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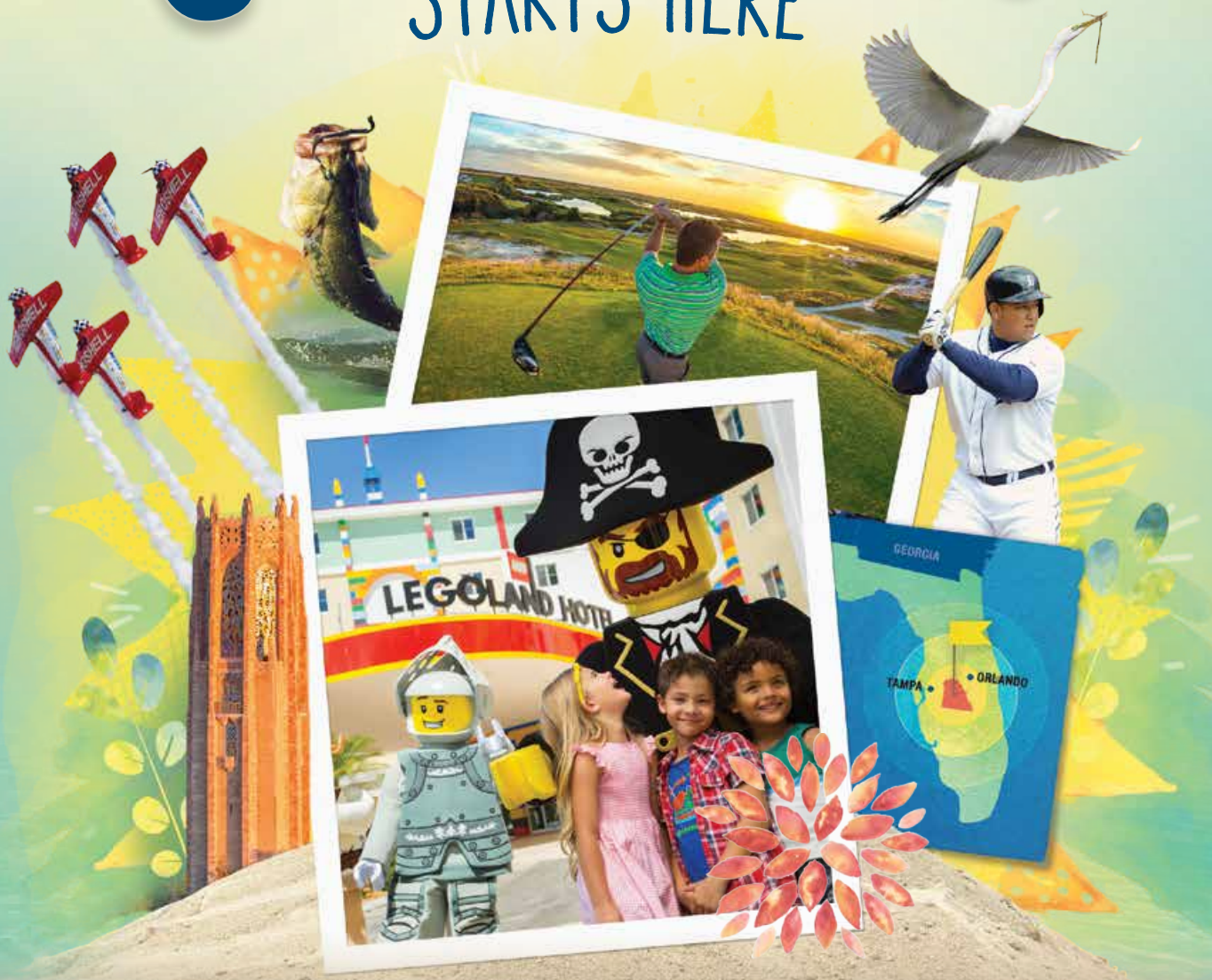

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Letter from the President **Barry Smith**

On behalf of our 249 members, executive director Wayne Hogan and our Board of Directors from across the state, I want to personally welcome you to the 56th annual Florida Sports Hall of Fame Induction Ceremonies presented by FANATICS. Tonight we are honoring perhaps the most talented, accomplished and eclectic classes in our history.

The on-the-field and front-office accomplishments of this class speak volumes as we pay tribute to a Heisman Trophy winner, an NFL All-Pro and College All-American, a major golf winner, a Major League Baseball MVP and future first ballot Hall of Famer and a Commissioner who took his sport to new levels of popularity.

But these accomplishments are but a small part of why this class is special. Although it is hard to believe, the community service and philanthropic endeavors of this entire class may be even more impressive than their athletic accomplishments. As you will learn tonight, the special programs of the Warrick Dunn Foundation, the Tim Tebow Foundation and the Jones Family Foundation have had special effects, on not only their local communities but also on a national and world wide stage. Under the leadership of Tim Finchem, PGA Tour and PGA Charities have raised tens of millions of dollars for local and national charities. Prior to her untimely passing, Colleen Walker used her position as a major golf winner to raise awareness of breast cancer.

Without question, these inductees are not only sports heroes, but community heroes and role models for all and we welcome them into the Florida Sports Hall of Fame family.

I want to thank our wonderful partners who have been so engaged and helpful in making our series of enshrinement events a success. In particular, our presenting sponsor FANATICS played a major role in making tonight possible. Please take a moment to review the full list of partners listed in this commemorative publication.

Thank you again for your attendance and support of the Florida Sports Hall of Fame. Your support of events like the induction ceremony, celebrity golf outings and other events held throughout the year, allows the Hall to in turn support worthy organizations like the Shriners Hospital for Children, the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches, and many other organizations.

When you are in the Central Florida area, I would like to encourage you to visit the Florida Sports Hall of Fame Museum and Preview Center located in Davenport, at the intersection of I-4 and U.S. 27.

Please enjoy your evening with us.

