

# SPORTS

## Kenny Smith leads U.S.A. to victory over Soviets

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Staff Writer

Kenny Smith, star guard of the UNC basketball team, recently returned from a prosperous trip to Spain. There Smith was a vital cog in the U.S. team that beat the Soviet Union in the gold medal game of the World Basketball Championships.

Averaging 14.8 points per game in his Spanish jaunt, Smith came to the forefront in the final game, scoring 23 points including the clinching basket.

At a press conference held July 23

in the Dean E. Smith Center, Kenny Smith covered a wide variety of topics ranging from the European fans to Playboy to Spanish hamburgers. Here are some of the highlights:

**On the Russians** — "If they were in the ACC, they'd have a lot of trouble also. It's a different type of ball. It's more big man-oriented. The fast break is almost nonexistent with them. We were playing a fast-breaking type of game and the two clashed. Fortunately we came out on top."

**On the Fans** — "They were knowledgeable fans. They put more emphasis on the spectacular play than on the good basketball play. It was difficult for us at first because whistling over there is the same as booing is here. So when we thought they were cheering us, they were booing us."

**On the Cuisine** — "I was pretty much the standard hamburger and fries man over there. The (Spanish) hamburgers are different. They're not as tasty."

**On Last Season** — "Looking back,

I guess a lot of people expected my play to excel a little bit more in the scoring area. They'd say my play was stagnated. When people expect more, it's harder for them to realize what you are doing on the court."

"My confidence was really a little bit low (last year). But playing well overseas and winning the gold medal really is a confidence booster going into next year."

**On Playboy** — Several weeks ago, Smith rejected a spot on the "Playboy All-America team," because he felt "it wouldn't be in my best interests."

"A lot of their ideas are really controversial. A lot of the articles in Playboy deal with drugs. They believe in legalized drugs. I remember when I was 11 years old and I wanted to see who made the 'Playboy All-America team.' And when you look through Playboy, that's not the only thing you look at. Those little things are subtle hints and I guess no one really knows what happens. But I wouldn't want to be the one that says, 'Well, because of me, someone looked at it and possibly that happened.'"

## Sports scholarships draw high school stars to UNC

From wire dispatches

Two North Carolina high school stars and one player from Florida have signed grants-in-aid to play for UNC's women's basketball team.

Wendy Gatlin, a 6-foot-1 guard/forward from Ft. Walton Beach, Fla., signed with the Tar Heels in November. Gatlin averaged 19.1 points and 11.6 rebounds per game while leading Chotawatchee High School to a 22-6 record during her senior season. She was named first team All-State and tabbed a USA

Today honorable mention All-American in 1986.

Cecelia Muldro, a 6-foot front-court player from Wilmington, N.C., led Laney High School to a 19-5 record in 1986 while averaging 15.1 points and 12.0 rebounds per contest. Prior to transferring to Laney High for her senior year, Muldro spent four seasons at Cape Fear Academy rewriting the record books. She grabbed 1,138 rebounds and set 13 other records during her time at Cape Fear.

Crissy Thomas, a 5-foot-8 guard from Lenoir, N.C., is the third signee. Thomas led West Caldwell High to a second straight 3A title while averaging 17.0 points, six rebounds, five assists and four steals per game in 1986.

The UNC fast-pitch softball team has the personnel to improve on its 1986 record of 35-13 after signing an outstanding pitcher, infielder and outfielder.

Jenna Houttekier, a 5-foot-8

pitcher from Farmington Hills, Mich., leads the 1986-87 recruiting list. Houttekier posted a 26-4-2 record for Marian High School last year while fashioning a 1.015 earned run average.

The outfielder among the freshmen will be Tracey Narwid of Pompton Plains, N.J. Narwid played at DePaul High School, where she batted over .500 during her career. With an extraordinary throwing arm, she played outfield for the three-time state Amateur Softball Association champions, the North Jersey Shilohs.

