

Coaches & Athletic Staff



Head Coach Joe Williams



major college head coach.

Already just one of two active coaches in the college game who has led three different schools to the NCAA playoffs, Williams added the NIT to his list of accomplishments following a 20-11 season and a third place Metro Conference finish.

Williams became Florida State's fourth basketball coach in 1978 after coaching stops at Jacksonville (1964-70) and Furman (1970-78) where his teams combined for a 234-148 record. It was at those schools where he first earned the trademark of turning sputtering programs into contenders.

Over his six year tenure at Florida State, the Mississippi native has chalked up a 103-72 record. His best year with the Tribe

Winning his 100th game as the head basketball coach at Florida State and taking his first team to a National Invitation Tournament (NIT) helped Joe Williams successfully round out his second decade as a

was his second campaign (1979-80) when the squad finished second in the Metro Conference race with a 22-9 record, landing a berth in the Mideast Regional. But perhaps it was the 1983-84 NIT team that Williams enjoyed coaching more. With three newcomers in the starting lineup, the Seminoles earned the school's first-ever bid to that tournament.

Following college graduation and two years of coaching in the high school ranks, Florida State was Williams's first collegiate coaching assignment. He led the 1962 Seminole freshmen to an 11-7 record while coaching under the late Bud Kennedy. Williams moved to Furman in 1963 as an assistant coach and remained there just a year before taking the head job at Jacksonville University in 1964.

There he began turning the Dolphin program around. In his first season, the Dolphins advanced to the NAIA national playoffs. Five years later the school was playing against UCLA for the 1970 NCAA Championship. Artis Gilmore, perhaps the most heralded player Williams has coached, was a junior on the 28-2 squad. With a 92-61 six-year record, Williams headed to Furman

to attempt another rebuilding project.

Over the ensuing eight-year period, Williams became the school's winningest coach as the Paladins compiled a 142-87 record. Furman won five Southern Conference titles and advanced to the NCAA playoffs in each of those years. Twice Williams led his teams to 22 victories and in 1973, he was named Southern Conference Coach of the Year.

In 20 seasons as a head coach, Williams has experienced only three losing seasons while six times his teams have won 20 games or more. When Florida State advanced to the NCAA playoffs in Williams's second year, he became only the fifth coach to take three different schools to the playoffs. Only three of those coaches are active in the college game today.

Williams, Louisville's Denny Crum and South Carolina's Bill Foster give the Metro Conference the distinction of having three member coaches who have led their teams to the championship game at the NCAA playoffs.

Williams, 50, played under Abe Lemons (former head coach at the University of Texas) at Oklahoma City University before



receiving his bachelor's degree from Southern Methodist in 1956. He worked on a master's degree briefly at Tulane and finished it at Florida in 1968.

Williams recorded his 300th career win, an 89-73 win over St. Louis, on January 23, 1982, while his 100th win as the Florida State coach came last season over Virginia Tech, 93-79. His career coaching mark stands at 337-220.

Williams and his wife Wendy have one son, Matthew Blake.

Joe Williams' Coaching Record

Year	School	W-L	Pct.
1964-65	Jacksonville	15-11	.577
1965-66	Jacksonville	12-11	.522
1966-67	Jacksonville	8-17	.320
1967-68	Jacksonville	13-13	.500
1968-69	Jacksonville	17-7	.708
1969-70	Jacksonville	27-2	.931
	TOTALS	92-61	.601
1970-71	Furman	15-12	.556
1971-72	Furman	17-11	.602
1972-73	Furman	20-9	.690
1973-74	Furman	22-9	.710
1974-75	Furman	22-7	.759
1975-76	Furman	9-18	.333
1976-77	Furman	18-10	.643
1977-78	Furman	19-11	.633
	TOTALS	142-87	.620
1978-79	Florida State	19-10	.655
1979-80	Florida State	22-9	.710
1980-81	Florida State	17-11	.607
1981-82	Florida State	11-17	.393
1982-83	Florida State	14-14	.500
1983-84	Florida State	20-11	.645
	TOTALS	103-72	.589
Lifetime	20 Seasons	337-220	.605

REX MORGAN

Assistant Coach



Rex Morgan, a former All-American guard at Jacksonville University, has been a member of the Tribe staff for five years.

