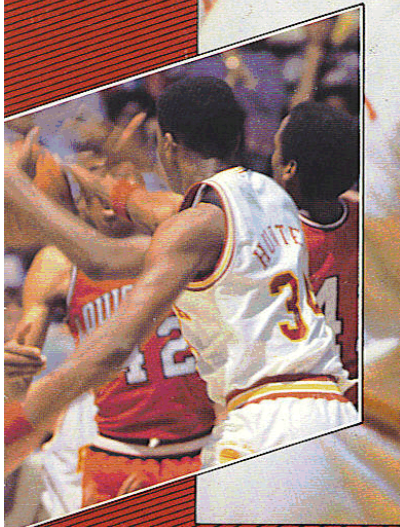
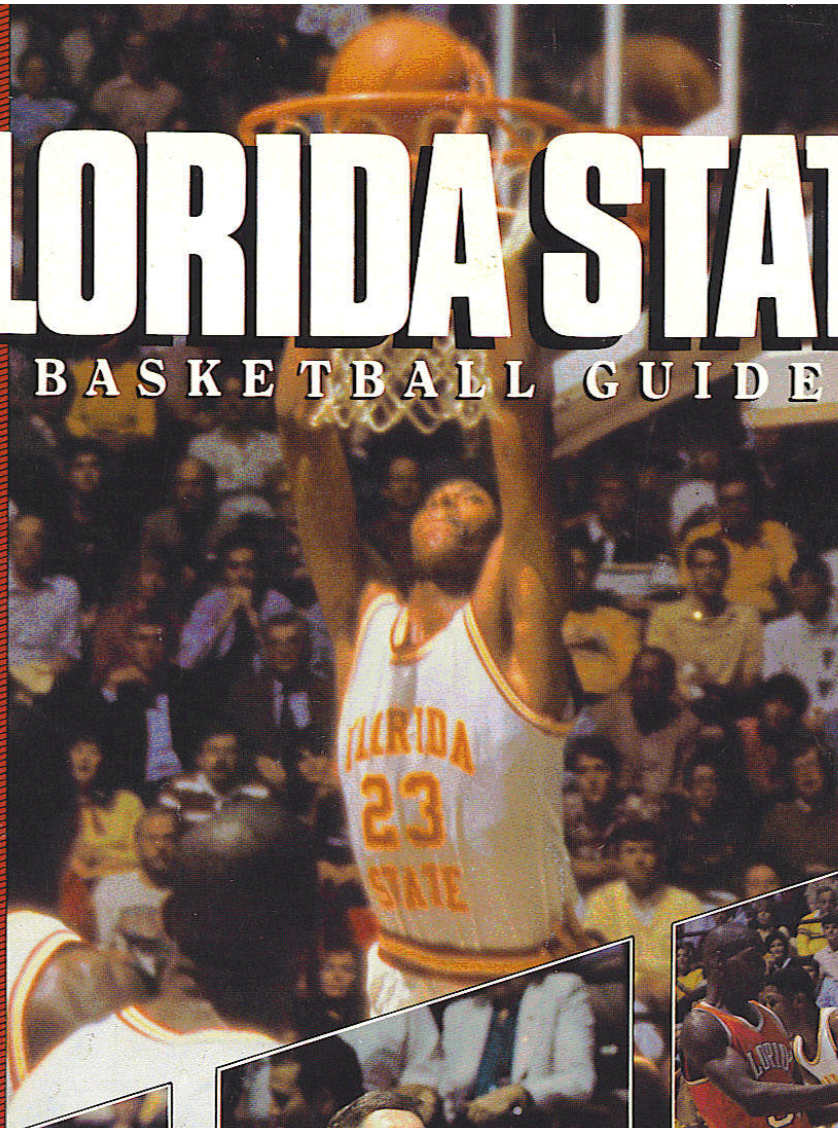
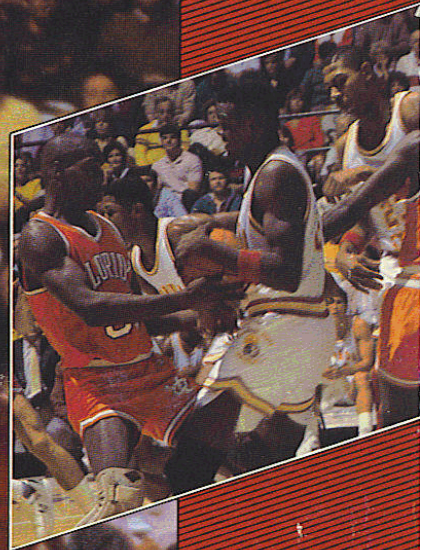


