

**Madison Sports Hall of Fame Club Announces Annual Winners**  
*To be honored at Hall of Fame banquet June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022*

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MADISON, WI, May 1, 2022 – 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 four new Hall of Fame inductees. The awards event is set for Wednesday evening, June 1st, at Monona Terrace Community and Convention Center.

The Madison Sports Commission Sportsman of the Year Award will be given to University of Wisconsin Volleyball Coach Kelly Sheffield. Kelly led the University of Wisconsin volleyball team to a National Championship in NCAA Volleyball by beating conference rival Nebraska 3 sets to 2 in the final match this past spring. Sheffield will be entering his 10th year coaching the UW volleyball team and he has a winning percentage of .817 (236-53) while at Wisconsin.

The McCone Insurance Madison Sportswoman of the Year Award winner is Demetria Prewitt, Madison LaFollette senior basketball player. Demetria has overcome a torn ACL during the summer after her freshman year to become a dominant player. She was 1st Team All Big 8 and Player of the Year in the Big 8. She was also the Conferences Defensive Player of the Year and was also named 1st Team All State. She set the team single season scoring record of 367 points, a record that had been in place at LaFollette since 1986.

The Edgewood College Athletics Friend of Sport Award will be awarded to co-winners this year, Bill Schultz of the Miracle League of Dane County and Bob Buchanan of the Wisconsin Rugby Club. Bill's behind the scenes leadership is making playing baseball a reality for many people with disabilities at their new field at Bakken Park in Cottage Grove. Bob has served the rugby community for 46 years as a player, WRC officer and Club President. He currently serves as the Curator of over 9000 rugby artifacts. His behind the scenes involvement in the rugby community is keeping rugby in the forefront in the Madison community.

The Andringa Family "Rob Andringa Multi-Sport High School Athlete of the Year" is being presented to Alessandro Malterer. This award goes to a senior Madison High School Athlete who has participated in at least 7 varsity seasons in WIAA sanctioned sports, who has distinguished herself/himself in these sports and who has maintained academic eligibility during the entirety of their athletic career. This year's winner is Alessandro Malterer from Madison East. Ale has won 9 varsity letters; 4 in soccer, 2 in basketball and 3 in baseball. He was a captain for all 3 sports, even in basketball even though he never started a game. He has received a scholarship to play soccer at D 2 Catawba College. He also has a 3.8 GPA with multiple honors and AP classes. He also produces East sport video clips for the East Tower Times and is the editor of the Yearbook

The Flad Development & Investment Area Sportsman of the Year winner is Nicolar Rivera from Stoughton High School. Nicolar completed his year in wrestling by winning the State Division 1 title at 126 lbs. and going 53-0 for the year. This was Nicolar's third WIAA State title. On January 8, 2022, he faced the nation's No. 1 ranked 126 lb. wrestler and won the match by a score of 10-6. He capped off winning the State championship by choosing the University of Wisconsin - Madison as the next place he will wrestle.

**Roy Boone, Peggy Kelly Gierhart, Chris Grainger and Brad Winchester** are the 2022 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 Al Schumacher (608-395-4648) or by email at [alschu44@gmail.com](mailto:alschu44@gmail.com) for tickets until May 26<sup>th</sup>..

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.