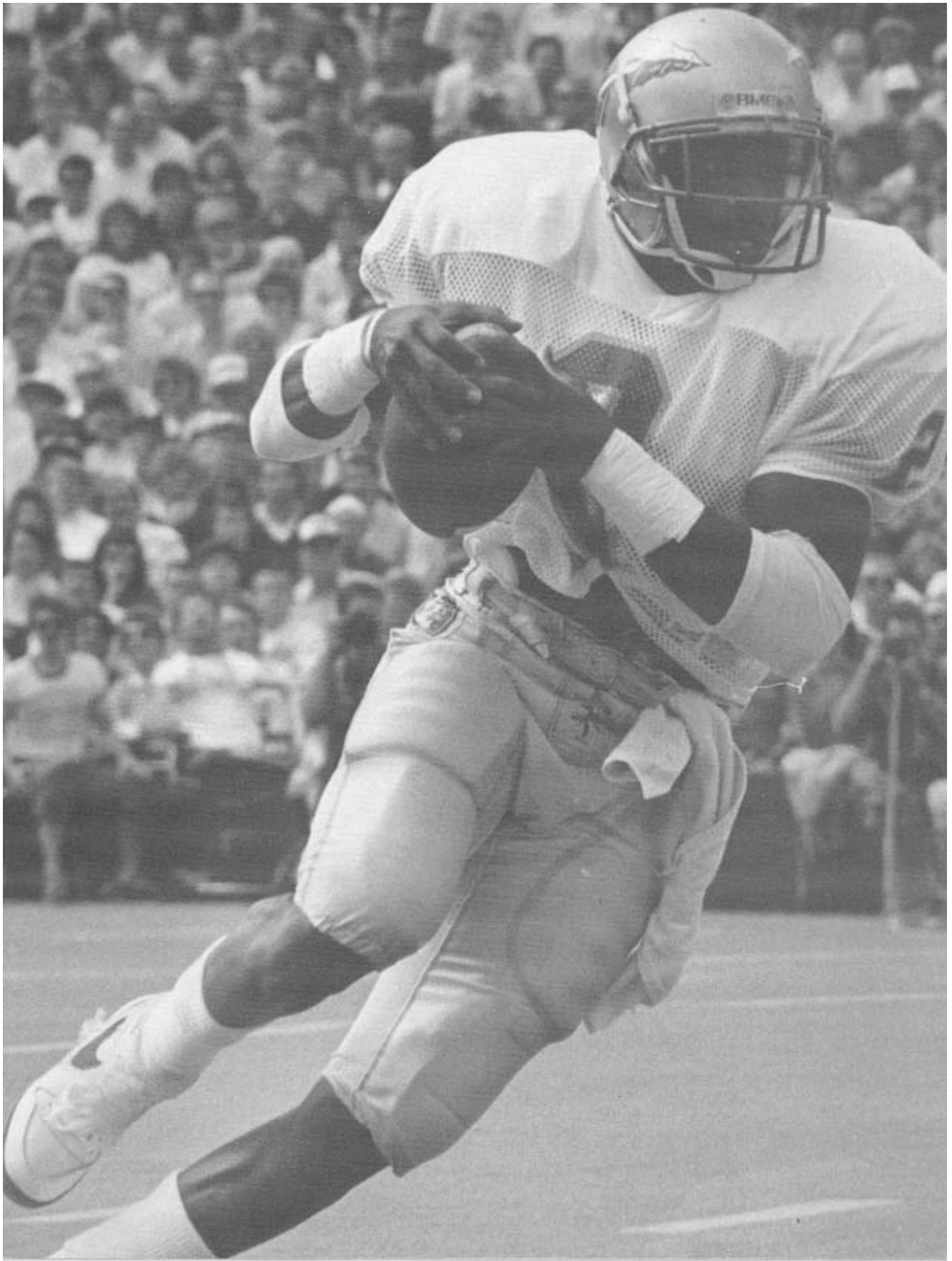


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## JIM THORPE AWARD CANDIDATE

## DEION SANDERS: A MAN FOR ALL SEASONS

The following column by Tom McEwen of the Tampa Tribune (May 29, 1988) is reprinted with permission of the Tribune.

There is this belief around Florida State University sports circles that Deion Sanders may be, or is on his way, to being the single best collegiate athlete in America.

And there is evidence to support the claim, with more on the way, probably.

Deion Sanders, out of Fort Myers and finishing his third year at FSU, was just voted the Most Valuable Performer in the recent Metro Conference track and field meet, where he won the 100 and 200 meters and ran the third leg on the winning 4x100 relay team. This is Sanders' first track season. He now has qualified for the NCAA finals and the Olympic Trials. If he makes the NCAA finals in an event, he will be declared an All-American.

After the fine 1987 FSU football season, premier cornerback and punt returner Sanders was judged a consensus All-American in that sport.

Shortly after that declaration, Sanders was picked as a 1988 pre-season All-American outfielder in baseball. He won't be a baseball All-American, however, because this season he passed on the sport, at which he excelled last year, to give track a try. Now, he's thinking about giving basketball a try at FSU after the next football season. He was a second team all-stater at that sport at Fort Myers, where in football he quarterbacked and played defensive back.

Deion Sanders, in his three years of competition at FSU, will have played in a major bowl game (Fiesta, on New Year's Day, beating Nebraska) with a shot at the national title, he will have played in a College World Series (baseball, last year at Omaha), and after next week he will have run in the NCAA Track Championship in the 100 and 4x100. Can a Final Four basketball appearance be next? Bo Who?

This remarkable athlete stands 6-foot-1 and weighs 191 pounds. He plays all his sports effortlessly but full speed. In football, he's a terror at corner, a hitman, and a wordman as well. After the Seminole football team smothered Michigan State last year, Sanders said, "that must have been somebody else in Lorenzo White's uniform today." The Seminoles shut down White, the great Michigan State running back, completely.

He is, by his own judgement and decision, a football player first. He is a cinch high first-round NFL draft pick next year, although right now baseball people are asking him if he wants to consider that sport professionally. Maybe. Last year for the baseball Seminoles he batted .267 and stole 27 bases of the 36 he tried. He said baseball was too boring. Too much standing around. But he left the sport on good terms with Coach Mike Martin and asked permission to give track a try under Coach Dick Roberts. Doubtless one reason for this was his good friend, FSU running back Sammie Smith, is a track man. Smith, Sanders, running back Dexter Carter and world-class hurdler Arthur Blake make up the 4x100 relay team that will challenge in the NCAAAs.

Sanders had not run track before this season.

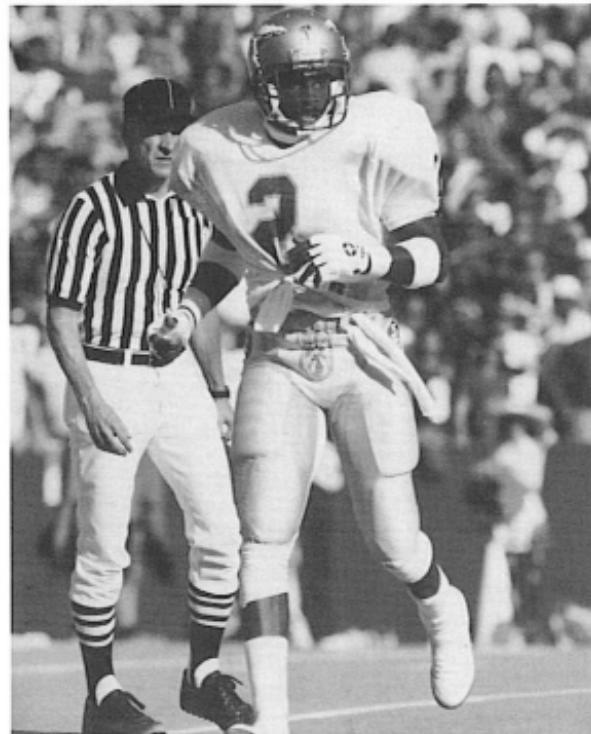
His first 100 competitive meters he ran in 10.53 seconds, "which translates to 9.4 100 yards," said Roberts. "Most people would understand it that way better. His best 100 meters is 10.26, which qualifies him for the Olympic Trials," which Sanders probably will not pursue because of a conflict with football.

His best 200 was his only 200, 20.71 in the Metro Conference meet, and he won with it. Smith and Blake followed him for a 1-2-3 FSU finish.

"Now, that was truly amazing," said Roberts. He then ran on the 4x100 winning team.

"I don't believe in my experience in track and field, which spans 23 years, that I have ever been associated with, or witnessed, anyone that performed so well, so quickly," Roberts went on. "He was instantly good at track. For example, when he ran his first 100, in the finish area, he leaned toward the tape with the finesse of a world-class sprinter. I didn't teach him that. He smells the finish, I guess. His great size is a bonus for it is still the case of a good big man having a better shot than a good little man. How good can he be? I don't know. He is still trying to get comfortable at the start in the blocks. But we make no mistake around here, football is first with him."

"He claims he may want to try basketball next year," said Rob Wilson of the FSU public relations staff. "And now the baseball people are



wondering if he wants to play minor-league baseball this summer."

In football he is a head hunter in the secondary and a threat with every punt return.

He is so quick and clever on punts, Coach Bobby Bowden may change his recent philosophies somewhat about that special team event. FSU has been celebrated in recent years as a punt blocking team, and it has worked effectively. But Sanders has been left naked to catch the punts that are gotten off and do what he could under that circumstance. Usually, he has done well. He has, in fact, broken all FSU punt return records. Twice he has scored touchdowns off them. As a defensive back, he has nine interceptions. His size and speed and killer attitude make him prime pro football material.

"We've never had anyone like him around here," said Wayne Hogan, FSU sports publicist. And he is but the fourth consensus FSU All-American. Ron Sellers, Greg Allen and Jamie Dukes were the others.

"Deion never ceases to amaze me," said Bobby Bowden. "I had no idea he would be so good at track. In fact, while Bob Harbison, who signed him out of Fort Myers, was high on him, I could not have foreseen he would be as good as he is at football. Imagine having a fellow who can run the 40 in 4.2 seconds at cornerback. He can flat get to the ball, or run with it if he picks it off. And he's big, and smart and a natural leader. He will have to be a leader this year ahead with (graduated linebacker) Paul McGowan gone."

Bowden said he won't abandon the pressure FSU traditionally puts on punters, but at times "we will go for the return. We have to, with a talent like that. But pressure can cause shanks and he can catch shanks and run with them, too."

Yes, there has been some agitation to move him to offense, but that won't happen.

"He's more valuable to us on defense," said Bowden. He surely is valuable to Bowden, to track, to baseball, and perhaps if he does indeed give it a whirl, basketball.

As if being a three-sport All-America talent is not enough.

## HEISMAN TROPHY CANDIDATE

### SAMMIE SMITH: AN EXPLOSIVE RUNNER

The following article appeared in The Omaha World-Herald Tribune (December 22, 1987) prior to FSU's playing Nebraska in the 1988 Fiesta Bowl. Written by Lee Barkknecht, it is reprinted with permission from the Tribune.

Tallahassee, Fla. - Florida State tailback Sammie Smith gushes when you bring up the name of 1982 Georgia Heisman Trophy winner Herschel Walker.

"He is the player I admire most," Smith said. "Going through junior high and high school, he was the man I really looked up to as a player and a person. I wanted to do some of same things he did."

So when people first began comparing Smith with Walker three years ago, the consensus high school All-American was delighted.

"Coming out of high school, it was a thrill to be mentioned with him," Smith said "but it really ended up hurting me more than helping me. I came to Florida State expecting to tear up the field the first year and it didn't happen."

In his second collegiate game, Smith gained 73 yards in helping FSU upset Nebraska 17-13 in 1985. But a stress fracture in his leg sidelined him after that, and he received a medical hardship.

Last year, as a second-year freshman, nagging leg and shoulder injuries limited Smith to 611 yards in nine games. But after what the Zellwood, Fla. native accomplished this year, the Smith-Walker talk is starting again.

#### Same Size

Smith sat out the season opener with a sprained knee, then bolted for a school-record 1,230 yards. He topped the 100-yard mark seven times, gained a career-high 244 yards against East Carolina and broke a 95-yard touchdown run against Furman. Of his nine touchdowns this season, seven were 25 yards or longer.

"Sammie can do it all when he is healthy," FSU Coach Bobby Bowden said. "A lot of people have wondered, but we've seen it."

If rushing statistics don't remind you of Walker, these physical facts might. Smith is 6 feet 2 and 221 pounds, Walker 6-2 and 223. Smith runs the 100 meters in 10.31 seconds, Walker in 10.22.

"Sammie's got some of the same great assets that Herschel has," said FSU offensive coordinator Wayne McDuffie, who coached the offensive line at Georgia during the Walker years. "He's not as mature as Herschel or quite as good - yet. But he's got two more years."

"He's got the size, the speed and the knack for making the right move in traffic. If you give him a seam, he'll go all the way on any given play. Regular backs don't do that."

#### Not Focal Point

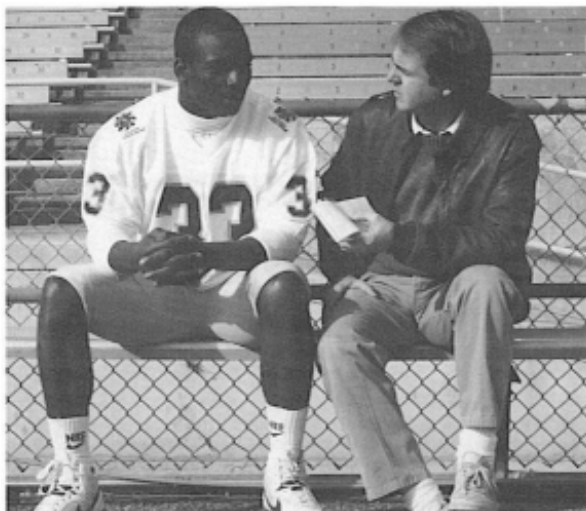
Smith said the Walker talk no longer bothers him.

"It actually has helped me," he said. "It has forced me to settle down and learn to make a name for myself. I just have to be Sammie Smith."

With Smith's talent, it might be hard to be humble carrying the ball just 17 times a game.

"A lot of people ask me if I'm upset about not carrying the ball 30 times every game," he said. "But I really don't care, I am not the focal point of our offense."

"I don't care if I get a chance for a 2,000 yard season. We



have two or three tailbacks I share time with. Together, we gained more than 2,000 yards this season. That means just as much to me as one guy doing it."

The threesome of Smith, sophomore Dexter Carter (679 yards) and junior Victor Floyd (204 yards) combined for 2,113 yards and 15 touchdowns. The TD total might have been higher, but fullback Dayne Williams - FSU's short-yardage specialist - scored 15 touchdowns while gaining just 272 yards.

Smith had dozens of offers to attend schools that would have made him the feature attraction on offense. But FSU's balanced attack, in which he wouldn't be the focus, helped sell him on becoming a Seminole.

"This is a good place for a running back to come and develop if you're trying to get to the pros," he said. "You get a taste of running and receiving."

#### Developing for NFL

"Sure, I have Heisman Trophy aspirations. But if I have a year like I had this year and our team is successful, I feel I've accomplished as much as guys who carry the ball 300 times. And I only carried it 172."

Smith is on a roll. He has broken the 100-yard mark in six of his last seven games, including a 189-yard effort against a Miami defense allowing just 96.9 yards rushing a game on average. But he said he's not making any predictions about himself for next season.

"Right now, I'm just focusing on this last game," Smith said. "It's tempting to peek ahead and think about what I might get done next year. But the main thing on my mind is beating Nebraska in the Fiesta Bowl."

"This is a major bowl and it's what college football players dream about being in. We really want to go out and win because it would definitely sound a lot better to finish 11-1 than 10-2."



