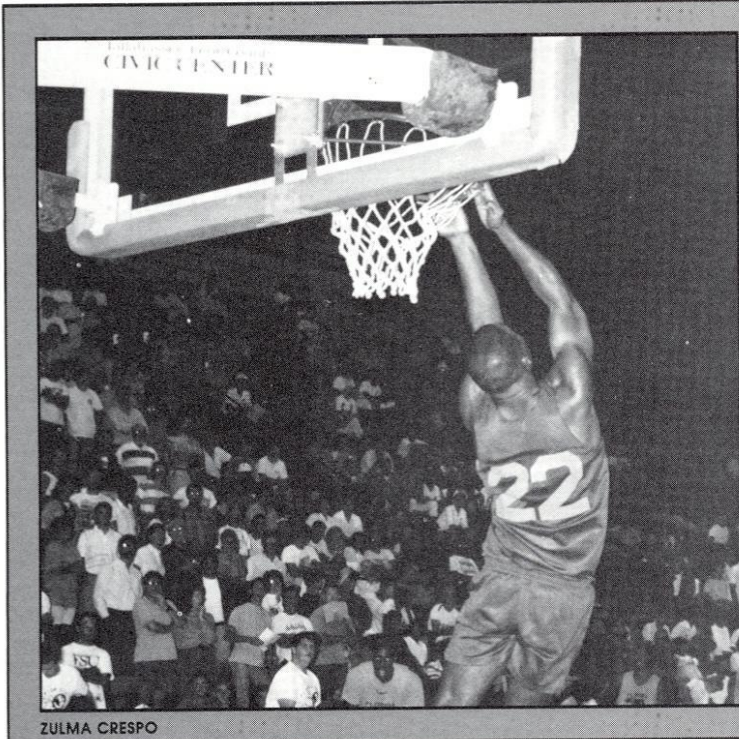


ONE For The Record

Athletes began the year by rewriting the record books. It began with big things as the university joined the Atlantic Coast Conference. Coach Bobby Bowden grabbed his 200th career victory. Basketball fans sat back in disbelief as both the men's and women's teams became Metro Conference champions and the tribe was picked to compete in the NCAA finals. Seminole Baseball also had an outstanding season, starting its games with victories over the nation's top ranked team.



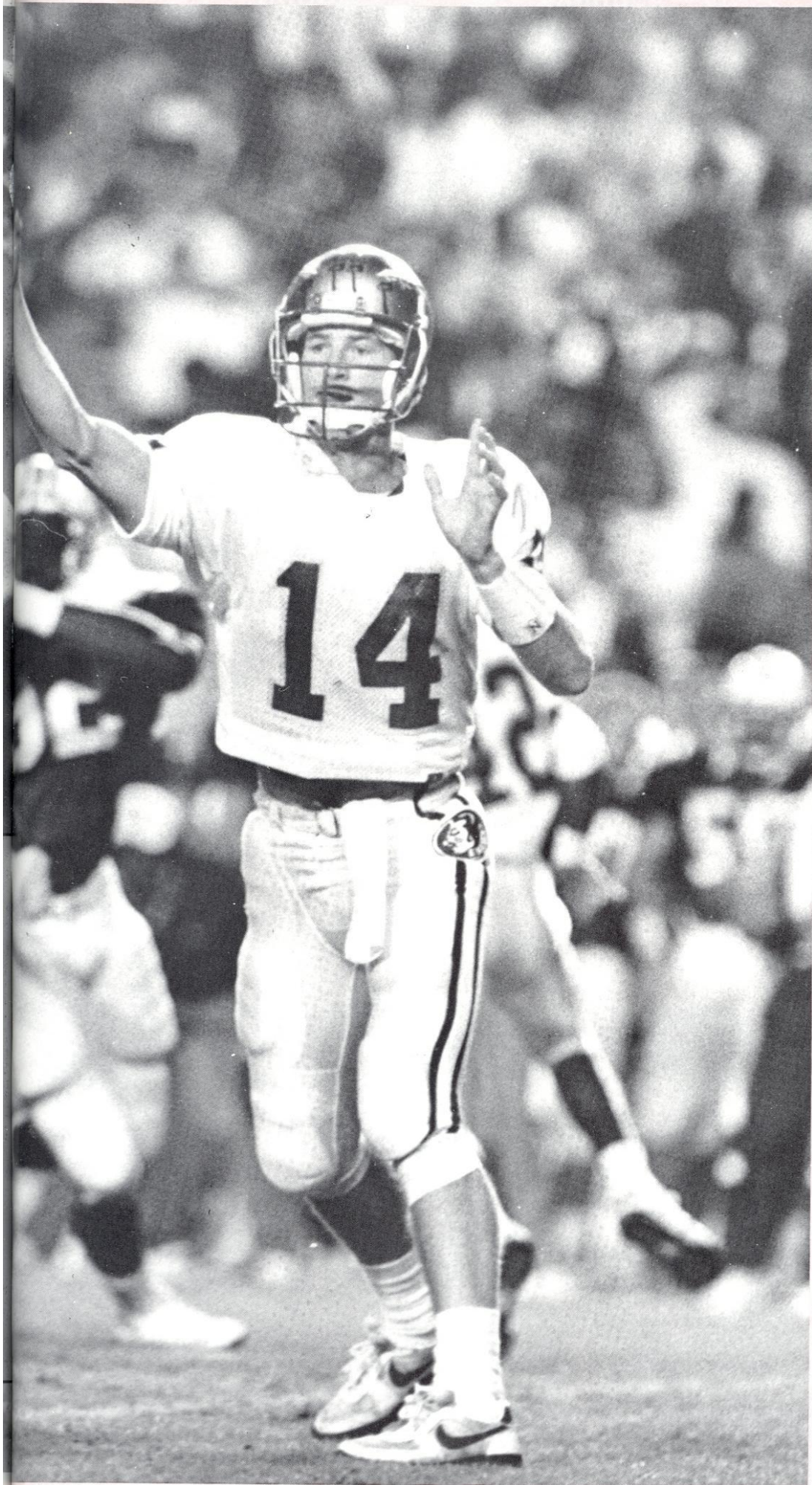
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INSIDE . . .

Both the men's and women's basketball teams won the Metro Conference (see p. 110). The football team swept Penn State in the 1st annual Blockbuster Bowl (see p. 96). Maggie Philigence helped push the volleyball team to the top of the polls (see p. 98).



RYALS LEE



Quarterback Brad Johnson launches another precision pass against the Auburn defense. The Seminoles played a tight game but lost by an Auburn field goal in the last seconds of the game.

SPORTS

FLORIDA STATE 45 EAST CAROLINA 24

H haunted by opening losses the last two years, the Seminoles spooked the East Carolina Pirates 45-24 in a shaky first game. They took command and got over the first game jitters.

On the second play of the tribe's first possession, fullback Edgar Bennett fumbled, giving East Carolina the ball on the Seminoles' 24-yard line. The turnover cost the Seminoles a touchdown from a scoring drive that involved Pirates' quarterback Jeff Blake's 13-yard pass to running back Cedric Van Buren after just three minutes into the contest. "They kind of shocked us for a little while," outside linebacker Sterling Palmer said.

On the next drive, the Seminoles could only move to the Pirates' 44-yard line before they were forced to punt. The warrior's defense picked up the momentum and spread the fire to the of-

fense.

On third-and-two, Seminole quarterback Brad Johnson connected to receiver Lawrence Dawsey on a 13-yard pass. On the next play, running back Amp Lee bolted through the line for a 28-yard gain, giving the Seminoles a first-and-goal at the five yard line.

Dawsey wrestled a pass thrown by Johnson from Pirate defender Chris Hall in the corner of the end zone to tie the score at seven. "He's (Dawsey) our Mr. Automatic. He makes things happen." Johnson said.

Defense revved their engines again after Howard Dinkins' sack and then a Kirk Carruthers fumble recovery. The offense handled the rest with a 29-yard field goal by kicker Richie Andrews.

With the talent of Seminole running backs Paul Moore, Amp Lee, and Edgar Bennett, the tribe gained the

yardage needed to cap off an 80-yard drive.

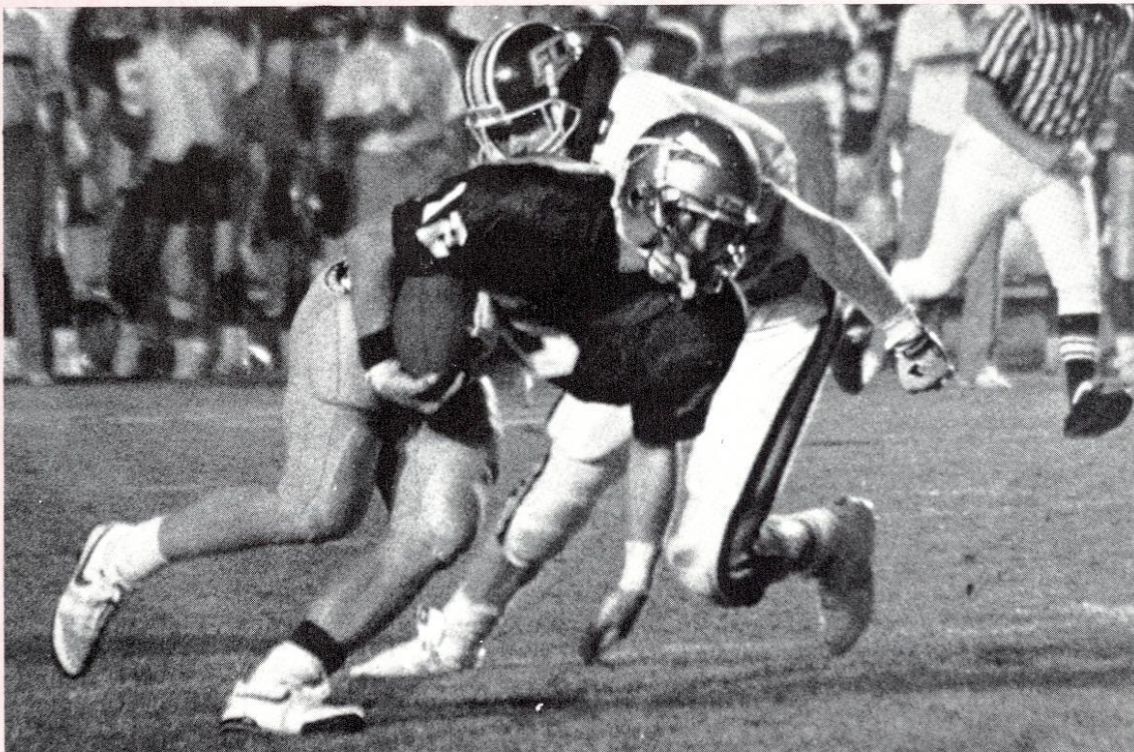
Cornerback Terrell Buckley ignited the field leaving a trail of smoke behind him after returning a 63 yard punt return for a touchdown, dragging East Carolina's Ernest Tynes into the end zone.

Buckley remained hot in the second half when he picked off a Blake pass and returned it 28 yards to the Seminoles' 48 yard line.

The tribe racked in two more touchdowns pushing their lead to 38-17. The final score came on a nine play, 75-yard drive, highlighted by Bennett's 1-yard touchdown power run.

Cassy Bunn

D riving past a defender, Freshmen Matt Frier scampers for a first down. The Seminole squad pressured the Pirates' defense all evening with fresh young talent, such as Frier.



ZULMA CRESPO

Safety Scores

Terrell Buckley just ran his third consecutive punt return for a touchdown. However, you missed it because you decided to take a break from the loud noise and the crowd in Doak Campbell Stadium. That's okay. You'll just flash your ticket stub and find your seat just in time for Lawrence Dawsey's big catch of the game, right? Wrong!

Seminole football fans who left the stadium after kickoff during the six home games found themselves without a way to get back in. A new rule established prior to the football season prohibited ticket holders from re-entering the stadium once the game was under way.

The new policy went into effect with the Sept. 8 home opener against East Carolina and continued through the Dec. 1 closing clash with the University of Florida. The rule was created for safety reasons.

"Florida State is joining many Division I universities across the country in implementing a rule encouraged by the NCAA of limiting alcohol abuse at intercollegiate athletic contests. Once the football game begins, any ticket holder who exits the stadium will not be allowed to re-enter. The purpose of this policy is to protect the integrity of the game as well as the safety and comfort of the fans," Athletic Director Bob

Goin said.

Other measures were also taken this year to ensure the well-being of fans. The university's Department of Public Safety officials advised the public to leave home two to three hours before kickoff to avoid traffic congestion and to obtain nearby parking. The parking dilemma may have seemed unbearable when the lower half of the intramural field next to Florida High, which was redesignated as a lot for Seminole Boosters, and the band field, were closed to the general public for this season.

However, the Leon County Civic Center and downtown state lots were able to accommodate 2000 vehicles. In addition, Taltran's Tribe Ride Shuttle provided service to Campbell Stadium to those fans wanting to avoid the parking crunch.

Another precaution taken was circled around the football field. University and Tallahassee police officers and Leon County Sheriff's deputies were joined at all of the home games by agents from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms, who patrolled for underage drinkers. A total of 250 to 300 law enforcement officials directed traffic and provided security in and around the stadium.

Cassy Bunn and Jodie
Rosenberg

Anxious football fans enter Doak Campbell Stadium under new safety rules. After kickoff, no one was permitted to re-enter the stadium because of concerns of tobacco and alcoholic products.

ZULMA CRESPO



FLORIDA STATE 48 GA SOUTHERN 6

The Seminoles' 48-6 rout of Georgia Southern was a celebration of a bright future. The game was highlighted with solid performances by underclassmen, giving Seminole fans high hopes for the season.

Leading the ground attack was freshman Sean Jackson with 112 yards. Sophomore Amp Lee, nursing an injured hand, still managed to contribute 47 yards and two touchdowns, adding to the tribe's 320 yard rushing total.

The Seminole youth movement was also demonstrated in an air attack, as sophomore Shannon Baker grabbed three catches, two of which were for touchdowns. Baker had always dreamed of making that first touchdown catch. "It was like heaven

passing in my face," the wide receiver said. "It was more exciting than anything I had imagined."

A young Seminole defense rose to the occasion as well. Sophomore outside linebacker Brad Lundstrom recovered two fumbles and the line held the Eagles' driving force to only 14 yards.

The contest also marked the first start for inside linebacker Marvin Jones. The freshman would become a third team All-American selection at the season's end.

To add to the excitement, sophomore speedster Terrell Buckley returned a punt 67 yards for a fourth quarter score, and the final blow for the Georgia Southern Eagles from the tribe's young guns.

Matt Ferguson

Wide receiver Shannon Baker scores his first touchdown of the season against the Georgia Southern Eagle defense. Baker, a sophomore, was especially proud of such a play during his second year with the Seminoles.



RYALS LEE

FLORIDA STATE TULANE

31 13

The battle with Tulane in the New Orleans Superdome was predicted to be an easy win for the Seminoles. Instead, it turned out to be a super performance from both teams.

The tribe's defense held strong against the Green Wave's solid, ball-controlled ground attack. Early in the game the Tulane offense marched from its 20 yard line to the Seminole 14 before a Terrell Buckley interception stifled the drive. "That set the stage for our defense," Buckley said.

The defense staged a near shutout, blemished only by two Green Wave touchdowns late in the game, ending the contest at 31-13.

The tribe's offense was explosive, running up 431 yards because of the pinpoint accuracy of the quarterbacks;

Brad Johnson completed 13 of 17 passes for 170 yards and Casey Weldon went 11 for 15 passes for 110 yards.

At the receiving end of those passes were wide receiver Lawrence Dawsey and tailback Amp Lee with six catches each, and fullback Edgar Bennet with four. Red-shirt freshman receiver Matt Frier made two big catches which later set up a 44 yard Bennet score. First year receiver Eric Terral hauled in a 22 yard touchdown catch to cap off the Seminole air assault.

"Our defense play great," said coach Bobby Bowden. "It was my fault we didn't get the shutout. Other than that I was pleased with everything."

Matt Ferguson

As the Seminole offense holds Tulane's defense, quarterback Casey Weldon launches a pass to an open receiver downfield. Weldon threw 11 of 15 passes for 110 yards.



RYALS LEE

Coach Ed Williamson Leaves His Memory

The university's first football coach, Ed Williamson, died of cancer January 14, 1991.

"I remember how for years, Florida wouldn't play FSU because they thought it was beneath them. Ever since then, Ed despised Florida, even though he had played there," J.D. Williamson, Williamson's older brother said.

However, a rising competitor cannot be snubbed continually. There was a period when football was unheard of on this campus. Though the 1904 team won a state championship, the following years (1905-1947) no football games were played because the campus was designated the Florida State College for Women. A coeducational university was born May 7, 1947.

"As I recall, after the bill to make Florida State coed, we had a planning council," Williamson said. "We were to set up a program for the coed institution, and I was given the assignment of working up a curriculum for men's physical education."

In 1930, Williamson graduated from Leon High School and the following two years he played varsity football with the University of Florida. Williamson coached at several high schools until 1942, when he entered the Navy. Later Williamson was appointed an instructor in physical education for the Tallahassee branch of the University of Florida (before the university was coed).

"Ed was always very big on teaching, even when he coached," his wife, Laura Williamson said.

Many people, including some on the planning council were asking the question of when to start a football team. Shortly thereafter, the decision to have football was

made, and Williamson was assigned the task of finding a coach. This job proved almost impossible because the university had set high standards for a coach.

"The decision was that none of them (the candidates) would do because none had doctorates," Williamson said.

Three months away from the first kickoff, the situation was tense. With no team, no coach, no stadium, and no equipment, Broward Culpeper, the dean of student affairs at the time, then offered Williamson the job. Having only high school coaching experience, Williamson agreed to take the position for only a year.

After his selection as coach, Williamson and Jack Haskins, the assistant coach, took on the awesome responsibility of pulling a team together.

"I remember how rough that season was on Ed and the team," Laura Williamson said, "When they went to play South Georgia they had to sleep in the boiler room on cots, because they had only been back from the war for a couple of years."

Times have changed and the Seminole football team is respected across the nation. The humble beginnings, however, will not be forgotten.

After a lifetime of coaching and teaching, Williamson retired from the State Department of Education in 1967.

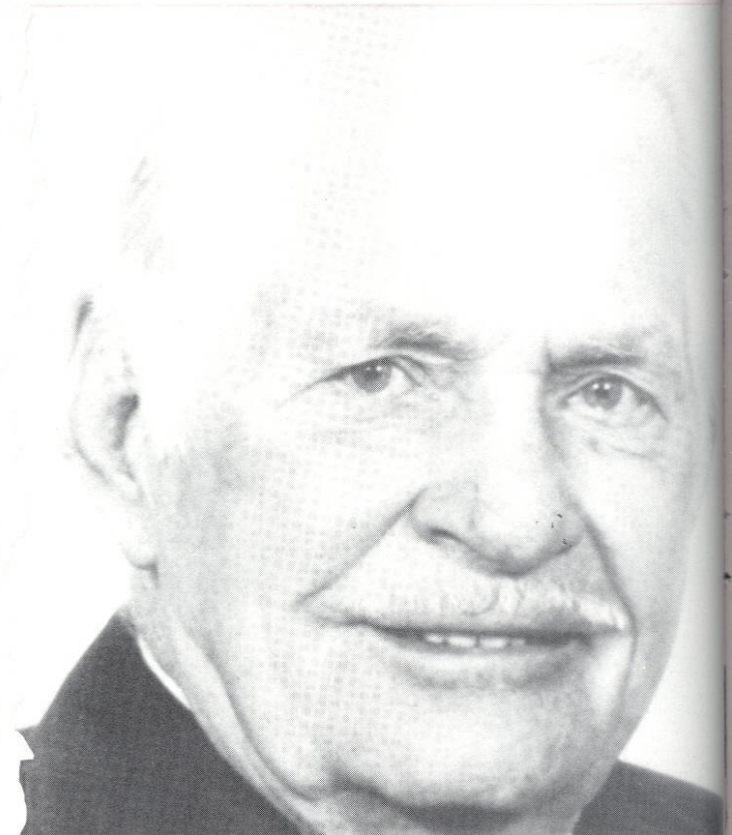
Though Ed Williamson is gone, he and the legacy he began will be remembered.

