



# PATRICK BAKER

## Head Coach

OTTERBEIN COLLEGE '89 • 5<sup>TH</sup> SEASON AT FSU (51-33-7) • 15<sup>TH</sup> SEASON (138-84-13)



### FSU HIGHS

Most Wins ..... 15 (2001)  
Best Record ..... 13-7-3 (2002)  
Best ACC Record ..... 4-3-0 (2001)  
Best ACC Finish ..... 2nd Place (2001)  
NCAA Success .... Round of 16 (2000, 2002); Round of 32 (2001)

2000 National Coach of the Year Runner-Up

2000 Southeast Region Coach of the Year

### US National Team

U-17 ..... 2003  
U-19 ..... 2001-02  
U-16 ..... 2000  
U-21 ..... 1997-99

### Olympic Development

Region III ..... Head Coach  
U-14 ..... North Carolina  
U-17 ..... State Coach Eastern PA  
U-16 ..... South Region Camp  
U-18 ..... South Region Camp  
U-17 ..... South Region Asst. Coach

**H**ead coach Patrick Baker is entering his fifth season at the helm of the Seminole soccer program and his success at FSU has established him as one of the collegiate game's top coaches. His triumphs in the Atlantic Coast Conference (ACC) and in the NCAA Tournament have firmly established the Seminole coach as a rising star on college soccer's largest stages.

Of the 287 teams that participated in Division I women's soccer last year, Baker's



Seminoles became one of only 14 teams to advance into two of the last three Rounds of 16. In just four short years he has also brought the Seminoles into a class with Texas A&M, Penn State, UCLA, BYU, Florida and Nebraska as one of the seven most successful women's soccer programs started in the last decade. He has lead Florida State to three straight NCAA Tournaments, an ACC Championship game appearance, three consecutive top 15 finishes and his teams have set 180 program firsts and records since he took over in 1999.

Baker has guided FSU to 10 of the program's 12 wins over top 25 teams and of those 10 wins half have come against teams

in the top 11. He has a perfect 3-0 record in opening round games in the NCAA Tournament and is 5-3 overall in the postseason including two trips to the Round of 16 in three tries. His .625 winning percentage in the NCAA Tournament is second only to North Carolina's among ACC schools. Of the 23 regional honors awarded to Florida State, 22 have come since Baker's arrival and all 10 of FSU's national awards were awarded during his tenure. His 51 wins in four seasons at FSU are 19 more than the program had totaled in its first four years of existence and he now owns the record for the most coaching victories in school history. He needed just over three seasons and 56 games to break the mark that his predecessor needed 80 games and four years to establish.

Most impressively, Baker has brought Florida State into the upper echelon of the ACC, the nation's premier women's soccer league. Only North Carolina and Clemson have as many overall wins as Florida State since 2000 and the Seminoles completed their second consecutive season in the top four in the conference after never finishing above seventh place before 2001. In 2001, FSU set a school record for the most ACC wins on its way to the school's first ever championship game appearance. Last year, the Seminoles once again finished at .500 or above and tied the record for the fewest conference losses in a single season in team history. And after never winning an ACC Tournament game in its first five trips, FSU has now advanced to the tournament semifinals two of the last three years.

With seven conference wins over the last two seasons under Baker, Florida State has more than tripled its ACC victories from the first six seasons combined. The Garnet and Gold had the conference's third-best overall winning percentage last season and only North Carolina registered fewer losses in 2002 than Florida State. The Seminoles recorded back-to-back conference wins over a single opponent in 2001 and 2002 for the

### TRACEY LEONE

#### U-19 US National Team Head Coach



**"It's a given that any team Patrick Baker coaches is going to be extremely well-organized and inspired. He is one of America's finest, and players love playing for him. Not only is he among the elite in his profession, he is also an exceptional human being. He runs his program with great integrity and pride."**



first time ever and went on to accomplish that feat two more times with wins over Maryland, NC State and Clemson. On top of that, FSU's regular season win in College Park, MD was the school's third straight win over the Terrapins, a program first against any ACC school.

