

1995-96 FLORIDA STATE SEMINOLES

# COACHES

## Kennedy's 10<sup>th</sup>

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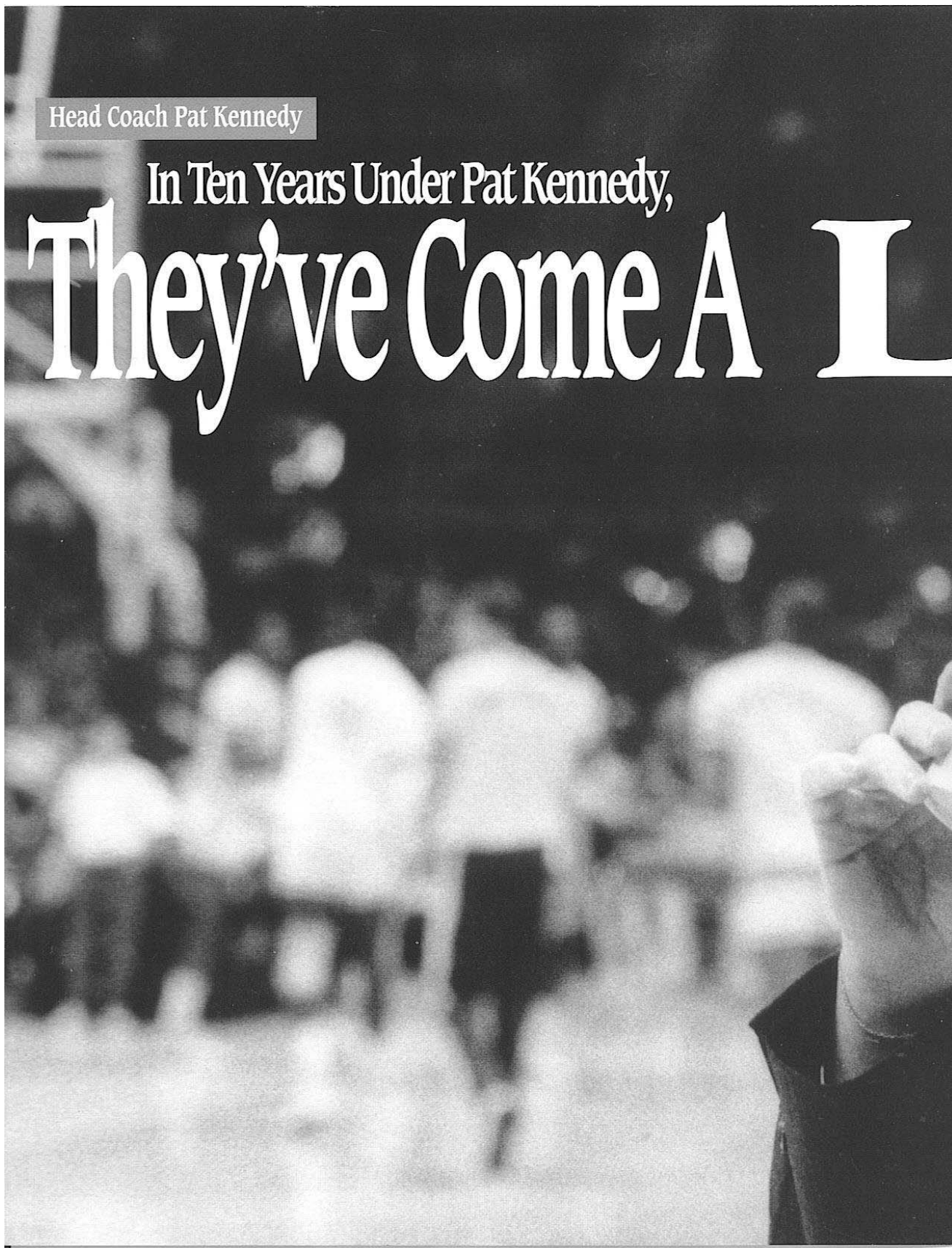
So dramatic has been the increase, and regularity, of television coverage that the most frequent question to athletic department phones has switched from "which games are going to be televised" to complaints when the rare game is not on the air.

A record 19 Florida State basketball regular season games have been earmarked for TV this season. Already one of the nation's most popular athletic programs, the Seminoles find themselves as one of college basketball's most publicized teams, covered by one of the country's largest media contingents.