Rachel Priest

Coach Ed Williamson was Florida State's first football coach. At the time the position was unpaid and the team had to use borrowed equipment. Williamson died of cancer in January.



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FLORIDA STATE 39

VIRGINIA TECH 28



Campbell Stadium was the sight of victory as the Seminoles came back from an 18 point deficit to smoke-out the Virginia Tech Hokies.

"You never find out what kind of team you have until you get behind," coach Bobby Bowden said. "I think that was just about the greatest football game I ever saw, a typical Virginia Tech game for us."

Highlights of the game peaked when the tribe's cornerback, Terrell Buckley provided a 53 yard interception return for a touchdown. It was Buckley's fourth interception of the season.

Beaten twice on touchdown passes in the first half, cornerback Errol McCorvey psyched himself into a big second half recovery. "I really got down on myself after giving up those two touch-

downs. I told myself that I could either come out in the second half and make some big plays, or do nothing and take the criticism."

McCorvey illustrated his belief in himself as he swooped up a fumble and ran it back 77 yards for a touchdown in the fourth quarter.

Virginia Tech quickly produced 21 points on mere scrimmage plays until quarterback Brad Johnson took over. Johnson initiated the Seminoles on the road to recovery with a 10 play drive of 84 yards, as tailback Amp Lee scored a touchdown on a five yard run. As Johnson excelled in 22 of 38 passes, the team totaled 420 yards on offense.

In 11 games, Bowden had never lost to Virginia Tech. "We matched guts for guts," Bowden said. "If we hadn't, we probably would not have won this one."

Regardless of how the game was won, it was a victory. The Seminoles went forth with the longest winning streak ever, 14 games.

Gail Burton

In appreciation for founding the Seminole football program, FSU dedicated a field to Ed Williamson in 1976. Williamson was accompanied by his wife Laura and assistant coach Jack Haskin and his wife Betts.

Matt Frier is stopped by a member of the Virginia Tech defense inches away from the end zone. The Seminoles nipped the Hokies 39-28 during one of the closest games of the season.



RYALS LEE

MIAMI 31 FLORIDA STATE 22

It was a game full of pressure and high stakes. The tribe entered the contest ranked number two in the nation and Miami stood ninth ranked. For the Seminoles, a win in Miami would have meant a number of things. The most obvious would have been claiming the bragging rights of being the state's best. Other prizes that could have been won were breaking Miami's 33-game winning streak in the Orange Bowl and handing coach Bobby Bowden career victory number 200. Yet, the legendary coach would have to hold at 199, because the Hurricanes had other plans.

The Hurricanes seized the victory, 31-22, by capitalizing on the garnet and gold's penalties and the talent of Miami's devastating rushing attack. The Seminoles had eight penalties for 85 yards, three of which came on key third down plays that would have given the Seminoles the ball. Miami also gained 334 rushing yards which sent a deadly blow to the Seminoles. However, Seminole inside linebacker Kirk Carruthers expected the rush.

"We figured they would run, but we thought we'd stop it quickly and force them to pass," Carruthers said.

Although the Seminoles ended the two quarters 24-6,

the tribe managed to mount a comeback effort in the second half, pushed on by the halftime news that Stanford upset number one ranked Notre Dame.

"I thought we might pull out a Miami of '87," Bowden said, recalling a similar effort that ended in a 26-25 loss. "That's what our goal was at the halftime."

The spark started in the second half when Seminole quarterback Brad Johnson looked towards senior receiver Lawrence Dawsey, who caught a career high 13 passes for 160 yards and a touchdown.

With 11:30 remaining in the fourth quarter, a 32 yard field goal kicked by Richie Andrews and Amp Lee's two yard touchdown run cut Miami's lead to 24-16. The Hurricanes answered with a 13 play, 80 yard drive ending with a two yard push into the endzone by Stephen McGuire which ate up time considerably, making the score 31-16.

Yet, the Seminoles would end the game with one last surge as backup quarterback Casey Weldon led a 61 yard scoring drive, hitting tight end Dave Roberts on a 19 yard touchdown pass with 24 seconds remaining.

Cassy Bunn

Tackle Reggie Dixon clears the way for ball carrier Amp Lee.



RYALS LEE



AUBURN

20

FLORIDA STATE 17



It was probably the biggest heartbreak for the Seminole squad as the warriors watched a 38 yard Tiger field goal float through the goal posts with only two seconds remaining that broke a tie and won the game 20-17. The Seminoles took it down to the wire only to watch their hopes for the national title diminish at Jordan Hare Stadium.

The tribe was successful in the first half against the Tigers as backup quarterback Casey Weldon set a flame to the frustrated offense for two second quarter touchdowns. The Seminoles led 17-7 heading into the locker room.

However, the tide turned as the Tigers gnawed away at the Seminoles lead and answered with ten fourth quar-

ter points, including the game winning set up by a 22 yard quarterback sack on a Seminole fourth down attempt.

"We have got to get the killer instinct. We have a good scheme, but we've just got to take the game when we have the chance," cornerback Terrell Buckley said.

Although the Seminoles lost in front of an enthusiastic flood of fans shaking pom-poms of blue and orange, the tribe still managed to improve on some key aspects of the game. Weldon passed for 224 yards and one touchdown to lead the Seminole average. Lawrence Dawsey had eight catches for 69 yards and sophomore running back Amp Lee rushed for 81 yards to carry the tribes offense.

Junior inside linebacker Kirk Carruthers believed the defense did their job. "I felt like the Auburn game was a building block for our defense. Aside from some mistakes and mishaps, we played well," Carruthers said.

Head coach Bobby Bowden agreed with Carruthers and complimented his team despite the loss.

"I thought our kids played a courageous game against Auburn. They played well, our defense in particular. I thought we showed a lot of character and heart, but we also had too many mistakes," Bowden said.

Cassy Bunn

Lawrence Dawsey is brought down after being tackled by several members of the Auburn defense. The Seminoles held victory in their hands until Auburn's kicker landed a field goal with two seconds remaining on the clock.



Stepping Up to the Conference Altar

After weeks of being courted by both the Atlantic Coast Conference and the Southeastern Conference, university officials decided to plunge into a lifelong commitment. On Sept. 15 the desirable football independent stepped up to the conference altar to announce its marriage to the ACC, ending 44 years of bachelorhood.

The decision was definitely influenced by the ACC's strong academic reputation. "This is an outstanding opportunity for Florida State and I am sure they will make the most of it," said State University System Chancellor Charles Reed.

University president Bernie Sliger made the announcement official when he accepted the invitation to join the conference starting July 1. All sports will begin league play during the 1991-92 season. The football squad should begin action no later than the 1994 season.

The marriage also ended a 15 year relationship with the Metro Conference. "These have been good years. We did conclude, as we looked into the future, that our long term good would be best served by an all-sports conference membership," Sliger said.

The ACC was created in 1953 with seven charter members: Clemson, Duke, Maryland, North Carolina, North Carolina State, South Carolina and Wake Forest. Virginia was added to the elite list in late 1953, while South Carolina withdrew in 1971. The last time a team entered the conference was in 1978 when Georgia Tech was

added.

The decision to join the ACC became even more clear when the SEC withdrew consideration of Florida State after it learned of the ACC's imminent offer.

By joining the ACC rather than the SEC, the university could earn at least one million dollars more per year. The ACC is also known to have the nation's most lucrative basketball conference. When legendary coaches and their teams, such as North Carolina's Dean Smith enter the realms of Seminole territory, garnet and gold fans may scream the war chant louder than ever.

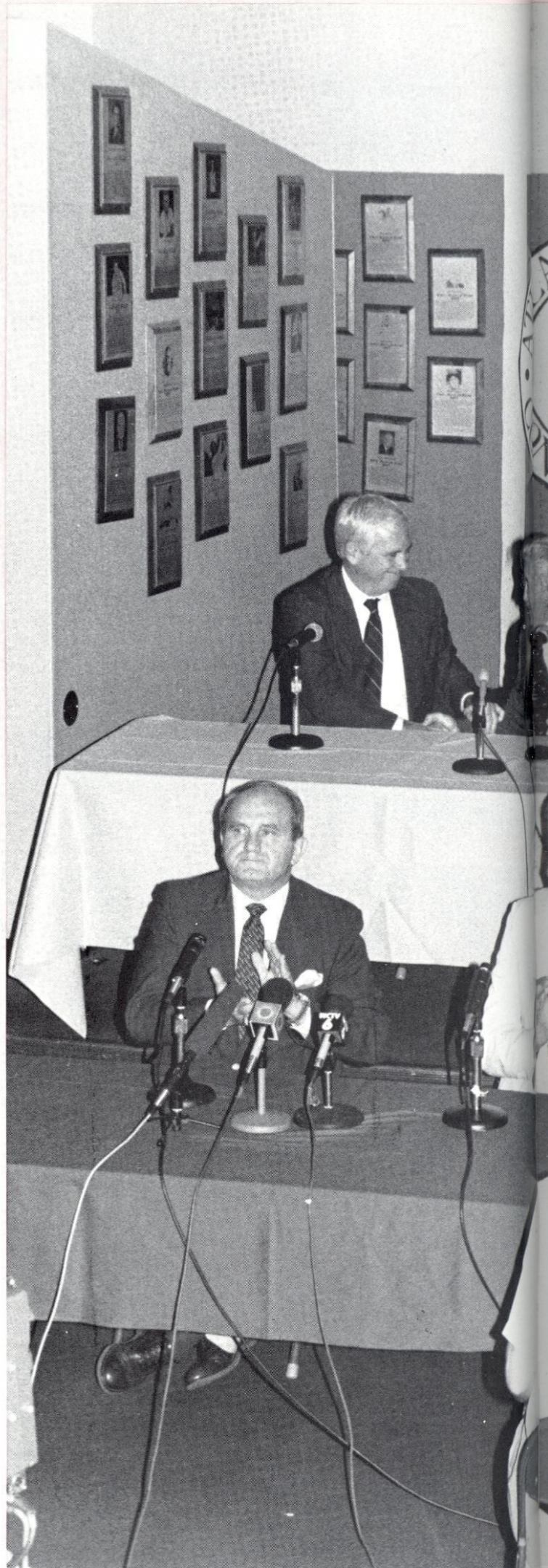
In football, the road to the national title should be less rocky. The SEC offered a brutal conference schedule that almost guaranteed one loss per year. Playing an ACC schedule should make the team a strong contender for the title, year in and year out.

Finally, the ACC offers a much stronger baseball conference for the tribe, as it bolsters southern power North Carolina and Georgia Tech.

"We are delighted," said Clemson athletic director Bobby Robinson, "It's a good marriage for both parties."

Craig Rothberg and Cassy Bunn

Bernie Sliger welcomes Atlantic Coast Conference officials at the signing of FSU into the conference.



RYALS LEE

FLORIDA STATE LOUISIANA STATE

The Seminoles put a halt to a two game losing streak with an impressive 42-3 slaughter over the Tigers of Louisiana State. In addition to the win, Seminole coach Bobby Bowden tipped the meter as he reached his milestone of 200 collegiate victories.

It took just 17 seconds for the Seminoles to light up the scoreboard in Doak Campbell Stadium, as the Tigers fumbled the opening kickoff. The tribe's Terrell Buckley recovered on the Tiger's 16 yard line and two plays later tailback Amp Lee found pay dirt.

Quarterback Casey Weldon took center stage in his first start of the season as he led the tribe to a school record 99 yard touchdown drive. Freshman wide receiver Matt Frier was one of the stars during the drive when he caught a 54 yard bomb

from Weldon. It was the Seminoles' longest offensive play of the season.

"I was kind of surprised because that was the first time that they've really gone deep to me. I've always been a possession type receiver and I always thought that I could get deep on them," Frier said.

Weldon took the air again, this time with only three seconds remaining in the half. The 38 yard "Hail Mary" pass landed in the hands of Shannon Baker to take a 28-3 lead into the locker room.

"It was a pre-designed play. There were three receivers on one side instead of one. Really, when the play was designed, all three receivers were supposed to go up and make the catch," Baker said.

The Tigers were never threatened in the second half, while Seminole substitutes played most of the fourth

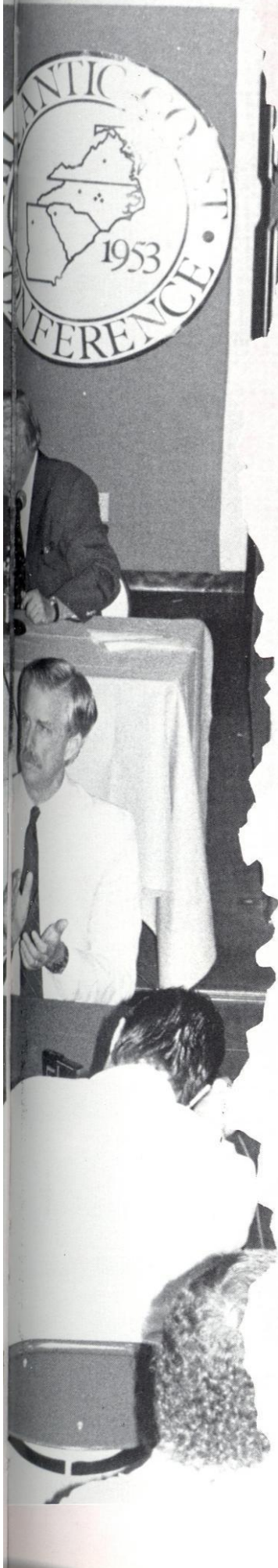
quarter. One was Maurice Pinckney, who led the squad with 52 yards on four carries. On that day, the Seminoles' offense had 71 plays, which gained 468 yards.

Cassy Bunn

Bill Ragans and Kirk Caruthers team up to bring LSU's quarterback down. The Seminole win over LSU made reaching Bobby Bowden's 200th victory that much easier.



ZULMA CRESPO



FLORIDA STATE 41

SOUTH CAROLINA 10

Coach Bowden's Seminoles took to the road for the contest against the Gamecocks in William-Brice Stadium. The last time the two teams met former Seminole quarterback Peter Tim Willis passed for 362 yards to lead the tribe to a 35-10 Homecoming win in 1989.

This year the battle between the two teams would vault the Seminoles back on top, improving their record to 6-2 with a 41-10 victory over the Gamecocks.

The Warriors rushed for 344 yards on the ground while holding the Gamecocks to a mere 62 yards rushing. Freshman tailback Sean Jackson led the Seminoles' offense with 115 yards. Running back Amp Lee contributed by adding 94 more yards three touchdowns.

"We had just outstanding blocking all day long. We came out throwing our first possession and realized they (South Carolina) were trying to take away the deep pass, so it was up to us to execute the running game. It was a big win for us, especially to play that well on the road," Lee said.

Besides the fierceness of the Seminoles' offense, there were the devastating plays of the defense. The tribe's defense sacked Gamecock quarterbacks six times, and the birds converted on only one of 11 third down plays.

"Our defense was really coming together. We wanted to keep South Carolina out of the end zone and we nearly did," inside linebacker Kirk Carruthers said.

Cassy Bunn

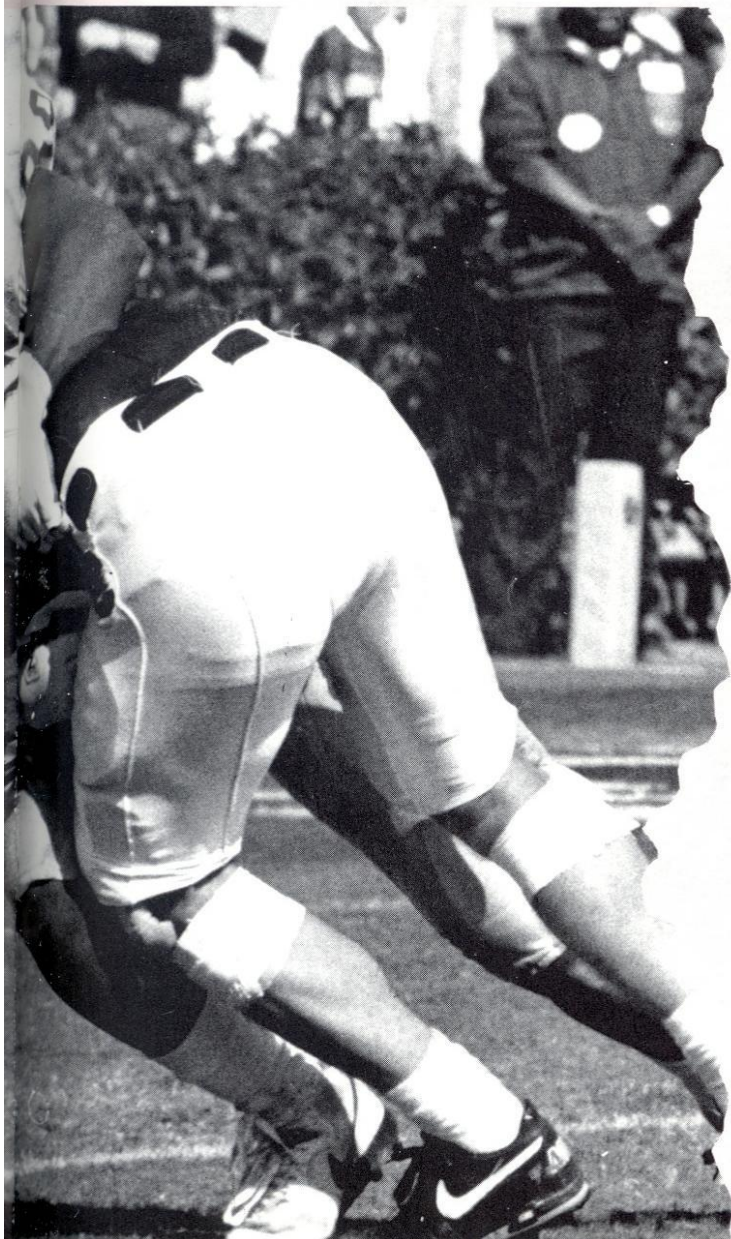
Anthony Moss sacks South Carolina's quarterback. The Seminoles played the Gamecocks on the road and defeated them 41-10.



RYALS LEE



FLORIDA STATE 70 CINCINNATI 21



The homecoming game was full of record breaking feats and a day of firsts for several players. A sellout crowd at Doak Campbell Stadium witnessed ten spectacular touchdowns against the Bearcats in a 70-21 rout. Never before had the tribe scored ten touchdowns in a game, though they had totaled 70 or more points four previous times. The victory improved Coach Bobby Bowden's unblemished record of homecoming contests.

Many players experienced memorable moments on that day. Freshman inside linebacker Marvin Jones had his first interception as a Seminole. Freshman running back Sean Jackson scored his first collegiate touchdown and a number of players earned their first bit of playing time during the season. Reserve quarterback Mike

Barre was one of those participants. A redshirt sophomore, Barre directed the Seminoles on three plays that Saturday.

"I was hoping I could get in. Three snaps made it all worthwhile," Barre said.

Cornerback Terrell Buckley rewrote the Seminole record books with his 83 yard interception. Buckley earned the rights of holding the most yardage on interceptions during a single season. He has 219 yards by way of six pass interceptions.

"The only disappointment was that we didn't score 100 points," Buckley said.

With a comfortable lead, Coach Bowden did something he rarely does. He took off his headphones early in the second quarter and let offensive coordinator Brad Scott and his staff call the plays.

Cassy Bunn

ZULMA CRESPO

Fullback Edgar Bennett gets tangled up in a tackle on a touchdown attempt. Many reserve players earn their first bit of playing time after athletes like Bennett set the stage for a blow out.

FLORIDA STATE 35

MEMPHIS STATE 3

Early control was the name of the game when the Seminoles punched Memphis State, 35-3, in the inaugural Texaco Star Classic at Orlando's Citrus Bowl.

"The main thing is that the guys played well enough to win," coach Bobby Bowden said. "We took control early, and the defense never let them get back in the game."

Linebacker Kirk Carruthers came out big as he recovered a Memphis State fumble and led the tribe with seven tackles as well as breaking up a pass.

"I felt like I had a little extra motivation due to the fact that I was out last weekend," Carruthers said, referring to his one game suspension for breaking training rules.

With the Seminoles ahead 9-0 at the end of the first quarter, Memphis State had to replace their injured quarterback. The tribe's defense then had less to worry about. The defense kept the Tigers to 153 yards total and five

first downs.

On offense, the Seminoles were able to put the game in victory range as 26 additional points were scored. Center Robbie Baker helped gain control of the line of scrimmage throughout the game.

