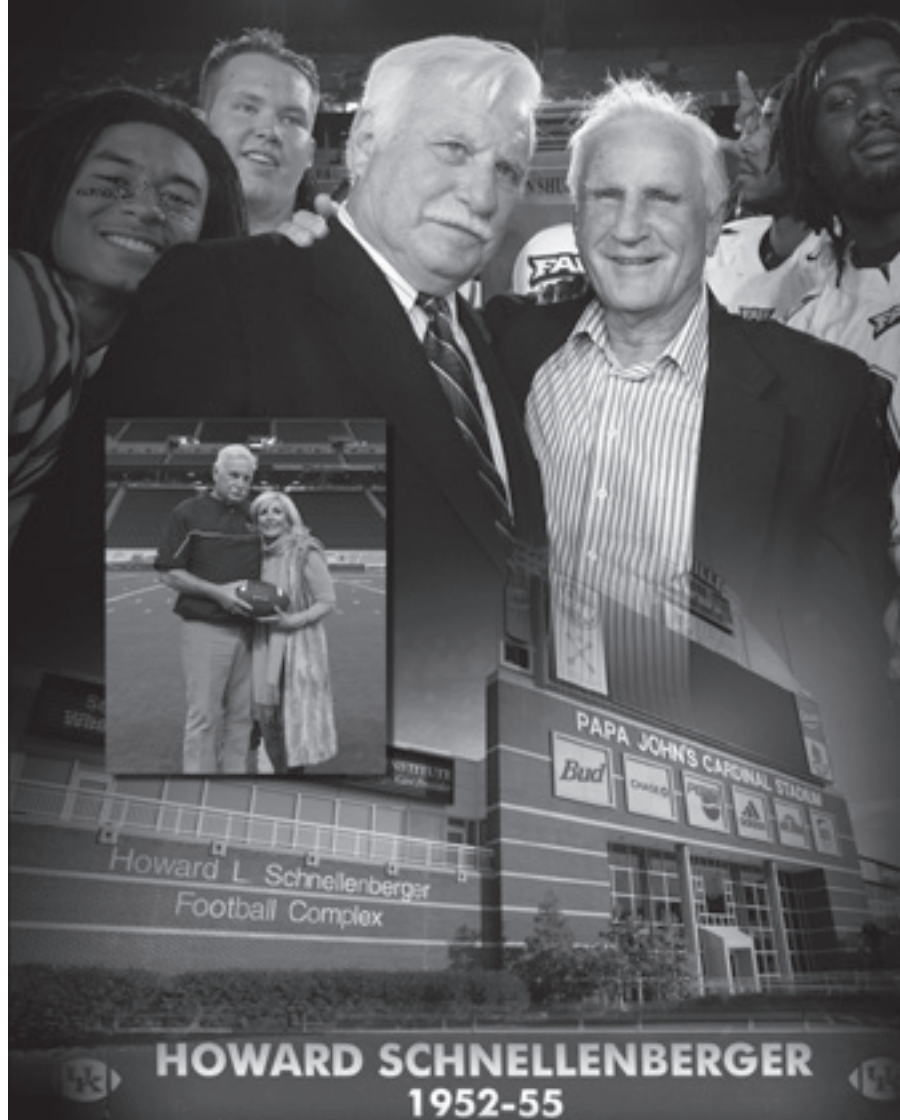




HEAD COACH

Howard Schnellenberger

- 91 recruited players have signed professional football contracts
- 50 years as a football coach
- 33 years as a collegiate coach
- 24 years as a collegiate head coach
- 11 bowl appearances as a coach
- 6 bowl appearances as a head coach
- 6-0 bowl record (perfect) as a head coach, more wins than any other active coach with a perfect bowl record
- 4 collegiate national titles as a coach (1961, 1964, 1965 as an Alabama assistant, 1984 head coach Miami)
- 2 years as a NFL head coach
- 1 of only 13 active coaches to win a national championship
- 1 Super Bowl ring (Dolphins), two Super Bowl appearances
- 1 perfect season – offensive coordinator for the 1972 Miami Dolphins, the only team in NFL history to complete a season with a perfect record
- 1 Associated Press Coach of the Year (1983) award
- 1 Associated Press All-American award (University of Kentucky 1955)



