Philadelphia University Men’s Basketball Coach Herb Magee Ties All-Time DII Coaching Record

Just one more win until Coach Magee becomes the top DII coach in NCAA basketball history.

PHILADELPHIA, January 25, 2007 – Philadelphia University Head Men’s Basketball Coach Herb Magee last night tied Clarence “Big House” Gaines’ record for the most Division II wins of all time, winning his 828th game as the Rams beat Holy Family University 63-56.

Magee, who was recently nominated to the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame, could break that record and become the winningest DII coach in NCAA history as early as this Saturday, Jan. 27, when the Rams go up against Post University in Waterbury, Conn.

“This milestone is a tremendous achievement for Coach Magee and all those who have been associated with the Philadelphia University program,” said Mike Racy, NCAA Vice President for Division II. “College sports help prepare young people for life-long achievement. Coach Magee has accepted this responsibility and his role as a mentor, teacher and coach with great class since he led his first practice in 1967. The Association would like to extend sincere, heartfelt congratulations for such an honorable accomplishment.”

The legendary Coach Magee is known both for his own stellar playing record and his extraordinary streak of 828 wins – and counting – during his 40-year coaching career. Magee is the third-highest scoring player in Rams history, playing before the three-point shot was in effect. All of his wins, both as a player and coach, have been earned at Philadelphia University.

Philadelphia University, founded in 1884, is a private university with 3,200 full- and part-time students enrolled in more than 50 undergraduate and graduate programs. The University includes Schools of Architecture, Business Administration, Design and Media, Engineering and Textiles, Liberal Arts and Science and Health.