Head Coach Pat Kennedy

In Ten Years Under Pat Kennedy,  
**They've Come A I**



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FSU Seminole Basketball

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o coach in the 48 year history of Florida State basketball has accomplished what Pat Kennedy has achieved in his nine years at the helm of the Seminole program. To acquire an appreciation of the impact Kennedy has had on the FSU program, consider where the program was prior to his arrival, 10 years ago.

**Consider.** Before Kennedy came to Tallahassee, FSU had received just four invitations to the NCAA Tournament.

**Fact:** Under Kennedy the Seminoles have been to the "Big Dance" five times in the last nine years, including a string of three consecutive appearances.

**Consider.** Only three Seminoles had ever been selected in the first round of the NBA draft.

**Fact:** Bob Sura's selection as the 17th overall pick in the 1995 NBA draft made him the fourth Seminole taken in the draft's first round in the last three years. All total Kennedy has seen five FSU players chosen in the opening round.

**Consider.** In the 39 year history of the program prior to his hiring, Kennedy's four predecessors had combined for seven 20-plus win seasons.

**Fact:** Kennedy has seen his Seminoles compile four 20-plus win seasons under his guidance and has twice fallen one "W" shy by registering 19 wins.



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**Consider.** Florida State had never won a conference championship tournament.

**Fact:** In 1991 Florida State won its first ever Metro Conference championship and an automatic NCAA bid with a 76-69 triumph over Louisville propelling FSU into NCAA post season play for the third time in four years.

**Consider.** Only once had a Florida State team advanced beyond the second round of the NCAA Tournament.

**Fact:** Kennedy led his troops to within one win of a Final Four berth in 1993 after advancing to the Sweet 16 the year prior.

**Consider.** Primarily regional in scope, the program was rarely seen on television and seldom garnered the attention of the nation's top high school recruits.

**Fact:** The up-tempo style of basketball that has become a Seminole hallmark under Kennedy

After rebuilding programs at Iona and Florida State, Kennedy's success and strive for perfection have not gone unnoticed.

When coaching vacancies arose at Tennessee, UNLV, St. Johns and Seton Hall his name was pegged for each university's short list. But before the schools could court Florida State's head man out of town, Kennedy showed how deep Garnet & Gold blood runs through him by squelching rumors and stating his determination to put FSU among the basketball elite.

It was 10 years ago that Kennedy transplanted his family from a cozy situation at Iona College in New York to Florida's capital city. Kennedy said he had a gut feeling about FSU, citing the potential of the program as a draw. And when others have come calling, he has shown his dedication saying, "Pat Kennedy is the coach here and he will be for a long time."

At 28, Kennedy took over the rebuilding job at Iona after the departure of Jimmy Valvano to NC State. He would lead the Gaels to four consecutive 20-plus win seasons and two NCAA Tournament appearances before accepting the bigger challenge at Florida State.

"Somehow I knew that the situation was right at Florida State," said Kennedy. "When I got here, the



**O**ne of the college game's more demonstrative coaches, Kennedy isn't above using some histrionics to get his point across. Whether at home or on the road, fans can count on the FSU mentor spending the majority of the game on his feet working the officials and his players.

*"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."*

is slated for 19 television appearances this season, including nine on national networks. Kennedy's brand of basketball captures the attention of the top recruits in the country as the Coach has signed three McDonald's All-Americans over the last two years, three prepsters who garnered state Mr. Basketball honors and has the opportunity this season to start a lineup that features four high school All-Americans.

This is but a small sampling of the success Kennedy has used to put a "football crazed" town on the basketball map. When Kennedy led Florida State into the Atlantic Coast Conference in 1991 many thought the program would serve as doormat in the nation's toughest basketball conference. Not one to shy away from a challenge, Kennedy's troops took the league by storm with consecutive second place regular season finishes. Along the way Kennedy set new ACC marks for most road wins (6) and victories (11) by a first year coach. His accomplishments did not go unrecognized as he was named ACC Coach of the Year for his efforts.

He has brought excitement, exposure and national recognition to Florida State basketball with a combination of aggressive, full-court style of play; top notch scheduling and highly acclaimed recruiting classes.

atmosphere was even better than I thought it would be. And since then, I have had attractive offers to leave and, again, I just felt that this was the right place. Good things were about to happen. And it just turns out my instincts have been right."

Keen instincts have gotten the 43-year old Kennedy a long way in a short period of time, but it is his desire and determination which have propelled him to the top of his profession.

It is an intense desire to succeed that drives Pat Kennedy. He demands a great deal of himself and his program and expects the hard work to pay dividends.

