

**For immediate release:**

**63rd Madison Sports Hall of Fame Club Induction set for June 3rd**

*Adam Burish, Anne Cooley-Piesczak, Wesley Matthews IV and Jay Wilson honored*

Madison, WI, – (March 23, 2026) The 63rd 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 hockey player from Edgewood, the UW and the NHL; a softball pitcher from Madison La Follette and DePaul University; a basketball player from Madison Memorial, Marquette University and the NBA; and the “Dean of Madison Sports”, longtime broadcaster Jay Wilson. The dinner and enshrinement ceremony will take place at the Monona Terrace Community and Convention Center on Wednesday, June 3rd, 2026.

The public is welcome to attend. Tickets for the event are \$60 and they will be sold until May 29th. 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](http://madisonsportshalloffame.org/banquet) to order banquet tickets online or contact Banquet Coordinator, Al Schumacher, by email at [alschu44@gmail.com](mailto:alschu44@gmail.com) or by phone at (608-395-4648) to order banquet tickets in person.

**Madison Sports Hall of Fame Class of 2026:**

These sport names will join the more than 250 individuals already in the Madison Sports Hall of Fame.

**Adam Burish:**

Madison Edgewood 3 sport athlete in Soccer, Hockey and Golf who only played high school sports for 3 years as he was involved in a serious automobile accident his senior year and spent the year in rehabilitation. Adam went on to play hockey at the University of Wisconsin and lettered for 4 years where he played in 143 games and assisted on both goals in the 2006 National Championship when Wisconsin defeated Boston College 2-1 to win the National Championship. After college, Adam played professional hockey in the AHL, the SHL and he played 378 games in the NHL with the Chicago Blackhawks, the Dallas Stars and the San Jose Sharks. Today, Adam is a hockey analyst for the Chicago Blackhawks pregame and postgame productions.

**Anne Cooley-Piesczak:**

A Madison LaFollette 3 sport athlete in tennis, basketball and softball, Anne was best known for her accomplishments on the softball diamond as a pitcher. A 4 year dominant pitcher who pitched LaFollette to the WIAA State tournament as a semi-finalist her junior year and a WIAA State runner up her senior year. Many believe that if there were not pitching restrictions when she played in high school, she would have led LaFollette to the State title as she could only pitch one inning in the championship game due to those

pitching restrictions. Anne continued her playing career as a pitcher from 1987-1990, lettering all 4 years, earning 48 career wins while getting her marketing degree at DePaul University. DePaul University coach Eugene Lenti, who spent 37 years with the program recognizes Anne as “one of the school’s premier pitchers of all time.”

**Wesley Matthews IV:**

Wes played soccer and basketball while attending Memorial High School from 2001-2005. Wes received numerous all-city, all-conference and all-state awards as a soccer player but excelled on the basketball court. He garnered all-city, all-conference, all-area and all-state recognitions during his high school career. After high school, Wes attended Marquette University on a basketball scholarship and received his BA in Advertising. After graduation from Marquette, Wes played in the NBA for 15 years with the Utah Jazz, Portland Trailblazers, Dallas Mavericks, New York Knicks, Indiana Pacers, Milwaukee Bucks, Los Angeles Lakers and the Atlanta Hawks. He is currently a basketball analyst on FSI for college games featuring DePaul, Marquette and Villanova.

**Jay Wilson:**

Jay Wilson is being inducted as a Builder to the Madison Sports Hall of Fame. Jay was a sports broadcaster or sports director for WKOW TV in Madison, WISN TV in Milwaukee, and WISC TV in Madison from 1980-2019. He has been titled the “Dean of Madison Sports”. He has done play by play for WIAA State Basketball, Softball and Hockey and has broadcasted for 6 Rose Bowls, 3 Super Bowls and 2 NCAA Final Fours and is currently working as a reporter and play by play announcer for a variety of sports for the Big 10 Network. Jay was named Madison’s Favorite Sportscaster 20 times, received the Dave McClain Award for Distinguished Service, the WBCA Friend of Basketball Hall of Fame Award in 2018 and the Chicago branch of the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences Silver Circle Award for lifetime achievement of 25 or more years.

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](http://madisonsportshalloffame.org) to find out other information about the club.