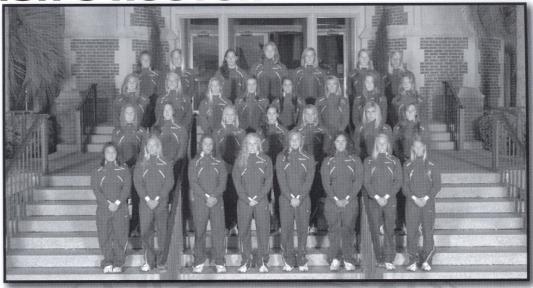
MEN'S ROSTER



Name	YR	НТ	Event	Hometown	
Michael Aitken	SO	6-2	Fly	Durham, NC (Northern)	
Al Augustine	FR	6-1	Free	Skippack, PA (Landsdale Catholic)	
Trice Bailey	FR	6-2	Free	Lake Mary, FL (Seminole)	
Tyler Ball	FR	6-0	Free	Apollo Beach, FL (East Bay)	
Daniel Bradford	SR	6-8	Free	Rockledge, FL (Rockledge)	
Cameron Chambers	FR	6-1	Free	St. Petersburg, FL (Northeast)	
Mark Cox	FR	5-10	Fly	Sarasota, FL (Venice)	
Shawn Erickson	SR	6-3	Distance Free	Tallahassee, FL (Chiles)	
Alex Fernandez	FR	6-0	IM	Coral Springs, FL (Marjory Stoneman Douglas)	
Elijah Flood	FR	6-6	Free	Ft. Lauderdale, FL (Pine Crest)	
Marcelo Garcia	SO	5-7	Diving	Seffner, FL (Jesuit)	
Nick Graves	SR	5-10	Distance Free	Lexington, KY (Sayre)	
Taylor Harris	FR	6-2	IM	Raleigh, NC (Needham Broughton)	
Robby Hayes	JR	6-0	Fly, IM, Breast	Alpharetta, GA (Marist School)	
Andy Hodgson	SR	6-4	Back	Blackpool, England (University of Swansea)	
Robert Holderness	JR	5-10	Breast, IM	Butleigh, Somerset, England (Millfield)	
Terry Horner	SR	5-6	Diving	Orlando, FL (Lyman/Seminole CC)	
Jordan Horsley	JR	5-11	Diving	Lawrenceville, GA (Collins Hill/Indian River CC)	
Hibai Iriondo	FR	5-11	Free	Dania, FL (Fort Lauderdale)	
Glenn Kalata	JR	6-2	Back	Trumbull, CT (Trumball/Syracuse University)	
Nick Klein	FR	5-9	Diving	Chapel Hill, NC (East Chapel Hill)	
Tanner Lowman	FR	5-9	Breast	Salisbury, NC (East Rowan)	
Landon Marzullo	JR	5-8	Diving	Columbus, OH (Worthington Kilbourne/Indiana)	
Brad Morrison	FR	5-11	Back	Land O' Lakes, FL (Land O' Lakes)	
Logan Mosley	FR	6-2	Back, Fly	Sanford, FL (Seminole)	
Michael Neubacher	JR	5-7	Diving	Windemere, FL (Olympia/LSU)	
Daniel Nguyen	FR	5-10	Fly	Lilburn, GA (Brookwood)	
Lloyd Owens	SR	6-1	Free	Oviedo, FL (Oviedo)	
Stephen Pendleton	JR	6-2	Free	Northfield, IL (New Trier/Denver University)	
Spencer Rausch	JR	6-1	Free, Back	Jacksonville, FL (Providence)	
Tyler Reed	FR	6-6	Free	Palm Harbor, FL (Palm Harbor University HS)	
Ian Rowe	JR	5-9	Distance Free, IM	Towson, MD (Towson)	
Matt Shead	JR	6-4	Breast	Welling, Kent, England (Millfield)	
Corey Swanson	SR	6-0	Free	Tampa, FL (Sickles)	
James Taddeo	SO	5-10	Free	Clearwater, FL (Countryside)	
Scott Thacker	SR	6-1	Breast	Lynchburg, VA (Jefferson Forest)	
David Toffaletti	SR	6-1	Free	Charlotte, NC (Butler)	
Mark Weber	FR	6-3	Free	Warner Robins, GA (Houston County)	

