



# HOOP HISTORIANS NEWS

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## SAVE THE DATE: AUGUST 21 HOOP HISTORIANS MIDWEST SOCIAL EVENT



Mark your calendars for **Thursday, August 21** for the annual **Hoop Historians Midwest Social Event**. This

year's get-together will be held again at **Jim & Pete's, 7806 W. North Avenue, in Elmwood Park, Illinois**. The event will run for two hours from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Complimentary beer, soft drinks and pizza will be provided. We also plan to have some Hoop Historians Jeopardy games that evening. Come visit with our fellow Hoop Historians and Friends of the Hoop Historians at our annual fun-filled event.

## NEGOTIATIONS CONTINUE BETWEEN NCAA & NABC

A recent communication from the National Association of Basketball Coaches reported encouraging progress with their ongoing negotiations with the NCAA that would keep the NABC Convention operating alongside the Final Four in 2026 and beyond. The Hoop Historians have attended numerous NABC-sponsored events during Final Four Week over the past years. As soon as additional information is known regarding the future for those events, that information will be passed on to our membership.

**NABC MEMBERS:** You can still renew your 2025-26 membership with the National Association of Basketball Coaches on their website at [www.nabc.com](http://www.nabc.com)



## HOOP HISTORIANS PHOTO GALLERY

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*Hoop Historian Hersh Cherson with wife Grace, daughter Lori Griffin, and her husband Mathew Griffin in Tokyo at the Sumo Wrestling Show.*



*Hoop Historians Kevin McCann, Ted Reineking and Larry Baker are all smiles at the Schaumburg Boomers baseball game.*

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*Hoop Historian Joe Spagnolo (right) with Randy Wilson, Raul Zaldivar and Ron Ritter take time out to pose with the Pope Leo XIV mural at Chicago's Rate Field. The future pontiff attended Game One of the 2005 World Series at this ballpark and was pictured on the TV broadcast.*



*Hoop Historians Ted Reineking and Mike Gibbons are showing off their vintage Final Four shirts.*

## 2026 NCAA FINAL FOUR



APRIL 4 & 6