HOWARD SCHNELLENBERGER
1952-55





**HOWARD
SCHNELLENBERGER**
DIRECTOR OF FOOTBALL
OPERATIONS • HEAD COACH

HOWARD SCHNELLENBERGER COACHING EXPERIENCE

- 1999-Pres. Head Coach, Florida Atlantic University
- 1995 Head Coach, Oklahoma University
- 1985-94 Head Coach, University of Louisville
- 1979-84 Head Coach, University of Miami
- 1975-79 Asst. Coach, Miami Dolphins
- 1973-74 Head Coach, Baltimore Colts
- 1970-72 Asst. Coach, Miami Dolphins
- 1966-69 Asst. Coach, Los Angeles Rams
- 1961-65 Asst. Coach, University of Alabama
- 1959-60 Asst. Coach, University of Kentucky

HOWARD SCHNELLENBERGER AT THE COLLEGE LEVEL

- Years As Collegiate Head Coach: 24
- Collegiate Record: 148-125-3 (.542)
- At Miami: 41-16 (.719)
- At Louisville: 54-56-2 (.491)
- At Oklahoma: 5-5-1 (.500)
- At Florida Atlantic: 48-48 (.500)

BOWL RECORD: 6-0

- 1980 Peach Bowl, beat Virginia Tech 20-10
- 1983 Orange Bowl, beat Nebraska 31-30
- 1990 Fiesta Bowl, beat Alabama 34-7
- 1993 Liberty Bowl, beat Michigan State 18-7
- 2007 New Orleans Bowl, beat Memphis 44-27
- 2008 Motor City Bowl, beat Central Michigan 24-20

HOWARD SCHNELLENBERGER YEAR-BY-YEAR COLLEGIATE HEAD COACHING RECORD

Year	School	W	L	T	Pct
1979	Miami	5	6	0	.454
1980	Miami	9	3	0	.750
1981	Miami	9	2	0	.818
1982	Miami	7	4	0	.636
1983	Miami	11	1	0	.916
1985	Louisville	2	9	0	.182
1986	Louisville	3	8	0	.272
1987	Louisville	3	7	1	.318
1988	Louisville	8	3	0	.727
1989	Louisville	6	5	0	.545
1990	Louisville	10	1	1	.875
1991	Louisville	2	9	0	.182
1992	Louisville	5	6	0	.455
1993	Louisville	9	3	0	.750
1994	Louisville	6	5	0	.545
1995	Oklahoma	5	5	1	.502
2001	Fla Atlantic	4	6	0	.400
2002	Fla Atlantic	2	9	0	.181
2003	Fla Atlantic	11	3	0	.846
2004	Fla Atlantic	9	3	0	.750
2005	Fla Atlantic	2	9	0	.181
2006	Fla Atlantic	5	7	0	.363
2007	Fla Atlantic	8	5	0	.667
2008	Fla. Atlantic	7	6	0	.540
Total:	24 years	148	125	3	.541



At Louisville in 2005 with a long-time fan.

SCHNELLENBERGER YEAR-BY-YEAR PRO-HEAD COACHING RECORD

Year	Team	W	L	Pct.
1973	Baltimore	4	10	.286
1974	Baltimore	0	3	.000
Total	2 seasons	4	13	.235

COACHING CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- Four national collegiate football championships (Alabama '61, '64, '65; Miami '83)
- Seven NFL playoff teams (Miami Dolphins '70, '71, '72, '76, '79; Los Angeles Rams '67, '69)
- Best record in NFL history as the Miami Dolphins' Offensive Coordinator, 17-0 in '72)
- 1983 National Champions defeating Nebraska 31-30 in the 50th Anniversary Orange Bowl Game
- 1983 National Coach of the Year



Special Honors, Awards

- 2008 Inducted into Palm Beach County Hall of Fame
- 2008 Head Coach of the Nation in Texas vs. Nation Game
- 2007 Sun Belt Conference Coach of the Year
- 2007 Recognized for being in the University of Kentucky's Hall of Fame
- 2005 Inducted into the University of Louisville Hall of Fame
- 2003 Palm Beach County Amateur Athlete Coach of the Year
- 2003 Sports Network South Coach of the Year
- 1991 Head Coach, Japan Bowl All-Star Game
- 1988 Head Coach, Blue/Gray All-Star Game
- 1983 Coach of the Year, U.S. Football Writers Association of America
- 1983 Coach of the East Squad, East-West Shrine Game
- 1982 Coach of the East Squad, East-West Shrine Game
- 1981 Coach of the Year, The Football News
- 1981 UPI Coach of the Week in 17-14 win over No. 1 Penn State
- 1980 Southern Independent Coach of the year, Associated Press

At Florida Atlantic

Ten years...ten years in the making. In April of 1998 Howard Schnellenberger was asked to consider a project. Weigh the facts, research the possibilities and explore a community's interest in supporting the addition of football to FAU's sports roster.