The game's most valuable player was wide receiver Lawrence Dawsey. Headed for the NFL, Dawsey exemplified eight catches for 133 yards and two touchdowns. He also ran for two additional touchdowns, but they were called back by the officials. They ruled he stepped out of bounds on the first one, and the second was called back because a lineman was illegally downfield. With the recruiting scouts in the audience, Dawsey had hoped at least one of the touchdowns would have resulted in his favor.

"I thank God for giving me the opportunity to play and making two of those. I really can't complain," Dawsey said.

Gail Burton

Troy Sanders puts the rush on the Memphis State quarterback. The Seminoles played MSU in the inaugural Texaco Star Classic at the Citrus Bowl in Orlando.

Unstoppable fullback Edgar Bennett breaks a tackle and bursts into the end zone for his second touchdown score of the game. Bennett's efforts helped the Seminoles push their lead to 31-10. This victory gave the tribe their fourth consecutive win against one of their biggest in-state rivalries.



RYALS LEE

FLORIDA STATE FLORIDA

45 30

The easiest way the fans described the contest between the Seminoles and the Gators was excitement. The big plays made all the difference in a joyous victory over the Gators, 45-30.

After just two offensive plays, quarterback Casey Weldon launched a 76 yard bomb to Senior All-American receiver Lawrence Dawsey who stepped the pig skin across the goal line for an easy touchdown.

Linebacker Howard Dinkins scooped up a fumble from Gator running back Willie McClendon after Florida's first play from the line of scrimmage. The Seminoles took over on the 33 yard line in Gator territory, and four plays later Richie Andrews kicked a 47 yard field goal to put the Seminoles ahead, 10-0.

The big plays continued as the master of trickery, coach Bowden, set up a surprise on the Seminoles' next posses-

sion. Facing fourth and inches from the Seminole 41 yard line, Bowden stacked his team tightly on the line for what appeared to be a run up the middle. With all the tribe tightly packed on the line of scrimmage, the offense shifted formations and the Gators thought the play was in motion and jumped offsides. The Seminoles won the first down.

The Seminoles capitalized on the Gator's mental error with another big play on the drive. Freshman wide receiver Matt Frier caught an 18 yard pass for a first down and third and 12. Frier's catch was spectacular because the Seminoles only made two of 11 third down conversions, and none in the second half. Running back Amp Lee ended the drive with a three yard pass from Weldon into the end zone and the tribe led 17-3.

The night continued to sizzle in the second quarter as Seminole safety John Wyche

intercepted the ball from Gator quarterback Shane Matthews on their two yard line. However, the Seminoles didn't convert and the Gators narrowed the score to 17-10 after just five plays.

The Seminoles bounced back with a 29 yard connection from Weldon to Lee which led to a score on a two yard run by junior fullback Edgar Bennett, and the tribe lead 24-10 at the half.

Upon returning to the field for the second half, Weldon passed to Frier for a 50 yard gain and four plays later, Bennett scampered in for his second score, and the 'Noles led 31-10.

The last big play by the Seminoles occurred when the score was 38-24. Weldon once again connected with Dawsey for a 71 yard bomb on the first down. One play later, Lee picked up his second score and the Seminoles giggled the Gators for the fourth year in a row.

Cassy Bunn



ZULMA CRESPO

Ending A Blockbuster Season

In the inaugural Blockbuster Bowl, a crowd of over 74,000 fans watched as the Seminoles mauled Penn State.

Tackled in mid-air, Lawrence Dawsey cradles the ball after receiving a complete pass by Casey Weldon.

RYALS LEE



ROBERT PARKER



FLORIDA STATE 24 PENN STATE 17



ROBERT PARKER

Seminole fans celebrated touchdowns from the bench as well as in the stands. FSU beat the Nittany Lions in state at Joe Robbie Stadium in Miami.

Bobby Bowden capped off his silver anniversary season of coaching this year when the Seminoles tripped up Joe Paterno's Penn State Nittany Lions in the inaugural Blockbuster Bowl at Joe Robbie Stadium. Bowden bulked up his all time high percentage in bowl victories with the win, as the 'Noles continued to remain unbeaten in bowl games since the 1980 season.

The Seminoles, with a crushing defense, combined with the scrambling of MVP Amp Lee, the passing of Casey Weldon and the catching heroics of Lawrence Dawsey, held off a late Penn State counterattack to declaw the Lions 24-17.

A crowd of 74,201 saw Bobby Bowden gain his 205th career victory, as the Seminoles finished the season ranked fourth in the nation.

Bowden felt that Penn State was the best team his young squad had faced all season. "I've never enjoyed a bowl as much as this one, because of his (Coach Paterno's) association. When you've beaten Joe, you've accomplished something."

The 'Noles took a 17-7 lead into halftime, highlighted by an Amp Lee 1-yard scoring run, a 41-yard Richie Andrews field goal, and another Amp Lee scoring run, this time for seven yards. The

Tribe recorded some impressive halftime statistics, as they led the Lions in total yardage.

Penn State fought back in the second half, cutting the lead to 17-10 before Weldon scored on a bootleg to put the Seminoles up by two touchdowns.

At that time, Lion backup quarterback Tom Bill checked into the game and promptly hooked up with Terry Smith on a 37 yard touchdown pass to cut the lead to one touchdown.

The 'Noles responded like a top five team, as the vaunted FSU defense stifled the Nittany Lions on their last two drives to seal the victory.

While Florida State finished the season with a 10-2 record and a magnificent bowl victory, many of the team's returning stars anxiously await the 1991 season.

"We can't win the national championship this season, so we looked at this game as putting ourselves in a great position heading into next year," sophomore cornerback Terrell Buckley said.

Seminole fans around the country were proud of their team and they could only hope that the success of the Florida State football program would continue into the following century.

Jodie Rosenberg

Volleying To Greater Heights

Maggie Philgence began her volleyball career at Florida State when she transferred from her native St. Croix in the Virgin Islands. Her dream began when her high school coach talked her into trying out for the varsity team when she was a sophomore. That same year, she also joined a club team called Onyx. Through this she was able to tryout for the Virgin Islands National team. Her team had the opportunity to play against the United States, Canada, and Cuba in the NORECA Games in the Dominican Republic.

Prior to her competitions, she attended a volleyball clinic given by Flo Hyman, a former member of the silver medal 1984 United States volleyball team, and Arie Selinger, the former coach of the 1984 United States team, in St. Croix. Flo's advice to Maggie was "look and learn." Maggie recalls, "She told me to watch other players and I would a lot from them at this tournament." Selinger was positive about her ability to play ball, and he urged her to continue playing because she had a "natural talent." It was her experience in international competition and positive words of encouragement that led Maggie to drop basketball and track to make volleyball her number one sport.

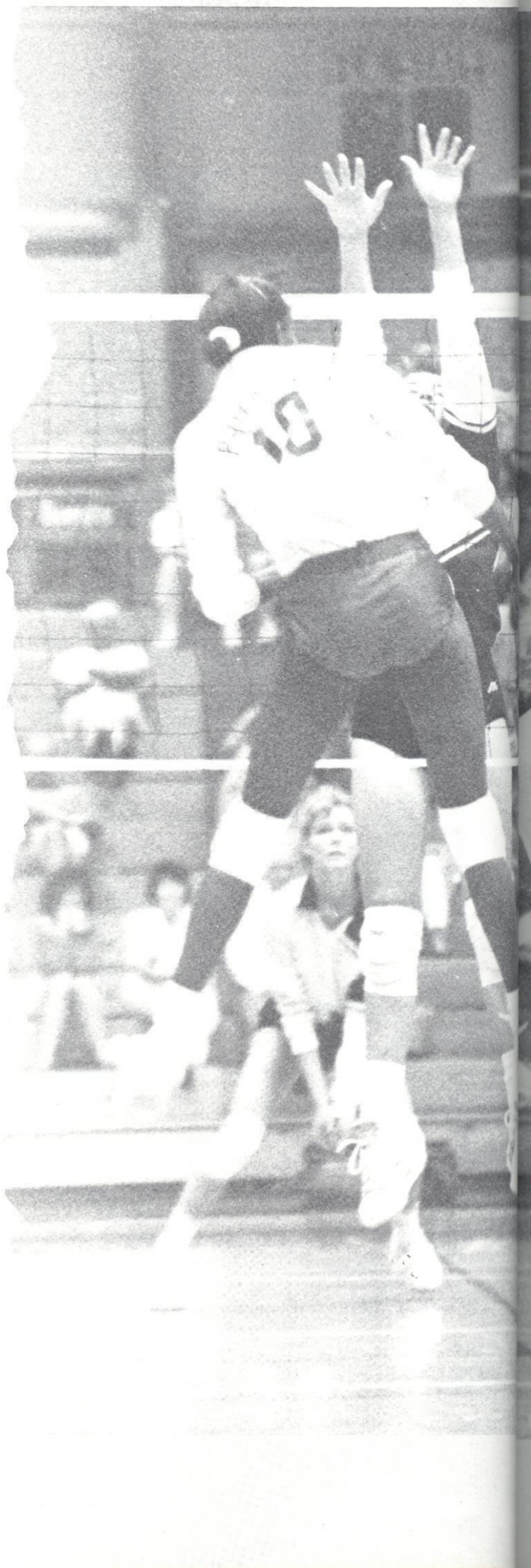
After an MVP performance her senior year in high school, Maggie decided to attend Florida State over San Jose State and the University of Tennessee-Knoxville. Coach Cecile Reynaud played a very important role in Maggie's decision. "I liked her (Coach Reynaud) a lot because she was very easy to talk to, so that made my decision easy when it came down to a decision between Florida State and San Jose State," Philgence said.

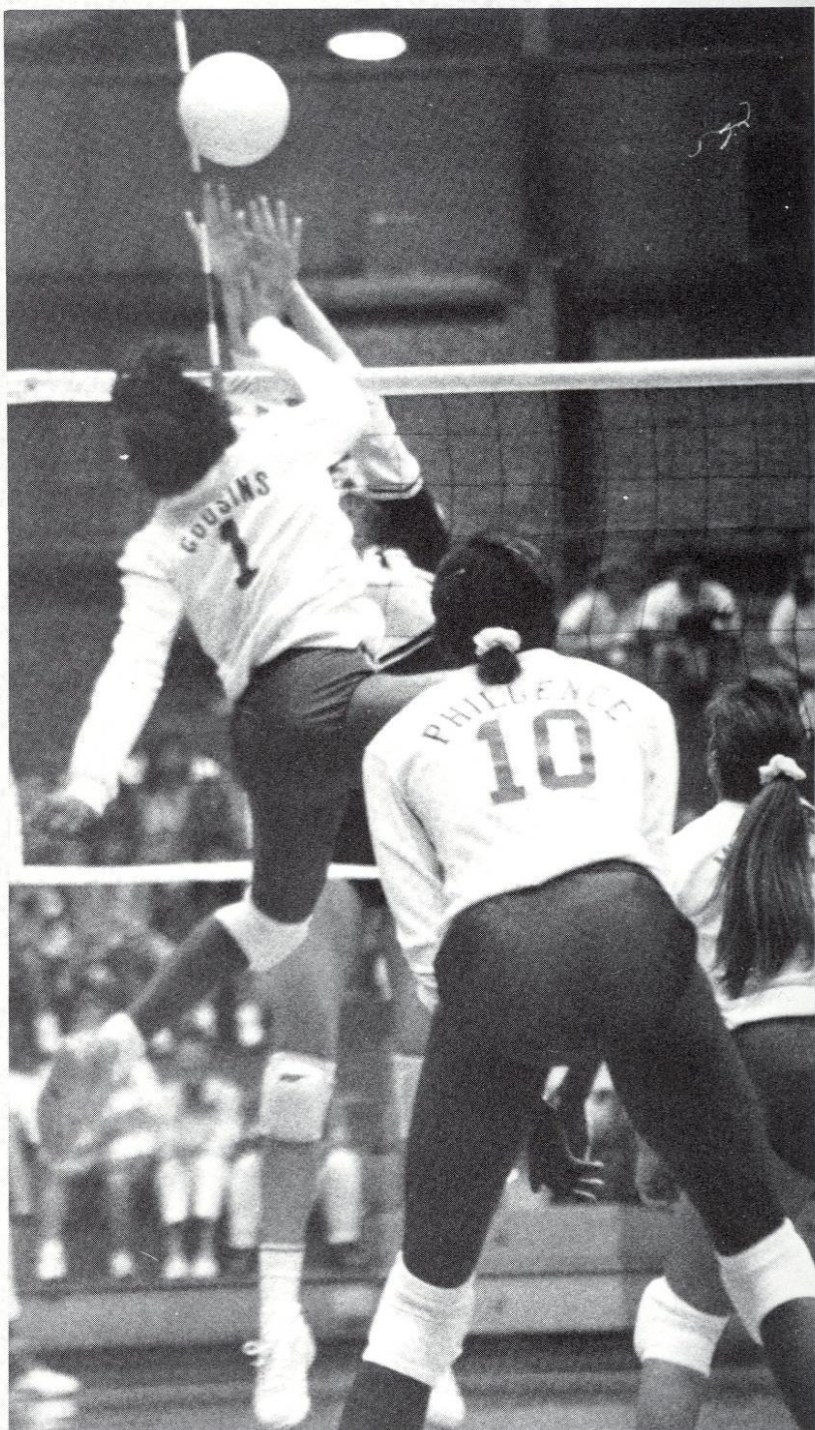
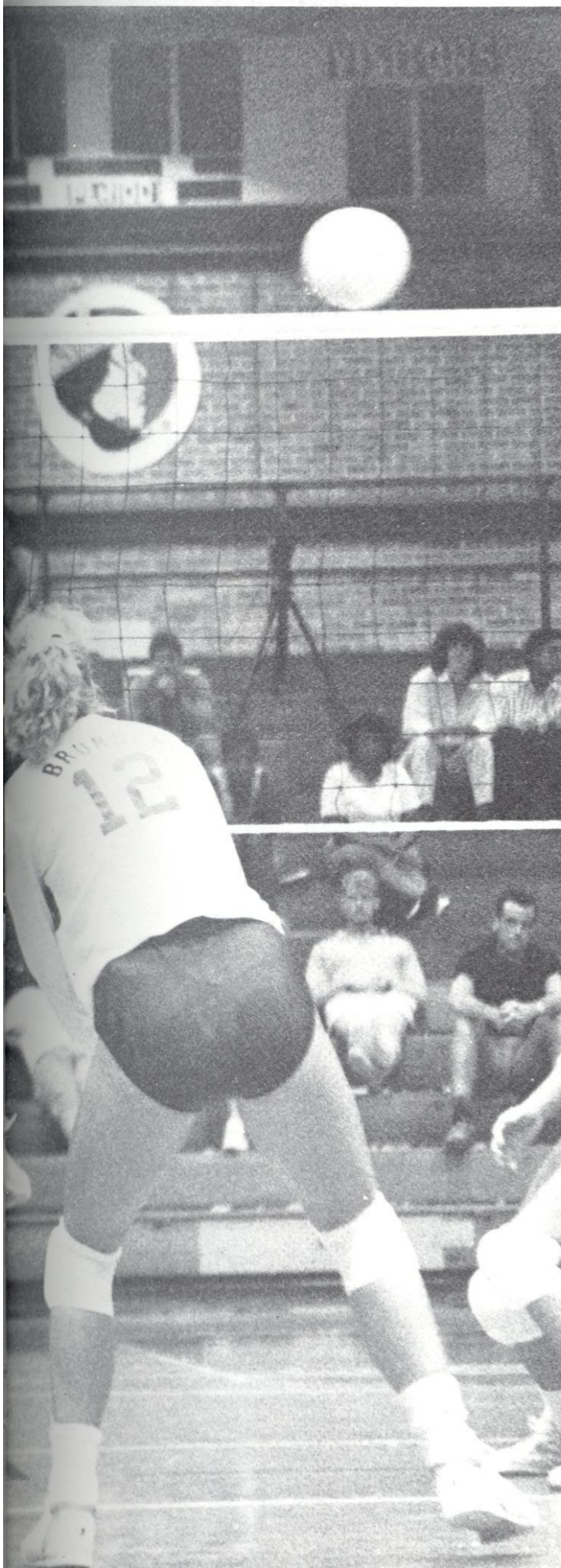
During her freshmen year at Florida State Coach Reynaud described Maggie as "an impact player." Coach Reynaud said, "She comes on the court and makes exciting things happen." By the end of her freshmen year, she was named the Metro Conference Rookie of the Year, to the Florida Eight, Volleyball

Monthly, and to the AVCA All-South Region all-tournament teams. Her sophomore and junior years saw the same amount of awards and accomplishments. "All of those honors are very important to me, but the honor that was really special was when I broke Florida State's kill record (for points earned for unreturned spikes) my junior year," Philgence said.

This past season as a senior she was one of the team leaders. Unfortunately, the team faced some big disappointments. They had lost the Metro Conference, which they had won since her freshmen year. The team was also given a chance to become the first volleyball team in the university's history to make it past the first round of the NCAA National Championship tournament. Sadly enough, they lost to the University of Kentucky in a hard fought four-game match. For Maggie, there were personal disappointments as well. "I did not expect to be named a first team All-American, but at least I thought that I would be an honorable mention. After all, I became only the eighth player in Division I volleyball to surpass the 2,000 kill mark in one's career. My senior wasn't all that bad. There were a lot of memorable moments that I will never forget."

Though her memories are grand, Maggie realized that it was time to move on if she was to accomplish her dream of being an olympic athlete. In January she tried out for the United States "B" team, but did not make it. Maggie said, "I was very upset, and I saw it as a set back in my volleyball career. But now, I'm even more determined to prove that I too can be an Olympic athlete." Maggie's future plans were to play in the European Professional League in the fall, while checking into the possibilities of playing in France, Holland, Norway, and Switzerland. Maggie said, "I would like to play in Europe, preferably France, to gain some international experience and then return to the United States to tryout for the Olympic team. Hopefully, I would make the team the second time around."





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Outside hitter Kristine Cousins knocks one past a Southern Mississippi defender, as Maggie Philgence and Jennifer Marraffino cover her from behind.

Flying high, Maggie Philgence completes an offensive play with a kill against Southern Mississippi. Philgence finished the season with a career high 2,110, which ranked her fifth on the NCAA Division I Career Kill Leaders List.

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Soaring high above the net, middle hitter and blocker Gabrielle Reece responds to Jennifer Marraffino's set and pounds the Southern Mississippi defense. Reece finished her final season with a career high 748 blocks, which placed her fifth in the NCAA Division I Career Block Leaders List.

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Talent Breeds Creativity

With an interesting mix of veterans and newcomers, head coach Cecile Reynaud entered her 15th season of Florida State volleyball with a chance to experiment. Coach Reynaud said, "I looked at many options. They were such an interesting group that I tried everyone at two positions on the floor. It added creativity."

Among the five seniors on the team were Jennifer Marraffino, a setter, two position players, Debbie Meyer and Marybeth Sutcliffe, and the two 1989 AVCA South region selections that posed an offensive and defensive threat, Maggie Philgence and Gabrielle Reece.

Philgence entered the season as the Division I active kill leader with 1,531 and Reece, closed in on the 1,000 kill mark. Philgence ended her ca-

reer with 2,110 kills, placing her at the number five position on the NCAA Division I Career Kill Leaders list, while Reece's 748 blocks ranked fifth among the career leaders. "Two-thirds of our offense went to them. Both Maggie and Gabby have great jumps and are hard to block. The difference between them is that Gabby is intimidating in her blocking, and Maggie's bread and butter is her hitting," Reynaud said.

Vicky Zinkil and Amy Bronson contributed 160 kills and 180 kills, respectively, and proved to be lethal near the net. Coach Reynaud said, "Amy and Vicky were two of our most versatile players. They could pick up from anywhere on the court most of the time."

