

Florida STATE *of* MIND

With one of the best athletics programs in the nation, being a Seminole was something we all had in common. Events that previously had no meaning to us were the talk of the campus.

With varsity, club and intramural sports everyone on campus had the chance to participate in some manner. Whether it was being the quarterback, an IM referee or a die-hard fan. We all had the opportunity to participate in some aspect of the sports program.

The words "Seminoles and "Noles" suddenly caught our attention everywhere they were mentioned. We were packing into various stadiums for home games, road tripping for away games and heading for sports bars and T.V. rooms for highlights. Sports became an important part of our lives simply because it was such a big part of the university.

Our school spirit became a strong part of our State of Mind. Even if we came from schools without school spirit we were caught up in the storm of university sports.

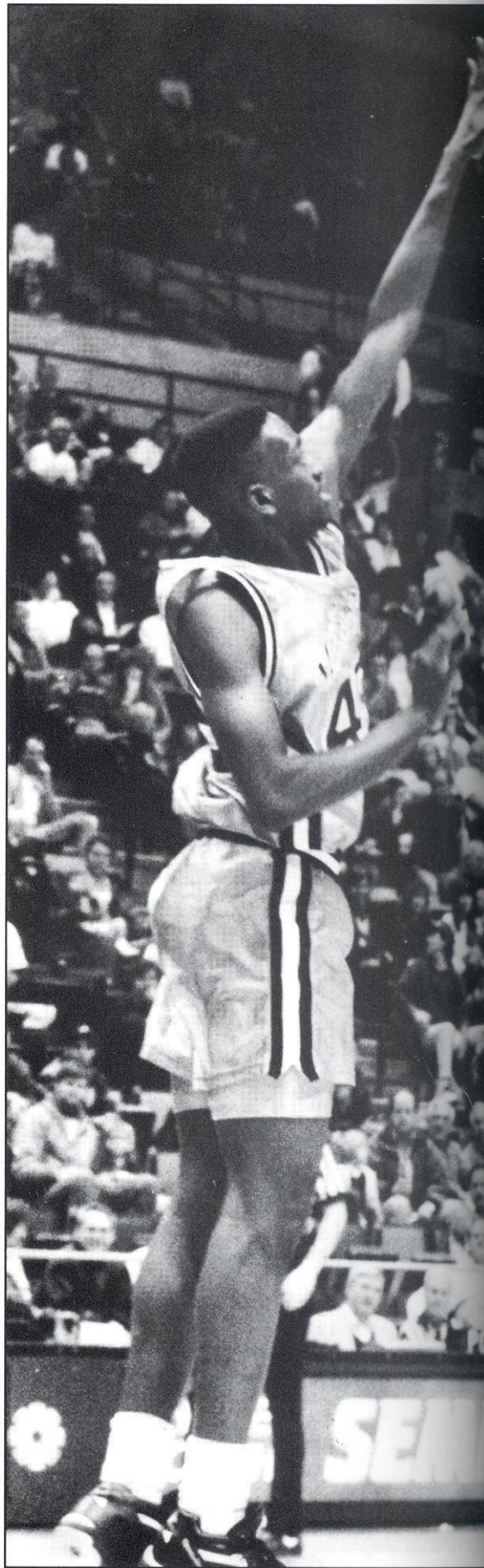
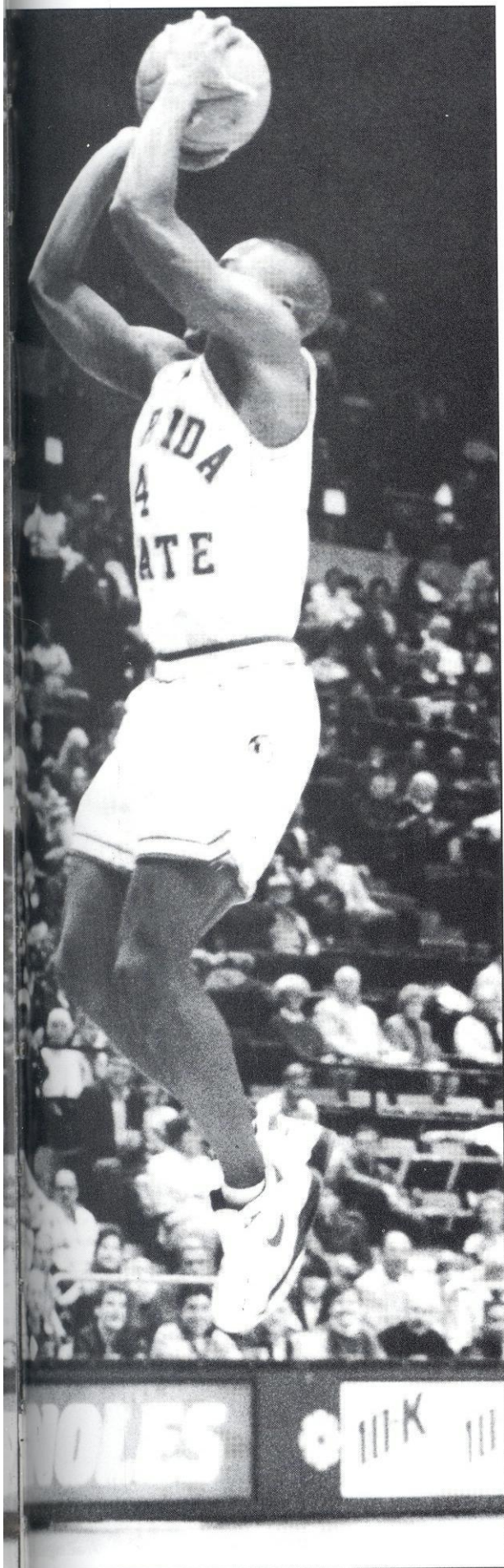


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Seminole player goes up for the shot at a home game against Mercer. In spite of their efforts, the Seminoles won the game.

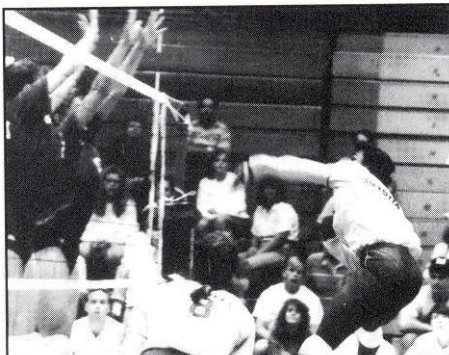


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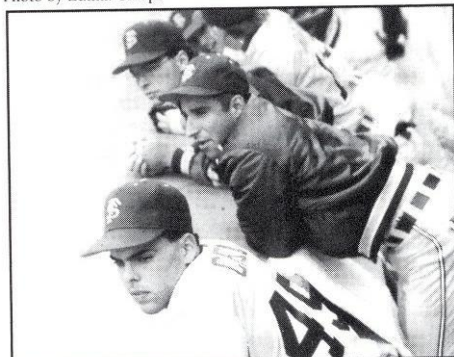


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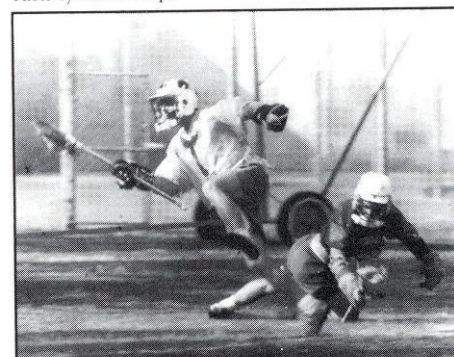


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The varsity volleyball team boasted an excellent season, placing second in the University of California Invitational and third in the Atlantic Coast Conference tournament.

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The varsity baseball team had a powerful season both home and away with victories over Miami, Georgia Tech and Florida. The team also placed second in the Oscar Meyer Classic.

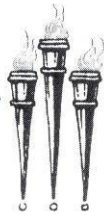
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The Intramurals program provided every student on campus with an opportunity to participate in a variety of sports from eight ball and water polo to volleyball and softball.

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Club sports filled the gap between the Intramural and Varsity sports programs. Club soccer attempted to reach varsity status and other teams had impressive seasons.

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An *Osceola* Legend

The great Seminole Indian Chief, known as Chief Osceola, has been celebrated at our football games for over 13 years.

Bill Durham fathered the idea of the horse and rider as a sophomore in 1963. Although the idea did not catch on then, Coach Bowden helped bring it to life in 1978. Renegade and Chief Osceola made their debut at the Oklahoma State game that same year. This was where the tradition began.

Becoming a chief was not something to be taken lightly. Tryouts usually occurred one to two years before the current chief retired. Approximately 180 students applied for this honor. The Renegade team of twelve judged the students on grade point average, riding ability and character. Applicants also proved their bareback riding ability and went through an interview. In order to become a chief the student must have at least a 3.0 grade point average and the ability to maintain that GPA.

The student did not become a chief as soon as he was chosen. The newly chosen chief was a back-up rider and an apprentice first. Tom Sawyer was the first apprentice to become the actual chief after only one year of apprenticeship. Allen Durham followed his footsteps.

Four to five days a week of riding practice, three to four hours a day, were required of the apprentices. They learned techniques such as how to hold the spear so that it would not burn Renegade and how to time everything just right so that he stayed within the given time limit on the field.

The thirty pound spear was perhaps the most traditional aspect of the mascot. It has always been a rule that the spear is only lit if there is an opponent. It was not lit at the "garnet and gold" game, an annual scrimmage between the Seminole offense and defense, for this reason.

The University of Florida football game was one where tradition stood its tallest. In every game, for the past thirteen years, Chief Osceola did something a little different from any other game. Instead of the usual running and planting of the spear, Chief Osceola stepped off the horse and planted the spear.

The concept of Chief Osceola as a mascot was supported fully by the actual Seminole Indian tribe from the moment it began in 1978. Bill Durham met with this tribe in the planning stages of Chief Osceola and Renegade. The clothing Tom Sawyer wore was completely authentic. This included a breast-plate, dress, and all other extras. The only thing that was not authentic was the wig.

Just as there was a back-up rider (apprentice), and a new Chief Osceola every few years, there was also a back-up horse. The Renegade everyone saw at football games was the third horse. Of course, Renegade is only a stage name for the horse, but that did not matter in the hearts of Seminole fans.

The original Chief Osceola was extremely fluent in English. His mother was Indian and his father was English. Such a diversified background helped make him a great legend. Chief Osceola was perhaps the most remarkable university tradition.

By Donna Davis

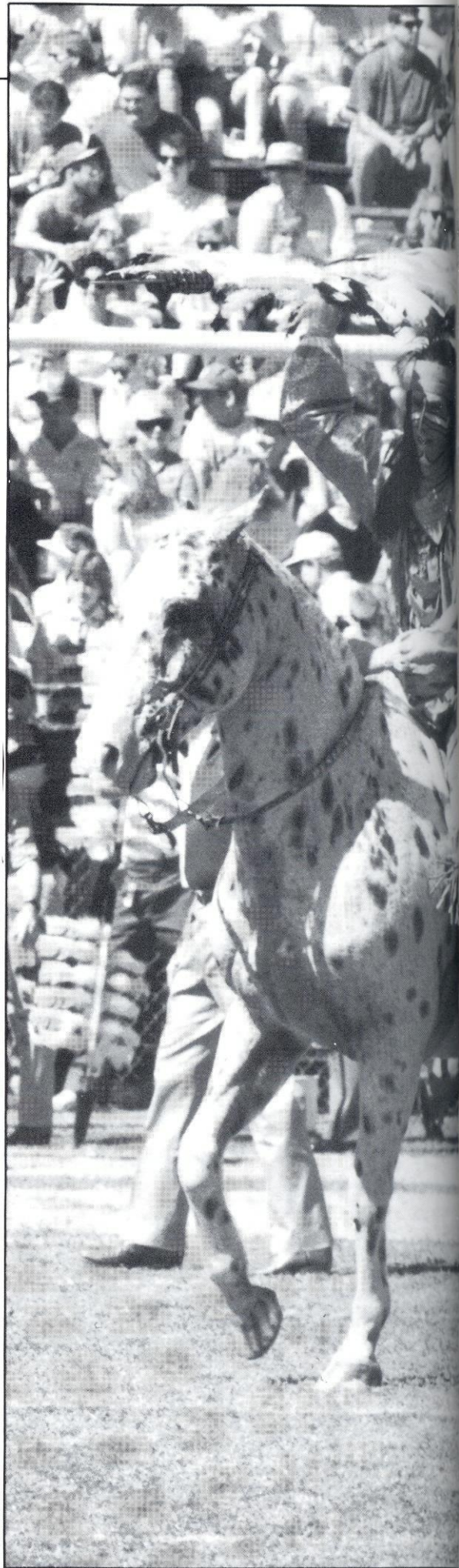


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Looking Back



The great Chief Osceola plants the flaming spear at the start of the Homecoming game against Middle Tennessee State. The flame is lit only when an opponent is present.

Chief Osceola, Tom Sawyer, waits patiently in the end zone for the completion of the coin toss. Allen Durham took on the demanding role for the next season.



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at Florida State

MAKING

NO EXCUSES

No excuses! Number one in the nation...top college football team...these words had a nice ring to the folks in Tallahassee, alumni and students alike. The question was, could coach Bobby Bowden and his Seminole Tribe handle the pressure of being number one? In 1988, in the same situation, the team dropped the season opener with a momentum-breaking loss to Miami, 31-0. After that first game, Bowden said, "We celebrated too early. We couldn't handle being number one."

This season, however, Bowden was determined not to let that happen. "We've been strict on things, trying to keep focused," the head coach said. With an extra game, the Disneyland Pigskin Classic, and a definite possibility of post-season play, the Seminoles had the potential to go 13-0. However, they had to take it one week at a time.

Easier said than done. The road from preseason number one to national champions on New Year's Day was a long and tough one. The Tribe started the season Aug. 29 against Brigham Young University in the Pigskin Classic and looked to end it on Jan. 1 in a bowl game. In between, they faced the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, the Orangemen of Syracuse, and perennial

state powerhouses Miami and Florida back to back at the end of the season. They also had to compete with the history books. No team in college football history had ever gone through the season ranked number one from start to finish.

But it was not an impossible task. The Seminoles returned 19 starters from the past season's team, a team that went 10-2. Included in those starters was quarterback and Heisman Trophy candidate Casey Weldon. Shannon Baker, Edgar Bennett, Terrell Buckley, Kirk Carruthers, Marvin Jones and Amp Lee were other players that coaches and fans expected to see great accomplishments from. Also, the new freshman class was rated one of the nation's best.

Before worrying about other games, the team had to face their first test in Anaheim, California against Brigham Young. Nineteenth-ranked BYU

was not a team to take lightly. In the 1990 Pigskin Classic, Brigham Young shocked the number one team, Miami, 28-21. The Cougars featured Ty Detmer, 1990 Heisman Trophy Winner. With the slogan, "No Excuses," the Seminoles just had to live up to their potential.



Photo By Ryals Lee

The referee signals a safety after Dan Footman sacks BYU quarterback Ty Detmer in the endzone. The Seminoles led the Cougars 44-14.



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With eyes on the BYU defense, junior wide receiver Eric Tural takes the handoff from quarterback Casey Weldon. Tural lost five yards on the play, but had 96 yards receiving and one TD for the game.

After a touchdown, freshman kicker Dan Mowery attempts the extra point as senior Brad Johnson holds the football. Mowery went 4 of 5 for extra points in the game.

BY JOANNA SPARKMAN



Battling BYU in Anaheim

The Seminoles made their impressive season debut in Anaheim, California when they faced the Brigham Young University Cougars in the second annual Pigskin Classic.

Wide receiver Shannon Baker started the offensive action by returning a Cougar punt for 19 yards. Seminole quarterback Casey Weldon entered the game and threw a perfect pass into the awaiting arms of wide receiver Eric Tural for a total of 30 more yards. Fullback Edgar Bennett rushed for a 20 yard touchdown and placed a 7-0 deficit on the board. Once again, Bennett worked his magic and rushed another 39 yards for another Seminole score. "I thought we played great, it was a great team win. The offensive line did a great job opening up holes for the running backs and protecting Casey (Weldon) all night," Bennett said.

The second half spotlight focused on big plays and an ample supply of Seminole points. By the end of the third quarter, the tribe racked up 35 to BYU's mere 14. "If you watched this game, you would have seen about eight passes that should've been missed but weren't. All of the guys did their job and did it well," said Weldon, who went 21-for-28, with 268 yards and two TD's for the evening.

As the clock hit double zero, the Seminoles recorded their first big win by destroying BYU 44-28. "I would not correct a thing we did tonight except for some of the penalties. Every team would like to eliminate those," Coach Bobby Bowden said.

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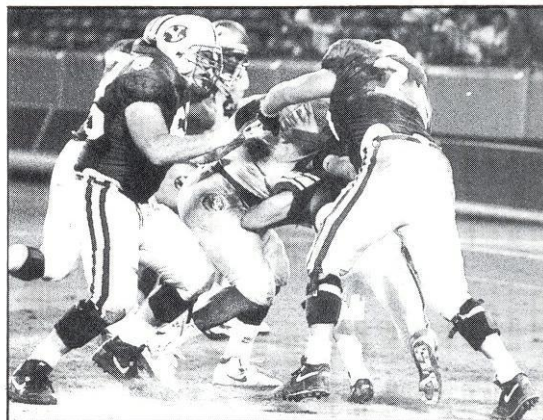


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A Seminole offensive player struggles to get through a Cougar defense that allowed six touchdowns.



TERRELL BUCKLEY

"That was a game of pride for us. BYU beat Miami the year before and thought they could handle teams from the South. We didn't go out to win it just for us-it was for the pride of the South."



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Seminoles Do the Wave

The Seminoles brought the No. 1 national ranking to Doak Campbell stadium for the first time in the university's history. The offense's first play from the line of scrimmage was a 78 yard touchdown pass from quarterback Casey Weldon to tight end Lonnie Johnson. "It was quite a memorable moment catching the first touchdown," Johnson said. The Greenwave inched their way down the field to the Seminole 18. On a fourth and six, Tulane's Gary Butler kicked a field goal which narrowed the score to 7-3.

At the beginning of the second quarter, Weldon looked to sophomore Warren Hart on third and goal. "The feeling I got from making that completed pass was indescribable. I was overwhelmed because it was my first collegiate touchdown," Hart said. Before the end of the quarter, Weldon connected with Hart again for another four yard touchdown run, which secured the first half score 24-3.

The third quarter action saw junior Amp Lee add 25 yards and another touchdown to his record and a 31-3 score on the board. Second string quarterback Brad Johnson relieved Casey Weldon and passed to Lonnie Johnson for another touchdown which raised the score 38-11.

Reserve quarterback Charlie Ward also saw playing time. He and freshmen Marquette Smith marked up a combination of 61 yards for the game as the offense put a stop to Tulane's defense. With the win, the Seminoles improved their record to 2-0.

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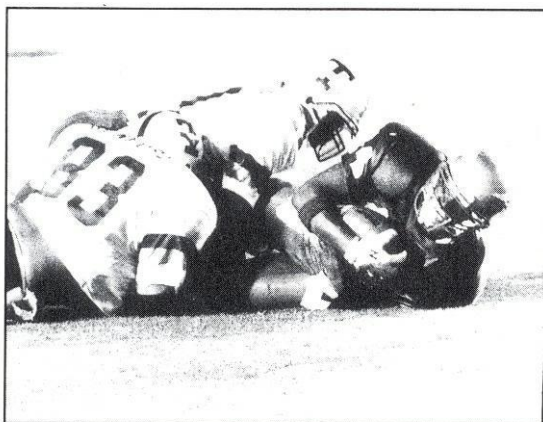
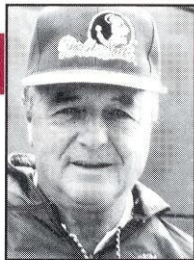


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Tulane linebacker Ray Benford and cornerback Rod McDowell finally put a stop to William Floyd after his reception near the 20-yard line.

BOBBY BOWDEN



"This year we have the advantage of being experienced. It's the same ballclub with a year under their belts. Sacrifice and teamwork will be the key to their success."

EARNING THEIR POINTS

The tomahawk trend spread across the nation. From the Atlanta Braves to the Kansas City Chiefs, this was the "year of the tomahawk." Much more than a trend in Tallahassee, the tomahawk has decorated the helmets of the Seminoles since the 1970's.

The tomahawk rewarded those players who made "big plays." Predetermined categories and a system of points helped the coaches decide who received the honor of adding a tomahawk to their helmet.

After players earned 10 points, they received a tomahawk. Plays such as sacks and fumble recoveries are worth five points each. However, some plays earned automatic tomahawks, such as touchdown passes, catches, and runs. "Not only are points awarded to players, they are also taken away for fumbles, interceptions, and other costly errors," defensive secretary Mary Jo O'Donnell said.

"Reggie Freeman knows how to get those tomahawks," assistant to coach Wally Burnham, Tom Wheeler said. Freeman led the defense for the tribe with 30 tomahawks on his helmet. "From a block on a return to a tackle inside the 25, tomahawks are given for a variety of key defensive plays," Wheeler said.

Linebacker Kirk Carruthers remembered his best "tomahawk" play. "Two years ago, against Miami (1989), it was a goal line stand. Their running back went over the top, fumbled, and I recovered the football. It was a great victory," Carruthers said. The Seminoles beat Miami that year 24-10.

Senior outside linebacker Howard Dinkins earned over 18 tomahawks during his career. "My best play was the pass I intercepted in the end zone against Michigan," Dinkins said. Cornerback Terrell Buckley had about 30 tomahawks, and got most of those by interceptions and long punt returns.

Amp Lee led the team with 33 tomahawks. Casey Weldon was not far behind with 28. The tomahawk system for offense was also for a variety of key plays. "A 100 yard rush, passing 50% of 15 attempts, touchdown passes, runs and catches are a few of the categories for offense," offensive coordinator secretary Sheila Singletary said.

"At the end of each week the player with the most points is awarded "Tomahawk Player of the Week," Wheeler said.

The seniors and superstars could be spotted by their tomahawk covered helmets. Like the notches in a knight's sword, the tomahawks stood for victory.

BY JASON BURKE



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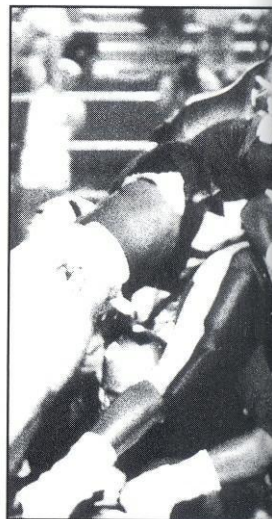
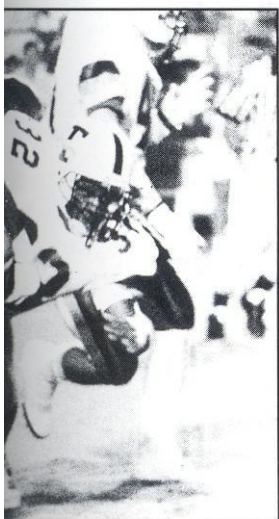


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Outside linebacker James Roberson dives to make the tackle on Tulane runningback Brad Ducre. Tulane scored only 11 points on the defense for the entire game.

As wide receiver Eric Turrall leaps into the air to make a catch, Western Michigan cornerback Eric West attempts to intercept the pass. Turrall completed two receptions for the game.

Nighttime Shutout

The Western Michigan Broncos helped the Seminoles accomplish a 58-0 shutout for the Parent's Weekend game. Out of 101 dressed players, 77 played. "When you're in a winning situation, it's alright to play all your kids. Experience is the name of the game," coach Bobby Bowden said.

After jumping ahead 21-0, starting quarterback Casey Weldon retired with 7-of-8 for 111 yards and two TD's. "The other guys deserve playing time because they work really hard too," Weldon said.

Second string quarterback Brad Johnson took the offense down the field for one field goal and three TD's. Johnson completed 6 of 8 attempts and added 78 yards to his record. Leading 38-0, Johnson joined Weldon on the bench to make way for Kenny Felder and Charlie Ward.

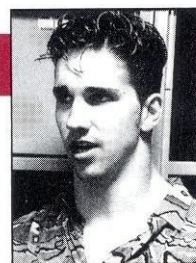
Felder entered in the third quarter and threw to Paul Moore for the seventh TD. Felder finished 3-of-4 for 57 yards. Charlie Ward made the last debut of the evening in the fourth. He completed one pass. The Seminoles improved to 3-0.

Amy Shinn



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After penetrating WMU's offensive line, Sterling Palmer sacks the opposing quarterback.



KIRK CARRUTHERS

"We tried to see if we could play a perfect football game. Both the defense and offense were right on target and everyone did their job. I think we achieved our overall goal."

TRICKING

FOR TOUCHDOWNS

When spectators watched a Seminole football game, the main thing they expected was the unexpected. Bobby Bowden became famous (infamous to the opposing team) for his "trick plays." Whether it was something simple, like a reverse or something completely unexpected, like a fake punt or a field goal, fans came to know and love Bowden's arsenal of unique strategies.

The trick play craze exploded in 1988, when Leroy Butler (a cornerback for the Seminoles who has since graduated) took a fake punt 78 yards en route to a game-winning field goal. This took place at Clemson University's intimidating home stadium, nicknamed "Death Valley," and the Tribe won over the Tigers 24-21 in the last minute. The fake punt was dubbed the "Puntrooskie" and starred as the play of the week on many sports highlight shows.

In September, the Seminoles traveled to the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. Although the tribe jumped into the lead at the very beginning and held it the entire game, Bowden spruced up an already exciting first quarter with two trick plays. The first one was nicknamed the "Crocodile," because Bowden got it from

University of Florida coach Steve Spurrier, but didn't want to call it the "Gator"—a dirty word around Tallahassee. In this play, quarterback Casey Weldon threw a lateral pass to Charlie Ward, a reserve quarterback, who paused, then threw it back across the field to Weldon. The Michigan defensive line was completely faked out as Weldon then sprinted 29 yards to their 11-yard line. Four plays later, the Seminoles scored a touchdown on the second trick play.

Kicker Dan Mowrey faked a field goal attempt as back-up quarterback/holder Brad Johnson tossed the ball up to William Floyd, who broke a tackle and made it into the endzone, increasing the Tribe's lead over the Wolverines.

"We knew ahead of time that we were going to run this play the first time we attempted a field goal," Johnson said. "We have a fake field goal planned for every game, but we wanted to save it for Michigan. We

had practiced that play against our defense, so we were confident that it would work." However, unlike the "Crocodile," they have no special nickname for the fake field goal. The gridiron battle with the University of Michigan was touted as one of the best match-ups of this college football season, and the Seminoles' trick plays certainly added to the excitement.

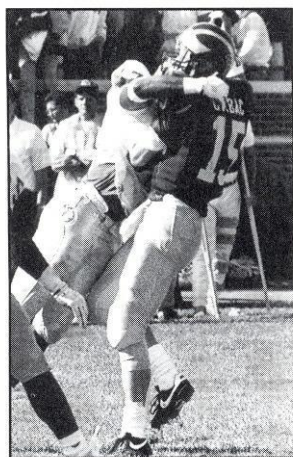


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Junior Reggie Freeman tackles quarterback Elvis Grbac as he attempts to pass. Todd McIntosh intercepted it for a touchdown.

