



HOOP HISTORIANS NEWS

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HOOP HISTORIANS BIRTHDAY BASH AT MILLER PARK



Summer got in full swing as six Hoop Historians attended the annual **Dave DeGrace** Birthday Tailgate outside the Milwaukee Brewers' Miller Park. Joining DeGrace, at what is beaming an annual event, were Hoop Historians **Gary DePerry, Ted Reineking, Joe Spagnolo, John Tierney** and host **Rick Schabowski** helped DeGrace celebrate. The group was again recognized on the centerfield Jumbotron during the second inning.



ABOVE: Hoop Historians and Friends of the Hoop Historians celebrate the annual birthday tailgate for Dave DeGrace.

ANNUAL RACETRACK EVENT SLATED FOR AUGUST 10

The Hoop Historians "Day At The Races" will be held on **Sunday, August 10** at the Arlington International Racecourse in suburban Chicago. The event has been held every year since 2008. For tickets or more information, contact **Ted Reineking** at tedrsports@aol.com.



CAN'T BE AT THE WORLD CUP? NO PROBLEM FOR THE HOOP HISTORIANS BIGGEST FAN

Soccer's biggest event wasn't going to be missed by the Hoop Historians biggest international football fan. **Bruce Ziemer** has been glued in front on the television set for the past month catching all of the action in this year's World Cup. As a matter of fact, through the first 44 games of the tournament, Ziemer has watched 40 games from start to finish. Reports even have him singing the German National Anthem to honor his homeland. Those that know Bruce see this as no surprise as he has been a long time Major League Soccer season ticket holder dating back to an event he attended, the 1981 Soccer Bowl championship in Toronto's Exhibition Stadium.



FIFA WORLD CUP Brasil

HISTORIANS GIVE THUMBS UP TO HISTORY EXPERIENCE

The Big Ten Experience, an interactive digital museum located at the Big Ten Conference's new headquarters in Rosemont, Illinois, received high reviews from some Hoop Historians that attended the initial month's opening. The new museum brings the conference's storied academic and athletic history to life and places it at fans' fingertips with interactive exhibits showcasing conference notables dating back to 1896, the year that the conference was founded. Admission is free.



PICTURE GALLERY



ABOVE: Hoop Historian Steve Bennett's sons take in a game at the San Diego Padres' Petco Park.

15 YEAR ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION UNDER WAY



All the way through the next Final Four, the Hoop Historians will be celebrating their 15th Anniversary. The group officially formed in 2000. A limited edition of Hoop Historians trading cards is making its way across the membership and a number of other special mailings are expected throughout the next several months. Happy Anniversary!

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APRIL 4 & 6