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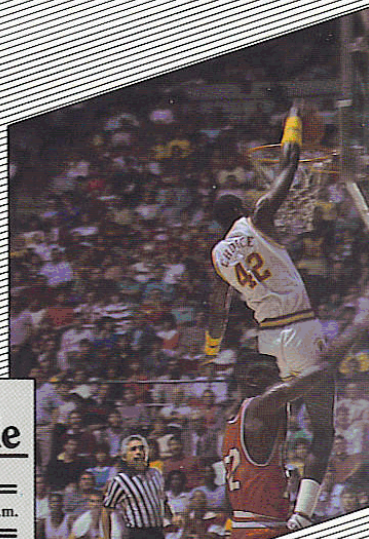
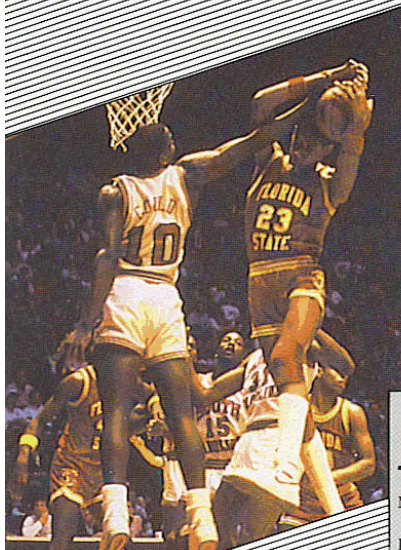
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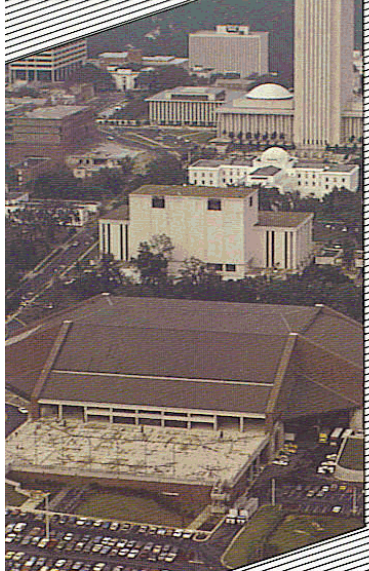