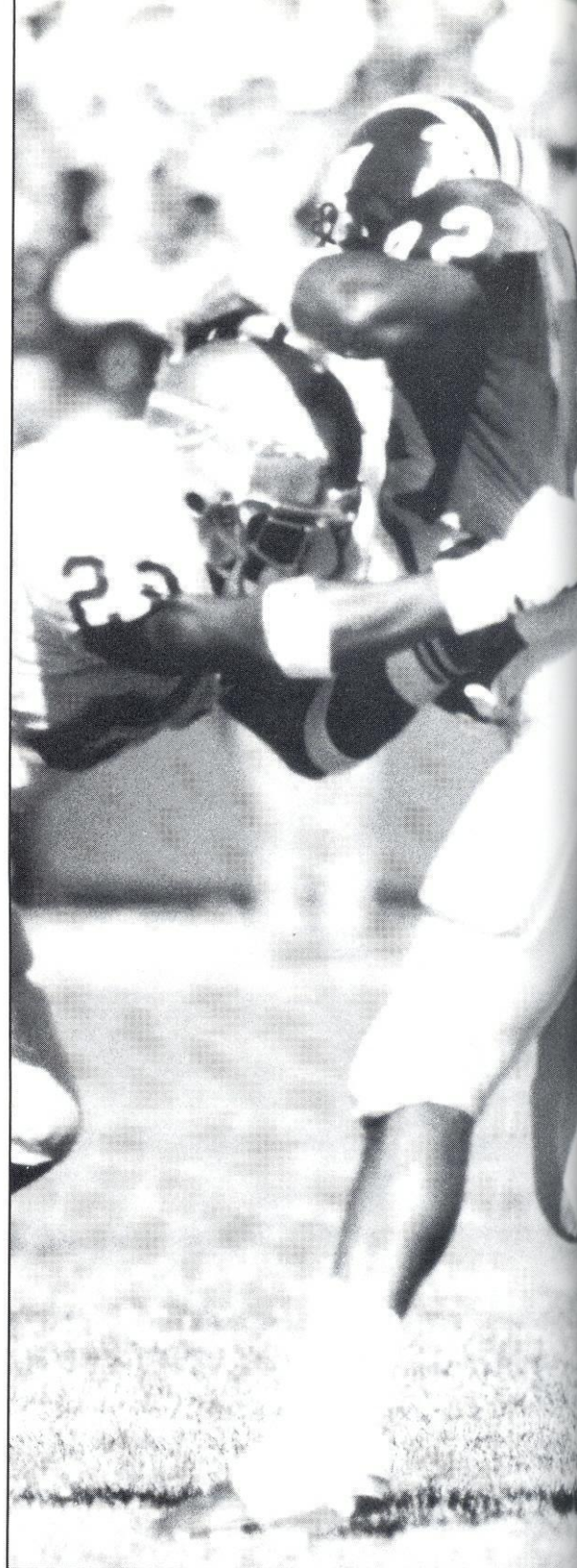
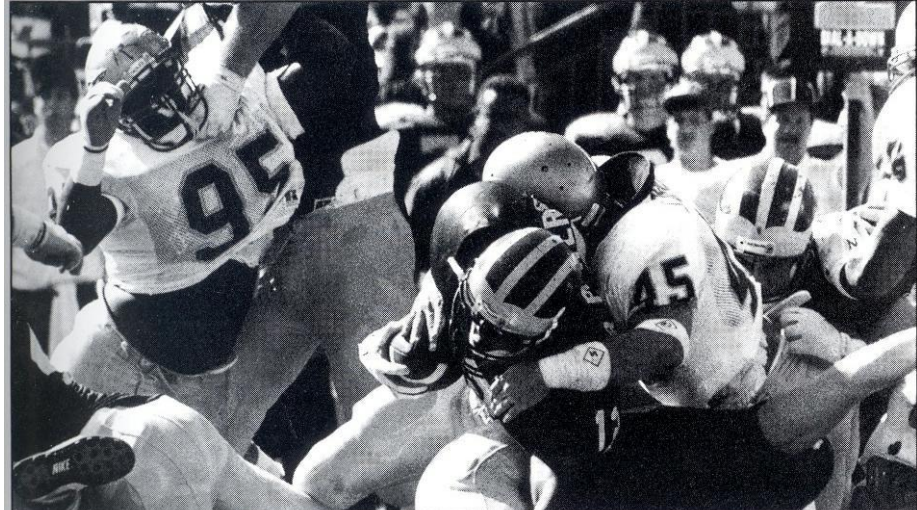
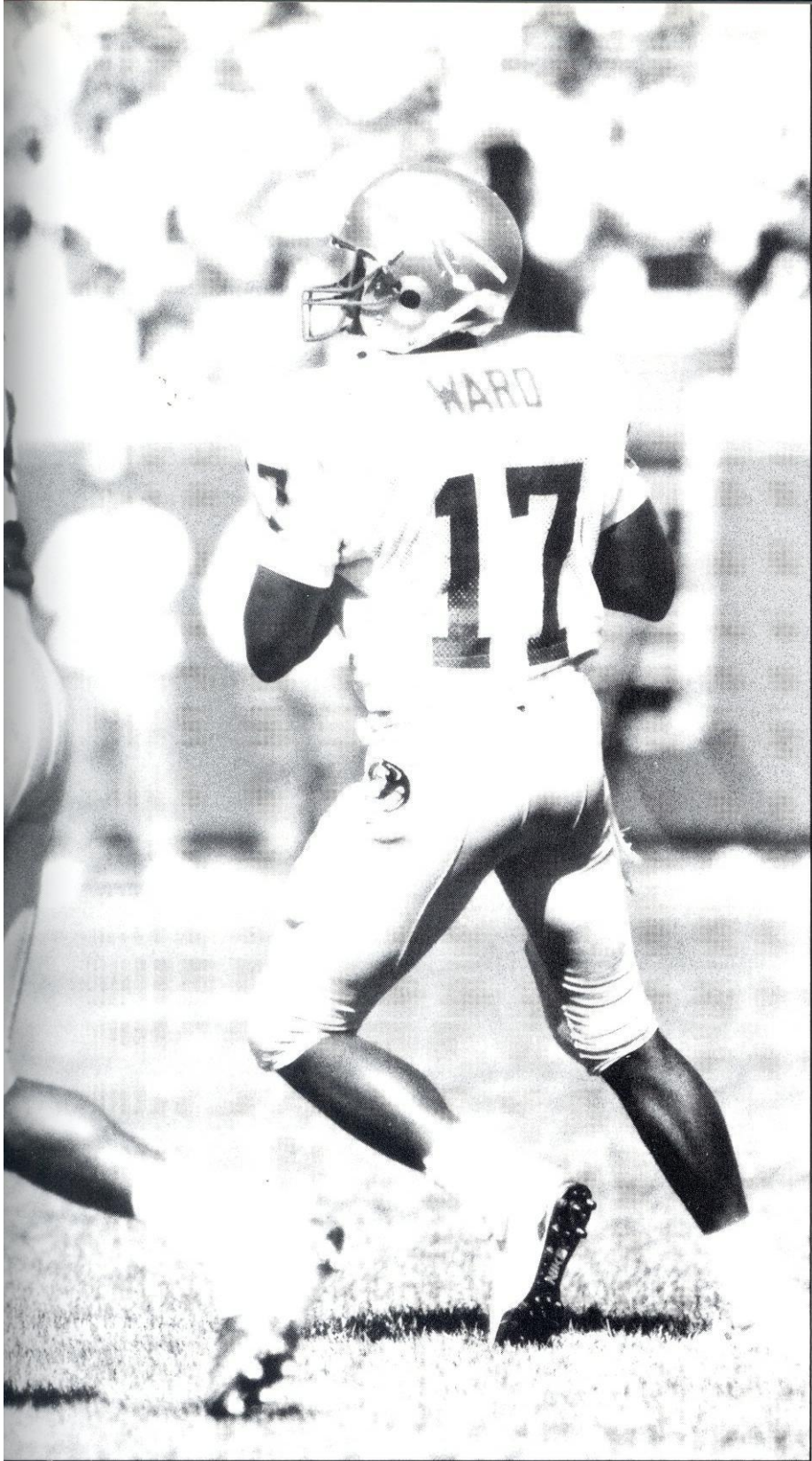


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The "Crocodile"-reserve quarterback Charlie Ward laterals back to Weldon. This play fooled the Michigan defense and Weldon gained 29 yards rushing.

Senior inside linebacker Kirk Carruthers tackles Michigan tailback Ricky Powers as Carl Simpson (95) helps. Carruthers had 8 solo tackles in the game.

BY JOANNA SPARKMAN



Dancing on Wolves

The Seminole's true test of the season came a long way from home- Ann Arbor, Michigan. The tribe proved it deserved its number one ranking, playing a very physical game in front of 106,145 fans at Michigan Stadium. Florida State walked away with its fourth victory of the '91 season.

Heisman Trophy candidate Casey Weldon ignited the offense as he completed 16 of 28 passes for 268 yards and three touchdowns. Amp Lee amazed the crowd by carrying the ball 20 times for 122 yards and two touchdowns.

On defense, Terrell Buckley faced the challenge of defending Heisman hopeful Desmond Howard. Buckley responded with two interceptions, one on the second play of the game when he forged ahead 40 yards for a touchdown.

In the third quarter the spotlight focused on the strength of the defense. "We probably became a team more today than in any other game before," defense coordinator Mickey Andrews said.

The Seminoles grabbed a piece of history to celebrate their 51-31 victory as they brought back a chunk of the turf to bury in the Sod Cemetery, where big wins are commemorated.

Nancy Floyd



Photo by Ryals Lee

Fullback Edgar Bennett looks for an open spot to run. Bennett rushed for 34 yards in the game.



KIRK CARRUTHERS

"This was probably the best game of my career. Playing at home, showing them how good we are and winning was the best part of it all. This is definitely a story for my grandchildren."

Beaten to a Pulp

Syracuse wide receiver Quadry Ismail started the game with a 44 yard pass which gave them a 0-7 lead. With the efforts of Casey Weldon, Edgar Bennett, Amp Lee and Matt Frier, the Seminoles moved down the field 84 yards to tie the score at 7-7. Ismail returned a kick for a 95 yard TD.

"The fault I saw in that play was poor blocking and tackling," coach Bobby Bowden said. An Edgar Bennett TD and a Mowrey field goal closed the score at 17-14.

Despite the rainy weather, the Seminoles kept fighting. "We overcame adversity and played a good game," linebacker Kirk Carruthers said. Weldon threw a 50 yard bomb to wide receiver Shannon Baker for another touchdown. "We were sluggish because of the weather. It took time for us to crank up, but after that we never looked back," Baker said.

In the third quarter officials tossed center Robbie Baker out of the game for unsportsmanlike conduct. "There was some shoving going on all throughout the game. Every team gets frustrated. It was bound to happen sooner or later," Carruthers said.

Despite some hardships, the Seminoles recorded a 46-14 victory.

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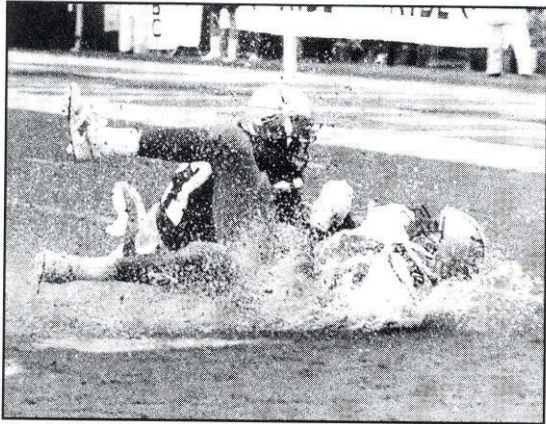
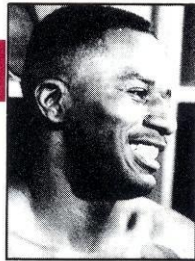


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On a wet, muddy field, Terrell Buckley prevents a TD reception by Quadry Ismail.

TERRELL BUCKLEY



"No excuses! We have one goal together as a team and that is to win. Whatever it takes to accomplish that, we're going to do it."

DID YOU KNOW?

Most people know the number of their favorite football player; they may know his hometown, major, and even some of his stats. But just how much did they *really* know? For example, did you know...

In the 51-31 trouncing of Michigan, sophomore Todderick McIntosh intercepted the football and ran it back for a touchdown. The last time he scored points in a football game was in little league.

Senior offensive guard Reggie Dixon learned five different computer languages and was an avid Ninetendo player.

The victory over LSU meant a free dinner for senior cornerback Errol McCorvey. His brother, Derriel, played for LSU and each year they had a dinner bet riding on which team won the game.

Coach Bobby Bowden's birthday was November 8. The team helped him celebrate by beating the South Carolina Gamecocks 38-10 the very next day.

Two players could have joined Major League Baseball. Terrell Buckley was drafted out of high school in the fifteenth round. Sophomore Charlie Ward, who played baseball for the university, was drafted by the San Diego Padres in the second round.

Shannon Baker, Terrell Buckley and Corey Fuller all ran the 4x100 relay for the track team, nearly making it to the NCAA track and field championships.

Several players had nicknames that weren't well publicized. Junior fullback Felix Harris was nicknamed, "The Cat" and senior quarterback Brad Johnson was called, "The Bull." Because of his resemblance to quarterback Joe Montana, Casey Weldon's teammates just called him Joe. Not many people knew Tiger McMillon's real name, which was Sam.

Junior linebacker David Stallworth was President of his class and of the National Honor Society at his high school.

And finally, the team has a set of twins that have played football together since they were eight years old, Henry and Joe Ostaszewski. Henry is the "elder" of the set, born seven minutes earlier than Joe.

BY JOANNA SPARKMAN



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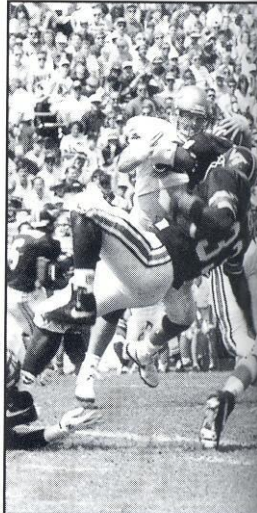
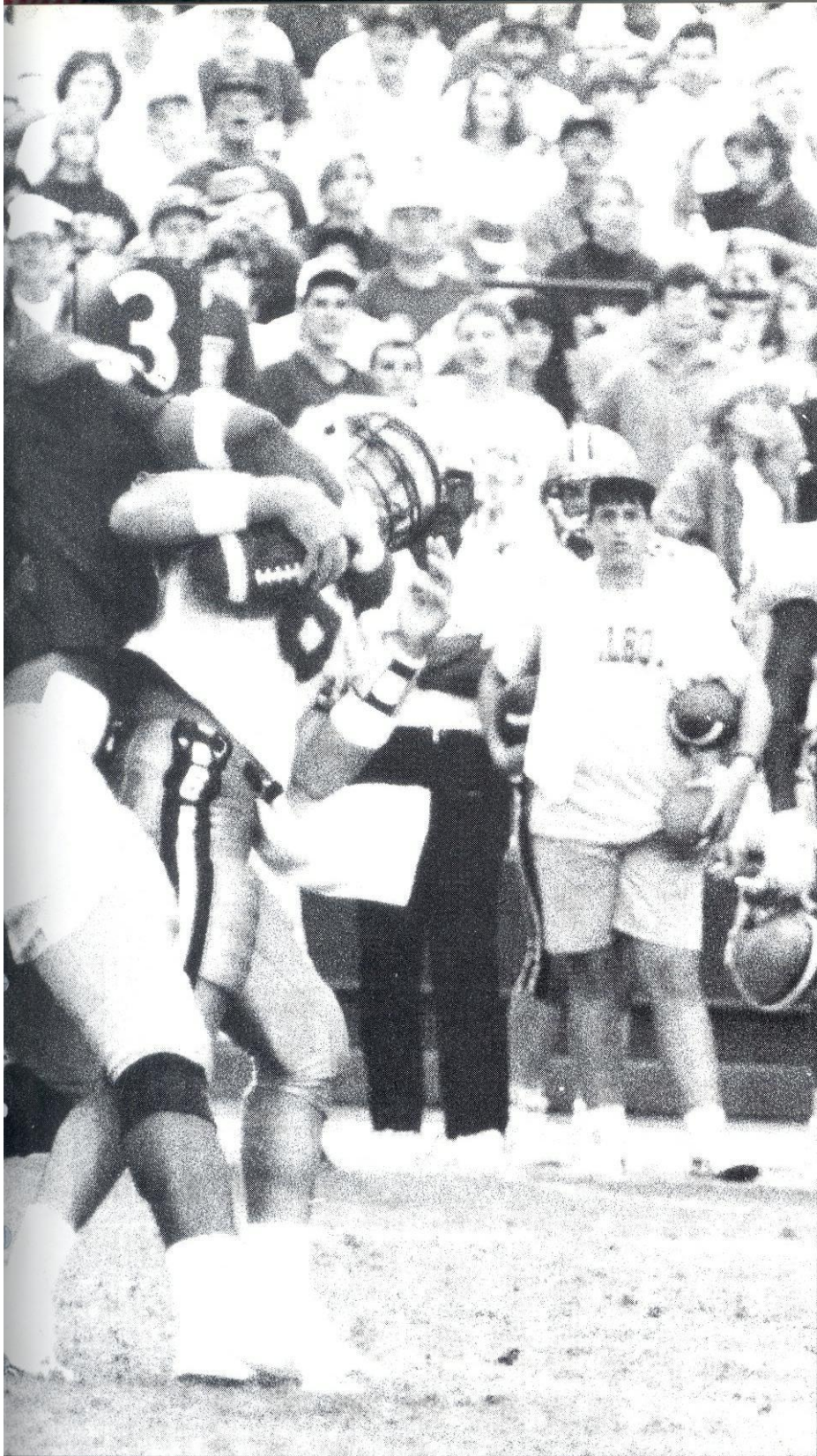


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Doing the Hokie-Pokie

It seemed as though history would repeat itself in the Virginia Tech match-up. Five minutes into the game the Hokies led 7-0, reminding the Seminoles of the 21-3 first half deficit last season.

After an interception by Leon Fowler, the Seminoles began an eight play scoring drive. Edgar Bennett ran the ball 8 yards to tie the score at 7-7.

The Hokies drove the ball to the Florida State 36 yard line. Terrell Buckley jumped in front of Hokie quarterback Will Furrer's pass and completed a 71 yard TD run.

"Whatever we did they responded to. They kept us on our toes," Terrell Buckley said.

The beginning of the second half saw a struggling Florida State offense. After two quarterback sacks and two unsuccessful passes, the Seminoles were forced to punt. Dan Footman recovered a fumble which gave the tribe excellent field position at the Virginia Tech 32 yard line. "He (Casey Weldon) missed some things today, but our sloppiness wasn't all his fault. We weren't able to execute that well because Tech's defense put a stop to us when we expected to score big," Lee said.

The Seminole defense held strong for the remainder of the game which enabled the tribe to capture another victory. The 33-20 win the 6th consecutive victory for the number one ranked Seminoles. "It wasn't our most stellar performance. Our defense kept their eyes open and kept us in the game. They (defense) deserve a lot of credit for today's win," Coach Bobby Bowden.

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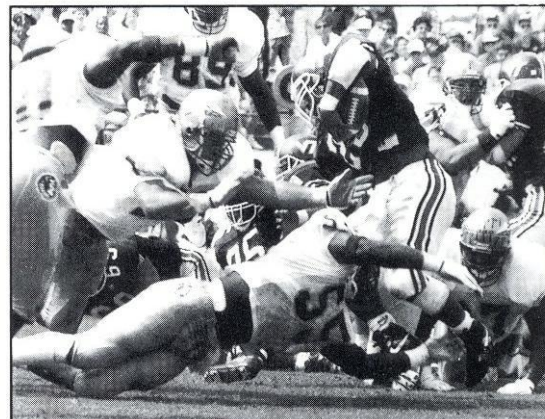


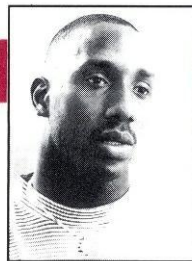
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Virginia Tech's Tony Kennedy (33) finds himself going nowhere as the FSU defense goes to work. FSU's Eric Smith tackles another player who in turn knocks Kennedy down

In the fourth quarter, senior quarterback Mark McDonlad gets sacked by Sterling Palmer. The defense allowed no points in the second half.

A pack of Seminoles, including Marvin Jones and John Davis put a stop to Hokie fullback Phil Bryant.



AMP LEE

" We were definitely concerned when they kept responding to every play we made. We expected to score more, but their defense was tough and they did a good job at stopping us."

Bobby's Sweet 16

The Seminoles faced the Blue Raiders of Middle Tennessee State for the annual Homecoming game. The victory enabled the Seminoles to sustain their number one rank.

The Seminoles began with a 63 yard scoring play and a TD catch for Shannon Baker. After a Gerry Thomas PAT, they rose above the Blue Raiders. "That was a big one. We scored on the first series and I got to kick. The nerves were there," Thomas said. Dan Mowrey landed a 24 yard field goal and Amp Lee ran a two yard TD which increased the Seminole lead 17-7.

In the second half, Weldon connected with Kevin Knox with a 38 yard pass and Shannon Baker danced into the endzone again, making it a 27-10 lead.

With 7:56 left, Weldon stepped out with 20-for-33, 294 yards, and two TD's. "This was one of those days when we weren't too sharp, but we came up with the win and that's what matters," Weldon said.

Brad Johnson entered the game and launched a 34 yard pass to Marquette Smith which the freshman completed for a 39-10 Seminole score. This win was the sixteenth straight Homecoming victory for Coach Bobby Bowden.

Amy Shinn

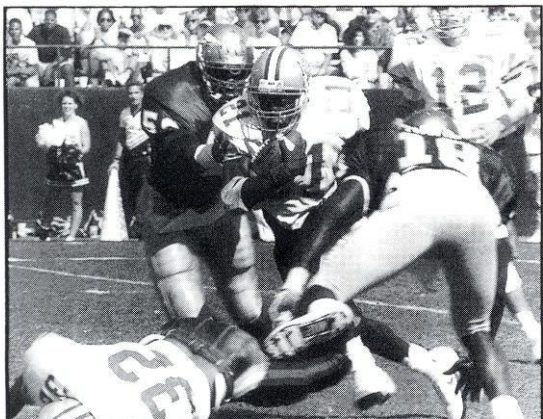
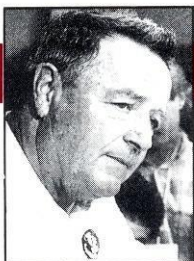


Photo by Zulma Crespo

Defensive players Sterling Palmer and John Davis tackle Middle Tennessee's Joe Campbell.

BOBBY BOWDEN



"It's a case where human nature takes over, not to put an all out effort when you're favored by so much. You have a tendency to hold back. It's something that happens."

DOWN

BUT NOT OUT

"Death Valley" was an inappropriate nickname for the LSU stadium in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. "Injury Valley" would have been more accurate. In addition to battling rain, referees and a halftime deficit, the Tribe dealt with injuries to several first-string players.

Center Robbie Baker received the first injury, a four-inch gash in his knee. Amazingly, he returned for the final four plays of the game. Almost immediately after that episode, offensive tackle Kevin Mancini went down, also with an injured knee. From then on, the situation got worse. Fullback Edgar Bennett and wide receiver Kevin Knox were both sidelined with shoulder injuries. Offensive guard Reggie Dixon also had shoulder problems but stayed in the game. Casey Weldon found his name added to the injury list with a troubled knee.

Struggling with an opponent they expected to handle easily, the Tribe already faced adverse conditions—a flooding field and questionable calls by the officials. Now they put almost the entire second-team offensive line in a close game. Jeff Deremer, John Flath, Eric Gibbs and Patrick McNeil rose to the challenge and helped the offense score on the next drive. The Seminoles took the victory 27-16, keeping their season record untarnished at 9-0.

Brad Scott, offensive line coach, was impressed with the team. "I've probably never been more proud of a group than I am of the second-team line for the way they played with the game on the line. They had the character and determination to go out there and get the job done," Scott said.

However, the team had to prepare for the next battle against Louisville. Many wondered who was out for the week and possibly the season. Jeff Deremer played in place of Robbie Baker. Eric Gibbs and Reggie Dixon both substituted for Mancini, and Brad Johnson stepped in at quarterback. The next game was against South Carolina, and the only starter who remained on the bench was Kevin Mancini, who opted for rehabilitation in order to prepare for the upcoming Miami game.

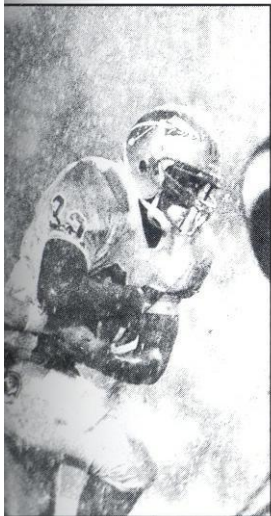
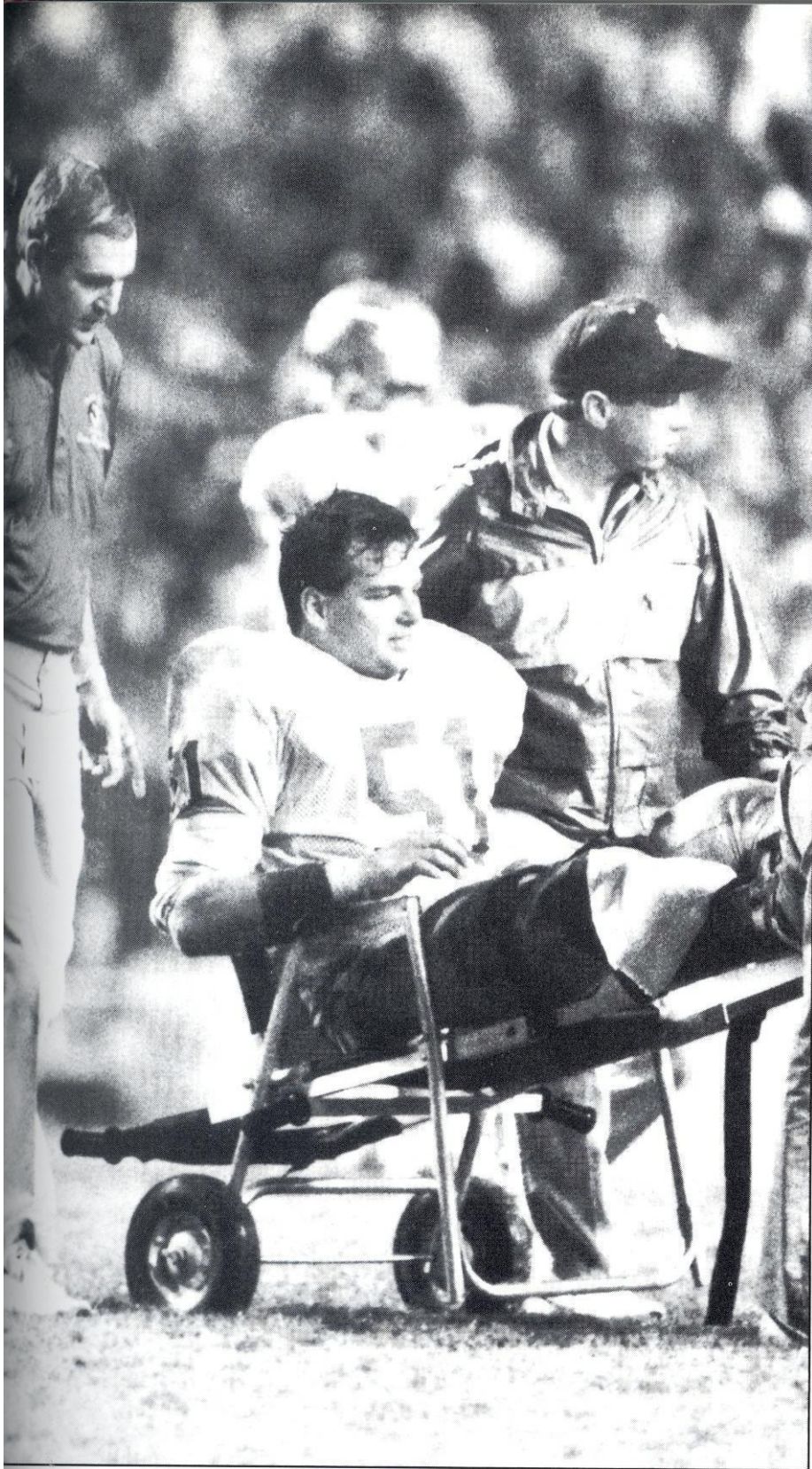
BY JOANNA SPARKMAN



Photo by Ryals Lee



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In the pouring rain, Casey Weldon hands the ball off to third-team fullback Paul Moore. Because of Edgar Bennett's injury, Moore entered the game and had 23 yards rushing.

After getting a four-inch laceration in his knee, center Robbie Baker is wheeled off the field. He came back, however, for the last four plays of the game.

Seminoles Toy with Tigers

As the number one team, the Seminoles had to prove themselves every Saturday. Down in a rainy "Death Valley," LSU almost pulled off an upset, but the Tribe overcame hardships to stage a 27-16 come-from-behind win.

LSU started the scoring, with a 63-yard pass into the endzone within the first minute of play. On their first possession, Weldon threw an 8-yard pass to Lonnie Johnson, who fumbled the ball. LSU recovered and capitalized by kicking a field goal. The Seminole offense could not get going, and LSU kicker Pedro Suarez once again kicked for 3. Amp Lee dove into the endzone for the Seminole first score, but the Tigers had another field goal, making the halftime score 16-7.

The momentum changed with the second half, as the tribe scored on its first possession with a 22-yard pass from Weldon to Lee. During the fourth quarter, William Floyd and Lee both scored touchdowns, making the final score 27-16. The defense completely shut down LSU in the second half, allowing no scoring by the Tigers.

Marvin Jones led the defense with 14 tackles. "Marvin Jones made some plays that you make on ability, things you can't coach. He played really well," Bobby Bowden said.

Although rain, questionable calls and a number of injuries produced problems for the Tribe, they were able to overcome and pull off another victory, improving their season record to 8-0.

Joanna Sparkman

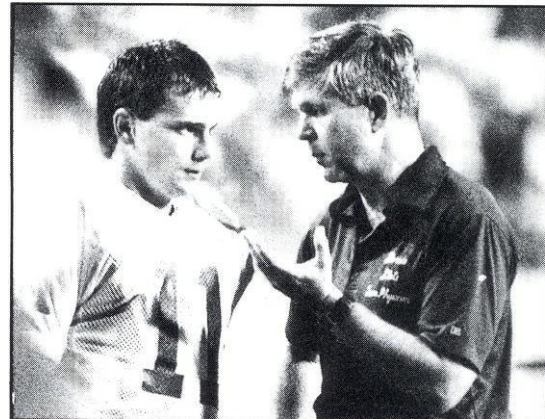


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One of several players injured, Casey Weldon consults with team physician Dr. Henderson before returning to the game.



CASEY WELDON

"I knew all of our guys could do the job but I was wondering, what else could go wrong. The rain, the injuries, and the officiating, it was unbelievable. This was definitely a character win."