In 2000 and 2001, Baker either over-saw or established 134 program firsts and records. It is hard to imagine there were any other firsts to establish but Baker's 2002 squad recorded 35 more. The program is nearing 200 firsts and records in just the last three seasons under Baker. The Seminoles spent every week except for one ranked in at least one poll and it has been 71 straight games since FSU soccer has had a record below .500. Before Baker's arrival, the FSU soccer program was .500 or below for 52 of its first 80 games. In his 91 games as head coach, Baker's Seminoles have been below .500 on just five occasions and not once since the end of his first season (1999).

On top of turning the program's fortunes around on the field, Baker also set goals to improve the program in recruiting and in attendance and he has exceeded expectations in both areas. Since 2000, only seven schools have brought in four recruiting classes with a combined higher ranking than FSU. Florida State is also one of just nine schools that have been able to bring in four straight top 25 classes since 2000. For the second time in three years, Baker's 2003 recruiting class was ranked in the Top 10 in the nation as it set a new school record when *SoccerBuzz* labeled it the nation's seventh-best group. Of Baker's four straight top 25 classes, three have been ranked amongst the nation's top 12. Four Gatorade Players of the Year have also elected to play soccer at FSU under his watch.

Only two teams east of the Mississippi have had more recruiting success this decade than FSU under Baker as the Seminoles have established themselves as one of the premier teams in the southeast. For the first time ever this past season, the Tribe finished second in the region behind only North Carolina and ranked ahead of every ACC school but UNC in the final *SoccerBuzz* poll. In *SoccerBuzz's* final regional rankings FSU finished ahead of

Clemson, Auburn, Wake Forest, Florida and Duke to name just a few. FSU also finished ahead of everyone in the region except for the Heels in the final NSCAA national poll. Last season only one ACC team (North Carolina) advanced farther in the NCAA's than FSU did when it reached the Round of 16. The Seminoles are now in a class with just UNC and Virginia in the east in terms of success on the field and in the recruiting process.

The success in recruiting has led to FSU's soaring success on the field and the Tallahassee community has responded in turn. Last season Florida State drew a school record 12,422 fans, which was the ninth-best total in the NCAA. Before 2002, FSU had never drawn 9,000 fans in a single season. The Tribe also finished in the top 20 with an average attendance of 828 per game. The largest crowd in school history turned out last year as 1,603 people watched the Seminoles beat the Florida Gators for the third time in four tries. Along with the 1,051 fans that watched FSU beat Clemson in overtime, Florida State established two of the top five and five of the top ten largest crowds in program history in 2003. Since Baker came to Florida State, nine of the 14 largest crowds have watched his Seminoles play and the Tribe has posted a 7-1-1 record in those games.

The 2002 season was another in what is becoming a long line of success stories for Baker. After the school's first trip into the Round of 16 in 2001, Baker led his Seminoles back into the third round of the NCAA tournament

last year. The Tribe won two NCAA Tournament games at home for the first time ever downing SEC opponents Mississippi and Auburn. Last year's squad set a record for the fewest regular season losses in team history, re-corded back-to-back wins versus three ACC teams (Clemson, NC State and Maryland), won its third game in four tries versus Florida and finished the year ranked second in the southeast region for the first time ever. No team in the ACC except for North Carolina had a better NCAA Tournament run in 2002 than FSU and the Seminoles were ranked ahead of every ACC team except for UNC in the final NSCAA national poll.

For the third straight year the team set over 45 records and program firsts including the squad's first-ever ACC road win in the state of North Carolina (5-1 over NC State), back-to-back ACC seasons with a .500 or better record for the first time ever and the first ever three-game winning streak versus an ACC opponent (Maryland). In 2002, Baker reached some momentous marks in program history also. When Florida State swept its two-game road trip against Maryland and George Mason, FSU not only completed an undefeated regular season road campaign and upset a conference opponent on the road, but the wins marked a significant milestone in Baker's career. The two victories moved him to 20-19-3 all-time at Florida State in games played away from home. The Tribe's victory in College Park over Maryland also set a new gold standard as FSU now had four all-time wins versus a conference opponent for the first time ever.

