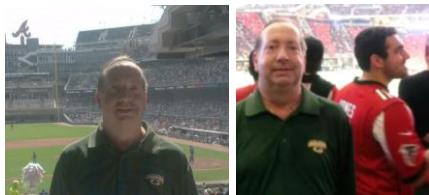




DAVE DEGRACE COMPLETES UNIQUE DOUBLEHEADER

Dave DeGrace likes to visit professional sports stadiums. This month the Hoop Historian caught games in Atlanta in the new Braves and Falcons stadiums on the same day in part of a day-night doubleheader. That alone would be an accomplishment for many, but it completed his journey of visiting every MLB, NBA and NFL stadium currently in use. DeGrace has now visited all 90 stadiums used by the 92 professional teams. Of course, the journey doesn't end here, as DeGrace is already planning a trip to Detroit this year to the new Little Caesar's Arena and to his home base in Milwaukee to the Bucks' new stadium next season.



ABOVE: He's On the Go Again – Dave DeGrace seeing baseball and football in Atlanta

WORKING YOUR VARSITY DEBUT WITH A VETERAN

Hoop Historian **Dennis Mishko, Jr.** got to officiate his first varsity soccer match with a seasoned veteran, as dad **Dennis Mishko** was his partner. The elder Mishko twice refereed the Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association state championship game and has worked an NCAA ECAC soccer title game. The father and son team also has paired up to referee basketball together in the past.



ABOVE: Dennis Mishko Jr. and Dennis Mishko Sr. teaming up on the soccer field together

FINAL FOUR RETURNING TO SAN ANTONIO



San Antonio has always been a favorite destination for the Hoop Historians' travels. This year the Final Four returns to the Alamo City for the first time in ten years. The NCAA Division I Mens' Basketball Championships made three stops at the Alamodome, each with its own memorable moments. In 1998, Kentucky needed overtime to beat Stanford in the semifinals before defeating Utah in the final game. 2004 saw UConn upset Duke in the semis before knocking off Georgia Tech in the championship. And in 2008 Kansas beat Memphis for the title after sending the game to overtime on "Mario's Miracle" three point basket with two seconds remaining in regulation. The rich history, vibrant culture and fiesta of the city of San Antonio are captured in this promotional video:

www.youtube.com/watch?v=X9ND0CpbwXo

HOOP HISTORIANS OUTLAST HURRICANE IRMA

Hoop Historian **Don MacKay** and wife **Nancy** had some tense moments during Hurricane Irma. The Florida



residents survived the storm in their Hobe Sound home losing tree limbs, gutters and roofing tiles. Unbelievably they never lost power. The couple will be calling some experts to help with the cleanup above ground. Just up the coast, another Hoop Historian **Pat Irvine** was visiting Disney World with family members while taking emergency cover in her hotel room. We are happy to report that all members are safe and sound.



HOOP HISTORIANS PHOTO GALLERY

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