

As athletic career attests

Anderson takes beating in stride

By Kelly Laughlin
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As a postman-guard-forward for the Clackamas cagers this season, Rob Anderson likes to "mix things up," he said.

So after Anderson pumped in 50 late-season points to bag a new National Junior College Athletic Association scoring record, he wasn't surprised, or even upset, when other teams started "beating the daylights out of him," said Cougar Coach Royce Kiser. "If Rob wasn't so durable, he probably would have been injured."

Anderson's durability goes beyond the four cold walls of the basketball court. A sports enthusiast since his childhood, the Lake Oswegan "can't remember when I wasn't playing one sport or another," he said.

For one, he's surrounded by a family prone to athletics. His younger brother, Todd, is a guard for the Lakeridge High School roundball team, and his sister plays for the University of Oregon women's team.

Anderson hasn't done so badly in his own right, either. As an all-state quarterback for his home-town high school in Annandale, Va., he delivered his team to a four-season, six-loss slate. He played second-string punter for the Washington State Huskies in the '77-'78 season, and did a little scrimmage quarter-

backing.

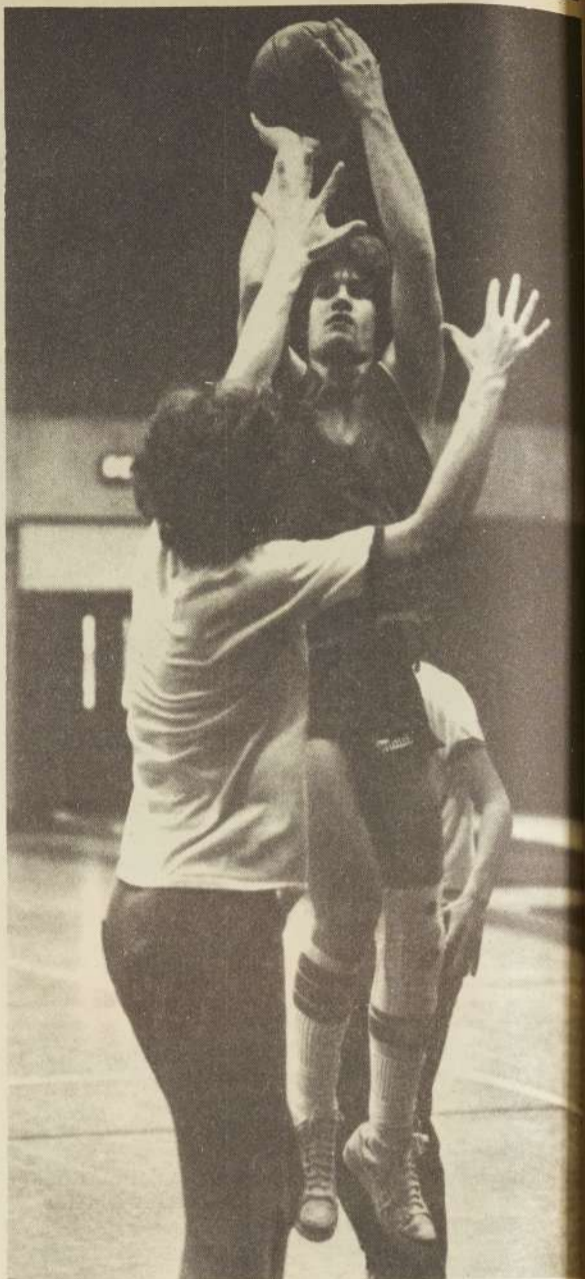
Anderson could have played out his option at Washington, or played for the U of O or Oregon State, but instead chose to move to Lake Oswego with his family, and live in the local area.

Between jobs, Anderson had a chance to dabble in his accustomed pastimes. When Kiser spotted him, Anderson was playing a little sandlot softball. He was a little overweight, but willing to play for Clackamas.

Lucky for Coach Kiser. Fifteen pounds lighter, Anderson is averaging 23 points per contest, firing nearly .500 from the field, canning 81-92 free throws in league play, 106 rebounds in 23 games, 299 total points in 13 games, and his 50-point performance versus Southwestern Oregon Community College earlier in the season.

It was not Anderson's first 50-point game, he said. "In high school I did it, and I played much the same way I do now, every position on the court I'm comfortable with."

Some call it finesse, others claim it's just plain muscle which allows Anderson to challenge an opposing forward from 15 feet out, or, with equal agility, burn a player inside. "He's pretty uncanny," said Kiser. "It's very rare that you find that kind of versatility in a



IT'S ALL IN THE WRIST—Anderson shows the form that made him one of the biggest threats in the league. Photo by Duffy Coffman.

ball player. He senses where the ball is to get his own rebound, and is surprisingly quick underneath the basket."

With the season almost over for the Cougars, Anderson said his future with the Cougars is

uncertain. "I might be here or somewhere else. I'll just have to wait and see."

Where ever Anderson goes, though, you can bet he'll be mixing it up, one way or another.

Cagers make OCCAA playoffs; barely

By Brian Rood
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What appeared to be the end of the season for the men's basketball team apparently will

not be the end as the Cougs, touched by good fortune, have been hoisted a notch in the standings and have qualified for the final OCCAA playoff spot.

The situation reads something like this: The Cougs had two games left in the 1979-80 campaign. Those games were held last Wednesday against Chemeketa and Lane Community Colleges, the Cougar team lost. But, apparently one of the Lane players had falsified some preliminary academic records in order to be eligible for Lane's basketball season. When the official transcripts arrived the discrepancy was noted and officials of the college immediately notified the OCCAA athletic board.

College sports information officer Doug Roberts had not received all the details of the situation at press time last night but did say that, "We are in the playoffs, taking the fourth spot vacated by Lane." Roberts also

said, "Lane will not have to forfeit all of their games because the player was not a starter, but will have to forfeit at least the games against us, due to him playing in those games."

The forfeiture by the Lane Titans will mean the Cougs will play the third place finisher, SWOCC, in Coos Bay on

Thursday night in a single elimination contest. The winner of that game will play the loser of the first place tie-breaker game tonight between Chemeketa and Mt. Hood, in Randall Gym at 7:30 p.m. The two surviving teams will represent the OCCAA in the regional tournament.



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