

UK NCAA champion Smith named to College Basketball HOF

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Tubby Smith won an NCAA basketball championship in his first season as Kentucky head coach in 1998. That capped off one of the best 3-year runs in the last half century of Kentucky basketball.

Now, the Kentucky Athletics Hall of Famer has been named to the National Collegiate Basketball Hall of Fame as a part of the class of 2026, it was announced on Monday.

Smith coached the Wildcats to the program's seventh national championship in his inaugural season, winning 35 games on his way to the title. He led UK to 22 or more victories in all 10 of his seasons at the helm from 1998-2007, winning five Southeastern Conference regular season crowns and five SEC Tournament championships.

During his 10 seasons at Kentucky, Smith amassed a 263-83 record, leading the Wildcats to four Elite Eight appearances and

10 NCAA Tournament berths. Smith was a 3-time SEC Coach of the Year.

Smith was the 2003 Naismith College Coach of the Year, AP College Basketball Coach of the Year, NABC Coach of the Year and USBWA Henry IBA Award.

Smith was head coach at Tulsa (1992-95), Georgia (1996-97), Kentucky (1998-2007), Minnesota (2008-13), Texas Tech (2014-16), Memphis (2017-18), High Point (2019-22). He put together a career record of 642-370 (.634).

Led five programs to the NCAA Tournament, one of three coaches in NCAA history to achieve the feat.

The Class of 2026 will be formally enshrined during the National Collegiate Basketball Hall of Fame Celebration presented by UMB Private Wealth Management on Oct. 22, 2026, at the College Basketball Experience in Kansas City, Missouri.

Smith is joined in the class by fellow coaches Jay Wright (two NCAA championships at Vil-

lanova) and Ted Owens, BYU superstar Danny Ainge, Michigan's Glen Rice and the late UCLA legend Walt Hazzard.

“The Class of 2026 represents the very best of college basketball — individuals whose performance, leadership and impact helped shape the game at the highest level,” said Kevin Henderson, CEO of the National Collegiate Basketball Hall of Fame. “Their legacies will forever be preserved as part of the sport's rich history.”

KHSAA promotes heat safety measures specifically for linemen

BY JOSEPH RUSSELL
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In an effort to combat heat-related illnesses and deaths during the summer, the Kentucky High School Athletic Association is promoting new position-specific guidance for football players and coaches.

The NFHS Sports Medicine Advisory Committee recently created a task force of physicians, athletic trainers, athletic directors, coaches and others to address a growing concern of exertional heat stroke — the leading cause of preventable death in high school players.

According to their findings, nearly all heat stroke fatalities occur during “sustained, high-intensity conditioning sessions” in the first week of practice, with 97% of cases from 1998 to 2018 involving linemen.

Linemen are the most at-risk group because they're typically the fastest to heat up, the slowest to cool down and face a unique physiological challenge that differs from other football players.

Since the first recorded exertional heat stroke death in the modern football era in 1955, the National Registry of Catastrophic Sports Injuries has recorded 159 such fatalities in youth, high school and collegiate football players.

Rules and regulations have been put into place over the years to help mitigate the deaths, but a

spike in 2001 led to renewed actions and measures. Despite those efforts, however, “the traditional strategies have not prevented football EHS fatalities.” The National Registry says the average number of deaths rose to nearly three from 2000 to 2021, with nine football fatalities in the summer of 2021 — equaling the combined number of deaths in the preceding three years.

As a result, the task force is looking to fundamentally shift how football linemen practice and condition, including an emphasis on gradual workload progression, limiting preseason fitness tests, avoiding exertion-based punishment and recognizing when student-athletes might be struggling with the heat.

Last week, the National Weather Service issued an extreme heat warning for every county in Kentucky and Indiana when daily heat index values regularly rose above 100 degrees. According to the NWS, heat-related deaths account for the majority of weather-related fatalities over the last three decades, with 211 deaths each year between 1995 and 2024.

Teams still will be required to follow existing protocols like water breaks and heat monitoring. Kentucky law already mandates that schools train for exertional heat stroke emergency situations.

