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Bowden ... A Most Successful FSU Institution



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When comparing Bobby Bowden's stay at Florida State to the tenure of previous Seminole head football coaches, the current Tribe mentor is a senior citizen.

After all, when FSU kicks off September 4 against Cincinnati it will mark the seventh season Bowden has patrolled the Garnet and Gold sidelines. That may not seem like a whole lot of years to some folks, but a quick check of the record book shows only one previous head coach (Bill Peterson) in Seminole history has lasted more than six seasons.

Thus, the upcoming season will make Bowden second in longevity to only Peterson in the 35-year history of Florida State football.

Bowden's success is also reflected in his FSU won-loss record of 50-19. After he picked up that 50th victory last season he became only the second head coach at FSU to reach that figure. Now, he's just 13 shy of becoming the all-time win leader for the Seminoles.

Long time observers of college football aren't surprised by Bowden's success, however. Success is synonymous with Bowden. He has had the same sort of winning record at his previous head coaching stops—Samford and West Virginia.

At Samford, he was 31-6 over four seasons. His teams never lost more than two in a season and twice (1959 & 1960) the clubs lost just once. In six

years at West Virginia, he piloted the Mountaineers to a 42-26 record and two Peach Bowl appearances. His 50-19 FSU ledger gives him a career mark of 123-51, a winning percentage of .707.

Bowden has turned the Florida State program around. It's no longer the ugly duckling of the collegiate football scene in the state of Florida when the Seminoles were 0-11, 1-10 and 3-8. Bowden has made Garnet and Gold fans enjoy football again.

He has made the program so successful that he has surprised even himself by staying in Tallahassee despite numerous job offers that have accompanied his success. And, most observers now believe that since he stuck it through what many consider the roughest schedule in the history of college football last fall, he will remain at FSU many more years.

"You know what I figured?" Bowden asked when discussing the 1981 season. "I wouldn't be here. I'd do good and get another job, or if I didn't, I wouldn't be here to face that schedule."

Now, read the analysis of *The New York Times'* Malcolm Moran, who spent a week with the Tribe and Bowden last fall:

"He became an institution. His speaking delivery combines the drawl of the region and the dramatic effect of a preacher with the timing and wit of a stand-up comic. It is a gift. He has the ability to inspire his players in solemn tones, addressing them as 'men,' and then break bread with the boosters who sit laughing hysterically while the coach talks about his ol' boys."

Bowden committed himself to Florida State following the 1979 season when he signed an automatically renewing five-year contract that contains a clause unique to college athletics—if Bowden elects to resign from his current employer for another coaching position, he must pay FSU for the time remaining on the contract.

Bowden Record

Samford				Florida State					
	W	L	T	PCT.		W	L	T	PCT.
1959	9	1	0	.900	1976	5	6	0	.455
1960	8	1	0	.889	1977**	10	2	0	.833
1961	7	2	0	.778	1978	8	3	0	.727
1962	7	2	0	.778	1979***	11	1	0	.917
Totals	31	6	0	.838	1980***	10	2	0	.833
					1981	6	5	0	.545
West Virginia				Totals					
	W	L	T	PCT.		W	L	T	PCT.
1970	8	3	0	.727		50	19	0	.725
1971	7	4	0	.636					
1972*	8	4	0	.667					
1973	6	5	0	.545					
1974	4	7	0	.364					
1975*	9	3	0	.750					
Totals	42	26	0	.618					
					Career Totals	123	51	0	.707

*Peach Bowl
**Tangerine Bowl
***Orange Bowl

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“It means we are married and nobody’s going to put our marriage assunder,” Bowden explained. “I didn’t want to go anywhere. I wanted to stay here. I love it here. Florida State and its fans aren’t spoiled yet.”

Indeed, Bowden seems like the perfect match for the Seminole football program.

The Birmingham, Ala., native has been able to tie together the loose ends of a major college football program with his down-home country, folksy way of getting things done. A city slicker he ain’t.

He has the ways of a southern cracker yet the polish of a sophisticated head coach from the eastern establishment thanks to a six-year head coaching stint at West Virginia. Bowden has been able to find the right blend that makes him the second most popular head coach in the south today. Only Paul “Bear” Bryant of Alabama draws more attention.