## ALL-AMERICAN CANDIDATES



#33 SAMMIE SMITH  
**★★Heisman Trophy Candidate★★**

★★#53 ODELL HAGGINS★★

#2 DEION SANDERS  
**★★Jim Thorpe Award Candidate★★**

#72 PAT TOMBERLIN  
**★★Outland Trophy Candidate★★**



### #2 DEION SANDERS

**CORNERBACK/PUNT RETURNER**  
 6-0, 195, Senior

Ft. Myers, Florida (North Ft. Myers High School)

he's the most exciting athlete in college football...everybody's All-American and a prime candidate for the Jim Thorpe Trophy...combines incredible speed (4.21 in the 40 timed for pro scouts) with power and grace...a sure Round #1 pick in next year's NFL draft...has nine career interceptions plus two in bowl games that are not included in his career stats...owns FSU's career punt return yardage record...a pre-season *Playboy*, *Sporting News* and *College and Pro Football Weekly* All-American...spent last spring on the track circuit for the first time and qualified for the Olympic Trials (10.26) with one of the top times in the nation...played minor league baseball for the New York Yankees over the summer in the Florida State league, forfeiting his FSU scholarship; the Yankees have agreed to pay for his final year of schooling at FSU...**1987**: Deion became only the sixth consensus All-American at FSU by being named to first team All-American squads by Walter Camp, *Sporting News*, *Associated Press*, *United Press International*, *Kodak*, *Football News* and the *Football Writers Association*...finished third in the Jim Thorpe voting behind Oklahoma's Ricky Dixon and Miami's Bennie Blades, who tied for first...intercepted four passes in 1987 and broke up nine...played when the lights were on—against Auburn broke up four passes and intercepted another and against Michigan State and Nebraska broke up a pass and also had an interception in each game...had 46 tackles on the season...shut down several great receivers, including Tulane's Marc Zeno, Michigan State's Andre Rison and Auburn's Lawyer Tillman...broke the FSU season yardage mark for punt returns (381) after averaging 11.9 yards per return, the 14th best mark in the country...had 53 return yards vs. Miami, including a pretty 34-yarder; 99 yards vs. Michigan State, including a 53-yarder; and a 49-yard TD return vs. Tulane...Brent Musburger of CBS said Sanders was the "best cornerback in the country and as fine a punt returner as I've ever seen"...was honored by the Fiesta Bowl as a Good Samaritan All-American in the spring...on the track circuit, Deion qualified for the NCAA meet and the Olympic Trials, running the best FSU time (10.26) in eight years in only his third open 100 meter race...Deion won the 100 and 200 meter titles at the Metro Conference Championships and was named MVP of the meet... he also joined Sammie Smith, Dexter Carter and world-class hurdler Arthur Blake on the 400 meter relay that won the Metro Conference title, ran at the NCAA meet and had one of the nation's fastest

times...was a pre-season *Playboy* All-American before the '87 football season...although he was a pre-season baseball All-American, did not play in '87 yet was drafted by the New York Yankees in the 18th round of the past draft...**1986**: made the *Sporting News* first team All-American squad and the third team of *Associated Press*...was also a *UPI* honorable mention choice and made the *Football News* Sophomore All-American team...a finalist for the Jim Thorpe Award...started nine of 11 regular-season games plus the bowl...his 61 tackles were sixth on the FSU team and his four interceptions were tops...caused two fumbles and credited with eight pass breakups...was named the FSU defensive MVP...picked off two interceptions vs. North Carolina...as a punt returner he averaged 9.4 yards per return...played well against Miami, getting a sensational interception and returning two punts for 49 yards...hit .221 in baseball with 28 stolen bases as the Seminoles made it to the College World Series...in the Metro Conference Championships, was named to the all-tournament baseball team and ran on FSU's 400 meter relay team—the first track experience of his career—between two of FSU's baseball games...**1985**: played in every game but Western Carolina where he sat out with a broken wrist...started three regular season games plus the Gator Bowl...had 42 tackles, four pass deflections and an interception vs. Tulsa that he returned 100 yards for an FSU record...made six tackles, broke up a pass and intercepted another in the Gator Bowl...returned 30 punts for 255 yards and became the first Seminole since 1979 to return one for a TD when he broke a 58-yarder vs. Florida...he played with a rubber cast on a broken wrist in that game...played half of a baseball season until an ankle injury limited his play...batted .333 with 11 stolen bases...**High School**: played quarterback and defensive back as a senior...passed for 839 yards and rushed for 499 as a senior...limited by a knee injury late in the season...second team all-state in basketball after averaging 24 points...drafted by the Kansas City Royals...**Personal Notes**: nicknamed "Prime Time"...a social science major...born Aug. 9, 1967...

#### DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

Year	Tackles	Assists	Total	TFL	FR	INT	PBU
1985	22	20	42	0	0	1	4
1986	34	27	61	1	1	4	8
1987	29	17	46	0	0	4	9

**Totals**      **85**          **64**          **149**      **1**      **1**      **9**      **21**

#### PUNT RETURNS

Year	No.	Yards	Avg.	TD	Long
1985	30	255	8.5	1	58
1986	31	290	9.4	0	32
1987	32	381	11.9	1	53

**Totals**      **93**          **926**          **9.9**          **2**          **58**



**#33**   
**SAMMIE SMITH**  
 TAILBACK  
 6-2, 220, Junior  
 Zellwood, Florida (Apopka High School)

nobody can overlook this young man for the Heisman Trophy voting...packs uncanny sprinter's speed into a 6-2, 220 pound frame...a tough inside runner who is gone once he hits the secondary...a pre-season *Playboy*, *Sporting News* and *College and Pro Football Weekly* All-American...with two full years of eligibility left, he's already the fourth all-time leading rusher at FSU, lacking just 38 yards to reach the 2,000 yard mark...his 11 rushing touchdowns are ninth on the FSU all-time list...has 13 total TDs in his career and only two of those were less than 20-yard plays...Sammie would have flashier numbers if the Seminoles didn't rotate tailbacks...also a standout in track...**1987:** Sammie rushed for 1,230 yards, an FSU single season record, and averaged 123.0 yards per game, edging out Florida's Emmitt Smith for ninth place among the NCAA running backs...his average was also the nation's top sophomore mark...averaged 7.1 yards per rush and scored seven touchdowns...set school records for 100-yard days (7) and consecutive 100-yard outings (4)...rushed for a career-high 244 yards vs. East Carolina after coming off of a knee sprain in the second game of the year...had a TD run of 83 yards, which Smith himself describes as "the best run of my career", and another 52-yard pickup...was honored by *Sports Illustrated* as the magazine named him its Offensive Player of the Week...rushed for 189 yards on CBS television vs. Miami and then closed the regular season with his second straight 100-yard game against Florida, picking up 111 yards as a CBS national audience looked on...his 95-yard sprint vs. Furman was the second longest TD run from scrimmage in FSU history...on the season caught six passes for 128 yards that included touchdown screen passes of 25 and 52 yards...was chosen to the first team of the All-South Independent squad and to the honorable mention list of the *Associated Press* All-American squad... got his first start of the year against Miami in the fifth game and started the rest of the way...missed the opener vs. Texas Tech with a knee sprain...on the track circuit ran 10.34, his second best 100 meter time...qualified and ran in the NCAA Championships with fellow footballers Deion Sanders and Dexter Carter and world-class hurdler Arthur Blake...the foursome turned in one of the nation's fastest times at 39.40...**1986:** a *Football News* Freshman All-American...ended the year by rushing for 205 yards and two TDs in the All-American Bowl and being named the MVP...his first collegiate 100-yard game (116) came in the last regular season game against Florida...rushed for 611 yards, a 5.9 average, and four TDs...also caught four passes for 39 yards...started three regular season games plus the bowl...was held out of the Wichita State game after missing practice and missed most of the Miami game and all of the South Carolina game with a separated shoulder...he got hit on the first offensive series vs. Miami after catching a 20-yard pass down the middle...rushed for an early-season 72 yards on nine carries on national TV vs. Nebraska, including a 52-yard scamper on a fake reverse...had 75 yards against Michigan on 13 carries and 81 on 14 carries vs. Louisville...his 74 yards vs. Southern Miss was on just four carries, including a 62-yard TD run...on the track, Sammie ran a 10.31 timing in the 100 meters and also ran on the 400 meter relay that qualified for the NCAA meet...a baton drop at nationals kept Smith and the relay from finishing...Metro Conference champion in the 100 and 200 meters...**1985:** played in the first three games of the season before suffering a stress fracture in his leg and qualifying for

a medical hardship...had 121 yards on 28 carries, including a 74-yard, 12-carry performance vs. Nebraska...**High School:** named to every all-star team in the country...a *Parade*, *USA Today* and Bally All-American...*Football News* named him one of its top 100 seniors in the country...also a first team class 4A all-state and Florida Super 24 pick...gained 1,210 yards in 119 carries and scored 16 TDs while playing in 7.5 games...rushed for 930 yards in five of those games...twice had 200-yard halves...rushed for 175 yards in 17 carries for MVP honors in the Georgia-Florida all-star game, including a 73-yard TD run...as a junior, rushed for 1,485 yards in 180 carries and scored 23 times...won the class 4A sprinting titles in the 100 (9.6) and 220 (21.3) his junior year and was third as a senior...**Personal Notes:** ran 4.31/4.32 for pro scouts in the 40...lists his sports idol as Herschel Walker...a social science major...he and his wife, Angie, have a daughter, Janay Chantelle...born May 16, 1967...

**RUSHING**

Year	Rushes	Yards	Avg.	TD	Long
1985*	28	121	4.3	0	24
1986	103	611	5.9	4	62
1987	172	1,230	7.1	7	95
<b>Totals</b>	<b>303</b>	<b>1,962</b>	<b>6.5</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>95</b>

**RECEIVING**

Year	Catches	Yards	Avg.	TD	Long
1985	3	-5	-5.0	0	0
1986	4	39	9.7	0	20
1987	6	128	21.3	2	57
<b>Totals</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>162</b>	<b>12.5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>57</b>

**SMITH'S GAME BY-GAME IN 1987**

Game	Att	Yards	Avg	TD
Texas Tech	-	-	-	-
East Carolina	19	244	12.8	1
Memphis State	13	68	5.2	0
Michigan State	9	19	2.1	0
Miami	30	189	6.3	0
Southern Miss	16	142	8.9	1
Louisville	17	119	7.0	1
Tulane	14	111	7.9	2
Auburn	22	46	2.1	0
Furman	15	176	11.7	2
Florida	17	116	6.8	0
Nebraska	9	28	3.1	0

**SMITH'S BIG PLAYS**

- 95-yard run (TD) vs. Furman, 1987
- 83-yard run (TD) vs. East Carolina, 1987
- 65-yard run vs. Miami, 1987
- 62-yard run (TD) vs. Southern Miss, 1986
- 57-yard screen pass reception (TD) vs. Tuaine, 1987
- 55-yard run (TD) vs. Tulane, 1987
- 52-yard run (TD) vs. Nebraska, 1986
- 52-yard run vs. East Carolina, 1987
- 39-yard run vs. Florida, 1987
- 32-yard run (TD) vs. Tulane, 1986
- 30-yard run (TD) vs. Southern Miss, 1987



**#72**   
**PAT TOMBERLIN**

**OFFENSIVE TACKLE**  
 6-4, 303, Senior  
 Middleburg, Florida (Middleburg High School)

"He's the best offensive lineman I've ever coached" says offensive coordinator Wayne McDuffie...that's a tremendous quote from McDuffie, who coached the offensive line at Georgia that paved the way for Herschel Walker's record-setting seasons as well as the 1980 national championship...McDuffie has also coached former FSU All-American Jamie Dukes, who is on the roster of the Atlanta Falcons...McDuffie continues talking about his All-American tackle: "He comes the closest to perfecting technique of anyone I've seen. He's extremely quick and tough—he's one of the toughest players I've ever coached. He has a defensive player's disposition. Every college coaching staff that came in here during the spring noticed him right away and said he was one of the best they'd ever seen"...Tomberlin is a pre-season All-American on most lists, including *Sporting News*, *College and Pro Football Weekly* and *Playboy*...received the team's leadership award from FSU coaches during the 1988 spring drills...has started 33 straight games for the Tribe...**1987**: named to the *Associated Press*' second team on its All-American squad...was also a first team All-South Independent choice...anchored an offensive line that scored more points than any FSU team in history and also ran up the second most points and the third most offensive yardage in college football for 1987...FSU quarterbacks were sacked only six times all season...graded out to 80 or above for five games, excellent marks under McDuffie's grading system...highest grade was a 91 vs. Tulane...in every major game, Tomberlin played every minute of every down...**1986**: made Harry DeVold's "Almost All-American" team and earned second team sophomore All-American honors from *Football News*...*Associated Press* tabbed him an honorable mention All-American and he was a first team All-South Independent choice...played with a broken hand in the All-American Bowl...**1985**: Played in every game but the Seminoles' contest with Nebraska and became a starter in the fourth game...received second team All-South Independent honors and *Associated Press* honorable mention All-American honors...was one of seven first-year FSU freshmen to letter...**High School**: made 65 stops as a senior defensive tackle...named to the class 4A all-state and Florida Super 24 teams...pitched for his high school baseball team...**Personal Notes**: a physical education and coaching major...nicknamed "Ton"...born Jan. 29, 1966...



**#53**   
**ODELL HAGGINS**

**NOSEGUARD**  
 6-1, 252, Junior  
 Bartow, Florida (Bartow High School)

one of four All-American candidates in 1988 for FSU and the leader of the Seminole defense...has been named to the *Sporting News* pre-season All-American team...decided prior to spring workouts that he would stay at the nose position instead of moving back to linebacker, the position he had previously played...**1988**: at the start of fall practice Haggins was told he would be the starting noseguard although he had left '87 spring practice fighting for a starting berth at inside linebacker...his only "deal" with head coach Bobby Bowden was that he'd be allowed to return to linebacker once the season was over...as the Seminoles' nose man, Haggins led the defense to its best ranking since '87 and made several all-star teams, including the second team of the All-South Independent list and honorable mention on the *Associated Press* All-American list...his eight quarterback sacks tied him for third on the all-time Seminole sack chart...his 73 total tackles were the fourth best mark on the '87 squad also...turned in great performances against Michigan State and Auburn; against MSU had 14 tackles that included two tackles for loss, two sacks and a caused fumble and against Auburn had three sacks and a tackle for loss among his eight tackles...recovered a fumble vs. East Carolina...named co-most improved player along with Eric Hayes by the coaching staff following the season...**1986**: made 37 tackles, including three for loss, while seeing backup duty at linebacker...also broke up four passes...had a team-high 10 tackles vs. Wichita State and recovered a fumble in that game...had nine tackles vs. Southern Miss and eight vs. Michigan...**1985**: played on FSU's scout team while being redshirted and was named the defensive scout team Player of the Year...**High School**: former teammate of offensive lineman Hayward Haynes...played both inside and outside linebacker and made the third team of the all-state squad as a senior at Bartow...**Personal Notes**: has gained 22 pounds since his freshman season...bench presses 405 pounds, a 115 pound increase from his initial year at FSU...a criminology major, Odell was born Feb. 27, 1967...

**DEFENSIVE STATISTICS**

Year	Tackles	Assists	Total	QS	TFL	FR	CF
1986	24	13	37	0	3	1	0
1987	38	35	73	8	4	1	1
<b>Totals</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>





**# 9**  
**RICHIE ANDREWS**

**KICKING SPECIALIST**  
5-11, 163, Sophomore  
Ft. Lauderdale, Florida (St. Aquinas High School)

he's expected to be the Seminole kicker for 1988...has a strong leg and has been impressive on long kicks...hit a 46-yard field goal in the spring game but missed an extra point and a short field goal...must improve his consistency in close...could also be called upon to punt if needed, but coaches would rather keep him to kicking chores...**1987:** Richie was one of three true freshmen to letter...he kicked off for FSU in every game and did a good job of getting the ball deep...**High School:** was generally considered one of the top three kickers in the South after a senior year where he hit 15 of 18 field goals, three of those over 50 yards...owns the second longest field goal (58 yards) in state prep history...first team 4A all-state and a Super 24 Senior who played in the state's all-star game with Georgia...also played soccer...**Personal Notes:** born March 11, 1969...



**#8**  
**TERRY ANTHONY**

**WIDE RECEIVER**  
6-0, 198, Junior  
Daytona Beach, Florida (Mainland High School)

after two seasons backing up Herb Gainer at split end, the starting position is his...has the best hands of all Florida State wideouts and holds on to the ball after contact...a possession-type receiver...has good work habits...**1987:** caught seven passes for 137 yards, a 19.6 average, and one TD...three of his catches for 53 yards were vs. Southern Miss...caught passes in just four of 11 games...his long reception, 36 yards, came in the Louisville game and his 26-yard TD catch was against Furman...**1986:** coaches had to press him into service when injuries depleted the depth chart at wide receiver...originally, Anthony was intended for a redshirt year...played in the last six regular-season games plus the All-American Bowl...had seven catches for 119 yards...he was one of four true freshmen to letter...**High School:** Player of the Year in Central Florida and a first team all-state selection...caught 43 passes for 647 yards and 10 touchdowns as a senior...also played basketball at Mainland with FSU varsity basketball players George McCloud and Michael Polite...**Personal Notes:** born March 9, 1968...

RECEIVING					
Year	Catches	Yards	Avg.	TD	Long
1986	7	119	17.0	0	23
1987	7	137	19.6	1	32
<b>Totals</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>256</b>	<b>18.3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>32</b>



**#61**  
**JIM BEKAS**

**CENTER**  
6-4, 279, Freshman  
Seminole, Florida (Northeast High School)

listed at a third team center slot going into fall workouts...is not quite ready to play a contributing role...**1987:** was one of 13 freshmen who were redshirted...FSU redshirted every offensive lineman it signed...**High School:** played mostly at offensive guard and tackle in high school...listed on most scout's Top 20 list for offensive guards in the South...**Personal Notes:** is considering business as his major...a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes...born June 20, 1969...



**#22**  
**EDGAR BENNETT**

**FULLBACK**  
6-1, 210, Sophomore  
Jacksonville, Florida (Lee High School)

Edgar is listed as the starter for the fall campaign at fullback...it is a position with great talent and he'll be pushed by incumbent starter Dayne Williams and junior Marion Butts come fall...has big-play capability and is a dangerous pass receiver coming out of the backfield...the fastest of the FSU fullbacks, with 4.45 speed in the 40...must continue to work on his blocking...scored two TDs in the spring game...**1987:** was one of three true freshmen who lettered and made significant contributions...rushed for 276 yards and a 4.8 average...season-best performance came against Auburn where he had 56 yards and caught the eye of Tiger coach Pat Dye, who praised him for his fourth-quarter running...picked up 46 yards vs. Southern Miss, 45 vs. Louisville and 41 vs. Florida...caught nine passes in '87 for 113 yards and a 12.5 average...also added four for 47 yards in the Fiesta Bowl...**High School:** first team 4A all-state and a Super 24 Senior...*Super Prep Magazine* picked him for its All-Dixie team as he rushed for 1,300 yards and scored 15 touchdowns...led his team to a 20-1 record his junior and senior years...played with FSU teammate LeRoy Butler as a junior...**Personal Notes:** Edgar's father, Edgar Sr., coaches basketball at Lee High School in Jacksonville...born Feb. 15, 1969...

