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In 1995, Professor Colin Tatz and a panel of sportspeople and historians selected 129 athletes for the inaugural Aboriginal and Islander Sports Hall of Fame. Since then, forty-three new stars have been inducted and Black Gold features all 172 members, from thirty sports.

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