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1986-87 Men's Basketball Schedule

	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
November	24 MARATHON OIL (EXH.)	TALLAHASSEE, FL	7:30 pm (EST)
	28 FLORIDA	TALLAHASSEE, FL	7:30 pm (EST)
December	4 SOUTH CAROLINA (SPARTANBURG)	TALLAHASSEE, FL	7:30 pm (EST)
	6 ALABAMA	TALLAHASSEE, FL	7:30 pm (EST)
	13 Oklahoma	Norman, Okla.	7:30 pm (CST)
	16 Western Carolina	Cullowhee, N.C.	7:30 pm (EST)
	20 VALDOSTA STATE	TALLAHASSEE, FL	7:30 pm (EST)
	29 Red Lobster Classic	Orlando, FL	9:00 pm (EST)
	30 (Alcom State, Central Florida Tennessee-Knoxville)		7:00 pm (EST) 9:00 pm (EST)
January	3 Jacksonville	Jacksonville, FL	7:35 pm (EST)
	5 WISCONSIN (GREEN BAY)	TALLAHASSEE, FL	7:30 pm (EST)
	7 LOUISVILLE	TALLAHASSEE, FL	7:30 pm (EST)
	12 STETSON	TALLAHASSEE, FL	7:30 pm (EST)
	17 Cincinnati	Cincinnati, OH	8:05 pm (EST)
	29 Memphis State	Memphis, TN	7:30 pm (EST)
	21 SOUTH CAROLINA	TALLAHASSEE, FL	7:30 pm (EST)
	*24 Southern Mississippi	Hattiesburg, MISS	12:00 pm (EST)
	26 CENTRAL FLORIDA	TALLAHASSEE, FL	7:30 pm (EST)
	*31 Virginia Tech	Blacksburg, VA	1:00 pm (EST)
February	2 CINCINNATI	TALLAHASSEE, FL	7:30 pm (EST)
	4 Miami	Miami, FL	7:30 pm (EST)
	11 MEMPHIS STATE	TALLAHASSEE, FL	7:30 pm (EST)
	*14 South Carolina	Columbia, S.C.	1:00 pm (EST)
	16 SOUTH FLORIDA	TALLAHASSEE, FL	7:30 pm (EST)
	*18 Louisville	Louisville, KY	8:00 pm (EST)
	23 VIRGINIA TECH	TALLAHASSEE, FL	7:30 pm (EST)
	*26 MIAMI	TALLAHASSEE, FL	7:00 pm (EST)
	28 SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI	TALLAHASSEE, FL	7:30 pm (EST)
March	6-8 Metro Conference Tournament	Louisville, KY	TBA

