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Celebrating
50 Years of



Seminole
Basketball



"I really like the makeup of our basketball team. We have a great deal of experience and a lot of quality athletes. We now have four full recruiting classes of ACC-caliber players."

— Pat Kennedy
Head Coach

1996-97 Florida State Basketball Schedule

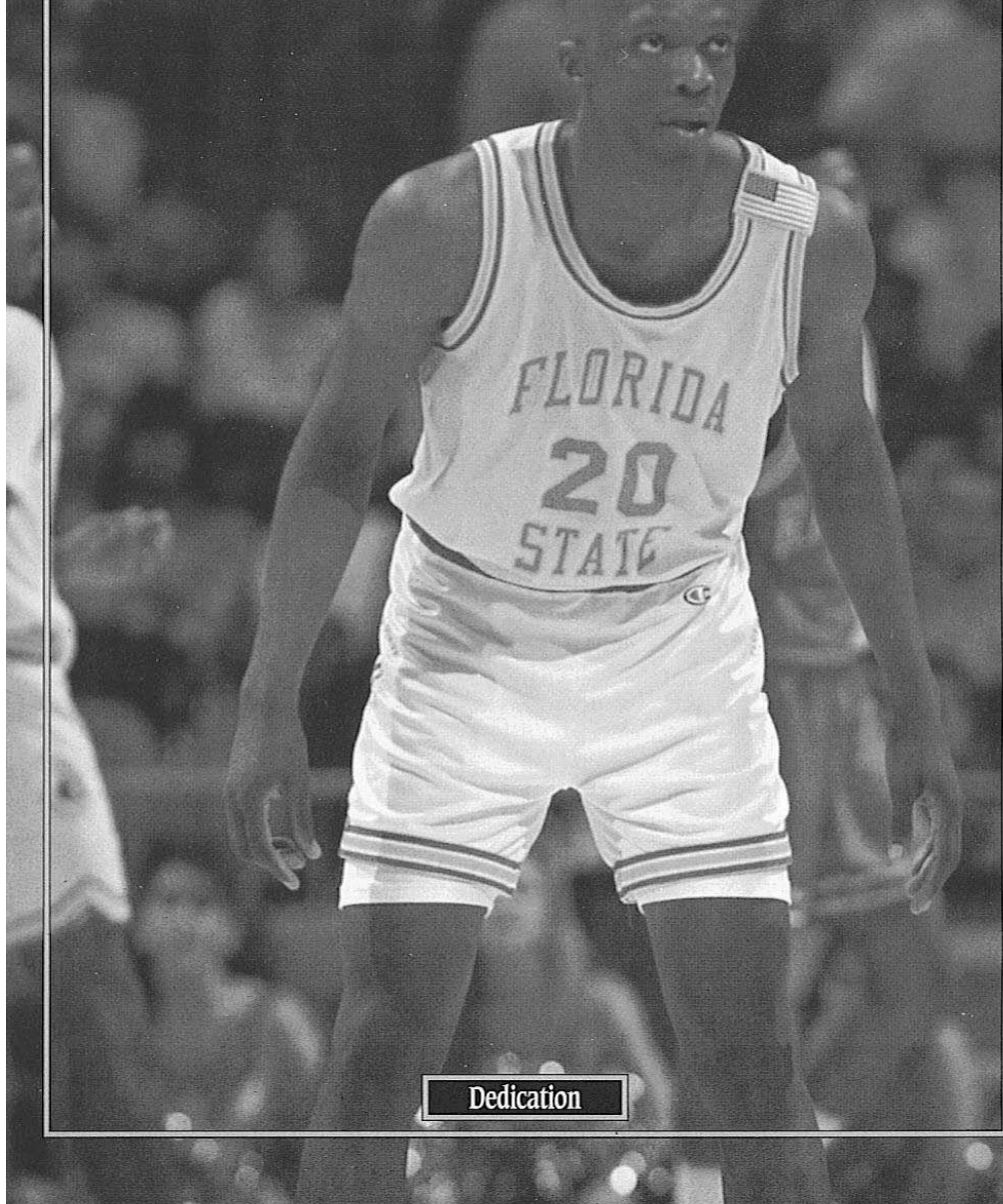
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NOVEMBER					25	Wake Forest	Winston-Salem, NC	4:00	(R/JP) (espn2)
6	CONVERSE ALL-STARS	TALLAHASSEE, FL	7:00		29	MARYLAND	TALLAHASSEE, FL	7:00	(RSN)
13	GARNET & GOLD GAME	TALLAHASSEE, FL	7:00		FEBRUARY				
22	SOUTHWESTERN LOUISIANA	TALLAHASSEE, FL	7:00		1	Virginia	Charlottesville, VA	12:00	(R/JP)
29	RICE	TALLAHASSEE, FL	7:00	(SUN)	6	North Carolina	Chapel Hill, NC	8:00	(R/JP)
DECEMBER					9	GEORGIA TECH	TALLAHASSEE, FL	1:00	(espn2)
2	FLORIDA ATLANTIC	TALLAHASSEE, FL	7:00		13	Maryland	College Park, MD	8:00	(R/JP)
5	Duke	Durham, NC	7:00	(RSN)	15	DUKE	TALLAHASSEE, FL	7:30	(ESPN)
14	Jacksonville	Jacksonville, FL	7:30	(SUN)	19	ALABAMA STATE	TALLAHASSEE, FL	7:00	(R/JP)
17	TENNESSEE STATE	TALLAHASSEE, FL	7:00		23	Clemson	Clemson, SC	4:00	(R/JP)
21	Florida at Milk Challenge	Orlando, FL	TBA	(SUN)	26	N.C. State	Raleigh, NC	7:30	
28	MARIST	TALLAHASSEE, FL	12:00	(SUN)	MARCH				
30	BUTLER	TALLAHASSEE, FL	7:00	(SUN)	1	WAKE FOREST	TALLAHASSEE, FL	1:30	(R/JP)
JANUARY					6-9	at ACC Tournament	Greensboro, NC	TBA	(ESPN) (R/JP)
4	N.C. STATE	TALLAHASSEE, FL	1:00	(R/JP)	R/JP = Raycom-Jefferson-Pilot SUN = Sunshine				
8	VIRGINIA	TALLAHASSEE, FL	8:00		RSN = Sunshine/HTS/SportsSouth SCF = Sports Channel Florida				
11	CLEMSON	TALLAHASSEE, FL	3:00	(RSN)					
15	Georgia Tech	Atlanta, GA	7:30						
18	Seton Hall	E. Rutherford, NJ	12:00	(SCF)					
22	NORTH CAROLINA	TALLAHASSEE, FL	9:00	(ESPN)					



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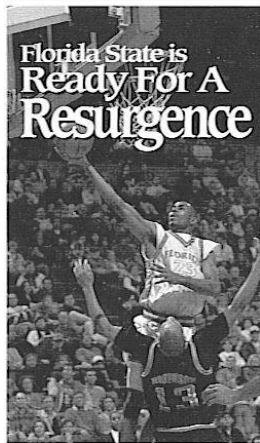
The 1996-97 Florida State Basketball Media Guide is dedicated to former FSU basketball player Aubrey Boyd (1987-91). The first recruit signed by Florida State head coach Pat Kennedy, Boyd suffered a broken neck while playing pick-up football in his hometown of Macon, Ga. in October of 1995 and is paralyzed from the neck down. During his FSU career, Florida State played in three NCAA Tournaments, won two Metro Conference regular season titles and captured the school's only Metro Tournament title. Boyd served as captain to Florida State's 1990-91 team that advanced to the second round of the NCAA Tournament.