By 2008 Head Coach Howard Schnellenberger had welcomed the first recruiting class; climbed the ranks of Division I-AA, including a national semi-final appearance; joined a conference and began playing football in the country's highest classification, the Bowl Subdivision; and grabbed a league title and two bowl championships to add to his collection.

When you consider all the "firsts" that Florida Atlantic University's football team has accomplished, it is hard to believe. What may be even more difficult to comprehend is that legendary Head Coach Howard Schnellenberger accomplished a "first" as well in 2007. When the 74-year-old program builder was named 2007 Sun Belt Coach of the Year, it marked the first time he had earned a conference award. Schnellenberger has resurrected two programs from virtual extinction. Neither was affiliated with a conference.

He joined the FAU staff May 1, 1998, with an unheard-of opportunity: build a collegiate football team from scratch. In January of 1999 the Board of

25th SEASON HEAD COLLEGIATE COACH

Regents approved FAU adding football. Twenty-five recruits signed in his first FAU class. Since that time each recruiting class has been better than the last, each schedule is more difficult than the last and each milestone is one step closer to Schnellenberger's dream: build the best football team you possibly in the heart of paradise.

When the team took the field for its first practice, Aug. 12, 2000, 164 players were dressed. FAU played its first scrimmage Sept. 23, 2000, and took to the field Sept. 1, 2001. It only took two games for FAU to have its first upset, defeating the No. 22 ranked team in the country, 31-28. FAU holds the record for the fastest start-up program to earn a Division I-A victory, and is the fastest program to reach the Division I-AA playoffs and is the fastest start up program to be invited to bowl game. Proving it wasn't a fluke, the Owls made a repeat appearance in 2008 becoming the only team in the state of Florida to have back-to-back bowl victories in 2007 and 2008. FAU also became the first Sun Belt Conference team to win back-to-back bowl games. What makes the bowl victories more impressive is that FAU became bowl eligible, in its rise to Division I-A status in 2006 therefore the Owls have captured a bowl victory in two of the three seasons that they have been a part of the Bowl Sub Division.

Schnellenberger, the 2003 Sports Network South Coach of the Year, began this ascent by playing the best teams that would schedule the fledgling Owls. The Owls stormed into Hawaii, with a hurricane hitting Florida's coastline at game time, and handed the Warriors their only home field loss in 2004, defeating a bowl participant in just the 36th game of the program's existence. Proving it was not a fluke, the team defeated perennial Sun Belt power North Texas the next week. FAU then rattled off five-consecutive road victories to enter the 2004 home schedule 5-0. The Owls finished their first transitional season 9-3, and bid farewell to the senior class with a third-consecutive "Shula Bowl victory over FIU. 2005 was the first full season of Division I-A play, facing Kansas, Oklahoma State at home, and Minnesota and Louisville on the road. The young squad put together several outstanding performances sending Kansas into the locker room with a 9-7 lead, Oklahoma State with a 13-3 margin at the half, and Louisville, who entered the game ranked no. 14 at game time, with a 10-point cushion, 20-10. Florida Atlantic began 2006 picked as the second worst team in the country. With this as motivation, the Owls used what Schnellenberger calls advanced training, its non-conference schedule, to finish with a 4-3 Sun Belt record and were in the hunt for the Sun Belt title deep into the season. The jump from a preseason eighth place finish to third in the Sun Belt was not as drastic as the prediction to finish last in the country to defeating the last team in the country 31-0. Both the offense and defense came together with one goal in 2007: win the SBC. From January to December the focus remained constant and the accolades continued to role in culminating with a bowl game invitation, becoming not only the youngest program to receive a bowl invitation. The Owls would enter 2008 as the SBC's favorite in just its eighth season of playing football. The team would struggle early and rally late to prove they were indeed a team on the rise.

For the National Title

Schnellenberger has been part of four collegiate national championships. His 1983 Miami Hurricanes won the school's first title, defeating Nebraska in the 50th Orange Bowl. He was offensive coordinator for Paul "Bear" Bryant at Alabama when the Crimson Tide won championships in 1961, 1964 and 1965.

