

HANGIN' WITH HUEY with HOUSTON MALLETT | EPISODE 1 | ETHAN ANDERSON

Welcome to hanging with Huey Um I'd like to say a special uh shout out and thank you to Twin Bridge Sports as well as studio place for making this happen I've wanted to have a podcast for a long time so I'm very excited to get this show on the road So today I have my uh guest Ethan Anderson Um You know I'm joined today by with Ethan Anderson who is my current teammate at Pepperdine University He's a starting point guard there He began his career at US C uh and graduated in three years He made it to two NCAA tournaments would have been three tournaments if it weren't for COVID Um He then transferred uh grad transferred to uh Wyoming And then after Wyoming came here to Pepperdine he's from Carson California and is a Los Angeles background native Um He's been an incredible help in my basketball journey and uh I appreciate you Ethan for being on the show Yeah no problem Thanks for having me This is this is great Uh So you you've grown up in L A So what is what is the Los Angeles basketball culture since it basketball for me man It's been it's been amazing It's just been like a really good community of competition and a good balance of support And so you know I have a bunch of friends that were in my same class that competed against and then we just kind of became friends because basketball I think is a universal language that we all speak And so I've got contacted by a bunch of pros um other pros putting me on other pros just really getting me connected with with basketball Any questions I've ever had any that I needed help with I mean this journey like you just mentioned all those schools tournament appearances there's a lot of stuff that you gotta deal with that's besides the Grits and Glamour And so I've been blessed to be able to be from Los Angeles and be able to connect with people that are going through the same thing and I've already been through it So it's been amazing Awesome So uh Fairfax high school what was that like Um Just like all four years there It's a local school in L A big time basketball program What was that journey like Yeah I think Fairfax really started the true grind for me really separate myself from the eighth grade and then really becoming a a top player in the country at Fairfax because I I lived in Carson California which is about 21 miles away from there And so I had to wake up at five in the morning every day drive to school uh drive myself catch a ride however I could my freshman until I got my license but I had to do that every day and

then come home in the afternoon after practice And so that really instilled a grind in me And you know my one focus was getting a scholarship then and it wasn't a normal thing where I where I grew up playing at and it wasn't like I saw my friends doing it and so it was kind of a dream but also a goal that I could see in the future And so Fairfax really gave me that pedestal to really be able to get to a division one school let alone to the tournament and all that other stuff we'll get to later But that really instilled a grind in me and really taught me what hard work was awesome So yeah out of Fairfax you committed to UN OV first and then you decided to stay home at us C what was what was your recruit uh recruitment process like Yeah And so uh thank God for L A basketball because you know I'm the first in my family to play um play college basketball And so that recruiting process was crazy I remember before they can contact me my sophomore year I'd always be like man I'm not gonna get a scholarship like I don't know if I'm gonna be able to get one I don't know what's gonna happen And then the day that you know it opens up for the coach to be able to call you I mean a bunch of coaches called me and it was the greatest feeling I remember my first offer from Tulane Awesome That was the biggest one of the big moments in my life and I was so happy about that But um yeah the recruiting process for me it was it was somewhere where I just had to try to find a junior connection with the coaches and trying to see where is the best place for me without really paying attention to the Power five and stuff like that And so you know V I felt like at the time was a perfect fit for me with the coach I trusted was coaching there at the time It was coach Marvin Menzies So he's a guy I built a relationship with I went on some visits with him and he really just I feel like he had my best interest in mind but like you said us c happened to come up when uh the coach got unexpectedly fired And so I had to adjust I only had about two weeks to make that decision And so you know I chose to take on a greater challenge with us C being a Power five school and um just not being as secure there you know V was almost I wasn't promised anything but uh it just seemed like I would play a lot sooner us c I was told at first that I probably wouldn't be getting me many minutes My freshman year probably have to wait my turn and stuff And so I don't know something within me God just led me there and things worked out for the best What was your relationship like with uh Coach Enfield and the rest of coaching staff there You know like I said I didn't have much time to really develop that relationship but I knew they were coaching before they didn't know before And so Jason Hart was the one that reached out to me and he connected me