Barry Smith
President
Florida Sports Hall of Fame

Today's Order of Events

Welcome
Wayne Hogan, Executive Director Florida Sports Hall of Fame

Introduction of Presenting Sponsor & Master of Ceremonies
Wayne Hogan

Hall of Fame's History and Mission
Frank Frangie, Voice of the Jacksonville Jaguars

Message and Invocation
Former Florida A&M and Oakland / Los Angeles Raiders' Star
Henry Lawrence

Dinner

This is Your Florida Sports Hall of Fame

Recognition of Partners and Sponsors
Barry Smith, President Florida Sports Hall of Fame

Introduction of Attending Hall of Fame Members and Dignitaries
Barry Smith

President's Message
Barry Smith

Fame for Fitness Award Presentation
Shriners Hospitals for Children
Acceptance by: Richard Radecki, M.D.
Medical Director, Rehabilitation Services
Founder, Rebound Advanced Concussion Center

Special Recognition
1967 Coral Gables Cavaliers "Team of the Century"
Acceptance by: Craig Curry

Enshrinement of the 2017 Class
Colleen Walker, Golf *(represented by Ron Bakich)*
Warrick Dunn, Football
Tim Finchem, Golf
Chipper Jones, Baseball
Tim Tebow, Football

Special Announcements Regarding Partnerships and Future Events

Closing Remarks
Frank Frangie

Master of Ceremonies **Frank Frangie**

A long-time pillar of the Jacksonville sports scene, Frank Frangie will serve as Master of Ceremonies for tonight's induction ceremony. He is the radio voice of the Jacksonville Jaguars, assuming that position in 2014.

A graduate of Jacksonville's Englewood High School and the University of Florida school of communications, Frangie began his media career as a sportswriter for the Florida Times Union / Jacksonville Journal newspapers, where he covered preps and colleges – eventually becoming the Florida Gators beat writer.

While with the Times Union, Frangie also became a broadcaster serving as a sports talk show host at several stations, including WQIK and WCJR. He left his post at the Florida Times Union in 1993 to become a full-time broadcaster.

Frangie worked at WNNZ for four years, before leaving to help launch 1010 XL / 92.5 FM, Jacksonville's first all-sports radio station to air local originated programming from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily.

In his current position, Frangie hosts the "The Frangie Show" during afternoon drive. In addition to his work with the Jaguars, the newspaper, and sports talk, Frangie also did work for the Florida Gator Radio Network, and served as the host for numerous football and college basketball programs for Fox Sports, Sun Sports, Comcast, and Southeast. For many years he was the primary play-by-play voice for the Touchdown Radio Network.

Frangie joined with Ben Balke to create and launch GridironNow.com, a football website specializing in coverage of the SEC.

"On an evening when we are inducting five honorees with strong ties to the Greater Jacksonville area, it's only fitting that Frank Frangie, who many consider the voice of sports in Jacksonville, serve as our Master of Ceremonies," Florida Sports Hall of Fame President Barry Smith noted.

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NOT RUTH, THE OTHER "BABE"

One of the most interesting individuals in the Florida Sports Hall of Fame is **Babe Didrickson Zaharias (1911-1956, elected to Florida Sports Hall of Fame 1966)**. She certainly could have been named a Hall of Famer in two different sports **(track and golf)**, having won two gold medals **(80-meter hurdles and javelin)**, and a silver medal **(high jump)** in the 1932 Los Angeles Olympic games; while also winning **41 LPGA tournaments, including 10 majors**. Listed as **the greatest women's athlete of the 20th century** by the Associated Press, ESPN also listed her at the **ninth greatest athlete in North America history**.

ALL IN THE FAMILY

The Florida Sports Hall of Fame includes:

Two sets of father/sons **(Dick Pope, Dick Pope Jr. – Water Skiing and Bill France, Bill France Jr. – Auto Racing);**

one set of brothers **(Donnie and Bobby Allison – Auto Racing)** and

one husband/wife team **(Don and Paula Carter – Bowling)** among its members.

MISTER ED WOULD BE PROUD

Membership in the Florida Sports Hall of Fame does include one equine member. **"Needles"** was the first Florida-bred horse to win the Kentucky Derby and also won the Belmont Stakes in 1956. Only a second place finish to Fabias in the Preakness Stakes kept **Needles** from the immortality that comes with a Triple Crown.

HE IS (OUR) MAN

Although it is not a lock for admission to the Florida Sports Hall of Fame, it is never a bad thing to have Heisman Trophy winner on your resume. A total of six Heisman winners **(Steve Spurrier , Vinny Testaverde, Gino Toretta, Danny Weuerffel, Charlie Ward and Tim Tebow)** are also members of the Florida Sports Hall of Fame.

BY SPORT

Most Florida Sports Hall of Fame inductees by sport…

Football (84)

Baseball (37)

Golf (24)

Auto/Boat Racing (15)

Media 13

Basketball (12)

Tennis (12)

Swimming/Diving (11)

Administration/Officiating 10

DUAL ENROLLMENT

When the Florida Sports Hall of Fame decided to induct the only perfect team in NFL history **(1972 Miami Dolphins)** into the Hall, it also meant that **Head Coach Don Shula ('73)** and players **Bob Griese ('79), Earl Morrall ('00), Paul Warfield ('92), Larry Little ('78), Nick Buoniconti ('95)** and **Garo Yepremian ('82)** were inducted for a second time. **Dick Anderson** joined the group of double inductees in **2012**.

Facts and Figures

MORE THAN A MUSEUM

The Florida Sports Hall of Fame is much more than a museum and induction ceremony. The organization prides itself on its many charitable works and philanthropic efforts throughout the year. Through golf tournaments, induction ceremonies and other events, the Florida Sports Hall of Fame has mobilized its membership and raised thousands of dollars for worthwhile causes. Recently, the Hall has raised both funds and awareness for such causes as **Juvenile Diabetes and Childhood Obesity, the Shriners Hospital for Children-Tampa, the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches and Hurricane Relief.** You can learn more about the Hall and its community services initiatives by logging on to www.FlaSportsHOF.org.

BUT DON'T FORGET THE MUSEUM

The Florida Sports Hall of Fame maintains a sparkling new museum at the **Florida Visitors Center in Davenport, Florida.** (just one mile south of the I-4 / U.S. 27 intersection). Admission is free.

