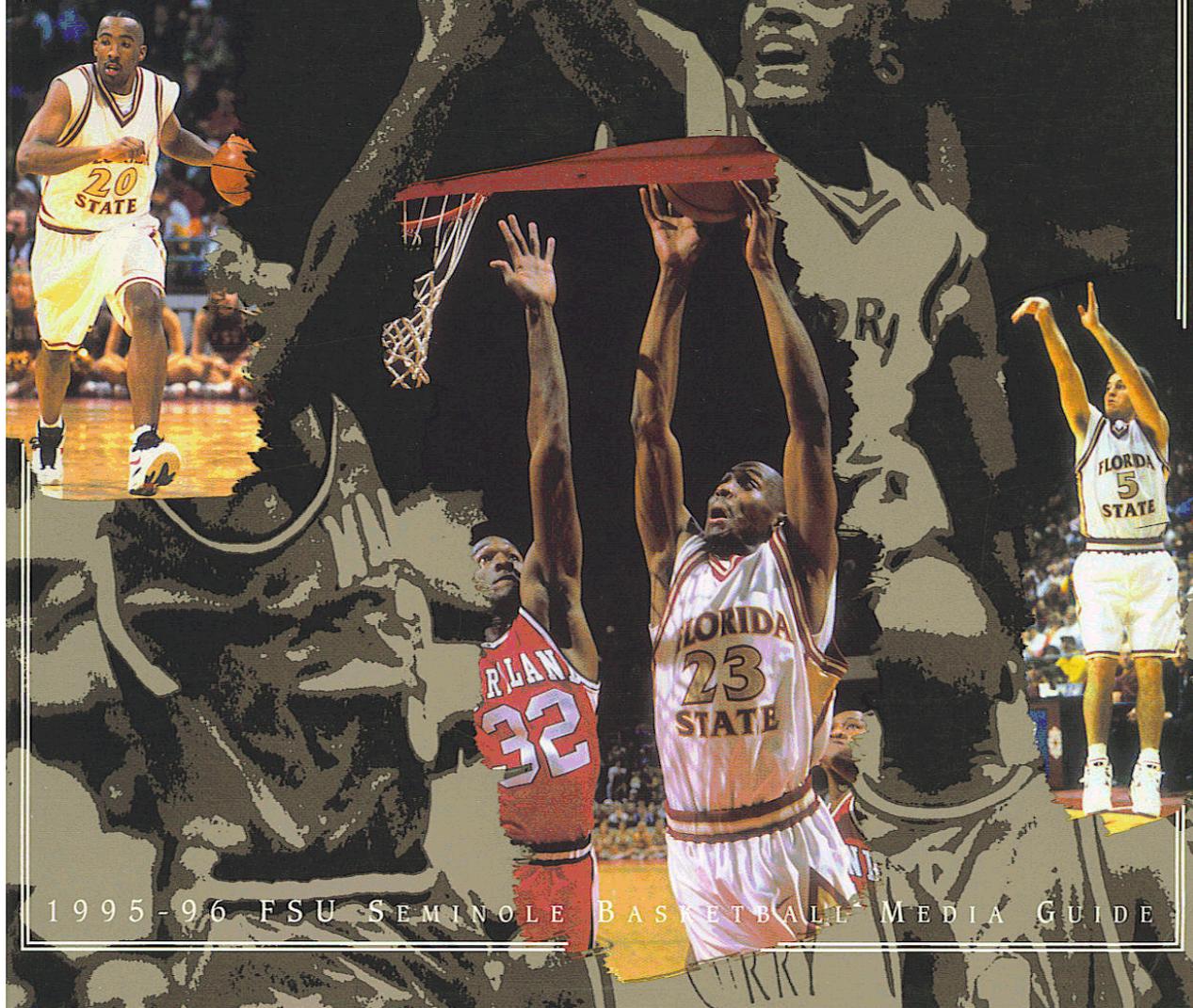


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Date	Opponent	Location	Time	Television Network	Date	Opponent	Location	Time	Television Network
NOVEMBER									
7	RED ARMY (MOSCOW)	TALLAHASSEE, FL	7:00		17	CLEMSON	TALLAHASSEE, FL	7:00	
13	ATHLETES IN ACTION	TALLAHASSEE, FL	7:00		20	at Duke	Durham, NC	9:00	(ESPN)
27	HOWARD	TALLAHASSEE, FL	7:00		24	NORTH CAROLINA	TALLAHASSEE, FL	8:00	(R-JP)
28	FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL	TALLAHASSEE, FL	7:00	(SUN)	27	at Georgia Tech	Atlanta, GA	1:30	(R-JP, ESPN 2)
DECEMBER									
2	JACKSONVILLE	TALLAHASSEE, FL	2:00	(SUN)	FEBRUARY				
5	at Tulane	New Orleans, LA	7:30	(SUN)	3	VIRGINIA	TALLAHASSEE, FL	2:00	(ABC)
9	vs. DePaul	St. Petersburg, FL	1:00	(ABC)	7	at Wake Forest	Winston-Salem, NC	7:30	
12	CONNECTICUT	TALLAHASSEE, FL	7:00	(ESPN)	10	MARYLAND	TALLAHASSEE, FL	12:00	(R-JP, ESPN 2)
16	vs. Florida at Milk Challenge	Orlando, FL	7:00		14	N.C. STATE	TALLAHASSEE, FL	7:00	
20	RADFORD	TALLAHASSEE, FL	7:00		17	at Clemson	Clemson, SC	7:00	(RSN)
28	MARYLAND BALTIMORE CO.	TALLAHASSEE, FL	7:00	(SUN)	22	DUKE	TALLAHASSEE, FL	8:00	(R-JP)
30	MARYLAND EASTERN SHORE	TALLAHASSEE, FL	2:00		24	at North Carolina	Chapel Hill, NC	2:00	(ABC)
JANUARY									
3	at Virginia	Charlottesville, VA	8:00	(R-JP)	28	GEORGIA TECH	TALLAHASSEE, FL	8:00	(R-JP)
6	WAKE FOREST	TALLAHASSEE, FL	4:00	(R-JP, ESPN 2)	MARCH				
9	at Maryland	College Park, MD	8:00	(R-JP)	7-10	at ACC Tournament	Greensboro, NC	TBA	
13	at N.C. State	Raleigh, NC	12:00	(R-JP, ESPN 2)	R-JP = Raycom-Jefferson-Pilot SUN = Sunshine RSN = Sunshine/HTS/SportSouth				

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Kennedy's 10th

As Pat Kennedy enters his 10th season at Florida State, he is widely credited with returning FSU to the college basketball map with a combination of aggressive, full court play; top-notch scheduling and highly acclaimed recruiting classes.