Florida State’s accomplishments under Bowden have been numerous . . .

(1) A 50-19 record in six seasons compared to a 26-41 log in the six years B.B. (Before Bowden);

(2) Back-to-back Orange Bowl appearances when the school had never previously appeared in a major New Year’s Day post-season contest;

(3) Second place spots in both the Associated Press and United Press International Top 20 polls at the close of the 1980 regular season;

(4) Consecutive Top 10 finishes in the final wire service polls of 1979 and 1980 when FSU only once previously since 1947 had finished in the Top 20.

There have been three bowl appearances in six seasons—the 1977 Tangerine and 1980 and 1981 Orange Bowls. And during the 1979 and 1980 seasons the Tribe was consistently ranked among the Top 20.



Bowden has twice been named National Coach of the Year. First the honor was given by ABC-TV and Chevrolet after the 1979 season and at the close of the 1980 campaign, the American Sportsmanship Council named him its “Bobby Dodd Coach of the Year.” Twice he has been the Associated Press Southern Independent Coach of the Year.

Despite the numerous coaching accomplishments and victories on the field, Bowden is still a very basic person. He says his life can be divided into four priorities: family, religion, football and golf.

(1) Family—He and wife Ann have raised six children, three of whom have played different roles on Bowden’s teams at West Virginia or FSU. The latest to play is wide receiver Jeff, who completes his eligibility at FSU this fall. The senior Bowdens also have five grandchildren.

(2) Religion—Bowden is a born-again Christian who often gives his testimony to church groups. Football, he says, often collides with Christianity.

“I would hope religion would take precedence,” he says, “but sometimes, no matter how hard I try, I slip. Christians aren’t perfect, but a lot of people don’t understand that.”

(3) Football—“I want to keep coaching as long as I’m healthy. I have no interest in being an athletic director because I don’t like book work.”

Bowden’s biggest accomplishment, according to Bowden, is the 10-2 season his Seminoles put together in his second season (1977). His immediate goals are a national championship and major bowl victory.

(4) Golf—Golf is his only recreation. He picked it up when he was coaching at South Georgia and worked in the summer as a lifeguard at the Douglas Country Club. He currently plays in the high 70s/low 80s and can be found almost daily on the course during the off-season.

“Golf has really helped my football,” Bowden says. “It’s taught me patience and that you’re never out of it. I’ve seen the pressure you can put on somebody by playing well, and that works in football, too.”

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



CHUCK AMATO
North Carolina State '69
 Defensive Line
First Season on Staff

Chuck Amato is the newest member of the Seminole staff and joins quarterback coach Mike Kruczek as the two first-year coaches in the program. Amato will be responsible for the defensive line, replacing Bill Shaw who resigned to take a position at Tennessee.

Amato comes to Florida State from Arizona where he had charge of the inside linebackers for the last two seasons. Prior to his move to Arizona, Amato had served all his coaching time at North Carolina State.

He first served at N.C. State in 1968 as a student assistant coach to FSU defensive coordinator Jack Stanton. His full-time coaching tenure began in 1971, and in 1974 he took over the defensive secondary responsibilities when Stanton first departed for Florida State. Two years later, Amato was promoted to the defensive coordinator position which he held until his move to Arizona. During his years at N.C. State, Amato served under three head coaches—Al Michaels, Lou Holtz and the late Bo Rein.

The Easton, Pa. native, who earned both his bachelor's and master's degrees from North Carolina State, was a three-year letterman in football for the Wolfpack. He also lettered three years in wrestling, going undefeated in dual matches and winning the Atlantic Coast Conference championship twice. He also won wrestling titles at the Georgia Tech and Southern Open Invitationals.

He and his wife Peggy have twin daughters.



JOHN EASON
Florida A&M '69
 Receivers
Second Season on Staff

John Eason is in his second season as the receiver coach for the Garnet and Gold.

Eason came to Florida State from Tallahassee's Lincoln High School where he had been assistant principal for student affairs since 1979. He was an assistant football coach at Leon High School between 1973 and 79, handling the offensive line and offensive coordinator duties.

Eason was a receiver and punter for crosstown Florida A&M University between 1963 and 67. He was the MVP for the Rattlers in both 1966 and 67 and also won All-American honors in each of those seasons. Following his senior season, he was invited to participate in the Blue-Gray and Coaches All-American games.