"I had said when we first joined the ACC that it would take us five years to rebuild the program so it could consistently compete with the league's upper-tier," said Kennedy. "When I first came here our goal was to become competitive nationally. We've done that. Now our goal is to be among the elite in the conference every year. We now have the nucleus in place to do that."

"There are basically three stages to a program. Building it up to be an NCAA Tournament-level team; maintaining it with NCAA Tournament-level teams; then being good enough to win a national championship. I believe this program can get to the third stage."



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Kennedy heads into his 16th year of coaching seven victories shy of 300 career wins. His overall record stands at 293-165 (.639). Along the way, Kennedy has amassed eight 20-win seasons during his 15 year coaching career. His FSU record stands at 169-105 (.616), and includes a 104-26 (.800) mark on the Seminoles' home court in the Tallahassee-Leon County Civic Center.

Kennedy's tenure has meant more than wins. Florida State drew more than 100,000 fans for the first time ever in his first season and has repeated the feat in all but one subsequent season. Three years ago, the Seminoles set new records for average (9,191) and total (137,863) attendance.

A more dramatic beginning could not have been written for the Kennedy era at Florida State as he opened the 1986-87 season against rival Florida in front of the largest crowd ever to witness a college game in the state. 13,300 looked on as Kennedy shouted, cheered, screamed, stomped, encouraged and inspired his underdog Seminole squad to a delirious 80-76 win over the nationally ranked Gators. Kennedy has not looked back since.

His first season was a 19-11 effort, culminating in a

that gave FSU its first ever Metro Conference Championship and an automatic bid to the NCAA Tournament for the third time in four years.

The 1991-92 season showed Seminole fans what the program was capable of under Kennedy's leadership. In its first season in the prestigious Atlantic Coast Conference, Florida State surprised the nation with its ability to contend for the conference crown in its inaugural season. Kennedy's Seminoles won six ACC road games, including a stunning win at North Carolina in their league opener, and finished 11-5 overall; good enough for second place behind eventual national champion Duke. That team later advanced to the Sweet 16.

The 1993 team, the best yet under Kennedy and the second most successful in school history, would one-up the '92 squad. The Seminoles proved their lofty preseason predictions were correct, finishing just one win away from a trip to the Final Four after losing to Kentucky in the Southeast Regional final. FSU posted

**A**nimated he may be, but when it comes to the serious business of X's & O's, nobody does it better. Known as a master field tactician, Kennedy gets the most from his available talent through a keen awareness of the possibilities in every situation.



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bid to the National Invitational Tournament (NIT). The post-season appearance was FSU's first since the 1984 season and only the second in the 1980s.

With but one starter and three players who had ever donned the garnet and gold, Kennedy's 1987-88 team won 19 games, finished second in the Metro Conference and went to the NCAA Tournament. All this after opening the season to predictions of a sub .500 season and conference cellar-dweller status.

The 1988-89 season, however, was proof of the basketball rebirth in Tallahassee. Florida State entered the year ranked among the preseason Top 20 for only the second time in school history. The Seminoles remained in the polls throughout the entire regular season, reaching a peak at No. 7 after a landmark win over Louisville in Freedom Hall. Kennedy's third season resulted in the Seminoles' second regular season metro Conference title, a 22-8 record, and a second consecutive trip to the NCAA Tournament. Back-to-back NCAA appearances had occurred just one other time in school history.

Five years ago, Florida State cleared its final hurdle in its last year in the Metro Conference. Never had the school won the tournament crown, but the Tribe ended that jinx with a stunning comeback win against Louisville

a 25-10 record and a second place finish in their second year in the ACC.

The last two seasons have proved to be rebuilding years for the Seminoles. For the first time in his coaching career, consecutive Pat Kennedy led teams have finished with sub .500 records.

A native of Keyport, New Jersey, Kennedy attended Kings College in Wilkes-Barre, PA, on a basketball scholarship. After two years as a player, while boarding the team bus for a game at the Palestra in Philadelphia, his coach grabbed his arm and said, "Pat, I'd like for you to scout our next opponent tonight. Here's a ticket and directions."

With that, Kennedy's career changed completely. He became head junior varsity coach, finishing the year with a 17-4 record. He was elevated to the school's top varsity assistant coach as a senior.

After graduating in 1975, Kennedy was named assistant coach at Lehigh University. In 1977, Iona head coach Jim Valvano asked Kennedy to join his staff and a longtime friendship between the two was born. When North Carolina State lured Valvano away from the New Rochelle, NY, school after the 1979-80 season, Iona wasted little time in naming Kennedy to the post.