Not only has Kennedy led Florida State basketball back to national prominence, but he and his staff brought much needed stability to the Seminole program. His top two aids, Tom Carlson and David Zimroth, have been with Kennedy since he arrived in Tallahassee 10 years ago. Together, they have led the Seminoles to five NCAA Tournament berths and one N.I.T. appearance in the past nine years. FSU's advance to the Final Eight of the 1993 NCAA Tournament marked the second best season in Florida State history.

In 1990 Kennedy led the Seminoles to their first Metro Conference Championship in FSU's last season in the league. The following year, in Florida State's inaugural Atlantic Coast Conference season, he established new conference marks for a first year coach with six road wins and 11 league victories. So impressive were his feats in the nation's premiere college basketball conference that he was named ACC Coach of the Year for 1991-92.

It was 10 years ago that Kennedy transplanted his family from a cozy situation at Iona College in New York to Florida's capital city. During that time he has brought excitement, exposure and national recognition to Florida State basketball.



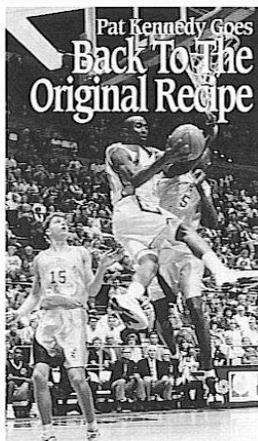
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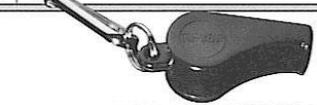
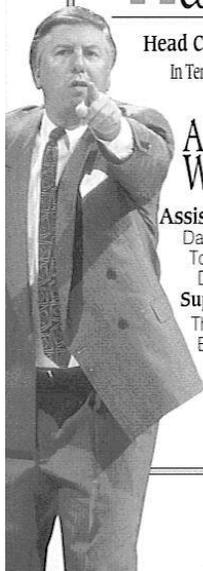
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MEDIA INFO

Kennedy's 10th

When Pat Kennedy arrived in Tallahassee in 1984, the Seminole basketball program faced an uncertain future. An 88-86 record over the last six seasons had resulted in low game attendance and fading fan interest. The program had registered just two winning seasons and one post season appearance during that span.

Brought in to infuse the program with excitement and establish a winning tradition, Pat Kennedy promised winning records and regular trips to the NCAA Tournament when he was introduced as the new head basketball coach at Florida State.

Inheriting a 12-17 team, Kennedy gave FSU faithful a glimpse of what to expect in guiding the Seminoles to a 19-11 record and an N.I.T. berth in his first year at the helm. Nine years later, his Seminole teams have averaged nearly 19 wins a season.



Press

Florida State University's 1995-96 Basketball Media Guide has been designed for use by the news media and Seminole fans. Any questions not covered in this publication can be directed to the Florida State Sports Information Office.



Bob Burda
Assistant Sports Information Director

Credential

Requests: All requests for working press, radio, television, photographer or scouting credentials should be made in writing to Assistant Sports Information Director Bob Burda at least one week prior to date of game.

Requests will be evaluated and credentials issued according to the following criteria.

- a. Local metropolitan press; wire services; national publications; metropolitan press from opponents' areas; student newspapers;
- b. Other daily newspapers;
- c. Radio and television personnel not broadcasting the contest live;
- d. Non-daily newspapers (space available);
- e. Scouts.

Parking: A limited number of spaces in the Civic Center's main parking lot have been set aside for use by the media. Cars should enter the parking lot off Pensacola Street and will be directed to the proper area. ALL REQUESTS FOR PARKING CREDENTIALS SHOULD BE MADE ALONG WITH REQUESTS FOR PRESS CREDENTIALS.

Photographers: Accredited photographers will be allowed to shoot the game from courtside upon presentation of a photo pass for the contest. Working press only will be allowed in the designated photo areas of the court.

Television: Facilities are available at courtside for both local and network broadcasts. Please have requests prepared several weeks prior to the broadcast.

NETWORK TELEVISION CREWS WILL BE ISSUED FOUR PARKING PASSES ONLY FOR THEIR ENTIRE CREW. Producers should contact the Civic Center's Roger Englert at (904) 487-1691 directly for special parking needs.

Radio: Sections are reserved for both Florida State and opposing radio on press row. FSU grants broadcast rights to the official radio outlet of the visiting team on a reciprocal basis. Contact Jim McNeil of Host Communications (904) 644-2550 to assure the lines are available.

Phones: Telephone service should be ordered directly through Centel Telephone Company of Tallahassee. Call (904) 681-6600 to order private lines.

A limited number (six) of phone lines are available in the press/interview room following the game. The phones are for credit card calls only and are on a first-come, first-served basis.

Interview Policies: Florida State players may be reached through the Sports Information Office. A media call-back card will be filled out and given to the athlete who should return the call collect at the requested time.

Following completion of the game, Florida State's locker room will be open following a 10-minute cooling off period. Pat Kennedy will address the media in the press/interview room and two FSU players will be brought to the same room. Media may also conduct interviews in the FSU locker room.

Press Meals: A buffet dinner is available in the Seminole Spirit Room to members of the media with meal ticket attached to credential.

Television crews will be supplied with five meal tickets to accommodate the talent and producers. Any catering needs for television crews should be addressed with Roger Englert of the Civic Center.

ACC Faxback Service

In order to provide timely and accurate information, the Atlantic Coast Conference has a "Faxback System" which allows the league office to provide the latest information, 24 hours a day. The ACC Faxback allows members of the media 24-hour access to the latest press releases (notes & stats) from the ACC office AND the nine sports information offices from each of the league schools.

Members of the media are urged to use this easy system to obtain information on the ACC schools. Below are several of the ACC Faxback features.

