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BLOOMINGTON, Ill. — Ron Rose, who played on two conference championship teams and three NCAA Division III tournament teams during his career at Illinois Wesleyan University, has been named the 14th men's basketball coach at his alma mater, IWU athletic director Dennie Bridges announced on Fri., May 12.

The 40-year-old Rose, who has been head basketball coach at Bloomington High School for the past five seasons, will be formally introduced at a news conference at 11 a.m. Sat., May 13 at IWU's Hansen Student Center.

Rose succeeds Scott Trost, who left IWU in April after five seasons to become head coach at Division II Lewis University in Romeoville.

In nine total seasons as a high school head coach, Rose has amassed a record of 154-93 for a .623 winning percentage and, at BHS, Rose's teams were 103-38 with two Big 12 Conference titles, four straight Intercity tournament championships and regional and sectional championships in 2006. The Raiders' sectional title was the first at the school in 31 years and in 2004-05, BHS won the Pontiac Holiday Tournament for the first time in school history.

A Morton High School graduate, Rose was the "Most Valuable Player" for the Class AA South in the 1984 Illinois Basketball Coaches Association all-star game and attended Valparaiso University, where he started his final two games before transferring to IWU midseason of his freshman year (1984-85).

A four-year letterman at IWU, Rose played on Bridges-coached teams that went a combined 66-33 and was a starting guard in 68 career games, averaging 5.9 points and amassing 356 assists, a total that still ranks No. 6 all-time at IWU. His 137 assists in 1987-88 is seventh best in a Titan single season.

The Titans were 19-10 in 1985-86, 17-10 in 1986-87, and 24-5 in 1987-88, earning NCAA Division III tournament bids all three seasons and winning the College Conference of Illinois and Wisconsin titles in 1986 and 1988.

The 1988 team advanced to the final eight of the Division III tournament before losing at eventual national champion Ohio Wesleyan, and the 1987 team was ousted by North Park, who was also the eventual national champion.

After graduating from Illinois Wesleyan in 1988 with a degree in business administration and mathematics, Rose worked as an actuarial assistant at Bloomington's State Farm Insurance before returning to school at Olivet Nazarene University, where he earned a master's degree in teaching in 1992 and served two seasons as a basketball assistant for Ralph Hodge.

Rose was an assistant basketball coach under Scott Thompson at Wichita State University from 1992-94, where his duties included evaluating and recruiting prospective student-athletes, monitoring academic progress, coordinating scouting and assisting with summer camps and clinics.

Rose returned to the Twin Cities to coach and teach at Normal Community High School, where his teams were 51-55 in four seasons, including a 17-10 mark in 1996-97.

He worked as human resources benefit analyst at State Farm in 1999-2000 before joining the Bloomington High staff.

Rose and his wife, Tina, have four children - Austin, Brady, Ryan, and Aubrey.

Ron Rose - Career Totals at IWU

| Year | GP-GS | Total | | 3-Point | | FT-FTA | | Rebounds | | Ast | Points | |
|--------------|--------------|----------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| | | FG-FGA | Pct | FG-FGA | Pct | Pct | Pct | Tot | Avg | | Tot | Avg |
| 1984-85 | 14-9 | 32-67 | .478 | - | - | 6-11 | .545 | 22 | 1.6 | 48 | 70 | 5.0 |
| 1985-86 | 29-24 | 74-173 | .428 | - | - | 24-41 | .585 | 49 | 1.7 | 90 | 172 | 5.9 |
| 1986-87 | 27-6 | 62-141 | .440 | 9-26 | .346 | 18-25 | .720 | 39 | 1.4 | 81 | 151 | 5.6 |
| 1987-88 | 29-29 | 71-170 | .418 | 17-46 | .370 | 34-45 | .756 | 56 | 1.9 | 137 | 193 | 6.7 |
| TOTAL | 99-68 | 239-551 | .434 | 26-72 | .361 | 82-122 | .672 | 166 | 1.7 | 356 | 586 | 5.9 |

Ron Rose - Coaching Career Totals

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|---------|------------------|-------|--------------------|
| 1995-96 | Normal Community | 14-13 | |
| 1996-97 | Normal Community | 17-10 | |
| 1997-98 | Normal Community | 10-16 | |
| 1998-99 | Normal Community | 10-16 | 51-55, four years |
| 2001-02 | Bloomington | 10-16 | |
| 2002-03 | Bloomington | 20-7 | |
| 2003-04 | Bloomington | 24-4 | |
| 2004-05 | Bloomington | 24-4 | |
| 2005-06 | Bloomington | 25-7 | 103-38, five years |