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HISTORY

In 1951 the new Milwaukee Arena and Auditorium inaugurated the Wisconsin Athletic Hall of Fame to honor outstanding sports figures whose achievements earned them special acclaim. Every two years another group of Hall of Fame members was selected and inducted in an awards ceremony during which a large bronze plaque immortalizing each inductee was unveiled.

In 1999 the WSDC took ownership of the Wisconsin Athletic Hall of Fame and the bronze plaques. The Wisconsin Athletic Walk of Fame was constructed in 2001 and dedicated in partnership with the Wisconsin Center District as part of the 50th anniversary celebration of the Hall of Fame. Located outside Milwaukee's U.S. Cellular Arena, the Walk of Fame is an outdoor promenade where visitors can view the permanent exhibit of the bronze plaques.

Since 1951 nearly 130 individuals have been inducted into the Wisconsin Athletic Hall of Fame, including Henry "Hank" Aaron, Bart Starr, Reggie White, Bonnie Blair and Sidney Moncrief; leaders like the legendary coaches Earl "Curly" Lambeau, Vince Lombardi and Al McGuire; and renowned announcers from Earl Gillespie to Bob Uecker.

In 2002 WSDC invited the people of Wisconsin to vote for a Hall of Fame inductee. This was the first time in the Hall of Fame's history that Wisconsin sports fans participated in the selection process. Former Green Bay Packer Fuzzy Thurston was the top vote getter, the "peoples' choice" and a fitting "first" for the Wisconsin Athletic Hall of Fame.

2005 saw five new members take their rightful places among the greats in the Wisconsin Athletic Hall of Fame; Jim Gantner, Beth Heiden-Reid, Hank Raymonds, John Walsh and Reggie White.

2007 inductees included Dick Bennett, Cecil Cooper, Sen. Herb Kohl, Harry "Buddy" Melges, Jr., Frederick C. Miller, and Mike Webster.



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MEMBERS

Name	Year		Name	Year
Beaumont, Clarence H. "Ginger" *	1951		Buckstaff, John Day	1960
Daw, Charles "Chuck" *	1951		McNally, John V. "Blood" *	1960
Hinkle, William "Clarke" *	1951		Parker, Frank A. *	1960
Hutson, Donald "Don" *	1951		Williams, Rollie F. *	1960
Joss, Adrian C. "Addie" *	1951		Konetchy, Edward John *	1961
Lewis, Ed "Strangler" *	1951		Lambeau, Earl L. "Curly" *	1961
Metcalf, Ralph H. *	1951		Rogers, Harlan B. "Biddy" *	1961
Mitchell, Richard H. "Richie"	1951		Sanger, Walter C.	1961
Nevers, Ernest "Ernie" *	1951		Hirsch, Elroy "Crazylegs" *	1964
Nichols, Charles A. "Kid" *	1951		Jones, David J. "Davy"	1964
O'Dea, Patrick J. "Pat" *	1951		Merrill, Dr. Edward Strong *	1964
Schreiner, David N. "Dave" *	1951		Mucks, Arlie M. *	1964
Simmons, Aloysius H. "Al" *	1951		Rowland, Clarence H. "Pants" *	1964
Zuppke, Robert C. "Bob" *	1951		Ameche, Alan *	1967
Kraenzlein, Dr. Alvin C. *	1952		Dilweg, LaVern "Lavvie" *	1967
McBride, George F. *	1952		Hauser, Joe "Unser Choe" *	1967
Jones, Thomas E. Sr. *	1953		Herber, Arnie *	1967
Sullivan, William J. "Billy" *	1953		Lewellen, Verne *	1967
Grimes, Burleigh Arland *	1954		Sangor, "Joey"	1967
Meanwell, Dr. Walter E. *	1954		Fenske, Charles "Chuck"	1970
Buck, Howard P. "Cub"	1955		Foster, Harold E. "Bud" *	1970
Dorais, Charles E. "Gus" *	1955		Keltner, Kenneth "Ken" *	1970
Dunn, Joseph A. "Red" *	1957		Michalske, August "Mike" *	1970
Luderus, Frederick William *	1957		Sisk, John M. "Johnny"	1970
Steinmetz, Christian "Chris" *	1957		Sixty, William A. "Billy" *	1970
Jennings, Conrad M. *	1958		Beell, Fred *	1972
Marino, Enrico "Hank"	1958		Canadeo, Tony *	1973
Sundt, Guy M. *	1958		Goldenberg, Charles *	1973
Allis, Edward P. "Ned"	1959		Spahn, Warren *	1973
Hahn, Archie *	1959		Williamson, Ivan B. *	1973
Messmer, John *	1959		Harder, Marlin "Pat" *	1976
Murray, Frank J. *	1959		Lombardi, Vincent T. *	1976
			Mathews, Edwin Lee *	1976

