

Madison Sports Hall of Fame Club Announces Annual Winners
To be honored at Hall of Fame banquet May 30, 2018

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MADISON, WI, May 1, 2018—The Madison Sports Hall of Fame Club will honor some of the areas top athletes and coaches from the past year at its annual banquet in addition to the four Hall of Fame inductees. The awards event is set for Wednesday evening, May 30th, at Monona Terrace Community and Convention Center.

The Zimbrick Honda Madison Sportsman of the Year Award will be given to Jim Schuman, professional golfer. A Madison native, Jim had an excellent year winning the WPGA match play championship, the WPGA professional championship and the WPGA senior championship. In addition to being named the WPGA senior player of the year for the third consecutive year he was also named the WPGA player of the year. Jim is the first individual to sweep these honors in the same year.

The Neckerman Insurance Madison Sportswoman of the Year Award winner is Tyra Turner, Madison LaFollette athlete. Basketball, softball and track spectators can no doubt attest to Tyra's athleticism during her high school career. As a gymnast this winter she was the WIAA sectional all-round, floor and uneven bar champion and at the state tournament she was the individual champion in the vault and fifth in the all-around. Tyra was the Wisconsin State Journal and Wis Prep all-area gymnast of the year

The Flad Development and Investment Area Sportsman of the Year Award will be shared by Matt Hamilton, U.S. Olympic gold medal curler, and Ben McDade, Monona Grove High School swimmer. Matt and his mustache became a PyeongChang Olympic television celebrity where he curled with his sister, Becca, in the mixed doubles event and where he helped the men's team secure its first ever gold medal. Ben is one of the most decorated swimmers in Wisconsin high school history. He led his school to four consecutive WIAA Division 2 championships and as an individual or relay swimmer he has won the most career state championships, fifteen.

The Edgewood College Friend of Sport Award winner is John Verhelst. For twenty-nine years he coached basketball at Edgewood High School, Edgewood College, Monona Grove High School or Madison College. His teams had a reputation for discipline, stifling defense and sound fundamentals and his 1990 Monona Grove team was the WIAA Division 2 runner-up. In recognition of his outstanding coaching career, John was inducted into the 2001 Wisconsin Basketball Coaches Hall of Fame.

The Madison Area Sports Commission's Pat Richter Favorite Sibling Award winner is Daurice Fountain, former Memorial High School and Northern Iowa football player. As a college senior wide receiver, he caught 66 passes for 943 yards and 12 touchdowns. Daurice was named to the All-Missouri Valley Conference's first team and was tabbed the offensive player of the game for the East-West Shrine contest. The Indianapolis Colts have made him their fifth round pick in the recent NFL draft.

The Madison Sports Hall of Fame Club's Mallatt Special Achievement Award Winners:

- Kendall Gretsche, Para-Olympic biathlete and cross country skiing gold medalist.
- Becca Hamilton and Nina Roth, Olympic curlers.
- Keshawn Justice, East High School basketball player.
- Becky Klomland, U.W. golfer.
- Kelly Rodriguez, Edgewood High School swimmer.
- Drew Scharenbrock, Sun Prairie High School wrestler.

Erika Brown, Bernie Kane, Ron Krohn and Paul Swanson are the 2018 Hall of Fame inductees sponsored by Strand Associates.

Tickets for the event are \$50. The event is open to the public and everyone is encouraged to attend and salute this exceptional group of inductees and award winners. Contact Peg Mueller (238-5907) for tickets until May 24th.

The Madison Sports Hall of Fame Club began in 1963 to recognize and honor great athletes and sports figures from the city. The group hosts weekly luncheon meetings from August through May and holds the induction ceremony every year. There are more than 200 inductees in its Hall of Fame. Go to <http://www.madisonsportshalloffame.org> to find other information about the Madison Sports Hall of Fame Club. Membership is open to anyone who is interested in sports.