In the NFL

Schnellenberger has been part of seven NFL playoff teams and was part of two Super Bowl championship staffs. He helped the 1972 Miami Dolphins to the NFL's only undefeated (17-0) season. Schnellenberger has recruited and/or coached former pros Jim Kelly, Bernie Kosar, Vinny Testaverde, Jay Gruden, Browning Nagle, and Jeff Brohm (FAU's quarterback coach), and stars such as Michael Irvin, Brian and Bennie Blades, offensive tackles Bruce Armstrong and Jerry Crafts; fullback Carwell Gardner; wide receiver Earnest Givins; defensive end Joe Johnson, defensive tackle Ted Washington; cornerback Ray Buchanan; and defensive tackle Mike Flores.

Three of his former assistants were on the staff of the Dallas Cowboys during their rise to consecutive Super Bowl Titles.

At Miami

Schnellenberger took over a University of Miami program that was nearing extinction in 1979. He installed a pro-style attack with quarterback Jim Kelly and led Miami to an Orange Bowl bid and the national championship four years later. His teams' lost only two home games in five years (22-2) while laying the groundwork for a program that went on to win three more national titles in the next seven seasons.

At Louisville

A native of Louisville, Schnellenberger returned in 1985 to build a college football contender. His top team finished 10-1-1 and defeated Alabama in the Fiesta Bowl, the highlight of the most successful decade in Louisville football history. His teams played a coast-to-coast schedule against the top conferences in the nation and produced victories over such teams as Texas (1), Alabama (1), Michigan State (1), North Carolina (1), Virginia (1), NC State (1), West Virginia (1), Boston College (1), Arizona State (2), and Pittsburgh (4). The Schnellenberger Era also generated support for the University's 42,000-seat, on-campus stadium.



Coach Schnellenberger with President George Bush and Louisville team

Personal

Howard Schnellenberger learned his football tactics as a player for "Bear" Bryant and Blanton Collier at the University of Kentucky. He served as an assistant to Collier at Kentucky and Bryant at Alabama. Schnellenberger then moved on to pro ball as an assistant to George Allen (Rams) and Don Shula (Dolphins). He was head coach of the Baltimore Colts from 1973 to 74. He and his wife, Beverlee, have two sons: Stuart and Tim. Stuart was a tight end/center on his father's 1983 national championship team. His eldest son, Stephen, passed away March 9, 2008. Grandchildren are Teather Ann, Joey and Marcus.

Schnellenberger and the Pros...

Style of play and practice regimens have helped more than 70 players recruited by Coach Schnellenberger's staff to play in the NFL.

- Ten players recruited by Coach Schnellenberger's staffs were drafted in the first round.
- At least one player who was recruited or coached by Schnellenberger has played in the last 12 Super Bowls.

BACK-TO-BACK BOWL CHAMPIONS 2007 & 2008



HEAD COACH

PLAYERS RECRUITED BY HOWARD SCHNELLENBERGER AND HIS ASSISTANTS OR WHO PLAYED FOR SCHNELLENBERGER WHO LATER MADE AN NFL ROSTERS FOR AT LEAST ONE SEASON.