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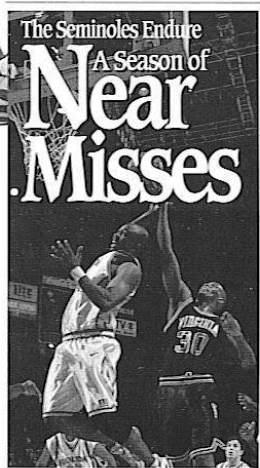
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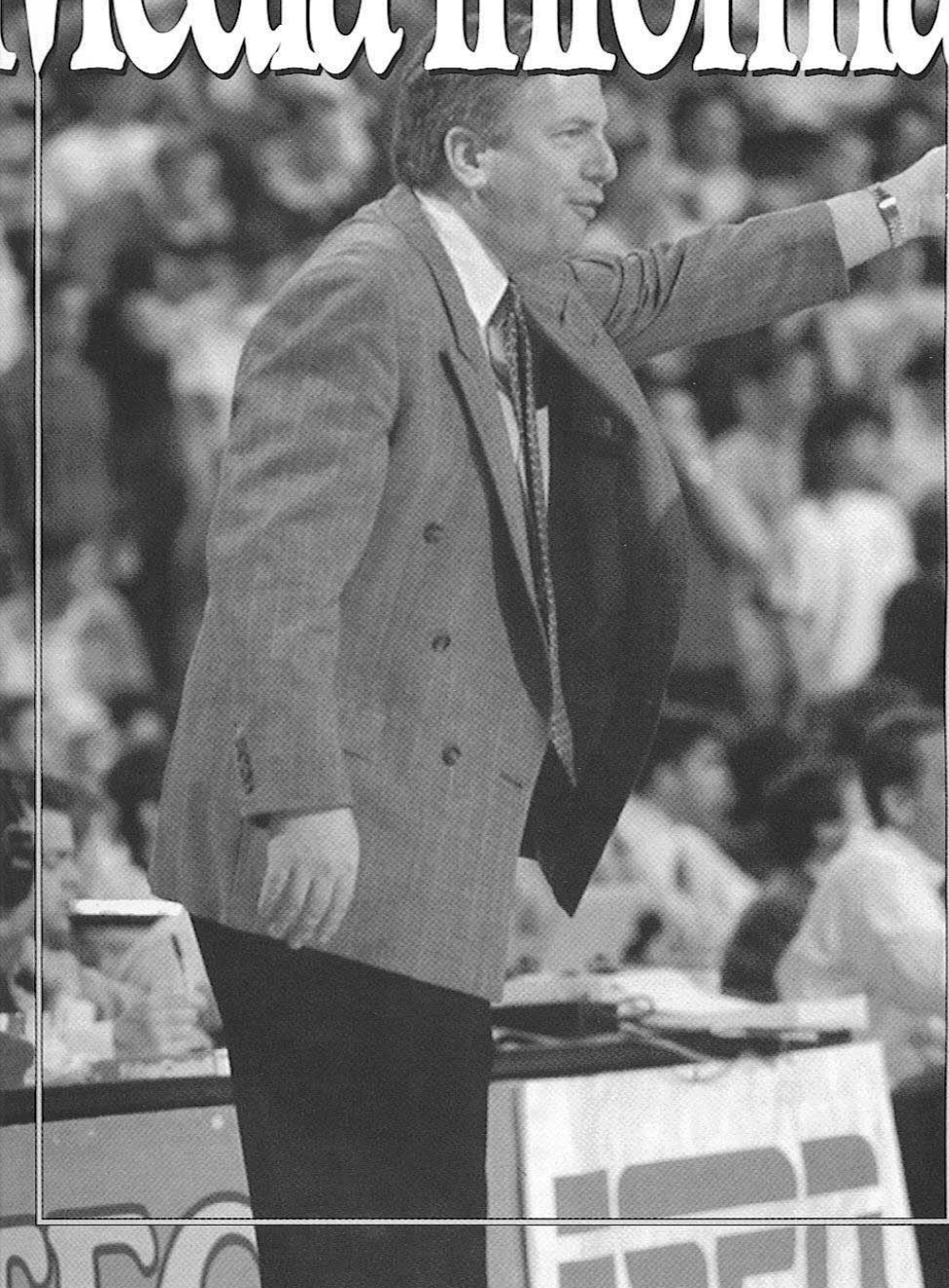
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Media Information



50 Years of Seminole Basketball

1962: The First NBA Pick



At the conclusion of the 1961-62 Florida State basketball season, Seminole forward Dave Fedor was a third round selection in the NBA Draft by Philadelphia. With that, the Seminoles' tradition as a pipeline to the NBA began. Fedor, Florida State's first selection in the NBA Draft, is one of the most productive players to ever wear the Garnet and Gold. He ranks ninth all-time at FSU in scoring with 1,450 points and third in rebounding with 969 caroms. His 43-point game against Miami during the 1959-60 season is tied for the second best scoring game in school history. In the 34 years since Fedor's selection, 29 Seminoles have been taken in the NBA draft, including four first round picks in the last four years. Since head coach Pat Kennedy's arrival at FSU, nine Seminoles have had careers in the NBA.

Press

Florida State University's 1996-97 Basketball Media Guide has been designed for use by the news media and Seminole fans. Any questions not covered in this publication can be directed to the Florida State Sports Information Office.



Chris Walker
Assistant Sports Information Director

Credential Requests: All requests for working press, radio, television, photographer or scouting credentials should be made in writing to Chris Walker of the FSU Sports Information Office at least one week prior to date of game.

Requests will be evaluated and credentials issued according to the following criteria.

- a. Local metropolitan press; wire services; national publications; metropolitan press from opponents' areas; student newspapers;
- b. Other daily newspapers;
- c. Radio and television personnel not broadcasting the contest live;
- d. Non-daily newspapers (space available);
- e. Scouts.

Parking: A limited number of spaces in the Civic Center's main parking lot have been set aside for use by the media. Cars should enter the parking lot off Pensacola Street and will be directed to the proper area. ALL REQUESTS FOR PARKING CREDENTIALS SHOULD BE MADE ALONG WITH REQUESTS FOR PRESS CREDENTIALS.

Photographers: Accredited photographers will be allowed to shoot the game from courtside upon presentation of a photo pass for the contest. Working press only will be allowed in the designated photo areas of the court.

Television: Facilities are available at courtside for both local and network broadcasts. Please have requests prepared several weeks prior to the broadcast.

NETWORK TELEVISION CREWS WILL BE ISSUED FOUR PARKING PASSES ONLY FOR THEIR ENTIRE CREW. Producers should contact the Civic Center's Roger Englert at (904) 487-1691 directly for special parking needs.

Radio: Sections are reserved for both Florida State and opposing radio on press row. FSU grants broadcast rights to the official radio outlet of the visiting team on a reciprocal basis. Contact Jim McNeil of Host Communications (904) 644-2550 to assure the lines are available.

Phones: Telephone service should be ordered directly through Centel Telephone Company of Tallahassee. Call (904) 681-6600 to order private lines.

A limited number (six) of phone lines are available in the press/interview room following the game. The phones are for credit card calls only and are on a first-come, first-served basis.

Faxing: Faxing of statistics is available through the FSU Sports Information Office.

Interview Policies: Florida State players may be reached through the Sports Information Office. A media call-back card will be filled out and given to the athlete who should return the call collect at the requested time.

Following completion of a game, Florida State's locker room will be open following a 10-minute cooling off period. Pat Kennedy will address the media in the press/interview room and two FSU players will be brought to the same room. Media may also conduct interviews in the FSU locker room.

Press Meals: A buffet dinner is available in the Seminole Spirit Room to members of the media with meal ticket attached to credential.

Television crews will be supplied with five meal tickets to accommodate the talent and producers. Any catering needs for television crews should be addressed with Roger Englert of the Civic Center.

ACC Basketball Coaches Teleconference & Sports Services

The ACC Media Relations Department offers up-to-date statistics on a daily basis and an opportunity to speak to each of the conference coaches via conference-call telephone format on a weekly basis. The statistics will be accessible by computer every afternoon by 3:00 p.m., while the teleconferences will take place on TUESDAY MORNINGS (starting January 4) beginning at 11:00 a.m. The stats line phone number is 910-855-6568 and the teleconference can be accessed by dialing 703-918-9233.

