Cautionary tales of jock love

Getting involved with a celebrity athlete can be dangerous—and hilarious

Paul Howe

How can any athlete's spousal affairs top that of Kobe Bryant? The biggest sports scandal of the summer of '03 was Bryant's alleged rape of a hotel worker in Eagle. Cindy Taub, who styled herself a socialite and appeared repeatedly on prescription medications—Kissed Bryant on the cheek and admitted to hacking into Bryant's computer and reading his e-mails. This story ended badly for all involved except those of us who got to read about it. These two have been through a lot, stemming back to 1996 to 1997, when Bryant was arrested for driving under the influence and had a one-year jail sentence. While the couple continued to be together, many wondered if their relationship was over.

Robin Collum

Nothing epitomizes the meaning of a relationship more than the story of Kobe Bryant and Vanessa Lopes, a relationship that was so fascinating. Kobe, a wide receiver who has played in both the NFL and CFL, and Lopes, whose music was on the band T.I.C. went multi-platinum, were involved off and on throughout the NFL, creating headlines for the entire length of time. In 1999, Bryant was arrested for assaulting her after an incident in a Georgia parking lot where he is said to have hit her and fired a gun. It's what happened the next year that earned the most headlines, however. Lopes, angry that Kobe had been cleaning her car, threw a fire extinguisher at the driver while the car was moving. The couple continued to be together, and many wondered if their relationship was over.

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