



SKIP PROSSER MAN OF THE YEAR AWARD

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FORMER UTRGV COACH LEW HILL IS THE RECIPIENT OF THE 2021 SKIP PROSSER MAN OF THE YEAR AWARD

BOSTON, MA -- Former UTRGV head coach Lew Hill is the recipient of the 2021 Skip Prosser Man of the Year award.

In the middle of his fifth season, which was one of the best of his brief tenure at UTRGV, Lew Hill passed suddenly at the age of 55.

Before his passing, Hill coached the Vaqueros to an 8-4 record, including a 2-0 mark in WAC play. The Vaqueros won their WAC opener over Dixie State by 33 points, the largest margin of victory in a conference game in program history. After sweeping Dixie State to improve to 8-3, Coach Hill had his team off to their best start since 2001-02.

“Lew Hill the coach was surpassed only by Lew Hill the person,” said Angela Lento Vice President of CollegeInsider.com. “The coaching world needs more people like Lew Hill. He was a rising star in the profession.”

In just over four seasons, Lew Hill turned UTRGV into a perennial contender in the Western Athletic

Conference, which included the program's first-ever division I postseason in the 2019 CollegeInsider.com Postseason Tournament (CIT). That season Hill was also a finalist of the Ben Jobe award, presented annually to the nation's top Division I minority coach.

The Skip Prosser Man of the Year award honors those who not only achieve success on the basketball court but who display moral integrity off the floor as well. In six years with the Deacons, Prosser posted a 126-68 record. For his career, he was 291-146 in 14 seasons including six as the head coach at Xavier and one year at Loyola (Md.).

At Wake Forest, Prosser's teams averaged 21 wins per season while playing in arguably the nation's most difficult league, the Atlantic Coast Conference. Prosser won 100 games at an ACC school quicker than all but two coaches in the 55-year history of the conference. He coached NBA stars Chris Paul and Josh Howard, led the Demon Deacons to the first No. 1 national ranking in school history and earned ACC Coach of the Year honors in 2003.

Prosser passed away of an apparent heart attack on July 26, 2007 in his office at Wake Forest. He had just returned from his morning jog.

SKIP PROSSER MAN OF THE YEAR AWARD FINALISTS

Casey Alexander
Chris Beard
Mike Boynton
Wayne Brent
John Dunne
Dana Ford
Leonard Hamilton

LEW HILL

Chris Holtmann
Michael Huger
Donte' Jackson
Mike Jones
Robert Jones
Pat Kelsey
Tod Kowalczyk
Greg Lansing
Shantay Legans
Carmen Maciariello
Bob Marlin
Ryan Odom
Lamont Paris
Mark Schmidt
Rob Senderoff
Todd Simon
Byron Smith

Belmont
Texas Tech
Oklahoma State
Jackson State
Marist
Missouri State
Florida State
UTRGV
Ohio State
Bowling Green
Grambling
Radford
Norfolk State
Winthrop
Toledo
Indiana State
Eastern Washington
Siena
Louisiana
UMBC
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