RUSHING					
Year	Rushes	Yards	Avg.	TD	Long
1987	58	276	4.8	0	20

RECEIVING					
Year	Catches	Yards	Avg.	TD	Long
1987	9	113	12.5	0	26

Florida State will face six bowl teams - Miami, Clemson, Michigan State, Tulane, South Carolina and Florida - in 1988. Louisiana Tech and Georgia Southern were both in the NCAA Division I-AA playoffs a year ago.





**#50**  
**JOHN BROWN**

**OFFENSIVE GUARD**  
6-4, 279, Junior  
Deland, Florida (Deland High School)

offensive coordinator Wayne McDuffie lists him as his starter at split guard going into the season...missed the first third and last third of the 1988 spring workouts and did not play in the Garnet and Gold game...had arthroscopic surgery on his right knee in April...big, strong player...**1987:** John alternated at split guard with Tony Yeomans...sprained a knee in the pre-season and didn't get on the field until the Michigan State game...played in every game after that except Miami and started the Southern Miss, Louisville and Tulane games...**1986:** played noseguard for several games where he made three tackles, one for loss, before being switched to the offensive line following the death of Pablo Lopez...played in seven games plus the bowl...**1985:** redshirted in his initial year as a Seminole...**High School:** honorable mention 4A all-state...did not play football as a junior...was third in state weightlifting championships both junior and senior years and also was third as a junior and state runnerup as senior as his school's heavyweight wrestler...went undefeated in wrestling as a senior until the state championship...**Personal Notes:** bench presses 455 pounds, squats 605 and can vertical jump 30 inches...an economics and physical education major, John compiled over a 3.0 GPA for the '87 spring term...born Nov. 12, 1966...



**#6**  
**LeROY BUTLER**

**FREE SAFETY**  
6-0, 193, Junior  
Jacksonville, Florida (Lee High School)

had a fine spring game and it looks like he's ready to contribute...will back up Detric Dodge at free safety but should get plenty of playing time...he'll also be the nickel back in passing situations...last spring practice was his first one since he was a Proposition 48 player during the 1986-87 school year...has excellent speed (4.38 in the 40) and is a very gifted athlete...backup punt returner to Deion Sanders...**1987:** made major contributions on the special teams and played a limited role in the secondary in his very first football experience at FSU...had 41 tackles and a pass breakup...his season-high was eight tackles vs. Furman and he had six against both Memphis State and Louisville...served as one of FSU's kick returners at the start of the season while Keith Ross was injured and returned four for an average of 23 yards per return...**1986:** was one of five FSU players to sit out under Prop 48 guidelines...used that year very well, getting on solid academic ground...**High School:** probably the most honored player FSU signed in 1986...named to the Bally and Adidas All-American teams...scout Joe Terranova had Butler on his list of top 100 national recruits...a Super 24 Senior, Butler ended his career by playing in the Florida-Georgia all-star game...made 139 tackles and five interceptions on defense and carried the ball 31 times for a 15.3 per tote average...**Personal Notes:** a leader in the Fellowship of Christian Athletes organization...born July 19, 1968...

**DEFENSIVE STATISTICS**

Year	Tackles	Assists	Total	FR	TFL	INT	PBU
1987	22	19	41	1	0	0	0



**#31**  
**MARION BUTTS**

**FULLBACK**  
6-1, 248, Junior  
Sylvester, Georgia (Worth County High School)

he's third team on the depth chart but with FSU's rotating running backs, he'll see plenty of playing time...seems to pair well with tailback Sammie Smith...Bobby Bowden calls him his "Masher"...needs to improve picking his holes, but he has his blocking down...good pass receiver...was once described by offensive coordinator Wayne McDuffie as "John Dillinger in head gear"...**1987:** in Marion's first year in the FSU program, he rushed for 199 yards and a 5.7 average...started the Miami, Auburn and Nebraska games...his longest rush of the year—56 yards—came in the season-opener with Texas Tech...caught four passes for 65 yards in 1987...**1986:** played football at Northeast Oklahoma A & M Junior College...**High School:** was recruited by FSU as a senior when he made the all-state team...broke his leg as a junior—an injury where the bone actually snapped in two—and was told he'd never play again...**Personal Notes:** bench presses 405 pounds and has a 31-inch vertical jump...ran 4.45 and 4.52 for the pro scouts...a sports management and coaching major...born Aug. 1, 1966...

**RUSHING**

Year	Rushes	Yards	Avg.	TD	Long
1987	35	199	5.7	1	56

**RECEIVING**

Year	Catches	Yards	Avg.	TD	Long
1987	4	65	16.2	0	47



**#56**  
**RON BYROM**

**OFFENSIVE GUARD**  
6-4, 243, Sophomore  
Pierson, Florida (Taylor High School)

will be at a third team split guard position in the fall...still not ready to contribute...has played several of the line positions...fractured his hand in the spring and was slowed...**1987:** played in four games for the Seminoles but did not letter...missed some of the fall with an elbow injury...earned a scholarship prior to the season...**1986:** was redshirted...in '87 spring drills following the season was named the most improved offensive lineman...**High School:** came to Florida State as a recruited walkon from Taylor High School...**Personal Notes:** born May 1, 1968...



**#81  
PHIL CAROLLO**

**OUTSIDE LINEBACKER**  
6-2, 232, Senior  
Melville, New York (Newfield High School)

a former walkon who received a scholarship prior to his junior season, Phil represents the tremendous depth at the outside linebacker position...he's third team at one of the positions, but according to position coach Jim Gladden, he's moved into a contributing situation...a very dependable player...was excused from spring workouts as a fifth-year senior but did participate in a few sessions as well as the spring game...gets most of his playing time on the special teams...**1987**: played in every game on FSU's special teams—the kickoff and punt teams—and earned his second varsity letter...had three tackles on the season...**1986**: lettered for the first time after playing in several regular-season games and the All-American Bowl...**1985**: played in just one Seminole game...**1984**: played on the scout team while being redshirted...**High School**: made the all-county team at Newfield High School...**Personal Notes**: a management major...born May 17, 1966...

**DEFENSIVE STATISTICS**

Year	Tackles	Assists	Total	QS	TFL	FR	CF
1986	2	1	3	0	0	0	0
1987	1	2	3	0	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>



**#13  
DEXTER CARTER**

**TAILBACK**  
5-9, 174, Junior  
Baxley, Georgia (Appling County High School)

at any other school, Dexter would be a starter...however, he'll get plenty of playing time in Bobby Bowden's rotating tailbacks system, even if he is listed behind Heisman Trophy candidate Sammie Smith...the little guy with the big smile can do it all...has outstanding speed and quickness (4.34 in the 40) and can catch the ball out of the backfield...also returns kickoffs...had a very good spring although he split his time with track and field...did not play in the spring game...has rushed for 774 yards in his career and scored 10 TDs...his eight career rushing TDs are just two short of 10th place on the all-time FSU list...**1987**: finished second to Smith in rushing with 679 yards, a 5.8 average, and six TDs...was fourth in receptions with 19 for an 11.4 average and one touchdown...also averaged 24.3 yards per kickoff return...although his best game was Memphis State, his Fiesta Bowl play also was outstanding...FSU fans will probably remember best his 43-yard catch and run that took the ball to the Nebraska 18-yard line late in the game to set up the winning touchdown...he had four catches for 89 yards in the game and one of his kickoff returns went 52 yards...against Memphis State, contributed 311 all-purpose yards to the FSU offense and scored three times...had 135 yards rushing, caught four passes for 63 yards and returned four kickoffs for 113 yards...he rushed for two TDs and caught a pass for the third...Dexter's long rush of the year—74 yards—also came in that game...rushed for

111 yards vs. Florida for his second 100-yard day of 1987...also had 77 vs. Tulane, 74 vs. Southern Miss and 67 vs. Auburn...big receiving days came vs. Texas Tech (4-24) and Miami (3-51)...Dexter was named the most improved offensive player for the season...following the football season, Dexter took to the track circuit and joined fellow footballers Sammie Smith and Deion Sanders on a relay with world-class hurdler Arthur Blake and the foursome turned in one of the nation's top times...that time of 39.40 got them into the NCAA Championships and they also set a Metro Conference record (39.63) in winning at the conference meet...**1986**: one of four true freshmen to letter, Carter got most of his playing time on the kickoff return team...averaged 30.9 yards on eight returns and electrified Seminole fans with a 90-yard touchdown return against Miami after he scooped up a Keith Ross lateral pass at the 10-yard line...rushed the football 22 times for 95 yards and two touchdowns...caught one pass...played in nine of the regular-season games plus the All-American Bowl...**High School**: rushed for 1,400 yards as a 3A all-state running back...named to the *Florida Times Union* Super 11 list...hails from the same high school as incoming tight end Carl Simpson...**Personal Notes**: a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes organization... born Sept. 15, 1967...

**RUSHING**

Year	Rushes	Yards	Avg.	TD	Long
1986	22	95	4.3	2	30
1987	116	679	5.8	6	74
<b>Totals</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>774</b>	<b>5.6</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>74</b>

**RECEIVING**

Year	Catches	Yards	Avg.	TD	Long
1986	1	32	32.0	0	32
1987	19	216	11.4	1	37
<b>Totals</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>248</b>	<b>12.4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>37</b>

**KICKOFF RETURNS**

Year	No.	Yards	Avg.	TD	Long
1986	8	247	30.9	1	90
1987	11	267	24.3	0	39
<b>Totals</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>514</b>	<b>27.1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>90</b>



**#59  
KEITH CARTER**

**INSIDE LINEBACKER**  
6-3, 236, Junior  
Miami, Florida (South Miami High School)

he's in a dogfight with Felton Hayes at the strong, or "Sam" linebacking position...Keith has the inside track heading into fall workouts...began to show some improvements toward the end of spring drills and was named the most improved player at the position...has become more dependable...FSU has got to have a big year out of him...**1987**: Keith played on the special teams and also got some plays at linebacker...made 16 tackles...**1986**: lettered on the special teams, making five tackles...**1985**: redshirted...**High School**: named to the *Parade* All-American team as well as the *USA Today* All-American team...first team 4A all-state and on the *Orlando Sentinel's* Super 24

list...*Football Weekly* also tabbed him as one of its top 100 seniors...scored 44 points in a basketball game as a junior...**Personal Notes:** one of five married squad members...Keith and his wife, Iris, have a daughter, Keesha Michelle...brother Alex played football at Tennessee State...born April 10, 1966

**DEFENSIVE STATISTICS**

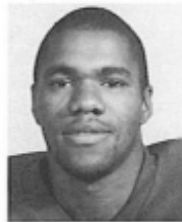
Year	Tackles	Assists	Total	QS	TFL	FR	INT
1986	4	1	5	0	0	0	0
1987	9	7	16	0	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>



**#85  
JOHNNY CLOWER**

**TIGHT END**  
6-4, 243, Sophomore  
Dade City, Florida (Pasco Comprehensive School)

he'll be in contention with two incoming freshmen for the fourth tight end spot on the travel roster...pardon the comparison, but this young man has Pat Carter size and skills (Carter was a second round draft pick of the Detroit Lions in 1987)...coaches haven't seen him in action yet but they're expecting big potential...**1987:** under Proposition 48 rulings, Johnny was unable to play football and loses that year of eligibility...**High School:** a Florida Super 24 member who played in the Florida-Georgia all-star game...rated third in the South at tight end by one recruiting service...**Personal Notes:** born April 22, 1968...



**#87  
FELTON COOK**

**WIDE RECEIVER**  
6-2, 180, Sophomore  
Palmetto, Georgia (Palmetto High School)

he must make progress in the classroom over the summer if he is to play in the fall... is beginning to make progress on the field to develop his potential...listed on the pre-season depth chart as a third teamer at the flanker position...the fastest of all the wide receivers, he ran 4.37 and 4.38 for pro scouts...needs to continue to learn his assignments...had what FSU coaches call the "catch of the spring" in practice sessions when he snagged the football on a post pattern—a catch that position coach John Eason says "only Jessie Hester could have caught"...caught three passes for 82 yards and a TD in the Garnet and Gold spring game...**1987:** Cook was redshirted as a sophomore...**1986:** was ineligible to play under Proposition 48 guidelines...**High School:** enrolled at FSU with a list of honors that included *USA Today* honorable mention All-American, All-South and *Sporting News* Top 100...played in the Florida-Georgia all-star game...caught 36 passes for 780 yards and six touchdowns as a senior...caught 101 passes in his career...played on two state championship teams under FSU grad Thurston Taylor...**Personal Notes:** born July 14, 1966...



**# 29  
LAWRENCE  
DAWSEY**

**WIDE RECEIVER**  
6-0, 195, Sophomore  
Dothan, Alabama (Northview High School)

"he's the toughest wide receiver I've ever coached", says position coach John Eason...he also has the best work habits of Eason's group...an outstanding blocker and catches the ball well in traffic...a "blue collar" wide receiver—not fast or flashy...FSU's only wideout who beats All-American cornerback Deion Sanders on a consistent basis in practice...Dawsey will once again back up Ronald Lewis on the flanker side...like Lewis, he's also dangerous on the reverse...caught three passes for 24 yards in the spring game and ran two reverses for 20 yards...**1987:** Dawsey lettered in his redshirt freshman year after catching seven passes for 82 yards, an 11.7 average...started the Michigan State game and FSU gave him the ball on the offense's first play from scrimmage—he ran 23 yards on the reverse...rushed five times for 60 yards on the season...caught three of his passes vs. Southern Miss for 34 yards...longest reception was a 23-yarder vs. Miami...**1986:** was redshirted during the season...named the most improved player in spring 1987 workouts...**High School:** first team class 6A after playing five different positions for his high school team...*Lindy's Magazine* named him the top receiver in the state of Alabama and he also made its All-South team...rushed for 925 yards although he played with a broken arm much of the season...**Personal Notes:** a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes organization... born Nov. 16, 1967...

**RECEIVING**

Year	Catches	Yards	Avg.	TD	Long
1987	7	82	11.7	0	23



**# 1  
SCOTT DIMARE**

**WIDE RECEIVER**  
6-0, 180, Junior  
Miami, Florida (Columbus High School)

a quality backup at wide receiver...does a good job of catching the football and knows his assignments...caught one pass for 19 yards in the spring game...**1987:** Scott played in the Seminoles' first five games until a hamstring pull kept him out of action until the Fiesta Bowl...did not see enough action to letter...his five catches for 54 yards all came in the East Carolina game...**1986:** played in every game and caught eight passes for 96 yards and a TD...the 22-yard TD came in the Wichita State game...**1985:** redshirted...**High School:** class 4A all-state performer after catching 38 passes for 676 yards and seven TDs as a senior...**Personal Notes:** a finance major...born Jan. 14, 1967...

**RECEIVING**

Year	Catches	Yards	Avg.	TD	Long
1986	8	96	12.0	1	22
1987	5	54	10.8	0	24
<b>Totals</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>11.5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>24</b>



**#89**  
**HOWARD DINKINS**

**OUTSIDE LINEBACKER**  
6-1, 208, Freshman  
Jacksonville, Florida (Ribault High School)

named the most improved outside linebacker and the best pass rusher overall in spring drills...position coach Jim Gladden says he's never had a player as quick as Dinkins at the position and labels him "extremely dangerous to the offense"...needs to improve on his discipline and dependability and he'll develop into a fine player for FSU...was outstanding in the spring game, getting three sacks and causing a fumble that led to his team scoring...**1987**: one of 13 freshmen who qualified for redshirts...**High School**: signed at Florida State along with fellow Ribault lettermen Corey Senior, Kelvin Smith and Reggie Dixon...missed a good part of his senior season when he fractured the tibia bone in his leg...made 65 tackles...**Personal Notes**: born April 26, 1969...

contest...his second pickoff came at Auburn...**1986**: made 30 tackles while playing on the special teams and also serving as the nickel back in FSU's nickel defense...credited with two interceptions and broke up two passes...returned one of his interceptions 47 yards for a touchdown against Southern Miss...**1985**: redshirted as a true freshman...**High School**: caught 52 passes for 617 yards as a first team 2A all-state receiver in his senior year...had 12 interceptions as a defensive back...his senior year was cut short after shoulder surgery...**Personal Notes**: changed his name as a high school senior after being born Dedrick Allen...he was legally adopted by Richmond and Ann Dodge...nicknamed "The Blade"...a criminology major...born June 14, 1967...

**DEFENSIVE STATISTICS**

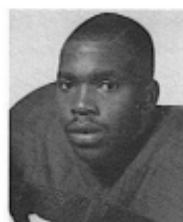
Year	Tackles	Assists	Total	TFL	FR	INT	PBU
1986	16	14	30	0	0	2	2
1987	16	9	25	0	0	2	4
<b>Totals</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>6</b>



**#73**  
**REGGIE DIXON**

**OFFENSIVE TACKLE**  
6-2, 263, Freshman  
Jacksonville, Florida (Ribault High School)

this redshirt freshman goes into fall workouts as the second teamer at the split tackle position behind Joey Ionata...a smart player, he's young and needs to mature at the position...is not seasoned enough to contribute on a major scale yet...**1987**: Reggie was redshirted, as was every freshman offensive lineman...**High School**: a member of the 5A first team all-state list as well as a *Florida Times Union* Super 24 pick...played on both lines but received most of his accolades from the noseguard position...joined the FSU program with four others from his high school...**Personal Notes**: his cumulative GPA after two academic semesters is above a 3.1...majoring in business...born Sept. 6, 1969...



