



# HOOP HISTORIANS NEWS

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## ENTER THE HOOP HISTORIANS MARCH MADNESS CONTEST

The Hoop Historians will sponsor the fourth annual **Hoop Hysteria** pool this March. Contestants will select their Final Four teams,



National Champion, and rank their top five conferences (in order) by who will get the most wins in the NCAA tournament. The contest is easy, simple and every game becomes meaningful. No more brackets getting busted after the first two days! Along with your Final Four teams and champion, points will be awarded for each conference teams' wins based on a weighted point system, as your first conference selection will be worth more than the others; and the later rounds will accrue more points than the earlier rounds. The contest is open to anyone that enjoys following the Hoop Historians. A prize will be awarded to the entry that scores the most points. Past winners include Steve Traktman (2021), Joe Lyons (2022), and Vern Vegso (2023). Official rules can be found on the Hoop Historians website at: [www.hoophistorians.com/hoop-hysteria.htm](http://www.hoophistorians.com/hoop-hysteria.htm) Entries must be received between the release of the tournament bracket on March 17 and the tip-off of the first games on Thursday, March 21, 2024. Good Luck!

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## HOOP HISTORIANS FINAL FOUR EVENT REMINDERS

The Hoop Historians **Get Together Dinner** will be held on **Thursday, April 4 at 7:00 pm** at **Harry's Place Restaurant**, located in the Tempe Mission Palms Hotel, 60 E Fifth Street in Tempe, Also mark your calendar for the **Hoop Historians Annual Business Meeting**, which will meet on **Sunday, April 7 at 11:00 am** at the **Tempe Mission Palms Hotel**.



## HOOP HISTORIANS PHOTO GALLERY

Send your pictures to: [hoophistorians@hotmail.com](mailto:hoophistorians@hotmail.com)



**HIGH HONOR:** Hoop Historians Kevin McCann, Larry Baker and Joe Lyons pose with DePaul legend Terry Cummings, whose jersey was retired in a ceremony before a Blue Demons game. Cummings hooped at the school from 1979 to 1982 and played 18 years in the NBA.



**ON WISCONSIN:** Hoop Historian Brian Burmeister (middle) takes time out to mug for the camera with the Schulz brothers at the Kohl Center in Madison to see the Badgers and Fighting Illini play in Big Ten action.



**HIGH SCHOOL HOOPS:** Hoop Historians Kevin McCann, Larry Baker, Mike Gibbons, John Genova, Joe Lyons and Friend of the Hoop Historians Charlie McCann are at St. Patrick High School in Chicago, after the home team won the state regional championship. Hoop Historian Mike Bailey is the head coach of the Shamrocks.



**A WAVE FROM CALI:** Hoop Historian Vern Vegso (right) visits with Pepperdine head coach Lorenzo Romar (center) and Raul from Moorpark College, before the Waves game against Saint Mary's. Raul is a member of the Game Management Team at Moorpark.

## 2024 FINAL FOUR: HOOP IT UP!



**APRIL 6 & 8, 2024**