



# COACHING STAFF



**GREAT MOMENTS  
IN FSU HISTORY**

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## Pirowski's Sack

# 1980

**T**here it was. Not necessarily an awe-inspiring sight. Nothing more than a football, lying peacefully on a green carpet. But for this instant, that sight had to be one of the most beautiful in Florida State football history.

That green carpet, you see, was laid wall-to-wall on the floor of Memorial Stadium in Lincoln, Nebraska. That football, you see, had been separated from a red-clad Nebraska football player.



It lay there for what seemed like minutes—peacefully—on the FSU three-yard-line.

The year was 1980. A magnificent defensive effort and a breathtaking kicking game had the underdog Seminoles ahead 18-14 with only seconds to play. The crowd of 76,152 created a sea of red on a perfect football afternoon. They were worked into a frenzy as their hometown heroes—America's most awesome football machine—had driven the ball near the FSU goal line.

There were 10 seconds to go when Nebraska quarterback Jeff Quinn rolled out on an option. FSU linebacker Paul Pirowski came out of nowhere, penetrating into the backfield and wrapping his massive arms around Quinn. Out popped the football.

It seemed an eternity before Garry Futch's No. 79 jersey fell on the ball, giving Florida State a victory over Nebraska in Lincoln—an event seldom seen. While the Seminoles would go on to beat Nebraska in Lincoln again in 1985, that play will long live as one of the greatest in FSU history. And that victory is still to this day called by Coach Bobby Bowden, the "greatest of my career."



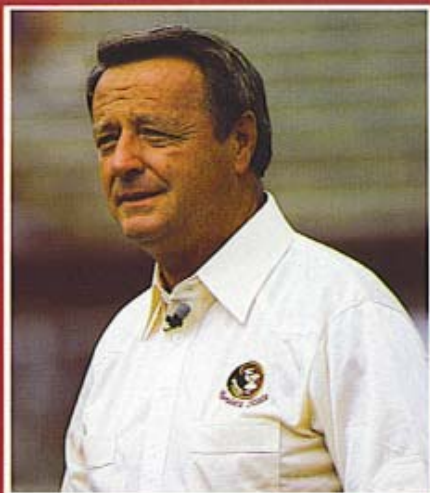
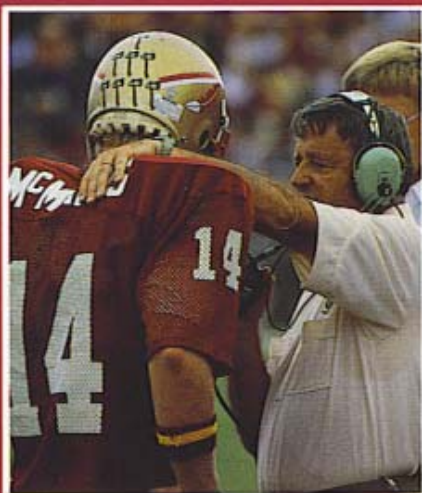
# A WINNER . . .



**He does so many things well.  
It's the Seminoles' good  
fortune that he settled on  
coaching football.**

*(Opp. page, above) Family man, head football coach, spokesman, Bobby Bowden is a man of many talents and abilities, powered by a never-ending supply of energy.*

# ON ANY FIELD



By Wayne Hogan

**U**nderneath it all, there can be no question that Bobby Bowden is a great football coach. In a day and time when success is measured by wins and losses, just take a look at his yardstick. Only five of America's division I head coaches have won more football games. Only nine division I coaches have a better winning percentage.

Since he set foot in Seminole territory in 1976, Bowden's Florida State teams have played 117 games. He has won 83 of those. And nobody, but nobody, has played a consistently tougher schedule. But this isn't a story of wins and losses. Those figures are well-documented. This is the story of Bobby Bowden the man.

What Bobby Bowden gives Florida State goes much deeper than just a football coach. Encompassed in this 56-year-old fireball is the very essence of Florida State football. He is the spokesman, the personality, the heart and soul of the program he has built into a national power. Never assuming that he is bigger than the program itself, Bowden has been able to mold it into a family that reflects his philosophy.

Quite simply, what he does on the football field is only a small portion of what makes this man tick. With a never-ending supply of energy, Bowden, it seems, has never slowed down since the family doctor whacked him on the fanny on Nov. 8, 1929 in Birmingham, Ala.

As good as Bowden has become at winning football games, he just may have missed his true calling in life. He would be an absolute gem as a (1) public relations man; (2) salesman; (3) motivational speaker; (4)

golf pro; (5) politician; (6) teacher; (7) minister; or (8) comedian. It just might be that the right combination of all of those Bowden traits is what makes great football coaches.

Bobby Bowden loves people. He thrives on public contact. He loves to talk and he's darn good at it. Most of all, he loves to talk with whomever will listen. There are no status lines with this man. President Reagan may very well have a 15-minute wait outside the coach's office while he finishes his interview with the *Gadsden County Times*. But even Ronnie would find it worth the wait. From the moment Bobby stands up from his chair with that familiar "Hey, buddy," you feel like you're the first human he's seen in weeks. It's a rare man indeed who can make everyone seem just a little bit special.

How about this revelation: Bobby Bowden gets along fantastically with the media. Let's take it a step further. Bobby Bowden likes the media. He studies and understands the media and its function. He is, very possibly, as comfortable in a room full of sportswriters as in a coaches' meeting. In some ways, talking to the press has become therapy for him—a way to unwind after a big game or relax before one.