Simply dial the Faxback machine phone number on your fax phone. You will then be instructed step-by-step on how to retrieve the information. Connect your fax at the tone and the requested information will start transmitting through your machine. This system is operational 24 hours a day and will contain the latest releases from the nine ACC schools and the ACC office release. We will not release this phone number except to certified media sources. Therefore, you must contact the ACC Media Relations department or fax in your request to (910) 854-8797.

ACC Basketball Coaches Teleconference & Sports Services

The ACC Media Relations Department offers up-to-date statistics on a daily basis and an opportunity to speak to each of the conference coaches via conference-call telephone format on a weekly basis. The statistics will be accessible by computer every afternoon by 3:00 p.m., while the teleconferences will take place on TUESDAY MORNINGS (starting January 2) beginning at 1:00 p.m. The stats line phone number is 910-855-6568 and the teleconference can be accessed by dialing 703-276-4310.

Teleconference Schedule

Rick Barnes, Clemson	11:00
Mike Krzyzewski, Duke	11:10
Pat Kennedy, Florida State.....	11:20
Bobby Cremins, Georgia Tech	11:30
Gary Williams, Maryland.....	11:40
Dean Smith, North Carolina	11:50
Les Robinson, N.C. State.....	12:00
Jeff Jones, Virginia	12:10
Dave Odom, Wake Forest.....	12:20

Faxing: Faxing of statistics is available through the FSU Sports Information Office. There will be a sign-up list in the press/interview room for any media members who need post-game materials faxed.

Services/Statistics: Statistics will be distributed to the media following both the half and completion of the game along with a play-by-play of the game. Coaches' quotes will be available approximately 30 minutes after the completion of the game.

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FSU Quick Facts

Location:Tallahassee, FL
Enrollment:29,000
Symbol:Seminoles
Colors:Garnet and Gold
Conference:Atlantic Coast
Home Court:Tallahassee-Leon County Civic Center
Capacity:12,500
1994-95 Record:12-15
ACC Record:5-11 (6th)
ACC Tournament:0-1
Starters Returning/Lost:3/2
Lettermen Returning/Lost:8/2

ATHLETIC ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

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Faculty Rep:Charles Ehrhardt
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.....Charlie Carr
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.....Greg Phillips
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Director of Marketing and Promotions:Kim McWilliams

Sports Information Director:Rob Wilson
Ticket Manager:Patrick Martin

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Alma Mater (year):King's College ('75)
Overall Record (years):293-165 (15)
Record at FSU (years):169-105 (9)
Assistant Coaches:David Zimroth (FSU '78)
.....Tom Carlson (FSU '74)
.....Donnie Marsh (Franklin & Marshall '79)
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James Collins and teammates will not be strangers to television cameras this season as 19 of 26 regular season games are slated for broadcast.

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Seminole Radio Network



Whether Florida State plays at home or on the road, fans across the Southeast follow every play on the Seminole Sports Network. The regional network brings all the excitement of FSU basketball, as well as pre-game predictions and post-game analysis, to fans, alumni and college basketball enthusiasts across a five state area. The network includes stations in North and South Carolina, and has a strong presence in Georgia, Alabama and Florida.

The Seminole Sports Network is owned and operated by Host Communications, Inc., one of the nation's leaders in collegiate sports broadcasting. Florida State joined forces with the Lexington, KY based company to establish a comprehensive marketing opportunity which includes radio, television, print and corporate sponsorship components.

In addition to Florida State, Host owns the rights to the network of other outstanding schools including Texas, Virginia, Kentucky, Notre Dame, Tennessee, South Carolina, Houston and Mississippi State. Host has a long-term broadcast and print relationship with the NCAA.

The Seminole Basketball Network will reach into nearly 40 markets in 1995-96, including some of the largest in the nation with Tampa, Miami and Orlando slated to receive the games. In Tallahassee, all the Seminole basketball games can be heard on flagship station WTNT-FM (94.9).

Florida State's professional broadcast crew is known as one of the best in the nation as they provide insight and entertainment as well as detailed and expert play-by-play.

The broadcast team features award-winning play-by-play announcer Gene Deckerhoff, a 22-year veteran of the FSU basketball network, who is a seven-time winner of the Sportscaster of the Year award in the Sunshine State.

Deckerhoff is nationally known as one of the finest football and basketball announcers in the South. The "Voice of the Seminoles" for the past 17 years in football in addition to his 22 in hoops, Deckerhoff has been named the best college or pro

football play-by-play announcer in the state for 13 of the last 16 years.

A native of Jacksonville, FL Deckerhoff also handles the play-by-play announcing for the Tampa Bay Buccaneers of the NFL, making for some very busy fall weekends. Deckerhoff is also the co-host of both "The Pat Kennedy Show" and the "The Bobby Bowden Show" which he also produces. He runs Gene Deckerhoff Productions, a firm specializing in sports broadcasting and the production of radio and television commercials.

Joining Deckerhoff will be long-time Florida State basketball associate Jackie Pons. Pons will add color-commentary to all of Florida State's basketball broadcasts this year after

handling select road games in the past. Pons has a vast knowledge of Florida State basketball having worked numerous Pat Kennedy camps.



Gene Deckerhoff



Jackie Pons

Host Communications Seminole Radio Network Affiliates

Location	Station Frequency	Location	Station Frequency
Belle Glade.....	WBGF-FM 93.5	Ocala.....	WOCA-AM 1370
Brunswick, GA.....	WPIQ-AM 790	Orlando.....	WWNZ-AM 740
Clemson, SC.....	WCOP-AM 1560	Panama City.....	WYOO-FM 101.3
Cocoa Beach.....	WYM-AM 1350	Pensacola.....	WZNO-AM 1230
Daytona Beach.....	WROD-AM 1340	Perry.....	WNFK-FM 105.5
Dothan, AL.....	WXUS-FM 100.5	Perry.....	WPRY-AM 1400
Englewood.....	WENG-AM 1530	Salisbury, NC.....	WSAT-AM 1280
Fort Pierce.....	WQOL-FM 103.7	Sarasota.....	WSPB-AM 1450
Ft. Walton Beach.....	WFTW-AM 1260	Sebring.....	WWTK-AM 730
Graceville.....	WYDA-FM 101.7	St. Augustine.....	WAOC-AM 1420
High Springs.....	WYOC-FM 104.9	Stuart.....	WQOL-FM 103.7
Jacksonville.....	WOKV-FM 690	Tallahassee.....	WNLS-AM 1270
Key West.....	WKIZ-AM 1500	Tallahassee.....	WTNT-FM 94.9
LaGrange, GA.....	WTRP-AM 620	Tampa.....	WNZE-AM 820
Lake City.....	WGRO-AM 960	Valdosta, GA.....	WGOV-AM 950
Lakeland.....	WLKF-AM 1430	Vero Beach.....	WQOL-FM 103.7
Leesburg.....	WKIQ-AM 1240	Wauchula.....	WZZS-FM 106.9
Live Oak.....	WQHL-FM 98.1	West Palm Beach.....	WBZT-AM 1290
Macclenny.....	WJXR-FM 92.1		
Marianna.....	WBNF-FM 94.1		
Marianna.....	WTYS-AM 1340		
Miami.....	WQAM-AM 560		
Milton.....	WEBY-AM 1330		