**#52**  
**JOHN EAFORD**

**INSIDE LINEBACKER**  
6-0, 232, Senior  
Miami, Florida (Norland High School)

whether or not he'll be able to finish his career is uncertain...after being critically injured in an automobile accident in August of 1987, he has received medical clearance on his head injuries, but it will be August before he'll find out if doctors will allow him to play on a severely injured leg...position coach Wally Burnham is not counting on him, but would count it a bonus if he were cleared...also had arthroscopic surgery on his left knee in the spring...**1987**: was unable to play after being critically injured in the auto accident...he sustained head injuries that left him in a coma for four days and in semi-comatose condition for 21...his left femur was broken in three places, requiring a metal rod implant...Eaford had clearly won the strongside job and was scheduled to be a starter after being named the most improved linebacker for the second year in a row...John lost the year of eligibility...**1986**: earned his second letter while playing mostly on the special teams...made 24 tackles, including four for loss...first career interception came in the Wichita State game...**1985**: qualified for a medical hardship after playing in three games-Tulane, Nebraska and Kansas...suffered a knee ligament injury...**1984**: lettered on the special teams and got in a few plays at outside linebacker...made 24 tackles and caused a fumble...**High School**: a *Parade* and *USA Today* All-American...recovered three fumbles and intercepted a pass against rival Killian...**Personal Notes**: bench presses 440 pounds...his wife, Venus, is an FSU campus police officer...a criminology major...born Feb. 4, 1966...

**DEFENSIVE STATISTICS**

Year	Tackles	Assists	Total	QS	TFL	INT	CF
1984	16	8	24	0	0	0	1
1985*	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
1986	13	11	24	0	4	1	2
<b>Totals</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>

\*John was injured and later redshirted



**#28**  
**DEDRICK DODGE**

**FREE SAFETY**  
6-2, 179, Junior  
Mulberry, Florida (Mulberry High School)

After two seasons as a backup to the graduated Greg Newell, Dodge has won the starting job at free safety...he will continue to be challenged by LeRoy Butler, but seems to have a secure grip on the job for now...improved in spring practice and "has slowly grown into a football player", says secondary coach Mickey Andrews...was hurt the last week of spring practice and did not participate in the spring game...**1987**: started the Texas Tech game and was Newell's backup in all the others...played on the special teams and on the nickel defense...had 24 tackles and four pass breakups in addition to two interceptions...one of those came against East Carolina, and he also caused a fumble in that





## #64 MAGDI EL SHAHAWY

**NOSEGUARD**  
6-1, 249, Sophomore  
Sarasota, Florida (Sarasota High School)

a very steady player who improved during the '87 spring campaign...hurt his back at the end of the sessions but was able to play in the spring game...will be challenged in the fall for the backup nose position by redshirt freshman Corey Senior ...**1987**: Magdi lettered and played in five games...made 14 tackles...**1986**: was one of 17 freshmen redshirted...**High School**: played both lines...finished third in the class 4A heavyweight weightlifting championship...**Personal Notes**: bench presses 405 pounds and squats 525...his father is a cardiologist of Egyptian descent while his mother is Yugoslavian...middle name is Malfouz... Magdi put together better than a 3.0 GPA in the spring '87 term...born on Valentine's Day, 1968...

### DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

Year	Tackles	Assists	Total	QS	TFL	FR	CF
1987	3	11	14	0	0	0	0



## #58 NICK ECONOMU

**CENTER/OFFENSIVE GUARD**  
6-2, 262, Junior  
Melbourne, Florida (Melbourne High School)

he was put on scholarship during the spring...versatile lineman...came to FSU as an offensive guard but offensive coordinator Wayne McDuffie shifted him to center to help at that position...where he'll be in the fall is still to be determined...**1987**: sat out the season as a transfer student from Central Florida...**1986**: played offensive tackle at Central Florida ...**1985**: spent his freshman season at Central Florida on the defensive line where he was named freshman MVP...**High School**: all-Spacecoast Conference as a senior and a three-year football letterman at Melbourne High ...**Personal Notes**: bench presses 410 pounds... a business major ... born Nov. 3, 1967...



## #54 PHILLIP FERRELL

**INSIDE LINEBACKER**  
6-3, 227, Freshman  
Pell City, Alabama (Pell City High School)

a tough and hardnosed player who needs some maturing in college football before he'll be ready to contribute... could be a candidate for a redshirt year...finished spring workouts third team on the depth chart at one of the linebacking slots...**1987**: Phillip would have been in this freshman class, but surgery on a herniated disc in his back kept him from attending FSU in the fall...instead, he enrolled in January and

went through spring practice...therefore, in 1988 he will be a true freshman...**High School**: played tight end and linebacker for Pell City...**Personal Notes**: his grandfather owns one of the largest cotton plantations in Alabama...lists one of his hobbies as salmon fishing in the Northwest...born Dec. 29, 1968...



## #5 CHIP FERGUSON

**QUARTERBACK**  
6-1, 194, Senior  
Charlotte, North Carolina (Spartanburg S.C. High School)

if the Seminoles played Miami tomorrow, Chip would be the starting quarterback...also went into spring workouts as number one, although Peter Tom Willis grabbed the position for a week...completed eight of 17 passes for 67 yards and a TD in the spring game...a fierce competitor...improved in his reading of defenses and making good decisions...has kept his weight down which has improved his quickness...quarterback coach Mark Richt calls him an "ice man"—he's very good under pressure...has the most experience of all FSU quarterbacks...his 18 career touchdown passes are ninth on the FSU all-time list and his 2,132 passing yards are 11th...**1987**: Chip spent the entire season as a backup, getting playing time in eight regular season games while Danny McManus engineered the team to the Fiesta Bowl...the games he did not play in were Miami, Auburn, Florida and Nebraska...completed an impressive 59 percent of his passes (26-44) for 335 yards and three touchdowns...completed seven of eight passes for 66 yards vs. East Carolina and engineered two TD drives in the game—sprinting in from the 10 on the second...completed five of eight passes vs. Furman for 62 yards and a TD...**1986**: although it certainly didn't measure up to his freshman year, he began the season as the starter and came out hot, hitting 17 of 28 passes vs. Toledo for 176 yards...over the next three games, Ferguson would be sacked 12 times while completing just 21 of 49 passes for 356 yards...Nebraska sacked him seven times...a poor performance against Michigan (6-19, 73 yards) caused Bobby Bowden to turn to McManus...Ferguson went to third team until he was called upon to relieve Peter Tom Willis against South Carolina—he brought the Seminoles back from a 21-6 USC lead, completing 15 of 22 passes for 228 yards and a TD and a 45-28 win...didn't play in the Florida game or the bowl game...on the season completed 63 of 128 passes (49.1 percent) for 807 yards and four touchdowns...was intercepted seven times...**1985**: it was a storybook season for Ferguson, who came from a fourth team position to lead the Seminoles to the Gator Bowl championship...was named the bowl MVP after completing 20 of 43 passes for 338 yards and two TDs...it was later learned that he had cracked a collarbone in the first quarter...during the regular season completed 70 of 130 passes for 990 yards (53.9 percent) and 11 TDs...named Freshman All-American by *Football News*...first was called upon in a pressure situation in the Kansas game—the fourth game of the season—with FSU behind 20-10 in the fourth quarter...threw a 68-yard bomb to Phillip Bryant and then on the next series directed a 62-yard drive for the winning score...came off the bench again in the North Carolina game in the third quarter to complete 15 of 23 passes for 124 yards and a TD while FSU once again came from behind to win...got his first start against Miami and took over for the rest of the season...probably his most "freshman-like" performance came earlier against Auburn when he was intercepted and fumbled on his first two series in the fourth quarter, both leading to quick Tiger scores...**High School**:

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played at Spartanburg High School as a senior, setting single-season records for touchdowns (21) and total offensive yards (2,557), breaking Steve Fuller's (Clemson/Chicago Bears) marks...also ran for 10 TDs as his team went 12-1 and lost in the state finals... capped his career by throwing for 125 yards and a TD in the South Carolina-North Carolina Shrine game...ironically, Chip played in North Carolina for the earlier part of his career...at Independence High School, where he was a teammate of Steve Gabbard, he threw for 1,400 yards, leading the team to a 7-3 record...as a sophomore, Ferguson hit 59 of 60 extra points, serving as the squad's kicker while Mark Maye (now a senior at North Carolina) was the quarterback...**Personal Notes:** Chip's parents attend every game, home or away...a child development major...Chip had over a 3.0 GPA for the 1986-87 school year...born March 16, 1967...

### PASSING

Year	Att.	Comp.	Pct.	Yds.	TD	INT	LG
1985	130	70	53.8	990	11	8	68
1986	128	63	49.2	807	4	7	43
1987	44	26	59.1	335	3	2	32

**Totals** 302 159 52.6 2,132 18 17 68

### TOTAL OFFENSE

Year	Plays	Yards	TD
1985	161	976	13
1986	155	743	4
1987	50	321	4

**Totals** 366 2,040 21



## #27

### VICTOR FLOYD

#### TAILBACK

6-1, 205, Senior  
Pensacola, Florida (Pensacola High School)

this fifth-year senior spent the spring at wide receiver, but it looks as if he'll be shifted back to tailback...after all, he is the ninth leading rusher in FSU history with 1,477 yards and his 12 rushing touchdowns are in seventh place on the all-time list...a great receiver coming out of the backfield, Floyd has 33 catches for 322 yards and four TDs in his career...he'll be a big contributor and the Seminoles can play him at several positions...**1987:** what promised to be a big season for the junior was a disappointment due to injury...a stress fracture in his left foot kept him out of the first four games and then when he finally got going, the foot broke, ending his season after action in just four...he had surgery in late October...did manage to rush for 204 yards, a 7.0 average, and a pair of touchdowns...caught two passes for 20 yards and a score...picked up the fourth 100-yard game of his career, getting 124 yards on 12 carries vs. Louisville...**1986:** FSU's leading rusher (654 yards, 6.1 avg, 6 TDs) and second leading receiver (21 catches, 11.0 avg., 2 TDs)...he became the first back to catch over 20 passes since the 1980 season...his 48 points were second to kicker Derek Schmidt on the FSU scoring list...rushed for 119 yards and two TDs and caught four passes for 60 yards and a touchdown vs. South Carolina...had 110 yards vs. Louisville and 93 vs. Tulane...**1985:** was perhaps the biggest surprise of the season, winning the starting tailback job after seven games...rushed for 619 yards on 90 carries,

a 6.9 average, and four TDs...also caught 10 passes for 71 yards and a score...rushed for 72 yards vs. Miami in his first start and his best game came against South Carolina when he became the third FSU tailback to rush for over 200 yards (212) ...that performance still is the fourth best in FSU history and included a 61-yard TD run and a second TD...his per-carry average of 14.0 is still in the FSU record books...scored his first career TD in the fourth quarter of the Kansas game, which proved to be the winning points...named first team All-South Independent and made the *Associated Press* honorable mention All-American team...missed the Nebraska game early in the season with a broken wrist and played several games with a cast...**1984:** was redshirted...**High School:** played one year of football and rushed for 1,500 yards on 176 carries...had games of 230 and 298 yards...first team 3A all-state and honorable mention Adidas All-American...made the *Orlando Sentinel* "Sweet 16" list...**Personal Notes:** Victor played baseball as a sophomore and ran track last spring...ran 4.45 and 4.47 for pro scouts...outstanding jumper with a 35-inch vertical leap...a criminology major...

### RUSHING

Year	Rushes	Yards	Avg.	TD	Long
1985	90	619	6.9	4	61
1986	129	654	5.1	6	33
1987	29	204	7.0	2	31

**Totals** 248 1,477 6.0 12 61

### RECEIVING

Year	Catches	Yards	Avg.	TD	Long
1985	10	71	7.1	1	14
1986	21	231	11.0	2	30
1987	2	20	10.0	1	14

**Totals** 33 322 9.8 4 30



## #10

### CORIAN FREEMAN

#### CORNERBACK

6-4, 221, Sophomore  
Jacksonville, Florida (Terry Parker High School)

this big strong defensive back earned the first team right cornerback slot in spring practice and was named the most improved defensive back...he'll still have to withstand the challenge of a more experienced Tracy Sanders come fall...with Sanders sitting out the spring as a fifth-year player, Freeman took hold of the opportunity to get plenty of repetitions...needs to become more consistent and dependable...had surgery on his left shoulder following the spring term...**1987:** Corian was known as one of the "hit men" on the punt and kickoff teams...had 19 tackles and recovered a fumble, playing in all 11 games...named season co-MVP of the kickoff team along with John Wyche...**1986:** hurt a knee and underwent arthroscopic surgery during his redshirt season...**High School:** second team all-state after a senior year where he had 55 tackles and three interceptions...**Personal Notes:** ran 4.52 and 4.53 for pro scouts...born Aug. 16, 1968...

### DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

Year	Tackles	Assists	Total	TFL	FR	INT	PBU
1987	10	9	19	0	1	0	0



**#76**  
**STEVE GABBARD**

**DEFENSIVE TACKLE**  
6-4, 269, Senior  
Concord, North Carolina (Independence High School)

a part-time starter in 1987 after missing some time with injuries, Gabbard is the scheduled starter at right tackle for the season-opening Miami game...a steady player who has good technique...was excused from spring practice since he is a fifth-year senior...**1987**: started the first seven games of the season until he was knocked out with a series of injuries...missed the Tulane game with an ankle injury and later sprained a knee...totaled 26 tackles...**1986**: started 10 of FSU's 11 regular season games as well as the All-American Bowl...named to the second team of the *Football News* Sophomore All-American team...made 35 tackles, including one for loss...**1985**: lettered as a redshirt freshman, playing on the special teams and getting a few plays at defensive tackle...made 22 tackles, seven against Tulsa...**1984**: one of 13 freshmen who redshirted...**High School**: played on the defensive line on a 7-3 team his senior season...the team's quarterback was Chip Ferguson...**Personal Notes**: originally from Dayton, Ohio...bench presses 400 pounds...an economics and business major...born July 19, 1966...

**DEFENSIVE STATISTICS**

Year	Tackles	Assists	Total	QS	TFL	FR	CF
1985	6	10	16	0	0	0	0
1986	16	19	35	0	1	0	0
1987	9	17	26	0	0	0	0

<b>Totals</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
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**#12**  
**RAY GIBSON**

**CORNERBACK**  
6-2, 190, Sophomore  
Dothan, Alabama (Dothan High School)

provided he gets his studies in line, he'll be backing up roommate Deion Sanders at left cornerback...a tall but raw player who is "close" to being ready to contribute...1988 was his first spring practice since he missed 1987 spring workouts due to Proposition 48 rules...**1987**: Ray was redshirted as a sophomore and was switched to cornerback after being signed as a strong safety...**1986**: sat out under Proposition 48 guidelines...**High School**: made the all-area team at Dothan High...**Personal Notes**: born Dec. 2, 1967...

How many schools would like to have a tailback heading into 1988 with 4,620 career rushing yards? Well, Florida State does, sort of. Although Heisman Trophy candidate Sammie Smith is the starter for the Seminoles, Bobby Bowden rotates tailbacks and has two juniors and four seniors among four players at the position who all have contributing talents. The four and their career yards:

SAMMIE SMITH	JR	1,962
VICTOR FLOYD	SR	1,477
DEXTER CARTER	JR	774
KEITH ROSS	SR	407



**#47**  
**KEVIN GRANT**

**OUTSIDE LINEBACKER**  
6-3, 217, Junior  
Ocala, Florida (Forest High School)

a part-time starter as a sophomore, Grant is battling John Hadley for starting rights at one of the outside linebacking positions...he is the most seasoned player at the position...has good coverage abilities and good speed...a broken right arm set him back in spring workouts...needs to get stronger...**1987**: started three games—Memphis State, Michigan State and Miami—and played at both outside linebacking positions...had 43 tackles, including a season-high eight vs. Louisville...his big plays included three quarterback sacks and three caused fumbles...had a sack and caused one of the fumbles vs. Memphis State...**1986**: played in spot situations at outside linebacker and contributed on the special teams...was in on 24 tackles, including two for loss and a sack...his 11 tackles vs. Southern Miss was a career-high and led the FSU defense...missed the Tulane game with a bruised knee...injured his right knee in spring workouts following the season and had arthroscopic surgery...**1985**: was redshirted...**High School**: earned all-conference honors as a senior at Forest High School...played running back, defensive end and linebacker during his career...**Personal Notes**: Kevin ran a 4.51 in the 40 for pro scouts...an economics and computer science major...born July 26, 1967...