WOMEN'S ROSTER



Name	YR	HT	Event	Hometown
Katherine Adham	JR	5-5	Diving	Orlando, FL (Dr. Phillips)
Corey Allison	FR	5-6	Distance Free	Bradenton, FL (Dr. Phillips)
Jamie Barrett	FR	5-4	IM, Breast	Billings, MO (Butler)
Charlotte Broadbent	SO	5-4	Back, Free	Sheffield, England (Tapton)
Anja Buehner	SO	5-8	Distance Free	Tallahassee, FL (Leon/ Towson University)
Melanie Cabassol	SR	5-5	Diving	Montgomery, TX (Montgomery)
Jessie Carr	SR	5-6	Breast, Free	Columbia, SC (Gulf Breeze)
Shanda Casella	SR	5-4	Free, Back	Orlando, FL (Cypress Creek/Indian River CC)
Carly Cavalieri	SR	6-0	Back, Free	Tampa, FL (Gaither)
Katie Coleman	FR	5-5	Fly	Palm Harbor, FL (Palm Harbor University HS)
Tiffany Elias	SR	5-7	Fly, IM, Free	Phoenix, AZ (Xavier College Preparatory)
Kylsie Grimes	SR	5-10	Free, Breast	Hartland, WI (Arrowhead)
Jen Guyler	SR	5-4	Distance Free	Palm Harbor, FL (East Lake)
Marissa Harrington	FR	5-6	Distance Free	Bradenton, FL (Dr. Phillips)
Emily Harris	FR	5-11	Back, Free	St. Louis, MO (Webster Groves)
C.J. Hendry	JR	5-7	Fly, Back, Free	Evans, GA (Evans)
Jenna Jacoby	FR	6-3	Back, Fly	Winchester, VA (Flint Hill)
Holly Mills	JR	5-6	Back, Free	Ruislip, England (St. Augustine Priory)
Aleia Monden	SR	5-1	Diving	Mililani, HI (St. Andrew's Priory)
Jocelyn Phillips	JR	6-0	Free	Napa, CA (Vintage)
Kristine Polley	FR	5-9	Breast, IM	Marietta, GA (Sprayberry)
Elysse Rowland	SO	5-3	Diving	Chicago, IL (Loyola Academy)
Jessica Sabotin	SO	5-11	IM, Breast, Fly	Altamonte Springs, FL (The Trinity School)
Casey Sandlin	FR	5-9	Free	Jacksonville, FL (Bolles)
Stephanie Sarandos	SO	5-7	Back, Free, IM	Waukesha, WI (Kettle Moranie)
Jaq Schroeder	JR	5-5	Diving	Edina, MN (Edina/Minnesota)
Brittany Selts	JR	5-7	Fly, Free	Miami, FL (Palmetto)
Katie Sirounis	SR	5-9	Diving	Indian Harbor Beach, FL (Satellite)
Caroline Smith	FR	5-5	Free, IM	Greensboro, NC (South Davidson)
Stevi Steinhauer	SR	5-9	Free	Pensacola, FL (Gulf Breeze)

TEAM BREAKDOWN

<u>MEN</u>	Returners 18	Back 4	WOMEN	Returners 19	Back 3
Seniors10	Incomers 20	Breast 5	Seniors 10	Incomers11	Breast 9
Juniors9		Fly 5	Juniors6		Fly4
Sophmores 3	Events	IM 5	Sophmores 5	Events	IM5
Freshmen16	Free15	Diving 6	Freshmen9	Free 16	Diving 6
Total38	Distance 3		Total30	Distance3	

HEAD COACH NEIL HARPER



11th Year Louisiana State, 1990

Three Time ACC Coach of the Year (2004, 2006, 2007)

Entering his 11th season as head coach of the Seminoles, Neil Harper has proven he knows how to build one of the elite programs in the ACC and emerging programs in the country. His 110 wins rank third and .815 winning percentage ranks second in ACC history on the women's side. With 78 ACC Champions, 47 NCAA All-American honors and one National Champion during that time span, Harper's Florida State squads are continually at the top of the ACC standings and in the running at the NCAA Championships.