Junior Kristine Cousins ranked second among the NCAA conference leaders for

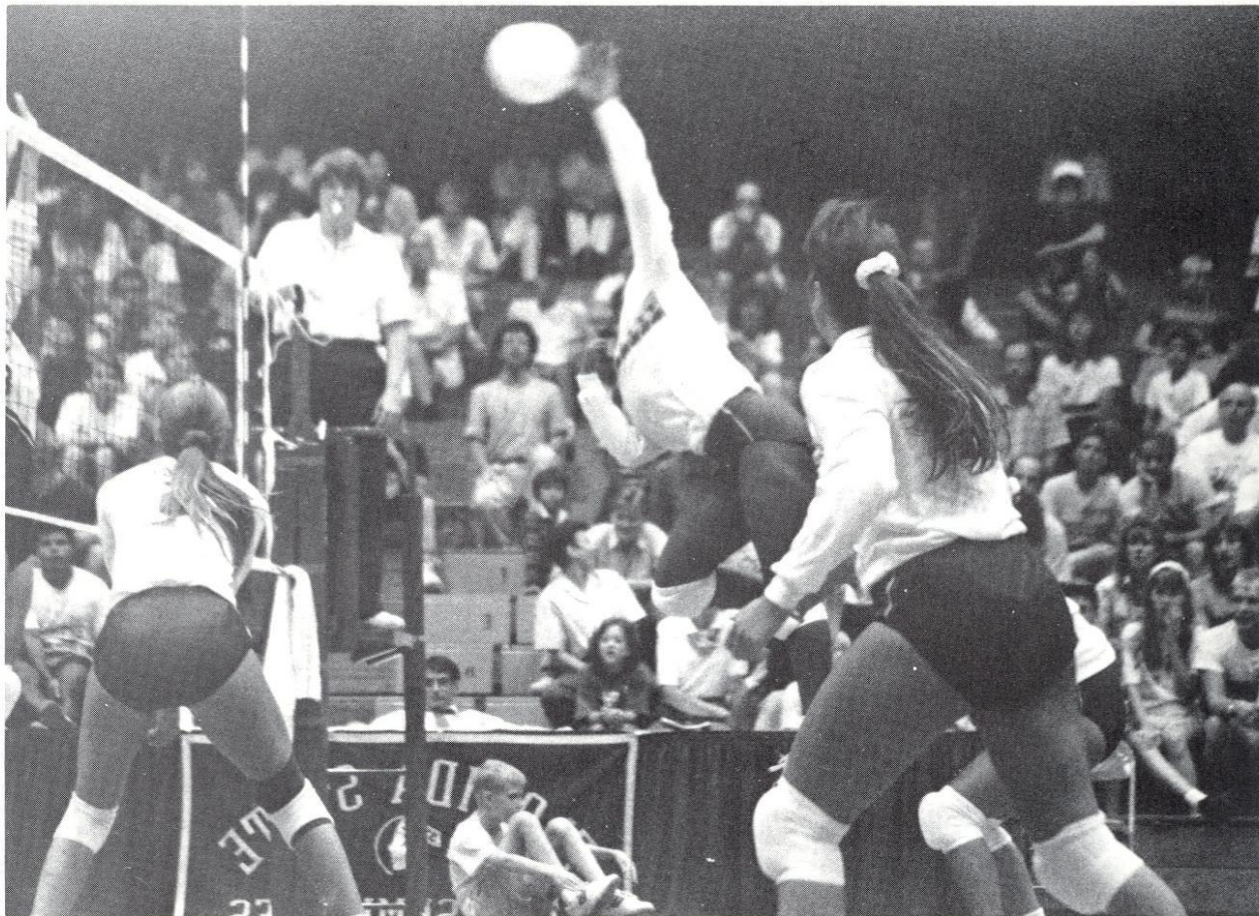
digs, with an average of 3.36 per game.

Freshmen newcomers Jennifer McCall and Brandi Cumin saw playing time as setters. Jennifer Cichy and Bianca Stevens made their college debut as outside hitters for the Lady Seminoles.

In their last season in the Metro Conference, the Lady Seminoles finished the regular season in second place. Their sixth consecutive Metro Conference Tournament Championship was brought to a halt by the Louisville Lady Cardinals, who won the tournament by edging out Memphis State.

The season ended when the Lady Seminoles fell to the University of Kentucky Wildcats in the first round of the NCAA Tournament. Their overall record was an impressive 25-10.

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Gabrielle Reece and Jennifer Marraffino take careful watch of Kristine Cousins' spike over Southern Mississippi. The Lady Seminoles won the match 15-8, 15-9, 15-5.

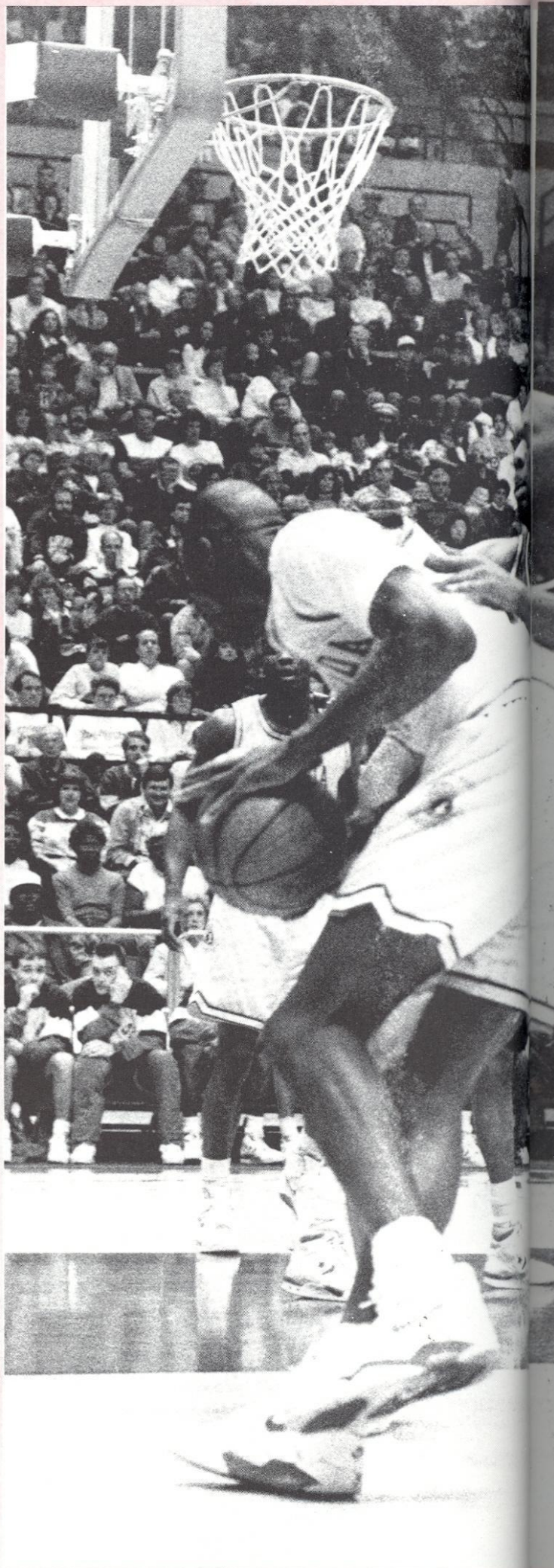


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Head Coach Pat Kennedy gives signals during a crucial moment in the game against the University of Florida. Unfortunately, the Seminoles lost the heartbreaking game 68-85.

In the Civic Center, fans were packed in watching the Metro rivals of Louisville. Rodney Dobard drives the baseline with intensity and desire. The Seminoles played their last season of Metro games before turning to the ACC.

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Working Their Way to the NCAA

Most experts looked at the basketball season as Pat Kennedy's most challenging. Not only would his team consist of only three seniors, but it would face one of the nation's most demanding schedules. Included among the tough Metro Conference games were match-ups against the preseason number one, two, and three teams.

The squad approached the season with quiet confidence and found themselves on the verge of their third NCAA Tournament bid in four years.

Entering the season, senior Michael Polite was the only proven starter. An excellent rebounder and inside scorer, Polite carried the young team until they found themselves. Aubry Boyd, the only other starting senior, provided the backcourt scoring power. Sophomore Rodney Dobard was penciled in at center despite missing the first three games due to a broken foot.

The biggest question mark for the team was who would be at point guard. Freshmen Charlie Ward took the position after his successful football season had ended. It was then that the young team skyrocketed

past their Metro competitors.

Early in the season, the Seminoles played inconsistently. Impressive wins over Top 25 teams La Salle and South Florida contrasted with frustrating losses to in-state rival Florida and Auburn.

The Seminoles managed a 4-2 record through the rocky season setting up a nationally-televised showdown against top-ranked University of Nevada Las Vegas. The "Duel in the Desert" gave Florida State an opportunity to take a huge step in the national ranks. However, the warriors weren't ready to take this step. They lost the game 109-69 in front of a rough Las Vegas crowd.

In late December, the Seminoles hit the road for their first two Metro games. The tribe found out that Tulane had dramatically improved from the previous year. After the loss, they faced top-25 ranked Southern Mississippi. Unfortunately, the Seminoles were defeated and returned home.

The team chalked up two big conference wins against Cincinnati and Louisville. Their success continued against Stetson and 22nd-ranked South Carolina. The game would be

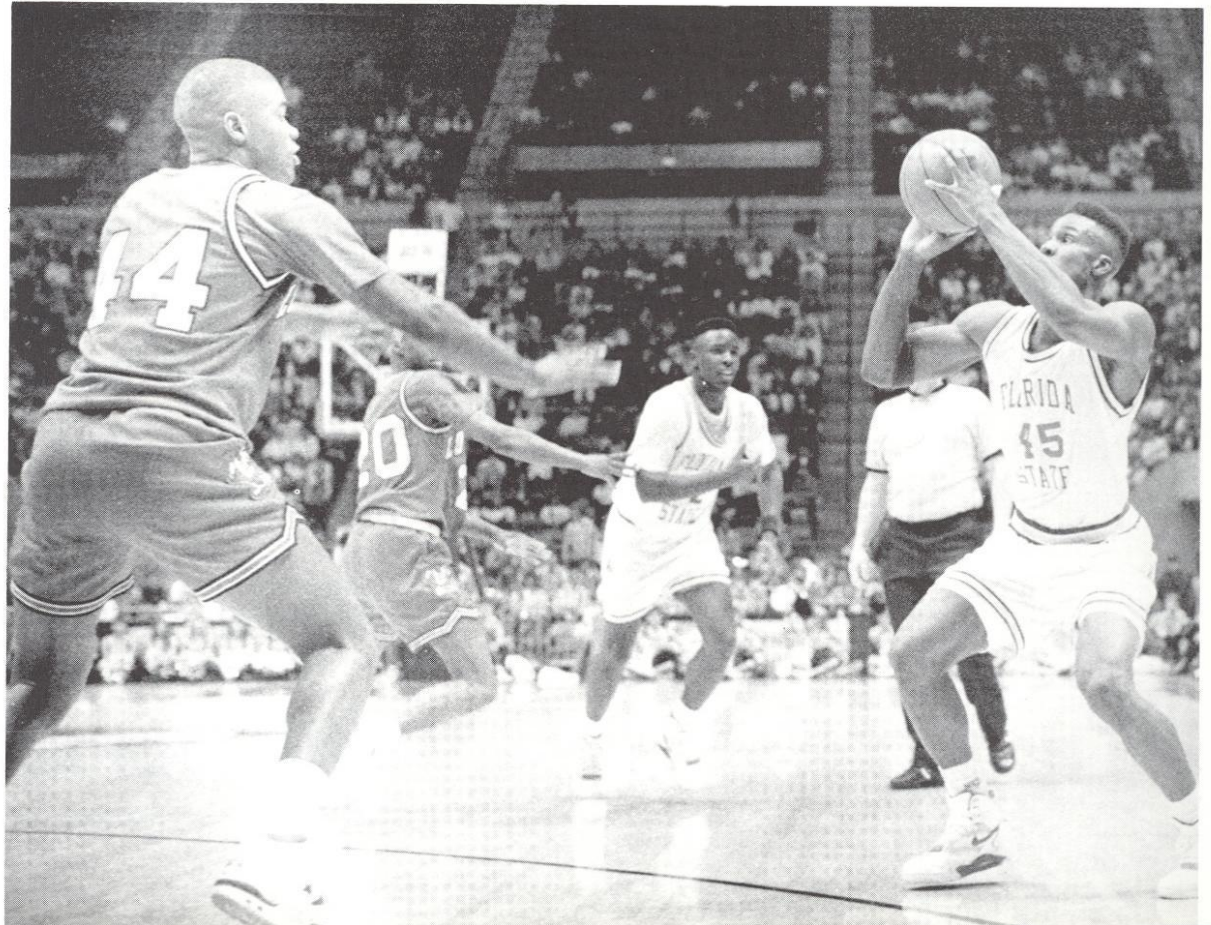
one of the season's best for the tribe as Doug Edwards scored seven points in overtime to guarantee an 81-80 win over the highly acclaimed Gamecocks. Their happiness was short lived when the Seminoles lost to Arkansas 109-92 and a heartbreaking loss to Memphis State 67-66.

The seminoles wasted no time and regrouped to gain two victories over Virginia Tech and Tulane. With a 11-7 record and 5-3 Metro mark, the Seminoles turned towards the NCAA Tournament run. Wins over Alabama State, Jacksonville, and Syracuse provided motivation as they entered the Metro conference play offs. The tribe struggled, but in the end, captured their first tournament title. Florida State finished the season by accepting a bid to the NCAA tournament. Unfortunately, the Seminoles lost in round two of the tournament play.

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Trying to find a hole, Michael Polite head fakes his defender hoping for a few additional points. Nevertheless, the Seminoles lost the battle against Louisville.

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Charlie Ward Helps Seminoles Shine

The name Charlie Ward has become significant to most basketball and football fans at Florida State. The talented sophomore from Thomasville, Georgia began his athletic career as a red-shirt, third string quarterback for the Seminoles. He also started as punter for the Tribe averaging 37.1 yards per kick and ran the ball seven times for 21 yards as a freshman.

He decided to play basketball as something to keep him busy after football season was finished. Coach Pat Kennedy was in desperate need of a starting point guard. Ward took the position and became one of the key players for the Seminoles. "I believed I could play well and make a contribution to the team. It's always going to be a point of pride for me to look back and say I could play two sports on the Division I level," Ward said.

His athletic ability was never in question. "We knew about the athletic ability, but it wasn't until the fourth or fifth week of practice that we felt he would be a contributor. He knows how to find the open man and he has incredible instincts. His ability to get out in the transition and get it going is simply in-

credible," Kennedy said.

As a starter, Ward averaged 11.1 points, 4.7 assists, 2.7 steals and 3.7 rebounds per game. Perhaps his most fantastic play of the season came when, with only 22 seconds left, he made a 30 foot three point shot to insure a 72-69 Seminole victory over Louisville in the Metro Tournament finals.

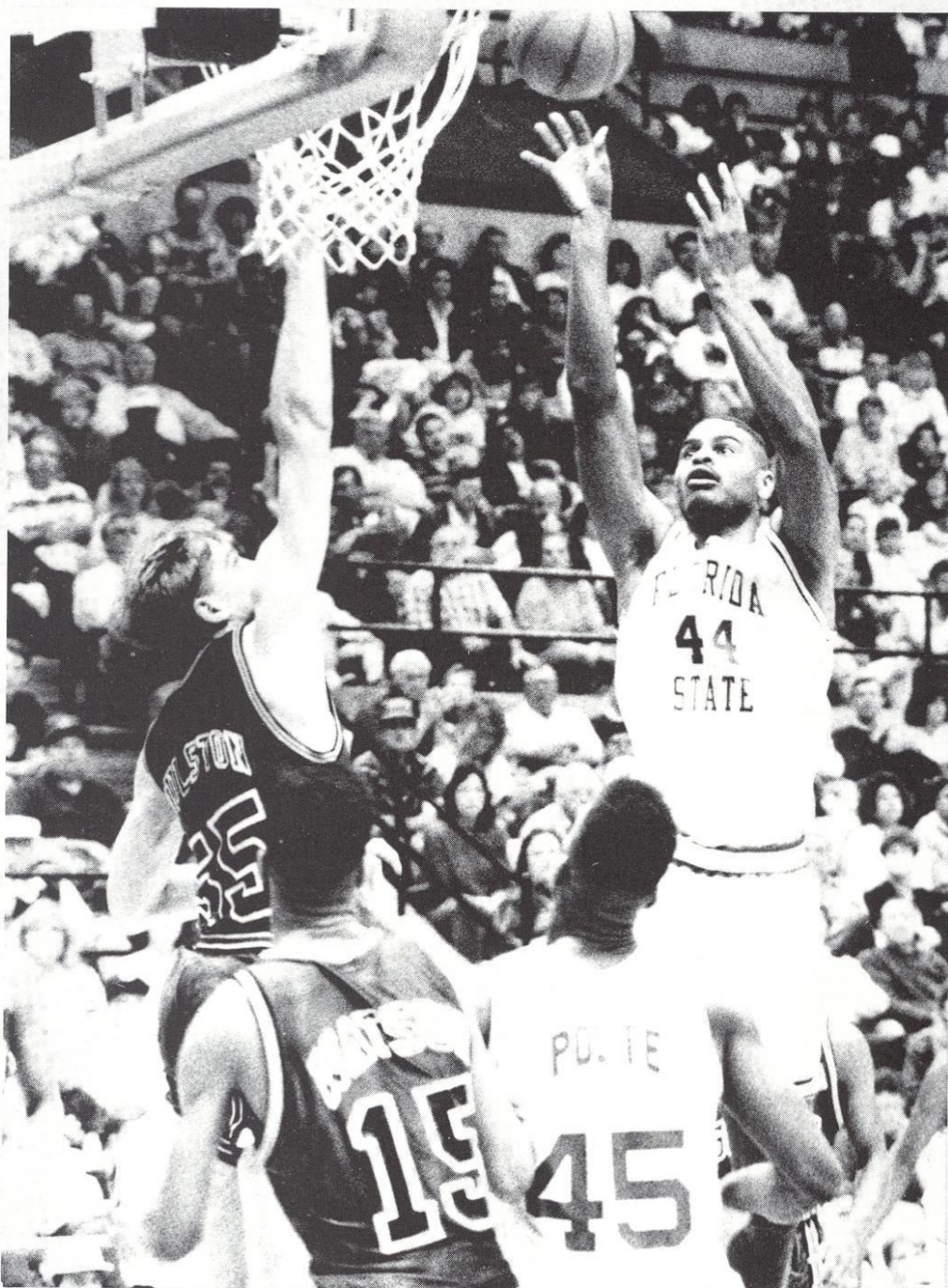
The only damper on Ward's season was that it was probably his last. "I have to wait and talk to Coach Bowden about next year. He'll have the final say," Ward said. Since he signed a football scholarship with Florida State, Coach Bobby Bowden had the last word on whether he would be playing basketball next season. He said Charlie would have to give up basketball to compete for the position of quarterback for the 1992 season when Casey Weldon and Brad Johnson would have used up their eligibility. "I am pleased that Charlie is doing well. However, Charlie has to be a fulltime quarterback next year," Bowden said.

Even though he will not be a part of the team next year, Charlie Ward's accomplishments won't be forgotten.

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Center Andre Reid rises above the rest and shoots for two, as Michael Polite blocks a defender.

Charlie Ward landed the point guard position late in the season and proved to be one of the most important members on the team. His determination and athletic ability showed whenever the ball was in his hands.

Seminole Basketball SCORES BIG

Florida State entered the 1991 Metro Conference Tournament as the league's hottest team. After a 0-2 start in Metro play, the tribe came to Roanoke, Virginia, with a four game winning streak.

Second ranked Florida state and sixth-seeded South Carolina met in the third game of the first day. "This contest would set the game of basketball back 40 years," Coach Pat Kennedy said. With 10 minutes remaining in the first half, South Carolina led 16-10. By the end, the tribe tied the score at 26. The second half was dominated by the Seminoles and they held on for a 65-55 win in the first round of play.

