

Seminole everywhere spent the first night of the year watching their favorite team compete in the football game that would decide it all. While some traveled to Miami and others simply made it to their living rooms to flip on the TV, everyone watched the game that the Seminoles had waited all season, maybe longer, to play.

The winter was a rebuilding time for the basketball program and the spring brought a winning baseball season.

The coaches set examples for their players. Coach Pat Kennedy continued his volunteer work and the football team's supporting staff contributed to a successful season.

The tennis team excelled both on the court and in the classroom and the Speicher Center was dedicated to an alum that lost his life during the Gulf War.

There was one more year of Seminole pride; once again the sum proved to be greater than the whole.

By Laura S. Petri

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The defense uses the first game to dispell all myths of their being the "Weak Link"

WEAK LINK

Head football Coach Bobby Bowden searched 28 years for the ultimate prize, the trophy that all college coaches desired. Finally, all those hopes and dreams fell into place. As seconds ticked away on the Orange Bowl clock, Bowden thought he had secured his team's place in history. The players, thinking they had recorded a victory, began the traditional ice water pouring on Bowden's head. The Seminoles believed they had snatched their first national championship to accompany the ACC Championship, their first Heisman Trophy winner (Charlie Ward) and Bowden believed he had achieved the top prize for a college coach. That was when Bowden's worst nightmare came to life. Time had not expired on the clock and the Nebraska Cornhuskers were given a second chance to dethrone the Seminoles.

Nebraska kicker Byron Bennett took the field in hopes giving his team the title of National Champions. After all, Bennett wanted to give his coach the title and trophy that had alluded Tom Osborne for many years. Were the Seminoles aspirations to end with a 45-yard field goal? Had the team come this far only to be stopped by a punter's kick? No, favor rested in the Tribe's corner this season. Bennett missed the

field goal with a wide left kick giving the Seminoles an 18-16 victory over the Cornhuskers and something to celebrate once more.

However, the team proved all season that they were national championship material. From the season's kick-off, the team played as though they had something to prove. In the Kick-Off Classic, the team faced Kansas, giving the defense their first opportunity to prove themselves.

Dubbed as the "weak link" by many outsiders, the defense felt they had to show the world that they were the best. The Jawhawks gave the defense their first real test in what was now known as the "Goal Line Stand." Counting penalties, the Jawhawks had the ball inside the Seminole 10 yard line 12 times, and 12 times they were denied by the so-called "weak link" defense.

"When you have great athletes, all you have to do is hit them at the right time," senior Ken Alexander said.

"After that third play on the goal line, when they called offsides again, we said we had come too far to let them score. We would have gone 100 plays if we had to."

The Seminoles went on to beat Kansas 42-0, and put down the myth that the defense was

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Photo by Vanessa Crockett

Sean Jackson takes a beating as he is brought down by several N.C. State players. Jackson was often counted on to get the yardage needed for a first down as well as scoring touchdowns.

Emily Yasurek



The largest collegiate scoreboard in the country and a new endzone were part of renovations unmasked during the Clemson game.

The newly completed Doak Campbell Stadium seated over 75,000 fans who witnessed the second shutout of the season.

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KANSAS

seminoles	42
jayhawks	0
August 28, 1993	

National Championship

...And
on
New
Year's
Day



DUKE

seminoles 45

blue devils 7

September 4, 1993

CLEMSON

seminoles 57

tigers 0

September 11, 1993



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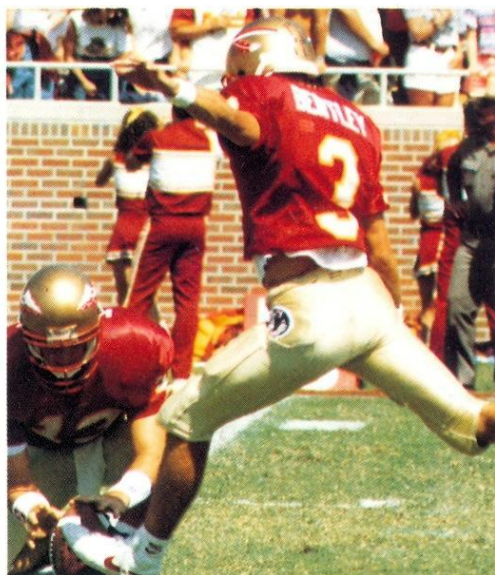


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Fullback William Floyd manages to make the reception and elude the Yellow Jackets' offense. Georgia Tech completed only two out of four passes in the second half.

Rookie Scott Bentley attempts a 33-yard field goal. Another rookie, Warrick Dunn, scored three touchdowns.

Watching the third shutout of the season over Georgia Tech, Patrick McNeil prepares for the much anticipated game against Miami.

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There was one National Championship story that circulated during the 1993 season that didn't stem directly from the sports page.

A joke had been passed around the Bowden homes. It spoke of a football coach that sold his soul to the devil for a national championship. When two of Bobby Bowden's sons, supposedly went down to meet the devil and a cold breeze came from beyond the gate one son said to the other, "Well, dad must have won a national championship."

"Yeah it's got a chance to be a little cooler down there I guess," Bowden said to the crowd as he gazed over the National Championship trophy in January.

After the game against Miami, what some consider the biggest win of the season, security encircle the field at Doak Campbell ensuring that the field not be rushed. The Miami win was celebrated in numerous other ways late into the night.

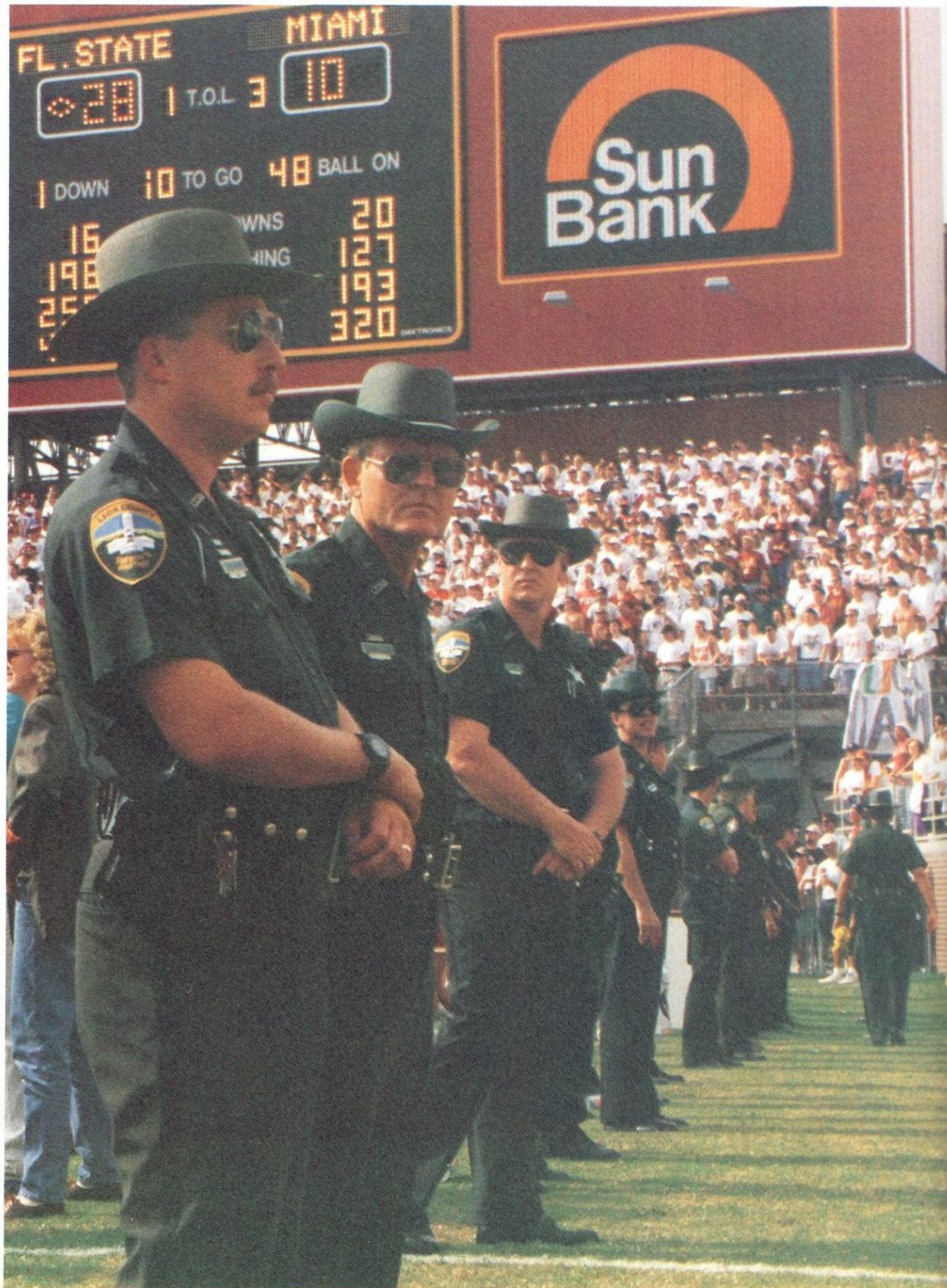


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MIAMI VIRGINIA

seminoles 28

hurricanes 10

October 9, 1993

seminoles 40

cavaliers 14

October 16, 1993

National Championship



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...Hell froze OVER

Seminoles
bring home
their first
National
Championship

Chief Osceola begins the game against Miami by spearing the field. Chief Osceola and Renegade have opened home games for years. This was Allen Durham's final season riding for the Renegade team as Chief Osceola.

WAKE FOREST MARYLAND

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October 30, 1993

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terrapins 20

November 6, 1993

National Championship



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Photo by Vanessa Crockett

Goodbye is shared between fullback William Floyd and his son before leaving for South Bend. The long trip was taken to the freezing north for the Seminoles only loss of the season.

After the win against Miami, Tamarick Vanover and Kevin Knox hold up a sign showing their prediction for the future. Beating Miami was also an emotional victory.

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Photo by Robert Parker

Cheerleaders hold the banner awaiting the entrance of the team before the first "Game of the Century" against Miami. The defense held Miami to one touchdown and the offense played equally as strong. Offensive player Sean Jackson scored three touchdowns during the game.

FLORIDA HEISMAN

seminoles 33

gators 21

November 27, 1993

Quarterback Charlie Ward
is awarded the Heisman
Trophy in New York City.

December 11, 1993

National Championship

Freshman Warrick Dunn scores against Wake Forest during the Homecoming game. This was Dunn's second touchdown of the day.

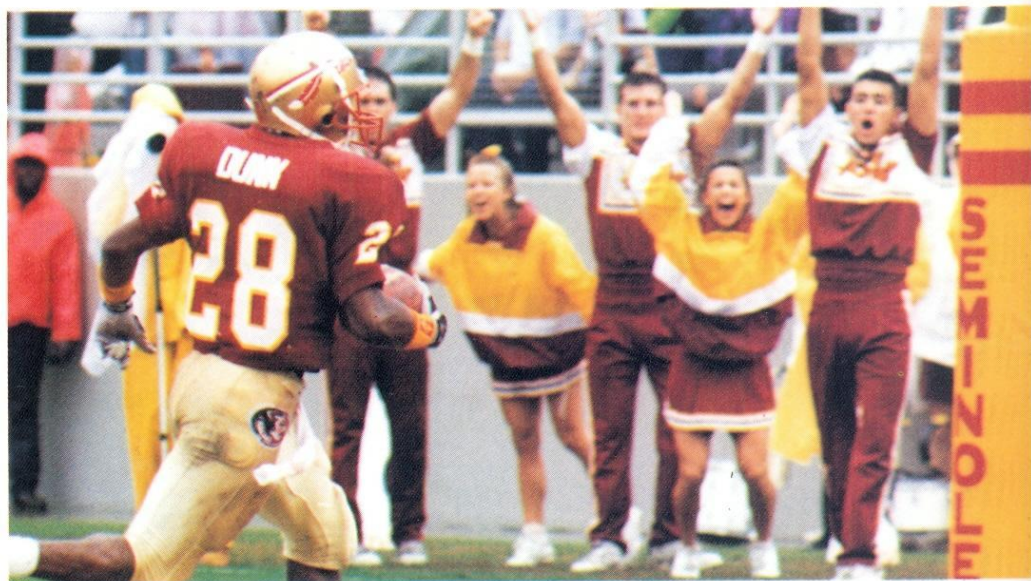


Photo by Vanessa Crockett

Freshman Thad Busby and sophomore Marquette Smith celebrate the Homecoming game victory. Poor weather did not dampen spirits.



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NEBRASKA

seminoles 18

cornhuskers 16

January 1, 1994

National Championship

“The Game of the Century” -not as close as Miami would have liked it. No field goals necessary

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the “weak link.” In the Kick-Off Classic, the defense was given the opportunity to make headlines with their attack against Duke in early September. Despite poor field conditions, offensive rusher Sean Jackson rushed for 107 yards, while teammate Clarence “Pooh Bear” Williams took his second college carry 47 yards for a touchdown. The team went on to defeat the Blue Devils 45-7.

The confidence that the defense acquired, combined with the talent and strength that existed on the offense, allowed the team to successfully continue and record several more impressive victories over conference opponents such as Clemson.

A win that involved another goal line stand for the defense, an almost flawless execution by the offense and a personal challenge for kicker Scott Bentley.

The Seminoles were ahead 16-0 when Bentley’s kick was blocked and picked up by Clemson player Brian Dawkins. Bentley forgot about the blocked kick and he chased and caught Dawkins on the 12 yard line.

“I wanted to show I am playing for the team,” Bentley said.

Another victory for the team involved ACC opponent North Carolina State. After losing to Notre Dame the week before, the players only allowed the Wolfpack one field goal. This game was also marked by several memorable plays. Charlie Ward passed the record for career touchdowns (55) as well as setting the mark for the most completed passes in a single season (226). The offense set seven season school records and four ACC season records including total offense

(6010), most touchdown passes (33), and most points scored (485). The defense held North Carolina State to 317 yards but only 101 on the ground.

The Seminoles also faced a tough nonconference schedule, with games against the University of Florida, University of Miami and Notre Dame.

The football team came out on top in both the Florida and Miami matchups and recorded

the season’s only loss in South Bend to Notre Dame.

In all, the Tribe played three of the teams that finished in the Associated Press’s top five and recorded victories over two.

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Photo by Vanessa Crockett

Kez McCorvey led and the rest of the Seminoles come out ready to beat Miami. The confidence the team had carried them throughout the season.

Players have different ways of celebrating touchdowns. However, despite the method, the message was always the same, "We did it!"

After defeating Georgia Tech, several players hug in excitement. Due to their successful season, the Seminoles were given plenty of reasons to celebrate.



Photo by Ayanna Luney



"You know the old saying, 'You better bring your lunch if you want to beat us.'"

-Bobby Bowden





Photo by Vanessa Crockett

*Florida State
gets its first
ever National
title*

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The Miami match up had been dubbed "The Game of the Century." It was supposed to have been the game that decided it all and laid all doubt to rest. Members of this football team had not recorded a victory against Miami and often the game ended with a field goal or a missed field goal in favor of Miami. But this year, the team came out determined to show the world that they were in fact National Championship material.

"It was a feeling of it took us 60 minutes to beat them. You know the old saying, 'You better bring your lunch if you want to beat us?' That's what it was. I can't remember a team of mine giving more," Coach Bowden said, in a post game interview.

While traveling the path to a National Championship title, the team earned awards for their performance on and off the field.

As a team, not only did they earn the national championship title, they also captured the ACC division title and set a few records along the way. First, the Seminoles had the best start in ACC history outscoring opponents by 45.7 points in the first three games.

This record was followed up by the ACC record for the most total offense in a single season passing the record set by the Blue Devils in 1989.

The Seminoles also had several

individual standouts on the team. Tying records of his own was Clifton Abraham who tied the school record for recovering blocked punts and returning them for touchdowns. Joining Abraham in record setting was Sean Jackson who became only the sixth Seminole to rush for a career 2000 yards. But unlike those before him, Jackson rushed for these yards in under 400 carries. Not only did senior Charlie Ward capture the Heisman Trophy by blowing away the competition; he was named ACC player of the week after the Seminoles beat the Cavaliers 40-

14. Ward was also named to the Kodak Coaches' All-American Football team along with teammates Derrick Brooks and Corey Sawyer.

Brooks not only made the Kodak All-American team for his athletic talents but he also proved that he was a standout in the classroom as well. Brooks was named a Honda Scholar Athlete with a 3.2

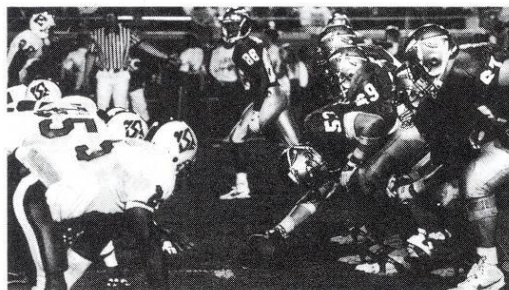


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The offensive line prepares to maintain a pocket for the quarterback. The offensive line often went unnoticed until something happened to the quarterback.

GPA in Communication.

Leading the way for the team's academic standard of excellence, Ken Alexander, received the Seminole Golden Torch award for top academic student-football player.

Preseason polls had the Seminoles on top with much to prove. The defense stepped up to the challenge to dispell the "weak link" theory and the offense remained strong throughout the season's obstacles. The combined effort made for a National Championship season.

*Defensive coaches
make a big difference
in the outcome of the
season*

SUPPORTING STAFF

With all the hype centered around Head Coach Bobby Bowden and his bid for a first ever Seminole National Championship, some very important members of the supporting staff were overlooked and often not talked about as much as they should have been.

These members of the assistant coaching staff put in many hours in order to produce a National Championship team. Their duties included running drills with players and doing scouting reports on other teams and new prospects.

Chuck Amato was the Assistant Head Coach and Defensive Line Coach. He came to the University in 1982 where he was immediately put to work as the defensive line coach. During the season Amato was faced with the difficult task of replacing three excellent defensive linemen who went to the NFL. Along with the individual accomplishments of his players, Amato's defense has been ranked in the top 10 the last three consecutive years.

Amato worked closely this year with Defensive Coordinator and Defensive Backs Coach Mickey Andrews. Andrews completed his 10th season with the Seminoles and was considered one of the top assistant coaches in

the nation. Last summer Andrews considered leaving the University for the head coaching job at the University of Houston. However, he withdrew his name from consideration much to the relief of Seminoles everywhere.

Amato and Andrews were joined by Wally Burnham on the defensive side of the game. Burnham, who has coached the Seminoles' inside linebackers since 1985, has seen the rise of many of college's best defensive players. Last season Burnham coached the highest draft pick Florida State

had ever produced. All-American Marvin Jones went to the New York Jets as a fourth overall pick.

The final man responsible for defense was Jim Gladden. Gladden became a member of the Seminoles' coaching staff in 1976 and has produced some of the nation's best outside linebackers. Throughout his 18 seasons with the

Seminoles, Gladden has seen only one losing season. Some of Gladden's former players included Reggie Freeman, Willie Jones and Derrick Brooks.