The 2009 season was a year of milestones for Harper. In his 10th season at the helm, Harper reached the 200-win plateau on January 17, 2009 against Clemson. It was also a year in which his athletes had record breaking success in the pool. In December, Florida State's contingent at the USA Short Course National Championships broke five conference records and seven school records. The team's results were a sign of things to come as Seminole swimmers and divers broke 24 school records in 2009. Harper also directed the men to a second-place finish at the ACC Championships and another Top 20 showing at the NCAA Championships. On the women's side, Harper's squad put together a fourth-place showing at ACC's. Harper has always put his teams up against the toughest competition and 2009 was no different as FSU raced against nine teams ranked in the CSCAA top 25. The team certainly rose to the challenge as Seminole athletes won ACC Performer of the Week honors six times and Andy Hodgson

earned a National Collegiate Swimmer of the Week accolade as well.

Florida
State athletes are a regular sight on top of the medal stand at the ACC Championships under Harper's



tutelage. Florida State earned back-to-back ACC Championships when the women earned their first conference title in 2006 and the men followed with their first in 2007. The teams' ACC Championships garnered Harper two consecutive ACC Coach of the Year awards, his second and third such honors in four years. Over the last 11 years, the women's team has won 45 individual and relay titles while the men have amassed 33. The 16 combined championships in 2007 were the most during Harper's tenure.

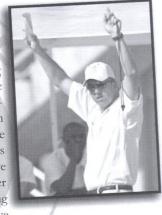
Only Florida State and Virginia have produced an individual men's champion in each of the last eight years and the Seminoles are the only institution with at least one gold medal winner since 1992.

As to be expected, the Tribe has been rewriting the school's record books. Nearly every record on the men's side has been broken during Harper's tenure in Tallahassee, except four records which were broken by athletes Harper recruited during his time as an assistant at FSU. In 2009 alone an amazing 17 records were broken on the men's side. On the women's side, 21 of the 22 school marks have fallen during Harper's time at FSU, including 14 records that were reset or broken in the last three years.

More of Florida State's swimming records are held by Harper's student-athletes than any other head coach's in history. On the women's lists, 111 of the 130 best times in Seminole lore have been set during Harper's 10 years, including either the number one or two spots in every event. The men's team has put its

name down 99 times since Harper's arrival in 1999.

Harper's 84-38 (.713) mark on the men's side is second in school history and his winning percentage is first among active ACC coaches. Since the 2001-02 season, the women have won at least nine meets in all but one season and have only one loss outside the top 25. The men have produced at least nine wins per season in all but two seasons during that same time frame with just five losses beyond the top 25.



Florida State swimmers and divers excel in the classroom just as well as they do in the pool. Since 2000, the Seminoles have had at least 20 student-athletes on the ACC Academic Honor Roll each year, including a program-high 40 in 2007.

Previous Coaching Experience

In May of 1999, Harper returned to Tallahassee to take over the men's and women's swimming and diving teams after two years as the women's head coach at Ohio State. In two seasons with the Buckeyes, Harper's team posted a 15-12 mark while qualifying six athletes for the NCAA Championships. In the classroom, Ohio State excelled just as well as both of his teams received NCAA All-Academic selections. Within the conference, the Buckeyes received more than 20 Academic All-Big Ten Conference honors during his two seasons.

From 1994-97, Harper served as the top assistant at Florida State under Don Gibb. One of his main duties was to coordinate the Seminoles' recruiting efforts. His work with recruiting at FSU spoke for itself as the Seminoles produced numerous All-Americans, including FSU's first NCAA champion, Stephen Parry, in the 200 butterfly. As a top aide, Harper was also in charge of the team's strength and conditioning, while working with the stroke and individual medley swimmers. His work in the pool produced the school's first female All-Americans in six years as former assistant coach Anne Blachford (200 IM), Helen Jepson (200 fly) and Samantha White (100 breast) all enjoyed NCAA success.

