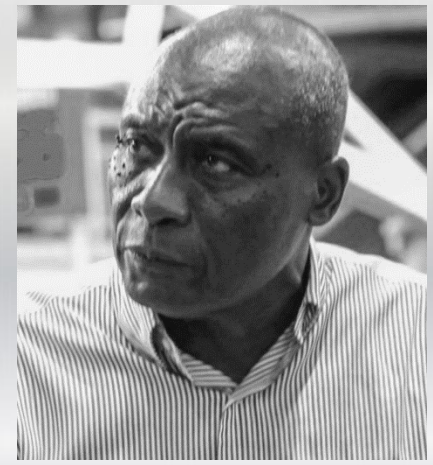
First Citizens Sports Foundation

HALL OF FAME



Joseph "Lenny" Guy

Coach

Inducted in 2008

A coach with a critical eye for the game, who understands the importance of the mechanics to ensure success in a sport as technical as basketball, Joseph 'Lenny' Guy is, quite simply, a cornerstone of the sport in Trinidad and Tobago. As a player he was outstanding; he was then able to seamlessly adapt to coaching and impart his knowledge and experience to help create one of the best incarnations of the national men's team.

Guy's playing career at the elite level began in south east Port of Spain in 1965 when he represented the BWIA Sunjet Juniors. Playing in the Northern Men's Basketball League, he quickly established himself in the point guard position. In 1967 he earned selection for the Trinidad and Tobago squad and in 1968 he joined the Trinidad and Tobago Regiment and played for their basketball team.

His performances on court earned him many accolades, team and individual. There were three Division 1 titles, together with an MVP award at an international tournament held in Guyana in 1969.

In 1971 Guy was named the National Basketball Federation's Player of the Year. He would repeat as recipient of the prestigious award in 1972.

Though Guy continued playing at both international and domestic level until 1975, he already had one eye on coaching and began doing so within Division 1 in the early 1970s. By the time of his competitive retirement in 1975, he was ready to become the national coach, a position that he held until 1980. During his first stint in charge, Guy learnt from the experience, armed himself with more coaching badges and, by the time he began his second spell as national coach in 1985, Guy was ready to make the squads, both men and women, fulfil their potential.

From 1986 to 1990, under his leadership, Trinidad and Tobago established itself as the best English-speaking team in the Caribbean. Only the traditional powerhouses of Puerto Rico, Cuba and Dominican Republic were superior. Guy guided the national women's team to an incredible seven consecutive Caricom Championship titles (1985 to 1991) and the men's team to five titles (1986 to 1990).

By 1992, Guy returned to club basketball where his overall record would eventually total two national championship titles as well as 12 zonal crowns. Four years later, he was appointed the senior basketball coach with the Ministry of Sport, a key factor in the development of the game among the youth and a major part of talent spotting. Guy also established the Millennium Basketball Academy during this time, an entity dedicated to enhancing the basketball skills of junior players through interaction with coaches certified by the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA), as well as through tours to the USA.

He received an Honorary Coaching Certificate from the National Basketball Federation of Trinidad and Tobago in 2011, by which time he was the longest serving basketball coach in the country. Constantly in demand and evolving, Guy became the head coach at the University of Trinidad & Tobago. While in that position, he was invited to take part in NBA team the New York Knicks' 2013 pre-season training camp, another highlight and landmark in his distinguished career. His services to sport were recognized by the awarding of the Hummingbird Medal Silver in 1996, and in 2008 'Lenny' Guy was inducted into the Trinidad and Tobago Sports Hall of Fame.