His magic has touched the press. He is painfully sincere with them. He goes out of his way to accommodate them. And he does it in a way that is not phony. You can't fool these people over the long haul. Journalists are perhaps the most skeptical of all breeds and yet those who have dealt with Bowden not only respect him, but many times marvel at his openness and honesty. A vast majority even count him as a friend.

It would be hard to imagine any other

coach as aware of the media and in tune with its business. He reads newspaper clips from throughout the South on a daily basis. One day without clips puts him on edge. He studies the writers, knows their styles and remembers what they write and when. Invariably he will make a written or verbal comment about a story that was particularly well done. Writers are continually amazed by his attentiveness and retention of their respective work.

And he shows no favoritism to the "print" side either. Once he came out of the locker room 30 minutes before kickoff in Lincoln, Nebraska, to do a live sideline interview with an Omaha TV station. Most coaches would be tough to corral anytime inside 24 hours before kickoff, much less 30 minutes.

Yes sir, Florida State is a favorite stop for those folks. It's a dream "beat" thanks to Bobby.

Bowden has another ingredient that projects a positive image for Florida State. He is a truly great speaker. He is an absolute smash on the banquet circuit. His talks are informative, inspirational, entertaining and funny. Through the years Bowden has become increasingly quick-witted. His off-the-cuff remarks have become legendary—many of them printed in various publications. He is an outstanding joke-teller, as well, and has the art that keeps his audiences rolling in the aisles.

Most importantly, he has not lost the ability to laugh at himself. This man who many place on a pedestal is only human and he goes out of his way to admit it. Many of his funniest stories come from true everyday-life human situations. Bobby's wife,

## Winningest Active Coaches

Coach	Years	W	L	T	Pct.
1. Barry Switzer, Oklahoma	13	125	24	4	.830
2. Joe Paterno, Penn State	20	187	44	2	.819
3. Tom Osborne, Nebraska	12	127	30	2	.805
4. Bo Schembechler, Michigan	23	196	55	7	.773
5. LaVell Edwards, BYU	14	128	40	1	.760
6. Danny Ford, Clemson	8	59	20	2	.741
7. Herb Deromedi, C. Michigan	8	64	20	3	.720
8. Vince Dooley, Georgia	22	175	67	10	.714
9. Terry Donahue, UCLA	10	80	31	6	.709
10. Bobby Bowden, Florida State	20	156	64	2	.707

## Coaches with Most Wins

1. Bo Schembechler, Michigan	196
2. Joe Paterno, Penn State	187
3. Vince Dooley, Georgia	175
4. Bill Yeoman, Houston	159
5. Jerry Claiborne, Kentucky	158
6. Bobby Bowden, Florida State	156
7. Haden Fry, Iowa	141
8. LaVell Edwards, Brigham Young	128
9. Tom Osborne, Nebraska	127
10. Barry Switzer, Oklahoma	126

## Bowden Record

Samford	W	L	T	PCT.
1959	9	1	0	.900
1960	8	1	0	.889
1961	7	2	0	.778
1962	7	2	0	.778
Totals	31	6	0	.838
West Virginia	W	L	T	PCT.
1970	8	3	0	.727
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
Florida State	W	L	T	PCT.
1976	5	6	0	.455
1977**	10	2	0	.833
1978	8	3	0	.727
1979***	11	1	0	.917
1980***	10	2	0	.833
1981	6	5	0	.545
1982****	9	3	0	.750
1983*	8	4	0	.667
1984**	7	3	2	.667
1985****	9	3	0	.727
Totals	83	32	2	.718
<b>Career Totals</b>	<b>156</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>.707</b>

\*Peach Bowl

\*\*\*Orange Bowl

\*\*Citrus (Tangerine) Bowl

\*\*\*\*Gator Bowl

## Bits on Bowden

**Born:** November 8, 1929 in Birmingham, Ala.  
**High School:** Woodlawn High School, Birmingham, Ala.  
**College:** Howard University (now Samford) '53

**College Football Honors:** Little All-American at quarterback  
 Alabama Hall of Fame (inducted 1986)

**Graduate Degree:** Peabody College  
**Family:** Married to Julia Ann Estock  
 Children: Robin, Steve, Tommy, Terry, Ginger, Jeff

**Accomplishments at FSU:**

- 83-32-2 in 10 years after inheriting a team that was 4-29 the three previous years
- Seven bowl appearances in 10 seasons
- Back-to-back Orange Bowl appearances in 1980 and 81 when FSU had never been to a New Year's Day Bowl
- Three times ranked in the Top Ten at the end of the season
- Twice named National Coach of the Year: ABC-TV and Chevrolet in 1979 and the Bobby Dodd Award in 1980
- Twice named Southeastern Independent Coach of the Year by Associated Press
- FSU's all-time winningest coach.

Ann, many times takes some ribbing. A polished speaker herself, she never hesitates to give it back to the coach. Never were two people so perfectly matched.

The Bowdens are extremely family conscious. Parents of six children and an ever-increasing number of grandchildren, they can't seem to find enough time to get together. At least once a year they try to rally the clan and that is a very special time.