SWIMMING & DIVING

A 1990 graduate of Louisiana State University, Harper served as an assistant at his alma mater from 1988-1994.. During his coaching stint in Baton Rouge, he helped the Tiger swimmers earn 21 NCAA All-America honors and seven Southeastern Conference titles. During the 1991 season, both the men and women posted one of their best finishes at the NCAA Championships as both came away with a 14th-place showing.



International Experience

Harper's skills also extends internationally as he has coached at the biggest international competitions in the last six years. During the summer of 2004, he was on deck for his fourth Olympic Games, traveling to Athens, Greece to coach Wickus Nienaber as the head man for the Swaziland contingency. Nienaber was just one of five of Harper's former Seminoles competing in the Olympics as Chris Vythoulkas swam for the Bahamas, Golda Marcus carried the El Salvador flag and Julio Santos represented Ecuador.

The biggest thrill for Harper at the 2004 Olympics was watching one of his former student-athletes reach the medal stand. Stephen Parry – a stand out for the Seminoles while Harper coached him as an assistant - brought home the bronze medal in the 200-meter butterfly.

In 2000, Harper was a member of the South African Olympic coaching staff in Sydney, Australia coaching Olympic medal hopefuls and Olympic finalists Brendon Dedekind and Brett Petersen.

In 2001, he traveled to Fukuoka, Japan to coach Nienaber in the FINA World Championships. The following summer he mentored Nienaber at the Commonwealth Games in Manchester, England, where he was joined by former Seminole All-American's Parry and Petersen, as well as Vythoulkas. In 2003, he returned to the FINA World Championships in Barcelona, Spain to coach Nienaber.

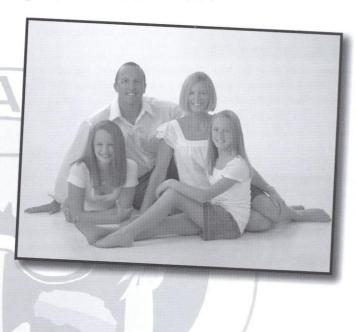
Swimming Experience

As a competitor, Harper is one of the top swimmers in LSU history. He first made his name in the SEC when he won the 100-yard backstroke at the 1986 conference meet. Throughout his career, Harper collected four SEC titles while earning seven NCAA All-America awards. During his final year, LSU won it's only SEC team championship and finished sixth at the NCAA Championships, the highest finish in school history. He still ranks on the Tigers' all-time top 10 performance list in four different events.

The London native represented Great Britain in the 1984 and 1988 Olympics in the 100 and 200-meter backstroke as well as a member of the 400-meter medley relay with sixth and fourthplace finishes, respectively.

Personal

The 44-year-old Harper is married to the former Paige Busch from Orlando, Fla., who was also an All-American and SEC champion in the 100-yard breaststroke at LSU. The couple has two daughters, Katherine (15) and Kelly (13).



HARPER'S RESUME

COLLEGIATE COACHING EXPERIENCE

1999-Present: Head Coach, Florida State University 1997-99: Head Women's Coach, Ohio State University 1994-97: Assistant Coach, Florida State University 1988-94: Assistant Coach, Louisiana State University

INTERNATIONAL COACHING EXPERIENCE

2004: Swaziland Olympic Games Team (Athens, Greece) 2003: FINA World Championship Team Coach (Barcelona, Spain) 2002: Commonwealth Games Team Coach (Manchester, England) 2001: FINA World Championships Team Coach (Fukuoka, Japan) 2000: South African Olympic Games Team (Sydney, Australia)

INTERNATIONAL SWIMMING EXPERIENCE

1988: Great Britain Olympic Games Team (Seoul, South Korea) 1986: FINA World Championships Team (Madrid, Spain) 1986: England Commonwealth Games Team (Edinburgh, Scotland) 1984: Great Britain Olympic Games Team (Los Angeles, USA)

ASSOCIATE HEAD COACH ANDY ROBINS



15th Year William & Mary, 1983

Florida State has solidified itself at the top of the ACC and one of the main reasons is the presence of associate head coach Andy Robins who enters his 15th season with the Seminoles.

