

Lucy McDaniel Arena at Tully Gymnasium

Tully Gymnasium has been home to Florida State volleyball for many years. Overall, the friendly confines of the gymnasium have been good to the Seminoles, as they have accumulated a record of 277-94 on their home court for a winning percentage of .746 in the past 27 years in the facility.

The facility, which was constructed in 1956, was named for the late Robert Henry (Bobby) Tully, a 1952 FSU graduate and football player. Active on campus, Tully was a member of the Gold Key, ODK, the Arnold Air Society and Alpha Tau Omega fraternity. He died in May of 1954 after battling illness.

With a capacity of 2,500, the gymnasium has undergone several renovations in recent years. Prior to the 1999 season, the playing floor was resurfaced and repainted and new lighting was added.

Tully Gymnasium features new arena-style padded seating with armrests, which were installed to create a more comfortable atmosphere for Seminole fans, while watching Florida State volleyball.

On November 2, 2000 in a special ceremony, Florida State dedicated the floor of Tully Gymnasium to Lucy McDaniel, the first woman in the state of Florida to donate more than one million dollars to a women's athletic program.

The facility became known as the Lucy McDaniel Volleyball Arena at Tully Gymnasium prior to the 2001 season, in honor of the wonderful gifts and support that McDaniel has provided to the Lady Seminole volleyball program and Florida State athletics.

The dedication ceremony included an address from Athletic Director Dave Hart, Jr., as well as an appearance by University President and Florida State volleyball fan, Sandy D'Alemberte. Former head coach Dr. Cecile Reynaud said a few words regarding the magnificent gift, which was followed by a touching tribute by FSU volleyball players Kristin Frye and Martha Hamilton. Frye presented McDaniel with a ball signed by all the players followed by a poem written by Hamilton about the relationship of the 2000 squad with McDaniel.

McDaniel first gave \$100,000 to endow a volleyball scholarship at Florida State and later donated another \$50,000 so the team could take a European tour in May of 2000. McDaniel wanted to do more, so she asked her accountant to run through her financial statements to see what she would be able to give now and later in her will. After gathering the information from her accountant, she called Seminole Boosters' Planned Giving Director Joel Padgett and started the process.

TULLY GYM FACILITY RECORDS	
1976	5-2
1977	2-3
1978	4-2
1979	7-1
1980	10-1
1981	19-3
1982	13-5
1983	8-0
1984	8-4
1985	8-8
1986	11-3
1987	12-4
1988	11-0
1989	17-1
1990	15-1
1991	8-7
1992	11-2
1993	13-2
1994	11-6
1995	6-8
1996	8-6
1997	13-3
1998	14-1
1999	6-11
2000	15-5
2001	10-3
2002	12-2
Overall	277-94 (.746)

