



HOOP HISTORIAN COACH KEEPS ON WINNING

Savanna High School is on a roll, recently winning its own Katella (CA) Classic for their second tournament title of the year, and raffled off 11 straight victories – including a recent 64-51 win against Orange League rival Century High – as the Rebels improved to an 18-2 record. Hoop Historian Steve Bennett is the head coach of Savanna High and recently had a contingent of fellow Hoop Historians attend their game. Continued success to the Rebels and Coach Steve Bennett! Be sure to check back to the Hoop Historians News for updates on the success of the Savanna basketball team.



Hoop Historians Al Sack, Savanna Coach Steve Bennett, John Mayberry and Hersh Cherson are on the Savanna bandwagon.

GIVE 'EM THE BOOT -- HISTORIAN NOT SLOWED

Get well wishes are in order for Ted Reineking, who is recovering from an Achilles' Heel injury, and is now wearing a walking boot cast. The injury has not sidelined the veteran basketball junkie as he still continues to work games at DePaul University and plans to attend his tenth straight NCAA first round tournament games this March in Dayton.



Ted Reineking sports his new look

ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL HOLIDAY TOURNAMENT



Record setting crowds attended this year's 45th Annual Proviso West Holiday Tournament in which Hoop Historian Joe Spagnolo returned to the position of Executive Tournament Director. This year's Christmas Classic had over 20,000 spectators over the four day event and was won by perennial power Saint Joseph High School. The tournament could be viewed over the internet on its website at www.pwhoops.com which had over 250,000 hits on the World Wide Web.

WANT TO BE A HOOP HISTORIAN?

Applications are now available on the official website of the Hoop Historians: www.hoophistorians.com/application.htm New members to the Hoop Historians may be approved at the Annual Meeting by a 75% affirmative vote of the eligible members present. For consideration to be a member, the nominee must have attended a minimum of three Final Fours and must have been a "Friend of the Hoop Historians" for at least one year. Check out the website for more info.



HOT STOVE LEAGUE BACK ON THE BURNER



As March Madness looms right around the corner, one of the Hoop Historians favorite pastimes also is not too far away – Baseball. The off-season got off on the right foot at the 60th Pitch & Hit Club Awards Evening in suburban Chicago this month. A number of the Midwest contingent Hoop Historians were in attendance for the annual gala. Among those being recognized was Friend of the Hoop Historians Charlie Hum, who was recognized for his 50th year with the organization. Hum, now retired from baseball as a scout, saw his first Cubs game in 1929 has been happily married for 65 years and has lived in the same house for 85 years! Now that's consistency.

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