

SUE SEMRAU

HEAD COACH • SIXTH YEAR • CALIFORNIA-SAN DIEGO '85



SEMRAU FILE

FSU/CAREER RECORD: 60-82 (5 years)

COACHING STOPS:

Occidental College (Los Angeles, CA) — Head Coach/
Assistant Athletic Director (1987-90)

Northern Illinois University (DeKalb, IL) — Assistant
Coach/Recruiting Coordinator (1990-93)

University of Wisconsin (Madison, WI) — Assistant Coach/
Recruiting Coordinator (1994-97)

Florida State University — Head Coach (1997-present);

2001 ACC Coach of the Year

IN THE FIVE YEARS UNDER THE REIGN OF HEAD coach Sue Semrau, the Florida State women's basketball program has very nearly mirrored that of the creation of FSU's new basketball training center.

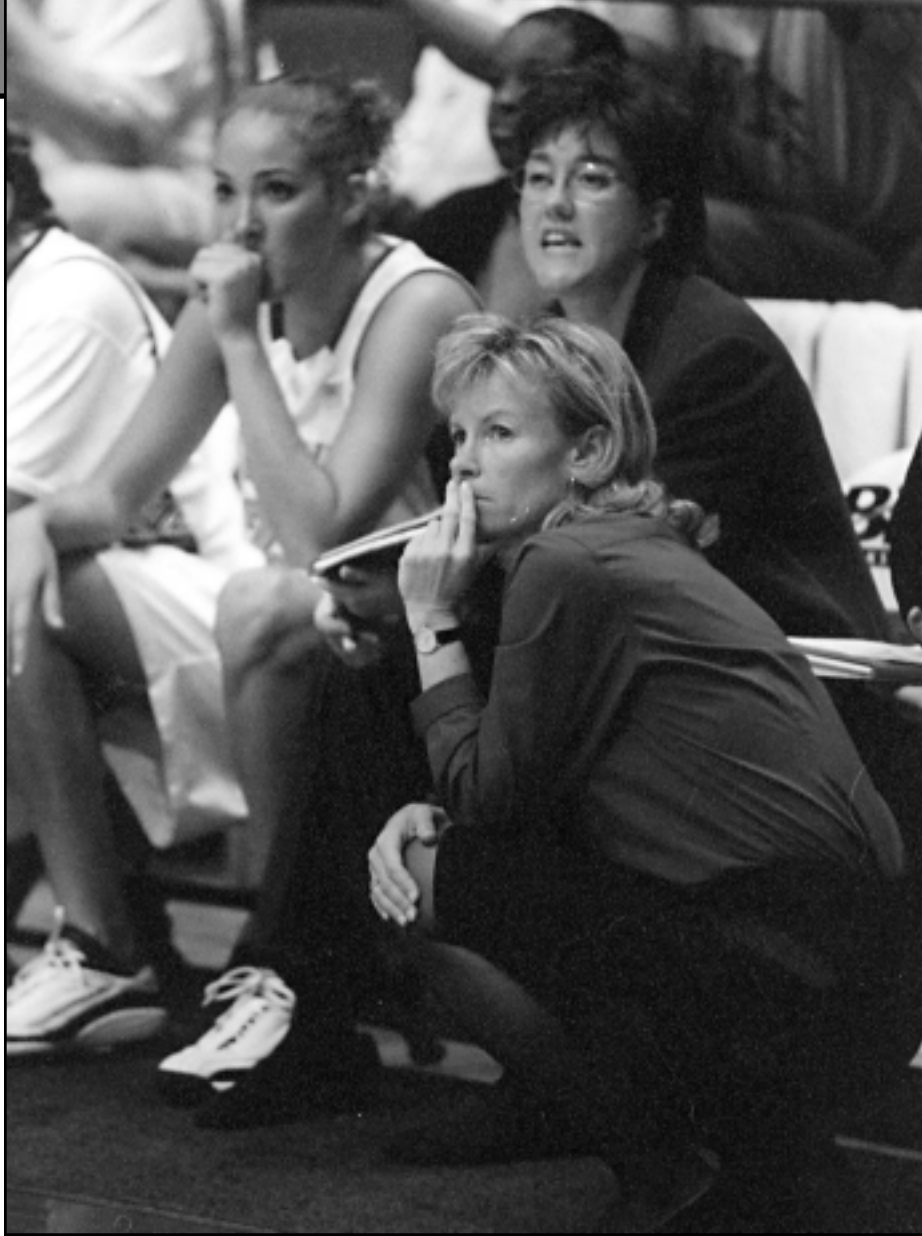
First, there was the vision of something great. Then there was the planning stage of the structure. Next was the breaking of the ground and assuring that the foundation on which the structure was to be built upon would be solid and sturdy enough for many years. What followed was gathering the materials and actually constructing the building in which workers had to weather just about every storm imaginable, both literally and figuratively. There were some setbacks and some complications along the way and its completion took longer than expected, but the coaching staff moved into the facility anyway, even though it wasn't totally finished. Things still needed to be done on the inside, but it looked great to everyone else from the outside. Finally, the facility is completed and the finished product is one of the best in the country and one that will be enjoyed by Florida State basketball for years to come.

