

Gary Payton, Sue Bird

SSC
Seattle Sports
Commission

CELEBRATING WASHINGTON SPORTS

88th Annual

SPORTS STAR OF THE YEAR AWARDS

A Seattle Sports Commission Production

FEBRUARY 28, 2023
THE WESTIN SEATTLE • 5:30-9:30PM

WASHINGTON'S BIGGEST NIGHT OUT FOR SPORTS

Lenny Wilkens presents the award to recipient, Jim Whittaker (8/7/53)



Alabastro Photography

Featuring the unforgettable moments in sports each year, and honoring the outstanding achievements of Washington teams, athletes, coaches, and industry influencers.

The 88th Annual Sports Star of the Year Awards Show includes a pre-show gala reception, seated dinner and live awards ceremony. A televised production of the ceremony will then be shared with thousands of local sports fans across Broadcast Partner Station, FOX 13.

ROYAL BROUGHAM SPORTS LEGEND AWARD

This award recognizes an individual with ties to Washington State for a lifetime of exceptional achievement in sports and who exemplifies the spirit of sports as a positive role model for others.

The award was named in honor of Seattle Post-Intelligencer sports editor and creator of Sports Star, Royal Brougham. In his 68-year tenure at the Seattle P-I, Brougham covered many of the 20th century's biggest sporting events, including the University of Washington men's crew at the Berlin Olympics, and established himself as one of Seattle's most celebrated journalists. He returned those sentiments as a passionate advocate for the city of Seattle, using his influence to raise money for charities and creating living memorials in the form of playfields to remember lost military. Nine decades of Sports Star is due to Broughams' determination to create a permanent home and celebration of the legendary moments that make Washington sports so special.

PREVIOUS RECIPIENTS INCLUDE:

- Jim Whittaker | 2021
- Lou Piniella | 2020
- Johnny O'Brien | 2019
- Sue Bird | 2018
- Doris Brown Heritage | 2017
- Gary Payton | 2016
- Warren Moon | 2015
- Elgin Baylor | 2014
- Bobo Brayton | 2013
- Edgar Martinez | 2012
- Bob Houbregs | 2011
- Don James | 2010
- Marv Harshman | 2009

A PIECE OF HISTORY

Created in 1936 by legendary sports editor, Royal Brougham, and the Seattle Post-Intelligencer, Sports Star of the Year is one of the longest-running sports awards in the country. With such a rich history, it's no wonder the event has hosted the most iconic sports figures and is beloved by those in the industry.

Candidates for consideration are solicited through the Sports Star Nominating Committee, composed of local media, sports historians and other members of the sports industry.

Additional Information: bethknox@seattlesports.org