



### Tubby Smith Part of Operation Hardwood II

UK Coach Tubby Smith traveled to Kuwait along with 12 other NCAA coaches and sports personalities to coach a military team in the Operation Hardwood II basketball tournament. Smith coached troops from one of the Camp Arifjan teams. In addition, coaches had the opportunity to ride in a tank, a Bradley fighting vehicle as well as ride a camel. The coaches visited troops at the Camp Arifjan medical hospital, toured the Humvee up-armor facility, stayed in Army barracks, and held a basketball clinic for Kuwaiti children in Kuwait City. Other coaches participating included Tom Izzo of Michigan State, Mark Gottfried of Alabama, Gary Williams of Maryland, Dave Odom of South Carolina, Kelvin Sampson of Indiana, Rick Barnes of Texas, Bobby Lutz of UNC Charlotte, Jim Crews of West Point, Reggie Menton of the U.S. Air Force Academy, Billy Lange of the U.S. Naval Academy, and ESPN analyst Jay Bilas.