The 2001 season saw Baker break through in the ACC despite being on the job for just over two years. Before 2001, Florida State had never finished higher than seventh in the ACC and was predicted to finish fifth by the ACC coaches. After Baker emphasized the importance of a better conference finish, Florida State had the most successful conference season, the most regular season ACC wins and the highest conference finish in the history of the program. The Garnet and Gold started the season by winning its

## BAKER'S RESUME OF SUCCESS

- Three straight top 15 finishes
- Three consecutive NCAA Tournaments and two trips to the Round of 16
- 2001 ACC Championship finalist
- All-time winningest coach in FSU history
- 2000 National Coach of the Year runner-up
- Eighth-best recruiting class ranking since 2000
- 180 program firsts and records since 2000
- 10 wins over Top 25 teams
- NCAA Tournament winning percentage of .625

## MOST WINS BY AN ACC TEAM SINCE 2000

| SCHOOL           | RECORD               | WIN %       |
|------------------|----------------------|-------------|
| UNC .....        | 66-6-4 .....         | .895        |
| Clemson .....    | 48-12-1 .....        | .795        |
| <b>FSU .....</b> | <b>42-23-6 .....</b> | <b>.634</b> |
| Virginia .....   | 41-19-5 .....        | .669        |
| WFU .....        | 33-25-3 .....        | .566        |
| Maryland .....   | 31-26-3 .....        | .542        |
| Duke .....       | 31-27-3 .....        | .533        |
| NCSU .....       | 28-25-4 .....        | .526        |

first-ever conference opener at No. 7 Clemson and then burst out of the gate to a 3-0 start with wins over Duke and NC State. Considering the fact that FSU had just two ACC wins in the program's first four seasons, the team's 3-0 start in 2001 was a huge leap for the Semi-noles. Florida State closed out their ACC regular season schedule by downing Maryland to lock up third place in the regular season. The team's four ACC victories were just one shy of equaling the five ACC wins the program had amassed in its previous six years combined.

Florida State's regular season ACC success paid off when it came to the 2001 conference tournament. In the four seasons before his arrival, FSU had never won a game at the ACC Tournament while being outscored 23-1. In 2000, Baker's Seminoles advanced to the semifinals and then in 2001 the program played for its first-ever ACC Championship. With its best ever seeding in program history, Baker guided his team to its first-ever appearance in the ACC Championship final by downing No. 21 Maryland 7-2 and then advancing past No. 8 Virginia in a shootout after four overtime periods. FSU held Virginia scoreless through 150 minutes of play and keeper Ali Mims made three saves in the shootout to advance Florida State into the final against No. 1 North Carolina.


Baker's transformation of the Seminole soccer program took less time than anyone could have imagined as he turned Florida State into a national power in just his second year on the job. Baker led the 2000 squad to the Round of 16 of the NCAA Tournament and *SoccerBuzz* named him the Southeast Region Coach of the Year and runner-up National Coach of the Year. He guided the Seminoles into the national rankings for the first time and his 2000 squad broke 34 team and individual records and set 25 program firsts. After just one full year of recruiting, the 2000 Seminoles recorded victories over national champion North Carolina and nationally ranked teams Texas A&M, Florida (twice) and Wake Forest on the way to their first-ever NCAA tournament.

Evidence of Baker's outstanding coaching job that season can be seen in the squad's improvement against common opponents from the 1999 to the 2000 campaigns. Florida State had a positive turnaround against 12 of the 14 opponents they played in 1999 and 2000 and one of the two negatives, South Alabama, was still a win. The Seminoles record went from 1-9 against this group in 1999 to 8-5 in 2000 and FSU had a 46-goal turnaround against this group. Add that to first-time victories against six opponents and it is easy to see how far Baker had taken the Seminoles in just two seasons. This trend continued in 2001 as Baker's Seminoles faced 13 teams they also faced during the 2000 season. Florida State picked up five wins against teams they lost to during the 2000 season and overall the team had a six-goal turnaround against this group that included North Carolina, Clemson, Florida, Duke, Virginia, Wake Forest and Maryland.

Baker took over a program in 1999 that had just one winning season in four years and had only won 15 of the previous 41 games before he was hired. He immediately

**ANSON DORRANCE**

**North Carolina Head Coach**



**"I have huge respect for Patrick Baker. The way he has turned that program around in one year is absolutely stunning. He has taken a program that wasn't competitive, and in one year, made them a wonderfully competitive team. He gives our conference credibility since we now have another fine coach."**

improved the team from a 7-1-1-3 record in 1998 to 9-10-1 in 1999. Baker, only the second coach in the history of Florida State women's soccer, led the Seminoles into the southeast regional rankings for the first time since 1996. Florida State spent four weeks as the No. 10 team in the region and twice tied the record for the longest winning streak in team history (four games).