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| 1. David Ackers | PK | Philadelphia Eagles |
| 2. Jaime Asher | TE | Washington Redskins |
| 3. Bruce Armstrong | OL | New England Patriots |
| 4. Aaron Bailey | WR | Indianapolis Colts |
| 5. Don Bailey | C | Indianapolis Colts |
| 6. Rocky Belk | WR | Cleveland Browns |
| 7. Rodney Bellinger | DB | Atlanta Falcons |
| 8. Albert Bentley | RB | Indianapolis Colts |
| 9. Bennie Blades | DB | Detroit Lions |
| 10. Brian Blades | WR | Seattle Seahawks |
| 11. John Bock | OL | Miami Dolphins |
| 12. Deral Boykin | DB | Los Angeles Rams |
| 13. Larry Bradsky | WR | Kansas City Chiefs |
| 14. Melvin Bratton | RB | Denver Broncos |
| 15. Jeff Brohm | QB | San Diego Chargers |
| 16. Jay Brophy | DB | Miami Dolphins |
| 17. Willie Lee Broughton | DE | Dallas Cowboys, Los Angeles Raiders, Indianapolis Colts |
| 18. Eddie Brown | WR | Cincinnati Bengals 1st Round (13) |
| 19. Jerome Brown | DT | Philadelphia Eagles 1st Round (9) |
| 20. Ray Buchanan | DB | Indianapolis Colts |
| 21. Jim Burt | DL | New York Giants |
| 22. Dallas Cameron | NT | Denver Broncos |
| 23. Alan Campos | LB | Dallas Cowboys |
| 24. Tom Cavallo | LB | San Francisco 49ers |
| 25. Tony Chickillo | DT | San Diego Chargers |
| 26. Resco Clark | DB | Indianapolis Colts |
| 27. Gene Coleman | DB | Tampa Bay Buccaneers |
| 28. Mark Cooper | OT | Denver Broncos |
| 29. Julio Cortes | DE | Seattle Seahawks |
| 30. Jerry Crafts | OL | Buffalo Bills |
| 31. Ralph Dawkins | RB | New Orleans Saints |
| 32. Glenn Dennison | TE | New York Jets |
| 33. Leon Evans | DE | Detroit Lions |
| 34. Kevin Fagan | DT | San Francisco 49ers |
| 35. Mike Flores | DE | Philadelphia Eagles |
| 36. Darrell Fullerton | DB | Minnesota Vikings, Tampa Bay Buccaneers |
| 37. Carwell Gardner | RB | Buffalo Bills |
| 38. Keith Griffin | RB | Washington Redskins |
| 39. Earnest Givens | WR | Houston Oilers |
| 40. Jim Hanna | DT | New Orleans Saints |
| 41. David Heffernan | OL | Tampa Bay Buccaneers |
| 42. Alonzo Highsmith | RB | Dallas Cowboys 1st Round (3), Houston Oilers |
| 43. Michael Irvin | WR | Dallas Cowboys 1st Round (11) |
| 44. David Jefferson | LB | Seattle Seahawks |
| 45. Joe Johnson | DE | New Orleans Saints 1st Round (13) |
| 46. Jim Joiner | WR | St. Louis Rams |
| 47. Derwin Jones | DE | Seattle Seahawks |
| 48. Jim Kelly | QB | Buffalo Bills |
| 49. Joe Kohlbrand | DE | New Orleans Saints |
| 50. Bernie Kosar | QB | Miami Dolphins, Dallas Cowboys, Cleveland Browns 1st Overall Selection |
| 51. Ronnie Lippett | DB | New England Patriots |
| 52. Sam Madison | CB | Miami Dolphins |
| 53. Fred Marion | DB | New England Patriots |
| 54. Tyrus McCloud | LB | Baltimore Ravens |
| 55. Bubba McDowell | DB | Houston Oilers |
| 56. John McVeigh | DE | Seattle Seahawks |
| 57. Danny Miller | PK | Indianapolis Colts, Washington Redskins, New England Patriots |



John Bock

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| 58. George Mira, Jr. | LB | San Francisco 49ers |
| 59. Winston Moss | LB | Tampa Bay Buccaneers, Los Angeles Rams |
| 60. Browning Nagel | QB | Atlanta Falcons 2nd Round (1), New York Jets |
| 61. Bob Nelson | DT | Miami Dolphins |
| 62. Scott Nicolas | LB | Miami Dolphins, Cleveland Browns |
| 63. Roman Oben | T | New York Jets |
| 64. Paul O'Connor | OL | NY Giants |
| 65. Darryl Oliver | RB | Seattle Seahawks |
| 66. Roman Olsen | OL | New York Giants |
| 67. Matt Patchan | OT | Philadelphia Eagles |
| 68. Brett Perriman | WR | New Orleans Saints, Detroit Lions |
| 69. Mark Sander | LB | Miami Dolphins |
| 70. Robert "Speedy" Neal | RB | Buffalo Bills |
| 71. Gregg Rakoczy | OC | Cleveland Browns |
| 72. Terry Rice Lockett | LB | Los Angeles Raiders |
| 73. Alfredo Roberts | TE | Dallas Cowboys, Kansas City Chiefs |
| 74. Fred Robinson | DE | San Diego Chargers |
| 75. Mike Rodriguez | WR | Miami Dolphins |
| 76. Mark Rush | RB | Minnesota Vikings |
| 77. Randy Shannon | LB | Dallas Cowboys |
| 78. Joey Smith | DB | NY Giants |
| 79. Reggie Sutton | DB | New Orleans Saints |
| 80. Danny Stubbs | DE | Philadelphia Eagles, Dallas Cowboys |
| 81. Reggie Sutton | DB | New Orleans Saints |
| 82. John Swain | DB | Minnesota Vikings |
| 83. Vinny Testaverde | QB | Cleveland Browns, New York Jets, Tampa Buccaneers 1st Round (1) |
| 84. Lawrence Thompson | WR | Minnesota Vikings |
| 85. John Turner | DB | San Diego Chargers |
| 86. Rick Tuten | PK | Philadelphia Eagles |
| 87. Pat Walker | WR | Denver Broncos |
| 88. Ted Washington | DT | Denver Broncos 1st Round (25), San Francisco 49ers |
| 89. Lester Williams | DL | New England Patriots 1st Round (27) |
| 90. Warren Williams | RB | Pittsburgh Steelers |
| 91. Klaus Wilmsmeyer | PK | San Francisco 49ers |