With three sons and a son-in-law in the coaching profession Bowden tells of how Ann now lives and dies by the scores of all her son's teams. Saturday night phone calls to each of them signals a happy weekend or a sad one around the Bowden household. Tommy Bowden is the offensive coordinator at Duke and Terry is an assistant coach at Akron. Son-in-law Jack Hines—married to daughter Robin—is on Bowden's staff at FSU, as is Bowden's youngest, Jeff. All four played college football under Bobby.

A fourth Bowden son, Steve, is a Baptist minister in Alabama, and Ginger, the youngest daughter, lives in Ft. Walton Beach, Fla., with her husband, former FSU player John Madden. Football is in the blood of this family!

There is one thing that sits atop all of this with The Coach. God. Bobby Bowden is a very religious man. He does not curse, does not smoke or drink. He is around those who do much of the time. But he is the kind who teaches by quiet example, not loud talk. Bobby saves his preaching for the pulpit.

He is called on to preach to congregations throughout the area. He does so as often as he can, many times sacrificing precious free time he could spend at home.

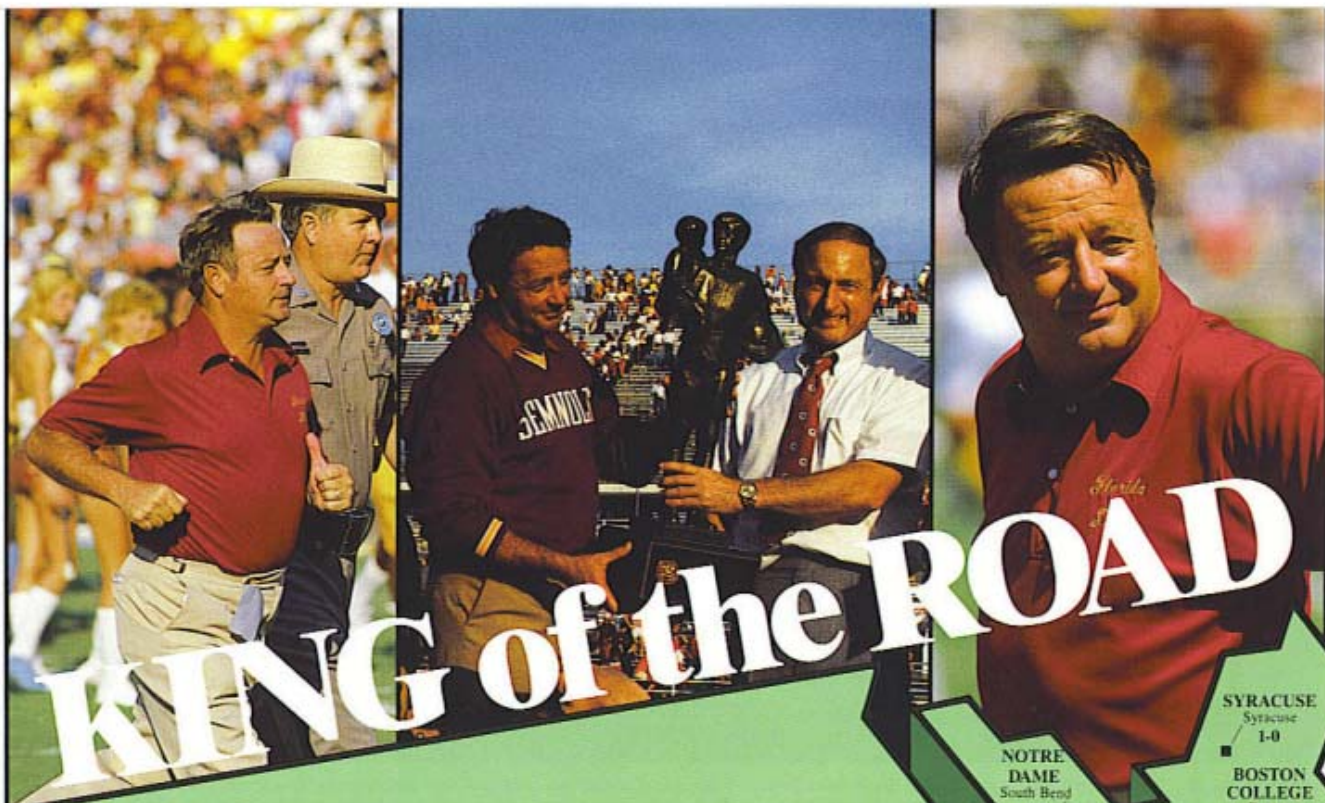
Through all of the demands on his time, Bobby Bowden maintains a strong control over his football team. He does not sidestep the problems that arise when 100 young men are involved. He has his set of rules and they are adhered to completely. Players who don't follow the rules are dealt with by the Coach himself. All players are treated alike in this area. Bowden has suspended or dismissed players with great athletic ability as well as those without.

He is a man who is too good to be true. Solid citizen, family man, optimistic, enthusiastic, energetic, God-fearing Bobby Bowden. There is just one other thing. Bobby Bowden hates to lose. He is a fierce competitor whose drive to succeed has led him to where he is today. If his football record isn't a case in point, try him on the golf course.

