



Florida State University

WOMEN'S SPORTS



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Women's Intercollegiate Athletics



Women's Intercollegiate Athletics enjoy a prominent place in the athletic program at Florida State University.

Long strides have been made over the past six years since the formation of women's athletics. In 1973 the women's program became a part of University athletics.

In the fall of 1974, the budget was increased in order to offer coaching assistantships to mature, qualified graduate students who planned to be at Florida State University from two to three years. Prior to this time, the women's coaching staff had been volunteers from the physical education faculty, some of whom coached two sports.

The Lady Seminole, which symbolizes the continual rise of women's athletics at Florida State University, was "born" in 1974. Upon being trademarked, the symbol joined her male counterpart, the Seminole Brave, as an official emblem of Florida State University.

Women's Intercollegiate Athletics has a nine-sport program in which scholarships are offered: badminton, basketball, golf, softball, swimming, tennis, cross-country, track and volleyball. These have been a part of women's athletics for the past six years, and most of them qualified individuals and/or teams for state, regional, and national championships.

The women's athletic program is a charter member of the Association for Intercollegiate Athletics for Women (AIAW) and the Florida Association for Intercollegiate Athletics for Women (FAIAW). These are the national and state governing bodies of sports for women at the college level.



In the rich educational environment available at Florida State University, women have the opportunity to gain a sense of enjoyment, self-confidence, and physical well-being through athletics. The high caliber of athletics is enhanced by competent coaches who were selected for their background, experience, and knowledge.

Our facilities include one of the finest 18-hole golf courses and Chevron 440 tracks in the nation. There are 26 tennis courts, a heated indoor pool, a heated outdoor Olympic-size swimming pool, three gymnasiums and five softball fields. We have complete training room facilities, and the services of a physical therapist and two female athletic trainers.

The University Administration and the Men's Athletic Department have given full support to athletics for women at Florida State University. With this positive approach the Lady Seminoles will attain national recognition for their achievements.

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BASKETBALL

Millie Usher, a doctoral student in physical education, begins her second season as the Lady Seminoles varsity basketball coach. Before coming to Florida State University from a teaching/coaching position at Southwestern University in Georgetown, Texas, Miss Usher had gained basketball coaching experience on the high school, college and semi-professional levels.

As an undergraduate at the University of Southern Mississippi, Miss Usher played varsity basketball, volleyball, and softball.

With scholarships being offered at Florida State University several outstanding prep players from the Southeast will be joining the team. The team which qualified for the state and regional championships the past two years, has not had a losing season in the last three years.



BADMINTON

Badminton is presently being revitalized in the state of Florida under a newly appointed state badminton sports chairman. Scheduling conflicts forced the cancellation of invitational and state championships last year. The Lady Seminoles, who won the state championships in 1972-73 and 1973-74 and placed seventh in the nation in 1973 are eager for state-wide competition to begin again.



VOLLEYBALL

The Lady Seminoles volleyball team is coached by Dr. Billie J. Jones, associate professor of physical education.

Dr. Jones is a familiar figure in the coaching field, using her expertise to better the programs in volleyball, basketball, softball, field hockey, badminton, and track at both Oklahoma State University and at Florida State University.

During the three years she has coached the Florida State University women's volleyball team, she has guided the teams to a 92-26 won/lost record. The team has captured two state championships the past two years, going on to win a first and second in the regional championships. The first and second place wins qualified the team for the AIAW National Championships.

Several incoming freshmen standouts will add strength to the team which has six returnees.



TENNIS

Ann Lankford, whose name has become synonymous with tennis in the Southeast, will be starting her 16th year as coach of the Lady Seminoles tennis team.

Since 1960 her teams have had only one losing season. Miss Lankford, an assistant professor in the physical education department, will be directing her Thirteenth Annual Collegiate Tennis Tournament this year, attended in the past by players from colleges in eight states.

