



TRAINING THE STARS OF TOMORROW

Hoop Historian **Vern Vegso** has had a busy summer conducting private basketball training sessions in Southern California. Vern got his start in coaching thanks to another Hoop Historian, **John Mayberry**, who hired Vegso to work in the Bill Walton Basketball Camp in 1980. Over the next five decades Vern has continued his passion teaching the game across the country, working with someone who could be “the next top prospect”. Vern currently is working with **Maxx Dennis**, who has five years of travel basketball under his belt. When he was 10 years old, Dennis was randomly chosen during a Los Angeles Lakers halftime contest and put on quite a performance at the Staples Center, as he made all eight of his shots – including a pair of NBA three-pointers. The video of that effort has been viewed in excess of 11 million times on various platforms and can be seen [HERE](#). Keep up the great work Vern and Maxx!



WORKING OUT: Maxx Dennis and Vern Vegso are ready to hoop it up at their latest training session.

HOOP HISTORIAN COACHING IN ARGENTINA

There is little doubt that the Hoop Historians have an international appeal. Our own **Bob Hutchings** has been coaching this summer in South America.



Coach Hutch is on the court of the site of the 1995 Pan American Games in Buenos Aires.

BACK ON THE HARDWOOD

After spending the last 20 years wearing a striped shirt refereeing ballgames, Hoop Historians Executive Director **Joe Spagnolo** is back on the court in a familiar attire, as he returns to his roots of coaching high school basketball. Spagnolo spent this summer and will return in the winter as an assistant basketball coach for IC Catholic Prep, a small private school in suburban Chicago.



HE'S CALLING THE SHOTS AGAIN

And in case you missed it, Honorary Hoop Historian **Steve Lavin** was named the head basketball coach at the University of San Diego. Lavin previously coached at UCLA and St. John's and was a TV basketball analyst.



HOOP HISTORIANS ZOOM ROUNDTABLE RESUMES

The Hoop Historians Roundtable Discussions will be back on the air on Zoom starting on **Sunday, August 7**. The monthly conference call discusses pertinent issues on the college basketball landscape, as well as giving our members and friends of the group an opportunity to reconnect. Zoom calls are held on the first Sunday of the month and start at 7pm Eastern/4pm Pacific.



NABC MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL REMINDER

NABC Hoop Historians and Friends of the Hoop Historians who are members of the National Association of Basketball Coaches will have until October 1 to renew their membership for the upcoming 2022-2023 membership year. You can renew your membership in the member portal at www.nabc.com. Don't delay, renew your membership today!

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