

# PLAYER AND COACH ON THE COURT

BY JAMES HARLEY



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Clackamas sophomore Johanna “Jo” Paine dribbles up the court in a game against Mt. Hood Community College.

Johanna “Jo” Paine is a sophomore guard/forward on the CCC women’s basketball team. She was a starter on a Division I team last year, and has found herself the leading scorer for the Cougars and averages the second most points overall (23.3) in the NWAC.

**The Clackamas Print: How long have you been playing basketball?**

**Jo Paine:** Probably since I could walk. Basketball is basically the only sport I have played, and I have been playing for at least a solid 15 years.

**TCP: Why did you start playing basketball?**

**JP:** My dad used to play in the Navy, and when I was younger I was homeschooled, so I was always outside either on my dirt bike or running around shooting a basketball. So because I had a lot of free time I would shoot hoops and that’s kind of where it got started.

**TCP: Where did you play before Clackamas?**

**JP:** My freshman year I played for Santa Clara in California, which was a D1 (Division I) school, then I transferred from there to Florida, and played there for a year at Stetson University, which is a private D1 university.

**TCP: What got you to play here at CCC?**

**JP:** I knew the coaches in high school, so in high school I used to scrimmage with them when I used to go to Oregon City [High School]. I never really planned on playing here, but everything works out for a reason.

**TCP: How has the jump from a D1 school to a community college been?**

**JP:** I really enjoy it, just because I want to be a coach one day and playing here, I kind of get to be a coach on the floor and this year is really developing my skills more. In D1 there are a lot of players that are bigger, faster and stronger. Coming here, I’ve been able to easily focus and help my teammates out, and I like being a leader on the floor.

**TCP: How important are your teammates?**

**JP:** Without my teammates I wouldn’t be where I am today. I love being able to help them out because I have an idea what it’s like to play at the next level. I love it, I love them, and I love playing with my teammates.

**TCP: What are your other hobbies?**

**JP:** I’ll occasionally ride my dirt bike, and over the summer I’ll be on the water wakeboarding and doing stuff like that. Otherwise it’s Netflix, sleep and homework.

**TCP: Who are your biggest inspirations?**

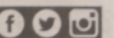
**JP:** Jim, our head coach. He’s helped me through a lot of things, especially this year. He’s been able to push me to be more than I thought I could be in a way. Also, Rhonda Rousey. I like her and I think she is a badass.

**TCP: What are your plans after college?**

**JP:** After college I want to go overseas if I could, and if I had the opportunity to go to the WNBA I would take it. After that I want to be a coach, and maybe even a D1 coach. That’s my goal in life, to be a coach, and that’s why I’m going to school right now so I can get my degree and coach one day.

**IN THE COVER:** A parody of Kanye West’s new album “The Life of Pablo” by Brandon Chorum. Baby photo provided by Matt Rowning.

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