



HOOP HISTORIANS NEWS

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MISTER SACK GOES (BACK) TO WASHINGTON

Here's a story that sounds like the basis for a Frank Capra film. Hoop Historian **Al Sack** attended the U.S. Capitol Page Alumni Association Homecoming in Washington DC in late May. Al was a Page in the U.S. House of Representatives in July 1965 and was on the House floor the night they passed the Voting Rights Act of 1965. More information on the Capitol Hill Page Program can be found at: www.capitolpagealumni.org. During his visit to Washington, Al had the opportunity to drop by Sirius-XM Radio studios and meet radio personality **Phlash Phelps**. Phlash broadcasts on Sirius XM **60's on 6** weekdays from 6 AM to 1 PM Eastern time. According to the SiriusXM Website, "Phlash worked for 17 radio stations all across the nation prior to joining SiriusXM. Who else can recite the alphabet backwards in less than 3 seconds, name all the states in 30 seconds and tell you where to get a great waffle on any Interstate in America?"



ABOVE: Hoop Historian Al Sack (left) visits with Sirius XM Radio's Phlash Phelps in Washington, DC

A COMPLETE STARTING FIVE

Congratulations to Hoop Historian **Darren Sack** and wife Loren on the birth of their fifth child last month.

CRASH ONLY A SETBACK FOR HOOP HISTORIAN

Hoop Historian **Steve Bennett** has already had a whirlwind summer, recovering from a serious automobile accident last month in California. He and son Ari, are back on the mend and looking forward to the remainder of the summer. Steve's two sons and wife Vashilla recently visited Chicago and took in a Cubs victory in Wrigley Field.



ABOVE: Steve Bennett's automobile didn't make it through the summer.
BELOW: The Bennet family cheering on the Cubs in Wrigley Field.



TURN BACK THE CLOCK: 1980 FINAL FOUR



Go to the 4-minute mark of this YouTube video from 1980 to see if you can identify which Hoop Historians attended the title game in Market Square Arena: www.youtube.com/watch?v=tAedMTg1ApQ

CONGRATULATIONS TO A COACHING LEGEND

Friend of the Hoop Historians **Tom Desotell** recently retired from coaching after 39 years at Sheboygan North High School in Wisconsin. The gym at the school has been named in his honor. Tom led the Raiders to seven WIAA state tournament appearances, including a state championship in 1986. He currently ranks third in high school state history for total wins with 646 victories. Congratulations Coach Tom on an outstanding career!



HISTORIAN TAKES HIS GAME INTERNATIONAL

Congratulations to Hoop Historian **Bob Hutchings**, who coached the Under 19 Boys USA Team to a second place finish last month at the United World Games in Austria. More information on the event can be found at:



<http://studentathleteworldtours.com/tours/2016-united-world-games/>

<http://unitedworldgames.com/en/tournament/results/?sport=Basketball&id=66>

<https://bigstufilms.smugmug.com/Events/United-World-Games-2016/>

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