Free Agent Signees from Florida Atlantic

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| Brian Pare | LS | Chicago Bears |
| Chris Laskowski | LB | Indianapolis Colts |
| Kevin Fischer | OL | Tampa Bay Buccaneers |
| Jared Allen | QB | Tampa Bay Buccaneers |
| Quentin Swain | LB | NFL Europe |
| Willie Hughley | DB | Cleveland Browns |
| Nello Faulk | OL | Jacksonville Jaguars |
| Mark Myers | K | CFL and Jets |
| Lawrence Gordon | DB | CFL |
| Taheem Acevedo | DB | Kansas City Chiefs |
| Casey McGahee | DB | CFL |
| Troy Pindell | DB | CFL |
| Frantz Joseph | LB | Oakland Raiders |
| Jervonte Jackson | DL | Philadelphia Eagles |



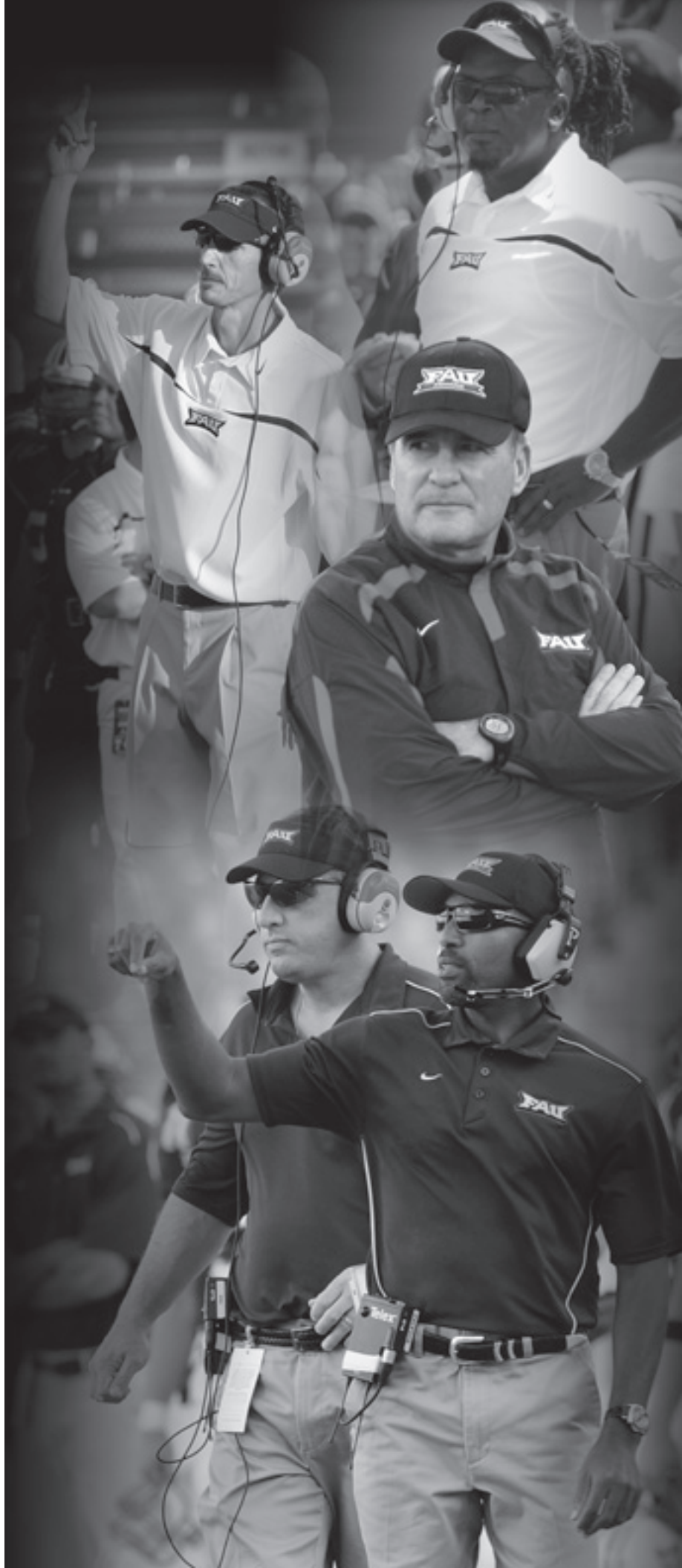
Coach Schnellenberger with Lou Holtz



Coach Schnellenberger with Don Shula



ASSISTANT COACHES





COACHES



COACHING EXPERIENCE

- 1998** Florida Atlantic University (Assistant Head Coach, LB and Special Teams)
- 1996** Purdue University (Defensive Secondary)
- 1995** University of Oklahoma (Defensive Coordinator)
- 1992-94** University of Louisville (Linebackers/secondary)
- 1986-92** University of Maryland (Linebackers)
- 1982-85** Vanderbilt University (Defensive Coordinator)
- 1981** University of Virginia (Secondary)
- 1977-81** Colgate University (Defensive Coordinator)
- 1975-77** Union College (Defensive Coordinator & Secondary Coach)
- 1974** SUNY Albany (Linebackers)
- 1972-74** Mohawk High School, Mohawk, NY (Assistant Coach)
- Bowl Games as a Coach
- 2008 Motor City Bowl (Florida Atlantic)
- 2007 New Orleans (Florida Atlantic)
- 1994 Liberty Bowl (Louisville)
- 1991 Freedom Bowl (Maryland)
- 1983 Hall of Fame Bowl (Vanderbilt)

Recruiting Area

Oversight and cross checker

Personal Information

Birth date: April 13, 1949
Hometown: Schenectady, NY
Education: 1975, M.S., education, SUNY Albany; 1971, B.S., physical education, Springfield College
Marital Status: Wife, Marilyn
Children: Heather, Brock and Melissa
