



HOOP HISTORIANS NET FIFTH HALL OF FAMER IN 4 YEARS



For the fifth time since 2007, a member of the Hoop Historians has been recognized as being named to a Hall of Fame group. This year, Hoop Historians

Executive Director **Joe Spagnolo** has been honored as being selected to the Illinois Basketball Coaches Hall of Fame. Spagnolo joins four other Hoop Historians that achieved Hall of Fame status over the past three years: **Fred Allman, Bill Carsley, Kevin McCann** and **Dennis Mishko**. Spagnolo has been tournament administrator of the Proviso West Holiday Tournament since the early 1980's, and has been a referee assignor and sideline official for three decades. Induction ceremonies will take place in April after the Final Four. In addition to the five members listed above, Hoop Historians **Cal Dilworth** and **John Mayberry** have also been inducted into various Hall of Fames as well. Biographies on the most recent inductees can be found on the Hoop Historians website at: www.hoophistorians.com/famers.htm

HOOP HISTORIANS 2010 FINAL FOUR HEADQUARTERS NAMED

Plans for the 2010 Final Four are now underway, and the Hoop Historians headquarters will return to the **Hampton Inn Downtown**, 105 South Meridian Street in the City Centre, while in Indianapolis. This location also



served as headquarters in 2006. The annual meeting of the group and some social activities will be scheduled for this location. The Hoop Historians Welcome Dinner will be held on Friday, April 2 and the Annual meeting is planned for Sunday, April 4. Specifics on both activities will be released in future editions of the **Hoop Historians News** and on the group website at: www.hoophistorians.com.

WEST COAST REPORT

SEASON OPENER PROVIDES PLENTY OF SCORING

Hoop Historians **John Mayberry** and **Pat Irvine** were at the opening home game of the season for the University of California Golden



Bears womens' basketball team. Cal beat Idaho State 100-43 in the season's first game on November 15.

HISTORIANS GATHER FOR WOODEN CLASSIC

If it's December and basketball season in Southern California, it must be time for the John Wooden Classic. Hoop Historians **Hersh Cherson, Al Sack** and **Frank Wilson** gathered for the annual



event this month in Anaheim. In the doubleheader, Georgetown beat Washington 74-66, and the young UCLA Bruins lost to Mississippi State 72-54. Established in 1994, many of the Hoop Historians have attended this annual event since its inception.

ON THE JUNIOR CIRCUIT



Hoop Historians **John Mayberry** and **Vern Vegso** visited at the San Francisco Junior College Tournament to open the season. The San Jacinto Eagles lost to San Bernadino Valley In the championship game of the City College of San Francisco Tournament.

WEST COAST FACE SEEN IN MIDWEST

University of Southern California head football coach **Pete Carroll** stopped in the Midwest to see one of his prized recruits and visited with Hoop Historian **Joe Spagnolo** in the process. Wide receiver



Kyle Prater, who is among the top high school receivers in the country, plays at Proviso West High School in suburban Chicago, where Spagnolo used to coach football. Prater will graduate in December and attend USC in January.

HOOP HISTORIANS BUDGET ADOPTED

The Executive Board of the Hoop Historians met in November and assembled and approved the group's budget for the 2009-2010 and 2010-2011 fiscal years. A copy of that budget information can be found on our website at: www.hoophistorians.com/budget.htm

ON THE MEND

Hoop Historian **Bill Carsley** underwent successful hip-replacement surgery at the University of Chicago Bone and Joint Replacement Center. Bill is doing quite well and is looking forward to returning to his customary active life.

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FINAL FOUR WEEKEND
APRIL 3 & 5, 2010