

RECENT

Other editions: [Mobile](#) | [News Feeds](#) | [E-Newsletters](#) | [Subscribe to the Free Press](#)

Find it: [Jobs](#) | [Cars](#) | [Real Estate](#) | [Apartments](#) | [Shopping](#) | [Classifieds](#)



SEARCH  
DETROIT



All [Local News](#) [Classifieds](#) [Jobs](#) [More »](#)

[HOME](#) [LOCAL](#) [NATION/WORLD](#) [SPORTS](#) [ENTERTAINMENT](#) [AUTOS/BUSINESS](#) [LIFE](#) [TRAVEL](#) [OPINION](#) [OBITUARIES](#) [EXTRAS](#)

[Death notices](#)



[Comment, blog & share photos](#)

[Log in](#) | [Become a member](#)

POWERED BY YOU AND THE **Detroit Free Press**  
ON GUARD FOR 177 YEARS

HALL OF FAME CLASS OF 2008

# Inductees to the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame

SEPTEMBER 6, 2008

[Post a Comment](#) [Recommend\(1\)](#) [Print this page](#) [E-mail this article](#) [Share this article: ?](#)



Dick Vitale, now an analyst with ESPN, coached the University of Detroit to the 1977 NCAA tourney.

(NATHAN K.

MARTIN/Associated Press)

RELATED NEWS FROM THE WEB

[Sports](#)  
[Sports Etc.](#)

Powered by Topix.net

## More Sports headlines

- [Lions look at RBs, including Alexander and Benson](#) (148)
- [In Lions' defense, Packers 'O' sputtered in 2nd half](#) (38)
- [Spartans don't want to let Irish ruin things](#) (26)
- [Irish coming in with confidence](#) (35)
- [Legislators shouldn't be fighting baiting ban](#)

## Inductees to the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame Class of 2008:

ADVERTISEMENT

**Adrian Dantley:** Former Pistons forward (1986-89) was one of the most productive scorers in [NBA](#) history. In a 15-year career, he scored 23,177 points, which ranks 23rd. The six-time NBA All-Star (1980-82, 1984-86) was named NBA comeback player of the year in 1984. That year, with Utah, he led league in scoring (30.6-point average).

**Bill Davidson:** Lifelong Michigan resident has owned the [Pistons](#) since 1974 and the Shock since 1998. His Pistons have won three NBA crowns, and the Shock has won two WNBA titles. Davidson has served as chairman of the NBA Board of Governors and played an integral role in structuring the modern NBA salary-cap and free-agency standards.

**Patrick Ewing:** A member of the NBA 50th Anniversary Team, Ewing scored 24,815 points during his 17-year NBA career and 11,607 rebounds. He remains the [New York Knicks](#)' all-time leader in points, rebounds, blocked shots, steals and field goals.

**Hakeem Olajuwon:** A two-time NBA defensive player of the year, Olajuwon holds the NBA record for blocked shots (3,830) and is the only player to record more than 3,000 blocked shots and 2,000 steals in a career. He was the 1994 NBA MVP for Houston.

**Pat Riley:** A three-time NBA coach of the year who ranks third behind Lenny Wilkens and Don Nelson in all-time NBA victories. He has won five NBA championships, four with the [Lakers](#) (1982, '85, '87, '88) and one with Miami (2006).

**Cathy Rush:** A pioneer in women's basketball and an advocate for women's sports who coached Immaculata University to three consecutive AIAW national championships, 1972-74. She was enshrined in the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame in 2000.

**Dick Vitale:** Former University of Detroit (1972-77) and Pistons coach (1978-79). He began his broadcasting career with ESPN in 1979 and has helped make the network an integral part of college basketball's popularity. He is the author of six books chronicling his love affair with basketball. Vitale was the recipient of the Basketball Hall of Fame's Curt Gowdy electronic media award in 1988 and won the NABC Cliff Wells Appreciation Award in 2000.

