

Germany 1972



The 1972 US Olympic Basketball Team, composed of college players, lost in the finals to the Soviet Union. Second from the left and kneeling is Merrick's Kevin Joyce, whose number is retired at South Carolina, and who had a promising pro career cut short by a knee injury. Two other Long Islanders have played for the Olympic Team - Long Beach grad, former ABA All-Star, and Hall of Fame Coach Larry Brown in 1964, and in 1976, Mitch Kupchak, the NBA star and Laker GM from Brentwood.