Robins was promoted to Associate Head Coach in 2003 and is responsible for organizing team workouts, performance data, team travel and home meet management.

Robins has worked with the Seminole sprinters under Head Coach Neil Harper and it was the sprint group that produced some of the team's top results during the 2008-09 season. Under the tutelage of Robins the group was part of five conference record breaking performances during the USA Short Course National Championships in December of 2008. Robins' group also earned Honorable Mention All-American status in the men's 400 free relay at the 2009 NCAA Championships. Jarryd Botha ended his storied career as a Seminole with a pair of All-ACC honors in the 100 free and 100 fly. The Seminole sprint group now has more than 30 All-ACC honorees with Robins at the helm. In all, the men's and women's sprint groups had a hand in five school records while almost every swimmer in the group earned a collegiate best time in at least one event.

Robin's helped to add a new chapter to FSU's illustrious sprinting history in 2008. Under the coaching of Robins, junior Scott Baker had a career year culminating with All-America honors in the 50 free at the NCAA Championships. Baker swam a personal best 19.49 to earn a seventh-place finish. His time is now second only to Seminole legend Brendon Dedekind. Robins also helped lead senior Lauren Sparg to her first career individual Honorable Mention All-America honors with her 11th place finish in the 100 fly. Sparg was also the ACC Champion in the 100 fly and now owns the school record in both the 100 and 200 fly events.

Five Seminoles qualified for the 2007 NCAA Championships in sprint events. Florida State sprinters have earned 10 All-America honors during Robins' tenure. Most recently on the women's side, Christy Cech won back-to-back (2001-02) All-America awards in the 50 freestyle. The Seminoles have also brought home 17 All-America certificates in the 200 and 400 freestyle relays.

FSU has been even more successful at the conference level under Robins. The Seminoles brought home four gold medals at the 2007 ACC Championships in sprint events. Under Robins, FSU sprinters have now won 17 ACC titles in the 50 and 100 freestyle events and 20 gold medals in the 200 and 400 freestyle relays. All told, more than 25 sprinters have collected All-ACC honors during the last decade.

Prior to Coach Harper's return, Robins worked primarily

ROBINS' RESUME

2002-present: Associate Head Coach, Florida State

1995-2001: Assistant Coach, Florida State

1993-97: Head Coach, Area Tallahassee Aquatic Club

1990-91: Head Coach, Florida All-Stars 1989: Assistant Coach, Florida All-Stars 1986-91: Head Coach, Leon High School

1985-92: Assistant Coach, Area Tallahassee Aquatic Club

with the stroke disciplines and individual medley specialists. He most notably worked with Stephan Parry, an NCAA finalist, as well as a 2004 Olympic bronze medalist. During that time Robins also coached Seminole All-Americans Anne Blachford, Keam Ang and Nelson Mora.

Florida State's team results during his tenure speak for themselves. The men's squad has scored points at the NCAA Championships in ten of his 14 years, including five of the past six, with the highest finish in school history, a ninth-place showing in 1997. The women's 16th-place finish in 2006 was their best ever and part of 11 trips to the NCAA Championships since 1995.

Robins has helped take the Seminoles from the middle of the ACC pack to the team to beat in the conference. FSU won their first men's ACC Swimming and Diving Championship in 2007 and have finished outside the top two only once since 2003. The women followed-up their first ACC Championship in 2006 with a second place finish in 2007. They have now finished in the top three in six out of the last eight years. With Robins on staff, FSU has dominated its dual-meet schedule. Since 1995, the Seminoles have had just one sub .500 season and have a combined 255 dual-meet victories.