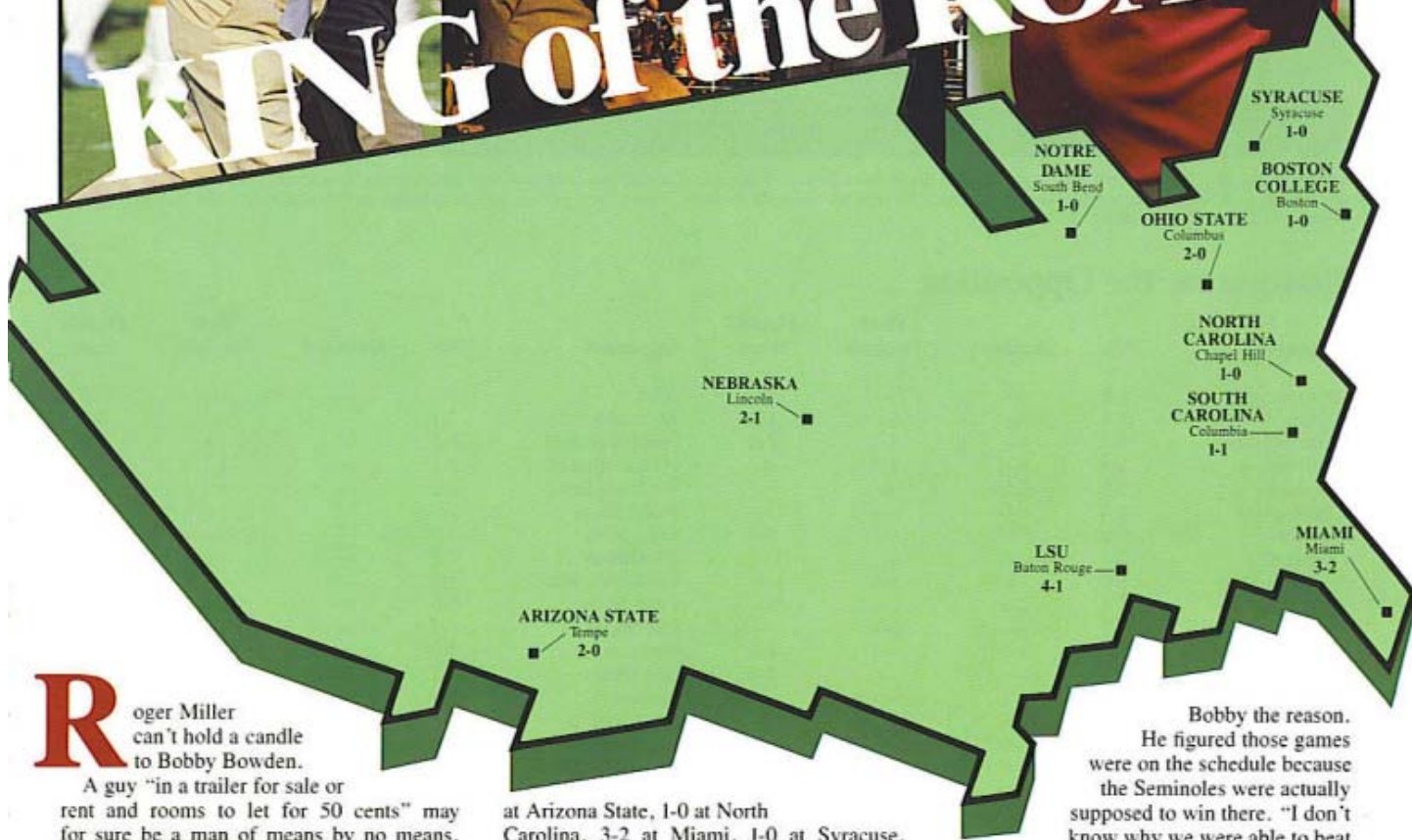
"I'd play 36 holes a day if I had the time," he says. "I really would. It gives me a chance to compete—and I love to compete. I don't even have to have an opponent. I can compete by myself—for a low score—and have a great time."

Bowden claims golf is a way to let off steam—his one recreational outlet. "When I go after something, I go after it hard," he says. "It has always been that way. I don't know—it's in my blood."

It seems that Florida State football has always been in Bowden's blood as well. He's the man who will forevermore be known as the savior of the program. The traits that have made Bobby Bowden what he is are not all that unique. But, it's the wonderful blend of all of the above that make Florida State fans everywhere glad he's our coach.



# KING of the ROAD



**R**oger Miller can't hold a candle to Bobby Bowden.

A guy "in a trailer for sale or rent and rooms to let for 50 cents" may for sure be a man of means by no means, but he's not—I repeat, not—the King of the Road.

Roger Miller never set foot in Lincoln, Neb., Memorial Stadium. Bobby Bowden is 2-1 there. The singer probably wouldn't know South Bend from South Fork but Bobby beat Notre Dame there. And while Miller was playing the Ohio State fair in Columbus, our man was across town beating up on the mighty Buckeyes for the second year in a row.

And you take a nice man like Roger and put him on the floor of Tiger Stadium in Baton Rouge, La., before 80,000 LSU fans and the man would probably never be able to sing a note again. But Ole B.B. won there four times in five tries. The list goes on: 2-0

at Arizona State, 1-0 at North Carolina, 3-2 at Miami, 1-0 at Syracuse, 1-1 at South Carolina.

Bobby Bowden took over a program in 1976 which had been on the verge of total destruction. Two years before there was no money, no fans, no players and seemingly no hope. Three years after his arrival, Florida State was one game from a national championship.