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LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
COUNTY OF TRIMBLE
ORDINANCE NO.

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO:
An Ordinance Approving a Map Amendment from R-1 (Residential) to B-1 (Business) for the Property Located at 101 Fairground Road, Bedford, Kentucky 40006
Owned by Steven Scholfield, Subject to Binding Elements

WHEREAS, Steven Scholfield ("Applicant"), owner of the real property located at 101 Fairground Road, Bedford, Kentucky 40006, Trimble County, Kentucky (hereinafter "Property"), has applied to the Trimble County Planning Commission for a map amendment reclassifying the Property from R-1 (Residential) to B-1 (Business) pursuant to KRS Chapter 100; and

WHEREAS, the Applicant has operated a self-storage business on the Property for approximately ten (10) years, and such use predated the adoption of the Trimble County Zoning Ordinance in 2020, such that the Property was designated R-1 (Residential) notwithstanding its established commercial use, creating an immediate non-conforming use upon the adoption of the Zoning Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the Trimble County Planning Commission held an initial public hearing on the application in April 2026, at which the Planning Administrator recommended denial and the Planning Commission voted unanimously to recommend denial on grounds including Comprehensive Plan compatibility, spot-zoning concerns, and the absence of major unanticipated changes to the character of the area; and

WHEREAS, following the initial recommendation of denial, the Applicant proposed binding elements to be attached to any approved map amendment, and the Trimble County Fiscal Court deferred final action and directed the Trimble County Planning Commission to conduct a supplemental public hearing to evaluate the application as augmented by the proposed binding elements; and

WHEREAS, the Trimble County Planning Commission conducted a properly noticed supplemental public hearing on June 9, 2026, at which the Planning Administrator reversed the prior recommendation and recommended APPROVAL of the map amendment subject to the proposed binding elements, and the Planning Commission voted to recommend APPROVAL of the map amendment subject to the binding elements as set forth in the Supplemental Administrator's Report and Recommendation dated June 4, 2026 ("Supplemental Report"); and

WHEREAS, the Fiscal Court has reviewed the full record, including the initial Administrator's Report, the Supplemental Report, and the Planning Commission's recommendation of approval; and

WHEREAS, the Fiscal Court finds that the required findings of KRS 100.213 are satisfied, as set forth in Section VII of the Supplemental Report, which findings are hereby incorporated by reference; and

WHEREAS, the Fiscal Court finds that the map amendment, as conditioned upon the binding elements set forth herein, (a) is in agreement with the adopted Trimble County Comprehensive Plan (b) corrects an original mapping error, as the Property was in active commercial operation at the time of initial zoning map adoption in 2020; and (c) is consistent with the public interest;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TRIMBLE COUNTY FISCAL COURT AS FOLLOWS:

1. Findings Incorporated. The Fiscal Court hereby adopts and incorporates by reference the findings of fact and analysis set forth in the Supplemental Administrator's Report and Recommendation dated June 4, 2026, including the required findings under KRS 100.213 set forth in Section VII thereof. The Fiscal Court specifically finds: (a) the map amendment, as conditioned by the binding elements set forth in Section 3 hereof, is in agreement with the adopted Trimble County Comprehensive Plan; (b) the original R-1 designation of the Property was erroneous at inception, as the Property was already in active commercial operation as a self-storage facility at the time of initial zoning map adoption in 2020; (c) the map amendment, as conditioned, is consistent with the public interest; and (d) all procedural requirements of KRS Chapter 100, including proper public notice and hearing, have been satisfied.

2. Approval of Map Amendment. Subject to the conditions set forth herein, the map amendment reclassifying the Property located at 101 Fairground Road, Bedford, Kentucky 40006, Trimble County, Kentucky, from R-1 (Residential) to B-1 (Business) is hereby APPROVED. The approval is conditioned upon, and shall not become effective without, the Applicant's execution and proper recording of a Certificate of Land Use Restrictions as required by Section 5 of this Ordinance.