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Orlando Sentinel (Local)		
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WVFS-FM		
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Panama City		
WMBB (ABC)		
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Pensacola		
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	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
NOVEMBER	12	13	14	15 GEORGIA TECH vs. Manhattan - NIT (ESPN-7:30) Georgia Dome, Atlanta, GA	16	17 GEORGIA TECH in NIT (ESPN-9:30) Georgia Dome, Atlanta, GA	18	
	19	20 NORTH CAROLINA in Maui Tourney (ESPN-TBA)	21 NORTH CAROLINA in Maui Tourney (ESPN-TBA)	22 NORTH CAROLINA in Maui Tourney (ESPN-TBA)	23 DUKE vs. Old Dominion (ESPN-12:30 a.m.) Great Alaskan Shootout, Anchorage, AK	24 MARYLAND vs. Kentucky (ESPN-7:30) Hall of Fame, Springfield, MA Tennessee-Marine vs. VIRGINIA (7:30) DUKE in Alaskan Shootout (ESPN-11:55)	25 VMi at N.C. STATE (7:30) Mount St. Mary's at WAKE FOREST (7:30) DUKE in Alaskan Shootout (ESPN-11:55)	
	26 UNC-Ashville at CLEMSON (2:00)	27 Howard at FLORIDA STATE (7:00) Campbell at GEORGIA TECH (7:30) Winthrop at N.C. STATE (7:30) William & Mary at VIRGINIA (7:30) Towson State vs. MARYLAND (8:00) Baltimore (Md.) Arena	28 Fla. International at FLORIDA STATE (Sun-7:00) Richmond at NORTH CAROLINA (HTS-7:30)	29 UNC-Greensboro at DUKE (HTS-7:00) WAKE FOREST vs. Oklahoma State (ESPN-7:00) Great 8: The Palace, Auburn Hills, MI Appalachian State at CLEMSON (7:30) VIRGINIA vs. Kansas (ESPN-9:00) Great 8: The Palace, Auburn Hills, MI	30 Workford at N.C. STATE (7:30)	1 NORTH CAROLINA vs. Tulane (Raycom-7:00) Champion Coliseum, Tournament of Champions	2 MARYLAND vs. Massachusetts (Raycom-noon) USA: Center, Landover, MD GEORGIA TECH at Appalachian State (SS-2:00) Jacksonville at FLORIDA STATE (Sun-2:00) NORTH CAROLINA in Tour of Champions (Raycom-TBA) Florida at DUKE (ESPN-7:00) CLEMSON at Winthrop (7:00) Lynch at WAKE FOREST (7:30)	
DECEMBER	3 MARYLAND at USAir Center (TBA) Children's Charities Tournament	4 South Carolina State at DUKE (7:30)	5 Vanderbilt at VIRGINIA (ESPN-7:30) FLORIDA STATE at Tulane (Sun-8:00)	6 Charleston Southern at CLEMSON (7:30) Howard at MARYLAND (8:00) WAKE FOREST at Massachusetts (ESPN-9:30)	7 Georgia at NORTH CAROLINA (ESPN-7:30)	8	9 VIRGINIA at Richmond (HTS-5:55) DePaul vs. FLORIDA STATE (ABC-1:00) St. Petersburg (Fla.) Thunderdome DUKE at Michigan (CBS-3:30) MARYLAND vs. UCLA (ABC-3:30) Wooden Classic, Anaheim, CA N.C. STATE vs. Davidson (9:30) WAKE FOREST at Florida (HTS-5:55-7:00) South Carolina at CLEMSON (RJ-8:00) GEORGIA TECH at Kentucky (ESPN-8:30)	
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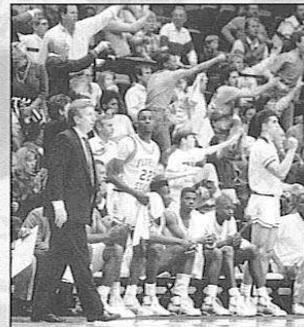
OUTLOOK

Kennedy's 10th

Pat Kennedy's tenure at Florida State has meant more than wins. Fan support has been unprecedented. FSU drew more than 100,00 fans for the first time ever in Kennedy's first season. In fact, the Seminoles have eclipsed the mark seven times under Kennedy and each of the last five seasons.

Florida State has averaged 107,589 fans a season through Kennedy's first nine years. The one-millionth fan to see the Seminoles play at home under Kennedy is expected this season.

