Philadelphia University Men’s Basketball Coach Herb Magee Breaks All-Time Division II Winning Record

With today’s win, Coach Magee became the all-time winningest DII coach in NCAA history.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 1, 2007 – Philadelphia University Head Men’s Basketball Coach Herb Magee, who was recently nominated to the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame, broke the all-time Division II coaching record tonight when the Rams pulled out a thrilling 65-60 overtime victory over Wilmington College.

The previous week, Coach Magee tied Winston-Salem State’s Clarence “Big House” Gaines’ sitting record of 828 wins on the DII all-time coaches list. Magee, in his 40th year as head coach of the Rams, broke that record tonight to become the top DII coach in NCAA history.

“Herb Magee has been an extraordinary coach and mentor to all his players over the years and he has inspired us with his dedication, commitment and, ultimately, great success during his 40 years of coaching,” said Philadelphia University President James P. Gallagher, Ph.D. “It is a legacy that anyone would be proud of, and we couldn’t be more thrilled to celebrate this achievement on Philadelphia University’s Herb Magee Court.”

The legendary Coach Magee is known both for his own stellar playing record and his extraordinary streak of 829 wins – and counting – during his 40-year coaching career. All of his wins, both as a player and coach, have been earned at Philadelphia University.

“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.”

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.