SELECTION PROCESS

After a nomination process, candidates for the Florida Sports Hall of Fame are vetted and voted on by members of the Florida Sportswriters and Broadcasters Association, the FSHOF Board of Directors and select Hall of Fame members. **To be eligible, prospective members had to be born or raised in Florida** or **have achieved a significant portion of this athletic notoriety within the state of Florida.**

IT'S JUST NOT FOR THE TRADITIONAL SPORTS

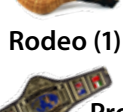
The Florida Sports Hall of Fame has always sought to recognize the best in Florida regardless of sport. While football, basketball, and golf have the most members, many athletes in non-traditional or lesser known sports have been recognized. Florida Sports Hall of Fame members include athletes from such sports as

Boxing (4 members)

Hockey (2)

Bowling (2)

and even **Jai-Alai (1)**



Rodeo (1)

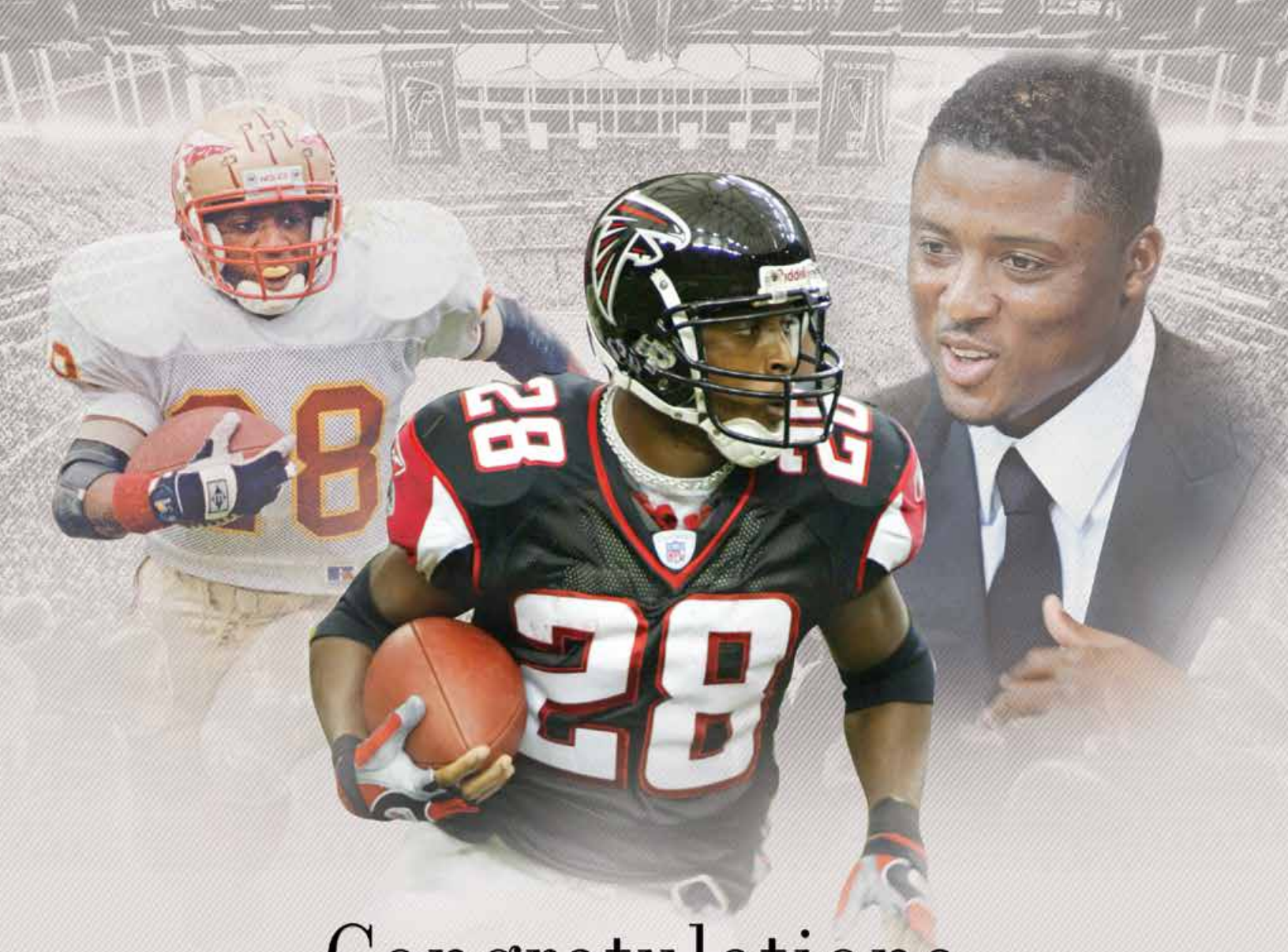
Professional Wrestling (1) and **Greyhound Racing (1).**

WATER, WATER EVERYWHERE

With 840 miles of coast line and countless freshwater lakes, it's no surprise that outdoor water sports have contributed to the membership of the Florida Sports Hall of Fame. **Don Aronow (Power Boat Racing and Building '75), Bernie Little (Power boat racing, Team Owner '79), Dean Chonweth (Power Boat Racing '82), and Allison Jolly (Olympic Gold Medalist – Sailing '16)** are all Florida State Hall of Fame members from the world of water sports.

FROM DAVENPORT TO CANTON

Eighteen players are both members of the Pro Football Hall of Fame and the Florida Sports Hall of Fame. **Tony Dungy (FSHOF 2015)** and **Derrick Brooks (FSHOF 2012)** were the most recent to gain that distinction, joining such notables as **Deion Sanders, Deacon Jones, Bullet Bob Hayes and Jack Youngblood.**



Congratulations

WARRICK DUNN

The Atlanta Falcons congratulate Warrick Dunn on his induction into the Florida Sports Hall of Fame. His big plays on the gridiron and dedication to improve the lives of many make him one of the Falcons finest.

FLORIDA SPORTS Hall of Fame

Special Recognition

TEAM OF THE CENTURY

1967 Coral Gables HS

Tonight we gather to honor five great athletic figures that have made an indelible mark in the state's recent sports history. But the Florida Sports Hall of Fame is also about amplifying our state's historic and time-altering moments and preserving those magnanimous feats for generations to come.