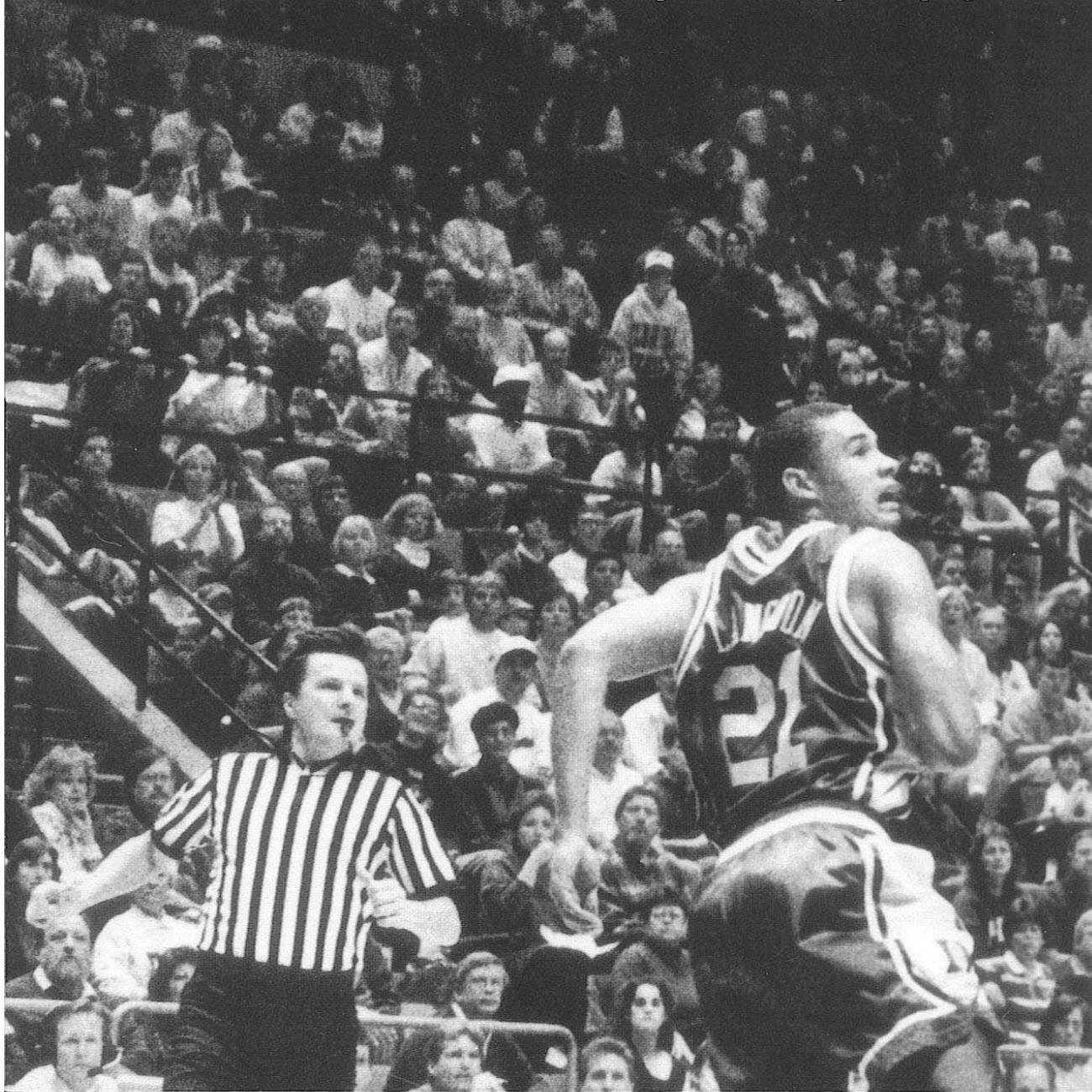
A more dramatic beginning could not have been written for the Kennedy era at Florida State as he opened the 1986-87 season against rival Florida in front of the largest crowd ever to witness a college game in the state. 13,300 looked on as Kennedy shouted, cheered, screamed, stomped, encouraged and inspired his underdog Seminole squad to a delirious 80-76 win over the nationally ranked Gators. Kennedy has not looked back since.



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The Seminoles had drifted away from the style of play that made



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them a force to reckon with in the ACC. Now the track meet is back.

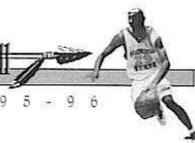


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he Seminoles are back! With a roster that allows coach Pat Kennedy to incorporate the ingredients of his past NCAA post-season teams, Florida State looks to recapture the form which enabled the program to advance to the NCAA Tournament five times, with three consecutive appearances from 1991-93, during Kennedy's nine years at the FSU helm.

Four years ago the Seminoles burst onto the scene in the Atlantic Coast Conference with a pair of second place regular season finishes along with Sweet 16 and Final Eight NCAA berths. After consecutive finishes in the bottom half of the ACC standings, Kennedy has a talented group poised to once again contend for the top spot in the conference and return to post-season play.

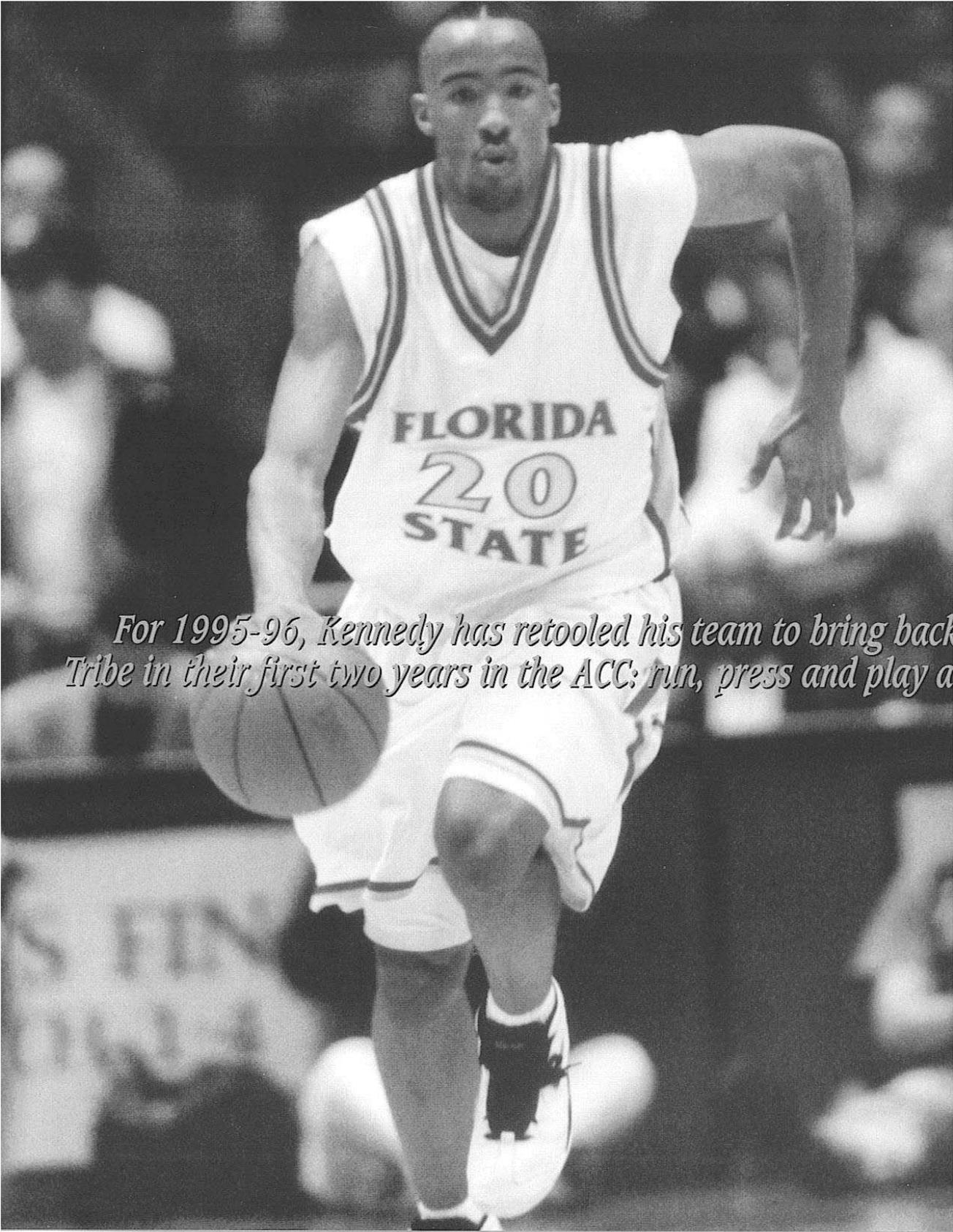
"We have put together a pair of outstanding recruiting classes," says Kennedy. "This year's team will be young, but the likes of Corey Louis, LaMarr Greer and James Collins have gained valuable experience and are ready to make an impact in the ACC. The addition of this year's recruits creates a very bright future for our program."