The defensive coaches for the past season were instrumental in creating a strong defense which played a key role in attaining the National Championship title.

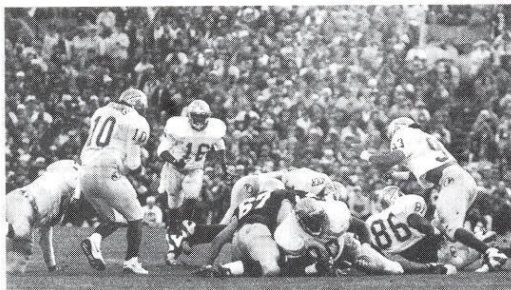


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The defense often recovered the ball and took it in for a touchdown. In fact, at the beginning of the season, the Seminoles' defense outscored their opponents' offense.

Emily Yasurek





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On the sideline against Notre Dame, Ken Alexander takes a minute to reflect on the first half play. Alexander learned a lot from Inside Linebacker Coach Burnham.

The defensive line stops the progress of the Miami offense. Thanks to the coaching of the defensive staff, the Seminoles held Miami to only 10 points.

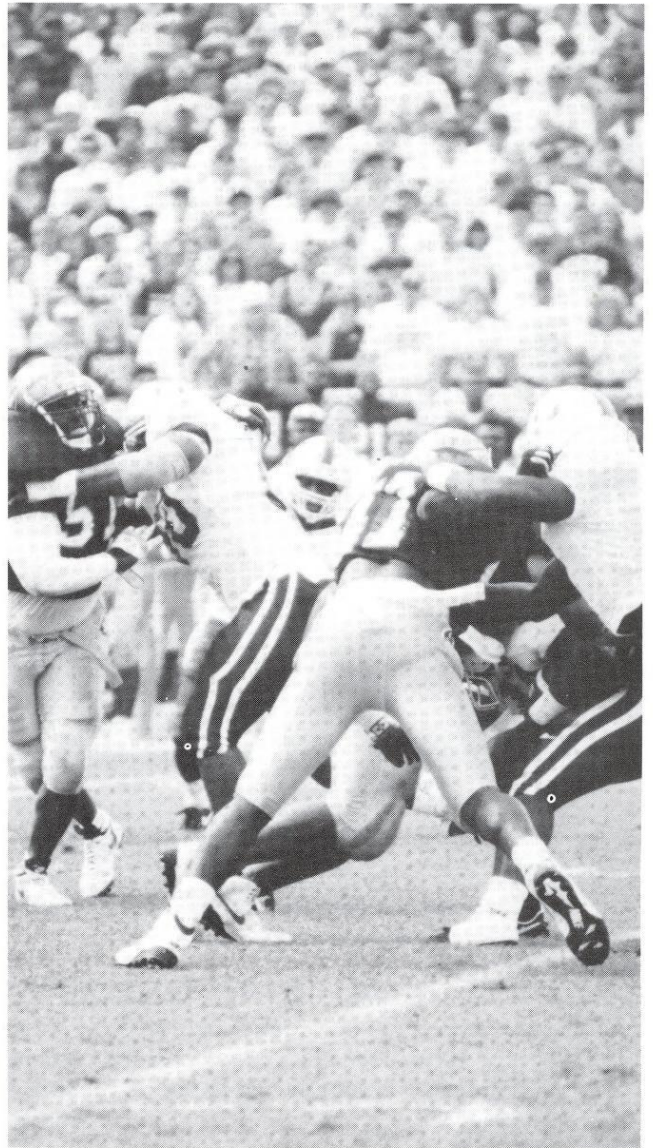


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Quarterback Charlie Ward waits for the perfect moment to pass the ball. It was this skill of timing that helped earn him the Heisman Trophy.

Charlie Ward shows his running ability against Wake Forest. It was this talent combined with his passing skills.

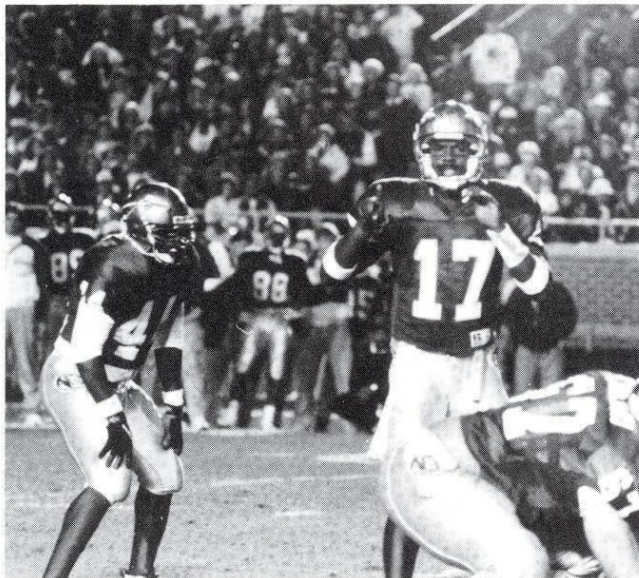


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"He was always somebody who didn't want to take credit for anything."

-Charlie Ward , Sr.





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Because of his strong character, this dual athlete never lost sight of those who helped him along the way

CHARLIE WARD

In January 1988, Assistant Coach Wayne McDuffie thought he had discovered a great potential Seminole, a quarterback from Thomasville, GA, named Charlie Ward. However, the other coaches were not as convinced; Ward's option-style play was different from the Tribe's traditional drop-back quarterback style. But McDuffie was confident of Ward's skills and leadership abilities and his persistence paid off.

Ward came to the University as the "shot-gun" quarterback, star point guard and student body vice president, all while earning a degree in therapeutic recreation.

But the road from high school to college was not a smooth one. Because Ward lacked the SAT score to attend the University, he attended Tallahassee Community College for one year. After being accepted to the University, he spent the 1989 football season as a punter. He saw little action in the next two seasons, redshirting in 1990 and sitting behind quarterback stars Casey Weldon and Brad Johnson in 1991.

Ward's chance to lead the offense arrived in August 1992. The first two games were a rude awakening; Ward threw four

interceptions in a win over Duke and four more versus Clemson.

However, the fourth quarter against Clemson seemed to be Ward's starting point. Down by three in the final moments, Ward completed five passes to score the winning touchdown.

"I thought it would take a miracle for us to pull it out," Quarterback Coach Mark Richt said.

The 1993 season was a collection of accolades, awards and broken records for the senior quarterback. He led the team to a second consecutive ACC title, state bragging rights and its first ever national championship. Ward was a consensus All-American, Player of the Year by numerous organizations and won two national quarterback awards. To top it off, he won the prestigious

Heisman Trophy by the largest margin of victory in history.

Glory and fame came with such honors but Ward never lost sight of teammates and coaches who worked with him along the way.

"He was always somebody who didn't want to take credit for anything," Charlie Ward Sr. said.

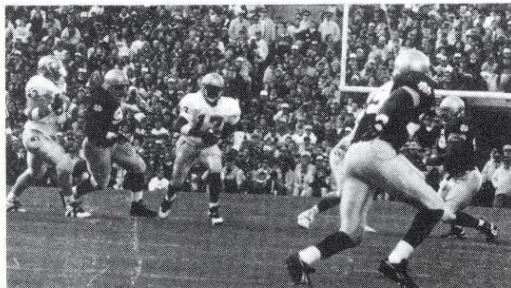


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Ward attempts to run the ball against Notre Dame. The only loss Ward and the Seminoles suffered during the season came at the hands of the Fighting Irish.

Joanna Sparkman

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*Freshman sensation
realizes the pressure
that can be placed on
those in the spotlight*

C O T T BENTLEY

Freshman Scott Bentley arrived in Tallahassee with the weight of the world resting on his shoulders. As the nation's best senior high school kicker, he was heralded as the "messiah" to save the Seminoles from the "Wide Right" curse that plagued the team in both the 1991 and 1992 seasons. It was this belief that compounded the excruciating pressure to bring victory from a 19-year-old college student who just tried to be himself.

"Pressure? One cannot possibly fathom the meaning of that word until they have inherited the legacy of 'Wide Right' and 'Wide Right II,'" Bentley said.

After surviving an intense media blitz that included a *Sports Illustrated* cover story and feature reports on ESPN and ABC, Bentley never expected the attention of the crowds to focus on him with such fervor.

"Back during recruiting season, I knew if I signed here this stuff was going to happen," he said. "But it became too much. I'm just one football player, not a savior."

Therefore, he enjoyed spending time with Dan Mowrey and roommate Danny Kannel away from student hangouts where the possibility of getting attention was low.

"They introduce me as Scott, not Scott

Bentley," Bentley said.

The pressure did seem to take its toll. Early in the season during a rainy game against Duke, Bentley missed a field goal attempt and two extra point attempts in addition to having an extra point blocked.

"I just tip toed to the ball because of the conditions," Bentley said. "I should have just cut loose. I'll never put the blame on anything else because I'm the one who missed the kicks."

While Bentley's kick-and-miss pattern continued against Clemson and against Georgia

Tech, the drama of a game depending on a last minute field goal never materialized until the Orange Bowl.

"It's all in your hands now," quarterback Charlie Ward said to Bentley. It was a game winning field goal that he had waited for the entire season.

"That's why we put him on the cover of *Sports Illustrated*," defensive lineman

Toddrick McIntosh said.

With the National Championship title finally bestowed upon the Seminoles, his job was done.

The crowds subsided, the media turned its cameras off and he was finally left being himself again, a college student named Scott Bentley.



Photo by Vanessa Crockett

Scott Bentley takes a "breather" with teammate Dan Mowrey. Despite sharing the same position, the two remained good friends.

Travis R. Hopkins





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Scott Bentley prepares to take the field for the kick-off. Despite poor weather conditions, Bentley's kicks were right on target and helped the team beat Wake Forest.

Bentley learns to deal with the attention bestowed upon him. He knew the press would be watching to see if he was the kicker who would break the curse.

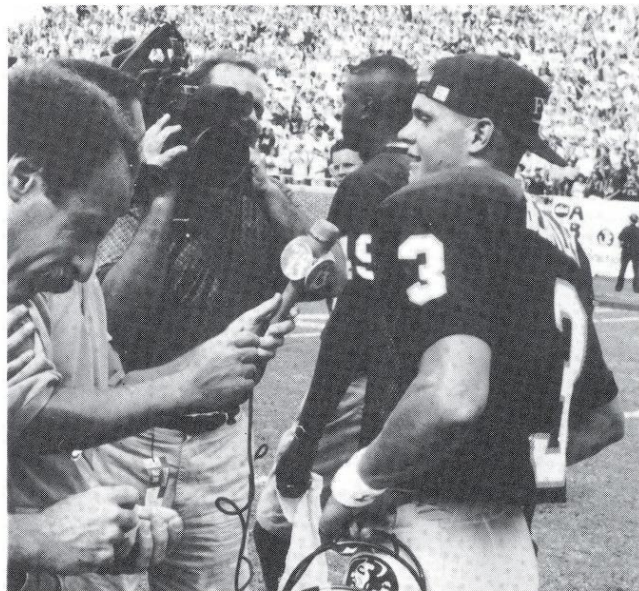
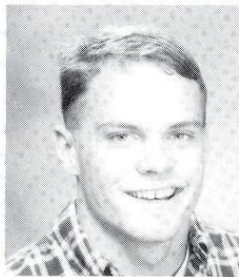


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-Scott Bentley

Pregame meditations are a time for the team to unite and come together as a unit. Freshmen learned the pregame routine from the upper classman.

A successful scoring effort during the NC State game brings sparks of emotion from all players. The joy of victory as well as the heart break of a loss was shared by the team.

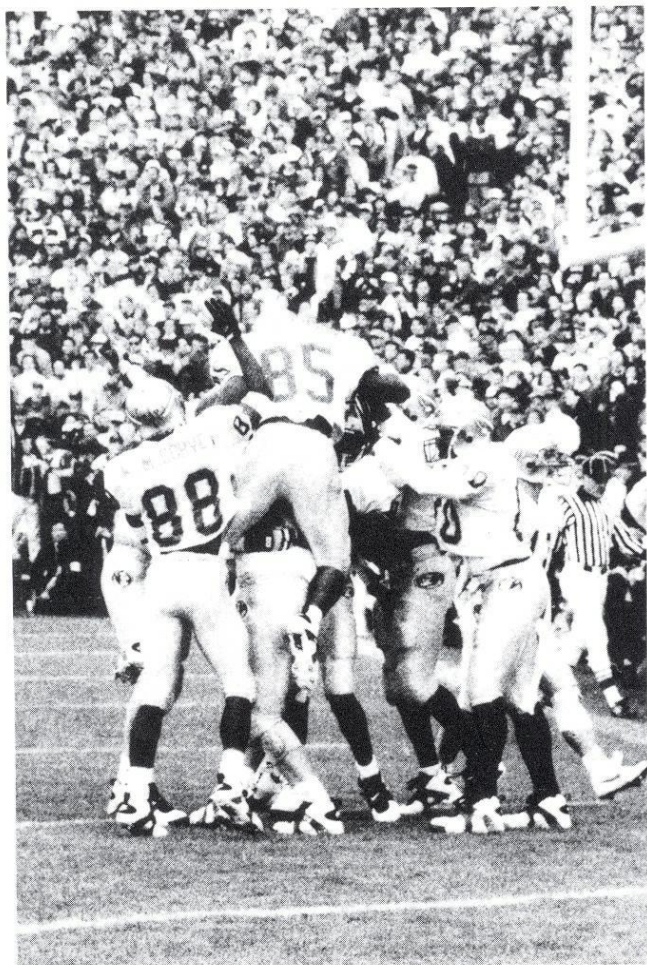


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Freshmen players get the chance to prove themselves on the field as 12 play in the 1993-94 season

RED SHIRTS

Twenty three high school football players were recruited into the University last year. These young men chose Tallahassee as their home and the Seminoles as their family. Everyone knew they had to be the cream of the crop; the coaches at the University only chose the best players with both academic and athletic success. These young men were either All-American, All-State or All-District players. Many were ranked in the top 10 in the nation for their individual positions.

Academically, they were headed for a college career whether they played football or not. Although all of the recruits were willing and able to play in the games, only a few men had the actual opportunity to participate in the game instead of getting red-shirted.

These 12 fortunate freshmen were Daryl Bush, Warrick Dunn, James Colzie, Reinard Wilson, Andre Cooper, Jermaine Green, Byron Capers, Clarence Williams, Scott Bentley, Chad Bates, Sam Cowart and Rodney Williams. These few received plenty of playing time, backing up the veterans. The other 13 players (that did get red-shirted) sat out for the season.

"I'm glad I'm playing this year because it's what I wanted to do," Bush said.

This was the first year that Head Coach Bobby Bowden had ever played so many freshmen in a single season. Several factors contributed to the need for the freshmen players, however, perhaps the most influential factor was injuries. Injuries forced defensive backs Capers, Colzie and Green into immediate duty.

"As a cornerback, I'd like to set the interception record before I leave FSU," Colzie said.

All of the freshmen had high hopes of setting many records and becoming successful.

Many even dreamed of being drafted into the NFL.

Yet they also knew it would take time, dedication and strength to learn to deal with the pressures of being a college football player.

"You've got a job to do out there and you can't let the pressure get to you," Wilson said.

Pressure played a major role in the lives of these young

men. They had to do their best while in the game for the team, the coaches and for themselves. They also had to equal their athletic achievements with their academic ones.

The University was very privileged to have had these fine young men added to the already talented football team. The freshmen of 1993 were the icing on the Seminole cake.



Photo by Ayanna Luney

Freshmen on the line have a big impact on the outcome of many games. The effort of the defensive line made it impossible for many teams to score offensively.

R e g i n a L o u i s

Warrick Dunn not only played a key role for the football team, he was also a father figure to his family

DUNN DEAL

Warrick Dunn was not only a wonder to the Seminoles on the field, he was also a wonder to his family at home. Originally from Baton Rouge, LA, he was the quarterback of his high school team. He described himself as a quiet, caring and an overall well-rounded person. He was the oldest of six children raised by a single parent, his mother.

"My mom was a super woman," Dunn said.

While in high school, unlike his other classmates, he had to deal with a severe loss in the family. Tragedy struck and on Jan. 7 Betty Dunn Smothers was shot and killed two days after Warrick's birthday. She was murdered while on duty as a security officer.

Dunn was willing to take on the responsibility of caring for his family and not attend college. Thankfully, his grandmother moved in and relieved Dunn of this heavy

load. His grandmother's help enabled him to continue his education, a goal his mother had in mind for all of her children.

"Since I'm not home, my grandmother and younger brother take care of the family," Dunn said.

Dunn was also one of the most talented freshmen recruited for the Seminole football

team. When he became an All-State player in high school, many top ranked universities wanted to recruit him. He had many offers but he chose the University. After signing with the Seminoles, he found out that this was also his mother's choice for him. Once Dunn arrived in Tallahassee, he was placed with quarterback Charlie Ward as a roommate.

"It has been a thrill because we got along great, he's like a brother to me," Dunn said, about Ward.

Dunn tried to go home as much as possible to see his brothers and sisters, as he still felt as though they were his responsibilities. Being away from home has been hard on Dunn. He really wanted to continue his mother's job of raising the children. There were certain things which he could not do for the family because he was away. Dunn's future plans included obtaining a degree in physical

therapy and he was not really concentrating on making it into the NFL.

"I'd rather get a diploma because I could get hurt at anytime and football would be over for me," Dunn said.

Dunn's accomplishments on and off the field were enough to make any mother proud.



Photo by Ayanna Luney

Tailback Warrick Dunn pushes his way through the Georgia Tech defense. Dunn was one one of 12 freshmen who were not redshirted.

R e g i n a L o u i s





Photo by Vanessa Crockett

Warrick Dunn rests on the sideline after an outstanding run against Wake Forest. Dunn overcame many obstacles to play for the Seminoles.

Dunn warms up as he prepares to take the field. Dunn was one of the Seminoles' favorite tailbacks in the 1993-94 season.



Photo by Todd Kimmelman



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-Warrick Dunn

The Golden Girls are more than just pretty faces, they are also a talented group of dancers. It was this talent that won the girls a chance to compete in Nationals.

Performing at a basketball game, the Golden Girls feel right at home. Many of the girls have been on the squad since they were freshmen.



Photo by Vanessa Crockett





Through dance, many Golden Girls feel they have made lasting friends

STRONG BOND

Being part of any activity established a bond that grew between those involved. As the year went by, the participants became almost like family and often the friendships created lasted for years to come. The 1993-94 Golden Girl squad was no exception. Most of the girls hung out together and some eventually lived together.

"My friends are the Golden Girls. My life is centered around this squad. It's something you make friends with for life," Michelle Brandon said. "It will always help me in any aspect of my life. I'll never forget being a part of it."

The squad was respected for their talents. They practiced Monday through Thursday, for at least two to three hours. Not only did they perform at football games, they also did shows for rush parties, competitions, local business projects and community activities. They were especially busy two weeks before school started; during that time they practiced for the different appearances they had to make for the many activities that went on before school started. This team worked as hard as any other team on campus but most importantly, they all took pride in what they did.

