

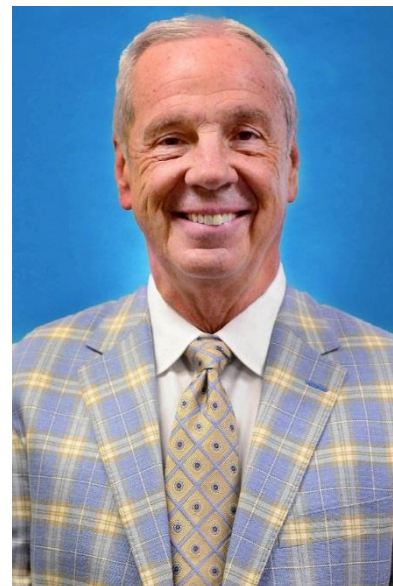
Coach Roy Williams

University of North Carolina Men's Basketball Coach

Roy Williams was born and raised in the Asheville area where he was a star athlete. He attended the University of North Carolina and played on the Tar Heel JV basketball team in Chapel Hill. During his college career, Williams grew very close to Dean Smith, the legendary Carolina basketball coach. After graduating from Carolina, Smith returned to the Asheville area to coach in high school. In 1978, Coach Smith asked Williams to return to Carolina as an assistant coach. Williams remained there until 1988.

At the recommendation of Coach Smith (who was raised in Kansas and played basketball at the University of Kansas), Roy Williams became the head coach for the Kansas Jayhawks. During his tenure (1988 to 2003), his teams won more than 80 percent of their games.

Coach Williams returned to Chapel Hill as the head coach of the Tar Heels in 2003 and they have been very successful since Williams return. They have won two National Championships (in 2005 and 2009).



Roy Williams Notable

- Coach Williams' teams have won 79% of their games (783 wins vs 209 losses); 418 wins at KU and 365 wins at UNC
- He has led his teams to eight (8) *Final Fours* (4 at Kansas and 4 at Carolina)
- One of Williams' more notable accomplishments was his recruitment of Michael Jordan to Carolina when he was an assistant coach there
- Is one of five coaches to get his teams to the NCAA championship game on five occasions (joining John Wooden, Mike Krzyzewski, Adolph Rupp and Dean Smith)
- Coached four National Players of the Year – Drew Gooden and Nick Collison at Kansas and Sean May and Tyler Hansbrough at Carolina

Roy Williams Awards

- Elected to the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame (Springfield, MA) in 2007
- John R. Wooden *Legends of Coaching Award* (2003)
- *Sporting News* named Williams "*Coach of the Decade*" for the 2000s
- Voted by the US Basketball Writers Association (USBWA) as the winner of the Henry (Hank) Iba Award in 1990 and 2006 as the best college basketball coach of the year
- Won the *Associated Press Coach of the Year* award:
 - In 1992 at Kansas
 - In 2006 at Carolina
 - He is only the seventh coach in history to win the award twice and only the second to do it at different schools.
- Naismith *College Coach of the Year* (1997)
- Conference Coach of the Year:
 - Big Eight (1990, 1992, 1995, 1996) at Kansas
 - Big 12 (1997, 2002, 2003) at Kansas
 - ACC (2006, 2011) at Carolina