Eason played two years with the Oakland Raiders and then took a post as assistant football coach at Ocala Vanguard High School for two years. In 1972 he returned to professional football and played a season with the Montreal Alouettes of the Canadian Football League.

At Florida State, Eason works with one of the squad's most talented groups. He has been credited by many with the development of present receiver Weegie Thompson, who had been a quarterback before working with Eason. Thompson was named the most outstanding player of the spring season.

Eason holds a 1969 bachelor's degree from Florida A&M and received his master's degree also from A&M, in 1974.

He is married to the former Dorothy Speed.



JIM GLADDEN
William Jewell '62
 Defensive Ends
Seventh Season on Staff

Jim Gladden has been a member of Bobby Bowden's full-time coaching staff since 1976. He came to the Tribe in 1975 as a graduate assistant and was promoted to full-time status a year later.

Gladden has tutored the defensive ends since his arrival on the FSU campus. His most famous pupil has been Willie Jones, a 1979 second round draft choice of the Oakland Raiders who played on the Raiders 1980 Super Bowl squad.

Gladden is also regarded as an outstanding recruiter. Last year, when Florida State's recruiting emphasis was on linemen, Gladden signed three of the country's most sought-after athletes.

Jim spent 15 years coaching in the prep ranks before coming to Florida State. After graduation from William Jewell College in Liberty, Mo., where he was tabbed an all-conference end, Gladden spent three years coaching in Kansas City and St. Louis high schools. His next stops came in Kentucky, where he was named high school Coach of the Year in 1970,

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and in Tennessee where he coached in 1972, before taking over the Brooksville (Fla.) High School program for two years.

The Springfield, Mo. native's first coaching assignment with the Seminoles found him in charge of the junior varsity program. He still schedules junior varsity games in addition to his on-the-field assignments.

Jim and his wife, Patricia, have two children.



BOB HARBISON
Indiana '48

Administrative Assistant
34th Season on Staff

Bob Harbison, who was a member of the Seminole football coaching staff for 30 years, is in his fourth year as athletic administrative assistant.

Harbison took on the role of administrative assistant in the winter of 1979. He oversees day-to-day operations of the football program as well as general administrative duties that include team travel for all other sports.

One of his primary duties during the football season finds him working with 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 is also in charge of the Seminole highlight film, an annual production that features all aspects of Florida State's football program.

Harbison has been at Florida State all but two seasons since the football program was initiated in 1947. He has coached the offense and defense while working for Don Veller, Tom Nugent, Perry Moss, Bill Peterson, Larry Jones, Darrell Mudra and now Bowden.

Harbison coached the offensive linemen during those years and his 1964 unit—tabbed the "Magnificent Seven"—is considered by many to have been Florida State's finest.

Harbison thought his on-the-field days were over when he became Bowden's administrative assistant in 1979. But last spring when defensive line coach Bill Shaw joined the Tennessee staff, Harbison returned to the field to coach that area for the spring.

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

Offensive Coordinator
Seventh Season on Staff

George Henshaw, who has been an assistant for Bobby Bowden for the last nine years, is in his fourth campaign as the Tribe's offensive coordinator. He had spent his first three seasons with the Seminoles coaching the noseguards and tackles.

Henshaw is quite familiar with the Bobby Bowden coaching philosophy. He is the only full-time staff member to have played under Bowden.

A native of Midlothian, Va., Henshaw was a three-year starter at defensive tackle at West Virginia. He served as a 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 is a member of the 1950-70 all-time West Virginia football team. He also won honorable mention All-American honors. Prior to West Virginia's departure from the Southern Conference, he was selected to the all-league team.

After graduation from WVU, George was named as a graduate assistant on the staff of his alma mater. He became the defensive line coach for the Mountaineers in 1972 and was also the head junior varsity coach, leading that team to a 3-1 record.

Henshaw joined Bowden at Florida State when the Seminole mentor left West Virginia in 1976.

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 and they have one child.



NICK KISH
Buffalo '69

Offensive Backs
Fourth Season on Staff

Nick Kish, a former New York High School coach, is a member of the Seminole coaching staff for the sixth year—his fourth full-time. Nick became a part-time coach in 1976 and was elevated to his current position

in 1978.