Who was the amazing person that choreographed their dances? It was mainly the job of the captain and co-captains. The job

weighed heavily on the captain, senior Denise Jerome. She danced in high school and held various dance jobs.

"It's a lot of hard work, mainly because of the time demands. It's a challenge for me but I love it," she said.

Being captain of such a perfection oriented squad took up a lot of time from Jerome's schedule. She had no time for any outside jobs and her schedule was often filled with Golden Girl related activities. However, along with being captain of the Golden Girls squad, she also choreographed for many local high school dance and cheeleading squads and

taught at many dance studios with different agents.

"The past four years have been the best years of my life. I would not want to give it up for anything else," Jerome said. "I would like to see them grow when I leave. Yes, I'm extremely sad because I have to leave but the memories will always carry with me."

In the future the Golden Girls planned to start recruiting from

high schools. By letting others know that they were out there, the squad hoped to attract talented girls to come to the University in hopes of making the squad. By letting girls know what the team was about, they hoped to have even more interest from students already planning to attend the University.



Photo by Ayanna Luney

The Golden Girls perform their award winning dance routine at the Back to School pep rally. Although basketball games were an important role of the Golden Girls, they did perform for other causes as well.

Heather Rattana

Photo

Injuries prove a major set back in the Lady Seminoles' bid for an ACC title

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Coming off a 26-8 season, a regular season Atlantic Coast Conference Championship and a return trip to the NCAA Tournament, the Lady Seminole volleyball squad had a lot to look forward to when it took to the court for practice prior to their fall season.

For the first time since 1990, the Lady 'Noles beat the University of Florida Lady Gators. At the time, the squad had come off of a disappointing second place showing in the Florida State Classic. They lost to Head Coach Cecile Reynaud's alma mater, Southwest Missouri State, in the final match. The Lady Gators came to Tully Gym ranked eighth in the nation and expected an easy match after ending the University's season the year before in the NCAA tournament.

However, the Lady Noles overcame the odds and defeated University of Florida in five sets, 15-0, 8-15, 4-15, 15-13 and 15-13.

"The UF victory was a big confidence builder for our program, in particular the 15-0 game. It also was great publicity for our program," Coach Reynaud said.

The victory came from the superb playing of senior outside hitter Franci Rard, junior outside hitters Luiza Ramos and Deanna

Bosschaert, freshman reserve setter Patty Diamond and talented play making by senior middle hitter Vicki Zinkil and team captain Jennifer McCall.

"The UF victory was a great victory for us. We knew they were a good team. It was early in the season, so we knew that whatever the outcome, it would certainly set the tone for the rest of the season," McCall said. "We were very pumped up for the game and it was definitely a great win for us."

The team continued its great play early

in the season by winning the Louisiana State Tournament over 15th ranked Louisiana State University, Loyola Marymount and Southwestern Mississippi. The tournament victory capped off two weeks of exceptional play, as the tribe set foot into the NCAA rankings at number 21, for the first time since 1982.

The 'Noles continued playing well throughout the month of September, with their only loss coming at the hands of Texas A&M University.

The ACC slate began with a tough five set victory over Clemson University and an easy straight trounce over preseason ACC co-favorite Georgia Tech. Easy wins over the (continued on page 114)



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Luiza Ramos spikes the ball in the Lady Seminoles' victory over Troy State. Ramos was named to the ACC volleyball team along with teammate Vicki Zinkil.

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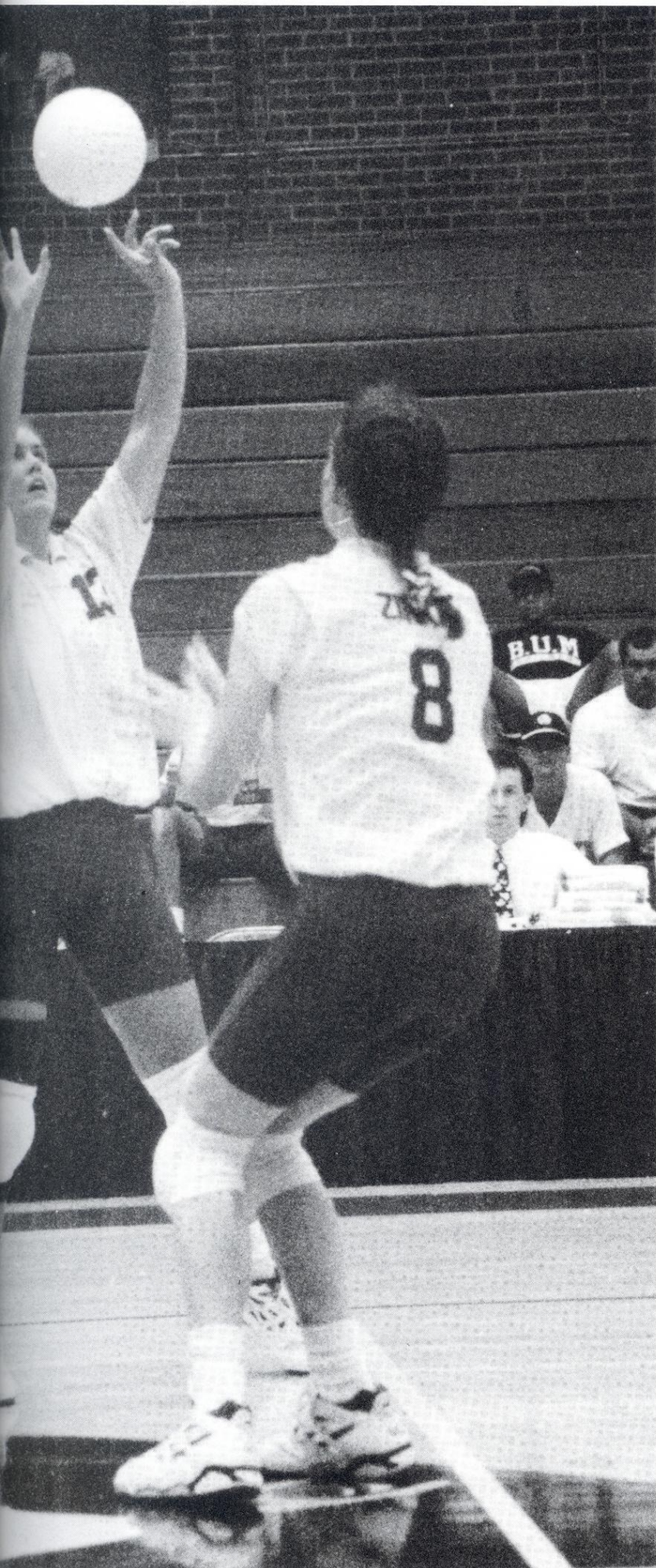


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Vicki Zinkil prepares to spike the ball that has been set for her. Good communication between players allowed for successful spikes throughout the season.

Team work is an essential part of any volleyball team. The Lady Seminoles strove to create the perfect team unity which carried them through the ACC tournament.

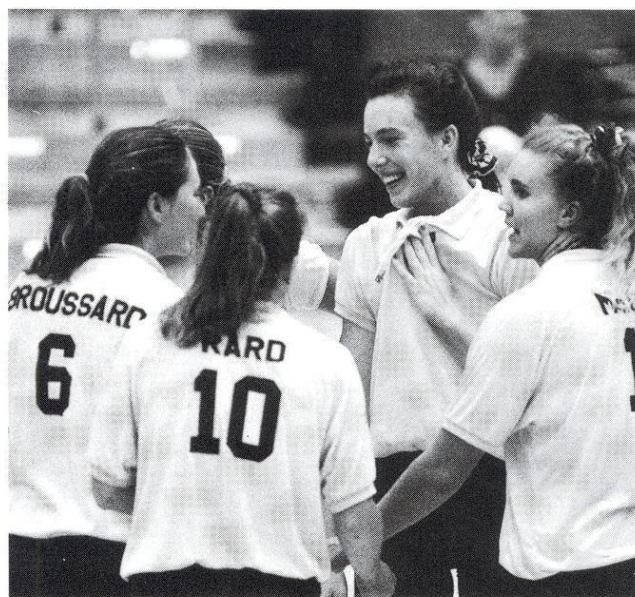


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VOLLEYBALL

SEPTEMBER

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| 3 FSU Classic | 19 Rice |
| 7 Florida | 24 Clemson |
| 10-11 LSU Tournament | 25 Georgia Tech |
| 17 Texas A&M | 27 Jacksonville |
| 18 Houston | |

OCTOBER

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|--------------------|-------------------|
| 1 N.C. State | 16 Maryland |
| 2 N.C. State | 22 Duke |
| 3 Arkansas State | 23 North Carolina |
| 8 Florida Atlantic | 29 Virginia |
| 15 Virginia | 30 Maryland |

NOVEMBER

- 5 Georgia Tech
- 6 Clemson
- 9 Florida
- 12 Duke
- 13 North Carolina
- 16 Troy State
- 19-21 ACC Championships

DECEMBER

- 1 NCAA
- 5 NCAA Second Round

Spiking the ball against North Carolina is Deanna Bosschaert. Bosschaert, a powerful spiker, was a key instrument in many of the Lady Seminole victories.

Being patient and waiting for the kill is an important part of any volleyball match. One of the goals of the Lady Seminoles was to be more patient.

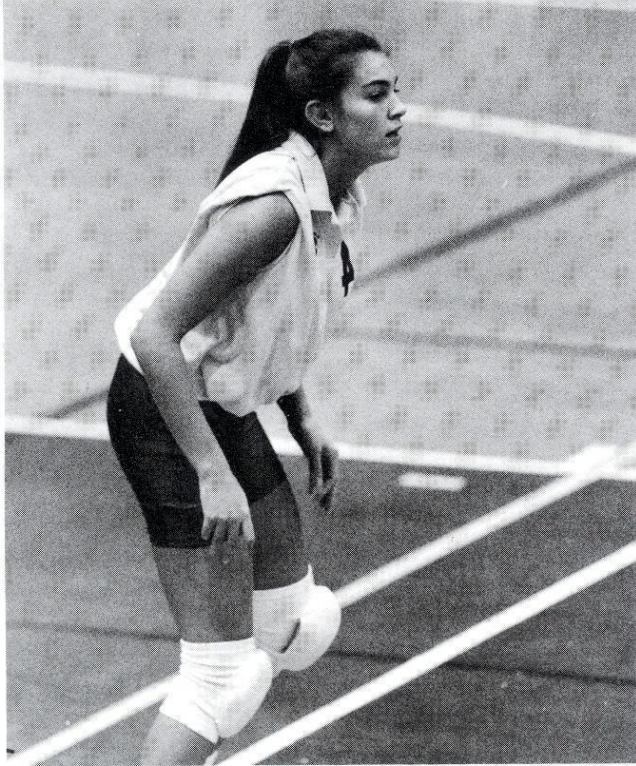


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“In the past we’ve drawn top teams but this year we thought that we were a better team than Depaul. So we came in the game thinking we should win.”

-Cecile Reynaud





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While making a bid for the Championship, the Lady Seminoles set a new school record

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the Noles to a 10 game winning streak and a 5-0 record in conference play.

Despite setting a new school record for ranking as high as 17th in the polls and being ranked in the top 25 for six consecutive weeks, the Tribe dropped their first ACC match against the Maryland Terrapins in four sets.

The loss led the Noles to their first match against ACC tournament champion and main rival. Although the match was in Tallahassee, the 'Noles could not battle with the taller Duke Blue Devil team and Duke took the match in four sets.

The squad continued its downward spiral with a 3-4 record in the next seven games with losses to Georgia Tech, Clemson, Duke and UF.

This drought was not due to poor playing but rather by team injuries. Rard injured her ankle, Ramos injured her hamstring and red shirt freshman Valerie Broussard injured her right hand, all in the span of one month.

"The injuries got the whole team out of rhythm, especially going into the Georgia Tech and Clemson games," Coach Reynaud said.

Although the team never fully recovered from their injuries, they did manage to win their last ACC regular season match over the UNC Tar Heels. The squad also defeated Troy State University in their home season finale prior to the ACC Tournament in Durham, NC, Duke's home turf.

With the team on the rebound, the Lady 'Noles were ranked third in the tournament, opposite top-ranked Duke. In the first round, they defeated UNC once again but suffered another setback when Bosschaert injured her left ankle.

In the semifinals, junior outside hitter Catie Lotarski continued her role as the top reserve and stepped in for the injured Bosschaert.

The 'Noles upset the second ranked Clemson Tigers in three sets, setting a rematch against their biggest obstacle to the ACC title, the Duke Blue Devils.

In the finals, the 'Noles were led by Ramos and Rard but were never able to get on track. Duke once again portrayed their dominance over the Seminoles and won the match in three sets, 15-6, 15-6 and 15-5.

With only three graduating seniors, the Lady Noles looked forward to the next season with eight returning players.



Photo by Ross Obley

Catie Lotarski spikes a ball that is set for her by a teammate. Spiking the ball was a skill that most players learned at an early age if they wanted to be successful.

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*Cross Country teams
put everything together
to place well in ACC
Championship meet*

KEEPING

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"Everything might not fall together right away but we are definitely on our way. I think things will come together for this team," Coach Scott Irving said in a preseason interview.

Coach Irving seemed to have the season pinned before the first gun sounded to begin the first meet. Unfortunately, both the men's and women's teams ran poorly against the University of South Florida in their season openers on Sept. 10. The Lady Seminoles were out scored by the Lady Bulls by a score of 15-50.

But the cross country teams redeemed themselves in their next meet at Clemson. At the Clemson Cross Country Invitational on Sept. 19 the Lady Seminoles, led by Tracy Pepoon, placed fifth overall while the men lead by Ian Potter placed fourth overall. The success at Clemson gave the two teams a confidence boost that carried them through the completion of the season.

At their next meet in Tallahassee, the teams ran exceptionally well. Both the men's and women's team placed second in their respected divisions. The men's team was lead by Mark Grey who finished eighth in the 8-K course with a time of 25:57.62. Grey was followed by his teammates Ian Potter, Jason Kaiser and David Ogletree who finished 10th, 11th and 12th respectively.

The women's team was lead by junior

Pepoon from Fort Walton Beach, FL. Pepoon finished the 5-K meet with a personal best of 18:08.98 placing her second overall. Pepoon helped her teammates Stacey Bowrosen, Holly Higgins, Karla Sever, Lisa Beck and Kerry White who placed third, seventh, eighth, ninth and 10th clinch the second place spot.

On Nov. 1 the Seminoles faced their greatest challenge at the ACC Championship meet in Clemson. At this meet, both teams faced some of the nation's top runners. With most schools contributing heavily to their distance runners program, the ACC was a

breeding ground for many successful runners. It was at this meet that all the hard work and hours of long practices and tough workouts would prove worth it. The two teams made a great showing with the men placing eighth and the women placing seventh. At this meet, Pepoon was named as one of the NCAA Women's Division I Cross Country Performers of the

Week for her time of 18:30 in the ACC Championship meet.

In the end, the words of Coach Irving were true, and things "came together" for the Seminoles.

With this season to build on, the teams hoped to come back even stronger next year and make a bid for the ACC title.



Photo by Vanessa Crockett

At the starting line, the men's team prepares to face off with some of the nation's best runners. Being in ACC was perhaps the biggest challenge that the team faced.

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Junior Tracey Pepoon leads the pack at the Seminole Invitational Meet. Pepoon ran well at this meet, placing second overall with a personal record of 18:08.98.

In a last minute huddle before a meet, the team receives words of support from Coach Irving. Although the women ran alone, they had to remember the team goal.



Photo by Vanessa Crockett

CROSS COUNTRY

Men's ACC Championship Meet Results

Place		Time
32	Ian Potter	26:15
41	David Ogletree	26:44
45	Jason Kaiser	26:49
55	Mark Grey	27:11
59	Francisco Cintron	27:43

Women's ACC Championship Meet Results

Place		Time
21	Tracy Pepoon	18:30
25	Stacey Bowrosen	18:33
49	Karie Savers	19:33
52	Holly Higgins	19:48
54	Heather Anderson	19:57
55	Lisa Beck	19:58
60	Gretchen Leckey	20:18

A slam dunk brings the crowd to their feet and puts two points on the board for the home team. Dunking the ball was just one way that players showed their talents in front of NBA scouts.

Andre Reed sets a pick for teammate James Collins. The Tribe went on to beat Clemson 60-57.