*TV Games

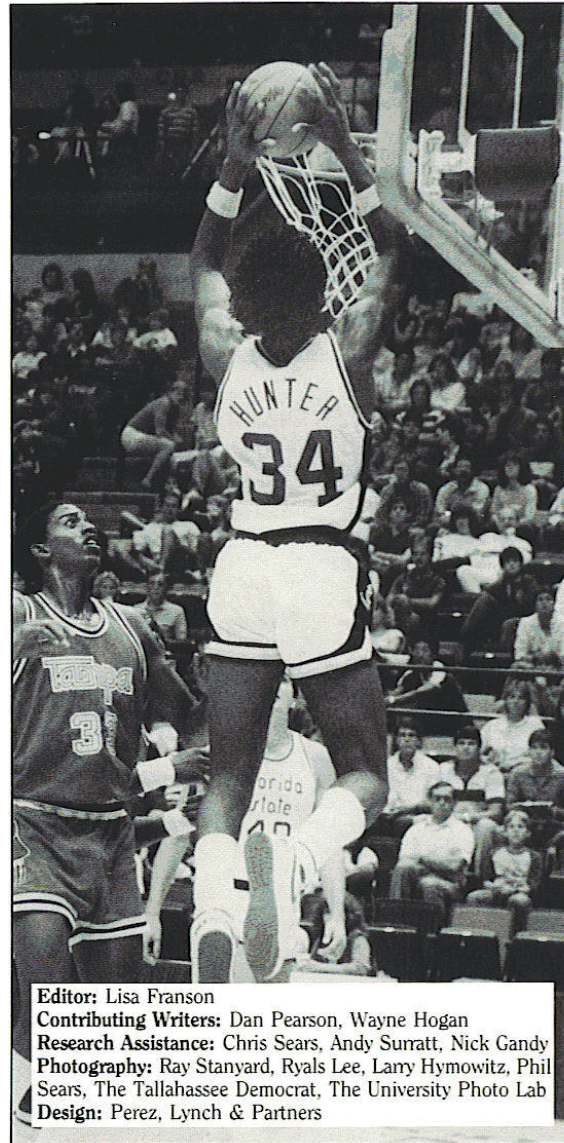


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d. Non-daily newspapers.

e. Scouts.

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Location: Tallahassee, FL

Nickname: Seminoles

Enrollment: 22,500

Colors: Garnet & Gold

President: Dr. Bernard F. Sliger

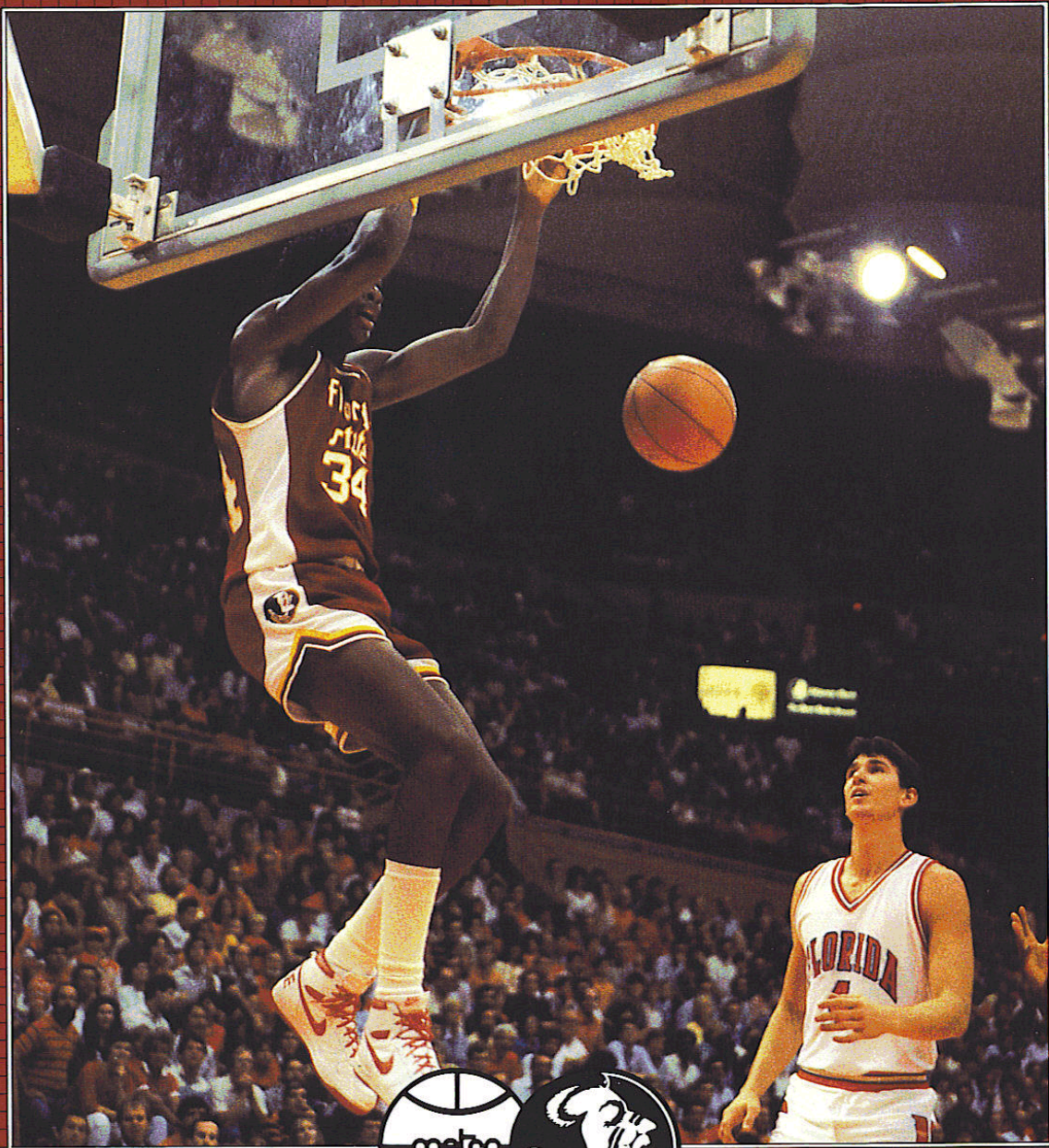
Faculty Representative:

Charles Ehrhardt

Basketball Conference: Metro

Basketball Arena: Leon-County
Civic Center (12,500)

The Outlook



It's a Brand New Ball Game

Two people are looking at a glass with water halfway to the top. The optimist says that the glass is half full. The pessimist says the glass is half empty. Pat Kennedy says not only is the glass half full but he's gonna find a way to fill it to the top.

Enthusiasm and optimism pours from Florida State's brand new 34-year old head basketball coach. The Seminole program has been through a resurgence during the past few months since Kennedy arrived on the scene; the likes of which has never been seen in these parts.

"We are setting out to make Florida State basketball a Top Twenty program," says Kennedy, who succeeded Jim Valvano at Iona College and averaged 20 wins per season in six years. "We are going to work as hard as is humanly possible to reach that point. I sincerely believe we are not that far away."

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Kennedy inherits a team that put together a disappointing 12-17 record but had more ability than the numbers indicate. Twice during the final weeks of the season the Seminoles upset Top Twenty basketball teams. They came within one basket of reaching the final game of the Metro Conference Tournament. Just two players have departed from that club and only one starter is gone.

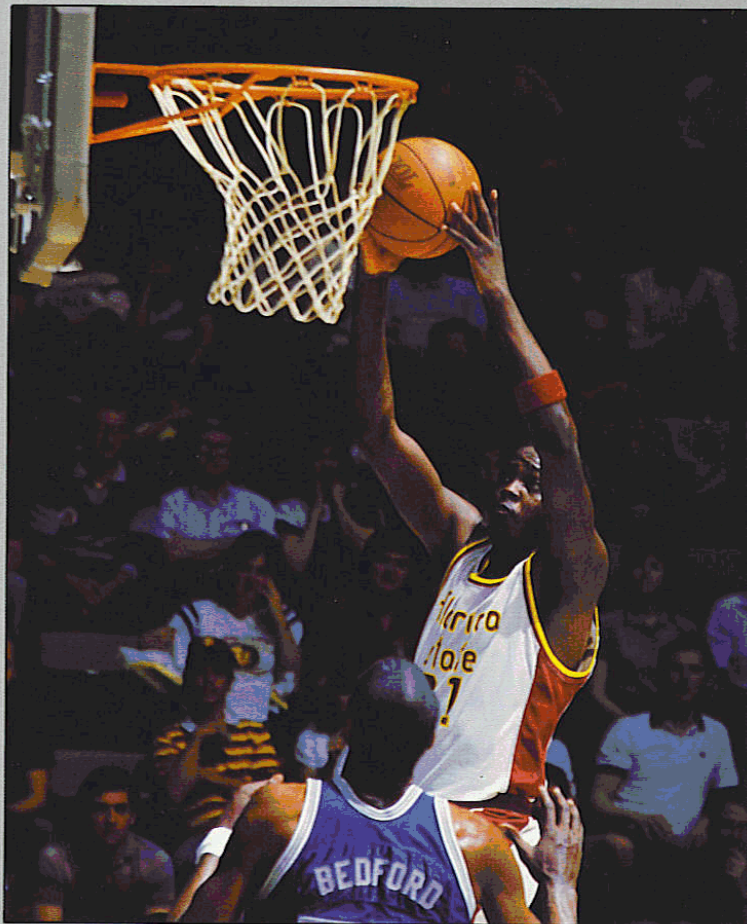
"My first priority is to the young men who are a part of this institution right now," Kennedy says. "You can talk all you want about what we can do down the road, but building a Top Twenty program starts right now. Today. These kids are very important to us. We are going to use every single day to work toward that goal."

