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Some coaches compared against Tubby Smith from 1998-2006

Tubby Smith		
Year	Win:loss	NCAA place
97-98	35:4	1
98-99	28:9	8
99-00	23:10	32
00-01	24:10	16
01-02	22:10	16
02-03	32:4	8
03-04	27:5	32
04-05	28:6	8
05-06	22:13	32
	241:71 77%	Average place: 17

Mike Krzyzewski (Duke)		
Year	Win:loss	NCAA place
97-98	32:4	8
98-99	37:2	4
99-00	29:5	16
00-01	35:4	1
01-02	31:4	16
02-03	26:7	16
03-04	31:6	4
04-05	27:6	16
05-06	32:4	16
	280:42 87%	Average place: 11

Jim Calhoun (UCONN)		
Year	Win:loss	NCAA place
97-98	32:5	8
98-99	32:4	1
99-00	25:10	32
00-01	20:12	NIT
01-02	27:7	8
02-03	23:10	16
03-04	33:6	1
04-05	23:8	32
05-06	30:4	8
06-07	245:66	Average place: 19
	79%	

Billy Donovan (Florida)		
Year	Win:loss	NCAA place
97-98	14:15	NIT
98-99	22:9	16
99-00	29:8	2
00-01	24:7	32
01-02	22:9	64
02-03	25:8	32
03-04	20:11	64
04-05	24:8	32
05-06	33:6	1
06-07	213:81	Average place: 20
	72%	

Tom Izzo (Mich State)		
Year	Win:loss	NCAA place
97-98	22:8	16
98-99	33:5	4
99-00	32:7	1
00-01	28:5	4
01-02	19:12	64
02-03	22:13	8
03-04	18:12	64
04-05	26:7	4
05-06	22:12	64
	222:81 73%	Average place: 25

Jim Boehiem (Syracuse)		
Year	Win:loss	NCAA place
97-98	26:9	16
98-99	21:12	64
99-00	26:6	16
00-01	25:9	32
01-02	23:13	NIT
02-03	30:5	1
03-04	23:8	16
04-05	27:7	64
05-06	23:12	64
	224:81 73%	Average place: 37

Bill Self (Tulsa/IU/KU)		
Year	Win:loss	NCAA place
97-98 UT	19:12	-
98-99 UT	23:10	32
99-00 IU	32:5	8
00-01 IU	27:8	8
01-02 IU	26:9	16
02-03 IU	25:7	32
03-04 KU	24:9	8
04-05 KU	23:7	64
05-06 KU	25:8	64
	224:75 75%	Average place: 29

Mark Few (Gonzaga)		
Year	Win:loss	NCAA place
97-98	-	-
98-99	-	-
99-00	26:9	16
00-01	26:7	16
01-02	29:4	64
02-03	24:9	32
03-04	28:3	32
04-05	26:5	32
05-06	29:4	16
06-07	188:41	Average place: 29
	82%	

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Rick Barns (Texas)		
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97-98	-	-
98-99	19:13	64
99-00	24:9	32
00-01	25:9	64
01-02	22:12	16
02-03	26:7	4
03-04	25:8	16
04-05	20:11	64
05-06	30:7	8
	191:76 72%	Average place: 33

Gary Williams (Maryland)		
Year	Win:loss	NCAA place
97-98	21:11	16
98-99	28:6	16
99-00	25:10	32
00-01	25:11	4
01-02	32:4	1
02-03	21:10	16
03-04	20:12	32
04-05	19:13	NIT
05-06	19:13	NIT
	210:90 70%	Average place: 27

Roy Williams (KU/UNC)		
Year	Win:loss	NCAA place
97-98 KU	35:4	32
98-99 KU	23:10	32
99-00 KU	24:10	32
00-01 KU	26:7	16
01-02 KU	33:4	4
02-03 KU	30:8	2
03-04 UNC	19:11	32
04-05 UNC	33:4	1
05-06 UNC	23:8	32
	246:66 79%	Average place: 20

Thad Matta (B/XU/OSU)		
Year	Win:loss	NCAA place
97-98	-	-
98-99	-	-
99-00	-	-
00-01 B	24:8	32
01-02 XU	26:6	32
02-03 XU	26:6	32
03-04 XU	26:11	16
04-05 OSU	20:12	inelig.
05-06 OSU	26:6	32
	148:49 75%	Average place: 28

Lute Olsen (Arizona)		
Year	Win:loss	NCAA place
97-98	30:5	8
98-99	22:7	64
99-00	27:7	32
00-01	25:6	2
01-02	24:10	16
02-03	28:4	8
03-04	20:10	64
04-05	30:7	8
05-06	20:13	32
	226:69 77%	Average place: 26

Rick Pitino (Louisville)		
Year	Win:loss	NCAA place
97-98	-	-
98-99	-	-
99-00	-	-
00-01	-	-
01-02	19:13	NIT
02-03	25:7	32
03-04	20:10	64
04-05	33:5	4
05-06	21:13	NIT
	118:48 71%	Average place: 46

Analysis: With Coach Smith, Kentucky has not missed the NCAA tournament. During this same period, UCONN has been to the NIT. So have Florida, Maryland, Syracuse, and Pitino's Louisville. UK has not won less than 20 games since 97-98. Michigan State can't say this. Neither can Maryland. UK has reached the Sweet 16, Elite 8, or Final Game in the NCAA tourney 6 out of 9 seasons. UK's average NCAA Tourney finish since 97-98 is 17th, second only to Duke's (11th).

Conclusions: Tubby's record may not compare well to Rick Pitino's tenure at Kentucky, but, with increasing parity in college basketball, that comparison is not reasonable. Compared against "elite" coaches between 98-06, Tubby compares incredibly well. Only Duke's Krzyzewski (who is without peer on all stats) has a record that is undeniably superior.

So: Unless you can hire Krzyzewski, don't fire Tubby. Fire the fans!