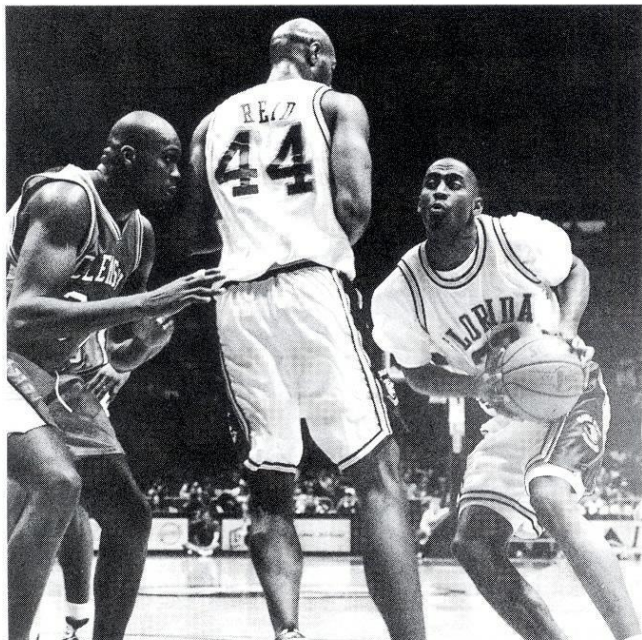
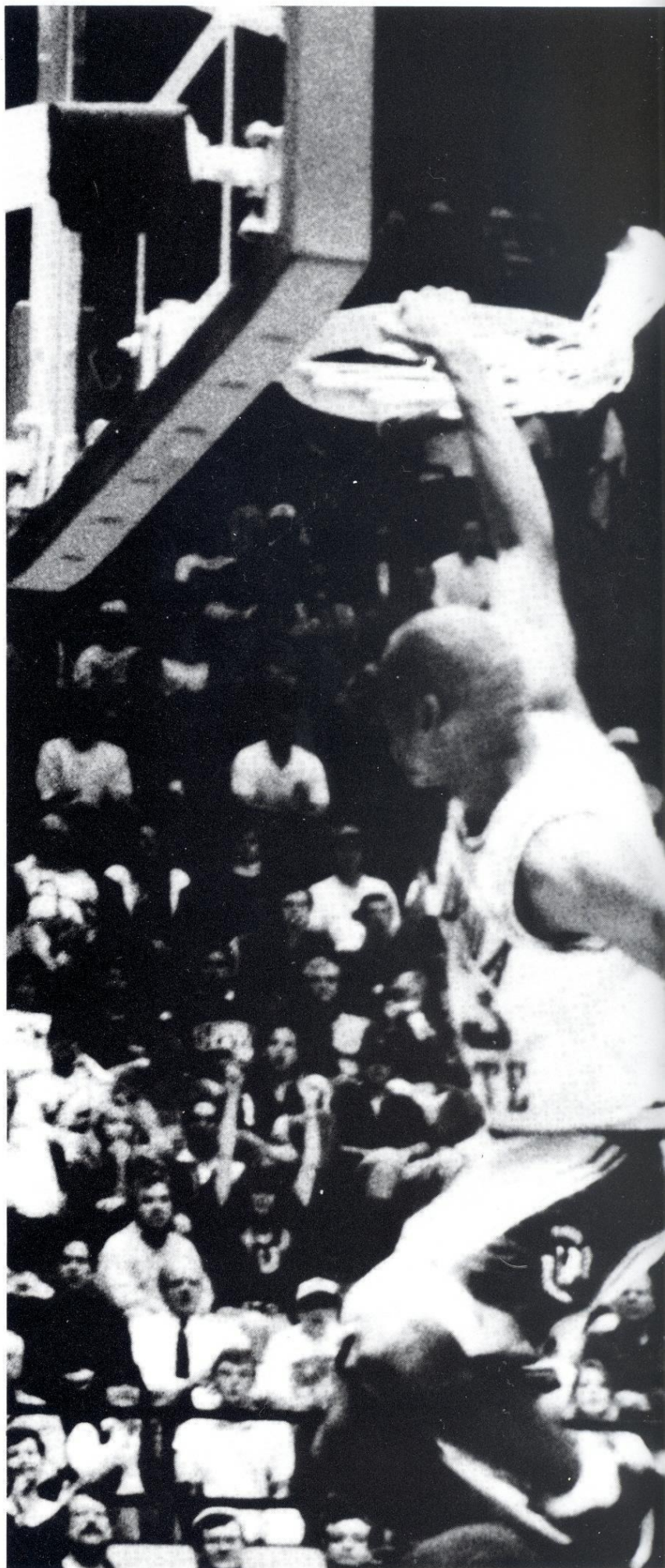


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BASKETBALL

DECEMBER

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| 1 Florida Atlantic | 20 Morgan State |
| 5 Bethune-Cookman | 22 Mt. St. Mary's |
| 11 South Florida | 30 UNC Greensboro |
| 18 Florida | |

JANUARY

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|----------------|--------------------|
| 2 Lafayette | 19 Clemson* |
| 6 Virginia* | 22 Duke* |
| 8 Wake Forest* | 26 North Carolina* |
| 11 Maryland* | 29 Georgia Tech* |
| 16 N.C. State* | |

FEBRUARY

- | | |
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| 3 Massachusetts | 19 Clemson* |
| 6 Virginia* | 21 Florida |
| 10 Wake Forest* | 23 Duke* |
| 12 Maryland* | 26 North Carolina* |
| 16 N.C. State* | |

MARCH

- 2 Georgia Tech*
10-13 ACC Tournament

* Atlantic Coast Conference Games

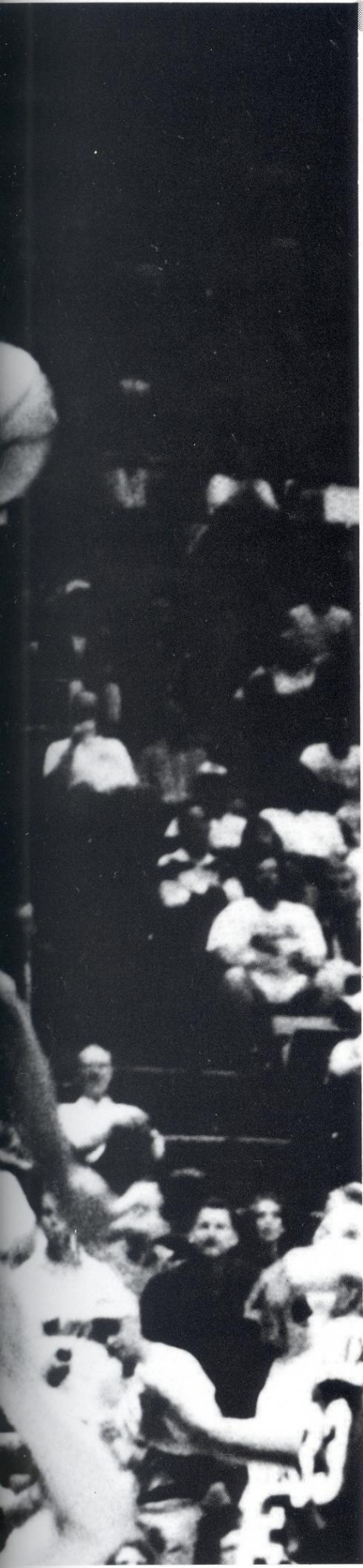


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After a season of ups and downs, the Tribe looks to the future

B L E A K S E A S O N

After losing two seniors to the NBA, the Seminoles knew they had a lot of work to do in order to maintain the winning tradition established in years past. To add to the Seminole's despair, point guard Charlie Ward would not join the Seminoles until January. From the looks of things at the beginning of the season, one would think that the Seminole basketball team was headed for a season of close ones.

The team picked up their first two games defeating Florida Atlantic and Bethune-Cookman College before dropping one to South Florida by two points (63-65). However, this loss gave the Seminoles a boost. The Tribe then went on a five game winning streak defeating such teams as Morgan State, UNC-Greensboro and Lafayette. Perhaps the biggest win in the streak was over Florida with a score of 69 to 59. The big player in the Florida game was Bobby Sura who had 25 points, 13 rebounds and 4 assists to lead the team that night.

The team then lost seven of their next 10 games. Many of the games were to ACC competition. However, during the 10 games, the Seminoles did record wins over Georgia Tech and Clemson. The 'Noles picked up three of the last nine to finish the season with 13 wins

and 14 losses.

In one game against North Carolina, Kirk Luchman got the opportunity that many players dreamed about. The Seminoles were down by two when Luchman was fouled. He was then given the opportunity to shoot a one and one to tie up the game. Unfortunately, the ending was not as sweet as it would have been in Luchman's dreams.

"That's the kind of spot you dream about your whole life but it just wouldn't fall for me," Luchman said after missing the first one.

The Seminoles have a lot to look forward to next year. Not only did Bobby Sura opt to stay for his senior year but the Tribe also got one of the state's top recruits. Corey Louis, a 6-foot-10 player from Miami will fill the need for a big man in the middle.

"I just feel comfortable with the situation at Florida State, (The ACC) was a selling point. In order to further my career, my chances would be greater making it in the pros if

I have a chance to come and play right away," Corey Louis said.

Combined with LaMarr Greer and Geoff Brower, Florida State had one of the top five recruiting classes in the nation, according to Bob Gibbons, recruiting analyst. These new players will give the Seminoles something to look forward to next season.

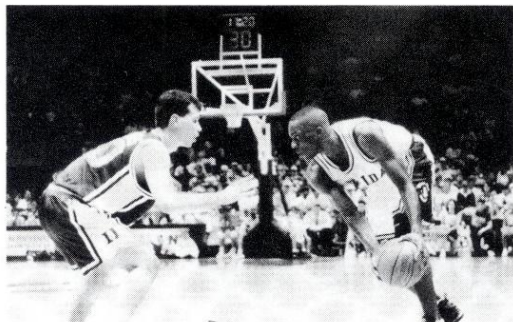


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As Florida State tries to come back and eliminate the point spread, this forward tries to fake to the left as he goes right. However, the Seminoles lost to the Blue Devils 72-84.

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Pat Kennedy combines coaching with personal concern to build a better team

ROLE MODEL

Basketball and Pat Kennedy were the combination that worked for the Seminoles for over eight years. Through the tough times when the University was a football oriented school, Kennedy was there whipping the basketball program into shape. Along the way, Kennedy has taken the team to the NCAA tournament five of the last seven seasons. This was a record that any college would love to boast about.

"Our program has come a long way in eight years. We have achieved a great deal and have molded the program into a consistent NCAA Tournament team which was our top priority when we arrived," Kennedy said.

Kennedy was working with a relatively young program. At a time when many schools were celebrating their 100th season of basketball, the Seminoles were still waiting for the 50th anniversary. In this short time the Seminoles have not only matched some of the win records of older schools but under the guidance of Kennedy, two Seminole players were NBA first round draft picks in the 1992-93 season. The two players going to the NBA were Doug Edwards and Sam Cassell.

What could have caused Kennedy to come coach the Seminoles over eight years ago? "Somehow I knew that the situation was right at Florida State. When I got here, the atmosphere was even better than I thought it

would be. And since then, I have had attractive offers to leave and, again, I felt that this was the right place," Kennedy said.

Along with coaching one of the best teams in the nation, Kennedy also gave back to the community. He was dedicated not only to making his players the best athletes but would like to see each one achieve in their academic pursuits as well. Since coming to the University, Kennedy has continued to raise the graduation rate as well as the GPA of his student-athletes.

He believed that his athletes should be successful in every aspect of their lives, not just as stars on the basketball court because an injury could end a basketball career overnight.

"A lot of coaches may pay lip service to academics and its importance," Kennedy said, "but our staff does something about it. If a guy wants to play basketball for us, he better also want to go to class and get a degree, because that's

what he should be here for. We tell our recruits that from day one."

Kennedy's dedication and commitment to his players on and off the court has led to a successful group of men and an excellent basketball program.



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To allow Coach Kennedy to concentrate on the game, Assistant Coach Carlson coaches a player. Assistant coaches were a must in order to run a successful team.

Emily Yasurek





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Kennedy often gets caught up in the game and leaves his seat. It was his unique coaching ability that has taken the team to the NCAA tournament repeatedly.

Kirk Luchman receives last minute instructions from Kennedy. Last minute instructions were a critical part of the game.

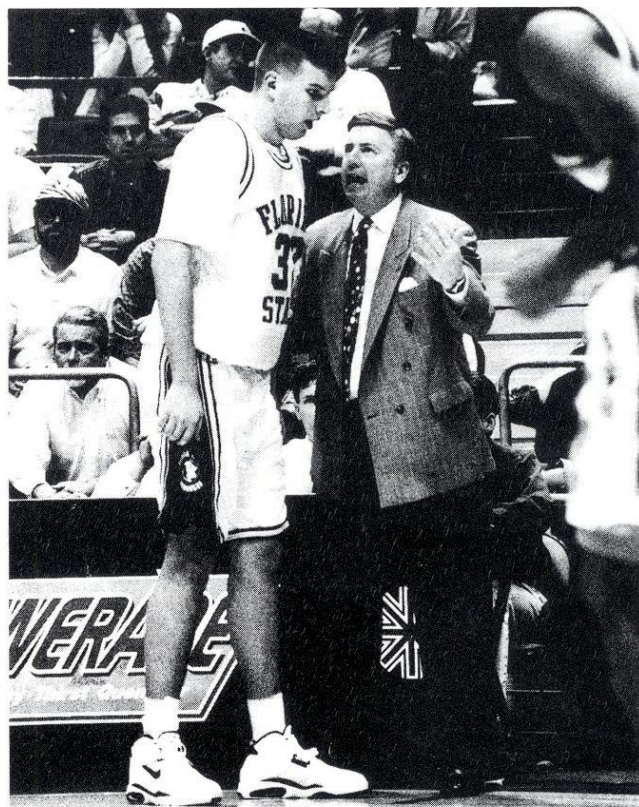


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“ A lot of coaches may pay lip service to academics and its importance but our staff does something about it.”

-Pat Kennedy

Bob Sura runs down court to stop an opponent's fast break. As a team leader, it was important for Sura to always do his best. Even after twisting his ankle, Sura came back to help out the team against Virginia.

Defense is an important part of any game. Sura's defense as well as his ability to score made him a key asset for the Seminole basketball team.

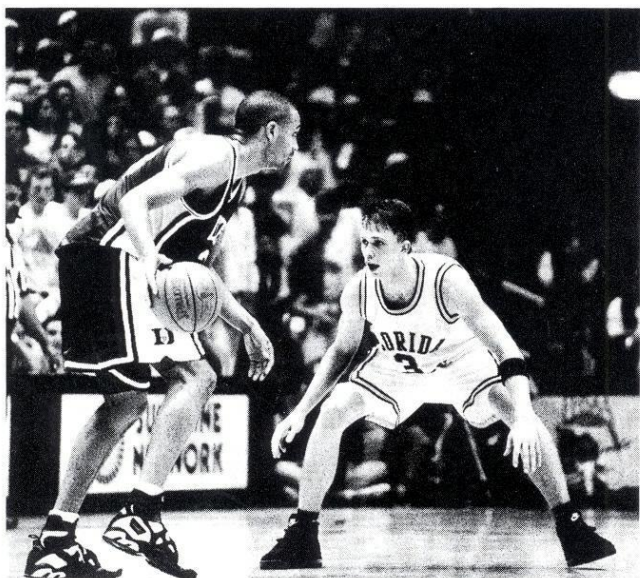


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"It was a good feeling, one that I haven't had too many times this season. I was in one of those grooves where I don't think anybody could stop me."

-Bob Sura





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P POINT GUARD

Bob Sura came to the Tribe after graduating from a small school in Pennsylvania where he was named Small School Player of the Year. In high school Sura set many school records but it was in college that this athlete really began to shine.

During his freshman year as a Seminole, Sura was named ACC Player of the Year. He averaged 12.3 points a game and 3.5 rebounds, earning him the ACC Rookie of the Week Award three times. He was the only player in the ACC to win the award that many times in a season. Along with the Rookie of the Week award, Sura also broke the freshman scoring record set by Chuck Graham.

Perhaps Sura's biggest game his freshman year was against Virginia when he stole a Cavalier inbounds pass. He then took the ball the length of the court to score the tie basket with a minute left on the clock. However, Sura did not stop there, he then went on to score the winning basket.

Sura did not fade away with the new talent added to the team his sophomore year. In fact, Sura managed to average 19.9 points per game while two of his teammates were averaging 18.3 points per game and another was averaging 11.5 point per game. He was given an award for the ACC All-Honors and reached double digits in 31 straight games.

As a junior, Sura was named preseason

All-American by Playboy Magazine and returned to basketball as the ACC's top returning scorer.

"I'll say this straight up, after the performance against Duke and after the performance against North Carolina, whether you (members of the media who voted on the All-ACC award) like the kid or not, if you people don't put Bobby Sura on your first-team all-ACC, you'll have to check the mirror real carefully," Coach Kennedy said after Sura scored 20 points against North Carolina.

In a must win situation against Virginia, Sura proved that he was indeed All-American material. In the first half, Sura almost outscored the entire Cavalier team.

"It was a good feeling, one I haven't had too many times this season. I was in one of those grooves where I don't think anybody could stop me," Sura said after the game.

Sura ended the game against Virginia with 23 points after twisting his ankle twice and still making a come back. Sura lead his team that

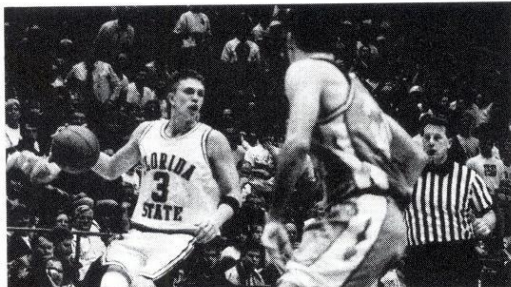


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Excellent ball handling skills are a must for any point guard. Bob Sura proved to be one of the best ball handlers in the ACC. His return is happily anticipated.

night to a 100-64 victory.

Although Sura has accomplished a great deal, he still felt that there were goals left to meet as a Seminole. At a media conference in the spring, he announced his decision to remain at the University for his senior year and forego the NBA draft for another year.

Emily Yasurek

Lady Seminoles face a tough season and lose five seniors

PHILL BATTLE

The season looked to be an uphill battle from the onset for the Lady Seminole basketball team. The team had lost a pair, Tia Paschal and Danielle Ryan, whose scoring average, 35 points a game, was half of the entire team's scoring average. In addition, the squad was without four other letter winners from the previous season. And in came three new players, one redshirt freshman and one redshirt sophomore.

Head Coach Marynell Meadors, who was entering her seventh season at the University, knew the circumstances going into the season.

"We knew that we didn't have a lot of depth," Meadors said. "And we wanted to play as hard as we could in each contest."

The season began with a one-point loss at the hands of Tennessee-Chattanooga, 86-85, starting a record of eight games lost by six points or less. The University then hosted the third annual Dial Soap Classic, only to lose in the first game to the University of Rhode

Island and then win in the consolation game against the University of Dayton, 78-65. Despite the third place showing, Christy Derlak made the All-Tournament Team.

One of the brightest spots in the season came with a victory over crosstown rival, Florida A&M. With just seconds to go, Derlak hit a jumper to win the game, 70-68.

"I didn't think it was going in but as soon as it did, I was elated," Derlak said.

Coach Meadors believed the victory would be the jump the team needed.

"I thought it would get us going, especially in our performance level," she said.

However it was not to be. Next came the games in the ACC, the toughest women's basketball conference in the nation. The Lady 'Noles lost their first three conference matches, the first being to the North Carolina Tar Heels, the 1994 National Champions.

Over the holiday break, the Lady 'Noles traveled to Orlando for the Citrus Sports

Travel Holiday Classic Tournament. The Tribe took their first game over Richmond but then lost to Kentucky and Alabama. In the tournament junior guard Allison Percy and sophomore forward Katina Cobbins stepped their games up a notch contributing with assists and rebounds.

As the new year rolled around, the Lady 'Noles still could

not find that winning touch. They lost four straight games, before finally defeating Wake Forest for their first conference win, 66-60.

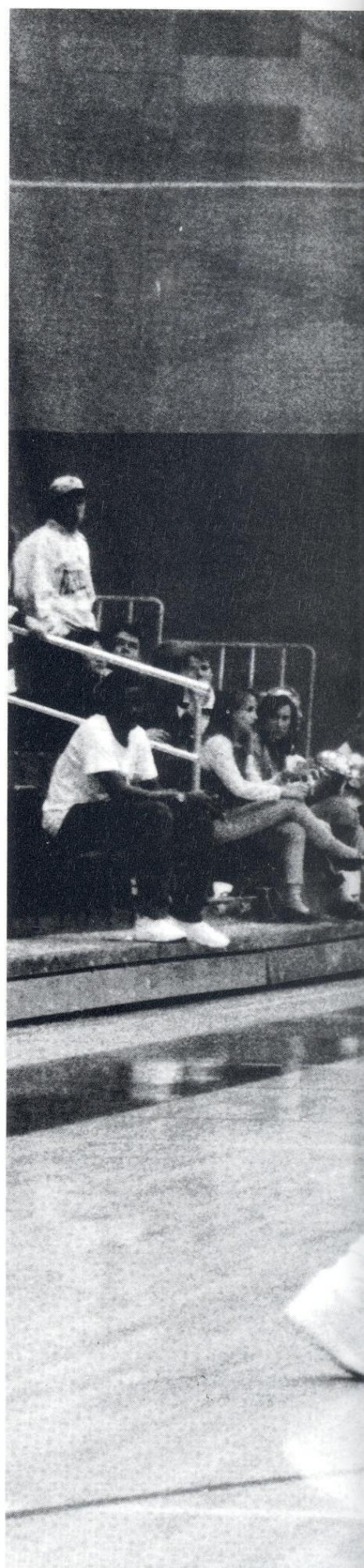
The team's goal for next year was to finish in the top half of the ACC.

