



# HOOP HISTORIANS NEWS

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## HOOP HISTORIAN GIVES PRESENTATION

The Society for American Baseball Research held its 45th annual convention on June 24-28, 2015, at the elegant Palmer House Hilton Hotel and one of their speakers was Hoop Historian **Rick Schabowski**. Rick's presentation recalled Disco



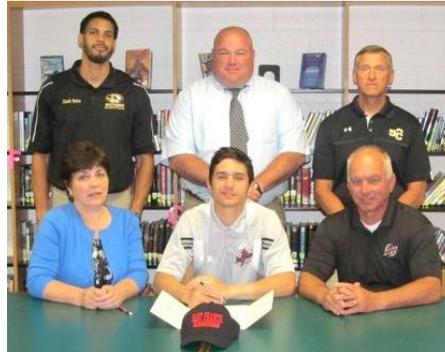
Demolition Night, which took place on Friday, July 12, 1979, which started off as an unusual radio promotion, but morphed into a high-energy demonstration resulting in the forfeit of a baseball game, and is still considered a legendary moment in not only Chicago, but all-time baseball history. Schabowski has assembled pictures, video and conducted interviews to help capture the SABR motto, "Bringing the History of Baseball to Life." An audio recording of Rick's (and all of the) presentations can be found at: <http://sabr.org/convention/sabr45-presentations>

## HOOP HISTORIANS INJURY REPORT



Get well wishes are in order for a number of Hoop Historians who are recovering from recent injuries and surgeries. **John Mayberry** had knee surgery last month, **Steve Bennett** injured his Achilles tendon coaching on the baseball diamond and **Hersh Cherson** completed a medical procedure. Also, **Bruce Ziemer** (broken wrist) and **Ted Reineking** (back injury) had setbacks over the summer. The good news is that all five of the Historians are working through their therapy, listening to their doctors and will be at full strength when the season begins.

## MOVING ON TO DIVISION I



**Michael Klebon**, a former pupil of Coach Mayberry, and son of Hoop Historian **Joe and Barb Klebon**, will attend Saint Francis University in Loretta, Pennsylvania and play basketball for the Division I Red Flash. Their 2015-2016 schedule includes games at Notre Dame and at Maryland. Klebon was a two-time all-conference selection, averaging 16.1 points his senior year and had 28 double doubles and three triple doubles over the past two seasons for Southern Columbia High School. Michael will major in physical therapy.

## BASEBALL ACROSS AMERICA: 48 & COUNTING

Long-time Chicago Cubs fan and Hoop Historian **Fred Allman** saw his beloved Cubbies play in Minneapolis and Washington, DC this summer and also made a trip to Miami Marlins Park to give him visits to 48 different major league baseball stadiums in which Allman has seen a professional game. The only current stadium he hasn't been to is Petco Park in San Diego and Fred plans making Petco and the Atlanta Braves new facility as his 49<sup>th</sup> and 50<sup>th</sup> stadium excursion once Sun Trust Park opens in 2017.



## HOOP HISTORIANS PHOTO GALLERY

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### SCHOOL IS NOT OUT FOR SUMMER



**ABOVE:** Hoop Historians **Joe Spagnolo** (left) and **Fred Allman** (right) were presenters at the Illinois Officials Convention this summer. Both are certified basketball clinicians with the Illinois High School Association.

### JOE LYONS DAY AT THE BALLPARK



**ABOVE:** Friend of the Hoop Historians **Joe Lyons** threw out the ceremonial opening pitch at U.S. Cellular Field game between the Chicago White Sox and the Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim.

## FINAL FOUR 2016: TAKE ME TO H-TOWN



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