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NBA Referee Dick Bavetta Pushes Own Top Record

Washington, D.C., April 1, 2008 – Dick Bavetta – who holds the world record for most NBA games refereed – officiated his 2,300th consecutive game last night in Salt Lake City, Utah.

“Dick continues to raise the bar for anyone looking to meet his record,” said Lamell McMorris, NBRA Spokesman. “It’s incredibly impressive – not just the number, but the fact that in 2,300 matchups, through blizzards and flight delays, he has never once missed an assigned game.”

[Bavetta broke the former top officiating record in February of 2006](#), when he surpassed Jake O’Donnell’s legendary 2,134 NBA games officiated. At 66, he has had the longest officiating career in the league, having refereed for 33 years.

One of the best-known referees in the NBA, Bavetta became a household name during the 2007 All-Star Games when he and Hall of Famer Charles Barkley raced one another in a televised event for charity.

About the NBRA

The National Basketball Referees Association represents the referees of the National Basketball Association.

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