Cold War in Kentucky

The Seminoles ran their record to 9-0 and extended the nation's longest winning streak to 15 games with a 40-15 win over the Louisville Cardinals on a cold winter's night in Kentucky.

The tribe received fine performances from a variety of players. The defense forced seven turnovers, collected six sacks, and held Louisville to 35 yards on the ground. Brad Johnson started as quarterback for an injured Casey Weldon. Johnson completed 16 of 26 passes for 190 yards and a TD.

The defense set up three of the Seminoles' first four scores. Marvin Jones' interception at the Cardinal 23 set up the first touchdown. Leading 10-3, Terrell Buckley snared a Cardinal pass to lead to another field goal and a 13-3 lead. Buckley's second interception of the game set up a touchdown that gave the Seminoles a 20-3 advantage. The defense closed out the scoring with a big play. Chris Cowart completed a 17 yard interception run late in the game which provided the final margin.

"The defense played the primary role in this game. We had a real aggressive pass rush and that made a lot of big plays," said Coach Bobby Bowden.

Chris Walker

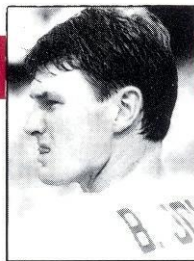


Photo by Bucky Parrish

Amp Lee makes his way past a Cardinal defender, William Blackford. Lee was one of the few first-stringers playing.

BRAD JOHNSON

"One of the biggest things that's helped me is just sitting back and watching Casey, how he's performed and the things he does. I try to add that to my game sometimes."



GOING

THE DISTANCE

Did parents really travel to see their boys play ball? You bet! "My mother, father, brother and sister come up from Fort Myers to all of the games, and depending on how far it is, sometimes they attend the away games as well," center Robbie Baker said.

Some parents lived far away which made it difficult for them to come to games. Brad Johnson's parents lived in Black Mountain, North Carolina, which was a nine hour drive. Brad's dad went to all the home games. His mom tried to go also, but she's a high school assistant principal and was expected to attend their games as well. "It's great to see them at the games when they can both make it," Johnson said.

For some parents, watching the tackling and roughness was a worrisome experience. "I really worry about Casey getting hurt," Diane Weldon, Casey's mother, said. "At the LSU game, his father and I were very concerned. I remember Casey telling me he was scared, not because he was in pain from his knee injury, but because he thought he'd never be able to play football again. Once I saw Casey's smile though, I knew he would be O.K."

Practicing for games takes a lot of time, which left little room for school work. "Even though football practice is very demanding, Dan has done well with his grades," Ron Mowrey, Dan's father said.

Certain incidents made specific games memorable for parents. "The Syracuse game was especially exciting for our family. I remember seeing my son kick the field goal that put FSU ahead. I was so proud of Dan," Mr. Mowrey said. "I remember seeing Casey getting tackled rather hard in the Miami game. I was petrified because it was right after his knee injury, so I yelled 'get off of him' over and over and eventually everyone around me joined in the chant," Mrs. Weldon said.

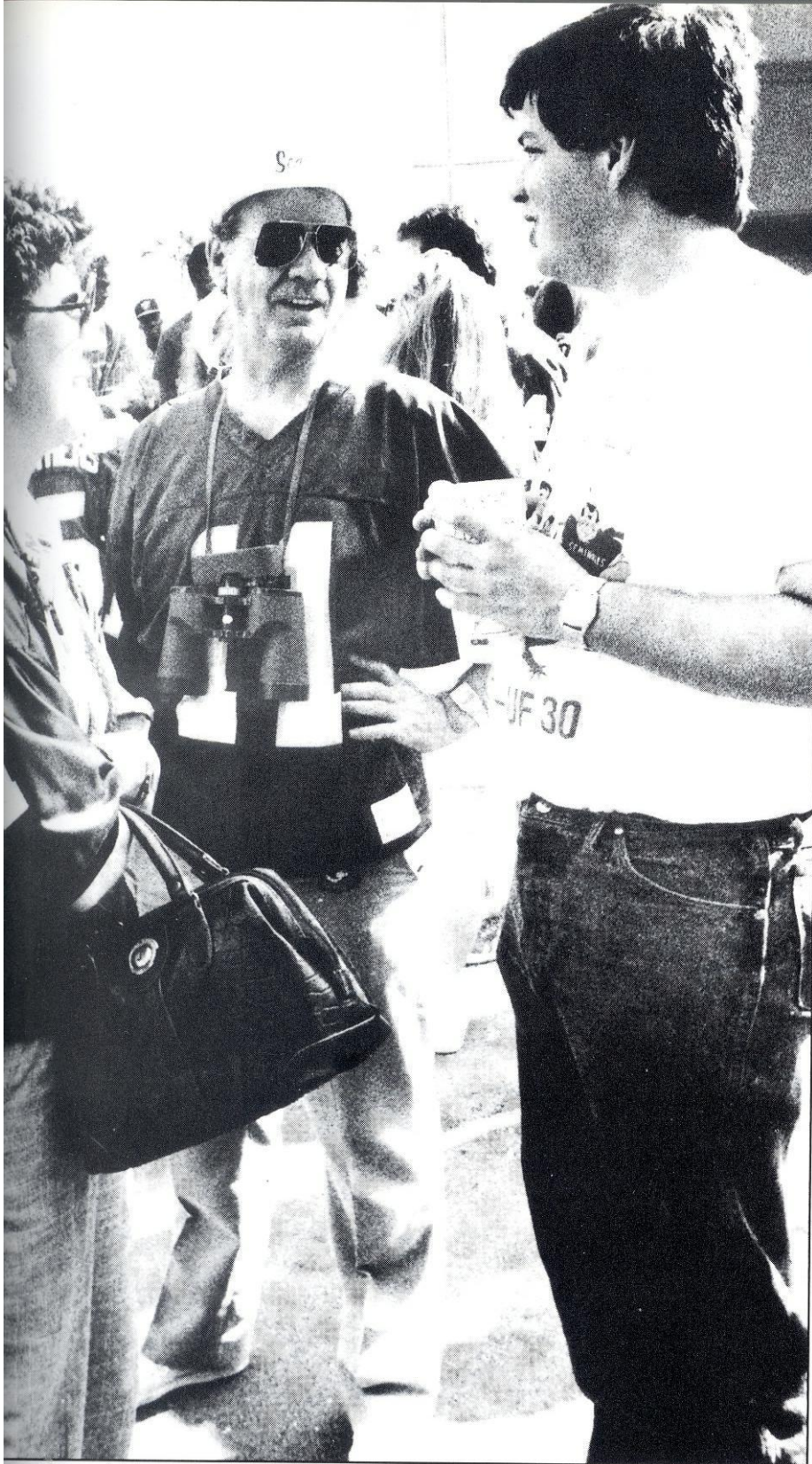
It seemed that a high-ranked football team would be all glitz and glamour, but that was not true. "After the Michigan game, we got some really nasty and hateful messages on our phone. It was distressing for Dan, but he got himself together and went on with his life," Mr. Mowrey said. He also said that "too much emphasis is put on winning. Winning the game is nice, but it is not all that important to parents. They are proud of their sons no matter what. Dan's father summed up the general feelings of all parents by saying, 'the thrill you get when you see the mighty Seminole football team come onto the field is immeasurable!'"

BY SALLY CHASEY



Photo by Robert Parker





Scoring a Perfect 10

Ending with a game high 12 tackles, Kirk Carruthers couldn't have summed it up better, "Our team is ready to peak again."

Casey Weldon's leadership was key in Florida State's 38-10 victory over South Carolina. Although it was the first time Weldon had played since his knee injury against LSU, he completed 19 of 28 passes for 184 yards, three TD's and one interception.

Gerry Thomas initiated Florida State's scoring drive with a 26 yard field goal. On South Carolina's next possession Terrell Buckley ignited the defense with his ninth interception of the season. Weldon then found Shannon Baker in the endzone for a 10-0 lead. Weldon nailed Lee for an 18-yard touchdown to wrap up the tribe's first half scoring. At halftime, Florida State had a 17-10 lead.

South Carolina was a 25 point underdog yet they stayed close through the first half, revealing the Tribe's weaknesses, a slow starting offense and a defense susceptible to the big play.

Following halftime, South Carolina was held to 142 yards of offense and no points as the tribe took control. Amp Lee, who finished with 102 yards, burst through from the South Carolina one yard line to increase the spread to 24-10. Florida State scored only once in the fourth quarter on a 20-yard pass from Weldon to William Floyd.

Following the game, the Seminoles boasted a 12 week run as the AP's number one team, and made the season record a perfect 10-0.

Nancy Floyd



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Kicker Gerry Thomas attempts a 26 yard field goal in the first drive of the game. The completed kick put the Seminoles ahead 3-0.

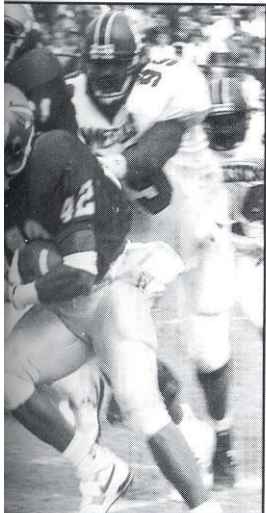
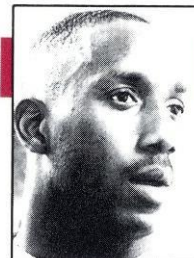


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Seeing nothing but a flock of Gamecocks, Amp Lee rushes ahead to gain yards. David Turnipseed (91), for South Carolina, tries to make the initial stop.

Casey Weldon's parents, Bill and Diane Weldon, proudly wear their son's number as they chat with other fans after the victory over Virginia Tech in Orlando.



AMP LEE

"We were up 17-10 at halftime and we wanted to make some space between us and South Carolina.

We wanted to get back to the level of playing that we were at earlier in the season!"

A Close Call

Businesses closed early and fans raced to Doak Campbell stadium for the most anticipated game of the season. The Hurricanes came to Tallahassee with a more subtle, less boastful attitude than normal. They knew the number one team in the nation wouldn't relinquish their title without a good fight. The outcome of the battle between number one and number two would determine not only the state and national championship titles, but it would give bragging rights to the winner for another year.

By the end of the first half, the Seminoles lead 10-7. It looked as though the Tribe would be victorious in their national championship goal. However, in the last few minutes of the game, something went wrong. The Hurricanes jumped ahead 17-16 on a controversial touchdown call. The Seminole offense drove down to the 34 yard line and Gerry Thomas came in to kick. What appeared to be a perfect kick, fell inches short of the right goalpost. "I've done that kick a thousand times. I can't imagine what went wrong," Thomas said.

After the devastating one point loss, the team and fans quietly left the stadium. "One play beat us and that was our own fault. We showed what it takes to be champions, but unfortunately we couldn't pull it together in the end," linebacker Kirk Carruthers said.

With the loss, the Seminoles dropped to number three in the polls.

Amy Shinn

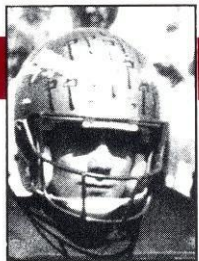


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In a mostly defensive game, Clifton Abraham trips up Miami's Darryl Spencer as Kirk Carruthers comes to help.

CASEY WELDON

"Several times we stopped ourselves and broke the momentum. They're a tough team and it was a tough ballgame. I wish the outcome would have been different "



RACKING UP THE HONORS

Even though it may not have been a national championship season, two Seminole football players and coach Bobby Bowden placed themselves among the country's best as they racked up post-season awards.

Terrell Buckley received the Jim Thorpe award, given to the best defensive back in the nation. Former Seminole Deion Sanders won the award two years ago.

"The Jim Thorpe award has been a goal for me since I first came to FSU. It's like the Heisman for a defensive back," Buckley said. Buckley broke the record of most interceptions in a single season and planned to move in to the NFL draft for the upcoming post season picks.

Senior quarterback Casey Weldon received the Johnny Unitas Golden Arm award, presented to the nation's best senior quarterback. Weldon beat former Heisman Trophy winner Ty Detmer of Brigham Young and was also one of the four finalists in the Heisman Trophy race. Weldon went to New York City for the Downtown Athletic Club Heisman presentation. He finished an impressive second behind Michigan's Desmond Howard.

Weldon was also a finalist for two other honors—the Davey O'Brien award for a quarterback (awarded to Detmer) and the Maxwell award for the most outstanding player (which Howard received).

"It was a great honor for me to have been chosen as a candidate for these awards. Opportunities like these happen only once in a lifetime and I'm glad that I represented Florida State," Weldon said.

Coach Bobby Bowden doesn't have a national championship under his belt yet, but the Walter Camp Foundation gave him the honor of being Coach of the Year. "Being Coach of the Year is terrific. It's a very prestigious award and I feel very privileged," Bowden said.

Other Seminoles received recognition as well. Sophomore Marvin Jones finished a finalist for the Lombardi award and was nominated for the Dick Butkus award. The Associated Press All-American team boasted the names of Jones and Buckley on the first team. Weldon left his mark on the second team lineup. Buckley, Jones, Weldon, Kirk Carruthers, Amp Lee, Kevin Mancini, Mike Morris and Carl Simpson made first team All-South Independent.

"I've been nominated for awards before, but this time they meant a lot. Since it was my last season, I really tried to be the best I could and have a great season. I'm happy that it paid off in the end," Carruthers said. Edgar Bennett, Howard Dinkins, and Robert Stevenson were also at the top of the second team listing.

BY JOANNA SPARKMAN



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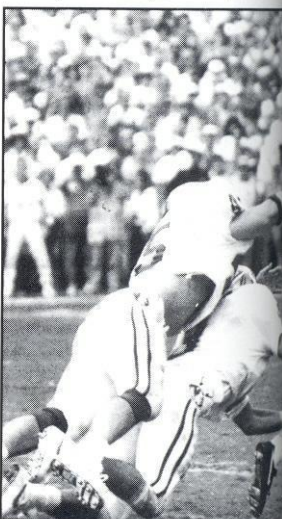
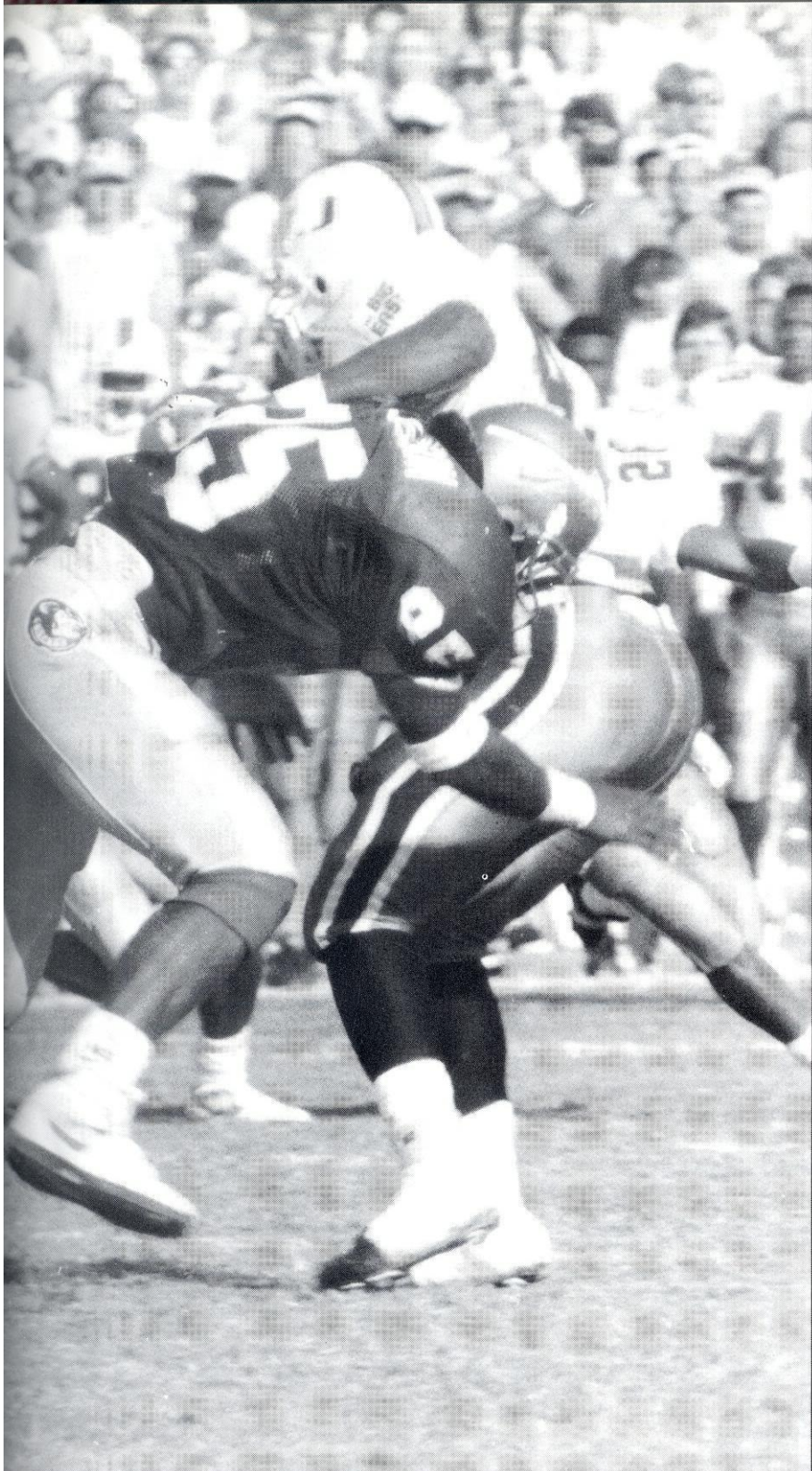


Photo By R.J. Watkins



Gators Gig Tired Tribe

The Seminoles traveled to Gainesville for the annual matchup with the University of Florida Gators. Coming off the loss they suffered from Miami, they tried to hold on to their national championship dream. Unfortunately, they came up inches short again.

Overall the tribe put on an admirable performance. At the end of the half, they trailed 7-3. Two unsuccessful TD attempts enabled the Gators to jump ahead 14-3.

"For some reason we couldn't make it click in the endzone. We had the opportunity and we lost it. There's nothing we can do about it now," tight end Lonnie Johnson said. Six plays and 80 yards later, the tribe scored a touchdown and narrowed the deficit to 14-9.

"I wish there was something else I could've done. We wanted to beat them real bad. They were ready to beat us and stop their four year losing streak," quarterback Casey Weldon said. Unfortunately, the clock ran out and after a four year winning streak against the Gators, the Seminoles fell to their opponent.

"We didn't do anything different during this week's practice to prepare for this game. The kids were disappointed because we lost to Miami. I guess their minds just weren't on the game," Coach Bobby Bowden said.

Amy Shinn



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Running back Sean Jackson looks for an opening in the Florida defense. He broke through and gained 5 yards.



Three defensive players, including Kirk Carruthers and Terrell Buckley work hard to put a stop to Florida's Eric Rhett. They stopped him at the Gator 45 yard line after he completed a 10 yard run. Despite their efforts, the Gators won the game 14-9.

Tightend Lonnie Johnson prevents Miami's Patrick Riley from sacking quarterback Casey Weldon. Weldon completed a 20 yard pass to Edgar Bennett which set up a 1st-and-goal for the tribe. The Seminoles scored and jumped ahead of the Hurricanes 10-7.



BOBBY BOWDEN

"I'm already thinking about next year, to be perfectly honest. I'm over the shock. The Miami loss was so numbing that this one didn't have much effect. Other than the fact that it was a loss"

Defense in Dallas

To start the New Year off with a bang, the Seminoles found themselves in Dallas, Texas for the annual Mobil Cotton Bowl. They met with the Texas A&M Aggies, the Southwest Conference champions. The Cotton Bowl was one of a few New Year's Day bowl games that the Seminoles had not played in, and it was only the second time they had met the Aggies on the gridiron. "We came to Texas with one thing on our minds and that was to win this bowl game. We had a rough season with a few big disappointments. This win would make us feel better. It's also my last game before graduation and I'm going to make it count," Kirk Carruthers said.

Even though the tribe's offense struggled, the defense held strong and put a stop to the Aggies scoring attempts. "For some reason we started out really slow, but then we figured out what they were doing, their blocking patterns. We just put it all together and stopped them. We didn't give them anything," noseguard James Chaney said.

The first score of the game occurred when quarterback Casey Weldon was sacked in the endzone by Aggie Quentin Coryatt. Weldon responded by rushing four yards on the next Seminole possession for the only touchdown of the game. Kicker Gerry Thomas added three additional points when he completed a 10-yard field goal to issue the final score of 10-2. "We worked really hard this season and a win in a bowl game was what we deserved. It wasn't our best game, but it was a win and we earned it," Weldon said.

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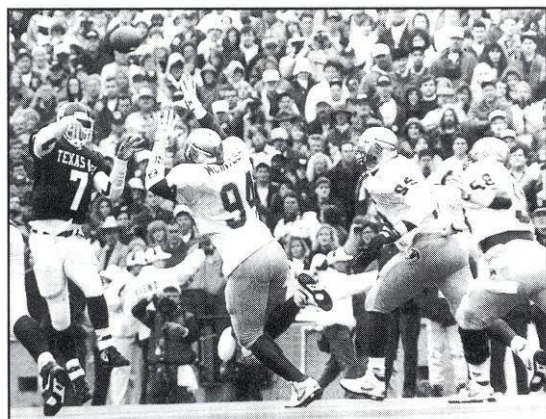


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Aggie quarterback Bucky Richardson sees an approaching Todd McIntosh as he leaps up to deflect the pass.

SEAN JACKSON

"I thought I could run against this team but I didn't expect to get that many yards. I have a lot of respect for their defense, they are as good as I have seen."

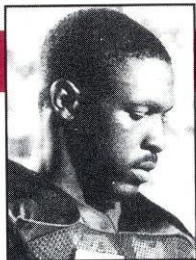
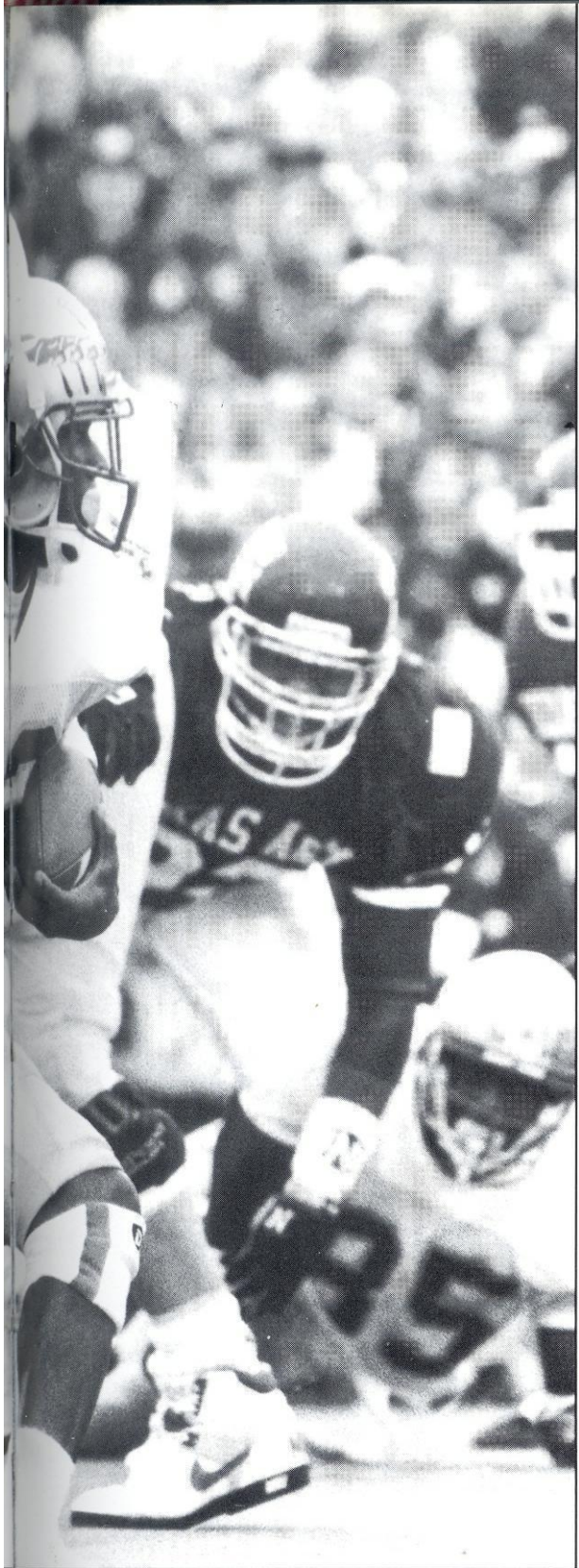


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Cotton Bowl officials present Florida State head coach Bobby Bowden with the championship trophy. The game was televised on CBS on New Year's Day.

Fullback Edgar Bennett scrambles and breaks free from the Texas A&M defense. This was Bennett's final game as a Seminole.

HEADING

TOWARDS THE NFL

Should I stay or should I go?

That was the question that cornerback and punt returner Terrell Buckley was asking himself as the Seminoles prepared to play in the Cotton Bowl.

After weighing the pros and cons of each option, Buckley decided to head for the NFL. He made the announcement after the 10-2 victory over the Aggies on New Year's Day.

"There really wasn't much more for me to do here, except win the Heisman. No matter how well I played, a defensive player isn't going to win it," Thorpe Award winner Buckley said.

Although Terrell played only three seasons here, his hold on some records suggests that he was here longer. His 21 career interceptions were a school mark, as were the 12 he had this season. Buckley also held the NCAA all-time record for interception return yards with 501.

Despite the fact that their star was moving on, coaches had nothing but good things to say about him. Defensive coordinator Mickey Andrews felt Buckley

made the right decision. "I don't think he could top what he did this year if he stayed. I believe he's ready for the next level," Andrews said.

Head coach Bobby Bowden agreed. "He couldn't do much more for us. I understand his position." And because he was leaving, Bowden would have to fill his position next year.

But that was not the only position that Bowden had to fill. In mid-January, junior tailback Amp Lee decided to forgo his final season of eligibility and entered the NFL draft.

Lee's situation differed slightly from Buck's in that he was dismissed from the university in December for failure to meet grade-point requirements. He said that several factors beyond that helped him make his decision. After leaving the university he lost all of his financial aid.

While Bowden didn't feel that this would critically affect the team's performance in the future, he did express his views concerning Lee's future.

"I've never enjoyed coaching a kid any more. I think he'll do just fine," Bowden said.



Photo by Ryals Lee

Tailback Sean Jackson grabs the handoff from Casey Weldon and rushes for seven yards. Jackson replaced starter Amp Lee.

BY CHRIS WALKER & ROBERT PARKER

Competing in Cali'

The first tournament of the season came a long way from home, in California at the University of California-Irvine Anteater Invitational Tournament. This competition featured volleyball teams from Loyola-Marymount and University of Idaho in addition to FSU and UC-Irvine.

The Lady Seminoles placed second in the tournament behind the host UC-Irvine Anteaters. They lost to them in a close five-game match that included a tiebreaker (18-16, 2-15, 13-15, 15-8, 13-15). In the preceding match, the Tribe beat the Idaho Vandals in three games 16-14, 15-2, 15-6. But, one of the closest matches of the entire season took place against Loyola-Marymount—a five-match victory 18-16, 13-15, 20-18, 11-15, 17-15.

Several players gave notable performances at the tournament. Outside hitters Kristine Cousins and Luiza Ramos were named to the all-tournament team. Ramos found herself in the FSU record book with 38 digs against Loyola-Marymount—the most ever in a match. The team as a whole set new records in that match, 121 digs and 78 set assists.

Many team members set their personal bests at the invitational. In the “attacks” category, Cousins had 65 and freshman Deanna Bosschaert had 56 against Loyola-Marymount. Against UC-Irvine, Ramos had 58 attacks and 20 kills, and sophomore Vickie Zinkil had 42 attacks. Junior Bianca Stevens had a season-best 21 digs in the Loyola-Marymount match and Cousins had 29 against UC-Irvine.

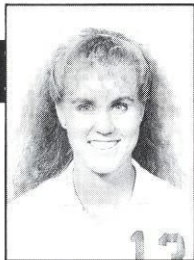
Joanna Sparkman



Photo by Zulma Crespo

During the match against the Virginia Cavaliers, Luisa Ramos spikes the ball before going into the net. A sideout was awarded because of the Seminole mistake.

JEN MCCALL



"Some of my personal goals for the season were to be a leader and to try to work in with the team. I wanted to be the starting setter, but first I had to focus on what was best for the team."