Since arriving at Florida State five years ago, Semrau has literally had to rebuild the women's basketball program from the ground up. In 1997, Semrau inherited a Seminole team that had gone winless in the ACC the season before and a program that hadn't seen a winning season in five years. But she had a passion and a desire to build and she hit the ground running.

"I've always said you have to see the invisible, to do the impossible," Semrau said.

And there it was; her vision for the Seminole program. She and her staff began by working hours upon hours, especially on the recruiting end, in planning for the future of the program. Semrau then worked at building some consistency for the program, which had seen three new head coaches in three years, thus assuring a solid foundation. She gathered her materials in the form of top-rated recruiting classes which allowed for steady improvement on the basketball court. And in her fourth season, Semrau's program looked as if it was totally built when the Seminoles concluded the 2000-01 season 19-12 and ranked No. 25 in the final *USA Today*/ESPN Coaches' Poll. But what Semrau found out the next year was that although her program may have looked great from the outside, on the inside, some things still had to be done in order to have a finished





Writers Association announced that Semrau was named the 2001 Atlantic Coast Conference Coach of the Year.

"You would have to understand the magnitude of the task that she undertook four years ago in order to fully appreciate just how deserving this honor is for Sue Semrau," FSU Director of Athletics Dave Hart said. "In a conference full of outstanding coaches, Sue very much earned this recognition. I'm very happy for her."

In 1997, when Hart went searching for a women's basketball coach, he found in Semrau just what he was looking for.

"Sue's integral role in the building process at two different programs, along with her tremendous energy and reputation as a recruiter, were the most important profile characteristics in her selection as our women's basketball coach at Florida State University," Hart said.

From the moment she stepped onto the Florida State campus, Semrau brought hope and excitement back to the Florida State women's basketball program. With vast coaching experience at two Division I schools, Semrau brought a great deal of wisdom and vision to a program starving for such nourishment.

Semrau's philosophy in rebuilding the Florida State program has been a simple one. Semrau runs her program in such a way where players are treated as people first, students second and athletes third. She is a relationship coach who believes in initiating relationships rather than waiting for others to do so.

Semrau's style has been embraced by all who have come in contact with her. She has won the hearts of the Florida State media, fans and most importantly, the student-athletes, which has become very evi-

product. Semrau believes that 2002-03 may just be the year that the Florida State women's basketball program settles in and becomes a program to be contended with for years to come.

Florida State had a breakout season in 2000-01 as Semrau guided the Seminoles to a No. 25 final ranking with a 19-12 record, a third-place finish in the ACC and its first NCAA Tournament since 1990-91. It was Florida State's first winning season since 1991-92 as well as the school's best league finish since joining the ACC in 1991. The Seminoles were the only team in the nation to defeat Duke on its home court in 2000-01. The Seminoles earned their highest-ever seed in the ACC Tourney at No. 4 and advanced to the tournament's semifinals for the first time. Other firsts included defeating Virginia for the first time and FSU took two of three from the Cavaliers, including a win in the ACC Tournament. The Seminoles' win over Tulane in the NCAA Tournament marked the first time that FSU has recorded a postseason victory away from Tallahassee.

Her efforts were recognized and rewarded when the Atlantic Coast Sports



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dent in her recruiting success. Semrau and her staff have brought in four of the nation's top recruiting classes since their arrival. The current FSU roster is highlighted by a two-time *Parade* All-American, the Arizona and Georgia Gatorade Players of the Year, several *USA Today* honorable mention All-Americans and 1999's Miss Florida and Miss Alabama Basketball recipients. Three players have also been drafted to the WNBA since Semrau's arrival, with Brooke Wyckoff still playing for the Orlando Miracle.