The evening game matched Florida State with Virginia Tech. Chuck Graham led the Seminoles with 23 points off the bench. Doug Edwards

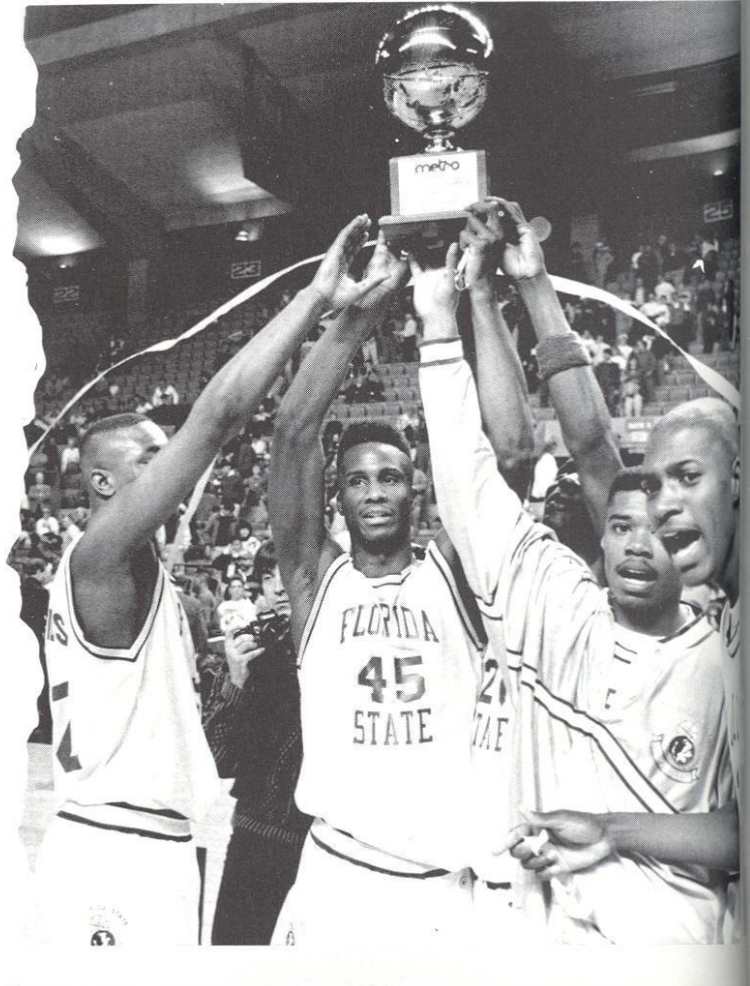
scored 21 points and Charlie Ward recorded 10 with five assists and five steals.

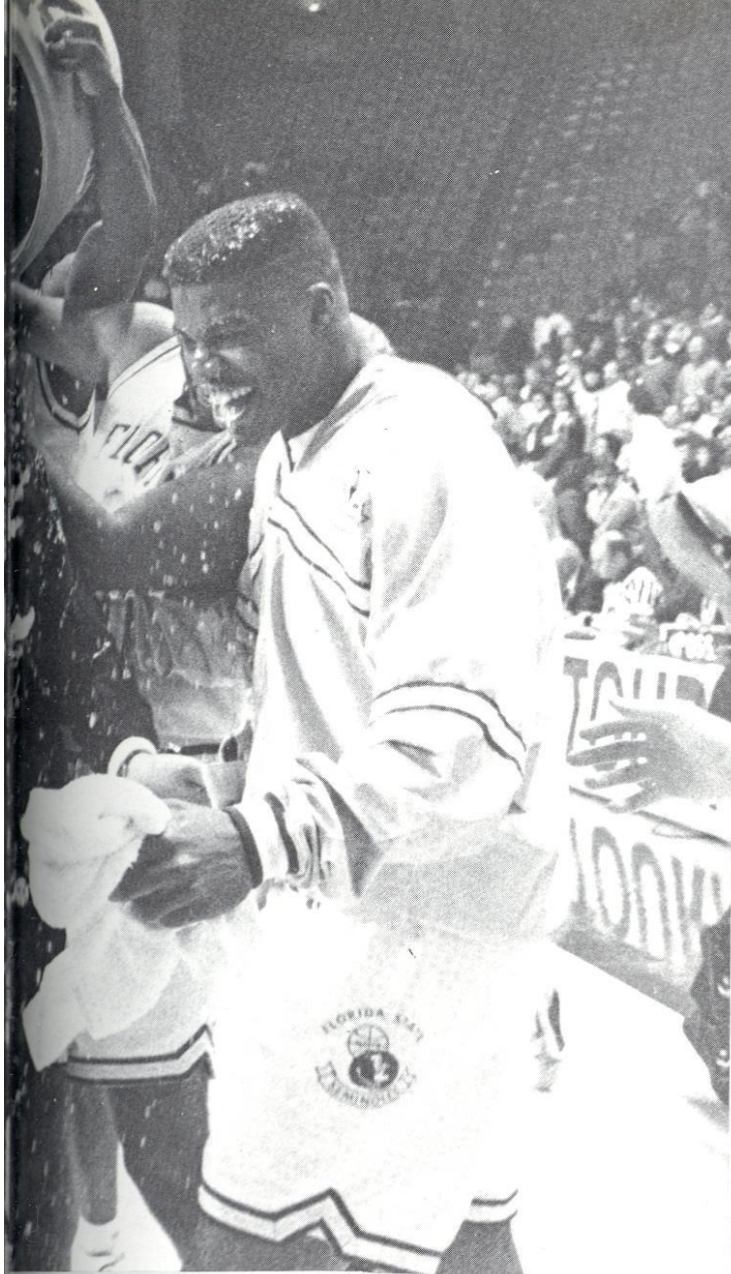
The easy 91-71 win over Virginia Tech set up a showdown between Louisville and the red-hot Seminoles in the finals. At the end of the first half, the Cardinals led 45-34. The Seminoles lagged behind in the second half and fell to a 56-36 deficit with only 17:08 remaining on the clock. Edwards scored two consecutive baskets to help Florida State climb back into the game. Chuck Graham added two free throws and a three-pointer to set the stage for Charlie Ward. With only 22 seconds left to play, Ward delivered a 30 foot three-pointer to break the 69-69 tie and hoisted the Seminoles to a 72-69 Metro Tournament Title win.

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Seconds after the Seminoles were crowned the new Metro Conference Champions, Coach Pat Kennedy was doused with the team's water cooler.



With pride in their eyes, the Seminoles celebrated a well deserved Metro Conference Tournament victory over Louisville. With only 22 seconds left, the Seminoles broke the tie and took the lead 72-69.

Douglas Edwards and Derrick Myers help Rodney Dobard celebrate his slam dunk. Dobard averaged 6.7 points, 4.3 rebounds, and 1.0 blocks during the Metro Conference.

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Forward Tia Paschal tries to stop a Florida A&M defender from making a shot. The Lady Seminoles won the game at the Civic Center 92-62.

Forward Christy Derlak edges past several USM defenders and chalks up another two points for the Lady Seminoles. Derlak was responsible for hitting a three-pointer as the Seminoles made a desperate attempt to take the lead in the second half. The Seminoles won the contest 96-76.



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Seminoles Have A SMASH SEASON

The Lady Seminole Basketball team enjoyed one of their most successful seasons in the university's history. The sharp shooting squad ended the season with a 25-7 overall record. The mark equals the Lady 'Noles all-time best record and their best record under Head Coach Marynell Meadors.

The Seminole were one of the highest scoring teams in the country during the 90-91 season. The ladies averaged just under 84 points per game heading into the NCAA tournament. The team broke the century mark five times and set a new school record for most points in a game in its 114-71 thrashing of Stetson University, which shattered the mark of 110 set earlier in the year against Marquettes. The main reason for the ladies high scoring games may have had something to do with the fact that four starters shot better than 51 percent from the floor. The Seminole squad sat a top the team category for field goal percentage in the NCAA ratings of March 5th.

Bragging rights seemed to belong to the Seminole experienced backcourt with All-American candidate Wanda Burns and Robin Corn, but Corn went down with a knee injury in the second game of the season and qualified for medical hardship. It was the duty of sophomore Danille Ryan to fill the shoes of Corn at the point guard position. Ryan couldn't have responded with better leadership qualities and talent when called upon. Yet, Ryan was modest when she realized the job before her, but in this case, Ryan's actions overshadowed her humble words.

"At first I knew it would be a tough job because I had never played point guard before. It was a hard task to take after Corney (Robin Corn)," Ryan said.

With Ryan at the point, the Seminole were 23-5 with losses to top ranked Virginia, third rated Georgia Tech, number five Auburn and South Carolina.

Despite those tough losses, the team rejoiced in defeating the 8th ranked Tigers of Louisiana State University in the Championship game of the Tallahassee Hilton Classic, 89-82. Other highlights of the season included.

"It was great to be in the top 25. The seniors worked so hard for it and I was glad to see it happen for them," freshmen Christy Derlak responded.

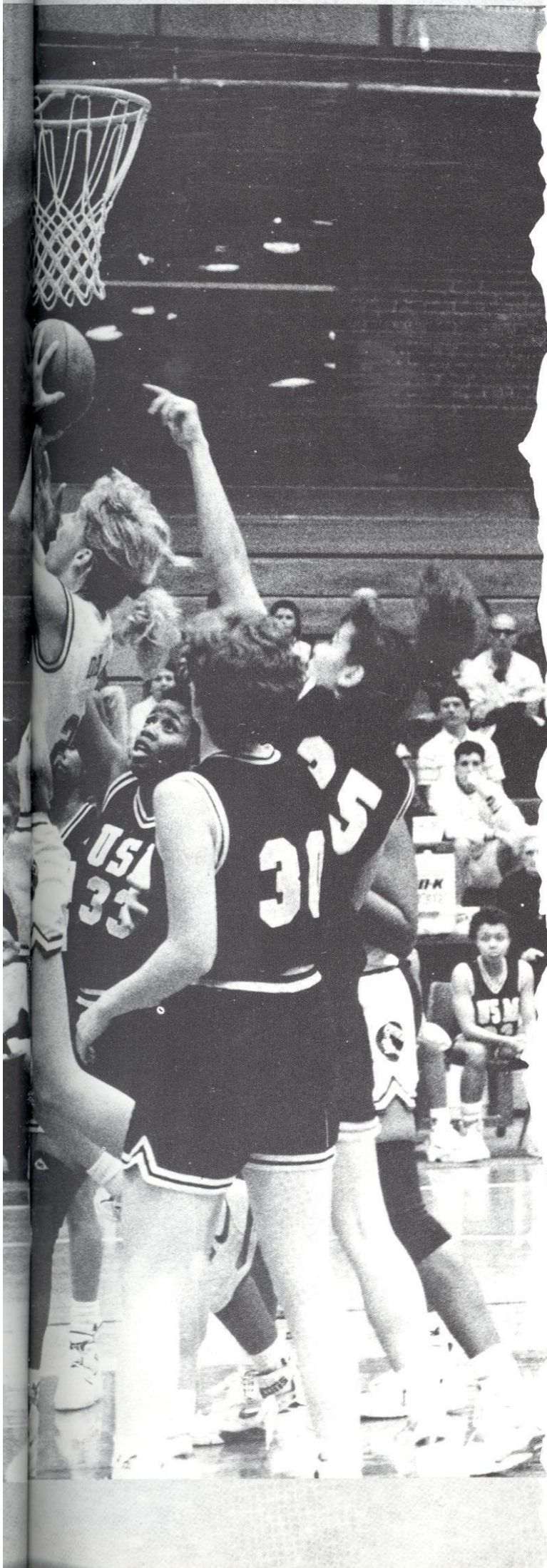
The top notch Seminole also claimed the state championship for the second year in a row, downing all four opponents from the Sunshine State.

Other milestones the Seminole passes, included sharing the honors of the regular season. Winning the Metro Conference title with South Carolina and winning the Metro Conference tournament championship for the first time in university history. In return, the Seminole made their third appearance in the NCAA tournament. They received an automatic bid by winning the Metro and was seeded fifth in the Mideast Region. In the first round game, the 'Noles defeated 12th seed Appalachian State University. It was the first time the team advanced past the initial round in the tournament. Meeting the challenging team of Western Kentucky in the second round, the 'Noles stumbled and fell to the Hilltoppers.

"It was great to get past the jinx of the first round in the tournament. It's a great feeling to know you're going to advance in such a prestigious tournament," senior Kelli Test said.

Although the Lady Seminole season ended in the second round, the bright future of the team was just in its beginning stages. In addition to the return of nine players out of 13, plus a talented group of six early signees, the 'Noles began play in the tradition rich ACC. The Lady Seminole basketball team can boast of a successful record and the ruling of their last season in the Metro conference.

Cassy Bunn



Seminoles Make A FIRST AND LAST

They were holding a dream in their hands. They were the first ones to ever capture their desires and hold it high in the sky; the first team in the history of the university, at least. As Head Coach Marynell Meadors watched her Lady Seminole basketball team accept the trophy for becoming the 1991 Metro Conference champions.

"I can't tell you how hard they worked for this," Meadors said.

No one may be able to express just how much determination and desire the Lady Seminole had to have in their hearts and minds to capture the Metro Conference tournament for the first time in the university's history. Although it did take hours of practice pushed by a dream.

That dream began when the Seminole reached a Metro Conference record of 12-2 in the regular season. In return, the 'Noles were placed as the second seed in the tournament, but only by chance. The Lady Seminole tied with South Carolina for the regular season conference title and as a result had to flip a coin to determine the top seed of the tournament.

The Lady Seminole ripped through their first two games romping Cincinnati 89-51 and Louisville 83-70. The Seminole found themselves in the final game facing the old but familiar South Carolina. The Gamecocks finished their season 22-8, while the Seminole ended 24-6.

With the help of a tenacious defense and a come-from-behind offensive effort, the Lady Seminole won the Championship in its last year in the Metro Conference before heading for the Atlantic

Coast Conference. They earned the title by a single point with a 54-53 victory over the Gamecocks before 220 fans in the Commonwealth Convention Center in Lexington, Kentucky.

The victory was as tough as everyone expected. The Lady Gamecock's Karen Middleton, who had four 3-pointers and guard Lori Joyner, who finished with 19 points, did everything possible to put a stop to the driving force of Florida State.

Part of that driving force included the tournament's Most Valuable Player, Wanda Burns. Burns lead all Seminole scores but she said that her statistics were just a small part of her game plan.

"I've tried this season to balance my individual stats and skills with the team's goals and I think I've done that pretty well. I didn't try to go out and get the big stats every game because I wanted the team to be first. I just tried to be consistent in every game," Burns said.

The memory of being the first team to win the Metro Championships was a goal of many of the seniors on the squad.

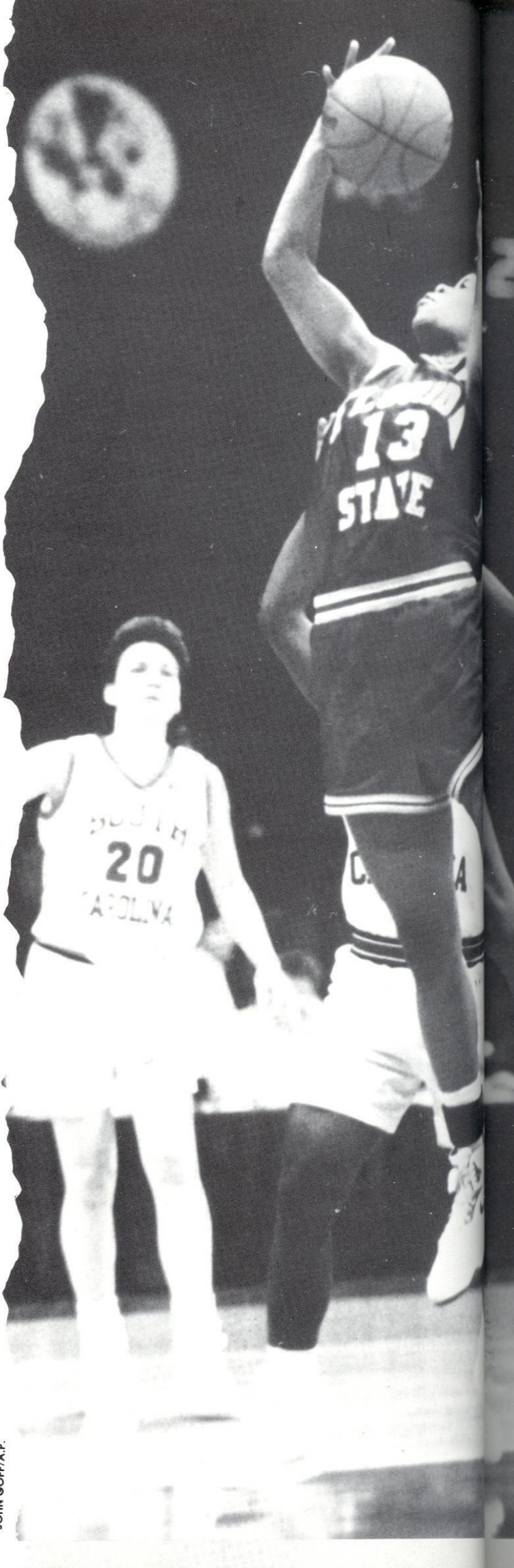
"It's something I'll never forget. Every year I've been here, one of our goals has been to win the championships. Winning it my senior year gives me a sense of accomplishment and completeness," Kelli Test said.

The team reached many milestones during the 91 season. One of the most memorable was winning the Metro title for the first time in their last year before starting ACC play.

Cassy Bunn

Chris Davis snatches the ball in mid-air from a South Carolina Lady Gamecock. Davis pulled a season high 15 rebounds against South Carolina and was ranked fourth in the Metro in steals and fifth in field goal percentage.

