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Philadelphia Sports Hall of Fame Announces Class V Inductees

PHILADELPHIA, PA- August 14, 2008 – At a press conference hosted by Comcast-Spectacor on the floor of the Wachovia Spectrum, the Philadelphia Sports Hall of Fame today announced its fifth Class of Hall of Famers, the members of Inductee Class V. The new class includes 12 individuals and one team. Today's inductees join the 71 current members of the Hall of Fame's first four classes.

The members of Inductee Class V include:

Al Wistert	Leroy Burrell
Dorothy Porter	Lionel Simmons
Ed Delahanty	Mickey Vernon
Fred Shero	Maurice Cheeks
Harold Carmichael	Stan Hochman-<i>Legacy of Excellence</i>
Herb Magee	Tommy Loughran
1929 Philadelphia Athletics – Team Induction	

In attendance were Inductees **Harold Carmichael, Herb Magee, Mickey Vernon** and **Stan Hochman**. In addition **Dave Jordan** from the **Philadelphia Athletics Historical Society** represented the **1929 A's** and **Dr. Tom Brennan**, Athletic Director at LaSalle University spoke on behalf of **Lionel Simmons**. **John DiSantis**, editor of www.phillyboxinghistory.com was on hand to say a few words about **Tommy Loughran**.

Longtime Sixers broadcaster **Marc Zumoff** spoke on behalf of **Maurice Cheeks** who was unable to attend.

"Comcast-Spectacor is proud to be a partner in sponsoring the Philadelphia Sports Hall of Fame and today's announcement here in the Wachovia Spectrum," said Comcast-Spectacor President Peter Luukko. "With this being the last year of the Spectrum, this is a great opportunity to honor some of the greats who have helped make this building the popular attraction that it has become over the past 42 years".

Also in attendance were **Harvey Pollack, Dan Baker, Fran Dunphy** and **Speedy Morris**. In addition, representatives from different organizations were on site to support various Inductees including **South Philadelphia High School** (Lionel Simmons), **Philadelphia University** (Herb Magee), **West Catholic High School** (Herb Magee), the **Delaware County Sports Hall of Fame** (Mickey Vernon and Leroy Burrell) and **The Philadelphia Jewish Sports Hall of Fame** (Stan Hochman).

An all-sports hall of fame, the Philly Sports Hall inducts individuals who performed in the Philadelphia-area and those from the area who played or coached elsewhere. The Hall also inducts whole teams and honors local venues through enshrinement. Information about the latest class of hall-of-famers is available at: <http://www.phillyhall.org>

The Philadelphia Sports Hall of Fame's 5th annual induction ceremony and banquet is Thursday November 13, 2008 at the Hyatt Regency Penn's Landing in Philadelphia. Last year's Induction Banquet sold out with more than 600 people in attendance. Tickets are available at: <http://www.phillyhall.com>

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