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THE LUTE OLSON AWARD ALL-DECADE TEAM

BOSTON, MA -- CollegeInsider.com is pleased to announce its Lute Olson All-Decade Team, including college basketball's biggest stars from the 2010-2019 seasons.

The voting panel consisted of 21 Division I head coaches, four athletic directors and six senior members of the College Insider staff.

The Lute Olson Award, named for the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame coach, is given annually to the best player in Division I college basketball.

Ron Baker, Wichita State

The 6-4, 220-pound guard steered the Shockers on an incredible run from 2013-16 that propelled coach Gregg Marshall's program to unprecedented success. Baker scored 1,636 points and snagged 520 rebounds, helping Wichita State to a 121-24 record, a Final Four appearance in 2013 and unbeaten regular season in 2014.

Harrison Barnes, North Carolina

The sought after recruit delivered 16 points and five rebounds per game in two seasons in Chapel Hill, leading the Tar Heels to consecutive Elite 8 appearances. He hit 43 percent of field goals and 35

percent beyond-the-arc. Barnes was the seventh pick in the 2012 NBA Draft and won a world championship with the Golden State Warriors in 2015.

Jalen Brunson, Villanova

The Wildcats' point guard won two national championships in three seasons at the helm of Jay Wright's attack, sweeping the Naismith and Wooden Awards in 2018 as national player of the year. Brunson scored 1,667 points and had a 2:1 assist-turnover ratio during three seasons at Villanova, hitting 51 percent from the field and 39 percent of 3-pointers.

Trey Burke, Michigan

In just two seasons with the Wolverines, the 6-3 point guard secured his place as one of the program's all-time greats, sweeping the Naismith and Wooden Awards in 2013 when he led coach John Beilein's club to the national finals. Burke averaged 16.9 points, 5.7 assists and 3.3 rebounds before being selected ninth in the 2013 NBA Draft.

Mike Daum, South Dakota State

The Dauminator made an impact early with the Jackrabbits and produced at a relentless rate throughout his career, finishing with 3,067 points to rank seventh on the Division I all-time list. A three-time Summit League Player of the Year, the 6-9 forward also hauled down 1,236 rebounds and shot 50.4 percent from the floor in his career.

Anthony Davis, Kentucky

Although he spent only one season playing for John Calipari at Kentucky, the 6-10 forward earned legendary status for the Bluegrass blueblood, leading the Wildcats to a national championship in 2012 and sweeping national player of the year honors. Davis averaged 14 points, 10 rebounds and 4.7 blocks and was the No. 1 overall pick in the NBA Draft.

Jimmer Fredette, BYU

The 6-2 guard poured in 2,599 points in four seasons, leading the nation in scoring (28.9 ppg) as a senior to earn national player of the year honors. Fredette scored more than 1,000 points in his final year with the Cougars and knocked down 294 3-pointers in his career, making his games appointment television for all college basketball fans.

Draymond Green, Michigan State

Before he became an essential piece of Golden State's world championship teams, Green was a multidimensional star for coach Tom Izzo, driving the Spartans to two Final Four appearances and an NCAA Tournament No. 1 seed. Green, a 6-7 forward, averaged 10.5 ppg, 7.6 rpg and 2.7 apg during four seasons at Michigan State.

Josh Hart, Villanova

After spending his first two seasons at Villanova as a valuable reserve, Hart emerged as a national star who was a key cog in coach Jay Wright's first national championship team in 2016. Hart scored 1,921 points and grabbed 812 rebounds in his career. The Wildcats earned a 1 or 2 seed in the NCAA

tournament in all four years and compiled a 129-17 record.

Buddy Hield, Oklahoma

The 2016 national player of the year, Hield improved steadily during his four years with the Sooners. The flashy 6-3 guard poured in 2,291 points and snared 661 rebounds in his career. A career 39 percent 3-point shooter, he finished second in the nation with 25 points per game during his senior season.

Justin Jackson, North Carolina

The Tar Heels were 66-14 during Jackson's last two seasons, reaching the national finals both years and giving coach Roy Williams his third national championship in 2017. Jackson, a smooth 6-8 forward, scored 1,648 points, collected 481 rebounds and handed out 312 assists, using his size on the wing to play elite defense also.