Michele Rawdon, a 5-foot-3 infielder at the Academy of Holy Angels in Demerast, N.J., is the third future Tar Heel. UNC head coach Donna Papa said that Rawdon will

play either shortstop or third base next season.

Two excellent players, Kem Rodgers and Duncan Phillips, have signed grants-in-aid and will join coach Devon Brouse and the North Carolina men's golf team this fall.

Rodgers, from Mooresville, N.C., won the North Carolina High School Junior Championship, the Donald Ross Junior and the North-South Junior in 1985. That same year he finished seventh in the prestigious Insurance Youth Golf Classic in Indiana and 30th in the Junior World Tournament in San Diego, Calif.

Phillips, a fine all-around athlete, is from Port Elizabeth, South Africa. He won the Eastern Province Championship in 1985 and was selected to the South African Junior Cup Team.

## Coach rebounds from knee injury despite lengthy stretch of surgery

By **RUTH DAVIS**  
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An athlete, probably more than most people, knows the frustration of having to stand by on crutches and be a spectator rather than being

## NCAA in 1988 may be at UNC

It appears that the National Collegiate Athletic Association basketball tournament is coming to Chapel Hill.

The NCAA men's basketball committee has recommended that the first and second round games in 1988 be held in the Dean E. Smith Center.

The Executive Committee must now give its final approval.

"This is something the University has really wanted to do with the new arena," said Dena Nail of the UNC Sports Information office. "Before, with Carmichael, it was nearly impossible."

Maybe someday Chapel Hill could become host to the Final Four.

— **EDDY LANDRETH**

part of the action.

If an injury confines an athlete to crutches for several months, frustration often takes a toll on the spirit. Great strength of character is required to keep an injury from dimming an athlete's spirit.

Peggy Bradley Doppes, the UNC women's volleyball coach, possesses such strength of character.

Doppes has been able to see the positive side of a serious injury, enabling her to maintain a healthy outlook and a lively spirit.

She recently had reconstructive surgery performed on a knee that she injured in June.

"I blew my knee out in the state games," Doppes said. "But, we got the gold. That made the injury worth it."

Doppes flew to Cincinnati, Ohio, for the second operation in a four-step process. She said she would have

to undergo at least two major operations before the entire process would be completed.

"I'll be in the hospital in Cincinnati for a minimum of five days," Doppes said.

She said she would return to Chapel Hill as soon as possible to continue running summer volleyball camps.

As for the effects of the injury on her coaching in the fall, Doppes said, "There won't be that much of a change in coaching because I have two great assistants, Kevin and Jolene."

"The main thing I have to change is my thinking. I'll be on crutches for six months, so I'm going from very active to not active at all."

"The bad thing about the surgery is that I had to have one surgery to get another. The first one prepared me for the next."

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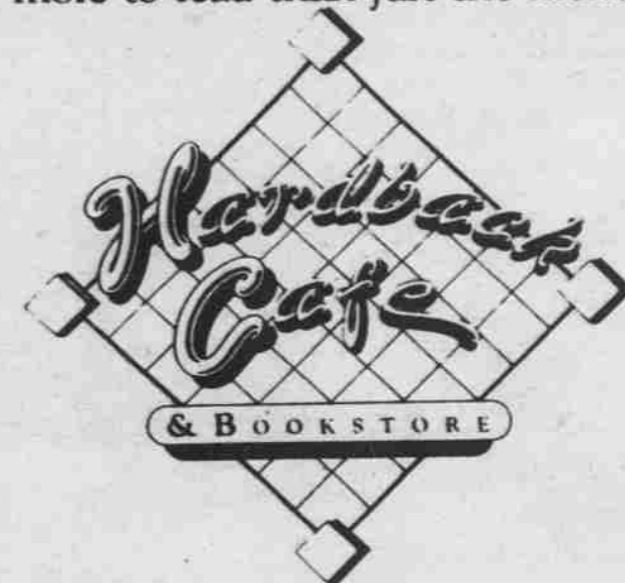
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