

Professional Athletes



Harry Glickman's long and colorful history as a sports promoter dates to 1952. He was, of course, best known as the founder of the Portland Buckaroos hockey team in 1960 and the Portland Trail Blazers, who he helped bring to the city in 1970.

This award goes to the outstanding professional athlete with an Oregon background or on an Oregon team in the calendar year 2010.

FEMALE FINALISTS

Shalane Flanagan *Track and Field*

In her debut at the New York Marathon, Portland runner placed second in the 26.2-mile race, winning \$105,000 and earning acclaim as USA Track & Field's and USA Today's Athlete of the Week. It was the best finish by an American woman at New York since 1990.

Christine Sinclair *Soccer*

Former University of Portland player led Pride to Women's Professional Soccer championship with 10 goals and league-high nine assists. One of 10 finalists for FIFA World Player of Year. Scored six goals in five games as captain of Canadian national team that won World Cup qualifying tournament.

Mariel Zagunis *Fencing*

Beaverton's two-time Olympic gold medalist successfully defended her world title in Paris, defeating Olga Kharlan of the Ukraine in the saber finals, 15-6.

MALE FINALISTS

Conor Casey *Colorado Rapids · Soccer*

Former University of Portland forward helped team win MLS Cup. He tied for sixth in the league in regular-season goals with 13 in 27 games and tied for 17th in assists with six (team leader in both categories). In the playoffs, he had two goals in three games, including one in the 2-1 finals victory over FC Dallas. Was named MVP of the championship game.

Kevin Love *Minnesota Timberwolves · Basketball*

Lake Oswego resident averaged 14.0 points and 11.0 rebounds in second season with Minnesota and led NBA in rebounding through end of 2010. Played for U.S. team that won gold at the World Championships.

Troy Polamalu *Pittsburgh Steelers · Football*

Product of Winston, Oregon, excelled again at safety for the NFL Super Bowl team, recording seven regular-season interceptions.

Galen Rupp *Track and Field*

UO product won 10,000 meters at U.S. championships and ran fifth-fastest time in world in 27:10.74. Set personal best in mile (3:57.72, Prefontaine Classic), 3,000 meters (7:43.24, London Grand Prix) and 5,000 meters (13:07.35, Weltklasse Zurich) during summer season. Also PRed in indoor mile (3:56.22, Seattle).

Ndamukong Suh *Detroit Lions · Football*

Rookie NFL defensive lineman from Portland's Grant High enjoyed stellar first season, which included 66 tackles and 10 sacks.

DNA Award

This award recognizes individuals or organizations for their extraordinary passion and dedication to sports in Oregon. The recipients of this award are part of Oregon's sports DNA.

Brian Parrott

Tennis is in Parrott's blood as much as the Pacific Northwest. A Seattle University Hall of Famer, Parrott ran the L-P Invitational for 14 years, bringing Jimmy Connors, Boris Becker and Tracy Austin to Portland. Also to the Rose City, Parrott brought 3 US Davis Cup matches in 1981, 1984 and 2007 plus other significant sporting events, teams and top athletes including the Dream Team and the NBA Draft in 1992, the WNBA Portland Pride in 1993, USA team matches in volleyball, wrestling and boxing, and tennis exhibitions with world-ranked players. Parrott coached Oregon Episcopal School to 3 consecutive 4A state tennis titles, more than 100 youth to state tennis titles, and the Portland State University men's and women's tennis teams. Parrott is the father of 2009 US Open Grand Slam Mixed Doubles Champion, Travis Parrott.