"We are going to be working extremely hard to finish higher than last year," Meadors said.



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Lady Seminoles warm up prior to their game against Duke. The squad defeated Duke 78-73 in one of the season's last games.



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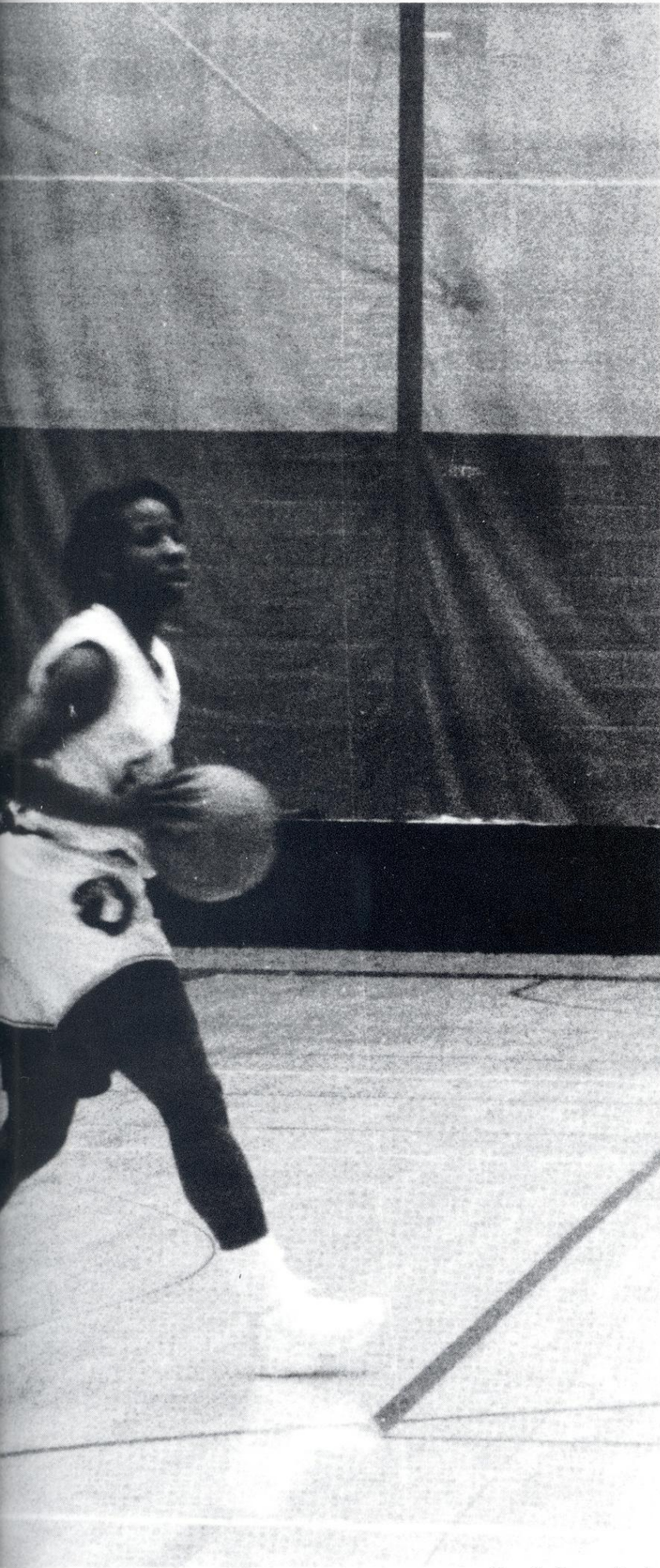


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In order to defeat Wake Forest, the point guard hurries the ball down the court. The Lady Seminoles had a tough season, playing some of the nation's best teams.

Passing the ball is a good way for the offense to score a basket. Unfortunately, the Lady Seminoles dropped their game against Florida.



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BASKETBALL

NOVEMBER

26 Tennessee-Chattanooga

28 Middle Tennessee State

DECEMBER

3 Rhode Island

4 Dial Soap Classic

6 Florida A&M

11 North Carolina

18 Georgia Tech

21 Virginia

29 Richmond

JANUARY

5 Maryland

8 Florida Atlantic

16 Duke

22 Wake Forest

24 NC State

FEBRUARY

15 Florida

Christy Derlack squares up before passing the ball to her teammate for a shot. As an effective member of the team, Derlack knew when to shoot and when to pass the ball.

Derlack waits for the rebound to come off the boards. Her ability to rebound made her an integral part of the game whether on offense or defense.



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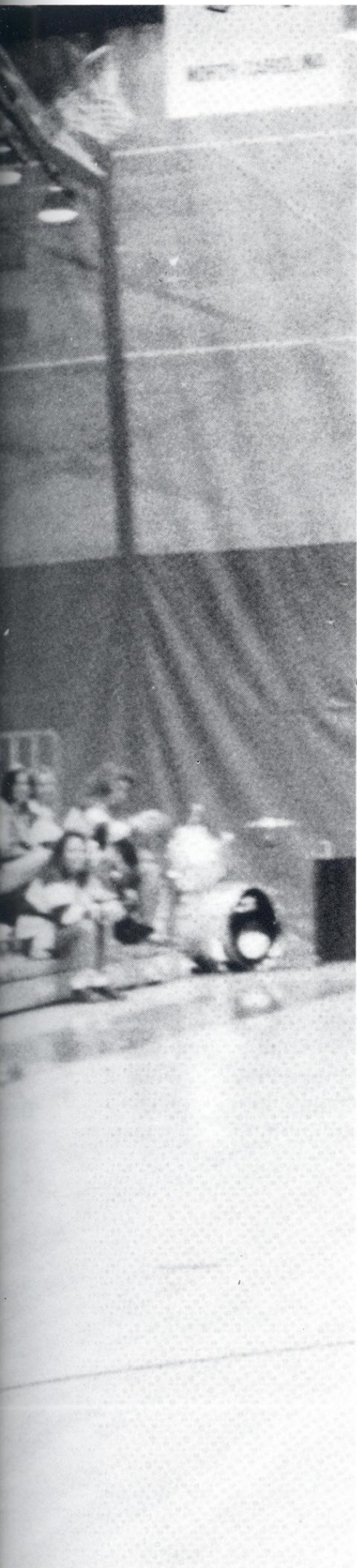


Photo by Dan Fitts

Senior Christy Derlack proved throughout her college career that she was indeed a team leader

TEAM LEADER

Senior Christy Derlack returned to the Lady Seminole's basketball team for another scoring season. Derlack came to the University as a forward from Dayton, TN. Last season, Derlack was the University's top scorer and rebounder, averaging over 13 points a game and five rebounds a game. Unfortunately, this season was Derlack's last season as a Lady Seminole.

Derlack came to the University from Rhea High School where she broke the school record for most career points. After her senior year, the high school retired her jersey. While in high school, Derlack was also a member of the AAU National Championship team for two consecutive years. Along with these accomplishments, she was named Tri-State Player of the Year and District MVP for both the regular season and tournament play.

Her accomplishments in college basketball have been just as impressive. In just her first season on the team, Derlack became the sixth person off the bench and earned playing time in all 32 games. Derlack also made nine three points shots to carry the team's highest three point shot percentage (.409).

In her sophomore year, Derlack only improved. She broke all of her previous career records and ranked fourth on the team in scoring and assists. She led Florida State in three pointers and pulled down a career record of 11

rebounds in a matchup against North Carolina. Another accomplishment in Derlack's basketball career at the University occurred against Georgia Tech. Derlack scored 20 points and still managed six assists.

Her junior year only produced more records and a more impressive game from Derlack. Not only did she start in all 27 games, she also led the Tribe in the number of three pointers which placed her fourth on Florida State's list of single season three pointers. She was also chosen to participate in the USA National Team tryouts in Colorado.

Derlack believed that she must be a voice of leadership on the team.

"As far as coming back top scorer, if I don't do it other people will pick up the slack," Derlack said. "I think more of a leadership role to me is as a returning senior."

However, Coach Marynell Meadors relied heavily on the scoring talents of Derlack.

"I think two players we really have to look to for production are

Christy Derlack and Allison Peercy," Coach Marynell said.

Derlack proved that she was Seminole material from the beginning of her college career. Her ability to score helped the team tremendously. However, she also proved to be a key leader on court and a valuable asset to the team in every aspect.



Photo by Vanessa Crockett

Boxing out on the line is critical if one expects to get the ball and perhaps the second shot. Derlack was one of the top rebounders in the state.

Emily Yasurek

Under the guidance of a new coach, both the men's and women's swim teams place a solid third in ACC competition

THIRD IN ACC

The new coaching staff brought an extra incentive to the Seminole swimming teams. Both men's and women's swimming teams had winning dual seasons. The men's record for the season was 6-5 and the women were following them every step ending up with the same season record of 6-5.

While both teams continued to show their strength throughout the dual meet season, the new Head Coach Don Gibb continued to stress the importance of concentrating on the final test. This test came in the form of the ACC that was hosted by the Seminoles at the Leach Center. At the end of the four day meet, both teams stood at a solid third.

Dora Bralic and Robert Brakins extended their titles of ACC Champions for another year and a greater number of Seminoles swam in the finals, emerging with more medals than ever before. The other outstanding Seminoles were

Colleen Carpenter, Kristen Campbell, Helen Jepson, Ruth Kominski, Claudia Wilson, Thomas Bendixen, Frank Bradley, Eduardo Coelho, Sean Gerrard, Jose Gutierrez, Chip Haberstroh, Erik Hoag, Brad Hoffman, Ignacio Merino, Kevin Murphy, Erik Schlichenmaier and Matt Schmauch.

The accomplished divers of the season

were Ann Evins, Julie Henerson, Susan Petry, Erin Gillooly and Jair Castrillion. Bralic, Jepson, Brakni, Haberstroh and Merino were selected for the 1994 All-ACC Swimming and Diving Team, while Jepson, Braknis, Haberstroh and Merino went on to compete in the NCAA Championships in Indianapolis, IN, and Minneapolis, MN. At the NCAA, Merino placed 13th in the 200 fly competition and brought three points to the Seminoles.

"NCAA was a great experience for me," Merino said. "It was a big challenge to race

with the top US swimmers but it was just a step in my preparation for the World swimming championships in Rome."

"This was a very good year for both the men's and women's teams but it's only the beginning," Head Coach Gibb said. "This year I had to pick up where Coach Maul left off but next year we're going to have a

different approach and will just keep on moving up the ACC ladder."

The Seminoles looked forward to adding another assistant next season, which would also give a more professional outlook, bring more incentive to the swimmers and hopefully improve their standing in the conference.

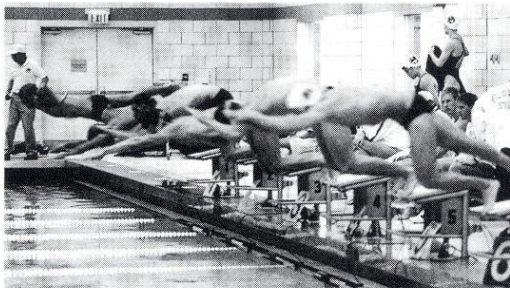


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Coming off the starting platforms, the divers extend themselves to get good position when they hit the water. In close matchups, starting position could mean a win or loss.

D o r a B r a l i c

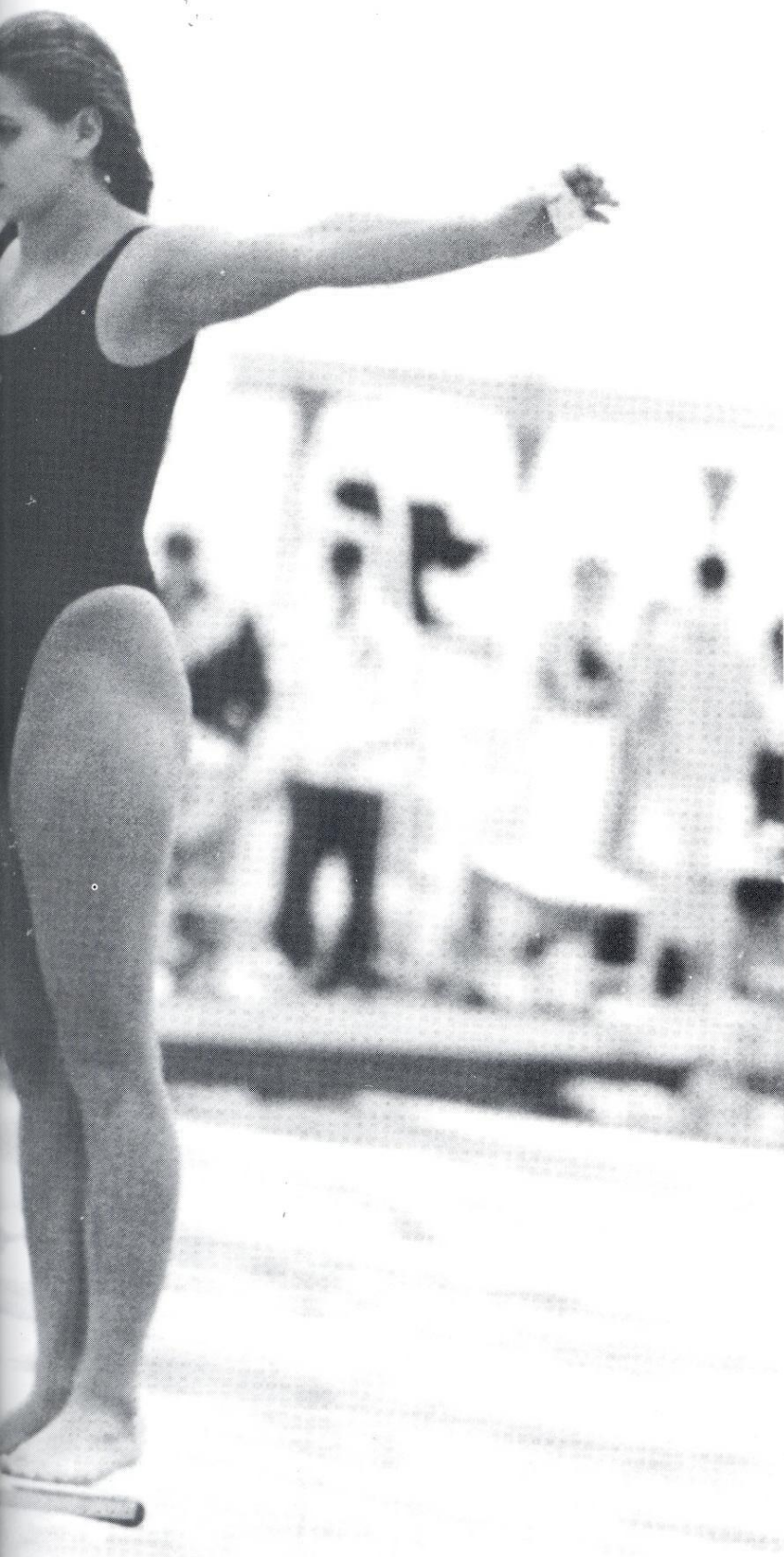


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A Seminole diver takes a few minutes to reach full concentration before taking off on a dive. Concentration made the difference in many athlete's accomplishments.

In the air, a Seminole diver performs a back tuck. A dives' difficulty helped make up extra points that some divers needed in order to win the competition.

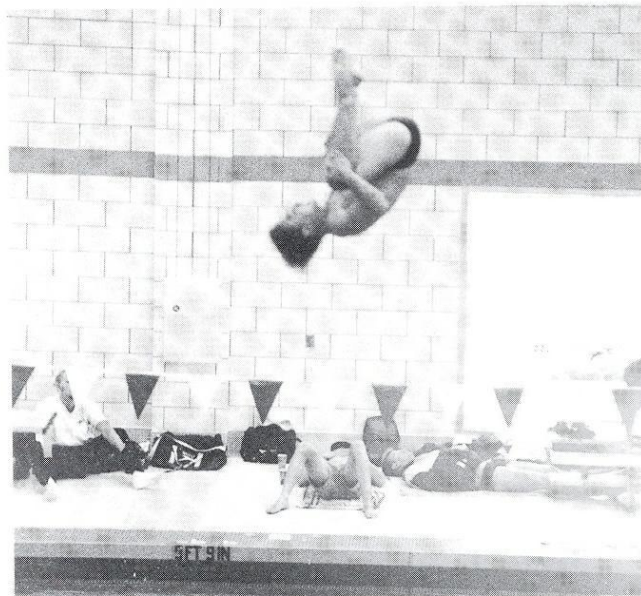


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S W I M M I N G

OCTOBER

15-16 ATAC Fall Invitational
23 Louisiana State
29 Georgia Southern

NOVEMBER

5 Florida
12 Notre Dame

JANUARY

8 Clemson & Florida Atlantic
10 North Carolina State
15 Texas A&M
22 Virginia

29 Miami

FEBRUARY

5 Georgia Tech & North Carolina
18-19 ACC Diving Championships

MARCH

4-5 FSU Spring Invitational
11-12 NCAA Diving Qualifying
16-19 Women's NCAA Championships
23-26 Men's NCAA Championships

Swimming proves to be a sport with no off season

OFF SEASON

The collegiate swimming season started Sept. 7, when everyone was allowed to splash again in the Sthults pool. This was probably the hardest part of the season, in which University swimmers needed to get back in shape. They ran, climbed stadium steps, biked, lifted weights, had dry land workouts and also hit the pool.

Their dual meet season started Oct. 23 with meets against LSU and it also marked a period of a lot of sacrifice. There was little or no time for a social life because between workouts and dual meets there was only time to study.

However, the worst was still ahead. The coaches looked forward to the hard workout the swimmers would get during the Christmas break but the swimmers knew that Christmas would not be much of a break. They were only allowed eight days to go home and see their families. Once they returned, the 'workouts from hell' were awaiting and they included long mornings, little nap time, even longer afternoons and no desire to do anything afterwards but rest and sleep.

When the taper time came around, everyone seemed much happier and more relaxed and the atmosphere was that of winning. The Swiminoles, as they called themselves,

were getting ready for the ACC Championships in their own pool.

Both teams finished third, which was a significant improvement from last year. But for most swimmers it was not the end of the season, Helen Japson, Rob Braknis, Ignacio Merino and Chip Haberstroh made the NCAA Championships; Eduardo Cohelo went on to swim in Junior Nationals for his Coral Springs team; Dora Bralic went home for the Croatian National Championships; and Thomas Bendixen went to Denmark for his national championships.

Meanwhile, the whole team returned from the short break and kept on regaining strength for the summer season. Some decided to train in Tallahassee to be as fit as possible for the 1995 season, while others went home to make some of the bigger summer meets.

