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Three sporting legends to be inducted into Hall of Fame

One conquered the ring, one conquered the courts and one conquered the pool, through their achievements they united a nation and set the foundations for sport and the future.

These three Papua New Guinea sporting icons will be immortalized in the country's sporting history when they join other greats in the Papua New Guinea Sports Hall of Fame.

Names of the three will be revealed during the induction ceremony which will be held on Thursday, November 22 at the Paradise Cinema's Premium Lounge at the Vision City Mega Mall in Port Moresby.

The former athletes hail from the sports of athletics, netball and softball, and swimming and were dominant figures in the 1960s and 1970s.

Through their successful sporting careers they have contributed to the early development and recognition of sport and PNG as a nation before independence. They competed at the highest levels and achieved some of the best results the country has seen.

They are now being recognized and honoured as some of this country's greatest sports men and women whose stories can be shared to inspire the next generation of champions.

In the Sports Hall of Fame, they will join a special group of elite former athletes which include Sir John Kaputin (athletics), Edward Laboran (athletics), Jackson and David Seeto (weightlifting), Tumat Sogolik (boxing), Salitia Pipit (athletics), Nigel Cluer (swimming), Raki Leka (athletics), Naomi Polum (athletics), John Kokinai (athletics) and Oe Ivaharia (athletics).

Secretary General of the PNG Olympic Committee, Auvita Rapilla said athletes have always been an inspiration to the nation through their achievements and success and the Hall of Fame honours their contribution to sports and the country.

"They have become a part of our history and we are delighted to induct these three champions into the Hall of Fame. I look forward to applauding their announcement at the ceremony," she said.

The Sports Hall of Fame is presented by the Papua New Guinea Olympic Committee and is held every year to commemorate the life and achievements of PNG's sporting legends.

For more information about the Hall of Fame, contact the PNG Olympic Committee Commercial team on 323 0114, 325 1411 or email events@pngoc.org.pg . You can also visit the Hall of Fame at www.pngolympic.org .

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