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## PLAYER OF THE YEAR KEVIN DURANT HEADS FIRST NATIONAL COLLEGIATE BASKETBALL HALL OF FAME ALL-AMERICA TEAM

**KANSAS CITY, Mo. (April 24, 2007)** – University of Texas freshman **Kevin Durant** has been named Player of the Year and heads the first All-America team for the National Collegiate Basketball Hall of Fame.

Joining Durant on the National Collegiate Basketball Hall of Fame team are junior **Jeff Green** of Georgetown University, sophomore **Tyler Hansbrough** of the University of North Carolina, senior **Alando Tucker** of the University of Wisconsin, senior **Acie Law IV** of Texas A&M University, and freshman **Greg Oden** of Ohio State University.

**John Thompson III**, who led his Georgetown Hoyas to the Final Four, was selected as Coach of the Year while Oden was named Defensive Player of the Year. Durant was also named Freshman of the Year.

The team was selected after voting by the founding class members of the National Collegiate Basketball Hall of Fame, which includes all players, coaches and contributors who have already been inducted into the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame for men's college basketball.

The inaugural class of the National Collegiate Basketball Hall of Fame, inducted in Kansas City in November, 2006, included the late **Dr. James Naismith**, who invented the game; **John Wooden**, elected as a coach for the UCLA Bruins and as a player for Purdue University; former University of North Carolina coach **Dean Smith**; the University of Cincinnati's **Oscar Robertson**, arguably the game's greatest all-around player; and consummate defender and team player **Bill Russell** of the University of San Francisco.

The induction ceremonies for the 2007 class will be held on Nov. 18 at the College Basketball Experience (CBE), which is the home of the National Collegiate Basketball Hall of Fame, in Kansas City. The CBE will open this fall and shares a lobby with the new Sprint Center Arena. Founding class members to be honored include three-time national player of the year **Kareem Abdul Jabbar** of UCLA and legendary coaches **Forrest "Phog" Allen** of the University of Kansas, **John McLendon** of Tennessee State University, **Adolph Rupp** of the University of Kentucky, and **Henry Iba** of Oklahoma State University.

Among the first class of non-founding members to be inducted in November are players **Dick Groat** of Duke University, **Austin Carr** of the University of Notre Dame, and **Dick Barnett** of Tennessee State University; coaches **Norm Stewart** of the University of Missouri, **Guy Lewis** of the University of Houston, and **Charles "Lefty" Driesell**, who coached four different schools to the NCAA tournament; and contributor **Vic Bubas**, former Duke University coach and commissioner of the Sun Belt Conference.

## **NATIONAL COLLEGIATE BASKETBALL HALL OF FAME**

### **2007 All-America Team**

Kevin Durant, Fr., F, University of Texas

Jeff Green, Jr., F, Georgetown University;

Tyler Hansbrough, So. F, University of North Carolina

Acie Law, IV, Sr., G, Texas A&M University

Greg Oden, Fr., C, Ohio State University

Alando Tucker, Sr., F, University of Wisconsin

### **Player of the Year**

Kevin Durant, University of Texas

### **Coach of the Year**

John Thompson, III, Georgetown University

### **Defensive Player of the Year**

Greg Oden, Ohio State University

### **Freshman of the Year**

Kevin Durant, University of Texas