Florida State University

1987-88 Men's Tennis

Outlook

With five seniors returning from his 1987 squad that finished 13-10 and was represented in doubles at the NCAA tournament, Seminole tennis coach Richard McKee could be faced with a coach's dream.

The 1987 season brought a faltering team unity back together, mainly through the help of sensational Dutchman Paul Haarhuis. Haarhuis, who played at the #1 singles and doubles positions and captured the Metro Conference Tournament MVP award, was a rallying factor, according to McKee. "Paul is a very team-oriented player," McKee says. "The team tends to follow his lead. A good number one player helps everyone on the team and gives them confidence." Haarhuis should find himself pre-season ranked by the ITCA HITS list after finishing 45th a year ago.

Entering the 1987-88 season, Florida State will be faced with the loss of lone senior Henner Lenhardt, who competed with Haarhuis in the NCAA doubles competition and freshman Scott Espenship, who saw plenty of action in both singles and doubles. Espenship has decided not to return to school.

Returning co-captain Alex Rucker is back for his fourth and final season as a Seminole and will pair with Haarhuis to form the Seminoles' one-two punch. Rucker rebounded from a disappointing sophomore campaign and posted 18 singles wins. McKee also hopes Todd Collins, who finished out the season with a Metro Conference championship at the #5 position, will return with added determination and motivation to reach his full potential. Cary Sochin and Shannon Krieger also return and will be leading candidates to fill spots in both singles and doubles positions.

With the roster brimming with returnees, McKee needed only three newcomers to fill vacancies left by Lenhardt and Espenship. Scott Shields, a talented freshman from Bradenton, brings to FSU an impressive high school career. Shields was ranked among the top 10 junior players in Florida

and went undefeated in dual matches at Bayshore High School. Although only 5-6, McKee says that Shields has an unending energy supply and hits the ball hard for his size. "I'm very high on him," McKee says. Junior transfer Casey Creely comes to FSU via Florida Junior College and will add depth and McKee hopes he will improve with more college experience. Rounding out the trio of newcomers is Greg Anderson, a transfer from West Florida. Anderson has signed up as a walk-on but McKee hints that he could be a sleeper who could turn some heads in the Seminole tennis camp.

At this stage of the game, McKee is unsure about his lineup. One thing he is very sure of is Netherlands native Haarhuis, who was on the losing end of only five singles and five doubles matches in 1986-87. Haarhuis will fill the #1 slots in both singles and doubles and represents FSU's best hopes in the NCAA picture. "I'll evaluate the play during the fall and develop a lineup," McKee says. "I hope that the five seniors will fill the lineup, but if they can't, I won't hesitate to make changes."

Due to a change in NCAA regulations, FSU is limited to 30 playing dates during the 1987-88 season. With this change, Florida State has cut down its home schedule to only six dates at Don Loucks Courts and will see action during four successive weekends on the road. Included in FSU's grueling road schedule is a trip to the Corpus Christi (TX) Invitational which McKee refers to as "NCAA competition with the top teams in the nation." Topping off the season, Florida State will host the Metro Conference Tournament in Tallahassee, April 22-24.

McKee's early prognastication finds tough going in only the number two and three positions due to a tough schedule. "Besides those positions," he says, "we should be very competitive. One of our strengths last season was doubles, and I'm expecting another good season in doubles as well as a good season overall."



HEAD COACH

Entering his fifth year at the helm of the

Seminole tennis team, Richard McKee has seen both ends of the spectrum.

In his first two seasons of 1984 and 1985, McKee's teams compiled a 52-12 record. His 1986 squad tumbled to a 10-13 mark and a disappointing fourth place finish in the Metro Conference Tournament but the 1987 team rebounded to a 13-10 mark and is in

a position to improve this year.

Using a calm demeanor and enjoyable personality to his advantage, McKee's teams have recorded a 75-35 dual match mark for a .682 winning percentage while bringing FSU into the national collegiate tennis scene. Last season, the Seminoles were represented at the NCAA Tournament by the doubles tandem of Paul Haarhuis and Henner Lenhardt.

McKee's success at Florida State is hardly a surprise. He has achieved excellence at all levels of collegiate tennis, beginning with his playing days at North Carolina. Before graduating with a bachelor's degree in history in 1974, he was a standout for the Tar Heel netters and posted an 85-12 career singles record playing at the number three

and four positions. During his four-year career, he won two ACC singles titles and was named to the NCAA All-American tennis team three times.

In addition to his coaching duties, McKee holds membership on several tennis committees, including the NCAA Region III selection advisory committee and the National Invitational Tennis Tournament selection committee. Each summer he runs the Richard McKee Tennis School which annually attracts some of the top young tennis talents in Florida.