The Lady Seminoles tennis team, with a 10-6 record this past year, was made up primarily of freshmen. In addition to these experienced returnees, several high school standouts will be vying for positions on the squad.

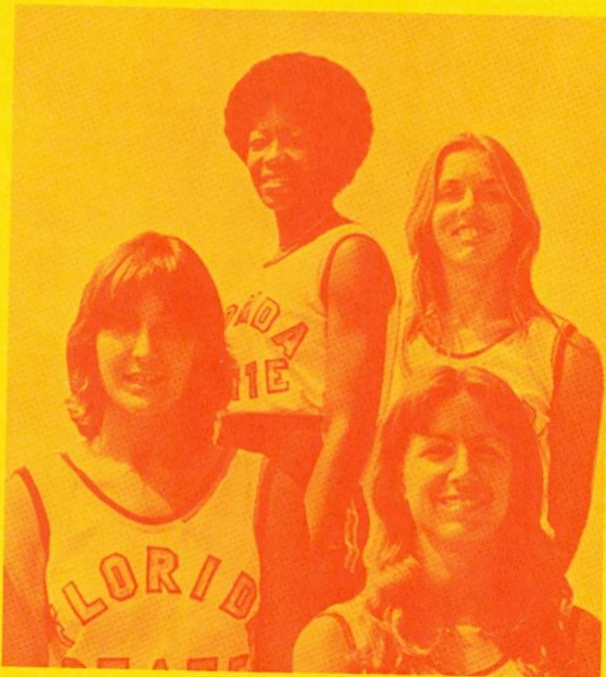


TRACK

The Lady Seminoles tracksters are coached this season by Paul Toran, a doctoral student in physical education, who is entering his second season as head coach.

Coming to Florida State from the University of Michigan, Toran excelled in the shot put, discus, and decathlon. His prior experience includes coaching at the high school and club levels.

With the addition of several nationally-ranked high school athletes and the return of a number of top collegiate performers, Toran anticipates a team that will be regarded as one of the finest in the country. In addition, a complete cross-country schedule also has been instituted.



SOFTBALL

Mrs. Mary Jo Blake will begin her first season at Florida State University as the Lady Seminoles softball coach. She inherits the team from Millie Usher who will concentrate on coaching basketball.

Mrs. Blake, coming to Florida State University as a doctoral student in physical education, received the B.A. and M.A. degrees from the University of South Florida.

Her credentials include coaching the Flagler College (Fla.) women's softball team to three consecutive state championships over the past three years. During this time she compiled a 72-4 record. While at Flagler College she also coached badminton, tennis, volleyball and basketball, qualifying the latter two teams for state and regional playoffs.

An expansion of women's intercollegiate softball is planned for this year. With most of the team returning, a highly successful season is anticipated in view of the fact that the team has had winning seasons over the past three years.



GOLF

Bringing several years of amateur golfing experience to the Lady Seminoles' program is Anne Scarbrough, a doctoral student from Chattanooga, Tenn., who will be starting her first season as team mentor.

In addition to her experience in golf, she has coached tennis, swimming, volleyball, and field hockey. Miss Scarbrough, having been at Florida State University this past year, is familiar with the Florida golfing scene.

Miss Scarbrough completed the B.S. and M.S. degrees at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville, where she was an active participant in several sports.

A young team with a year of collegiate experience and some top incoming talent should help place the Lady Seminoles golfers in national competition where the team has consistently been over the years.



SWIMMING

The Lady Seminoles swim team will be enhanced by the coaching expertise of Terry Maul, who presently is working on his doctorate in motor learning. He was an undergraduate swimming standout under Coach Bim Stults.

Maul's coaching experience includes producing age-group nationally ranked swimmers — male and female — for the two years he spent in Quincy, Ill. While there he also coached a women's team which placed third in the Women's National AAU Water Polo Championships this past year. As a team, they tied for 11th place in the nation out of 132 colleges participating in the event.

The team has several scholarship holders and anticipates ranking higher in the nation this year.