with Coach Enfield and the rest of the staff And um you know I just went in had a couple of meetings with them and went to dinner one time and then I just kind of committed there and it just felt like the right place to be awesome Yeah And I can say like playing with you um I've learned about like the ins and outs like how to win um you know what it takes to win And uh you've been like one of the biggest helps I was thinking in my basketball career especially being a guy who's done it at the highest level seen a lot of different things Um you've experienced pretty much every type of situation and I can see you love basketball you love Um What it brings so like what inspired your basketball journey What made you be like man I wanna I wanna play basketball Like what pivotal moments do you think have uh shaped your journey in this space Oh yeah I would definitely say my dad my family mostly but my dad he's always been um the perfect parent I say for my situation he's him and my mom I can't remember a basketball game that they didn't attend And so that's something that I'm really blessed to say and not many have that But um you know my dad was always that dad that didn't didn't take nonsense when it came to me And so he he never let coaches take advantage of me or anybody or handlers any of that stuff And so he always spoke up he always asked me what I wanted He also let me wait in a lot of decisions on what travel team to play for or what school I wanted to go to But at the same time he he watched over me and knew that ok hey uh I can't be playing at my local park anymore Ethan's bigger than that or he wants me to play against older kids And so he really inspired me to you know give my all to the game and introducing God into my life early And as I looked around I mean I had a lot of friends that play basketball with me And as I look here and sit here today my main motivation is them not a lot of them got to be able to play at this level whether there's something that happened or just not being had the opportunities that I had And so that's something that really inspires me in the days that I don't maybe don't feel like working out or something I just look around and see the younger kids that look up to me from where I'm from and people I play with that that just I know they pray every day to be in this situation So that really inspires me and seeing my mom my mom's grind her working in a cubicle for 20 years to provide and and seeing my brother who played basketball first and didn't get to make it to this level and him supporting me And so I just feel like me being that first college athlete in my family to play basketball has just been great and they all inspired me just by the support that they've given me Uh That's awesome Well Ethan is uh known as the mayor in Los Angeles He's a very well known

everybody knows him Um What's it like kind of being like that big figure and kind of a role model in L A because I mean you wanna talk about like kind of a basketball Mecca uh I'd say Southern California in itself I'm from the Bay area So it's the Bay versus World But I know So Cal is a ton of different pros So what's it like kind of being one of those uh big figures and giving back to like the community and kids they're coming up and you know in L A is so many people ahead of me and so many mobile figures in L A that you know I never really never really noticed when people kind of know me like that because it's it's like you have your James Harden and Russell Westbrook and then people don't realize there's hundreds of pros that play overseas and all that from L A And so me I just try to you know give knowledge that wasn't given to me coming up and you know I don't like just telling kids you know oh it's gonna be great and college comes with this this and this nil whatever it may be I like to tell kids you know how to deal with adversity because um I think the biggest thing that's allowed me to help people is the adversity I went through I've been to tournament appearances but there's a lot that it takes to get there you know day to day and a lot of takes to be a part of a team that that's in the tournament because you know I wasn't the star player on those teams I was the point guard I had a role to play and I played that role And so I like to give that knowledge mainly with the kids that asked me stuff and it's just been great to be able to be looked up to and have kids really genuinely respect me and respect my game And it always feels great to know that people respected your craft and uh all the hours I put in this game and you know the naysayers and the scouts that didn't like my game in high school but you know ended up working out for me But um yeah being that figure it it really just is a blessing for me and I just love helping people and giving people an edge and people don't realize this game is once you put the work in it's about 90% mental So that is facts I love just being able to share that knowledge with people and really teach them that you know the limitations are the only ones on the ones you have the ones you put on yourself And so being that figure I'm always looking to give out knowledge and uh just teach people about you know what comes with this game That's awesome Well yeah I wanna dive into those NCAA tournament runs I mean uh teams at us c were great I mean nationally top five in the country you've been able to play against some uh very elite you know talented players Um We talked about it before but I kinda wanna get in get into that So uh during your three years there you made it twice but basically three times because it got canceled your uh your freshman year But