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Name	Year	Name	Year
Blackbourn, Lisle "Liz" *	1978	Martin, Shirley *	1998
Grimm, Charles *	1978	Moncrief, Sidney	1998
Marchese, Carl	1978	North, Andy	1998
Breidster, Waldemar "Fritz"	1979	Otto, Jim	1998
Brennan, Terry	1981	Poage, George *	1998
Gehrmann, Don	1981	Uecker, Bob	1998
Heselton, Bernard "Bernie" *	1981	Berres, Ray *	1999
Krueger, Joseph J. *	1981	Bridgeman, Junior	1999
Nitschke, Ray *	1981	Doleschal, Janis	1999
Reinders, Victor A. "Vic"	1981	Fitzgerald, Jim	1999
Starr, Bart	1981	Molitor, Paul	1999
Aaron, Henry "Hank"	1988	Carpenter, Connie	2001
Davis, Willie	1988	Gillespie, Earl *	2001
Kindt, Don	1988	Selig, Allen "Bud"	2001
Kuenn, Harvey *	1988	Taylor, Jim	2001
Richter, Pat	1988	Thompson, George	2001
Heiden, Eric	1990	Bartlett, Tommy *	2003
Hornung, Paul	1990	Johnson, Mark	2003
Roethlisberger, Fred	1990	Thomas, Gorman	2003
Stuckert, Robert	1990	Thurston, Frederick "Fuzzy"	2003
Wilson, Robert "Red"	1990	Gantner, Jim	2005
Holum, Diane	1993	Heiden-Reid, Beth	2005
Johnson, Bob "Badger Bob" *	1993	Raymonds, Hank	2005
Kramer, Jerry	1993	Walsh, John *	2005
Kulwicki, Alan *	1993	White, Reggie *	2005
McGlocklin, Jon	1993	Bennett, Dick	2007
Pettit, Jane *	1993	Cooper, Cecil	2007
Pettit, Lloyd *	1993	Kohl, Sen. Herb	2007
Blair, Bonnie	1995	Melges Jr., Harry "Buddy"	2007
Jansen, Dan	1995	Miller, Frederick C. *	2007
McGuire, Al *	1995	Webster, Mike *	2007
Robertson, Oscar	1995		
Yount, Robin	1995		



CLASS OF 2009 TOP TEN NOMINEES

INDUCTEES

NOMINEES

1. Barry Alvarez

2. Suzy Favor Hamilton

3. Bob Harlan

4. Lee Kemp

5. Bob Lanier

6. Ab Nicholas

7. John Powless

8. Ray Scott

9. Judith Sweet

10. Phil Whittliff

The Class of 2009 will be inducted into the Wisconsin Athletic Hall of Fame on November 20th, 2009 at the Milwaukee Theater. Silent Auction and cash bar will precede the ceremony.

Doors open to the public at 6:30 p.m., ceremony begins at 7:15 p.m.

Ticket information is available at www.sportsiniwisconsin.com, click on "Hall of Fame" across the top of the page. The public is welcome and encouraged to attend the event.

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CLASS OF 2009 TOP 10 NOMINEE BIOGRAPHIES

Albert “Ab” Nicholas

Athletic Accomplishments

- Played guard for the Badger basketball team
- Twice named to the All-Conference team
- Once named to the All-American team

Educational Accomplishments

- BS 1952, Economics, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- MBA 1955, from University of Wisconsin-Madison School of Business after spending two years in the military



Professional Accomplishments

- Began his career with Northwestern National Insurance Company, where he worked as an investment analyst.
- Spent several years at Marshall and Ilsley Bank (1955-1967) before co-founding Nicholas Company, Inc. in 1967.
- Currently, he is the chair and CEO of the Milwaukee-based mutual fund firm of Nicholas Co., Inc.
- Named a Distinguished Business Alumnus of the School of Business in 1985
- Served a term as Regent of the University of Wisconsin System
- Former president and board member of the National “W” Club
- Served on the Board of Visitors for the Wisconsin School of Business (1985-1987)
- Sits on the board of the UW Foundation
- Received the Wisconsin Alumni Association's Distinguished Alumnus award in 1993.
- Serves as a director of the Wisconsin Sports Authority, Inc., which promotes major athletic events in the state
- Member of the Milwaukee Investment Analysts Society and is a Chartered Financial Analyst.

