

# Williams moves to head of class

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When Purdue launched its training program for the fall cross country season, Boiler fans expected to see returning All-American Bill Shuey flying home in advance of the crowd during most meets. It hasn't happened.

In fact, Shuey, who has been bothered off-and-on by a stomach problem, hasn't finished first for the Boiler squad.

That distinction belongs to David Williams, the sophomore who annexed the Indiana High School state 3,200 meters as a North senior.

Williams has competed in six meets and swept his teammates.

In his last outing, the Indiana Big State-Little State meet, which attracted 23 teams at Indiana University, Williams finished third overall with a 25:07 clocking for five miles to pace Purdue to the team title over the undulant golf course.

IU's Jim Spivey, a world class distance runner, captured the event.

Shuey finished fourth, five seconds behind Williams. Other teammates — Jim Nagle, Ken Gamble, Jack Farson and Curt Carey finished sixth, 10th, 14th and 25th respectively. Carey was the 1980 state cross country champion.

Among others runners Williams defeated in that meet were Ken Waterhouse, 1981 state cross country champ, and 1982 state 1600 meter titlist, who finished 16th; and former Central ace and close friend Adam Renfro, who was 32nd. Renfro won the 1980 state 3200-meter title.

Williams sustained a sprained ankle Friday and was forced to bypass Saturday's Central Collegiate meet.

Now, he's pointing for the Big Ten meet Nov. 6 at Iowa and the NCAA District chase Nov. 13 at Purdue.

"I was having a pretty good fall until I sprained my ankle," Williams said Monday by phone from Lafayette.

"I hope to improve in the Big Ten. Last year I was a disappointing 29th. I'm shooting for the top 15. The top four teams in the conference qualify for the NCAA District. I think we're about third behind Wisconsin and Michigan."

Williams feels he's "about on schedule" for the goals he established before enrolling at Purdue.

He wanted to be No. 1 for the Boilers and did it in his second season. He wants to earn All-Big Ten and All-American honors. He has a pop at All-Big Ten now.

"Hopefully, in the next couple of years, I'll gain All-American status," he said. "I'm taking it one step at a time."

What are his chances of qualifying for the NCAA — a spot he has to earn in the district against the Big Ten's finest four and another dozen or so of the best distance aces in the Midwest?

"I'd have to have an exceptional race," he replied. "It would be nice. But I believe I do have a shot."

When cross country concludes, Williams will turn his attention to indoor track.

Once more, he plans to compete in 2- and 3-mile events — concentrating on the shorter distance.

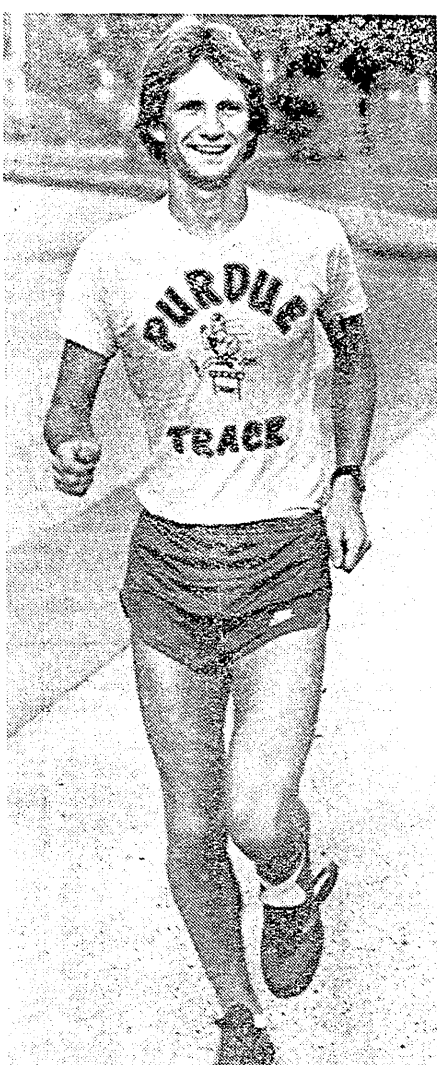
Last winter, he shaded nine minutes for two miles with an 8:59 clocking.

"I'd like to go 8:45 this winter," the 5-foot-10½, 135-pounder confided. "That might be pushing a bit. Maybe I should be happy with 8:50."

It's doubtful the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bob "Willie" Williams will settle for the latter time.

From the time Williams became the first youngster to break the 5-minute-mile barrier in elementary school until the sprain Friday, he's tried to test the outer-reaches of his physical limitations.