Teleconference Schedule

Dave Odom, Wake Forest.....	11:00
Jeff Jones, Virginia	11:10
Herb Sendek, N.C. State	11:20
Dean Smith, North Carolina.....	11:30
Gary Williams, Maryland.....	11:40
Bobby Cremins, Georgia Tech	11:50
Pat Kennedy, Florida State.....	12:00
Mike Krzyzewski, Duke.....	12:10
Rick Barnes, Clemson	12:20

There will be a sign-up list in the press/interview room for any media members who need post-game materials faxed.

Services/Statistics: Statistics will be distributed to the media following both the half and completion of the game along with a play-by-play of the game. Coaches' quotes will be available approximately 30 minutes after the completion of the game.

ACC Faxback Service

In order to provide timely and accurate information, the Atlantic Coast Conference has a "Faxback System" which allows the league office to provide the latest information, 24 hours a day. The ACC Faxback allows members of the media 24-hour access to the latest press releases (notes & stats) from the ACC office AND the nine sports information offices from each of the league schools.

Members of the media are urged to use this easy system to obtain information on the ACC schools. Below are several of the ACC Faxback features.

Simply dial the Faxback machine phone number on your fax phone. You will then be instructed step-by-step on how to retrieve the information. Connect your fax at the tone and the requested information will start transmitting through your machine. This system is operational 24 hours a day and will contain the latest releases from the nine ACC schools and the ACC office release. We will not release this phone number except to certified media sources. Therefore, you must contact the ACC Media Relations department or fax in your request to (910) 854-8797.

ACC Men's Basketball Faxback Catalog

CLEMSON

General Release.....11150
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DUKE

General Release.....21150
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FLORIDA STATE

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GEORGIA TECH

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MARYLAND

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N.C. STATE

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VIRGINIA

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WAKE FOREST

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FSU Quick Facts

Location:Tallahassee, FL
Enrollment:30,200
Symbol:Seminole
Colors:Garnet and Gold
Conference:Atlantic Coast
Home Court:Tallahassee-Leon County Civic Center
Capacity:12,500
1995-96 Record:13-14
ACC Record:5-11 (8th)
ACC Tournament:0-1
Starters Returning/Lost:5/0
Lettermen Returning/Lost:8/3

ATHLETIC ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

President:Talbot "Sandy" D'Alemberte
Faculty Rep:Charles Ehrhardt
Athletic Director:Dave Hart, Jr.
Associate Athletic Directors:Charlie Carr
.....Charles Hurst
.....Kim Record
.....Bob Minnix
Assistant Athletic Directors:Andy Urbanic
.....Guy Morgan
.....Greg Phillips
Director of Facilities:Bernie Waxman
Life Skills Coordinator:Pam Overton

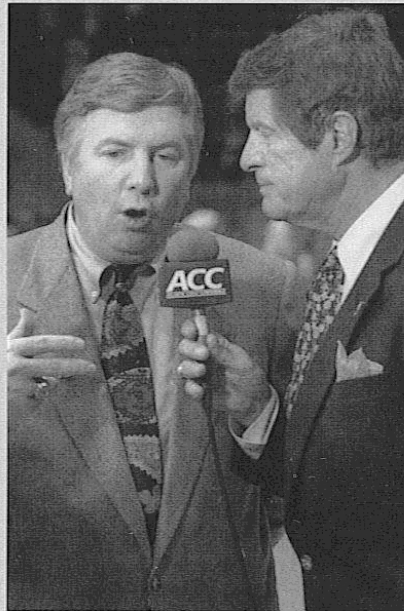
Director of Marketing and Promotions:Kim McWilliams
Sports Information Director:Rob Wilson
Ticket Manager:Patrick Martin

BASKETBALL STAFF

Head Basketball Coach:Pat Kennedy
Alma Mater (year):King's College ('75)
Overall Record (years):306-179 (16)
Record at FSU (years):182-119 (10)
Assistant Coaches:Tom Carlson (FSU '74)
.....Donnie Marsh (Franklin & Marshall '79)
.....Jim Baxter (Indiana State '73)
Trainer:Sam Lunt
Equipment Manager:Gene Granger

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The Florida State basketball program receives some of the most extensive television coverage in the nation. The Seminoles will have 19 games televised this season.

FSU Sports Information Office

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.....Tallahassee, FL 32316
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Seminole Radio Network



Whether Florida State plays at home or on the road, fans across the Southeast follow every play on the Seminole Sports Network. The regional network brings all the excitement of FSU basketball, as well as pre-game predictions and post-game analysis, to fans, alumni and college basketball enthusiasts across a five state area. The network includes stations in North and South Carolina, and has a strong presence in Georgia, Alabama and Florida.

The Seminole Sports Network is owned and operated by Host Communications, Inc., one of the nation's leaders in collegiate sports broadcasting. Florida State joined forces with the Lexington, KY based company to establish a comprehensive marketing opportunity which includes radio, television, print and corporate sponsorship components.

In addition to Florida State, Host owns the rights to the network of other outstanding schools including Texas, Virginia, Kentucky, Notre Dame, Tennessee, South Carolina, Houston and Mississippi State. Host has a long-term broadcast and print relationship with the NCAA.

The Seminole Basketball Network will reach into nearly 40 markets in 1996-97, including some of the largest in the nation with Tampa, Miami and Orlando slated to receive the games. In Tallahassee, all the Seminole basketball games can be heard on flagship station WTNT-FM (94.9).

Florida State's professional broadcast crew is known as one of the best in the nation as they provide insight and entertainment as well as detailed and expert play-by-play.

The broadcast team features award-winning play-by-play announcer Gene Deckerhoff, a 23-year veteran of the FSU basketball network, who is a seven-time winner of the Sportscaster of the Year award in the Sunshine State.

Deckerhoff is nationally known as one of the finest football and basketball announcers in the South. The "Voice of the Seminoles" for the past 19 years in football in addition to his 23 in hoops, Deckerhoff

has been named the best college or pro football play-by-play announcer in the state for 14 of the last 17 years.

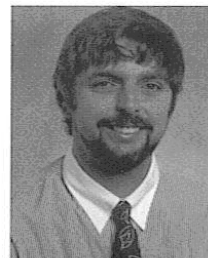
A native of Jacksonville, FL Deckerhoff also handles the play-by-play announcing for the Tampa Bay Buccaneers of the NFL, making for some very busy fall weekends. Deckerhoff is also the co-host of both "The Pat Kennedy Show" and the "The Bobby Bowden Show" which he also produces. He runs Gene Deckerhoff Productions, a firm specializing in sports broadcasting and the production of radio and television commercials.

Joining Deckerhoff for the second straight year is long-time Florida State basketball associate Jackie Pons. Pons will add color-commentary to all of Florida State's basketball broadcasts this year after handling select road games in

the past. Pons has a vast knowledge of Florida State basketball having worked numerous Pat Kennedy camps.



