



The Coaching Staff





November 5, 1979.

That day is very significant one in the history of Florida State football. No, it isn't the date of a significant victory on the field.

But, it's a day that FSU football family and its fans did win. That is the day FSU got the name of its head football coach Bobby Bowden on an automatically renewing five year contract.

"It means we are married and nobody's going to put our marriage assunder," said Bowden.

There was a time last season when many doubted Bobby Bowden would

ever coach another year in Doak Campbell Stadium. He was the hottest coaching commodity in college football. And every time there would be a job opening Bowden's name surfaced.

Certainly for Bowden it was an honor to be the top candidate at every opening. But, he later noted he was quite happy with the Seminoles.

"I didn't want to go anywhere," said Bowden. "I wanted to stay here. I love it here. Florida State and its fans are not spoiled yet."

It should also be pointed out that

Bobby Bowden isn't spoiled yet either. After the 11-0 1979 regular season and trip to the Orange Bowl, the 50-year-old native of Birmingham, Ala., still anxiously anticipates the 1980 season.

"An undefeated regular season was something I really thought would never happen. You know, I've come mighty close a number of times, 9-1, 8-1, 10-2. I'll tell you one thing, you get a taste of something like last year and you don't ever want to let it go."

What Bowden has done with FSU football program since arriving on



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campus in the winter of 1976 has been simply amazing. That first year the Tribe went 5-6—not a good mark by many standards, but when one remembers the Seminoles had a combined mark of 4-29 the previous three years 1976 was considered a plus. Since then FSU has reeled off regular season marks of 9-2, 8-3 and 11-0.

There have been two bowl appearances—the 1977 Tangerine and 1980 Orange. And the honors have been many. The team for the first time ever last season rose to fourth in the national polls and finished sixth after the bowl games were completed. Bowden has received numerous coaching honors and nose guard Ron Simmons is the most honored player in Seminole football history.

Bowden is the first to recognize the work of his staff for bringing the Tribe program to the point (nation's best independent in '79) where it exists today. But, others direct the credit to Bowden, who in four seasons at FSU has a 34-12 mark and has a career register of 107-44.

ABC-TV and Chevrolet recognized the Bowden achievements last season when they named him "Division I Coach of the Year." And Associated Press writers and broadcasters voted him Southern Independent Coach of the Year for the second time in the last three.

Still, the current Seminole success should not be surprising to the followers of Bowden's career. He has been just as successful at his previous head coaching stops of Samford and West Virginia.

His Samford record was 31-6 over four seasons. In six years at West Virginia he piloted the Mountaineers to a 42-26 record and two Peach Bowl appearances.

Bowden is no Tallahassee stranger. He had been an offensive coaching mind on FSU's staff in the 1960s, when Bill Peterson was head coach and the Seminoles were first making waves in the polls with a celebrated passing game that featured wide receiver Fred Biletnikoff.

Bowden left to be offensive coordinator under Jim Carlen at West Virginia. When Carlen checked out, going to his current job at South Carolina, Bowden became head coach of the Mountaineers. He was doing well in a tough situation and, when Florida State called Bowden had to give it some thought.



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Bowden doesn't follow a complicated coaching philosophy. In fact, it's quite simple.

"I believe in blocking and tackling," he says. "Everything else in this game is irrelevant, blocking and tackling will cause wins."

Enthusiasm and discipline are key words which exemplify Bowden's overall attitude, both on and off the field.

"I believe in discipline and enthusiasm in everything you do in life," Bowden says, "and you coach what you believe. If we can be enthusiastic in the little things we do, it will carry over to a winning season."

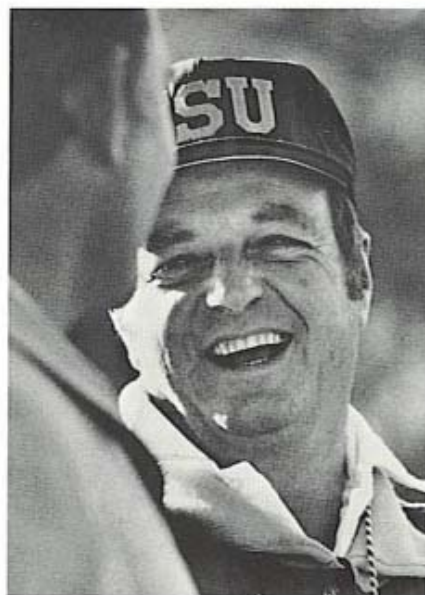
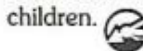
"But don't get me wrong about discipline. I believe in letting the players know who is boss, and I believe in some sacrifice and devotion. But discipline can only go so far."

