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Ofentimes, the wearing of a David Robinson jersey will get you inadvertently posted up on your way to the library. You'd better practice on your jump hook before venturing outside your apartment.

4) Don't fall victim to the theory that you inherit that player's athletic ability by donning his jersey.

This is an area that I have fallen victim to many a time, especially on the basketball court.

If I'm wearing Robert Horry's jersey, shouldn't I be able to throw down tomahawk jams and drain 25-foot three-pointers?

Of course not! Putting on a piece of fabric doesn't change the fact that I'm a slow white guy with Bob Dole's knees. It gets even worse when I take batting practice wearing my vintage Braves' Hank Aaron jersey. Suddenly, I'm convinced that by swinging as hard as possible, I can take the ball out of Bee Creek Park into the Andy Anderson Arboretum. Instead, I find myself face down in the home plate dirt, writhing in pain while I try to count how many muscles I have torn.

Reality bites.

NEW YORK (AP) — Darryl Strawberry's third comeback began quietly, both on and off the field.

There were no bombastic pronouncements of monster seasons. And there were no hits, either.

Playing in the major leagues for the first time since last September, Strawberry went 0-for-4 Sunday in the New York Yankees' 4-1 loss to the Milwaukee Brewers. He lined out once, grounded out twice and flied out to the warning track in the ninth inning.

"They were hacks and they were good," he said. "It just felt good to be back."

Maybe after all the tumult —

the cocaine use, the tax evasion conviction, the failure to pay child support and allegations of wife beating — the 34-year-old outfielder finally has turned his life around.

"I think St. Paul was a very humbling experience for me," he said before the game, back in the glare of minicams and photographers' flashes. "It allowed me to find out who I am as a person. It allowed me to have

pride. It showed me baseball was fun again."

Strawberry has made as much news off the field in recent years as he has for his baseball.

Just the other day there was a child-support hearing in Los Angeles. He gave his ex-wife, Lisa, his \$260,000 signing bonus with the Yankees and owes \$240,000 more in child support.

"Everybody talks about the child support I owe her," he said. "They never give me credit for the \$3 1/2 million I've paid her."

Earlier in the day, he said he hoped to set an example.

"I feel that the fans should be



STRAWBERRY

Strawberry hitless in first game back

WIMBLEDON, England (AP) — Known until now only infamously at Wimbledon for a chauvinistic wisecrack, Richard Krajicek achieved a more lasting and significant fame Sunday on Centre Court when he seized his first Grand Slam title.

The first Dutch player to capture a major championship, and the second unseeded player ever to win Wimbledon, Krajicek dealt out 14 aces, punishing overheads and zipping passing shots to beat American MaliVai Washington 6-3, 6-4, 6-3.

The match, between two players who had lost in the opening round the past two years, didn't equal that first flourish of excitement. Though Krajicek played well and Washington tried hard, there were too many starts and stops for either of them

to get into the flow and produce the kind of majestic tennis that occasionally has been seen in men's finals.

The match lasted 1 hour, 33 minutes of playing time, but took 4 hours to complete because of all the rain.

Krajicek, at 6-foot-5 the tallest Wimbledon champion in 50 years, took advantage of his imposing height and recently beefed-up body to dominate Washington from the net and the baseline. Krajicek didn't reach the level he showed in beating three-time defending champion Pete Sampras in the quarterfinals and 1991 champion Michael Stich in the fourth round.

On this day, it wasn't necessary.

It was the first Wimbledon final between two unseeded play-

ers, and Krajicek, 24, became the only unseeded champion beside Boris Becker in 1985. The business of being unseeded, though, deserves an asterisk. Krajicek came into the tournament ranked No. 13, and got pushed out of the seedings because of his past failures here. When Thomas Muster, seeded No. 7 despite a No. 2 ranking, dropped out due to injury, Krajicek was slipped into his spot as a sort of shadow 17th seed.

"I think next year I might get a seed," Krajicek said with a wry smile.

On Sunday, one of those watching at Centre Court was former Dutch great Tom Okker, who lost in the final of the 1968 U.S. Open to Arthur Ashe. Washington was the first black men's finalist at Wimbledon since Ashe won in 1975.

Krajicek's victory was a breakthrough for him after getting only as far as the semifinals in two previous Grand Slam events — the Australian Open in 1992 and French Open in 1993. He never quite made it into the elite ranks, but his victory ensures that he will move back into the top 10. He had been ranked as high as No. 8 in 1993.

Krajicek dropped to his knees, his arms in the air, his fists clenched and a look of disbelief on his face — then he fell over backward.

"I was unbelievably happy, and then when I did (fall over) I felt, 'Is the match really over?'" he said. "For a split second I thought, 'Am I making a fool of myself?' But then nobody started laughing too much, so I thought I won."

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Krajicek becomes first Dutchman to win Wimbledon

Female streaker bares all on Centre Court

WIMBLEDON, England (AP) — A young female streaker, wearing a big smile and little else, pranced across Centre Court moments before Sunday's men's Wimbledon final.

The woman, identified only as a 23-year-old student from London, climbed over a barrier at one end of the court and then dashed the length of its periphery — passing in front of finalists Richard Krajicek and MaliVai Washington as they posed near the net for photographs.

The streaker was topless and wore only a tiny maid's apron, which she lifted up. She was quickly escorted off the court near the Royal Box by two policemen.

Both players broke into laughter, as did most of the 14,000 fans.

Washington paused a moment and then doubled over trying to contain his laughter. Walking back to the baseline to begin his warmup, the American lifted up his tennis shirt to bare his own chest and received a large ovation.

The woman was taken to Wimbledon police station where she was due to be held until the end of the match.

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Braves tomahawk chop Astros, 9-1

Maddux allows seven hits in five innings but Houston strands five

ATLANTA (AP) — Fred McGriff hit his first homer in 16 days and Greg Maddux won for the fourth time in five starts as the Atlanta Braves routed the Astros 9-1 Sunday.

McGriff's homer was his 20th of the season, the 10th year in a row he has reached that level.

Maddux (9-6), going to the

sixth with Atlanta comfortably ahead on a blistering afternoon.

Rookie Donne Wall (6-1) lost for the first time since he was called up from the minors May 14, lasting only three innings in his shortest start of the season.

Wildness was his biggest problem as he walked four and barely threw more strikes (37) than balls (34).

He came out after the

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