Gene Deckerhoff



Jackie Pons

Host Communications 1996-97 Seminole Radio Network Affiliates

Location	Station Frequency	Location	Station Frequency
Belle Glade.....	WBGF-FM 93.5	Miami.....	WQAM-AM 560
Brunswick, GA.....	WPIQ-AM 790	Milton.....	WEBC-AM 1330
Cocoa Beach.....	WMYM-AM 1350	Ocala.....	WCOA-AM 1370
Daytona Beach.....	WROD-AM 1340	Orlando.....	WWNZ-AM 740
Defuniak Springs.....	WZEP-AM 1460	Panama City.....	WYOO-FM 101.3
Dothan, AL.....	WXUS-FM 100.5	Pensacola.....	WZNO-AM 1230
Englewood.....	WENG-AM 1530	Perry.....	WNFK-FM 105.5
Fort Pierce.....	WAXE-AM 1370	Perry.....	WPRY-AM 1400
Ft. Walton Beach.....	WFTW-AM 1260	Sarasota.....	WSPB-AM 1450
High Springs.....	WYOC-FM 104.9	Sebring.....	WWTK-AM 730
Jacksonville.....	WOKV-FM 690	St. Augustine.....	WAOC-AM 1420
Key West.....	WKIZ-AM 1500	Stuart.....	WAXE-AM 1370
LaGrange, GA.....	WTRP-AM 620	Tallahassee.....	WNLS-AM 1270
Lake City.....	WGRO-AM 960	Tallahassee.....	WTNT-FM 94.9
Lakeland.....	WLKF-AM 1430	Tampa.....	WNZE-AM 820
Leesburg.....	WKIQ-AM 1240	Valdosta, GA.....	WGOV-AM 950
Live Oak.....	WQHL-FM 98.1	Vero Beach.....	WAXE-AM 1370
Macclenny.....	WJXR-FM 92.1	Wauchula.....	WZZS-FM 106.9
Marianna.....	WBNF-FM 94.1	West Palm Beach.....	WBZT-AM 1290

Basketball Media Outlets

Outlet	Telephone	FAX
Print Media		
Associated Press (Local)		
Brent Kallestad 336 E. College Ave., Ste 301, Tallahassee, FL 32301	904-224-1211	224-2099
Bradenton Herald		
Willie Hiatt, Sports Editor 102 Manatee Ave., West Bradenton, FL 34205	813-745-7007	745-7097
Daytona Beach News Journal		
Godwin Kelly, Sports P.O. Box 431, Daytona Beach, FL 32015	904-252-1511	258-8465
Flambeau		
TBA P.O. Box 20287, Tallahassee, FL 32316	904-681-6695	681-3577
Florida Times Union (Local)		
Bob Thomas, Sports 336 E. College Ave., Suite 304, Tallahassee, FL 32301	904-224-7515	359-4147
Florida Times Union		
Gene Frenette, Columnist, Tim McDonald, Columnist, Mike Bianchi One Riverside Ave., Jacksonville, FL 32202	904-359-4246	359-4147
Fl. Lauderdale Sun-Sentinel		
Craig Barnes, Sports, Dave Hyde, Columnist 200 E. Las Olas Blvd., Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33301	305-356-4645	356-4676
Fl. Myers News Press		
Scott Korzenowski, Columnist 2442 Anderson Ave., Ft. Myers, FL 33901	813-335-0358	334-0708
FSView		
TBA P.O. Box 20331, Tallahassee, FL 32316	904-561-6653	561-6578
Gainesville Sun		
Paul Jenkins, Sports P.O. Drawer A, Gainesville, FL 32602	904-378-1411	338-3128
Lakeland Ledger		
Mike Cobb, Sports Editor P.O. Box 408, Lakeland, FL 33802	813-687-7010	687-7016
Miami Herald		
Gary Long, Sports One Herald Plaza, Miami, FL 33101	305-376-3487	376-2295
Northwest Florida Daily News		
Arnold Feliciano, Sports Editor 200 Racetrack, Ft. Walton Bch, FL 32548	904-863-1111	862-5230
Ocala Star Banner		
Dwight Collins, Sports P.O. Box 490, Ocala, FL 32670	904-867-4144	867-4018
Orlando Sentinel (Local)		
Alan Schmadtke 336 E. College Ave., Suite 303, Tallahassee, FL 32301	904-222-5564	224-0979
Orlando Sentinel		
Larry Guest, Columnist, Steve Doyle P.O. Box 28333, Orlando, FL 32802	407-420-5474	420-5069
Osceola		
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Palatka Daily News		
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Palm Beach Post		
Don Moffett, Columnist, Ed Price 2751 S. Dixie Hwy., W. Palm Bch., FL 33405	407-820-4440	820-4481
Panama City News-Herald		
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Pensacola News Journal		
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Sarasota Herald-Tribune		
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St. Petersburg Times		
Bob Harig, Sports P.O. Box 1121, St. Petersburg, FL 33731	813-893-8123	893-8782

Outlet	Telephone	FAX
Tallahassee Democrat		
Steve Ellis, John Nogowski, Columnist P.O. Box 990, Tallahassee, FL 32302	904-599-2166	224-2099
Tampa Tribune (Local)		
Doug Carlson 336 E. College Ave., Tallahassee, FL 32301	904-222-8382	222-4772
Tampa Tribune		
Tom McEwen, Columnist, David Afonso, Columnist, David Whitley, Sports P.O. Box 191, Tampa, FL 33601	813-272-7655	254-4952
United Press International		
TBA 800 Douglas Rd., Ste 565, Coral Gables, FL 33134	305-445-1750	898-8057
Electronic Media		
CABLE 47		
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Capitol News Service		
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Seminole Radio Network		
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Sunshine Network		
Paul Kennedy, Talent 390 N. Orange Ave., Suite 275, Orlando, FL 32801	407-648-1150	648-1679
WALB-TV (CBS)		
Ducky Wall, Sports P.O. Box 3130, Albany, GA 31706	912-883-0154	434-8768
WCTV-TV (CBS)		
Randy Ruditz, Sports, Mike Nabors, Sandra Golden P.O. Box 3048, Tallahassee, FL 32315	904-893-2166	668-3851
WEAR-TV (ABC)		
Dan Shugart, Sports P.O. Box 12278, Pensacola, FL 32581	904-455-4599	455-8972
WESH-TV (Winter Park)		
Mark Middleton 1021 N. Wymore Rd., Winter Park, FL 32789	407-539-7895	539-7948
WFTV-TV (ABC)		
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WJHG-TV (NBC)		
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	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
NOVEMBER	10	11	12	13	14	15 CLEMSON vs. Kentucky (ESPN-9:00) Indianapolis, Ind.	16
	17	18	19	20 St. Joseph's at DUKE (NIT) (ESPN-9:30) Cameron Indoor Stadium, Durham	21	22 S.W. Louisiana at FLORIDA STATE (7:00) NORTH CAROLINA vs. Arizona (ESPN-7:30) Springfield (Mass) Civic Center Wofford at GEORGIA TECH (7:30) Florida Atlantic at N.C. STATE (7:30) NIT Second Round ESPN-TBA	23 Coastal Carolina at CLEMSON (6:00)
	24 VMI at WAKE FOREST (SSN-1:30)	25 VIRGINIA in Maui Tournament Maui, Hawaii WAKE FOREST at The Citadel (7:30) Penn State at N.C. STATE (7:30) Richmond at NORTH CAROLINA (HTS-SSN-7:00)	26 Morpan State at GEORGIA TECH (7:30) Howard at MARYLAND (8:00) VIRGINIA in Maui Tournament (ESPN-TBA)	27 Lamar at N.C. STATE (7:30) NIT Semifinals (ESPN-TBA) Madison Square Garden, New York, NY VIRGINIA in Maui Tournament (ESPN-TBA)	28	29 Rice at FLORIDA STATE (Sun-7:00) Pittsburgh at NORTH CAROLINA (ESPN-7:30) Davidson at WAKE FOREST (7:30) Raptors at GEORGIA TECH (7:30) NIT Championship (ESPN-9:30) CLEMSON in San Juan Shootout (TBA)	30 Reason State at MARYLAND (1:00) N.C. STATE at VIRGINIA (8:30) VIRGINIA at George Mason (HTS-8:00) CLEMSON in San Juan Shootout (TBA)
DECEMBER	1 WAKE FOREST at Richmond (RegTV-2:00) CLEMSON in San Juan Shootout (TBA)	2 Florida Atlantic at FLORIDA STATE (7:00) Lehigh at DUKE (7:30) Bethune-Cookman at NORTH CAROLINA (7:30) Chicago State at MARYLAND (8:00)	3 Withrop at N.C. STATE (7:30) WAKE FOREST vs. Mississippi St. (ESPN-7:30) Great 8 United Center, Chicago Georgia at GEORGIA TECH (RU-8:00)	4 Furman at CLEMSON (7:00) Mt. Ballmore County at MARYLAND (8:00) VIRGINIA at William & Mary (HTS-7:30)	5 FLORIDA STATE at DUKE (SSN-7:00)	6 NORTH CAROLINA vs. Southern Cal. (Ray-7:00) Tournament of Champions Charlotte, NC	7 WAKE FOREST at N.C. STATE (ESPN-12:30) GEORGIA TECH vs. Temple (HTS-SSN-2:30) Atlantic City, NJ CLEMSON at VIRGINIA (CBS-4:00) NORTH CAROLINA in Tour. Champions (Raycom-TBA)
	8 Michigan at DUKE (ABC-1:30) MARYLAND in Franklin Bank Classic Landover, Maryland (ABC-1:30)	9 MARYLAND in Franklin Bank Classic (HTS-TBA)	10 Davidson at DUKE (ESPN2-7:00)	11	12 GEORGIA TECH at MARYLAND (RU-8:00)	13	14 DUKE vs. Villanova (CBS-3:00) The Spectrum, Philadelphia, PA Charleston Southern at CLEMSON (7:00) FLORIDA STATE at Jacksonville (Sun-7:00) Massachusetts at WAKE FOREST (ESPN-8:30)
	15 NORTH CAROLINA at VMI (RegTV-4:30)	16	17 CLEMSON at South Carolina (HTS-SSN-7:00)	18 Tennessee State at FLORIDA STATE (7:00) Liberty at VIRGINIA (7:30) LSU at NORTH CAROLINA (ESPN-9:00) Greensboro (NC) Coliseum	19 Central Florida at NC STATE (7:30)	20 Wofford at CLEMSON (7:00) Massachusetts vs. NORTH CAROLINA (ESPN-9:00) The Meadowlands, E. Rutherford, NJ	21 Mid. Baltimore County at VIRGINIA (1:00) Campbell at WAKE FOREST (3:00) Florida at FLORIDA STATE (Orlando) (Sun-7:00) American at MARYLAND (HTS-4:30) Kentucky vs. GEORGIA TECH (ESPN-7:30) Georgia Dome, Atlanta, GA NC STATE at Kansas (HTS-8:00)
	22 Army at DUKE (RegTV-1:00) CLEMSON at Texas A & M (SSN-3:00) NORTH CAROLINA at Princeton (ESPN2-Noon)	23 VIRGINIA at Connecticut (HTS-7:30) Lafayette at MARYLAND (8:00)	24	25	26 GEORGIA TECH in Holiday Festival (TBA) Madison Square Garden, New York	27 MARYLAND vs. Pittsburgh (ESPN2-10:00) Rainbow Classic, Honolulu, Hawaii	28 Marist at FLORIDA STATE (Sun-Noon) Raptors at VIRGINIA (1:00) Marshall at CLEMSON (SSN-4:00) GEORGIA TECH in Holiday Festival (TBA)
	29	30 Butler at FLORIDA STATE (Sun-7:00) South Carolina at CLEMSON (7:00) Western Carolina at DUKE (7:30) Delaware at VIRGINIA (7:30) MARYLAND in Rainbow Semifinals (ESPN-TBA)	31 UNC-Greensboro at GEORGIA TECH (1:00) Ark. Pine Bluff at NC STATE (7:30) WAKE FOREST at Utah (ESPN-9:30)	1	2 Loyola (Md.) at VIRGINIA (8:30) South Carolina State at DUKE (7:30)	3	4 NC STATE at FLORIDA STATE (RU-1:00) VIRGINIA at MARYLAND (RU-1:00) NORTH CAROLINA at WAKE FOREST (ESPN-8:00)
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1996-'97 Outlook

