



FOUR NEW MEMBERS ADDED TO HOOP HISTORIANS

Zachary Bales, George Bianchi and William Geddes were elected to the Hoop Historians as full members at the Annual Business Meeting of the group during Final Four Week. Burel Ford was also chosen as an Honorary Member. The Hoop Historians now have 58 full members.



WELCOME TO THE CLUB: Floridians William Geddes and George Bianchi are part of the Hoop Historians Class of 2026.

SURFING WITH THE HOOP HISTORIANS

The basketball games may be over, but the memories of March Madness are only a click away on the Hoop Historians award winning website www.hoophistorians.com

Check out the pictures from every Final Four at the group's gallery at: www.hoophistorians.com/gallery.htm

You can learn everything you ever wanted to know about each Hoop Historian on their own page at: www.hoophistorians.com/members-home.htm

Every year has its own special moments and they are chronicled on the Replay Review pages at: www.hoophistorians.com/review-home.htm

And you can ace that next Hoop Historians History Quiz by visiting the organizational timeline pages at: www.hoophistorians.com/history.htm

HOOP HISTORIANS OFFICERS FOR 2026-2027 SELECTED

Three officers of the Hoop Historians were elected at the annual meeting in Indianapolis. Dennis Mishko and Tom Tallarito were chosen for two-year terms, and Ted Reineking was selected for a one-year term. They join Al Sack and Don MacKay as members of the Board Directors for the upcoming year.



VOTED IN: Dennis Mishko, Tom Tallarito and Ted Reineking were re-elected to the Hoop Historians Board of Directors.

LARRY BAKER CAPTURES HOOP HYSTERIA CONTEST

It was fitting that Michigan booster Larry Baker would win the Hoop Hysteria Contest, as the Wolverines captured their first NCAA title since 1989. Baker bested 48 other contestants in the sixth annual competition. Placing in this year's top ten were Tim Smith, Steve Newhouse, Don MacKay, Ted Reineking, Dave Fray, Jim French, Kelly Kelleher, Adrian Collins, Mike Gibbons and Rick Schabowski. The scoreboard can be found at: www.hoophistorians.com/scoreboard.htm



FIRST PLACE FINISH: Larry Baker (left) is ready to accept the trophy for winning this year's Hoop Hysteria Contest.

THAT'S A LOT OF BASKETBALL PAIR JOINS FIFTY YEAR CLUB

The current group of Hoop Historians have been to nearly a collective 1200 Final Fours. That might be impressive on its own, but the number that is most noteworthy is that five people from their all-time membership list have each attended the Final Four for fifty years. Two hoopsters joined that elite group this year and were recognized during Final Four Week. Dennis Mishko and Guy Baldwin both reached the plateau this month and joined Brian Burmeister, Al Sack and the late John Mayberry as Hoop Historians who have attended 50 Final Fours.



ABOVE: Dennis Mishko (left) receives his 50th Final Four plaque from Chairman of the Board Don MacKay and Board Member Al Sack. **BELOW:** Guy Baldwin (middle) is accompanied by two members of the half-century club.



The Hoop Historians have been an ambassador of the sport of basketball for several decades and continue to promote the game through education and goodwill