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While at Iona, Kennedy's teams made a name for themselves. A 23-8 record in 1984 led to Kennedy's selection as the New York Metro Area Coach of the Year. He followed the year with a 26-5 record and was the recipient of the Heineken Award which recognized excellence in college coaching. Kennedy followed Valvano, Lou Carnesecca and Dean Smith as winners of the prestigious award.

Overall, the Kennedy record shows ten postseason appearances, seven of those in the NCAA Tournament, and six conference championships in 15 years of coaching. He became only the fourth Division I coach in NCAA history to win 100 games in his first five years as a head coach.

A high level of achievement, both in academic and athletic arenas, made Kennedy an easy choice when Florida State began looking for a head coach following the 1985-86 season. "We were

Kennedy's academic commitment is strong. Over 95 percent of his recruits at Iona graduated - a fact recognized by *USA Today*, which cited Iona College and Kennedy's program for one of the most outstanding graduation rates in all of college athletics. His "no-bend" philosophy on academics has carried over to Florida State where he is raising the graduation rate and the scholastic health of his student-athletes.

Kennedy coached student-athletes have enjoyed great success after their basketball careers were finished. Investment counselors on Wall Street, several law school students and numerous business leaders in Fortune 500 companies found their start in Kennedy's basketball programs. "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."

Recruiting talented student-athletes is one of his specialties. Kennedy's first class at Florida State was ranked among the five best in the country. His last two rank among the best-ever in school history. Each of his Florida State recruiting classes have been among the



**T**wo keys to Kennedy's success have been his press relations and outstanding recruiting. Always known as a good interviewer, Kennedy's relaxed style has allowed him to function well in the public eye. When it comes to recruiting, the Seminole coach has not only attracted the cream of the crop to Florida State, but developed a reputation for being able to take unrecognized talent and make it shine. Two of the better known cases are those of Bob Sura last year and George McClellan in 1987. Both players ended up in the NBA.

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impressed with wins over some of the nation's top programs and high graduation rates. Coach Kennedy's commitment to a well-rounded program and his desire to develop our players emotionally, academically and athletically," said then-FSU president, Dr. Bernard F. Sliger.

The confidence the selection committee displayed in Kennedy comes from its belief it hired not only an outstanding coach, but a man who understands education should come first to the student-athlete.

Top 25 in the nation. His Iona groups were on the list of Top 15 classes in the East for five straight years.

Off the court, and away from the recruiting trails, Kennedy is a man who has both a keen sense of public relations, a deep belief in becoming part of his community and a strong believer in the family. In addition to his youth camps, Kennedy serves as the state's honorary chairman for the Special Olympics, a cause he and his wife Jeannie have championed for many years. In 1984, he was named Special Olympics' Man of the Year.

Pat and Jeannie are the proud parents of a son, Joey (12), and two daughters, Kimberly (8) and Kathryn (4).

Kennedy also possesses a strong background in administration, serving five years in the dual role of head basketball coach and associate athletic director at Iona. He was president of the MAAC Coaches' Association and was a member of the NCAA Tournament Selection Committee for the Eastern Region. At present he is the Executive Director of the Pat Kennedy Day Camps, one of the largest of its type in the nation, and a consultant to the Nike Corporation.

**The Pat Kennedy Era**

Before Pat Kennedy arrived at Florida State, the school received just four invites to the NCAA Tournament. Under Kennedy, the Seminoles have become regulars to the big dance, with five dates in nine years.

Year	School	Record	Pct.	Post Season
1980-81	Iona	15-14	.517	
1981-82	Iona	24-9	.727	NIT
1982-83	Iona	22-9	.710	NIT
1983-84	Iona	23-8	.742	NCAA
1984-85	Iona	26-5	.839	NCAA
1985-86	Iona	14-15	.482	
1986-87	Florida State	19-11	.633	NIT
1987-88	Florida State	19-11	.633	NCAA
1988-89	Florida State	22-8	.733	NCAA
1989-90	Florida State	16-15	.516	
1990-91	Florida State	21-11	.656	NCAA
1991-92	Florida State	22-10	.687	NCAA
1992-93	Florida State	25-10	.714	NCAA
1993-94	Florida State	13-14	.481	
1994-95	Florida State	12-15	.444	
<b>Totals</b>		<b>293-165</b>	<b>.639</b>	



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# David Zimroth

Assistant Coach, Florida State '78

**W**hen Pat Kennedy came to Florida State he knew he needed someone to direct recruiting that could bring in the caliber of player to take the Seminoles to the next level. Charged with maintaining the lifeblood of the Florida State basketball program is assistant coach David Zimroth.

