



AND THE STREAK GOES ON

Hoop Historian **Dave DeGrace** is predictable – at least during the start of each Major League baseball season. DeGrace has extended his streak to 51 consecutive years watching the Milwaukee Brewers home opener – without a miss. The Brewers moved to Milwaukee in 1970 and DeGrace has been at every one of their home openers either as a fan, media member or team employee. Dave currently works as the scoreboard operator at Miller Park and was one of a lucky few who got to see this year's opener.



PLAY BALL: Hoop Historian Dave DeGrace has been at every home opener in Milwaukee Brewers history.

SPEAKING OF STREAKING

Hoop Historian Executive Director **Joe Spagnolo** just completed a streak of 500 consecutive days of



walking at least 10,000 steps every day dating back to May of 2019. During

the 500 days, Spagnolo walked just over six million steps, which equaled the distance from going to Portland, Oregon to Portland, Maine – around 3,200 miles.

HOOP HISTORIAN ATTENDS ANOTHER OPENING DAY



Although he couldn't attend the Opening Day of the baseball season, Hoop Historian **Brian Burmeister** made it to the opening day of the Wahlburgers burger chain's first entry into suburban Chicago. The restaurant, which is owned by New Kids on the Block member and actor **Donnie Wahlberg**, has just over 30 establishments across the country. Brian got to visit with Donnie on the opening day of the restaurant in Saint Charles, Illinois.



EAT UP: Hoop Historian Brian Burmeister (left) with Donnie Wahlberg on the opening day of Wahlberg's restaurant in suburban Chicago.

REMEMBERING A BASEBALL HALL OF FAME LEGEND

This past month Major League Baseball Hall of Famer **Tom Seaver** passed away. "Tom Terrific" pitched 20 years in the majors and won 311 games. Hoop Historian **Brian Burmeister** got the chance to visit with Seaver upon his arrival to the Chicago White Sox in 1984 while he was being interviewed by TV sportscaster **Tim Weigel**, who was friends with Burmeister during high school. As a teen, Brian carried out groceries for Weigel and his mother at the local A & P store in Libertyville, Illinois.



A LOOK BACK: Hoop Historian Brian Burmeister poses with Hall of Fame pitcher Tom Seaver in 1984. This picture was taken by Honorary Hoop Historian Roland Hemond, who was the White Sox General Manager at that time.



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For Whom The Bell Tolls. Hoop Historian Chairman **Ted Reineking** appears even more scholarly as of late, donning the distinguished Ernest Hemingway facial hair look this summer.



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