Philanthropic Gestures

- In October 2003, Nicholas made a \$6.4 million gift to establish the Nicholas Center for Applied Corporate Finance at the Wisconsin School of Business.
- His lead gift during Grainger Hall's construction led to a lecture hall in Grainger Hall bearing his name.
- Nicholas and his wife, Nancy Johnson Nicholas, also a UW-Madison graduate, previously gave the university \$10 million for construction of the Nicholas-Johnson Pavilion, a practice facility adjoining the Kohl Center.
- Nicholas and his wife created an endowed deanship at the Wisconsin School of Business.
 - Funding for the endowed deanship comes from a gift made by the Nicholases as part of last year's Wisconsin Naming Gift, in which 13 donors partnered to give \$85 million to ensure that the school's name remains unchanged for 20 years.
- Gave an \$8 million donation for a building addition and renovation at the School of Human Ecology.

Bob Harlan

Bob Harlan's notable accomplishments:

- Originally joined the organization as assistant general manager on June 1, 1971.
- Also served as corporate general manager (1975-81), corporate assistant to the president (1981-88), executive vice president of administration (1988-89), president and CEO (1989-2006), chairman and CEO (2006-07) and chairman (2007).
- Building the Don Hutson Center, the first indoor practice facility in professional football.
- The decision to move all home games to Lambeau Field, creating season ticket packages for the Milwaukee fans who had previously attended three games a season at Milwaukee County Stadium;
- Renovating Lambeau Field into a state-of-the-art facility, with increased game day capacity and a year-round Atrium housing restaurants, the Packer Pro Shop and the Green Bay Packers Hall of Fame;
- Launching the fourth stock sale in the team's history in 1997, a mechanism which raised more than \$20 million and brought more than 100,000 new shareholders to the organization;
- Hiring Ron Wolf, who traded for Brett Favre, signed free agent Reggie White and began the chain of events that led to a World Championship;
- Under his guidance, the franchise posted a .500-or-better season 13 straight years (1992-2004) for the first time since the 1930s and '40s (1934-47).
- Harlan kept the Packers competitive in the era of free agency and the salary cap
 - Packers own the NFL's best record, 152-88, since 1993
- Harlan was inducted into the Green Bay Packers Hall of Fame on July 17, 2004.
- Retired Jan. 28, 2008, and became chairman emeritus after a 37-year career with the organization, including 19 years as principal executive.



Misc. / Other

- Bob Harlan also possesses a 1967 World Series ring, earned while he worked for the St. Louis Cardinals.
- He is a graduate of Marquette University, where he was the Sports Information Director for many years.
- He is also the father of sports announcer Kevin Harlan

Barry Alvarez

Professional Accomplishments

- UW Madison football coach from 1990-2005
- Won 3 Rose Bowls: 1993, 1998, 1999
 - The only Big Ten coach to win consecutive Rose Bowls.
 - Only one of six coaches in college football history to win at least three Rose Bowls.
 - Of all coaches with three or more Rose Bowl appearances, there are only two with an undefeated record: Barry Alvarez and John Robinson.
 - His three Rose Bowl wins are the only Rose Bowl wins for the University of Wisconsin (six games total with losses in 1953, 1960, and 1963).
- 1993 NCAA Coach of the Year
- Big Ten Coach of the Year 1993 and 1998
- 10th coach in Big Ten History to win 100 games
- Named UW Athletic Director in 2004
- Stepped down as coach of the Badgers after the 2005 season
 - His all-time record at Wisconsin was 118–73–4 (.615)
 - Had an 8–3 (.727) record in bowl games, the best winning percentage ever for a coach in Division I-A bowl games (minimum 11 bowl games coached).



Early life

- Born December 30, 1946 in Langeloth, Pennsylvania
- Graduate of, and former linebacker at, the University of Nebraska–Lincoln.
- Later became a head coach at Lexington, Nebraska High School and then Mason City High School in Iowa before becoming an assistant coach at first the University of Iowa Hawkeyes and then later at the University of Notre Dame Fighting Irish.

