

Chuck Williams

Chuck Williams put Freedom on the national recruiting map in 1982. One of the most sought-after athletes in the country, Williams was the reason Penn State coach Joe Paterno, Gerry Faust, Terry Donahue, and then Pitt coach Foge Fazio attended Freedom basketball games that year.

Chuck was also a basketball standout for Freedom, giving those college football coaches something to see and leading the Bulldogs to their only appearance in the WPIAL championship. Football, however, was his sport. He was named a Parade All-American and, after narrowing his final four to Pitt, Penn State, UCLA, and Notre Dame, he chose to play at Pitt. His high school jersey has been retired here at Freedom.

A knee injury in the Penn-Ohio All-Star Football Classic, however, became a unfortunate sign of things to come. At Pitt, Williams' career saw some bright spots along the defensive line between knee injuries, however, the injuries were unfortunately the more common occurrence. Despite those limitations, Williams had opportunities to play in the National Football League, however, he decided not to risk further injury by continuing to play.

