

## **Basketball Hall of Fame Announces Final 11 candidates for 2012 Bob Cousy Award**

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**Springfield, Mass.** – The Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame in Springfield, Massachusetts announced today the 11 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 11 student-athletes.

“We are excited to announce this years final 11 candidates, as they all exemplify the skills and talent necessary to make an elite point guard” said John L. Doleva, President & CEO of the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame. “The Hall of Fame looks forward to watching these players compete for one of college basketball’s most prestigious awards.”

“The list is getting harder and harder to trim down” said Ken Kauffman, Chair of the 2012 Bob Cousy Award. “We have so many elite college point guards that represent what Mr. Cousy epitomized as a player.”

Beginning Wednesday, February 6th, via the Bob Cousy Award’s website – [www.cousyaward.com](http://www.cousyaward.com) – fans will be able to vote for the top point guard. The player that receives the most fan votes will receive one vote toward the final committee vote. Fan voting will run one month – beginning February 6th and will conclude March 6th.

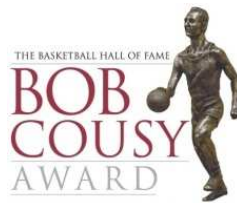
Previous winners of the Bob Cousy Award have included Jameer Nelson (St. Joseph’s), Raymond Felton (North Carolina), Dee Brown (Illinois), Acie Law (Texas A & M), DJ Augustin (Texas), Ty Lawson (North Carolina), Greivis Vasquez (Maryland) and last year’s recipient Kemba Walker (Connecticut). For more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

The current listing of 11 finalists for the 2012 Bob Cousy Award will be narrowed down to 5 players on March 8th. The final five players in contention for the award will be presented to Mr. Cousy and the Hall of Fame’s selection committee. The 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.

**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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## 2012 Bob Cousy Award 11 Finalists

<u>Name</u>	<u>College</u>
Pierre Jackson	Baylor
Scott Machado	Iona
Casper Ware	Long Beach State
Phil Pressey	Missouri
Isaiah Canaan	Murray State
Kendall Marshall	North Carolina
Aaron Craft	Ohio State
Matthew Dellavedova	Saint Mary's
Scoop Jardine	Syracuse
Damian Lillard	Weber State
Jordan Taylor	Wisconsin

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