



HOOP HISTORIAN MEETS PRO FOOTBALL LEGEND

Brian Burmeister went on a whirlwind sports tour of the Midwest's legendary venues with friend Russ Ewald as the two visited Green Bay's Lambeau Field, Camp Randall at the University of Wisconsin and Wrigley Field in Chicago all in a single weekend. The trip started at the Friendly Confines to see the Cubs beat the Pirates 13-8 on Friday, then it was off to Wisconsin for the Badgers 17-13 victory over Iowa on Saturday Night, and finishing things off on Sunday with a 31-24 Packers win over the San Diego Chargers. Ewald, a Cubs, Badgers and Packers fan was elated after three wins in three days. A special treat was the meeting of Super Bowl I MVP Max McGee, who they met outside the stadium. McGee took time to visit with the pair discussing the early days of the NFL including the Commissioner lecturing players to not depend on their football career to provide for a livelihood. McGee passed away one month later. Burmeister continued his trip to West Coast sports sites two weeks later in California seeing the Angeles and UCLA Bruins. Both teams had dreadful performances on the field as the Angels bowed out of the playoffs with a 9-1 loss and UCLA was upended 20-3 by Notre Dame -- but the weekend wasn't a total loss as Burmeister got to visit with John Wooden. Brian reports that the Coach just turned 97 and still has his mental skills as sharp as ever.



Russ Ewald, Max McGee and Brian Burmeister visit outside Lambeau Field in September

FRIEND, HISTORIAN MAKES SCHOOL DONATIONS



Former DePaul basketball standouts and Friends of the Hoop Historians Bernie Skul (left) and Jim Flemming (middle right) pose with Hoop Historians Ted Reineking and Joe Spagnolo at DePaul University

Jim Flemming, a 1961 graduate of DePaul University and a member of the school's athletic Hall of Fame, and Friend of the Hoop Historians, made a generous donation to his alma mater from proceeds raised from his annual summer golf tournament. And in a related gift, the trophy case in DePaul's Sullivan Athletic Center was also from a major donation from Hoop Historian Bill Carsley who received his bachelors, masters and law degree all from that university. Way to go Jim and Bill on giving back to your alma mater!

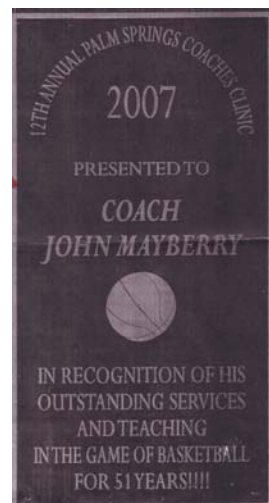
DARREN SACK NO LONGER AN ELIGIBLE BACHELOR

Congratulations to the Hoop Historians favorite professional baseball player, Darren Sack, who was married in early October. The 6-foot, 4-inch right handed hurler pitched in 28 games and had 17 starts with the Connecticut Defenders and the San Jose Giants. The teams are affiliated with the San Francisco Giants parent ballclub. Darren was selected in the 11th round of the 2004 MLB draft, and is the son of Hoop Historian Al Sack and his wife Nancy.



COACH MAYBERRY RECEIVES CLINIC AWARD

Hoop Historian John Mayberry was recognized by the Palm Springs Coaches' Clinic for his 51 years of teaching and coaching at their 12th Annual event. The 2007 Clinic featured speakers USC's Tim Floyd, UCLA's Jim Harrick and former Minnesota Timberwolves Head Coach Dwayne Casey. Congratulations!



NEW MEMBERS WANTED

The Hoop Historians are always looking to increase their membership. Anyone interested should visit the group website to secure a form at: hoophistorians.com/application.htm

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