

## HOOP HISTORIANS NEWS

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The Next Hoop Historians Roundtable Discussion on Zoom will be held on Sunday, January 5

## CONNECTICUT STATE TITLE REPEATS ITS PAST HISTORY

It was like Déjà vu all over again. The Shepaug Valley High School soccer team from Washington, Connecticut won their first state championship in 59 years this past fall. Two grandsons of Hoop Historians Dave Fray were on this year's Spartans Class S state title team. The last time the school won the state soccer title was in 1965 when the school was known as Washington High, and Dave Fray played on that team.



ABOVE: Hoop Historian Dave Fray holds the state championship trophy with his two grandsons. BELOW: Dave Fray's 1965 mint-condition letterman jacket made it back to the locker room.





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I LOVE NEW YORK: Friend of Hoop Historians John Shatkus is with Al Sack, attending the CBS Sports Classic at Madison Square Garden.



BEAT THE IRISH: Hoop Historian Dorothy Kim cheered on the Trojans in the season finale against Notre Dame.



ON THE BIG SCREEN: UCLA season ticket holder AI Sack made it on the lower left corner of the Pauley Pavilion Jumbotron.



2025 FINAL FOUR SAN ANTONIO APRIL 5 & 7, 2025



STATE OF THE ART: Nancy and Al Sack joined Hoop Historian Larry Baker at Intuit Dome for the first ever college basketball games in the new arena in Inglewood, California. UCLA vs. Gonzaga and University of San Diego vs. Grand Canyon University were on the card that night. The 18,000-seat venue cost approximately two billion dollars to construct and is scheduled to host the 2026 NBA All-Star Game and basketball games at the Summer Olympic Games in 2028.



SHE'S SUCH A DEVIL: Hoop Historian Samantha Mishko caught a Duke home game at Cameron Indoor Arena earlier this season.



OFF TO THE DESERT STATE: Hoop Historians Doug Erickson and Al Sack are at the Dollar Loan Center in Henderson, Nevada to watch college hoops.