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COLORADO SPORTS HALL OF FAME TO INDUCT SIX

Bowlen Headlines Class of 2007

DENVER COLO. - Led by Denver Bronco owner Pat Bowlen, the Selection Committee of the Colorado Sports Hall of Fame voted to honor six individuals at the 43rd annual induction banquet April 10, 2007, at the Denver Marriott City Center.

Joining Bowlen in the Class of 2007 as selected here Wednesday (November 8) are Carol Baily, Ben Dreith, Andres Galarraga, Hank Kashiwa and Scott Wedman. The Selection Committee will also pick the 2006 Athletes-of-the-Year at a meeting in January as the Colorado Sports Hall of Fame will also recognize collegiate, high school, Olympic and professional athletes at the April 10 banquet.

The only two-decade owner of a major league sports team in Colorado history, Bowlen is in the midst of his 23rd year as the President and CEO of the Denver Broncos. During Bowlen's ownership, the Broncos have won back-to-back World Championships in 1998 (Super Bowl XXXII vs. the Green Bay Packers 31-24) and 1999 (Super Bowl XXXIII vs. the Atlanta Falcons 34-19).

A member of a national championship team at Arizona State University and a Colorado Tennis Hall of Famer, Baily has been a touring professional with appearances in both the U.S. and Australian Opens. A winner of 41 major Colorado titles, Baily has been ranked No. 1 in the world in the women's 40 singles and doubles. She also led the United States three world team titles (1993, 1995 and 1996).

A three-sport letterman at the University of Northern Colorado, Dreith was an all-conference basketball and baseball player before a distinguished career as a football/basketball official. He refereed two Super Bowls; eight NFL Championship games, eight NCAA regional basketball tournaments, numerous other high school and college championship games.

A cancer survivor, Galarraga played for the Colorado Rockies for five seasons (1993-1997) where he compiled a .316 batting average in 679 games with 476 runs and 843 hits (172 homers), 579 runs batted in and 55 stolen bases. He won the National League batting title (.370) in 1993, the Rockies' inaugural season. A member of the famed Blake Street Bombers, Galarraga hit a career-high 47 homers for the Rockies in 1996 and 41 in 1997.

An accomplished squash player, an avid fisherman, a single digit handicapper on the golf course and a gourmet cook, Kashiwa was a standout amateur and professional skier. Highlighting his 14-year skiing career was his 1969 United States National Championship and the 1975 World Pro title. He also participated on the United States Team at the 1970 World Championships in Val Gardena, Italy and the Sapporo 1972 Winter Olympic Games.

An NBA player from 1974 to 1987, Wedman was a member of Boston Celtics (1983-1987) teams that won two championships (1984 and 1986). In 906 pro games, Wedman average 13.2 points, 4.8 rebounds and 2.0 assists per game. Prior to his professional career, Wedman played basketball at Mullen High School before a standout career at the University of Colorado where he ranks 15th in career scoring (1,251 points, 15.0 average) and ninth in rebounding (784 rebounds, 9.1 average) for 75 games.

2007 Inductees

Baily, Carol - At Arizona State University, Baily twice helped her team capture the national tennis championship. As a touring professional, she appeared in the U.S. and Australian Opens, and reached a personal high ranking of No. 51 in singles in 1980. In Colorado, she captured 14 singles and 27 doubles titles in the state's three major tournaments: the Colorado State and the Denver City Opens and the Intermountain Sectional Championship. Her 41 combined major state titles rank second all-time. Baily has twice been ranked No. 1 in the world, in the women's 40 singles and doubles in 1991 and women's 45 singles and doubles in 1996. Representing the U.S. at the World Team Championships in the early and mid-1990s, Baily led the U.S. to three world titles (1993, 1995 and 1996). She was inducted into the Colorado Tennis Hall of Fame in 2000.