He's been pushing — and prevailing — most of his life.



DAVE WILLIAMS  
... Takes step forward

# Former Illinois prep star Novsek slowed by kidney

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At this time last year, Doug Novsek was preparing for the coming high school basketball season, one in which he would average more than 24 points per game while leading the Lawrenceville Indians to the Illinois Class-A championship.

This year Novsek, having accepted an athletic scholarship to the University of West Virginia, was again preparing for basketball season until a malfunctioning kidney postponed by a year his collegiate debut.

"When I first went out for conditioning drills, the day before classes started, I had an attack and went into the hospital for a day or two. They told me I'd have to have it operated on some time, but they hoped it could wait."

"So I started the drills, then came back home for Labor Day weekend. I went to a hospital in Vincennes and, after they ran all these tests, they said they didn't think I'd need an operation."

"I went back out for conditioning drills then during a weekend in Ohio I had another attack."

That attack necessitated a return trip to Vincennes in September during which Novsek underwent a successful kidney operation. "It was a congenital defect, which made it hard to detect. At first they thought it was stones but it wasn't. Some tube kept getting clogged."

Novsek said he feels fine now although it will be several weeks before he can play basketball seriously again. "I'm still recuperating. No strenuous activity, although after awhile it'll be left to my own judgment what I can do."

Because of operation, he has been redshirted this season; he also had to drop out of school this semester because of the class time he missed, and has returned home to Lawrenceville.

"They told me after the operation it would be three to four weeks before I'd even be able to go back to school. I'll go back and start over in January for the second semester."

The main thing that bothers Novsek, who spends his spare time working at a bank, is his absence from the game.

"I've been playing since I was about 5 years old. I have never went this long without playing basketball. It (the layoff) could be a blessing in that I have four more years of eligibility left and I could possibly start some work on an advanced degree, but as far as basketball is concerned it's hard to say. I don't know how I'll respond to the layoff."

Though unable to move well yet, he already has had a ball in his hands and taken a few shots. "I think in a couple

of weeks I'll be able to move around more — not actually play but go through some shooting drills."

He also is looking forward to the coming high school season. "Most of the guys I played with last season are back. I'll get to see them play this year. That's one of the good things about it."

The hardest part of the recovery process, he said, will come when he returns to West Virginia to practice, but not play, with the team.

"It's going to be one of the best in the country and not being able to play on it will be frustrating. But at least I'll be able to practice. I'll be somewhat a part of the team."

Novsek said he hasn't talked with coach Gale Catlett yet about a conditioning schedule once he returns. "I'll probably start out light. There's no real time table to get going."

For Doug Novsek, the year-long wait to make his collegiate debut may seem interminable. But at least he will be back. That is the best blessing of all — for Novsek and University of West Virginia fans alike.

## Two soccer Aces drafted

Two University of Evansville soccer players were selected in the early rounds of the Major Indoor Soccer League draft Monday.

Defender Scott Westbrook was chosen in the second round by the Wichita Wings. Just Jensen was drafted in the fourth round by the Kansas City Comets.

Westbrook, a 5-foot-10 senior from St. Louis, is part of the Aces' vaunted defense, which has allowed only 131 shots on goal. Jensen, a native of Viby, Denmark, has three goals and six assists this season and 17 goals and 18 assists in his career. He is fifth on the Aces' all-time scoring list.

Evansville sports a 12-1-3 record and 16th national ranking.

## Memorial to hook North Central

Memorial's path to a fourth consecutive state soccer crown will be blocked by a formidable foe in Indianapolis North Central when the Indiana State Soccer Association tournament opens Friday night in Indianapolis.

The Tigers, who dealt Harrison a 1-0, sudden-death overtime loss for the South Region title Saturday, was matched with 18-0-1 North Central in the 9 p.m. nightcap Friday at the Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis track and field complex.

Culver Military and Carmel hook up in the 7 p.m. opener.

First-round losers meet for the consolation Saturday at 2 p.m., with the championship to follow at 4.

# Passing turns fans off, claims Schembechler

ANN ARBOR, Mich. (AP) — Contrary to popular belief, Bo Schembechler has nothing against passing the football. However, the Michigan coach is afraid the current trend in the Big Ten is going to turn fans off.

While the Wolverines were defeating Northwestern 49-14 Saturday, Sandy Schwab, the freshman Northwestern quarterback, put the ball in the air 71 times; the Wildcats attempted to run the ball 16 times.