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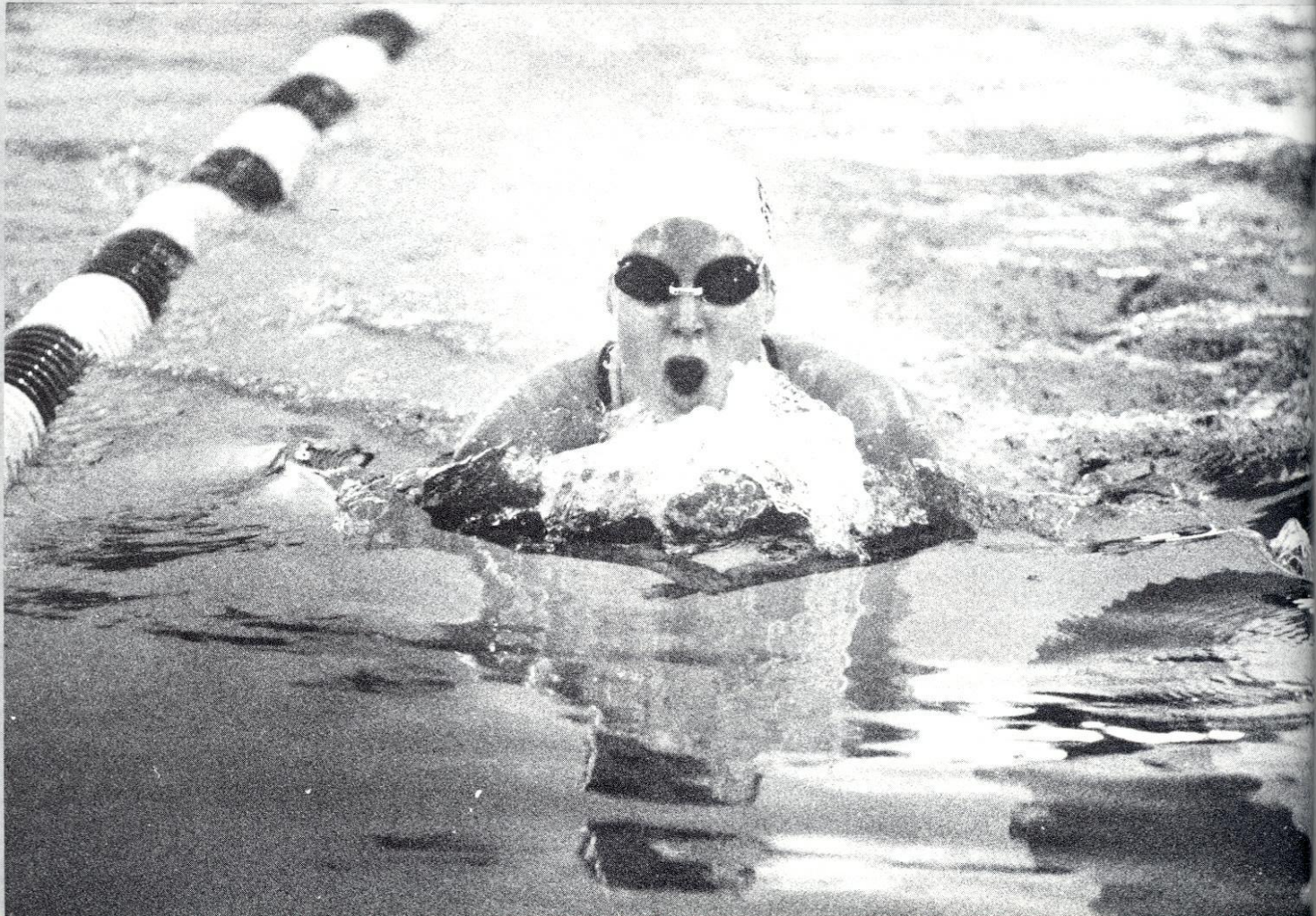
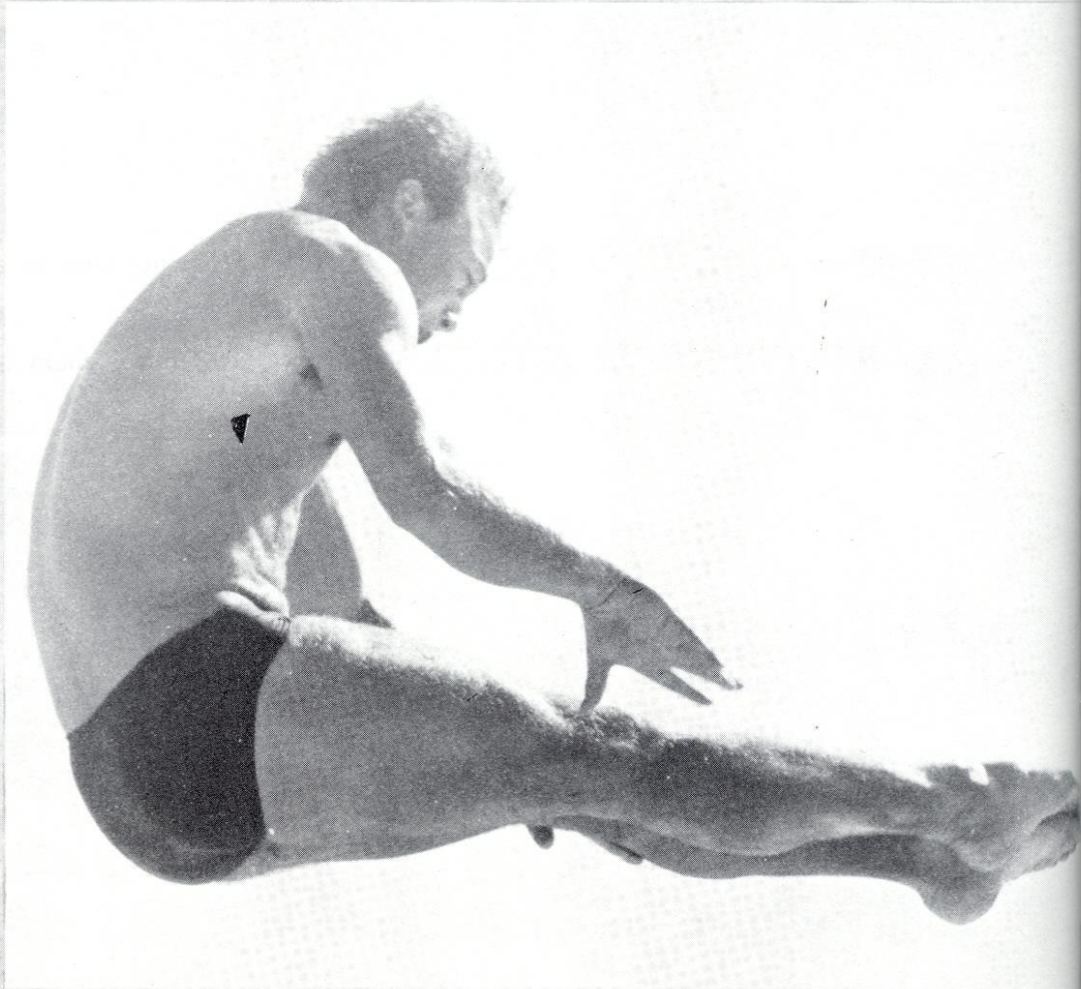
After a breathtaking 54-53 victory over South Carolina, the Lady Seminoles hold their first Metro Tournament trophy high above their heads.

As the buzzer sounds, Wanda Burns, Chris Davis, Tia Paschal, and Tracy Walker share a moment together after claiming their first conference title.

Flying high against the University of Florida Gators, the Seminole dive team dominated the meet and defeated our rivals.

A Lady Seminole swimmer takes a breather against a Tampa opponent. Hard work and hours of practice went into preparing for this race.

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Diving To Greater Heights

Aquatic sports at the university were on a definite upswing. The women's team took the Metro Conference championship and the men's team broke five school records and placed at least seven swimmers in the NCAA championships held in Austin, Texas.

The Lady Seminoles swim team fought off many setbacks in bringing their season to dramatic finish. First, two swimmers left the team just after the recruiting deadline passed. Then, senior Kathy Isackson, winner of two events at the 1990 Metro championship, had to bow out early in the season. Later, Anne Spaeder and Valerie Moore were both sidelined with shoulder injuries.

Coach Marian Cassidy's team had a tough season. Still, the Lady Seminoles came into the Metro Conference with their chins up. However, Florida State started the last day of the tournament with a 34-point deficit between them and the front-runner South Carolina.

The picture changed as the Seminole squad pulled out a one-two finish on the last leg of the 200 meter butterfly. They also grabbed a last-second victory in the 200 meter breaststroke. Florida State's frenzied performances paled with the Lady Gamecocks lead to one point going into the final event, the 400 meter freestyle relay.

In the final event, the Lady Seminoles edged the Lady

Gamecocks by a hundredth of a second. It was enough to win the race and the Metro Conference title.

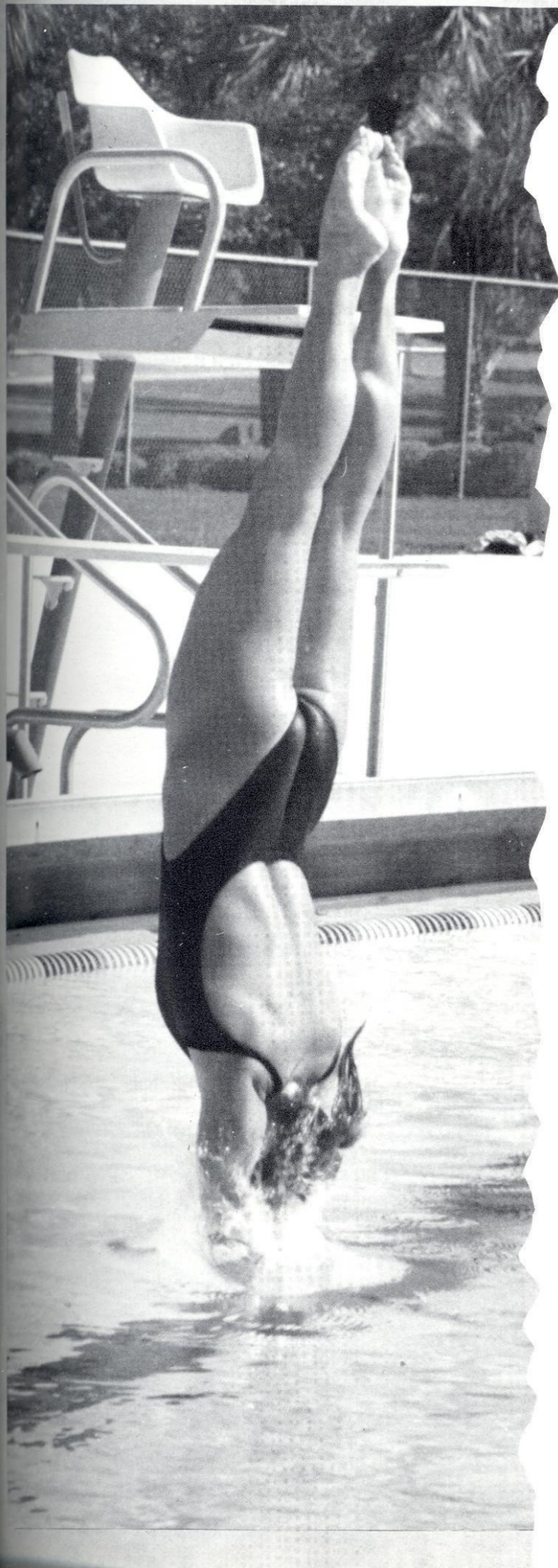
Though the men's season wasn't as dramatic as the women's, they still enjoyed a successful year. With a school-record seven entries in the NCA championships, the Seminoles staked their claim as a rising powerhouse.

Captained by seniors Charlie Rose and Craig Zettle, the men's team broke five school records this season. They also beat everyone but 16th ranked South Carolina in the Metro Conference championships. Rose holds four school records, two each in individual and team events, while Zettle holds one school record. Zettle also holds back-to-back titles in the 100 meter breaststroke at the Metro Championships. At the Metro, the men knocked off the South Carolina squad in the 800 meter freestyle relay for the first time in five years. Diver Paul Spray won the Metro Diver of the Year award, and hoped to make a big impression at the NCAA's in Austin.

The Seminole swim and dive program produced more than just able bodies. Twenty-five of these men and women made at least a 3.0 grade-point average, with about half of them topping a 3.5. The water sports program boasts more scholar-athletes than any other sport on campus. With those kinds of numbers, the coaching staff of Terry Maul, Sid Cassidy, Bill Shults, Gary Cole, and Marian Cassidy can certainly be proud of their athletes.

Mark McCarty

Executing a perfect entrance into the water from the board, the Lady Seminole Dive team overwhelmed the Lady Gators once again.



Exhibiting A Sense Of Enthusiasm

The men's tennis team was faced with a season of change and incentives. David Barron became the squad's new coach as he exhibited a new sense of enthusiasm.

A graduate of the University of Central Florida Community College and a Junior College National Champion, Barron took the team over in August. His love for tennis was shown in his coaching methods.

During the fall the men had good turnouts in Athens at the Southern Collegiate and in Gainesville at the Barnett Bank Classic. It was at the Barnett Bank Classic that Stephen Noteboom tasted his first victory by winning the men's singles.

"Experience is one trait this team is not lacking," Barron said.

Five of the nine players on the team were seniors, including Chris Durham. Durham saw more action than in previous seasons. As a sophomore he posted a 5-6 singles record, winning five of his first seven matches.

A noticeable change that affected the team was when Florida State joined the At-

lantic Coast Conference. Competitors for the '92 season included Duke, Virginia, Wake Forest, Georgia Tech, Clemson, the University of Maryland, the University of North Carolina and North Carolina State.

With the increased competition came increased facilities. Plans were approved for the construction of a new tennis complex that would house eight lighted courts and a viewing stadium. The courts were expected to be completed by the spring of 1992.

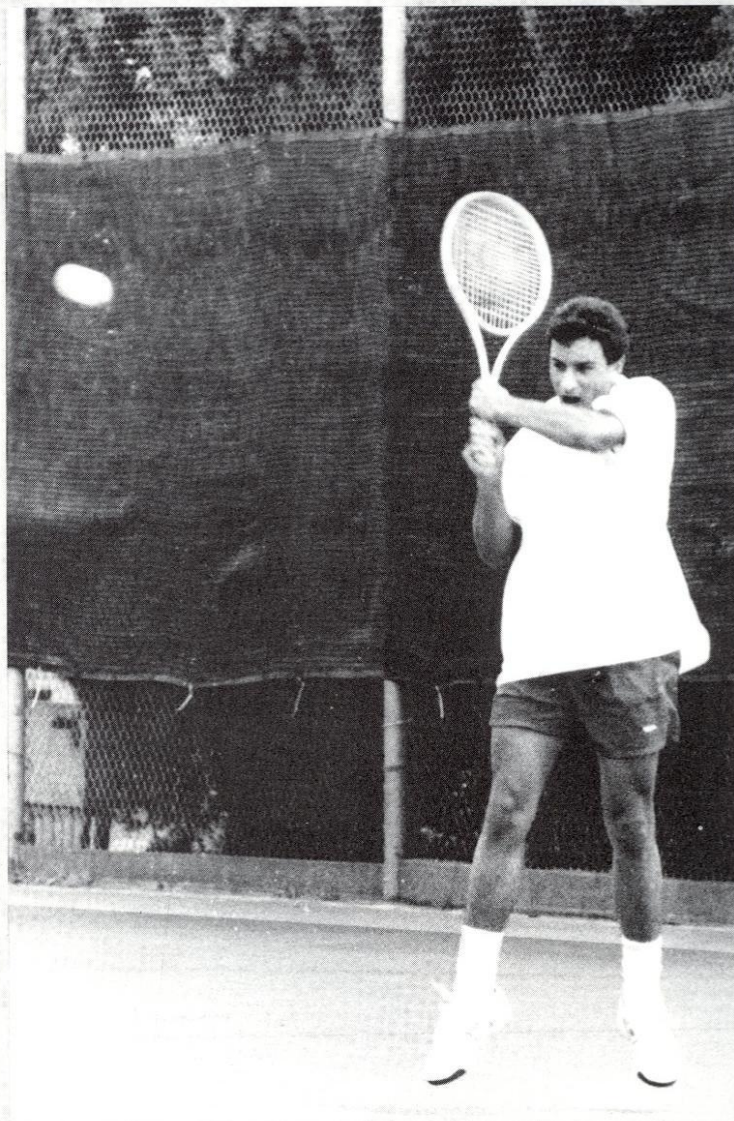
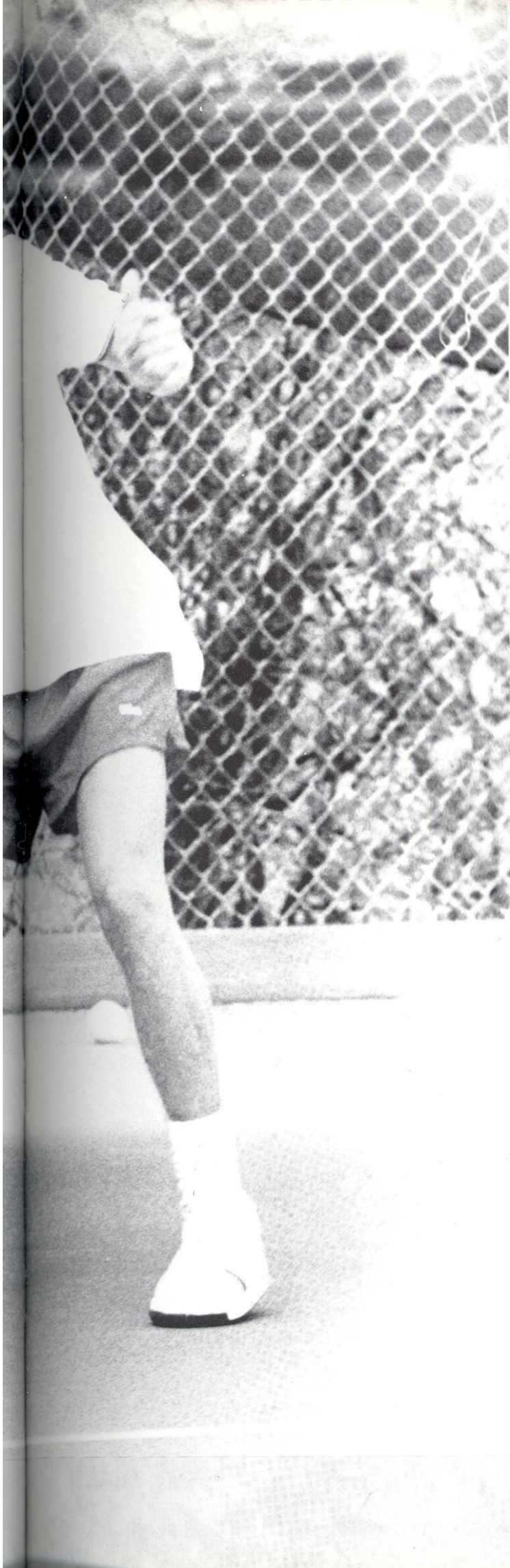
"Florida State's tradition in academics and athletics has always been the main attraction for students' and their parents. Now the new tennis complex will demonstrate the willingness of the university to excel in their facilities as well," Barron said.

The team was also awarded Florida State's sport academic award. The award was given to the men's team with the highest grade point average derived from the previous spring and fall cumulative gpa. This was the third year that the men's tennis team claimed the award.

Gail Burton



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Preparing to fire a shot, Scott Shields uses his incredible talent to overcome his opponent. Shields, a senior from Sarasota, was an excellent and extremely aggressive player.

With sheer determination and the strength of his forehand, Neil Krefsky returns the ball to his opponent. Among Krefsky's victories was an impressive showing in the Metro conference.

Junior Chrissie Tee returns a serve from the base line. Tee posted a 14-12 singles record her first year in Tallahassee and was a top ten junior player in England before coming to play for the Lady Seminoles.

Strengthening both the singles and doubles lineup, Robin Cifaldi uses her strong forehand to return a sideline shot. Cifaldi transferred from top 20 tennis power Trinity, Texas to take advantage of the new film school.



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Setting A Reachable Goal

Five returning veterans and three newcomers set the pace for the Lady Seminole tennis team.

"This team's strength was depth and versatility," Coach Patti Henderson said.

The Lady Seminoles took on the number two ranked Lady Gators, Duke, North Carolina, and Wake Forest. They also saw action against strong SEC squads. Louisiana State, Alabama, Mississippi State, Rice, Houston and Trinity created havoc for the determined team.

Leading the Lady Seminoles were seniors Buffy Baker and Ann Waggoner. Baker became one of the university's finest, with a career high of 25 victories over a period of three consecutive years. Waggoner, an All-Metro player and transfer from Tennessee, put her best foot forward and helped lead the Lady Seminoles to victory.

Returning juniors Nicky Ivy and Chrissie Tee provided many valuable points behind the lead of the two seniors. Sophomore Laura Sarkhaliti returned to the courts after a few injuries sustained in the beginning of the 89-90 season.

The newcomers to the team were freshmen Audra Brannon, junior Robin Cifaldi and freshmen Jennifer Hyde. Brannon was

ranked in the top 75 nationally, while Cifaldi hailed from rival Trinity and boasted a fifth place ranking with the Eastern Tennis Association. Jennifer Hyde added to the doubles defense and dazzled spectators with her young expertise.

The team's number one goal was to leave the Metro Conference Championship as winners. "Since it's our last year in the conference, I want the girls to take the title. They deserve it for how hard they've worked," Henderson said.

The team reached their goal by defeating South Carolina 46-42 and captured the prestigious crown.

Along with the rest of the athletic programs at the university, the ladies' tennis team joined the Atlantic Coast Conference.

"I am excited about joining the country's most prestigious athletic and academic conference. It has given us eight new rivals and they will provide a real challenge for us. It will definitely be interesting to see who comes out on top," Henderson said.

With the energy and determination displayed by the Lady Seminoles, focusing on the upcoming ACC rivalries was not an unreasonable task.

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Relaying A Sense Of Achievement

A steady group of returnees and a great recruiting class made the Men's Track team a favorite among the Metro Conference tournament competitors. The Seminoles defended their 14 consecutive conference titles with enthusiasm and pride. This Metro tournament was the last the men would compete in because they joined the Atlantic Coast Conference, along with the other 16 varsity sports on campus.

The men endured a hard regular season schedule by competing in and hosting the Snow Bird Open, the Relays and the Seminole Twilight meets. They also tackled Colorado, North Carolina, Illinois, and Florida A & M University in a grueling four way meet.

Chris Sloan, Darren Nutt, Tom Gerrets, and John Rothell made an immediate impact on the hurdle event when they left their opponents in the dust.

Junior Jason Frank and sophomore Rob Circelli led the Seminoles in the middle and long distance runs. Following close behind were Mark Bednarz and newcomers Philip Healy and Micheal Hampton.

Metro javelin champion Chris Keen and versatile Eric Chambers paired up with All-American Scott Peterson to put a stop to their competition.

Jumpers and top returnees James Milton and Kevin Crist gave admirable performances, while Kelsey Nash mastered the triple jump. "I will be surprised if Milton isn't a national qualifier in both indoor and outdoor events," Coach Terry Long said. Matthew Terry and Art

Nelson also contributed to the overall expertise of the jumpers. The Seminoles defeated their Metro rivals to win their title as champions.