Following a pair of sub .500 seasons, Kennedy has retooled his Seminole team. "After playing our first two years in the league against the likes of a Sharone Wright and Eric Montross, we went away from our style of play in an attempt to play more of a down-low power game," comments Kennedy. "As a result, we went away from our speed game. In our first two years in the ACC, we were able to run, press and play an up-tempo style for a full 40 minutes. The last two years we haven't. This year we have the speed, quickness and athleticism to once again play that style."

What has Kennedy so excited is his full arsenal of offensive weapons which creates a balance that has been lacking. The Seminoles have the flexibility to insert a lineup that can go "big" or "small" and can play inside or outside. But regardless of the choice, they will be quick and fast, allowing the Seminoles to press and play pressure defense.

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The Seminoles met with great success their first two years in the ACC by playing an up-tempo running style of basketball. Now Pat Kennedy has again assembled a team that will allow him to return to that strategy for the 1995-96 campaign.



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“We have a young team,” adds Kennedy. “Of our five upperclassmen, we have just one returning starter, two seniors, and two junior college transfers. This team is very hungry after having two off years. Our program has grown accustomed to the NCAA Tournament. We have a lot of young, talented players who have experience and know how to play. We fully expect to contend for the ACC title this year.”

Kennedy’s enthusiasm may seem surprising considering that for the fourth time in the last three years he has to replace a first-round NBA selection. Bob Sura led the Seminoles in virtually every category last season and his departure means FSU loses its all-time scoring leader (2,130 points). Sura also set school records for career field goal attempts (1,626), field goals made (731), three-point field goals made (214), and three-point field goal attempts (640). He ranks in the Top 5 in steals (2nd-209), games played (3rd-119), and assists (4th-435). Along the way, Sura became the first player in ACC history to score 2,000 career points while collecting over 700 rebounds, 400 assists and 200 steals.

Americans over the last two years, this season’s Seminole lineup features high school All-Americans at four of five positions. The addition of Sparks and McClendon marks only the fifth and sixth junior college signees in Kennedy’s 10 recruiting classes.

“Eight years ago we brought in two junior college players in Derrick Mitchell and Tony Dawson. We won 41 games over the next two years and went to the NCAA Tournament twice,” reminds Kennedy.

The biggest question mark facing the Seminoles is at point guard. Kennedy points out that he needs to settle on a point guard, including starter and rotation, and that the position must be productive.

Sophomore LaMarr Greer will battle Avery Curry and Scott Shepherd for starting duties at the point. Greer, who started all but two games as a true freshman last



LaMarr Greer (opposite page) looks to run the point in FSU’s up-tempo offense.

Avery Curry (top) gives the Seminole lineup quickness and the flexibility of being able to play either guard position.

Kirk Luchman (above) provides Pat Kennedy a solid presence in the paint who does not shy away from physical play.

Scott Shepherd (below) will be counted on for senior leadership and quality minutes at the guard spot.

he style of play that was so successful for the up-tempo style of basketball for 40 minutes.

“Bobby Sura certainly was one of the best players ever to wear a Florida State uniform,” said Kennedy. “He was our go-to guy. I think, though, that other players became complacent when Bobby was on the floor last season. At times it seemed like the guys were standing around waiting for him to make something happen. If our team is going to be successful this year, we need to have more than one or two consistent go-to guys.”

FSU will try to fill the void with the talented duo of James Collins and Corey Louis. The two form the nucleus of this year’s team and ranked in the Top 10 in six of nine statistical categories kept by the ACC last season. LaMarr Greer also returns to the lineup after starting nearly every game at point guard.

Avery Curry, Kirk Luchman, Scott Shepherd and Tim Wooden also return from last year’s 12-15 squad and are joined by talented recruits Kelvin McClendon, Gentry Sparks and Randell Jackson.

