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PURDUE PITCHING COACH STEVE HOLM NAMED HEAD COACH AT ILLINOIS ST. /// JUNE 22, 2018

NORMAL, Ill. (www.PurdueSports.com) – Purdue pitching coach Steve Holm was a big part of the Boilermakers' quick two-year turnaround, earning him the opportunity to become the head coach at Illinois State. ISU Director of Athletics Larry Lyons announced the hiring of the former big leaguer Friday. Holm joined Purdue in the summer of 2016 after beginning his coaching career as an assistant at Sacramento State (2013-16). Head coach Mark Wasikowski and his two-year assistants Wally Crancer and Holm reshaped a program that was 10-44 in 2016 into an NCAA Regional qualifier with a 38-21 record just two seasons later. "Steve is a very smart and well-calculated baseball mind," Wasikowski said. "He was a critical part of the Purdue baseball program's turnaround over the last two years. Illinois State made an outstanding decision hiring Coach Holm. He is a proven winner!" "With our program going in the right direction, Boilermakers are going to be in high demand. That applies to both the MLB Draft and opportunities for our assistant coaches. He earned an opportunity to be a head coach with his great work as an assistant, both at Purdue and Sacramento State. He had a huge impact on the big improvements of our pitching staff. I couldn't be happier for Steve, his bride Lindsey, and his wonderful young family!" "I am extremely excited to be the new head coach at Illinois State University," Holm said. "I'd like to thank Dr. Larry Dietz, Larry Lyons, and Peyton Deterding for trusting me to lead the program and the 35 young men within it. There are a lot of people who have helped me get to this point, including both Reggie Christiansen and Mark Wasikowski. I am forever grateful to both of them for the opportunity they gave me as an assistant coach. Most importantly I'd like to thank each and every one of my players who have played for me. I promised my wife when she moved to California that I'd get her back close to her Midwest roots and without the efforts of those players this never would have been possible." Holm's pitching staff was a big part of Purdue's 38-win season and NCAA Regional bid in 2018. The Boilermakers qualified for the NCAA Tournament for just the third time in program history thanks to an 8-1 start and 21-3 surge from April 20 to May 27. The pitching staff compiled a 3.01 ERA and 1.34 WHIP during the memorable 24-game run late in the season, which featured a pair of 13-game win streaks (overall and home). After the season, staff ace Tanner Andrews was selected in the 10th round of the MLB Draft by the Miami Marlins. He was Purdue's highest-drafted pitcher since 2012. Closer Ross Learnard registered a program-record 15 saves and earned third team All-America honors from Collegiate Baseball. After Learnard's single-season record 0.58 ERA led to second team All-America honors from the NCBWA in 2017, he became the first Boilermaker to be a full-fledged All-American in consecutive seasons. In Holm's two seasons with the Boilermakers, the team ERA improved from 5.27 in 2016 to 4.91 in 2017 to 4.00 in 2018. The team WHIP dropped from 1.61 in 2016 to 1.44 in 2018. After being a catcher in pro ball, Holm also helped the team's catchers improve defensively. Nick Dalesandro started the final 33 games of the season at catcher and was also drafted in the 10th round this year. But most importantly, the Boilermakers' 28-win improvement from 2016 to 2018 will go down as one of the most dramatic and ascendant turnarounds in the history of Purdue Athletics. The Boilermakers ended a four-year Big Ten Tournament drought in 2017 and finished second in the Big Ten this season, both in the final standings and at the conference tournament. "Our goal was to find the best person to lead our baseball program back to the top of the Missouri Valley Conference and to compete for postseason opportunities. In addition, we were looking for the best person to continue our high level of academic success and personal development of the young men in our program. Steve brings all of that and many more intangibles," Lyons said. "We feel Steve's background as an All-American shortstop, a professional catcher and collegiate pitching coach gives him the ability to make our team immediately better in every facet of the game. His success in helping programs improve in relatively short periods of time is impressive, and we are very excited Steve and his family have chosen to join the Redbird family."

