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YURI COLLINS WINS THE 2023 CLEO HILL AWARD

HOUSTON, TX -- Saint Louis' Yuri Collins is the recipient of the 2023 Cleo Hill award, presented annually to the player with the highest assist per-game average in all divisions of college basketball.

The 6-foot junior averaged 10.1 assists per game, which was nearly 2 assists better than Kansas State's Markquis Nowell who finished 2nd among division I players. Collins had a career-best 20 assists vs Tennessee State, earlier this season, and 19 times he had 10 + assists in a game this season.

The Cleo Hill award is one of five awards named after legendary HBCU players, which highlight the top players in all levels of college basketball. The objective is to recognize the top student athletes in college basketball, while bringing long overdue attention to some of the best players to ever play the game.

In four seasons at Winston-Salem Teachers College (1957–1961), which is now known as Winston-Salem State, Cleo Hill averaged an impressive 25.4 per game making him the second-highest scorer in program history. Playing for the legendary Clarence “Big House” Gaines, Hill helped the Rams to consecutive Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association titles in his final two seasons. He was a two-time All-CIAA selection and named first-team NAIA All-American as a senior in 1961.

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