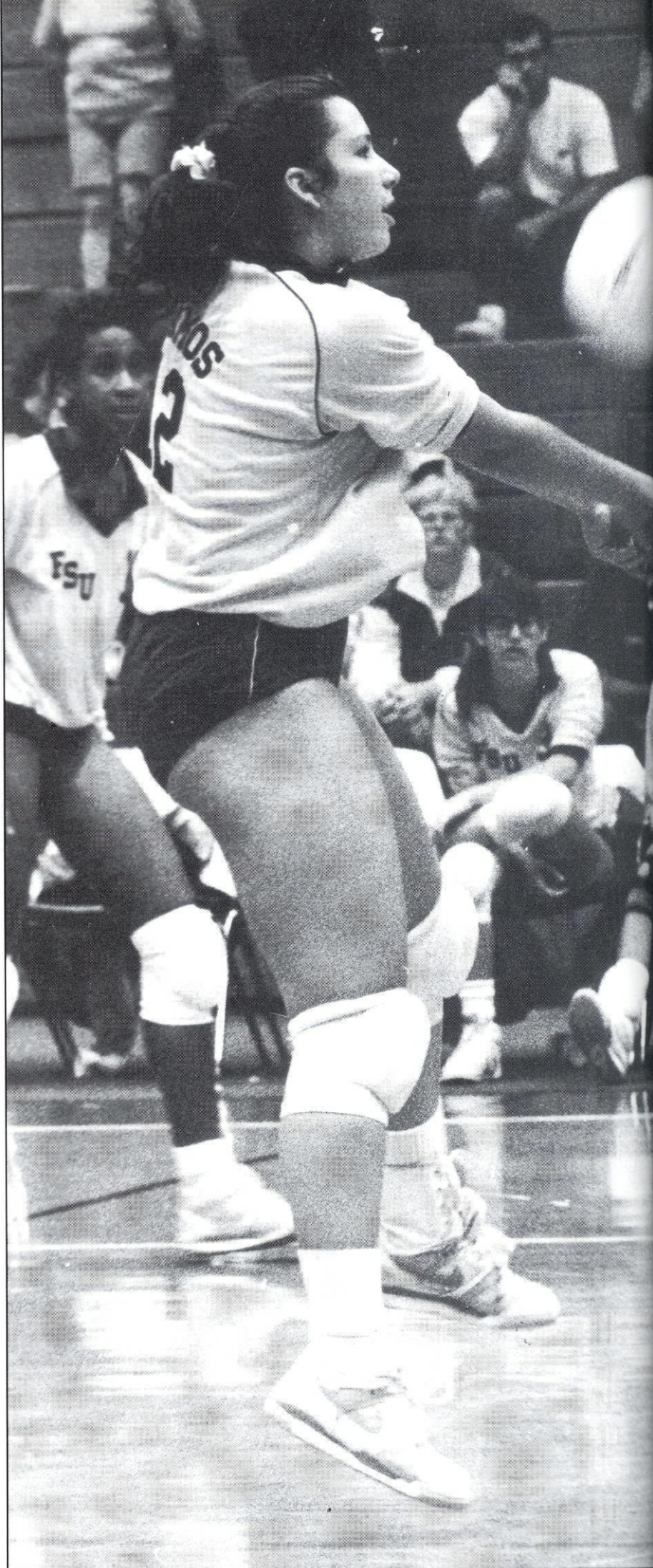


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DIGGING

INTO THE RECORD BOOK



From Fortaleza, Brazil, to Fort Myers, to Tallahassee, freshmen Luiza Ramos made quite a first impression. The 5-8 outside hitter for the volleyball team broke records and achieved success in her first season as a Seminole.

Six years ago, while playing tennis in Brazil, her coach introduced her to volleyball. Although she loved tennis, she put it on hold as she competed on a volleyball club team and her school's team. Luiza came to Fort Myers, Florida for her senior year as an exchange student and led the Fort Myers High School team to the state championships while gaining individual honors of her own. USA Today named her a second-team All American and she also earned all-state honors. Luiza's host parents in Fort Myers were a big influence in her decision to attend FSU. "They knew a lot about the school and loved it, which made me want to come here," Luiza said.

As a freshmen, Luiza went through the same transition every new college student must face. "In college, everything is harder and more competitive. Also, living on my own was a big change." The first semester, during volleyball season, the team practiced four or more hours a day. "I had a class to help me improve my English, but the rest of my classwork was pretty easy. It

helped a lot because I was busy," Luiza said.

The volleyball team finished 16-14 for the season. "This season, most of us were new and we didn't know each other very well. It helps when you've played together before, so we should be better next season." The team finished third in their first ACC conference tournament. "The competition in the ACC was tough. I didn't play in the Metro Conference, but the others said the ACC was tougher," Luiza said.



Photo by Zulma Crespo

Freshman Deanna Bosschaert bumps the ball as freshman Luiza Ramos is ready to assist. Both enjoyed success in their rookie year of college volleyball.

One of the high points of the season for Luiza occurred at the Anteater Invitational. Against Loyola-Marymount, she broke the Florida State "Digs in a Match" record with 38. Along with Kristine Cousins, she was named to the All-Tournament team. She felt the toughest match of the year was against Florida. The team fell second to the Gators at the Florida Four Tournament, where Luiza also received All-Tournament team

honors.

Luiza planned on improving her jumping and blocking. "If I jump higher, I can block better," she said. Over the summer she helped Coach Cecile Reynaud at her volleyball camp. Luiza planned on majoring in computer science, and would like to return to Brazil after college.

BY JOANNA SPARKMAN

In a match against ACC-opponent Duke, Luiza Ramos sets the volleyball toward senior Kristine Cousins. Behind her, junior Bianca Stevens stands ready. Ramos saw quite a bit of playing in her first season, playing in 30 out of 31 matches. She was also the team leader in digs with 419 for the season.

MAKING

A GOOD FIRST IMPRESSION

"In Conference." As their season theme stated, the Lady Seminole volleyball team met their competition in the first season in the ACC. As expected, it was a rebuilding year for the team which lost five seniors. The only senior, Kristine Cousins, and junior Bianca Stevens filled the leadership roles on the team.

The ladies boasted a great deal of talent. Cousins returned for her second and final year, after being Junior College Player of the Year at Miami Dade South Community College. Returning sophomores included Jen McCall, who had an active freshman season, and Vickie Zinkil coming off a medical redshirt. Jennifer Cichy and Brandi Cumin, also sophomores, returned for their second season.

The volleyball season started in September and ended Nov. 23, with a loss to Virginia in the second round of the ACC tournament. The Lady Seminoles finished the season 16-15, 3-6 in the ACC.

For their first ACC tournament, however, the team finished higher than expected. Seeded sixth of eight going in, the team upset the third-seeded Tar Heels of North Carolina in three games (15-7, 15-6, 15-6). "I thought we executed perfectly, or as close to perfect as we have played all year,"

Reynaud said.

In the second round, they faced seventh-seeded Virginia who caused an upset of their own against second-seeded Maryland. The Cavaliers defeated the Seminoles in four games (15-11, 15-9, 14-16, 15-6) and went on to fall to Duke in the championship match. "Virginia played an excellent game. They were psyched to be in the semi-finals and played to win," Reynaud

said. Freshman Deanna Bosschaert captured All Tournament team honors, and Kristine Cousins finished second team All-ACC.

"It was an off year compared to others. But I think we showed the ACC we can compete with them," Jen McCall said. Although their season was not as successful as past ones, the team did have some notable matches. A close five-game win over Loyola-Marymount placed them in second at the

UC-Irvine Anteater Invitational, and the Seminoles claimed a conference victory over Virginia earlier in a four-game match.

Coach Cecile Reynaud finished her sixteenth season at FSU one win shy of 450 career wins. She had never had a losing season, and kept over a .700 win percentage.

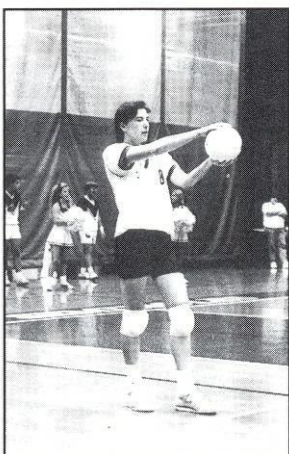


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Sophomore Vickie Zinkil prepares to serve the ball. Zinkil was the leading solo blocker on the team with 53 for the season.



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As she sets up a defensive move against the Virginia blocker, Vickie Zinkil leaps up to deflect the opponent's spike.

Outside hitter Deanna Bosschaert knocks one past the defense as the team jumps into spike coverage formation.

BY JOANNA SPARKMAN



Second in the State

Tallahassee and Florida State played host to the annual Florida 4 Tournament Sept. 20-21. All games took place in Tully Gym. The Lady Seminole volleyball team repeated their second place finish of last season behind the Florida Gators.

On Friday night, the team lost to UF 15-12, 15-5, 15-12. Their first game on Saturday was against the Golden Panthers of Florida International. The Seminoles took a three-match victory 15-6, 15-9, 15-7 over the visiting . The team won again in three sets over the University of South Florida Bulls 15-9, 15-13, 15-3.

Two members of the Lady Seminole team received all-tournament team honors, freshman outside hitter Luiza Ramos and sophomore middle hitter Vickie Zinkil. Freshman outside hitter Adria Cicaro got her career off to a good start by hitting a season high seven digs against the USF Lady Bulls.

"We played with great intensity and skill at the Anteater Invitational. But we weren't in sync at all in this tournament. We have a lot to work on," coach Cecile Reynaud said.

Joanna Sparkman

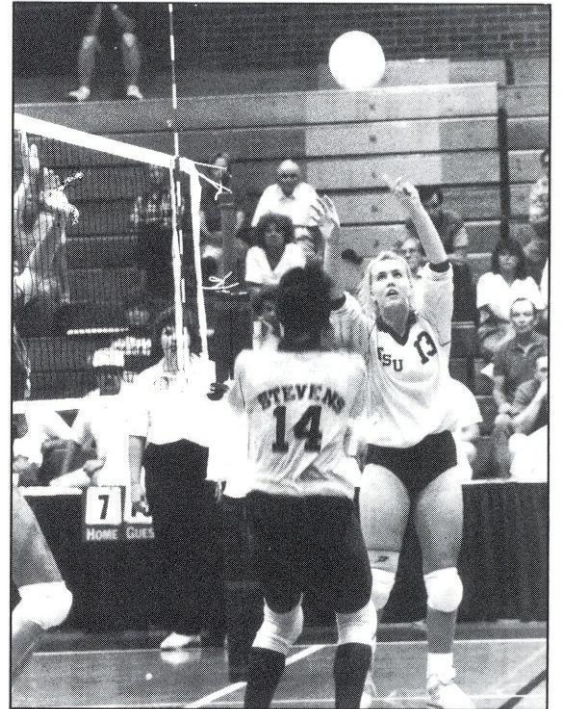


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Sophomore Jen McCall sets the ball to prepare junior Bianca Stevens for the spike in a match against ACC opponent Duke.



Photo by Ileana Diaz



KRISTINE COUSINS

"For our first season in the ACC, I thought we did well, but we could have done better. We had the potential, but it just didn't click at the right times. The season was enjoyable, though."

One for the Road

In their first season in the ACC the Seminoles earned the reputation as "Kings of the Road."

The two biggest road wins were against 5th ranked North Carolina and 18th ranked Georgia Tech.

At Chapel Hill, North Carolina, the Tribe came into the game with an 18 point underdog tag. They proved the experts wrong and walked away victorious.

Sam Cassell scored 14 of the tribe's first 18 points to post a Florida State 18-7 lead. Florida State took a 46-39 lead at halftime. The lead jumped to a 86-74 score.

"This ranks as one of the great wins," head coach Pat Kennedy said.

Cassell led with 22 points, Chuck Graham had 19 and Charlie Ward added 18.

"Ward is unbelievable. He's a versatile player," UNC head coach Dean Smith said.

The Seminoles also rallied to win over Georgia Tech, 83-79. Down 62-50, freshman Bob Sura keyed 15 straight points which gave them a three point advantage. Sura scored 10 points, had two steals and an assist during the surge.

"Sura played a great game for us. His two three-pointers were big, big plays for us," Kennedy said.

"Florida State is a miracle team. They're amazing," Georgia Tech head coach Bobby Gemins said.

Chris Walker

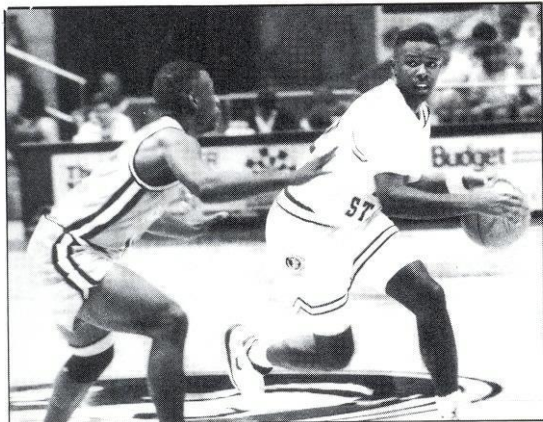
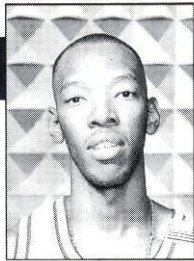


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Football and basketball star Charlie Ward shuffles down the court while a Mercer defender tries to put a stop to him.

SAM CASSELL



"Our best game so far was at Wake Forest. We were down by 15, then cut the lead to 2 by halftime. We ended up winning in overtime. The team really kept their composure."

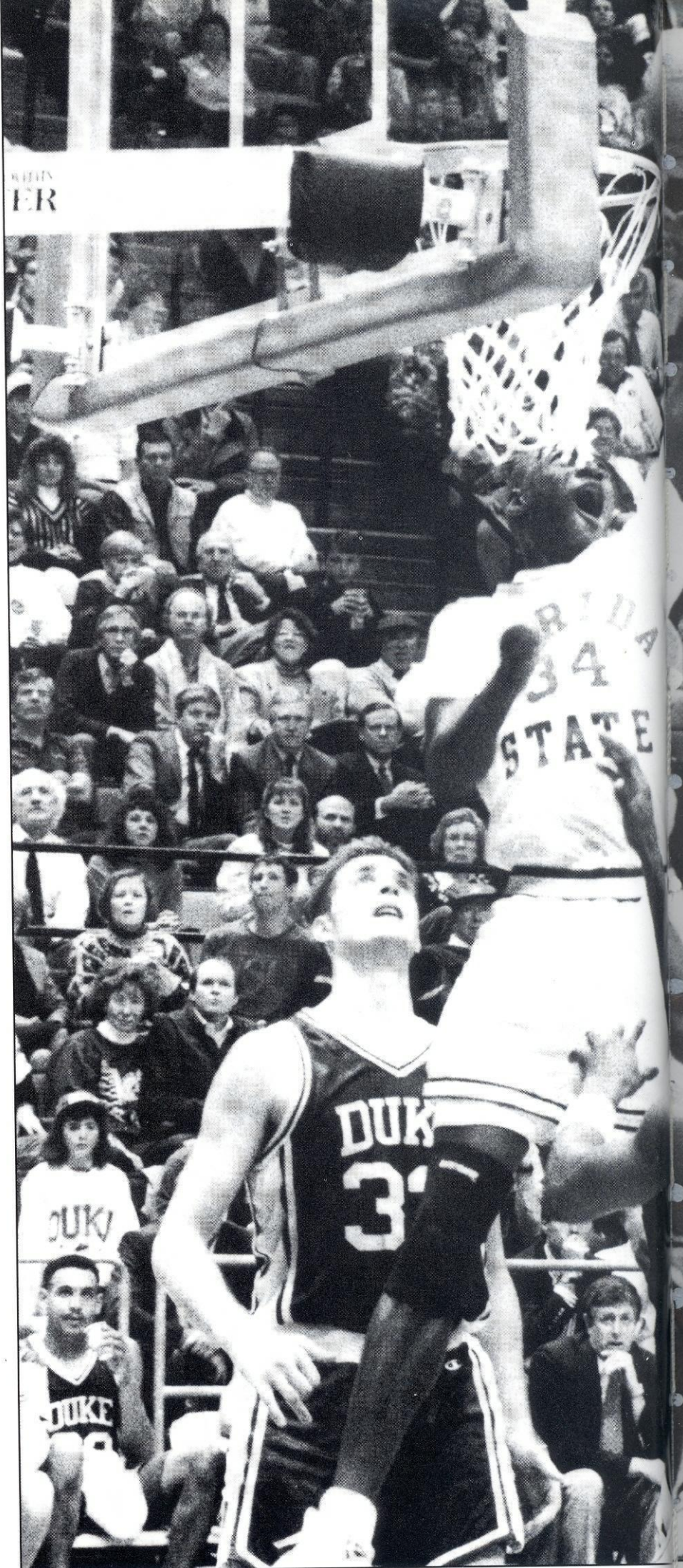
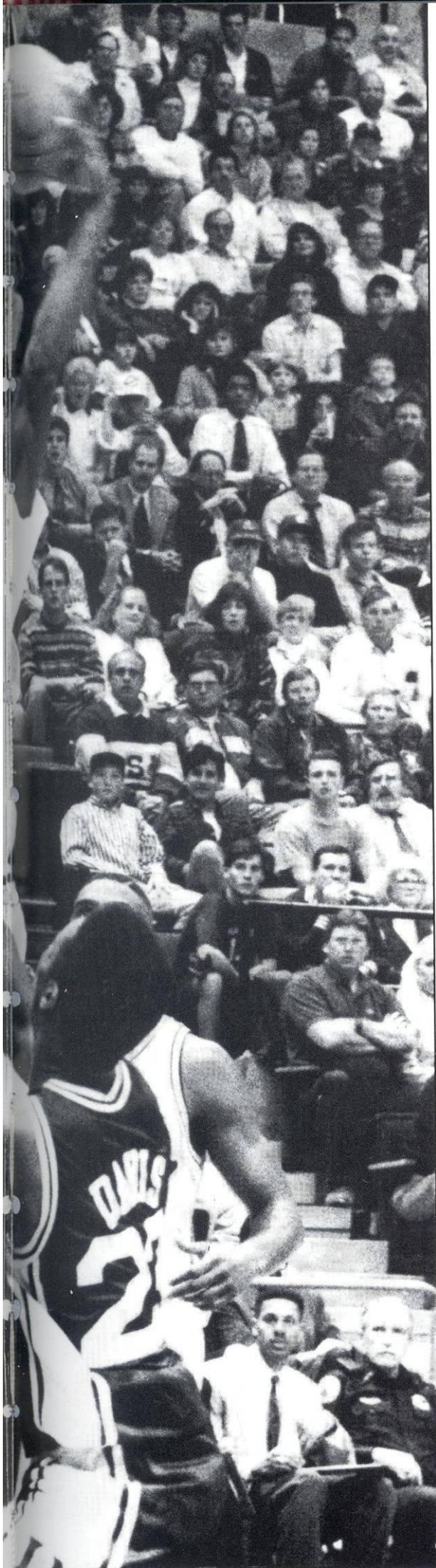


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PLAYING

AGAINST THE BEST

A football game in late January? No, not exactly. But it seemed as if the Seminoles were playing in Doak Campbell Stadium on Jan. 30. It was not the football team that had Florida State and Tallahassee fired up, though. It was the Seminole basketball team.

Riding a six game winning streak, the 23rd ranked Seminoles hosted the top-ranked team and defending NCAA champion, the Duke Blue Devils. ESPN and noted basketball analyst Dick Vitale hosted the game. He appeared earlier that day in the Union Bookstore posing for pictures, speaking to a huge crowd and signing copies of his book, "Time Out, Baby!"

Vitale felt the excitement in Tallahassee was higher than at any college he had been to. "Tallahassee is in an uproar, and I'm not talkin' Bobby Bowden's football team," Vitale said. "This school and town should be proud of what Pat Kennedy and his team have done in the ACC. They are a fun team to watch," he added.

A group of about 20 students camped outside the civic center early Thursday morning. "After a couple hours and we still had hours to go. I

thought why am I doing this? But as it got closer to game time, I was glad I was here," one student said.

Kennedy was appreciative of the crowd, especially the students. "That was a great atmosphere for college basketball. You couldn't find a better crowd anywhere," the coach said.

In the game, the team put on a great show. Sparked by Doug Edwards' seven points, the Seminoles jumped to an early 11-4 lead. Duke regained control and led to 39-37 at halftime.

The game remained tight in the second half. The Tribe led 62-61 with less than three minutes to play. But then Duke showed its experience. The nation's top team scored 14 points and won 75-62.

Duke's All-American Christian Laettner had good things to say about the university and its fans. "They are an

excellent team and one to be reckoned with," he said. "The fans are awesome. They are loud and make this a tough place to play. Florida State is a great addition to the ACC."

And the ACC showed Florida State something—football is not the only game in town.

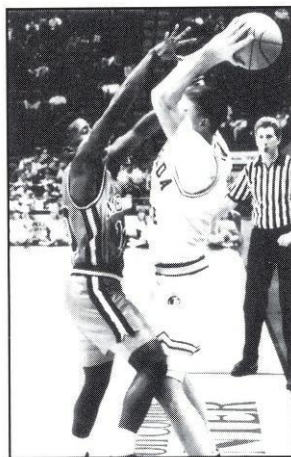


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While being guarded closely by a Mercer defender, freshmen defender Bob Sura looks down the court for an open man.

BY CHRIS WALKER

Duke's Christian Laettner and Brian Davis watch as Junior Rodney Dobard dunks it for two points. The civic center sold out as fans showed strong support for the Seminoles.

CLIMBING

THE CONFERENCE LADDER

The Seminoles proved they were an ACC team to contend with during the regular season. But could they do the same in the postseason tournament? The men's basketball team traveled to the Charlotte Coliseum in North Carolina for the ACC tournament. It happened after a highly successful inaugural season in the ACC. In fact, the Seminoles came into the tournament seeded second behind the nation's top-ranked team—the Duke Blue Devils. During the regular season, the Tribe compiled an 11-5 record in the conference, which enabled them to advance into the tournament.

In the first round of the tournament, the Seminoles played seventh-seeded North Carolina State. Most picked Florida State for the victory. The team jumped to a 13-9 lead in the opening minutes, but the rest of the first half didn't come easily. The Wolfpack went on a 10-1 run and left the Tribe behind 37-30. To make matters worse, junior forward Doug Edwards and coach Pat Kennedy got called on technical fouls. However, the young Seminole team battled back. Junior Sam Cassell's three-pointer sent the team into the locker room with a 43-40 lead at halftime.

An improved Seminole team emerged during the second half. In the first seven

and a half minutes they jumped out to a 65-50 lead. However, one casualty occurred when Sam Cassell left the game with a leg cramp. Junior Byron Wells and freshman Ray Donald came in off the bench to fill in and get some playing time. Leading scorers for the team were Doug Edwards with 21 points and Rodney Dobard with 20. Charlie Ward received the honor of Player of the Game.

After the game Rodney Dobard said, "We came out sort of sluggish, but our defense got going, and that saved the game."

The Seminoles next test came against the North Carolina Tarheels.

The game started out close, with a 12-12 score through the first five minutes. Then the Tarheels took off, capitalizing on a Seminole shooting slump to jump ahead. Coach Kennedy said, "Obviously, when you shoot poorly and a player like Sam Cassell goes 4 for 15, Douglas [Edwards] 4 for 13, you're

not going to win the game."

The Seminoles once again traveled the comeback trail, making it 75-72 with 12.4 seconds left. They called a timeout without any left to use which resulted in technical free throws for UNC that wrapped up the game.

The Seminoles headed to the NCAA Tournament with high hopes.

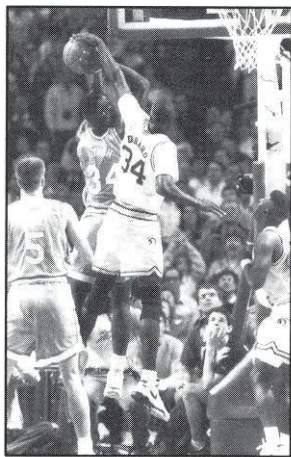


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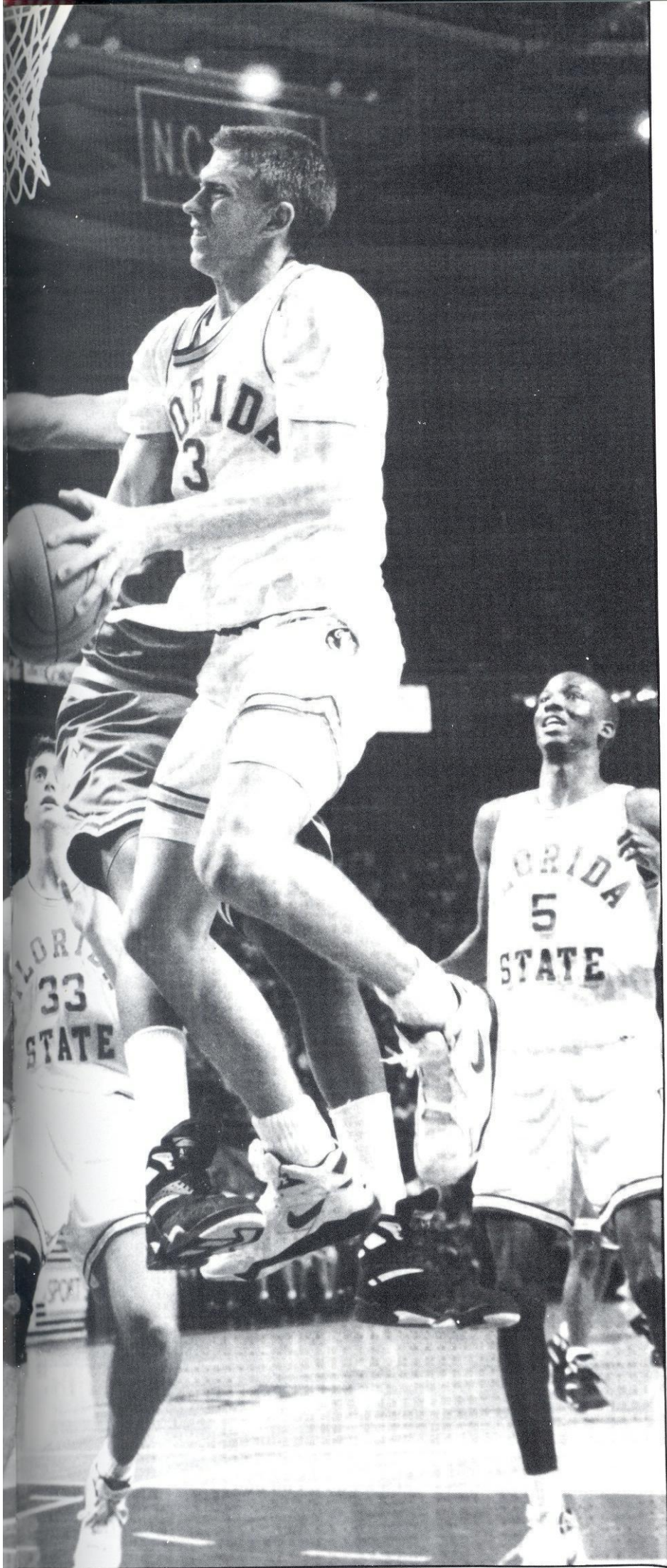
Junior Rodney Dobard blocks a shot by North Carolina's Lynch. The Seminoles lost to the Tarheels in the conference semifinals.

BY CHRIS WALKER

The ACC Rookie of the Year, Bob Sura, goes up for a shot against an NC State player. Junior Byron Wells and freshman Ray Donald stand ready to assist. The Seminoles soundly defeated the NC State Wolfpack 93-80 in the first round of the ACC Tournament in Charlotte, North Carolina.



Photo by Ryals Lee



A Winning Combination

Not many people knew what to expect as the Seminoles made their first trip through the Atlantic Coast Conference.

Among the unexpected was for Seminole head coach Pat Kennedy to rank above North Carolina's legendary Dean Smith, Duke's Mike Krzyzewski or Bobby Cremins of Georgia Tech at the end of the season in the conference's Coach of the Year voting. Yet Kennedy won the balloting in a landslide.

Kennedy led the Seminoles to six of eight road game wins, an 11-5 league mark good for second place behind Duke, regular season sweeps of North Carolina, Georgia Tech and North Carolina State, and the school's first appearance in the NCAA Tournament's Sweet 16 in 20 years.

"I thought an 8-8 record in the ACC would be a good year," Kennedy said. "I am really proud of this group of kids and the Coach of the Year honor. It shows that this program has taken itself to another level," Kennedy said.

Maybe even more unthinkable was Bob Sura's being Freshman of the Year. Entering the season, Sura was ranked as the 17th best freshman in the ACC.

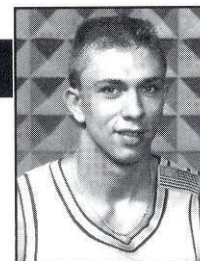
"The summer after he finished high school was when he raised the level of his play," Kennedy said. "He really worked on his outside shot and that was a question mark about him when he left high school."

Chris Walker



Photo by Ryals Lee

At the post-game conference, Coach Pat Kennedy and Doug Edwards answer questions and meet the press.



BOB SURA

"In college basketball, the talent is a lot better and there's more media exposure. So far, my best game was against Georgia Tech at their home. I scored 18 points and all around it was my best game."

A Speedy Recovery

The NCAA Tournament showcased the Seminoles all the way to the "Sweet 16," but the games along the way were anything but sweet. The biggest casualty occurred to point guard Charlie Ward. In the first round game against Montana State, Ward dislocated his left shoulder, but was able to pop it back and return to the game. In the second half, it dislocated again more severely, taking him out of the game. "It's a chance I took (returning to the game). It's just something that can happen," Ward said.

The team advanced to the second round, minus Charlie Ward, to face Georgetown. Coach Kennedy put Sam Cassell at point guard, with Bob Sura and Chuck Graham to complete the three-guard set. "This team rallied around Charlie Ward. They've come together all year," Kennedy said.