Seminoles were also seen in summer swimming events such as the

Goodwill Games in St. Petersburg, Russia, or the Commonwealth Games in Vancouver Island, Canada, or the World Swimming Championships in Rome, Italy.

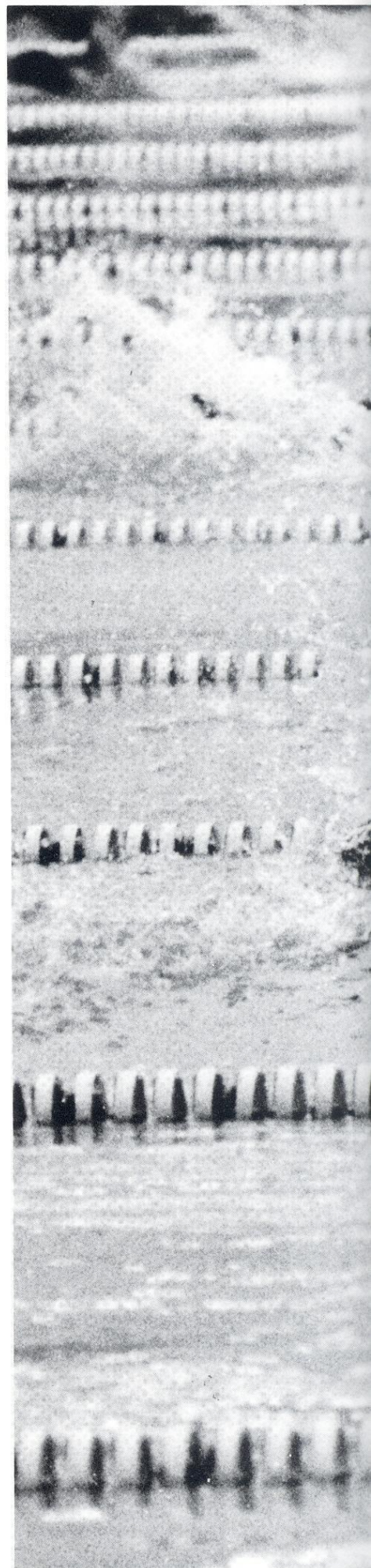
Even though NCAA championships marked the official end of the collegiate season, swimming season never ended for the Seminole because they practiced all year.



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The swim team is a close knit group due to the number of hours they practice together. Even in the off season, the team practiced twice a day.

D o r a B r a l i c



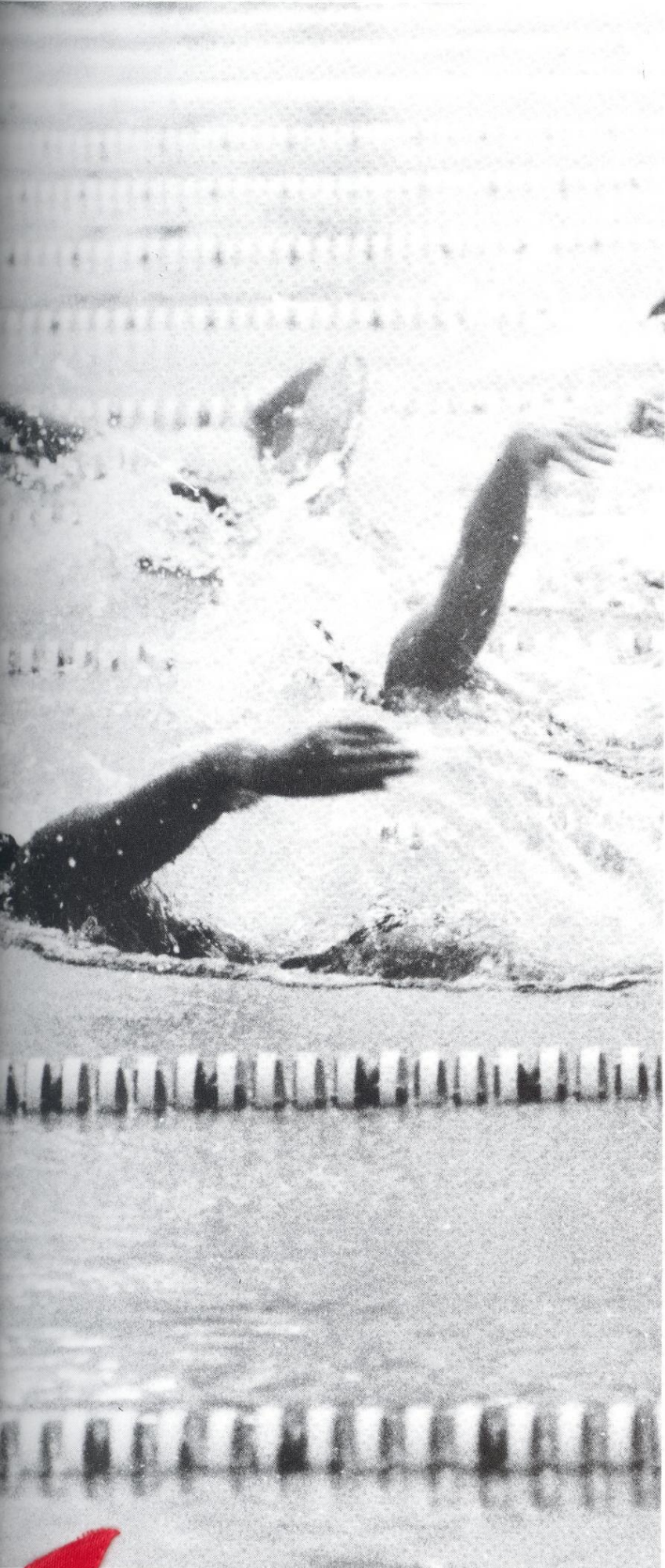


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At the ACC Championship meet several Seminoles warm up. The Seminole men and women both placed third in the meet. Several Seminoles competed in other competitions.

A smooth entry is necessary for a successful dive. Seminole divers spent long hours perfecting their entry into the water.

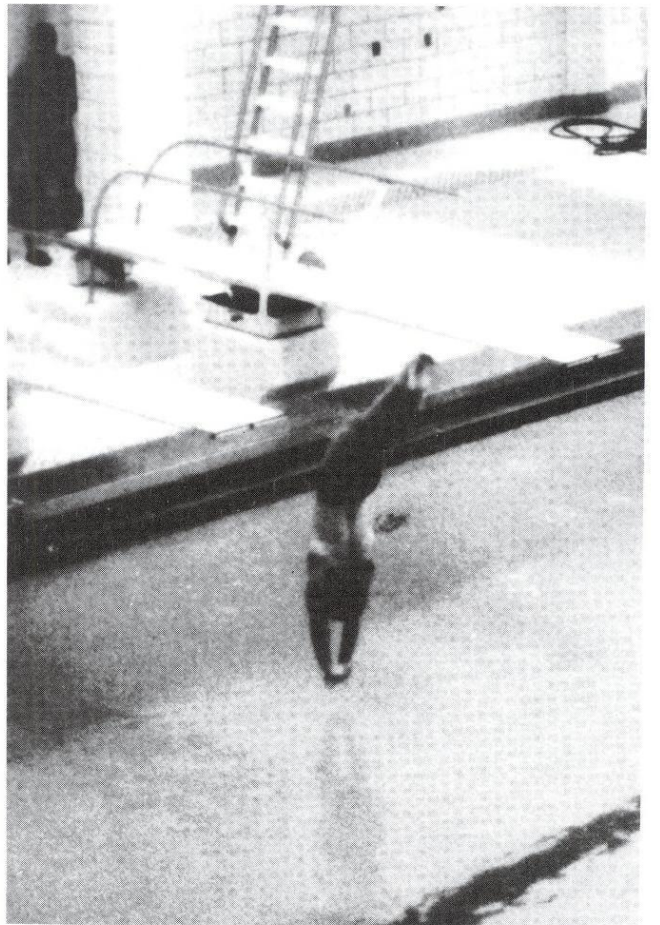


Photo by Alissa Curry

Section B fans help make a difference in the game of baseball

ANIMALS

When entering Dick Howser Stadium, there was one survival technique that all fans should know: beware of section B. Section B was home of the Animals, a group of Seminole baseball fans who have been around since 1977. They were led this year by a man known as Alan "The Zoo Keeper." Alan has been around since the beginning of the Animals.

Where did this group get their name? Sol Carrol used to bring in stale, day old doughnuts from Yum-Yum to give to the fans. One day the fans threw the doughnuts back at Carrol. When Carrol called the fans "Animals," the name stuck and the group has been called Animals ever since.

In 1983 Dick Howser Stadium was opened and the Animals took over section B.

The Animal manual pointed out that newcomers were welcome to sit with the group. The only requirement was that they had to cheer along and always follow the unofficial Animal motto, "Enjoy the game but keep it clean and classy."

The Animals also had their own method for keeping up with strike outs. They placed a straight up K for any player who went out swinging. An upside down K meant that the last strike was called by the umpire.

The Animals had a rhythm or chant for every player when he came up to bat and every play that the Seminoles made on the offense or

defense. The Animals were also fairly good at improvisation.

For example, when Jeremy Morris hit it out of the park against Duke in May, the entire group stood up and chanted, "Hey! Hey! Nice play Jeremy!"

In the top of the fifth inning, right before the Tribe came to bat, the Animals stood and sang the Canadian National Anthem. Singing the anthem was a tradition that started several years ago when a team that had several Canadians came to play the Seminoles.

At the top of the fifth, the Animals stood and sang the anthem in tribute to their visitors and, as luck would have it, the Seminoles scored several runs that inning and a tradition was born.

Did the Animals really make a difference? The answer to that question seemed to be a resounding, "Yes!"

"The Animals make pitching and playing here tough.

Especially if you're not used to it.

I think it really effects some players," Doug Clack, who worked closely with Seminole baseball, said.

"I feel we make a difference. We add the home field advantage even when we travel to places like Gainesville," Alan "The Zoo Keeper" said. "If we are all together we have a tendency to take over the place."

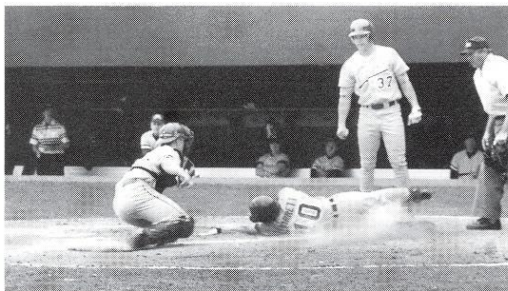


Photo by Keith Meter

Link Jarrett slides home to score another run for the Seminoles. Jarrett has started at short-stop for the Seminoles for the past three years.

Emily Yasurek





Photo by Keith Meter

When the Animals of section B start to sing the Canadian anthem in the fifth inning, opponents know they are dealing with professional hecklers.

Pitcher Jack Johnson throws another stike against the Blue Devil of Duke. Johnson was considered one of the nation's best pitchers.

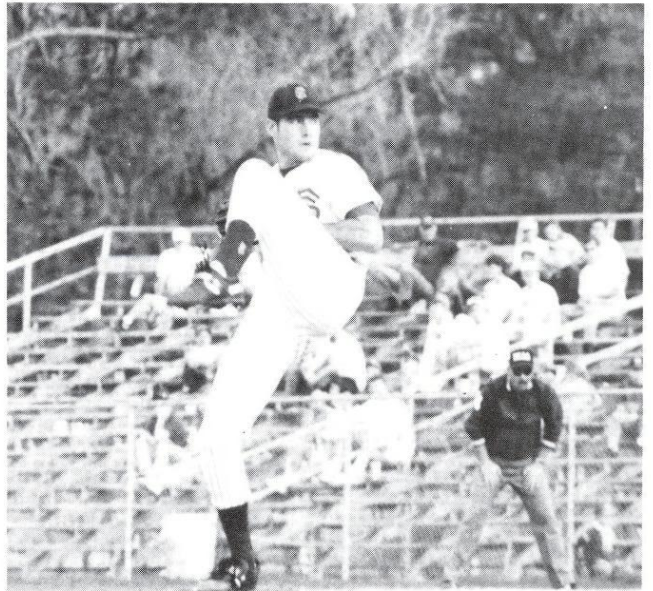


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B A S E B A L L

W-3 L-1	University of Hawaii
W-2 L-1	University of Hawaii-Hilo
W-3 L-0	Arizona State University
W-3 L-0	University of Minnesota
W-3 L-0	Coastal Carolina University
W-2 L-2	University of Florida
W-2 L-2	College of Charleston
W-2 L-0	SE Missouri State U
W-2 L-0	University of NC
W-2 L-1	University of Maryland
W-3 L-0	Wake Forest University
W-3 L-0	NC State University
W-1 L-1	Jacksonville University
W-3 L-3	University of Miami
W-2 L-0	Mercer University
W-2 L-0	Furman University
W-1 L-2	Georgia Tech
W-1 L-2	Duke University
W-1 L-2	Clemson University
W-2 L-1	University of Virginia

Mike Martin Jr. looks on while his father and coach, Mike Martin Sr., discusses a problem with the referee. Often it was hard for Martin to watch the official throw out his father.

Mike Martin Jr. swings at the ball and pops it foul toward section B. When Martin played for Team USA, his father got the chance to just be "dad."

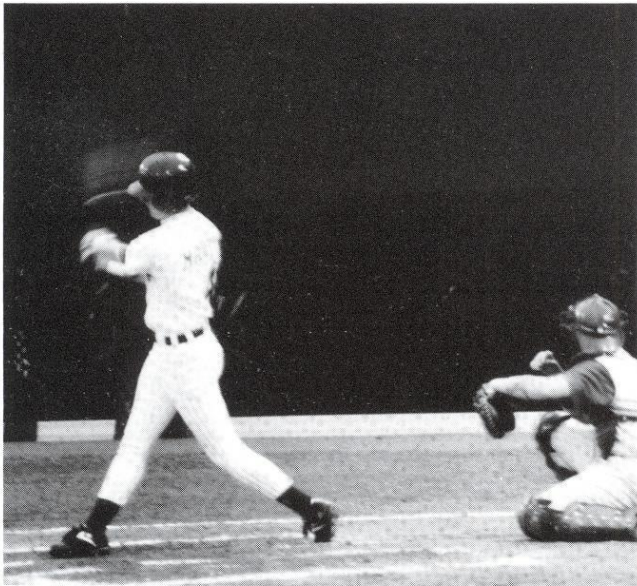
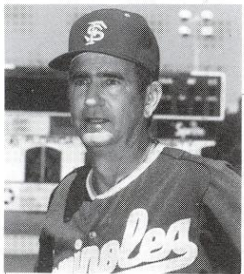


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"On the field Mike is just another player. I don't feel like I'm under any pressure to play him. . ."

-Coach Mike Martin Sr.

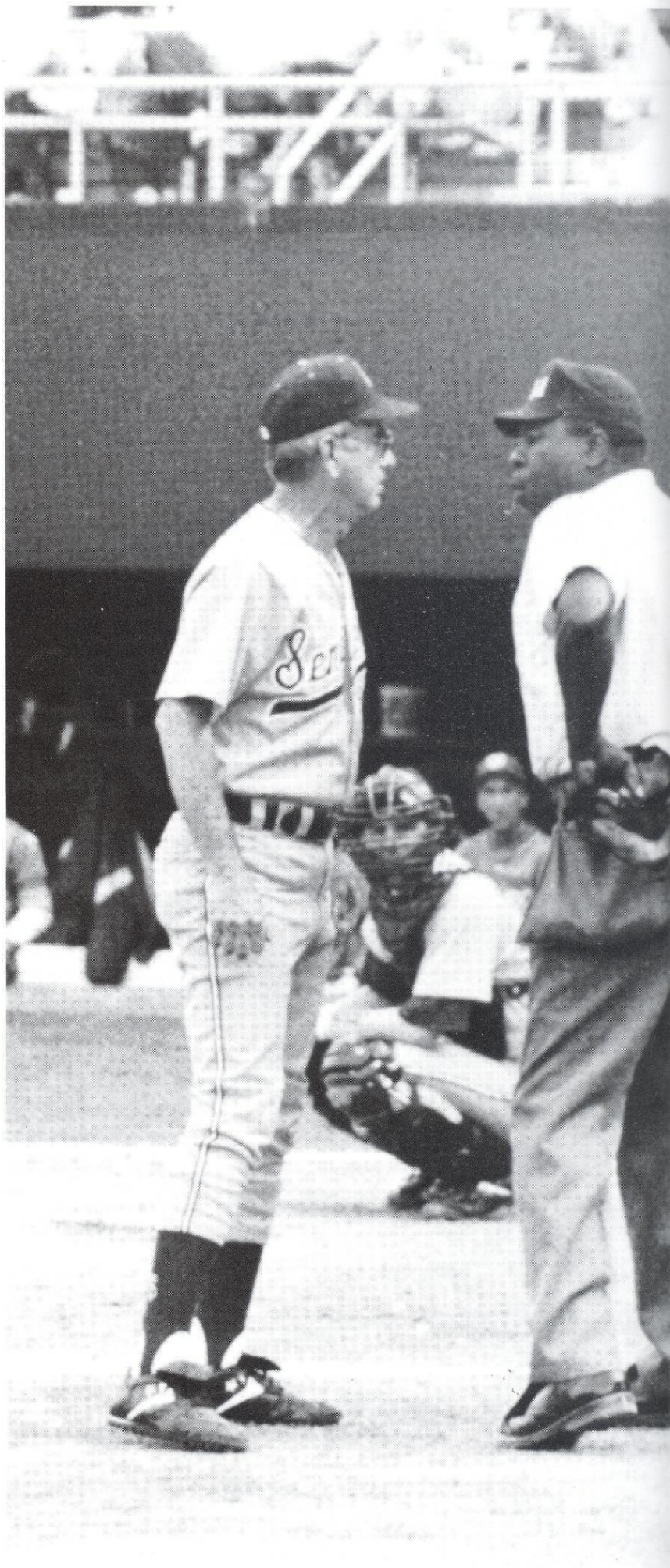




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Mike Martin Sr. and Jr. give their views on a father / son & coach / player relationship

IKE FATHER...

Baseball held a special ability to bring fathers and sons together. Whether it was playing catch in the backyard or watching the World Series together on television, a bond evolved between them that could only be explained as special. Seminole baseball fans have had a chance over the past two years to watch such a bond in action as Coach Mike Martin and son Mike Martin Jr. came together and participated as coach and team member and father and son. Both were quick to add that it had been nothing but a worthwhile experience.

Favoritism appeared to play no part in Martin's playing time or treatment.

"On the field, Mike is just another player," Coach Martin said. "I don't feel like I'm under any pressure to play him or treat him any different than anybody else. I am not afraid to pull him or move him down in the batting order if that is what it takes to win. He's just like anybody else when he's out on the field."

Martin, however, has not always felt like just another player.

"Last year I really wanted to prove I could play and that I was here for what I was, not who I am," Martin said. "Now that I'm established, I really don't feel like people only

think I am here because I'm the coach's son, I think they realize what I am here to do."

