

HOOP DREAMS: OUTCOMES PROJECTED FROM END OF SOPHOMORE YEAR IN H.S.

Time	William Gates	Arthur Agee
<i>End of High School</i>	Goes to college (95%)	Goes to college (53%)
	(A) College for basketball (90%)	Junior college (18%)
	(B) Lib arts college (5%)	Barely graduates/drops out (30%)
	Working (low income) 5%	Working (12%)
		Trying to play ball (6%)
<i>1 Year After High School</i>	Playing basketball in college (88%)	Struggling/College dropout (30%)
	Recruited to NBA (6%)	In school playing ball (23%)
	College dropout (6%)	Living at home (18%)
		Working (12%)
		Not playing ball (12%)
		Community college (6%)
<i>5 Years After High School</i>	Playing professionally (75%)	Working (bad job) (30%)
	Working (good job) (12.5%)	Crime/drugs (like dad) (30%)
	Working (bad job) (12.5%)	Living at home (dropout?) (20%)
		Playing professionally (10%)
		Working (good job) (5%)
		??? (5%)

What do you notice about the patterns in this table?

HOOP DREAMS: PROJECTED AND ACTUAL OUTCOMES

Time	William Gates	Arthur Agee
<i>End of High School</i>	Going to college (100%)	Basketball scholarship (50%)
	(A) College for basketball (78%)	Division 1 (12.5%)
	(B) College (22%)	Hanging out & playing ball (25%)
		Graduates HS (no ball) (12.5%)
		Drop out of HS (12.5%)
	SCHOLARSHIP TO MARQUETTE UNIVERSITY	SCHOLARSHIP TO MINERAL AREA JUNIOR COLLEGE
<i>1 Year After High School</i>	Playing basketball in college (100%)	Out of school (44%)
	And doing well in school (66%)	In school playing ball (33%)
		Trying to play ball (11%)
		Still in his neighborhood (11%)
	PLAYING AT MARQUETTE	PLAYING AT MAJC
<i>5 Years After High School</i>	College degree (62.5%)	Still in neighborhood, struggling (like father) (55%)
	And decent job (50%)	College degree & good job (11%)
	Playing professionally (12.5%)	Playing professionally (11%)
	Working (12.5%)	Raising family (11%)
	College dropout (12.5%)	??? (11%)
	GRADUATED WITH A COMMUNICATIONS DEGREE AND WORKED AS A COUNSELOR	PLAYED TWO YEARS AT ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY (DID NOT GRADUATE), WAS #1 DRAFT PICK IN U.S.B.L., PLAYING FOR THE LONG ISLAND SURF (LATER PLAYED IN THE I.B.A.)

Update:

William is Senior Pastor at Living Faith Community Center in Cabrini Green. He came back to the neighborhood begrudgingly after he was out of work for a time and his brother, Curtis, was murdered in a carjacking in 2001. He lives with his wife and four children on the West Side of Chicago. His mother still works as a nurse's assistant but moved out of Cabrini Green in 2002 and lives 5 minutes from William's family.

Arthur tried to launch a Hoop Dreams clothing line (slogan: Control Your Destiny) and formed the Arthur Agee Role Model Foundation. He has four children, with four different women, and is unmarried. His mother was working as a private nurse and his father was a pastor, living in a home they owned, when Bo Agee was murdered in the alley behind his home in Berwyn, possibly in a hired hit owing to a clothing distribution business he was running out of his garage. Arthur was playing "Slamball" at the time, and when he returned to Chicago he found that Bo had taken out a number of credit cards in Arthur's name and ruined his credit.