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JIM MARTIN INDUCTED INTO SOFTBALL HALL OF FAME

Hoop Historian **Jim Martin** was inducted into the Chicago 16-inch Softball Hall of Fame last month. Martin was recognized as a player from the 1964-1979 era. Jim had a long career as an outfielder, starting in an 18-and-under league a continuing to play the sport though his years on the 60-and-over team. Martin excelled as both an



individual and a team player, as he received multiple All-American honors and his teams had a remarkable four year stretch by winning back-to-back National Championships in 1977 and 1978 and finishing as national runners-up in 1979 and 1980. A biography of Jim can be found on the Softball Hall of Fame website at: <http://16inchsoftballhof.com/inductees/1964-1979-era/#m>. Martin is one of many Hoop Historians who have gone on to gain Hall of Fame recognition through an accredited association. To read more about some of those Hall of Fame history makers, go to our website at: www.hoophistorians.com/famers.htm



ABOVE: Jim Martin (middle) poses with Hoop Historians and Friends of the Hoop Historians at last month's induction ceremony at the 16-inch Softball Hall of Fame.

ANOTHER SOUTHEAST CONFERENCE EXPERIENCE

If you are not from the southeast portion of the country, you probably pay attention to the Southeastern Conference only during college football season.



Despite being many miles away, Chicagoans **Walt and Cathy Cohen** manage to live it throughout the year. Every year the couple schedules an SEC football weekend in attempting to go to every venue in the heart of college football's dominance. Their most recent trip saw them attending a baseball trip to the University of Alabama and Mississippi State University. The Cohen's alliance to the number three ranked Mississippi State baseball team may continue if the Bulldogs make it to the College World Series this year, as a trip to Omaha is hopeful. If you haven't figured it out, Walt has a passion for sports, as between the college football and baseball seasons he provides courtside basketball statistics for various Midwest universities. And the couple can't wait for the start of the college football season in the fall -- as Alabama hosts USC and Notre Dame travels to Texas on back to back dates during Labor Day weekend -- as they already have those days circled on their calendar. More on the Cohens' baseball trip can be found in this local article: <https://hailstatebeat.wordpress.com/2016/03/28/chicagoans-find-unexpected-home-in-msus-left-field-lounge/>



ABOVE: Cathy and Walt Cohen would agree, no trip to Alabama would be complete without a tour of the Crimson Tide Football Locker Room.

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First Four -- March 14 & March 15:
 University of Dayton Arena -- Dayton, Ohio
 Second / Third Round Games -- March 16 & 18:
 First Niagara Center -- Buffalo, New York
 BMO Harris Bradley Center -- Milwaukee, WI
 Amway Center -- Orlando, Florida
 Energy Solutions Arena -- Salt Lake City, Utah
 Second / Third Round Games -- March 17 & 19:
 Greensboro Coliseum -- Greensboro, NC
 Bankers Life Fieldhouse -- Indianapolis, Indiana
 BOK Center -- Tulsa, Oklahoma
 Entertainment & Sports Center--Sacramento, CA
 Regionals -- Thursday, March 23 & 25:
 Sprint Center -- Kansas City, Missouri
 SAP Center -- San Jose, California
 Regionals -- Friday, March 24 & 26:
 FedEx Forum -- Memphis, Tennessee
 Madison Square Garden -- New York, New York
 Final Four -- April 1 & 3:
 University of Phoenix Stadium -- Glendale, AZ



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