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WILLIE THOMAS

Height: 6-5

Weight: 207

Hometown: Los Angeles, Calif.

High School: Locke High School

High School: Graduated from Locke High School in Los Angeles in 1991 at the age of 16. Played forward in basketball. Averaged 27 points and 11 rebounds leading Saints into state quarterfinals senior season. Earned all-league and all-state honors. Team captain and MVP.

Junior College: Originally signed a letter-of-intent and attended Fresno State before playing two seasons at Bellevue Community College. Averaged 15.4 points, 6.7 rebounds and two steals leading Bellevue to a 32-1 record and the NWAACC title sophomore year. NWAACC Player-of-the-Year. . .Scored 27 points and grabbed 17 rebounds in 89-87 win over Edmonds in title game to earn Most Valuable Player honors. Scored 17 of Bellevue's final 19 points as they overcame 11-point deficit in final five minutes. Was Team Captain and Outstanding Defensive award winner.

At Central Washington University: Had one of outstanding seasons in CWU basketball history senior year leading Wildcats to Pacific Northwest Athletic Conference title and into quarterfinal round of NAIA national tournament. Led team in scoring (18.4 points per game), rebounding (7.7), field goal percentage (53.0), blocked shots (35) and steals (75). . .Was selected to the NAIA All-American second team and also was voted to the NAIA national all-tournament team. Was leading scorer in NAIA national tournament, averaging 25 points per game for three contests. . .Was also selected the Pacific Northwest Athletic Conference Player-of-the-Year. . .Ranks 21st in CWU history in scoring (ranks fifth among two-year players). Also ranks fifth in school history in career field goal percentage and blocked shots and seventh in school history in career steals. . .Scored career-high 38 points against Western Washington on Mar. 1, 1997. Scored 31 points in NAIA national tournament quarterfinal game against Cumberland, Kentucky. . .Was voted team's Most Valuable Player. Also was selected honorary team captain and Index Award winner. . .Played junior season at CWU in 1993-94 before redshirting two years. Averaged 12.5 points and 6.4 rebounds. Blocked 26 shots. . .Is very athletic (42-inch vertical leap) and has ability to score inside or outside. Good rebounder and excellent free throw shooter.

Miscellaneous: Born 12-4-74 at Los Angeles, Calif. Social science major. Has one sister. Father, Willie, played at Jackson State and his mother, Lucille, played at Alcorn A&M.

Central Washington University Career Statistics

G	FG	FGA	PCT	FG	FGA	PCT	FT	FTA	PCT	OR	Reb	Avg.
PF-D	Pts	Avg.	Ast.	TO	Bk	St.	Min	Rating				
1993-94	27	134	231	58.0	0	3	0.0	69	105	65.7	51	172
	6.4	66-2	337	12.5	10	56	26	38	735	1.39		
1996-97	30	206	389	53.0	6	25	24.0	135	194	69.6	77	230
	7.7	74-1	553	18.4	40	92	35	75	1011	1.43		

