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Jerry West. Tim Duncan. Larry Bird. OD Anosike?

The latter may be less known, but his achievements are no less amazing.

Anosike, a junior forward at Siena, strung together 17 straight double-doubles this season. The streak started November 6, 2011, and ended February 2. The total fell three shy of West, tied Duncan and was one better than Bird.

What may be even more impressive is the transformation that Anosike's game has undergone. In 2010-11, his stat sheet held a modest 6.8 rebounds per game, but this season boasted 12.5 boards per contest, which is good enough to lead all of Division I men's basketball.

Anosike also has got the job done in the classroom, posting a 3.75 GPA this fall and a 3.12 cumulative GPA as an economics major at a school that ranked seventh nationally with a 98 percent Graduation Success Rate in the NCAA's latest report.

He has seven siblings, one of whom is WNBA star Nicky Anosike, who he used to play against when he grew up. Nicky was the 2008 NCAA Woman of the Year after leading Tennessee to the national championship. All of his older siblings have gone on to achieve great success — several in the medical field.

The nickname OD originated early. "In kindergarten the kids had trouble pronouncing Oderah, so my mom said, 'Just call him OD, the first two letters of his name,' and it kind of stuck with me ever since," said Anosike, whose given name translates to "whatever God has written can never be taken away."

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