TinCaps and Padres Extend Affiliation

Player Development Contract Renewed Through 2020 Season

FORT WAYNE, Ind. – The Fort Wayne TinCaps and San Diego Padres have agreed on a two-year extension of their [Player Development Contract](#) (PDC) through the 2020 season. This will stretch the affiliation between the organizations to 22 years, continuing what is already the longest-lasting Minor League Baseball affiliation in San Diego's franchise history. "The Padres are building a World Series contender, and we're energized to be part of it," said TinCaps President **Mike Nutter**. "Beyond that, we're deeply appreciative of what the Padres do to help us make a positive impact in our community, and the stability of our relationship with the Padres is something we don't take for granted." Despite 2,000-plus miles separating Parkview Field and Petco Park, Fort Wayne and San Diego have been partners since the 1999 season. In the Midwest League, only the West Michigan Whitecaps and Detroit Tigers (who are separated by about 160 miles) have a deeper tie—by two years. The Padres annually donate more than 1,500 TinCaps tickets to non-profit organizations in the Fort Wayne area, allowing disadvantaged fans the chance to attend games at Parkview Field. Additionally, the Padres underwrite the costs for 1,000 tickets for military families on Military Appreciation Day at Parkview Field. Recently, the Padres sponsored a donation of bats and helmets to Fort Wayne's Challenger Baseball League for young individuals with physical and intellectual challenges. This is all on top of Padres prospects volunteering at countless community events during the season. "We are extremely proud to continue our partnership with Fort Wayne," said **A.J. Preller**, Padres Executive Vice President/General Manager. "Our baseball operations group is tremendously appreciative of the steadfast leadership and professionalism of Jason Freier, Mike Nutter and the entire organization. Fort Wayne provides best-in-class facilities at Parkview Field and a fan base that has embraced our young core. Strong partners like the TinCaps and the city of Fort Wayne help our players grow and thrive as we continue to build a championship-caliber organization." MLB.com currently rates San Diego's farm system as the best in the sport. The Padres have seven players rated among the top 80 prospects in baseball, and all seven have come through Fort Wayne, including current TinCaps left-handed pitcher **MacKenzie Gore** (No. 15), and shortstop **Fernando Tatis Jr.** (No. 5), who shined here in 2017. "Fort Wayne represents a critical step in our player development process," said **Sam Geaney**, Padres Director of Player Development. "We value what the Midwest League, the TinCaps, Parkview Field, and the city of Fort Wayne offer our players in what is typically their first full season of professional baseball. For that, we're grateful to see this relationship continue to flourish." Since moving into Parkview Field in 2009, the TinCaps have made the Midwest League Playoffs in eight of nine seasons—more often than anyone else in the 16-team circuit. Fort Wayne reached the Midwest League Championship Series in 2017 for the third time in nine years, including in '09, when the franchise won its first league title. No Midwest League team has had more Championship Series appearances in this period. Not only have the Padres supplied winning teams in Fort Wayne, but rosters full of future Major League players, too. In Fort Wayne's franchise history (dating back to 1993), 166 players have gone on to reach the big leagues. Of those, 83 have made their debut with the Padres. A total of 13 former TinCaps have played for the Padres so far in 2018. Meanwhile, the next wave is on the way. Of the current "Top 30" Padres prospects according MLB.com, 27 have played for the TinCaps, including nine on the active roster. (The only outliers are two players who were acquired via trades and assigned to higher levels and 18-year-old infielder **Jordy Barley**, who hasn't reached this level yet.) "Minor League Baseball is about player development, not to mention affordable fun for fans," Nutter said. "But our fan experience has been over-the-top with winning teams featuring budding big leaguers. We're proud to be with the Padres and can't wait to see what's on deck." The previous two-year PDC for the teams was set to expire following the 2018 campaign. This announcement coincides with Preller, Geaney and other high-ranking members of San Diego's baseball operations staff visiting Fort Wayne.

South Bend opens second half with 3-2 win

Ricky Tyler Thomas strikes out a career high 11

Dayton, OH: With a playoff spot opportunity missed in the first half of the Midwest League season, the South Bend Cubs are wasting little time getting themselves into the win column in half number two. Opening the second half in Dayton against the Dragons, the Cubs held on to win game on on Thursday night 3-2.

With the game being delayed due to rain, South Bend showed no signs of rust as they opened the scoring with three straight runs. Spaced out between the first five innings, the Cubs got on the board thanks to a Jhonny Bethencourt RBI sac fly in the top of the 1st. Roberto Caro scored easily after tripling on the second pitch of the game.

With starter Ricky Tyler Thomas on his game early, the Cubs gave him a few insurance runs starting in the 4th inning. Austin Filiere drove in his 29th RBI of the season on a single bringing in Michael Cruz. Then in the 5th, Brandon Hughes launched his third home run of the season down the left field line to extend the lead to 3-0.