The Seminoles pulled off a comeback victory in the closing minutes and found themselves in the Sweet 16 for the first time since 1972. The big question remained—would Ward be able to play against Indiana? It turned out his injury was a rotator-cuff pinch, not as severe as a dislocation. He played 26 minutes in the Indiana game, but the Seminoles fell short, losing 85-74.

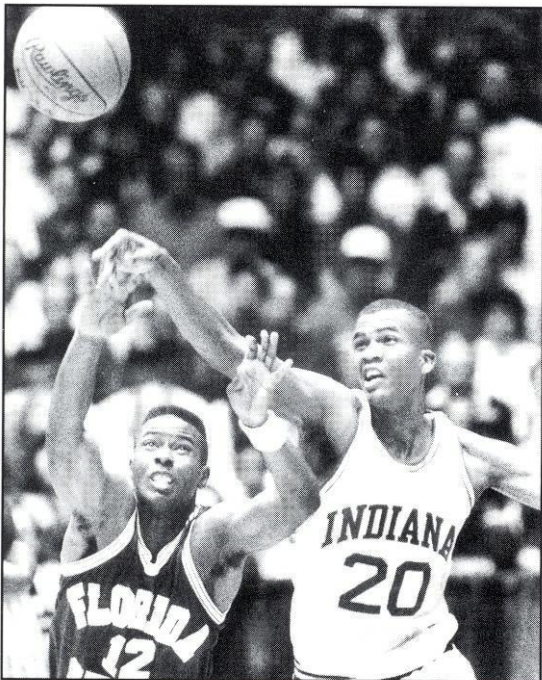


Photo by Bucky Parrish

Charlie Ward sees playing time as he tries to steal the ball from an Indiana defender.

PAT KENNEDY

"I don't think our kids ever got big-headed about what they've done this year. It has been a great year for us. Our guys came together when they needed to all season long."

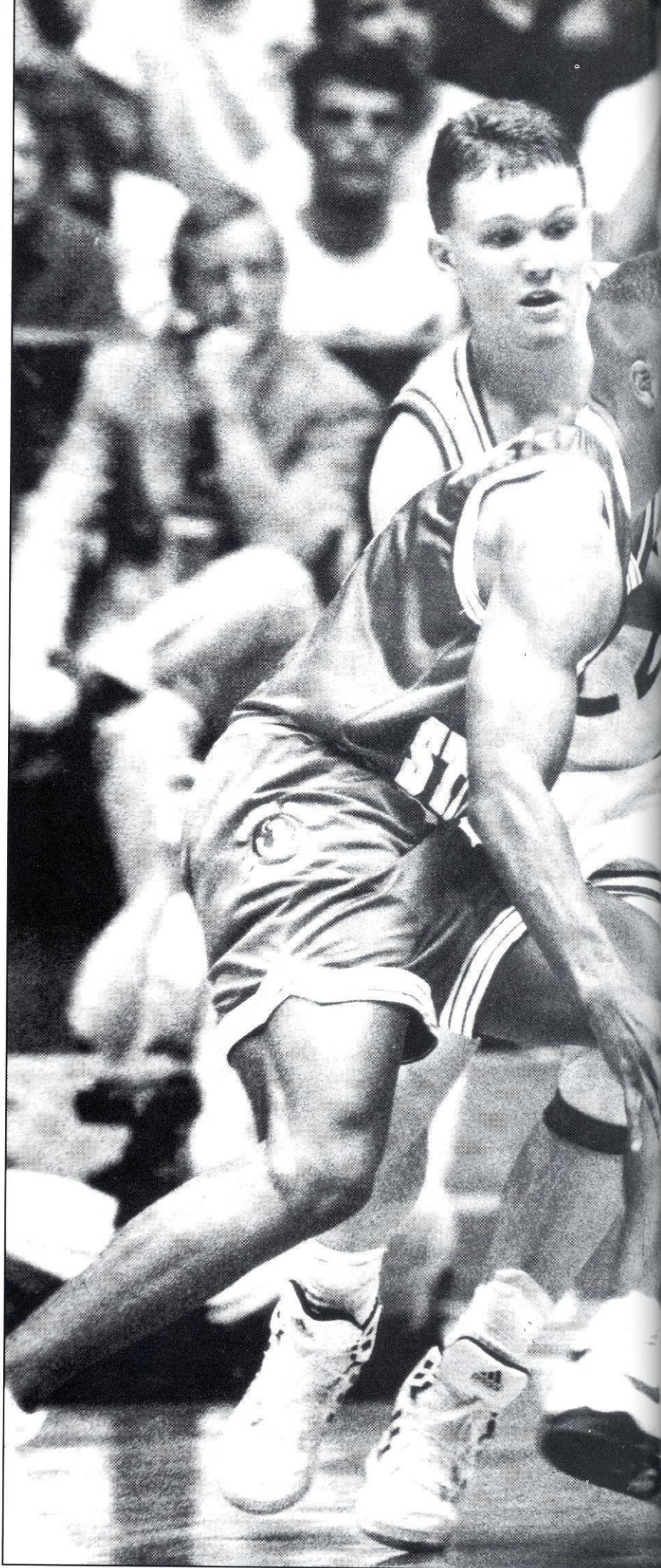


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REACHING

THE SWEET 16

After a surprising first season in the Atlantic Coast Conference the basketball team received surprising news when the NCAA Tournament pairings were announced.

The Seminoles received the third seed in the West Region and a date with the 14th seeded Montana Grizzlies in Boise, Idaho.

"We got a very good seeding and I think the reason is because of the tough conference that we play in and our road wins," coach Kennedy said.

In their tournament opener, the Tribe got off to a fast start and led by 13 points at halftime. Two minutes into the second half, point guard Charlie Ward dislocated his left shoulder while chasing a loose ball and was out for the rest of the game. The team then took its largest lead of the game, 54-31.

"We got more intense when Charlie left the game," said Sam Cassell, who took over point guard duties with Ward out.

Montana outscored Florida State 29-12 over the next ten minutes to cut the lead to 66-60. Cassell, who led with 23 points, hit some key free throws down the stretch and the Seminoles held on to win 78-68.

The Seminoles were without Ward for their second round clash with the sixth seeded Georgetown Hoyas and All-American Alonzo Mourning. The defense

limited Mourning to just one point in the first half, but trailed 32-23 at the break.

"At halftime, I told our guys that we were concentrating too much on Mourning and not enough on our offense. We needed to play our brand of basketball," Kennedy said.

Down 59-49 with eight minutes to go, the team went on a 14-3 run to go up by one. Cassell put the Tribe up by five with a three-pointer with 1:30 to play. They sealed the game with free throws and left with a 78-68 win.

"A lot of people thought we were in trouble without Charlie, but I knew this team would come together," Edwards said.

Ward came back to the game for the Sweet 16 when the Tribe faced the second seeded Indiana Hoosiers. The Seminoles jumped out to a 9-2 lead but Indiana fought back to lead 40-38 at intermission. The Hoosiers opened the second half with ten straight points and led by as many as 18 before Florida State made one last



Photo by Bucky Parrish

Rodney Dobard and Douglas Edwards block an attempted shot by an Indiana's Alan Henderson.

rally.

Cassell and Edwards led a charge that cut the margin to 77-72 late in the game, but Indiana held on for an 85-74 victory.

"The run that they put together to start the second half really killed us," Kennedy said. "I was proud of the way we hung tough though. We have nothing to be ashamed of because we had a great season. This is the best team that I've had here at Florida State."

BY CHRIS WALKER

Junior guard Chuck Graham takes the ball around Indiana's defender Damon Bailey. Graham was one of the three guards who started in the Georgetown and Indiana games in place of the injured Charlie Ward.

MAKING

IT TO THE TOP

Mary Berryhill was not just another college student. The 6-foot-6-inch standout also played on the women's basketball team. What made Mary unique were the other things she had done away from school.

Berryhill came to Florida State from Dayton, Ohio in the fall of 1985 as Mary Buchanan. After sitting out the 85-86 season as a redshirt, Berryhill played 27 games the following season for first year head coach Marynell Meadors. She then left Florida State because of academic difficulties. In June of 1987, she joined the Army and was stationed in Germany.

"I was young and eventually learned in the Army that I still needed a bachelor's degree," Berryhill said.

While in the Army, she met and married Ricky Berryhill and had a baby girl named Ashley.

At the age of 24, Berryhill juggles a full load of classes, plays on the basketball team and still finds time to be a good wife and mother.

"I really respect what Mary does. She is so dedicated to each one of her roles," Meadors said.

Her husband received custody of his two children from a previous marriage last November. Mary took it all in stride.

"It is hard to have to cook for five now, but I'm not doing it myself. Ricky helps a lot," Berryhill said.

On the basketball court, Mary had to work just as hard as she did at home. Although she played for a community team for three seasons while in Germany, it was not at the same level of play as the ACC.

Coming off the bench, Berryhill averaged over ten minutes a game, in helping the Lady Seminoles in their first season in the ACC. Perhaps Mary's best game of the year was in January when she scored nine points and grabbed three rebounds in a 76-75 victory over the nationally ranked NC State.

"In the NC State ballgame, Mary really sparked us. If she didn't play like that, we wouldn't have won the game," Meadors said.

Just making it back to Florida State was an accomplishment. Meadors and Berryhill kept in touch while she was overseas and

the door was always open for her possible return.

Now that she had returned, Berryhill was pursuing a criminology degree and a career in corrections. Her priorities had also changed.

"Education is my main motivation. I could have been finished, but I'm doing it the hard way," Berryhill said

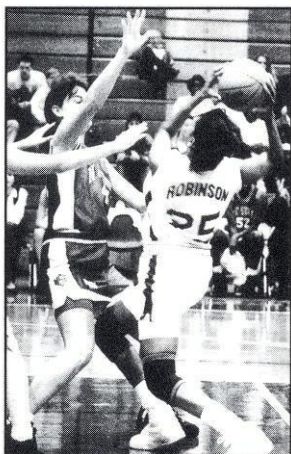


Photo By Nancy M. Rosa

Junior forward Connie Robinson tries to pass the ball to an awaiting teammate, while being guarded by two North Carolina State defenders.



Photo by Nancy M. Rosa

In a tough ACC game against North Carolina State University, center Mary Berryhill and forward Chantelle Dishman prepare to rebound for the Seminoles. Berryhill finished the game with three rebounds.

Junior Chantelle Dishman quickly jumps in front of a North Carolina State defender to rebound, while Mary Berryhill and Danielle Ryan guard their positions. The Lady Seminoles beat the Lady Wolfpacks in a close game 76-75.

BY CHRIS WALKER



Calming the Storm

The Lady Seminoles picked up their sweetest win of the season in their first game of the year by knocking off the rival Miami Hurricanes 71-69 in overtime at Tully Gym.

All American candidate Chantelle Dishman led Florida State with 16 points and 17 rebounds. Dishman was also instrumental in the win on the defensive end, limiting Hurricane All American candidate Frances Savage to 15 points on 5 for 18 shooting from the field.

"It was a great win to start off the season. I was very proud of the way we fought back in the second half and in overtime, especially with two starters (Christy Derlak and Danielle Ryan) fouling out," head coach Marynell Meadors said.

Miami was in control for most of the game, leading by as many as eight in the first half and six in the second. A 10-0 Lady Seminole run midway through the second half put Florida State in control until a pair of Miami free throws with 23 seconds left sent it into overtime.

Tia Paschal hit a 17 foot jumper with two seconds remaining to give the Lady Seminoles the win.

Chris Walker



Photo by Nancy M. Rosa

After wrestling a player to the ground for the ball, Chantelle Dishman and Robin Corn wait on a call from the referees. A foul was called against the Seminoles.



TIA PASCHAL

" There were a few times when we broke down, but we pulled it together when it counted the most. We deserved the win and we got it. We showed them what being a Seminole is all about."

Coming Back Strong

After sitting out most of the 1990-91 season with a knee injury, Robin Corn was not sure of her basketball future. Corn tore the anterior cruciate ligament in her knee in the second game of that season.

"I didn't know how well my knee might hold up during the course of the season or how much of a pounding it could take," the senior guard said.

It held up very well. In the final game of the regular season against Oral Roberts University, her last game in Tully Gym, Corn became Florida State's all-time leader in assists by handing out six. She ended her career with 360, breaking Shari Kaminski's old record of 355.

"It felt great to do it in Tully, in front of my family and friends," said the Asheville native who also ranks fifth in career steals (175) and fourth in games played (112).

"It is such an inspirational story," head coach Marynell Meadors said. "It shows that with hard work, determination and desire you can achieve anything. That's something our team has learned from Robin. She has a big heart."

"I put in a lot of work and time into my rehabilitation. What I got out of it, to play with my teammates and break the record, was definitely worth it," Corn said.

Chris Walker



Photo by Nancy M. Rosa

Mary Berryhill sets up a block as Chantelle Dishman tries to steal the ball from an NC State player.



CHANTELLE DISHMAN

"I chose to attend FSU because it is a good school with a strong academic program, plus I really like the coaching staff. I'm also excited about being a part of the ACC."



Photo by Zulma Crespo



GAINING

VALUABLE EXPERIENCE

It was a roller coaster first year in the ACC for the women's basketball team. The Lady Seminoles compiled a 17-11 record overall and an 8-8 mark in the ACC. They missed the NCAA Tournament after appearances the past two seasons.

The team beat Miami in the season opener 71-69 in overtime and won five of the first six games. But they could not sustain their early success in the in the first four conference games.

In their first ever ACC game, the ladies lost to Georgia Tech 70-68. After a loss to then top-ranked Virginia, Florida State won its first ACC game at Wake Forest 86-83. The team then fell at home to second-ranked Maryland. After a 1-3 start in the conference, the Seminoles rebounded to split the conference slate at 8-8.

Despite missed opportunities, the Lady Seminoles had some positive experiences. Among them were three straight ACC wins at home (#16 NC State, Duke, and #24 UNC).

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"We had some great wins at home. Since I've been here we've come close to

beating Top 25 teams, but never have. This year we beat five or six of them," Meadors said.

Individually, the Lady Seminoles were led by three juniors, forwards Chantelle Dishman, Tia Paschal, and guard Danielle Ryan. Paschal led the team in scoring (15.7 ppg) and steals (59). Dishman led in rebounding (8.8 rpg) and field goal percentage (58 percent). Ryan led in assists (94) and free throw percentage (81 percent). Paschal was voted player of the year by her teammates.

"Those three rose to the top. They displayed leadership both on and off the court. I am glad that they will all be back next season," Meadors said.

Other players who played well throughout the season were Robin Corn, Christy Derlak, and Connie Robinson. Derlak started 16 games and provided depth at the guard and forward positions and led in three-pointers. Robinson stepped

into a starting center role after starter Tracey Walker went down with a knee injury. At the end of the season she was named to the ACC All-Freshmen team. She was also ACC Rookie of the Week three times.

"I think we did well, but I know we can play better. I am looking forward to the future with the girls we have. The ACC is a great experience," Meadors said.

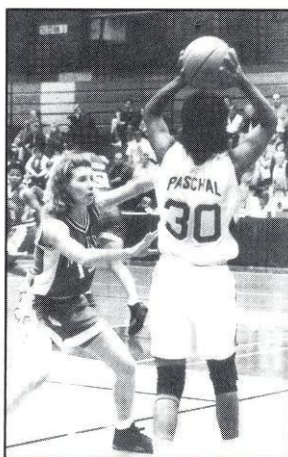


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Tia Paschal prepares to pass the ball down the court, as a North Carolina State defender tries to block.

BY CHRIS WALKER

Senior guard Robin Corn brings the ball down the court and tries to avoid an NC State defender. Corn made a great comeback after sitting out last season with a knee injury.

Making a Splash

The men's swimming team struggled in their first ACC tournament, but the divers had no problem at all. Senior diver Paul Spray came home with many honors: an automatic berth in the NCAA Zone Diving Meet, FSU's first ACC championship, first place on 1 and 3 meter boards, Diver of the Meet title and his name in the ACC and FSU record books.

Sophomore diver Rob Caicedo took third on the 1 meter and second behind Spray on the 3 meter. "Staying focused and chasing Paul was what helped me most in the meet," Caicedo said.

Diving Coach Gary Cole was pleased with the results. "Rob and Paul both did just a great job. They responded well and are looking forward to the NCAA Zone Diving Meet," he said.

In the Zone Diving competition, Spray earned a trip to his second consecutive NCAA meet by finishing third on the 3 meter. Caicedo finished 17th on the 3 meter and 16th on the 1 meter.

At the NCAA tournament, Spray had an All-American performance on the 1 meter, finishing fifth. He was honorable mention on the 3 meter, placing 11th. Spray was the only athlete representing Florida State at the meet; because of his performance, the team finished 26th of 52 teams.

Joanna Sparkman

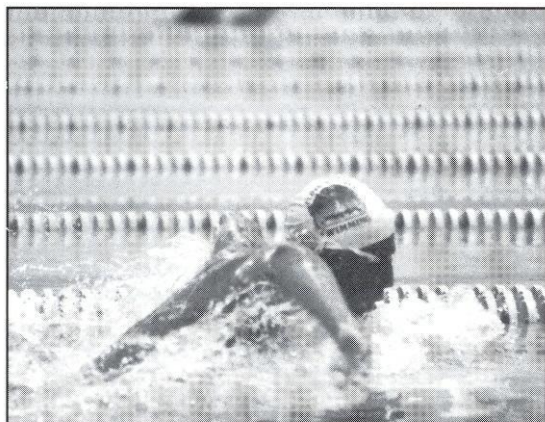


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During practice, a member of the swimming team practices his butterfly stroke

PAUL SPRAY

"My goal for this season was to break Phil Boggs' diving records from 1969-1971. I broke two of the four records for 1 and 3 meter diving."

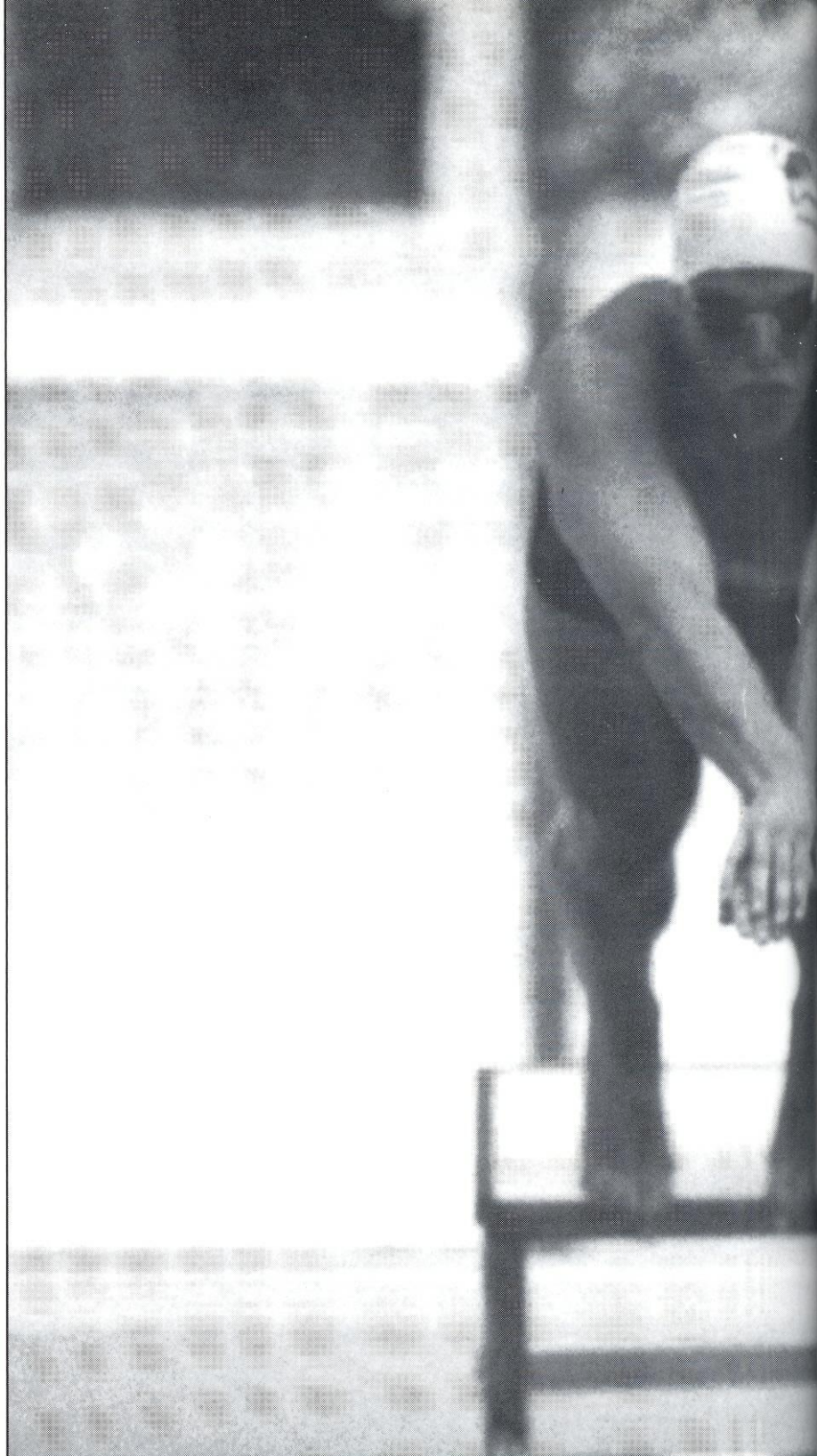


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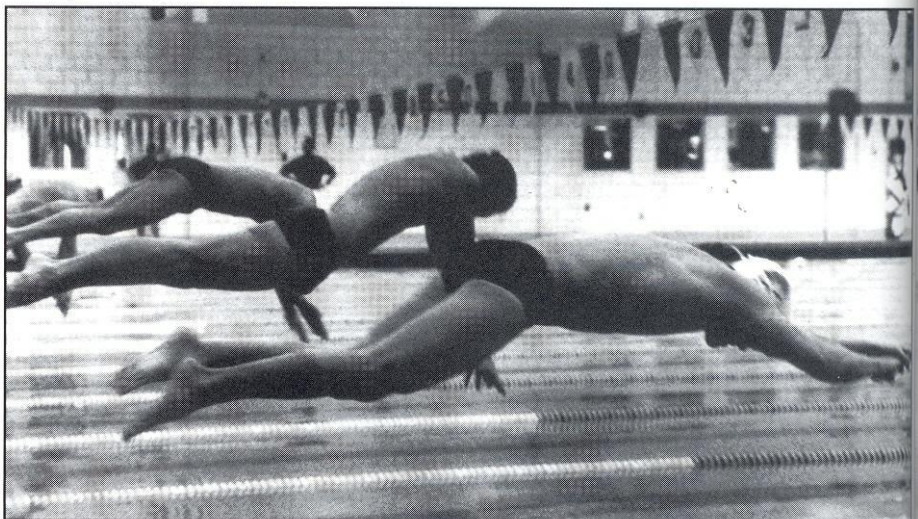


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BREAKING

THEIR RECORDS

Entering a new conference, competing in a new location, returning key members of the past season's team, boasting four honorable mention All-Americans...the men's swimming team looked to experience a successful season. During the regular season they did just that. They finished 10-4 overall, with a 4-2 record in the ACC, ranked 22nd in the nation. However, the team could not keep up with the ACC pace, finishing fifth in their first ACC championships.

The men opened the season with a 5-meet winning streak, but dropped three in a row to Virginia, Florida and Auburn. The team then won four in a row defeating ACC teams NC State and Clemson as well as South Carolina and Florida Atlantic. North Carolina defeated the Seminoles in the last ACC meet, but the team finished strong, soundly defeating Miami at home 169-72. The words "at home" also took on new meaning because the swimming and diving teams hosted home meets at the new Leach Recreation Center.

Head swimming coach Terry Maul knew the ACC conference was going to be tough, but he had confidence. "We have a solid base returning combined with a strong freshmen class which will allow us to be competitive with the top schools in the ACC."

Although the team fell short in the post-season, individually they broke personal or school records. Desmond Koh did this twice. He broke the school records for the 200 and 400 IMs, and captured the ACC title in the 200 breaststroke, just shy of breaking another school record. Koh also represented his home country Singapore in the Summer Olympics. Koh's 3.9 GPA as a freshmen also earned him the Golden Torch award. This award is given to the athletes with the highest GPA's.

Sophomore Brad Hoffman broke records also. Credit him with breaking the school's 400 IM record first, although Koh beat his time just a few hours later. Hoffman broke his best personal time in the 200 backstroke twice during the conference championships. The second time he finished third in the race.

The Tribe held fourth place down to the last event, but a disqualification allowed the Clemson Tigers to move 28 points ahead bumping the Tribe to fifth.

Coach Maul had good feelings about the season. "We showed a lot of heart in coming back. Had we not had the disqualification, we would have passed Clemson for fourth. After experiencing the ACC meet, we should be motivated to contend next year."



Photo by Ross Obley

A swimmer comes up for air during a race. Breathing properly was an important technique to master in swimming.

In mid-air, swimmers lunge for the water as they begin their race. Florida State hosted home swim meets at the new Bobby Leach Recreation Center.

As he concentrates on winning, an FSU swimmer pushes off the starting block hoping to do his best.

BY JOANNA SPARKMAN

ACCEPTING

THE CHALLENGE

The theme of the Florida State swimming teams was "ACccepting the Challenge." The women's team was out to do just that. They realized that the ACC, with powerhouses North Carolina, Clemson, NC State and Virginia would be tougher than the Metro Conference. "Competition will be much greater as we try to break into the top four in the ACC championships," head coach Terry Maul said.

However, the Lady Seminoles had strength in their returns, as well as talented freshmen joining the squad. The team boasted five Metro Conference finalists from the preceding season, including senior Kiki Steinberg, juniors Missy Connolly, Meghan Henning, Valerie Moore, and sophomore Nada Cenanovic.

Teri Lukes and Anne Spaeder, both recovering from injuries, served as the senior captains of the team. The Lady Seminoles also relied on freshmen Dora Bralic' from Yugoslavia in breaststroke and individual medley. Freshman Shelley King helped lead the Seminole divers. "We have very talented freshmen and returning athletes, along with excellent senior leadership," Coach Maul said.

One welcome addition to both the men's and women's swimming teams was the new Bobby Leach Recreation Center.

The facility became the home for the teams and allowed them to hold practices and host meets during the winter.

Although the team finished first in the Metro Conference the preceding season, they hoped to improve on their 3-5 record. With extra conference meets scheduled, the swimmers and divers met their goal of improvement with a 7-6 season record and a winning season in the ACC with a 3-2 record. The women defeated conference rivals Maryland, NC State and Clemson and lost to Virginia and North Carolina. They also posted wins over Texas Christian, Vanderbilt, Georgia Southern, and Florida Atlantic.

The Lady Seminoles competed in their first ACC Championships in early February in Chapel Hill, North Carolina. UNC took the championships, beating second-place Clemson by 253 points. Florida State finished a disappointing fifth, because of some bad luck. Steinberg could not

compete because of illness, and two of the top freshmen experienced injuries and sat out of the competition. No swimmers qualified for the NCAA Championships. Florida State hosted the Zone Diving Meet, a qualification for the NCAA championships. Shelley King was the only Tribe participant, and placed 24th in the three meter.

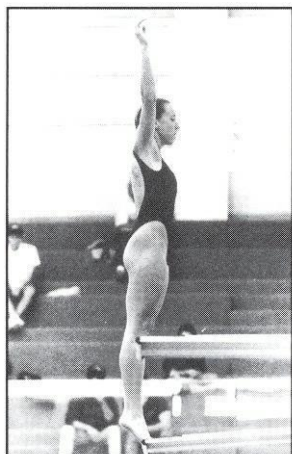


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A lady Seminole diver concentrates as she prepares a back dive off the three meter board. The team had seven divers.