Entering his 10th season at FSU, Zimroth has been with Pat Kennedy since he took over in 1986. He is widely credited with helping to rebuild the Seminole program and for putting Tallahassee on the college basketball map.

Recognized as one of college basketball's top recruiters Zimroth criss-crosses the country in pursuit of the nation's best talent. His efforts have not gone unnoticed as in 1993 he was named one of the top recruiters in the country by *Sports Illustrated*. A tireless worker, eight of his nine recruiting classes have been ranked among the nation's Top 20.

In addition, "Coach Z," as he is affectionately called, is an integral part of the FSU "brain-trust." His coaching duties have included working with the Seminole guards after spending many years helping fellow assistant Tom Carlson develop post players. Zimroth is also responsible for charting opponents' offensive and defensive schemes and tendencies during games.

Over the last two years Zimroth has helped ink three McDonald's All-Americans. In 1994, Zimroth landed Corey Louis

returned back to Miami-Dade North for another two-year stint. During his four years at the JC level, Miami-Dade went 116-15. He developed three players who were chosen in the NBA draft.

In 1984, Zimroth was named head coach at Miami Beach High where he stayed for two years before accepting Pat Kennedy's invitation to join his staff in 1986.

Zimroth's coaching credentials also include working an impressive number of clinics conducted by some of the top coaches in the collegiate game. He also served as a member of the Team Florida AAU coaching staff for three years.

Graduated in 1974 from North Miami Beach High, Zimroth scored over 1800 points during his high school career. He received a basketball scholarship to Miami-Dade North Community College where he earned his Associate of Arts degree in 1976. Zimroth then transferred to FSU, graduating with a bachelor's in health education and minor in coaching in 1978. He has completed work toward a master's degree.

Zimroth, 39, is married to the former Mary Elizabeth Koch of Strongsville, Ohio.

**D**avid Zimroth has played a large role in Florida State's return to national prominence. Zimroth, widely recognized as one of the top recruiters in the nation, has consistently lured some of the nation's most talented high school seniors to Florida State.



*Nearly all of his nine recruiting classes have been ranked among the nation's top 20.*

and LaMarr Greer in what is widely considered the best class ever brought into Florida State. The addition of Randell Jackson to this year's class assured FSU of another outstanding Top 20 recruiting year.

Because of his efforts Florida State has been able to establish a stronghold on prep talent in the South signing two Florida Mr. Basketball honorees and a Georgia Player of the Year winner. The Miami, FL, native has established an extensive contact system within the region.

In 1988, Zimroth landed Florida's "Mr. Basketball," Doug Edwards, widely considered the state's top prospect of all-time. Zimroth again brought the state's Mr. Basketball to Florida State in 1993 by signing Jacksonville's James Collins. In 1989, he inked Georgia 3A Player of the Year Chuck Graham.

Zimroth is also responsible for bringing some of the nation's top junior college talent to Tallahassee. Sam Cassell honed his skills while playing his last two years at Florida State. He also signed Tony Dawson in 1987, widely considered the top Juco player in the country that year.

Having coached at every level in his home state, Zimroth's coaching career began by returning to his alma mater, North Miami Beach High, after his graduation from Florida State. He stayed there for a year before moving on to Miami-Dade North Junior College. Two years later he left the junior college ranks to join Hugh Durham's staff at the University of Georgia. He

## David Zimroth

**Birthplace:** Brooklyn, NY

**Birthdate:** March 3, 1956

**High School:** N. Miami Beach High (1974)

**High School Honors:** All-State, All-Dade County, scored over 1,800 career points.

**Collegiate Playing Experience:**

Biscayne College

Miami Dade North Junior College

**Alma Mater (Year):** Florida State (1978)

**Previous Coaching Experience:**

North Miami Beach High (1978-79)

Miami Dade North J.C. (1979-81)

University of Georgia (1981-82)

Miami Dade North J.C. (1982-84)

Miami Beach High (1984-86)

Florida State (1986-present)

**Family:** Married the former Mary Elizabeth Koch on August 24, 1991



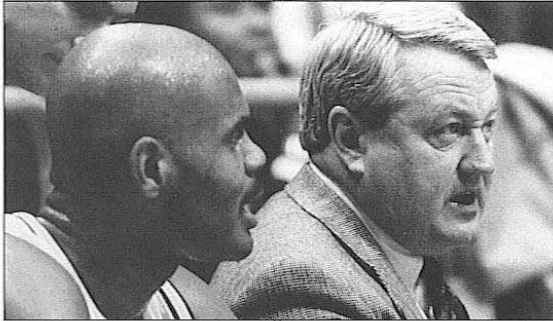
ASSISTANT COACHES

# Tom Carlson

Assistant Coach, Florida State '74

**T**he senior member of Pat Kennedy's staff, Tom Carlson has been an assistant coach at Florida State since 1986. He has been with Kennedy since his arrival in Tallahassee ten years ago.