Two years after that first Orange Bowl appearance in 1979, the coach who had turned it all around was still paying the price for those lean years before his arrival. Schedules, you see, were made up 10 years in advance and Florida State needed money. Schedules were based on who could give the struggling program the biggest guarantee. Somebody must have forgotten to tell Ole

Bobby the reason. He figured those games were on the schedule because the Seminoles were actually supposed to win there. "I don't know why we were able to beat those people at their places," Bowden says. "I think when you do it once it becomes a confidence builder. We've gotten to a point now where our players relish the chance to pull off another one."

"Me? I'm scared to death. Maybe they just don't realize what they are getting into."

Whatever the reason, it has been a simply amazing story. In 10 FSU seasons Bowden has a regular season road record of 33-19-1. He is 5-2-1 in neutral site and bowl games, giving him a non-Tallahassee mark of 38-21-2.

With more football giants waiting in the wings this season, can the beat go on?

Sorry Roger, make room for the real king. The King of the Road.



*Whatever You Do, Please Don't Throw Me In That Briar Patch Dept.:* When asked at halftime about the very Tallahassee-like mid 90s heat and humidity during last year's Nebraska game, Bowden replied, "We're in the Briar Patch now!" This year's game, again at Lincoln, will be played at night under temporary lights. Coincidence?

## Bowden vs. the Opposition

Opponent	W-L	Samford	West Virginia	Florida State	Opponent	W-L	Samford	West Virginia	Florida State
Arizona State	3-0	—	—	3-0	Navy	1-0	—	—	1-0
Auburn	1-4	—	—	1-4	Nebraska	2-1	—	—	2-1
Boston College	4-2	—	2-2	2-0	North Carolina	2-0	—	—	2-0
California	1-1	—	1-1	—	N. Carolina St.	1-1	—	1-1	—
Car.-New.	2-0	2-0	—	—	N. Texas State	2-0	—	—	2-0
Chattanooga	1-0	1-0	—	—	Notre Dame	1-0	—	—	1-0
Cincinnati	5-0	—	—	5-0	Ohio State	2-0	—	—	2-0
Clemson	0-1	—	—	0-1	Oklahoma	0-3	—	—	0-3
Colorado State	1-0	—	1-0	—	Oklahoma State	3-0	—	—	3-0
Delta State	2-1	2-1	—	—	Penn State	0-6	—	0-6	—
Duke	0-2	—	0-2	—	Pittsburgh	4-7	—	3-3	1-4
East Carolina	5-1	—	1-1	4-0	Richmond	4-2	—	4-2	—
Florida	4-6	—	—	4-6	San Diego	0-1	—	—	0-1
Furman	1-1	1-1	—	—	Sewanee	2-0	2-0	—	—
Georgetown	2-0	2-0	—	—	So. Carolina	4-1	—	—	4-1
Georgia	0-0-1	—	—	0-0-1	So. Illinois	1-0	—	—	1-0
Gordon Military	1-0	1-0	—	—	So. Methodist	1-0	—	1-0	—
Houston	0-1	—	0-1	—	So. Mississippi	6-1	—	—	6-1
Illinois	1-0	—	1-0	—	Southwestern	3-0	3-0	—	—
Indiana	2-1	—	2-1	—	Stanford	0-1	—	0-1	—
Kansas	2-0	—	—	2-0	Syracuse	5-2	—	4-2	1-0
Kansas State	2-0	—	—	2-0	Temple	3-1	—	2-1	1-0
Kent State	1-0	—	1-0	—	Tenn.-Chatt.	1-0	—	—	1-0
Kentucky	1-0	—	1-0	—	Tenn. Tech	2-0	2-0	—	—
Livingston State	2-0	2-0	—	—	Texas Tech	1-0	—	—	1-0
Louisiana Coll.	1-0	1-0	—	—	Troy State	3-0	3-0	—	—
Louisiana State	4-1	—	—	4-1	Tulane	4-2	—	1-2	—
Louisville	5-0	—	—	5-0	Tulsa	2-0	—	—	2-0
Maryland	2-0	—	2-0	—	UTMB	1-0	1-0	—	—
Maryville	2-0	2-0	—	—	Villanova	1-0	—	1-0	—
McNeese State	0-1	0-1	—	—	Virginia	2-0	—	2-0	—
Memphis Navy	1-0	1-0	—	—	Virginia Mil.	3-0	—	3-0	—
Memphis State	5-1-1	—	—	5-1-1	Virginia Tech	7-1	—	2-1	5-0
Mexico	1-0	1-0	—	—	Wofford	2-0	2-0	—	—
Miami (Fla.)	5-7	—	1-1	4-6	West Virginia	1-0	—	—	1-0
Millsaps	2-0	2-0	—	—	W. Carolina	2-0	—	—	2-0
Miss. College	1-3	1-3	—	—	William & Mary	3-0	—	3-0	—
Miss. State	1-1	—	—	1-1					





## ASSISTANT COACHES



### Chuck Amato

Assistant Head Coach, Defensive Line  
(North Carolina State '69)



**"I** try to motivate young men. I want to be able to learn my players as well as I can. I don't want them to feel that there is a big gap between us along the line of communication. I think I can successfully motivate them if they believe in me."