With nine returning All-Americans to the Lady Seminoles Track team, high expectations were set for a Metro tournament title. "Our talent level was excellent," Long said. The lady Seminoles persevered and became the victors in the tournament.

Sophomore Patrice Verdun joined freshmen Natalie Douglas, Tracey Ray, and Sheryl Covington for the dazzling performances of the sprint and relay teams. Aundrea Lyons, Angela Harris, and Carmellia Shivers helped out with the 1,600m relay event.

The hurdles event was based primarily on the scoring ability of Kim Batten. She had already set a school record in the 100m hurdles and challenged the national titles in each of her events. Carmellia Shivers, Candi Odom, and Kim Mann added stunning performances and amazing depths to these areas.

The 3,200m relay team was ranked sixth in the national polls. Carrie Boyd, Angela Harris, Tracy Howze, and Karla Severs proved to be quite competitive against all of their opponents and once again hoisted the Lady Seminoles to greater heights.

Tonya Grannemann returned to head the Lady Seminoles. Heidi Hargett contributed her javelin experience to the team. Kim Mann was the top returnee after placing third in the Metro conference the previous season.

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On the far left, Kim Batten closes the gap between her competitors in the 100m hurdles. Batten, a senior from Rochester, NY, set a record in the same event at the NCAA tournament.

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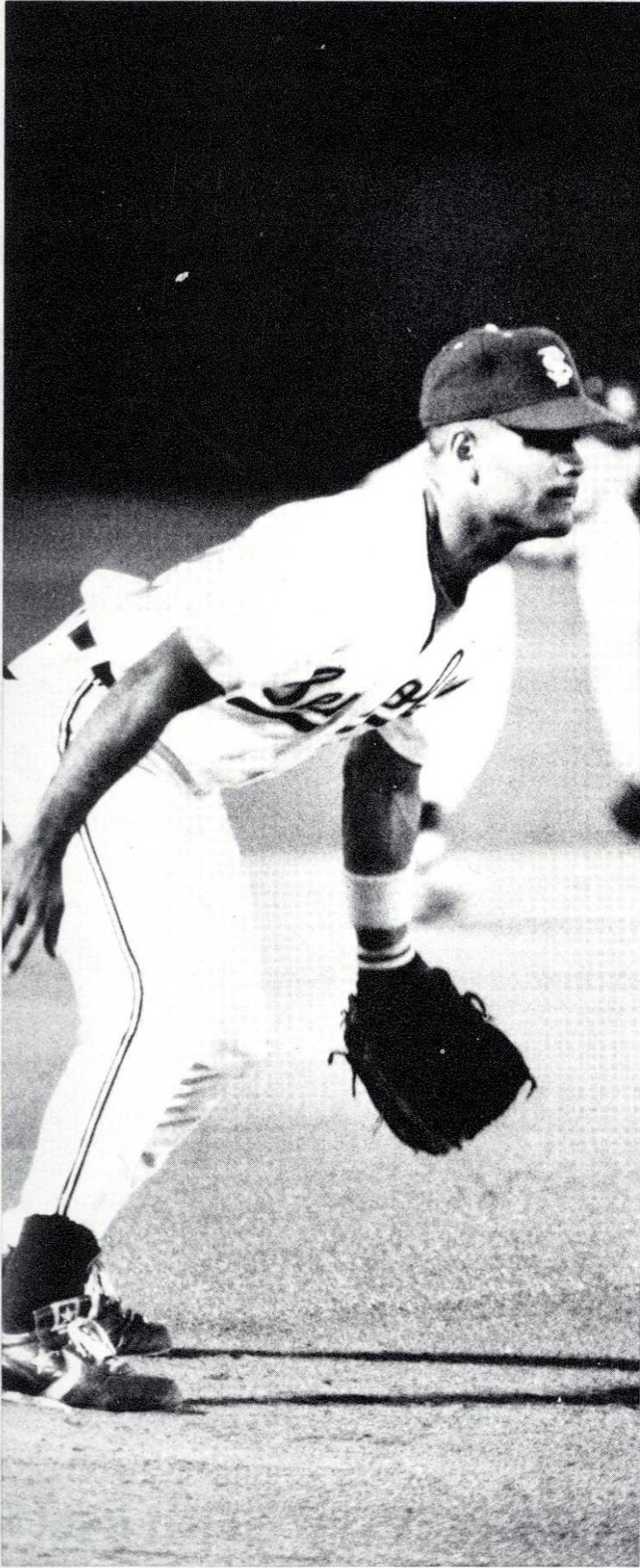
Sprinter, Nehemiah Jefferson, takes a powerful start in the 400m sprint. Jefferson, a sophomore from Tallahassee, had his career best at 48.02s.

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A new member to the team, freshman Indianne Henry launches herself over the bar in the high jump event.

Infielder Nandy Serrano moves farther infield, anticipating a bunt from a Mercer hitter.

While a Mercer first baseman awaits the throw from the outfield, Mark Dunbar slides safely into first base.



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Wasn't It A Striking Season

Florida State's roster included 15 newcomers, four returning players, as well as four returning pitchers. Head coach Mike Martin relied on untested talent in crucial situations. His squad faced one of the toughest schedules in their history. "Our schedule this year was as tough as any in the nation," Martin said.

There were ten games with in-state rivals Miami, who were ranked 4th, and Florida, ranked 17th. Three schedule features were the preseason games with number one ranked Arizona State. Other ranked teams on the schedule were Arizona, Michigan, Louisiana State, Minnesota, Southern Miss, and South Carolina.

"This was interesting because it was one of the few years in my 12 years that we didn't have a lot of experience on the mound. We'll be counting heavily on some young pitchers," Martin said.

Fortunately, Martin had four returning hurlers which included Freshmen All-Americans Roger Bailey and Chris Roberts, who were starters. The third and fourth starting positions were in competition between newcomers Jimmy Lewis, Kenny Robinson and LaWhit Lizzmore. Freshmen John Wasdin and Bryan Harris also vied for the positions.

Ricky Kimball returned as the Seminoles' relief ace. Tim Davis served as back up relief. California native Bobby Fernandes contributed as an important starter. The fresh-

men trio, Jeff Tibbitts, David Schumacher, John McNeese and sophomore John Nedeau were tested as reliefs as well.

On the offense, the leading returnee was junior second basemen Allen Bevis. First basemen Eduardo Perez and catcher Pedro Grifol. At third base, Nandy Serrano checked in. Link Jarrett and Tony Liebsack gave their all at shortstop.

Kenny Felder was the starter in left field. Along with Chris Roberts, they were the power threat of Florida State.

Defense was the strength of the players who started in center and right fields. Garrett Blanton received the centerfield position. In right field was Chris Brock. With the combination of Brock, Blanton and Roberts, the team had an excellent defensive outfield.

Three catchers, Jon Bolin, Marc Dunbar, and Michele Bertoldi played behind Grifol because of their lack in experience. Ty Mueller and Terrell Buckley backed up the Blanton, Brock, Felder, and Roberts foursome. Walk-on Sid Cash also backed up Perez.

The Seminoles entered the season ranked 12th. The previous season saw them dazzling the experts and surprising everyone with a fantastic tournament record. With the experience and talent that the Seminoles possessed, another championship title was just around the corner.

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Sweeping The Competition

The pitching and hitting of sophomore sensation Chris Roberts helped to rock the Miami Hurricanes 8-5 in the final game of the three game sweep. This was the first time Florida State had beat the 'Canes in three consecutive games since 1983.

"I had been battling an injury the last few games, but I got ahead of their hitters, which is the key to pitching well," Roberts said.

A record crowd of 17,811 watched the three game stretch. The second ranked Seminoles improved their record to 37-6.

"There's no question that the Miami series was the biggest of the year for us. Our kids didn't need anymore incentive to get up for this," Coach Mike Roberts said.

After one inning, catcher Pedro Grifel hit a two run double and Roberts added a two run home run to boost the score to 4-0.

"Getting that first inning big lead was important. It set the rest of the game," Robert said.

In the third inning, Roberts hit a rough spot when Miami added three hits and

one run. "I made some bad pitches in the third. But I settled down and was fine after that," Roberts said.

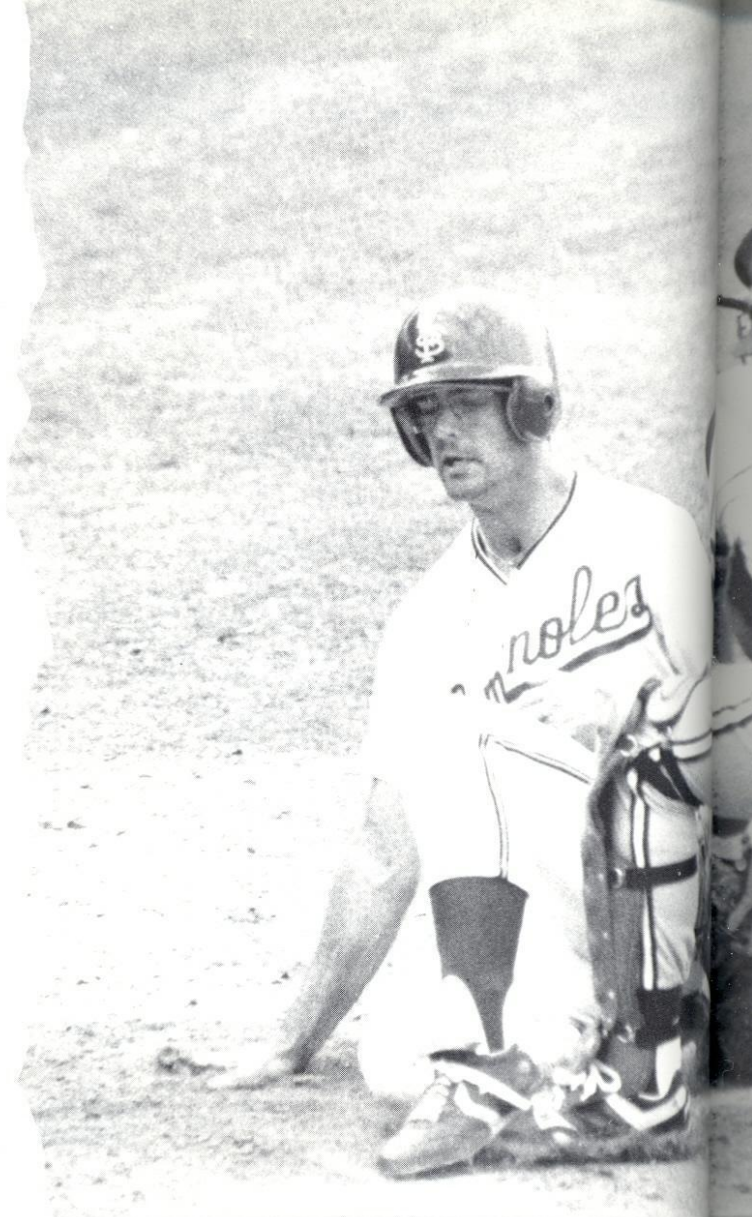
Robert retired 13 straight before two hits were given up in the seventh inning. The Hurricanes pulled with 2 to lessen the Seminole lead 6-4, but Roberts came to the rescue in the eighth. After a Grifol single, Roberts felled with a second home run to advance the Seminoles to an 8-4 lead.

FSU relief pitcher Ricky Kimball started the ninth a gave up a run to increase the Hurricane deficit 8-5.

The Seminoles won Friday's game 5-2 behind a 10 strike out showing from starting pitcher Rober Bailey. Saturday's game final was 12-4, after third baseman Nandy Serrano lead with three hits and two RBIs and pitchers Timmy Lewis and Tim Davis performed a 15 strike out series.

"All of the credit goes to our players. Its a great accomplishment to sweep that Miami ballclub," Martin said.

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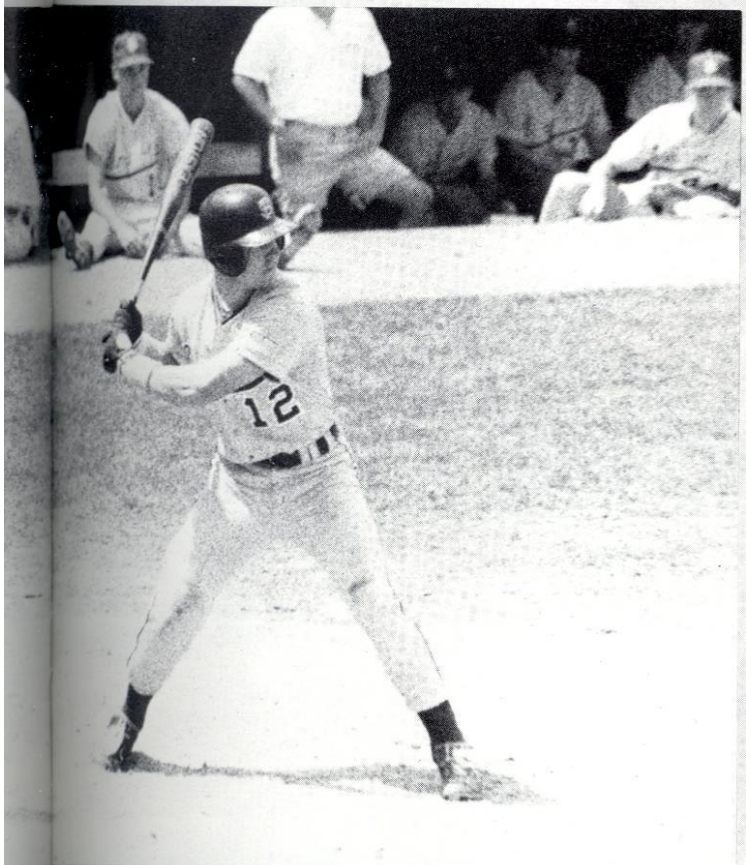
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A University of Florida catcher tags a Seminole base runner out on home plate. The tribe was victorious in the series against the Gators.

Starting pitcher, number 14, Chris Roberts slides into third base in a game against Miami. Roberts' nickname was "Lucky 14" because he had a tendency to hit homeruns on the 14th day of each month.



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Number 12, Gary Blanton waits for a Miami player to pitch the ball. The Seminoles swept Miami in a three game series.



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Coach Mike Martin anticipates the pitch choice by starting pitcher Chris Roberts against the first game in the Gator series. The Seminoles beat Florida with a two game sweep.

After a successful hit into the outfield, Allen Bevis makes it safe from second to third base. A Gator third baseman awaits the throw from left field.



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Routing The Rival

The Seminoles jumped to a 5-0 lead and hung on to complete a two-game sweep of Florida with a 5-3 victory at Dick Howser Stadium. Florida State heightened their record to 17-3, while the Gators tumbled to 11-9.

"We did the little things like bunting and running the bases well today. That's what did it for us," coach Mike Martin said.

Chris Roberts was assigned the starting pitcher and the designated hitter positions. "Chris did most of the work for us today with the bat and his arm," Martin said. Roberts pitched 7 1/3 innings, giving up a mere seven hits and three runs. He also went 3 for 3 with a double and an RBI.

"It was a great day for me. That's why coach Martin let me pitch and hit. He feels I can do those things well," Roberts said.

In the first inning, Roberts singled then scored on Gator pitcher, Jason Beard's second error, giving the Seminoles a 1-0 lead.

In the third, the Seminoles

chalked up two more on an Edwardo Perez ground out and for a Robert's double.

Nandy Serrano, Seminole third baseman, who went 3 for 4, singled in the fifth to a 5-0 lead.

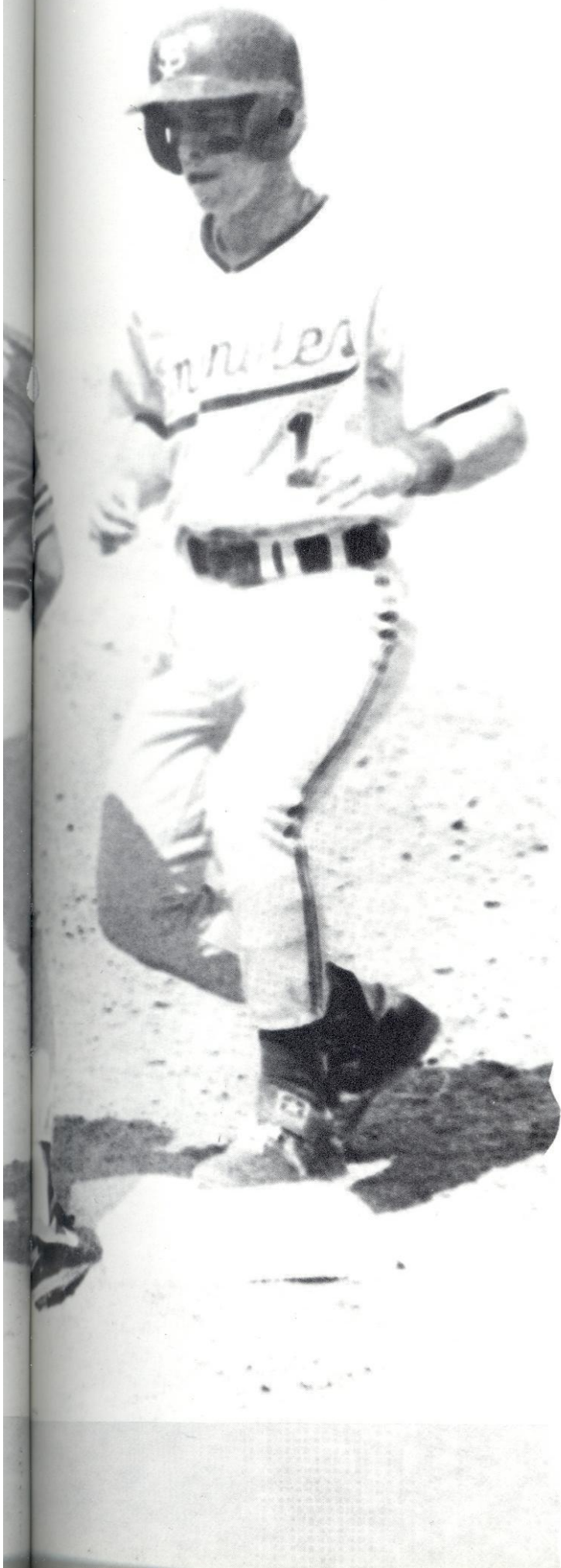
The Gators counteracted with a score in the seventh, and Florida third baseman Herbert Perry hit his second home run of the series in the eighth to tighten a 5-2 margin.

John Nedeau relieved Roberts in the ninth and closed out the rest of the game. "John did an outstanding job. We have confidence in him and he answered," Martin said.

Saturday's game score was 8-3 with a commendable performance by reliever Tim Davis. Davis pitched five innings, giving away only two hits and striking five out for the win.

"We had a lot of help from Florida errors. The Gators are still a good ballclub. I'm extremely pleased with the way we've played," Martin said.

Amy Shinn



Rice Catches A New Attitude

Warm breezes, sunny afternoons, the smell of hot dogs and popcorn meant only one thing, baseball and softball seasons were in full swing once again. For the Lady Seminoles, the season was bittersweet. Senior catcher Julie Rice developed a whole new perspective about her career as a softball player and she attributed it to the knee injury she suffered last year.

Rice had been the starting catcher for the Lady Seminoles since her freshman year in 1987. Her statistics and playing abilities had steadily increased every year. She earned the honor of being the team captain and was chosen as a member to the second team in the All-South region. However, Rice's story was not one to be bombarded with statistical figures.

Rice admitted that softball was a major area in her life before her knee injury. During the summer of 1990, Rice had to stay in Tallahassee for rehabilitation. "Nobody was here over the summer. After rehab I would go home and have a lot of time on my hands," Rice said. She used that extra time to reflect on her attitude towards softball. She knew that she would become a different kind of player.

"This year was different. When we played the other teams, I didn't think about how many runs I had, or how I was doing. I didn't think about how we were executing as a team. I just tried to do my best for the team," Rice said.

The knee injury slowed her down when she ran the bases, but another injury to the shoulder also hindered her throwing ability on the diamond. She felt that some-

times her shoulder affected her more than her knee. It managed to knock her out of the starting line for half of the games. She was behind the plate when second string senior catcher Lora Migliaccio received the pitches from Christy Larsen.

"Lora gets to catch now, too. She never got much playing time and she has been practicing and going to games just as long as I have. It's really great to see her catch. I'm really happy for her," Rice said.