In 1965 all-black George Washington Carver High School in Coral Gables was facing closure as the result of court-ordered desegregation. That left the door open for many talented student-athletes, led by quarterback Craig Curry, to transfer to either all-black Mays High or all-white Coral Gables High.

Faced with an incredibly difficult decision, Curry bravely led a contingent to Coral Gables High where they would play under the late legendary coach Nick Kotys, a member of the Florida Sports Hall of Fame, (inducted in 1984).

Although times were difficult and there were many distractions, the 1967 Coral Gables football program was a shining light in bringing a community together. Craig Curry and his teammates proved that people of all colors and backgrounds could come together in solidarity to achieve greatness.

During that magical season, the Cavaliers dominated their opposition, going 13-0, scoring 410 points while allowing just 26. An incredible seven consecutive shutouts preceeded a 21-7 win over Jacksonville Wolfson in the state championship game.

After winning the state championship, Coral Gables was also named the best high school team in the nation and few could question that designation. Coach Kotys, who would see four of his teams named national champions, called the 1967 team his best ever… and 40 years later, the Florida High School Athletic Association named the team the Florida High School Team of the Century.

Coral Gables TIMES

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Thursday, November 24, 1966

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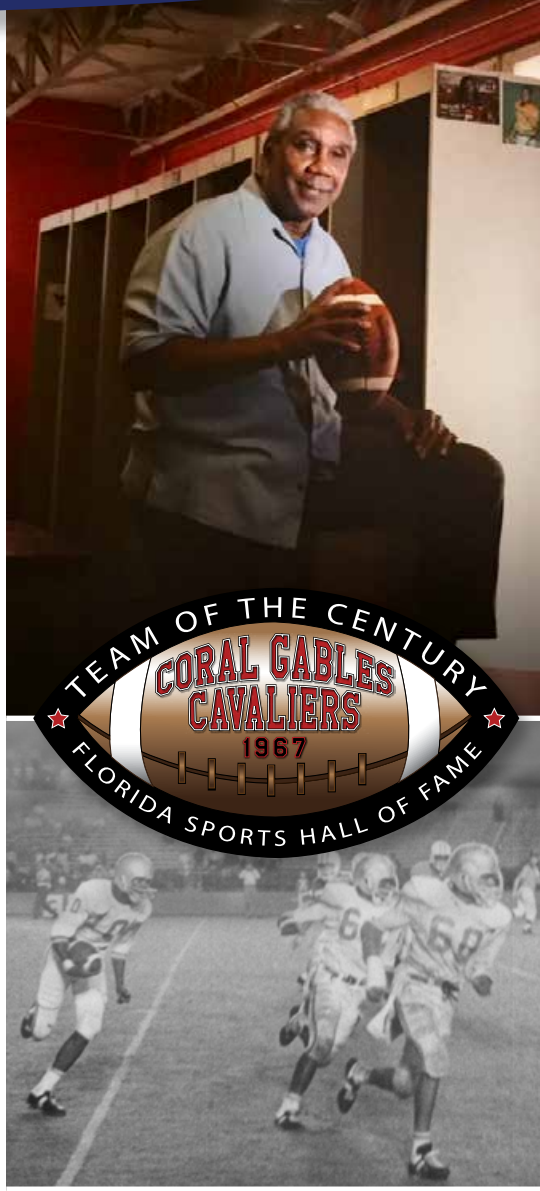
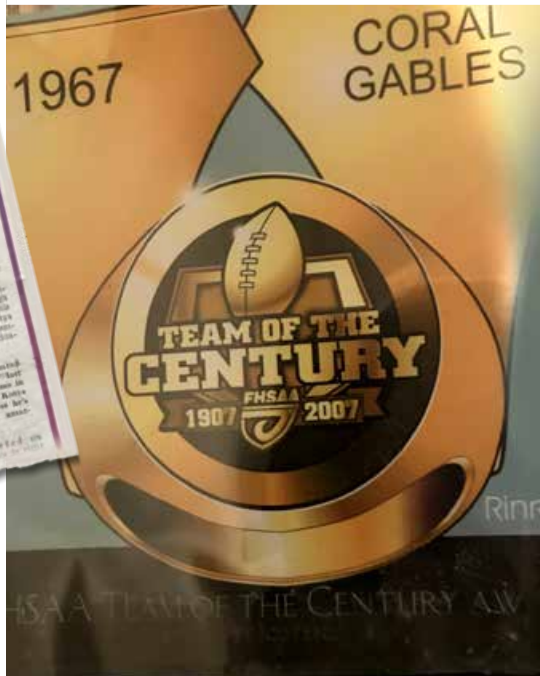
Gables Quarterback First Negro Grid Star of Hi School

By RAYMOND LANG





Colleen Walker

FLORIDA CONNECTION

Native of Jacksonville

Played Collegiately at Florida State (1977-78)

ACHIEVEMENTS

Winner of nine LPGA Tournaments

Winner of one Major Tournament – 1997 du Maurier Ltd. Classic

1998 Vare Trophy for Lowest Scoring Average

2004 Heather Farr Award Winner as LPGA's Most Inspirational Player

LEGACY

Raised awareness for the fight against breast cancer

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2017 FLORIDA SPORTS HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

WARRICK DUNN

COLLEEN WALKER

THE TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS

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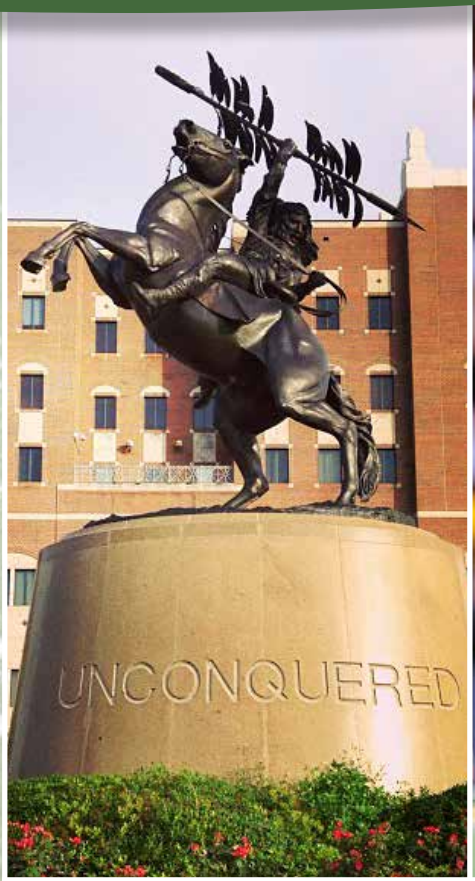
WARRICK DUNN