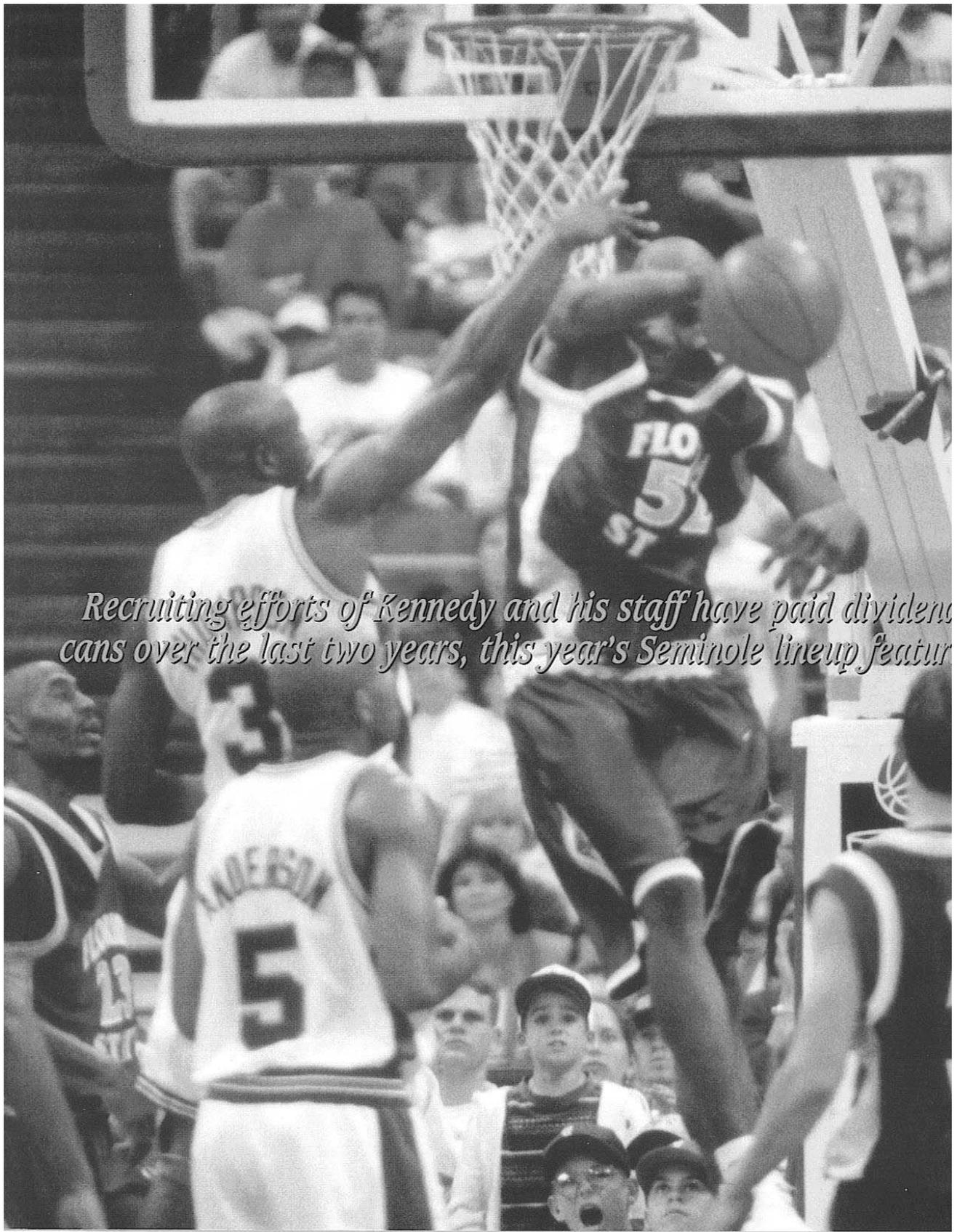
“The most important thing about recruiting is fulfilling needs,” said Kennedy, “that’s the big key. Our needs include inside scoring, rebounding, defensive play and overall toughness. We feel like we’ve covered those areas. Above all else, these guys bring us tested numbers.”

The recruiting efforts of Kennedy and staff have paid dividends. In addition to signing three McDonald’s All-

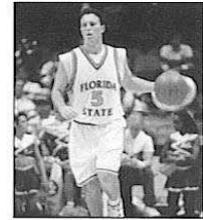
star, has great size at 6-5 and concentrated on improving his quickness after playing in the Olympic Festival this summer. His 78 assists were second best on the club last season behind Bob Sura. Greer averaged 3.0 assists and 5.6 points per game his freshman campaign. His size gives the coaching staff the luxury of playing him at the point offensively and assigning him small forward responsibilities on defense.

Sophomore Avery Curry gives Coach Kennedy a couple of options as he can play either the point or shooting guard. Curry has the quickness to quarterback the club and is a tenacious rebounder although just 6-2. He played in 24 games as a true freshman and gained valuable experience averaging 15.1 minutes a contest. He possesses an explosive first step and proved able to beat some of the nation’s top defenders off the dribble. His speed and defensive skills complement FSU’s up-tempo style.





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Scott Shepherd returns for his senior season determined to compete for playing time. As one of only two seniors on the squad, Shepherd's experience will be invaluable both on and off the court. After spending each of his first three seasons playing behind NBA-bound guards, Shepherd looks to move into the spotlight this season. A steady point guard with excellent ball handling and shooting skills, he played in 15 games, including three starts last year. He had a career-day in a start at Maryland last year burying 17 points in 27 minutes of action.

Leading the candidates to succeed Sura at the wing guard spot is the top returning scorer from last season, James Collins. Collins, who is also the top returning scorer in the ACC, has the range on his jumper to kill a zone and the quickness to penetrate for baskets. He started every game last season averaging 18.0 points and earned third team All-ACC honors. Collins led FSU and was ninth in the ACC in field goal percentage (.511) and was the only conference player to score in double figures every game. He owns the ACC's longest current

per game. He sank 57 percent of his shots from the floor, including 41 percent of his three-point attempts.

Florida State will benefit from the ability to work five players at the two post positions. Corey Louis has established himself as a rising star around the league after an impressive rookie campaign. Louis averaged 10.9 points a game last year and started all 27 contests for the Seminoles. A force at both ends of the floor, his shot blocking abilities forced opponents to adjust their offenses. An All-ACC Freshman Team selection, Louis emerged as one of the nation's top newcomers. His 74 rejections rank second on FSU's single season list, while his 2.7 blocks per game average was third best in the conference and 20th nationally. Louis led the Tribe with a 7.8 rebounds per game average last year.

Kirk Luchman has the size at 6-10, 240 pounds and



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double figure scoring streak at 32 straight games and will be counted on to carry the Seminoles' offensive load, particularly in the early going. Coach Kennedy believes Collins is poised to become one of the star players in the Atlantic Coast Conference and contend for All-America honors.

Also adding depth and competing for time at the outside scoring positions will be Geoff Brower and Kelvin McClendon.