Age: 39

Years at Florida State: 5

Years of Collegiate Coaching Experience: 15

Collegiate Coaching Experience:

North Carolina State—Defensive Line and Defensive Coordinator (1971–80)

Arizona—Defensive Coordinator (1980–82)

Florida State—Defensive Line (1982–86)

Assistant Head Coach (1985–86)

Collegiate Playing Experience:

North Carolina State—Defensive End (1965–67)

Family: Wife—Peggy, two daughters

Notes: Developed former defensive tackle Alphonso Carreker into a 1984 first round draft choice of the Green Bay Packers . . . worked under Al Michaels, Lou Holtz and the late Bo Rein during his tenure at N.C. State . . .

### Mickey Andrews

Defensive Coordinator, Defensive Backs  
(Alabama '64)



**"W**e want our players to do what we tell them. To play defense, you have to have 11 players playing as a unit. Each guy has a responsibility, and he's got to be accountable for his job. He also has to play at his very best, and somewhere along the line, he's got to make some great plays."

Age: 43

Years at Florida State: 3

Years of Collegiate Coaching Experience: 18

High School Coaching Experience:

Erwin High School—Birmingham, Ala. (1965–66)

Collegiate Coaching Experience:

Eastern Kentucky—Offensive Backfield (1966–67)

Livingston (Alabama)—Assistant Head Coach (1967–70, 1970–72)

North Alabama—Head Coach (1972–76)

Clemson—Assistant Head Coach (1976–80)

Florida—Defensive Backfield Coach (1981–82)

Florida State—Defensive Coordinator, Defensive Backs (1984–86)

Professional Coaching Experience:

Arizona Wranglers (USFL)—Defensive Coordinator (1982–83)

Collegiate Playing Experience:

Alabama—Defensive Back, Running Back (1961–64)

All-American (2nd team)

National Champions (1961, 1964)

Sugar Bowl (1963)

Orange Bowl (1964)

Family: Wife—Diane, two children . . . son Ronnie is a walkon wide receiver for the Seminoles.

Notes: Was also a 1964 All-SEC baseball player at Alabama . . . recipient of the Hugo Friedman Award as the Tide's best athlete . . . as the head coach of Livingston University, Andrews directed the school to the 1971 NAIA National Championship . . .

### Wally Burnham

Inside Linebackers (Samford '63)



**"I** want to help a young man get a degree. I think that's part of my job. I know a lot of people who say that, but I mean it.

I tell my players, 'whatever you do, do it 110%. If you do something completely wrong, do it as hard as you can do it. When that play is over, good or bad, then you have to get ready for the next play.' "

Age: 44

Years at Florida State: 2

Years of Collegiate Coaching Experience:

High School Coaching Experience:

Hueytown High School—Hueytown, Ala.

Decatur High School—Decatur, Ala.

Collegiate Coaching Experience:

North Alabama—Offensive Line (1972–76)

East Tennessee State—Defensive Coordinator (1977–80)

Richmond—Linebackers (1980)

Memphis State—Linebackers (1981–82)

Lamar—Defensive Coordinator (1982–83)

Florida State—Inside Linebackers (1985–86)

Professional Coaching Experience:

Arizona Wranglers (USFL)—Linebackers (1983–84)

Collegiate Playing Experience:

Alabama—Linebacker (1960–62)

Samford—Linebacker (1962–63)

Little All-American (1963)

Family: Wife—Barbara, three children

Notes: Was a member of Mickey Andrew's staff at North Alabama . . . coached Arizona to the topped-ranked defense in the USFL . . .

## John Eason

Receivers (Florida A&M '69)



**"I** try to instill competitiveness in my players . . . the desire to want to be the best you can be. Football is a challenge and overcoming challenges through hard work and dedication is doing what needs to be done to accomplish the task."

Age: 40

Years at Florida State: 2

Years of Collegiate Coaching Experience: 6

High School Coaching Experience:

Ocala Vanguard High School—Ocala, Fla. (1971–72)

Lincoln High School—Tallahassee, Fla. (1979–80)

Leon High School—Tallahassee, Fla. (1973–79)

Collegiate Coaching Experience:

Florida State—Receivers (1980–86)

Collegiate Playing Experience:

Florida A&M (1963–67)—Receiver/Punter

Rattler MVP and All-American (1966, 1967)

Blue-Gray Game/Coaches All-American All-Star Games (1967)

Professional Playing Experience:

Oakland Raiders (1968, 1969)

Montreal Alouettes (1972)

Family: Wife—Dorothy, one daughter

Notes: Coached Weegie Thompson (Pittsburgh Steelers), Dennis McKinnon (Chicago Bears), Jessie Hester (Los Angeles Raiders) and Hassan Jones (Minnesota Vikings) during his tenure at FSU . . .

## Jim Gladden

Outside Linebackers (William Jewell '62)



**"I** try to be an extension of what a mother and daddy is. I like to envision myself as someone who will take up where they left off, and build on the foundation that they've already established. I'd like to think that I can strengthen their character by being demanding. I want guys who will fight and play with great effort and intensity. I can't stand a quitter and I tell them that in our first meeting."