ON HIS INDUCTION INTO THE

THE 2017 FLORIDA SPORTS HALL OF FAME

Warrick Dunn



FLORIDA CONNECTION

Played Collegiately at Florida State (1993-96)

Member Tampa Bay Bucs (1997-2001, 2008)

ACHIEVEMENTS

2X All-American and 1993 National Champion

3X Pro Bowler, 1997 Offensive Rookie of the Year

NFL Totals of 15,000 All-Purpose Yards, 61 Career Touchdowns

Atlanta Falcons Ring of Honor

LEGACY

NFL Man of the Year for Community Service

Helped more than 150 single parents achieve home ownership through Home for the Holidays program

Founded Athletes for Hope and Warrick Dunn Charities

Tim Finchem

FLORIDA CONNECTION

PGA Commissioner
Ponte Vedra, FL (1994-2016)

ACHIEVEMENTS

Led PGA to new heights of popularity and profitability

Creator of World Golf Championships and World Golf Foundation

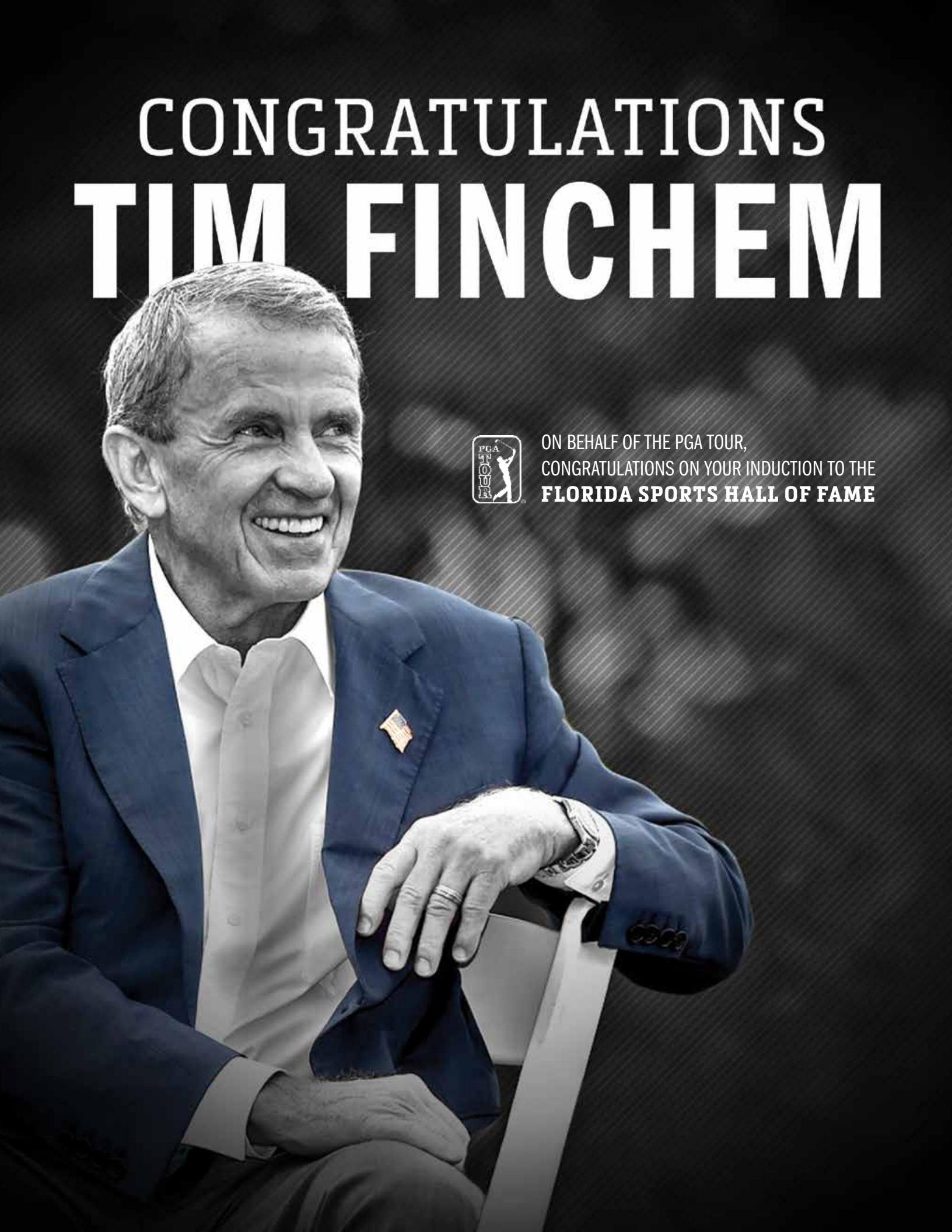
LEGACY

First Tee Intiative

Creation of Fed EX Cup and President's Cup

Return of Golf to Olympic Games

CONGRATULATIONS
TIM FINCHEM



ON BEHALF OF THE PGA TOUR,
CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR INDUCTION TO THE
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CONGRATULATIONS

CHIPPER JONES

On behalf of the Atlanta Braves Organization, congratulations on being named to the Florida Sports Hall of Fame

