

HIGH SCHOOL SOCCER



North White soccer player Cristian Murillo is part of a North White soccer team that takes special pride in its soccer team.

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Pride shows in 1st year

At North White, the sport gives students a reason to belong

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MONON - On a makeshift soccer field behind an elementary school, 18 North White High School students found a sense of purpose.

A lot of them were outcasts within the hallways. Some of them were barely passing classes.

The inaugural season of boys varsity soccer at North White changed it all.

"This program has really integrated them into the school system," said science teacher Jeremy Boszor, the program's first appointed head coach.

Principal Tony Cassel pushed for a boys soccer program, something that would appeal to North White's Hispanic students, which make up 37 percent of the school's enrollment.

Last year, the school board approved adding boys soccer for the fall of 2016.

It worked out better than anyone could have imagined.

"They asked us to bring our grades up," said senior Daniel Cortez. "All these guys gave everything they could to get good grades. They wanted to play."

Cortez was going to make sure they did.

He organized everything, serving as an interpreter



Coach Jeremy Boszor talks to his team as North White soccer prepares to advance.

between the Spanish-speaking players and Boszor. He assumed the role of making sure all the players turned in their paperwork. He lent money to those who needed to pay student-athlete fees.

Back then, they practiced in a park, before athletic director Mark Woodcock purchased two goals and had lines painted on a grassy area behind North White Elementary.

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PURDUE ATHLETICS

Extra money helps Boilers

Half of revenue in budget from Big Ten, NCAA

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The Big Ten Conference is still filling its schools' bank accounts and will continue to do so.

About half of the projected revenue in the Purdue athletic department budget for the 2016-17 fiscal year is expected to come from Big Ten and NCAA distributions.

The information was obtained by the Journal & Courier through an open-records request.

Seven things to know

» The projected revenue from the Big Ten Conference and NCAA is expected to total just over \$38 million.

During the 2015-16 fiscal year, Purdue received \$34.6 million from the Big Ten and NCAA. However, the figure didn't include a \$1 million BTN Profit Share, which each of the 11 fully financially integrated schools received the previous year. (Nebraska will be fully financially integrated in 2017-18, and Rutgers and Maryland in 2020-21.)

With the continued decline in football ticket sales, Purdue has become more dependent on revenue from the Big Ten and the NCAA.

During the 2008-09 fiscal year, the Big Ten and the NCAA accounted for 31 percent of the athletic department's overall revenue when the football program averaged more than 56,000 fans. Last season, the school announced an average attendance of 37,508.

The athletic department is self-sufficient and doesn't receive subsidies or student fees from the university. In 2014-15, Purdue was one of 12 athletic departments across the country that didn't receive subsidies, according to USA TODAY.

» Purdue is projecting \$11.1 million in ticket sales from all sports. In 2014-15 — the latest figures available — the department generated \$9.8 million in ticket sales.

» The net operating income is before the athletic department makes debt service payments, which is expected to cost

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PURDUE FOOTBALL

Marshall sees opportunity in teammate loss



MIKE GRANSE/USA TODAY SPORTS
Purdue wide receiver Bilal Marshall carries the ball against Illinois Saturday.

Wide receiver sees chance come after injury to friend

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Bilal Marshall teared up as he stood with his Purdue football teammates around the cart that would take receiver Domonique Young from the field last Saturday.

Young, playing one of the best games of an unfolding breakthrough season, suffered a serious right leg injury. Tests from an MRI were not available as of Tuesday, but the Boilermakers are pessimistic about the return of their leading receiver.

Marshall knows pain. He knows about setbacks. They seem to spring up every time the 6-2, 201-pound Miami native is poised for a bigger role.

As he watched one of his best friends

go down at Illinois, Marshall realized his moment may have arrived.

"Without a doubt it's an opportunity," Marshall said. "It's an opportunity to make something of myself. But it's also an opportunity to honor my brother — one of my best friends here. I'm going to do everything I can to honor him. To produce the way he was producing, play as hard as he was playing and continue to honor him."