Semrau's friendliness and ease with the media have prompted the group to refer to her as the "female Bobby Bowden." And the "Lunch with Sue," — booster-sponsored luncheons, continues to grow in popularity and attendance.

Her commitment to community service has also been a priority for the program and it all starts on the court. Following every Seminole home game, fans are invited to circle the court to meet the players and coaches. But that's just the beginning. The Seminoles have performed a variety of services, including the Walker Ford Tutorial Program, in which the players donate two hours of their time on Saturday mornings to tutor elementary-aged children. They have helped package and deliver meals with Elder Care Services for the "Meals on Wheels" program, cleaned and cooked at the Ronald McDonald House, done lawn work and helped plant a garden at a local women's shelter, gone Christmas caroling at a retirement home and visited children in the Pediatrics Ward. Over the past two seasons, the Seminoles have taken their commitment to community service up a notch and beyond the comforts of the city of Tallahassee. While continuing to serve the Tallahassee community, the Seminoles also extended a helping hand to the communities in which they traveled to for competition. FSU has made visits to the Boys and Girls Club at the Coalition for the Homeless in Orlando and elementary schools in Harlem, West Chester, Ohio and Martinsville, Indiana.

"Anytime we can do something to help people when we're on the road, it sinks in a little deeper than even when we are in our own community," Semrau said. "It's not only important when we are in Tal-

lahassee, but anywhere we go, there's a need. What I see, as a result, is a bunch of players who are very excited about giving back. I think it's a culture that not only women's basketball, but Florida State athletics has started and one that's meeting a need for people who are out there and it turns out to be a lot of fun."

From day one of her reign, Semrau emphasized a need to build consistency in every facet of the women's basketball program from when and where the Seminoles practice, to where they hold meetings, to what time they eat dinner. With Semrau's arrival to Florida State in the summer of 1997, the Seminole women's basketball program had had three different head coaches in three years. Now entering her sixth season, Semrau's commitment to building a respectable program at FSU has provided stability to the program.

Prior to coming to FSU, Semrau served three years as an assistant coach and recruiting coordinator at the University of Wisconsin under Badger Head Coach Jane Albright. Semrau joined Albright at Northern Illinois in 1991 where she assisted in leading NIU to three consecutive NCAA tournament appearances.

In her three seasons at Wisconsin, Semrau contributed to the Badgers' three straight winning seasons and two NCAA tournament appearances, including the program's first ever back-to-back 20-win seasons. Wisconsin also posted its best record in program history, a 21-8 mark in 1995-96, during Semrau's tenure.

Semrau was also noted for her recruiting efforts at Wisconsin with a 1995 recruiting class that ranked eighth in the country by Blue Star Index. The Badgers' 1997 class



featured the program's first WBCA Prep All-American and the first multiple *Parade Magazine* honoree. In the summer of 1996, Semrau was the head coach of a team of college alumni that competed in the Athletes in Action Spring Australian Tour.

Prior to her hiring at Northern Illinois, Semrau served as head women's basketball coach and assistant athletic director at Occidental College in Los Angeles for four years where she compiled a 51-47 overall record. She also coached soccer for two seasons and was responsible for the administrative duties of fundraising and promotions at the Division III institution. At Occidental, Semrau was a member of the NCAA regional selection committee and chaired the Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference for women's basketball.

Semrau also worked as the public relations and promotions director for the L.A. Heat professional soccer team from 1986-87, and the public relations director for the Seattle Storm soccer team in the previous year.

A native of Seattle, Wash., Semrau is a graduate of Shorecrest High School where she earned all-conference honors in her senior year. She went on to attend the University of Puget Sound for two years. Semrau transferred to the University of California-San Diego in 1984 where she finished her career ranking 13th in all-time scoring and fourth in all-time assists. She graduated in 1985 with a bachelor's degree in communications and received her master's degree in athletic administration from the University of Southern California

in 1988.