*50 Years of
Seminole Basketball*

**1967-70:
The Dave
Cowens Era**



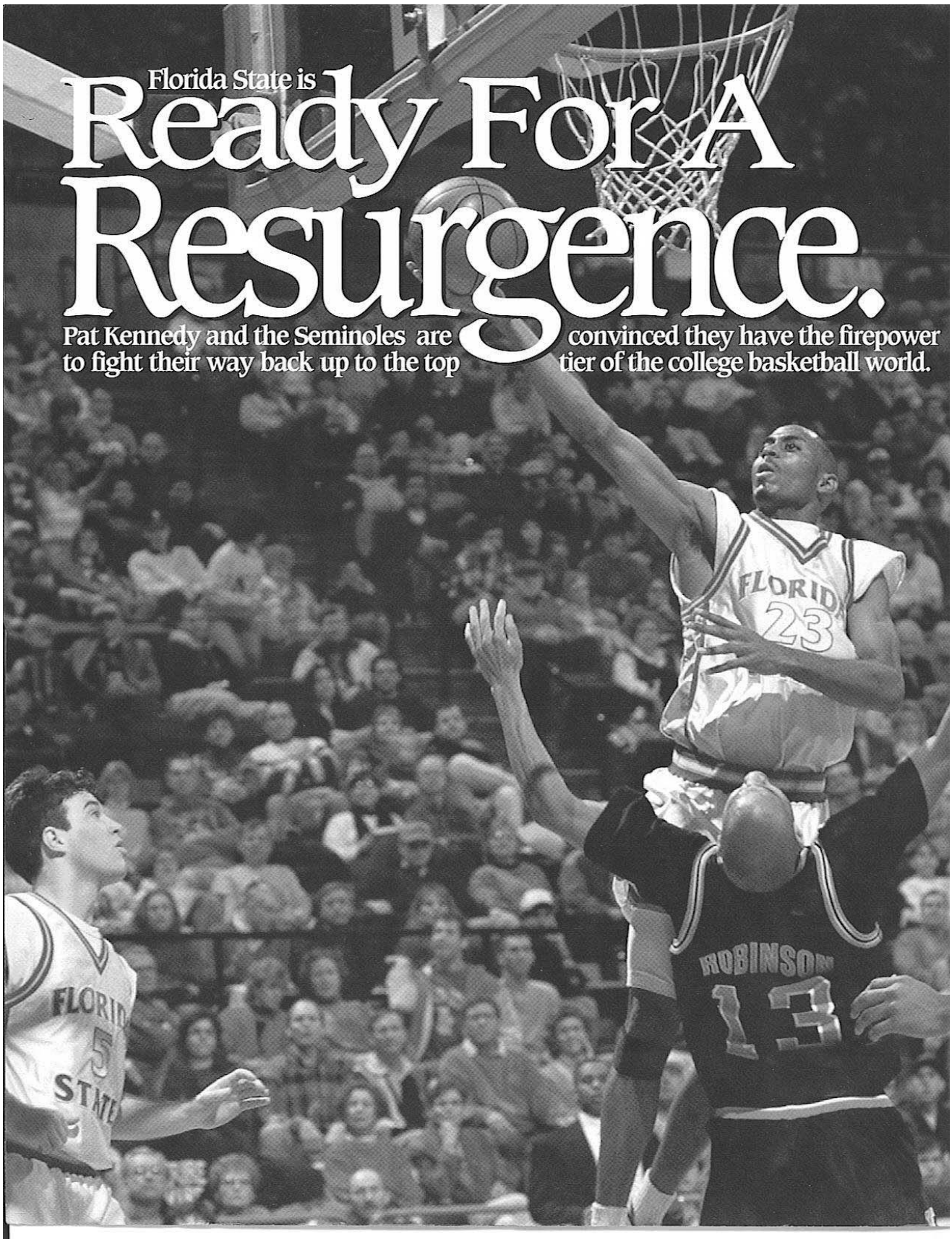
The most accomplished player in Florida State basketball history, Dave Cowens still ranks among the program's all-time leaders in several categories 26 years after his departure from Florida State into the NBA. Cowens helped the Seminoles to a 60-19 record during his career, including a 23-3 mark in his final season in 1969-70. During his career at FSU, Cowens averaged 19.0 points and 17.2 rebounds per game. He is the program's all-time leading rebounder with 1,340 and ranks seventh in scoring with 1,479 points. Cowens was Florida State's first NBA first round draft pick and went on to a nine-year career in the league, winning two world championships with the Boston Celtics. A member of the Basketball Hall of Fame, Cowens is in his first year as the head coach of the NBA's Charlotte Hornets.

