

**RAY SADECKI, WALTER “KILLER” KOWALSKI, CHET JASTREMSKI, AND TOM
SESTAK TO BE INDUCTED INTO THE NATIONAL POLISH-AMERICAN SPORTS HALL
OF FAME’S 35TH CLASS
INDUCTION BANQUET THURSDAY, JUNE 14, 2007, TROY, MI**

Former major league pitcher Ray Sadecki, wrestling legend Walter “Killer” Kowalski, champion swimmer Chet Jastremski, and pro football star Tom Sestak have been elected into the National Polish-American Sports Hall of Fame.

The election of Sadecki, Kowalski, Jastremski, and Sestak brings the National Polish-American Sports Hall of Fame roster to 107. The Hall was founded in 1973, and former St. Louis Cardinal baseball great Stan Musial was the first inductee. Sadecki and Kowalski were elected from the national ballot, Jastremski was the choice of the Hall’s Veteran’s Committee, and Sestak was selected as one of the Hall’s “Greats of the Past.”

Sadecki pitched 18 years in the major leagues (1960 – 1977) for six teams, mostly with the Cardinals, Giants and Mets. He had a career record of 135-131, with an ERA of 3.78 and 1,614 strikeouts in 2500 innings pitched. In 1964, Sadecki led the St. Louis Cardinals to a World Series title, compiling a 20-11 record during the regular season.

Walter “Killer” Kowalski was one of the greatest wrestlers of all time. In a career that spanned 30 years, he earned his first of many prestigious titles in 1950, defeating “Nature Boy” Buddy Rogers for the N.W.A. Texas Heavyweight Title. Kowalski went on to win dozens of Canadian, American, and World Titles while competing in more than 6,000 bouts. Kowalski has been inducted into WWE, Ring Chronicles, and ECW Halls of Fame.

Swimmer Chet Jastremski revolutionized the breast stroking style. While attending Indiana University, Jastremski won 16 national AAU Championships, and set 9 individual world records and 17 individual national records. He swam to a gold medal at the 1963 Pan Am Games, and bronze at the ’64 Olympics. His accomplishments earned him the cover of Sports Illustrated magazine in 1962, recognized as the “World’s Best Swimmer.”

Tom Sestak was a 17th round draft pick out of McNeese State, who became the cornerstone of the Buffalo Bills ’64 and ’65 Championship teams. He was voted a four-time AFL All Star, and was selected as a first team AFL All Time defensive lineman. He played six years with the Bills before his career was cut short by knee injuries

The Inductees will be honored at the 35 Annual Induction Banquet on Thursday, June 14, 2007, at the American Polish Cultural Center in Troy, MI. Tickets for the banquet, which begins at 6 p.m., are \$100 and include an open bar and a traditional Polish family-style dinner. Tickets may be ordered by calling (248) 588-5333.

Information on the National Polish-American Sports Hall of Fame is available on its website, at www.polishsportshof.com.