Morgan's duties at FSU, in addition to his on-the-court responsibilities, center primarily on heading up the Seminole recruiting efforts. He has been credited with the major portion of the recruitment of Alton Lee Gipson and Dean Shaffer, both starters and important cogs on last season's 20-11 NIT team.

Morgan played at Jacksonville from 1968-70 under present FSU boss Joe Williams, averaging 23 points per game. As a senior in 1979, he and teammate Artis Gilmore led the Dolphins to the NCAA basketball finals against John Wooden's UCLA squad.

An All-American pick in 1969, Morgan was named to the Florida All-Decade team and was selected Florida's Basketball Man of the Year as a senior by the Tallahassee Tip-Off Club.

Following graduation, Morgan played three seasons (1970-73) with the Boston Celtics before joining Tom Wasdin's staff at Jacksonville for one season. Before his addition to the Florida State staff, he was a sales representative for Champion Products.

Morgan did find time to coach the AAU national team during that time away from college coaching, leading it to a 56-0 record. He also served as a commissioner for the Junior Pro Basketball Association.

Rex and his wife, Walda, have a daughter, Lyndsay, and a son, Taylor.

STEVE WILLIAMS

Assistant Coach



A familiar face on the sidelines once again will be fifth-year coach Steve Williams. A former college player himself, Williams oversees Florida State's game operations and has

additional duties with academics, recruiting and opponent scouting. His on-the-court duties center around coaching FSU's defense.

Williams joined the Florida State program in 1980 after a successful high school coaching career at Washington High School in Pensacola.

In his first year at Washington (1976), Williams led the school to a 17-12 record. He followed up with a 29-5 report card and a semi-final berth in the state championships. Bridesmaid status was again the Pensacola school's fate in both 1978 and 1979 when his teams finished 22-11 and 25-3. But in 1980, Williams' squad won the state AAAA crown with a 23-7 record. Two players Williams coached at Washington—Michael Johnson and Ronnie Watson—went on to play at Florida State.

Williams' first coaching assignment following his college graduation from Florida in 1974 was Newberry (Fla.) High school where he guided the team to a 12-12 record while establishing himself as the school's youngest basketball coach in history.

Williams first made a name for himself in the state when he was voted to the All-Southeastern Conference freshman team and earned MVP honors for the Gators. He repeated as an All-SEC sophomore and concluded his career by making the all-conference defensive team. As a senior captain, Williams received Florida's Don Fleming Award.

Steve and his wife, Harriet, have a daughter, Dionne.

JACKIE PONS

Assistant Coach



Jackie Pons returns to the Florida State staff for his second year as a part-time assistant. He first joined the staff during the 1982-83 season as a volunteer assistant coach.

Pons helps coach the offense during Seminole practice sessions and he assists Steve Williams with FSU scouting efforts. He also serves as director of Florida State's summer basketball camp.

Pons returned to his alma mater following a highly successful three-year coaching stint at Robert Munroe High School. During those years, he coached his teams to an 80-14 record and two district tournament wins. The Bobcats placed third in the 1981-82 Capital City Classic, a tournament that featured the top 16 teams in the state. Pons saw five of his players named to the all-state team and five received college scholarships during his tenure. He was named Gadsden County Coach of the Year twice.

Prior to his work at Munroe, the 28-year-old coached one year at North Florida Christian School in Tallahassee.

He has also coached the state AAU team from District III.

The Tallahassee native played basketball at William Carey College in Mississippi for two

years before transferring to Florida State where he finished his degree in physical education in 1978.

Jackie and his wife, Kay, have a daughter, Jacqueline.

BOBBY MILES

Graduate Assistant Coach



Bobby Miles, a member of FSU's 1984 National Invitation Tournament (NIT) team, is Florida State's new graduate assistant coach. He replaces another former FSU player,

Tony Jackson, who held the position the last two seasons.

A Tallahassee native, Miles closed out his career at Florida State in March. As a backup center, Miles averaged two points and two rebounds per game over his career. He started his college career at the University of Georgia under former FSU head coach Hugh Durham but transferred back to his hometown after a year.

As a high school player, Miles averaged 18 points and 13 rebounds in leading local MacLay High School to the Class A state crown three consecutive years.

Miles received his bachelor's degree in accounting and is currently enrolled in Florida State's Masters of Accountancy program.

JOHN MOONEY

Athletic Trainer



John Mooney, a 1976 Florida State graduate, is in his eighth season as an athletic trainer at Florida State. Mooney serves as head basketball trainer in addition to serving several non-revenue sports, including

track and golf.