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Chipper Jones

FLORIDA CONNECTION

Native of Pierson, FL

All-State selection from Bolles High School

ACHIEVEMENTS

Atlanta Braves first round draft pick 1999

303 career batting avg. with 468 home runs and 1,623 RBI

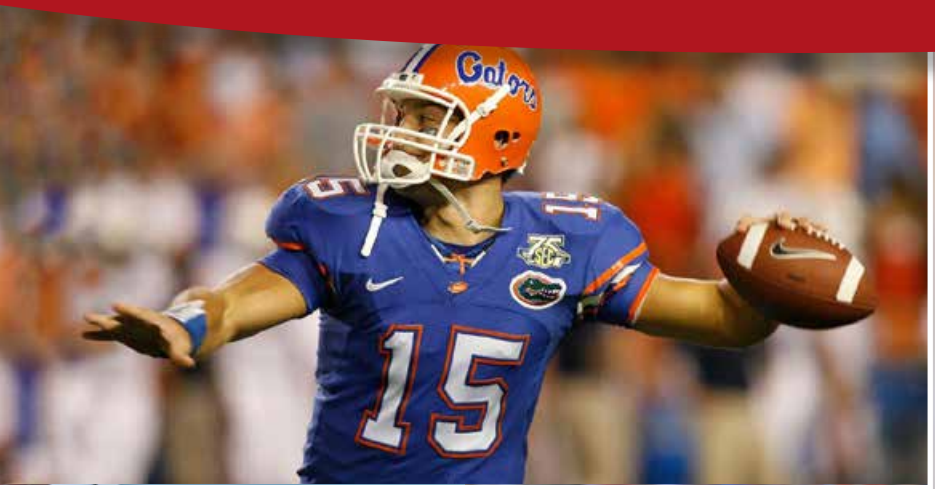
World Series Champion 1995, NL MVP Winner, 8X All-Star

LEGACY

Jones Family Foundation raises money for children's causes

#10 retired by Atlanta Braves

Tim Tebow



FLORIDA CONNECTION

Played Collegiately at Florida (2006-09)

Nease High School (2002-2005)

ACHIEVEMENTS

2X All-American and 2007 Heisman Trophy Winner

2X National Champion, 2X SEC Player of Year

SEC All-Time Leader in Rushing Touchdowns, Passing Efficiency

Former NFL starting quarterback, professional baseball player

LEGACY

First and 15 Foundation

Tim Tebow Foundation

"Night to Shine" prom experience for special needs teens

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Randy Abelman, Diving, 2015
Michelle Akers, Soccer, 2003
Dr. Ruth Alexander, Administration, 2004
Bobby Allison, Auto Racing, 1986
Donnie Allison, Auto Racing, 2000
Dave Andrechyuk, Hockey, 2011
Dick Anderson, Football, 2012
Ottis Anderson, Football, 1991
Don Aronow, Boat Racing, 1975
Paul Azinger, Golf, 2004

B

Catie Ball, Swimming, 2010
Robert "Red" Barber, Media, 1979
Rick Barry, Basketball, 1967
Andy Bean, Golf, 2000
Deane Beman, Golf, 1984
Brooke Bennett, Swimming, 2013
Patty Berg, Golf, 1961
Fred Biletnikoff, Football, 1970
Bennie Blades, Football, 2015
Otis Birdsong, Basketball, 2008
Otis Boggs, Media, 1990
Wade Boggs, Baseball, 2003
Nick Bollettieri, Tennis, 2004
Tommy Bolt, Golf, 1980
Julius Boros, Golf, 1966
Pat Borders, Baseball, 2010
Tony Boselli Jr., Football, 2011
Don Bosseler, Football, 2000
Robert "Bobby" Bowden, Football, 1983
Scot Brantley, Football, 1996
Derrick Brooks, Football, 2011
Jerome Brown, Football, 2004
Bill Buckhalter, Media, 2007
Nick Buoniconti, Football, 1995
Lew Burdette, Baseball, 1998

C

Norm Carlson, Administration, 1995
Harold Carmichael, Football, 2004
Jimmy Carnes, Track, 1984
Joanne Carner, Golf, 1988
Don Carter, Bowling, 1997
Paula Carter, Bowling, 2015
Rick Casares, Football, 1972
Charles Casey, Football, 1968
Steve Carlton, Baseball, 1989
Gary Carter, Baseball, 1998
Tracey Caulkins, Swimming 1988
Wes Chandler, Football, 1992
Chandra Cheeseborough, Track, 2007
Dean Chenoweth, Boat Racing, 1982
Eugene "Torchy" Clark, Basketball, 1993
Pete Clemmons, Rodeo, 2013
Jerry Collins, Greyhound Racing, 1993
Cris Collinsworth, Football, 1990
Jeff Conine, Baseball, 2015
Pete Cooper, Golf, 1987
Joey Cornbilt, Jai-Alai, 2015
Lee Corso, Football, 2003
Dave Cowens, Basketball, 1973
Jim Courier, Tennis, 2003
Gene Cox, Football, 1988
Russ Cozart, Swimming, 2012
Larry Csonka, Football, 1991
Hugh Culverhouse, Football, 1993
Fran Curci, Football, 1997

D

Johnny Damon, Baseball, 2016
Darryl Dawkins, Basketball, 2008
Andre Dawson, Baseball, 1990
Gene Deckerhoff, Media, 2000
'72 Miami Dolphins, Football, 2000
James Dooley, Football, 1998
Herb Dudley, Softball, 1985
Angelo Dundee, Boxing, 1969
Tony Dungy, Football, 2015
Warrick Dunn, Football, 2017
Hugh Durham, Basketball, 1999

E

Phil Esposito, Hockey, 2016
Chris Everet, Tennis, 1975
James Everett, Football, 1995

F

Forest Ferguson, Football, 1961
J. Rex Farrier, Football/Track/Baseball, 1978
Joe Fields, Basketball, 1996
Tim Finchem, Golf, 2017
Sam Finley, Special Olympics, 2006
Bill Fleming, Football, 1963
Raymond Floyd, Golf, 1997
Ed Flynn, Boxing, 1974
Jeremy Foley, Administration, 2016
Bill France, Auto Racing, 1963
Bill France Jr., Auto Racing, 1999
Betty Skelton Franklin, Aviation/Auto Racing, 1977
Ron Fraser, Baseball, 1986
Shirley Fry, Tennis, 1970