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| DATE | OPPONENT | SITE | TIME |
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| NOVEMBER | | | |
| 28 | BUCKNELL | HOME | 8:00 p.m. |
| DECEMBER | | | |
| 2 | FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL | HOME | 8:00 p.m. |
| 5 | PENN STATE | HOME | 2:00 p.m. |
| *10 | OKLAHOMA | HOME | 9:00 p.m. |
| 12 | Florida | Gainesville, FL | 7:30 p.m. |
| 16 | Stetson | Daytona Beach, FL | 7:30 p.m. |
| 19 | Tennessee | Knoxville, TN | 3:30 p.m. |
| 21 | HARDIN-SIMMONS | HOME | 7:30 p.m. |
| 28 | Red Lobster Classic (Alabama Central Florida, Pittsburgh) | Orlando, FL | 7:00 p.m. 9:00 p.m. |
| JANUARY | | | |
| 6 | JACKSONVILLE | HOME | 7:30 p.m. |
| 9 # | LOUISVILLE | HOME | 7:30 p.m. |
| 13 # | MEMPHIS STATE | HOME | 7:30 p.m. |
| 16 | South Florida | Tampa, FL | 7:30 p.m. |
| 23 # | Cincinnati | Cincinnati, OH | 1:00 p.m. |
| 25 # | SOUTH CAROLINA | HOME | 7:30 p.m. |
