tarpley replaces injured center James Donaldson in the Mavericks lineup.

Dallas, the NBA's leading rebounding team last year, went into Wednesday night's meeting with Phoenix having been outrebounded a club-record 16 consecutive games.

The Mavs were 17-31 after Tarpley was suspended. Tarpley was averaging 18 points and 12 rebounds per game before he left the team.

O'Neill leads Cincinnati past Astros

HOUSTON (AP) — Paul O'Neill exceeded his expectations in the ninth inning on Wednesday.

"I was just looking for a pitch I could hit hard and get out of the infield so we could get a run," he said.

Instead, O'Neill hit a three-run double to left-center field that rallied Cincinnati past Houston, 3-1.

"I'm just glad I fell in," said O'Neill, who had three hits in four at-bats. "It was a basic fastball that moved about a foot. It came back into me."

Astros starter Rick Rhoden and reliever Larry Andersen had combined on a five-hit shutout over eight innings before Dave Smith started the ninth.

Eric Davis led off the ninth with a single off Smith, 0-1, and advanced to third when first baseman Glenn Davis made a two-base throwing error on Kal Daniels' grounder.

After Todd Benzinger was intentionally walked by Smith, Juan Agosto came on and yielded O'Neill's bases-clearing double to left-center field.

"Agosto's got me out so many times I guess I was just due to get one off him," O'Neill said.

The Astros have lost all three of their three-game series to start the season.

"We've been playing some good baseball but we always seem to mess up for one inning," Astros second baseman Bill Doran said. "We're going to be okay."

Rob Dibble, 1-0, pitched one inning for the victory and John Franco retired the side in the ninth for his third save.

"Anytime you come back with three in the ninth to win on the road, you've got to be happy," Reds manager Pete Rose said. "Our relief pitchers were just better than theirs. Both starters deserved to win."

Ken Caminiti doubled to left field with two out in the Astros' second and scored on Alex Trevino's single off Jose Rijo.

Rhoden allowed only one base runner past first base. He walked one and struck out one before he was relieved by Andersen.

"I was happy when they took Rhoden out because he was handcuffing us," Rose said.

O'Neill singled in his first two at-bats. He stole second in the second inning and was caught stealing in the fourth.

All-time ring great Robinson dies at 67

CULVER CITY, Calif. (AP) — Sugar Ray Robinson, whose name and style spawned a generation of imitators, died Wednesday, remembered as the real "Sugar Ray," the best fighter pound-for-pound who ever lived.

Robinson, who held both the world welterweight and middleweight titles, died after a long illness at the age of 67. Although details were not immediately available, Robinson had been reported to be suffering from Alzheimer's disease as well as diabetes and hypertension.

Robinson retired from boxing in 1965 after a record of 175-19-6 with 110 knockouts. He won the vacant world welterweight title on Dec. 20, 1946, with a 15-round decision over Tommy Bell and never lost a fight to a welterweight the rest of his career.

"Generations of fighters copied his style, including Muhammad Ali," said Archie Moore, former light heavyweight champion and a friend for nearly 50 years. "Ali got a lot of his style from Robinson. We'll all miss him. I know I'll miss him."

Robinson won the middleweight title when he stopped Jake LaMotta in the 13th round on Feb. 14, 1951, in Chicago. When he met LaMotta, his record was already 119-1-2.

Perhaps his most memorable rivalry was with Gene Fullmer, whom he beat only once in four meetings. He lost the middleweight title to Fullmer on Jan. 2, 1957, on a 15-round decision, then regained it on May 1 in Chicago with one of the most famous one-punch knockouts in boxing history, ending that fight in the fifth round.

He and Fullmer fought to a draw on Dec. 3, 1960, and he lost a 15-round decision to Fullmer on March 4, 1961 in Las Vegas.

"He was a good fighter, probably one of the best," Fullmer said. "He was rangy. He was fast, quick and smart."

"I always admired him and appreciated the fact that he gave me the chance to win the championship. He was a classy fighter."

Former heavyweight champion Larry Holmes, reached by telephone in Philadelphia, described Robinson

as a pioneer and "the greatest little fighter that I've known."

Said Holmes: "A lot of times people say Muhammad Ali was the greatest of all time. He was the greatest of his time. Larry Holmes was the greatest of his time. Mike Tyson is the greatest of his time."

"Sugar Ray Robinson was the man, along with Joe Louis. Those two guys opened the door for the rest of us. Anytime you get into a conversation about old-time greats, those are the two people everyone talks about."

Los Angeles County coroner's spokesman Bob Dambacher said Robinson was pronounced dead at 10:09 a.m. at Brotman Memorial. "It appears to be of natural causes," he said.

The coroner's office was involved because it had been some time since Robinson had seen his private physician, Dambacher said.

"We will be investigating the circumstances surrounding his demise and taking care of the cause and manner of death," he said. "It does not appear at this time there will be an autopsy. We will know more tomorrow."

Judy Davis, spokesman at Brotman Memorial, said Robinson was brought to the hospital's emergency room by paramedics at 9:55 a.m., along with his wife Millie.

Davis declined to describe his symptoms.

"His family called paramedics this morning, they brought him in," she said. "We can't comment beyond that."

In Las Vegas, boxing promoter Bob Arum said Robinson had been in poor health for some time.

"Sugar Ray Robinson was the greatest boxer that ever lived," Arum said.

"Number one, he could box like (Sugar Ray) Leonard or Ali. Tremendous reflexes, great movement. He also had the power of a Tommy Hearn and he was a complete fighter. Every aspect of boxing — defense, offense, movement — Ray Robinson possessed. He was the complete fighter."

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Kitten described Church's position as strong.

"Anything that placed worship on any religious group is a replacement of a source of good. Obviously be wrong. I'm in an extreme way only the replacement of God, but of evil in the world."

It is the ultimate Dale Culberthson, the Bryan Police's isolated reports of occultism and the occult reported in the area of the occult cows, fires and occult symbols on buildings.

Three years ago school students were on the Texas A&M University Police for a ceremony and a ceremony.

Bob Wiatt, director of University Police, said the ceremony when on the scene. Police materials, including daggers, robes and

Wiley

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Jonah filled in for General Javier Pe who was scheduled to attend the trials in Namibia.

"People many times the United Nations attitude toward the situation in the Middle East."

"Unless there changes on all sides (once more to peace)," he said.

Jonah said the U.S. policy of opposing the territory.

"It's a long tradi-

Bradley

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questions.

"He agreed to give for the interview."

"This isn't your first time? And I said, 'Never telling the truth is a lie — it was because I didn't have a career.'"

After working more than three years to move to work as a CBS station reporter — year. When he worked in New York in 1971, CBS desk job in New York Bradley's flippant change his career.

"When I came to realize that I had this business all of it all the way," he said to New York and editor of CBS.

"I wanted to live with me. He said he didn't have any money. He said he didn't have a desk job."

"I was not enamored at the time. I was the worst place in the world," he said. "New York? Vietnam than in New York."

"He looked at me and you volunteering?"

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