**DEFENSIVE STATISTICS**

Year	Tackles	Assists	Total	QS	TFL	CF	FR
1986	9	15	24	1	2	0	0
1987	22	21	43	3	0	3	1

<b>Totals</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>
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**#21**  
**JOHN HADLEY**

**OUTSIDE LINEBACKER**  
6-4, 230, Senior  
Orlando, Florida (Evans High School)

coaches believe a great year is on the horizon for Mr. Hadley...despite going into his fifth year and only contributing on the special teams up to this point, John has seemingly finally found his position...he and Kevin Grant are locked in a battle at the "Bandit" outside linebacking position that may go down to the wire before the Miami game...his strong suit is his pass coverage from previous experience at free safety...John missed some of spring training after re-dislocating a shoulder and he had subsequent surgery on it in mid-April...**1987**: played in every game up until the Florida game...dislocated his left shoulder in the Furman game but was able to come back for the Fiesta Bowl...played mostly on the special teams after being switched to outside linebacker early in the fall...had 17 tackles, an interception and a fumble recovery...**1986**: John made 16 tackles while playing on the special teams and at a backup free safety slot...got one start—South Carolina—when FSU began the game with a roverback...**1985**: made nine tackles, recovered a fumble and blocked a punt...the punt block

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came against Miami and was run in for a touchdown by Brian Davis...**1984**: was redshirted...**High School**: third team 4A all-state pick and an honorable mention "Sweet 16" pick by the *Orlando Sentinel*...also played basketball and high jumped 6-6 in track...**Personal Notes**: John is originally from New York...cousin Edmund Nelson played for the Pittsburgh Steelers from 1982-87...John has gained 30 pounds since enrolling at FSU...his vertical jump is 34 inches and he ran a 4.63 for pro scouts...a criminology major...born Oct. 27, 1966...

### DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

Year	Tackles	Assists	Total	QS	TFL	FR	INT
1985	1	7	8	0	0	0	0
1986	10	6	16	0	0	0	0
1987	11	6	17	0	0	1	1
<b>Totals</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>

## #53

### ODELL HAGGINS

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## #78

### ERIC HAYES

#### DEFENSIVE TACKLE

6-3, 279, Junior  
Tampa, Florida (King High School)

he's an all-star candidate at left tackle...frankly, he did not have a great spring, but coaches are expecting him to keep his weight down and have a great fall...has good movement and can get to the passer...**1987**: his play on the defensive line was a real key to the defense's success...was rewarded by being named to the All-South Independent team and *Associated Press*' honorable mention All-American team...told to lose weight prior to the season, Hayes lowered his weight and changed his attitude...earned his first start in the third game of the season vs. Memphis State and was the starter the rest of the way...had one of FSU's all-time top tackling performances when he registered 22 vs. Furman...one of FSU's biggest plays of '87 centered on Hayes—he recovered a Nebraska fumble at the FSU 2-yard line as the Huskers were trying to put away the Seminoles and grab a two touchdown lead in the Fiesta Bowl; instead FSU marched the other way for the winning score...had seven tackles, two fumble recoveries and caused a fumble against Texas Tech...had a tackle for loss, caused a fumble and recovered another vs. East Carolina...registered a sack and caused his third fumble at Auburn...had 73 stops for the season, third on FSU's tackle chart...six tackles for loss and four sacks both ranked second in the big play categories...used his height to break up six passes from the line of scrimmage...along with Odell Haggins, was named the most improved defensive player by the coaching staff...**1986**: had an up-and-down season, making 33 tackles and starting the Tulane game...was suspended for the Wichita State game after missing practice...had three tackles for loss and a sack in his tackle totals...caused a fumble vs. South Carolina and recovered another

vs. Michigan...missed spring practice following the season when he broke his tibia and a screw was inserted to repair the break...**1985**: Eric was redshirted, giving him a fifth year at FSU...was named the most improved defensive lineman in spring drills following that redshirt season...**High School**: first team 4A all-state and a Super 24 pick who played in the Florida-Georgia all-star game...honorable mention *USA Today* All-American...was part of FSU's recruiting class that was selected best in the nation...**Personal Notes**: bench presses 435 pounds, up 125 pounds from his freshman season...cousin of inside linebacker Felton Hayes...enjoys photography...a political science and English major...Eric will be celebrating his 21st birthday when FSU meets Virginia Tech this fall...born Nov. 12, 1967...

### DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

Year	Tackles	Assists	Total	QS	TFL	FR	CF
1986	13	20	33	1	3	1	1
1987	35	44	79	4	6	3	3
<b>Totals</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>



## #46

### FELTON HAYES

#### INSIDE LINEBACKER

6-0, 240, Senior  
Brandon, Florida (Brandon High School)

this senior is in contention for a starting inside linebacking position...Keith Carter is presently the frontrunner but Hayes will challenge him in the fall...Felton has been switched between inside and outside linebacker several times during his career and has been a starter at times at outside linebacker...chronic "jumpers knee" (patellar tendonitis) has plagued him for the last two years...also needs to maintain his conditioning and weight... "we need him to come through—he can do the job," says position coach Wally Burnham...**1987**: started the season at outside linebacker, moved to the inside when John Eaford was lost for the season, and then was switched back to the outside...started the first two games of the season and then later the Southern Miss and Louisville games...later was moved back to the inside to add depth...had 24 tackles, one for loss, and caused a fumble...**1986**: his best game was North Carolina where he made 10 tackles (one a sack), blocked a punt for a safety, broke up a pass and made a crucial fourth down stop...*United Press International* tabbed him its Southeastern Defensive Player of the Week for that effort...had 50 tackles on the season and his first career interception—it came against Tulane and he returned it 20 yards for a touchdown...**1985**: played in every game—on the special teams and as a backup inside linebacker...collected 50 tackles, including six for loss and two quarterback sacks...had great games vs. Kansas and Miami...five tackles, including two for loss and a sack vs. Miami...**1984**: redshirted after spending the season jockeying between fullback and linebacker...**High School**: third team 4A all-state as a linebacker and second team all-state as a wrestler...**Personal Notes**: cousin of defensive tackle Eric Hayes...an economics and physical education major...born May 7, 1966...



## DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

Year	Tackles	Assists	Total	QS	TFL	INT	PBU
1985	21	29	50	2	6	0	3
1986	30	20	50	1	0	1	3
1987	8	16	24	1	1	0	2
<b>Totals</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>8</b>



#65

**HAYWARD HAYNES****OFFENSIVE GUARD**6-3, 278, Sophomore  
Bartow, Florida (Bartow High School)

had a very good spring and came out of it lining up behind Tony Yeomans at the tight guard slot...played only three weeks after spraining his right knee...has matured from a year ago and is finally at the point where coaches want him to be...**1987**: Hayward played in six games and started the Miami game...a sprained left ankle slowed him in mid-season...**1986**: Haynes was able to redshirt and obtain an extra year of eligibility...**High School**: named to the Florida Super 24 team after leading Bartow to the class 3A state championship...played in the Florida-Georgia all-star game...former teammate of Odell Haggins...**Personal Notes**: born June 29, 1967...



#79

**GENE HOUPE****DEFENSIVE TACKLE**6-3, 260, Freshman  
Statesville, North Carolina (Statesville High School)

he's making progress at defensive tackle with more experience at the position...he never played the defensive line in his life before coming to FSU...currently he's third team on the right side but is still challenging Henry Ostaszewski for the backup role...has the best work habits at this stage of his career that you'd want," says position coach Chuck Amato...missed the last week of drills with a left knee sprain and his play was limited in the spring game...good athlete...Gene is also working on snapping duties and it appears he's headed to be the Seminoles' backup snapper...**1987**: Gene was redshirted, giving him eligibility through 1991...**High School**: played tight end and was a member of the *Greensboro News and Record* all-state team...named to *Super Prep's* All-American squad...caught 20 passes for 280 yards and three TDs...**Personal Notes**: has a fraternal twin brother, Dean, who plays basketball at Chowan College in North Carolina...Gene's older brothers—Kent and Brent—are identical twins...one of the strongest Seminoles, benches 455 pounds and squats 500...compiled better than a 3.0 GPA for the 1987 school year...a criminology major...born Jan. 30, 1968...



#69

**JOEY IONATA****OFFENSIVE TACKLE**6-3, 262, Senior  
Dunedin, Florida (Dunedin High School)

he is the starter at the split tackle position...Ionata is a good, solid football player who fits right into the FSU offensive lineman work ethic...very competitive and intelligent...was excused from spring drills along with the group of fifth-year seniors...**1987**: made the Victor's Club, an honor given by offensive coordinator Wayne McDuffie to signify winning performance...started on a line that produced more points than any team in school history...had the highest grade of the year of any offensive lineman—93—for his play against Tulane...also graded out at 83 vs. Furman and 81 vs. Auburn...**1986**: started the season as a backup and did not play against Nebraska and North Carolina...got his first start in the fifth game vs. Tulane and has started every FSU game since...named the most improved player on the offense following the season...**1985**: played in three games but did not letter...**1984**: made the travel squad for the Kansas and Miami games but was redshirted...**High School**: second team all-state as a defensive lineman...**Personal Notes**: brother John was a former three-year starter on the FSU offensive line, graduating in 1985...an economics and business major...had over a 3.6 grade point average for the '87 school year, one of the top marks on the team...born Dec. 4, 1965...



#14

**BRAD JOHNSON****QUARTERBACK**6-5, 205, Freshman  
Black Mountain, North Carolina  
(Swannonoa-Owen High School)

has tremendous potential and is talented...has not spent much time on the football practice field as he missed half of the 1987 season to work out with the basketball team and he didn't return until midway through spring drills...stands tall in the pocket, moves well and has a strong arm...because he's spent so much time with basketball, including high school summers, he has a lot to learn to grasp the FSU system...completed five of 13 passes for 49 yards in the spring game...**1987**: Brad was redshirted in football...as a true freshman, started 11 of the basketball team's 30 games and averaged 5.9 points...shot 58 percent from the floor and 89 percent from the line...top game was a 10-point, four-rebound, six-assist, one-steal outing in 31 minutes of floor time in an upset win over Louisville...was the subject of many a newspaper story after he turned down a starting role in order to allow a senior a starting job...**High School**: one of eight quarterbacks picked to the *Parade* All-American team...he also made the *Super Prep Magazine* All-American squad...completed 78 of 153 passes for 1,196 yards and nine TDs...averaged 40.5 yards as a punter and kicked three field goals...3A basketball Player of the Year in North Carolina...president of his senior class and also the Fellowship of Christian Athletes organization...**Personal Notes**: his given name is James, his middle name Bradley...born Sept. 13, 1968...



**#80  
REGGIE JOHNSON**

**TIGHT END**  
6-2, 247, Sophomore  
Pensacola, Florida (Escambia High School)

has tremendous talent and ability...gives Florida State an additional dimension with his speed (he has run anywhere between 4.51 and 4.61 in the 40)...made a move in spring practice to challenge for the tight end starting job and was named the most improved at his position...although Tom O'Malley will be the starter entering fall workouts, the battle is not over yet...has had surgery on both knees...**1987**: in a limited role at tight end, made four catches for 35 yards...missed several games with chronic knee problems...made additional contributions on the kickoff return, kickoff and punt teams...**1986**: Reggie was one of 17 freshmen who were redshirted...**High School**: played every position for Escambia High School but quarterback...**Personal Notes**: bench presses 390 pounds...born Jan. 27, 1968...

Year	Catches	Yards	Avg.	TD	Long
1987	4	35	8.7	0	11



**#23  
BRADY JONES**

**TAILBACK**  
5-9, 190, Junior  
Millersville, Maryland (Old Mill High School)

a walkon...rushed one time for seven yards in the spring game...could contribute on the special teams...**1987**: Jones appeared in two games—Louisville and Tulane...he rushed the ball once, picking up two yards vs. Tulane...was named offensive scout team Player of the year for the Seminoles...**1986**: honored as FSU's offensive scout team Player of the Year...**High School**: played in Maryland's North-South all-star game...honorable mention all-county...**Personal Notes**: born Aug. 27, 1968...



**#62  
JASON KUIPERS**

**CENTER**  
6-3, 260, Senior  
Winter Haven, Florida (Winter Haven High School)

when offensive coordinator Wayne McDuffie had a dilemma in finding a center during spring workouts, he turned to Kuipers, an all-star guard, to fill the role...if a freshman can come in and do the job at center, Kuipers could possibly be moved back to guard...he's a tough competitor who has a good feel for the game and has become one of the offense's most dependable players...**1987**: Jason was named to the second team All-South Independent as well

as honorable mention All-America by *Associated Press*...he may have been the unsung hero of an offensive line that was second in the nation in scoring and third in total offense...started every game at the tight guard position, working off the same side as All-Americans Pat Carter (tight end) and Pat Tomberlin (tackle)...graded out to 87 and 82 for the Auburn and Miami games, respectively, excellent grades in McDuffie's book...**1986**: graded out to a winning performance over the course of the season...was chosen to *Football News*' All-American squad on its third team...**1985**: played in six games but did not letter...**1984**: played in the East Carolina and Temple games, but qualified for a medical redshirt...**High School**: third team 4A all-state...**Personal Notes**: an economics and psychology major...born Feb. 26, 1966...



**#88  
BRUCE LaSANE**

**WIDE RECEIVER**  
6-4, 210, Junior  
Wildwood, Florida (Wildwood High School)

if he can continue to improve, position coach John Eason says he has the potential to be the best wide receiver on the club and one of the best to ever play at FSU...he was dubbed by coaches the most improved at his position after spring drills...made great strides in responding to coaching...has great speed and a 33-inch vertical jump that gives him all the tools...caught six passes for 59 yards and a pair of touchdowns in the Garnet and Gold spring game...**1987**: Bruce played on the special teams and did get some reps at wide receiver also...caught two passes for 26 yards...played in nine of the regular season games plus the Fiesta Bowl...missed a week of action in October with an eye contusion...**1986**: was ineligible to compete under Proposition 48 ruling...**High School**: participated in the Florida-Georgia all-star game as a member of the state's Super 24 team...named to the Bally All-American list and was honorable mention on *USA Today*'s...**Personal Notes**: born March 24, 1967...



**#7  
RONALD LEWIS**

**WIDE RECEIVER**  
6-0, 179, Junior  
Jacksonville, Florida (Raines High School)

here's a headline player to watch in 1988...Ronald is a speedy wide receiver with pro potential to follow a line of FSU receivers to the NFL: Dennis McKinnon (Bears), Weegie Thompson (Steelers), Jessie Hester (Raiders) and Hassan Jones (Vikings)...big-play ability and a deep threat...also has been a good possession-type receiver...intelligent and has a winning attitude...passed up a sophomore year of baseball to go through spring football...31 career catches and seven TDs...also is dangerous running the reverse...had finger surgery in April...**1987**: FSU's third leading receiver with 23 catches, an 18.2 average, and four TDs...came up with two big plays in waning moments of games with Nebraska and Miami...in the Fiesta Bowl, caught an 18-yard TD pass from Danny McManus on a fourth and 15

call that proved to be the game winner...vs. Miami, scored on another 18-yard pass with seconds left that brought the Seminoles to within one before the extra point attempt...Ronald had a big Fiesta Bowl, catching four passes for 59 yards...his most outstanding all-around game was Michigan State where he caught five passes for 85 yards and a TD and rushed three times for 66 yards and a TD...the TD came on a 56-yard reverse in the third quarter that broke open a 7-3 game...scored the first points of the 1987 season when he gathered in an 11-yard pass against Texas Tech; of course, also scored the last points of the 1987 season in the Fiesta Bowl...Lewis' longest reception was a 47-yarder in the Florida game...had his first 100-yard day vs. Memphis State, catching five passes for 107...carried the ball on 10 reverses for 104 yards over the course of the season...**1986:** one of four freshmen to letter, Ronald played in eight of the first nine games before a severe right ankle injury took him to the sidelines...got his first collegiate start vs. Wichita State and responded with three catches for 77 yards and a pair of touchdowns...also started the Louisville game...made eight catches on the season for 145 yards and three TDs...was a starter in the outfield for FSU's baseball team that went to the College World Series...**High School:** first team 4A all-state and third team All-South...caught 33 passes for 641 yards and six scores as a senior...caught 10 passes for 140 yards vs. rival Lee High...drafted in the 13th round by the Toronto Blue Jays in June following his high school graduation...**Personal Notes:** a talented speaker who is a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes...ran 4.35 and 4.44 for pro scouts in the 40...born March 25, 1968...

## RECEIVING

Year	Catches	Yards	Avg.	TD	Long
1986	8	145	18.1	3	40
1987	23	418	18.2	4	47

**Totals** 31 563 18.2 7 47

## RUSHING

Year	Rushes	Yards	Avg.	TD	Long
1986	1	12	12.0	0	12
1987	10	104	10.4	1	56

**Totals** 11 116 10.5 1 56



## #77 ERIC LUALLEN

**OFFENSIVE TACKLE**  
6-4, 271, Sophomore  
Tampa, Florida (Jesuit High School)

he enters fall practice behind All-American Pat Tomberlin at the tight tackle position...an intelligent player who has a way to go before he'll contribute...**1987:** Eric played on the scout team although he did appear in five games...**1986:** redshirted along with every other offensive line candidate...**High School:** picked to the Florida Super 24 team and the 3A all-state team...pitched for his high school baseball team...**Personal Notes:** his father owns a bakery in Tampa...Eric plans to major in business...born July 23, 1968..



## #18 BILL MASON

**KICKING SPECIALIST**  
5-11, 155, Sophomore  
Tallahassee, Florida (Lincoln High School)

a solid backup to starting placekicker Richie Andrews, Bill is a recruited walkon...has very good accuracy on short field goals and PAT attempts...he could contend for the short field goal job...**1987:** Bill did not see any action behind NCAA record-holder Derek Schmidt and freshman Richie Andrews...**1986:** Bill was redshirted in his first year at FSU...**High School:** an All-Big Bend selection as a senior...**Personal Notes:** Bill is majoring in business and compiled over a 3.0 GPA for the 1987 school year... born July 3, 1967...



