

GOLF 1980



Florida State University

DON VELLER Golf Coach



When Dr. Don Veller took over the reigns of Florida State's golf team in 1974, it marked the beginning of the third tenure for the veteran Seminole coach.

The personable and well-liked former FSU football coach first led the Seminoles golf team from 1953-58. His second tenure went two seasons beginning in 1967. He guided the 1956 and 1957 teams to a fourth and fifth place finish in the NCAA championships. Veller also led the 1979 squad to three consecutive first place finishes including wins in the prestigious Chris Schenkel Intercollegiate and the Metro Conference championships.

Veller holds a bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degree from Indiana University and maintains the rank of professor emeritus at Florida State. Veller's chief forte is in the area of coaching psychology where he has published numerous articles and is currently working on a book.

During Veller's stint as football coach, his teams (1948-52) won 30 of 42 games including the Tribe's first unbeaten regular season, 1950.

Veller, married to the former Frances Brindley over 40 years ago, is a five handicapper, holds a high position in national golf circles and writes a weekly golf column for the Tallahassee Democrat.

1980 Schedule

	FALL
Oct. 10-12, 1979	10th Annual Jim Corbett Invitational Golf Tournament Sherwood Forest Country Club Baton Rouge, Louisiana
Oct. 26-28, 1979	4th Annual Cypress Garden Invitational Greenelefe Golf & Racquet Club Haines City, Florida
Nov. 16-18, 1979	11th Annual Dixie Intercollegiate Bull Creek Golf Course Columbus, Georgia
	SPRING
Jan. 26, 1980	Capital City C.C. Benefit Pro Am Capital City C.C. Tallahassee, Florida
Feb. 22-24, 1980	3rd Annual Gator Invitational University of Florida Golf Club Gainesville, Florida
Feb. 29-March 2, 1980	11th Annual Seminole Intercollegiate Golf Classic Seminole (FSU) Golf Course Tallahassee, Florida
Mar. 11-13, 1980	Pinehurst Intercollegiate Invitational Pinehurst Country Club #2 Pinehurst, North Carolina
Mar. 27-30, 1980 (Spring Break)	Annual Junior-Senior Intercollegiate Still Waters C.C. Auburn, Alabama
April 4-6, 1980	Southeastern Intercollegiate Tournament Rolling Hills Golf Club Montgomery, Alabama
April 25-27, 1980	10th Annual Chris Schenkel Intercollegiate Invitational Forest Heights Country Club Statesboro, Georgia
May 1-3, 1980	34th Annual Southern Intercollegiate Athens Country Club Athens, Georgia
May 9-11, 1980	4th Annual Metro Conference Tournament Seminole (FSU) Golf Course Tallahassee, Fla.
May 28-31, 1980	NCAA Championships Ohio State Scarlet Course Columbus, Ohio

SEMINOLE OUTLOOK

After getting off to a modest start last year (1978-79) the Florida State golfers finished the regular season like Gangbusters. Winning their last three tournaments (Prudential, Chris Schenkel and Metro Conference), they were ranked 9th nationally by Golf World and were among 27 teams selected to compete in the NCAA Championships.

In the Prudential Tournament, the Tribe came from 5th place the last day to win over such powerhouses as LSU and the second-ranked Florida Gators.

By capturing first place in the Chris Schenkel, the Seminoles accomplished the greatest golf team victory in the history of the school. After trailing Wake Forest by two strokes the first day, they shot 10 under par as a team the second round and then went on to win by an unheard of 16 strokes over Georgia Southern, 17 over Florida, 22 over Wake Forest and 23 ahead of the eventual national champions, Ohio State.

In the Metro Tournament, the Seminole golfers won by a margin of 18 strokes over runner-up Memphis State.

Individually, the Seminoles also made high marks. Allan Menne, the lone senior, won the State of Florida individual championship in the fall. Freshman Paul Downes (English Amateur Champion) paced the Seminoles in the Prudential by placing second.

Another English lad, Sophomore Grant Turner, was runner-up to All-American Gary Halberg of Wake Forest in the Schenkel by scoring 72-69-69. Junior Jeff Sluman was third with 71-67-74. Menne and Downes tied with U.S. Amateur Champ, John Cook of Ohio State with 216's.

Turner tied for first in the Metro but lost in an extra hole play-off.

Individually in the NCAA, Grant Turner finished a creditable 12th, a performance which helped his selection to the 3rd team All-American, and an invitation along with other All-Americans, to the prestigious Sun Bowl College All-Star Tournament in El Paso on December 1, 1979.

