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Andre Roberson's dad says son just needs a team to showcase his skill set

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I had a very interesting talk with John Roberson, father of Colorado forward Andre Roberson, about his son's decision to leave school early. One comment I left out was John's take on his son's skill set.

Andre Roberson, basically, is the best defender in the Pac-12 and the second-leading rebounder in the country. He also can't shoot. He shot only .551 from the foul line and Colorado never set up a half-court play for him. Pro scouts are unanimous in saying he's no better than a mid-second round pick — if he gets drafted.

John said of his son in pro ball: "He's going to develop. A lot of stuff you're looking at right now, as far as this draft is concerned, is based on what teams need. If 'Dre gets in a situation where a team wants him to come in and be a scorer, yeah, he'll struggle. But if they're not looking at that and highlight what he does well, he could prosper there. He needs to show he can score. He can score. It's just a matter of getting 'Dre to do the things of his ability."

No NBA team will draft him for his scoring. If you're a wing and can't shoot you likely won't get drafted. If he wanted a team to highlight his strengths, that team is Colorado.

I've heard the argument that if he doesn't improve his draft stock in Boulder — and if he doesn't find a jump shot he wouldn't — he'd lose a year of earning power.

Earning power? D-League salaries are between \$15,500-\$26,000. He might need a job in the off season. If he's going early to make an NBA roster, second rounders are not guaranteed money and everyone I've talked to said they'd be surprised if he makes an NBA roster next fall.

I just worry that in five years he'll be out of basketball with no money, no degree no eligibility and no job. Just because he's a great kid and such a positive presence in the locker room, here's hoping he proves us all wrong.

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