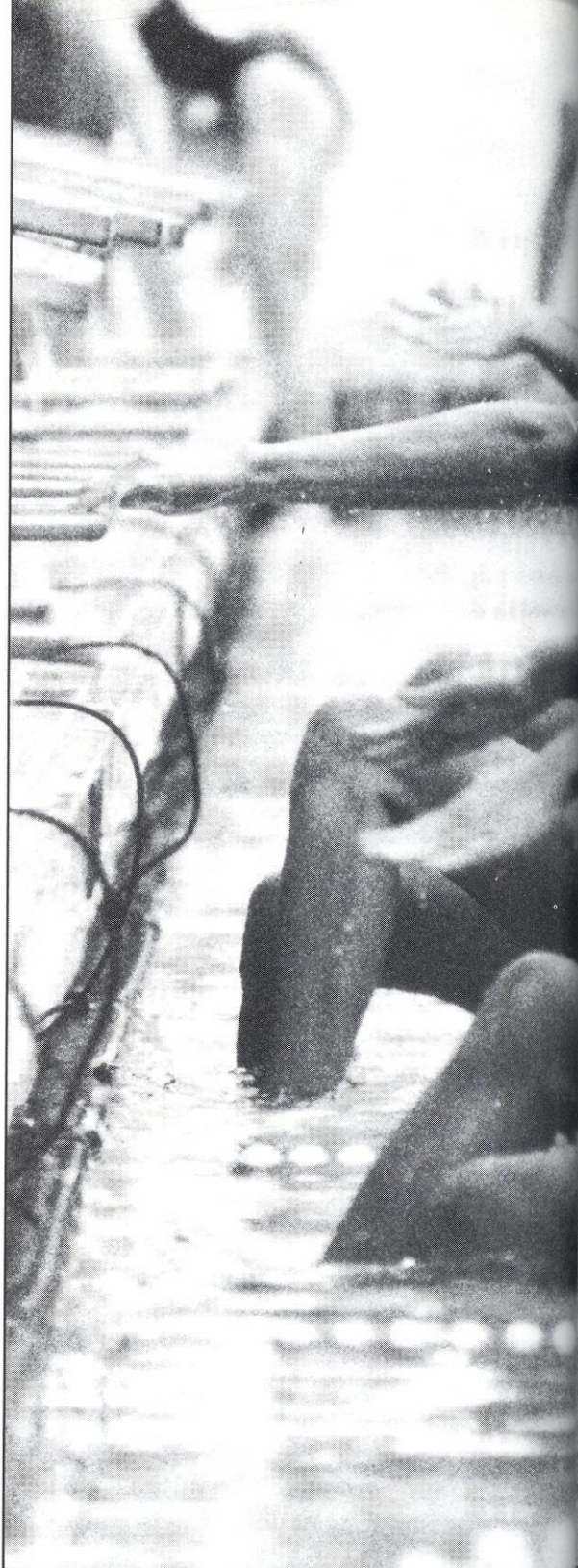
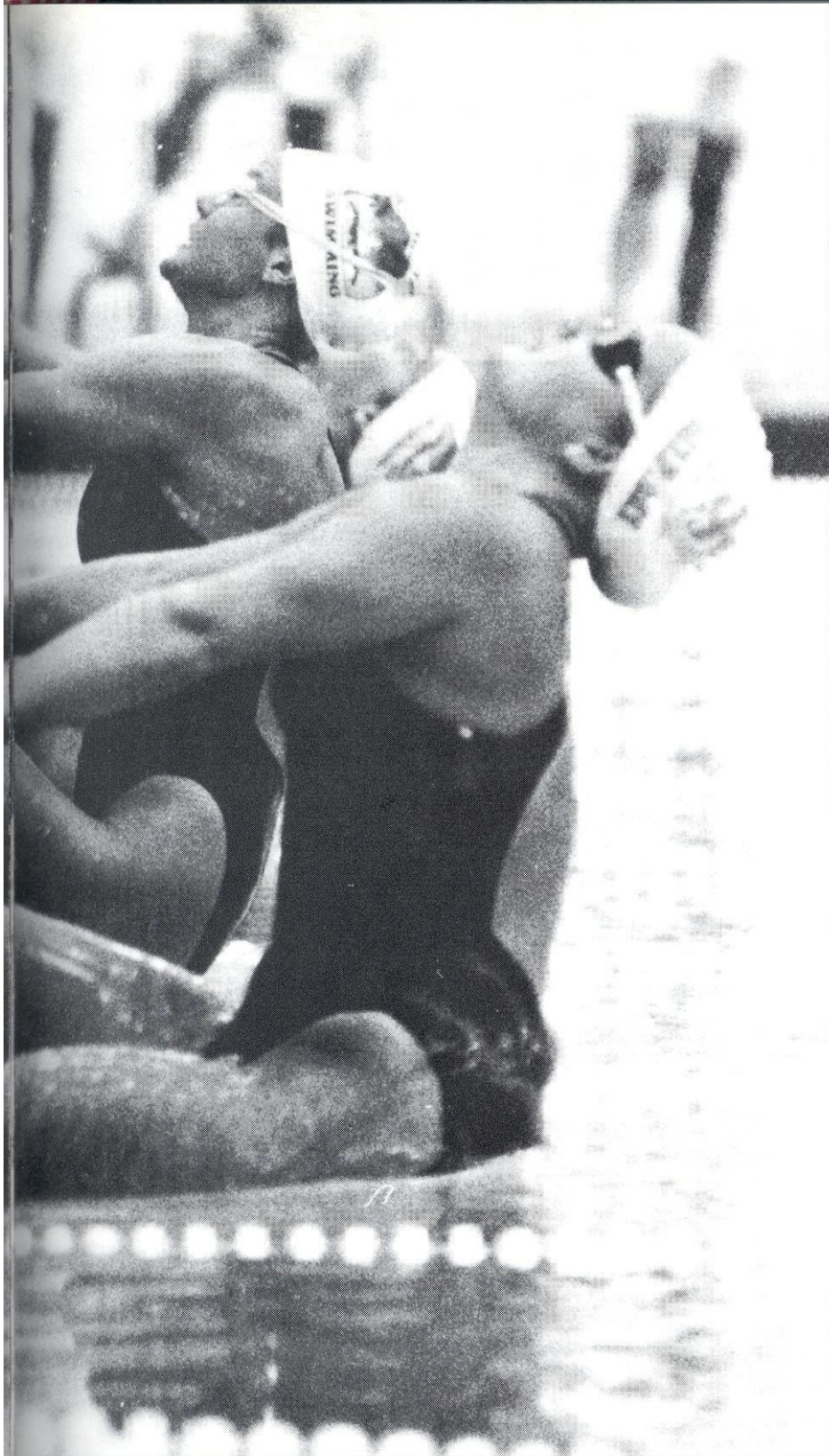


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In a home meet at the new Leach Recreation Center, swimmers compete in the backstroke event. The Seminoles had four backstroke competitors.

One of the Lady Seminoles practices her butterfly stroke. Both men and women's teams practiced daily and hosted meets at the Leach Center.

BY JOANNA SPARKMAN



Dives fit for a King

Diver Shelly King had a successful first season with the Lady Seminole's swimming and diving team. At the ACC championships held in February, King placed thirteenth on the 1-meter board, and advanced to the finals of the 3-meter, finishing eighth. At the NCAA Zone Diving Meet held in Tallahassee, King placed twenty-fourth on the 3-meter, the highest finish for the Lady Seminole squad.

Shelly started diving in high school. "My junior year, I got interested in diving, so I signed up for the team." She has been diving competitively for five years, although this was her first season at Florida State. The junior from Tampa spent her first two years of college at St. Petersburg Junior College, where she was the Most Outstanding Diver. In fact, both years she attended school at St. Pete, she won the National Junior College Athletic Association's Championship on both the 1 and 3-meters.

A special education major, the part Shelly enjoyed most about her first year as a Seminole was the people. "Everybody was just so friendly," she said.

Joanna Sparkman

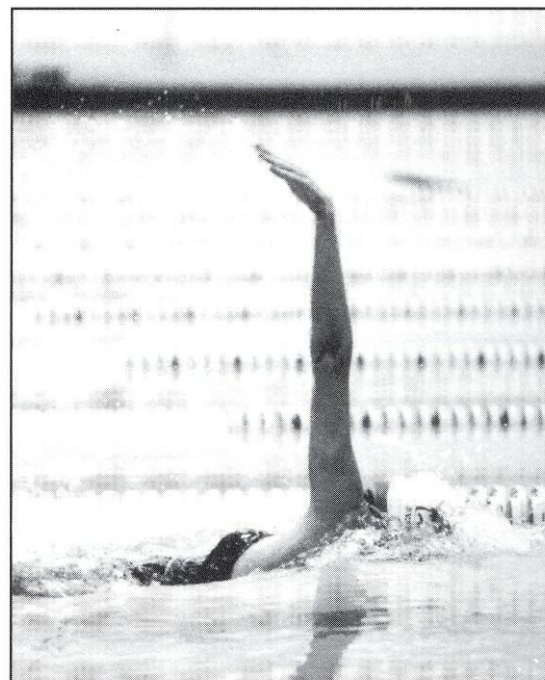
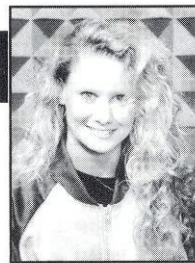


Photo by Ross Obley

Practicing her backstroke, a swimmer makes sure she has the proper form.



SHELLY KING

"What I've enjoyed most about Florida State's swimming and diving program is the challenge. The coaches want you to succeed and will push you to do your best!"

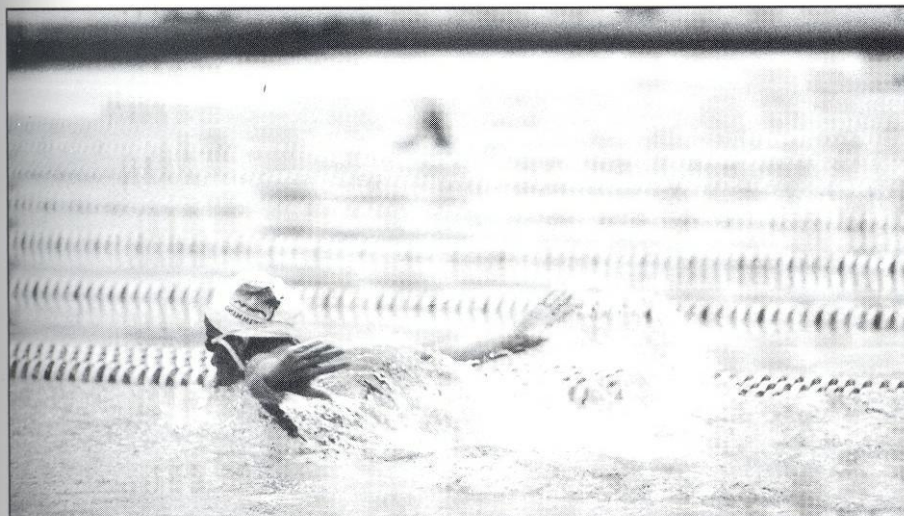


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Relish the Thought

The baseball team bypassed Mardi Gras and took its #4 ranking up North to test its mettle in the Oscar Mayer Classic. The Seminoles faced Minnesota, Texas A & M and Mississippi State on the successive nights in the three day round-robin tournament. When it was over, the boys in garnet and gold had taken 2 out of 3 and returned to the Sunshine State with an 11-3 overall record.

In Friday night's opener against Minnesota, Roger Bailey and Tim Davis teamed up to hold the Golden Gophers to one run on six hits and left fielder Chris Roberts broke a 1-1 tie with a two-run homer in the top of the ninth to give Florida State a 3-1 win.

On Saturday night against Texas A & M, freshman Paul Wilson gave up four runs in 2 1/3 innings in his debut as a starter and the Seminoles never recovered. Three errors, three passed balls and 10 men left on base spelled misery for the tribe as the Aggies dealt the sloppy Seminoles an ugly 9-1 beating.

Sunday the Seminoles turned to their stopper, Chris Roberts, and he came a solo homer away from a shut out against Mississippi State. The Seminoles furnished five runs on seven hits for the 5-1 win that closed the tournament.

The Seminoles settled for runners-up against Texas A & M. Chris Roberts was joined by third baseman Nandy Serrano on the all-tournament team.

Brian Pink

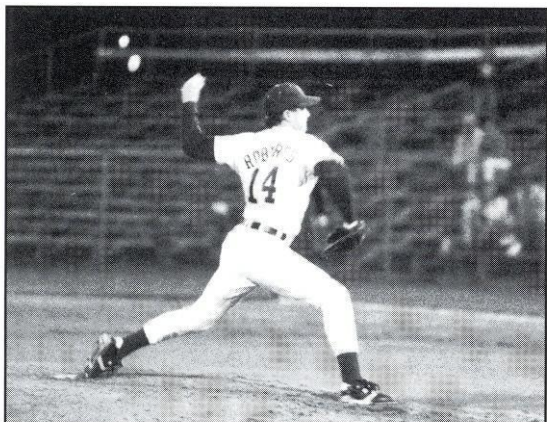


Photo by Robin Singh

All-American candidate Chris Roberts launches a pitch at a Georgia Tech opponent.

COLBY WEAVER

"I came to FSU because of the baseball. I knew if I wanted to play, FSU was the place to be. I also like the weather. Being from New York, I really enjoy the warm temperatures."



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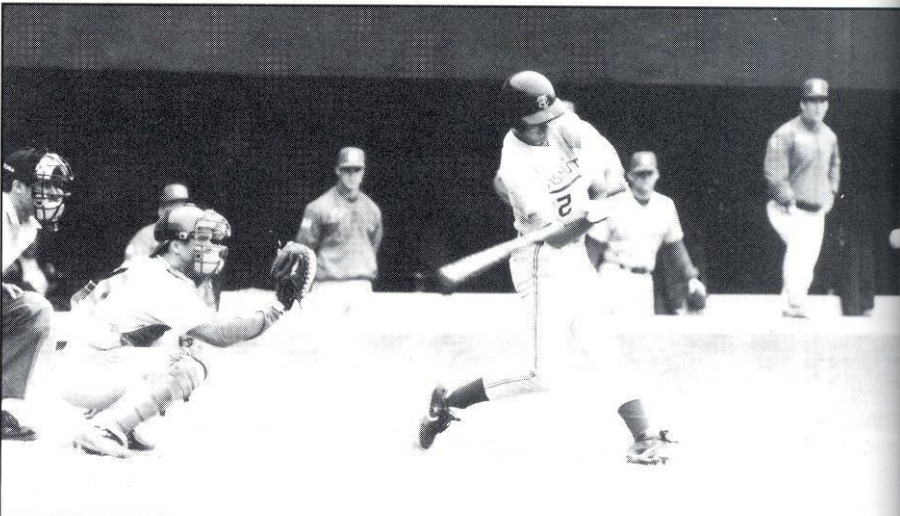


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STINGING

THE YELLOWJACKETS

When the Yellowjackets of Georgia Tech came to Tallahassee for a three-game series against the Seminoles, they had already lost five of their last six road games. When they left, the Seminoles handed them two more losses through the efforts of a rejuvenated defense and hard-hitting batters.

The first game of the series was played before a crowd of 2,400 at Dick Howser stadium. Those on hand saw the Tribe play an error free game and beat Tech 9-6. The field play was unstoppable, led by pitcher Roger Bailey who held the Yellowjackets to four runs through the ninth inning. Lawitt Lizzmore came in to relieve Bailey and close out the conference victory. Although Georgia Tech led 3-1 early in the game, the Seminole Tribe came on strong to score five runs in the fifth and tacked on three more in the sixth. Both rallies were sparked by Tony Liebsack, especially in the sixth with a two-run triple.

On the defensive side, the Tribe was flawless. "When you look up at the board and see no errors, its got to be a lift. We've picked it up a notch, and we're back on the winning track," Bailey said.

The Tribe continued their winning streak through game two of the series, beating Tech 3-2 in the bottom of the ninth. The hero of the game was freshman catcher John "Cookie Monster" Cook, who was

able to score from second base on a throwing error by Tech third basemen Scott McIntyre.

There was one man out and Allen Bevis was on first base. Cook was at the plate with a 2-1 count, when Bevis tried to steal second but was thrown out. With two men gone, Cook doubled to right-field, setting the scene for Tech's fall. A grounder was hit to third basemen McIntyre by pinch-hitter

Bob Armstrong and when first baseman Michael Wolff dropped the ball, Cook rounded third and came home to score the game's winning run. "I veered around third and saw the throw, and the first baseman dropped it, and third base coach Chip Baker was yelling, 'Run!'," Cook said.

In game three, the Tribe committed four errors and failed to sweep the Yellowjackets, losing 10-3. The loss cast a cloud over the pitching debut of Tim Davis, who gave up seven runs in 5 1/3

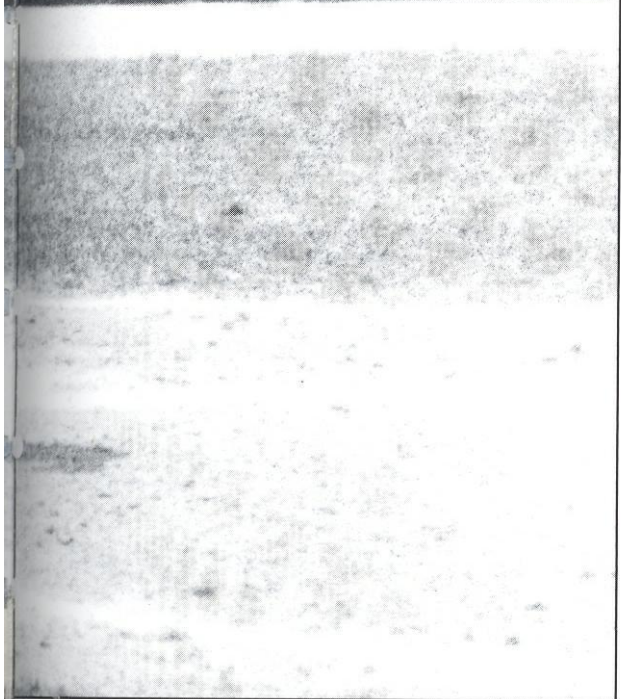
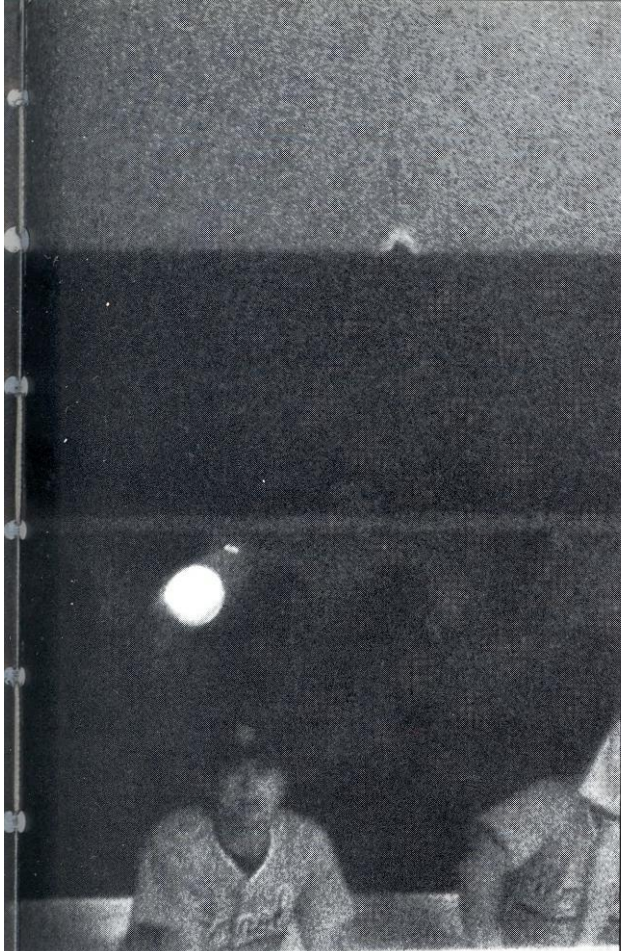
innings. "I guess I threw some pitches that weren't so good. They obviously weren't afraid to swing," Davis said.

Two of the errors went to catcher John Cook. The second allowed Tech leadoff hitter Scott McIntyre to one of the two runs for the Yellowjackets in the fifth to tie the score 3-3. The Seminoles were able to hold on to their second place ranking.



Photo by Nancy M. Rosa

After hitting a single to first base, Roger Bailey keeps his eye on the pitcher while he prepares to steal second base.



Junior first basemen Kevin McCray takes a swing at a curve ball from the Georgia Tech pitcher. McCray hit a double, but was tagged out at third base after he tried to steal.

Outfielder Ty Mueller tries to fake out the University of Florida defense by bunting the ball. After a series of batters, Mueller made it home, which raised the score to 3-2.

BY STEPHAN LAMPASSO

DEALING

WITH DEFEAT

In a three day series against Miami, the Seminoles fought hard but it wasn't enough to top the strength of the Hurricanes. In the first of the three games, Miami took a quick lead and held out for a 10-6 victory over the Seminoles.

In the fourth inning, Kevin DiGiacomo hit a three run home which brought the Hurricanes' to a 9-2 lead over the Seminoles.

The determined Seminoles fought back to bring the score to 9-6 in the fifth inning with a four-run rally. After a disappointing five innings, starting pitcher Roger Bailey made his earliest exit of the season and Jim Rushworth stepped in to try to save the Seminoles from defeat. His valiant efforts weren't enough to rescue his sinking team, as he gave up two home runs and five walks to lead the final score to a 10-6 victory for the Hurricanes.

"I just put so much pressure on myself because we were playing Miami," Bailey said of his performance.

During the second game of the series, the Hurricanes rose above the Seminoles and captured a 6-3 victory. The Hurricanes quickly scored after the Seminoles put two runners on with no outs in the second inning. Next the Seminoles loaded the bases with no one out, which allowed the

Hurricanes to score another run, making the score 3-2 at the end of the fourth.

Miami pitcher Kenny Henderson had a confrontation in the fourth inning with home plate umpire Hank Roundtree and had to be restrained by his teammates. After the dispute, coach Ron Fraser took Henderson out of the game and put in Gus Gandarillas to finish.

"Gandarillas really dominated the game," head coach Mike Martin said.

In the sixth, both Luis Hernandez and Juan Llanes singled late, scoring on a Gino DiMarie double for a Miami lead of 4-3. The Hurricanes sealed their victory by adding two more runs to upset the Seminoles 6-3.

The Seminoles were disappointed in the third game of the series as well. As in the previous games, the Hurricanes jumped out early to score four runs in the first inning, which brought the score to 6-2 before the Seminoles' comeback attempt. In the seventh inning, the Tribe rallied from three runs to bring the final score to 6-5.

"I'm proud of my team and what I saw in them. They came back and kept fighting until the end. Miami is a powerhouse team in almost every sport and they always will be. I know our team will get better," Martin said.



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Junior Jim Rushworth takes over pitching duties from starter Roger Bailey during the first game of the series against Miami.

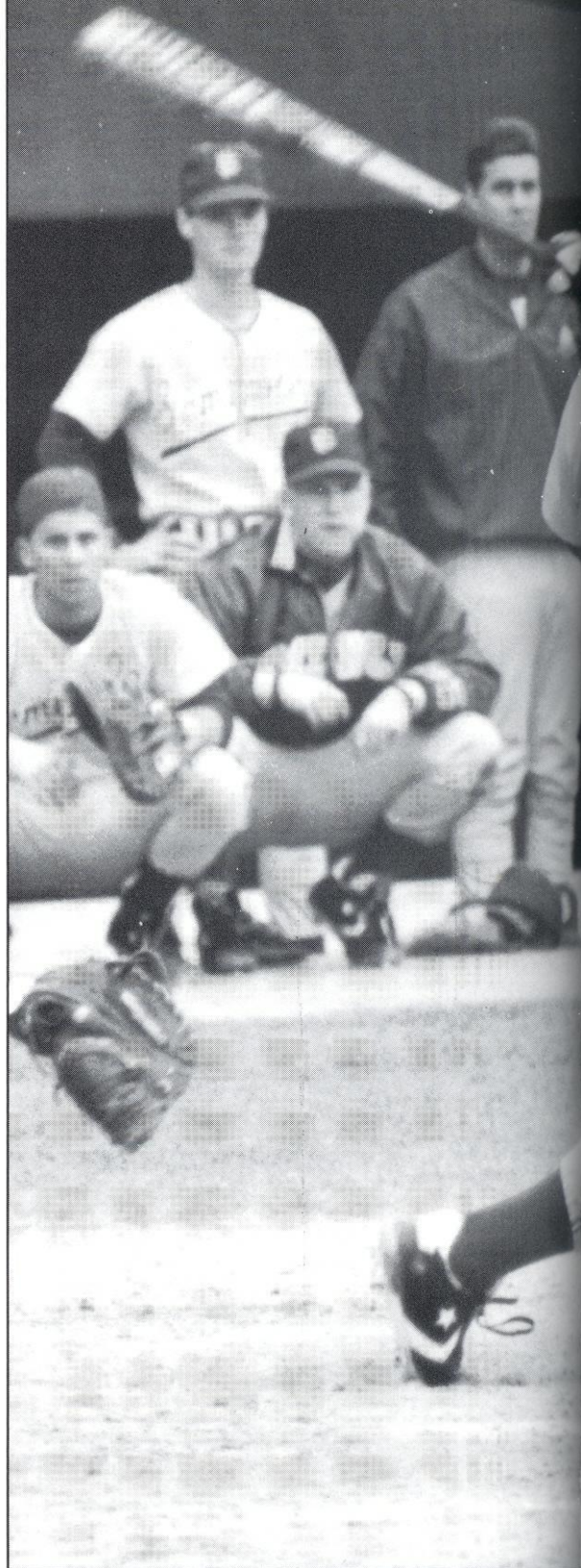
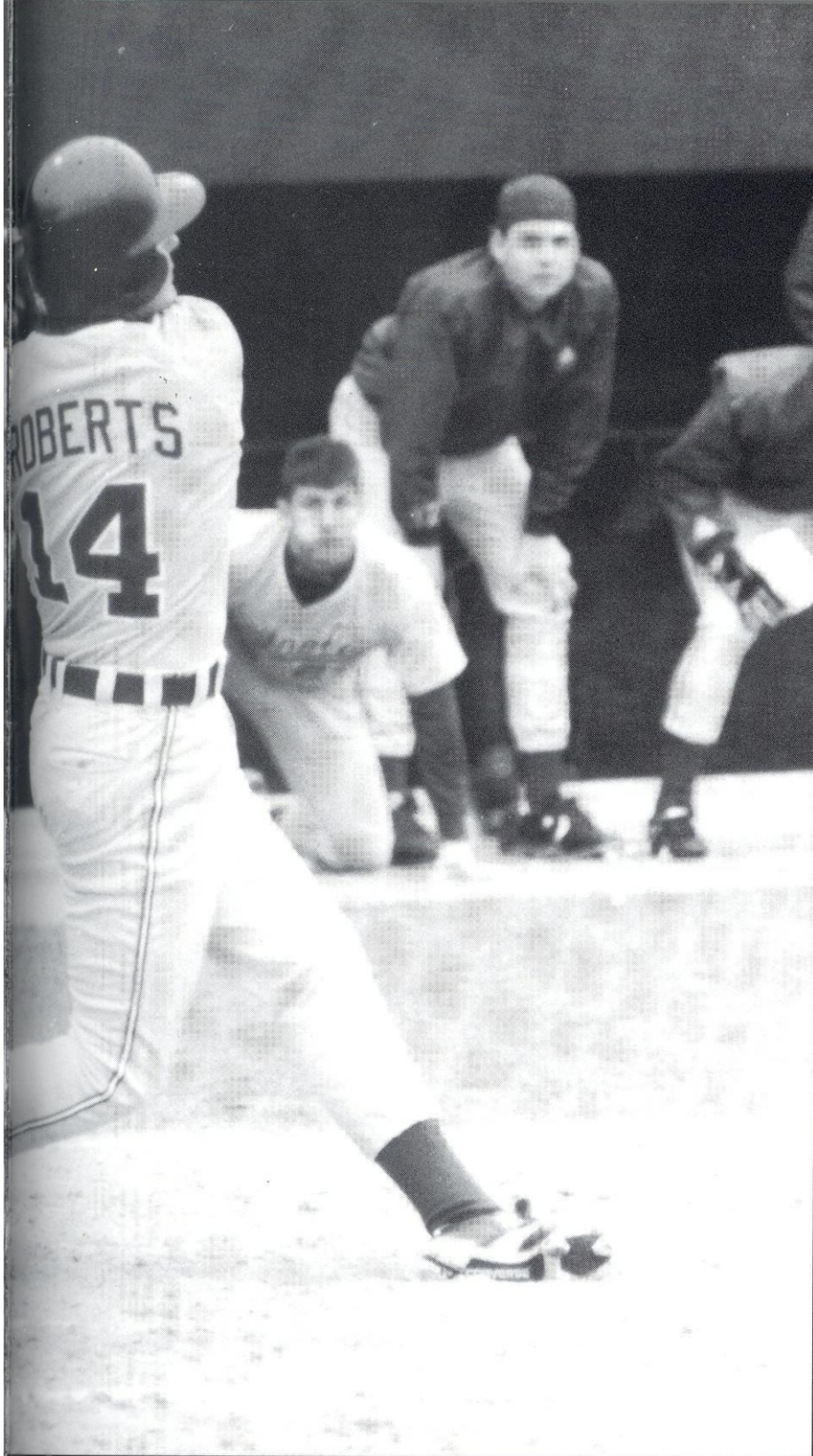


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Chris Roberts hits a long one to left field against Miami. The Hurricanes swept the series against the Seminoles with an overall score of 22-14.

Third basemen Nandy Serrano makes it to first base before Miami's Kevin DiGiacomo tags him out. Serrano made it home and narrowed the score to 9-6.

BY MICHELLE CROMER



Bailey Baffles Gators

Florida State right-hander Roger Bailey pitched a career game in out-dueling Seminole nemesis Mark Valdes, 2-1 before a crowd of 4,444 at Perry Field.

"It was my best outing in three years," Bailey said of his two-hit, twelve strikeout complete game.

His only miscue came in the bottom of the third when Gator catcher Kevin Lewis took a 2-1 pitch over the left field fence.

"I saw him grab hold of that change up right after the home run," coach Mike Martin said.

"When he can throw that pitch the way he wants to, (Bailey) can make some outstanding pitches," Martin said.

Bailey got his two runs in the top of the third when Valdes hit Tony Liebsack with two down. Link Jarrett followed with a single and both men advanced on a wild pitch, Chris Roberts took a fastball on the inside of the plate and lined it into left driving in Liebsack and Jarrett. The two runs were all that Bailey needed as he held the Gators scoreless over the last six innings, posting his third win of the season.