Grandchildren: Dara (12), Isabel (9), Hannah (8), Faith (6), Abigail (5), and Samuel (4), Talia (2), John Ryan (1)

KURT VAN VALKENBURGH

ASSISTANT HEAD COACH, LINEBACKERS AND SPECIAL TEAMS

At FAU

Kurt Van Valkenburgh was among the initial staff and has been instrumental in the construction of the program. A linebacker has led the squad seven of the program's eight seasons in tackles. In 2008 Frantz Joseph took that accomplishment one step further by grabbing more tackles than any other player in the nation (154). He ended his final campaign as the country's No. 2 tackler for average (11.8). In fact, Joseph concluded his three year FAU career, all as a starter, among the nation's top-17 all-time in tackles. He shattered FAU's all-time single-season tackle mark in 2007 and broke his own record in 2008.

If there is one thing that stands out about the Owls defense it is the degree which the linebackers are ready to play each and every game. This philosophy has been proven over time as the young program has consistently honored its linebackers at seasons end. In 2002 it was Chris Laskowski, who joined the program as a freshman walk-on. Laskowski was the team's MVP in 2002 and was the co-MVP in 2003. In 2004 Laskowski earned the team's Defensive MVP award and in 2005 it was Shomari Earls who walked away with Team and Defensive MVP honors. After a one-year hiatus top defensive honors returned to the linebackers in 2007 a year that saw Cergile Sincere follow Joseph in total tackles but lead the Owls to their first Sun Belt Conference Championship and first appearance in a bowl game. That torch was passed to Joseph in 2008 a task he embraced.

Van Valkenburgh has also been responsible for the play of the special teams. In 2003 the special teams were credited with one TD, allowed no scores from a punt or a kick-off, and zero blocked kicks or punts. 2004 was more of the same. The unit scored one TD, forced a safety and blocked four punts.