Misc. / Other

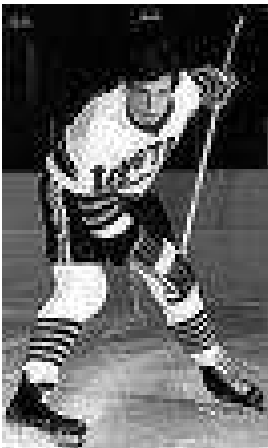
- In 2000, Alvarez and his wife Cindy endowed a \$250,000 football scholarship UW.
- In 2001, Hispanic Business magazine named Barry Alvarez one of the 100 Most Influential Hispanics.
- The book “Don't Flinch” is the autobiography of Alvarez' life
- During the 2006–07 bowl season, Alvarez worked as a color commentator/analyst for FOX Sports. He worked on both the Tostitos Fiesta Bowl and BCS National Championship Game.

Phil Wittliff

- Born May 1, 1948 in Port Huron, Michigan
- Notre Dame hockey, 1968-1971
- Milwaukee Admirals hockey, 1972-1977
- Scoring numbers rank among the top in Admirals history, despite the fact the seasons were considerably shorter back in the 70's.
- He was named the USHL rookie of the year in 1974 and won two USHL scoring titles.
- His jersey #9 was retired in 1977 after he announced that he was hanging up the skates in order to take a front office job with the Admirals.
- Became the GM of the Admirals in 1980, and served five different stints as the head coach from 1980-97.
- In 1984, he was instrumental in forming the first ever NHL top affiliation with an IHL team when the Blackhawks and Admirals had a deal for one season.
- Retired from the the Admiral's Executive Vice-President and General Manager position in 2006

Misc. / Other

- Nicknamed "Mr. Admiral"
- Had been a member of the Admirals organization since graduating from Notre Dame in 1971.
- Played linebacker on Notre Dame's football team, but switched sports to play on their new hockey team.
- Became the first Fighting Irish alum to become a hockey pro.
- After an unsuccessful try at making the roster of the Philadelphia Flyers in 1971, he signed with the Chicago Cougars of the World Hockey Association and moved to nearby Milwaukee, where he would eventually call home.



Bob Lanier

Professional Career

- Was drafted number one overall by the Detroit Pistons and was named to the All-Rookie Team following the 1970-71 season.
- Traded to the Milwaukee Bucks in 1980.
- In his five seasons with the Bucks, they won the division championship each year. T
- The same year he retired, in 1984, he was awarded the Oscar Robertson Leadership Award.
- In his 14 NBA seasons, Lanier averaged 20.1 points and 10.1 rebounds per game while shooting a respectable 51.4 percent from the field.
- He played in eight NBA All-Star Games, and was named Most Valuable Player of the 1974 game.
- Lanier was inducted into the Basketball Hall of Fame and had his #16 jersey retired by both the Pistons and the Bucks.
- In 1994-95, he became interim head coach of the Golden State Warriors for 37 games after Don Nelson stood down, in which he compiled a 12-25 win-loss record.



Early Life

- Full Name: Robert Jerry "Bob" Lanier, Jr.
- Born September 10, 1948 in Buffalo, New York.
- Played competitively at Buffalo's Bennett High School where he graduated in 1966, and collegiately at St. Bonaventure University, in Olean, New York.
- Was a three-time Converse All-America selection (1968-1970), and in 1970, he led St. Bonaventure to the NCAA Final Four. In 1970, was named Coach and Athlete Magazine player of the year, and the ECAC Player of the Year.

Misc. / Other

- Nicknamed "The Dobber"
- The basketball court at Lanier's alma mater, St. Bonaventure, is named after him.
- Mentioned in the movie "Airplane"
- During his NBA career, he had the largest feet of any player, a size 22 shoe
- He showed off his large feet in Miller Lite beer television ads from the 1980s which co-starred notable sports personalities including Bob Uecker, Sparky Lyle, and John Madden.

Judith Sweet

- Native of Milwaukee, Wisconsin
- Graduated from the University of Wisconsin in 1969; majored in physical education and mathematics.
- Served as president of the Women's Recreation Association and national president of the Athletic and Recreation Federation of College Women.
- Received a Master's of Science in Education degree in 1972 from the University of Arizona, Tucson and a Master's in Business Administration degree from National University in 1981.
- Began her career as a teacher and coach at Newcomb College/Tulane University, before moving to the University of Arizona and Kearny High School.
- Was also Division III vice president from 1986 to 1988.
- Served as the Director of Athletic at the University of California-San Diego from 1975-1999, where she became the first woman in the nation to head a combined men's and women's intercollegiate athletic program. During her tenure, UCSD teams won 26 NCAA National Championships and in 1998 received the Sears Directors Cup for being the most successful athletics program in Division III.
- Was elected to a two-year term as President of the NCAA in January 1991 and was the Secretary-Treasurer of the NCAA from 1989 to 1991, becoming the first woman to serve in each of those positions.
- Joined the NCAA in 2001 as Vice President for Championships and Senior Woman Administrator.
- In 2003, was promoted to Senior Vice President for Championships and Education Services, a position she held until September 2006 when she retired from the NCAA.
- In 2008, was chosen by the Officers and Executive Committee of NACDA to be the recipient of the 40th James J. Corbett Memorial Award.
 - The award is the highest honor one can achieve in collegiate athletics administration.
- Currently, she is doing consulting work nationally in San Diego.