"Heck, I've always said that if short hair and perfect manners won football games, the Army-Navy game would be played every year for the national championship."

Bowden is more than just a football coach. He is also a deeply religious individual, who speaks often to church groups throughout the state.

"God is an integral part of my life," Bowden says. "I look to God for guidance but firmly believe God helps those who help themselves. Man must help himself, but also seek guidance."

Born on November 8, 1929, Bowden attended Woodlawn High School in Birmingham, Ala., and was a Little All-American quarterback at Samford University. He holds a bachelor's degree from Samford and master's from Peabody College. He married his childhood sweetheart, the former Julia Ann Stock and they have six children.



1979

Assistant Coaches



Jim Gladden
William Jewell '64
Fifth Season on Staff

Jim Gladden advanced from the role of graduate assistant to full-time assistant on the Florida State coaching staff. Gladden joined the Tribe in 1975 as a graduate assistant and a year later was promoted to the full-time staff of Bobby Bowden.

Gladden has tutored the defensive ends since coming to FSU. His most famous pupil has been Willie Jones, a second round draft choice of the Oakland Raiders in 1979. Scott Warren, a 1980 graduate, received a free agent contract from the Dallas Cowboys this summer.

A native of Springfield, Mo., Gladden spent 15 years coaching in the prep ranks before coming to FSU. His first

coaching assignment with the Seminoles found him in charge of the junior varsity program. He still does the junior varsity scheduling in addition to his on-the-field assignments.

Gladden attended William Jewell College in Liberty, Mo., and was tabbed as an all-conference end before graduating. After spending three years coaching in Kansas City and St. Louis high schools, Gladden moved to Kentucky where he was named high school coach of the year for 1970. He spent the 1972 season coaching in Tennessee before taking over the helm of the Brooksville, Fla., High School program for two years.

Jim and his wife, Patricia, have two children.



Bob Harbison
Indiana '48
32nd Season on Staff

Bob Harbison, who was a member of the Seminole football coaching staff for 30 years, is in his second year in the role of administrative assistant to head football coach Bobby Bowden.

Harbison was elevated to the administrative assistant post in the winter of 1979. In this role, he is responsible for the day-to-day operation of the football program, allowing Bowden to spend more time coaching and recruiting. Harbison supervises the fiscal affairs of the football staff and serves as the liaison between the coaches and university community.

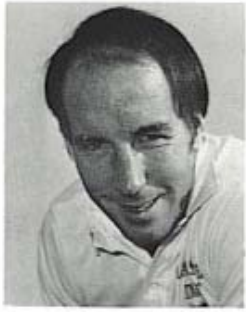
One of his primary duties during the season finds him acting as the liaison between FSU and the various officials organizations who work Seminole games. After the game he grades each official and forwards that information to the supervisor's office.

Harbison has spent all but two seasons with the FSU football program since it was initiated in 1947. During that time he has coached offense and defense while working for Don Veller, Tom Nugent, Perry Moss, Bill Peterson, Lary Jones, Darrell Mudra and now Bowden.

Prior to leaving the field, Harbie coached the offensive linemen. Over the years he developed many outstanding linemen—his 1964 unit tabbed the "Magnificent Seven" is considered by many to be Florida State's finest.

A graduate of Indiana, Harbison played offensive end and defensive line for the late Bo McMillin and finished his collegiate career with a performance in the Blue-Gray game.

Bob and his wife, Jane, have three children.



George Henshaw
West Virginia '70
Fifth Season on Staff

George Henshaw, who has been an assistant for Bobby Bowden for the last eight years, begins his second campaign as the Tribe's offensive coordinator. He received that duty last year after spending three seasons coaching the nose guards and tackles.

Henshaw is quite familiar with the Bobby Bowden coaching philosophy. He has not only coached for Bowden, but also played for him at West Virginia.

A native of Midlothian, Va., Henshaw was a three-year starter at defensive tackle for the Mountaineers. He served as co-captain his senior season when WVU had one of its best seasons ever (10-1) and advanced to the Peach Bowl where it defeated South Carolina.

Henshaw was picked to the post-1950 all-time West Virginia football team along with making honorable mention

All-American honors. Prior to West Virginia's departure from the Southern Conference he was selected to the all-league team.

Immediately after graduation from WVU, George was named as a graduate assistant on the staff of his alma mater. He was head coach of the 1972 junior varsity and guided that team to a 3-1 record.

Henshaw's duties as offensive coordinator include mapping the offensive game plan with Bowden and drafting the practice plan each day. His off-the-field coaching duties include recruiting in the Miami area plus Virginia and New Jersey.

George is married to the former Kathleen McConnell.