Even prior to his graduation, Robins had been actively involved in coaching and his involvement with local swimming and diving dates back more than 20 years. His association with swimming in the Big Bend began in 1985 when he took a position with the Area of Tallahassee Aquatic Club. Robins took over the head coaching duties for ATAC in 1993 and led the squad to a top 10 finish at the 1996 Junior National Championships.

In conjunction with his work at ATAC, Robins served as the head coach at Leon High School in Tallahassee from 1986-91. After only his second year on the job, he was named High School Coach of the Year by the Tallahassee Democrat.

He also served as head coach for the Florida All-Star Team in 1990 and 1991 after spending the previous two seasons as an assistant coach. Away from the pool, Robins served on the Florida Swimming Board of Directors, the House of Delegates and the Technical Planning Committee from 1987-98.

A 1983 graduate of The College of William & Mary with a bachelor's in psychology, he earned his master's in science education from Florida State in 1987. While in college, Robins swam both the backstroke and distance freestyle events. His swimming accomplishments at William & Mary include setting the school record in the 1650 freestyle while also serving as co-captain.

The 49-year-old Robins and his wife Karen have four children Beth (31), Kurt (30), Jenna (24) and Annemarie (13).

DIVING COACH PATRICK JEFFREY





Ohio State Hall of Fame, 2005

To mold a championship diver it takes a true champion, and Florida State's Patrick Jeffrey certainly fits that bill. A three-time NCAA Champion and two-time Olympian, Jeffrey was inducted into the Ohio State University Athletics Hall of Fame in 2005. Entering his 11th year in Tallahassee, his experience has helped Florida State divers re-write the ACC and Seminole record books year after year.

After a record breaking season in 2008, the Seminole divers once again took their performance to another level in 2009. Terry Horner became the most decorated diver in Florida State history earning All-America honors on the three-meter and Honorable Mention All-America status on the one-meter, adding to his previous four All-America awards. Jeffery also helped lead the divers to an ACC Championship, guiding Dan Frebel to his first career title on the platform and five All-ACC honors at the ACC Championships. In all, the FSU divers broke three school records in 2009.

Jeffrey has also helped usher in a new era in international competition for the Garnet and Gold with Horner earning a place on the 2009 World Championship team. Horner earned a 16th place finish in the one-meter competition. Horner also finished second in the one-meter at the USA Diving National Championships later in the summer of 2009 and seventh in the three-meter.

The 2008 season was business as usual for Florida State divers with three All-American performances, four All-ACC results and two ACC championships. On the men's side, Jeffrey's four divers earned 10 top-eight finishes at the ACC Championships led by a pair of victories by Horner (one-meter, three-meter) and a pair of second place finishes by Frebel (three-meter, platform). The women also held their own at the ACC Championships with the team's four divers earning points in 11 of 12 opportunities. At the NCAA meet, Horner once again earned All-America honors with a third-place finish on the one-meter and Honorable Mention All-America honors on the threemeter. Aleia Monden also earned her first career Honorable Mention All-America honor on the platform. Jeffrey's divers now have a total of 15 All-America certificates during his time at FSU.

Jeffrey's divers made a significant statement at the USA Diving National Championships in 2008 where Horner captured the National Title on the one-meter and placed third on the three-meter. Frebel finished in seventh place in the platform dive, while he and teammate Scott Derner took home fourth-place honors in the men's three-meter synchronized competition solidifying the men's team's third-place finish at Nationals. On the women's side Monden placed third with her partner in the platform synchronized competition.

Since Jeffrey's arrival in 1999, he has not only put Florida State Diving on the map, he has set the standard for diving in the entire conference. Seminole divers have captured 19 of the 42 ACC championships on the boards during Jeffrey's tenure. Under his guidance, Florida State has claimed at least one conference title on the men's side in six of the past 10 seasons and the school's four-straight championships on the one-meter and three more on the three-meter have not been equaled in nearly 20 years. Additionally, 12 of Jefffrey's divers have earned All-ACC honors and over the last 10 seasons, Florida State divers have claimed four Women's ACC Divers of the Meet awards,

three Men's ACC Diver of the Meet honors as well as a Women's ACC Swimming & Diving Rookie of the Year accolade.

