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[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: GOP Senator's Mix-Up at Jack Smith Hearing]

VLADIMIR DUTHIERS: On Capitol Hill, Jack Smith, who tried to prosecute President Trump, faced Senate Republicans who say he unfairly targeted GOP. One senator went as far as to suggest that Smith was lying, but he was the one who was wrong. Ed O'Keefe has more from the White House. Ed, that was a jaw-dropping moment. Good morning.

ED O'KEEFE: You know what else is dropping? That they nominated you to be the sexiest man campaign. I thought Gayle would help with my write-in campaign, but I guess not. I'll have to cross her off the list. Look, let's just say, Vlad, that Senator Eric Schmitt thought he was going to dunk on a witness, but instead, he missed and completely messed his shot. Schmitt accused Smith of attending an Atlanta Hawks game in February 2024. He alleged it was to collude with Fulton County District Attorney Fani Willis, who was investigating the President's alleged meddling in Georgia's 2020 elections. The only problem? Later testimony revealed Smith was hundreds of miles away at an Iowa Hawkeyes women's college basketball game. Take a look.

SENATOR ERIC SCHMITT (R-MO) [TO SMITH]: Did you go to an NBA game between the Golden State Warriors and Atlanta Hawks on February 3, 2024?

JACK SMITH: What city would that be in?

SCHMITT [TO SMITH]: Atlanta.

SMITH: No.

SCHMITT: Okay.

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SMITH: I recall going to a University of Maryland basketball game where Caitlin Clark was playing — right around that time.

SENATOR AMY KLOBUCHAR (D-MN): Could it then be the University of Iowa Hawkeyes? Could that be it, and maybe before we show this kind of thing — [TO GRASSLEY] Hmm? I know. But if he was at an Iowa game, is that correct?

SMITH: It was because Caitlin Clark was coming to Maryland to play.

KLOBUCHAR: Uh-huh.

SMITH: And so, we went to the game.

KLOBUCHAR: I know that, but that might be the confusion over the names of the team, but perhaps you should have looked at it more carefully.

O'KEEFE: As you saw, Democrats slammed Schmitt, saying he should have been more careful before making those accusations. Schmitt still stands by the overall message, calling Jack Smith a dirtbag, telling him he was not the hero during the hero [sic] — during the hearing. Smith also defended his decision to charge the President, saying Trump had engaged in criminal activity. Gayle, a bit of a flub by the senator. Let's put it that way. Doesn't know ball.

KING: Oh, Huge flub. I wonder who's going to take the fall for that because somebody gave him all that information.

NATE BURLESON: Mmhmm.

KING: It was very interesting to watch, and Amy Klobuchar certainly came through in that moment. Ed, thank you so much.