Age: 45

Years at Florida State: 11

Years of Collegiate Coaching Experience: 11

High School Coaching Experience:

Pleasant Hill High School—Pleasant Hill, Kan. (1962–63)

Northwest St. Louis High School—St. Louis, Mo. (1964–66)

Paduchah High School—Tilghman, Ky. (1967–69)

Russellville High School—Russellville, Ky. (1970–71)

Springville High School—Springville, Tenn. (1972)

Brooksville High School—Brooksville, Fla. (1972–74)

Collegiate Coaching Experience:

Florida State—Outside Linebackers (1974–86)

Collegiate Playing Experience:

William Jewell—Defensive End (1958–62)

Family: Wife—Patricia, two children

Notes: One of Seminole's top recruiters . . . responsible for the punting team which has gained notoriety as the "Block Party" . . . FSU blocked a record eight punts and one field goal in 1984 . . . most famous pupil is Willie Jones, a 1979 second round draft pick of the Oakland Raiders who played on the 1980 Super Bowl squad . . . also handles administrative duties that include coordination of player housing and meals . . .



## Wayne McDuffie

Offensive Coordinator (Florida State '68)



**"I** only have one goal—to win every game. To do that you recruit good players and then coach them well. On the field, you make sure that they are fundamentally sound and that they have character to excel when things are not going well. You must give the players direction in order to plan success."

Age: 41

Years at Florida State: 4

Years of Collegiate Coaching Experience: 13

Years of Professional Coaching Experience: 1

Collegiate Coaching Experience:

Florida State—Offensive Line (1973)

New Mexico—Offensive Line (1974)

Oklahoma State—Offensive Line (1975–76)

Georgia—Offensive Line (1977–81)

Florida State—Offensive Line (1983–86)

Offensive Coordinator (1983–86)

Professional Coaching Experience:

Atlanta Falcons—Offensive Line (1982)

Collegiate Playing Experience:

Florida State—Offensive End (1966–68)

1966 Sun Bowl

1967 Gator Bowl

1968 Peach Bowl

Family: Wife—Toni, three children

Notes: One of two FSU graduates on the Tribe staff . . . at Georgia, his line paved the way for Herschel Walker's sensational freshman and sophomore seasons and a national championship in 1980 . . .

## Brad Scott

Recruiting Coordinator/Tight Ends  
(Missouri-Rolla '76)



*"I tell my players to relax and have fun when they go out on the field. I tell them that they're better prepared than their opponent and that things are going to fall into line. The biggest thing for them to do is to have fun. That's what this game is all about. That's what I think football ought to be. If they relax and have fun out there, then they're going to be successful."*

Age: 31

Years at Florida State: 2

Years of Collegiate Coaching Experience: 2

High School Coaching Experience:

DeSoto High School—Arcadia, Fla. (1978–79 assistant);  
(1982–83 head coach and athletic director)

Hardee High School—Wauchula, Fla. (1980–81)

Collegiate Coaching Experience:

The Citadel—Head Junior Varsity Coach (1981–82)

Florida State—Graduate Assistant (1984)

Tight Ends (1985–86)

Collegiate Playing Experience:

Missouri-Rolla—Offensive Tackle (1972–76)

All-American Bowl All-Star game (1976)

Family: Wife—Daryle, two children

Notes: Coached by Bobby Bowden on All-American Bowl team in Tampa as a senior . . . first college coaching experience at The Citadel in 1981 came under former FSU assistant Art Baker . . . credited with bringing together Tribe's strongest back-to-back recruiting years in 1985 and 86 . . . the 1985 recruiting class was ranked #1 in the nation by many . . . received his master's degree from Florida State in Athletic Administration last summer . . .

## Billy Sexton

Running Backs (Florida State '74)



*"If I could instill one thing in my players, it would be to never give up on themselves. If people around have given up on you, but you believe in yourself, then you will make it. If you've got talent, it will come through for you. I think that's the most important lesson in life. You really don't have to say anything to a player on Saturday night. It all has to be prepared before then. You have prepared in the months and weeks before."*

Age: 35

Years at Florida State: 10

Years of Collegiate Coaching Experience: 10

High School Coaching Experience:

Leon High School—Tallahassee, Fla. (1974–76)

Collegiate Coaching Experience:

Florida State—Graduate Assistant, Tight Ends (1976)

Quarterbacks (1977–81)

Junior Varsity/Scouting (1982)

Running Backs (1983–86)

Collegiate Playing Experience:

Alabama—Quarterback (1969–71)

Florida State—Quarterback (1973)

Family: Wife—Joy, two children

Notes: Helped to develop FSU All-American Greg Allen, who broke 26 records while at Florida State, while the 1984 backs set a new mark for rushing yardage . . . current duties include heading up FSU's film exchange and walk-on programs . . .



## Dave Van Halanger

Strength Coach (West Virginia '76)



*“My philosophy is to bring the athlete to his potential level, not only physically, but in the mental area, with goals and motivational techniques. When the players are in here training, I tell them not to quit when it gets tough. Hard work will benefit them because their bodies will get bigger, stronger, faster and more flexible. I try to get the players to produce an inner motivation as well. I try to help a player to be a better spiritual person also, through a relationship with God. That’s a big part of my philosophy.”*

Age: 32

Years at Florida State: 4

Years of Collegiate Coaching Experience: 7

Collegiate Coaching Experience:

West Virginia—Head Junior Varsity Coach (1979)

Head Strength Coach (1980–83)

Florida State—Head Strength Coach (1983–86)

Collegiate Playing Experience:

West Virginia—Offensive Tackle (1972–75)

All-East and All-American (Honorable Mention)

1975 Peach Bowl Captain

Professional Playing Experience:

Atlanta Falcons (1976)

Family: Wife—Michele, two daughters

**Notes:** Played under Bowden for four seasons at West Virginia . . . currently serves as the state director for the National Strength and Conditioning Association . . . a member of the National Board of Ethics for the National Football Coaches Association . . .



