



THE HIGH EXPECTATIONS FOUNDATION

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DARIUS "BOOGIE" REYNOLDS JR.

PLAYER SPOTLIGHT

Georgia Fire has a reputation of recruiting and shaping phenomenal players. This month, our spotlight player is Darius Reynolds Jr. The power-forward, nicknamed "Boogie", has been making waves in the Southeast Basketball Circuit. Once the 6th leading scorer in the 17u Division of Ryze Hoops Tip Off Tournament [stats via @swishalloops], and one of the Top Rebounders in the Prep Hoops Tip Off Classic, Boogie is currently what the coaches of Georgia Fire Premier describe as the poster child for the High Expectations Foundation and other programs like it. Check out some of the press for Darius [here](#), including an interview with the rising star who has

received his first college offer.

Darius' basketball journey didn't start off spectacularly. When Darius first started with Georgia Fire, there were some definite challenges. Coaches Ronald Porter, Cameron Clayton and Chris Burnett worked with him to overcome serious limitations, working through the models outlined by Georgia Fire Basketball and the High Expectation Foundation. **"Our focus is the expansion of the complete person and their character, not just the athlete" - Georgia Fire Basketball description.**



Now, you can catch Darius thriving on the court, getting some of the best stats for his team, off court, giving props to his teammates like Ashton Brown.

Darius' success is an inspiration to many and his success is due in part to contributions that help keep programs like Georgia Fire running smoothly. With your generous donations, High Expectations Foundation can expand and recruit more players with interesting histories and help them excel, both on and off the court, keeping them involved and networking with agencies created for their betterment. Georgia Fire is just one of the amazing programs that is within the High Expectations Foundations scope of philanthropic efforts. To learn more about our other programs, check out our website [here](#). To learn more about Georgia Fire Basketball, please use the link at the end of this newsletter.





COACH'S TAKE

- featuring Coach Alejandra Anderson of Lady Fire with an express focus on Professional Scandals and How They Impact Our Ability to Prepare Our Upcoming Youth for Potential Adversities

Undertaking the navigation of the professional sports circuit is truly a task, especially when conveying to youth certain pitfalls to avoid. In the modern age of direct social media, it can be difficult to discern which issues need to be addressed, when and *how* they should be addressed as well. America in general is made of many different cultures and backgrounds, and the line of morality is toed, and diced up by the court of public opinions, driven by personal experiences, but also whether or not it can sustain a consumer's ever changing mind. In light of the recent events regarding two high profile persons and *infidelity*, we speak with Coach Alejandra for the Lady Fire team, to gain perspective on professional scandals and what is being done on a micro-level to combat or even encourage beliefs on how to approach adversities as they present themselves. See a portion of the interview below or [click here](#) to read the expanded interview.

I: How long have you been with the team?

Coach Alejandra: I started with the Georgia Lady Fire my Junior Summer, going into my Senior Year, so that was my first season with them. And then I came back as a coach, and this upcoming season will be my 3rd year coaching.

I: Approximately, how many girls do you coach per season?

Coach Alejandra: On the lowest 12, the most 20

I: That's a lot!

Coach Alejandra: Yea.

I: Being a coach, you know you're like a mentor to the girls, and probably some of the guys as well. So for this particular article, we wanted to get your opinion about what happened recently with the NBA Coach, Nia Long, and one of the staff members of his team. I dont have the details in front of me. I assume you've heard about it, and I wanted to get your opinion about how professional scandals impact our ability to prepare the upcoming youth for potential adversity. Basically that dude is getting slandered in the public eye and how do you address situations like this with your players? [READ MORE HERE](#)



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GEORGIA FIRE OCTOBER PARENT SPOTLIGHT - REBECCA HOCKADAY



Georgia Fire is known for being an influential program. A basketball team has necessary components that aren't just limited to coaches, players and team staff. Participants' families play a huge role in ensuring that the program flows smoothly. We have heard players and coaches who've described how the Georgia Fire team is more like family than just a team.

We caught up with a Georgia Fire Basketball Mom, Rebecca Hockaday, and gained insight on her experience within the team since joining!

Rebecca Hockaday is parent to Senior Logan Hockaday and future Georgia Fire Player, Grayson Hockaday.

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