Marshall now occupies Young's spot on the depth chart. Someone must produce on the outside opposite DeAngelo Yancey, where Young's presence added a new dimension.

Yet Marshall means so much more to a Purdue offense that adds new wrinkles each week in an effort to catch defenses off guard and get the most out of its talent. The senior lined up in the backfield and motioned out on one pass play at Illinois. The onetime running quarterback also worked a series in the wildcat — or

rather, the "Amtrack" at Purdue, to follow the train motif.

Quarterback David Blough said he relies on Marshall's football IQ to recognize coverages and communicate options on the field.

"He is as smart a football player as you're ever going to be around," Purdue offensive coordinator Terry Malone said. "We're trying to maximize the talent we have in our room, and he's one of those talented guys that a lot of times goes unnoticed, and yet we really appreciate him."

Marshall played seven games as a redshirt freshman in 2013. Last season, he totaled 72 yards on seven receptions over nine games. Every time he turned in another intriguing spring camp, nagging injuries to his ankle or hip popped up.

Marshall's toughest mental test came

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NOTRE DAME FOOTBALL

Rivalry game with Stanford loses its pop

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SOUTH BEND - Notre Dame versus Stanford was supposed to be the marquee game of Week 6. Not anymore.

It was going to be two preseason Top 10 teams kicking off in prime time and there weren't many other sexy games contending for attention. Everyone would be watching this one.

But the Fighting Irish (2-4) and Cardinal (3-2) have quickly fallen out of the national discussion. For the first time in six years, the programs head into this annual rivalry game unranked and without championship implications.

After last year's playoff-elimination game, this one is a letdown.

"We don't think about it in those terms," Irish coach Brian Kelly said. "I know we're focused on just winning, and I'm sure those that are Notre Dame fans, they'll be there and they will be cheering us on. We're appreciative of that fact."

"But we're really focused on winning a football game and what goes into that and the preparation and what we have to do. We're not really kind of thinking from the outside in about all the fanfare that may not be attached to this particular game."

In last year's 38-36 road loss, the Irish ran for nearly 300 yards — Josh Adams had 168 and DeShone Kizer had 128 — and Kizer passed for 234 yards and a touchdown. The defense held the Cardinal to 159 rushing yards, and last year's Heisman Trophy runner-up Christian McCaffrey gained only 9, his third lowest tally of a season in which he averaged 144.2.

But things are different this year — for both teams. Notre Dame ranks 92nd in rushing offense, while Stanford is 100th. The Cardinal's primary issue up front is that its offensive line hasn't been able to protect quarterbacks Ryan Burns and Keller Chryst, who have been sacked 12 times in the past two games. Stanford has already allowed 15 sacks in five games this season.

"We are a work in progress up front right now," Cardinal coach David Shaw told reporters after Saturday's 42-16 loss to Washington State. "I didn't think at this point in the season that I would be



Last year's Notre Dame vs. Stanford game featured two ranked teams. Neither are ranked ahead of this week's matchup.

MATT CASHORE/USA TODAY SPORTS

saying that, but that's just where we are."

Stanford was the Pac-12 favorite for four weeks after it beat USC and UCLA. But consecutive losses to then-No. 10 Washington and Washington State, getting outscored a combined 86-22, have changed that. In those games, McCaffrey rushed for fewer than 50 yards, averaging just over 4 yards per carry.

McCaffrey is "banged up," according to Shaw, and his availability for Saturday is uncertain. But even though his effectiveness has been down the past two weeks, he's still averaging about the same numbers he was this time last year. He is gaining 104 yards per game at 5.3 yards per carry, and through the first five games last year he was at 100.2 yards per game at 5.7 yards a carry.

Notre Dame was one of only three teams last season to hold him under 100 yards.