An accomplished speaker, Semrau is a very popular guest speaker in the community as well as with alumni groups around the state. She is also active as a volunteer with the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. ■ ■



THERESA GERNATT

ASSISTANT COACH • SEVENTH YEAR • GEORGIA TECH '91



GERNATT FILE

COACHING STOPS:

University of Maryland (College Park, MD) — Assistant Coach (1991-92)

University of Wisconsin (Madison, WI) — Administrative Assistant (1994-95)

Mississippi State University (Mississippi State, MS) — Assistant Coach (1995-96)

Florida State University — Assistant Coach/Recruiting Coordinator (1996-present)

THERESA A. GERNATT, OR "COACH TAG" AS SHE is affectionately called, begins her seventh season as the top assistant coach for the Florida State women's basketball program. Gernatt came to FSU as an assistant coach in 1996 and retained her position upon Sue Semrau's arrival in 1997. Her familiarity with the FSU athletics program was a great advantage to Semrau as was her familiarity with the coaching staff that Semrau assembled.

Gernatt worked with Semrau and Angie Johnson back in 1994-95 when she served one year as an administrative assistant for the Wisconsin women's basketball program.

As Semrau's top assistant, Gernatt has been instrumental in Florida State's recruiting process, serving as the program's recruiting coordinator. Her efforts were rewarded in 1999 when she and the women's basketball staff signed the No. 8

ranked recruiting class in the nation. FSU's signing class in 2001 was ranked 13th while last fall's class received a No. 9 national rating. With Gernatt's help, the current FSU roster is highlighted by a two-time *Parade* All-American, the Arizona and Georgia Gatorade Players of the Year, several *USA Today* honorable mention All-Americans and 1999's Miss Florida and Miss Alabama Basketball recipients. Three players have also been drafted to the WNBA since Gernatt's arrival, with Brooke Wyckoff still playing for the Orlando Miracle.

Gernatt came to FSU in 1996 after serving one year as an assistant coach at Mississippi State. At MSU, Gernatt monitored the academic progress of the student-athletes, managed the program's tape-exchange and assisted with on-court responsibilities.

A native of Marietta, Ga., Gernatt has several ties to the Atlantic Coast Conference. She was a four-year letter winner at Georgia Tech, where she earned a degree in management in 1991, and then served as an assistant coach at the University of Maryland the following season during which time the Terrapins reached a No. 1 national ranking. Gernatt returned to her alma mater for the next two years and worked as an assistant to the athletic director while pursuing her master's degree. ■ ■



ANGIE JOHNSON

ASSISTANT COACH • SIXTH YEAR • LOUISVILLE '91

WHEN SUE SEMRAU CAME TO FLORIDA STATE, SHE knew that her selection of assistant coaches would play a vital role in the success of the Florida State's women's basketball program. She had this in mind when she hired sixth-year assistant Angie Johnson.

Aside from her on-the-court coaching and recruiting duties, Johnson works closely with Florida State's athletic academic support staff in monitoring the academic progress of the Seminoles. In four of the last five years, at least six women's basketball players have earned their place on the ACC Academic Honor Roll — the most since Florida State joined the league. Johnson also works closely with the women's basketball support club, the Hoop Troop, and is very instrumental in the planning of such events as the annual Hoop Troop Golf Outing, the Alumni Game and the "Lunch with Sue," booster luncheons. This year, she will also oversee the equipment operation. Her attention to detail and her creativity have made her a perfect candidate for these responsibilities.

Johnson, like Semrau, came to Florida State in 1997 from the University of Wisconsin, where she served as the Badgers' third assistant for three years. Some of her responsibilities at UW included opponent scouting, coordinating video exchange and arranging student-athletes community service. In her final season at UW, she also served as the team's academic liaison. Johnson was



JOHNSON FILE

COACHING STOPS:

Paul G. Blazer High School (Ashland, KY) — Assistant Coach (1991-94)
 University of Wisconsin (Madison, WI) — Assistant Coach (1994-97)
 Florida State University — Assistant Coach (1997-present)

also active with the BadgerBall Booster Club, the Jane's Gem kids club and was co-director of the BadgerBall Girls Hoops Camp for two summers.

