

# Is Freeman Williams Pistol Pete's equal at scoring?

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Quick! Who is college basketball's all-time offensive performer? Bill Walton? Lew Alcindor? Oscar Robertson? Frank Selvy? Pete Maravich?

The answer is Maravich, but riding high in that company is Portland State's Freeman Williams. And if Williams had been playing under the same rules as did Maravich in the late 1960s, he probably would be right up there with the former Louisiana State University wizard.

You don't believe it? Then listen to Jim Van Valkenburg, associate director of the National Collegiate Athletic Association statistics service, who is doing the comparing in this season's NCAA

Collegiate Basketball Guide. This is a numbers story. It doesn't have anything to do with zones, man-to-man defenses or caliber of competition. It has to do with putting the ball in the hoop.

Maravich's three-year career total seemingly is invincible. He averaged 43.8 points per game as a sophomore, 44.2 as a junior and 44.5 as a senior. Those figures rank 1-2-3 in NCAA history.

"He's a long-range bomber," Van Valkenburg writes about Williams, "with a pure touch, shoots 50 percent from the field and 80 percent at the line, and — this is important — he's free to shoot 32 times a game. He'd be in history's 40-point club in Division I if he were free to shoot every time he was

fouled, as they did before 1973. Convincing evidence is his 16.0 field goals per game in 1977 — only Pete Maravich ever had more. Even so, his 38.8 average is outranked only by the 40-point club — Maravich (three times), Furman's Frank Selvy and Mississippi's Johnny Neumann.

"Comparing the Williams and Maravich junior seasons, Williams was more accurate both from the field (50 percent to 44 percent) and the line (80 percent to 75 percent), but Maravich had more shots, 37.5 to 32.2 from the field and 14.5 to 8.5 from the line, where the rules favor Pistol Pete. In career total

points, though, even a 40-point average over 30 games this season would leave Williams 187 short of Maravich (freshmen couldn't play then), who had 3,667."

Had Williams played under the same rules as Maravich (granting him five of the six additional free throws the Pistol was allowed), the PSU senior would have averaged 43.8 rather than 38.8 and would have tied Maravich for the third highest season average.

Then there was the controversial game against Simon Fraser University of British Columbia in which Williams exploded for 59 points.

The NCAA disallowed those points because, many years ago, its basketball coaches agreed not to count games against Canadian schools. To Williams' credit, Simon Fraser is a four-year school, plays 90 percent of its games against United States competition, is eligible to compete in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics playoffs, and its games in football count under NCAA regulations.

Had those points counted, Williams would have averaged 39.6 last season. And given the same criteria in the previous comparison, the additional five free throws would have added that to 44.6. Maravich's all-time record is 44.5.

Again, this is a numbers comparison, but if Williams wins the national scoring title again, he will be the first repeater since Maravich. He finished second to Pan American's Marshall Rogers as a sophomore.

His 71-point outburst against Southern Oregon last year stands as the third highest single-game total ever, and currently only Maravich, Austin Carr and Selvy have a better combined two-year scoring average than Williams' 34.8.

Was the Pistol better than the Williams. Was Joe Louis better than Rocky Marciano? Who knows? But it's fun to compare.

## Sunday's scoreboard

### Cross country

**WEST COAST ATHLETIC CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIP**

**TEAM RESULTS** — 1. Nevada-Reno 16; 2. Portland 45; 3. St. Mary's 111; 4. Santa Clara 119; 5. USF 156; 6. Loyola 163; 7. Seattle 170; 8. Pepperdine 233.

**INDIVIDUAL RESULTS** — 1,000 meters: 1. Tom Wozicki (N-R) 29:01; 2. Dave Murphy (N-R) 29:01; 3. Rudy Mingo (N-R) 29:22; 4. Lynn Menter (N-R) 29:44; 5. Don Cox (Port) 30:09; 6. Hans Menel (N-R) 30:18; 7. Dave Holmes (Port) 30:43; 8. Boyd Tarin (N-R) 30:49; 9. Don Triton (N-R) 31:05; 10. Jeff Buckner (Port) 31:18.