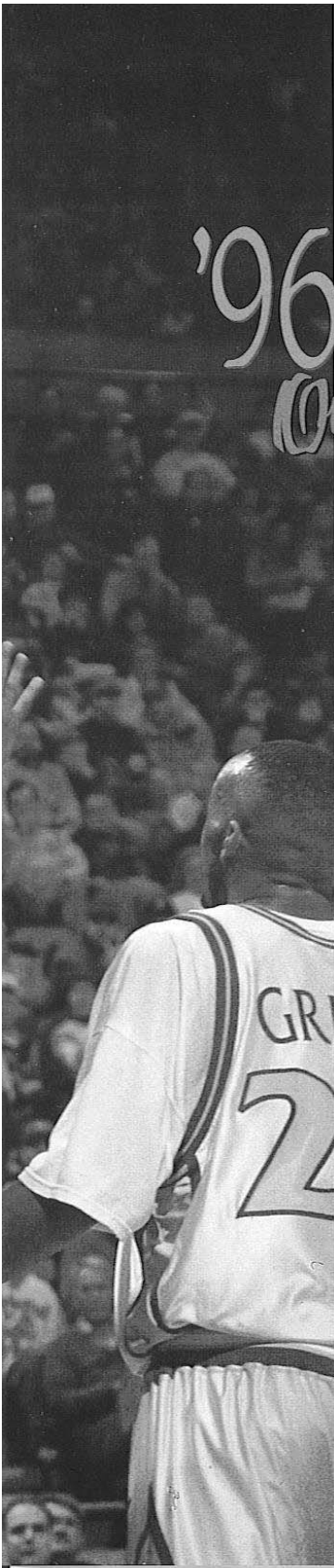
Florida State is

Ready For A Resurgence.

Pat Kennedy and the Seminoles are to fight their way back up to the top

convinced they have the firepower tier of the college basketball world.





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Behind the talented senior is the most experienced squad head coach Pat Kennedy has fielded in recent years.



- 97 SEMINOLE BASKETBALL

Florida State head basketball coach Pat Kennedy made the statement when the Seminoles joined the Atlantic Coast Conference in 1991:

"It will take a five-year building process to compete in the premier college basketball conference in the nation."

Year six in FSU's membership in the ACC is upon Kennedy and it appears that his team has the necessary ingredients to make its resurgence in the league – and nationally – in 1996-97.

The Seminoles' first five seasons in the conference have been filled with great moments and near misses. FSU shocked long-time league observers and national college basketball analysts in its first two seasons in the conference. Florida State rolled to a pair of second place finishes in the conference and appeared in the Sweet 16 of the NCAA Tournament both years. The 1992-93 Seminoles posted a 25-10 record and finished one game shy of a trip to the Final Four, falling to Kentucky in the Southeast Regional championship game. The last three seasons have seen FSU walk that fine line between success and disappointment. Close, heartbreaking losses have become common.

"I really believe that we have been right on the brink of 17 or 18-win seasons and trips to the postseason each of the past three years," said Kennedy, whose clubs have lost 16 games during the last three years by six points or less or in overtime. "We know all about the fine line that separates teams. I fully expect that Florida State will be back in the postseason come March."

Kennedy's reason for optimism stems from the fact that he returns all five starters and a pair of key reserves from last season's team that finished a game below .500. In fact, Florida State returns 82 percent of its scoring and 83 percent of its rebounding from last year's team. Add to those figures a recruiting class that was considered one of the ACC's best and one of the Top 10 in the nation by many publications and it is easy to see why Kennedy is eager for the season to begin.

"I really like the makeup of our team," said Kennedy. "We won't be relying on young guys to win games anymore. We had to rely on freshman and sophomores to be leaders down the stretch of games the last couple of years and that is a lot to ask playing in the best conference in college basketball."

The upside of having such a young team the last few years is that those players got crucial game experience and are now upperclassmen.

Said Kennedy: "We have an experienced ball club, a veteran team. One that has been through the wars of this league. We now have four full recruiting classes of ACC-caliber players."

Leading the way for Florida State in 1996-97 will be 6-4 senior James Collins. The ACC's third leading returning scorer, Collins averaged 18.3 points per game last season and was FSU's best all-around player. He enters his senior campaign as the Seminoles' 17th leading all-time scorer with 1,279 points. Collins should finish his career as the program's number two scorer behind former teammate and current Cleveland Cavalier guard Bob Sura.

"James is ready to have an outstanding senior season," commented Kennedy. "He is the consummate off guard and has worked very hard this summer to improve his game even more."

It would be hard to imagine and a scary thought for opponents to see Collins improve much more. He led Florida State in scoring last year and did so in a variety of ways. His three-point shooting improved as he hit a team-best 81 shots from beyond the arc and ranked third in the ACC in three-pointers made per game (2.6). Collins hit on 34.7 percent of his three-pointers last year. But the long range shot is not his only weapon. Collins puts the ball on the floor well and is able to get to the basket in the halfcourt set. He is probably at his best when in the open

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Coming off a solid season last year, Kirk Luchman will give the Seminoles much-needed senior leadership and a presence in the paint.



court, where his array of high-flying dunks are legendary at FSU. Collins was the offensive catalyst for the Seminoles despite the fact that opposing defenses always made him their first priority when facing Florida State.

"One thing that will really help James this season is that we should have more balance at the offensive end," Kennedy said. "He had to create so much of his offense and shoulder so much of our scoring load that it kind of held him back a bit."

Not only is Collins able to put the ball in the hole, but he is also able to stop opponents from doing so. He is heralded as one of the top defenders in the conference and finished second in the league in steals, averaging 2.3 per contest. Collins is also an excellent passer (86 assists) and a solid rebounder (4.5 per game) from his wing position, where he will start for the fourth straight season.

"James will really benefit from having someone in the backcourt that can penetrate and draw the defense away from him," said Kennedy.

points, 7.0 assists, 4.1 steals and 4.1 rebounds per game last year at TCC. He led the state in steals, ranked second in assists and finished in the top 10 in scoring while earning Panhandle Conference Player-of-the-Year honors.

Thompson's credentials as a prep are just as impressive. His decorated high school career came at Walton High School in New York City. As a senior, he led his team to the city title and was named Most Valuable Player of both the city and state tournaments. He was named to the all-city team that year as well. That team included Stephon Marbury (Georgia Tech/Minnesota Timberwolves), Felipe Lopez (St. John's), Kareem Reid (Arkansas) and Seldon Jefferson (West Virginia).

Noted Kennedy: "The greatest component to Kerry is that he has been a winner at every level that he has competed at. He played against Stephon Marbury's team in the city finals in high school and his team won. He has a very tested background as far as competition and he and his teams have always excelled."

That someone could be junior point guard Kerry Thompson, a transfer from Tallahassee Community College. At 6-0, Thompson is considered a key to Florida State's season and will most likely begin the year starting at the point for the Seminoles.

"Kerry Thompson is certainly somebody who we are looking to for a great deal of leadership this year," Kennedy said. "He is well known for that and that is why he decided to come to Florida State."

