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HOOP HISTORIANS SELECT FAVORITES

The first Hoop Historians survey results have been tabulated and here are the winners. The survey is not scientific and the results will make for good roundtable discussion at this year's Final Four. Have fun and hope your favorites made the list.

BEST ALL-TIME TEAM



1967-68 UCLA

If John Wooden said this was his best team, how could you go wrong with this pick? The Bruins beat Houston in the semis by 32 points and won title game by 23 points over UNC. Others include 1976 Indiana; 1990 UNLV; 1967 UCLA; and 1972 UCLA.

BEST ALL-TIME PLAYER

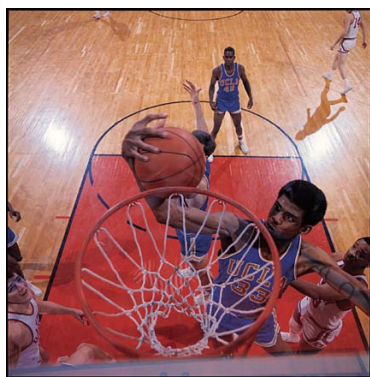
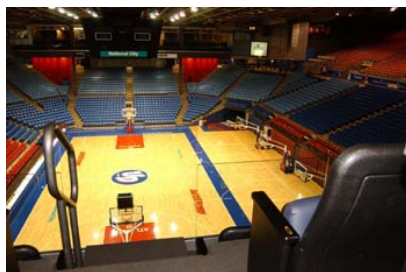


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Lew Alcindor, UCLA

The all-time UCLA center led the Bruins to 88-2 record and three National Championships. The rest of the Hoop Historians all-time starting five: Bill Walton, Larry Bird, Oscar Robertson and Pete Maravich. No problem scoring with this group.

BEST GAME ARENA



University of Dayton Arena

History and a rustic setting give this 1969 building a special aura. The permanent NCAA play-in game host, UD Arena is better known to have hosted 16 of the last 33 NCAA Tournaments. A total of 26 different venues were nominated including McNichols Arena in Denver and Rupp Arena in Lexington. Honorable mentions include Bruce Ziemer's TV room and the fourth row baseline seats at Northwestern – arguably the best in the Big Ten

BEST BIG GAME COACH



John Wooden, UCLA

Near unanimous choice. Ten National Titles are enough reason to go along with a lifetime 885-203 record. Others include Duke's Mike Krzyzewski, Bob Knight and Jim Valvano. Honorable mention votes go to Dean Smith and Keystone College's own Dennis Mishko!

BEST FINAL FOUR CITY



San Antonio, TX

Sun, fun, southern hospitality, history and the world famous Riverwalk make the Alamo city the top pick. Other Final Four city favorites include New Orleans, Indianapolis, Seattle and San Diego.

MOST MEMORABLE GAME



Villanova-Georgetown, 1985

Others: NC State-Houston 1983; North Carolina-Michigan 1993 and non-title game Loyola Marymount-Michigan in 1990. How did the 1992 Duke-Kentucky Regional Final not make the final cut?

2004 FINAL FOUR PICKS



The Hoop Historians dream Final Four in 2004 would be **UConn, Duke, Stanford and Louisville**. Unbeaten (at press time) Saint Joseph's received not a single vote from our Hoop Historians panel of experts.