Kennedy has spent countless hours watching tapes and knows his Florida State team like his own family.

"Believe me, there's some talent here. There are some veterans who can and are still developing. And there are some younger players who have tremendous potential for development," says the coach.

One of Kennedy's first priorities was in the area of conditioning. His style of basketball will require a balance of quickness and strength. And conditioning will be important in what Kennedy calls his "94-foot offensive and defensive pressure."

"One thing about being a new coach is that the kids become something like



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sponges," Kennedy says. "They want to take in all that you're telling them. We have sold our kids that they need to increase their physical strength. We've got some quickness out there. We need to be more physical."

Kennedy says his 1986-87 team will be built around a total team concept. He will have two quality people at every position and will use 10 players in his 94-foot pressure game.

"We don't have anybody who can feel like he's got it made," he says. "When it comes time for practice, everybody's

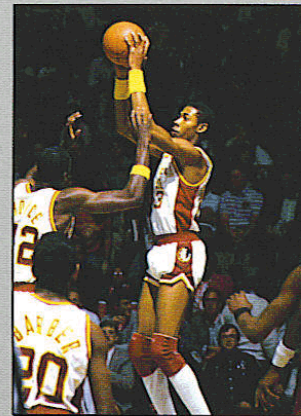
going to have to work like crazy. We're going to do things the old-fashioned way. These kids are going to have to earn everything they get."

The only missing elements from last year's team are part-time starter David Shaffer and reserve point guard Thomas Mabry. Shaffer, saddled with injuries much of the season, started just 18 games. The fourth round draft pick of the Portland Trailblazers, he averaged 7.7 points and 4.3 rebounds. Mabry played in only 14 games.

Perhaps Kennedy's biggest hopes this season rest with 6-8 All-American candidate Randy Allen. He suffered through an off-junior year, averaging just 13.7 points and 6.2 rebounds. He shot a mere 46 percent from the floor. Allen immediately snapped to attention when Kennedy arrived. He gained 27 pounds by mid-summer and appears ready for a great senior season.

"I think Randy's ready for a strong finish," Kennedy says. "After his sophomore year I think everyone thought he'd be an All-American. Last season was not indicative of the kind of player Randy can be."

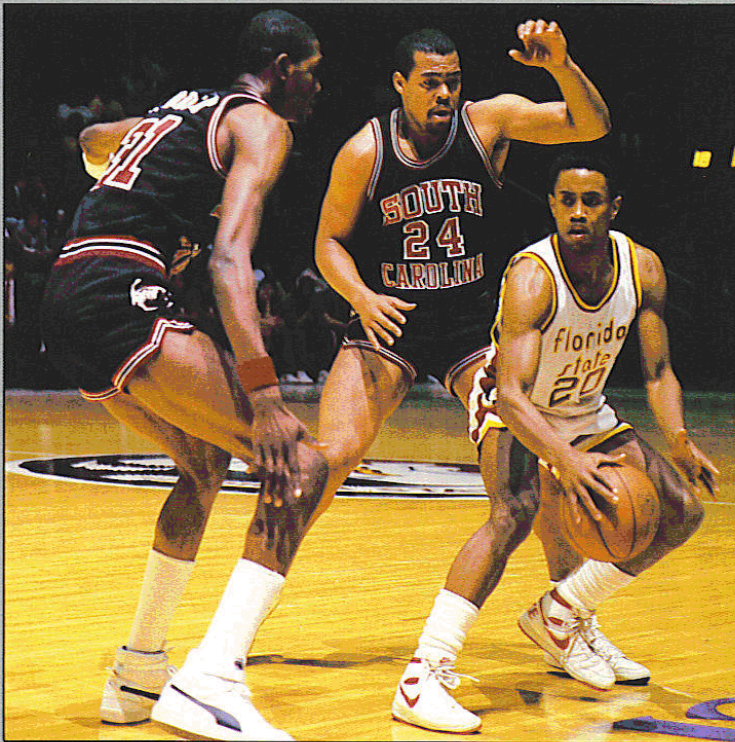
Tat Hunter, a 6-7 power forward, also has Kennedy's eye. As a freshman,



