

Nebraska Hall of Fame

Eric Piatkowski, a 13-year veteran of the NBA and one of only two former Huskers to play in four straight NCAA Tournaments, was the most recent inductee into the Nebraska Basketball Hall of Fame as he was enshrined at ceremonies on Feb. 18, 2006, at halftime of the Nebraska-Texas Tech game. Piatkowski is the fourth player from the 1990-91 squad that won a school-record 26 games to be inducted into the hall, joining Rich King (inducted in 2001), Clifford Scales (2002) and Beau Reid (2003).

A native of Rapid City, S.D., Piatkowski lettered from 1991 to 1994 while helping the Huskers to four straight NCAA Tournament appearances and an 85-39 career record including three 20-win seasons. He finished his career with 1,934 points to rank second in school history and is one of only two Huskers with at least 200 3-pointers in a career.

NU finished the 1990-91 season with its highest ranking ever at No. 9 by UPI and No. 11 by the Associated Press while gaining a 26-8 record. Piatkowski was the Most Valuable Player of the 1994 Big Eight Tournament as a senior and set the school single-game record in the first round by scoring 42 points in a 105-88 win over Oklahoma.

Following his senior season, Piatkowski was the second player in program history to be taken in the first round of the NBA Draft, going to the Indiana Pacers with the No. 15 selection. After being traded on draft day to the Los Angeles Clippers, Piatkowski has also played with the Houston Rockets, Chicago Bulls and has been with the Phoenix Suns for two years. He has played in more than 750 career games in the NBA while averaging 7.8 points and 2.3 rebounds per contest. He is the Clippers' all-time leader in 3-pointers (738) and 3-point percentage (40.2) and is second in games played with 616.

The Nebraska Men's Basketball Hall of Fame was the brainchild of longtime Husker athletic supporter Jerry Solomon, who first approached the University about the project in the fall of 1988. Solomon, along with Jack Bock, Dale Herman and Dale Jensen, provided financial support for the Hall of Fame.

The Hall is co-sponsored by the Nebraska Athletic Department and the Rebounders Club. Memorabilia on nearly every Husker Hall of Famer is on display at the Walk of Fame on the upper concourse at the Devaney Center.

The first class was inducted in 1989 with 11 members. Since then, 59 players and coaches have been inducted into the Hall of Fame, including 10 classes with at least three members. The largest class since the initial induction was in 1996 when six players and one former coach were inducted into the Hall.

Eighteen people who have played supporting roles in shaping the Nebraska basketball program have also been enshrined by earning the Bud Cuca Special Merit Award. The award was renamed in honor of Cuca in 2003 after he passed away following a battle with cancer. Cuca and Ed Childress were the first-ever recipients of the award in 1989.

In 2003, the first Distinguished Hall of Fame Alumni Award was given, honoring a former player and Hall of Fame member who has been a positive force in the state and local community since his playing days ended.



Former Husker great Eric Piatkowski was inducted into the Nebraska Basketball Hall of Fame in 2006.

Hall of Fame

Members (59)

1989 (11)

James Buchanan, 1950-51-52
Sam Carrier, 1911-12-13
Steve Hokuf, 1930-31-33
Chuck Jura, 1970-71-72
Stuart Lantz, 1966-67-68
Don MacLay, 1929-30-31
Robert Parsons, 1936-37-38
Claude Retherford, 1947-48-49
Mathias "Mutt" Volz, 1923-24-25
George Wahlquist, 1933-35-36
Coach Harry Good, 1947-54

1990 (3)

Herschell Turner, 1958-59-60
Milton "Bus" Whitehead, 1948-49-50
Coach Joe Cipriano, 1964-80

1991 (3)

Leroy Chalk, 1969-70-71
Jerry Fort, 1973-74-75-76
Coach Jerry Bush, 1955-63

1992 (4)

Sid Held, 1940-41-42
Rex Ekwall, 1955-56-57
Marvin Stewart, 1969-70-71
Coach W.H. Browne, 1933-40

1993 (4)

Bob Pierce, 1949-50-51
Bill Johnson, 1952-53-54-55
Grant Simmons, 1964-65-66
Jack Moore, 1979-80-81-82

1994 (4)

Bob Cerv, 1947-48-49-50
Tom Russell, 1961-62
Nate Branch, 1965-66-67
Andre Smith, 1978-79-80-81

1995 (4)

Carl Olson, 1928-29
Don Fitz, 1939-40-41
Al Maxey, 1959-60
Tom Baack, 1966-67-68

1996 (7)

Walter Henrion, 1932-33
Gary Reimers 1956-57-58
Wilson Fitzpatrick, 1958
Bob Grattop, 1968-69-70

Bob Siegel, 1974-75-76-77
Dave Hoppen, 1983-84-85-86
Coach Moe Iba, 1981-86

1997 (3)

Elmer Dohrmann, 1936-37-38
Fred Seger, 1952-53-54
Tom Scantlebury, 1968-69-70

1998 (3)

Paul Amen, 1936-37-38
Willard Fagler, 1952-53-54-55
Willie Campbell, 1965-66-67

1999 (3)

Don Smidt, 1956-57-58
Jim Kubacki, 1956-57-58
Brian Banks, 1976-77-78-79

2000 (3)

Daryl Petsch, 1962-63-64
Larry Cox, 1974-75-76
Stan Cloudy, 1983-84

2001 (3)

Brian Carr, 1984-85-86-87
Rich King, 1988-89-90-91
Floyd Ebaugh, 1936-37-38

2002 (2)

Clifford Scales, 1988-89-90-91
Willard Witte, 1928-29-30

2003 (1)

Beau Reid, 1988-89-90-91

2006 (1)

Eric Piatkowski, 1991-92-93-94

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Alumni Award

2003-Milton "Bus" Whitehead,
Lincoln

Bud Cuca

Special Merit Award

1989-Ed Childress
and Bud Cuca, Lincoln
1990-Paul Schneider, Lincoln
1991-Bob Devaney, Lincoln
1992-Don Bryant, Lincoln
1993-Tony Sharpe, Lincoln
1994-George Sullivan, Lincoln
1995-Jerry Lott, Lincoln
1996-Al Papik, Lincoln
1997-Mel Worster
and Woody Varner, Lincoln
1998-Ed Kaplan, Houston, Texas
and Jerry Solomon, Lincoln
1999-Lloyd Castner, Columbus
and Dick Perry, Lincoln
2000-Larry Frederick, Lincoln
2001-George Andreas, Lincoln
2003-George "Butch" Lindley,
Omaha