On the mound, Thomas was tremendous. Setting a new career high with 11 strikeouts, Thomas becomes just the second South Bend Cub ever to strike out 11. With all three of his pitches gelling early on, he kept Dayton guessing throughout his 6.2 innings worked.

Thomas finished his evening with 92 pitches and 65 strikes. He improves his record to 3-5. Allowing just two runs on five hits, the southpaw has been one of the most consistent arms in the South Bend rotation in 2018.

Out of the bullpen, right hander Garrett Kelly only needed 11 pitches to get four outs. In 1.1 innings, he struck out runs with no runs or hits allowed. Brian Glowicki earned his league leading 12th save of the season with a scoreless 9th frame.

Bradley Rallies to Win Indiana Am

COLUMBUS, Ind. – Purdue rising sophomore Cole Bradley rallied during the back nine of the final round to win the 118th Indiana Amateur in stunning fashion at Otter Creek Golf Club.

Bradley recorded a 72-hole total of 13-under par 275 (68-70-68-69) to defeat Sean Rowan of Greenwood, Indiana, by three shots (-10; 68-69-70-71).

Bradley trailed by one shot entering the par-4 16th hole, but pulled into a tie for the lead after Rowan bogeyed the 16th. Bradley then closed his round birdie-birdie, while Rowan finished par-bogey to give the West Lafayette native the three-stroke victory.

Bradley becomes the third Boilermaker in the last eight years to win the Indiana Amateur, joining Tyler Duncan (2011) and Adam Schenk (2013) as recent winners. He is the eighth Purdue representative to win the event, joining Lee Williamson (2001, 2002), Ryan Cate (1997), Lenny Hartlage (1985), Joe Campbell (1954, 1955, 1956) and Fred Wampler (1947, 1949) as champions, in addition to Schenk and Duncan.

Bradley also pulled off a rare double as a winner of both the Indiana Amateur and an Indiana High School state championship (2015).

Edwards Selected 52nd By Utah Jazz; Traded to Rockets

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. – Vince Edwards fulfilled a childhood dream late Thursday night as the Utah Jazz selected the Purdue forward in the second round with the 52nd overall pick in the NBA Draft held at the Barclays Center in Brooklyn, New York.

The pick was then traded to the Houston Rockets as Edwards became the 49th Boilermaker all-time to be selected in the NBA Draft.

It also marks the third straight year that a Purdue player has been selected in the NBA Draft. The last time that occurred came from 1974 to 1984 when a Boilermaker was selected in 11 straight drafts.

Edwards becomes the seventh player during the Matt Painter era to be drafted, joining Carl Landry (2007; 31), JaJuan Johnson (2011; 27), E'Twaun Moore (2011; 55), Robbie Hummel (2012; 58), A.J. Hammons (2016; 46) and Caleb Swanigan (2017; 26).

Edwards finished his Purdue career ranked 15th in points (1,638), eighth in rebounds (779), 11th in 3-pointers made (173), 10th in 3-point attempts (441), 14th in 3-point percentage (.392), 10th in free throw percentage (.820), 11th in assists (403), fifth in games played (138), second in games started (126) and second in minutes played (3,957).

He wrapped up his career as one of three players in college basketball over the last 25 years with 1,600 points, 750 rebounds, 400 assists and 170 3-pointers (Tulane's Jerald Honeycutt – 1994-97; Michigan State's Denzel Valentine – 2013-16) and is the only player in school history with 1,500 career points, 700 rebounds and 300 career assists (he had 403).

Edwards was at his best in the NCAA Tournament, averaging 16.9 points, 8.0 rebounds and 2.8 assists per game in eight NCAA Tournament games, shooting 53 of 101 (.525) from the field. He was one of three players in school history to have at least 90 assists in all four seasons, and the first to do so in 40 years, joining point guards Eugene Parker (1975-78) and Bruce Parkinson (1973-75, 77).

Edwards arrived at Purdue in the fall of 2014 as the 124th-ranked recruit, according to Rivals.com. He becomes the lowest-ranked Painter recruit to be drafted and is the third recruit of the Painter era to be drafted that ranked outside the Rivals top 50 (Robbie Hummel, 75; A.J. Hammons, 77; Vince Edwards, 124).

Edwards joins Jim Rowinski (1984; 86th pick) as Purdue players to be selected by the Utah Jazz.