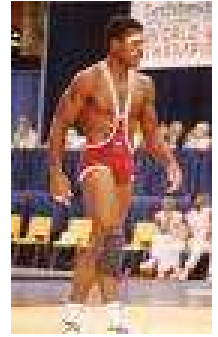


Misc. / Other

- Sweet served on NACDA's Executive Committee from 1987-91 and has served on NACDA's Director's Cup Committee since 1996.
- She was also involved with many other NCAA committees, including the Subcommittee to Review Minority Opportunities in Intercollegiate Athletics, NCAA Foundation, Gender Equity Task Force and the 1987 Selection Committee for the NCAA Executive Director.
- Additionally, she served on the United States Sports Academy Board of Trustees, where she received an honorary doctorate in 1992; NACWAA Board of Directors, where she served as the 2000-01 president and was named their Administrator of the Year in 1992 and District Administrator of the Year in 1991. She was also on the United States Olympic Committee Task Force on Minorities and Board of Trustees for National University.
- During Sweet's 35-plus year career in athletics, she has been honored with more than 40 awards, including the 1998-99 NACDA/Continental Airlines Division III Athletics Director of the Year. She received the Honda Award for Outstanding Achievement in Women's Athletics in 1998; the Distinguished Alumni Award from the University of Wisconsin in 1996; was a Big Ten Conference Centennial honoree in 1995; and the named the 39th District Woman of the Year by the California State Senate in 1993.
- Sweet was also the San Diego Press Club Sports Administration Headliner of the Year in 1991; and was named the Los Angeles Times Top Southern California College Sports Executive of the 80s; and San Diego Magazine's 86 San Diegans to Watch in '86. She has also been recognized in several editions of Who's Who.

Lee Kemp

- Started wrestling in 9th grade on the freshman team. 11-8-3 record on varsity as a 10th grader. 11th grade year beat defending state champ, won Ohio State Championships and went undefeated. Senior year repeated undefeated season and won 2nd Ohio State Title. Senior year beat two defending Ohio State Champs. Went 54-0 in his Junior and Senior. Won 1st State Title in only his 3rd year of wrestling experience in one of the toughest weight classes in Ohio Division-II history, defeating the returning runner-up and defending champion.
- Posted one of only three total US victories when a tough Soviet Junior National Team completed an eight city tour of the United States facing Junior “All-Star” Teams in those respective cities. Lee earned his victory representing a Northeast Ohio “All-Star” Team beating a Soviet Jr National Champion, in only his 4th year of wrestling experience.
- Won the Junior National Freestyle Title, held in Iowa City – the forerunner to Fargo, beating a future 3-Time NCAA Div I National Champion.
- As an 18 year old Soph. in college, in only the 6th year of wrestling experience, beat the legendary Dan Gable 7-6.
- Was 2nd in NCAA Div I as a 18 year old true freshman, losing on a split referees decision in overtime, scored the only offensive points on a 1st period takedown.
- Was a three-time NCAA Div I Champion the next three years, compiling 110 wins, and not losing a collegiate match during that time, with 143 total career wins and 47 pins.
- Won the 1st of three Freestyle World Titles at age 21, just a few months after finishing college, and held the distinction of being the youngest American to win a World or Olympic Championship for 30 years, and is the 10th youngest internationally.
- Was 1st American to win three world titles.
- Won a Bronze Medal in the World Championships, losing the only match in four world championship appearances.
- Won four World Cup Titles and was the 1st American to do so.
- Won two Pan-American Games Gold Medals.
- Earned a spot on the 1980 Olympic Freestyle Wrestling Team, and was a heavy favorite for a Gold Medal until the USA boycotted the event. Defeated the 1980 Olympic Champion from Bulgaria in the Super Champions Title Match in December 1980.
- Was inducted into the National Wrestling Hall of Fame in 1989.
- Runs the Lee Kemp Cooler Wrestling School in Alpharetta, Georgia
- Coached the US Freestyle Team World Team that competed in the 2007 World Championships in Guangzhou China which produced a Gold, Silver & two Bronze Medalists.
- Coached the US Junior Freestyle World Team that competed in the 2007 Junior World Championships held in Beijing China which
- Produced gold medalist Bubba Jenkins, currently a sophomore at Penn State University.
- Was selected coach of the US Freestyle Olympic Team that competed in the 2008 Olympic Games in Beijing, China



