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Professional and amateur athletes honored at Sport KC P.R.O.P.S

Annual award show features The Kansas Comet Gale Sayers as keynote speaker

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (May 23, 2008) – It's party time for Kansas City's professional and amateur athletes at the Sprint Center. On Thursday, June 19, Sport KC is teaming up with Metro Sports and 810 WHB Radio to produce a night of sports recognition known as P.R.O.P.S – **P**arty **R**ecognizing **O**utstanding **P**eople of Sports.

Gale Sayers, former University of Kansas and Chicago Bears NFL football player, will be on hand to personally shake hands with nearly 1,200 guests at the event. Sayers, who recently authored an autobiography, will receive the Lamar Hunt Lifetime Achievement Award presented by the Bank of Kansas City. Additionally, Sport KC and its sponsors will present the following awards at the event:

- Jimmy Conrad, Defender for the Kansas City Wizards, Special Achievement for Professional Athletics
- Collegiate Male and Female Athletes of the Year
- Kansas and Missouri High School Male and Female Athletes of the Year
- Joe McGruff Sports Journalist of the Year
- Earl Smith Amateur Sports Hall of Champion Inductees
- Special Athletic Achievement Award
- Alex George Volunteers of the Year

“Unlike other award shows, our event will be like an actual sporting event,” said Kevin Wicker, director of local special events and sales for Sport KC. “The celebrity athletes and P.R.O.P.S. guests will be mingling at one of the most impressive sporting arenas in the country.” This marks the first year the event is at the Sprint Center, which opened on October 10, 2007. Individual tickets are \$50 and corporate tickets start at \$1,250 for a table. To order tickets, visit sportkc.org or call (816) 474-GOKC.

Sport KC, or the Kansas City Sports Commission & Foundation, is a privately-funded non-profit organization dedicated to enhancing the quality of life and economic success of Kansas Citizens by promoting sports. For more information, visit www.sportkc.org.

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