3. Binding Elements. The map amendment approved herein is expressly conditioned upon the following binding elements, which shall run with the land in perpetuity, shall be binding upon the Applicant and all successors, heirs, assigns, and future owners of the Property regardless of ownership, and shall be enforceable by the Trimble County Planning Commission as civil offenses pursuant to KRS 100.405 and KRS 100.407:

A. Use Restriction: The subject property shall be used solely and exclusively as a self-storage facility. No other B-1 or commercial use shall be permitted on the property. The property shall not be converted to any other business use or purpose, regardless of ownership.

B. Runs with the Land: This use restriction shall constitute a binding element running with the land and shall be binding upon the Applicant, and all successors, heirs, assigns, and future owners of the property, regardless of whether the current Applicant remains the owner or operator.

C. Expansion Limitation: The self-storage use shall be limited to the existing facility as expanded by no more than ten (10) additional storage units as described in this application. No further expansion beyond this final build-out shall be permitted.

D. Recording Requirement: Upon approval, a Certificate of Land Use Restrictions shall be filed with the Trimble County Clerk pursuant to KRS 100.3681, reflecting the binding elements attached to this map amendment.

E. Enforcement: Any violation of the binding elements shall be enforceable as a civil offense pursuant to KRS 100.405, with specific enforcement powers vested in the Planning Commission under KRS 100.407. Amendment or waiver of any binding element shall require approval of the Fiscal Court pursuant to KRS 100.408.

4. Development Standards. All applicable development standards, setbacks, buffer requirements, and site plan requirements of the B 1 district and the Trimble County Zoning Ordinance shall apply to any new construction associated with the permitted expansion of up to ten (10) additional storage units. No new construction shall commence until all required development plan approvals and permits have been obtained from the appropriate authorities.

5. Certificate of Land Use Restrictions. The map amendment approved by this Ordinance shall not become effective, and the Trimble County Zoning Map shall not be amended, until the Applicant has properly executed and recorded a Certificate of Land Use Restrictions with the Trimble County Clerk pursuant to KRS 100.3681, incorporating the binding elements set forth in Section 3 of this Ordinance verbatim. Upon confirmation of such recording, the Trimble County Planning and Zoning Administrator is directed to amend the official Trimble County Zoning Map to reflect the reclassification of the Property from R-1 (Residential) to B-1 (Business), subject to the recorded binding elements, and to transmit a copy of the recorded Certificate to the Planning Commission for its permanent enforcement records.

6. Amendment or Waiver of Binding Elements. Any future amendment, waiver, or modification of the binding elements set forth in Section 3 of this Ordinance shall require approval of the Trimble County Fiscal Court pursuant to KRS 100.408. No administrative waiver or amendment by the Planning Administrator or Planning Commission shall be effective without such legislative approval.

7. Severability. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance, and the Fiscal Court hereby declares that it would have passed this Ordinance and each section, subsection, sentence, clause, and phrase hereof irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses, or phrases may be declared invalid or unconstitutional.

8. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall become effective upon its adoption and execution by the Trimble County Fiscal Court, subject to the condition precedent of the recording of the Certificate of Land Use Restrictions as required by Section 5. The Trimble County Clerk is directed to publish this Ordinance as required by applicable law.

The first reading of this Ordinance was made and approved by unanimous vote at a meeting of the Trimble County Fiscal Court on June 15, 2026

The second reading of this Ordinance was made at a meeting of the Trimble County Fiscal Court on July 6, 2026 and upon motion by Magistrate and Chris Litter second by Magistrate Crystal Whitice the same was called for a vote and approved by a majority vote of the Trimble County Fiscal Court.

Approved as to form and content by the Trimble County Attorney, Crystal L. Heinz.

Crystal L. Heinz, Trimble County Attorney

After second reading on July 6, 2026 the foregoing Ordinance was approved to be published and on the same occasion was signed in open court by the County Judge Executive, John D. Ogburn, Jr., as evidence of his approval attested under the seal of the Trimble County Fiscal Court Clerk.

John D. Ogburn, Jr., Trimble County Judge Executive

Attest: Susan Barnes
Susan Barnes
Trimble County Fiscal Court Clerk
Published: July 17, 2026

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