



## EARLY ROUND SITES NAMED FOR FUTURE NCAA TOURNAMENTS

Twenty-four cities have been named to host first, second and regional round games of upcoming NCAA basketball tournaments in 2009 and 2010. Cities hosting first weekend action in 2009 include: Dayton, Greensboro, Kansas City, Miami, Minneapolis, Philadelphia, Portland and Spokane. 2009 Regionals will be played at: Boston, Glendale, Indianapolis and Memphis. Games at Cardinal Stadium at the Glendale, Arizona site open up the possibility of a future Final Four returning West of the Rocky Mountains for the first time since 1995, as sites interested in hosting the Final Four must host an earlier Regional. First and Second round games in 2010 will be played at: Boise, Buffalo, Jacksonville, Milwaukee, New Orleans, Oklahoma City, Providence and San Jose. Regionals for 2010 are slated for Houston, Saint Louis, Salt Lake City and Syracuse. A complete listing of all future NCAA Tournament dates and sites can be found on-line at: [www.hoophistorians.com/futuresites](http://www.hoophistorians.com/futuresites).

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Additional pictures from March Madness Campaign 2006 have been added to the Hoop Historians website. Photos with TV analysts Dick Vitale and Steve Lavin, college coaches, various celebrities and ones from the memorable Anaconda Great Alaskan Shootout party are now posted at: [www.hoophistorians.com/Madness2006.htm](http://www.hoophistorians.com/Madness2006.htm) Check it out today!

## HOOP HISTORIANS TREK ACROSS NORTH AMERICA



It has been a busy past few months following the Hoop Historians now that the basketball season is over. Pat Irvine took in an Alaskan cruise. Bruce Ziemer and wife Janice also went to the Last Frontier with family members including Janice's mother Miriam. The Ziemer's enjoyed the year's longest day in Fairbanks, with sunset at 12:34 a.m. and sunrise 2 hours and 24 minutes later! You had to have good thick drapes to get any sleep. Ted Reineking and wife Barb also cruised, visiting eastern Canadian capitol cities. John Mayberry continues coaching into his sixth decade working Camp Meadowlark across the country, with former Harlem Globetrotter star Meadowlark Lemon. Al and Nancy Sack have followed their son Darren pitching for the San Jose Giants. Darren has compiled a 3-0 win-loss record with a miniscule 0.53 earned run average. The Giants captured the first half title of the North Division of the California League.

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## LEGENDARY BIG MAN GEORGE MIKAN RECOGNIZED



The late George Mikan, voted as the NBA's greatest player of the first half of the century who revolutionized the big man in the game of basketball, was recently remembered with a life-sized statue which is located in his hometown of Joliet, Illinois on the appropriately named George Mikan Boulevard. The 6'10" Gentle Giant starred at DePaul University and became such a force inside that the NCAA instituted a goaltending rule in the mid-1940's. He was a three time college All-American and would later go on to lead the NBA in scoring from 1946-52. Mikan died in 2005. The dedication was attended by Bernie Skul, a former DePaul basketball player in addition to being a Joliet native – and long-time Friend of the Hoop Historians