"It's not that, you know, we had a hex on him and he fell down," Kelly said. "We controlled the line of scrimmage. You have to control the line of scrimmage to have a chance to tackle him. ... Teams have shown that, but that's the first goal."

"Then, what are your matchups and

controlling those matchups with him coming out of the backfield? Because he can be a nightmare coming out of the backfield if you get the wrong matchups."

Notre Dame has its own issues, of course. While the young defense has improved since making a coordinator change, it's giving up 181.2 yards rushing and 236 passing. The offense, meanwhile, hasn't been able to get its running game going and doesn't have one running back averaging more than 100 yards a game this season.

In seven of the past 10 years, Notre Dame versus Stanford has been decided by a touchdown or less. Last year, the Cardinal won by two points. This doesn't bode well for an Irish team that has lost four games by one possession.

But Kelly said Tuesday that trend will change.

"It would be easier if we were getting beat by 40 points, you know?" Kelly said. "We could resign ourselves to the fact that it is what it is. But we're in position to win these games and we have to find a way to win. I think we can coach them to the point where they understand it. Now we can do it."

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The Vikings still don't have a home field. All 16 of their matches have required getting on a bus to travel to an opposing stadium, beginning with the season opener Aug. 15 at Lafayette Jeff.

North White fell behind, but won 2-1. That night, the Vikings had just 11 players.

Two months later, there's 18 who call themselves champions.

On Saturday, they rallied from a 2-0 deficit to defeat Hanover Central in penalty kicks in the sectional title match.

"We know we have a talented team. Everyone has confidence in each other," said sophomore Bryan Pena Rivera, using Cortez as a translator. "No one here is put down. We think we all have the potential to go out there and be better players every day."

This is a first-year program, but the kids are not first-year soccer players.

Boszor watched many play at an indoor league in Lafayette. He knew they were talented.

Maybe just not this talented.



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North White soccer player Carlos Garcia

PHOTO GALLERY

For more photos of North White's soccer team in action, go to jconline.com.

The Vikings have scored 82 goals in 16 matches entering Thursday's Class A Regional semifinal against Hebron, led by Pena Rivera's 24 and Carlos Trejo

Garcia's 21.

Four years ago, Boszor was essentially soccer illiterate.

He agreed to become an assistant coach at Maconaquah out of necessity more than anything.

A year later, he was the head coach.

He studied everything he could on the game.

He learned formations and drills, but nothing he read could have prepared him for what he would encounter when he was hired to coach the start-up Vikings.

"It was amazing to watch them celebrate, to see the expressions on their faces," Boszor said. "They understood that this was very special. They soaked it in. Every time I saw them (on Monday), they were still smiling. The school has rallied around them. It's been amazing to watch."

For the first time, many of the players felt like they were a part of the school.

"I never before felt like I was actually in the school, but I feel like I am home," Cortez said. "This school has a big heart, and we want to make it proud."

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SATURDAY'S GAME

Iowa (4-2) at Purdue (3-2)

Time: Noon

TV: ESPN2

Radio: WAZY-FM (96.5)

but I knew I wasn't done. I know I'm not done. I'm going to have more opportunities."

Marshall has dealt with a flood of emotions recently. Last week, he learned his cousin, Willie Fields, died in Florida. Marshall, who will miss Saturday's funeral to play in the Boilermakers' homecoming game against Iowa, wore "RIP Poppy" on his eye black for the Illinois game — an homage to Fields' nickname.

Marshall will eventually return to Miami, though he hopes a professional football opportunity calls first. Over the summer, he interned for leadership ad-

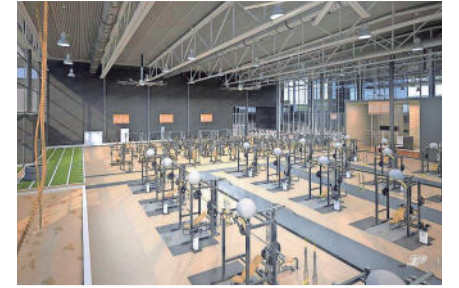


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The Football Performance Facility will be adjacent to the north end of Mollenkopf Athletic Center.

