



# LARRY BROWN HALL OF FAME ENSHRINEMENT FRIDAY, SEPT. 27, 2002



While Larry Brown has carved his own special niche in 76ers history in only five short seasons, it was his 30-year "body of work" as a college and professional head coach that earned him enshrinement into the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame's Class of 2002. Brown's resume includes three ABA Coach of the Year awards, the 2001 NBA Coach of the Year honor, a trip to the 2001 NBA Finals and a 1988 NCAA championship.

Brown, who has posted a winning record in 26 of his 30 seasons as a professional head coach or collegiate head coach, has compiled a 1,237-819 (.602) career record. In his 19 seasons in the NBA, he has an 831-651 (.561) record. He enters the 2002-03 season needing just two victories to move past Cotton Fitzsimmons (832) into eighth place and 34 victories to pass Jack Ramsay (864) in seventh.

After being hired on May 5, 1997, as the 17th head coach in Philadelphia franchise history, Brown recorded his first victory as head coach of the Sixers on Nov. 12, 1997 in Houston. In his first year, he led the Sixers to a nine-win improvement, tying the seventh best single-season improvement in team history and led the franchise to its most victories in six years. In 1998-99, he guided the Sixers to their first winning season since 1990-91 as well as to the NBA Playoffs, becoming the first coach in NBA history to guide six different franchises to the playoffs. He followed that with a second-consecutive playoff appearance in 1999-2000. Brown, who also serves as the 76ers vice president of basketball operations, signed a multi-year contract with the Sixers on March 24, 2000.

2000-01 was a milestone season for Brown and the Sixers, as the team recorded its best year in nearly two decades. Brown led the 76ers to 56 wins, the most for the franchise since 1984-85 and helped tie him for his best NBA winning percentage (San Antonio, 1989-90, .683) as a coach. On April 6, he passed Gene Shue (784) for ninth place on the all-time NBA coaching victory chart. On the same night, the Sixers clinched the Atlantic Division crown for the first time since 1989-90. The next game on April 9, he led Philadelphia to the top spot in the Eastern Conference. Individually, the 2000-01 campaign was certainly one of Brown's best: he was named the NBA's Coach of the Year and made a trip to the NBA Finals, the first such accomplishments in his then 18 years as an NBA coach.

Additional honors for Brown in 2001 included being named the NBA's IBM Coach of the Month for November, his third such honor (February 1994 with Indiana and March 1992 with the LA Clippers). He was the Eastern Conference head coach in the 2001 All-Star Game and guided the East All-Stars to a come-from-behind win, while Allen Iverson was named the game's MVP award. Brown was also selected as a finalist for the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame.

Hustle and defense are trademarks of a Larry Brown-coached team. Traditionally, his teams are unselfish and come to compete every night. In the NBA, he has finished first in his division six times (1976-77 and 1977-78 with Denver; 1989-90 and 1990-91 with San Antonio; 1994-95 with Indiana; and 2000-01 with Philadelphia).

Prior to joining the Sixers, the 61-year-old Brown spent four seasons as head coach of the Indiana Pacers, (1993 to 1997) compiling a record of 190-138 (.579). The Pacers' all-time winningest NBA coach, he took the team to the playoffs three times, including the Eastern Conference Finals twice. Before joining Indiana, Brown was the head coach of the Los Angeles Clippers and San Antonio Spurs. He took the Spurs to the postseason twice (1990 and 1991) and the Clippers twice (1992 and 1993).

Brown spent four seasons in the ABA, earning Coach of the Year honors three times. After two seasons each with Carolina and Denver, Brown returned to the college ranks in 1979 as head coach at UCLA. The Bruins went to the national championship game in Brown's first year as coach. After a two-year stint as coach of the New Jersey Nets (1981-83), Brown would spend the next five years as head coach at the University of Kansas, where he won the national championship in 1988.

As a coach, Brown draws on his playing days where he was a member of the 1964 gold medal U.S. Olympic basketball team. In the 2000 Olympic Games in Sydney, Australia, Brown added another honor to his resume as an assistant coach on the gold medal Team USA. He is the only U.S. male to both play and coach in the Olympics. The three-time ABA All-Star holds the ABA record with 23 assists in a game and was the Most Valuable Player of the ABA All-Star Game in 1968.

Brown and his wife, Shelly, reside in Suburban Philadelphia with their daughter, Madison (5), and son, L.J. (8). The avid golfer also has three daughters, Kristen, Alli and Melissa.

## BROWN'S YEAR-BY-YEAR COACHING RECORD

YEAR	TEAM	RECORD
1972-73	Carolina Cougars (ABA)	52-27
1973-74	Carolina Cougars (ABA)	47-37
1974-75	Denver Nuggets (ABA)	65-19
1975-76	Denver Nuggets (ABA)	60-24
1976-77	Denver Nuggets (NBA)	50-32
1977-78	Denver Nuggets (NBA)	48-34
1978-79	Denver Nuggets (NBA)	28-25
1979-80	UCLA (NCAA)	22-10
1980-81	UCLA (NCAA)	20-7
1981-82	New Jersey Nets (NBA)	44-38
1982-83	New Jersey Nets (NBA)	47-29
1983-84	University of Kansas (NCAA)	22-10
1984-85	University of Kansas (NCAA)	26-8
1985-86	University of Kansas (NCAA)	35-4
1986-87	University of Kansas (NCAA)	25-11
1987-88	University of Kansas (NCAA)	27-11
1988-89	San Antonio Spurs (NBA)	21-61
1989-90	San Antonio Spurs (NBA)	56-26
1990-91	San Antonio Spurs (NBA)	55-27
1991-92	San Antonio Spurs/LA Clippers (NBA)	44-29
	San Antonio Spurs (NBA)	21-17
	Los Angeles Clippers (NBA)	23-12
1992-93	Los Angeles Clippers (NBA)	41-41
1993-94	Indiana Pacers (NBA)	47-35
1994-95	Indiana Pacers (NBA)	52-30
1995-96	Indiana Pacers (NBA)	52-30
1996-97	Indiana Pacers (NBA)	39-43
1997-98	Philadelphia 76ers (NBA)	31-51
1998-99	Philadelphia 76ers (NBA)	28-22
1999-00	Philadelphia 76ers (NBA)	49-33
2000-01	Philadelphia 76ers (NBA)	56-26
2001-02	Philadelphia 76ers (NBA)	43-39
ABA Totals		229-107 (.682)
NBA Totals		831-651 (.561)
Collegiate Totals		177-61 (.744)
Career Totals		1,237-819 (.602)