John Powless

- 75 years old
 - World class tennis player with over 600 titles
 - Currently #1 ranked senior tennis player in world in 75+ age group
 - Won four U.S. Open Tennis association titles in 75+ age group
 - 2008-09 Australian open champion in his age group
 - 2008 USTA Champion in 75+ age group
 - International Player of the Year 2008
 - Won 26 world titles in U.S. championships as an individual or team player
 - All-American College Tennis Player
 - Named U.S. Senior Player of the Millennium
 - UW-Madison assistant basketball coach from 1963-'1968
 - UW-Madison head basketball coach from 1969-'76
 - First U.S. Open tennis tournament at age 18
 - Won four U.S. Open Tennis Association titles in the 75+ bracket
 - Undefeated in Australian competitions, which include 12 individual career Australian titles and three world titles won in that country
 - International Tennis Federation Singles Championship in 2007 at the U.S. Open Senior Grass Court Championships
 - Competed and won other titles in the 60 and 70 age brackets competitions.
 - Earlier ranked number one in the 70 & over age bracket by the International Tennis Federation
 - U.S. Tennis Hall of Fame
 - Wingfield Society, elected to their elite and exclusive Great Britain and world organization
 - Madison Sports Hall of Fame
 - Collegiate Hall of Fame
 - Murray State University Hall of Fame
 - Marlboro Sportsman of the Year
 - University of Wisconsin Athletic Hall of Fame
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- **Family:** two sons (John and Jason), six grandchildren.
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- **A life of sports**
 - Played basketball and earned All-America status in tennis at Murray State
 - Coached basketball and tennis at Florida State
 - Coached basketball at Cincinnati
 - UW-Madison assistant basketball coach from 1963-'1968
 - UW-Madison head basketball and tennis coach from 1968 to '76
 - Basketball and tennis TV analyst
 - Owns and operates Powless Tennis Center in Madison and plays professionally on the senior tennis circuit.



Suzy Favor-Hamilton

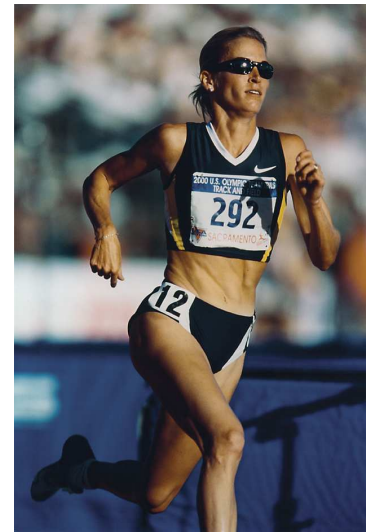
- Born in Stevens Point, WI.
- Began running at age 9, and then attended and competed at Stevens Point Area High School, graduating in 1986.
- Attended the University of Wisconsin-Madison, receiving a Bachelor of Science degree in graphic arts in 1991.
- While a freshman there, she met Mark Hamilton, then a pitcher on the University baseball team. The two married a week after she graduated.
- Currently resides in New Glarus, WI, is a First Weber real estate agent, and is coached by Peter Tegen.

High school competition

- US Junior record in the 1500 m
- Three times held the US Junior title in the 1500 m
- Twice the Pan American Juniors gold medalist (1984, 1986)
- Won 11 state high school titles
- Named one of the 100 High School Athletes of the Century by Scholastic Sports Magazine

Collegiate

- At the University of Wisconsin-Madison, Suzy became the most successful collegiate female athlete ever, accomplishing:
 - Nine NCAA titles
 - NCAA Championships record holder in the 800 m and 1500 m
 - Two NCAA Cross-Country Championships runner-up awards
 - NCAA Top Six Award
 - NCAA Woman of the Year
 - 23 Big Ten Conference championships
 - Four Big Ten Athlete of the Year Awards, which is now called the "Suzy Favor Award"
 - Big Ten Athlete of the Decade for the 1990s
 - World University Games silver medalist
 - Jumbo Elliot Award
 - Honda-Broderick Cup Award
 - Babe Zaharias Award
 - 14 All-American awards