The victory was sweet for the Seminoles because it was Valdes who sent the top-seeded Tribe home from Omaha last season with a 5-0 shut out.

"Omaha was a different story. This was a great one to have when you consider what happened my last game here," Bailey said.

Brian Pink

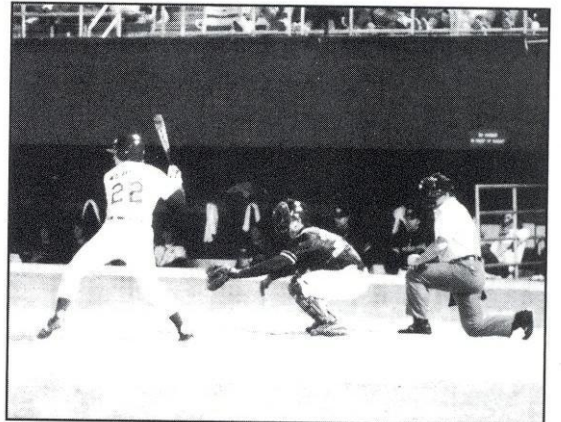
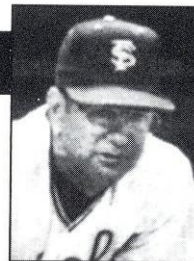


Photo by Robin Singh

Freshmen Colby Weaver goes to the plate against Miami's starting pitcher Kenny Henderson.



Photo by Nancy M. Rosa



MIKE MARTIN

"I saw him (Bailey) grab hold of that change up right after the home run. When he throws in and out of the zone the way he wants to, he can make some outstanding pitches. "

Winning a Milestone

Three thousand eight hundred thirty three Miami fans watched the Seminoles bounce back from an apparent defeat, to win the sixth game of the Miami series by 3-2. This milestone victory marked 700 for coach Mike Martin. "It doesn't seem like it was 13 years ago when I won my first game. It was important for this team because it shows this ballclub can win on the road," said Martin.

With one out and Nandy Serrano and Chris Roberts on base, Link Jarrett hit a single and drove Serrano home. Randy Hodges added an additional single which brought Roberts home and tied the score at 2-2. After a Tony Liebsack fielder, Jarrett scored and gave the Seminoles a 3-2 lead.

Starting pitcher Roger Bailey finished the evening with giving up only two runs on four hits for 8 2/3 innings. "I've never been on a team that came together like we did to win this one. I came down here to prove I could pitch against this team," Bailey said.

The victory improved the Seminoles record to 34-16.

Amy Shinn

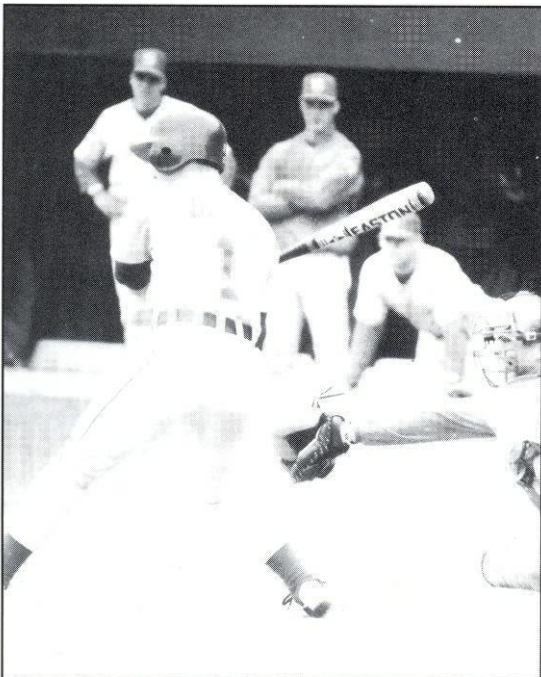


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Allen Bevis goes up against Miami pitcher Kenny Henderson in the bottom of the eighth.

MIKE MARTIN

"It doesn't seem like it was 13 years ago that I won my first game. A very large portion of the credit goes to all the young men who have played on my teams."



Photo by Nancy M. Rosa

CHASING

AWAY THE DEMON DEACONS

The baseball team visited North Carolina to defeat Wake Forest in a three day series. It began with Chris Roberts as pitcher who kept the Demon Deacons from scoring more than three times.

The Seminoles started the game quickly as Randy Hodges walked. After an error, Hodges ended up at third. Next, Serrano was up to bat and he walked as well. Then, on a steal, Hodges scored the Seminoles first run of the game.

In the bottom of the first, Wake Forest tied the game as Chris Kowilcik singled and then walked home.

In the third inning, Jake Austin was hit by a pitch from Roberts and scored after Roberts threw consistent wild pitches to bring the score to 4-2.

The Seminoles scored five to bring the score to 9-2. Liebsack, Weaver, and Hodges all singled. Chris Brock then singled to score Weaver. Justin Rigney cleared the bases with a three run double.

In the bottom of the ninth Hedgecoe hit a solo homerun to give Wake Forest one last chance to fight back. Their attempt wasn't enough to beat the Seminoles. The Tribe kept their score of 9-3 as Roberts allowed only nine hits to Wake Forest. This game brought the Seminoles to second place in the ACC, behind only Miami. The Seminoles took the second game as well.

In the first inning, Bailey got the bases loaded, and with only one out, struck out Brad Pryce. For the third out Jeff Drabik popped out to left leaving the Demon Deacons score at zero. For the Seminoles, Hodges singled, then advanced to third off of Serrano's double. Brock bunted down the first base line which brought Hodges home to give the Seminoles a 1-0 lead. Mueller took to the plate and hit his third

homerun of the season. This hit provided two more runs for the Seminoles leaving the score 5-0.

In the fourth inning, Liebsack made his first career homerun and brought the score to 6-0.

In the sixth, Weaver walked and Kenny Felder hit a single to center field. Serrano moved the runners by bunting and Brock finally brought Weaver in. Roberts kept up the rally by hitting his second double that brought home Felder. This three run rally brought the Seminoles to a 9-1 lead.

Bailey retired which allowed Bryan Harris some pitching time. Harris pitched 1 2/3 innings and allowed John Nedeau to finish the game. Both Harris and Nedeau kept the Deacons from scoring.

By the ninth inning the Deacons had given up and the Seminoles made a clean sweep 11-1. "I'm really excited, I feel it's just what the team needed," head coach Mike Martin said.

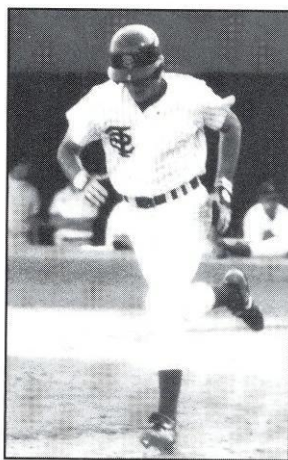


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A Seminole player runs to first base after being walked by the Wake Forest pitcher. The Tribe went on to win the series 3-0 against the Demon Deacons.

BY MICHELLE CROMER

Colby Weaver sets up a target for Chris Roberts to aim for. The Wake Forest opponent takes a stab at Roberts' fastball. The pitch was too much for the defender and Roberts struck out his first of three batters.

STARTING

OFF STRONG

Could the Lady Seminole softball team match the feats of the past season? That team won 62 games (a school record) and took a trip to the College World Series for the second year in a row. Coach JoAnne Graf believed this season's team could do just as well or even better. "They have more of a killer instinct than last year's team, which tended to play to the level of their competition. If we can put games away and not be satisfied with a 1-0 lead then I think we'll end up O.K.," she said.

Two successful seniors set the pace for team. Third baseman Shannan Mitchem led the team with 147 assists. Penny Siqueiros, shortstop, led a powerful offense with team highs in hits, doubles, triples, and RBI's. The team also relied on the strength of their pitchers, sophomore Rebecca Aase and junior Toni Gutierrez.

The softball team's "killer instinct" made an impact as the Lady Seminoles started off strong, winning their first 25 in a row, and ranked 13th in the nation. Their first loss was against conference rival Virginia in a split doubleheader. Gutierrez, whose record fell to 14-1 with the loss, said, "We were flat today, I think we were really tired and you can't win if you can't score." Ironically, their last regular season loss also occurred

against the Virginia Cavaliers in the preceding season.

Tournaments also played a big role in the Seminole's success. They traveled to Tampa and won four games at the University of South Florida Invitational, taking the championship. They defeated Samford 4-3 and Virginia 10-0. Lisa Davidson had two home runs over

Virginia. Mitchem had three homers in two wins over Adelphi (12-2) and Penn State (7-0). Against Adelphi, Siqueiros also had a homer and Susan Buttery went 3 for 4, against Adelphi and a home run against Penn St.

A trip to California was on the spring break itinerary for the Lady Seminoles as they competed at the PONY Invitational, hosted by 9th-ranked Cal-State Fullerton. The tournament included 16 teams, with eight ranked in the top 20. The Tribe went 2-4 with losses to the 2nd, 6th, 9th,

and 12th ranked teams. They did defeat Ohio State 1-0 and Illinois State 7-2, earning the runner-up spot in the consolation bracket. Errors proved to be the key problem

"You can't play that type of defense and expect to win. The trip was a great experience for our players, though, and that should help us come tournament time," Coach Graf said.



Photo by Bill Garrett

Shannan Mitchem, third baseman, sets up and prepares herself for the play in case the ball is hit her way.

BY JOANNA SPARKMAN

Looking towards her coach, Leslie Barton reads her signals and concentrates on her next play.

Photo by Bill Garrett



Graf Celebrates 600

It took one more win than expected, but that turned out to be no problem as the Lady Seminole softball team gave head coach JoAnne Graf her 600th victory. The milestone occurred with a two game sweep of West Florida. Originally officials thought that Graf had 599 victories going into the doubleheader, but a 1989 forfeit by Miami of Ohio did not count as a win. So the team did what they needed to do and shut out the Argonauts 2-0 in both games.

Graf, who graduated from Florida State, finished her 14th season as the university's head softball coach. Through thirteen seasons, she compiled a 597-147-4, an .800 win percentage. Graf received another honor in 1986, when she was named South Region Coach of the Year. Under her direction, the Lady Seminoles won national slowpitch championships, and have been to the fastpitch World Series three times.

"I was glad to get the 600th win at home and early in the season. It is a tribute to the success of the whole Seminole sports program," Graf said.

Joanna Sparkman



Photo by Bill Garrett

Outfielder Tina Getherall goes to bat against the University of Virginia pitcher.



JOANNE GRAF

"To win number 600 is special, but it says more about the players I have coached over the years than myself. It is a tribute to the success of the whole Seminole sports program."

Making the Grade

After coming close to being an academic casualty and missing this softball season, Leslie Barton made great strides on the field and made it even further in the classroom.

Barton, the starting leftfielder on the softball team, came close to not playing this season after a poor performance in the classroom last year. However, Barton made a remarkable comeback and was on the Dean's List after she brought home a 3.2 grade point average in the fall.

"I didn't take academics seriously enough. I thought softball would take care of everything. I almost had to learn the hard way (by not playing) that academics are most important," Barton said.

"The key to doing well in any class is time management. I budget my time much better now, in terms of going to class, practice, games, and schoolwork," Barton said.

On the field, Barton was always on top of things. As a freshman, she led the team in home runs and tied for the team lead with a .313 batting average. After slumping a bit as a sophomore, she broke single season school records for doubles and stolen bases this season.

"I'm glad that my academic troubles are behind me and I can't play ball without worrying about how I'm doing in school," Barton said.

Chris Walker



Photo by Zulma Crespo

Heather Conway waits for a throw from the outfield to tag the North Carolina State runner.

TONI GUTIERREZ

"I thought we played a great tournament series. Winning this meant so much to all of us. I can't describe what I felt when I was named Player of the Year. This is a great honor."



Photo by Zulma Crespo



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CAPTURING

THE CONFERENCE CROWN

The softball team became the first athletic team to win an Atlantic Coast Conference championship by capturing the inaugural ACC Softball Tournament at Lady Seminole Field. The Lady Seminoles knocked off Georgia Tech, North Carolina and Virginia by a combined margin of 28-1.

"It was great to be the first team to win an ACC title. This school is going to win a lot of conference championships and someone had to be first. I'm just glad it was us," head coach JoAnne Graf said.

Florida State played flawlessly throughout the double elimination tournament, committing just two errors in the field and banging out 37 hits at the plate.

In their opening game of the tournament, the Lady Seminoles blanked Georgia Tech 6-0. Rebecca Aase fired a no-hitter and struck out eight. Shannan Mitchem led the offensive charge by going 3 for 4.

"I was really proud to open up the tournament with a no-hitter. This is the best I have thrown all season," Aase said.

Junior rightfielder Susan Buttery led Florida State into the championship round the Tar Heels to four hits in picking up the win.

In the championship game against Virginia, Buttery again led the Lady Seminoles at the plate. After falling behind 1-0 in the top of the first, Buttery led off with a triple. She finished with four hits in five trips to the plate and scored four runs. Senior shortstop Penny Siqueiros added three RBI's and Aase picked up the win on the mound.

For the tournament, Buttery went 9 for 12 with eight runs scored and five runs batted in and was named Most Valuable Player.

"It was great to win the award and win the title. I like being leadoff hitter and making things happen," Buttery said.

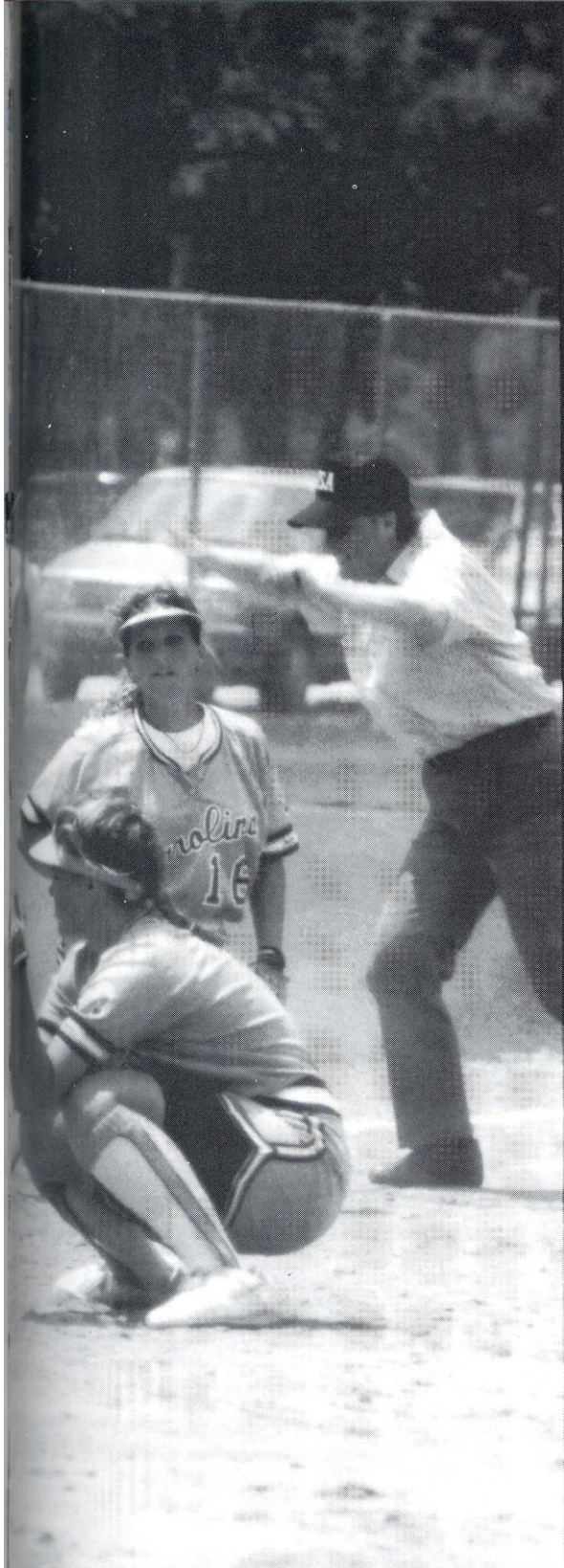
Joining Buttery on the All-Tournament Team from Florida State were: Mitchem at third base, Siqueiros at shortstop, Aase as pitcher, Gutierrez as designated hitter, Leslie Barton in leftfield, and Leslie Adams at catcher.

"We came into the tournament hitting the ball really hard. I thought they (Virginia and North Carolina) would be much closer games, but we were aggressive. We wanted to win real bad and it showed in our performance. I'm very proud of our girls. I'm also very proud to be Coach of the Year," Graf said.



Photo by Zulma Crespo

Toni Gutierrez fires one towards the plate during the third game of the ACC tournament against North Carolina State. Gutierrez was named ACC Player of the Year.



Outfielder Susan Buttery barely makes it to third base. Buttery was named the Most Valuable Player for the tournament and was selected as a member to the all-tournament team.

North Carolina's third basemen, Julie O'Shields, tries to tag Toni Gutierrez as she slides into third base. The referee called her safe. On the next play, she made it home.

BY CHRIS WALKER

RACING

To THE FINISH LINE

The men's track and field team made an impressive third place debut in the Atlantic Coast Conference Track and Field Championship tournament. The title went to the University of North Carolina after they slid past Clemson University with a score of 178 1/2 to 178. The Tar Heels put an end to the Tigers' three year reign as ACC champions. The Seminoles finished the contest with 123 points.

Leading the tribe was sophomore Kelsey Nash. He won the triple jump event with a leap of 56 feet, which set an ACC record. "I didn't think I would make it past 54 feet until next season because of my bad knee. This was definitely a dream jump," Nash said.

Nash also finished third in the 400-meter hurdles and placed fifth in the long jump. He was a member of the runner-up 4x100 relay team with Steve Gilmer, James Milton and Kevin Ansley. The third place 4x400 relay team included Nash, Nehemiah Jefferson, Hillard Goldsmith and Kevin Ansley. His outstanding efforts automatically qualified him for the NCAA Championships and the U.S. Olympic Trials. He accounted for 17 1/2 team points, 9 1/2 more than last-place contender, Duke. "Kelsey is a very talented athlete. He contributed in every way for us.

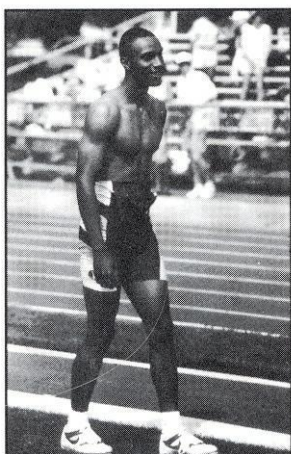


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Kelsey Nash rests along the sidelines before his next event. Nash broke two individual records during the ACC tournament.

I think he'll give a stunning performance at the national level," head coach Terry Long said.

Teammate Jeff Bray competed in the pole vault event and broke an additional ACC record.

Shannon Baker also qualified for the NCAA Championships with his notable 10.35 seconds finish in the 100-meter, despite a month's absence from track "After coming off of spring football with a sore back, I'm pretty satisfied with my performance," Baker said.

Baker was edged by Clemson's James Trapp, who will compete against Baker again during next football season. "Trapp is probably one of the best sprinters in the country, so I can't argue finishing second to him. It was a great experience," Baker said.

Eric Chambers recorded a throw of 179-8, which ensured a second-place finish in the discus for

the Seminoles. Chambers also placed fourth in the shot put, during the first round of the meet.

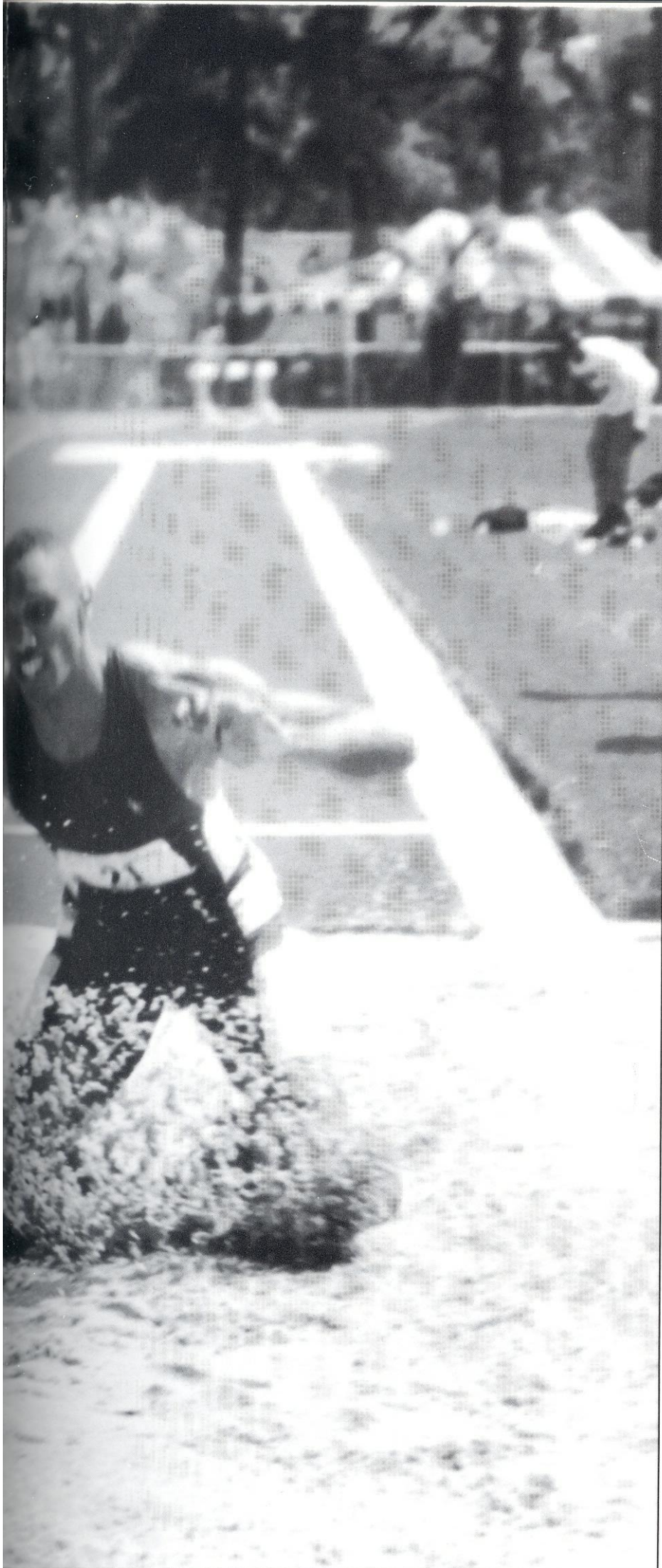
"I am very pleased with the show that we put on. We exceeded my expectations for the season. With the talent we have coming back next year, we should be a significant driving force in the conference," Long said.

BY AMY SHINN

Sophomore track star Kelsey Nash takes a crash landing after completing a long jump of 7.41. Nash placed fifth in this event behind his teammate James Milton who placed first.



Photo by Zulma Crespo



Vaulting to the Top

Eighteen feet, 6 inches. That's all it took for Seminole track star Jeff Bray to break his own Atlantic Coast Conference pole vault record during the first round of the contest. This feat landed him the opportunity to compete in the U.S. Olympic Trials. He attempted an 18 feet, 8 inch jump, but missed it by a few inches. "I had a great jump at 18-6, I should have made 18-8 without any problem," Bray said.

When he attended Elk City High School, he became the nation's top pole vaulter. He won the AAU Indoor Championship and the Golden West Invitational, both in 1989.

He was offered scholarships from Florida, Nebraska, Arkansas and Texas. "I needed someone (a coach) who knew a lot about pole vaulting. I've found the right one," Bray said, referring to assistant coach Dennis Nobles. It was Nobles who convinced Bray to change his style of jump. The European style enabled Bray to reach greater heights and master the pole. "Early on he struggled with the changes, but he's now become more technically sound," head coach Terry Long said.

During his freshmen season, he became the Metro Conference champion and finished ninth in the NCAA. Following his ACC efforts, he ranked sixth in the nation. "He's a young pole vaulter who has improved rapidly since high school. I wouldn't rule him out for anything," Long said.

Amy Shinn



Photo by Zulma Crespo

James Milton has a beautiful landing in the long jump. He was marked at 7.68 to take the lead at the ACC finals.



JEFF BRAY

"I had a great jump when I made 18-6, but I should have made 18-8. I think I've come a long way this season. I'm learning a new technique and I'm getting consistent with it."

International Competition

Seven Seminoles have made their way to national and international competition for track and field. Coaches Kim Batten and Kim McKenzie went to Birmingham, England to compete in the annual USA-Great Britain Indoor Track and Field meet. Batten and McKenzie jumped into their spots on the USA Team by participating in the TAC National Indoor Championships in New York City in early March.

McKenzie won the Mobil Grand Prix Indoor Championship in 60-meter hurdles event. Batten placed fourth in the nation in the 400-meter dash.

For the NCAA Indoor Championships, pole vaulter Jeff Bray automatically qualified after a 17-10 1/2 feet vault earlier in the season. Kevin Crist was a provisional qualifier in the high jump category with a best of 7-3. Football flanker Shannon Baker also met provisional requirements in the 55-meter dash with a time of 6.21.

Sheryl Covington competed in the 55-meter dash as well as Baker, because she recorded a 6.85 for her previous run. She was also scheduled to compete in the 400-meter dash. Patrice Vedun made her third appearance at the NCAA finals.

"The number of participating athletes seems to be getting smaller every year and it makes it even harder for qualification purposes. Our athletes are very well trained and expectations for them are very high," head coach Terry Long said.

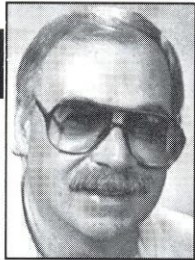
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Johnson takes her final steps as she approaches the line for her first long jump.

TERRY LONG



"This meet (NCAA) appears to be one of the most competitive national competitions in years. Our athletes have trained well. They are healthy and ready to go. Expectations are high."

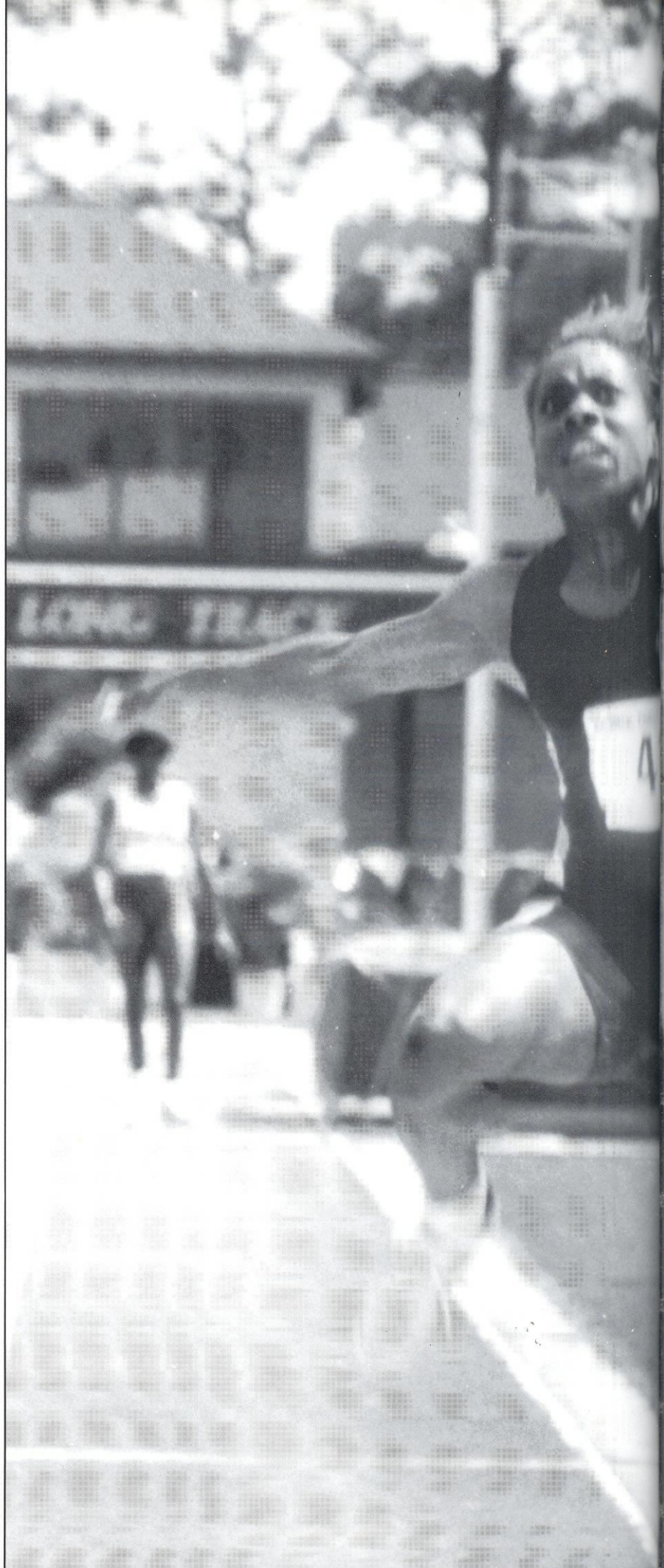


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GOING

FOR THE GOLD

The Lady Seminoles track team had a year for rebuilding but even though the young team tried to improve they still managed to place fourth overall in the ACC Outdoor Championships.

