



# HOOP HISTORIANS NEWS

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## IN MEMORY PAT IRVINE 1932-2025



Hoop Historian Pat Irvine passed away on February 22. Pat was a member of the Hoop Historians since 2003 and attended twenty straight Final Fours alongside her longtime companion, the late John Mayberry.

Click here for Pat Irvine's Hoop Historians Biography:

[www.hoophistorians.com/bio-pat-irvine.htm](http://www.hoophistorians.com/bio-pat-irvine.htm)



### HOOP HISTORIANS FINAL FOUR WEEK ITINERARY

#### Wednesday, April 2

5:30 pm – 7:00 pm – Manager’s Reception – Embassy Suites Riverwalk  
7:00 pm – Early Arrivals Dinner – Site TBA

#### Thursday, April 3

11:00 am – 7:00 pm – NABC Registration – Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center  
1:00 pm – 7:00 pm – NABC Marketplace – Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center  
5:30 pm – 7:00 pm – Manager’s Reception – Embassy Suites Riverwalk Atrium  
7:00 pm – Hoop Historians Final Four Welcome Event – Range Restaurant – Embassy Suites Riverwalk

#### Friday, April 4

8:00 am – 5:00 pm – NABC Registration – Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center  
9:00 am – 10:00 am – NABC Opening Ceremony – Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center  
10:00 am – 5:00 pm – NABC Marketplace – Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center  
11:00 am – 3:00 pm – Final Four Team Practices – Alamodome  
12:00 pm – 6:00 pm – Final Four Fan Fest – Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center  
3:30 pm – NABC Reese’s College All-Star Game – Alamodome  
4:00 pm – March Madness Music Festival – AT&T Block Party – Tower Park at Hemisfair  
5:00 pm – NABC Welcome Reception – Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center  
7:00 pm – San Antonio Spurs vs. Cleveland Cavaliers – Frost Bank Center  
8:00 pm – Hoop Historians Social Hour – Embassy Suites Riverwalk Atrium

#### Saturday, April 5

9:00 am – Hoop Historians Executive Board Breakfast  
9:00 am – 12:00 pm – NABC Marketplace – Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center  
10:00 am – 6:00 pm – Final Four Fan Fest – Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center  
2:30 pm – March Madness Music Festival – Coke Live – Tower Park at Hemisfair  
5:09 pm – National Semifinal Games – Alamodome  
10:00 pm – Hoop Historians Post-Game Social Hour – Embassy Suites Riverwalk Atrium

#### Sunday, April 6

11:00 am – Hoop Historian Business Meeting – Embassy Suites Riverwalk Atrium  
12:00 pm – 6:00 pm – Final Four Fan Fest – Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center  
3:00 pm – March Madness Music Festival – Capital One JamFest – Tower Park at Hemisfair  
5:30 pm – 7:00 pm – Manager’s Reception – Embassy Suites Riverwalk Atrium  
7:00 pm – Hoop Historians Social Hour – Embassy Suites Riverwalk Atrium

#### Monday, April 7

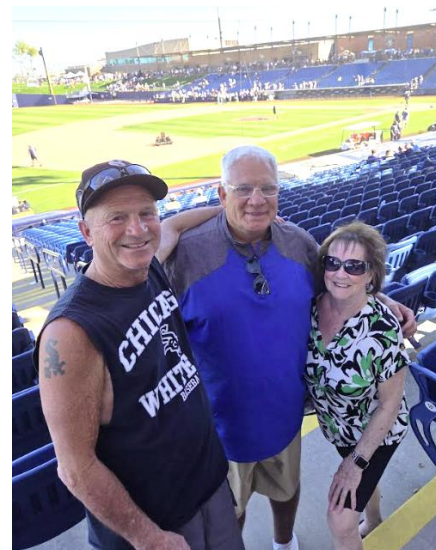
12:00 pm – 6:00 pm – Final Four Fan Fest – Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center  
7:50 pm – National Championship Game – Alamodome  
10:30 pm – Hoop Historians Post-Game Social Hour – Embassy Suites Riverwalk Atrium

All times approximate. Events subject to change. Admission to some events may require a pre-purchased ticket or credential.



## HOOP HISTORIANS PHOTO GALLERY

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**PLAY BALL:** Hoop Historian Fred Allman (center) visits with Friends of the Hoop Historians Ron & Sue Ritter for Spring Training Baseball in Arizona.



**TOURNEY TIME:** Larry Baker and John Genova attend the First and Second Round NCAA Tournament games in Milwaukee.





**WELCOME BACK CHAMPS:** Congrats to the 1995 National Championship UCLA Team as they celebrate their reunion at Pauley Pavilion. Hoop Historians Jim Harrick and Doug Erickson were part of that title-winning squad.



**BIRTHDAY BOY:** Hoop Historian Vern Vegso (right) celebrates his birthday at work with Referee Michael Land at Moorpark College where Vern is the basketball game manager. You got to love that Hoop Historian baseball cap!



**GO TEAM GO:** Larry Baker is in Ann Arbor to see his beloved Wolverines play Rutgers in Big Ten action.



**OUT ON THE BLUEGRASS:** Joe Spagnolo and Al Sack saw the first weekend of NCAA Tournament games at Rupp Arena in Lexington, Kentucky.



**KEEPING SCORE:** Gordon Welch takes time out from his Official Scorer's duties at the American Athletic Conference Tournament in Fort Worth.



**MIDWEST ENCOUNTER:** Doug Erickson and Brian Burmeister meet up before the UCLA-Purdue game in West Lafayette.

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**APRIL 5 & 7, 2025**



**TITLE TOWN:** It was another great weekend in Connecticut for Dave Fray and his grandson. Their undefeated Shepaug boys' basketball team won the division 5 state championship this month. That makes three state titles for the school this year: Boys Soccer, Girls Field Hockey, Boys Basketball.



**THEY'RE INTO SOMETHING GOOD:** Larry Baker and Adrian Collins are at the Herman Hermits Concert in Waukegan, Illinois.



**TOGETHER AGAIN:** Joe Spagnolo (right) is with his former athlete Nate Marshall, whose son played against Spagnolo's Hinsdale Central team earlier this year. Nate's son is a five-star football recruit going to Michigan. Spagnolo's Red Devils team set a school record on the hardwood this season with 25 consecutive victories.