Kish has handled the runningbacks since being picked as a member of the Bowden staff. He was largely responsible for FSU's improved running attack over the last two years and many believe that his current crop of backs may be the best in the country.

Nick was directly responsible for recruitment of many of those players to Florida State. In addition to his on-the-field duties, he heads up the Seminoles' recruiting program.

Kish joined the Seminoles after a 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 string of 28 consecutive wins.

His teams were city champions from 1973-75 and were ranked among New York's Top 10 prep schools in both 1974 and 75.

Kish began his collegiate football career as a wingback at Syracuse. He played there three years and was a teammate of former Miami Dolphin star Larry Csonka. His final year of eligibility was played with Buffalo in 1969 where he was defensive captain and selected the Bull's Most Valuable player.

The Amherst, N.Y. native received his bachelor's degree from Buffalo in 1969 and his master's from the same school in 1972.

Nick has a son Nickie, age 6.



MIKE KRUCZEK
Boston College '75
Quarterbacks
First Season on Staff

Mike Kruczek, former quarterback of the Pittsburgh Steelers and Washington Redskins, joined the Florida

State program in March. Kruczek, who will tutor the quarterbacks, holds the distinction of being the youngest member of Bobby Bowden's full-time staff.

Following a career at Boston College where he established himself as the NCAA career completion leader, Kruczek was drafted in the second round by the Steelers in 1976. He remained with Pittsburgh until 1980 when he was traded to the Redskins. He remained with Washington one season.

Kruczek's most memorable year as a pro came in his rookie season when he replaced an injured Terry Bradshaw as the Steeler signal caller. Mike led the Pittsburgh club to nine straight victories and a playoff berth, completing 51 of 85 passes for 758 yards. He was named to the NFL All-Rookie team that season and played on the Steeler's Super Bowl teams of 1978 and 1979.

At Boston College, where he earned a bachelor's degree in marketing, Kruczek completed 225 of 337 passes for a 66.8 completion percentage. That percentage is still tops in the NCAA record books. Following his senior season, he was invited to play in the

Coaches All-Star, Senior Bowl and Coaches All-American games. He also received the Harry Agganis Award which goes to the outstanding senior in New England.

The Washington, D.C. native has played both against Bowden and for him. While at Boston College, Kruczek's teams frequently played Bowden's West Virginia squad. Bowden also coached Kruczek when he participated in the Coaches All-American game in Tampa.



GENE MCDOWELL
Florida State '63
Linebacker
14th Season on Staff

Gene McDowell, a former Florida State All-American linebacker, has spent the last 19 years coaching football,

most recently directing the Seminole linebackers.

McDowell, a native of nearby Quincy, has experience as a high school, military and collegiate coach. He began his career shortly after graduation from FSU in 1963, serving as head coach of the Army Ranger military team.

McDowell 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. Gene directed the Seminole recruiting efforts during the 1968 and 1969 seasons for then-coach Bill Peterson.

In 1970, McDowell moved to Kansas State where he spent four seasons as receiver and defensive end coach for another Florida State graduate, Vince Gibson. Gibson is now the head coach at Tulane.

Gene returned to his alma mater once again in 1974 to coach the defensive ends. He took charge of the linebacker corps when Bobby Bowden became the Seminole head coach.

McDowell lettered three years for FSU. He was selected to the Associated Press third team All-America squad following his senior season.

He is newly married to the former Peggy Lawson.



JACK STANTON
North Carolina State '61
Defensive Coordinator
Seventh Season on Staff

Jack Stanton has complete charge of the Seminoles' defensive strategy for the seventh season. In addition to

serving as defensive coordinator, Stanton coaches the defensive backfield.

Stanton has perhaps the biggest challenge of the football staff for 1982. He is trying to rebuild a defensive squad that was rocked by graduation following the Seminoles' 1980 Orange Bowl appearance.

Stanton's best defensive squad was probably that 1980 squad. The defense was directly responsible for several Tribe victories during that season. The most famous of those was FSU's 18-14 win over Nebraska where a quarterback sack and fumble recovery sealed the victory with the Cornhuskers close to the FSU goal line with seconds ticking away. The defense was stellar all year, giving up just 7.5 points per game, best in the nation, and recording two shutouts.

