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Future: Former Duck plans to establish himself in basketball outside of Oregon

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play point guard. I'm not going to make a bid that I am the greatest ball handler in the world, but times Kenya would play 40 minutes a night and that wasn't necessary."

But beyond Oregon, Williams has been making his plans to establish himself as a point guard.

"I can play point and that is what I want to show people. And I give teams an offensive threat at the point guard position," Williams said. "A lot of point guards can't really shoot the ball all that well, but I can."

In order to make that transition, however, Williams has got a little help along the way. That little help comes from the likes of Portland native point guards Damon Stoudamire of the Toronto Raptors and Terrell Brandon of the Cleveland Cavaliers.

"I've worked on it with Damon and Terrell really competitively," Williams said. "We play one-on-one, and we change games. We play and I will win one, then they will win one, so definitely I am right there. I just want to be able to go out on the

floor and show guys that I am competitive and I can play point guard position."

"Right before Damon left for Toronto, we were playing one-on-one every day. We played about six or seven games, all to 11. He is a great opponent to work on your game with. Bottom line, he is one of the best point guards in the NBA right now. And then when Terrell was hurt, I got a chance to help him recuperate."

"Those are two great guys to learn the position from."

When Williams played for Benson High School in Portland, he competed against Stoudamire, who played at Wilson, and Brandon, who played at Grant. While Orlando and Brandon were both Ducks, Stoudamire went south to be an Arizona Wildcat. But all the same, the trio are the best of friends back in Portland.

"On the court there is always going to be a rivalry, but as far as just people, we are all just the best of friends," Williams said. "They are the same people, the same nice guys, but when we are on the court, they are willing to help me with the position but

yet they are also willing to show me the ropes and beat me up a little bit to let me know it is not going to be an easy transition."

But, in the competitive world of professional basketball, that transition may never take place.

That is okay, though, because Williams is prepared to use his college degree — and some of the recognition he got from playing with the Globetrotters — to get a job in investment banking or another business related field.

"It may turn out to be at the beginning of next year; it may be that soon. It just depends on how things work out as far as pro ball," Williams said. "If I go down there and they say 'Hey son, we don't feel like you are good enough,' that is fine with me because I know I gave it a shot and I know in my own mind and my own right I did my best."

"I got the chance to be on AM Northwest. I got to do a lot of TV and radio interviews, and hopefully when I do decide to go out and get a job, maybe people will remember those things," he added. "It is good because I think it will help me in my career."

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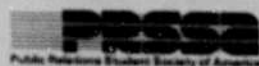
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MONDAY'S TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

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■ CLEVELAND INDIANS—Agreed to terms with Brian Anderson, pitcher, on a two-year contract.

MID-AMERICA LEAGUE

■ ANDERSON LAWYERS—Resigned Dustin Riggs, pitcher.

FOOTBALL

NFL

■ PHILADELPHIA EAGLES—Named Dick Daniels director of football operations.

CANADIAN FOOTBALL LEAGUE

■ BRITISH COLUMBIA LIONS—Signed Virgil Robertson, linebacker.

■ TORONTO ARGONAUTS—Signed Andrew Stewart, defensive lineman.

HOCKEY

NHL

■ EDMONTON OILERS—Sent Jiri Siegr, defenseman, on a conditioning assignment to Cape Breton of the AHL.

■ HARTFORD WHALERS—Sent Sandy Allan, goaltender, to Richmond

of the ECHL. Recalled Sami Kapanen, left wing, and Steve Martins, center, from Springfield of the AHL.

■ MONTREAL CANADIENS—Recalled Darcy Tucker, center, Fredericton of the AHL.

■ NEW YORK RANGERS—Sent Peter Ferraro, left wing, to Binghamton of the AHL.

■ PHILADELPHIA FLYERS—Recalled Russ Romaniuk, left wing, from Hershey of the AHL.

■ TORONTO MAPLE LEAFS—Sent Mark Kolesar, right wing, and David Harlock, defenseman, to St. John's of the AHL. American Hockey League

■ BINGHAMTON RANGERS—Sent Eric Cairns, defenseman, to Charlotte of the ECHL.

■ ROCHESTER AMERICANS—Sold the contract of Serge Roberge, right wing, to Fredericton.

■ SPRINGFIELD FALCONS—Sent Nolan Prat, defenseman, to Richmond of the ECHL.

SOCCER

A-LEAGUE

■ NEW YORK FEVER—Named Jonathan Bennett director of media relations.

COLLEGE

■ AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL—Named April Huckaby women's lacrosse and women's field hockey coach. Named Chris Hermann director of sports information.

■ MANHATTAN—Announced women's lacrosse will become a varsity start beginning in the 1996-97 school year. Named Danielle Caro women's lacrosse coach.

■ PURDUE—Named Kurt Van Valkenburgh assistant football coach.

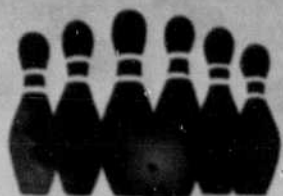
■ TENNESSEE TECH—Named Randy Pippin offensive coordinator, David Bibee secondary coach and recruiting coordinator, and Mike Smith defensive coordinator. Announced the resignation of Mike Ledford, quarterbacks coach.



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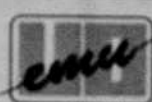
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