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- [CROATIAN PF & CENTER DINO RADA GOES INTO NAISMITH IN 2018](#)

The Naismith Hall of Fame is just not the Hall of Fame for NBA players, it is the Basketball

Hall of Fame, but EJBB was listening to NBA Radio this past weekend and some hosts seem

to always rip the International pick that might have not played in the NBA, as the case of the

2017 International pick [Nikos Galis](#) or some hosts on NBA Radio, feel it is their right to rip

the 2018 International pick [Dino Rada](#) who played in the NBA but was nominated and inducted

more for his overall basketball career that also included European play. The host on NBA radio

was UPSET that guys like [Jack Sikma](#) and [Rudy Tomjanovich](#) are not in as players and said

it is easier for International guys to make it to Naismith. A scoring [LEGEND like Nikos Galis](#)

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and this years pick Dino Rada deserve their day in the Basketball Hall of Fame and it is time

that some media in the USA and some coaches understand that their is a LONG List of

Euroleague players that could have competed in the NBA at a high level, but never made the

jump to the USA, guys like [Dejan Bodiroga](#) , [Dimitris Diamantidis](#) , [Theo Papaloukas](#) or in the

case of [Vassilis Spanoulis](#) , showed he could play [versus the BEST NBA players in the Greek](#)

[2006 win against Team USA](#) , but was stuck in the 3 point corner used like Kyle Korver by

then Houston coach Jeff Van Gundy. Spanoulis returned to the Euroleague and was the best

player and [CLOSER for a decade](#) , but most media in the USA could care less if it is not the NBA.

Dino Rada played on the deepest squad with talent in Europe with the [Yugoslavian national team](#)

[in the late 1980's](#), playing with [Drazen Petrovic](#) , [Toni Kukoc](#) , [Vlade Divac](#) , [Zarko Paspalj](#),

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[Sasha Danilovic](#) and [Stojko Vrankovic](#) that won [Gold Medal at Eurobasket 1989](#) and [1991](#) and

won Silver medal with Croatian national team at 1992 Olympics and is the All-Time leading

scorer ever for the Croatian national team with 1764 points.

[Dino Rada also played with Toni Kukoc at Jugoplastika](#) and won the Euroleague title in 1989

and 1990 and was named Final Four MVP in the 1989 Crown. Dino Rada moved to the NBA

in the 1993-1994 season and scored 15.1 PPG and 7.2 REB in his rookie year. Rada stayed in

the NBA for four years with his best year being 19.7 PPG 9.8 REB playing against an NBA at

the time that had MANY [GREAT BIG MEN](#) , after an injury in his fourth NBA yeuar, Rada went

back to Europe [signing with Panathinaikos](#) winning two Greek titles with the Green squad

and later moved to other [Greek power Olympiacos for the 2001 season](#) and retired after

[playing in Croatia in 2003](#) .

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Going back to the NBA radio host that wanted Jack Sikma in over Dino Rada, if you look at

the Dino Rada stats in the NBA 16.7 PPG and 8.4 REB and .497 FG shooter versus Jack

Sikma with a longer career but only a .464 FG Shooter, 15.6 PPG and 9.8 REB, it is not a

SLAM DUNK that a guy like Sikma should be in over Dino Rada and the USA media that

seem to HATE on International picks every year, should just ease up on the HATE they seem

to show on guys that played in the Euroleague, because whether they watch video of the

[1989 Yugoslavian national squad](#) or the [1987 Greek squad](#) led by [Nikos Galis](#) , or the [2006](#)

[Greek squad that beat LeBron James, D Wade, Chris Paul and Coach K](#) , the media will find

that all three of those Euro squads had guys that could BALL in any league.