## #42 JOHN MERNA

**INSIDE LINEBACKER**  
5-9, 211, Senior  
Lanham, Maryland (Eleanor Roosevelt High School)

John has switched to inside linebacker after playing most of his career at fullback...he had never played linebacker before '88 spring drills...a walkon, he will be a fifth-year senior...is in contention to see playing time on the special teams...**1987:** John played in two games on the special teams...**1986:** played in two games and rushed the ball three times for two yards...**1985/1984/1983:** played on the scout team...**High School:** made his all-county team as a junior and senior at Eleanor Roosevelt High...**Personal Notes:** bench presses 395 pounds and squats 525...a criminology major...born May 30, 1966...



## #32 PAUL MOORE

**FULLBACK**  
6-1, 238, Freshman  
Miami, Florida (Killian High School)

Paul is engaged in heavy competition for the third team fullback slot with Marion Butts...has a lot of ability and made much improvement in the spring...coaches say he fits the job description for the kind of fullback FSU wants and they expect Moore to be a very good player in time...is definitely in 1988 plans...**1987:** Paul played in the first two games of the season but received a medical redshirt after an ankle sprain knocked him out of action...**High School:** was generally regarded as one of the top five fullbacks in the South and one scout had him as the fourth best in the nation...was named to the All-Dixie team by *Super Prep Magazine* and to the Florida Top 50 list by *Lindy's Magazine*...rushed for 974 yards and scored nine times as a senior...played at Columbus High School as a freshman and sophomore...**Personal Notes:** born July 9, 1968...



**#60**  
**MIKE MORRIS**

**OFFENSIVE GUARD**  
6-2, 261, Freshman  
Miami, Florida (Miami Beach High School)

a natural athlete who has excellent possibilities for contributing on the offensive line...has good football savvy but lacks maturity and competitiveness...his progress could help out the line tremendously...he fits in at the number two split guard position behind John Brown heading into fall camp...**1987:** Mike was redshirted as was every member of the freshman offensive line class...**High School:** played in the Florida-Georgia all-star game as a member of the Florida Super 24 team...honorable mention *USA Today* All-American...5A all-state pick...**Personal Notes:** longtime friend of FSU outside linebacker Anthony Moss...born Aug. 9, 1969...



**#99**  
**ANTHONY MOSS**

**OUTSIDE LINEBACKER**  
6-4, 238, Sophomore  
Miami, Florida (Southridge High School)

there's plenty of potential in this second team outside linebacker...improved his line of scrimmage play in the spring but needs to become a more physical player...big, fast and fluid...**1987:** Anthony received his first letter after playing on the special teams as well as at outside linebacker...played in nine of the 12 regular season games plus the bowl...injured his left ankle vs. Texas Tech and missed the East Carolina game...his play was then limited until the Southern Miss game...made six tackles, including a quarterback sack...**1986:** redshirted...**High School:** second team all-county as a tight end...**Personal Notes:** Tony is the brother of former Miami Hurricane Winston Moss, now a member of the Tampa Bay Buccaneers... has gained 25 pounds since signing with FSU...born Oct. 12, 1967...

**DEFENSIVE STATISTICS**

Year	Tackles	Assists	Total	QS	TFL	INT	PBU
1987	3	3	6	1	0	0	0



**#55**  
**CHRIS NICOLAS**

**CENTER/SNAPPER**  
6-3, 229, Sophomore  
Clearwater, Florida (Clearwater High School)

it looks as if he's won a battle with Gene Houpe to take over the snapping duties from graduated Marty Riggs...Chris was also moved to center during the spring where he is currently second team...is quick and fluid but not big enough yet...is also very scrappy and competitive...**1987:** Chris played in just the Michigan State game...he spent the season at

inside linebacker...**1986:** redshirted and was unable to practice much because of a knee injury...**High School:** second team 5A all-state honors...played in the Florida-Georgia all-star game...appeared in only seven games as a senior after breaking his sternum in an auto accident...**Personal Notes:** brother Scott played for the Miami Hurricanes and spent several seasons in the NFL...Chris benches 390...had better than a 3.0 GPA for the spring '87 semester...born May 12, 1968...



**#92**  
**TOM O'MALLEY**

**TIGHT END**  
6-3, 245, Senior  
Darien, Connecticut (Darien High School)

he's perhaps known best as FSU's "Wham Man" as he's the slot tight end in the Seminoles' famous goal line offense...Tom is penciled into the starting tight end slot after two years of serving as backup to graduated Pat Carter...he will be challenged in the fall by an up-and-coming Reggie Johnson...O'Malley's experience gives him the edge right now...has tremendous hands catching the ball over the middle...although he was excused from spring workouts as all fifth-year seniors were, he practiced the second half of the month-long drills and played in the spring game...he'll be a candidate for the Connecticut Player of the Year Award that is given by the Walter Camp Foundation to the outstanding college player from the state...**1987:** played quite a bit, especially on the 34 Wham offense that scored on 25 of 27 tries...also was a starter on the field goal and extra point team as well as the punt team...caught seven passes for 73 yards and a 10.3 average...caught two passes vs. Texas Tech and Memphis State...did not catch a pass in the last four FSU games...**1986:** tied for third on the team with 16 receptions for 187 yards, an 11.7 average, and one touchdown...did not catch a pass in the first four games of the season and came on late...caught two passes in the All-American Bowl...**1985:** lettered after playing in all 11 games and catching three passes for 40 yards and a 13.3 average...**1984:** despite making the travel squad for the Kansas and Miami games, he was redshirted...worked out with the centers in the following spring practices but moved back to tight end...**High School:** played fullback, linebacker and tight end for Darien High School...also excelled in baseball...**Personal Notes:** has worked hard in the FSU weight room and has registered 605 pounds in the squat, an increase of 130 pounds from his freshman season...his parents both hail from Ireland and frequently travel from Connecticut to Tallahassee to see him play...a sports management and coaching major...born July 26, 1965...

**RECEIVING**

Year	Catches	Yards	Avg.	TD	Long
1985	3	40	13.3	0	15
1986	16	187	11.7	1	22
1987	7	73	10.4	0	18
<b>Totals</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>11.5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>22</b>





**#74  
HENRY  
OSTASZEWSKI**

**DEFENSIVE TACKLE**  
6-3, 255, Freshman  
Boynton Beach, Florida (Santaluces High School)

has earned the backup position behind Steve Gabbard at right tackle...position coach Chuck Amato thinks he may be the best pass rusher of all of the redshirt freshmen defensive tackles...can play both the right and left sides...very coachable...1987: Henry was redshirted, as were all of his classmates except for three...**High School:** a second team all-state selection, a member of *Lindy's Magazine's* Florida top 50 list and *Sporting News's* top 100 list...got his notoriety on the offensive line... Florida-Georgia all-star game participant ..played at Atlantic High School his freshman and sophomore seasons...**Personal Notes:** twin brother Joe plays on the left side of the defensive line...Henry is seven minutes older than his brother...carries over a 3.0 GPA...a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes...born May 17, 1969...



**#75  
JOE  
OSTASZEWSKI**

**DEFENSIVE TACKLE**  
6-3, 262, Freshman  
Boynton Beach, Florida (Santaluces High School)

he's in a battle with fellow redshirt freshman Corey Senior for the backup left tackle slot behind starter Eric Hayes...very coachable and will play hurt...is a good pass rusher for this stage in his career...1987: Joe was redshirted...**High School:** honorable mention 5A all-state although he made *Lindy's Magazine* Top 50 list and *Sporting News's* Top 100 list...**Personal Notes:** he and twin brother Henry, also a redshirt freshman defensive tackle, have played side-by-side as offensive linemen since they were 8-years old...a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes...born May 17, 1969...



**#35  
CHRIS PARKER**

**TAILBACK**  
6-2, 205, Freshman  
Jacksonville, Florida (Sandalwood High School)

named the most improved running back of 1988 spring workouts...first trimmed his weight from 226 to 205, regaining his quickness and speed...shows big-play capability and is a fluid runner...also catches the ball well out of the backfield...Chris is presently caught up in the numbers game where there are three

exceptional backs in front of him—Sammie Smith, Dexter Carter and Victor Floyd, all who will finish their careers on the Seminoles' top 10 list in rushing...there is also Keith Ross, who has experience on his side as he battles Parker for playing time...1987: Chris played in the first two games for Florida State and carried the ball once for 28 yards vs. Texas Tech...**High School:** a member of the *Orlando Sentinel's* All-South team, *Super Prep Magazine's* All-Dixie team, the *Florida Times Union's* Super 24 team and the 5A all-state squad...rushed for 1,529 yards on 429 carries and scored 21 touchdowns as a senior during the regular season...in the total of 13 games he played, he rushed for 1,959 yards...played in the Florida-Georgia all-star game...**Personal Notes:** born May 21, 1969...

**RUSHING**

Year	Rushes	Yards	Avg.	TD	Long
1987*	10	33	3.3	0	9

\*Chris was injured and medically redshirted



**#15  
BILL RAGANS**

**STRONG SAFETY**  
6-2, 200, Sophomore  
Live Oak, Florida (Suwannee County High School)

was moved to strong safety in the spring...if John Wyche is able to come back from a broken leg, Bill will be shifted back to free safety...must get his upper body stronger, especially after a shoulder operation...has good size for the position and, like Stan Shiver and Alphonso Williams in front of him, he's a punishing hitter...1987: Bill played on the punt team and lettered despite missing six games, including the last four of the regular season plus the bowl...he dislocated his right shoulder in the Louisville game and had surgery on it in late November...was switched to inside linebacker prior to the season when FSU lost two players at the position...had 12 tackles and caused a fumble...scored his only collegiate TD vs. Southern Miss when he returned a Kelvin Smith blocked punt 32 yards for the score...1986: was redshirted...**High School:** hails from under 100 miles east of Tallahassee...second team 3A all-state...**Personal Notes:** born Dec. 31, 1968...

**DEFENSIVE STATISTICS**

Year	Tackles	Assists	Total	QS	TFL	INT	PBU
1987	4	8	12	0	0	0	0



**#95  
GREG RINEHART**

**DEFENSIVE TACKLE/NOSEGUARD**  
6-4, 290, Sophomore  
Norristown, Pennsylvania (Norristown High School)

Greg needs to have a great summer academically if he is to play football at FSU in 1988... must also get his

weight under control...has been up to 345 but coaches want him as low as 270...position coach Chuck Amato says he can be "a driving force".....injured his knee slightly midway through spring workouts after moving to tackle from noseguard...**1987:** Greg played in the first two games, but secured a medical hardship after injuring both his achilles tendon and his back...**1986:** lost this year of eligibility due to Proposition 48 guidelines...**High School:** an all-state pick after making 130 tackles and seven sacks as a senior...played in the state's annual Big 33 game...Montgomery County Player of the Year...**Personal Notes:** brothers Jeff and Jerome played at Arizona and were signed there by then-Wildcat assistant Amato...born May 19, 1968...



**#83**  
**DAVID ROBERTS**

**TIGHT END**  
6-4, 240, Sophomore  
Griffin, Georgia (Griffin High School)

he's third on the depth chart at tight end, but he'll see plenty of playing time since FSU plays three tight ends...has the best hands at the position but is still lacking some blocking skills...had a good spring and caught the coaches' eyes with his receiving skills...will play in the FSU two tight end offense as the second tight end...plays on the field goal, extra point and kickoff return teams...**1987:** lettered as a redshirt freshman, playing in every contest...caught two passes for 14 yards...**1986:** redshirted...named the most improved tight end in spring '87 practices...**High School:** made the second team of one All-South squad and the third team of another...*Macon Telegraph* "Sweet 16" team...34 career receptions for 393 yards and five TDs...played in Georgia North-South all-star game...**Personal Notes:** Dave has a cumulative GPA over 3.25 and is a second-semester junior in academic standing...in 1987 he earned over a 3.5 GPA and was named to the Metro Conference Commissioner's list for academic excellence...a public relations major...has gained 20 pounds since enrolling and working out in the FSU weight room...born Jan. 28, 1968...



**#48**  
**FRANK ROMEO**

**NOSEGUARD**  
6-2, 250, Freshman  
Wauchula, Florida (Hardee County High School)

listed as the third team noseguard but he's right on Magdi El Shahawy's heels...has the athletic ability to be a great noseguard...missed the first two weeks of spring practice after having surgery on his left ankle and right knee in January...**1987:** Frank was redshirted, giving him eligibility through 1991...**High School:** played fullback and linebacker in high school...state champion in the shot put and discus as a junior...**Personal Notes:** long-time friend of FSU and New York Giants tight end Zeke Mowatt...his birthday falls on the same day as that of head coach Bobby Bowden...born Nov. 8, 1968...



**#20**  
**KEITH ROSS**

**TAILBACK**  
5-10, 188, Senior  
Newberry, Florida (Newberry High School)

Keith has gotten caught up in the numbers game at tailback...very talented but has had some injury setbacks...will continue for the fourth straight year to return kickoffs for FSU...rushed for 83 yards on 16 carries in the spring game...ran 4.47 and 4.56 in the 40 for pro scouts...Ross owns the Florida State career record for kickoff return average (24.1) and his 1,278 career yards are 70 short of tying Larry Key's career mark for return yardage...Keith also owns the FSU record for yards in a season (583), set in 1986...**1987:** injuries set him back and a series of position changes also kept him from contributing more...a knee sprain caused him to miss the first two games of the season and the fourth game also...began the season at fullback after switching there in the '87 spring...because he missed so much practice time, he couldn't crack the lineup at fullback so he was moved to cornerback...after several weeks there learning the system, he was moved back to tailback when Victor Floyd was lost for the season...did not rush the ball all year but caught one pass for five yards...handled 14 kickoffs, averaging 19.1 yards per return...also played on the kickoff prevent special team...**1986:** averaged 26.5 yards per kickoff return, the sixth best average in the nation...his kickoff return yardage (583) broke a 13-year-old FSU record...returned a free kick following a safety for a 77-yard TD vs. Tulane...returned another 71 yards vs. Florida, but he was caught at the 19...ignited a comeback vs. South Carolina with a 49-yard return to open the second half...his most spectacular play of the year was when he received a kickoff six yards deep in the second quarter of the Miami game and brought it out to the 10—from there he threw a cross-field lateral to Dexter Carter, who short hopped it and ran 90 yards for the TD...Ross rushed for 192 yards and a TD as a tailback and caught seven passes for 14 yards...**1985:** rushed for two 100-yard games—South Carolina (163) and Western Carolina (103)...his total vs. South Carolina included two TDs, one a 53-yarder...scored another two TDs against the Catamounts...finished the season with 315 yards on 15 carries...played in every game but Nebraska although he played with a pair of chipped sesamoid bones in his foot...averaged 24.5 yards per kickoff return, the eighth best national total and the best sophomore mark...longest return was 80 yards...**1982-84:** played minor league baseball with the Phillies organization...**High School:** signed with Florida following a senior season where he was first team 2A all-state...rushed 231 times for 1,600 yards, a 6.9 average and 16 TDs...his career stats included 4,990 yards and 39 touchdowns, 39 returns for 1,208 yards and five TDs, and five receptions for 166 yards and three TDs...thus, his all-purpose yardage was 6,364 yards and 47 TDs...state 100 and 220 champion and anchored the state championship 440 yard relay as his team won the team title at the state meet...**Personal Notes:** one of the strongest Seminoles, Ross benches 405 pounds and squats 500...he is the oldest active player at age 24...born Jan. 7, 1964...

**RUSHING**

Year	Rushes	Yards	Avg.	TD	Long
1985	50	315	5.0	4	53
1986	39	192	4.9	1	29
1987	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>407</b>	<b>4.6</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>53</b>

RECEIVING

Year	Catches	Yards	Avg.	TD	Long
1985	1	14	14.0	0	14
1986	7	14	2.0	0	5
1987	1	5	5.0	0	5
<b>Totals</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>3.7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>14</b>

KICKOFF RETURNS

Year	No.	Yards	Avg.	TD	Long
1985	17	418	24.6	0	80
1986	22	583	26.5	1	77
1987	14	277	19.8	0	28
<b>Totals</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>1,278</b>	<b>24.1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>80</b>

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**DEION SANDERS**

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#16  
**TRACY SANDERS**

**CORNERBACK**  
6-0, 176, Senior  
Bradenton, Florida (Manatee High School)

sat out spring workouts as an excused fifth-year senior...was projected to be the starter at right cornerback, but sophomore Corian Freeman's outstanding spring makes him the frontrunner heading into the fall...Tracy has the most experience at the position and coaches are hoping he'll have a fine senior season...has all the tools...**1987**: Tracy lettered while playing second team at the corner slot...played in every game and made 16 tackles, including one for loss...intercepted a pass vs. Southern Miss...**1986**: played on the special teams and got his first plays at cornerback...played in every game but Nebraska and started the South Carolina and Southern Miss games...broke up two passes and intercepted passes against Miami and South Carolina...**1985**: missed the first three games after dislocating his shoulder...came back to make 34 tackles and intercept a pass as a safety...had 10 tackles vs. Tulsa...a second interception came in the Gator Bowl...**1984**: redshirted after practicing at quarterback during the season and switching to wide receiver in the spring...**High School**: gained 1,000 yards rushing and 1,200 passing and accounted for 25 touchdowns as a senior...MVP of the state championship game...named the quarterback for the All-South team and was first team 4A all-state and Adidas and *USA Today* honorable mention All-American...led his basketball team to a 23-2 record as a senior...was headed to Nebraska originally before signing with FSU...**Personal Notes**: 36-inch vertical jump is the best on the team...majoring in social science...born May 16, 1966...

