

HEAD COACH ROY WILLIAMS

Owner of two NCAA championships and the best winning percentage of any active coach in the nation, Roy Williams in 2009-10 will begin his seventh season at Carolina and his 22nd overall as a head coach. Last season, he led UNC to the NCAA title and its second consecutive Final Four. The Tar Heels also won their fourth ACC regular season championship in the last five years and finished the season ranked No. 1 in the nation for the second year in a row. It was Williams' seventh appearance in the NCAA Final Four and third in the last five seasons at UNC. (His Kansas teams advanced to the Final Four in 1991, 1993, 2002 and 2003.)

Williams spent 10 seasons as an assistant coach under Smith at Carolina. From 1978-88, he helped coach such Tar Heel standouts as Mike O'Koren, Al Wood, James Worthy, Sam Perkins, Matt Doherty, Michael Jordan, Brad Daugherty, Kenny Smith, Joe Wolf, Steve Hale, Jeff Lebo, J.R. Reid and Scott Williams.

At Kansas, Williams earned National Coach of the Year honors in 1990, 1991, 1992 and 1997 and was Big Eight/Big 12 Coach of the Year seven times. In 2003 he received the John R. Wooden Legends of Coaching Award by the Los Angeles Athletic Club. Williams became the UNC coach on April 14, 2003 after leading Kansas to back-to-back appearances in the Final Four. He has led Kansas and Carolina to 19 consecutive NCAA Tournament appearances, the second-longest active streak in the country and the third-longest in history.

Carolina ended the 2004-05 season with a national title and a 33-4 overall record. The Tar Heels won the Atlantic Coast Conference with a 14-2 record. The 1972 Carolina graduate went on to be an assistant coach for Team USA at the 2004 Olympics.

On Dec. 9, 2006, he won his 500th game as a head coach, reaching the milestone in fewer seasons (19) than any other head coach in NCAA Division I history. In fact, he has won more games than any coach after eight, nine, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20 and 21 seasons as a head coach. He is the second-winningest Jayhawk coach in history behind Phog Allen.

He was named the 2006 National and ACC Coach of the Year after losing the team's top seven scorers from the previous season and leading UNC to a 12-4 ACC record and No. 2 seed in the ACC Tournament. It was the sixth season after which Williams has been named National Coach of the Year.

On April 2, 2007, Williams was named to the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame as a member of the class of 2007.

Williams has coached teams that have won more than 80 percent of its games, his players have been exemplary student-athletes and his programs have been first-class in all aspects. Williams enters the 2009-10 season with a 594-138 record — a winning percentage of 81.1. His win percentage is No.1 among active coaches and is third-best in history behind only Clair Bee (.826) and Adolph Rupp (.822).