| 28 | CENTRAL FLORIDA | HOME | 7:30 p.m. |
| 30 # | Virginia Tech | Blacksburg, VA | 3:00 p.m. |
| FEBRUARY | | | |
| 2 | MONMOUTH COLLEGE | HOME | 7:30 p.m. |
| 6 # | CINCINNATI | HOME | 4:00 p.m. |
| 13 # | SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI | HOME | 1:00 p.m. |
| 17 # | Louisville | Louisville, KY | 7:30 p.m. |
| 20 # | MEMPHIS STATE | Memphis, TN | 3:00 p.m. |
| 24 | ALABAMA STATE | HOME | 7:30 p.m. |
| 27 # | South Carolina | Columbia, SC | 3:00 p.m. |
| MARCH | | | |
| 2 # | VIRGINIA TECH | HOME | 7:30 p.m. |
| 5 # | Southern Mississippi | Hattiesburg, MS | 7:30 p.m. |
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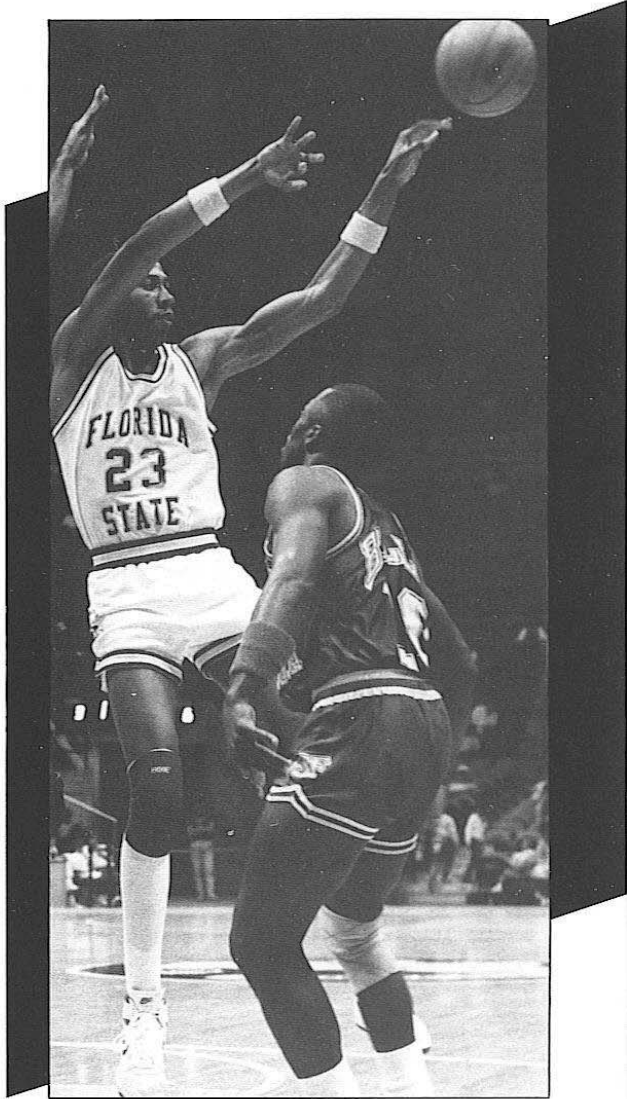
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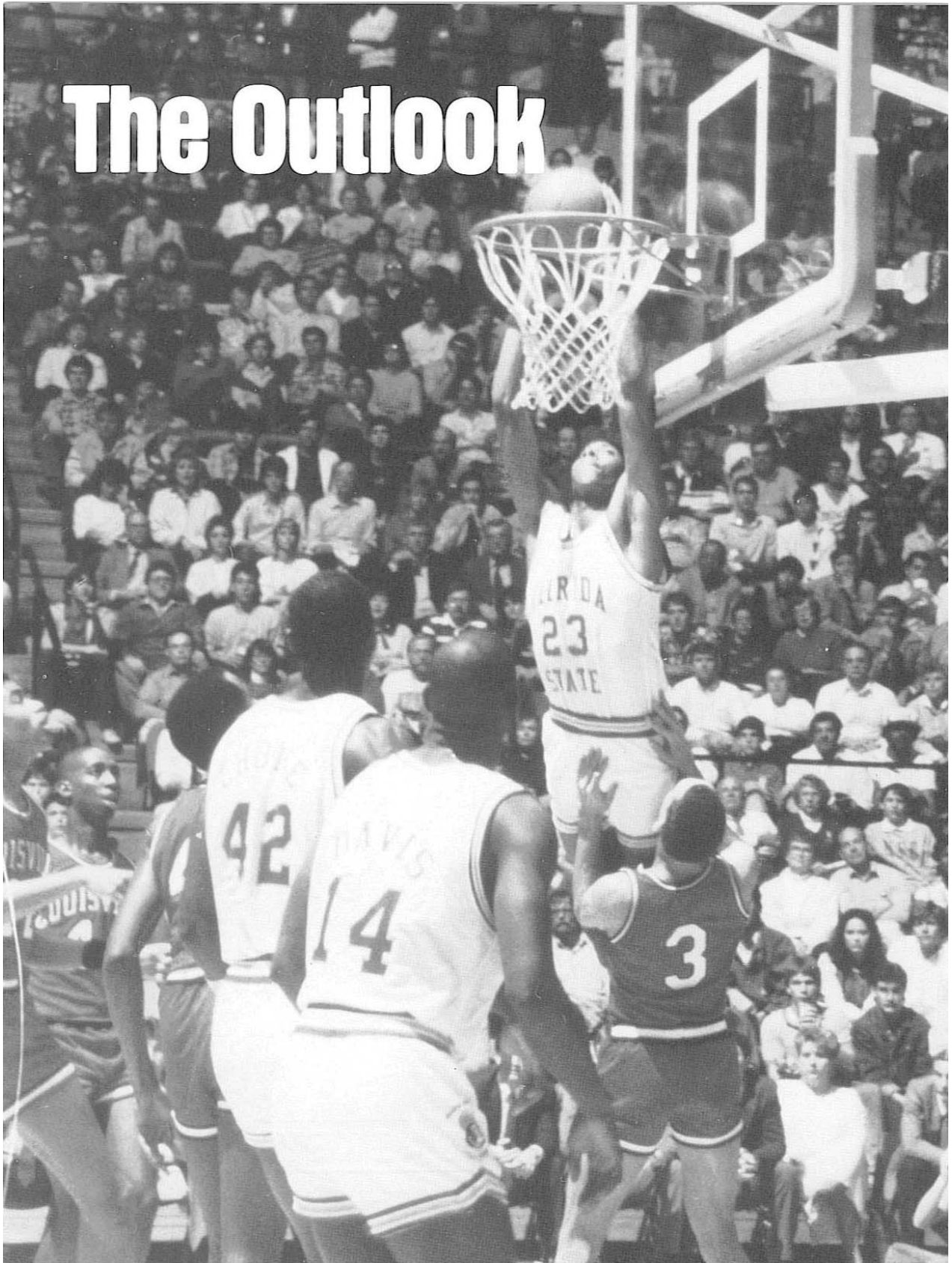
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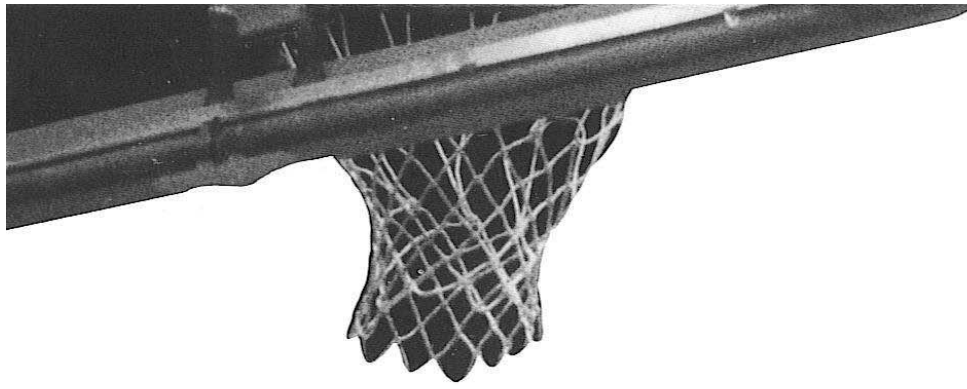
Basketball Conference: Metro