After two years of schooling at Georgia, Mooney transferred to Florida State and began working as a student assistant under Don Fauls. He handled both football and basketball junior varsity teams during that time period. Upon completion of his undergraduate degree, Mooney joined the staff as a full-time trainer.

In addition to serving as head basketball trainer, Mooney has served as a chief assistant to Fauls with the football team as well. A well kept Florida State secret is that Mooney designed the present Seminole football helmet logo.

John is a native of Rogersville, Tennessee.

VINCE STHAIR*Strength Coach*

Vincent Sthair, a 1981 graduate of Florida State, returned to his alma mater last season to begin work as an assistant in FSU's strength training program. In addition to working with the basketball team, Sthair works with football, track, baseball and swimming.

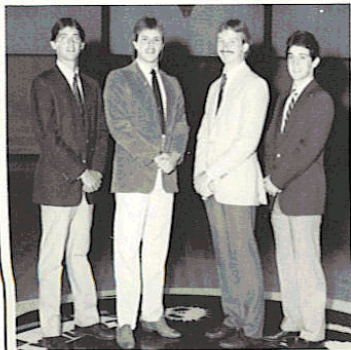
Sthair received his master's degree in exercise physiology from Auburn, the university that houses the National Strength Research Center. While there, he was a member of the power lifting team and worked for four months as an assistant in Auburn's athletic strength program.

Two objectives of the FSU program include increasing flexibility through static and flexibility training as well as increasing strength and anaerobic endurance of the athlete through "Periodization Training Scheme." A third objective is to increase the power production of the athlete by utilizing Olympic weightlifting techniques.

Sthair, who first attended Broward County Community College, was the assistant track coach of the Westminster Academy high school team that won the 1979 class A track crown.



EUGENE GRANGER
Equipment Manager



Team Managers (L-R): Russell Cotton, Greg Eller, Tim East, and Vincent Cautero

DR. BERNARD SLIGER*University President*

Dr. Bernard F. Sliger, president of Florida State University, believes that a top quality athletic program enhances—rather than hurts—a university's academic program.

Sliger, a native of Trout Creek, Mi., is the first Florida State president to earmark substantial funds from bowl games and TV appearances for academic pursuits.

Since assuming the FSU presidency on Feb. 7, 1977, Sliger has expanded his national reputation. In February 1984, he was appointed to the executive committee of the Universities Research Association. The association is comprised of 80 major research universities in the United States.

Sliger also holds memberships in 10 professional, scholastic and honor societies including Omicron Delta Kappa, Phi Kappa Phi and Alpha Kappa Psi. He is a member of the Tallahassee Kiwanis Club.

Prior to coming to Florida State University, Sliger worked as a professor and administrator at Louisiana State University and helped create the Louisiana Coordinating Council for Higher Education, of which he was executive director.

In 1972, Sliger joined the administrative team of FSU as executive vice-president. In 1976, he became interim university president until assuming his current position.

Sliger holds three degrees: the B.A., the M.A., and Ph.D. from Michigan State University, all in economics. He also has done postdoctoral study in mathematical economics at the University of Minnesota.

C.W. HOOTIE INGRAM*Athletic Director*

Cecil Ingram, known to most of his friends and associates as simply "Hootie", has headed Florida State's athletic department for the past four years. He came to the position in January of 1981 after serving as associate commissioner of the Southeast Conference.

Since his arrival in Tallahassee, Ingram has initiated a \$10 million dollar building program for athletic facilities. The Moore Athletic Center that houses administration,

coaches and ticket personnel, went from the blueprint stages under Ingram to reality when it opened in 1983.

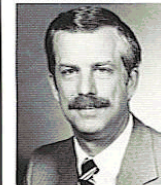
The Seminole Baseball Stadium was completed during Ingram's second year at FSU while further improvements to Doak Campbell Stadium and the Bim Stults Aquatic Center were also completed.

A native of Tuscaloosa, Ala., Ingram played football for the Crimson Tide from 1951 through 1954. He was All-SEC as a sophomore when he led the nation in pass interceptions. The '53 Alabama team played in the Orange Bowl and the '54 squad in the Cotton Bowl.

After an Army stint, Ingram turned to coaching. He started as an assistant at Bradenton (Fla.) Manatee High School and was later head coach at Tuscaloosa High School for three years.