Frank Kaminsky, Wisconsin

The slender 7-foot center spent his first two years with the Badgers as a seldom-used substitute but by the time he departed Madison was a full-fledged star and a first-round NBA Draft pick. Kaminsky guided the Badgers to the 2015 national championship game. He finished his career with 1,458 points and 666 rebounds.

Doug McDermott, Creighton

Playing for his dad, Greg, the sharpshooting forward poured in 3,150 points during his college career and currently ranks sixth on the NCAA Division I career scoring list. Exceptional throughout his career, McDermott elevated his game to a ridiculous level in 2013-14, averaging 26.7 ppg and 7.7 rpg to claim the Naismith and Wooden awards.

Ja Morant, Murray State

Lightly recruited out of high school, Morant was the Racers' second scoring option as a freshman. By the end of his sophomore year, he was the second pick in the NBA Draft, electrifying fans, scouts and opponents with 24.5 ppg and a nation's best 10 apg, leading the Racers to a 28-5 record and first-round upset of Marquette in the NCAA tournament.

Frank Mason III, Kansas

A three-year starter for the Jayhawks, the sturdy point guard developed into the nation's premier player as a senior, averaging 20.9 points and 5.2 to sweep the Wooden and Naismith Awards. Mason III finished with 1,885 points, 576 assists and 500 rebounds, putting him in rarefied air in the storied Big 12 conference.

Shabazz Napier, UConn

Napier hoisted the 7th seeded Huskies on his shoulders in March 2014 and carried them to the national championship, the second of his four-year career. The point guard's 22-point, 6-rebound effort in the finals pushed UConn past Kentucky for the title. Napier recorded 1,959 points, 646 assists and 576 rebounds in his career.

Jahlil Okafor, Duke

Giving coach Mike Krzyzewski the post presence his teams had lacked in recent years, Okafor departed as a national champion. The powerful center averaged 17 points and 8 rebounds, shooting 66 percent from the field in his lone year in college to earn ACC Player of the Year honors.

Otto Porter, Georgetown

The 2012-13 Big East Player of the Year, the physical forward was the Hoyas' centerpiece during both of his college seasons. He averaged 16.2 ppg, 7.5 rpg and 2.7 apg as a sophomore and opted to declare for the NBA Draft where the Washington Wizards selected him with the third overall pick.

Russ Smith, Louisville

The explosive point guard was an integral part of Louisville's run to the 2013 national championship, averaging 18.7 ppg, 3.3 rpg and 2.9 apg. He scored 134 points in the Cardinals' six-game run to the title, including a 31-point outburst against Oregon in the Sweet 16. Smith finished his career with 1,908 points.

Jared Sullinger, Ohio State

A two-time All-American, the powerful forward averaged 17.3 ppg and 9.7 rpg in two seasons with coach Thad Matta's Buckeyes, hitting 53 percent of his shots. His production in the paint fueled the nation's most efficient offense in 2011 and drove Ohio State to the 2012 Final Four.

Denzel Valentine, Michigan State

The 2015-16 Big Ten Player of the Year, the versatile Valentine drew comparisons to the most famous Sparty alum, Magic Johnson, with his knack for triple-doubles and ability to affect the game in multiple ways. He finished a prolific career with 1,645 points, 855 rebounds and 639 assists, starring on Michigan State's 2015 Final Four team.

Fred Van Vleet, Wichita State

Forming a formidable backcourt with running mate Baker, the clutch point guard finished with 1,439 points and 637 assists during the Shockers' historic run and Missouri Valley Conference domination (51-3 his final three seasons). Van Vleet played for the 2019 world champion Toronto Raptors.

Kemba Walker, UConn

Perhaps no player of the last decade had a better postseason run than Walker's magical March in 2011 that ended with a 53-41 defeat of Butler in the national championship game. Walker played all but nine minutes in the Huskies' six tournament games and erupted for 30-plus points twice.

Zion Williamson, Duke

Although injuries limited him to 33 games in his lone season in college and the Blue Devils season ended one game shy of the Final Four, nobody made a bigger impact. Using his freakish blend of strength, athleticism and quickness, Williamson swept the Wooden and Naismith Awards, averaging 22.6 ppg, 8.9 rpg on 68 pct. shooting.

Trae Young, Oklahoma

The national scoring leader in his only college season, the Sooners point guard averaged 27.4 ppg, 8.1 apg and 3.9 rpg before he departed for the NBA and joined the Atlanta Hawks. He recorded four games of 40 points or more and added five more 30-plus outputs.