G

Rowdy Gaines, Swimming, 1986
Alonzo "Jake" Gaither, Football, 1970
Willie Galimore, Football, 1961
"Big Daddy" Don Garlits, Drag Racing, 1972
Steve Garvey, Baseball, 1975
Ben Geraghty, Baseball, 1975
Althea Gibson, Tennis, 1984
Artis Gilmore, Basketball, 1974
Brian Gottfried, Tennis, 2013
Lafayette Golden, Administration, 1961
Mary Ann Gonzalez, Officiating, 2004
Curt Gowdy, Media, 1999
Ray Graves, Football, 1972
Hubert Green, Golf, 2010
Peter Gregg, Auto Racing, 1977
Jon Gruden, Football, 2016
Bob Griese, Football, 1979
Andy Gustafson, Football, 1969

E

Jack Hairston, Media, 2010
Nicole Haislette, Swimming, 2005
Tim Hardaway, Basketball, 2013
Jack Harding, Football, 1967
Doris Hart, Tennis, 1975
Bill Hartack, Horse Racing, 1962
Bob Hayes, Track/Football, 1970
Hurley Haywood, Auto Racing, 1993
Ted Hendricks, Football, 1976
Nash Higgins, Administration, 1980
Sonny Hirsch, Media, 2015
Hulk Hogan, Wrestling, 2007
Nancy Hogshead, Swimming, 1995
Dick Howser, Baseball, 2012
Marcelino Huerta, Football, 1971
Harry "Wayne" Huizenga, Football/Baseball, 1996
Fred Hutchinson, Baseball, 1968

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Michael Irvin, Football, 2007

Inductees 1961-2017

J

Julian Jackson, Boxing, 1994
Allison Jolly, Sailing, 2015
Davey Johnson, Baseball, 1998
Jimmy Johnson, Football, 1998
Deacon Jones, Football, 1983
Larry "Chipper" Jones, Baseball, 2017
Joan Joyce, Softball, 2012
Joe Justice, Baseball, 1999

K

Jim Kelly, Football, 1998
Gary Koch, Golf, 2012
Bernie Kosar, Football, 2006
Nick Kotys, Football, 1984

L

Al Lang, Baseball, 1962
Henry Lawrence, Football, 2012
Floyd Lay, Administration, 1981
Bernie Little, Boat Racing, 1979
Larry Little, Football, 1978
John Henry "Pop" Lloyd, Baseball, 1996
Al Lopez, Baseball, 1961
Greg Louganis, Diving, 1999

M

Dan Marino, Football, 2003
Mike Martin, Baseball, 2005
Roland Martin, Fishing, 2012
Tino Martinez, Baseball, 2007
Bob Masterson, Football, 1991
Walter Mayberry, Football, 1964
Dick Mayer, Golf, 1966
Jack "Cy" McClairen, Football, 1988
Mark McCumber, Golf, 2013
Jack McDowall, Football, 1978
Tom McEwen, Media, 1989
Fred McGriff, Baseball, 2012
Bill McGrotha, Media, 1997
Hal McRae, Baseball, 1986
Steve Melnyk, Golf, 2000
George Mira, Football, 1997
Hubert Mizell, Media, 2008
Nat Moore, Football, 1998
Earl Morrall, Football, 2000
Perry Moss, Football, 1995
Gardnar Mulloy, Tennis, 1973
Bob Murphy, Media, 1968

N

Jack Nicklaus, Golf, 1972
Needles, Horse Racing, 1974
Jack Nelson, Swimming, 1992
Greg Norman, Golf, 2006
Tom Nugent, Football, 1986

O

Stephen O'Connell, Boxing/Administration, 1996
George Olson, Administration, 1975
Buck O'Neil, Baseball, 1999
Charlie Owens, Golf, 1987

P

Richard "Dick" Pace, Officiating, 1985
Arnold Palmer, Golf, 1985
John Pennel, Track 1971
Bill Peterson, Football, 1975
Newton Perry, Swimming, 1981
Lou Pinella, Baseball, 1977
Dick Pope Jr., Water Skiing, 1975
Dick Pope Sr., Water Skiing, 1981
Edwin Pope, Media, 1996
John "Boog" Powell, Baseball, 1980

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Paul Quinn, Football, 1989

R

Tim Raines, Baseball, 1987
Jim Rathmann, Auto Racing, 1978
Bobby Riggs, Tennis, 1995
Ken Riley, Football, 1992
Joe Robbie, Football, 1990
Dave Roberts, Track, 2012
Glenn "Fireball" Roberts, Auto Racing, 1961
Robin Roberts, Baseball, 1998
Chi Chi Rodriguez, Golf, 1991
Charles "Corky" Rogers, Football, 2013
Al Rosen, Baseball, 1967

S

Pete Sampras, Tennis, 2005
Deion Sanders, Football, 2005
Doug Sanders, Golf, 1972
Gene Sarazen, Golf, 1980
Howard Schnellenberger, Football, 2005
Herb Score, Baseball, 1983
Pancho Segura, Tennis, 2004
Earnie Seiler, Administration, 1974
Monica Seles, Tennis, 2006
Ron Sellers, Football, 1973
Lee Roy Selmon, Football, 1989
Truett Sewell, Baseball, 1982
Frank Shorter, Track, 1993
Don Shula, Football, 1973
Hal Smeltzy, Baseball, 1987
Emmitt Smith, Football, 2006
George Smith, Football, 2012
Freddie Solomon, Football, 1994
Payne Stewart, Golf, 2005
Roger Strickland, Basketball, 1996
Steve Spurrier, Football, 1970
George Steinbrenner, Baseball, 1982
Lyn St. James, Auto Racing, 1994
Pat Summerall, Football/Media, 1979
Don Sutton, Baseball, 1984
Mark Swiconek, Special Olympics, 2005

T

Charlie Tate, Football, 1988
Fred Taylor, Football, 2013
Zack Taylor, Baseball, 1974
Tim Tebow, Football, 2017
Vinny Testaverde, Football, 2006
Zach Thomas, Football, 2015
Gino Toretta, Football, 2011

V

General James Van Fleet, Football, 1977
Dale Van Sickel, Football, 1976
John Vanbiesbrouck, Hockey, 2015
Don Veller, Football, 1985
Dick Vitale, Media, 1996

W

Don Wallen, Basketball, 1987
Colleen Walker, Golf, 2017
Paul Waner, Baseball, 1964
Charlie Ward, Football, 2012
Paul Warfield, Football, 1992
Glenn Wilkes, Basketball, 1981
Ted Williams, Baseball, 1997
Mary Wise, Volleyball, 2011
Danny Wuerffel, Football, 2005
Early Wynn, Baseball, 1971

Y

LeeRoy Yarborough, Auto Racing, 2013
Garo Yepremian, Football, 1982
Jack Youngblood, Football, 1975

Z

Babe Zaharias, Golf/Track, 1964

Florida Sports Hall of Fame

The Florida Sports Hall of Fame recognizes and honors the Sunshine State's greatest sports figures and leverages this collective celebrity to promote fitness awareness, education and causes affecting Florida's youth.