**E**ntering his tenth season as a member of the Florida State basketball staff is assistant coach Tom Carlson. Long acknowledged as a talented bench tactician, the 46-year old Keansburg, NJ, native is responsible for the preparation and implementation of Florida State's game plans and scouting reports.



Having been a part of Pat Kennedy's coaching staff since Kennedy's arrival at FSU in 1986, Carlson can often be found out on the recruiting trail. Prior to last season, it was added to his list of responsibilities. Carlson joined Kennedy's staff after establishing a

reputation as one of the state's top high school coaches.

Carlson's roots run deep in the capital city. From 1972-74, while still a student at Florida State, Carlson served as an assistant coach at Tallahassee's Rickards High.

He received his undergraduate degree in physical education from FSU in 1974 and enrolled in graduate school the following year. He served as a graduate assistant coach on Hugh Durham's 1974-75 FSU squad which finished the year with an 18-8 record. Carlson performed nearly every job in the department that season with responsibilities in scouting and conditioning as well as serving as head junior varsity coach and as a teacher in the University's physical education department.

With a master's in physical education, Carlson took over the reins at Maclay in 1976 and three years later led the team to the state high school basketball championship. For his efforts, he was recognized as the Coach of the Year by the Florida Athletic Coaches' Association. Carlson was the Big Bend (Tallahassee Area) Coach of the Year in 1979 and 1982 and he led

*Carlson has been recognized as the Coach of the Year by the Florida Athletic Coaches' Association and Big Bend Coach of the Year in 1979 and 1983.*

## Tom Carlson

**Birthplace:** Bronx, NY

**High School:** Raritan Township High School (1966), Hazlet, NJ

**Alma Mater (Year):** Florida State (1975)

**Previous Coaching Experience:**

Florida State Graduate Assistant (1970-72)

Rickards High (1972-74)

Maclay High (1974-86)

Florida State (1986-present)

**Family:** Wife, Ann; Three daughters, Erika, Brandy, and Kayce.

the Junior Team Florida (AAU) to the state championship in 1985. He posted a 245-89 career record as a high school coach and also coached the golf team and served on the faculty at Maclay.

Carlson has also been a regular on the Seminole basketball camp scene having served on the staff every year since 1973.

An honor student at Florida State, Carlson served as a member and officer in the honor society for physical education majors and was vice president of the men's physical education majors' club. He is currently a member of the Florida Coaches' Association and the National Association of Basketball Coaches (NABC).

Carlson and his wife, Ann, have three daughters; Erika (19), Brandy (13) and Kayce (10).





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# Donnie Marsh

Assistant Coach, Franklin & Marshall '79

**T**he newest member of the Florida State basketball coaching staff, Donnie Marsh begins his first season at FSU. Replacing former Seminole player and Kennedy assistant Lorenzo Hands, Marsh will serve as the third assistant coach.

Bringing a wealth of experience from the professional, college and high school ranks, Marsh will be responsible for on-court practice coaching, all tape and tape exchange work, and assisting in the daily basketball office operation. He will also oversee the team's pre-season workout programs and assist with on-campus recruiting.

In addition to his basketball duties, Marsh will also serve as an instructor in the university's College of Education, teaching classes in physical education.

A two-time All-American at Franklin & Marshall College in Lancaster, PA, Marsh was named ECAC Player of the Year following his senior season in 1979. Marsh concluded a stellar college career by becoming a third round draft choice of the Atlanta Hawks.

Marsh joins the FSU staff after working in the Atlantic City (NJ) Public School district. From 1993-94 he served as

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the school district's athletic director before being elevated to Director of Co-Curricular and Extra-Curricular Programs in November of '94. Prior to that he was the head basketball coach at Division III Trenton State College from 1989-93, posting a 64-41 record.

After a stint in the NBA, Marsh went on to serve as Associate Director of Admissions at both Elizabeth Town College and his alma mater, Franklin & Marshall.

Marsh completed his undergraduate work at Franklin & Marshall in 1979 receiving a bachelor's degree in History with a certification in secondary education. He is currently completing work on his master's degree in Educational Administration at Lincoln University in Pennsylvania.

The 39-year old Washington, NC, native and his wife, LaRoyce, have two children: a son, Tyler, (7) and daughter, Sydnee, (3).