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The Outlook





Reaching New Heights

Florida State head coach Pat Kennedy swept into Tallahassee last year breathing enthusiasm and optimism into the recently tired Seminole program. While the charismatic leader captured the attention of almost everyone, the skeptics remained highly visible and quite vocal. Within just one game, Kennedy reminded Tallahassee of just how fun college basketball can be and sent the skeptics racing to the ticket windows.

Florida State enjoyed an explosive year during Kennedy's rookie campaign. The 19-11 finish and National Invitational Tournament bid were seen as recent high water marks for a program all too quiet since a 1972 Final Four appearance.

However, Kennedy embarks on his second season with only one returning starter and a near-record 10 players who have never suited up for the Tribe. But he also enters the 1987-88 season with the candid charm and convincing confidence that has FSU fans looking for another successful year.

"I think that we can clearly see that this year will be the start of our building process," says the 35-year-old veteran coach. "We are seeing the real foundations of building a basketball program. We are excited about the young squad but it is going to make for a rocky season, there is no question."

The Seminoles enter the season as one of the youngest teams in the country. Gone from the lineup are four-year starting forward Randy Allen, super scoring guard Pee Wee Barber, center Raleigh Choice and shooting guard LaRae Davis. It is not difficult to see why a slow start is expected by some.



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"As with the beginning of any season, you have got to look at your team and see where your weaknesses lie," says Kennedy. "Especially so with a young team. I think our weaknesses are fairly obvious in that we don't have a real small guard if we play a team that does. We don't know who is going to emerge as our 3-point shooter, which has become very important, and we lack a big person in the middle of the floor."

As quickly as the man who led Iona to four post-season appearances in six years suggests the trouble spots, he also points out the potential.

"I think, number one, that we are going to be a team that can run a lot of defenses to, hopefully, compensate for the lack of a small guard. Number two, we've got three potential 3-point shooters in Jerome (Fitchett), George (McCloud) and Tharon (Mayes). And I think that on the inside we have a player. (Tat) Hunter, who can play at 6-10."