MOST POPULAR

MOST E-MAILED

1. Lions look at RBs, including Alexander and Benson
2. It took awhile, but Kitna now Lionized
3. 'Transformers' star Megan Fox lets loose
4. On the real runway, show's female designers stand out
5. Michigan hopes to continue Cass Tech pipeline with Dior Mathis
6. Kilpatrick takes 5th 82 times
7. GM puts Volt through its paces in Milford
8. Another at ESPN rips into Matt Millen
9. Kilpatrick can stay mayor one more day
10. Kenny Rogers wanted to leave rotation for club's good

## ADS BY PULSE 360

[Get Listed Here](#)**Alternative to Open Back Surgery**

Gentle Arthroscopic Solutions For Back & Neck Pain.  
[www.laserspineinstitute.com](http://www.laserspineinstitute.com)

**2008 Anti-Aging Awards**

Over 200 wrinkle creams were tested. Find out which took the award!  
[AmericanAntiAgingAssociation.com](http://AmericanAntiAgingAssociation.com)

**AARP Auto Insurance From The Hartford**

Save \$363 On AARP Auto Insurance If You're Over 49. Free Quotes Now!  
[AARP.TheHartford.com](http://AARP.TheHartford.com)

**In your voice**

[READ REACTIONS TO THIS STORY](#)



You must be logged in to leave a comment. [Login](#) | [Register](#)

1000 characters left

## INSIDE FREEP.COM



### PHOTO GALLERY

#### See inside the Manoogian

Ever been curious what's inside? Check out our archival photos taken inside the Manoogian Mansion.



### TAKE A LOOK

#### Metro Airport's new terminal

Goodbye, shabby. Hello, chic. Take a look inside the new \$431-million North Terminal at Detroit Metro Airport.



### COLLEGE FOOTBALL

#### See Big Ten video highlights

Watch these video highlights from U-M, MSU and the rest of the Big Ten conference right here on freep.com.



### PHOTO GALLERY

#### In pictures: Text message scandal

Recap the photos from the scandal that brought an end to Kwame Kilpatrick's time as mayor of Detroit.



**PHOTO GALLERY**

**Metro Detroit's best sandwiches**

Hungry? You will be after you see a special gallery of the best sandwiches the area has to offer.

**SITE INDEX**

**Home**

- Photos
- Videos
- Add your photos
- Lottery
- Print edition
- Contact us
- Frequently Asked Questions
- Help

**Local**

- Detroit
- Wayne
- Oakland
- Macomb
- Metro
- Michigan
- Election 2008
- Driving & traffic
- School closings
- Columnists

**Nation/World**

- Top stories
- Lotteries
- Election 2008
- Nation/World Business

**Sports**

- Lions
- Pistons
- Red Wings
- Tigers
- U-M Wolverines
- MSU Spartans
- High School Sports
- Scores
- Columnists
- Shock
- Outdoors
- Olympics sports
- Golf
- Auto racing
- Detroit Marathon

**Entertainment**

- Search for events
- Things to do
- Celebrities
- Movies
- Music
- TV/Radio
- Casinos

Theater/Arts  
Dining  
Video games  
Metromix.com  
Photos

**Autos/Business**

Auto news  
Business news  
Markets  
Auto reviews  
Technology  
Detroit Auto Show

**Life**

Travel  
USA Today Travel  
Shopping  
Relationships  
Food  
Pets  
Health  
Columnists  
Technology  
Twist

**Opinion**

Editorials  
Blogs  
Cartoons  
Letters to the Editor  
Columnists  
Forums

**Obituaries**

Death notices

**Extras**

Photos  
Videos  
Databases  
Digital Free Press  
Forums  
Lottery  
Comics  
Scores  
Contests



Partners: [Jobs: CareerBuilder.com](#) [Cars: Cars.com](#) [Apartments: Apartments.com](#) [Shopping: ShopLocal.com](#)

[Home](#) | [Local](#) | [Nation/World](#) | [Sports](#) | [Entertainment](#) | [Autos/Business](#) | [Life](#) | [Travel](#) | [Opinion](#) | [Obituaries](#) | [Extras](#) | [Site Map](#)

[Contact Us](#) | [Subscribe](#)

Copyright ©2008 ...  
Use of this site signifies your agreement to the [Terms of Service](#) and [Privacy Policy](#), updated March 2007.