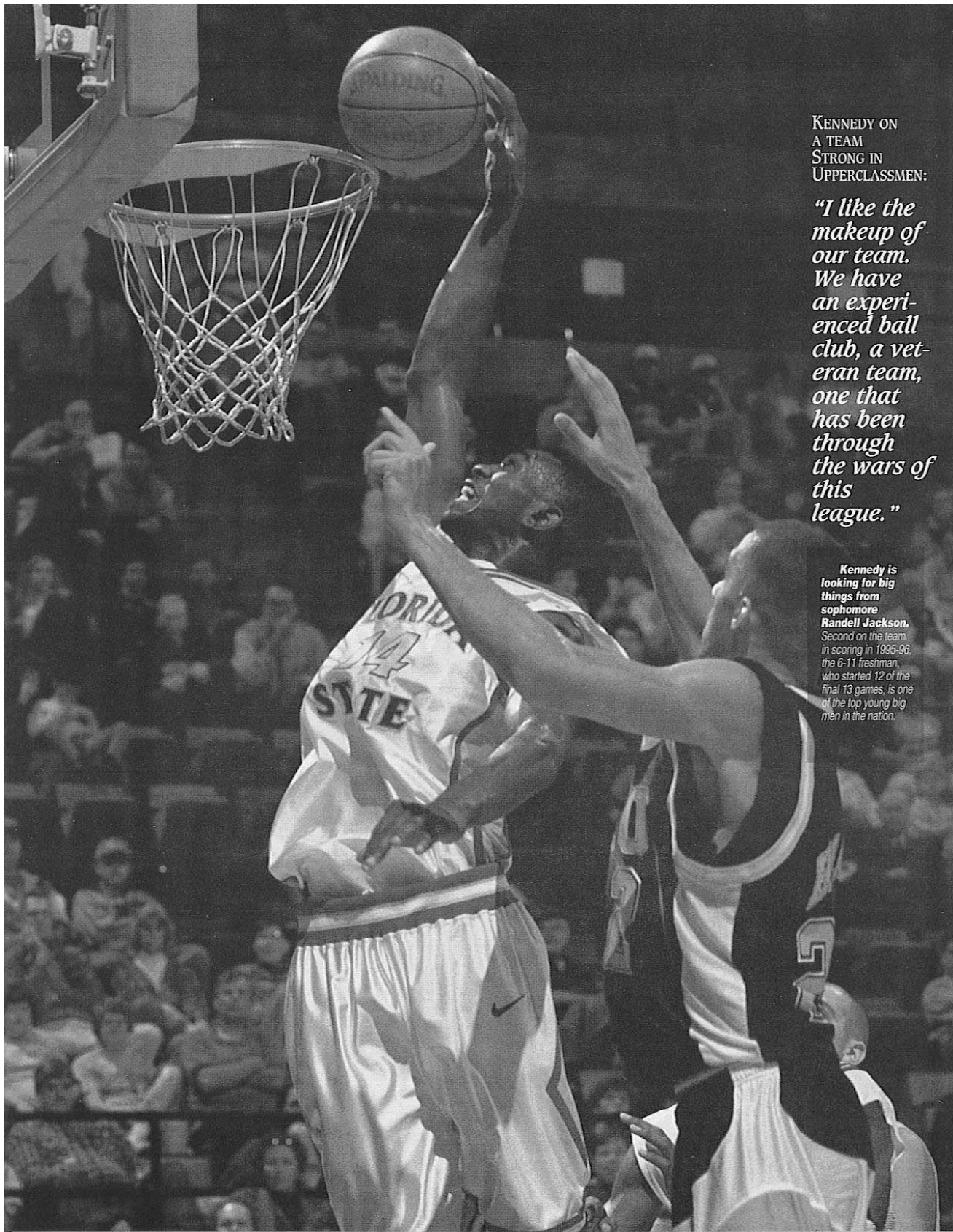
Thompson begins his Florida State career after being hailed as one of the top five junior college prospects in the nation last year while averaging 19.0

Thompson inherits a point guard position that was plagued by inconsistency last year. His ability to defend and create easier scoring opportunities for teammates will be critical to Florida State's success.

"Kerry can break down a defense," Kennedy said. "He will beat people off the dribble, is strong enough in the upper body to finish plays and is an excellent distributor of the ball. Kerry will help us get more easy baskets this year."

LaMarr Greer, a 6-5 junior who started the last two seasons at point guard and ranked third on the team in scoring last year at 9.4 points per game, will move over to a more natural wing position and compete with 6-5 sophomore Geoff Brower for a starting job.

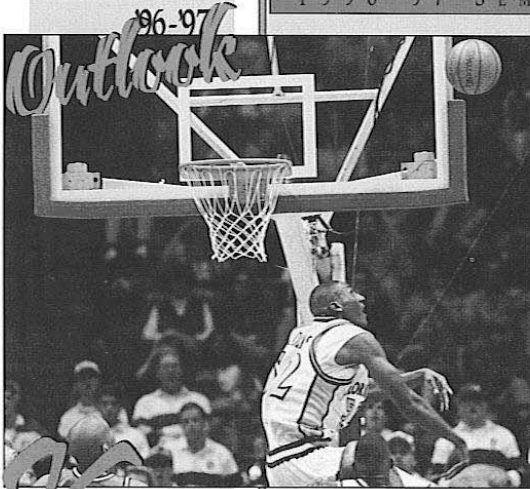
Greer's strengths are his solid ballhandling and passing skills. He ranked third in the ACC in assists last season with a 4.9 per game average and was fourth with an assist-to-turnover ratio of 2-to-1. He is the conference's leading returnee in assists and may also see some time at point guard. Greer is also a capable three-point shooter, who has



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**Kennedy is
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Second on the team
in scoring in 1995-96,
the 6-11 freshman,
who started 12 of the
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Corey Louis showed flashes of brilliance last year at both ends of the court. Now, Kennedy is looking for more consistency from the junior forward.

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knocked down some big long range shots in his first two seasons at FSU.

"LaMarr has been a solid performer for us for two years in the ACC," commented Kennedy. "He is big and strong enough to handle off guards and small forwards defensively. He also played some away from the ball when Scott Shepherd was in the game at the point last season."

Brower emerged as a key contributor down the stretch during his redshirt freshman season. He played in 26 games last year and started Florida State's final nine games, averaging 10.1 points during that stretch. Included in his starting assignments was a 17-point performance, including a five-for-five effort from three-point range, in what was arguably the Seminoles' biggest victory of the season, an 84-80 win at North Carolina.

A deadly long range shooter, Brower is a true scorer whose playing style reminds many of a young Bob Sura. Brower also lit up Wake Forest and Maryland for 17 points each in back-to-back games in his first two starts of the year.

"Geoff is a very important part of our plans this year. He took his game to another level down the stretch last year and we expect him to keep improving," commented Kennedy.

Three freshmen in Florida State's heralded recruiting class – Devonaire Deas, Ron Hale and Tommy Polley – also figure into the mix.

Deas was considered one of the 25 best prep players in the nation last year while at St. Thomas Moore

Prep in Oakdale, CT and was named to the Parade All-America Team. At 6-5, Deas handles the ball well, is a creative passer and is quick enough to play the point guard position. He will compete for playing time at the point and on the wing.

Polley's basketball status is contingent on another sport – football. Continuing a trend made popular by Charlie Ward, Polley plays for the Seminole football team during the fall and will play hoops during the winter. Considered a top 50 national prospect out of fabled Dunbar High School in Baltimore, MD, the same high school that produced former FSU star Sam Cassell, Polley, who stands 6-4 and will play on the wing, led the Poets to four consecutive state titles on the court. He came to Florida State on a football scholarship and will probably be redshirted as a tight end. If he is held out of football, Polley will join the hoops squad in October for the start of practice.

Hale, a 6-8 Largo, FL native with outstanding athletic ability, gives Florida State something it has not had in

recent memory – a true small forward. Hale can put the ball on the floor well and is a good jump shooter out to the three-point line. He was tabbed one of the country's top 50 preps last year and was named the Most Valuable Player of the Coca-Cola All-America Game in Indianapolis last year when he scored 18 points and grabbed 12 rebounds.

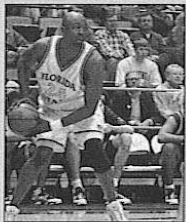
Along the baseline, Florida State has three players that have gone through the ACC wars on a nightly basis – senior Kirk Luchman, junior Corey Louis and sophomore Randell Jackson.

