

Basketball Hall of Fame Announces 20 Finalists for 2012 Bob Cousy Award

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List of 60-plus candidates down to the final 20

Springfield, Mass. – The Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame in Springfield, Massachusetts announced today the 20 finalists for the 2012 Bob Cousy Collegiate Point Guard of the Year Award. The annual honor, named for Hall of Famer and former Boston Celtic Bob Cousy, recognizes the top point guards in college basketball. An original list of 60-plus candidates was trimmed by a Hall of Fame appointed, nationally-based committee to the below list of 20 student-athletes.

“This list of 20 candidates consists of college basketball’s elite point guards,” said John L. Doleva, President & CEO of the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame. “Through the first few months of the season, these floor generals have demonstrated incredible leadership, court vision and toughness that epitomizes the legacy of Mr. Cousy.”

“The talent level among our 20 finalists demonstrates the competitiveness at the point guard position in college basketball this year,” said Ken Kauffman, Chair of the 2012 Bob Cousy Award. “As we move through the next rounds to our final award-winner, it will clearly be a difficult decision to select one player from this elite group.”

The current listing of 20 finalists for the 2012 Bob Cousy Award will be narrowed down to 10 players in early February and then down five players by early March. The final five players in contention for the award will be presented to Mr. Cousy and the Hall of Fame’s selection committee. This Hall of Fame committee is made up of top college basketball personnel including media members, head coaches, Sports Information Directors and Hall of Famers. The winner of the 2012 Bob Cousy Award will be awarded at the Hall of Fame’s Class Announcement on Monday April 2nd in New Orleans as part of NCAA Final Four weekend.

Previous winners of the Bob Cousy Award have included Jameer Nelson (St. Joseph’s), Raymond Felton (North Carolina), Dee Brown (Illinois), Acie Law (Texas A & M), DJ Augustin (Texas), Ty Lawson (North Carolina), Greivis Vasquez (Maryland) and last year’s recipient Kemba Walker (Connecticut). For more information on the 2012 Bob Cousy, log onto www.CousyAward.com.

About the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame:

Located in Springfield, Massachusetts, the Birthplace of Basketball, the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame promotes and preserves the game of basketball at every level – professional, collegiate, men and women.

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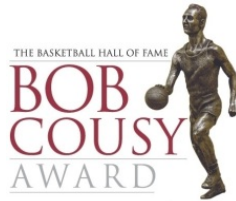
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2012 Bob Cousy Award 20 Finalists

<u>Name</u>	<u>College</u>
Pierre Jackson	Baylor
Shabazz Napier	UConn
Ray McCallum	Detroit
Seth Curry	Duke
Erving Walker	Florida
Scott Machado	Iona
Casper Ware	Long Beach State
Peyton Siva	Louisville
Trey Burke	Michigan
Dee Bost	Mississippi State
Phil Pressey	Missouri
Kendall Marshall	North Carolina
Aaron Craft	Ohio State
D.J. Cooper	Ohio
Zack Rosen	Pennsylvania
Ashton Gibbs	Pittsburgh
Scoop Jardine	Syracuse
Damian Lillard	Weber State
Jordan Taylor	Wisconsin
Tu Holloway	Xavier

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