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between \$8 million and \$9 million. That figure will rise in 2017-18 after the Football Performance Facility is completed.

"Purdue is projecting \$72.4 million in expenses with \$34.4 million in salaries and benefits. Scholarships are projected at \$11.1 million, including cost of attendance stipends, which are budgeted at \$853,360 for about 500 athletes. The bill for last year's cost of attendance stipends: \$602,509. Cost of attendance stipends cover expenses that fall outside athletic scholarships."

"The athletic department will send \$1.5 million to the university for overhead and administrative charges."

The figure was reduced by about \$2 million during the 2014-15 fiscal year, giving then athletic director Morgan Burke funds to pay for full cost of attendance stipends and offset ticket income with the reduction of student prices.

The current agreement coincided with the Big Ten television deal, which ends after the academic year. At the time, President Mitch Daniels and the Board of Trustees agreed to revisit the agreement when the Big Ten's new media rights deal was finalized.

Burke suggested Daniels and the board use a percentage of the department's gross revenues, a metric used by other Big Ten schools, to determine the administrative charge.

"The conference has yet to announce details of the new television agreement, which begins next fall. The Sports Business Journal reported over the summer the Big Ten has agreed to a six-year, \$2.64 billion deal. The new agreement will bring an influx of additional revenue. Schools could see an increase of around \$10 million from the conference in the first year of the TV deal."

"BTN, which launched in August 2007, has been a successful venture for the Big Ten and the league's schools. In nine years, Purdue has received over \$57 million from the BTN alone."

In 2014-15, Purdue and the 10 other fully financially integrated schools received \$1 million in BTN profit shares from a pool of \$22.6 million. The remaining \$11.6 million was a cash loan to Maryland as part of its agreement to join the conference.

However, the league didn't distribute profit shares in 2015-16, according to deputy commissioner Brad Traviolia.

Traviolia said the decision to distribute BTN profit shares sits with the Council of Presidents/Chancellors.

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in 2014, when he didn't play a snap all season. When slot receiver Danny Anthrop suffered a torn ACL at Nebraska, Marshall thought he'd be called on as the next man up. He wasn't.

As Marshall sat on his couch complaining the next day, he said he took former teammate Gabe Holmes' advice to heart.

"He just said, 'All you can do is force them to play you,'" Marshall said. "After that I just went to work and never complained about anything every again. I grinded and grinded and grinded and put in the extra hours on my own that I could. That work's starting to show."

Marshall's teammates and coaches recognize those sacrifices. Their re-

spect fueled an all-out celebration when Marshall scored his first career touchdown against Nevada on Sept. 24.

With Purdue down 14-3 late in the first half, Blough lofted a deep pass in Marshall's direction. The receiver went up over Wolf Pack defensive back Dameron Baber, secured the reception and landed in the end zone for a 48-yard touchdown.

Normally stoic coach Darrell Hazell was among those whose enthusiastic embrace greeted Marshall on the sideline. It was a big score for the Boilermakers, who eventually rallied for a 24-14 victory.

It was a huge touchdown for Marshall.

"I hadn't touched the end zone before that since 2011 when I was in high school," Marshall said. "For that to happen the way it happened, the impact it had for the team, it was just so much emotion that went into that."

"I could have cried at that moment,

viser Cathy Wright-Eger in Purdue's Student Services department. One of his projects involved writing some of the athletic department's "Plan 2020" report presented to media and the board of directors over the summer.

First things first. Marshall wants to honor Young, one of his best friends since the latter made his official visit to West Lafayette.

"We all kind of just looked at each other," Marshall said of the aftermath of Young's injury at Illinois. "There was no words said. (Receivers coach Gerad) Parker was tearing up. I was tearing up. Greg (Phillips) was really upset."

"We all looked at each other and it was like, 'We need to go do this for him. Let's go get it done.'"

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