Surprisingly, Coach Martin was not a major factor in Martin's choice of universities. Martin had wanted to go pro after high school and then again after junior college. Both times he was drafted by the Seattle Mariners but the money was not right for him to leave. So, as he kept on playing, his mother sent him clippings of his friends at the University and articles on how they were doing.

"When I read those, I realized that Florida State was the place for me to be," Martin said. "I am really glad I chose to come here."

Both father and son commented on how well "Mom" handled the situation.

"She realizes that, as a coach, I have to do my job and make decisions I feel are best for the ball club. You have to realize that when I take Mike out of a game, I'm pulling her baby," Coach Martin said.

"As a mother, she gets upset but to her credit, she understands how it works and doesn't let it affect our relationship. She is very good about that."

Martin was equally complimentary about his mom.

"She really is very good about it all. She is such a big influence on me and she enjoys

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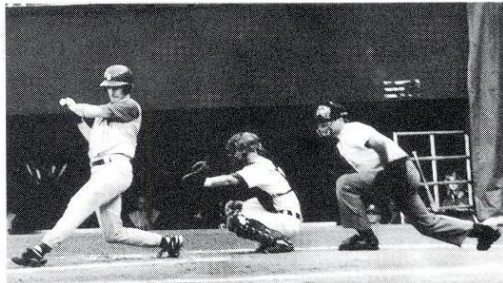


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Behind the plate, Mike Martin Jr. waits for the strike from Jack Johnson. Martin came to the University from a junior college to play baseball for the Seminoles.

E r i c J o h n s o n

Both father and son give credit to Mom for her influence on their lives

LIKE SON

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coming out and cheering for both of us. I guess you could say she is my number one fan," Martin said. "I don't live at home anymore so our quality time is limited but it is a special feeling to be able to play college ball at a place where she can come to the park every day and support me."

Although Coach Martin did not feel there were any drawbacks to coaching his son, Martin felt there were a few.

"On the road, you are the one that the opposing fans watch and sometimes I feel like I'm under a magnifying glass," Martin said. "There is extra pressure to be an example on and off the field. Other than that, I really enjoy it."

Away from Seminole baseball, Coach Martin enjoyed getting a chance to watch Martin play. Over the summer he had the chance when Martin played for Team USA.

"I like it when I just get to be his father. Of course, I still want to give him advice, that will probably never change but it is nice to watch him play," Coach Martin said. "I am very proud of what he has accomplished and that I have him for a son. He is very talented and a great kid."

With Martin not living at home anymore, baseball was a major part of their relationship.

"I don't feel like we're closer as family, but definitely as counterparts," Martin said. "I think we understand more about each other now."

Coach Martin had a similar view.

"Even though I approach him like every other player, I think we have both benefited from the situation," Coach Martin said. "It is good to get a chance to see him every day."

In case Seminole fans were worried that Coach Martin would leave for the majors when his son got drafted, they should be glad to know that was not a consideration for him.

"I really like FSU. I think it is a great job and I wouldn't leave it for the majors," Coach Martin said. "Besides, there are

just too many good golf courses around here."

Throughout the season, the Martins gave their fans plenty to cheer about, especially Mrs. Martin. But each would tell you that some of the greatest thrills came from seeing the other in action, each knowing that they had a hand in making the other what he was today.



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Coach Martin talks with Niles before the Seminoles take the field again. Martins coaching abilities ranked him fourth among Division I coaches.



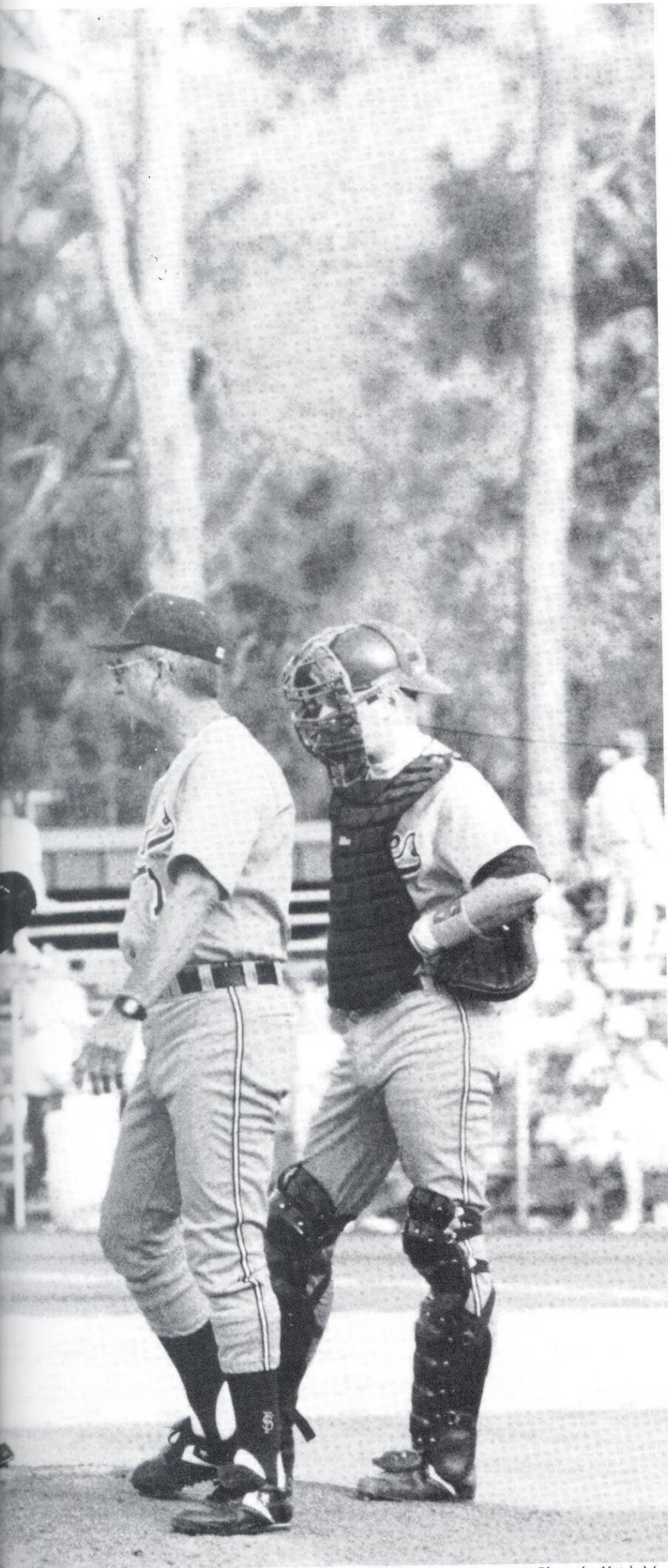


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Coach Martin speaks with the pitcher Jack Johnson and catcher Mike Martin Jr. Pitching strategy was essential in Seminole wins.

Coach Martin gives batting signals to Jeremy Morris. Morris was selected by the Seattle Mariners after only his first season on the team.

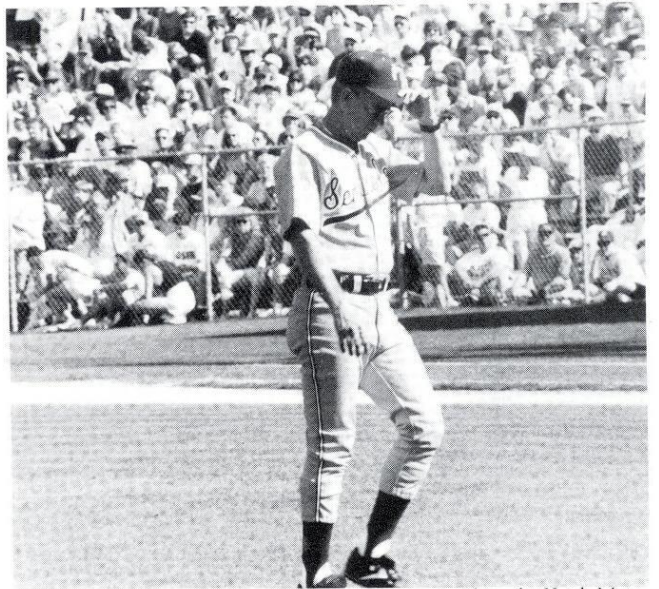


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-Mike Martin Jr.

Pitching staff gives softball team the start it needed

PITCHING

Despite losing seven seniors from the 1993 team, the Lady Seminole softball team and Head Coach Dr. JoAnne Graf were ready for a return trip to the College World Series.

"We knew that we had lost a lot of talent and leadership and that it was going to be hard to replace the experience," Coach Graf said.

Lost were six starters, two of which were All-Americans, pitcher Toni Gutierrez and right fielder Susan Buttery. The five others were catcher Leslie Adams, first baseman Heather Conway, shortstop Cindy Gordon and center fielder Leslie Barton.

As the old talent left, bright new talent as well as a strong pitching staff stepped up to take the place of those lost.

"This team will surprise a lot of people," Coach Graf said.

And surprise they did, starting the year off with a ranking of ninth in the polls.

The pitcher's position was experienced, considering two of the three starting pitchers from last year's squad were returning. Seniors Marla Looper and Rebecca Aase were on the mound once again for the 'Noles. Both were coming off stellar years. The duo, combined with Gutierrez, shattered the NCAA record of 72 scoreless innings, by blanking opponents for 124 and 2/3 consecutive innings. Looper, a

third team All-American, compiled a 20-1 mark with a conference leading 0.42 ERA, ranking fourth nationally. She continued her winning ways with two no-hitters at the beginning of the season. The first was on opening day against Mercer (6-0) and the other was against Stetson.

The other half of the duo, Aase, began the year with a 53 and 3 career record. However, Aase began to struggle with a 14 and 6 record heading into the Atlantic Coast Tournament. The third pitcher was incoming freshman Kristy Fuentes from Whittier, CA. Fuentes looked impressive from the onset with a no-hitter

against Mercer. Fuentes also provided much needed relief for Looper and Aase.

While the pitching staff remained atop of things, the rest of the lineup provided the offense. Sophomore All-American candidate Shamalene Wilson was consistent at the plate throughout the season. Wilson was the only Lady 'Nole to be named to the South Florida and Lady Seminole Invitational

All-Tournament Teams. In both tournaments, the University was knocked out in the quarterfinals.

The Tribe suffered a mid-season slump in March. Losing their last two games at their own invitational was only the beginning. The team then lost to 10th ranked Kansas as a warm-

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Jennifer Olow tags the runner out before she can get to third base. Along with being an excellent third baseman, Olow was also a powerful hitter for the Lady Seminoles.

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Photo courtesy of Sports Information

Pitcher Rebecca Aase pitches the ball for her last season. She would be hard to replace in the fall. Aase was one of five seniors who graduated in 1994.

Good sportsmanship is always a goal of the Lady Seminoles. After every game, the Lady Seminoles went over and talked to the opposing team, win or lose.



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S O F T B A L L

FEBRUARY

12 Mercer	21 Florida A&M
13 UNC-Charlotte	24 Mercer
17 Georgia Southern	26 Stetson
19 West Florida	

MARCH

2 Florida A&M	17 Princeton
5 South Carolina	18-20 Seminole Inv.
6 Georgia Tech	22 Kansas
11-13 South Florida Inv.	23 Utah State
15 Northern Illinois	23-27 Pony Tourn.
16 Texas A&M	30 HOFSTRA
16 Virginia	

APRIL

4 Florida A&M	12 Florida A&M
7 North Carolina	16 Virginia
8-10 UNC Inv.	22-24 ACC Tourn.

MAY

3 West Florida	20-21 NCAA Regionals
7-8 Diamond Classic	26-30 NCAA College
11 South Florida	World Series

All-American Lisa Davidson steps up to the plate to help the Lady Seminoles out of their mid-season slump. Davidson, a senior, was named an All-American for two consecutive years.

Marla Looper prepares to strike out another batter. Looper was the team's number one pitcher for two years as well as a team leader.



Photo by Ross Obley



“Wendy has been a big plus for the team. She is definitely the pure catcher we were looking for.”

- JoAnne Graf



Seminoles rely on All-Americans to pull them out of a slump

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up to the nationally reknown Pony Tournament in Fullerton, CA. The ladies could not get on track in Fullerton, losing to Northwestern, Southwestern Louisiana, Cal-State Fullerton and Oklahoma State, before finally defeating Utah State 5-3, in the consolation game. This slump caused the team to drop in the rankings to 20th in the nation.

The Lady 'Noles needed more help at the plate in order to recover from this slump and they finally got it at the University of North Carolina Invitational. Senior third baseman Jennifer Olow was named to the All-Tournament Team along with Wilson. Senior first baseman Heather Feltman also contributed with great hitting and defensive play in the tournament.

The newfound help led the 'Noles to a second place showing in the tournament. They defeated the UNCW 5-0 and then the University of North Carolina Charlotte Campus by a score of 8-1, before dropping to East Carolina 0-1.

The team continued its way back by clinching their third straight regular-season ACC Title, with a doubleheader split against Virginia. Junior Laurie Shepard stepped her game up a notch with three hits in the 8-0 victory.

The newcomers also contributed throughout the year at the plate and in the field.

Freshman Wendy Braye played catcher for the pitching trio.

"Wendy has been a big plus for the team. She is definitely the pure catcher we were looking for," Coach Graf said.

Along with Braye, Myssi Calkins, Tabitha Doka and Cindy Lawton added much needed offensive support. All three were starting by mid season and added a needed punch to the batting order.

However, the Tribe still relied heavily on the experience and consistency of All-American Lisa Davidson. Davidson was only the second player from Florida State to receive All-American status.

In the past Davidson has led the ACC in the number of triples as well as being voted the Atlantic Coast Conference Tournament's Most Valuable Player (1992-93). Her dedication to the game gave other players a lift during the mid-season slump.

The Lady Seminoles made a great showing in the ACC tournament in April. Although the

team dropped their first and third games against Virginia, they recorded victories over Georgia Tech and North Carolina. The Lady Seminoles defeated the North Carolina team that went on to win the ACC tournament.

In all, the year was successful in the eyes of the players and coaches.



Photo by Ross Obley

Rebecca Aase pitches the ball in the Lady Seminoles win against West Florida. Aase was described as the "ultimate team player" by Coach Graf.

*An strong returning
team plus an
outstanding recruiting
class makes for an
excellent season*

RACKING GOOD TIME

In its third year of ACC competition the track and field team showed it was worthy of Division I athletic performance. The men's team looked forward to yet another fine season with six NCAA qualifiers and two additional athletes who surpassed NCAA provisions returning to the team. Freshman Warrick Dunn and junior-transfer Martin Reid joined the ranks to bolster an already outstanding squad.

"I think we have a fine group of returning athletes," Head Coach Terry Long said. "We look like we will be solid in all individual events and we have also brought in a very good recruiting class."

Among the track and field team existed a smaller fraternity. Eight members of the football team offered their abilities to track and field.

"We encourage the participation between both the track and field squad and the football team," Bobby Bowden, head coach of the football team, said. "Coach Long and the Florida State track and field staff have worked with our athletes' speed and have helped them to really improve themselves."

In the spotlight and glory that surrounded the University, the women of the track and field team shone brightly. The up and coming women's team was a force in the ACC.

Incoming freshmen Erica Shepard, Kristen Thorne and Casey Custer, three high school All-Americans, provided added support to an already excellent veteran women's squad.

"We have some outstanding returning athletes on the women's side," Long said. "Sheryl Covington is a returning All-American and is one of the best we have ever had here at Florida State. Indy Henry is another NCAA qualifying athlete. She is also one of the best I have had in the high jump."

Individual events in track and field were performed at the University's own Mike Long Track. The 1,500 seat track was one of the best in the nation which provided a choice arena for the athletes.

Overall the men's and women's teams finished in a grand way. The men's team were ACC indoor meet champions and achieved second place in the ACC outdoor meet. The women's team finished fourth

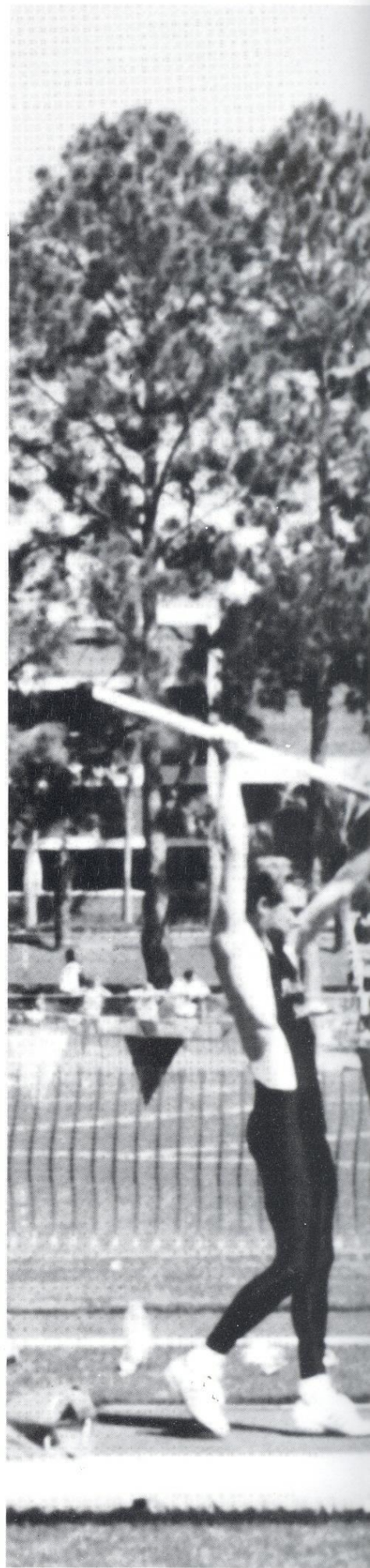
in the ACC indoor meet and third in the outdoor meet.

Among the individual stand-outs in the 1994 NCAA Track and Field Championships were Phillip Riley who placed second in the nation in the 55 meter hurdles and Sheryl Covington who placed fifth in the nation in the 400 meter run.



Photo by Alissa Curry

The men's track team makes the effort to stride ahead of the other teams in a long distance run. Both the men's and women's teams maintained a good status in the ACC.



Brian Treby



Photo by Alissa Curry

A men's team member prepares to pole vault in a track and field meet. The team fared well in the ACC Championship, placing second in the outdoor events.

A member of the women's field team makes her mark during a long jump event. The women's team finished in third place in the ACC Championship outdoor events.