Purdue threw 43 passes against Michigan State, Illinois passed 51 times against Wisconsin and Minnesota put it up 43 times against Iowa.

"I think this kind of football will turn people off to football," Schembechler told reporters at his weekly luncheon Monday. "That's no fun to watch."

"The linemen all hold. I think, after the season, there will be a lot of discussion about rules and officiating."

Schembechler also noted that much of the passing is done between the 20-yard lines.

"The easiest thing in football is to stand back there and throw little dink passes," he said. "It's a different story trying to throw for touchdowns, however."

Schembechler, whose Wolverines have improved from a shaky start to stand 5-0 in the Big Ten and 5-2 overall, personally prefers a more balanced attack.

"We want to make you defense power, the option or

the pass against us," Schembechler explained. "We strive for that kind of balance."

The Wolverines have thrown 153 passes while 291 have been thrown against them. Schembechler said the increased number of passes his team has seen has made it difficult for him to determine whether his young defensive corps is improving.

"I don't know how good we are," he said. "I know this: our offense will get us enough points to win. My big question is whether the defense will hold them against these bargages, these long range mortar attacks."

"I don't know. The first guy that runs 15 yards on me, I'm going to go out and shake his hand. 'Thanks a lot for running on me, fella!'"

Schembechler made it clear, however, that he wasn't being critical of Northwestern, noting that the Wildcats had little choice after falling behind 42-0 by halftime.

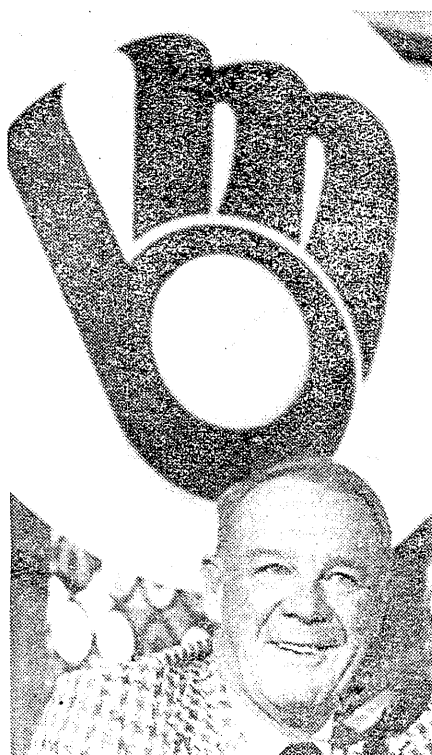
"The sad part about the Northwestern game is that I can't gauge any improvement," said Schembechler, explaining that his regulars sat out the entire second half. "I think it could be harmful. I think you've got to play 60 minutes."

The Michigan coach also is concerned that none of his regulars have played more than three quarters in the past three weeks — relatively easy victories.

"These other guys in the conference are going head-to-head and pulling games out in the fourth quarter," Schembechler noted. "That could cost us down the road if we have to go the distance with somebody."

As a result, Schembechler promised that practices this week will be harder than they have been all season.

"It's the only way to keep them from getting soft," he said.



HARVEY KUENN  
... Another year

# Brewers' Kuenn to return

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Harvey Kuenn, whose Milwaukee Brewers made it to the World Series after he took over the floundering team and told the players to have fun, will return next year as manager.

The Brewers announced at a news conference that the popular manager had signed a one-year contract to return in 1983. Terms were not announced.

"I wouldn't want it for any longer than that," Kuenn said. "I'm just looking at it as one year. After next year, we can look further. I guess I'm different than a lot of people. I wouldn't want to tie the club down for two years."

Kuenn became interim manager June 2, replacing Buck Rodgers, who was fired after the Brewers had lost 14 of 21 games and had fallen into a tie for fifth place in the American League East.

Kuenn's message for his team when he took over was: "Be loose. Have a laugh. Go out and play the game and have fun."

The club finished with a 72-43 record under Kuenn and led their division by 5½ games at the end of August. The Brewers finished the season 72-43.

The Brewers had a 23-24 record and were seven games out of first place when Kuenn, who had been the club's batting coach since 1971, succeeded Rodgers.

Under Rodgers, the Brewers were an unhappy team, but Kuenn infused a loose, tension-free atmosphere.

The Brewers lost the first two games of the AL playoffs to the California Angels, then became the first club in playoff history to come back from 0-2 deficit and win a league playoff series.

The Brewers lost to the St. Louis Cardinals in seven games in the World Series, which finished last week.

