



## BASKETBALL HALL OF FAME ANNOUNCES 20 FINALISTS FOR BOB COUSY AWARD

*List of 73 candidates down to final 20*

**JANUARY 5, 2010** – The Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame in Springfield, Massachusetts announced today 20 finalists for the **2010 Bob Cousy Award** presented by *The Hartford Financial Services Group, Inc.* This annual award is given to college basketball's top point guard and is named after Hall of Famer and former Boston Celtic great Bob Cousy. An original list of 73 candidates made up of players from Division I, II and III schools was trimmed by a Hall of Fame appointed, nationally based committee to the below list of 20.

“This list makes up college basketball's elite at the point guard position,” said John L. Doleva, President and CEO of the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame. “These 20 players in contention for the award all have skills that Mr. Cousy would be proud of. The Hall of Fame looks forward to having these players compete for one of college basketball's most prestigious awards.”

“We are so proud at The Hartford to play a part in this important program and offer congratulations to the 20 finalists,” said Kevin Connor, executive vice president and director of Hartford Life Distributors. “All 20 represent strong values of teamwork, skill and the relentless pursuit of excellence. These are all values we share at The Hartford.”

The current listing of 20 finalists for the **2010 Bob Cousy Award** presented by *The Hartford* will be narrowed down to 10 players by February 1<sup>st</sup> and then further to five players by March 1<sup>st</sup>. The final five players in contention for the award will be presented to Mr. Cousy and the Hall of Fame's selection committee. These Hall of Fame committees are made up of top college basketball personnel including media members, head coaches, Sports Information Directors and Hall of Famers. The winner of the **2010 Bob Cousy Award** presented by *The Hartford* will be awarded at the Hall of Fame's Class Announcement on Monday April 5<sup>th</sup> in Indianapolis 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) and Ty Lawson (North Carolina). For more information on the **2010 Bob Cousy Award** presented by *The Hartford*, log onto [www.cousyaward.com](http://www.cousyaward.com).

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Chris Warren, Ole Miss  
Denis Clemente, Kansas State  
Deonta Vaughn, Cincinnati  
Devan Downey, South Carolina  
Greivis Vasquez, Maryland  
Jeremy Lin, Harvard  
Jerome Randle, Cal  
John Wall, Kentucky  
Jon Scheyer, Duke  
Kalin Lucas, Michigan State  
Kemba Walker, Connecticut  
Malcolm Delaney, Virginia Tech  
Manny Harris, Michigan  
Matt Bouldin, Gonzaga  
Nic Wise, Arizona  
Ronald Moore, Siena  
Scottie Reynolds, Villanova  
Sherron Collins, Kansas  
Talor Battle, Penn State  
Trevon Hughes, Wisconsin

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