Prior to joining the Badger staff, Johnson was the assistant basketball coach at Paul G. Blazer High School in her hometown of Ashland, Ky. She was a four-year

letter winner at the University of Louisville from 1987-91. A 6-0 center, she ranked among the top 10 in career rebounds (621) and games played (120). Johnson, who earned her degree in biology, was the recipient of the Ed Kallay Senior Award in 1991 and was a Woodford R. Porter Scholar. ■■



SCOTT STOEHR

ASSISTANT COACH • FIRST YEAR • NEBRASKA WESLEYAN '97



STOEHR FILE

COACHING STOPS:

Nebraska Wesleyan — Assistant Coach (1996-97)
 North Texas University — Assistant Coach (1997-2002)



FLORIDA STATE WOMEN'S BASKETBALL HEAD COACH Sue Semrau knew she was looking for a coach who knew his X's and O's when she went searching for a new assistant coach last July, but it was also vital that she found a person with the same passion and energy that she and her existing assistant coaches shared. Once she found Scott Stoehr, she knew her search was over. Stoehr (pronounced STORE) comes to Florida State from North Texas where he spent the past five seasons as an assistant coach with the Lady Eagles' program.

"We're very excited to have Scott join our staff," Semrau said. "We feel like he is a great fit for our staff and meets the needs of our program. Coming from North Texas, Scott is familiar with being a part of a staff who had success in building a solid program and because of that, he understands the building process. He has so much energy and enthusiasm and a great work ethic. He is also very knowledgeable about the game and we're excited to have

him work with our guards and their development."

Stoehr was responsible for the Lady Eagles' conditioning program and worked primarily with the guard position. His duties also included scouting, practice and game preparation, film exchange and the breaking down and editing of game tape. In addition, Stoehr was closely involved with recruiting, its organization and correspondence. He also planned and coordinated North Texas' Girls Summer Basketball Camps.

Prior to his coaching stint at North Texas, Stoehr served as an assistant coach for one year at Nebraska Wesleyan University, his alma mater. He worked as the post-position coach as well as the assistant strength and conditioning coach. He also coordinated scouting, in-state recruiting and travel.

Stoehr graduated from Nebraska Wesleyan in 1997 with a bachelor's degree in biology after earning a 3.88 grade point average. He garnered GTE Academic All-America honors in 1996 and was a mem-



ber of the Blue Key and National Biology Scholastic honoraria's. He also completed an impressive football career at the school in 1996.

Stoehr earned a master's degree in kinesiology from North Texas in May 1999. The native of Plattsmouth, Neb., has worked numerous camps, including those hosted by North Texas, Iowa State, the United States Naval Academy, the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and the "Helping Kids Win" organization. ■■



KRISTIN BROOKENS

DIRECTOR OF BASKETBALL OPERATIONS • SECOND YEAR • BIOLA UNIVERSITY '95

ALTHOUGH IN HER SECOND SEASON AS FLORIDA State's Director of Basketball Operations, Kristin Brookens is in her fifth year overall as a member of the Seminole program, having joined the staff in May of 1998.



As the Director of Basketball Operations, Brookens has a variety of re-

sponsibilities in all facets of the program. She coordinates team travel as well as facility usage and game management of all practices and games. She assists head coach Sue Semrau with scheduling and serves as the program's liaison with the athletic department's administration. Brookens is also the director of FSU's annual Seminole Classic Thanksgiving Tournament, oversees the graduate assistants and assists with on-campus recruiting and summer camps as well as numerous other duties.

Brookens came to FSU from the University of Tulsa where she spent two sea-

sons as an assistant coach assisting in all aspects of the Golden Hurricane program. She spent her first three years at Florida State as the program assistant and recruiting assistant while pursuing a graduate degree in sports administration. Some of her responsibilities in that position included maintaining and coordinating recruiting databases, organizing recruiting visits and supervising the women's basketball program's budget activity. After earning her Master's Degree from Florida State in April of 2000, Brookens taught undergraduate classes before being elevated to her current position in June of 2001.

A 1995 graduate of Biola University in LaMirada, Calif., Brookens was a four-time women's basketball letterwinner and earned academic All-American honors while completing her degree in psychology.

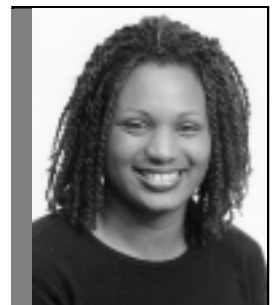
Brookens also served as an assistant basketball clinician for several summers for the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and worked eight summers in her home state of Colorado with Young Life Camps. ■■



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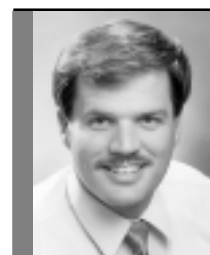
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