Brower returns for his freshman year after redshirting last season. His playing style draws comparisons to Sura from FSU coaches. Brower's long range jumper and offensive mentality make him a valuable weapon off the bench at the two-guard.

Junior college transfer Kelvin McClendon will try to make an immediate impact. He was a prolific scorer at the Juco level and provides an outside shot that should fit perfectly into Kennedy's offense. A first-team All-State selection last season, McClendon ranked among the state's leading scorers, averaging 25 points

the knack for the physical game to be a force down low in his junior season. Luchman will look to improve on his 3.5 points and 3.2 rebound average of a year ago. After spending his first two years playing against five different league centers now playing in the NBA, coaches expect to see improvement in Luchman's game. A solid inside player who works extremely hard around the basket at both ends of the floor, Luchman will contend with Tim Wooden for starting responsibilities at center. Of his eight starts last year, three were at center. He gives coaches flexibility with FSU's "big" lineup because of his ability to play either power forward or center.

Wooden, the only other senior on the FSU roster, returns for his last season hoping to provide emotional leadership to the young squad. An excellent passer and good transition player, Wooden hopes to work inside more regularly this season. His versatility allows him to play any of the three forward spots. He saw action in 23 games last season, including five starts, after transferring from Seminole Junior College in Oklahoma.

Hoping to make an immediate impact down low are talented newcomers Gentry Sparks and Randell Jackson. Sparks, a 6-8 sophomore from Tallahassee, honed his skills at Barton County Community College. He is an accurate shooter with great leaping ability and intimidating size. A strong inside player, Sparks can also score away from the basket and from along the baseline.

Corey Louis (opposite page) burst onto the scene as a freshman. He tallied a team-high seven double-doubles during the year and rejected 74 shots.

After spending each of his first three years at FSU competing with three NBA-bound guards for playing time, Scott Shepherd (top) looks to move into the spotlight as a senior.

Named to the ACC All-Freshman team last season, Corey Louis (above, middle) hopes to establish himself as one of the conference's premier big men.

Junior College transfer Tim Wooden (directly above) is one of two Seminoles at 6-11 and gives FSU needed height underneath.

With an explosive first step and deadly shooting accuracy, James Collins (lower left) is a threat against any defense.





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Considered by many to be one of the top Juco players in the country last season, Sparks averaged 20.2 points and 8.1 rebounds per game at Barton County.

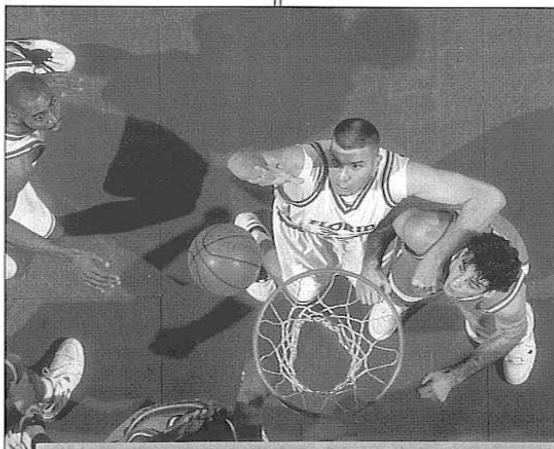
At 6-foot-11, Jackson was one of the most highly recruited players in the country and gives the Seminoles the size they have lacked at times over the past two seasons. He enters the Florida State program after a highly successful prep career where he averaged 23.7 points, 11.5 rebounds and five blocks per game his

"The biggest challenge facing us is getting back to the NCAA Tournament. This team will be extremely competitive and will do everything in its power to get back. As our players look back over the last two seasons, they realize how close those teams were, with a few breaks and clutch baskets, to qualifying for post-season play. Even though the program may appear to have taken a step back over the last two years after three straight NCAA berths, we now have the personnel in place to once again play the up-tempo style that's been successful and was a Florida State hallmark."

After last season, Florida State's schedule was ranked as the toughest in the country and this year's proves no different as the Seminoles will once again take on some of the nation's top programs. In addition to the ACC, the Tribe will face non-conference foes Connecticut, DePaul, Tulane, Florida and Jacksonville.

"Our schedule is once again one of the most difficult in the country," Kennedy reflects. "But it's a credit to the type of program we've built here that we can attract the nation's top teams and play on national television.

"We'll be tested early. Our young players will be forced to grow up in a hurry. That two week stretch in



A 36% career shooter from behind the three-point line, Scott Shepherd (top) provides the Seminoles with another outside weapon.

6-10, 240-pound Kirk Luchman's (above) rebounding skills are an important element to the Seminole's success, as he hopes to improve on his 5.2 per game average of a year ago.

The ACC's top returning scorer, James Collins (below) averaged 18 points per game last year and brings a 32-game double-digit scoring streak, the longest in the conference, into the 1995-96 season.

Sophomore Avery Curry (right) gained valuable experience last season, playing in 24 games as a true freshman.

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senior season. Tabbed a McDonald's All-American, Parade first-team All-American, and second-team USA

Today All-American, his future and potential are as promising as any player coming out of high school.

With the number of young players at FSU, the addition of Jackson creates a very bright future.

"We are very excited about the upcoming season," says Kennedy. "We'll be young, but we have built a solid nucleus. James (Collins) and Corey (Louis) give our starting lineup a foundation. Right now the rest of the starting spots are interchangeable. Competition for playing time will be fierce.

early December when we play Jacksonville, Tulane, DePaul, Connecticut and Florida will tell a lot about this team. It will be a good barometer of where we stack up in the conference."

Florida State's 1995-96 schedule features 14 games against teams from last year's NCAA Tournament, and the Seminoles will be seen at least 19 times on national and regional television this season. After playing out-of-conference for the season's first two months, FSU will play an exclusive Atlantic Coast Conference schedule in January and February in preparation for the conference championship tournament March 7-10, in Greensboro, NC.

"There is parity across the league this season," Kennedy said. "From top to bottom, anyone is capable of beating anyone else. With the early departures of star players from some of the other schools, I believe the league title is up for grabs. Certainly, Maryland with four returning starters has to be a favorite. After that, it's anybody's guess."

With the ability to play the up-tempo style that landed Florida State three straight invitations to the "Big Dance" and Sweet 16 and Elite Eight appearances, the Seminoles should return to their place among the Atlantic Coast Conference and once again become national leaders.