The Seminole mentor is married to the former Mary Kate Jeter of Jacksonville, Florida and has two daughters and one son.

McKEE'S RECORD AT FSU

	75-35	.682
1987	13-10	.565
1986	10-13	.435
1985	22- 4	.846
1984	30-8	.794

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MEN'S TENNIS QUICK FACTS

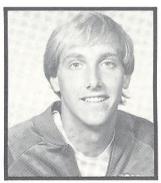
Head CoachRichard McKee
Record at FSU
Years at FSU Enters fifth
1987 Spring Record13-10
1987 Metro Finish Second
Metro Champions 1981, 1983, 1984
Highest National Finish#16, 1985
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Profiles







Todd Collins



Casey Creely



Paul Haarhuis

Greg Anderson, Junior, Seminole, Fla.

... a transfer student from West Florida who will walk on to the Seminole squad ... won 45 singles matches in two years for West Florida, who was ranked fifth in the NAIA following the 1987 season ... had a 19-5 doubles record in '87 alternating between the #1 and #2 positions ... was part of a duo that defeated the All-American team of Garnett and Rhoney of SW Louisiana 6-3, 6-7, 7-6 ... former coach Skeeter Carson says that doubles is a strength of Anderson ... as a freshman, Anderson lost a three-set match to FSU's Henner Lenhardt as West Florida dropped a 9-0 decision to the Seminoles ... as a high school senior in 1985, Anderson won the Class 4A state doubles championship ... majoring in marketing ...

Todd Collins, Senior, Vero Beach, Fla.

... had his ups and downs during an injury-plagued 1987 season ... played most consistently at the #5 position, posting an 8-6 record ... topped off his 11-12 season with the #5 Metro Conference championship, one of three Metro crowns FSU captured ... ended the season with four consecutive wins ... teamed with Shannon Krieger for an 11-5 record at #2 doubles position ... transferred to FSU from South Florida following his sophomore year ... was an All-Cape Coast Conference selection his junior and senior years at Vero Beach High School ... majoring in finance ...

Casey Creely, Junior, Tallahassee, Fla.

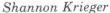
. . . returns to his hometown from Florida Junior College after the school dropped its tennis program . . . had a 22-7 singles record in 1987 and his doubles combination advanced to the NJCAA semi-finals at the #2 flight . . . he and his partner were eventually named honorable mention NJCAA All-American . . . won the only match during a 8-1 FJC loss to FSU last season, defeating Shannon Krieger 4-6, 6-4, 6-0 at #6 . . . McKee hopes to find a place for Creely in doubles to get the best out of his strong serve . . . majoring in business

Paul Haarhuis, Senior, Eindhoven, The Netherlands

... look for big things from FSU's returning number one player in 1987-88 ... capped a stellar 35-5 singles and 24-4 doubles season with an appearance at the NCAA Championships in Athens, GA ... he and doubles partner Henner Lenhardt were eliminated in the first round after winning a preliminary match ... FSU coach Richard McKee felt that Haarhuis should also have been selected for an at-large singles bid ... Haarhuis lost only two spring dual matches, one being a tough 6-2, 4-6, 7-5 rematch with Shawn Taylor of Florida ... Haarhuis won the first match 6-1, 6-3 ... had a 4-2 record against par-

Profiles







Alex Rucker



Scott Shields



Cary Sochin

ticipants in the 1987 NCAA Championships . . . had a string of 24 consecutive wins stretching from the fall season into the spring dual match season . . . was named MVP of the Metro Conference Championships after capturing the #1 singles and doubles crowns . . . Haarhuis became a well-known commodity after winning the ITCA championship in November of 1986 in Panama City . . . at the ITCA, Haarhuis rebounded to beat top-ranked Marcel Van Der Werwe, Edwin Wu and Robbie Weiss after losing the first set in each match . . . transferred to Florida State from Armstrong State in Savannah, GA after posting a 64-2 singles record in his first two years of collegiate tennis . . . majoring in economics . . .

Shannon Krieger, Senior, Slidell, La.

... was used sparingly in singles competition but saw a great deal of doubles action ... had a 4-5 dual match record playing at #6 ... combined with three different partners to put together a 16-10 doubles record ... his partner most often was Todd Collins at the second doubles spot and the pair compiled an 11-5 record ... they advanced to the finals of the #2 doubles flight of the Metro Conference Tournament before losing to the Hill-Excarma team from Louisville ... walked on to the 1986 squad and contributed with a 10-15 record after injuries decimated the team ... lettered at Southern Mississippi during the 1984 season ... majoring in economics ...

