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Rolling With Leandro: Gregory Dole's Barbosa File, Part Three

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Canadian Gregory Dole lives in Brazil, and describes himself as a "freelance writer, English as a second language teacher, basketball coach, basketball scout, and world traveller." That's a career that, not too long ago, took him deep into the life of a certain Brazilian Blur (and, to a lesser extent, [William Wesley](#)).

In the spring and summer of 2003, before and after the NBA draft, Dole was Leandro Barbosa's translator. In the hopes of landing a book deal, Dole is sharing tales of his time with Barbosa. [The first](#) and [second](#) parts were published last week. When we left them, pre-draft workouts had not gone well in Milwaukee, and Barbosa and Dole were on their way to Chicago to try again.

In Chicago, Leandrinho falls victim to University of Detroit star Willie Green. It's not even funny. Green is stronger, tougher and jumps higher. To top it off, Leandrinho still can't get his shot to fall. Green seems not to miss.

Back in the locker room, getting ready to head to the airport, we go through the bright spots of the Bulls experience. I marvel over the fact that Leandrinho set the record in the foot speed test that the Bulls have given their players for the past 16 years. I deduce that those records include Michael Jordan.

Leandrinho marvels over the Michael Jordan/Bulls mystique and has to check to see if he is in fact dreaming that he tried out for the former World Champion Chicago Bulls. We are snapped out of the reverie by the appearance of then-Bull Fred Hoiberg.

He is naked.

I have never been very keen on conversation with naked people, but in fairness, Hoiberg comes across as a kind and considerate person, so I politely translate the conversation for Leandrinho, and eventually it's time to go, but not before I am given a pair of Chicago Bulls practice shorts. I don't know why, but it is quite a thrill. I still have the shorts, a souvenir of my brief spell with the Bulls, if you will.

We head out to the airport in a stretch limousine, a first for my Brazilian friend. As we ride out, Leandrinho informs me that he is going to dominate from here on in. And with that pronouncement over and done with, I am both at ease and excited at the prospect of what is to come.



The next workout is in Oakland with the Golden State Warriors. Our America West flight takes us on a

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