



## HOOP HISTORIANS ATTEND SLEIGH BELL CLASSIC



Hoop Historians Fred Allman and Ted Reineking, along with Friend of the Hoop Historians Rick Watson, attended a memorable high school game at the old Arlington High School in suburban Chicago. The Sleighbells Classic was an annual event that was played in the Arlington gymnasium before the school's untimely closing in 1984. Allman and Reineking were graduates of the school. A big crowd was on hand with a high energy level and a feel for the historic memories that took place in Grace Gym over the years. Along with the game's



final outcome not decided until the buzzer, longtime Daily Herald Sports Editor Bob Frisk was honored for his fifty year career of covering high school sports.

ABOVE: Retiring Sports Editor Bob Frisk addresses the crowd at the Sleighbells Classic.

## HOOP HISTORIANS IN ACTION



There's no better way to spend the holiday season by taking in some good college basketball. Hoop Historians John Mayberry (left) and Vern Vegso (right) review halftime statistics from the San Francisco Junor College Tournament

## FRIEND OF THE HOOP HISTORIANS CHARLIE HUM, 1918-2008



Friend of the Hoop Historians Charlie Hum passed away at age 90 in the late part of 2008. Hum was a Major League Baseball scout for 35 years for the St.Louis Browns, Philadelphia Phillies, Baltimore Orioles and Toronto Blue Jays. Among the future major leaguers he saw early in their careers included Paul Molitor and Dave Winfield. Hum was always willing to share an anecdote or two from his past experiences with the Hoop Historians at the annual Pitch & Hit Club Banquet. Hum lived on the same street for all but one year of his long life and had been in the house that his uncle built since he was a boy. A detailed obituary can be found on the Hoop Historians website at: [www.hoophistorians.com.hum.htm](http://www.hoophistorians.com.hum.htm)

## WANT TO BE A MEMBER OF THE HOOP HISTORIANS?

Membership applications are now being accepted on the Hoop Historians website at: <http://hoophistorians.com/application.htm> Potential members must have attended a minimum of three Final Fours and have been a Friend of the Hoop Historians for at least a year. Among the many privileges fully accredited Hoop Historians receive are a membership Card, personalized Hoop Historians business cards, inclusion in the annual Membership Directory, a detailed biography on Hoop Historians website; website links to your favorite teams; an invitation to annual dinner; full voting privileges at the Annual Meeting; eligibility for hoop Historians committee appointments; eligibility to purchase Hoop Historians Merchandise at a discount; and eligibility for ticket opportunities through Hoop Historians networking. Applications must be received by March 1 with a \$25 refundable membership fee, which will go toward the following year's dues. Prospective members must receive a 75% affirmative vote at the Annual Meeting at the Final Four site in April.

## FINAL FOUR WEEKEND PLANS STARTING TO TAKE SHAPE



It looks like there will be an international flavor at this year's Final Four in Detroit as the Hoop Historians plan to have a number of their activities across the Canadian border in Windsor, Ontario. Stay tuned to future editions of the Hoop Historians News and continue to check our website at [www.hoophistorians.com](http://www.hoophistorians.com) for more details as the they become available.

### FINAL FOUR WEEK ACTIVITIES

- Thursday 4/2 – Local Organizing Committee Celebration
- Friday 4/3 – Hoop Historians Welcome Dinner
- Saturday 4/4 – NCAA Semi-Final
- Sunday 4/5 – Hoop Historians Annual Business Meeting
- Monday 4/6 – NCAA Championship

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