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

Year	Tackles	Assists	Total	TFL	FR	INT	PBU
1985	17	17	34	0	0	1	2
1986	17	1	18	0	0	2	2
1987	9	7	16	1	0	1	1
<b>Totals</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>

Between Florida State's Orange Bowl in 1981 (the 1980 season) and the Fiesta appearance last season, there was a seven-year cycle to regain the defensive domination that has always been the mark of a successful team. The following statistics bear out that fact:

Year	Points Given Up Per Game	Bowl
1980	7.7	Orange
1981	26.0	None
1982	22.0	Gator
1983	28.1	Peach
1984	21.5	Citrus
1985	21.4	Gator
1986	18.6	All-American
1987	12.3	Fiesta



#66  
**SCOTT SCHILBRACK**

**OFFENSIVE TACKLE**  
6-8, 285, Sophomore  
Lauderhill, Florida (Boyd Anderson High School)

a big strong offensive lineman who needs some experience...works extremely hard...he heads into fall workouts at a third team tight tackle position and in a battle with Eric Luallen for the backup role to Pat Tomberlin...**1987**: Scott played in six games but did not letter...he began the season as a defensive tackle...**1986**: Scott was redshirted...**High School**: although he didn't make any of the state lists, FSU recruited him as a sleeper...**Personal Notes**: Scott is the tallest player to have ever played for Bobby Bowden, actually measuring in at 6-8 1/2...has gained 30 pounds since arriving on campus and bench presses 405 pounds...born March 27, 1968...



#57  
**COREY SENIOR**

**DEFENSIVE TACKLE**  
6-3, 265, Freshman  
Jacksonville, Florida (Ribault High School)

impressed coaches enough in spring drills to be named the squad's most improved defensive lineman...may have the best all-around skills of the redshirt freshman defensive line class...he's still learning, but FSU may have to press him into duty before he's ready...still is in competition with Joe Ostaszewski for the backup job at left tackle behind Eric Hayes...**1987**: Senior was redshirted, giving him eligibility until 1991...**High School**: came to FSU with three other classmates from Ribault High—Howard Dinkins, Reggie Dixon and Kelvin Smith...first team all-city in Jacksonville...**Personal Notes**: born Aug. 15, 1969...



#37  
**STAN SHIVER**

**STRONG SAFETY**  
6-2, 209, Senior  
Tifton, Georgia (Tift County High School)

this hard-hitting strong safety will be starting

for his fourth consecutive year...although he was excused from spring workouts, he did spend some time working on pass drills...improved his speed—ran 4.64 and 4.67 for the pros which should get him some attention this season...seven career interceptions and 177 tackles...**1987**: tied with Deion Sanders for the team lead in interceptions with four...had 40 tackles, including two sacks and two tackles for loss...also credited with two pass breakups...his season-high of seven tackles came against Michigan State...two of his interceptions came against Southern Miss; the others were against Auburn and Furman...against Texas Tech had a tackle for loss and a blocked punt that was recovered in the endzone for a score...sacks came against Memphis State and Florida on safety blitzes...**1986**: totaled 72 tackles, including three for loss and three quarterback sacks...his interception came against Louisville and he also picked up a fumble in the air and ran it to the U of L 2...had 11 tackles vs. Florida and 10, including one for loss, vs. Nebraska...caused two fumbles during the year...**1985**: named to the *Football News* Freshman All-America team after putting together statistics that included 54 tackles, six tackles for loss, seven pass deflections, two interceptions, a fumble recovery and a sack...two double figure tackling performances, including 10 vs. Nebraska...nine vs. Miami, two for loss...also turned in a strong Gator Bowl performance, making seven tackles, one behind the line of scrimmage...**1984**: was redshirted...**High School**: earned a reputation as one of the hardest hitters in Georgia high school football...**Personal Notes**: Stan has added 25 pounds since signing with FSU...incoming freshman Bryce Abbott hails from the same high school as Shiver, although the two never played together...resided in Tallahassee for 12 years before moving to Georgia as a teen...comes from an athletic family as one brother pitched for Georgia Tech and another played football at Tennessee-Chattanooga...majoring in social science...born May 18, 1966...

**DEFENSIVE STATISTICS**

Year	Tackles	Assists	Total	QS	TFL	INT	PBU
1985	22	43	65	1	5	2	7
1986	42	30	72	3	3	1	3
1987	23	17	40	2	2	4	2
<b>Totals</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>177</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>12</b>



**#36  
KELVIN SMITH**

**INSIDE LINEBACKER**  
6-0, 230, Sophomore  
Jacksonville, Florida (Ribault High School)

Kelvin is the starter at the "Will" linebacker position for the season opener at Miami...missed two weeks of spring training after recovering from January knee surgery...**1987**: was one of three true freshmen to letter...missed the Florida game after being injured in the Furman contest...got most of his playing time on the special teams, especially the punt block team...blocked two Southern Miss punts, entering his name in the FSU record books for two in one game...made 24 tackles over the course of the season...**High School**: named the top defensive player in Jacksonville and was a member of the *Florida Times Union* Super 24 team...second team all-state after a senior season where he had 129 tackles...joined three of his high school teammates by signing with FSU...**Personal Notes**: brother Chris

played quarterback for Bethune-Cookman...born March 23, 1969...

**DEFENSIVE STATISTICS**

Year	Tackles	Assists	Total	QS	TFL	INT	PBU
1987	14	10	24	0	0	0	0

**#33  
SAMMIE SMITH**

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**#43  
ALAN STEWART**

**CORNERBACK**  
5-11, 184, Junior  
Brooksville, Florida (Hernando High School)

Alan has made the switch to cornerback where he'll be third team at the left position...his play was encouraging to defensive coordinator Mickey Andrews and with more time in the position, he could be ready to contribute in 1988...needs to develop a defensive player's disposition since he has played quarterback for all of his career...has very good speed and runs in the 4.57 range...Alan will once again be one of the outside rush men on the punt block team...missed the spring game after separating his left shoulder...**1987**: lettered as a member of the punt block team that blocked four opponent kicks...was credited with blocking a field goal against Tulane...missed two weeks of the season with a right shoulder separation...worked with the scout team as a quarterback...**1986**: played in the first two games of the season—Wichita State and Southern Miss...scored a TD on his first collegiate play, running 27 yards on a naked bootleg play...did not attempt a pass...**1985**: Stewart was named offensive scout team Player of the Year while being redshirted...**High School**: threw for over 1,000 yards as a senior...**Personal Notes**: majoring in business...born April 25, 1967...



**#93  
SHELTON THOMPSON**

**OUTSIDE LINEBACKER**  
6-3, 248, Junior  
Lakeland, Florida (Lake Gibson High School)

returning starter at an outside linebacking position...his strong suit is rushing the passer...missed spring practices after having surgery on his left ankle but should be ready to go in the fall...that was the second time in his career that he's had ankle surgery...**1987**: started the last four games at outside linebacker after being moved between defensive tackle and outside linebacker during the early part of the season...finished with 25 tackles, a sack and a tackle for loss...six tackles vs. Furman were a career high...recovered fumbles in the Tulane and Michigan State games and caused an Auburn fumble...**1986**: played on the special teams and earned spot duty at



outside linebacker...made 20 tackles, including three quarterback sacks and two tackles for loss...also had three tackles, including a sack, in the All-American Bowl...**1985:** Shelton was redshirted...**High School:** third team 3A all-state at Lake Gibson High...**Personal Notes:** Shelton and his wife, Leiza, have a son, Sean...majoring in criminology...born Jan. 9, 1967...

**DEFENSIVE STATISTICS**

Year	Tackles	Assists	Total	QS	TFL	CF	FR
1986	11	9	20	3	2	0	0
1987	12	13	25	1	1	1	2
<b>Totals</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>

**#72**

**PAT TOMBERLIN**

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outs, Alphonso was able to work with the first team...has developed into a dependable player, though his ability to be a contact player was never in question...**1987:** played quite a bit at strong safety and starred on the punt block team also...blocked a punt, the second of his career, against Tulane...picked up a Martin Mayhew block vs. Miami and turned it into a touchdown...had 24 tackles and two pass breakups...six tackles vs. Memphis State came in his only start...In addition to his blocked punt against the Green Wave, had a tackle for loss and recovered a fumble...**1986:** made 22 tackles, including one for loss...played on the punt block team and received the team's Piranha award for his play on that special team at the conclusion of the season...blocked a punt in the Miami game...**1985:** played in every game but the season opener and was one of seven freshmen to letter...had 17 tackles, one for loss...picked off an interception vs. Memphis State...**High School:** the *Orlando Sentinel* rated him among the state's top 15 defensive backs...a first team 2A all-state selection...averaged 13 tackles per game, 130 on the season...caught 20 passes and three TDs as a wide receiver...he was the last player to receive a scholarship in the '85 recruiting class...**Personal Notes:** nicknamed "Alley-Cat"...gained 20 pounds since his freshman season...a criminology major...born April 29, 1967...

**DEFENSIVE STATISTICS**

Year	Tackles	Assists	Total	TFL	FR	INT	PBU
1985	11	6	17	1	0	1	1
1986	13	9	22	1	1	0	0
1987	12	12	24	1	0	0	2
<b>Totals</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>



**#11**

**CASEY WELDON**

**QUARTERBACK**

6-1, 192, Freshman  
Tallahassee, Florida (North Florida Christian High School)

an excellent athlete, Casey has tremendous potential...has good scrambling ability and seems to have a knack for making a negative play into a positive one...completed seven of 14 passes for 98 yards and a touchdown in the Garnet and Gold spring game...is battling Brad Johnson for the number three quarterback position—right now it's a toss-up...will serve as the holder for field goals and PAT attempts...**1987:** Casey watched from the sidelines after taking a redshirt year...**High School:** made the Florida Super 24 team as a punter and the *Super Prep Magazine* All-American team as a quarterback...co-Big Bend Player of the Year after completing 57 percent of his passes (130-229) for 2,448 yards and a state-leading 29 TDs...rushed for 250 yards and 10 scores...rated the 11th best quarterback in the nation and fourth in the South by scout Max Emfinger...**Personal Notes:** born Feb. 3, 1969...



**#49**

**DAYNE WILLIAMS**

**FULLBACK**

6-1, 222, Senior  
Leesburg, Florida (Leesburg High School)

Florida State's returning starter at fullback...although sophomore Edgar Bennett will go into the fall as the starter, Dayne will be challenging him to get his job back...skipped spring workouts after coaches allowed all fifth-year seniors to forego the 20-day session...has become known as Mr. Touchdown as he has rushed for the third highest total (20) in FSU history...**1987:** started nine of the 11 regular-season games and scored 15 touchdowns, the second best mark for a season in FSU history...he added a 16th in the Fiesta Bowl...although he only rushed for 272 yards, when it was inside the 5 Williams got the call out of FSU's famed "Wham" goal line offense...of his 15 TD runs, only one was longer than three yards—that one four...had seven 1-yard scoring plays...scored a TD in every game but Louisville and had three vs. Tulane...season-high of 54 yards rushing came against Southern Miss...his longest rush of the year—40 yards—came in that game...rushed for 40 yards vs. Auburn, caught two passes and picked up a big first down on a 6-yard rush following a fake field goal attempt in the first quarter... in the receiving department, had 12 catches for 113 yards...**1986:** started three regular-season games plus the All-American Bowl as a sophomore...rushed for 148 yards and five TDs...scored the first TD of the season on a 36-yard run vs. Toledo...season-high rushing total was his 45 yards vs. Louisville that included a 6-yard TD...**1985:** played fullback on the scout team and earned a scholarship based on his performances...**1984:** started on Florida Junior College's



**#26**

**ALPHONSO WILLIAMS**

**STRONG SAFETY**

6-0, 205, Senior  
Lloyd, Florida (Jefferson County High School)

he'd be a starter at any other school but at FSU he backs up three-year starter Stan Shiver...says secondary coach Mickey Andrews: "for a guy going into his senior year, he improved as much as anyone in spring drills"...because Shiver was excused from the spring work-

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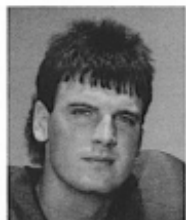
baseball team and then transferred to FSU...**High School:** honorable mention all-state as a senior and MVP of his high school team...**Personal Notes:** an economics and business major, Dayne compiled over a 3.1 GPA for the '87 school year...born May 10, 1966

### RUSHING

Year	Rushes	Yards	Avg.	TD	Long
1986	38	148	3.9	5	36
1987	71	272	3.8	15	40
<b>Totals</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>420</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>40</b>

### RECEIVING

Year	Catches	Yards	Avg.	TD	Long
1986	4	38	9.5	0	12
1987	12	113	9.4	0	17
<b>Totals</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>9.4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>17</b>



## #4 PETER TOM WILLIS

### QUARTERBACK

6-3, 207, Junior  
Morris, Alabama (Mortimer Jordan High School)

was the most improved quarterback of the spring...at one point he moved ahead of Chip Ferguson into the number one position...going into the fall, however, he's at the heels of Ferguson...understands the Florida State offense extremely well...picks up blitzes well...coaches have confidence that he can play winning football...had a tough spring game, completing just eight of 25 passes for 112 yards and one TD while being sacked four times by the first team defense...**1987:** as the third team quarterback, Peter Tom saw action in just four games...completed nine of 10 passes for 67 yards and a touchdown...the TD came against Southern Miss...**1986:** "PT" played in eight of the team's 11 regular season games, completing 61 percent of his passes (36-59) for 463 yards and three TDs...did not play against Nebraska, Michigan, Florida or Indiana...his first major college action came in the season opener vs. Toledo where he completed eight of 11 passes for 96 yards and a score...had good outings against Tulane (8-12, 109 yards, TD) and Wichita State (4-4, 71 yards, TD)...was called upon in the Miami game to replace starter Danny McManus...completed seven of 14 passes for 72 yards and was intercepted once...got his first career start the next week vs. South Carolina but was not able to move the Seminoles consistently, completing just four of seven passes for 51 yards and throwing two interceptions...**1985:** redshirted...had the best grade point average of any freshman for the school year...**High School:** the class 4A Player of the Year in Alabama...an all-state and All-South selection while throwing for over 2,000 yards and 21 TDs...passed for nearly 400 yards in one game and threw five touchdown passes in another as his school went 9-3 his senior year...**Personal Notes:** Peter Tom has put on 36 pounds since arriving on campus in 1985...majoring in math education and coaching and compiled over a 3.0 GPA for the '87 school year...is a scratch golfer...born Jan. 4, 1967...

### PASSING

Year	Att	Comp.	Pct.	Yds.	TD	INT	LG
1986	59	36	61.0	463	3	4	38
1987	10	9	90.0	67	1	0	12
<b>Totals</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>65.2</b>	<b>530</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>38</b>

### TOTAL OFFENSE

Year	Plays	Yards	TD
1986	65	428	3
1987	11	85	1
<b>Totals</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>513</b>	<b>4</b>



## #44 JOHN WYCHE

### STRONG SAFETY

6-2, 207, Sophomore  
Thomasville, Georgia (Central High School)

Wyche is doubtful for the 1988 season and is still waiting to see if he'll be able to play again after sustaining a very serious broken leg last season...**1987:** John's season ended in Game 11 in Gainesville when his left tibia was fractured in five places...the injury was so serious that a tibial rod had to be implanted and skin grafts were required...John played mostly on the special teams where he was noted as a fierce hitter, but he also gathered some experience in the secondary...made 18 tackles on the season...named co-MVP of the kickoff team along with Corian Freeman...**1986:** was redshirted...**High School:** Wyche signed late with the Seminoles...made the all-region team at Central...**Personal Notes:** born April 10, 1968...

### DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

Year	Tackles	Assists	Total	QS	TFL	INT	PBU
1987	10	8	18	0	0	0	0



## #70 TONY YEOMANS

### OFFENSIVE GUARD

6-2, 245, Junior  
Jessup, Georgia (Wayne County High School)

he's penciled in as the starter at tight guard but in the fall he must hold off a challenge by Hayward Haynes...although this guy doesn't have the ability of some FSU offensive linemen, he has become whatever is needed...he has been a "putty" man and helps out at every position on the line...was experimented in the spring at center but moved back to guard...has developed into a good leader...very competitive and intelligent...was chosen by coaches as the most improved offensive lineman of the spring...has lost 40 pounds from his freshman year...**1987:** Tony split time at the split guard slot with John Brown...played in every game and started seven...started the first four games and the last two of the regular season...**1986:** was injured much of the season...practiced at noseguard and then was switched to the offensive line...**1985:** it looked like he may play early in the season but then hurt a knee which required surgery to have the cartilage removed...qualified for a medical hardship...**High School:** made 72 tackles as a noseguard and caused 24 fumbles...was a four-year starter on the defensive line...played in the Florida-Georgia all-star game...**Personal Notes:** majoring in physical education and coaching...born March 26, 1967...

