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Thoughts from a D1 transfer on the Transfer Portal

Hailey Hoff, division one transfer from Pepperdine shares her thoughts on the transfer portal. “I view the transfer portal as an efficient way for players to be in contact with other coaches and programs, without the requirement to sit out a year. I believe that the transfer portal has good qualities as it promotes change if that is what is best for your success and career, redistributes talent amongst different programs, and allows student athletes to have control over how they want their athletic career to play out. However, I do believe that there are bad qualities, which include disruption of student athletes’ academic plans, uncertainty of college programs after each year, and hurting incoming freshman’s abilities to have an opportunity to play at certain institutions because coaches usually favor players with experience. In addition, if you join the portal too late, it is harder to find somewhere to play because coaches' rosters are usually filled up already, which is what happened to me. The transfer portal helped me to find a program that was willing to work with me and help me to have better success on and off the court. I believe that it connected me with amazing institutions and opportunities that I couldn’t have come across without it.”