

41st Annual Louisiana Association of Basketball Coaches Awards Banquet

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BATON ROUGE --- The star who helped re-launch the Tulane University basketball program in 1989 and the player who broke racial barriers at LSU in the early 1970s were the major honorees at Saturday's 41st Annual Louisiana Association of Basketball Coaches Awards Banquet.

Inducted into the Louisiana Basketball Hall of Fame was Tulane's Anthony Reed.

The other major honoree was former LSU great Collis Temple, Jr., who received the LABC's Mr. Louisiana Basketball award. This award is given annually to someone who has made a significant, long-term contribution to the game of basketball at any level in the State of Louisiana.

Also honored at the banquet were Louisiana's major college, small college, junior college and high school basketball players and coaches of the year, along with the top pro player from the state.

Reed played for Tulane from 1989 to 1993, where he was a four-time All-Metro Conference and All-Louisiana selection and was the Metro Conference Freshman of the Year in 1990. He finished his career as the leading scorer and fourth leading rebounder in Green Wave history, with 1,896 points for a 16.1 average and 871 rebounds for a 7.4 average.

Reed averaged 15.7 points and 6.8 rebounds in 1993, 14.4 points and 6.5 rebounds in 1992, 16.0 points and 7.9 rebounds in 1991, and 18.4 points and 8.4 rebounds in 1990. He helped bring the Tulane basketball program back from non-existent to nationally-ranked in four years, leading the school to two consecutive NCAA Tournament appearances and its only conference title in 1992.

Temple played at LSU for coaches Press Maravich and Dale Brown from 1971 to 1974, where he broke racial barriers and went on to earn All-Southeastern Conference honors, finishing his career as the eighth leading rebounder in LSU history. In 1995 he was inducted into the Louisiana Basketball Hall of Fame.

Following his college and professional basketball playing career, he began assisting others through the Baton Rouge Sports Academy program he created, which over the years has developed many young players (including his own sons) to have the ability to earn a college education through basketball.

The LABC also presented the Pete Maravich Memorial Award, honoring Louisiana's Major College Player of the Year, to sophomore forward Jarell Martin of LSU. This season

Martin was an honorable mention Associated Press All-American and a first team All-Southeastern Conference, All-Louisiana and USBWA All-District selection. He averaged 16.9 points and 9.2 rebounds and had 15 double-double games. He scored in double figures in 28 of 33 games, including ten 20-point games, and had single game highs of 28 points, 16 rebounds and 6 blocks.

Coach Johnny Jones of LSU received the Tommy Joe Eagles Memorial Award as Louisiana's Major College Coach of the Year. In his third season, he led the Tigers to a third place finish in the Southeastern Conference and to its first NCAA Tournament appearance since 2009 with a 22-11 record. The 22 wins were the most in a season at LSU since 2009.

The Bob Pettit Award, which is given to Louisiana's Professional Player of the Year, was presented to forward Paul Millsap of the Atlanta Hawks. In his ninth year in the NBA, the former Louisiana Tech star averaged 16.7 points and 7.8 rebounds. Millsap had 15 double-double games and single game highs of 30 points, 17 rebounds, 7 assists and 5 steals. He was also selected to play in the NBA All-Star Game for the second straight season.

Junior point guard DeAngelo Coleman of LSU-Alexandria received the Louisiana Small College Player of the Year award after being named an honorable mention NAIA All-American, a first team All-Red River Athletic Conference selection, the RRAC Newcomer of the Year and the MVP of the RRAC Tournament, while averaging 13.2 points and a conference-leading 4.85 assists.

First year coach Larry Cordaro of LSU-Alexandria, who was named the Louisiana Small College Coach of the Year, guided the Generals to a No. 10 ranking in the final regular season national poll, to the Red River Athletic Conference regular season and tournament championships and to the NAIA National Tournament with a 23-4 record in the school's first season of competition. Cordaro was the CollegeInsider NAIA National Coach of the Year and the RRAC Coach of the Year.

Erik Thomas of Baton Rouge and Coach David Francis of Southern-Shreveport were honored as the Louisiana Junior College Player and Coach of the Year, respectively. Thomas, a sophomore forward, averaged 17.9 points and 10.4 rebounds and was an NJCAA All-Region 23 selection. Francis led the Port City Jags to the Miss-Lou Conference championship and to the NJCAA Region 23 Tournament with an 18-9 record. This was Francis' 11th conference championship in 15 seasons.

2015 LABC Honorees:

Louisiana Basketball Hall of Fame Inductee: Anthony Reed, Tulane

Mr. Louisiana Basketball: Collis Temple, Jr., LSU

Bob Pettit Award for the Louisiana Professional Player of the Year: Paul Millsap, Atlanta Hawks

Pete Maravich Memorial Award for the Louisiana Major College Player of the Year: Jarell Martin, LSU

Tommy Joe Eagles Memorial Award for the Louisiana Major College Coach of the Year: Johnny Jones, LSU

Louisiana Small College Player of the Year: DeAngelo Coleman, LSU-Alexandria

Louisiana Small College Coach of the Year: Larry Cordaro, LSU-Alexandria

Louisiana Junior College Player of the Year: Erik Thomas, Baton Rouge

Louisiana Junior College Coach of the Year: David Francis, Southern-Shreveport

Louisiana High School Players of the Year:

- Class AAAAA:* Marlain Veal, Helen Cox
- Class AAAA:* Lamar Peters, Landry-Walker
- Class AAA:* Wayde Sims, University
- Class AA:* Herb McGee, Riverside
- Class A:* Brandon Sampson, Madison Prep
- Class B:* Will Reese, Anacoco
- Class C:* Javier Roper, New Living Word

Louisiana High School Coaches of the Year:

- Class AAAAA:* Marshall Jackson, L.W. Higgins
- Class AAAA:* Jay Carlin, Salmen
- Class AAA:* Rick LeBato, St. Louis
- Class AA:* Chris Beckman, Episcopal
- Class A:* Jeff Jones, Madison Prep
- Class B:* William Stanley, Midland
- Class C:* Tyler Johnson, Atlanta