Professional

- After graduating, Suzy has competed extensively, with the following results:
 - Competed three times for the US in the Olympic Games, 1992, 1996 and 2000
 - Competed seven times in the US National Championships
 - Held the US record for the 1000 m
 - Held the US indoor record for the 800 m
 - Won the bronze medal at the 1998 Goodwill Games
 - Finished 5th at the 2002 World Cross-Country Championships (short course), which was the best-ever finish by US woman
 - Five sub-four minute 1500 m, which are five of the nine fastest times ever run by an American
 - Only US woman to ever have the fastest seasonal 1500 m time in the world. In 2000, she was ranked number one in the world based on time, at 3:57.40.
 - Named USA Track & Field Distance Runner of the Year, 2000
 - Ranked number one in the US in 1989, 1990, 2000, 2001 and 2002

Ray Scott

- Born in 1920, in Johnstown, Pennsylvania
- Died March 23, 1998, in Minneapolis, Minnesota
- An American sportscaster, best known for his broadcasts for the Green Bay Packers of the National Football League.
- Began his broadcasting career on local radio in the late 1930s.
- His first NFL broadcasts came in 1953 over the DuMont Television Network
- Three years later he began doing Packers broadcasts for CBS, and it was in Green Bay that his terse style of play-by-play developed its greatest following.
- Was the lead television and radio announcer for Major League Baseball's Minnesota Twins from 1961 to 1966, calling the 1965 World Series on NBC television.
- After leaving Minnesota he called games for the Washington Senators in 1970-71 before returning to the Twins as a part-time announcer in 1973-75.
- As the Packers' announcer, Scott broadcast Super Bowl I and II for CBS, along with the infamous "Ice Bowl" championship game of 1967.
- In 1968, CBS ended its practice of assigning dedicated announcing crews to particular teams, and Scott was appointed to the network's lead NFL crew, teaming with Paul Christman (1968-69) and Pat Summerall (1970-74).
- During his tenure with CBS he called four Super Bowls and nine NFL (later NFC) championship games.
- CBS fired Scott in 1974, replacing him with Summerall (who had been paired with Scott as a color commentator).
- He was subsequently employed as a local announcer by a number of NFL and MLB teams (including the Kansas City Chiefs, Tampa Bay Buccaneers, Minnesota Vikings, Milwaukee Brewers, and Pittsburgh Pirates), called syndicated broadcasts of Penn State football from 1975-81, and was play-by-play announcer for the USFL's Arizona Wranglers in 1983 and 1984 and the Portland Breakers in the 1985 season.
- In 1988 Scott was one of several veteran announcers to call some September NFL telecasts for NBC, while many of the network's regular broadcasters were working at that year's Summer Olympics in Seoul.
- Scott also broadcast college football, college basketball, and golf at various points in his career, and teamed with Patrick Ryan while doing high school and college football in and around Billings, Montana.
- Scott was twice named National Sportscaster of the Year by the National Sportscasters and Sportswriters Association, and was given regional awards by that organization 12 times in four different states.
- In 2000, he was posthumously given the Pete Rozelle Radio-Television Award by the Pro Football Hall of Fame. Scott's bare-bones style has inspired many sportscasters.





CLASS OF 2007

Dick Bennett



Bennett began his collegiate coaching career at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, where he won 173 games. He was named NAIA Coach of the Year after leading the Pointers to a 28-4 record and national runner-up finish in 1984. In 1985, Bennett moved to the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay. Bennett took the Phoenix to the second round of the NIT tournament in 1990 and led the team to its first NCAA tournament berth in 1991. In 1995, Bennett was named the head men's basketball coach at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. During his tenure at Wisconsin he compiled a record of 94-68. He led the Badgers to the Final Four in 2000. In all, he took Wisconsin to three NCAA tournament appearances and earned one NIT bid. Bennett was the first Wisconsin coach to win 20 games in a season. He retired from the University of Wisconsin in November 2000.

Cecil Cooper



Cooper was selected by Boston in the 1968 draft and made his major league debut with the Red Sox in 1971. He was traded to the Milwaukee Brewers prior to the 1977 season. A five-time All-Star with the Brewers, Cooper played in 1,490 games for Milwaukee and finished his 11-year Brewer career with a .302 average, 201 home runs and 944 RBIs. He hit .300 or better from 1977 to 1983. Cooper was named the Brewers' team MVP in 1980, 1982 and 1983 and helped the Brewers win the American League pennant in 1982. He was a two-time Gold Glove winner and a three-time Silver Slugger Award winner. In his 17-season Major League career with Boston and Milwaukee, Cooper played in a total of 1,896 games posting a .298 lifetime batting average with 241 home runs and 1,125 runs batted-in.