### NORTHWEST WOMENS CROSS COUNTRY

**TEAM RESULTS** — 1. Oregon 36; 2. Washington 63; 3. Seattle Pacific 81; 4. Spokane CC 159; 5. Whitworth 162; 6. Montana 229; 7. Central Washington 265; 10. Pacific Lutheran 287.

**INDIVIDUAL RESULTS** — (5,000 meter course) 1. Debbie Qualter, Sea Pac 17:52; 2. Ellen Schmidt, Oregon 18:15; 3. Debbie Elise, OCE 18:16; 4. Kathy Adams, Wash 18:18; 5. Heather Tolford, Oregon 18:19.

### NORTHWEST CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS

**TEAM SCORES** — Willamette 23, Lewis and Clark 64, Whitworth 81, Pacific Lutheran 98, Linfield 118, Pacific 127, Whitman 171, College of Idaho 181.

**TOP SIX FINISHERS** — Terry Zorn, Willamette, 24:55; 2. Dave Sanderson, Whitworth, 25:38; 3. Tim Rutledge, Willamette, 25:40; 4. Jann Remak, Lewis and Clark 25:49; 5. Chuck Coats, Willamette 25:52; 6. Kelly Sullivan, Willamette, 25:56.

### CLASS A DISTRICT I

**AT PIER PARK BOYS**

**TEAM SCORES** — Vernonia 27, Corbel 73, Columbia Christian 98, Portland Christian 108, Colton 109, Knappa 140, Canby Gabel 183.

**TOP SIX FINISHERS** — 1. Brian Wilson, Vernonia, 17:38; 2. Jon Gleason, Portland Christian, 17:40; 3. Carl Garner, Vernonia, 17:41; 4. Mark Krigbaum, Colton, 17:46; 5. Dave Gleason, Portland Christian, 17:47; 6. Doug Karl, Vernonia, 17:51.

**STATE QUALIFIERS** — Vernonia (Brian Wilson, Carl Garner, Doug Karl, Jeff McMaisters, George Ray, Paul Lowry, Tom Miller); Corbel (Mike Hubard, Brian Smith, Mark Lloyd, Kevin Bates, Ed Zimmer, Norvin Schuster).

### GIRLS

**TEAM SCORES** — Catlin Gabel 32, Colton 40, Portland Christian 71, Vernonia 90, Columbia Christian 112.

**TOP SIX FINISHERS** — 1. Marie DeHart, Colton, 13:17; 2. Susan Bradford, Catlin Gabel, 13:18; 3. Libbie Hampton, Catlin Gabel, 13:44; 4. Kim Hering, Catlin Gabel, 13:45; 5. Gaye McKee, Colton, 13:46; 6. Linda Vaughan, Colton, 13:47.

**STATE QUALIFIERS** — Catlin Gabel (Susan Bradford, Libbie Hampton, Kim Hering, Ruthie Jones, Aloise Patterson, Patty Weston, Kim Wagner); Colton (Marie DeHart, Gaye McKee, Linda Vaughan, Laurie Poch, Kim Hantsker, Bridget Brown, Trisha Spurgeon).

### DISTRICT 2A

**AT BUSH PARK, SALEM BOYS**

**TEAM SCORES** — Yamhill-Carlton 59, Sherwood 60, Willamina 75, North Marion 79, Sheridan 84, Dayton 146.

**TOP SIX FINISHERS** — Mark Brown, Sheridan, 17:17; 2. Larry Bowman, North Marion, 17:29; 3. Paul Miller, Yamhill-Carlton, 17:39; 4. Bill Larkin, Yamhill-Carlton, 17:39; 5. Chris Linole, Sherwood, 17:42; 6. Steve Fessler, Sherwood, 17:46.

### BASKETBALL

Washington State 71, USSR 69  
Athletes in Action 97, San Diego 86  
Air Force 74, Czechoslovakia 67

### STATE QUALIFIERS

— Mark Brown, Larry Bowman, Yamhill-Carlton (Paul Miller, Bill Larkin, Lynn Carl, Fred Campbell), Mike Majstrovic, Kevin Green, Mike Kimura, Sherwood (Chris Linole, Steve Fessler, Jim Pauly, Jeff Harmon, Bruce Harmon, Everdean Ehlers, Per Nilsson).