Assuming that the three returning regulars, Turner, Sluman and Downes, play as well as last year, the remainder of the 5-man team will be lined up with two of the following: Senior Marcus Beck, junior lettermen Mike Grant and Dave Boeff, seniors Scott Perry and Jim Crowley, improving senior Mark Sorel and incoming winter quarter freshman, Stephen Keppler from London, England.

Beck, who returns after a red-shirt year while winning several highly regarded non-collegiate tournaments, seems to be the leading contender.

In early qualifying, Keppler (winner of Doug Sander's World Junior Championship in 1978) appears to have the edge for the remaining spot. Other leading freshmen include John Huggan, Brian Kamm, Chip Holcombe, Paul Brown and John Huff.

The 1979-80 schedule is the toughest and best in the history of the School, guaranteeing that the Seminoles will be playing with and against the nation's best.

PLAYER PROFILES

MARCUS BECK

Senior
Tallahassee, Fla.

Returning for his last year after red-shirting . . . reverting to fundamentals of his original swing after radical experimentation paved way for winning several non-collegiate tournaments during the past year . . . early qualifying scores predict first team status . . . along with his golfing prowess has solid reputation for his conscientiousness and gentlemanly mannerisms.



DAVE BOEFF

Junior
Rochester, N.Y.

Slumped last season after good freshman year . . . sound compact swing . . . needs more consistency . . . has potential for fine golfer — hopefully this year.



PAUL BROWN

Freshman
Tallahassee, Fla.

Game improving . . . needs more seasoning . . . could be regular next year . . . works at game.



JIM CROWLEY

Senior
Fanwood, N.J.

Former New Jersey high school champ . . . earned letter freshman year . . . inconsistency problems . . . capable of extremely low scores . . . well mannered and liked . . . potential is there.



PAUL DOWNES

Sophomore
Coventry, England

Winner of European Amateur Championship last summer . . . extremely dedicated . . . knows golf . . . great desire to win and can come from behind . . . straight hitter with all the shots . . . gradually getting more length . . . low man in Fall '79 tournaments . . . good student . . . bright future.





1980 GOLF ROSTER

NAME	HGT.	WGT.	AGE	CLASS	HOMETOWN
Marcus Beck	5-10	165	22	Senior	Tallahassee, Fla.
Dave Boeff	5-10	185	21	Junior	Rochester, N.Y.
Paul Brown	5-11	170	18	Freshman	Tallahassee, Fla.
Dave Burgess	5-10	150	22	Senior	Del Mar, California
Jim Crowley	6-3	188	21	Senior	Fanwood, N.J.
Paul Downes	5-9	155	20	Sophomore	Coventry, England
Mike Grant	6-2	185	20	Junior	Perry, Fla.
Chip Holcombe	6-2	155	18	Freshman	Ft. Walton Beach, Fla.
John Huggan	5-11½	173	19	Freshman	Dunbar, Scotland
John Hupp	5-10	152	18	Freshman	Gainesville, Fla.
Brian Kamm	5-6	155	18	Freshman	Spencerport, N.Y.
Stephen Keppler	5-10½	163	19	Freshman	London, England
Ralph Mathews	5-10	165	21	Junior	Andalusia, Ala.
Michael Muldoon	6-4	180	18	Freshman	Ft. Walton Beach, Fla.
Scott Perry	5-11	170	22	Senior	Vero Beach, Fla.
Jeff Sluman	5-7	135	22	Senior	Rochester, N.Y.
Mark Sorel	5-8	145	22	Senior	Pensacola, Fla.
Grant Turner	6-0	160	22	Junior	London, Essex, England
Rick Wigle	5-11	150	20	Junior	Atlantic Beach, Fla.

MIKE GRANT

Junior
Perry, Fla.

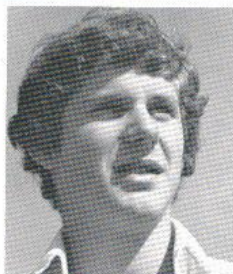
4th in Future Masters ... two year letterman ... long hitter ... occasionally wild ... lots of birdies ... pleasant mannerisms ... good student ... with more work on the practice tee he could beat most anybody ... Father, Don, on first Florida State football team.



JOHN HUPP

Freshman
Gainesville, Fla.

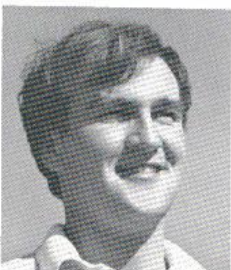
Not a great Junior record ... early qualifying consistently in middle 70's ... with 2 or 3 strokes improvement could help the team in the near future.



JOHN HUGGAN

Freshman
Dunbar, Scotland

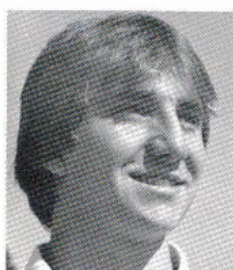
Scottish boy's champion ... dedicated to game ... good sense of humor ... likely prospect for first team after adapting to U.S. course conditions.