Bowlen, Pat - The only two-decade owner of a major league sports team in Colorado history, Bowlen in 2006 begins his 23rd year as the President and CEO of the Denver Broncos. In December 2000, ESPN conducted a fan poll asking which NFL owner would be the best for which to play. Bowlen finished first among all NFL owners with 44.7% of the more than 60,000 votes cast. During Bowlen's ownership, the Broncos have won back-to-back World Championships in 1998 (Super Bowl XXXII vs. the Green Bay Packers 31-24) and 1999 (Super Bowl XXXIII vs. the Atlanta Falcons 34-19) to become the sixth NFL franchise to win two-straight Super Bowls joining Green Bay, Miami, Pittsburgh (twice), San Francisco, and Dallas. Bowlen's Broncos have also won five AFC Championships (1986, 1987, 1989, 1997 and 1998) with 12 playoff appearances and just two losing seasons. During Bowlen's tenure, the Broncos are the only AFC franchise to make three Super Bowl appearances in the 1980s. Bowlen's leadership has also helped Denver to continue its string of home sellouts for 36 consecutive years, longest in the AFC and second only to Washington in the NFC (282 consecutive regular and postseason games through 2004). The Broncos have also led the NFL in attendance the last 21 years by drawing nearly 15 million fans to their home games (1984-2004). Bowlen contributed more than \$150 million to the construction of the state-of-the-art INVESCO Field at Mile High that opened in 2001. Bowlen was a key figure in securing the league's labor and TV contracts. He is currently Chair of the prestigious NFL Broadcasting Committee and is a member of both the NFL Compensation Committee and the NFL Finance Committee. He also serves on the NFL Diversity Committee and the NFL Ventures Committee. In his current role as Chair of the NFL Broadcast Committee, Bowlen was responsible for the negotiations on the NFL's \$18-billion TV contract, the most lucrative single-sport contract in history. Bowlen was born in Prairie du Chien, Wis., where he attended high school. He went on to the University of Oklahoma, earning degrees in both business (1965) and law (1968). After successful careers in oil, gas and real estate, he purchased the Denver Broncos in 1984. Bowlen is president of the Denver Broncos Charities Fund and in that capacity has donated almost \$24-million to charitable organizations in the Denver area since the inception of that fund in 1993. Bowlen served as the Honorary Chairman of the Colorado Special Olympics for 19 years and was the organization's Outstanding Celebrity in 1993. Bowlen has served as the Honorary Chairman of the Colorado Family Classic to benefit St. Joseph's Hospital for 20 years, and this is his 10th year as Chairman of the Capuchin Friars Brown Robe Benefit fundraising dinner. He also is chairman of the Cherish the Children Gala, chaired the 1989 Centennial Scholarship rally at the University of Northern Colorado in Greeley and was Co-Chairman of the Rose Medical Center Critical Care Campaign from 1986-89. In addition, Bowlen was elected to the University of Denver Board of Trustees in 1987. He also was named to the Colorado Academy Board of Trustees in 1991. A member of the American Ireland Fund Dinner Committee for the past 13 years and a Trustee for the Irish Community Center for six years, the Broncos' owner also is a member of Colorado Concern. He serves on the Board of Trustees of the Hawaii Maritime Center and was the 1992 honoree at the American Ireland Fund Dinner.

Dreith, Ben - Dreith was awarded 11 varsity letters (baseball-4, basketball-4, football-3) at the University of Northern Colorado. He was a four-year All-Conference pick in baseball and a two-time All-Conference selection in basketball. Dreith played under Pete Butler and John Hancock. He enjoyed a distinguished career as a football/basketball official. He refereed two Super Bowls; eight NFL Championship games, eight NCAA regional basketball tournaments, numerous other high school and college championship games. He was inducted into the UNC Athletic Hall of Fame in 2002.