CLASS OF 2007 CONT.

Sen. Herb Kohl



Senator Herb Kohl was elected to the US Senate in 1988. Prior to his election to the Senate, Kohl helped build his family-owned business, Kohl's grocery and department stores. He served as president from 1970 through the sale of the corporation in 1979. Kohl is widely recognized as a dedicated Wisconsinite, sports enthusiast and philanthropist. In 1985, he bought the Milwaukee Bucks basketball team to ensure that the NBA team remained in Milwaukee for all to enjoy. Kohl also donated \$25 million to the University of Wisconsin-Madison, the largest single donation in University of Wisconsin System history, for construction of the sports arena which bears his name. Kohl is active in other charitable activities in the state of Wisconsin. In 1990, he established the Herb Kohl Educational Foundation Achievement Award

Program, which provides annual grants to 100 graduating seniors, 100 teachers and 100 schools throughout Wisconsin.

Harry "Buddy" Melges Jr.



Harry "Buddy" Melges, Jr., is recognized as one of the most successful competitive sailors in history, with dozens of national and international championships in many different classes. Melges won an Olympic gold medal in 1972 and bronze in 1964. He was a two-time Star world champion (1978, 1979), a three-time 5.5 Meter World Champion (1967, 1973, 1983), a five-time E-Scow National Champion (1965, 1969, 1978, 1979, 1983), a seven-time Skeeter Ice Boat World Champion (1955, 1957, 1970, 1972, 1974, 1980, 1981) and a three-time Yachtsman of the Year. To cap off his competitive career, he helped steer America³ to a successful defense of the America's Cup in 1992.



CLASS OF 2007 CONT.

Frederick C. Miller



A Milwaukee native, Miller was a lineman for Knute Rockne's Notre Dame Football team from 1926-1928 and earned All-America honors in 1927 and again in 1928. He achieved the ultimate honor for a Notre Dame Football player, being named captain in 1928. Miller graduated from Notre Dame University in 1929 and worked in several family businesses before joining the family brewery in 1936 as vice president; he became president in 1947. Miller was instrumental in the building of two Milwaukee sports facilities -- the Arena for basketball and County Stadium for baseball -- and was an important figure in local business and community affairs, helping to bring the Boston Braves to Milwaukee in 1953. Miller was inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame in 1985.

Mike Webster



After a stellar collegiate career at the University of Wisconsin, where he was named All-Big Ten in 1972 and 1973, "Iron Mike" Webster was drafted in the fifth round of the 1974 draft by the Pittsburgh Steelers. Webster played more seasons (15) and more games (220) than any other player in Steelers history. He was the team's offensive captain for nine seasons and recorded a string of 150 consecutive starts between 1976 and 1986. Webster was a member of four Super Bowl winning teams and played in six AFC Championship games. Webster was named all-pro seven times and played in 9 Pro Bowls. He played his final 2 seasons with the Kansas City Chiefs. Webster was named to the NFL 75th Anniversary All-Time team and was inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 1997.



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NOW ACCEPTING NOMINATIONS FOR THE WISCONSIN ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

The Public Is Encouraged To Nominate Individuals They Feel Are Deserving Of This Honor October 14, 2008 – Madison, WI – Nominations to the Wisconsin Athletic Hall of Fame will be accepted through Friday, October 30, 2008. The public is encouraged to submit their applications to the committee. Forms are available on the event's web site.

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The popular vote will return in 2009. More details will be released at a future date. 2007 inductees included Dick Bennett, Cecil Cooper, Sen. Herb Kohl, Harry "Buddy" Melges, Jr., Frederick C. Miller, and Mike Webster.

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WISCONSIN ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME ANNOUNCES TOP TEN NOMINEES

April 21, 2009 – Madison, WI – The field of nominees to the 2009 Class of the Wisconsin Athletic Hall of Fame has been narrowed to the top 10 and include Bob Harlan, Judith Sweet, Ab Nicholas, Lee Kemp, John Powless, Barry Alvarez, Suzy Favor Hamilton, Phil Wittliff, Ray Scott and Bob Lanier.

The final six will be announced at a press conference outside the Midwest Airlines Center at the Walk of Fame on May 14th, 2009 at 1:30 pm. The public is welcome and encouraged to attend. Nominee biographies are listed below.

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