



# HOOP HISTORIANS NEWS

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## HOOP HISTORIANS MIDWEST SOCIAL EVENT AUGUST 26

Calling all Hoop Historians and Friends of the Hoop Historians. Mark your calendar for the fourth annual Hoop Historians Midwest Social Event which is scheduled for **Wednesday, August 26** at **Jim & Pete's, 7806 W. North Avenue in Elmwood Park, Illinois**. The event will begin at 6:00 pm and will run for two hours and will include complimentary pizza, drinks, trivia and fellowship with our basketball friends. More information on the event can be found on the Hoop Historians website at: [www.hoophistorians.com/midwest-social-2026.pdf](http://www.hoophistorians.com/midwest-social-2026.pdf). A West Coast Social Event will be held in October in Southern California.

## HOOP HISTORIANS ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSIONS ON ZOOM START UP IN SEPTEMBER



Save the below dates for the upcoming Hoop Historians Roundtable Discussions on Zoom.

The monthly conference call discusses pertinent issues within the college basketball landscape, as well as giving our members and friends of the group an opportunity to reconnect. Zoom Calls will be held on selected Sundays at 7:00 pm Eastern / 4:00 pm Pacific.

## HOOP HISTORIANS ZOOM ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSIONS

**Sunday, September 6**  
**Sunday, October 4**  
**Sunday, November 8**  
**Sunday, December 13**  
**Sunday, January 10**  
**Sunday, February 7**  
**Sunday, March 7**

## HOOP HISTORIAN GOES FOR THE GOLD

Hoop Historian **Joe Klebon** has just completed his 25th year as a member of the Duke University Men's Basketball Camp Staff. His team, comprised of players from the United States and Europe, went undefeated capturing the overall team championship. Congrats Coach Klebon.



**ABOVE:** Duke basketball coach Jon Scheyer is with Hoop Historian Joe Klebon. **BELOW:** Coach Klebon's championship team poses for a picture at the Duke Basketball Camp.



## MARCH MADNESS EXPANDING TO WICHITA

The NCAA Tournament will expand to 76 teams in 2027 and will feature a 12-game Opening Round on Tuesday, March 16 and Wednesday, March 17 with games being played in Dayton and Wichita. The 12 lowest-seeded automatic qualifiers and 12 lowest-seeded at-large teams will play in this round with the winners advancing to the main 64-team bracket.

## HOOP HISTORIANS PARTICIPATE IN HOOP HISTORY SUMMIT

Members of the Hoop Historians joined forces with other basketball historians throughout the state of Illinois to participate in a Historian Summit to work on the first draft of the Eras of Basketball project that will become the foundation for the Basketball Museum of Illinois, which is scheduled to open in 2027. Hoop Historian **Larry Baker**, Honorary Hoop Historian **Dennis Bracco**, friend of the Hoop Historians **John Marino**, and Hoop Historian Executive Director **Joe Spagnolo** worked on the project this past month.



**ABOVE:** Hoop Historians are with Illinois Basketball Coaches Hall of Famer Bruce Firschau (left) and Museum Executive Director Dr. Jason Ronai (right).



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