but what were those groups Like like what uh what was like daily life like around campus and uh you know like in in practice around those group of guys like Yeah Yeah Oh well yeah coming in my freshman you know I had no idea what to expect coming to us c uh I went on a visit but I didn't even meet any of the players prior I just kind of knew like the freshman class I say Im Max uh big O I knew them a little bit from competing against them but I didn't really have a great relationship with anybody yet And so coming in you know my I felt like my life was on the line You've heard me say that now I was like I just came into practice like you know what I'm I'm just gonna compete Like I didn't really my offensive game wasn't developed yet I didn't really know I just kinda knew how to score the ball a little bit and just know how to play the right way And so biggest thing for me has surprised me that I tell people all the time is the way I got on the floor and started every game my freshman year was simply playing the right way Yeah I didn't like shoot step back threes I wasn't you know going for 30 or anything like that I just ran the offense took my open shots drove to the bathroom when I needed to and just found the open man And so those practices you know they're very competitive every time I've played against in practice I've been the toughest times of those prior fives because everybody on your team is a five star Everybody on your team is average 30 Everybody has had hundreds of offers And so me being um I think I was the least I was the lowest ranked recruit that they had on in our class And so I just took that personally and I every day just tried to get better I didn't really pay attention to the future I didn't pay attention to the mistakes and stuff like that And that's credit to the staff Jason Hart of Capo Uh Coach Mo I had a lot of great dudes around me just be able to keep me level headed and really being able to handle being a starting point guard as a freshman and shout out to the seniors on that team They're all pros now too And they just I was interested in how they put their trust in me as a freshman And you know I was everything every game was new for me Every big crowd was new every situation we knew the tournament was new Everything was really new for me and so all those big games they put their trust in me and I was able to thankfully execute for them But yeah just dealing with that day to day and you know college going to class all day I I don't even know how I did it back then Just being able to handle all that new stuff and succeed in the classroom and all that stuff And so I mean that to those tournament runs something I'll never forget and just never forget how talented and how professional my teammates were The Mobleys Big O Big O was one of my favorite people to ever to play with just

because he him and the Mobleys they were unselfish All the seniors were unselfish We all just you know played as a team and we had our and we weren't perfect We we lost games especially in my freshman year We lost games we ended up finishing probably top three in the PAC 12 but we lost games We had we dropped two in a row we went four in a row like it was ups and downs and you know as a freshman I'm just learning on the fly And so it was it was incredible just to you know see myself grow and to really watch people around me really trust in me Yeah that's awesome Um You know I've been fortunate enough uh shout out to Poo Um You know poo pretty well Like that's your big bro one of my big bros Um you know I was fortunate enough to go to uh like those Rico Heinz runs Um This summer I got to go to one and and kind of watch like how it all went down and I saw like your impact and kind of what you brought playing with guys like that Um You know what what do what do those type of things mean to you and you know to kind of go into that like I mean there was many pros in there um even when it wasn't even fully off-season yet So like who are some of the best players you've played against or uh like played with like what And like what do you think separates like that level cause there's levels to this game Yeah absolutely You know when one of those recalls he runs and I've played a couple of those runs Now this will probably be my third year coming up playing in those And you know the first time I went there a bunch of pros and you know I played in the tournament at that point And so one thing I prided myself on is just knowing everybody laces their shoes the same And so everyone makes mistakes And so I was trusted to go out there and they put me on a team with pros and you know I was already used to A US C playing a role I wasn't coming out looking to just shoot the ball a bunch of times So that's why I think I was able to get into those runs and really play with those guys But um people that surprised me most was Lou Williams He was um he wasn't big at all He was smaller than me almost and but he was just able to master the game at a level that I've never seen at that time Uh Fred Van Vleet uh Siam was incredible Um I played against Draymond and those ones he was incredible His impact on the floor was uh second to none and a bunch of other guys in between that but those are the dudes that really surprised me on their level and able to just execute Kevin punter He's in the Euro League Those dudes are just able to that's when I really saw the game was mental be Macklemore They didn't even they came in they didn't stretch or anything They just got on the court and they were able to you know do what they do And so that's when I really realized that this game is clockwork

