



SOFTBALL FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY

Dr. JoAnne Graf

Head Coach • 1113-324-6 (24th Season) • Florida State 1975



Dr. JoAnne Graf is the heart and soul of Florida State softball. She has been the one and only at FSU for 23 seasons and with just 12 more wins she will be the one and only in the national record books also. Graf is currently 12 wins from breaking one of the most daunting records in college softball. Barring any unforeseen circumstances, Graf will break the all-time wins record for Division I softball coaches held by Cal State Fullerton's Judi Garman who needed 28 years to amass her 1124 victories compared to just 24 for Graf.

Over the past two decades, Graf has maintained the philosophy that hard work and dedication produce positive results. It is because of this attitude, there are not many things that Graf hasn't accomplished in her 23-year coaching career and she now stands on the precipice of one of the greatest records in collegiate softball history.

It seems with each and every year, Graf celebrates yet another landmark accomplishment. On May 6, 1999 in a 2-1 victory over South Florida, Graf became the first coach in Division I softball to earn 1,000 Division I wins, including slow and fast pitch competition. Last year she picked up her 1,100 win by downing rival Florida. Adding even more flavor to these amazing feats is that every one of Graf's 1,113 victories came at Florida State. Now that's loyalty at its finest!

Graf has been named ACC Coach of the Year four times, including the 2001 season, after leading the Seminoles to consecutive conference titles in 1992 and 1993 and co-championship status in 1997. Last season, Graf and her entire staff were named the Southeast Coaching Staff of the Year. In 1995, she was selected the ACC/Metro Conference Coach of the Year after guiding Florida State to a 9-1 league record and an automatic bid to NCAA regional play. She has led FSU to 13 seasons of 50 wins or more, including two seasons when the Seminoles recorded more than 60 victories. She has also guided FSU to eight ACC championship titles.



Under Graf's direction, Florida State has been to the NCAA College World Series in Oklahoma City five times and in 17 years of fast-pitch competition, she has directed the Seminoles to 14 NCAA Regional tournament appearances. Florida State has also finished among the nation's top 13 teams in 11 of the past 15 seasons, with its highest ranking coming in 1990 when the Seminoles placed third at the College World Series. But the success didn't begin there. In her first five years at Florida State, Graf accumulated 219 wins playing the best slow-pitch competition in the nation. She claimed two national titles in 1981 and 1982 while coaching five All-Americans as she established a solid base to build upon.

Graf, who was voted the South Region Coach of the Year in 1986, has seen 68 of her players selected to All-South Region teams, including six players in 2001. Her coaching has produced 15 All-Americans since 1990, including four first team selections in left fielder Danielle Cox (1999), center fielder Shama Wilson (1996), second baseman Lisa Davidson (1993) and shortstop Tiffany Daniels (1987).

A 1975 graduate of Florida State, Graf returned to her alma mater after two years at the University of North Carolina-Greensboro where she earned her master's degree in physical education. Graf also worked in the athletic department at UNC-Greensboro as head coach for the university's men's and women's swim teams while also serving as assistant softball coach.

Graf, who serves as director of the FSU softball camp each summer, is a former president of the Florida Collegiate Athletic Association. She has also served as a member of the NCAA Softball Committee and chaired the NCAA Softball Advisory Committee for the South Region.

In 1992, Graf added "Dr." to her name after completing her doctorate degree in athletic administration at FSU.





NFCA All-Time Winningest Coaches

Coach, Team	Yrs	Won	Lost	Tied
1. Judi Garman (Cal St. Fullerton 1980-99)	28	1124	406	4
2. *JoAnne Graf (Florida St. 1979-01)	23	1113	324	6
3. *Margie Wright (Illinois 1980-85; Fresno St. 86-01)	22	980	323	3
4. *Gayle Blevins (Indiana 1980-87; Iowa 88-01)	22	891	413	5
5. *Mike Candrea, Arizona (1986-01)	16	871	172	0
6. *Bill Galloway (Texas A&M 1979-81; Louisiana Tech 82-01)	23	868	374	2
7. Sandy Fischer (Oklahoma St 1979-01)	23	853	358	3
8. *Sharron Backus (UCLA 1976-96)	21	840	167	3
9. Yvette Girouard, (La. Lafayette 1981-00; LSU 2001)	21	818	261	0
10. Joyce Compton, (Missouri 1983-86; South Carolina 1987-01)	19	804	325	2

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NCAA Division I Coaches' Record • Winningest Active Coaches By Percentage

Coach, Team	Yrs	Won	Lost	Tied	Pct.
1. Sue Enquist, UCLA	13	641	123	1	.839
2. Mike Candrea, Arizona	16	871	172	0	.835
3. JoAnne Graf, Florida St.	18	894	271	6	.766
4. Patty Gasso, Oklahoma	7	353	110	0	.763
5. Yvette Girouard, La.-Lafayette, LSU	21	818	261	0	.758
6. Margie Wright, Fresno St.	22	980	323	3	.752
7. Joyce Compton, South Carolina	19	804	325	2	.712
8. Sandy Fischer, Oklahoma St.	23	853	358	3	.704
9. Carol Hutchins, Michigan	18	727	309	4	.701
10. Bill Galloway, Louisiana Tech	23	868	374	2	.699

All-Divisions Coaching Records • Winningest Coaches All-Time By Percentage

Coach, Team	Yrs	Won	Lost	Tied	Pct.
1. *Scott Whitlock (Kennesaw St. 1991-01)	11	531	78	0	.872
2. *Sue Enquist (UCLA 1989-01)	13	641	123	1	.839
3. *Mike Candrea (Arizona 1986-01)	16	871	172	0	.835
4. Sharron Backus (UCLA 1976-96)	21	840	167	3	.832
5. *Jan Hutchinson (Bloomsburg 1978-01)	24	850	179	1	.826
6. June Walker (Col. Of New Jersey 1974-95)	22	721	154	0	.824
7. *Frank Cheek (Humboldt St. 1989-01)	13	616	155	2	.798
8. *Chris Bellotto (Fla. Southern 1985-01)	17	694	180	0	.794
9. *JoAnne Graf (Florida St. 1984-01)	18	894	271	6	.766
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2. *Sandy Jerstad (Augustana, SD 1977-01)	25	918	320	2	.741
3. Judi Garman (Cal St. Fullerton 1980-99)	20	913	374	4	.709
4. *JoAnne Graf (Florida St. 1984-01)	18	894	271	6	.766
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9. Linda Wells, Arizona St.	27	773	577	1	.572
10. Margo Jonker, Central Mich.	22	768	413	5	.650

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7. Mike McGovern (Ill.-Chicago 1990-01)	12	582	227	1	.719
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