## Randy Oravetz

Florida State '79

Head Trainer

Randy Oravetz begins his first year as Florida State's head trainer after serving as former FSU head trainer Don Fauls' right-hand-man for the past seven years. Oravetz was elevated to the head trainer position when Fauls retired last March.

A native of Tampa, Fla., Oravetz was a member of the student training corps at Florida State for four years prior to joining the full-time staff. He started as a student trainer at the University of Tampa until that school dropped its football program in 1975.

In addition to his work with football, he served as head trainer of the baseball program at FSU for two seasons. In his career as a trainer, Oravetz has traveled with football, baseball and soccer teams and has worked with basketball, track, swimming, and tennis athletes as well.

At Florida State, his responsibilities include overseeing the entire training room operation. That staff includes two full-time assistants and a corps of student trainers.

Oravetz served as an assistant trainer for the Florida College All-Star game and for the Lions American Bowl in 1975.

Randy and his wife, Linda, have two sons.



## Kent Knisley

Florida A&M '84

Assistant Trainer

Second year trainer Kent Knisley is a valuable asset to Florida State's athletic training staff. Not only is Knisley a certified NATA trainer, but he is also a licensed physical therapist in the state of Florida.

A 1984 graduate of Florida A&M's School of Physical Therapy, Knisley worked on the FSU training staff for over a year while attending Florida A&M.

After receiving his Associate of Arts degree from Manatee Junior College in 1979, Knisley continued to take pre-physical therapy classes through 1982, while serving as assistant trainer at Bradenton Southeast and later Manatee High Schools. From June until August of 1982, he served as the trainer for the Pittsburgh Pirates' rookie league in Bradenton before moving to Tallahassee to attend Florida A&M.

Knisley worked with the 1982 Rattler football team, but in January of 1983, joined the Florida State training staff as a special student. After receiving his degree from A&M in August of 1984, he continued to work part-time at FSU while also working part-time as a staff physical therapist at Tallahassee Memorial Regional Medical Center.

In April of 1985, Knisley became interim trainer at Valdosta State. Three months later, he accepted his position at FSU.

In addition to serving as the head basketball trainer, Knisley is the trainer for all spring sports and works as the rehabilitation physical therapist for the football program.

He is a bachelor.



## Frank DeBord

Virginia Tech '42

Equipment Manager

Equipment manager Frank DeBord plays an important role in the fielding of the Seminole football team. One of the unheralded, behind-the-scenes members of the FSU staff, DeBord supervises the football gear and practice fields and oversees the team facilities in the Moore Athletic Center. When the Seminoles play away from Doak Campbell Stadium, DeBord directs the transfer of all equipment and baggage to the site of the game.

The Marion, Va., native accepted the head equipment post in 1970 after working one season as assistant equipment manager. He has been with the Seminole athletic program for the last 17 years.

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

Frank and his wife, Marian, have raised three children.



## Jimmie Callaway

Assistant Equipment Manager

Jimmie Callaway has worked at Florida State in the equipment area for nine years. His primary job responsibilities lie with assisting equipment manager Frank DeBord with securing and organizing football equipment for all Florida State practices and games. In addition, he also handles transportation arrangements for other men's sports and coordinates security of the Moore Athletic Center.

Callaway, a native of Tallahassee, came to FSU in 1978 after 20 years with the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles.

He and his wife, Donna, have two daughters.

## Graduate Assistants and Volunteer Assistants



Jeff Bowden  
Florida State '82  
Running Backs



Jack Hines  
West Virginia '72  
Cornerbacks



Jay Perkins  
Central Florida '84  
Offensive Line

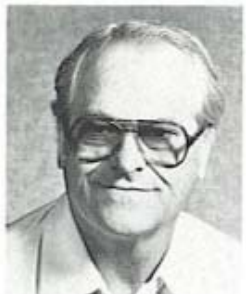


Mark Richt  
Miami '82  
Quarterbacks



Bob Stinchcomb  
Bethel College '80  
Outside Linebackers

## Football Support Staff



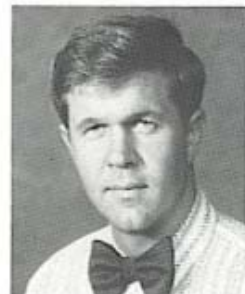
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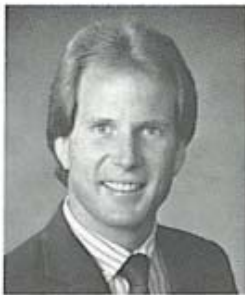
Dr. Tom Haney  
Team Physician



Dr. Doug Henderson  
Team Physician



Dr. Emory Cain  
Team Dentist



Dr. Steve Lancaster  
Team Optometrist



Betty Gibson  
Team Dietician



Lt. Billy Smith  
Team Security



Ken Smith  
Team Chaplain

## Football Secretaries



Sue Hall  
Administrative Assistant



Juanita Duncan  
Recruiting Secretary



Clara Jump  
Offense Secretary



Carol Moore  
Defense Secretary