



HOOP HISTORIANS NEWS

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REBELS WINNING WAYS

Defense wins championships, and the Hoop Historians' favorite high school team, Steve Bennett's Savanna Rebels, are off to a perfect start in the Orange County (CA) League. The Rebels (7-0, 15-6) have held two league opponents under 32 points -- that's less than one point per minute -- on two different occasions. A good nucleus of teammates from last year's shared conference championship team return for this year season. Along with an outstanding defensive corps, the team boasts five players with grade point averages of 3.8 or above. Another Hoop Historian, John Mayberry recently attended a Savanna practice. Mayberry (a Kennedy High School Hall of Famer) ranks the Rebels as his second favorite high school behind his own, as both of Mayberry's daughters graduated from Savanna.



Coach Mayberry visits with Steve Bennett and son recently at Savanna High School.

EXTRA SOCIAL EVENTS PLANNED FOR FINALS

A series of Hoop Historians sponsored events are being planned for the Final Four week's activities this year in Atlanta. Along with the annual meeting -- tentatively scheduled for the evening of Thursday, March 29, pre-and post-game events for both the semi-finals and championship games will be announced in February. Along with its commitment to the promotion of education and goodwill of the game of basketball, The Hoop Historians will have a busy week of events in many venues throughout the greater Atlanta area. More information on upcoming activities will be in the February edition of the Hoop Historians News.

HOOP HISTORIANS MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Calling all Friends of the Hoop Historians. February has been designated as its membership drive month. Interested parties can apply on-line through the group's website at: <http://www.hoophistorians.com/application.htm>. 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. New members to the Hoop Historians may be approved at the Annual Meeting by a 75% affirmative vote of the eligible members present. Going into the 2006-07 campaign, the [sixteen person membership](#) of the Hoop Historians has amassed a total of 350 Final Fours between them -- that's almost 22 years per person! And they have totaled an amazing 1685 NCAA Tournament games to date.

ORDER YOUR HOOP HISTORIANS MERCHANDISE



New Hoop Historians apparel will soon be available for ordering on the organization's official website at: www.hoophistorians.com/merchandise.htm. Along with its popular polo and button down shirts, which debuted last year with the new Hoop Historians logo, outerwear will be available -- including a traditional coaches jacket, a three season jacket and the first ever issue of bucket hats. These new items should be available on the website around February 15. Remember, the 2009 Final Four in Detroit is right around corner and if you remember the snow flurries from Minneapolis, you'll want to dress in comfort for the Motor City. Visit the website and order yours for the post-season!

NEW FEATURE: PEOPLE & PLACES

During the month of January, the Hoop Historians have been spotted in numerous locations throughout the country. Since all of them can't be included as separate stories in the Hoop Historians News, they deserve note. From time to time, the Hoop Historians News will publish the travels of its members in the People & Places section. So here we go for the first month of the New Year:

- * **Dorothy and Surl Kim** attended yet another Rose Bowl in Pasadena -- and another Trojan victory to boot!
- * **Bill Carsley** and **Marianne Parrillo** attended the Cubs Convention and the NFC Championship Game playoff during the Bears Super Bowl run.
- * **Brian Burmeister** and **Joe Spagnolo** sat in third row half court seats for the Ohio State-Wisconsin tilt in Madison.
- * **Ted Reineking** and Joe Spagnolo can be seen on the national ESPN telecasts from the scorer's table working the DePaul home games.
- * **Bruce Ziemer**, **Fred Allman**, Burmeister, Ted Reineking, Joe Spagnolo attended the 61st Annual Pitch & Hit Club Awards Dinner.

Send information on your travels to hoophistorians@hotmail.com to be included in the next People & Places.

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