Before taking over the Seminole program, Baker served as the women's head coach at the University of Pennsylvania for five years. During his tenure at Penn, Baker established a 42-37-5 record, won an Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) Championship and was named the 1997 Mid-Atlantic Region Coach of the Year. Prior to his head coaching stint at the University of Pennsylvania, Baker achieved similar success at the Division III level where he coached North Carolina Wesleyan to three NCAA Division III tournament appearances and three Top 10 finishes. He compiled a record of 45-21-4 in his five years and was twice named the Dixie Conference Coach of the Year. In 1991, Baker was named the National Soccer Coaches of America Association's (NSCAA) Division III South Region Coach of the Year. Last year he was inducted into North Carolina Wesleyan's Hall of Fame.

Baker is also very involved with the US national team program and was called to assist head coach David Smith with the newly formed U-17s. He has also assisted U-19 National team head coach Tracey Leone on numerous occasions at the Arco Training Center in Chula Vista, CA preparing the team for the inaugural U-19 FIFA World Championships. Baker helped the U-19 National Team prepare for a match against the Mexican National Team and for a European tour later in 2001. He recently finished serving as the head coach for the Region III girls' Olympic Development Program (ODP) and was named an assistant coach for the 2000 U-16 Women's National Team.

Baker has attended the South Region ODP camps since 1990 and has a total of 15 years experience at all levels of the ODP. Prior to working with the U-16 team, he assisted head coach Lauren Gregg with the U-21 Women's National Team for three consecutive years. He served four years at the U-14 state level in North Carolina and was the 1996 U-17 ODP state coach for Eastern Pennsylvania. Baker coached the U-16 and

U-18 ODP South Regional camps for eight years and was the assistant coach for the U-17 South Region team from 1991-93. Baker was also the U.S. South Region amateur coach for five years where he received the national coach of the year award in 1994.

Baker served as a member of the Division I Mid-Atlantic Rankings Committee from 1995-1998, was the ISAA/Adidas South Region Rankings Chairman in 1993 and the chairman of the ISAA/Gatorade South Region Rankings Committee from 1990-1992. Baker also served as the chair of the NCAA Division III South Region Committee in 1993 after serving two years on NCAA Division III South Region Tournament Committee in 1991 and 1992.

He received his Bachelor of Arts from Otterbein College in 1989 as a double major in Radio & Television Broadcasting and Journalism with a minor in Public Relations. He graduated with a 3.67 GPA and was a starter all four years for the men's soccer team. He was named team captain as a junior and senior. Baker was a member of the Ohio Athletic Conference (OAC) All-Academic Team from 1986-1989, was a first team All-Conference selection in 1989 and played on three OAC Championship squads. He played soccer for 11 years in England and Germany while his father was stationed overseas with the US Air Force. He is married to the former Kelly Sack and the couple has two children. Emma Louise Baker is two and was born in February of 2001. The couple's newest addition is Ryan Patrick Baker who was born in February of 2003. ⚽



# COACH BAKER'S RECRUITING SUCCESS

**H**ead coach Patrick Baker has become one of the nation's top recruiters since arriving in Tallahassee. Since 2000, only seven schools have brought in four classes with a combined higher ranking than FSU. Florida State is also one of just nine schools that have been able to bring in four straight top 25 classes since 2000. This year Baker's class was named the 10th-best in the nation by *Soccer America* marking the first time a Florida State recruiting class has been ranked by the prestigious soccer publication. The Tribe is one of just eight schools to appear in the top 10 in both *Soccer America* and *SoccerBuzz* where FSU's class was ranked 7th, a new program best.

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## RECRUITING Q&A

### Why do you think recruits choose Florida State over other Top 20 schools?

I think it's really a combination of the excellent academic opportunities and rich athletic traditions. Many of our recruits select FSU for a visit as it meets their academic and athletic needs, and then fall in love with the campus atmosphere and state-of-the-art soccer complex. The warm weather and beautiful climate definitely helps too! A future Seminole decides she wants to make positive contributions to our team chemistry.