BRIAN KAMM

Freshman
Rochester, N.Y.

Good Junior record in New York ... hard worker ... over achiever ... has promise.



PLAYER PROFILES



STEPHEN KEPPLER

Freshman

London, England

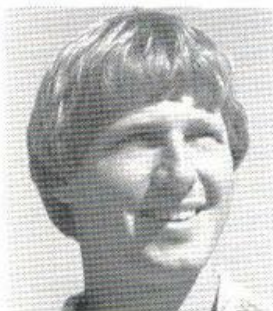
Winner 1978 Doug Sanders World Junior Championship ... leading Junior player in British Isles ... good solid swing ... bright future in golf ... early qualifying scores indicate first team status.

RALPH MATHEWS

Junior

Andalusia, Ala.

Red-shirt last year ... more confidence now ... might be surprise after newly accomplished maturity.



SCOTT PERRY

Senior

Vero Beach, Fla.

Letter winner last year ... perhaps best putter on squad ... capable of scoring low ... might be a starter with more consistency.

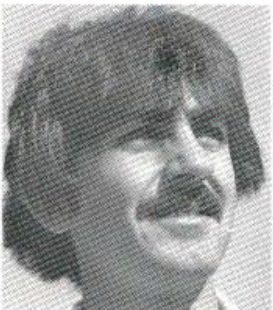


JEFF SLUMAN

Senior

Rochester, N.Y.

1978 New York State Amateur Champion ... small in size but does not lack distance ... had fine year in 78-79 ... hit slump after helping with 3 straight team victories last year ... recovered from a couple of illness bouts ... should regain top form as season begins ... when in top form, capable of beating most anybody.



MARK SOREL

Senior

Pensacola, Fla.

Played well in Dixie Tournament fall 1979 ... swing not classical, but compensates with good putting and great desire ... could be on first team.



GRANT TURNER

Junior

London, England

Third team All-American 1978-79 ... finished 12th in NCAA ... runner-up in Chris Schenkel ... qualified British Open 1978 ... hits long ball ... invited to play with other All-Americans in Fall, 1979, Sun Bowl Tournament ... when he's "on" must be considered one of the best collegians in the nation.

SEMINOLE GOLF COURSE

Florida State University boasts one of the best all-around collegiate golf facilities in the nation. The university-owned Seminole Golf Course is tough, long and interesting.

The 18-hole, par 72, course measures 7,015 yards.

Perhaps, even more important, however, are the adjacent practice facilities with their superb surfaces. The practice driving range has 2,800 square feet of hitting area.

The Seminole course is available for year-round play largely because of Tallahassee's moderate North Florida climate. The 80,000 square foot facility is for the exclusive use of students, course members and FSU golf team members.

In addition to the Seminole Course, the FSU varsity members are privileged to play each Monday at Killlearn CC (scene of the PGA Tallahassee Open), and once a week at the scenic, tight Capital City CC.



(The following sections were taken from *Golf World Magazine* on May 4, 1979 demonstrating the improvement of the Seminole golf team last season)

... In Statesboro, 21 teams gathered for the eighth annual Chris Schenkel Invitational and were treated to a team-golf clinic as Florida State made believers out of a whole bunch of people when the Seminoles strode to a 16-stroke victory ... Florida State was coming fresh from first place in the Prudential Intercollegiate in Jacksonville but no one expected the Seminoles to tear up the tract the way they did in the Schenkel ... The roof caved in for everyone else in the second round when Florida State flew past the field with a composite of 11 under par. The Seminoles were in command after 36-holes with a 13-stroke lead over Florida ... Sluman, the defending New York State Amateur champion, paved the way for that remarkable charge with a 67. Grant Turner shot 69 and Paul Downes and Allan Menne each carded 71's.

CHRIS SCHENKEL

FLORIDA STATE, 854; Georgia Southern 870; Florida 871; Wake Forest 876; Ohio State, 877.

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

- 205- Gary Hallberg, Wake Forest, 65-68-72
- 210- GRANT TURNER, FLORIDA STATE, 72-69-69
- 212- JEFF SLUMAN, FLORIDA STATE, 71-67-74
- 213- Wayne DeFrancesco, LSU, 70-71-72
Jodie Mudd, GSC, 71-67-75
- 214- Tom Carlton, GSC, 73-72-69
Ken Green, Florida, 71-71-72
- 216- John Cook, Ohio State, 71-72-73
ALLAN MENNE, FLORIDA STATE, 73-71-72
PAUL DOWNES, FLORIDA STATE, 71-71-74

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