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FUTURE FINAL 4 SITES NAMED

The NCAA has announced Final Four sites through 2011. San Antonio, host for this year's Final Four, will again be in the rotation as the choice in 2008. Detroit's Ford Field was selected for the 2009 campaign. Indianapolis will be the 2010 host, and Houston's Reliant Stadium will be the site of the 2011 Final Four. These cities join Saint Louis (2005) and Atlanta (2007) as future Final Four cities. Indianapolis has been the host of Final Fours in 1980, 1991, 1997, 2000 and is now scheduled to have the event again in 2006 and 2010. Unfortunate for partygoers, New Orleans was left off the list, but the Crescent City will have first and second round games in 2007 and 2008. Houston will be the Final Four's host in 2011, on the 40th anniversary of the city's first Final Four. The last time, the games were played in the Astrodome. This time, they will be played at Reliant Stadium. The NCAA also selected Ford Field, home of the NFL's Lions, for the 2009 Final Four even though no major non-football events have been held there since it opened last fall. Ford Field will host the Kentucky vs. Michigan State game on December 13, which will attempt to break the all-time attendance record. Make sure to pack your Hoop Historians jacket in your bag for the trip to Detroit! As we well know, it can get a little nippy in early April north of the Mason-Dixon line.

CONGRATS TO THE BENNETT FAMILY



Congratulations to Steve and Vashilla Bennett on the birth of their first child, Kyan Paul, who was born on June 9th at 8:17 AM weighing in at 8 lbs 2 oz and 20 1/2 inches in length. The threesome recently visited the Chicagoland area and took in their first Cub game in the friendly confines of Wrigley Field.

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IMPORTANT HOOP DATES FOR 2003-2004

Mark your calendar for the following blockbuster events for the 2003-2004 NCAA basketball season:

December 6 – 10th Annual John Wooden Classic: UCLA vs. Kentucky; Kansas vs. Stanford.

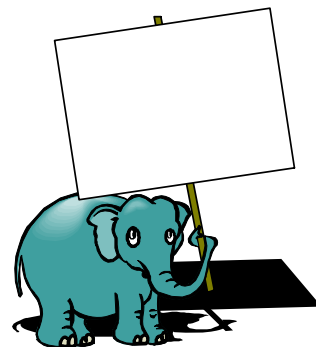
December 13 – Basket Bowl Kentucky vs. Michigan State at Detroit's Ford Field.

December 20 – Michigan State at UCLA: Pauley Pavilion floor will be named after John & Nell Wooden.

March 14 – Selection Sunday.

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