Brewer management had been uncertain how Kuenn would react to the stress of managing, for he has had three serious operations in recent years. He had four coronary

bypasses in 1976, surgery for kidney failure in 1977, and amputation of his right leg below the knee in 1980.

Kuenn said he remained in good health throughout the season.

"There was no doubt in my mind that Harvey should come back if Harvey wanted to come back, and Harvey's doctors said he could come back," General Manager Harry Dalton said. "That was my only concern. He did a fine job, not only on the field, but in working with the front office and from a public relations standpoint."

Kuenn and Dalton said they have not discussed possible personnel changes for next season.

## COETZEE INJURES HAND

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. (AP) — Gerrie Coetzee, the World Boxing Association's No. 2 heavyweight contender, fractured his right hand in training Monday and will not be able to fight Alfonso Ratliff Saturday. Coetzee broke his hand while sparring with Vic Valentino at Vineland, N.J. Coetzee was scheduled to fight Ratliff on CBS television from the Sands Hotel and Casino.

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# Buckeyes' Bruce lashes Big Ten

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Ohio State coach Earle Bruce lashed out Monday at the Big Ten Conference's current practice of having some football title contenders play nine games while others play eight.

The Big Ten decides its annual champion and representative in the Rose Bowl on the basis of winning percentage. Iowa and Ohio State have played eight conference games for the last two years to nine for the other eight members.

Bruce believes such inequity in scheduling cost the Buckeyes a shot at earning a Rose Bowl berth and the outright league crown last fall. "And it might do that this year, too," he said.

Iowa and Ohio State, who did not play each other, tied for the 1981 Big Ten crown. The Hawkeyes went to the Rose Bowl because the Buckeyes had been to the Pasadena, Calif., classic last.

Bruce admitted during his weekly news luncheon that the Big Ten's decision was made before his arrival at Ohio State from Iowa State in 1979.

"I would think in the future, no one," said Bruce, raising his voice and jerking off his glasses, "no one at Ohio State would stand by and let someone schedule nine games when we play only eight. And that's a possibility."

The Big Ten plays a nine-game round robin schedule in 1983 and 1984. Marv Homan, Ohio State's sports information director, says the league will return to an unbalanced schedule in three years.

"If we go to a schedule where one team plays one more league game than someone else, that's terrible for this conference. That's not fair," Bruce said.

Of course, Ohio State is in a position of needing help from another contender against league-leading Michigan. The Wolverines are 5-0 in the conference to a 5-1 record for second-place Illinois and 3-1 marks for Iowa and the Buckeyes.

"We need some help. The schedule favors them (the Wolverines)," Bruce said. "But we've got to worry about what we do. We can't control what anyone else does. We're up to this thing to the hilt with Purdue."

The Boilermakers, winners of their last two games, will try Saturday to extend Ohio State's losing streak at home to four games. The Buckeyes have lost to Stanford, Florida State and Wisconsin in their last three Ohio Stadium appearances.

Bruce was asked how he felt about coming home after the Buckeyes won at Illinois 26-21 and at Indiana 49-25 in the last two weeks.

The Ohio State coach, booed frequently by his home fans in 1982, laughed.

## DeLong, Tennyson share honors

Special to The Courier

MOUNT VERNON, Ind. — Amateur Dave DeLong and professional Roger Tennyson matched par-71 at Western Hills Country Club to claim medal honors in the weekly pro-am golf tournament Monday.

Art Hall and Carl J. Redman were a stroke back at 72. Action next week shifts to Christmas Lake Country Club in Santa Claus. Tee times are reserved.

Roger Tennyson (157½); Tom Becker, Orville Kuhs, R.J. Kuester, Donny Dennis (155½); Pete Titzer, Tom Vancey, Ivor Morrison, John Conroy (154½); Bob Greenwood, Barney Stockwell, Jay Houston, Dean Brinker (150½); Carney Knapf, Wyman McIntire, Jim Atkins.

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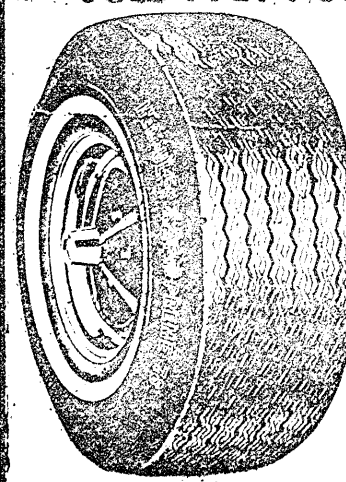
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