Nick Kish
Buffalo '69
Second Season on Staff

Nick Kish, a former New York high school coach, is a member of the Seminole coaching staff for the fourth year—his second full-time. Nick came to FSU as a part-time coach for the 1976 season.

Kish's coaching speciality with the Tribe is the running backs. He has handled that assignment since being picked as a member of the Bowden staff. Nick also is charged with heading up the Seminole recruiting efforts.

Kish joined the Seminoles after a very successful four year head coaching stint at Grover Cleveland High School in Buffalo, N.Y. His four year record was 29-2 and included a 28-game winning streak.

His teams captured city championships in 1973, '74 and '75 and were ranked among New York's Top 10 prep schools in 1974 and 75.

Kish began his collegiate playing career as a wing back for three years at Syracuse. He played with current NFL star Larry Csonka of the Miami Dolphins. Kish transferred to the University of Buffalo in 1969 where he was defensive captain and selected the Bull's most valuable player.

The Amherst, N.Y., native graduated from Buffalo in 1969 and received his master's from the same school in '72.

Nick and his wife, Pat, have one child.



Gene McDowell
Florida State '63
12th Season on Staff

Gene McDowell, a former Florida State All-American linebacker, has spent the past 17 years coaching football, most recently directing the Seminole linebackers.

McDowell, in his second stint on the Florida State staff, has experience as a collegiate, high school and military coach. He began his career shortly after graduating from

FSU in 1963 as head coach of the Army Ranger military team.

McDowell, a native of nearby Quincy, returned to Florida State after his 1965 Army discharge. He was first a graduate assistant and then head-coached the frosh team for two seasons. The 1968 and 1969 seasons found Gene as the recruiting coordinator for coach Bill Peterson.

Starting in 1970 McDowell spent the next four seasons as receiver and defensive end coach at Kansas State for another Florida State graduate, Vince Gibson. Gibson is now the head coach at Tulane.

Gene returned to Florida State in 1974 to coach the defensive ends. When Bobby Bowden arrived on the scene he moved McDowell to his present slot.

McDowell, a bachelor, lettered three years for FSU. Following his senior season he was selected to the Associated Press third team All-America squad.



Kent Schoolfield
Florida A & M '70
Fifth Season on Staff

Florida State's talented corps of receivers is under the watchful eye of assistant coach Kent Schoolfield for the fifth season.

Schoolfield wasn't a stranger to Tallahassee football fans when head coach Bobby Bowden selected him for the

coaching staff. Kent played collegiately at crosstown Florida A & M.

Kent, a native of Columbus, Ohio, was coaching in the high school ranks when picked by Bowden. He had been an assistant football and track coach at Miami (Fla.) Central High School for two years.

After a brilliant high school football and track career, Schoolfield enrolled at Florida A & M where he again excelled in two sports. In football, he spent his freshman year at FAMU as a defensive back, but was moved to wide receiver for the next three seasons.

Schoolfield graduated from FAMU in 1970 and spent the next year in professional football, splitting his time between the Boston Patriots of the NFL and the Continental League's Pottstown Firebirds.

Kent and his wife, Charlene, have one child.



Billy Sexton
Florida State '74
Second Season on Staff

Billy Sexton, like Bill Shaw and Gene McDowell, earned his undergraduate degree at Florida State. Sexton picked up his degree in 1974 and has the distinction of being the youngest member of the full-time coaching staff.

Although this is the second year Billy has been a member of the full-time staff, he has been coaching at his alma mater for four years. The first two were as a graduate assistant.

As a graduate assistant, Sexton tutored the tight ends. When he became a full-time coach, he was assigned the responsibility of teaching the Seminole quarterbacks.

The 1974 FSU business graduate played football for the Seminoles in only one season. He had three years of playing experience at Alabama before electing to transfer. He was a backup QB at Alabama, but after coming to Florida State, he was a starter for the opening half of the 1973 season.

After graduating from Florida State, Sexton coached at Tallahassee Leon High School, where he had been a prep star. He was with the Lions for three years and worked mainly with the offense.



Bill Shaw
Florida State '72
Second Season on Staff

Bill Shaw, who played on Florida State's 1968 Peach Bowl and 1969 Fiesta Bowl squads, will be the Seminole defensive line coach in 1980 for the second year.

Shaw is credited by many with refining the talents of All-American noseguard Ron Simmons last season and making



Jack Stanton
N.C. State '61
Fifth Season on Staff

Jack Stanton has complete charge of the Seminole defensive strategy for the fifth season. In addition to serving as the defensive coordinator, Stanton coaches the Tribe's defensive backs.

Stanton's defensive forces, although over-shadowed by FSU's free-wheeling offense, were



Don Fauls
Ithaca '48
23rd Season on Staff

Don Fauls, without question, is the most popular person associated with the Florida State athletic program. Fauls has been a friend and confidant of Seminole athletes since 1954 when he was first named head trainer.

