

Willie Deane

Four-year basketball starter at Schenectady HS; coached by Athletic HOF member Gary DiNola

Averaged 23 points, 7 rebounds & 5 assists per game on the 1998 NYSPHSAA championship team (SHS finished 28-1)

1998 State Tournament MVP

SHS also won the 1998 Big Ten, Section II & Regional titles

All-Tournament selection in the 1998 Federation Tournament

1997-98 *Times Union* Player of the Year

1998 *USA Today* Honorable Mention All-American; McDonald's All-American nominee

1,500 point scorer in high school; holds SHS career scoring record

Played basketball at Boston College as a freshman; transferred to Purdue

Led Purdue in scoring, steals, made 3s, 3-point shooting percentage, made free throws & free throws attempted as a junior

Led the Big Ten in scoring in overall games in 2001-02 (17.3 ppg)

Big Ten Basketball Player of the Week several times

Named as one of 36 players on the Senior CLASS Award Watch List

Led Purdue in scoring as a senior (17.8 ppg)

All-Big Ten 2nd Team as a junior (media selection) and 1st Team as a senior

Named Purdue's John Wooden Team MVP as a junior & senior (last done by Glen "Big Dog" Robinson)

Purdue advanced to the 2nd round of the 2003 NCAA Tournament (eliminated by Texas & former Schenectady teammate, James Thomas)

Played in the 2003 National Association of Basketball Coaches All-Star game in New Orleans

Successful 15-year career playing pro basketball overseas; won three Bulgarian championships, one Bulgarian Cup, a French championship & an Italian championship

