***Приложение к уроку «Спорт и Олимпийские игры»***

**Dennis Keith Rodman**

Dennis Keith Rodman (born May 13, 1961) is a retired American professional basketball player of the National Basketball Association's (NBA).

His nickname was «Dennis the Menace" and "The Worm" and he was known for his fierce defensive and rebounding abilities. Playing small forward in his early years before becoming a power forward, Rodman earned NBA All-Defensive First Team honors seven times and was voted NBA Defensive Player of the Year twice.

Dennis Rodman was born in Trenton, New Jersey, the son of Shirley and Philander Rodman Jr., an Air Force pilot and veteran of the Vietnam War. When he was three, his father deserted his family.

Rodman and his two sisters, Debra and Kim, grew up in Texas, considered one of the worst areas of Dallas in those times.

Rodman was so attached to his mother that he refused to move when she sent him to a nursery when he was four years old. But his mother Shirley Rodman was more interested in his two sisters Debra and Kim.

Experiencing an unhappy childhood, Rodman was shy and introverted in his early years. But being a teenager he reinvented himself as the prototypical "bad boy".

He dyed his hair in artificial colors, presented himself with many piercings and tattoos.

Apart from basketball, Rodman is a part-time professional wrestler. He had his own TV show, The Rodman World Tour, and had lead roles in the action films Simon Sez and Double Team alongside Jean-Claude Van Damme. Rodman also won the first ever Celebrity Championship Wrestling tournament.

Menace - угроза

fierce - свирепый. лютый

defensive - защита, оборона

rebounding - безгрничный

desert(ed) - бросить

refuse(d) - отказать

artificial – искусственный

alongside - вместе