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Voting Opens for Top Sports Mustache of All Time

July 16, 2007 (St. Louis) – Former Major League Baseball pitchers Al Hrabosky, Rollie Fingers, and Goose Gossage; retired professional football defensive lineman Ben Davidson, and Hall of Fame basketball player Clyde Frazier lead the list of nominees for the top sports mustache of all time contest sponsored by the American Mustache Institute (AMI).

The voting will culminate in one athlete being named as having the Greatest Sports Mustache of All Time as part of AMI's *'Stache Bash 2007* being held August 4 in St. Louis.

"We hope this provides a thoughtful examination of the greatest mustaches in the history of sport, and we hope as many Americans as possible vote for their favorite athlete's mustache," said Aaron Perlut, AMI executive director. "We believe it is important to recognize the role of the mustache as an important part of Americana. We are working hard to bring the mustache back as a form of expression, not just for athletes, but for men of all races, creeds and cultures around the world."

Hrabosky, the former reliever best known as the "Mad Hungarian" who is now a St. Louis Cardinals TV broadcaster on Fox Sports Midwest, was humbled by his selection.

"I appreciate this recognition," said Hrabosky. "I was very proud of my mustache — it made a statement and gave me a fearsome edge on the mound every time I went out there. Sometimes I really miss that mustache."

The list of nominees, as chosen by a blue ribbon panel of mustache experts, includes:

Al Hrabosky
(baseball)

Rollie Fingers
(baseball)

Hulk Hogan
(wrestling)

Ben Davidson
(football)

Conrad Dobler
(football)

Lanny McDonald
(hockey)

Rich "Goose" Gossage
(baseball)

Dale Earnhardt
(NASCAR)

Richard Petty
(NASCAR)

Walt "Clyde" Frazier
(basketball)

Adam Morrison
(basketball)

Pete Weber
(bowling)

To vote for one of the nominees, or to submit a write-in candidate (such as Rod Beck, Gary McCord, or Oscar Gamble), visit www.AmericanMustacheInstitute.org and vote at the AMI site. Votes are also being accepted via e-mail at info@americanmustacheinstitute.org.

AMI will announce the winner of the voting at the 'Stache Bash 2007 on Aug. 4, 2007, being held this year at Al Hrabosky's Ballpark Saloon in downtown St. Louis. 'Stache Bash 2007 is a charity benefit supporting Challenger Baseball — a baseball league for children with disabilities. For tickets, call (877) STACHE-1.

"It is important that mustached Americans be recognized for contributions to our culture— whether it be in sport, as a broadcaster, actor, or what have you," added Perlut. "And we expect tremendous debate among sports fans as to who deserves this special honor."

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