"If those three areas can fit into place, we have enough

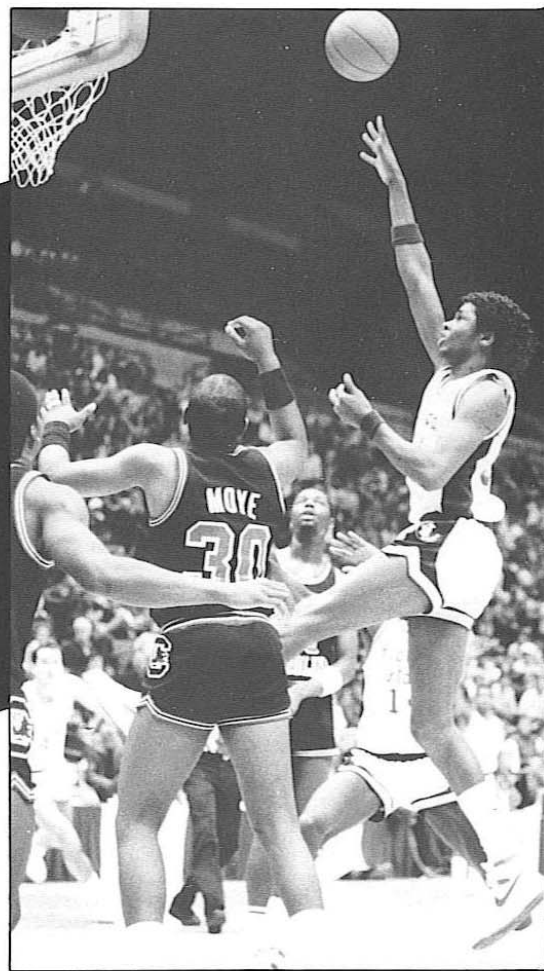
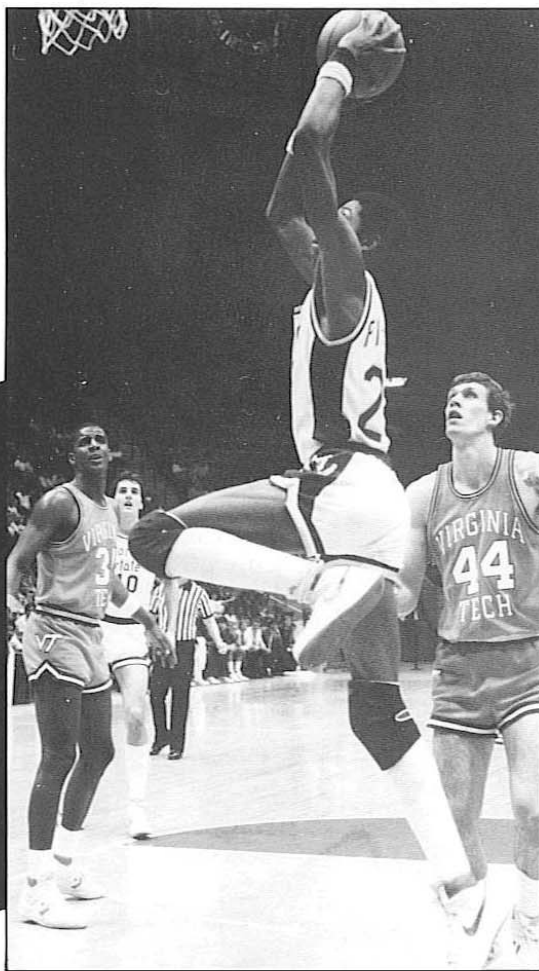
overall talent that we can be kind of a scary team. The kind that could upset people and cause them problems."

Naturally with just one returning starter, the Seminoles will start from that point and move on. Fitchett, a 6-7 forward with great leaping ability and a silky-smooth shot, will be the only senior on the 1987-88 squad.

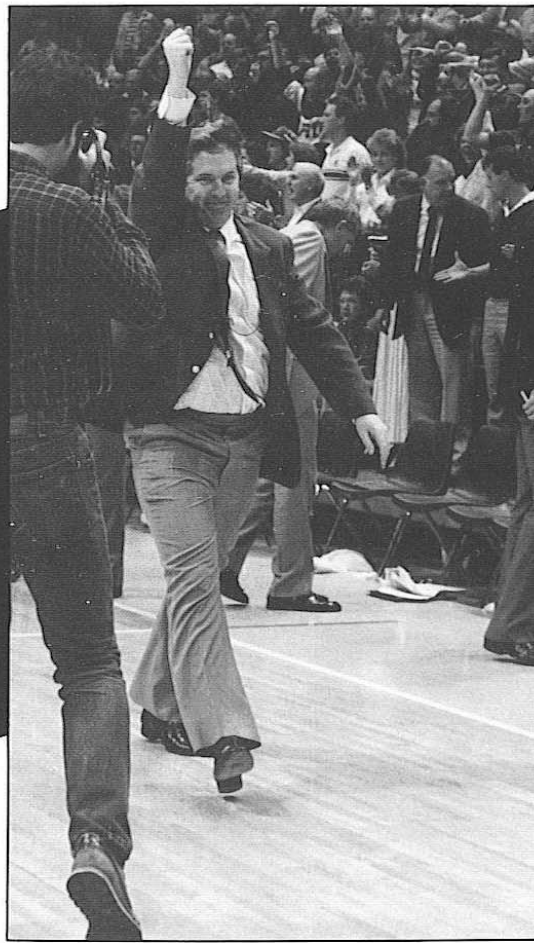
Perhaps Fitchett's greatest weakness last year was in not shooting the ball enough. A 59% career shooter from the field and 74% from the line, Fitchett possesses all the tools to take over the scoring chores at FSU.