Hunter averaged 6.8 points and 4.6 rebounds. He started nine games.

"Hunter and Allen give us two quality power forwards," says Kennedy. "We have two good 6-10 centers returning, two sound performers at the small forward and Jon Fedor (freshman forward). That gives us seven decent front line players."

At center, Kennedy is relying on Raleigh Choice, a senior who averaged 10.0 points and 4.5 rebounds while starting nine games last season. Another senior, Tony Karasek, played sparingly due to injuries, but should challenge Choice at that position.



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At small forward Kennedy like junior Jerome Fitchett. The 6-7 Perry, Fla. product was the only Seminole to start every game a year ago. He contributed 10.2 points and 4.5 rebounds. His shooting percentage of 61.5 led the team and Kennedy would like to see him more involved in the offense.

Sophomore George McCloud, at 6-6, is a consummate swing player. "I would not hesitate to use him inside or outside," says Kennedy. "He will provide some depth at the small forward, but I'd like to utilize him in the backcourt as well." McCloud played in 27 games as a freshman and contributed 4.4 points and 1.8 rebounds.

Fedor can be expected to contribute immediately. At 6-7 he was one of the most highly recruited players in the state of Florida. His father, Dave, was a standout player at FSU. Fedor epitomized Kennedy's desires in the frontcourt: "I think we've got the three things you need in our frontcourt; quickness, strength and speed."

The Florida State backcourt is in good hands as well. The team's leading scorer from a year ago--Pee Wee Barber--is back. He averaged 16.8 points and led the team with 146 assists. "We'll take a good look at him and determine if his value is at the one or two guard. He's a tremendous scorer," says Kennedy. It appears that Kennedy is leaning toward Barber at the point though.

"No matter what else happens, we will have a team on the floor that will not quit. That's what I want and that's what our fans deserve."

Last year's starting second guard, LaRae Davis, returns as a senior and his value may have skyrocketed. "He's perfect for that new 3-point shot," says Kennedy. "He is a pure shooter from long range." Davis averaged 12.0 points and 4.4 rebounds last season as a junior transfer.

Junior Craig Mateer is a capable backup and put in some quality time in his 23 appearances last season. A steady performer, he can be used in almost any situation.

Two other backcourt players will join the Seminoles. Joey Barnes from nearby Quincy, Fla., was signed last November along with Fedor. His improvement through his high school career has been phenomenal.

"I've had a chance to see both he and Fedor play with Team Florida (AAU) during the summer and I can tell you that both of them are major college players," Kennedy reports. "Neither has disappointed me in practice so far."

Kennedy has high goals for this year's team. "I feel good about our chances in the Metro Conference. We should be right in there with all the teams in our league."

The coach is also a realist.

"The good news is that when I was at Iona I had a chance to face Louisville three times and Memphis State twice. I know something about those teams," he says. The bad news is I didn't beat any of them.

"I will say this. No matter what else happens, we will have a team on the floor that will not quit. That's what I want and that's what our fans deserve. We are going to fight for 40 minutes whether we are up by 20 or down by 20."



Pre-Season Position Depth Chart

Guards

Point
Pee Wee Barber
Craig Mateer
Joey Barnes

Second
LaRae Davis
George McCloud
Tony Carter

Forwards

Power
Randy Allen
Tat Hunter

Wing
Jerome Fitchett
George McCloud
Jon Fedor

Centers

Raleigh Choice
Tony Karasek