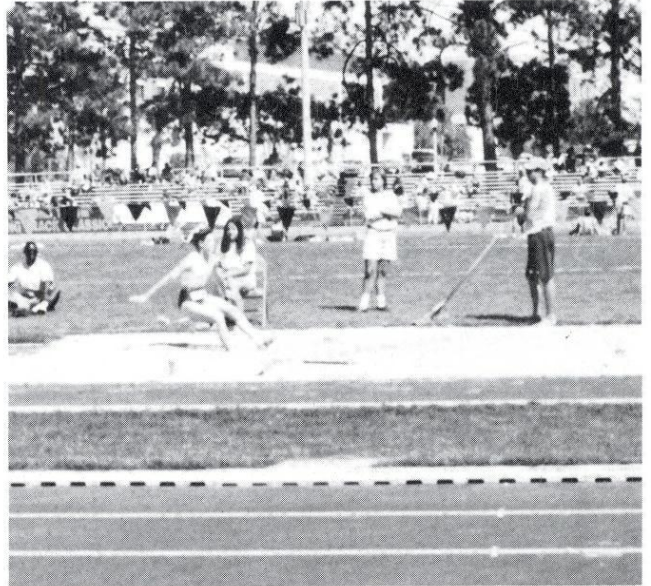


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T R A C K

INDOOR

January

- 9- Florida Open
- 21- Barnett Bank Invitational

February

- 5- Bill Cosby Invitational
- 13-Gator Classic Indoor
- 18-19-ACC Championship

March

- 3- Gator Fast Times
- 5- USA Track Championship
- 11-12 NCAA Championship

OUTDOOR

March

- 12-Florida A&M Relays
- 16-19-FSU Relays
- 25-26-Florida Relays

April

- 2-Kiwanis Invitational
- 9- Auburn, FAMU, Miami-Dade, FCCJ
- 16-Florida, Alabama, Miami, FIU
- 22-23- ACC Championships
- 28-30- 100th Penn Relays
- 30- Gator Field Events Weekend

May

- 1-Gator Open Run
- 6-7- Run-Tex Invitational
- 14 Clemson Open

May

- 21-Griffin Invitational
- 25 Seminole Twilight

June

- 2-4 NCAA Championship

Coach Debbie Dillman watches as one of her players is at the tee. Dillman lead the women's golf team in her tenth season as head women's golf coach.

Coach Dillman discusses the plan of action for a tournament with the women's golf team. The women placed fourth overall in the ACC championship in Bermuda Run, NC.



Photo by Ayanna Luney



“I like FSU because I felt like they could give the best opportunity to improve my skills and have fun doing it.”

-Maria Castelucci





Photo by Ayanna Luney

Players individually perform well, enabling the team to stand out among the rest

D RIVING THE DISTANCE

With the first tournament at Kiawah Island, SC, quickly approaching, Head Coach Dr. Ernie Lanford could not help but be excited about the men's golf season. He had six seniors returning and an unprecedented amount of seasoned underclassman. He had a team that could very well contend for victory at every stop along the way. With seniors Bobby Cochran and Ryan Perna leading the way and junior Christian Reynor coming off a year when he was named to the ACC Honor Roll, the outlook for the men's golf team seemed bright.

The men's team finished the season with two victories under their belt, one at the Dixie Intercollegiate in Columbus, GA, and one at the Imperia Lakes Golf Classic in Mulberry, FL. As the ACC tournament approached, two players stood out among the rest, one a senior and the other a junior. These two athletes, along with their teammates, made the season a memorable one.

Senior Cochran began the season with a bang, placing second at the Kiawah Island Intercollegiate, shooting for a three round total of 207. The top five seemed a fitting place for Cochran to finish; he would finish there a total of six times, just missing a top five finish at the Tennessee's Tournament of Champions in

Knoxville, TN, where he placed seventh. Among his top five finishes, he captured the title twice, at the Dixie Intercollegiate and at the Imperia Lakes Golf Classic, finishing with a 138 (two rounds) and a 206 respectively. Cochran made his last year a very impressive one, placing himself among the best to ever play golf at the University.

Even with the success of Cochran, one person alone did not make a team. No one seemed to know that more than Reynor. Reynor was only a junior but he made quite a statement

for himself during the season. He placed in the top 10 at seven different tournaments, including a three round 213, which was good enough to land second place, the highest of all Seminole players, at home in the Seminole Classic. Along with Christian, seniors Perna and Keith Rick, winner of the Tennessee's Tournament of

Champions, provided the power and consistency that made the University a true contender in the season. The team closed out the season in Rocky Mount, NC with a third place finish at the ACC Tournament.

Not to be outdone by the men's team, the University women's squad, lead by Head Coach
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Sophomore Kate Burton discusses scores with other members of the team. Burton was one of two team members who came to the University from Great Britain.

D a r r e n R a n c h e r

Consistency in good performance and practice allows for a stable team

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Debbie Dillman, in her 10th year, proved to be quite a contender as well. With the addition of sophomore transfer Karen Stupples and the return of senior Maria Castellucci, the team challenged their opponents in a way no one else could. Right from the start, the team took their place at the top by winning the first tournament of the season, The Lady Seminole Invitational in Tallahassee. From there, it was a near perfect journey to the ACC Tournament, with only one finish out of the top five, a ninth place at the L e x e l / U S F Invitational in Tampa, FL.

From England have come many great things but nothing that has had quite an impact on the University's golf team as sophomore Stupples. She transferred to the University from Arkansas State, AK, and has not looked back since,

"I came here because it's a great school with a great golf team," Stupples said.

Stupples made an immediate impact and challenged senior Castellucci the entire season for the number one spot. She finished in the top 10 six times and left the Peggy Kirk Bell Tournament in Tuskawill, FL, after shooting a 222, with the first place trophy and the only

number one finish by a Lady Seminole all season.

Perhaps the biggest boost to the Lady Seminoles this season was the senior leadership and play given by Castellucci. She was by far the most consistent and most impressive player to walk the greens. She began the season by finishing in the top five at the first four tournaments and ended up with a team high five top five finishes. She was on the way to her best finish of the season at the Tiger-Tide Invitational in Destin, FL, when Mother Nature stepped in. The tournament was shortened to

two rounds because of inclement weather. She had shot a 75 in the first round and a season low 70 in the second round, as she went on to finish second in the tournament.

Along with Stupples and Castellucci, junior Tiffany Faucette and sophomore Mabel Pascual del Pobil continually challenged their opponents to play at

the highest level of competition. With the Lady Seminoles' fourth place finish at the ACC Championships in Bermuda Run, NC, and the return of all but one of the great athletes, the next season promised to be a great one.

"Success is something we have learned to expect," Coach Dillman said.



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Lady Seminoles capture the Seminoles Invitational Championship by using that home court advantage. The team also had individual standouts in the tournament.

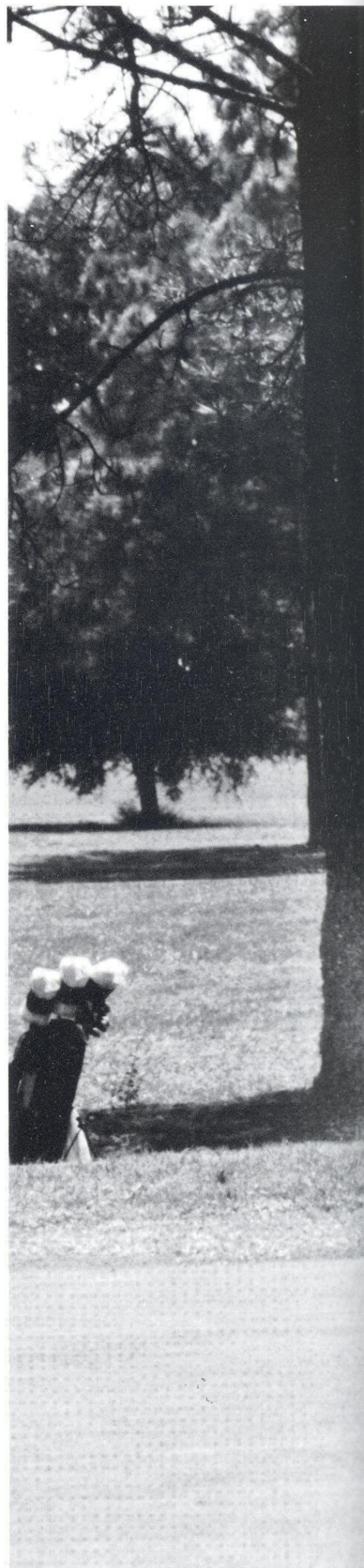




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Senior Maria Castellucci hits toward the hole setting herself up for the putt. Castellucci was the only senior on the Lady Seminole team.

Sophomore Kate Burton scopes out the course before a match. Burton was one of two members of the team from Great Britain.



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G O L F

MEN'S

February 27-28 Queen's Harbour Intercollegiate
 March 4-6 Imperial Lakes Golf Classic
 March 14-15 Seminole Classic
 March 25-27 Southeastern Invitational
 April 1-3 Cleveland Classic Invitational
 April 15-17 ACC Championship
 May 13-14 Wofford Invitational
 May 19-21 NCAA East Regionals
 June 1-4 NCAA Championship

WOMEN'S

September 17-19 Lady Seminole Invitational
 October 15-17 Beacon Woods Invitational
 October 29-31 Tiger-Tide Invitational
 November 12-14 Carolyn Cudone Women's Collegiate
 March 13-15 Peggy Kirk Bell
 March 18-20 LSU-Fairwood Invitational
 April 1-3 Ryder-Florida State Championships
 April 14-16 ACC Championships
 May 12-14 NCAA Regionals
 May 25-28 NCAA Championship

Senior Drew Kirkley enjoys a relaxed game against a fellow Seminole. Being a part of a team played a large role in the development of a player's abilities.

Art Martinez returns the serve of an opponent. A strong return was one of the most essential skills for successful tennis players.

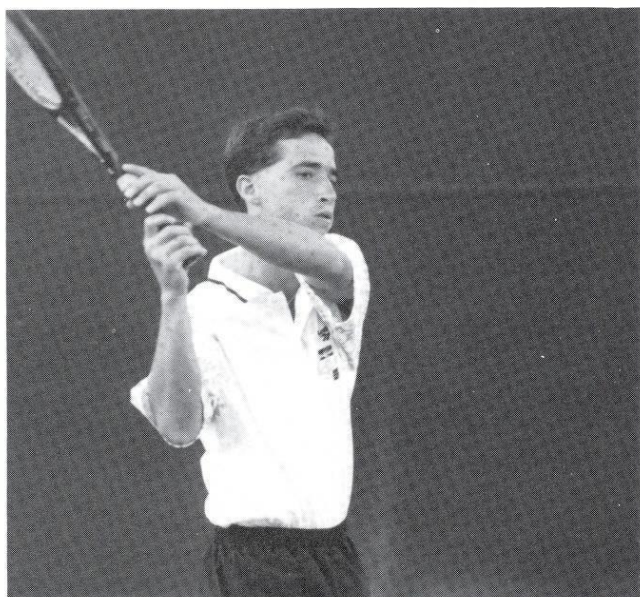
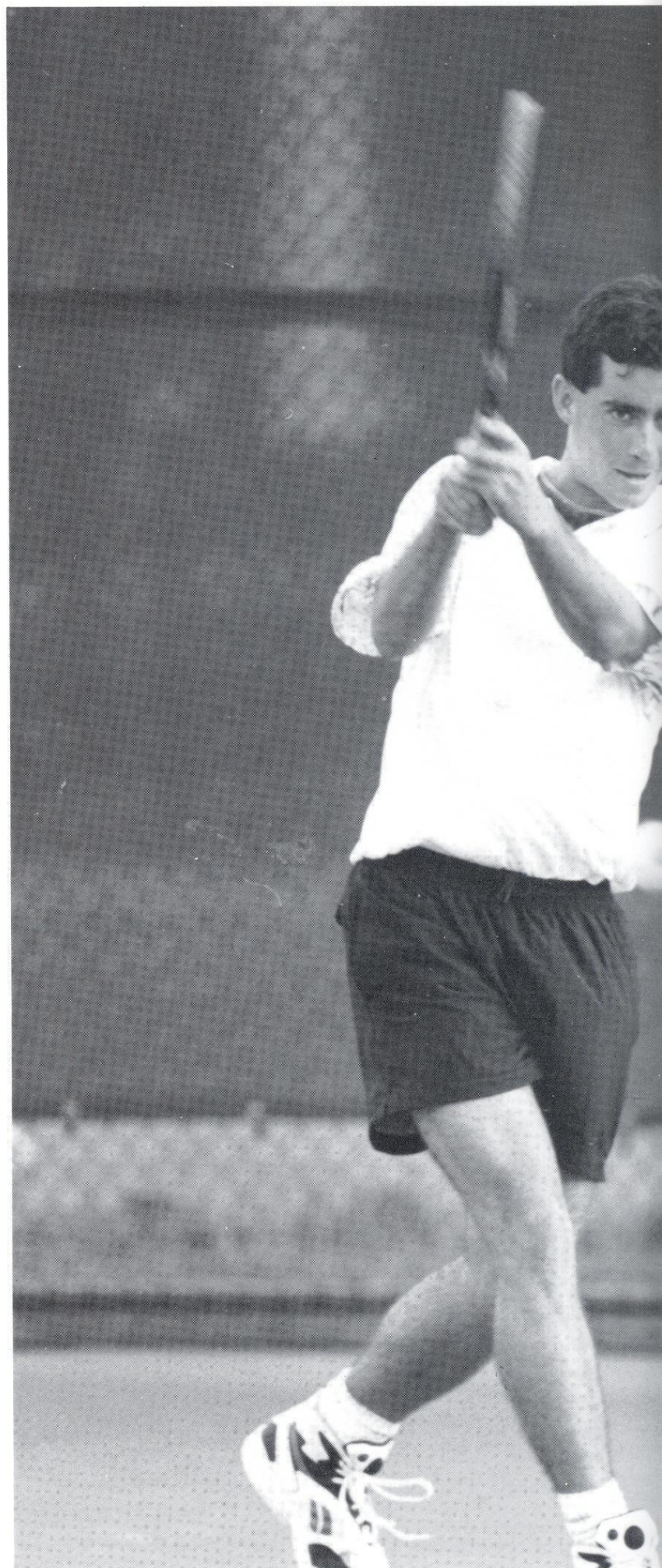


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WOMEN'S TENNIS

October

1-3 Lady Seminole Classic
15-17 Gator Fall Classic 21-24 Riviera All-America

November

4-7 ITA Regionals 12 Notre Dame

January

21-23 Georgia Invitational 28-30 ACC Indoor

February

5 Georgia Tech 19 Maryland
11 Miami 25 Tennessee
13 Florida 26 Kentucky

March

5 South Florida 18 Mississippi State
7 Wake Forest 21 Houston
11 Clemson 22 Rice
12 Georgia 24 Texas
13 N.C. State 26 Texas A&M
15 Virginia

April

2 Florida International 16 South Alabama
9 North Carolina 22-24 ACC Championship
10 Duke

May

13-21 NCAA Championships

Academics as well as athletics are stressed on the Tennis Team

GOLDEN TORCH

The coaches and other staff members of the tennis team prided themselves with instilling in their players a number of goals to strive for in athletics and academics. For this reason, the men's team finished third in the conference championship for two consecutive years, while the women's team finished third in the ACC. Also, for the first time in the team's history, two players were named All-Americans. However, the main goal of the tennis team was for each player to improve as a person while on the team.

Along with the usual academic goal, the women's team also focused on team work.

"In the past we focused on individual improvement. Now, as a team, we have the potential to make great strides," Head Coach Alice Reen said.

A specially designed program was developed for the team, which emphasized the objectives of strengthening and conditioning the athletes. The coaches individually customized programs for each of the athletes. All the athletes underwent a pre-season examination in which potential injury spots were pointed out. Rehabilitation was another important part of the training process. The physicians at the Tallahassee Orthopedic Center took care of the team members' serious

illnesses and injuries.

Along with stressing athletics, both Reen and David Barren (men's tennis) stressed academics with their players. The tennis team has won the Golden Torch Award for the past two years. The teams consistently maintained a 3.0 GPA which beat all the other athletic programs. The tennis team, as with every student-athlete at the University, enjoyed one of the nation's premier collegiate academic support systems. The academic system included a full-time staff that assisted incoming athletes with adjusting to campus life and advised them on their academic careers. The staff had tutorial

services and the responsibility of ensuring that all student-athletes were making progress in their academic goals. The study hall provided the student-athletes with a quiet atmosphere, computers and reference materials.

"One of the first priorities I try to instill in an athlete new to Florida State is the need to strive for academic excellence," Reen

said. "Their accomplishments in the classroom is a concern for me and a responsibility that I gladly accept."

The men's and women's tennis team had all the components for a winning season: returning players with experience, supportive coaches and dedicated athletes.

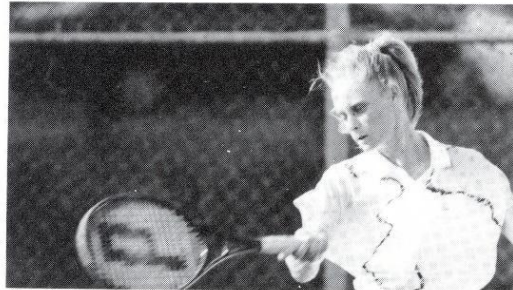


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One of the Lady Seminoles' best players, Elke Juul, watches the ball as she returns it. Juul worked long hours to perfect her game in order to succeed in matches.

Denise Trower

Photo by Ross Obley

*A new tennis center is
named in honor of a
Florida State hero*

SPEICHER CENTER

The days of traveling to the Tom Brown Park to practice were over for the tennis team. No longer would the team be forced to hold home matches at the away site. Thanks to private donations and state funds, the Speicher Center was completed.

Although the Center was behind schedule, its completion came as a relief to both players and fans.

"It's going to make life so much easier," Coach Alice Reen said.

Attending the ribbon-cutting ceremony was the widow of Michael Scott Speicher, JoAnne Speicher-Harris. Speicher, for whom the Center was named, was a University graduate and a pilot during Operation Desert Storm.

The Center was named in honor of him because Speicher was the first casualty of Operation Desert Storm.

The new Center was chosen as the site of the 1994 \$25,000 Challenger Tour sponsored by the Association of Tennis Professionals.

The University also planned to host the 1996 NCAA women's tennis National Championships, making the center the first Seminole athletic center to host a national championship tournament.

Along with hosting these two national events, the complex was also chosen as the site for last year's Children's Miracle Network Tennis Pro-Am which was held in December to benefit the Children's Miracle Network.

This fundraiser was the idea of the Seminole tennis head coaches, Reen and David Barron. The Pro-Am raised much needed funds for the pediatric program at Shands Hospital in Gainesville.

Because the hospital was dedicated to researching childhood illnesses and helping infants, it was chosen as the benefactor of the funds raised by the tournament.

The tournament paired 32 amateurs with professional and collegiate players from around the country.

The complex, which was located near the tennis offices in Tully

Gym, housed 12 lighted tennis courts and over 1,000 court level seats. Plans were in the works to install bathrooms before 1996.

The cost of the project was \$1.2 million, money that the Seminoles believed was well spent due to all the attention that University athletics received because of this top notch facility.



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Audra Brannon hits a few balls around at practice. Hours of practice were necessary in order to continue the winning tradition started by Seminoles of the past.

Emily Yasurek



Photo courtesy of Sports Information

Ken McKenzie watches and waits for the tennis ball as it is lobbed over the net. The location of the Center allowed players to get in extra hours of practice without traveling to the old facility.

Jennifer Hyde watches the ball as she follows through on her backhand. Keeping an eye on the ball was an essential part of any excellent tennis game.



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