In the past four years alone, eight of the 10 FSU diving records have been broken, including new marks by Horner (one-meter, three-meter) and Frebel (platform)during the 2008-2009 season. The only records not owned by Jeffrey's divers are from All-Americans Paul Spray and Wendy Fuller which will stand forever because of event format changes.

Jeffrey's coaching accolades also stretch internationally. On the world stage, he most recently was a member of the USA Diving coaching staff at the 2009 World Championships in Rome, Italy where he coached Horner. In 2007, Jeffrey was a member of the United States World University Games staff where he coached two of his own student-athletes, Horner and Frebel. He was on the 2000 U.S. Olympic team coaching staff along with the 1997 and 1999 US Senior World Cup staff. He also coached the 2001 U.S. World Championship team in Fukioka, Japan. He has served as a Senior National team coach from 1997-2000 with a one year stint (1998) as a coach of the Junior National Team. Under Jeffrey's tutelage, divers have won five U.S. Senior National titles, three Junior National championships, and a pair of third place finishes for the Senior Men's team in US national competi-

Jeffrey's wealth of diving knowledge is a direct result of his own career. A seven-time All-American, he highlighted his tenure at Ohio State with a tremendous senior season in 1988. He became the first, and still only, diver in NCAA history to sweep all three diving events with championships on the one-meter, three-meter and platform, earning him 1988 NCAA Diver of the Year honors. Leading up to those NCAA Championships, he swept the Big Ten Conference meet as well and was honored with 1988 Big Ten Diver of the Year.

On the international scene, Jeffrey was a finalist on the tenmeter platform at the 1988 Olympics in Seoul, South Korea and the 1996 Olympics in Atlanta, Ga. He is a five-time U.S. National Diving Champion splitting those championships between disciplines with three in the ten-meter platform event while holding a pair of titles in the three-meter springboard event. He was also the U.S. Olympic trials Champion on platform in 1996. In addition, he won bronze medals at the 1991 and 1995 Pan-Am games. He competed as a member of the U.S. squad at the 1989 and 1995 World Cup as well as at the 1993 Goodwill Games.

JEFFREY'S RESUME

COACHING EXPERIENCE

2009: World Championship Team

2007: World Student Games Team

2001: U.S. World Championship Team

2000: U.S. Olympic Team

1999: U.S. World Cup Team

1999-present: Diving Coach, Florida State

1998: Junior National Team

1997: US World Cup Team

1996-present: U.S. Senior National Team

1996-99: Diving Coach, Florida Atlantic

DIVING EXPERIENCE

1988 United Stated Olympic team 1996 United States Olympic team 1996 US Olympic Trials Champion 5-time US National Champion 3-time NCAA Division I Champion 2-time Pan Am Bronze Medalist 2-time U.S. World Cup Team Member U.S. Good Will Games Team Member

ASSISTANT COACHES KATY PETERSON GARY TAYLOR



2nd Year Virginia Tech, 2005



2nd Year Minnesota, 2001

Florida State's stroke and middle distance groups had record breaking success in 2008-09 and much of the praise can be directed towards second year assistant Katy Peterson.

In her first season with the Garnet and Gold, Peterson made an instant impact working with the individual medley swimmers, strokers and middle distance swimmers. The group sent six swimmers to the NCAA Championships and had a combined four Honorable Mention All-American performances led by Andy Hodgson, who earned the distinction three times. Peterson helped four Seminoles earn All-ACC honors in 2009. Hodgson was an ACC Champion and conference record holder in the 200 back. Scott Thacker took home the silver medal in the 100 breast and both Rob Holderness and Stephanie Sarandos earned third-place performances in the 200 breast and 200 back, respectively. From top to bottom, Peterson's group flourished under her direction earning an incredible 23 school records (including relays) and countless personal best swims.

