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Getting To Know The Newest Vikings: Women's Hoops Lariel Powell



Lariel Powell with Vikings Head Coach Sherri Murrell at an awards ceremony at Bishop O'Dowd High in May.

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This summer GoViks.com will runs a series of Q&A features with incoming freshmen and transfer student athletes that will be joining the Portland State athletics family in the fall.

Today's feature is on [Lariel Powell](#), an incoming women's basketball player. Powell is a 5-foot-8 guard from Hayward, Calif. She helped Bishop O'Dowd High School to their first ever CIF Northern Section regional final in 2010-11 as the Dragons went 25-8 and finished second in the California Division III state tournament. She averaged 8.4 points, 3.0 rebounds, 2.4 assists and 1.6 steals as a senior to earn honorable mention All-Metro honors from *The San Francisco Chronicle*.

GoViks.com: What were the deciding factors in you choosing to attend Portland State?

Lariel Powell: The main reasons I choose Portland State was the team is amazing and the campus is beautiful.

GoViks.com: What is your first memory of Portland State and why?

LP: My first memory of Portland state was going to open gym and being terrified to play with the team because I was afraid I was going to mess up.



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What went through your head when the Vikings offered you a scholarship?

LP: I don't think Coach Sherri knows what she's getting herself into.



Lariel Powell

GoViks.com: Are you excited to jump up to the collegiate level? Have you had the chance to watch many collegiate games? And what are the biggest differences you have seen between high school and college?

LP: I'm really excited to play at the collegiate level with a team that is as successful as the Vikings. I do watch a lot of collegiate games, boys and girls. I think the biggest difference between high school and college is the speed of the game.

GoViks.com: What are you doing now to train for your freshman season? Are you playing at all?

LP: I am trying to stay on track with the workout schedule with my old high school coach and I play in the open gyms with my high school team and alumni.

GoViks.com: What were your feelings the day you signed your National Letter of Intent? What was the experience like for you and your family?

LP: When I signed I was just excited and my family was a very proud bunch that day.

GoViks.com: What are the strengths you will bring to the team next year?

LP: I think that I have a quick first step and play well on defense because of my long arms.

GoViks.com: Have you had a chance to tour Portland much? What are some of your favorite things about the city? Any particular restaurants or sites that have stood out?

LP: I was surprised with the many things that Portland had to offer but Pioneer Place is somewhere I look forward to going to frequently.

GoViks.com: What has been the most influential person in your life and why?

LP: My grandma because she supports me through everything I choose to do and taught me to never give up.

GoViks.com: What are some of your hobbies and interests?

LP: Shopping, sleeping, eating Goldfish, and playing basketball.

GoViks.com: What is one thing Portland State fans should know about you?

LP: I enjoy long walks on the beach.

GoViks.com: Do you have any nicknames?

LP: Pumpkin, Cookie, Lo Lo, Laris

GoViks.com: Who is your favorite professional athlete and why?

LP: Derrick Rose because he is an all around great player.

GoViks.com: Who is your favorite professional team and why?

LP: My team has to be the Golden State Warriors because I've always been a fan, and as soon we get a post player we will start winning again.



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