He later moved into college coaching and had assistant coaching assignments at Wake Forest, Virginia Tech, Georgia and Arkansas. His only college football head coaching job began in 1970 at Clemson. Three years later he joined the SEC as assistant commissioner.

During his eight-year tenure with the SEC, his duties included supervision of football and basketball officials, rules interpretations and eligibility.

CHARLES W. EHRHARDT*Faculty Athletic Committee Chairman*

Charles W. Ehrhardt, a professor of Law at Florida State University, is in his first full year as Chairman of the Athletic Committee.

He is currently in his second stint on the committee, serving from 1969-71 and then being reappointed to the board in 1983. Ehrhardt becomes the University's representative to the NCAA.

A native of Elkader, Ia., Ehrhardt received his Bachelor's Degree from Iowa State University in 1962. Two years later he earned a Law Degree from the University of Iowa and then went on to become an Assistant United States Attorney in that state. He came to the Florida State University Law School in 1967.

A widely respected expert in the field of Evidence, Ehrhardt holds the FSU position as the Ladd Professor of Evidence. He is the author of the Florida Evidence Code, passed by the state legislature in 1976. Ehrhardt also authored a book on the subject, first published in 1977 and scheduled for a second edition soon.

He was honored last spring by being voted President of the Metro Conference, a position that makes him the chief representative of the league in matters dealing with the NCAA.

BOB GOIN

Associate Athletic Director



Bob Goin has been the associate athletic director at Florida State since July of 1981. All men's non-revenue sports' coaches report to Goin and he also assists athletic director

Hootie Ingram in day-to-day operations of the athletic department. A large portion of responsibilities for football, basketball and baseball game day operations are also under his leadership.

Goin is well-experienced both as an administrator and coach. He came to Florida State after serving two years as athletic director of California (Pa.) State College. Prior to taking the California post, he was assistant director of athletics at West Virginia. Between 1960 and 1976, he served in various capacities at Bethany (W. Va.) College. Included among his Bethany duties were coaching responsibilities in football, basketball and baseball.

Immediately prior to moving to West Virginia, Goin served Bethany as associate professor and chairman of physical education and athletics. That assignment lasted for four years (1972-76). Goin was Bethany's football coach between 1963 and 1972.

Goin received a bachelor's degree from Bethany ('59) and a master's from West Virginia ('62).

CLAUDE THIGPEN

Assistant Athletic Director



Claude Thigpen, a member of the Florida State athletic department staff for the past 29 years, has been in his present position as assistant athletic director since 1978.

Over the years, Thigpen has served many roles in the department, including athletic business manager, accountant and ticket manager.

He has coordinated season ticket drives for football, basketball and baseball. Among

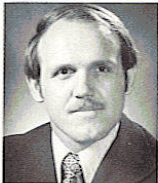
other responsibilities are game day operations for football and coordination of the athletic department courtesy car program.

In the fall, Thigpen takes on the added duties of supervising the travel for the Florida State football team and its official party.

Thigpen is a native of Greenville, FL.

LARRY PENDLETON

Assistant Athletic Director



Larry Pendleton, a member of the Seminole athletic family since 1973, serves as an assistant athletic director.

Pendleton's role includes many areas within the athletic department. He is responsible for maintaining and scheduling of all facilities in the athletic complex. All building projects are coordinated and supervised by Pendleton.

Additional duties include scheduling for the Seminole basketball team and aiding the coaching staff with its travel arrangements during the season. He is also responsible for management of the athletic department insurance programs.

Pendleton is in his 10th year as a full-time member of the Seminole staff. He returned to his alma mater in 1973 as a graduate assistant football coach and spent the 1974 season as an assistant coach.

A native of Winter Garden, Fla., Pendleton played linebacker and offensive guard for the Seminoles. Larry was twice selected to the Florida all-star team while starting 33 consecutive games.

JOE LABAT

Athletic Business Manager



As athletic business manager, Joe Labat oversees the financial planning and directing of the entire athletic department. His six-person staff has responsibilities that entail the overall

supervision of accounting, budgeting, financial reporting, internal control, payroll, purchasing and travel. Labat also serves as the athletic department representative for these areas in the University and external organizations.

Labat, who is in his seventh year with the department, joined the staff in 1978 from across campus where he served in the ac-

counts payable section of the University's Comptroller's office.

An avid golfer and jogger, he also volunteers his time at track meets to serve as a reader of the accutrack timing system.

