



BASKETBALL HALL OF FAMERS REUNITE AFTER 50 YEARS

Hoop Historian **John Mayberry** saw a familiar face in the audience at a recent basketball clinic he was speaking at this summer. It was none other than **Linda Sharp**, the former collegiate and professional womens' basketball coach. Other than both being Hall of Famers, Mayberry had a special connection to Sharp, as he was her high school counselor 50 years ago at John F. Kennedy High School in LaPalma, California. Sharp's coaching career spanned from elementary school, junior high, high school, college and the professional ranks. She was the head coach of the USC Lady Trojans, which won back-to-back NCAA titles in 1983 and 1984. And Sharp was the first-ever head coach of the WNBA's Los Angeles Sparks. The two recalled a story when Coach Mayberry once caught Sharp cutting class and he made her do push-ups.



ABOVE: Hall of Famers Linda Sharp (left) and John Mayberry (right) get caught up.

ROLAND HEMOND THROWS OUT FIRST PITCH AT FENWAY

Honorary Hoop Historian **Roland Hemond** threw out the first pitch at historic Fenway Park this month. He was recognized as the last Boston Braves employee to still be on an MLB payroll, as the 88-year old serves as a special assistant for the Diamondbacks. Hemond started in the Boston Braves in their minor league farm department in 1952.

HOOP HISTORIAN STREAK REACHES 60 YEARS

Hoop Historian **Ted Reineking** is a man of consistency. In July, Ted attended a Chicago Cubs game at Wrigley Field, marking the sixtieth straight year he has seen his beloved Cubbies play at the historic venue. That streak dates back all the way to the year 1959.



ABOVE: (Left to Right) Bob Stan, Ted Reineking and Fred Allman at Wrigley Field.

EUROPEAN VACATION

Hoop Historian **Brian Burmeister** and wife Linda recently went on a memorable trip to London and Paris. The couple was in London during the Royal Wedding. Among the sites visited were Stonehenge, Buckingham Palace, the Eiffel Tower, the Mona Lisa at The Louvre, Normandy and an American cemetery, where visitors take sand from Omaha Beach and fill in the names on the crosses to make them visible for photos.

HOOP HISTORIANS APPAREL ORDERS START IN OCTOBER

Just in time for the tip-off of the upcoming basketball season, Hoop Historians merchandise and apparel will be available for purchase in the Hoop Historians on-line store. The order window will be open from October 15-31. More information will be included in the next issue of the Hoop Historians News.



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ABOVE: Hoop Historian Bob Hutchings coached the U.S. Team in Barbados this past month as part of the Student Athlete World trip.

BELOW: Brian Burmeister's visit to Europe also was in the midst of a major sporting event, as the Tour de France was in full force.



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