Before coming to Florida State, Peterson spent three years as an assistant coach with Richmond beginning in August 2005. She helped lead the Spiders to an Atlantic-10 conference championship in her three seasons on staff. While at Richmond, she was responsible for both coaching and recruiting duties and helped bring in the No. 23-ranked recruiting class in the nation for the 2008-2009 season. She has coached three Olympic trial qualifiers and three NCAA qualifiers including an Honorable Mention All-American. Under the direction of Peterson, 21 school records were broken during the last three seasons as well as six Atlantic 10 conference records.

The Philadelphia, Pa., native graduated from Virginia Tech with a degree in Human Nutrition, Foods and Exercise after a record-setting four-year career for the Hokies.

While in Blacksburg, Va., the backstroker qualified for the Big East and Atlantic Coast Conference finals four-straight years in the 100 and 200 distances. Peterson also was successful on the national level qualifying for the Senior Nationals in the 100 and 200 back from 2000-2005.

She was the individual record-holder at Virginia Tech in the 100 and 200 back, and was part of the record-holding 400 medley relay. Peterson set a pair of Hokie pool records in the 100 and 200 backstroke events.

After a successful first season as the distance coach for the Seminoles, Gary Taylor looks to continue the group's record setting ways in 2009-10.

Last season Taylor guided Florida State's distance swimmers to a pair of NCAA appearances, five school records and numerous personal best swims. The group was led by Kyle Young who earned NCAA Honorable Mention All-America status in the 800 free relay and competed at the NCAA Championships in the 500 free and 1650 free. Under Taylor's instruction, Young was able to break his own school record in the 500 free and 1650 free, while breaking the school record in the 400 individual medley, an event that Young had not competed in previously. Young earned All-ACC honors in the 500 and 1650 free as well. Taylor also helped lead Ian Rowe to the NCAA Championships for the second consecutive season in the 500 and 1650 free and a fifth-place finish in the 1650 free at the ACC Championships. On the women's side, Taylor took the most pride in watching Meredith Martelle swim personal best times in the 400 individual medley and 200 back at the ACC Championships.

Prior to joining the Florida State staff, Taylor coached for the Dynamo Swim Club in Atlanta, Ga., for three years. During that time, he was responsible for the Age Group 1 level, overseeing the development and training of one of the top age group programs in the nation. His swimmers included age sectional record holders, state record holders, age group sectional champions and numerous age group state champions and Georgia Zone Qualifiers. In 2007, he was named the Georgia Age Group Coach of the Year. Taylor also gained experience working swimmers at the with the Senior 1, Senior 2 and Masters Levels during his time with the Dynamo.

Prior to the Dynamo, Taylor spent six years coaching with the Twin Cities Swim Team as the lead site coach in Minnetonka, Minn. During this time, he gained valuable experience managing both the business and coaching sides of the program. Under Taylor's guidance, the team doubled in size to 160 registered swimmers and the new Masters program successfully grew to more than 30 swimmers in only two years. With Twin Cities, he coached USA and Minnesota high school state champions, USA and Minnesota high school state record holders, Junior National qualifiers, high school All-Americans, Minnesota Masters record holders and Masters National top 10 performers.

Taylor graduated from the University of Minnesota in 2001 while earning his B.S. in sport management. While at Minnesota, he was a member of the Golden Gopher swim team including the Big Ten championship team in 1998. Taylor has also earned his ASCA Level 4 rating and continues to gain knowledge in the sport of swimming through coaching and education.

SUPPORT STAFF



From left, Front Row: Student Assistant Coach Georgia Holderness, Assistant Coach Gary Taylor, Head Diving Coach Patrick Jeffrey, Head Coach Neil Harper, Assoicate Head Coach Andy Robins, Assistant Coach Katy Peterson. Athletic Trainer EmmyLou Philmon, Manager Katie Hayes. Back Row: Manager Javier Ahumada, Strength Trainer Chirs Desrosiers, Student Assistant Coach Alison Gschwend, Manager Bret Noland, Manager Jason Shoemaker, Student Assistant Coach Ian Powell.



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