Following graduation from Florida State in 1967, Labat taught and coached football and track at Rickards High School in Tallahassee for two years before moving on to Florida State.

BRIAN MAND

Academic Advisor



Brian Mand has served as the academic advisor for all men's varsity sports since 1980 when he joined the Florida State staff. He coordinates and supervises all athletic academic advisement and support programs.

Mand held similar positions at East Carolina (1979) and Rutgers (1977-79) before accepting the Tallahassee slot. While at Rutgers, Mand also served briefly as assistant to the director in the office of admission, registration and student services.

Mand is a '72 graduate of Wake Forest University where he earned a bachelor of business administration degree. In 1977, he received his master's degree in athletic administration from Ohio State. He has also taken graduate courses in counseling from Rutgers.

Mand is a member of the National Academic Advisor's Association and is currently president-elect of that organization.

JOHN SHEFFIELD

Assistant to The Athletic Director



John Sheffield is in his second season as director of marketing, promotions and tickets at Florida State after coordinating the ticket operations of the Tampa Bay Buccaneers for

five years.

A 1975 graduate of Florida State, Sheffield worked in the Tribe's athletic department for a short period of time following graduation. He then moved on to the Atlanta Braves organization and later held positions with the Miami Dolphins (assistant ticket director) and Ft. Lauderdale Strikes (business manager).

At Florida State, Sheffield is involved with season ticket campaigns for football, basketball and baseball as well as organizing special event programs for the athletic department.

He remained on Tampa's Super Bowl Task Force Committee last year and helped coordinate the ticket distribution for that game.

WAYNE HOGAN *Sports Information Director*



Wayne Hogan, a 1979 Florida State graduate, is in his third season as director of the sports information department.

In that capacity, Hogan is responsible for all publicity and public relations matters concerning the FSU athletic department. The SID office distributes information on 16 intercollegiate sports, including both men's and women's athletics.

Hogan returned to his alma mater in 1982 after serving as assistant sports information director at New Mexico for two years. Prior to that move, he worked as Director of Public Relations and Broadcasting for two minor league baseball teams—the Charleston Charlies and the Albuquerque Dukes.

Hogan got his start in the public relations and broadcasting field while a student at Florida State. From 1975-79, he was assigned duties that included working in the sports information office, engineering the Seminole Sports Network for football and basketball broadcasts and play-by-play announcing for baseball.

LISA MORTON *Associate Sports Information Director*



the basketball team.

She serves as editor of Florida State's football and basketball game programs, and is responsible for many other publications produced by the athletic department. Her athletic department publications won six national awards in 1982, including the best football media guide in the nation.

A native of Pittsburgh, Pa., Morton earned a bachelor's degree in sports management from West Virginia University in 1980. She was also a member of the West Virginia women's basketball team.

In addition to duties with WVU, Morton worked with the Eastern Eight (now Atlantic Ten) basketball conference, producing the league's media guide in 1978.

DAN PEARSON *Assistant Sports Information Director*



Dan Pearson is in his third year on the full-time Seminole athletic staff.

As assistant sports information director, Pearson works closely with many Seminole sports. In addition to other duties assigned by the director, Pearson also serves as publicity director for the FSU baseball team.

Pearson came to Florida State from West Virginia, where he received a bachelor's degree in Journalism in 1979. While at WVU, he worked three years in the sports information office as both a student and graduate assistant.

After working the 1981 football season as a part-time assistant at FSU, Pearson was

named assistant sports information director in October of 1982.

GENE DECKERHOFF *Director of Electronic Media*



Gene Deckerhoff is in his first year as a full-time staff member at Florida State as its radio and television coordinator although he has been a member of the Seminole basketball broadcast team for 10 years.

Deckerhoff joined the Seminole athletic family in November of 1983 after six years at WCTV in Tallahassee where he served as a sports reporter and anchor. He has also done play-by-play broadcasts for Seminole football for the past seven years.

Since joining the FSU staff, Deckerhoff's responsibilities have expanded to include coordination of all radio and television activity at FSU as well as co-hosting and producing the Bobby Bowden Show.

He is also the play-by-play announcer for the Tampa Bay Bandits.

A 1966 graduate of the University of Florida, Gene has worked at two television stations and four radio stations since entering the broadcasting field. He has been honored as the Florida Sportscaster of the Year in 1979, 1980, 1983 and 1984.

