



HOOP HISTORIANS NEWS

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**NEXT HOOP HISTORIANS
ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5**

**HOOP HISTORIANS FINAL FOUR
HEADQUARTERS SET FOR 2024**



The **Tempe Mission Palms Hotel**, 60 E 5th Street in Tempe, will serve as the official headquarters of the Hoop Historians during the 2024 Final Four Week in Arizona. The hotel property is located just outside Arizona State University and has easy access to downtown Phoenix and the Convention Center via the nearby Valley Metro transit system. Tempe will also be the site of the Hoop Historians Annual Meeting.

**HOOP HISTORIANS ANNUAL
MEETING PLANS ANNOUNCED**



The Annual Business Meeting of the Hoop Historians will be held at the **Badlands Bar & Grill**, 7192 S. Pierce Road, on Sunday, April 7, 2024 in Tempe, Arizona. In addition to conducting general business of the group, a special 25-year celebration will also take place on this date at this location, as the Hoop Historians group officially celebrates its Silver Jubilee. Complimentary transportation from the Hoop Headquarters Hotel to the restaurant is also being arranged.

**TED'S EXCELLENT ADVENTURE
CONCLUDES AFTER 45 YEARS**



Despite starting years before the movie of *Bill & Ted's Excellent Adventure* took place, Hoop Historian **Ted Reineking** answered an advertisement in the daily newspaper in 1978 to work the scorer's table at DePaul University. Ted enjoyed his own excellent adventure of having one of the best seats in the house for 45 years. Reineking, who served as both play-by-play statistician and TV Time-Out Coordinator for parts of six decades, announced his retirement from the position. Congratulations Ted on your excellent adventure!



HOOP HISTORIANS – EST: 1999

**RECORD TURNOUT FOR
WOMENS HOOP EVENT**



It's pretty safe to say that the Hoop Historians are just about everywhere. Hoop Historian **Mike Bailey** and his daughter Kellyn attended the pre-season women's basketball scrimmage between the Iowa Hawkeyes and the DePaul Blue Demons which attracted 55,646 spectators – the largest event ever for women's college basketball. "The Crossover at Kinnick" was held at the University of Iowa's football stadium and exceeded the previous attendance record for a women's basketball event by more than 26,000 people than the previous record.

**2024 FINAL FOUR:
RALLY IN THE VALLEY**



APRIL 6 & 8, 2024

RETURN OF THE CATHOLIC LEAGUE RIVALRY



High school basketball in the Chicago Catholic League over the past 100 years has provided great players and rivalries. Two schools, Weber and Gordon Tech, were separated by only five miles and built a ferocious competition over fifty years of play as two Catholic boys only secondary schools. The neighborhood battle ended in 1999 when Weber High School closed and Gordon Tech would later be renamed a dozen years later. This rivalry was recollected at the Basketball Museum of Illinois this past month. A number of Hoop Historians were present for the reunion, as they were graduates of the two schools. **John Genova**, **John McCann** and **Kevin McCann** were students at Gordon Tech and **Joe Makowski** studied at Weber. Around 100 alumni from the two schools attended the event. Former Duke basketball Coach Mike Krzyzewski, who played for Weber, made a cameo video appearance.

HERE'S SOMEONE WHO KNOWS THE SCORE



Friend of the Hoop Historians **Kellyn Bailey** (pictured above, with Hoop Historian Mike Bailey and his wife), also has the best seat in the house, as she is working her first year as the Official Scorer for the Chicago Bulls. Congrats Kellyn!



HOOP HISTORIANS PHOTO GALLERY

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ARE YOU READY FOR SOME FOOTBALL: Hoop Historian Al Sack (left) and Friend of the Hoop Historians Nick Polizzi take in a UCLA football game at the Rose Bowl.



POST-SEASON PERILS: Dave DeGrace, Steve Busa and Joe Spagnolo take time out before the opening round game of the National League Wildcard Series between the Arizona Diamondbacks and the Milwaukee Brewers.



STRIKE UP THE BAND: Hoop Historian Al Sack and UCLA Spirit Squad Director Angela Scales are among the tuba section at a pre-game rally.

Since the Hoop Historians were originally formed in 1999, can you name the nine states that have hosted an NCAA Men's Division I Final Four?

FUTURE FINAL FOUR DATES & LOCATIONS

2024

April 6 & 8
State Farm Stadium
Glendale, Arizona

2025

April 5 & 7
Alamodome
San Antonio, Texas

2026

April 4 & 6
Lucas Oil Stadium
Indianapolis, Indiana

2027

April 3 & 5
Ford Field
Detroit, Michigan

2028

April 1 & 3
Allegiant Stadium
Las Vegas, Nevada

2029

March 31 & April 2
Lucas Oil Stadium
Indianapolis, Indiana

2030

April 6 & 8
AT&T Stadium
Arlington, Texas

