



HOOP HISTORIAN OFFICIATES SPECIAL OLYMPICS FINALS

Hoop Historian Jim French refereed the state finals of the Special Olympics earlier this month at the University of Illinois. The Special Olympics games ran concurrently to the boys high school state finals. Special Olympics officials donate their time and effort to give back to the organization on an annual basis. Congratulations Jim!



Hoop Historian Jim French (right) with officiating partners Mark Deresinski and Mike Babicz at the Special Olympics state finals.



The **Hoop Historians Annual Business Meeting**, will be held on **Sunday, April 5 at 11:00 am** at the Hampton Inn Downtown, 105 S. Meridian Street in Indianapolis.

HOOP HISTORIANS FINAL FOUR WEEK ITINERARY

Wednesday, April 1

7:00 pm – Early Arrivals Dinner – Yard House

Thursday, April 2

11:00 am – 7:00 pm – NABC Registration – Indiana Convention Center – Hall A-B

1:00 pm – 7:00 pm – NABC Marketplace – Indiana Convention Center – Hall A-B

3:30 pm – 4:00 pm – Craig Robinson NABC Q&A – Indiana Convention Center

4:00 pm – 5:00 pm – NABC Marketplace Afternoon Break – Indiana Convention Center – Hall A-B

5:00 pm – 6:00 pm – NABC Opening Keynote – Indiana Convention Center – Hall A-B Center Court

7:00 pm – NIT Semi-Finals – Hinkle Fieldhouse

Friday, April 3

8:00 am – 5:00 pm – NABC Registration – Indiana Convention Center – Hall A-B

9:00 am – Hoop Historians Executive Board Breakfast – Hampton Inn Downtown

10:00 am – 5:00 pm – NABC Marketplace – Indiana Convention Center – Hall A-B

11:00 am – 3:00 pm – Final Four Team Practices – Lucas Oil Stadium

12:00 pm – 6:00 pm – Final Four Fan Fest – Indiana Convention Center

3:30 pm – NABC Reese's College All-Star Game – Lucas Oil Stadium

4:30 pm – 10:00 pm – March Madness Music Festival AT&T Block Party – American Legion Mall

5:00 pm – 6:30 pm – NABC Welcome Reception – Indiana Convention Center

8:00 pm – Hoop Historians Social Get Together – Hampton Inn Downtown – Second Floor

Saturday, April 4

9:00 am – 1:00 pm – NABC Marketplace – Indiana Convention Center – Hall A-B

9:30 am – 11:00 am – NABC Alumni Breakfast – Indiana Convention Center

10:00 am – 6:00 pm – Final Four Fan Fest – Indiana Convention Center

3:30 pm – 10:00 pm – March Madness Music Festival – Coca-Live Event American Legion Mall

6:09 pm – National Semifinal Games – Lucas Oil Stadium

11:00 pm – Hoop Historians Post-Game Social Get Together – Hampton Inn Downtown – Second Floor

Sunday, April 5

11:00 am – Hoop Historian Business Meeting – Hampton Inn Downtown

12:00 pm – 6:00 pm – Final Four Fan Fest – Indiana Convention Center

1:00 pm – NCAA Division II Championship Game – Gainbridge Fieldhouse

2:00 pm – 10:00 pm – March Madness Music Festival Capital One JamFest – American Legion Mall

4:30 pm – NCAA Division III Championship Game – Gainbridge Fieldhouse

8:00 pm – NIT Championship Game – Gainbridge Fieldhouse

10:00 pm – Hoop Historians Social Get Together – Hampton Inn Downtown – Second Floor

Monday, April 6

12:00 pm – 6:00 pm – Final Four Fan Fest – Indiana Convention Center

8:30 pm – National Championship Game – Lucas Oil Stadium

11:00 pm – Hoop Historians Post-Game Social Get Together – Hampton Inn Downtown – Second Floor

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



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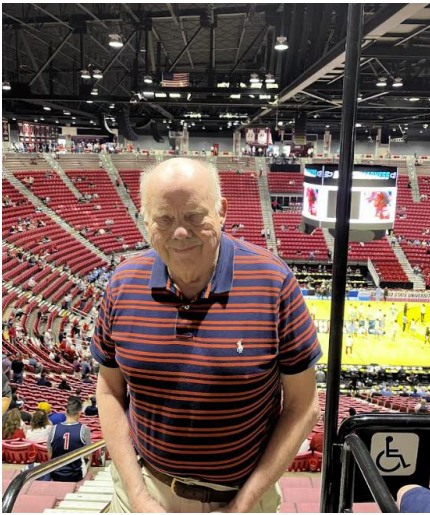
BIG EAST BASKETBALL: Watching Villanova and DePaul are Joe Lyons, Larry Baker, Jim Martin, John Genova, Michael Whiteside, Kevin McCann and Joe Spagnolo.



ON THE ROAD AGAIN: Hoop Historians Joe Spagnolo, Doug Erickson and Al Sack are at the Big Ten Tournament in Chicago.



GRIDIRON GATHERING: Hoop Historians Kevin McCann, Joe Lyons, John Genova and Larry Baker visit with Chicago Bears chairman George McCaskey (center) for a fundraiser for Maryville Academy.



ADDING TO THE TALLY: Hoop Historian Larry Baker was spotted at the Viejas Arena for the first weekend of March Madness. Baker has attended early round games of the NCAA Tournament every year since 2021. During that stretch his travels have taken him to Indianapolis, Dayton, Milwaukee, Chicago, Louisville, Detroit and now San Diego.



WORKING THE CROWD: Hoop Historians Larry Baker, Al Sack and Joe Spagnolo are with the latest new Friends of the Hoop Historians at the Big Ten Tournament.



YA HEY DER: Hoop Historians Adrian Collins and Larry Baker traveled to Milwaukee to see DePaul defeat Marquette.



HOOP SEXTET: Hoop Historians Joe Lyons, Larry Baker, Ted Reineking, Kevin McCann, Marty Makowski and Joe Makowski are at the Wintrust Arena.



CONGRATULATIONS: Honorary Hoop Historian Doug Erickson (middle) is with Joe Spagnolo and Al Sack in Philadelphia. Erickson was recognized for his 34 years of outstanding service working with the UCLA basketball men's basketball program.

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HOOP HISTORIANS BY THE NUMBERS

Entering the 2026 post-season

Most Final Fours Attended:

- 53 Brian Burmeister
- 51 John Mayberry
- 50 Al Sack
- 49 Guy Baldwin
- 49 Dennis Mishko
- 48 Larry Baker
- 46 Billy T. Haynes
- 45 John Tierney
- 43 Bren Petar
- 43 Bill Carlsey
- 41 Frank Wilson

Most NCAA Tournament Games:

- 304 Ted Reineking
- 264 Al Sack
- 252 Brian Burmeister
- 230 Dave DeGrace
- 226 Bruce Ziemer
- 222 John Mayberry
- 221 Joe Spagnolo
- 207 Larry Baker

The current 55 full members of the Hoop Historians have attended a collective 1109 Final Fours and that same group has been to exactly 4600 NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament games dating back to 1962.

**SEE YOU AT THE 2026
NCAA FINAL FOUR**



**APRIL 4 & 6
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