**GIRLS 3,000 meters**

**TEAM SCORES** — Sherwood 30, Yamhill-Carlton 63, Dayton 93.

**TOP SIX FINISHERS** — Briget Cooke, Yamhill-Carlton, 12:38; Lisa Greenwood, Willamina, 12:53; Wilma Beechey, Yamhill-Carlton, 12:58; Linda Cross, Sherwood, 13:05; Cindy Clemmer, Sherwood, 13:12; Lou Ann Pitney, Sherwood, 13:17.

### WALEA CONFERENCE

**Norris Division**

W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Montreal	7	2	3	17	14
Los Angeles	6	4	2	14	32
Detroit	4	4	2	10	30
Philadelphia	3	5	2	10	51
Washington	2	7	1	5	23

**Adams Division**

Buffalo	7	2	1	15	34
Toronto	4	6	2	14	43
Cleveland	5	5	1	11	30
Boston	3	5	3	9	29

### CAMPBELL CONFERENCE

**Patrick Division**

Philadelphia	7	2	1	15	61
NY Islanders	7	3	1	15	41
Atlanta	4	3	4	12	36
NY Rangers	5	5	1	11	47

**Smith Division**

Chicago	5	2	4	14	29
Colorado	4	3	3	11	45
Vancouver	3	5	2	8	27
Minnesota	3	8	0	6	30
St. Louis	1	9	2	4	27

### SATURDAY RESULTS

At Detroit 3, Cleveland 4  
At Washington 1, Philadelphia 3  
At NY Islanders 4, Pittsburgh 3  
At Montreal 5, Boston 2  
At Minnesota 2, Chicago 5  
At St. Louis 1, Buffalo 3  
At Colorado 2, Toronto 5  
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**SUNDAY SCHEDULE**

Detroit at Cleveland  
St. Louis at Buffalo  
Vancouver at Philadelphia  
NY Islanders at Boston  
Atlanta at Chicago

### GOALS

Philadelphia 1, Buffalo 2 — 3  
St. Louis 0, Buffalo 0 — 1  
GOALS — Buffalo: Luce, Perreault, Guervremont. St. Louis: Roberts, AVES, Edwards (B) 24; Stanowski (SL) 25. A — 11,51.

Pittsburgh 1, NY Islanders 1 — 3  
NY Islanders 2, Buffalo 2 — 2  
GOALS — Pittsburgh: Owchar, Malone 2. New York: Parise, Bossy, Harris, Nestrom, SAVES — Herron (PI) 29; Rousseau (NY) 25. A — 15,317.

### GOALS

Cleveland 1, 2 — 1 — 4  
Montreal 1, 2 — 0 — 2  
GOALS — Cleveland: Manery 2, Hampton, Fidler, Detroit: Maloney, Lockshades, Plumb. SAVES — Maloche (C) 41; Rutherford (D) 21. A — 13,185.

Philadelphia 1, 1 — 1 — 3  
Washington 0, 1 — 0 — 1  
GOALS — Philadelphia: Clarke 2, Barber, Washington: Meahan, SAVES — Stephenson (P) 23; Wolfe (W) 36. A — 18,130.

### GOALS

Boston 0, 0 — 2 — 2  
Montreal 1, 2 — 2 — 5  
GOALS — Labeur 3; Savard, Mahovich, Shutt, Boston: Park, Smith, SAVES — Gilbert (B) 22; Dryden (M) 21. A — 16,771.

Toronto 1, 2 — 2 — 5  
Colorado 1, 2 — 2 — 5  
GOALS — Toronto: Thompson, Boulet, Jones, Sittler 2. Colorado: Andruff, Gardner, SAVES — Palmater (T) 39; Fleese (C) 19. A — 9,312.

### GOALS

NY Rangers 0, 0 — 1 — 1  
Los Angeles 1, 1 — 1 — 3  
GOALS — NY: DeBlois, LA: Aops, Murphy, Dimeo, SAVES — Davidson (NY) 32; Vachon (LA) 33. A — 12,215.

Chicago 1, 2 — 2 — 5  
Minnesota 1, 0 — 1 — 2  
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