



THE BASKETBALL HALL OF FAME



Basketball Hall of Fame Names Twenty Shooting Guards to Watch List for 2022 Jerry West Award

Starting Five Fan Voting Presented by Dell Technologies to go Live on Friday, October 22

Springfield, Mass. (Oct. 18, 2021) — The Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame announced today the 20 watch list members for the *2022 Jerry West Shooting Guard of the Year Award*. Named after Class of 1980 Hall of Famer and 1959 NCAA Final Four Most Valuable Player Jerry West, the annual honor in its eighth year recognizes the top shooting guards in Division I men's college basketball. A national committee of top college basketball personnel determined the watch list of 20 candidates.

"As we enter our eighth year of the Naismith Starting Five, we're excited as ever to watch some of the best collegiate student-athletes in the country compete at a very high level," said John L. Doleva, President and CEO of the Basketball Hall of Fame. "It's a tremendous honor to be recognized on a preseason watch list. Each of the young men nominated for this honor has undoubtedly worked extremely hard to be in this position and should feel an immense sense of pride in their achievements. That being said, a player can be added to the watch list at any point in the season, so Mr. West and our committee are eager to evaluate talent as we return to on-court action in the coming weeks."

Jerry West attended West Virginia University and averaged 24.8 points and 13.3 rebounds per game in his three varsity seasons. He led his team to the NCAA Championship game in 1959 and was named a consensus All-American in 1959 and 1960. In the summer of 1960, he was co-captain of the U.S. men's basketball team and won an Olympic gold medal. As a professional player, West played 14 seasons in the NBA with the Lakers making the All-NBA First Team 10 times. West won an NBA championship in 1972 and was named the NBA Finals MVP in 1969 despite his team not winning the championship. In 1996, he was named a member of the NBA's 50th Anniversary All-Time Team.

College basketball fans are encouraged to participate in Fan Voting presented by Dell Technologies in each of the three rounds. In late January, the watch list of 20 players for the 2022 Jerry West Shooting Guard of the Year Award will be narrowed to 10 and then in late February to just 5. In March the five finalists will be presented to Mr. West and the Hall of Fame's selection committee where a winner will be selected.

The winner of the 2022 Jerry West Award will be presented on a to be determined date, along with the other four members of the Men's Starting Five. Additional awards being presented include the Jerry West Shooting Guard Award, the Julius Erving Small Forward Award, the Karl Malone Power Forward Award and the Kareem Abdul-Jabbar Center Award, in addition to the Women's Starting Five.

Previous winners of the Jerry West Shooting Guard of the Year Award include **Chris Duarte**, Oregon (2021), **Myles Powell**, Seton Hall (2020), **RJ Barrett**, Duke (2019), **Carsen Edwards**, Purdue (2018), **Malik Monk**, Kentucky (2017), **Buddy Hield**, Oklahoma (2016) and **D'Angelo Russell**, Ohio State (2015).

For more information on the 2022 Jerry West Award and the latest updates, log onto www.hoophallawards.com and follow @hoophall and #WestAward on Twitter and Instagram. **Starting Five Fan Voting presented by Dell Technologies will go live on Friday, October 22.**

2022 Jerry West Shooting Guard of the Year Award Candidates*

Jaden Shackelford	Alabama
Benedict Mathurin	Arizona
Adam Flagler	Baylor
Hunter Sallis	Gonzaga
Ochai Agbaji	Kansas
Kellan Grady	Kentucky
Taevion Kinsey	Marshall
Eric Ayala	Maryland
Landers Nolley	Memphis
Isaiah Wong	Miami
Eli Brooks	Michigan
De'Vion Harmon	Oregon
Jaden Ivey	Purdue
Matt Bradley	San Diego St.
Jared Rhoden	Seton Hall
Buddy Boeheim	Syracuse
Andrew Jones	Texas
Terrence Shannon Jr.	Texas Tech
Johnny Juzang	UCLA
Justin Moore	Villanova

Players can play their way onto and off of the list at any point in the 2021-22 season

About the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame

Located in Springfield, Massachusetts, the city where basketball was born, the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame is an independent non-profit 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to promoting, preserving and celebrating the game of basketball at every level – men and women, amateur and professional players, coaches and contributors, both domestically and internationally. The Hall of Fame museum is home to more than 400 inductees and over 40,000 square feet of basketball history. Nearly 200,000 people visit the Hall of Fame museum each year to learn about the game, experience the interactive exhibits and test their skills on the Jerry Colangelo "Court of Dreams." Best known for its annual marquee Enshrinement Ceremony honoring the game's elite, the Hall of Fame also operates over 70 high school and collegiate competitions annually throughout the country and abroad. For more information on the Basketball Hall of Fame organization, its museum and events, visit www.hoophall.com, follow @hoophall and or call 1-877-4HOOPLA.

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