Alex Rucker, Senior, Delray Beach, Fla.

... one of FSU's returning co-captains ... saw action at positions 3 through 6 during 1986-87 season ... played mostly at #4 and #5 ... had a 9-9 record at #4 and 5-1 at #5 ... had an overall 18-16 singles record during 1986-87 ... teamed with Scott Espenship at the #3 doubles position and went 15-8 ... played eight 1986 fall tournament matches compiling a 4-4 record ... rebounded from an 8-18 spring campaign ... was top freshman of 1986 team with a 23-6 record ... has combined for a career 49-27 doubles record at FSU ... runner-up in state of Florida high school singles championships in 1984 ... majoring in finance ...

Scott Shields, Freshman, Bradenton, Fla.

... Coach Richard McKee has high hopes for this newcomer ... brings to FSU a long line of past successes ... was undefeated in dual singles matches at Bayshore High School and was ranked in the top 10 junior rankings consistently during those years ... won the #1 singles Class 3A District 6 championship for three consecutive years, leading Bayshore to the state team championship in 1987 ... McKee believes his extensive play in national tournaments around the country has readied him for collegiate tennis ... a hard hitter despite his size ... undecided on a major ...

Roster / Results

Cary Sochin, Senior, Miami, Fla.

... vaulted from #6 position to the #3 position and struggled during the 1987 season ... was winless in four fall 1986 matches ... posted a 9-16 record during spring dual matches ... seven of his losses came in three sets ... had the distinction of losing a 7-5, 6-4 match to the eventual NCAA singles champion Andrew Burrow of Miami ... finished the 1987 season by winning six of his last nine matches ... was limited in doubles play combining for a 4-5 record ... had a 10-11 singles record after walking on to the 1986 squad ... has a double major of psychology and nutrition at FSU ...

1987-88 FLORIDA STATE MEN'S TENNIS ROSTER

Greg Anderson	6-1	175	Jr.	Seminole, FL
Todd Collins	6-5	170	Sr.	Vero Beach, FL
Robert Cooney	5-10	175	Jr.	Ponte Vedre Beach, FL
Casey Creely	6-1	185	Jr.	Tallahassee, FL
Chris Durham	5-10	155	Fr.	Americus, GA
Paul Haarhuis	6-3	170	Sr.	Eindhoven, The Netherlands
Shannon Krieger	6-1	200	Sr.	Slidell, LA
Alex Rucker	6-1	140	Sr.	Delray Beach, FL
Scott Shields	5-6	135	Fr.	Bradenton, FL
Cary Sochin	5-10	150	Sr.	Miami, FL

Head Coach: Richard McKee

Assistant: John Vinson

METRO CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS RESULTS 1976-85

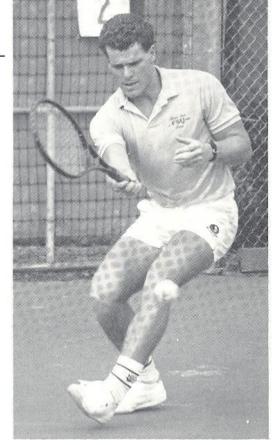
Year	Site	Team Champion	Outstanding Individual
1976	Memphis, Tenn.	Memphis State	None
1977	Memphis, Tenn.	Memphis State	Roger Webb, Memphis State
1978	Tallahassee, Fla.	Memphis State	Jim Ladyman, Memphis State
1979	Tallahassee, Fla.	Memphis State	Bob Kronauge, Cincinnati
1980	Tallahassee, Fla.	Memphis State	Jeff Player, Virginia Tech
1981	Tallahassee, Fla.	Florida State	Marco Abilhoa, Florida State
1982	Memphis, Tenn.	Virginia Tech	Marco Abilhoa, Florida State
1983	New Orleans, La.	Florida State	Jon Ramthun, Virginia Tech
1984	New Orleans, La.	Florida State	Marco Abilhoa, Florida State
1985	Memphis, Tenn.	South Carolina	Joey Rive, Florida State
1986	Columbia, S.C.	South Carolina	Jan Sandberg, South Carolina
1987	Hattiesburg, Ms.	South Carolina	Paul Haarhuis, Florida State

