



FROM COIN TOSS TO CHAMPIONSHIP



From Coin Toss to Championship presents not only a detailed account of the 1971 championship season, but also the early history of the NBA in Wisconsin, and the efforts involved in getting an NBA expansion team in 1968. The coin toss gave the Bucks the rights to draft, and hopefully sign Lew Alcindor, later known as Kareem Abdul-Jabbar. After a huge improvement with Kareem in the lineup, the Bucks signed Oscar Robertson and the Bucks won their first NBA title.



Tuesday, September 23 2025

10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Hybrid class: Online through **Yuja** and In-person at Tallent Hall, Room 182



ABOUT OUR PRESENTER: Rick Schabowski is a retired machinist from Harley-Davidson who is currently teaching for the Wisconsin Regional Training Partnership and Waukesha County Technical College. He is also President of the Wisconsin Old Time Ballplayers Association, President Emeritus of the Ken Keltner Badger State Chapter of the Society of American Baseball Research (SABR), Treasurer of the Milwaukee Braves Historical Association, and a member of the Hoop Historians.

He has written a book, "From Coin Toss to Championship 1971: The Year of the Milwaukee Bucks." He has also contributed to several book projects for SABR including Thar's Joy in Braveland! The 1957 Milwaukee Braves, From the Braves to the Brewers Great Games and Exciting History at Milwaukee's County Stadium, and Harvey's Wallbangers: The 1982 Milwaukee Brewers. He has also contributed to the Pro Football Researchers Association. He and his wife Debbie live in St. Francis, Wisconsin.

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