

Central Washington transfer brings experience

Taylor Dunn leads Clackamas to second place in preseason tournament

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If you were in the Randall Hall gym on Friday Nov. 18, you got a first look at this year's home opener for the Clackamas Community College men's basketball team. You saw them pull out a victory over Linfield College JV but most importantly you got the chance to see transfer guard Taylor Dunn in action.

Dunn, in just his first game as a Cougar, impressed as the best offensive player on the floor. He scored a game high 22 points and contributed four rebounds, two steals and six assists with no turnovers in an all around solid performance.

Taylor spent his first two years of college at Central Washington University before transferring to be a Cougar. Dunn's brother Austin Dunn had just signed a scholarship to play basketball at Central Washington after his own two-year stint at Clackamas, meaning that the brothers would play on the same team and the transition to college might be a little easier. Taylor red-shirted his first-year as a strategy to better learn the college basketball scene. Not a bad move as, now playing for the Cougars, he already has two years of experience.

"At the time Taylor wanted to be on a real college campus. He wanted the campus feel and the whole experience that goes with it," said Clif Wegner, head coach of men's basketball.

Taylor's basketball history runs deep in his blood. His father played all his life and taught the love of the game to both of his sons, who started playing basketball around the age of ten years old. Even though Taylor is from

Washington, he seems to share the love of something near and dear to most hearts of Oregonians: the Portland Trailblazers.

"Brandon Roy is definitely my favorite player," said Taylor. "His injury has been hard to watch, but I love to watch him play."

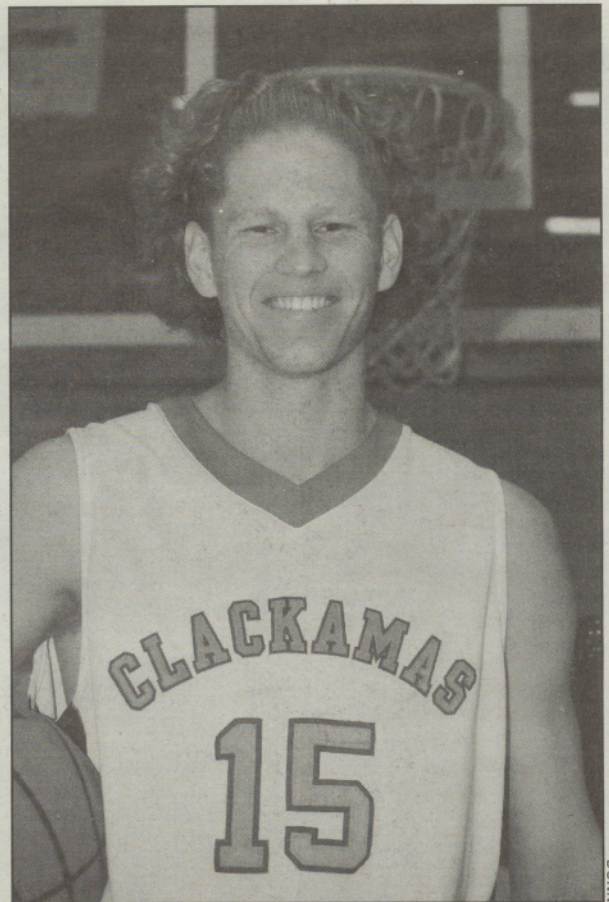
Just as Roy has had to play through injury, Taylor has as well. During the game against Linfield JV he rolled his ankle and was forced out of the game. Even though it was still hurting, he returned to the game with tenacity as the lead scorer for the Cougars.

Taylor knows what it means to be competitive. Probably no one knows this better than Paul Walter, Cougars team captain. Walter and Taylor have known each other for a long time. In fact they met while playing basketball in middle school but not as teammates. They played against each other all the way through high school in Washington.

"He was the best guard in the league," said Walter. "He was a nice guy off the court but always a challenge when the game started. We had to watch for his penetrating dribble, his jump shot and his threes. We often had to double team him."

Thankfully for the Cougars both of these great players are now playing together for CCC.

"I wanted to play at Clackamas because I knew it had a good basketball program and I wanted to get the chance to play a lot and get a scholarship to another college afterward," said Taylor. He is now playing here and hopefully with his help and leadership the Cougars will be able to return to the NWAACC tournament and take home another trophy.



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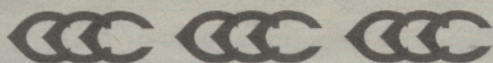
Men's and Women's basketball season schedules

2011-12 Men's Schedule:

Nov. 5	NWAACC Jamboree
Nov. 18	W vs. Linfield JV* 88-75
Nov. 25-27	Skagit Valley Cold Turkey Tournament W vs. NW Indian* W vs. No. 2 Tacoma* 79-70 L vs. Walla Walla* 64-53 CCC 2nd Place
Nov. 29	7 p.m. @ Clark College*
Dec. 8	7 p.m. @ Highline*
Dec. 17-19	NWAACC Crossover Tournament - Seattle, Wash.
Dec. 17	2 p.m. vs No. 6 Bellevue*
Dec. 28-30	Clackamas Holiday Invitational - Home
Dec. 28	7 p.m. vs. Blue Mountain*
Dec. 29-30	TBA
Jan. 7	6 p.m. @ SW Oregon
Jan. 11	7:30 p.m. vs. Chemeketa
Jan. 14	6 p.m. @ Linn-Benton
Jan. 18	7:30 p.m. vs. Mt. Hood
Jan. 21	6 p.m. @ Lane
Jan. 25	7:30 p.m. vs. Portland CC
Jan. 28	6 p.m. @ Umpqua
Feb. 4	6 p.m. vs. SW Oregon
Feb. 8	7:30 p.m. @ Chemeketa
Feb. 11	6 p.m. vs. Linn-Benton
Feb. 15	7:30 p.m. @ Mt. Hood
Feb. 18	6 p.m. vs. Lane
Feb. 22	7:30 p.m. @ Portland CC
Feb. 25	6 p.m. vs. Umpqua
Mar. 3-6	NWAACC Championships - Kennewick, Wash.

2011-12 Women's Schedule:

Nov. 25-27	Clackamas Thanksgiving Invitational W vs. Portland CC* 98-45 W vs. SW Oregon* 59-54 W vs. No. 6 Umpqua* 68-58 CCC Champions
Dec. 6	7 p.m. vs. Corban University JV*
Dec. 7	7 p.m. vs. Lewis and Clark JV*
Dec. 9-11	Pierce Tournament - Lakewood, Wash.
Dec. 9	2 p.m. vs. Tacoma*
Dec. 13	7 p.m. vs. Centralia College*
Dec. 16-18	NWAACC Crossover Tournament
Dec. 16	2 p.m. vs. Grays Harbor*
Dec. 17-18	TBA
Jan. 4	7:30 p.m. @ George Fox JV*
Jan. 7	4 p.m. @ SW Oregon
Jan. 11	5:30 p.m. vs. Chemeketa
Jan. 14	4 p.m. @ Linn-Benton
Jan. 18	5:30 p.m. vs. Mt. Hood
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Non-region games *
Bold denotes home games