### How important is recruiting to the success of the program?

Recruiting is one of the most important pieces of the puzzle. Our coaching staff recruits nationwide in search of talented soccer players. We believe that the unique mix of individuals we bring in builds a critical foundation for future success. We take pride in challenging our players both on and off the field as we care about them as students, athletes and individuals.

### What do you look for in a prospective student-athlete?

Our staff needs to get the best possible recruiting class each year. Based on our needs, we try to identify a player who we believe will make a positive impact on our program and who can help us get to the next level. I like players who are good academically, have a great work ethic and leadership ability in addition to a good sense of humor. The players we look for strive to be successful in every aspect of life.

### What advice would you offer a prospect in the recruiting process?



**Leah Gallegos was the first recruit from California to ever commit to FSU and she went on to be named to the ACC's All-Rookie team.**

Do your homework. First you want to find a school that fits your educational interests as well as your soccer aspirations. The best way to get to know a school is to spend time with the students and faculty and explore the campus. When you get the chance to speak to a college coach, ask specific questions that will help you make a good decision.

### Where does the coaching staff recruit?

To be aggressively recruited, we have to see you play in as competitive a situation as possible. Our recruiting path takes us to many venues throughout the country including, Olympic Development Programs, the Raleigh Shootout, the Orange Classic, the President's Day Cup, the Houston Shootout and the San Diego Surf Cup. We also recruit from our summer soccer camps (Patrick Baker Soccer Camp).

### What is the best way for a recruit to be identified by the coaching staff?

Write or email us first. Play in high-level tournaments with your club teams and participate in ODP. Send videotape that highlights individual game clips. Spend a day in Tallahassee and visit our facilities, meet the coaching staff and players.

## FSU RECRUITING CLASS RANKINGS YEAR-BY-YEAR

|      |                         |
|------|-------------------------|
| 2003 | ..... SoccerBuzz 7      |
|      | ..... Soccer America 10 |
| 2002 | ..... SoccerBuzz 25     |
| 2001 | ..... SoccerBuzz 8      |
| 2000 | ..... SoccerBuzz 13     |

## OVERALL RECRUITING RANKINGS THIS DECADE

1. North Carolina
2. UCLA
3. Texas
- Stanford
5. Virginia
6. Notre Dame
7. Arizona State
- 8. Florida State**
9. Boston College
10. Santa Clara
11. Duke
12. Portland
13. Nebraska
14. UConn



**Baker's 2001 recruiting class included two Gatorade Players of the Year in Camie Bybee and Kerry York.**

## GATORADE PLAYERS OF THE YEAR

|               |       |      |
|---------------|-------|------|
| Janet Burke   | ..... | 2000 |
| Camie Bybee   | ..... | 2001 |
| Kerry York    | ..... | 2001 |
| Teresa Rivera | ..... | 2002 |

and three consecutive classes ranked in the top 25.





# ASSISTANT COACHES



**ROBIN CONFER**  
1st Season at FSU • North Carolina '98

**A**ssistant coach Robin Confer joined the Seminole staff after a stellar career in the ACC and successful coaching stints in both the Big 12 and SEC. The former National Player of the Year and three-time national champion at North Carolina brings five years of coaching experience with her to Florida State including the last year as an assistant at Mississippi State. She also returns to her

home state as she grew up in Clearwater, FL and played at Central Catholic High School.

Confer was the first assistant at Mississippi State in 2002 under head coach Neil McGuire. While with the Bulldogs, she not only coached and trained players but she served as recruiting coordinator, which put her in position to scout and evaluate players. The Clearwater, FL native also assisted in game strategies, overall team planning and arranged team travel.

Before her stint in Starkville, MS, Confer served as a second assistant at one of the top women's soccer programs in the nation at Texas A&M. While working with Aggie head coach G. Guerrieri, Confer and Texas A&M advanced to the final 16 in back-to-back NCAA Tournaments. Confer's first coaching experience came at her alma mater as she served as a volunteer assistant under coaching legend Anson Dorrance at North Carolina.