For total defense, the 1980 Tribe was second in the nation.

Stanton, a native of Carnegie, Pa. began his coaching career in the high school ranks as an assistant in Louisville, Ky. and Wheeling, W. Va., and later was 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 1974, Jack accepted the post of defensive backfield coach for FSU. He left after one season to join Billy Dooley on the North Carolina staff but returned to Florida State in 1976 as defensive coordinator when the Seminoles hired Bobby Bowden.

Jack and his wife, Ruth, are the parents of four children.



BILLY SEXTON
Florida State '74
Volunteer Coach
Sixth Season on Staff

Billy Sexton is in his sixth season with the Seminole football staff.

He will be handling new duties for the Tribe program this fall. Sexton will serve as the head junior varsity coach as well as handle all scouting assignments for head coach Bobby Bowden.

Sexton, like Gene McDowell, earned his bachelor's degree from Florida State. After graduation in 1974, Sexton coached at Tallahassee Leon High School where he had been a prep star. He was with the Lions three years and worked mainly with the offense.

Sexton returned to Florida State in 1976 as a graduate assistant and tutored the tight ends.

He later worked with the quarterbacks for three seasons.

Sexton played one year of football for Florida State before picking up his business degree. He played his first three years at Alabama, where he was a back-up quarterback, before electing to transfer. After arriving at Florida State, he was a starter for the opening half of the 1973 season.

Sexton and his wife, Joy, have a daughter.



JAKE GONOS
Gettysburg College '78
Strength Coach
First Season on Staff

Jake Gonos became Florida State's first full-time strength coach in March and will direct the weight training program for all Seminole athletes.

He is responsible for supervising the off-season and in-season strength and conditioning programs and the establishment of proper diet habits for the athletes.

Gonos, who earned his undergraduate degree at Gettysburg (1978) and master of science degree from Florida State (1981), has been with the Seminole program since 1978 as a graduate assistant coach.

He first helped coach the offensive line and assisted in organizing the strength and conditioning program for the football team before Bobby Bowden put him in charge of the entire strength program in 1979.

In 1981, two Seminoles—noseguard Ron Simmons and runningback Sam Platt—were named to the All-American Strength Team.

Gonos lettered three years at Gettysburg, where he was an All-East center. He was also named Little All-American his senior year.

Gonos is a bachelor.



DON FAULS
Ithaca '48
Head Trainer
25th 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 25 years. In early 1970, he left Florida State for better than three years, but he returned to the Garnet and Gold training room in 1974. Only administrative assistant Bob Harbison has spent more years on the Florida State football staff.

Fauls continues to treat former athletes who may pick up the phone and seek his medical advice. Actor Burt Reynolds is most famous for this—one New Year's Eve Fauls was called to "Buddy's" Jupiter, Fla., home to administer to an old knee injury that acted up while Reynolds was performing in a one-man show.

A native of Ithaca, N.Y., Fauls came to Florida State after serving as trainer for several professional baseball teams. He has worked as a trainer for the U.S. Pan American team and was a member of the Olympic Trainer's Selection Committee. He also served as assistant coach with the Seminole 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, got his start under Fauls and many of Fauls' former students now occupy head training positions at the collegiate level. Many of his present students have summer training jobs with minor league baseball teams.

Don, a member of the Athletic Trainers' Hall of Fame, 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
 Assistant Athletic Trainer
Third Season on Staff

Randy Oravetz is in his third season as a member of the full-time football training staff.

Oravetz received his bachelor's degree in physical education from Florida State and was a student trainer under Don Fauls for four years. He also acted as the head baseball trainer for two years.

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 an assistant trainer for the Florida College All-Star football game and for the Lions American Bowl.

Randy, a native of Tampa, Fla., is married to the former Linda Stoffel.



FRANK DEBORD
Virginia Tech '42
 Equipment Manager
14th 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, manages the practice fields and oversees the beautiful football fieldhouse. He also directs 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 13 years. He accepted the head equipment post in 1970 after one season as assistant equipment manager.

DeBord graduated from Virginia Tech in 1942 where he lettered three times 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.

Part-Time Assistants



Barry Rice



Tommy Bowden



Jimmy Heggins



Terry Bowden