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UW GREAT GETS HONOR

Wyoming great Sailors heads into college HOF

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The man credited with inventing the jump shot is headed to the National Collegiate Basketball Hall of Fame.

Wyoming great Kenny Sailors is one of 10 men who will be inducted to the National Collegiate Basketball Hall of Fame on Sunday in Kansas City, Mo.



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Sailors led UW to its 1943 NCAA Championship and was named the National Player of the Year and Most Outstanding Player of NCAA Tournament for doing so. He turned 91 in January and is the oldest living recipient of the Most Outstanding Player of the NCAA Tournament award.

"Some people think I'm as old as Methuselah," Sailors said in a prepared release. "The

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Wyoming great Kenny Sailors, tracking the ball, will be inducted into the National Collegiate Basketball Hall of Fame.

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only thing Methuselah didn't have that I do is the jump shot. I think the jump shot has done more to keep me in front of the people who select these types of honors than anything. I'm honored to be selected, even though I am a little late in years, and I'm honored to be joining Coach [Everett] Shelton in the Hall."

Sailors will join the former Wyoming coach in the Hall, making the two men the only two representatives from the state of Wyoming in the Hall of Fame. Shelton was inducted in the inau-

gural class of the National Collegiate Basketball Hall of Fame in 2006.

Sailors will be joined by the following nine members of this year's class: Former Georgetown center Patrick Ewing; former Kansas center Clyde Lovellette, former North Carolina guard Phil Ford, former Winston-Salem State guard Earl Monroe, former Grambling center Willis Reed, former Kentucky coach Joe B. Hall, former Virginia Union coach Dave Robbins, Jim Host (founder of Host Communications) and Joe Dean (Converse representative).

The induction ceremonies will not be televised live, but ESPNU will show the event at 8 p.m. on Dec. 9.