A four-year starter at North Carolina from 1994-1997, Confer helped the Tar Heels to three national championships (1994, 1996-1997). During her senior season, Confer was named the National Player of the Year by both the *Soccer News* and *SoccerBuzz*. She was also a finalist for the Hermann award, which recognizes the nation's top collegiate soccer athlete and a semifinalist for the Missouri Athletic Club Sports Foundation Player of the Year award in 1998.

Confer currently ranks fourth on UNC's career scoring list behind such great names as Mia Hamm, Kristine Lilly and U.S. Women's National Team coach April Heinrichs. She is the fifth-best goal scorer in Tar Heel history with 77, and her 55 career assists are the third most in North Carolina soccer history. In North Carolina's run to the 1997 National

Championship, Confer was named the Most Valuable Offensive Player of the NCAA Final Four, as well as being named a first team All-American. She is one of just 11 former North Carolina players to have had their jersey retired.

"What separated Robin from almost every player I ever coached was her insatiable passion to score goals. The only other player like her as far as an appetite to score was Mia Hamm," said Dorrance. "That was the quality that always separated Robin and Mia and as a result they were among the two greatest goal scorers I have ever coached."

A former captain of the U-21 U.S. National team, Confer made her international debut January 18, 1996, against Ukraine and has since played with the national team on seven other occasions. She played professionally in 1998 as a member of the W-League's Raleigh Wings and collected MVP honors in the league's championship game in her rookie season.

In 2001, she was drafted in the fifth round of the WUSA's Global Draft as a member of the Boston Breakers in the league's inaugural season before a back injury cut her playing career short.

Confer was a standout forward at Clearwater (FL) Central Catholic High School where she scored a state record 227 goals, including 80 during her senior season prior to being named a Parade All-American. Her record was eventually broken by former Florida State standout Cindy Schofield who scored 238 goals at George Jenks High School just an hour away from where Confer played high school soccer. Confer received her bachelor's degree in exercise and sports science from North Carolina in 1998. ⚽



**ROB THOMPSON**  
1st Season at FSU • Lock Haven '95

**R**ob Thompson is in his first season at Florida State and will serve as the team's goalkeeper coach. He also will have additional responsibilities when it comes to individual training and team travel. Thompson spent the past two seasons as the goalkeeping coach and team administrator for the New York Power of the Women's United Soccer Association (WUSA).

The Grimsby, England native has spent the last seven years as a goalkeeper coach at all levels of collegiate and professional soccer. He is currently in the midst of his first coaching stint with the US Olympic Development Program (ODP) where he is a Region 3 assistant.

In his time with the WUSA's Power, Thompson was responsible for planning and conducting daily training sessions to aid in the progress and development of the team's goalkeepers. In 2002, Thompson worked with Power GK Saskia Webber who was second in the league in saves and in the top 10 for GAA. He also assisted head coach Tom Sermanni in all aspects of on field training and game preparation.

Before moving to the WUSA, Thompson spent a year at the Division I level as the goalkeeper coach for the men's soccer team

at Adelphi University. Thompson worked with goalkeeper Igor Yatsenko who led the conference that year with a 0.84 goals against average in 1076:04 minutes of play. Yatsenko also led the conference in save percentage with 50 saves and 10 goals against for a .833 average. He was also the director for the Adelphi University Goalkeeper Camp.

From 1998-2001, Thompson had his first stint coaching professional soccer with the Long Island Rough Riders of the A-League. During his tenure on Long Island, the Riders went to the playoffs three times and posted a 57-46-7 record. While with the team, Thompson also served as the assistant director of the Rough Riders Soccer Camp.

Thompson's first coaching stint came at Division II Lock Haven University where he was the assistant coach for the men's and women's teams. While at the Pennsylvania school, he assisted in recruiting student-athletes for both teams, planning international pre-season tours and fundraising. He was also the assistant director of the Lock Haven University Soccer Camp. Thompson received his master's degree in liberal arts in 1998 and bachelor of science in recreation, leisure and commercial management in 1995 from Lock Haven. He was born April 23, 1971. ⚽

# ANGELA BONAFFINO

## Team Manager

### 2ND SEASON AT FSU • FLORIDA STATE '00

One of Florida State's all-time greats, Angela Bonaffino enters her second season at her alma mater as a member of the 2003 coaching staff. Bonaffino will serve as a team manager with Florida State this year where she continues to pursue a master's degree after spending 2001 working in her native Ontario, Canada.