"Fitchett is a player who has enjoyed a very consistent career here," Kennedy says. "I think, and I have always said this, that if you are going to have a good year or a great year, you've got to go with how good one of your best players is going to be. So the more Jerome emerges as a consistent, dominant player, the better we are going to be."

Behind Fitchett will be one of the nation's top freshmen in 6-6 David White. A high school All-American and one of



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the nation's most highly recruited players, White is an example of the depth that Florida State will have entering the year. Home-grown rookie Blake Miles will add support to a position that appears solid as pre-season drills begin.

Moving into a much more prominent role this season will be 6-6 guard George McCloud. The most versatile player on the team, McCloud served as the sixth man last year and provided some quick offense to the Tribe's attack. Tharon Mayes, a 6-3 sophomore, possesses a deadly accurate jump shot that coaches feel may be the answer from outside the 3-point arc. The two compliment each other and give the shooting guard position some stability.

Hunter, the only other player with any game experience for FSU, draws the inside assignment as the season begins. An immensely talented player, the 6-7 Hunter possesses a great vertical jump and good rebounding skills that form the foundation of a good inside player. Behind Hunter stands redshirt freshman Jon Fedor. At 6-8, Fedor is the

tallest Seminole and his improvement over the last year has been significant. While the center spot looks to be a weakness entering the season, the position should be a good one during the year.

"The key for George (McCloud) and Tat (Hunter) is confidence," say Kennedy of his two returning "veterans". "They have played behind some fine players and now they have their chance to emerge and play a lot of minutes for us. I want their confidence to be high. They both have a lot of talent and can do a lot of things on the floor. They will be one of the keys."

Moving into the power forward spot vacated by four-year starter Randy Allen will be junior college All-American Tony Dawson. A gifted scorer, Dawson works well around the basket and will be asked to anchor the Seminole offense. Freshman Michael Polite has tremendous ability and was an all-state selection and top national talent. His playing time will be based on how quickly he adjusts to the system.

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"Tony Dawson is as good a scorer as there is," says Kennedy. "He is a junior so he has the added maturity. He was able to score a lot of points against excellent competition in the past and we feel that he is going to be an excellent player for us. He should be one of the Metro, and nation's, top players."

Pee Wee Barber became a nationally recognized name with some tremendous offensive performances from the point guard spot last year. However, he has departed via the NBA draft and has left some big shoes to fill as the team's leader. Junior college all-stater Derrick Mitchell should vie for the starting honors. At 6-3, Mitchell led the state in steals averaging 5.7 per game and he has the tools needed for the position. Freshman Aubry Boyd, rated by some as the top point guard prospect in the nation, has already grown an inch to 6-6 since signing with Florida State. A fundamentally sound player with great skills, Boyd is not expected to sit many games out. Joey Barnes, a 6-2 redshirt freshman, provides a spark and has benefitted from a year in the program.

"I don't think any recruiting class, or recruit, lives up to all the press clippings," says an obviously excited Kennedy

(Florida State's 1987-88 newcomers have been rated among the top 5 in the nation). "What you want to do is make sure that what you have is real, and I think we definitely have that. We have players who can play against anyone and beat anyone in the country.

"Our players have the foundation; they are solid. They have the proper attitude, work-ethic, academic goals and desire to win. All our freshmen have that."

When asked about the goals for his Seminoles, Pat Kennedy answers with the future on his mind.

"I think the most important thing, and it sounds so elementary, is our greatest goal is improvement," says Kennedy. "We have six freshmen, a sophomore and two transfers. If we can get daily improvement that is what is important. Winning is going to be secondary, as far as goals are concerned. We are going to improve and let the wins take care of themselves."

Pat Kennedy, his staff, and players have made believers of Florida State's basketball fans. And the Leon County Civic Center, which welcomed a new attendance record last season, figures to be the place to be once again this year.