Results

								Fall		OVER-
Player	#1		#2	#3	#4	#5	#6	Tour	Spring	ALL
Paul Haarhuis	25-	2						10- 3	25- 2	35- 5
Henner Lenhardt			14-12	1- 0				0-4	15-12	15-16
Cary Sochin				8-15	0- 1	1-0		0-4	9-16	9-20
Alex Rucker				0-1	9- 9	5- 1	0- 1	4-4	14-12	18-16
Todd Collins			0-1		0-1	8- 6	2- 2	1-2	10-10	11-12
Scott Espenship				1- 1	2-4	2-3	10-4	2- 3	15-12	17-15
Shannon Krieger						1- 0	3- 5	_	4- 5	4-5
V	25-	2	14-13	10-17	11-15	17-10	15-12	17-20	92-69	109-109
Doubles Teams										
Haarhuis-Lenhardt	22-	3						2- 1	22- 3	24- 4
Collins-Krieger			11- 5						11- 5	11- 5
Sochin-Krieger			3- 5						3- 5	3- 5
Collins-Rucker			2- 0	0-2					2- 2	2- 2
Espenship-Sochin			1-0						1- 0	1- 0
Espenship-Rucker				15-8					15-8	15-8
Espenship-Krieger				2- 0					2- 0	2- 0
Sochin-Lenhardt	0-	1							0- 1	0- 1
	22-	4	16-10	17-10				2- 1	55-24	57-25

FLORIDA STATE MEN'S TENNIS STATISTICS— FALL AND SPRING SEASON SPRING 1987—DUAL MATCHES

Team	\mathbf{W}/\mathbf{L}	Score	Record
Indiana	L	5-4	0- 1
Auburn-Montgomery	W	9-0	1- 1
Florida Junior College	W	8-1	2- 1
Southwestern Louisiana	L	7-2	2- 2
North Florida	W	7-2	3- 2
Florida Atlantic	W	8-1	4- 2
South Alabama	W	6-3	4- 2 5- 2 5- 3 6- 3
Florida	L	5-4	5- 3
Furman	W	5-4	6- 3
Vanderbilt	L	5-4	6-4
Southeast Louisiana	L	6-3	6- 5
Alabama	\mathbf{L}	6-3	6- 6
Belhaven	W	8-1	7- 6
Hampton Institute	\mathbf{L}	5-4	7- 7
Miami	${ m L}$	6-3	7-8
N.C. State	*	3-3	7-8
North Carolina	L	7-2	7- 9
Louisville	W	8-1	8- 9
Florida	W	6-3	9- 9
Kalamazoo	W	6-3	10-9
Abraham Baldwin	W	7-2	11- 9
McNeese State	L	7-2	11-10
Georgia Southern	W	5-4	12-10
Southern Mississippi	W	9-0	13-10
*Doubles cancelled due to	rain		



Schedule

1987 MEN'S FALL TENNIS SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Site
Sept. 11-13	Tropical Collegiate Tournament	St. Augustine, FL
Oct. 15-19	Lee Michaels-Rolex Invitational	Lafayette, LA
Oct. 22-25	ITCA Tournament	Panama City, FL
	(Intercollegiate Tennis Coaches Association)	2
Nov. 20-23	Region III Indoor Tournament	Athens, GA



1988 FLORIDA STATE SPRING TENNIS SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Site	Time
Jan. 17	Indiana	Tallahassee, FL	10:00 AM
Jan. 30	Auburn-Montgomery	Tallahassee, FL	12:00 Noon
Feb. 6	North Florida	Tallahassee, FL	12:00 Noon
Feb. 11-13	Alabama Quad Match (Alabama, Miss. State, FSU, Southeast Louisiana)	Tuscaloosa, AL	Daily
Feb. 19-21	Florida Quad Match	Gainesville, FL	Daily
19-1	(Florida, North Carolina, Yale, FSU, Rollins)	7 (1.5 m) (1.5 m)	grade control of
Feb. 26-28	South Florida Quad Match (USF, FSU, Auburn, Rice, Furman)	Tampa, FL	Daily
March 2-6	Corpus Christi Invitational	Corpus Christi, TX	Daily
March 8	Virginia Tech	Tallahassee, FL	2:00 PM
March 9	North Carolina State	Tallahassee, FL	2:00 PM
March 10-12	Florida State Quad Match (FSU, McNeese State, North Carolina St.)	Tallahassee, FL	Daily
March 18	Mississippi	Tallahassee, FL	2:00 PM
March 25	Kalamazoo	Tallahassee, FL	2:00 PM
March 26	Florida	Tallahassee, FL	2:00 PM
April 4	Georgia State	Tallahassee, FL	2:00 PM
April 8	South Alabama	Tallahassee, FL	2:00 PM
April 9	Southeast Louisiana	Tallahassee, FL	2:00 PM
April 13	Florida	Gainesville, FL	2:00 PM
April 22-24	Metro Conference Tournament	Tallahassee, FL	Daily
May 20-24	NCAA Team Competition	Athens, GA	Daily
May 25-28	NCAA Individual Competition	Athens, GA	Daily