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BLOOMINGTON, Ill. – Dave Kindred, a 1963 Illinois Wesleyan graduate, has been chosen as the 2012 winner of The Dick Schaap Award for Outstanding Journalism.

Kindred joins a list of previous Schaap Award recipients that include Bob Costas, Frank Deford, Jim McKay and Mitch Albom.

The Dick Schaap Award for Outstanding Journalism was established in 2002 to honor the memory of one of America's pre-eminent sports writers, Dick Schaap. The award is presented by the Nassau County Sports Commission and is given out to the journalist, in any medium, that best exemplifies the principles and talents of Dick Schaap during the past year. The award recipient is determined by confidential balloting of the Dick Schaap Selection Committee, which is composed of respected members of the media, and chaired by Dick's son, ESPN reporter Jeremy Schaap.

Although the recipient need not be a sports journalist, he/she must convey the passion and insight for the stories and people he/she covers as Schaap did.

Click here to learn more about the Schaap award: <http://www.dickschaapaward.org/>

The author of 10 books, Kindred has covered every sports event in America, most of them dozens of times. By his count, he has covered 75 major golf championships, the first the 1966 PGA Championship. He began his journalism career as a sportswriter for the Bloomington (Ill.) Daily Pantagraph. Kindred has covered 39 Super Bowls, 43 Kentucky Derbys; 44 World Series, three NBA Finals, 17 Muhammad Ali championship bouts; eight Olympic Games (Winter and Summer) and eight Wimbledon Championships.

From 1965 to '77, he was a staff writer and columnist for the Louisville Courier-Journal before joining The Washington Post (1977-84) and later had terms with The Atlanta Journal Constitution (1984-89) and the former National Sports Daily (1989-91).

Kindred further enhanced his readership from 1991 through 2007 as a columnist for The Sporting News. Since 1997, he has been a contributing writer for Golf Digest. He also is a regular contributor online for the National Sports Journalism Center at www.sportsjournalism.org.

Kindred's past honors included the 2010 Professional Golfers' Association (PGA) Lifetime Achievement Award in Journalism and the Associated Press Sports Editors' 1991 Red Smith Award for lifetime excellence in sports journalism. The 1997 National Sportswriter of the Year as chosen by the National Sportscasters and Sportswriters Association, he is a member of that group's Hall of Fame. He also has been enshrined in the U.S. Basketball Writers Hall of Fame and in 2000 received the



Dave Kindred

Curt Gowdy Award, given by the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame for outstanding contributions to basketball. He is a multiple winner across a span of 30 years in the Golf Writers Association of America writing contests.

Kindred and his wife, Cheryl, reside in rural Carlock, Ill., and are the parents of a son, Jeff, and four grandchildren.

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