

Anderson leaving with Osgoode degree, basketball memories under belt Bidding adieu to a great university career

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The 1991-92 school year should be one to remember for York basketball ace Clive Anderson.

Not only is the diligent student athlete weeks away from completing a degree in law at Osgoode, but with his CIAU eligibility expired, he will have worn a Yeoman basketball jersey for the last time.

Though soon to be departing with diploma in hand and sneakers hung up, Anderson does not bid adieu to York University without first having left his mark.

On the court his exploits for the past two seasons speak for themselves: twice a first team Ontario University Athletic Association All-Star, a career high 46 points earlier this season against UofT, York's leading rebounder this year, and one of the OUAA's top scorers for the past two seasons.

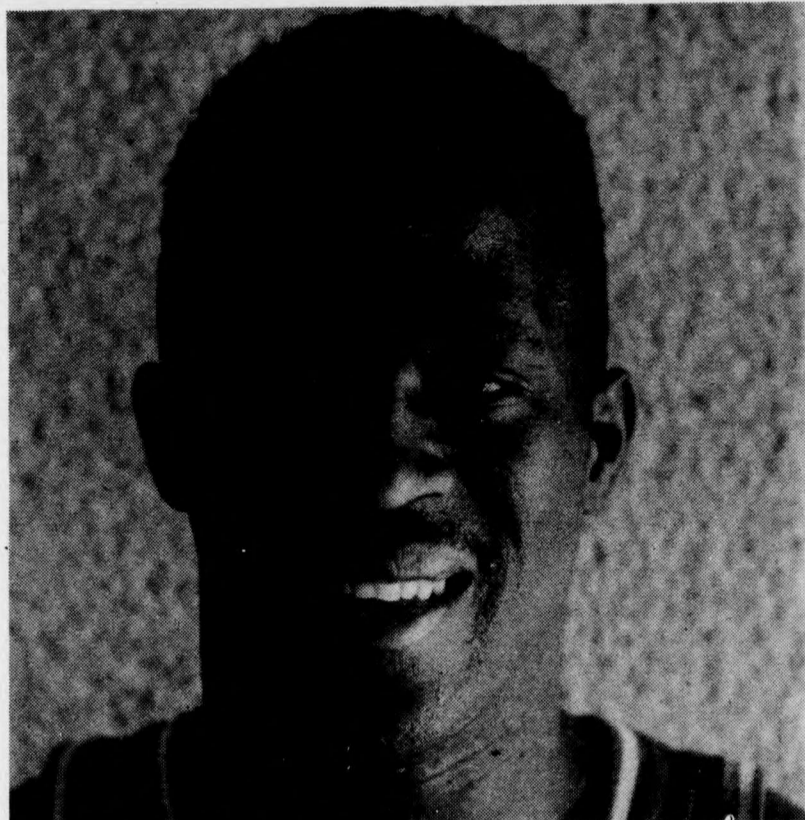
In the classroom it's been a similar story — maybe even a better one.

While it is more than likely he will be remembered first for his athletic feats, Anderson has no illusions as to why he has attended York.

"I'm not a basketball player, I'm a student who plays some basketball," Anderson says.

"As a player I do alright, some games yes, some games no, but I'm a student first and then I'll go out and play. I enjoy that and to me that's where it ends."

Anderson continues to drive towards academic excellence. By passing his forthcoming bar exams he can add his law degree to a list of honours that include being named



CLIVE ANDERSON is leaving some pretty big shoes to fill on the Yeoman basketball team. The two time OUAA All-Star believes however that the new crop of York players, such as Wilton Hall, OUAA's Central rookie of the year, as well as Marc Gardner and Lyndon Philips will more than hold their own and contribute a good part to any future York success photo by Michele Boesener

1989 Acadia University student of the year — the same year he was named to the Atlantic University Athletic Association All-Star team.

In Halifax, Anderson majored in French and did a double minor in Spanish and Political Science while studying there. Besides these two languages (his french assisted by a year of study in the south of France), Anderson also has a working knowl-

edge of German and Chinese.

But Anderson doesn't attribute his success to mere talent. He says he relies on commitment and a strong work ethic.

"I may not be the best at everything I do, but I will work hard. You know, we don't have to change our work ethic from one thing to the next. If you apply the same work ethic to, say, studying and basketball, and if it's a

good work ethic, you will find you can become successful at anything."

Deeply committed to his family, it is not surprising that such values have emanated from within the home.

"My mother has been a driving force behind everything I've done," Anderson says. "I strive to succeed knowing she has put a lot into what I am today. I couldn't afford to let her or my family down."

A graduate of Westthumber Collegiate in Rexdale, Anderson arrived in Canada from his native Jamaica when he was 11, one of nine brothers and sisters. He took up basketball at 14.

Given that Anderson's academic and athletic achievements are exceptional, they are not out of the ordinary at York. He is among a large number of York students, past and present, who have excelled combining both studies and varsity sports. Unfortunately, the student-athlete label is still often misjudged.

"People are surprised at times when an athlete can combine the academics and the athletics and be good at both of them. You know, stereotypical jocks don't have any marks, they only come and playsports and don't get a degree after their four or five years. It's ridiculous to assume that until you know the people involved in those activities," Anderson said.

Aside from the occasional game of pickup, there will be no future in basketball for Anderson. Rather, he envisions himself one day working for the United Nations while continuing his pursuit of higher education.

"I feel as if I've set my goals realistically, never thinking a profes-

sional career in basketball was for me. I know my limitations. I mean I have some skills and all, but I know plenty of players, guys who didn't make it, who are more talented than I am. I'm grateful for having had the chance to play, because I love the game, but it's time to get on with what I want to do."

All that appears left for Anderson to do now is to shake a few hands and wish friends and teammates alike a fond farewell.

"I've had some great times here at York. I've made some lasting friendships as well as having enjoyed the guys I've played with. I'm still going to come out and check out some of their games. I want to wish everyone the very best, not so much in basketball, but in life," Anderson said.

The York ace will be leaving a team he has confidence in — especially with the recent performance of first-year players Marc Gardner, Lyndon Philips and Wilton Hall. Hall, a York guard, was named the OUAA Central division rookie of the year.

"It was absolutely wonderful, just seeing them come in and taking charge," Anderson said.

With this group, and others who should be joining the team next year, Anderson feels that York will be able to improve on this season, one which was ended only recently with a loss to Laurentian in the Central division semifinals.

"If York fans could have seen that last game, they would've have been proud. We played our guts out. We didn't want to lose, but we played hard, we played well," Anderson said.

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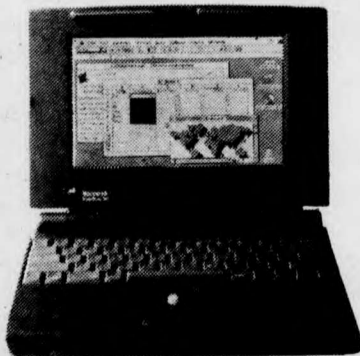
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