



8th Annual Wisconsin Sports Awards Announces Nominees

MILWAUKEE, WIS. (April 30, 2019): Good Karma Brands is proud to present the 8th Annual Wisconsin Sports Awards nominee announcement, which is sponsored by Wisconsin Distributors. The 2019 Wisconsin Sports Awards is presented by Fiduciary Management and American Family Insurance, and the event will be held on Thursday, June 6, 2019 in Milwaukee at Fiserv Forum.

The Wisconsin Sports Awards is an annual celebration of Wisconsin's high school, collegiate and professional athletic achievements. Over the years, the Wisconsin Sports Awards has seen appearances by Aaron Rodgers, Craig Counsell, Barry Alvarez, Mark Tauscher, Marc Lasry, Wes Edens, and many more prominent Wisconsin athletes, coaches and executives.

In addition, the 8th Annual Wisconsin Sports Awards will spotlight Cousins Subs® and its Make It Better Foundation as they present \$20,000 in scholarships to four Wisconsin high school senior athletes in addition to presenting the "Cousins Subs Homegrown Athlete of the Year" award. Cousins Subs and its Make It Better Foundation has awarded \$100,000 in scholarships to 24 high school student-athletes throughout Wisconsin at past Wisconsin Sports Awards events.

Follow @WISportsAwards for updates, photos and news about the Wisconsin Sports Awards, and please use #WSA when discussing and sharing news of the event.

High School Football Player of the Year

Leo Chenal, Grantsburg High School
Dylan Hendricks, Pulaski High School
Reed Ryan, Waunakee High School

Rick Majerus Boys High School Basketball Player of the Year

Patrick Baldwin Jr., Sussex Hamilton High School
Michael Foster Jr., Milwaukee Washington High School
Jalen Johnson, Nicolet High School

Goodwill Power of Work Girls High School Basketball Player of the Year

Sydnee Roby, Milwaukee Rufus King High School
McKenna Warnock, Monona Grove High School
Shemera Williams, Milwaukee Academy of Science High School

High School Athlete of the Year

Grace Bennin, Mount Horeb High School
Brock Schlough, Boyceville High School
David Vannucchi, Onalaska Luther High School



Marc Marotta College Athlete of the Year

Ethan Happ, University of Wisconsin Men's Basketball
Natisha Hiedeman, Marquette University Women's Basketball
Markus Howard, Marquette University Men's Basketball
Beata Nelson, University of Wisconsin Women's Swimming
Jonathan Taylor, University of Wisconsin Football

Professional Athlete of the Year, presented by Palermo's Pizza

Davante Adams, Green Bay Packers
Giannis Antetokounmpo, Milwaukee Bucks
Josh Hader, Milwaukee Brewers
Aaron Rodgers, Green Bay Packers
Christian Yelich, Milwaukee Brewers

Wisconsin Distributors' Breakthrough Athlete of the Year

Jaire Alexander, Green Bay Packers
Eric Bledsoe, Milwaukee Bucks
Corbin Burnes, Milwaukee Brewers
Aaron Jones, Green Bay Packers
Brook Lopez, Milwaukee Bucks

Moment of the Year

September 9, 2018 – Aaron Rodgers mounts comeback vs. Chicago Bears on Opening Night
October 1, 2018 – Game 163 – Milwaukee Brewers win NL Central over Chicago Cubs at Wrigley Field
October 12, 2018 – Brandon Woodruff homers off Clayton Kershaw in NLCS
January 9, 2019 – Marquette forces overtime at Creighton after being down by 5 with 1.5 seconds remaining. Marquette eventually wins 106-104 in overtime.
January 19, 2019 – Wisconsin Men's Basketball beats number 2 ranked Michigan

Individual Performance of the Year

Giannis Antetokounmpo (Milwaukee Bucks) scores 45 points, 13 rebounds and 6 assists in a late season win at Philadelphia to secure home court advantage throughout the playoffs.
Kristen Campbell (UW-Madison) has 3 straight shutouts in the Frozen Four to lead her team to an NCAA Championship.
Markus Howard (Marquette University) scores 53 points vs. Creighton.
Jonathan Taylor (UW-Madison) rushes for 321 vs. Purdue.
Christian Yelich (Milwaukee Brewers) hits for the cycle, twice since last Wisconsin Sports Awards.



Gruber Law Offices “One Call That’s All” Coach of the Year

Mike Budenholzer, Milwaukee Bucks
Tim Chase, Beaver Dam Girls Basketball
Craig Counsell, Milwaukee Brewers
Mark Johnson, University of Wisconsin Women’s Hockey
Matt Lewis, University of Wisconsin Oshkosh Men’s Basketball

Athlete of the Year, presented by BMO Harris Bank

Giannis Antetokounmpo, Milwaukee Bucks
Ethan Happ, University of Wisconsin Basketball
Markus Howard, Marquette University Basketball
Jonathan Taylor, University of Wisconsin Football
Christian Yelich, Milwaukee Brewers

Team of the Year

2018 Milwaukee Brewers
2018-2019 Milwaukee Bucks
Beaver Dam High School Girls Basketball
Oshkosh Men’s Basketball
University of Wisconsin Women’s Hockey

The winners of the following awards will be announced at the event on June 6, 2019:

- **Gamechanger Award**
- **American Family Insurance Community Involved Athlete of the Year**
- **Homegrown Athlete of the Year, presented by Cousins Subs**
- **Inspirational Athlete of the Year, presented by Husch Blackwell**

Media availability will be limited to the Wheels Up Blue Carpet, and a limited number of media credentials for the show will be available for working media who wish to cover the event. **To request a credential, please visit goodkarmabrands.com/wsa.**

The Wisconsin Sports Awards was created and is produced by Good Karma Brands. Those interested in sponsorship should contact Dan Carlson of ESPN Milwaukee at dcarlson@goodkarmabrands.com.

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