And once you put your work in you find your routine every day that you get to you just come out there and perform It's not a matter of of guessing It's not a matter of oh shots fall today Were they not that's not what those those guys really worry about and it just becomes a level you just execute and get to your spots and shooting your shots and trusting that the work that you put in And um I was fortunate enough to play against Kyle Reed this summer Also I was able to pick his brain a little bit And so you know I just I just really one thing I learned as a freshman at us c is to be a sponge even without asking questions Like I wouldn't even I wouldn't even need to ask Kyrie questions I just look at the way he plays I look at the way he passes and look at the way he gets to his spot And so I would just watch all that stuff and my game now as a result of me adding stuff from everybody's game that I've played with I've seen I became a good post up player because I saw Dan you told me in my freshman year he he would score eight straight off the block and he wasn't a big man He was he was a guard And so I just take pieces of everybody's game that I've played with And I've been able to coexist in those environments because I just play a role not because I'm doing anything incredible or anything like that I'm just you know keeping the flow of the game And I think that's one of the one of the biggest talents in basketball that people uh take for granted is ability for a player to just coexist with other good player You know it's it's easy to go to your high school and average 30 when the when the games catered to you But can you coexist and just keep the flow of the game make open shots when you're playing with dudes that are all millionairess And I'm in college and I'm just and they're having fun with the game and they're doing this for their job So that's just one thing that I always preach that Yeah your trainers are great and work on your game and all that But you also have an IQ of the game to go to exist out of those situations Yeah I think that's interesting I know me growing up I didn't I didn't really have a trainer up until like probably like high school I just like play pick up with like the older guys And um I think that type of stuff translates how like I know a lot of kids now like the train train train But like like you say you grew up playing at the park right Like I grew up playing at the park at the Y boys and girls club and those type of environments especially playing with dudes that are older than you Like it's similar to playing like you said coexisting with people because they're not gonna pick you if you you won't win I think that's interesting And then like cool Kyrie story I mean you saw him in the gym this summer Um like he uh he like he was I watched him for two days two of his workouts and the first day he was

just shooting um wasn't missing of course And then the second day like he uh he has this tribe like tri hela and like they all came in and uh like they were just playing 21 for like probably like 2.5 hours and he was just like um what he say Coach Romar asked him Coach Roar asked him He was like like why why 21 He said uh like this is what I work like this is what's gonna happen to me like come late in the game like I'm gonna get double team triple team I'm gonna see different reads and speaks to like creative create a part in his brain almost like basketball is like an art form to him I know you said you guarded him What was what was guarding him Like yeah uh like I said I mean at that level it's it's really uh I mean you hear on TV all the time you hear coaches talk about it how you know you can't stop them but you can hope to contain them But I've really experienced that and just seeing that when a dude mastered his game mastered his style which is why I'm a big fan of like dudes creating their own stuff point guard like me in college I started scoring a lot more points when I started stopped trying to play like other people but play they like me or if I got a small guard I'm gonna post them up if I got a big one So he was one of those guys that took with whatever I gave him you know I'm pretty strong and I like to I never really played as a guard that was able to like move me around And so Kyrie was really able to you know get to his spots on me He's you know he's unstoppable from my aspect especially if you're his height because you can't contest it So he's usually he's used to you could tell he's used to like being guarded by 6869 guys But yeah Kyrie he was he's one of those guys that left the gym inspired at the gym you know just thinking that oh wow man I mean it's this game is the time the game you gotta put time into like you can't expect to be like an NBA pro in a couple of years Working on your game is you could tell he'd been playing that It felt like he'd been playing the game for hundreds of years just being able to see every coverage see every way someone's guarding him and stuff like that And so I just you know I just took all that in and like I said be a sponge It's awesome Being a sponge is definitely important never stop asking questions Um Talked about Draymond at uh at Rico and that kind of uh clip of him talking at the blew up Who who like what uh what was he saying Like what did that uh mean he was uh talking about finding your niche and really being one of those players things that surprises me like you know a lot of people just look on social media Draymond is not not a good basketball player He don't shoot the ball He came to those Rico Heinz ones He might have 56 threes dribbling crossing people over getting buckets Like those guys are really good really good at

