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MORRIS TO BE INDUCTED INTO PHILADELPHIA SPORTS HALL OF FAME

PHILADELPHIA – Bill “Speedy” Morris, head basketball coach at St. Joseph’s Prep, has been selected as a Lifetime Commitment Inductee into the Philadelphia Sports Hall of Fame. Morris, along with fourteen notable Philadelphia sports greats, are the eighth class to join the Hall and be enshrined in November.

Morris is approaching his 44th year as a head coach in Philadelphia and boasts a lifetime record of 883-382. During his 10 years at the Prep, Morris has won two Catholic League titles and has the most wins in school history (214). Most recently, Speedy became the winningest coach in the 93 year history of the Philadelphia Catholic League and is 20 victories shy of becoming the winningest scholastic coach in Philadelphia’s high school basketball history.

Morris began his head coaching career at Roman Catholic, his alma mater where he won six Catholic League championships and amassed an impressive record of 347-82. He went on to coach two years at Penn Charter where he led the team to an Inter-Ac League Championship and two winning seasons.

As the first full-time women’s basketball coach at La Salle University, Morris led his team to two successful seasons and still holds the highest winning percentage of any women’s coach.

After coaching the women for two years, he then moved over to coach the La Salle Men’s Basketball team for fifteen years. He was the first coach in NCAA history to make the transition from coaching women to men. During his time with the Explorers he won four MAAC Championships and holds the record for most wins in La Salle Men’s basketball history (238).

Joining him in this class of inductees is: Al Meltzer, Bill Bergey, Biz Mackey, Curt Simmons, Dawn Staley, Ed & Steve Sabol (NFL Films), James Edwin Meredith (Penn Relays), Jimmy Dykes, Joe McCarthy, Moses Malone, Mark Howe, Ora Washington and Wilbert Montgomery. After November, Morris will be a member of 10 halls of fame, including Roman, the Archdiocesan Hall of Fame, the Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame and the Big 5 Hall of Fame.

The Class VIII Induction Ceremony and Reception will be held on Thursday, Nov. 10, at the Society Hill Sheraton. For more information and to make a reservation, [click here](#).

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