



UPDATE ON NABC CONVENTION

The National Association of Basketball Coaches has not finalized their plans for their annual coaches convention, which has been in conjunction with the NCAA Final Four in years past. Some of their contingencies may include moving their convention away from the national championship weekend. Activities at the convention have been a major part of the Hoop Historians itinerary during Final Four Week. Additional updates will be communicated to our membership as upcoming plans are announced.



INSTANT REPLAY: HOOP HISTORIAN BREAKS HIS OWN RECORD



Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Hoop Historians **Don MacKay** has done it again. MacKay, 76, who became the oldest batboy in professional baseball history last year, broke his own record earlier this month working as team batboy for the Palm Beach Cardinals. The record-breaking effort took place on Silver Slugger Night, a promotion for people over the age of 55. MacKay has worked spring training and minor league games as an usher and program seller at Roger Dean Stadium for over twenty years. A story on the historic night can be found at: <https://www.baseball-almanac.com/blog/the-oldest-batboy/>

SAVE THE DATE

Sunday, October 13 will be the date of the next Hoop Historians Roundtable Discussion on Zoom.

Be sure to check your email days before the meeting for the meeting link

SO-CAL SOCIAL EVENT SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 24

Calling all West Coast Hoop Historians and Friends of the Hoop Historians. Our Southern California Social Event will be held at **Graziano's Pizza Restaurant**, 17487 Imperial Highway, Yorba Linda, California, from 5 to 7 pm local time on **Thursday, October 24**. Complimentary beverages and pizza will be provided, and a game of Hoop Historians Jeopardy is on the agenda. We are looking forward to seeing the Left Coast at our next Hoop Historians social event.



BACK-TO-BACK TITLE WINNER

Our resident record holder **Don MacKay** has also been a part of two straight Florida State League championships, as the Palm Beach Cardinals won this year's title. Last year the Jupiter Hammerheads took the honors. MacKay has worked with both those teams at Roger Dean Stadium.



HOOP HISTORIANS PHOTO GALLERY

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Joe Spagnolo, Larry Baker and Al Sack are attending basketball practice at the University of Michigan.



Decked out in his Hoop Historians gear, as the Yankees' Aaron Judge is at-bat, Gordon Welch cheers on the home team at Globe Life Field in Arlington, Texas.



(Left to Right) Friends of the Hoop Historians Bill DePue and Ron Ritter are with Hoop Historians Fred Allman, Larry Baker and Joe Spagnolo at a recent Chicago White Sox game.



Hoop Historians Joe Spagnolo, Larry Baker, Al Sack and John McCann tailgate before the USC-Michigan football game at the Big House.



Gordon Welch is with four-time Olympian Jordan Larson at the SMU-Nebraska volleyball match. The Mustangs knocked off the number two-ranked Cornhuskers in straight sets.

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