After graduating from FSU, Bonaffino honed her coaching skills as she assisted her former high school squad, Holy Cross Secondary School, as the team finished second in all of Ontario. She also served as



the Head Instructor at Jets Soccer and has coached at the Patrick Baker Soccer Camp and Austin Peay Soccer Camp. She secured her Level I Coaching License last year and also spent time refereeing locally.

While in Ontario, Bonaffino took business courses at Brock University and continued to play soccer with the St. Catharines Jets. She captained the Jets to a Top 10 national ranking in the Premier Division.

After graduating from Florida State in 2000 with a degree in food and nutrition, Bonaffino spent eight months working at Premier Health and Fitness Center in Tallahassee. She used her undergraduate degree as she served as Junior Strength and Conditioning Coach and a fitness instructor.

Bonaffino had a stellar playing career as a Seminole and still appears amongst FSU's career leaders for assists and shots and still ranks among FSU's best for assists in a single season. In 1999, the senior captain was voted team MVP after starting 18 of 20 matches, scoring one goal and setting a school record with seven assists. She led the squad in 1999 with 35 shots and her goal was the game-winner against Florida International. As a junior, Bonaffino recorded game-winning assists versus Mercer and Auburn as she started 17 of FSU's 19 matches.

As a sophomore in 1997, Bonaffino scored the game-winning goal versus Stetson as she built on a solid freshman campaign that saw her garner rookie of the year honors. In her inaugural season, Bonaffino started all 20 matches for FSU as she recorded four goals and four assists. She tied for third on the squad with 12 points and had



multi-point games versus NC State and Tennessee. Her assist against the Wolfpack was the first game-winner of her Seminole career.

The midfielder also had a stellar career as a member of the Canadian Olympic Development Program. Bonaffino was head captain of the U-19s team in 1996 and she was also invited to tryout for the U-20 National side. From 1990-97, she was a member of Team Ontario and was a member of the U-19 National Team pool from 1995-97. ⚽

## Soccer Endowed Scholarships

From Miami to Minneapolis, and from Warsaw to Walla Walla, young men and women come to Florida State University to embrace its educational excellence, and to compete as a Seminole. Many would not have the opportunity to receive that college education without their athletic scholarship. These young people work hard, and proudly represent Florida State as a winner on the national stage, attracting the attention to our University that winners bring.

Florida State Athletics provides each of our men's and women's teams with the maximum number of scholarships allowed by the NCAA. In addition to the field competitors, scholarships are also provided to student trainers, managers and graduate assistants who are vital to an athletic program.

The last fifteen years have seen a three-fold rise in the cost of athletic scholarships at Florida State. Today, more than \$300,000 is needed to permanently endow a Florida State athletic scholarship. Most of the top public universities with whom Florida State competes and to whom we are compared, have endowed all of their athletic scholarships.

Established in 1986 under the direction of William M. Parker of Clearwater, the Seminole Boosters Endowed Scholarship Program is the final step toward perpetual funding of all scholarships for student-athletes at Florida State. Those individuals who contribute to the endowment fund for athletic scholarships at Florida State University gain membership in the Seminole Heritage Foundation.

Thanks to the efforts of Hunter McIntosh and Les and Ruth Akers an effort has now begun to ensure the endowment of the Florida State soccer program.



AFTER PLAYING PROFESSIONAL TENNIS FOR SEVERAL YEARS, FORMER FSU STUDENT-ATHLETE HUNTER MCINTOSH DECIDED TO ENDOW AN ATHLETIC SCHOLARSHIP FOR SOCCER TO SHOW HIS SUPPORT FOR WOMEN'S ATHLETICS HERE AT FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY. THROUGHOUT HIS LIFETIME, HE NEVER LOST HIS LOVE OR COMMITMENT TO SEMINOLE ATHLETICS. HUNTER'S FEELING FOR FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY CAN BE SUMMED UP IN HIS OWN WORDS OF "ONCE A NOLE, ALWAYS A NOLE."

