



Rohanee scores the Deadly for Female Sportsperson of the Year.

It was only three years ago that promising young basketballer Rohanee Cox was on the brink of early retirement after she suffered a career-threatening knee injury.

After a knee reconstruction and plenty of soul searching, Rohanee made a comeback to the hardwood floor after a two year hiatus and soon had her career back on track, starring for Townsville Fire in the WNBL and gaining selection with the Australian Opals.

While she has been nominated for a Deadly Award before, this was Rohanee's first Deadly win and a very well deserved one at that, after overcoming some significant obstacles to reignite her career.

While Rohanee was unable to make it on the night, she sent a pre-recorded thank you message from New Zealand, where she was playing with the Opals in the Oceania Championships. A cheerful Rohanee gave a big thanks to all those who voted for her and have supported her during her career.



The Deadly Awards are Australia's national Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander music, sport, entertainment and community awards. This issue of *Deadly Vibe* magazine is all about the 2007 Deadly Awards, when people from all over Australia get together to celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander achievement.

This year, WNBL Townsville Fire basketball star Rohanee Cox won the Deadly Award for Female Sportsperson of the Year.

ACTIVITY 1: READ *SHINING OPAL* ON PAGE 11

1. Why was Rohanee Cox thinking of retiring three years ago?

2. What is the meaning of the word "hiatus"?

- (A) a trip
- (B) a break
- (C) a celebration
- (D) a comeback

3. Which of the following quotes is an example of colloquial language?

- (A) "Rohanee scores the Deadly."
- (B) "Three years ago Rohanee Cox suffered a career-threatening knee injury."
- (C) "Rohanee underwent a knee reconstruction."
- (D) "Rohanee has been nominated for a Deadly before."

4. What language device does the writer use in the quotation, "Rohanee was able to reignite her career"?

- (A) metaphor
- (B) onomatopoeia
- (C) personification
- (D) simile



5. Considering that Rohanee plays for Townsville Fire, the use of the word “reignite” could also be described as

- (A) alliteration
- (B) pun
- (C) cliché
- (D) jargon

6. Which word best describes the tone of this report?

- (A) critical
- (B) furious
- (C) humorous
- (D) respectful

7. What is the main purpose of the article?

8. What is the impact of the pictures accompanying this article?

ACTIVITY 2: MORE ABOUT ROHANE COXfrom www.wnbl.com.au

PLAYER PROFILE

Club	Townsville
Position	Guard
Number	23
Height	182 cm
Date of birth	April 23, 1980
First played in WNBL	1996



Previous clubs	AIS 1996-98, Perth 1998-2000 and 2002-2003, Townsville 2005-2007
Junior Association	Willetton Tigers (WA)
Career highlights	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Played with the Opals in Brazil in 1998 - Won silver with the Australian Gems in 1997 - Former AIS scholarship holder - Named as Most Valuable Player for Townsville Fire in 2005/06 season - Included in Australian Opals squad for 2006 FIBA World championships in Brazil - Selected in Opals squad to compete in China in 2007

ACTIVITY 3: WRITING

Using the information from the Deadly Awards article and Rohane's player profile, write an essay to recommend Rohane for 2007 Deadly Award for Female Sportsperson of the Year.

Your purpose is to present a detailed argument to convince voters that she is a fitting recipient of the award.

Write at least 250 words.