



HISTORIANS HAVE THE BEST SEAT IN THE HOUSE

Wouldn't it be great to have a courtside seat and not have to pay for it? Five members of the Hoop Historians have been doing it at DePaul University over the course of many basketball seasons. **Kevin McCann, Joe Spagnolo, Ted Reineking, Joe Flaherty** and **Tom Tallarito** have been constants at the scorer's table for Blue Demons home games. The fivesome have combined for a collective 149 years of service. McCann, who is the official timer, is the Dean of the crew, now in his 45th season. Spagnolo, is the rookie of the team, serving in his 10th year as computer statistician. Reineking handles the television time out coordinator responsibilities and is in his 38th year. Flaherty is the scoreboard operator tracking individual points and fouls for the past 26 seasons. And Tallarito is the shot clock operator in his 20th season.



IT MUST BE GAME DAY: The DePaul Blue Demons scorer's table takes time out for a photo opp.

FINAL FOUR 2016: GET READY, GET SET...



APRIL 2 & 4, 2016

HOOP HISTORIANS 2016 FINAL FOUR ACTIVITIES

Thursday, March 31

10:00* – NABC Marketplace Exhibits, *George R. Brown Convention Center*

7:00* – NABC Welcome Event, *Ballroom of the Americas -- Hilton Americas Hotel*

Friday, April 1

10:00* – NABC Marketplace Exhibits, *George R. Brown Convention Center*

12:00 – Final Four Practices, *NRG Stadium*

1:10* – Houston Astros vs. Milwaukee Brewers Exhibition Baseball Game, *Minute Maid Park*

4:30 – NABC College All-Star Game, *NRG Stadium*

7:00* – Hoop Historians Welcome Dinner, *Russo's New York Pizzeria, 604 Polk Street*

9:00 – Hoop Historians Social Event, *Doubletree by Hilton Hotel, Downtown Houston*

Saturday, April 2

8:30* – Hoop Historians Executive Board Breakfast Meeting, *Doubletree by Hilton Hotel*

10:00* – NABC Marketplace Exhibits, *George R. Brown Convention Center*

1:00 – Hoop Historians Annual Meeting, *Doubletree by Hilton Hotel, Downtown*

2:30 – Hoop Historians Pre-Game Dinner, *Location TBA*

5:10* – NCAA Semi-Finals, *NRG Stadium*

11:30 – Hoop Historians Post-Game, *Location TBA*

Sunday, April 3

10:00* – San Jacinto Battle Monument & Museum

6:30* – NABC Awards Show Program, *Cullen Theater – Wortham Center (requires advanced ticket purchase)*

9:00* – Great Alaskan Shootout Party, *Location TBA – requires invitation*

Monday, April 4

4:00 – Hoop Historians Pre-Game Dinner, *Location TBA*

8:15* – NCAA National Championship Game, *NRG Stadium*

11:30 – Hoop Historians Post-Game, *Location TBA*

NOTE: All events subject to change. Events shown with an asterisk may require reservation, proper credentials, advanced ticket purchase or pre-issued invitation.

POST SEASON PITS HOOP HISTORIANS PAIRING

As the post-season begins across the country. It's not only coaches, players and fans that look forward to the playoff run. A pair of Hoop Historian referees were assigned to the same game together for the first time in their playoff careers. **Fred Allman** and **Joe Spagnolo** officiated the first round regional contest in Illinois on the final day in February. Allman's assignment marked the 23rd consecutive season he received a post-season contest.



ABOVE: Joe Spagnolo (left) and Fred Allman (right) keep the peace on the court

PERSISTENCE PAYS OFF

With spring training now underway, here's a baseball story from last year that can't be overlooked, as Friend of the Hoop Historians **Joe Dote** completed his goal of visiting every ballpark in every Major League city. Dote saw home team number 30 during the last week of last season in Toronto. His first game was at Wrigley Field in 1977 – a trek that took 38 years and 20 days to complete. Way to go, Joe!



ABOVE: Joe Dote completes the journey.