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BLOOMINGTON, Ill. -- Illinois Wesleyan University basketball coach Dennie Bridges became just the sixth active NCAA Division III coach to reach the 500 victory plateau when the Titans beat Augustana, 87-77, in Rock Island, Ill., on Saturday night (Feb. 5).

Bridges, a 1961 IWU graduate, has been head coach at his alma mater since the 1965-66 season. His first win at IWU came on Dec. 7, 1965, in the third game of the season as the Titans downed MacMurray, 101-73.

In becoming the 73rd coach in college basketball history, regardless of classification or association, to reach 500 victories, Bridges' overall record now stands at 500-279, a .642 winning percentage.

BRIDGES' TEAMS EN ROUTE TO 500 WINS:

<u>WIN#</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>OPPONENT</u>	<u>SCORE</u>	<u>TEAM RECORD</u>	<u>OVERALL</u>
100	Dec. 3, 1971,	DePauw,	99-85*	100-62 (.617)	100-62 (.617)
200	Jan. 15, 1977,	Carroll,	126-88*	100-45 (.690)	200-107 (.651)
300	Jan. 8, 1983,	Carthage,	89-75*	100-59 (.629)	300-166 (.644)
400	Dec. 5, 1988,	Indianapolis,	98-80*	100-62 (.617)	400-228 (.637)
500	Feb. 5, 1994,	Augustana,	87-77	100-51 (.662)	500-279 (.642)

* - home game

ACTIVE DIVISION III COACHES WITH 500 VICTORIES OR MORE:
(records of coaches other than Bridges as of Feb. 4, 1994)

1. Richard Sauers, Albany, 38 years, 647-295
2. Ken Anderson, Wisconsin-Eau Claire, 26 years, 610-140
3. Marvin Hohenberger, Defiance, 29 years, 543-253
4. Lewis Levick, Wartburg, 29 years, 519-233
5. Bill Knapton, Beloit, 37 years, 518-306
6. Dennie Bridges, Illinois Wesleyan, 29 years, 500-279