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61st Madison Sports Hall of Fame Club Induction set for May 29th
Dr. Nathan Brown, Sarah Docter-Williams, Reece Gaines and Jerry Haugh honored

Madison, WI, – (April 2, 2024) The 61st annual Hall of Fame inductee class of the Madison Sports Hall of Fame Club sponsored by Strand Associates features a diverse class consisting of a multi-sport athlete from La Follette, an Olympic speed skater from Memorial, a basketball player from West and a longtime Memorial High School soccer coach and driving force behind the growth of area soccer. The dinner and enshrinement ceremony will take place at the Monona Terrace Community and Convention Center on Wednesday, May 29th, 2024.

The Public is welcome to attend. Tickets for the event are \$60 and they will be sold until May 25th. The event is open to the public and everyone is encouraged to attend and salute this exceptional group of inductees. Go to our website at madisonsportshalloffame.org/banquet to order banquet tickets online or contact Banquet Coordinator, Al Schumacher (608-395-4648) to order banquet tickets in person.

Madison Sports Hall of Fame Class of 2024:

Dr. Nathan Brown, multi-sport athlete at Madison La Follette where he was an All City, All Conference, All Area and All State Linebacker and running back. He was also a member of the 2002 WIAA Boys State Basketball champions and won 4 WIAA State Championships in Track and Field as a hurdler and in the relays. He went on to the University of Wisconsin and competed in track and field in the Heptathlon, Pentathlon and Decathlon earning All-Conference and National honors and was the Big10 Conference Indoor Heptathlon champion in 2005. Dr. Brown is an Emergency Room physician working in the Madison area and living in Madison.

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Sarah Docter-Williams, from Madison Memorial who competed for the US in Speed Skating on both Short Track and Long Track events. She was National Age Group Champion from 1970 through 1978. She participated in World championships and in the Olympic 500 meters, 1000 meters, 1500 meters and 3000 meters. She had 3rd place finishes in the 1000 and 3000 in 1980, 1982 and 1983. Sarah was inducted into the US Speed Skating Hall of Fame in 1992.

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Reece Gaines, Madison West basketball player who went on to play for the University of Louisville for Denny Crum and Rick Pitino and then the NBA. He was All City Player of the Year 1999, All Area in 1998, 1999 and All State in 1997-1999. A 4-year starter at Louisville and was 1st team All-Conference USA in 2002 and 2003. Reece played 71 games in the NBA for the Orlando Magic, the Houston Rockets and the Milwaukee Bucks. He is currently an assistant coach at the University of Louisville.

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Jerry Haugh, a Builder of Sport Inductee from Madison Memorial. He coached Memorial Girls Soccer for 25 years accumulating a 381-101-33 record with 2 WIAA State Championships in 1986 and 1987. Jerry was a driving force to get the WIAA to begin offering a Girls State Soccer Tournament. He was also the Assistant Coach for the Boys Team for 25 years as well. Jerry was also a WIAA Wrestling Official who worked the State Tournaments in 1980 and 1981 and was a Founding member of the Wisconsin Officials Association for Wrestling Officials.

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These sport names will join the more than 200 individuals already in the Madison Sports Hall of Fame.

The Madison Sports Hall of Fame Club began as the Pen and Mike Club in 1963 to recognize and honor great athletes and sports figures from Madison. The group hosts weekly luncheon meetings from September through May and holds the induction ceremony every year. Go to madisonsportshalloffame.org to find out other information about the club.