**D**onnie Marsh, the newest member of Pat Kennedy's coaching staff, brings a wealth of experience from the professional, college and high school ranks to the Seminole basketball program.



*Marsh joins nine-year veteran assistants David Zimroth and Tom Carlson as part of the Florida State coaching staff.*

## Donnie Marsh

**Birthplace:** Washington, NC

**Birthdate:** March 21, 1956

**High School:** Atlantic City High School (1974), Atlantic City, NJ

**High School Honors:** All-Conference Senior Athlete of the Year, Baseball MVP (1974), Baseball Captain (1973-74), Basketball Captain (1974)

**Collegiate Playing Experience:** Franklin & Marshall (4 year starter 3 year captain)

**Alma Mater (Year):** Franklin & Marshall (1979)

**Previous Coaching Experience:**

Franklin & Marshall (1980-84)

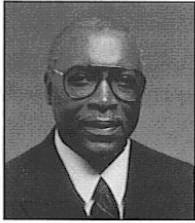
Elizabeth Town College (1988-89)

Trenton State College (1989-93)

**Family:** Wife, LaRoyce; Children, Tyler (7), Sydnee (3)



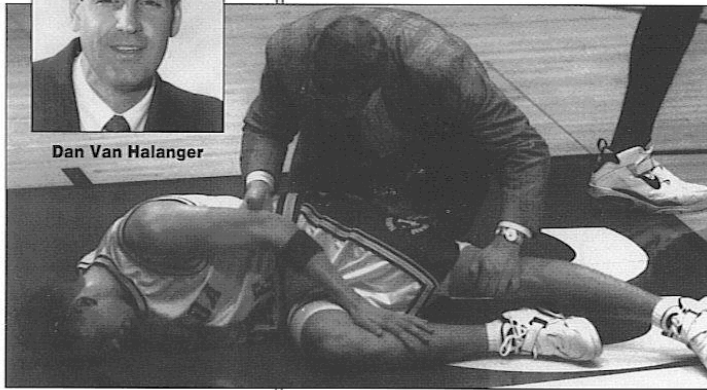
Sam Lunt



Gene Granger



Dan Van Halanger



BASKETBALL STAFF

# Sam Lunt

**Head Basketball Trainer, Miami '83**

**W**hile Sam Lunt is beginning his 12th year of association with the Florida State athletic department, he begins his eighth as head basketball trainer.

Lunt originally came to FSU in 1983 as a graduate assistant after receiving his bachelor's degree in athletic training from the University of Miami. While at UM, he worked as a student trainer in the Hurricane athletic department and served as an assistant trainer with the NFL's Miami Dolphins in the summer of 1982.

medical coverage for the 1991 AAU Junior Olympics.

A certified member of the National Athletic Trainers Association, Lunt has also worked as a volunteer trainer at the United States Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs, at the 1987 U.S. Olympic Festival and as the trainer for the U.S. track team at the 1989 World University games in Duisburg, Germany.

Once one of Tallahassee's most eligible bachelor's, the 34-year old Lunt married the former Agnes Bundick this past summer.

# Gene Granger

**Equipment Manager, Bethune-Cookman '71**

**A** member of the Florida State athletic staff since 1971, Gene Granger begins his 17th year as head equipment manager for the Florida State basketball team.

A native of Dade City, Florida, Granger attended Bethune-Cookman College where he played varsity baseball from 1969 through 1971. After college, he joined the Seminole athletic staff as an assistant manager for five years before being named to the head equipment manager position in 1977.

Granger, 49, and his wife, Alberta, are the parents of two children; Apryl (19) and Gene Jr. (15).

**A** certified member of the National Athletic Trainers Association, Sam Lunt begins his 12th year at Florida State and eighth season as the Seminoles' Head Basketball Trainer.

*The basketball support staff at Florida State provides student-athletes with top-notch services and outstanding facilities.*

As a graduate assistant at FSU, Lunt worked with the Seminole football team while earning his master's in sports psychology. He then moved on to the Jacksonville Bulls of the USFL for the 1985 spring season, but returned to the college ranks that summer when he was named assistant trainer at Louisville.

The Ft. Myers, Florida, resident returned to FSU in 1986 and his duties included assisting head trainer Randy Oravetz with the Seminole football team as well as working with all men's teams. Lunt then became head basketball trainer and oversees all spring sports.