The women's meet started with the 100 meter dash where Patrice Verdun and Trinetta Johnson placed first in the preliminaries to head the finals of their event. In the finals, Verdun placed second with a time of 11.57 and Johnson placed fifth with a time of 11.88.

In the 400 meter dash, Sheryl Covington and Lyons both qualified for the finals. Covington placed first in the preliminaries with a score of 53.48, while Lyons placed third with a 54.78. In the finals Covington placed fourth with a time of 54.13 and Lyons placed sixth with a time of 55.00.

In the 800 meter run Angela Harris was the only Florida State qualifier for the finals. Harris placed second with a time of 2:09.74. Again in the finals, Harris placed second with a time of 2:07.93 and qualified for the NCAA provisional.

Next came the hurdles and the Lady Seminoles jumped high to improve their score. In the preliminary results of the 100 meter hurdles Kim Stephens placed with a time of 14.10. In the finals of the event Stephens placed fourth out of eight with a time of 14.22.

In the 400 meter hurdles Kim Stephens beat out her teammate with a time of 1:00.66 and placed second while Peggy Armand just missed qualifying with her time of 1:04.34. In the finals of the 400 meter hurdles Stephens placed second with a time of 58.98 and qualified for the NCAA provisional.

The next event brought the Lady Seminoles score up as Trinetta Johnson, Patrice Verdun, Aundrea Lyons and Natalie Douglas placed second in the four person 100 meter relay with a time of 44.92. The Seminole foursome also qualified for the NCAA provisional.

In the four man 400 meter relay the Lady Seminole runners, Stephens, Lyons, Verdun, and Covington finished fourth with a time of 3:37.22. The Lady Seminoles qualified for the NCAA provisional once more.

In the Javelin throw, Kim Stephens made a mark of 44.28. This throw placed her in second place for the ACC tournament finals.

Indianne Henry jumped high and tied for third with Virginia and North Carolina with a mark of 1.79, qualifying her for the NCAA provisional in the High Jump.

Senior Candie Odum placed fifth in the Heptathlon. With the great results of the meet the Lady Seminoles managed to place fourth in the ACC meet.



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Catherine Erickson waits for the signal to throw the shot put. Erickson placed seventh in her event at the ACC tournament. She threw for a total of 12.40.

Trinette Johnson reaches for the sky as she flies gracefully through the air while completing her long jump. She landed on a mark of 6.41. Johnson placed first in the event and tied the ACC meet record as well.

BY AMY SHINN

SWINGING

INTO ACTION

The men's golf season started out shaky but by the second tournament, the Seminoles were on top.

It began with the 1991 Carpet Capital Classic at The Farm in Dalton, GA. The Seminoles placed eighteen out of the eighteen. They were determined to play better.

The Florida State Intercollegiate Golf Championships held in Lakeland, FL was a turn around for the Seminoles. The whole team had great matches but at the top was Christian Raynor in his first college tournament. In the first round Raynor shot one under par. Again in the second round he shot a 71. In the third round Raynor shot a two under par to help lead the Seminoles to their first place victory over the eighteen teams.

The Seminoles took part in the Gator Invitational in Gainesville. Once again Christian Raynor had the top score for the Seminoles. Raynor started out with four under par in the first round. Dustin Phillips helped even out the score by shooting three rounds on par. With scores like those, the Seminoles shot themselves into a sixth place out of fifteen.

The Seminoles visited Miami in order to participate in the National Collegiate Invitational. In this tournament, Dustin

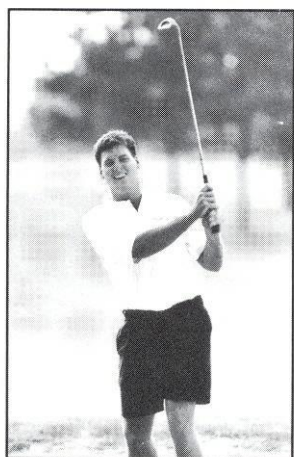
Phillips stepped in front of Raynor to help the Seminoles place ninth out of eighteen.

The Seminoles headed to Mulberry, FL where they participated in the FSC Imperia Lakes Golf Classic. David Holt brought his score up to tie for first with Dustin Phillips out of the top five Seminole players. In the first round Holt shot one under par while Phillips shot on par. In the final round Holt parred while Phillips shot one under leaving the final score at 214 for the two teammates. The Seminoles played tough and pulled out a victory to share with Georgia when they tied for fourth out of twenty one.

Next the Seminoles played the Forest Hills Golf Club of Augusta, GA for the Cleveland Classic/ Augusta Invitational. Again, Christian Raynor led the Seminoles with a total of 231. Bobby Cochran was a close second as he shot a total 232. The Seminoles had a tough time in Augusta and it showed as the Seminoles placed fifteenth out of eighteen.

Finally the Seminoles visited Savannah, GA to participate in the Kemira Intercollegiate Invitational. Dustin Phillips shot two strokes better than his teammate Chip Johnson to bring the Seminoles to place ninth out of twelve teams.

"The team is young and will get better," sophomore Dennis Tmosko said.

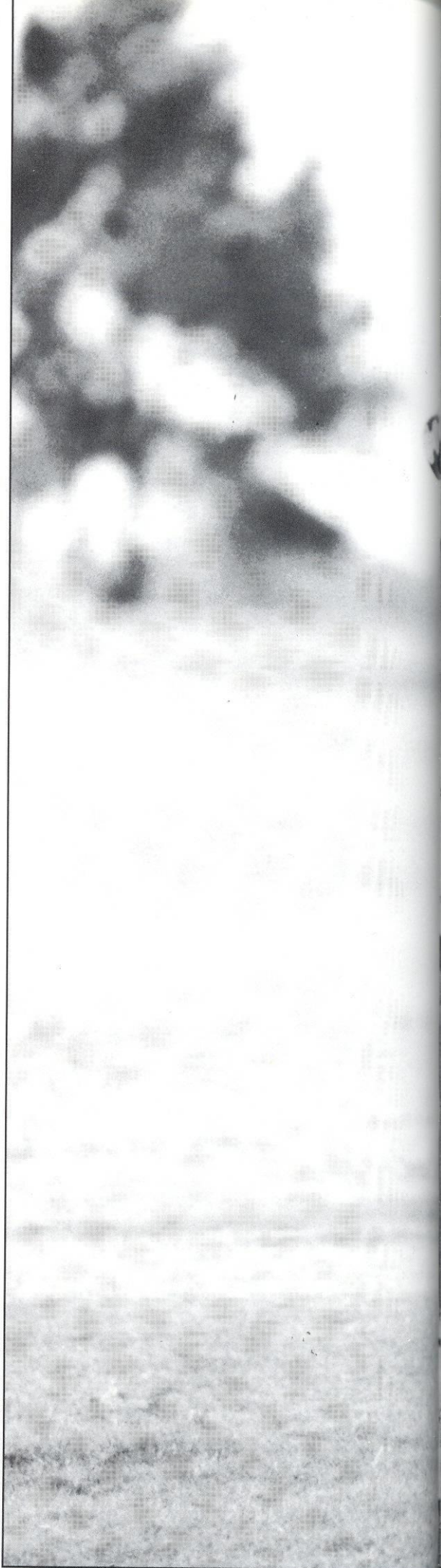


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Bobby Cochran smiles as he chips his ball out of the sand trap. Cochran had a great season, averaging 224 points per match.

David Holt lets one soar down the Gator Golf Course during the Gator Invitational. Christian Raynor and Dustin Phillips led the Seminoles to a sixth place finish.

BY MICHELLE CROMER



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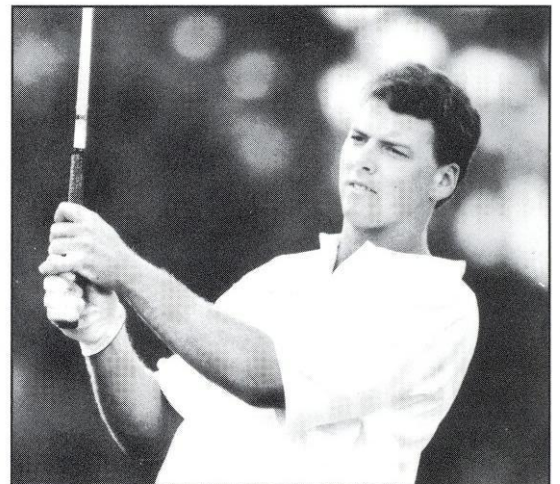
Time for Tee

Dennis John Tymosko, Jr. is a sophomore majoring in marketing here at Florida State. he has been playing golf for ten years and this was his second year on the team. Before each tournament the players on the team qualify for ranking. At one of the team tournaments last year, Denny qualified for sixth position. Throughout the season Denny won two top fives and one top 10. With these types of records the men's golf is rapidly moving up the national ranking from the current eighteenth position. "Our toughest matches will probably be the Duke Invitational and the NCAA Championships," Tymosko said. Other tournaments the team participated in were the State of Florida Championships, in which they placed first, and the Gator Invitational.

At the end of the season, the team lost two of their players, but will have 10 returning players next season. Tymosko was optimistic about the upcoming year. "With our new coach we are a much improved team, we have a lot more drive and desire. We had a good season and with more hard work we should move up in the national rankings" Tymosko said.

Denny's future plans were to play golf for the team until he graduates and then turn pro. "If I don't turn pro, I'd like to get into the business world," Tymosko said.

Michelle Cromer



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Cochran concentrates on where to place his shot as he takes a practice swing.



DENNIS TYMOSKO

" For being a young team I thought we did pretty well. With a little more hard work, we should move up in the rankings. Our new coach has a lot to do with our motivation."

Par for the Course

Mary Lee Cobick has come a long way since she left her native Canada. In 1987-88, she won the Ontario Junior Championships with impressive rounds of 78, 77, and 69. She went on to compete in and finish second at the Canadian Junior Championships. During the 1988-89 season, she won the Northern Ontario Amateur and placed 12th in the Quebec Ladies Amateur.

Being hailed as one of the most talented golfers to come out of Canada, Cobick made her way to Florida State. She added a sixth place finish in the Metro Championships in 1989-90. In 1990-91 she placed fifth in the Metro and was one of the highest team finishers in the NCAA Championships, where she tied for 58th.

After her first season in the Atlantic Coast Conference, she placed second overall. She was also selected to the All-ACC team. "I've enjoyed every moment here at FSU. I'm very grateful for the opportunities I've had," Cobick said.

Amy Shinn



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Digging her way out of a sand trap, Emma Rundle chips on to the fourth green. Rundle placed fourteenth in the ACC Tournament.

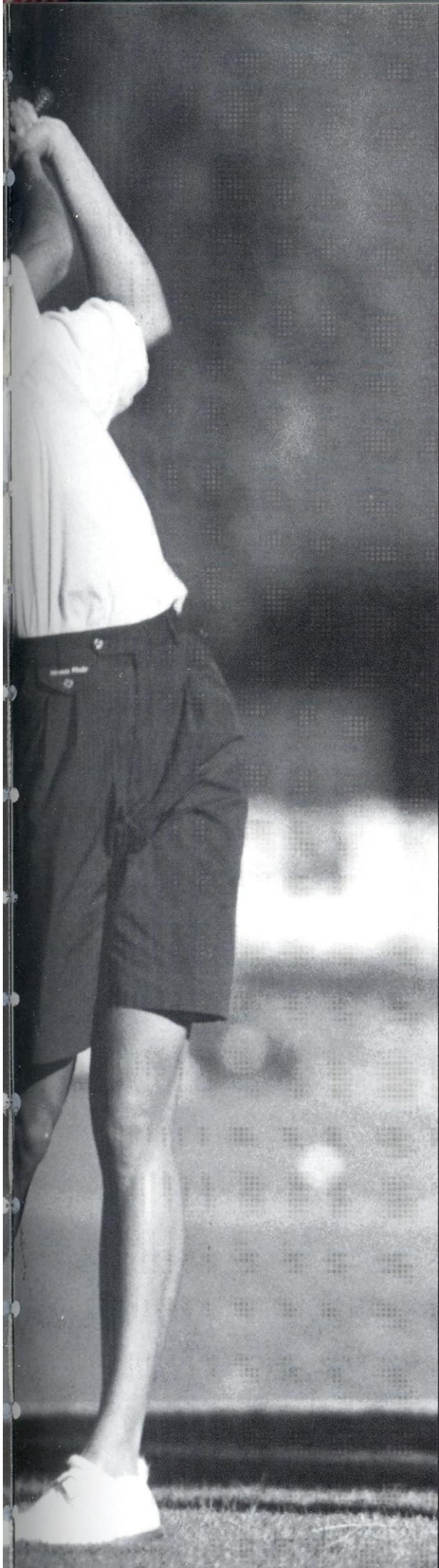
EMMA RUNDLE



"Now we're more confident. I think that last year we were a little intimidated with all of the western schools. I'm sure we'll do better this year. The experience we have will carry us a long way."



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DRIVING

HOME TOP HONORS

The Bermuda Country Club in Advance, North Carolina was the sight of the Atlantic Coast Conference women's golf championship. The Lady Seminoles' last-round charge fell short of its goal when the North Carolina Tar Heels drove ahead to win the ACC title. It was North Carolina's Debbie Doninger who landed a bogey on the 18th hole to capture the crown for the Lady Tar Heels.

Florida State's Mary Lee Cobick lead after each of the two rounds, shooting a 69 and 75 respectively. Doninger shot a 74 in the last round and pushed past Cobick's 79. Doninger finished the tournament with a three-round total score of 220. Cobick fell three strokes behind her, shooting a 69 and a 75 in previous matches.

When the leader made it to the 17, the Lady Seminoles had decreased UNC's lead from 12 strokes to only two. Cobick sank a 25-foot birdie putt on 17, and UNC's lead fell to one stroke.

After hitting the bunker on the 18th hole, Doninger chipped out and left herself with an eight-foot putt for bogey. She sank the putt which secured the UNC win.

"I had no idea that putt was for the championship. I'm glad that no one told me because I probably would not have made it if I had known," Doninger said.

"I would have to say that Debbie Doninger was one of the toughest women I've played against all season," Cobick said.

Other performances from the Lady Seminoles included an eighth place finish for Erica Firnhaber, who shot 76-82-76 for a 234 total. Marie-Jose' Rouleau followed behind in ninth place after a 80-81-73-234 performance. Senior Emma Rundle shot an 82-79-78-239 tournament for fourteenth place and Kelly Pittman came in fifteenth with an 86-75-80-241 for the weekend.

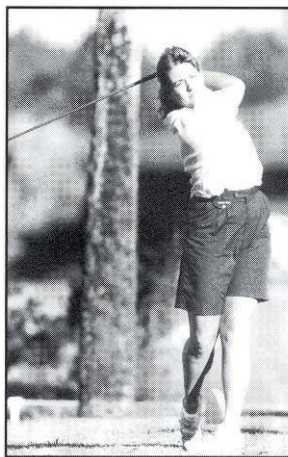
Doninger lead the All-ACC team which also featured Lady Seminole, Erica Firnhaber. Head coach Debbie Miles-Dillman was named ACC Coach of the Year.

"This is really an honor for me. It gives me a great sense of pride. I'm very proud of our accomplishments," Miles-Dillman said.

Also included on the All-ACC conference team were Stephanie Neill of Wake Forest, UNC's

Kimberly Byham, and Kim Cayce of Duke. The team was chosen by a unanimous selection of the four league coaches.

"I certainly didn't have my best match of the season at the tournament, but I had a good time anyway. I was happy with our finish," Emma Rundle said.



Sports Information

Top Women's Golf team member Kathleen Garrahan watches her ball soar on to the fairway as she tees off from the tenth hole.

BY AMY SHINN

Mary Lee Cobick follows through on her swing while playing the ninth hole. Cobick was the number one player on the team and finished second in the ACC Tournament behind North Carolina's Debbie Doninger.

BOUNCING

BACK AND FORTH

"Men's tennis had an outstanding season placing right behind Carolina and Duke," head coach David Barron said. Ending the season with a 14-9 record, the men's tennis team had much to show from their success. The Seminoles defeated the 18th ranked team, Clemson, 5-4 in a hard fought match. However, along with the victories the team also faced bitter losses against Texas A & M, 4-5, and the University of Miami, 3-6.

Team-captain Neil Krefsky lead the men's team through their first season in the Atlantic Coast Conference. Senior Adam Schwartz and sophomore Dean Ehrlich contributed to the Seminoles' successful season. Newcomers to the team were transfer students Erik Ullsten and Rick Jacob. Ullsten played in the number one and two spots for the University of New Mexico, while Jacob was a member of the NCAA

team while at the University of West Virginia. Ken McKenzie transferred from the University of Mississippi and Hiro Takata came from Boston College. Freshmen Ford Lankford and Brian Stanton rounded out the Seminole lineup.

Coach Barron was a new coach to join the university in the fall of 1990. For six years he was the assistant coach for the number one girls' team in the nation, the

team in the nation, the University of Florida Gators. Since he arrived at Florida State, coach Barron was in charge of summer camps for kids, as well as adults. Each summer the university held an eight week session that taught kids how to play tennis, for the beginners, and how to improve their skills, for the more advanced players. This summer the camp was sacrificed for the

building of the new Scott Speichler tennis complex for the 1993 season. "I hate giving up the summer camps, but I guess it's worth it in order to get a new tennis complex. It has to be built sooner or later. We're pretty excited about having a new facility to play in," Barron said.

"We have a great bunch of players and one player especially stood out. Ken McKenzie is currently ranked 96th in the country and is moving up. I expect we will have a fine season next year especially with all of the new talent that we

acquired this season. I look forward to coaching these kids again next year. We finished third in the ACC this season and I think that's pretty good for your first outing in a conference. Maybe we'll finish first next year," Barron said.

"We had a great season and with everyone getting involved and those who are coming back, things should get even better," McKenzie said.

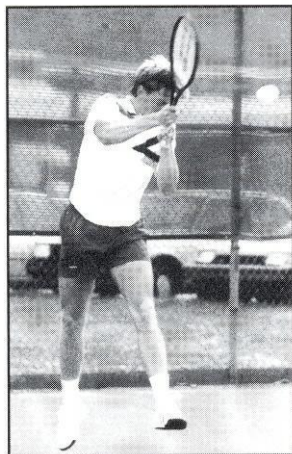


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A Seminole tennis player returns a powerful backhand from a Miami opponent. The Seminoles placed third in the ACC conference.

Freshmen Brian Stanton returns a backhand volley that almost slipped away. Stanton recovered quickly and wound up winning the point against his Clemson opponent.



Photo by Zulma Crespo

BY MICHELLE CROMER



A Smashing Success

Ken McKenzie, a Tallahassee native, was a sophomore majoring in business at the university. This was his first year at Florida State. He was a transfer student from the University of Mississippi. Ken started playing tennis ten years ago and he was the number two player on the team and currently ranked ninety-sixth in the country. When he wasn't busy with practice or a match you could find him playing in tournaments trying to better his national ranking.

Ken had a successful season ending with a record of 16-7 in singles and with a little help from Eric Elston turned out a 9-4 victory in doubles. "The best win I had this season was against Duke," McKenzie said. "My most heartbreaking match was against Wake Forest 6-3, 6-7, 7-6," McKenzie said.

During the summer Ken usually teaches children tennis at the Forest Meadows Country Club in Killbuck and plays in tournaments. This past year he took a job working at a tennis camp up north. Along with working and tournaments, Ken also practiced every day, whether it be drills or a friendly match, he is always on the court.

When Ken graduates he plans to go on the professional tour but if he doesn't make it or gets injured he will use his business degree to find a job.

Michelle Cromer

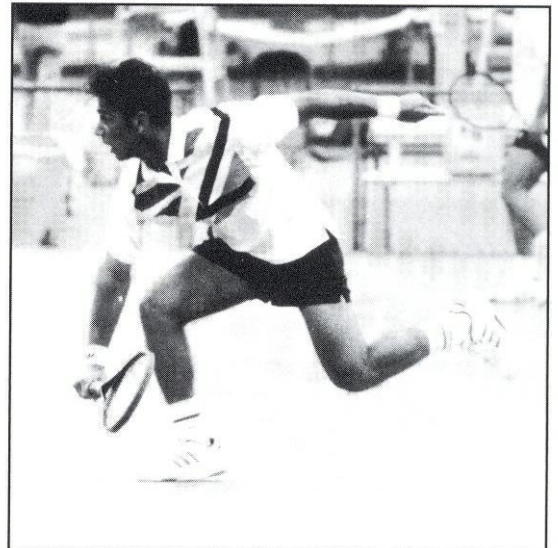
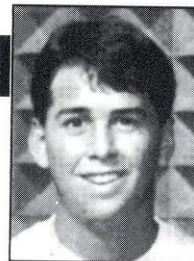


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Rick Jacob lunges forward to volley at the net. His shot bounced outside of the baseline.



KEN MCKENZIE

" We had a great season and with everyone getting involved and those who are coming back, things should get even better . Playing in the ACC was a great experience. "

Ace Winner

When Audra Brannon was four years old, her parents decided it was time for her to have a hobby. "My parents put a tennis racket in my hand just to see what would happen," Brannon said. Little did they know, their daughter would become an All-American high school player and finish second in her native state of Tennessee. She was Tennessee's #1 singles player and was ranked 7th in the South and 70th in the nation.

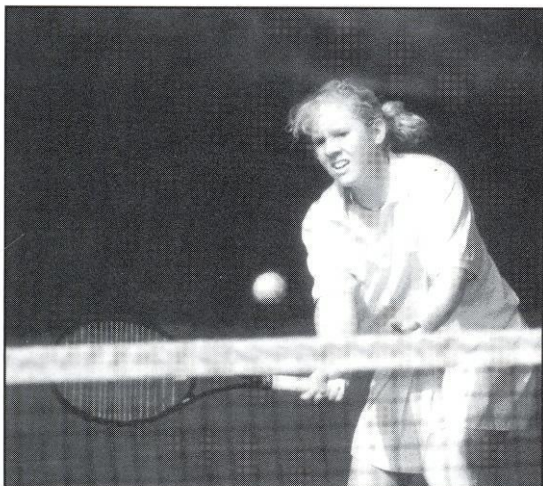
During her freshman season, Brannon played in the #2 singles position and finished with a dynamic 21-6 record. This season, she moved up to the #1 position and finished with a 16-7 Spring singles record. "There wasn't an easy match among them. The ACC is a tougher division than the Metro (FSU's conference last year)," Brannon said.

Brannon joined senior teammate Chrissie Tee as the unbeatable #1 doubles team. Together they posted a 11-9 ACC record. "I think both positions are fun. In doubles it's a little easier because there's someone else on the court with you to share the pressure," Brannon said.

Aside from being named to the All-ACC team for an 8-1 record in the league, Brannon was also ranked 59th in Volvo Tennis/Collegiate polls.

"I think we had a good season. It was a lot of fun and hard work. I'm looking forward to next year," Brannon said.

Amy Shinn



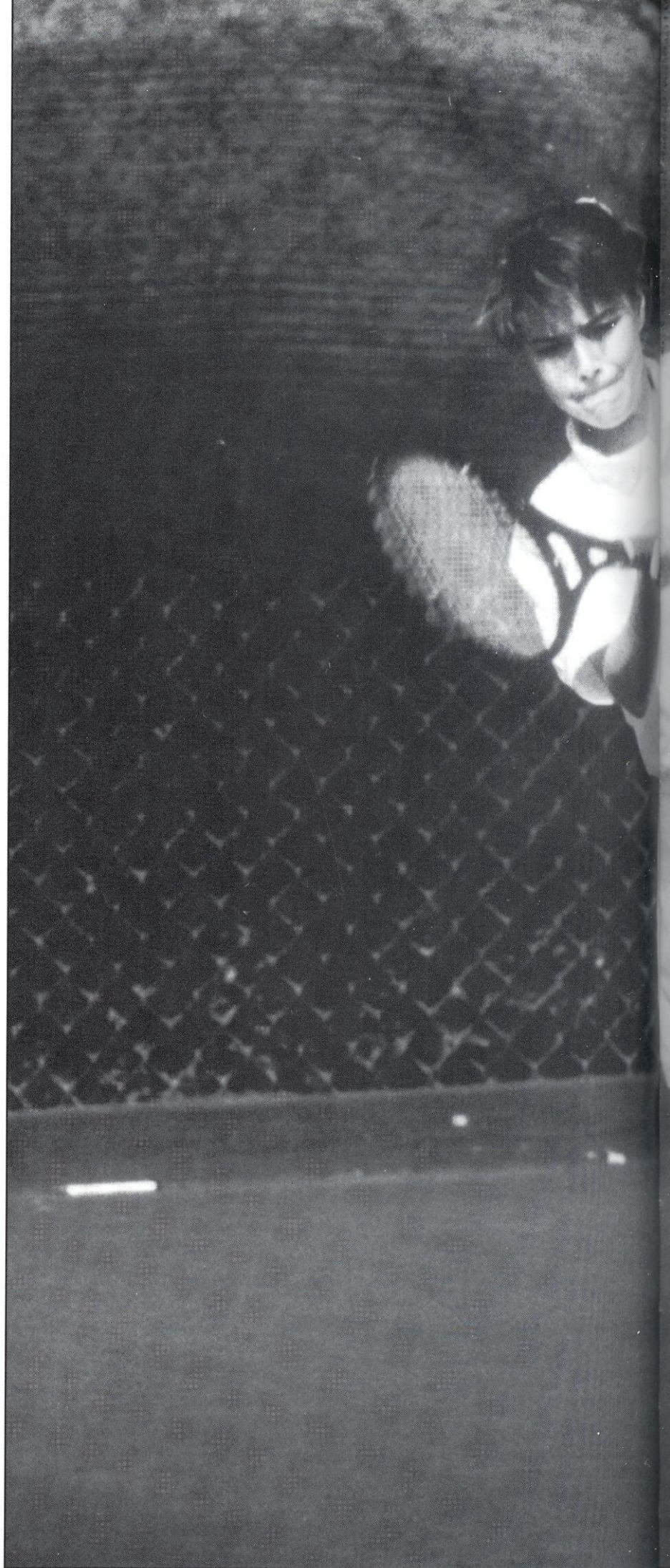
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Audra Brannon returns a forehand volley from the net. Brannon had a 16-7 season, going on in this match to defeat Miami 6-2, 6-3.

AUDRA BRANNON



"Playing in the number one singles spot in a new conference is very intimidating. I really enjoyed the challenge. There wasn't an easy match among them. The ACC is definitely more competitive."



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GIVING IT THEIR BEST SHOT

The women's tennis team earned a 13-10 record for the season. They turned their record around by winning six straight matches in a row. They defeated Flagler with a score of 7-2, Rollins 8-1, Virginia 7-2, Michigan 6-3, South Florida 7-2, and N.C. State 9-0. Then in a heartbreaking match with Miami the Seminoles lost 2-7, bringing their record to 6-4.

The Seminoles next played SMU and defeated them 5-3. Then the Seminoles lost to Mississippi St. 4-5. They then beat North Carolina 5-4, but were upset by Duke in a 1-8 loss. The Seminoles then brought their record to 9-6 by defeating Georgia Tech 8-1. Another loss to Illinois 4-5, made the Lady Seminoles even more determined and they fought hard and smashed South Alabama 6-1 and Florida International 6-3. After their two successful matches the Lady Seminoles brought their record to 11-7.

Next they played Virginia and shut them out with a 6-0 victory. Then last match was against Wake Forest for a second time. The Seminoles were defeated 5-2 in the ACC Championships.

Individually the girls had a great season. Audra Brannon had an exceptional record of 16-7. She had four tough three set matches all of which she won. The first was against Jennifer Cullen of Virginia.

Brannon lost the first set 1-6 but quickly recovered to take the second and third sets 6-3, 6-1. Next Brannon faced Michelle Oldham of Mississippi State. Brannon lost the first set 6-7, but came back to take the second and third sets 6-1, 6-2.

Robin Cifaldi went 8-15 in regular season play. However, Cifaldi had great matches with Georgia Tech 6-0, 6-0, Rollins 6-4, 6-0 and South Alabama 6-2, 6-1.



Sports Information

Robin Cifaldi returns a backhand from the baseline during a pre-season practice at the Tennis center. Cifaldi went 8-15 for the season.

Jenny Graf's season ended with a 13-10 record. Graf had four three set matches in which she won three. With Graf's record standing at 5-2 she defeated Jennifer Carlino of South Florida 3-6, 6-4, 6-2. Graf played Alisha Portnoy of UNC and defeated her 7-5, 4-6, 7-6 to make that her closest match of the season.

Nicki Ivy had an outstanding record of 14-9 for the season. Her best match was against Tracy Zawaoki of Wake Forest. In the match, Ivy defeated her 6-4, 6-4.

Jennifer Hyde had a season record of 11-8. Hyde had four three set matches in which she won two. They included Georgia Tech's Mariali Vega 6-2, 4-6, 6-1 and Virginia's Kristen Kepler 6-4, 3-6, 6-3.

Rounding out the Lady Seminole conference play was Christina Tee. She ended the regular season with a 11-12 record.

BY MICHELLE CROMER

From the base line, Nicki Ivy struggles with her forehand. In this match against Miami, she lost 5-7, 5-7. She picked up her performance to end the season 14-9.