Galarraga, Andres - Despite several injuries that plagued Galarraga throughout his career, he was a very popular player both for his achievements on the field, and for his big and bright smile that was used to charm, greet, guard, and convince. He was nicknamed "The Big Cat" (El Gran Gato) for his extraordinary quickness at first base in spite of his big frame. A cancer survivor, Galarraga played for the Rockies from 1993-97 where he

compiled a .316 batting average in 679 games with 476 runs and 843 hits (172 homers), 579 runs batted in and 55 stolen bases. He won the National League batting title (.370) in 1993, the Rockies' inaugural season. A member of the famed Blake Street Bombers, Galarraga hit a career-high 47 homers for the Rockies in 1996 and 41 in 1997. He had the first three-homer game in Rockies history, in 1995 at San Diego. Galarraga hit six grand slams for the Rockies. Galarraga has the only six-hit game (vs. Houston vs. July 3, 1995) in Rockies history. A five-time All-Star (1988, 1993, 1997-98, 2000), Galarraga led the league in batting average (1993), homeruns (1996), runs batted in (1996-97), hits (1988), doubles (1988) and total bases (1988). He was twice a Gold Glove Award (1989-90) winner, six-time Top 10 MLB Award (1988, 1993-94, 1996-98) recipient, twice named by The Sporting News for the NL Silver Slugger team (1988, 1996) and named by The Sporting News for the NL Comeback Player of the Year Award (1993). Galarraga started his career with the Montreal Expos (1985-91) and St. Louis Cardinals (1992). After his stint with the Rockies, he played for the Atlanta Braves (1998, 2000), Texas Rangers (2001), San Francisco Giants (2001, 2003), Montreal (2002) and Anaheim Angels (2004). For his 19-season career, Galarraga batted .288 for 2,257 games with 2,333 hits, 399 home runs, 1,425 runs-batted-in and a .499 slugging percentage. He played in 18 post-season games with Colorado, Atlanta and San Francisco where he had 12 hits.

- **Kashiwa, Hank** - An accomplished squash player, an avid fisherman, a single digit handicapper on the golf course and a gourmet cook, Kashiwa was a standout amateur and professional skier. Highlighting his 14-year skiing career was his 1969 United States National Championship and the 1975 World Pro title. He also participated on the United States Team at the 1970 World Championships in Val Gardena, Italy and the Sapporo 1972 Winter Olympic Games. As an amateur, he was a member of the United States National Team from 1967-1972. After moving to Steamboat Springs in 1974, Kashiwa raced on the Pro Circuit from 1972 to 1981. He also placed second in the 1976 "Super Stars" competition. He was inducted into the Colorado Ski and Snowboard Hall of Fame in 1984. Kashiwa is active as a TV commentator and announced for CBS Sports at the Albertville 1992 and the Lillehammer 1994 Olympic Games. He has appeared on ABC's "Good Morning America" with a series on skiing and is currently hosting "Skiing Magazine on TV," a national television series covering skiing and winter sports consisting of seven one-hour programs which runs throughout the ski season. He also provides expert commentary for GGP Sports, covering World Cup and professional skiing events for national syndication. Kashiwa was born in New York City of a Japanese father and an Irish mother. His family moved to Old Forge, New York, where he started skiing at age two. He came up through the junior ranks, attended school at the University of Colorado and skied for the Army for two years. He has developed a line of teriyaki sauce. He and his wife Anne have a son, Hennie. He also served as the President of the Volant Ski Corporation, a Boulder-based manufacturer of the world's only stainless steel, cap designed ski. The design was developed by his brother Bucky, an engineer at the Los Alamos Labs in New Mexico.

- **Wedman, Scott** - An NBA player from 1974 to 1987, Wedman was a member of Boston Celtics (1983-1987) teams that won two championships (1984 and 1986). The 1986 Celtic team is known as one of the top 10 NBA teams of all time. Wedman also played with the Kansas City Kings (1974-1981), Cleveland Cavaliers (1981-1983). In 906 pro games, Wedman average 13.2 points, 4.8 rebounds and 2.0 assists per game. Prior to his professional career, Wedman played basketball at Mullen High School before a standout career at the University of Colorado where he ranks 15th in career scoring (1,251 points, 15.0 average) and ninth in rebounding (684 rebounds, 9.1 average) for 75 games. He currently owns and manages a real estate company in Kansas City, Missouri, runs summer basketball camps. He also coached the Kansas City Knights of the American Basketball Association.