The unselfish attitude of Rice had been noticed by her teammates. Senior outfielder Becky Harrison said, "Her outlook on softball is a lot different from last year. It doesn't matter to her so much anymore. A lot of her attitude change has to do with her injury, but God played a part too."

Rice spent most of her spare time reading the Bible during her rehabilitative summer. She believed that her injury slowed her down for a purpose. It not only changed her view of the sport, but it also made her look at her educational goals.

Rice was a nutritional fitness major and she planned to go to a physical therapy school somewhere in her hometown of Washington. She was always unsure of her future goals, but eventually, Rice decided to pursue a career in physical therapy.

Head softball coach Joanne Graf still looked for Julie Rice to be a strong asset to her team, despite her injuries.

"Julie got stronger when her knee got back into shape. She's a great member of our team," Graf said.

Cassy Bunn



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Second basemen Kelly Flaczinski goes to great lengths to make the play. The Drexel opponent was called out because of her efforts. Flaczinski came into the season in the best physical shape out of her four years on the team.

Centerfielder Tina Getherall slides into second and is safe. Her speed off the bases provided many offensive advantages for the Lady Seminoles.



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Coach Joanne Graf stands on the sidelines cheering the Lady Seminoles to another victory. Entering her 13th year as head coach, Graf surpassed the career milestone of 500 hundred victories.

Senior Christy Larsen hustles to first base after delivering a line drive past the Drexel third basemen. Larsen overcame injuries to lead the Lady Seminoles through her fourth and final season as the team's number one pitcher.



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Playing As A Team

Senior Christy Larsen had too much athletic ability and talent to put her in one place on the field. Larsen played first, second and third base, but she showed tremendous strength in her pitching abilities. Coach Graf placed her on the mound with one condition, that she would assume a leadership position. Larsen had been called a utility player, but now her teammates were calling her a leader.

"She's our leader when she's on the field. She says stuff to pump us up. She's also a good pitcher, so we follow her when we're on the field," Susan Buttery, sophomore outfielder said.

Larsen didn't really see herself as a leader. "I guess I show leadership on the field, but I really don't show it off the field."

Nevertheless, her teammates saw her as an incredible athlete and they also looked to her for guidance. Larsen attributed most of her abilities to her team.

"I've seen so much teamwork this season that I be-

lieve that the togetherness of the team has brought out the best in me. We're better than last year because we play as a team," she said.

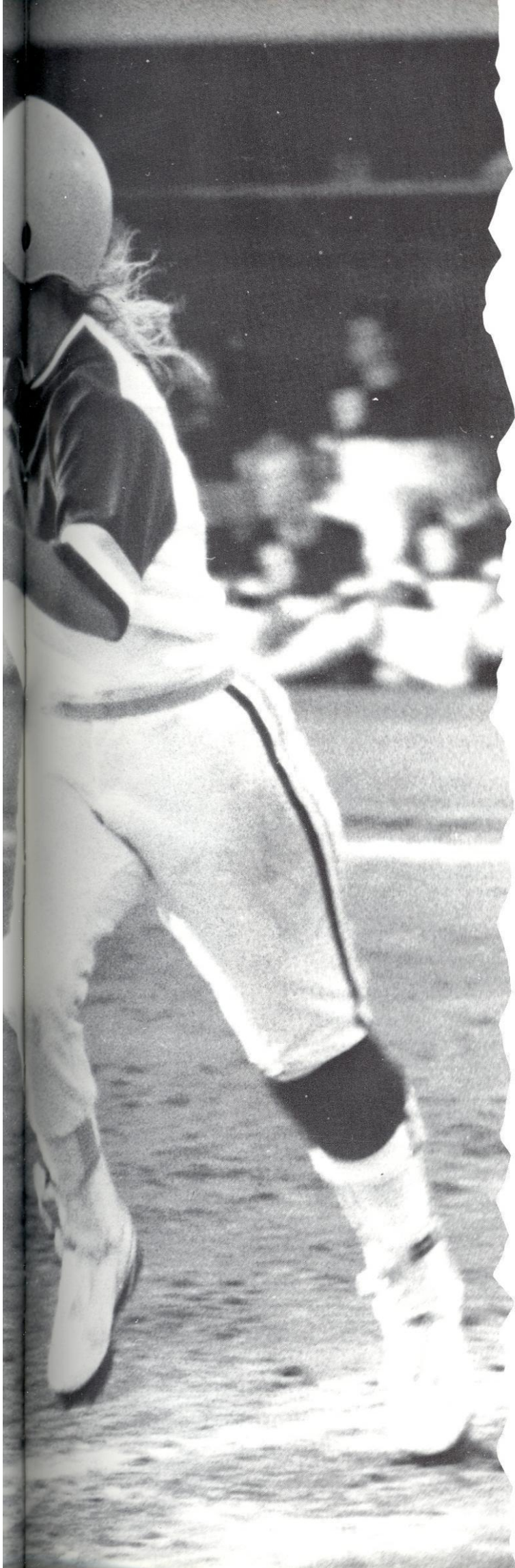
Catcher Julie Rice, who was Larsen's teammate for four years, said she has seen an improvement in her attitude throughout the years. "Christy is more of a leader now than in the past. She has matured a lot since her freshman year. She takes care of herself off the field too. She's much more team oriented."

The closeness of the team excited Larsen because she believed that cohesiveness was the key to the Lady Seminoles team. Larsen was a key to the team's success. She pitched 15 shut-outs and four no-hitters last year and at the close of the regular season, she was second in the nation averaging 7.9 strikeouts per seven innings.

Coach Graf was satisfied with her selection to position Larsen on the mound. She proved to be a strong pitcher and vocal leader.

Cassy Bunn

Intense concentration shows on the face of outfielder Susan Buttery, as she prepares to swing at an oncoming pitch against Drexel University.



Developing Confidence And Strength

Superiority reigned for the Men's Golf Team as they exemplified a dominant drive in their season's tournaments. The season started with a team composed of 12 freshmen, one sophomore, two juniors, and two seniors. With a predominantly new squad, the Seminoles worked hard to rebuild and reload.

The men placed first in the Forest Hills Invitational, second in the Florida State Intercollegiate and fourth in the South East Intercollegiate as well as the Budget UCF Classic.

Senior Christian Williams, an All-American candidate, exhibited his expertise as he joined forces with senior Anthony Ballestero and junior Dustin Phillips in the provision of leadership for their teammates.

Coach Verlyn Giles expected his team to gain experience with each tournament. "The talent of the young players, along with the guidance of the elder golfers will allow the squad to develop confidence and strength as

the season progressed," he said.

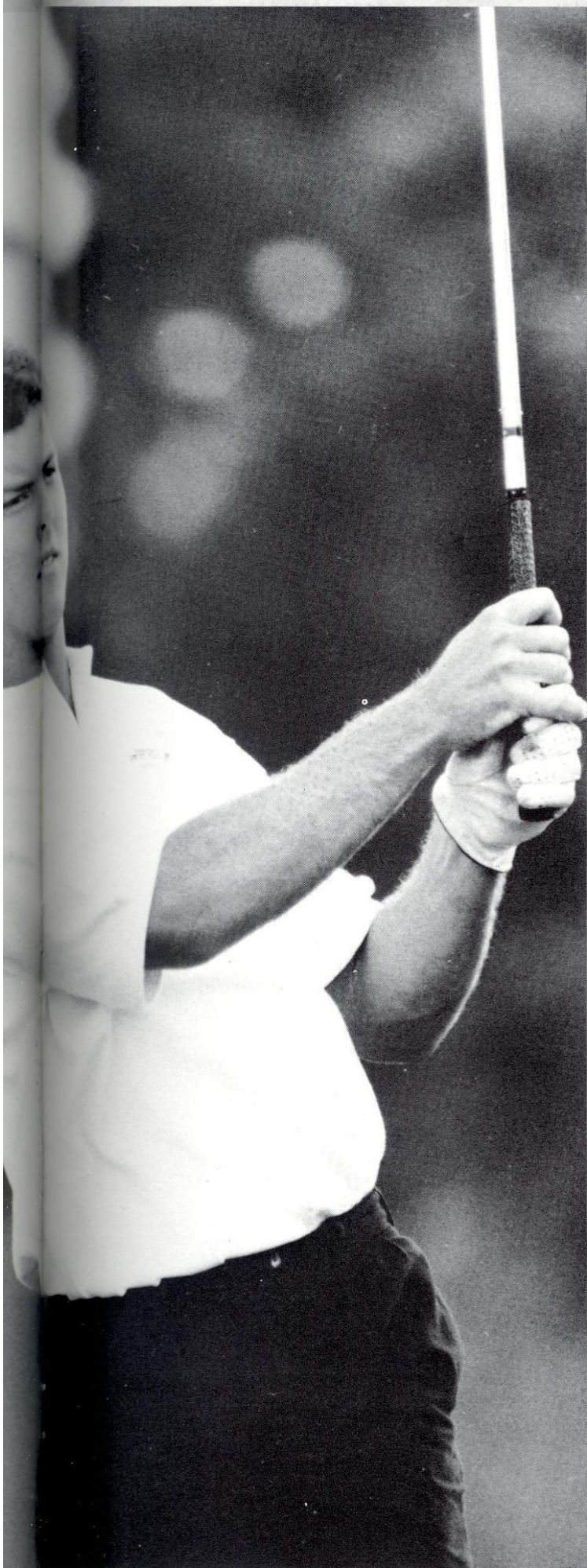
The team's success on the national level was coupled with the success in the Metro Conference as Giles led his squad to titles in 11 of the 12 seasons. The Seminoles earned their first NCAA bid since 1983.

The Men's golf roster read as follows: Anthony Ballestero, Chris Cavanagh, Bobby Cochran, Jason Doyle, Chad Eunice, Corey Hamlin, David Holt, Chip Johnson, Matthew Koff, Dustin Phillips, Christian Raynor, Daniel Read, Keith Rick, Kenneth Staton, Dennis Tymosko, Christian Williams, and Tony Ziegler.

Placing many Seminole golfers in the pros, coach Giles led a program boasting many winners on both the Ladies Professional Golf Association and the Professional Golf Association tours.

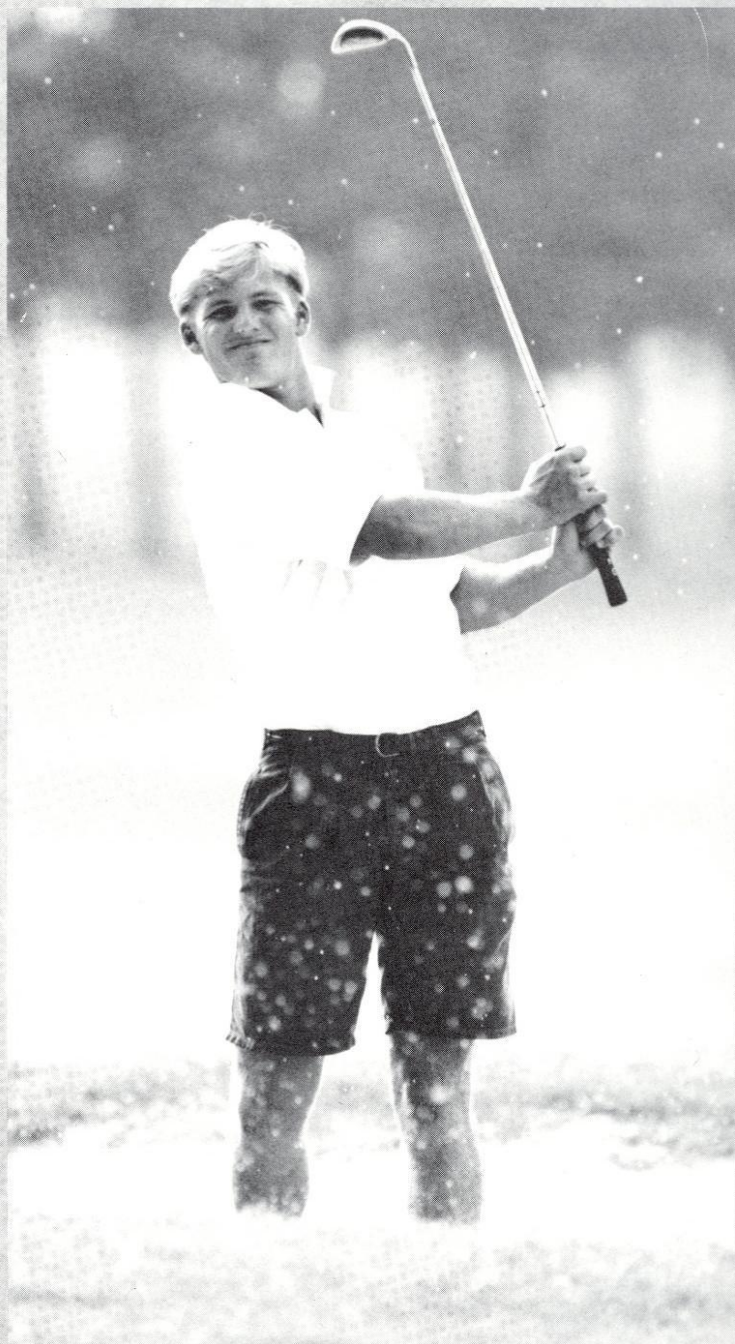
Overall, the team was destined to an outstanding performance.

Gail Burton



After teeing off, Bobby Cochran watches his shot soar down the fairway. The talented sophomore was a valuable asset to the men's team.

Junior Dustin Phillips chips on to the 8th green from a sand-trap. He completed the par 5 hole with a birdie. In 1990, Phillips was a member of the All-Metro Conference team.



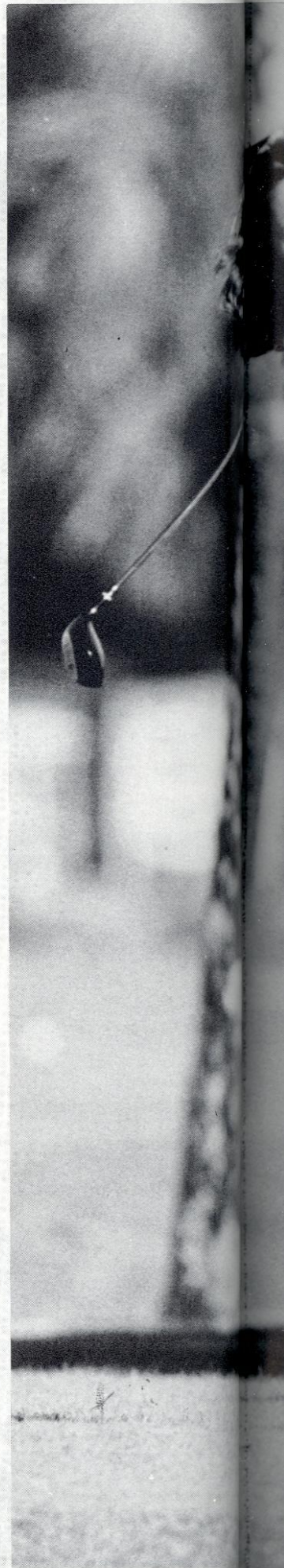
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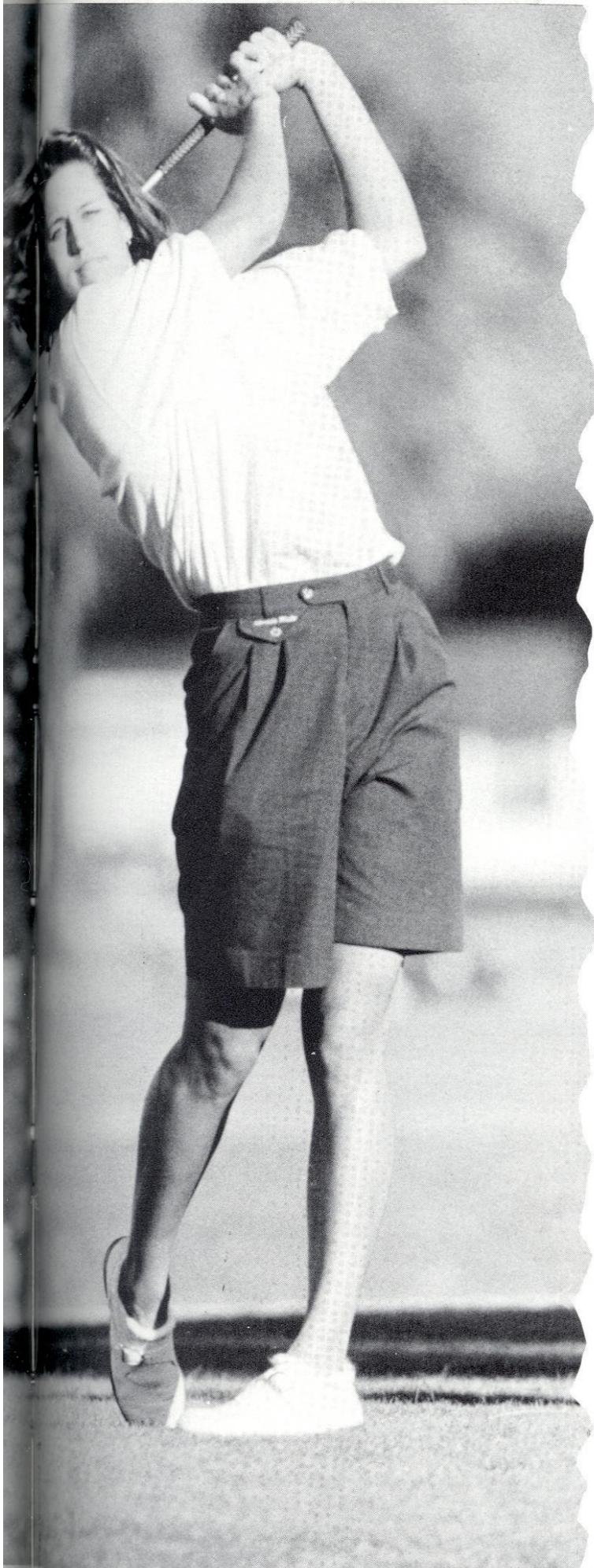
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Junior Emma Rundle strategically pitches on to the green from a sandtrap. Rundle was ranked in the top four female players in the nation.

After completing a shot from the fairway, Mary Lee Corbick follows through on the swing. Good form helped her with her successful season.



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Playing With Pride And Intensity

“They’re young, but very competitive. The team has played with a lot of pride and intensity, which are two key ingredients to a winning season,” Debbie Miles-Dillman, coach of the Women’s Golf team, said.

Traveling to Las Cruces, New Mexico, the Lady ’Noles participated in the Diet Coke/Lady Roadrunner Invitational and ranked third. Emma Rundle proved her talent of consistency as she became the co-individual champion of the tournament.

The Lady Seminoles were proudly ranked fifth in the country, with four of their players as top contenders in the top 100 golfers in the nation. Erica Firnhaber continued to dazzle coaches, teammates and opponents as she won the Illinois State Amateur in June. She also led her teammates in the annual Lady Seminole Invitational and the Beacon Woods Invitational.

Named player of the year at her high school, Emma Rundle brilliantly portrayed her skills in every tournament. Last year she placed in the top 20 in eight of Florida State’s tournaments.

Maria Castelucci was distinguished as a two-time American Junior Golf Association Woodlands Champion and was a top candidate for the AJGA Player of the Year. She was the leader

when the Lady Seminoles positioned first in the FIU-Pat Bradley Invitational.

Labeled as one of the most disciplined players on the golf course, Canadian Marie-Josée Rouleau rounded out the top four qualifiers. Rouleau had served as the Quebec junior team captain as well as a national team member for the Canadian Ladies Golf Association.

Mary Lee Cobick continued to perfect her abilities as she returned to the Lady Seminoles with Rundle as one of the two elder team members. “Mary Lee is a very solid player and is a guaranteed top five player on a nationally ranked team,” Coach Dillman said.

Four more golfers, Kelly Pittman, Kathleen Garrahan, Carrie Wallace, and Tiffany Faucette all complemented the team as they contributed with constant improvement.

Youth and enthusiasm continued to pay off for the Lady Seminoles as coach Dillman responded to the competitive attitude of the squad. A Lady Seminole golfer herself, Dillman illustrated her knowledge of the sport of golf. The array of talent provided by these university golfers was certainly expressed through the combination of her experience and her team’s abilities.

Gail Burton