



ALOHA – HOOP HISTORIANS INVADE HAWAII



As the University of Southern California attempts to become the first college football team to ever win three successive National Championships, the California contingent of the Hoop Historians is there every step of the way, including by attending the season opener at Aloha Stadium against the University of Hawaii. USC defeated the host school 63-17.

HURLER DARREN SACK COMPLETES FULL SEASON



The Hoop Historians favorite Minor Leaguer, Darren Sack, completed play with the Augusta Green Jackets. The six-foot, four-inch right handed pitcher finished with an 8-7 record in 25 starts in helping his team to a second place finish in the Southern Division of the South Atlantic League. Darren led the team in complete games and shutouts and had an impressive 114-38 strikeout-to-walk ratio. Sack pitched at Sonoma State University from 2002-2004 and was drafted by the San Francisco Giants in the 11th round of the Major League Draft.

JOE SPAGNOLO NAMED TO TOURNAMENT POST



Returning to a position that he occupied for nineteen years during the 1980's and 1990's, Hoop Historian Joe Spagnolo has been named as the Executive Director of the Proviso West Holiday Tournament, which runs over the Christmas holidays. The event, which is widely renown as one of the best in the entire nation of its kind has produced 24 professional basketball players and 11 Illinois state championship teams since its inception in 1961. Spagnolo was named to the 40 Most Influential All-Time All-Tournament Team in 2000 which included tournament legends Isiah Thomas, Kevin Garnett, Doc Rivers and Mark Aguirre.

GET READY FOR HOOP HISTORIANS MERCHANDISE

Hoop Historians

Just in time for the Christmas holidays the Hoop Historians will have apparel for purchase on www.hoophistorians.com. Watch for more details in future editions of the Hoop Historians News.

NEW FOR 2005 -- FOLLOW YOUR FAVORITE TEAM ON HOOPHISTORIANS.COM

Planned to be released just prior to the start of the college basketball season, the official website of the Hoop Historians, www.hoophistorians.com, will feature an interactive section that will have team pages of the Hoop Historians membership and the Friends of the Hoop Historians favorite basketball teams from around the country. Additional information on this new internet enhancement can be found on the website and the November edition of the Hoop Historians News.



IMPORTANT HOOP DATES

October 14 – Midnight Madness**November 8 – Season Starts****March 12 – Selection Sunday****April 1, 3 – Final Four Weekend**

THE RACE TO INDIANAPOLIS

**APRIL 1-3, 2006**