## TOP PERFORMANCES OF 1988 RETURNING PLAYERS

### 100-YARD RUSHING GAMES

244 yards, SAMMIE SMITH vs. East Carolina, 1987  
 212 yards, VICTOR FLOYD vs. South Carolina, 1985  
 205 yards, SAMMIE SMITH vs. Indiana, 1986 All-American Bowl  
 189 yards, SAMMIE SMITH vs. South Carolina, 1987  
 176 yards, SAMMIE SMITH vs. Miami, 1987  
 163 yards, KEITH ROSS vs. South Carolina, 1985  
 142 yards, SAMMIE SMITH vs. Southern Miss, 1987  
 135 yards, DEXTER CARTER vs. Memphis State, 1987  
 124 yards, VICTOR FLOYD vs. Louisville, 1987  
 119 yards, VICTOR FLOYD vs. South Carolina, 1986  
 119 yards, SAMMIE SMITH vs. Louisville, 1986  
 116 yards, SAMMIE SMITH vs. Florida, 1986  
 116 yards, SAMMIE SMITH vs. Florida, 1987  
 111 yards, SAMMIE SMITH vs. Tulane, 1987  
 111 yards, DEXTER CARTER vs. Florida, 1987  
 110 yards, VICTOR FLOYD vs. Louisville, 1986  
 103 yards, KEITH ROSS vs. Western Carolina, 1985

### SCORED THREE TOUCHDOWNS IN A GAME

3, DAYNE WILLIAMS vs. Tulane (all rushing), 1987  
 3, DEXTER CARTER vs. Memphis State (2 rush, 1 pass), 1987  
 3, SAMMIE SMITH vs. Tulane (2 rush, 1 pass), 1987

### 200-YARD PASSING GAMES

338 yards, CHIP FERGUSON vs. Oklahoma State, 1985 Gator Bowl  
 230 yards, CHIP FERGUSON vs. Florida, 1985  
 228 yards, CHIP FERGUSON vs. South Carolina, 1986

### THREE TOUCHDOWN PASSING GAMES

3, CHIP FERGUSON vs. Tulsa, 1985  
 3, CHIP FERGUSON vs. South Carolina, 1985

### 100-YARD RECEIVING GAMES

107 yards, RONALD LEWIS vs. Memphis State, 1987

### TWO TOUCHDOWN RECEIVING GAMES

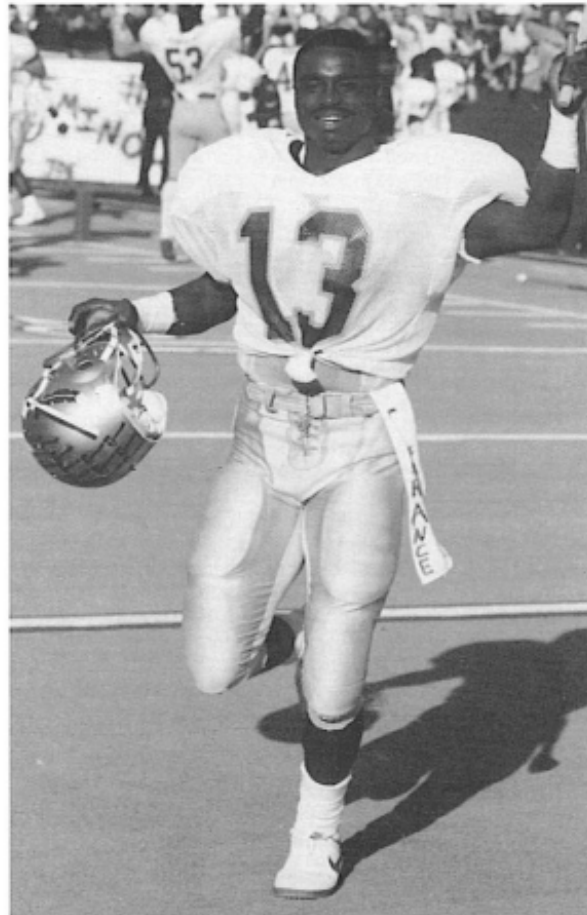
2, RONALD LEWIS vs. Wichita State, 1986

### TWO INTERCEPTION GAMES

2, DEION SANDERS vs. North Carolina, 1986  
 2, STAN SHIVER vs. Southern Miss, 1987

### 15-TACKLE GAMES

22, ERIC HAYES vs. Furman, 1987



*Dexter Carter has twice rushed for 100-yard games and scored three touchdowns against Memphis State a year ago*

## FRESHMEN

**BRYCE ABBOTT, DB, 6-1, 195, TIFTON, GA. (Tift County)**—hails from the same high school as FSU senior Stan Shiver and has been described as "faster Shiver" . . . chose FSU over Georgia . . . first team 4A all-state as picked by the *Atlanta Constitution* . . . had 80 tackles and four interceptions as a senior . . . played in the Florida-Georgia all-star game . . . born on the same day as fellow freshman Tommy Henry . . .

**ROBBIE BAKER, OL, 6-5, 235, FT. MYERS, FLA. (Ft. Myers)**—probably will be a center at FSU . . . benches 325 pounds . . . a member of the Florida all-stars who played the Georgia all-stars during the summer . . . *Ft. Myers News Press Athlete of the Year* . . . plans to major in business . . . high school teammate of fellow FSU frosh Leon Fowler . . .

**TYRONE BARBER, OL, 6-4, 260, THOMASVILLE, GA. (Thomasville)**—considered by many to be the best offensive lineman in the state of Georgia . . . 3A all-state first team . . . was the first lineman chosen on the Georgia all-star team . . . bench presses 385 pounds . . . picked up nickname "Interstate 78" after the number he wore . . . high school team finished 11-1 . . . named to the All-Dixie team by *Super Prep Magazine* and to the All-South team by the *Orlando Sentinel* . . . *Lindy's Recruiting Magazine* named him to its All-Georgia defensive team and the *Atlanta Constitution* picked him as one of the top 25 players in the state . . .

**LAVON BROWN, DB, 5-11, 190, MOORE HAVEN, FLA. (Moore Haven)**—he'll probably be playing at cornerback . . . was first team Class A all-state as a utility back . . . attended the FSU football camp . . . played option quarterback in high school . . . his basketball team made it to the final four in the state playoffs . . . wants to major in computer science . . .

**KIRK CARRUTHERS, ILB, 6-2, 205, EAST LANSING, MI. (East Lansing)**—grew up in the shadows of Michigan State . . . his father coached five years with MSU head coach George Perles under the legendary Duffy Daugherty . . . Perles was also best man in Kirk's father's wedding . . . an honorable mention *USA Today All-American* . . . had 115 tackles and seven interceptions as a senior and also caught 44 passes for 670 yards . . . made two all-state teams as a tight end and three as a linebacker . . . named to Michigan's 22-member "Dream Team" and was Defensive Player of the Year in his league . . . member of his high school debate club and also performed in two musicals . . . wants to major in business and minor in communication and carried better than a 3.2 grade point average in high school . . . has two brothers who played football for Central Michigan . . .

**JAMES CHANEY, L, 6-0, 250, NORTH FT. MYERS, FLA. (N. Ft. Myers)**—could play on either line at FSU but is most prominently known as a noseguard . . . also played fullback and punted in high school . . . outstanding student whose mother is the dean of students at his former high school . . . owns a 430 pound bench press . . . was starting guard on 1984 high school team when FSU's Deion Sanders starred at quarterback . . . runs a 4.8 40-yard dash . . . first team 4A all-state as a senior . . . 83 tackles, four fumble recoveries and four sacks . . .

**DEONDRI CLARK, OLB, 6-4, 250, WINTER GARDEN, FLA. (West Orange)**—chosen as one of the top 100 players in the nation by *USA Today* . . . also named to the *Orlando Sentinel's* All-South team and honored by the Orlando Touchdown Club as its Defensive Player of the Year . . . played in the Florida-Georgia all-star game . . . many considered him the top-ranked defensive player in the state . . . first team 4A all-state and Super 24 . . . plans to major in criminal justice . . .

**ED CLARK, JR., OLB, 6-3, 210, MELBOURNE, FLA. (Melbourne)**—first team 4A all-state selection who was recruited by everybody . . . could play inside or outside linebacker for FSU . . . had 144 tackles in 1987, including 95 solo . . . president of the Melbourne student body as a senior . . . cousin of just-graduated tight end Pat Carter . . . plans to major in electrical engineering . . .

**JASON CRAIN, ILB, 6-2, 215, PUNTA GORDA, FLA. (Charlotte)**—Defensive Player of the Year in his area . . . had two interceptions, one that went for a touchdown . . . rushed for 600 yards in six games at fullback . . . nephew of former FSU linebacker Paul Piurowski . . . first freshman to ever play on his high school's varsity team . . .

**JASON DILLABERRY, OL, 6-5, 275, ORANGE PARK, FLA. (Orange Park)**—named to *USA Today's* national top 100 list . . . also picked to the Dixie squad of *Super Prep Magazine*, to *Lindy's* All-Florida team and to the *Orlando Sentinel's* Florida Super 24 team . . . played in the Florida-Georgia all-star game . . . one of the state's top heavyweight wrestlers, Dillaberry lost in the state finals to fellow recruit Kevin Mancini . . . 3.4 GPA in high school . . . plans to major in hotel management . . . first name is Mark, but goes by his middle name of Jason . . .

**JOHN FLATH, DL, 6-4, 250, CASSELBERRY, FLA. (Lake Highland Prep)**—attended FSU's summer football camp . . . played four sports and was the Class A champion as a junior in the discus . . . played both offensive and defensive lines . . . first team Class A all-state as a junior and third team as a senior . . . good speed—4.95 in the 40 . . . plans to major in business . . .

**LEON FOWLER, DB, 6-2, 190, FT. MYERS, FLA. (Ft. Myers)**—member of the Florida Super 24 team and played in the Florida-Georgia all-star game . . . was an option quarterback and defensive back at Ft. Myers . . . completed 38 of 78 passes for 524 yards and as a defensive back intercepted five passes . . . also plans to play baseball at FSU . . . high school teammate of Robbie Baker . . .

**REGGIE FREEMAN, OLB, 6-3, 220, CLEWISTON, FLA. (Clewiston)**—second team Class 3A all-state . . . plans to major in criminology . . . played both defensive end and tight end in high school . . . was hurt late in his senior season . . . his track team was the state 2A champs in '86 and '87 track . . .

**ERIC GIBBS, OL, 6-6, 310, ATLANTA, GA. (The Lovett School)**—Gibbs will rank as the biggest player FSU has on its roster . . . 2A all-state first team as picked by *Atlanta Constitution* . . . an alternate for the Florida-Georgia all-star game . . . plans to major in industrial management . . .





Lawrence Dawsey, redshirted as a freshman in 1986, contributed in his second season at FSU

**FELIX HARRIS, CB, 6-1, 195, LAKE PLACID, FLA. (Lake Placid)**—one of four former option quarterbacks that FSU recruited who will play defensive back . . . this young man is a jack of all trades . . . played nose guard three years in high school and then played quarterback and running back as a senior . . . he played wide receiver in the '88 Georgia-Florida all-star game . . . has been timed at 4.34 in the 40 . . . made the first team of the 2A all-state squad . . . rushed for 366 yards and nine TDs as a running back . . . his basketball team made it to the 2A final four in the state playoffs . . . nicknamed "The Cat", of course . . .

**TOMMY HENRY, CB, 6-1, 175, DeSOTO, FLA. (DeSoto County)**—former option quarterback . . . probably will play cornerback at FSU . . . first team 3A all-state . . . had 1,078 yards of total offense and was sacked just once . . . played in the Georgia-Florida all-star game . . . athletic ability has been likened to that of Deion Sanders . . . also played basketball . . . born on the same day as fellow freshman Bryce Abbott . . .

**BRAD LUNDSTROM, OLB, 6-5, 225, NAPLES, FLA. (Lely)**—played in the Florida-Georgia all-star game . . . could be targeted for a linebacking position or may end up on the defensive line if he gains weight . . . first team 3A all-state at linebacker where he had a school record of 143 tackles . . . had 15 catches and two touchdowns as a tight end . . . participated in state shot put competition last three years . . . attended the FSU football camp . . . brother Jay was a member of Clemson's 1981 national championship team . . .

**KEVIN MANCINI, OL, 6-4, 255, BRANDON, FLA. (Brandon)**—one of FSU's most acclaimed recruits . . . named to the *USA Today* and *United Press International* Top 100 high school seniors' lists . . . also

made the *Orlando Sentinel's* All-South team and *Super Prep Magazine's* All-Dixie squad . . . *Lindy's Recruiting Magazine* named him second team All-South . . . member of the Super 24 Senior team in Florida that competed against the Georgia all-stars in the summer . . . first team 5A all-state . . . selected FSU over Ohio State, Michigan, Florida and Auburn . . . father played offensive guard for the Chicago Bears from 1967 to 1979 . . . has snapping experience where FSU could have a void . . . participated in summer camps at FSU, Florida and Michigan . . . picked as the top offensive lineman in Michigan's camp . . . also went to Michigan's wrestling camp . . . born in Detroit . . . was FSU's first 1988 commitment, making that decision at Thanksgiving ('87) and taking no other visits although he was recruited by every major school . . . won the 4A state heavyweight wrestling title in 1988 on Brandon's nationally-ranked team . . .

**ERIC MCGILL, TE, 6-6, 235, WALTERBORO, S.C. (John C. Calhoun Academy)**—although he grew up a Bulldog fan, signed with Florida State because of the role of the tight end in the FSU offense . . . attended a private school and was named the top player in South Carolina among those schools . . . 46 catches for 781 yards and seven touchdowns . . . all-conference for three years in football, basketball and baseball . . . plans to major in interior design . . .

**PETE PRINZI, QB/DB, 6-0, 185, TAMPA, FLA. (Plant)**—an "athlete", Prinzi may be looked at first as a safety . . . played quarterback in high school, throwing for 2,281 yards and 13 TDs in his junior and senior seasons combined . . . broke his leg in the last game of his senior season . . . finished first in his county in the President's Physical Fitness Program competition . . . father Vic was a former FSU quarterback and serves as the current Seminole Sports Network color analyst . . . Pete plans to major in business . . .

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**TROY SANDERS, DL/OL, 6-2, 270, ELBA, ALA. (Elba)**—named to the *Montgomery Advertiser's* Dynamite Dozen and first team 3A all-state by the *Birmingham News* and the Alabama Sportswriters Association . . . his team made it to the quarterfinals of the state playoffs in 1987 . . . Elba was the 4A state runnerup his sophomore year and the 3A runnerup his junior season . . . played both lines at Elba . . . had 79 tackles as a noseguard . . . played in the Alabama-Mississippi all-star game on the defensive line . . . had a 3.0 GPA in high school . . .

**CARL SIMPSON, TE, 6-3, 230, BAXLEY, GA. (Appling County)**—hails from the same high school that produced FSU tailback Dexter Carter . . . played defensive tackle and tight end . . . 19 receptions for 254 yards . . . honorable mention all-state . . . broke his high school's record in the shot put . . .

**DAVID STALLWORTH, ILB, 6-2, 230, ROBERTSDALE, ALA. (Robertsdale)**—a member of the *Orlando Sentinel's* All-South team, Stallworth had 103 tackles and 49 assists as a senior . . . 5 A all-state . . . originally committed to LSU . . . president of his high school class and also the National Honor Society . . . had a 3.8 GPA

**ROBERT STEVENSON, OL, 6-3, 250, PENSACOLA, FLA. (Escambia)**—he really signed with the Class of 1987, but did not enroll when he didn't get the ACT score needed under Proposition 48 . . . re-tested and passed the exam last fall and spent two terms attending Pensacola Junior College on a part-time basis . . . he will be a full-fledged freshman in 1988 . . . a second team All-South selection his senior year in high school after blocking for the nation's number one runner, Emmitt Smith . . . Stevenson made the first team of the

4A all-state squad . . . high school offensive coordinator Max is now a graduate assistant on the FSU coaching staff . . .

**OLIVER STRICKLAND, DL, 6-3, 285, PHILADELPHIA, PA. (West Philadelphia)**—named to the *Super Prep Magazine* All-American team on offense . . . his coach says he's the best offensive lineman he's coached in 25 years . . . FSU recruited him to play on its defensive line . . . father lives in Callahan, just north of Jacksonville, and Oliver attended West Nassau High School there until his senior year when he moved to Philadelphia . . . ran 4.83 in the 40 at Penn State's football camp . . . picked FSU over Florida, Pitt, UCLA and Penn State . . . has thrown the shot put 59 feet . . .

**CHARLIE WARD, QB, 6-1, 175, THOMASVILLE, GA. (Central)**—named to *Super Prep Magazine's* All-Dixie team . . . considered the state's top quarterback after rushing for 1,000 yards and throwing for 1,891 (109 of 190) . . . rushed for nine TDs and threw for 16 . . . punted for a 40.6 average . . . will play for Georgia in the Florida-Georgia all-star game . . . *Atlanta Constitution* named him its Georgia Offensive Player of the Year . . . Ward was second team all-state in basketball last winter . . . parents attended Florida A & M . . . FSU coaches expect to redshirt him in 1988 . . .

**JOHN WIMBERLY, P, 6-3, 195, TAMPA, FLA. (King)**—FSU coaches first spotted him in the Bobby Bowden summer football camp . . . punted in six games as a senior and averaged 36.6 yards . . . without blocks, his average was 40.2 . . . underwent knee surgery to repair an anterior cruciate ligament he damaged in an off-the-field accident while rehearsing for a play . . . some liken him to former FSU great Rohn Stark, now the NFL's all-time leading punter . . .



Fullback Edgar Bennett was one of three freshmen to letter in 1987