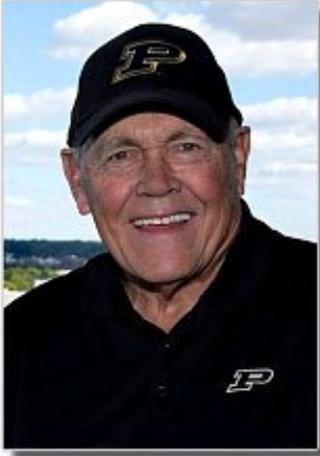




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Gene Keady

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One of the most respected coaches in the history of college basketball, Gene Keady spent 27 seasons at the helm of the Purdue and Western Kentucky programs and won 550 NCAA Division I games - with more than 800 career wins at all levels. Keady was elected to the National Collegiate Basketball Hall of Fame in April of 2013 by the National Association of Basketball Coaches (NABC). From 2010 - 2015, he served as Special Assistant/Advisor to the Head Coach at St. John University where his keen eye and feel for the game assisted the coaching staff in terms of developing strategy, analyzing game film and

planning practices with contributions at staff meetings.

With 512 victories, six Big Ten titles and a half-dozen national coach of the year awards, Keady's record at Purdue speaks for itself. He is the program's all-time winningest coach, the Big Ten's second-winningest coach in victories (262) and is third-winningest by percentage (.661). The court at Purdue's Mackey Arena was named for Keady in 1997.

Keady's six national coach of the year awards came in 1984, 1988, 1994, 1995, 1996 and 2000. His most recent honor came in 2000 when he was selected national coach of the year by *College Sports Magazine*, *Basketball Weekly*, Chevrolet/CBS-TV Sports, Associated Press, United Press International and *Sports Illustrated*. He also received the Henry Iba Award from the U.S. Basketball Writers Association.

Keady led Purdue to six Big Ten championships in 25 years (1984, 1987, 1988, 1994, 1995 and 1996), including three-straight outright crowns from 1994-96. That feat has only been accomplished by one other team in league history - OhioState from 1960-62. Purdue finished in the top half of the Big Ten 18 times during Keady's 25-year tenure, including runner-up finishes in 1983, 1990 and 1997. Under his watch, the Boilermakers were successful in the classroom as well as on the basketball court. Nearly 90 percent of the seniors who stayed at Purdue for four seasons under Keady graduated. He was named Big Ten Coach of the Year a record seven times (1984, 1988, 1990, 1994, 1995, 1996 and 2000), tying former Indiana coach Bob Knight for the most all-time selections. Keady is the only coach to win the award three-straight years. Two of Keady's teams share the program record for wins in a season with 29. The 1987-88 squad posted a 29-4 record, while the 1993-94 Boilermakers were 29-5 on the year. Keady's tally of 20-win seasons is by far the most by any coach in school history. Under Keady, Purdue made 22 postseason tournament appearances in 24 years (17 times in the NCAA Tournament) and averaged 21.2 wins per season.



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A member and former president of the National Association of Basketball Coaches (NABC), Keady is one of the leading spokesmen on issues surrounding college basketball. He is accommodating to the news media, performs charity work and makes numerous speaking appearances throughout the year. In 2010, the NABC honored Keady with its Golden Anniversary Award for more than 50 years of contributions to the game of college basketball. Keady also is a prominent figure in United States basketball. He was a member of Rudy Tomjanovich's coaching staff for the 2000 Olympic Games in Sydney, Australia, helping Team USA to a gold medal.

Prior to that, Keady coached the U.S. entry in the 1989 World University Games to a gold medal in West Germany. It was the United States' first championship in international competition in three years. Keady was the head coach of the United States for the 1991 Pan-American Games and led the team to a bronze medal. Keady earlier led a group of collegiate all-stars in the U.S. Olympic Developmental Program to second place in the 1985 Jones Cup in Taiwan. Keady's first international experience came in the summer of 1979. Along with three other coaches, Keady guided the National Sports Festival Team to a gold medal.

Keady attended Garden City (Kansas) Junior College, where he was a four-sport star, including an All-American as a football quarterback. He then went on to Kansas State, where he played baseball, football and ran track while earning a bachelor's degree in biological sciences and physical education. He played briefly for the Pittsburgh Steelers in 1958 before joining the coaching ranks. Keady earned his master's degree in education from Kansas State in 1964. He is enshrined in the National Junior College Basketball Hall of Fame as a player and coach, and in the Kansas Hall of Fame as a coach.