basketball Draymond is a player He's he's in the NBA for a reason for sure won championships for a reason And so he was just telling guys you know find your niche find where you can affect the game Like the sons aren't looking for another KD They're not gonna draft somebody that oh man let's let's get a guy that plays like KD they're not looking for that They're looking for guys that can like Patrick Beverly they're looking for guys that can just play defense that can hit an open shot And so Draymond would express that that you know he got he had to find his way in the NBA and it wasn't gonna be scoring 30 And so he's made generational wealth for his family off of this you know rebound and playing hard and knowing the game and conf investing with two of the greatest shooters ever Yeah So uh appreciate you Um you know kinda wanna talk a little bit of football you know you'd be playing Madden Um and I know you're a Ravens fan and uh Ravens look good right now So how are you feeling about flock him How you feel about Lamar Yeah I think Lamar I think you should be the MVP You know just because he's he's been down he's been called bring back all this other stuff But um Mark Andrews just went down but we know we're still finding a way to get wins and you know it's hard to win in the NFL But Lamar Jackson he's somebody I don't even like watching football four games but Lamar Mark Jackson is is inspiring at any level whether if you play football or basketball you work in an office wherever it may be Mark Jackson is something that you wanna see And so I that's my bet for the Super Bowl champion Ravens right Yeah So uh we also we get to go to Rod Wade tonight Shout out Rod Wave I love Rod Uh You know so that would be fun And I know you just recently went to be a boy concert So uh you know who's some of your favorite artist that you've been listening to Yeah I really like to listen to these days Like you said Burna Boy is one of my top ones right now I love his vibe around wave J Cole has been my favorite in terms of the goat conversation just because I love the way his word play is I like the way he raps He doesn't quite drop enough music for me But you know you can't deny Drake Drake is Drake is Drake He's you know love him or hate him Yeah he's he's the goat right now I mean he can put out any type of music He wants any style any genre and he's he's able to you know sell out arenas he just went on tour The guy is amazing And so I mean my favorite all time is is Drake and J Cole also I like no cap He's one of the guys that are on the ground a little bit right now But um tremendous word play and you know I'm not a big ra ra guy who comes to my music I like fact me to I like to just get good information in your head and really just catch the vibe you know And

so those those are my favorite right now Cool So yeah just uh you know going back to high school a little bit Um you know L A is a very uh like intense kind of vibe when it comes to basketball especially the city section So what does those rivalries mean of like uh you know like Westchester uh Birmingham like teams like that Like what did what did that mean to you Yeah I mean it was really the king of L A Well Fairfax is L A but um you know I have I have a winning record against Westchester my senior year We beat him three times in a row We won a championship never been done before or hadn't been done in at least 20 years And so um you know those rivalries they those are huge games Like at that time man I think I used to come to school in those days with my headphones and I didn't talk to anybody or anything I was new I didn't say a word until the game started I didn't say a word And so that was kind of our team thing that we just nobody talked to each other until the game was about to start And you know so a lot riding on those games you lose that game you come back to your school the next day you're gonna hear about it and everybody gonna be asking why you lost and all that stuff But yeah for real those those games prepared me for like the UCL A dash us C games And to me they felt a little bit even more compact because in the high school gym and you could really hear the film really hear them Yeah And so those games really I mean told you what you were made of you know and me being one of the best guys on my team you know that taught me about scouting reports and how teams are gonna scout you and you know Westchester may double team me they might deny me And so I had to find a way to get the win from my team in those environments where physical fouls aren't called If you're away team fans are yelling at you and free throws are shaking the gym And so those games really prepared me for you know any game I've played in college I feel comfortable in those environments now because of those games and because of you know just just knowing those games they carry so much weight But at the same time as a human you have to know that they're just basketball games And when I started approaching it is you know these games are games you wanna win But at the same time you know I do this every day I I work on my shot every day I I work out every day And so I just came to those games with the mindset of no one can stop me and I'm just gonna you know get to my spots and what it takes to win And so yeah those games there's nothing like a Westchester Fairfax where there's so many pros on both sides that are household names There's I mean there's there's coaches that are been coaching there for 30 plus years that have coached people in the eighties and

all the way up to my time And so it's those rivalries were you know I do anything to go back to play one of those one more time Yeah And to cap it off man you know I was just added TLG Uh shout out Gazer Gazer man Uh so I know y'all been rocking for a minute now Yeah TLG is um it's my little group chat you know we we got some guys like my friends I grew up with playing basketball with and we all just you know kind of stuck together We got a lot of big time names and there are a lot of big time guys in those group chats you know and we all just you know we play video games Madden two K all that stuff We'll be streaming soon there we gawking at all that we got some big glances clothing lines all that stuff we have for you guys But um yeah I just two K in the park I got my three against anybody in the world There we go Oh man Well appreciate you having you on today Ethan Um Just wanna say thank you to Twin Bridge Sports and Studio place Um I appreciate the opportunity I'm very blessed to now have a platform have a podcast and thank you Ethan for coming on the episode So I appreciate you having me on and uh thank you guys and until next time we're hanging with Huey Absolutely Thanks for having me