Treasured Past, Bold Future …

In its 56th year of recognizing the state's brightest and best sports figures, the Florida Sports Hall of Fame continues its mission to honor Florida's vast sports heritage by taking the inspiring stories of its 249 current members to the people of the state. This outreach is the hallmark of the modern-day Florida Sports Hall of Fame. The Hall recently opened a sparkling new museum and preview center for memorabilia provided by its members located directly in the center of the state. But the modern-day Hall is about more than brick and mortar. With its "Fame for Kids" initiative, the Florida Sports Hall of Fame has embarked on a journey to take its message across the state of Florida to raise money and awareness for causes that affect our youth.

The Florida Sports Hall of Fame is involved in a series of annual events staged across the state, which expand and enhance the organization's brand, but more importantly provide the citizens of Florida the opportunity to meet and participate in activities with our legendary members. The crowned jewel on our calendar is an annual enshrinement for the purpose of inducting new members. This year's enshrinement activities will be held at the legendary Marriott Sawgrass Resort in Ponte Vedra on November 8-9, 2017.

The Florida Sports Writers and Sportscasters Associations founded the Florida Sports Hall of Fame in 1961. Through its history, much focus was placed on pinpointing a "home" for the Hall. The first of these was at Cypress Gardens in Winter Haven in 1977. It then moved north to Lake City in 1990 and enjoyed several successful years before it was decided that a move to a more central location would make it more easily accessible to Florida residents. Today, the preview center is located at the Central Florida Visitor Information Center in Davenport, between Orlando and Tampa.

The Florida Sports Hall of Fame and its members are truly making a difference.

Making a Difference

Florida Sports Hall of Fame Charities

Hall of Fame Foundation, Inc. (DBA: The Florida Sports Hall of Fame) is itself a recognized 501c3 charitable organization whose mission is to contribute to initiatives related to the health, wellness and fitness of Florida's youth. To that end, the Florida Sports Hall of Fame leverages its notable celebrity membership to assist financially, and through the investment of time, energy and other resources, to support a variety of causes affecting our youth.

This year alone, the Florida Sports Hall of Fame will join in partnerships with Shriners Hospitals for Children, the Florida Sherriffs Youth Ranches and Volunteer Florida, an organization that provides hurricane relief to Florida communities and families.

In recent years, the Florida Sports Hall of Fame has recognized and provided funding to the Ryan Nece Foundation, empowering teens to become community leaders; the ANNIKA Foundation, started by LPGA star Annika Sorenstam as a way to teach children the importance of living a healthy, active lifestyle; the University of Florida's professor John Spengler and his life-changing research on childhood obesity prevention; the "Wear Your Soul" Foundation, an organization dedicated to help kids break the cycle of obesity through fitness; and the Sam Fuld T1D Sports Camps, an annual camp attended exclusively by children with Type 1 juvenile diabetes.

Thank you for your consideration in supporting the Florida Sports Hall of Fame. We are an organization making a difference in the lives of Florida's young people and their families.

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2017 Fame For Fitness Award
Shriners Hospitals for Children – Tampa

At the heart of the Florida Sports Hall of Fame's mission is to take its message and membership across the state to promote fitness awareness, education and the general health and welfare of children. Each year, the Florida Sports Hall of Fame honors an individual or organization that exemplifies this mission.

Our 2017 Fame for Fitness Award winner is the Shriners Hospitals for Children – Tampa.

Opened in 1985, the Shriners Hospitals for Children – Tampa has been bringing love to the rescue to almost 60,000 children with orthopaedic conditions. Its world-renowned specialty care, innovative research and outstanding teaching programs have been turning patients back into kids for more than 30 years.

Innovations are just a part of the Shriners Hospitals for Children – Tampa story. Historical highlights of the facility's care include:

- One of few facilities to successfully perform surgery to separate the legs of a patient diagnosed with sirenomelia – commonly known as Mermaid Syndrome.
- In 2011, performed the first ever Stanmore expandable endoprothesis procedure described by news media as the "bionic arm."
- In 2017 became the first hospital in the Tampa area to utilize EOS, a state-of-the-art system that provides 3-D imaging while dramatically reducing radiation exposure.
- In a development related to tonight, it became the first Tampa-area hospital to open a Timmy's Playroom, which was stocked and supplied through the generosity of the Tim Tebow Foundation

Shriners Hospitals for Children has evolved into an international system of 22 hospitals recognized for their devotion to transforming the lives of children through expert care and research. It has developed into the destination of choice for parents whose children have orthopaedic conditions, burns, spinal cord injuries, cleft lip and palate, and other complex surgical needs.

Patients are accepted regardless of their families' ability to pay, creating no barriers to first-class medical care.

For these reasons, the Florida Sports Hall of Fame is pleased announce the Shriners Hospitals for Children – Tampa as the 2017 recipient of the Fame for Fitness Award and encourages all Floridians to support this organization and its great works. Accepting the award on behalf of Shriners Hospitals for Children is Richard Radecki, M.D., Medical Director of Rehabilitation Services and Founder of the Rebound Advanced Concussion Center.

Shriners Hospitals for Children®

Previous Winners – Fame For Fitness Award

2016	Sam Fuld – TD Sports Camp	2013	Ryan Neece
2015	Joe and Henry Osteszewski	2011	Annika Sorenstam
2014	J.O. Spengler		

For more information on Fame for Fitness and the inspiring stories of these individuals, log on to www.flasportshof.org.

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