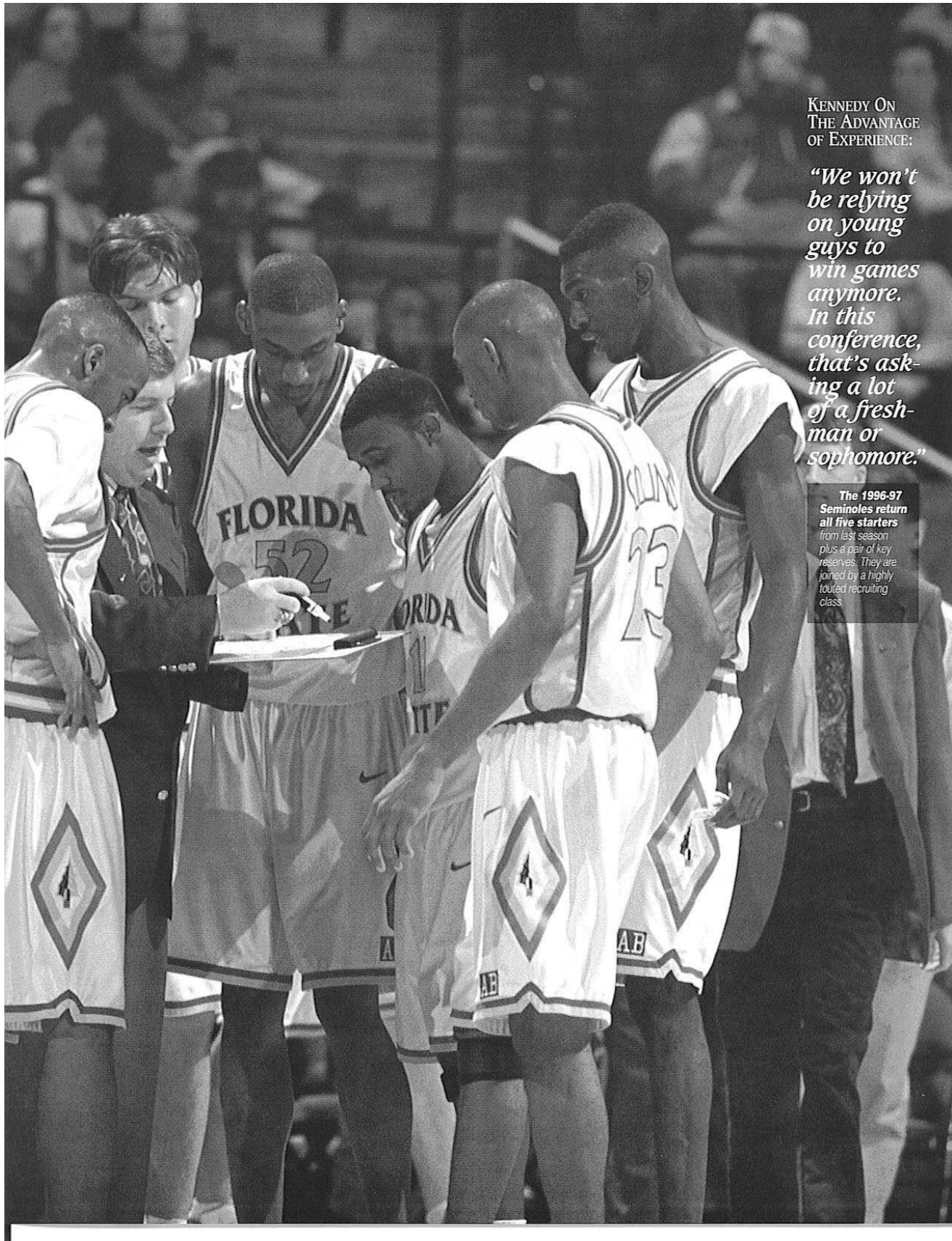
The Seminole coaching staff considers Louis' play vital to a successful season. The 6-9 Miami native had an outstanding freshman season but followed that with an up-and-down sophomore campaign. Still, Louis averaged 9.3 points and was ninth in the conference in rebounding at 6.5 per game while starting 22 contests.

"Corey Louis is obviously a big key to our success," Kennedy admitted. "We need him to bring his level of play to where it was at times last season and keep it there consistently. Last year when we played well, Corey usually had very good games."



Providing valuable depth along the baseline, Gentry Sparks will compete for increased playing time in 1996-97.





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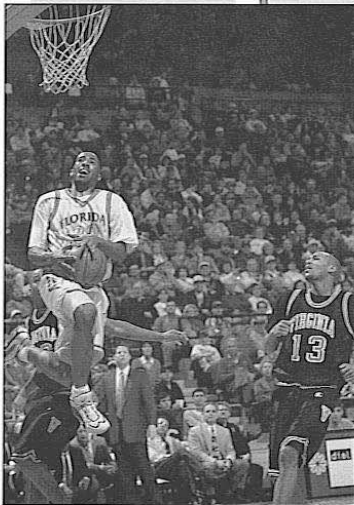
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Geoff Brower brings a variety of offensive weapons to the wing position. He will compete for a starting job there.

Add to the returning talent a recruiting class that was considered one of the ACC's best and one of the top ten in the nation by many publications and it's easy to see why Pat Kennedy is so eager for the season to begin.

In 1996-97 the Seminoles will return to the aggressive, up-tempo style of play that has become the trademark of the most successful Kennedy-coached teams.



Louis had double-doubles in two of his first three games last year (19 points and 13 rebounds against Jacksonville; 22 points and 10 rebounds against DePaul) but did not have one the rest of the season. He did have some bright moments in ACC play though. Louis averaged 10 points, seven rebounds and five blocked shots in two games against North Carolina's talented front line. He played NBA first round pick Todd Fuller of North Carolina State tough, averaging 14 points, eight rebounds and two blocked shots in two regular-season games. And in Florida State's most impressive conference win, a 100-78 home whipping of Maryland, Louis had 16 points, eight rebounds and five blocked shots.

"Corey had a terrific summer," said Kennedy. "I really expect him to bounce back and have a big year. He can do a lot of things for us. He just needs to be more consistent."

Flanking Louis in the low post is the 6-10 Luchman, who raised his level of play last year while opening 21 contests. Luchman averaged 9.2 points and was tenth in

"Randell had a very solid freshman season," commented Kennedy. "He has to find his comfort zone this year. He did some nice things on the perimeter last season and learned how to do more around the basket later in the season. Once he finds his comfort zone, he can become a real force."

Gentry Sparks and another member of FSU's recruiting class, Ronald Thompson, will also vie for playing time along the front line.

Sparks, a 6-7 junior, played in 20 contests last year, averaging 2.6 points and 1.9 rebounds. Despite those modest numbers, he did show flashes of productivity. He had a 10-point, 10-rebound outing early in the year against Maryland Eastern-Shore and in Florida State's regular season finale, scored nine points and grabbed eight rebounds in just 18 minutes in a close loss at Maryland.

Thompson, a 6-7 freshman from Savannah, GA, is considered a diamond in the rough by the coaching staff. He is a tremendous athlete with excellent

leaping ability who averaged 16.3 points and 9.5 rebounds at Jenkins High School in Savannah, Georgia during his senior year, which was cut short due to a dislocated thumb.

"We should have a very athletic team that is able to play an up-tempo game," said Kennedy. "We will have a lot of competition for playing time and that is a good thing. For us, the biggest goal is to get back to the postseason."

"The biggest thing Kirk needs to do is sustain what he started to do at the beginning of last year," Kennedy said. "He worked very hard again during the off season and continues to improve. He and James Collins give us a classy senior group and provide great leadership."

Florida State's schedule features the premiere lineup of Atlantic Coast Conference members along with non-conference dates with arch-rival Florida, Seton Hall and Jacksonville. The Seminoles will appear on television 19 times during the season.

Randell Jackson, a 6-11 sophomore, is one of the top young big players in the nation. Jackson was second on the team in scoring a year ago, averaging 9.5 points per game and started 12 of Florida State's final 13 games. Jackson, a McDonald's All-American as a high school senior two years ago, is very fluid away from the basket and

"The ACC should be as tough as it has been since we have been in the league," said Kennedy. "I really think that this will be a great year for the conference."

has surprising range on his jump shot. He averaged 5.3 rebounds and blocked 30 shots as a freshman but those numbers should increase significantly this year.

A wealth of returning talent blended with an excellent recruiting class and a return to an up-tempo style should add up to a Seminole resurgence in the ACC this season.