Involved in athletics at both the national and international level, Lunt worked closely with FSU team physicians in planning and coordinating the

# Dave Van Halanger

**Strength Coach, West Virginia '76**

**D**ave Van Halanger is in his 13th year as strength coach for the Florida State athletic department. As head strength coach, Van Halanger heads up the entire conditioning program for all 17 varsity sports at FSU.

Van Halanger arrived at Florida State in 1983, after serving in a similar capacity at West Virginia University from 1980 through June 1983. Prior to that, he



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was a member of the WVU coaching staff – serving as head junior varsity coach in 1979.

A graduate of the WVU School of Physical Education, Van Halanger played and lettered four years in football under current Seminole head coach Bobby Bowden. An All-East and honorable mention All-American selection his senior season, Van Halanger was a co-captain of the Mountaineer team that won the Peach Bowl.

Van Halanger is currently in the fourth year of a five-year term as the North Florida state director and a member of the National Board of Ethics for the National Strength and Conditioning Association. He teaches several classes on strength training and conditioning to students and to the Tallahassee community. Van Halanger leads FSU's Fellowship of Christian Athletes group.

A native of Turtle Creek, Pennsylvania, Van Halanger and his wife, Michele, have three children - Danielle, Julie, and Matthew.

## Mark Meloney

### Academic Advisor

**M**ark Meloney is in his seventh year as the Academic Advisor for each of the student-athletes on Florida State's baseball and men's and women's basketball teams. Meloney's duties are to coordinate and monitor the tutorial process of the student-athletes. Included in his duties are roles in the advising, registration, and adherence to the University's rules and regulations.

An FSU alumnus, the 35-year old Meloney earned his bachelor's degree in management and finance in 1986. Upon graduation, he took a position in the FSU Registrar's Office as the Student Affairs Coordinator. Meloney held the position for three years before taking his present position in 1989.

A native of DeFuniak Springs, Florida, Meloney first enrolled at Buenvista College in Iowa where he was a two-time letterwinner in both football and baseball.

Meloney, a member of the National Association of Academic Advisors for Athletes, is married to the former Sarah Cawthon and they have a daughter, Montana.

## Chrys Duncan

### Executive Secretary

**C**hrys Duncan begins her third season as Pat Kennedy's executive assistant. She assumed her new position in the basketball office after serving in different capacities at Florida State for the past 12 years, most recently in research studies.

A native of nearby Marianna, Florida, Duncan earned a bachelor's degree from Florida State in human services and has completed some work on her master's.

Duncan and her husband, Clay, have two sons, C.J. and Joe.

## Rebecca Devereaux

### Recruiting Secretary

**R**ebeca Devereaux begins her first season as the full-time recruiting secretary. No stranger to the FSU basketball office, Devereaux began working as a student assistant in 1994.

The Warwick, Rhode Island, native completed her undergraduate work in Public Relations and Social Science at Florida State in 1995 after transferring from the University of Alabama in '92 following her freshman year. She is currently pursuing her master's degree in Social Science Education and aspires to teach high school social studies.

An avid sports enthusiast, the 22-year-old Devereaux is single.



Mark Meloney



Chrys Duncan

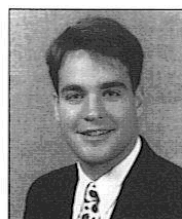


Rebecca Devereaux

## BASKETBALL MANAGERS



Derek Kurnitsky



Mitch Young

# The Theme For Florida State Basketball



## Teaching Values and Sharing Dreams

### PROGRAM GOALS

#### Teaching Values

1. Discipline
2. Learning
3. Understanding
4. Decision Making

#### Sharing Dreams

1. 100% Graduation Rate
2. Sell Out Civic Center
3. Atlantic Coast Conference Championship
4. Return to Final Four
5. National Championship

#### The Final Product

The "Final Product" is a polished, classy All-American type student-athlete who brings pride and recognition to his university, his family and himself. The "Final Product" is a young man going out into the world who is sound academically with his degree, is strong athletically with the competitive edge and productive socially as a contributor to society.



Discipline – Learning – Understanding – Decision Making  
Happiness = Success

### PERSONAL GOALS

## NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

#### Formula

- National Name Recognition
- Conference Affiliation of the Highest Level
- Facilities
  - Academic
  - Athletic
- Commitment
  - Philosophy
  - Monetary

#### ME

- Energy – Enthusiasm
- Intelligence – Confidence
- Faith – Patience
- Work Ethic – Persistence
- Discipline – Ambition
- Family

#### Systems

- Development of Recruiting
- Development of Student Athlete
  - Academically
  - Athletically
  - Socially
  - Career Planning
- Development of Staff and Support Groups