Affectionately known as "Rooster", Fauls has been treating Seminole athletes for 23 years. In early 1970 he left the athletic department for better than three years, but he returned to the Garnet and Gold training room in 1975.

Fauls has treated many Tribe athletes who still are not afraid to pick up the phone and seek his medical advice.

him one of the country's premier defensive linemen. Simmons was a consensus All-American in the Tribe's 11-0 1979 regular season.

Shaw came to the Tribe from Jacksonville (Ala.) State where he was defensive coordinator for two seasons. Prior to that assignment he tutored the tackles and noseguards at VMI for three years. He was also a graduate assistant at Florida State for two years after graduation.

In 1977, Jacksonville State limited six of its opponents to a touchdown or less. Jacksonville advanced to the NCAA Division II playoffs that season, losing to Lehigh in the championship game. Jacksonville had limited its first two playoff opponents to just one touchdown. Overall, Jacksonville had an 18-6 record while Shaw designed the defenses.

National rankings are not unfamiliar to Shaw. VMI led the nation in pass defense while he was there in 1975.

directly responsible for several Tribe victories last season. The most notable effort came in the season opener—a 17-14 win over Southern Mississippi—where a blocked punt and punt return led to 14 fourth quarter points and the win.

Stanton began his coaching career in the high school ranks as an assistant coach in Louisville, Ky., and Wheeling, W. Va., and later as the head coach at Bishop Ireton in Alexandria, Va. He soon moved to George Washington University for one season before returning to his alma mater, North Carolina State, for the next five years.

In 1973, Jack accepted the post of defensive backfield coach for Florida State. He left after one season to join the North Carolina staff of Bill Dooley. Dooley is now the head coach at Virginia Tech, the longest-running opponent on the FSU schedule. Bobby Bowden brought Stanton back to Florida State in 1976.

The most famous of this group is actor Burt Reynolds, who last New Year's Eve called Fauls to his Jupiter, Fla., home to minister an old knee injury that acted up while "Buddy" was performing in a one man show.

A native of Ithaca, N.Y., Fauls came to Florida State after serving as trainer for professional baseball teams in Greensboro, N.C., and Omaha, Neb. He has worked as a trainer for the U.S. Pan American team and was a member of the Olympic Trainers Selection Committee. He also served as an assistant coach with the Tribe's baseball team for eight years.

Fauls is not only respected for his own abilities as a trainer, but also as a teacher. Bill Ziegler, the present head trainer of the Texas Rangers in the American Baseball League, got his start under Fauls and many of his former students now occupy head training positions at the collegiate level. And, this summer four of his present or past students had training jobs in minor league baseball.

Don graduated from Ithaca College in 1948 where he lettered in baseball and basketball. He and his wife, Marguerite, have three children.



Randy Oravetz
Florida State '79
First Season on Staff

Randy Oravetz is the newest full-time member of the Florida State training staff. Randy was hired last spring as an assistant trainer when John Mooney was named head basketball trainer and coordinator of all training activities out of Tully Gym.

Oravetz is a familiar face to Seminole athletes. He was a student trainer on the Don Fauls staff for four years and

acted as the head trainer for the baseball program for two seasons.

Oravetz, who was a student trainer at the University of Tampa until that school dropped its football program, has traveled with football, baseball and soccer teams and has also worked with basketball, track, swimming and tennis athletes. His responsibilities as a student trainer at FSU included the care of injured athletes, maintaining and supplying the training room and keeping the athletic department medical records.

He has served as assistant trainer for the Florida College All-Star football game and for the Lions American Bowl. Randy is a bachelor.

Randy, a native of Tampa, Fla., attended Robinson High School. He earned his B.S. degree in physical education from Florida State.



Frank DeBord
Virginia Tech '42
12th Season on Staff

One of the most unheralded members of the Seminole staff is equipment manager Frank DeBord.

He is responsible for the supervision of the football gear, managing the practice fields and overseeing the beautiful

new football field house. He also oversees the transfer of all equipment and baggage when the Tribe plays a game away from Doak Campbell Stadium.

A native of Marion, Va., DeBord has been a member of the Seminole athletic staff for 11 years. He worked as assistant equipment manager for one year prior to accepting the current post in 1970.

DeBord graduated from Virginia Tech in 1942 where he lettered three years in football and wrestling. Following graduation he served as assistant football coach at Franklin (Va.) High School and also played two years with the Norfolk Neptunes of the Continental League.

Frank and his wife, Marian, have three children.

Graduate Assistants



Mike Fox



Dick Hopkins



Jake Gonos



Barry Rice



Mark Thomas