As the FAU individuals began to receive awards it was only a matter of time before the longtime coach was recognized as the Top Assistant Coach by the All-American Football Foundation in 2005. The honor stands for so much more than the on-field accomplishments. It is a symbol of his devotion to the program and his willingness to get the job done no matter the task at hand. As Head Coach Howard Schnellenberger's right-hand man, Van Valkenburgh finds himself as the go-to guy.

Van Valkenburgh's linebackers continue to excel and are the consistent leaders on the field. Joseph or Sincere also led the Sun Belt Conference in total tackles wire-to-wire in 2007 and Joseph repeated the feat in 2008. Sincere was invited to play in the 2007 Hula Bowl and Joseph was named the Defensive MVP at the Texas versus the Nation All-Star Game in 2009.

Van Valkenburgh also oversees the recruiting process as well as many of the day-to-day administrative duties.

At Purdue

His defense established three defensive school records in the secondary and improved from 11th ranked pass defense in the Big-10 to the top five. He coached the no. 2 and no. 3 ranked players in interceptions in the conference. He tutored a defensive back who set the school record for passes broken up.





FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY

At Oklahoma

His defense ended the season ranked 9th against the rush and 15th overall.

At Louisville

He helped guide the team to a national ranking while playing one of the most difficult schedules in the country...defeated Michigan State in the Liberty Bowl.

At Maryland

Three of his linebackers were drafted in the NFL (linebackers led the team in sacks for the first time in school history while leading the team in sacks for two-consecutive seasons).

At Vanderbilt

He helped to guide the team to its last bowl game, the Hall of Fame Bowl. One of his players, Leonard Coleman, was selected in the first round of the NFL draft. Van Valkenburgh was nominated for the Southeastern Conference Assistant Coach of the Year.

At Colgate

He led the team to a 10-1 record, the most victories in the school's history. Paul Lawler led the nation in interceptions.

At Union College

Began rebuilding of program – improved winning percentage.

At SUNY Albany

The team finished undefeated.

Playing Career

Played three seasons as the starting linebacker at Springfield College (Springfield, MA).

Prominent Players Coached

At Oklahoma

Tyrone Peterson, drafted by the Baltimore Ravens.

At Louisville

Sam Madison, drafted by the Miami Dolphins; Rico Clark, drafted by the Indianapolis Colts; Tyrus McCloud, drafted by the Baltimore Ravens.

At Maryland

Sean Scott, drafted by the Dallas Cowboys; O'Brien Alston, drafted by the Indianapolis Colts; Jack Bradford, drafted by the Washington Redskins.

At Vanderbilt

Leonard Coleman, first-round draft pick by the Indianapolis Colts.

At Colgate

Paul Lawler, led the nation in interceptions, drafted by the Buffalo Bills.



Coach Van Valkenburgh and Marilyn

NFL PLAYERS (ROUND DRAFTED)

DB Paul Lawler (5th) Buffalo Bills

DB Leonard Coleman (1st) Indianapolis Colts

LB Sean Scott (7th) Dallas Cowboys

LB O'Brien Alston (4th) Indianapolis Colts

LB Jack Bradford (5th) Washington Redskins

DB Sam Madison (34rd) Miami Dolphins

DB Rico Clark (4th) Indianapolis Colts

LB Tyrus McCloud (3rd) Miami Dolphins

LB Tyrone Peters (4th) Baltimore Ravens

LB Chris Laskowski (Free Agent) Indianapolis Colts

LB Frantz Joseph (Free Agent) Oakland Raiders



**COACHING
EXPERIENCE**

1999-Pres. Florida Atlantic University
(Defensive Coordinator/DB)

1998-99 Arkansas Tech (Assistant
Head Coach/Defensive Coordinator)

1996-97 Humboldt State (Defensive
Coordinator/Recruiting Coordinator)

1994-95 Whittier (Head Coach)

1990-93 Redlands (Defensive
Coordinator/Recruiting Coordinator)

1987-89 Louisville
(GA/Defensive Secondary)

1985-86 Port Charlotte HS
(Varsity Secondary Coach, JV Head
Coach and Defensive Coordinator)

Post Season as Coach

2008 Motor City Bowl (Florida Atlantic)

2007 New Orleans Bowl (Florida
Atlantic)

2003 NCAA Division I-AA Playoffs
(Arkansas Tech)

1999 NCAA Division II Playoffs
(Arkansas Tech)

1992 NCAA Division III Playoffs
(Redlands)

1990 NCAA Division III Playoffs
(Redlands)

1989 Coca-Cola Bowl (Louisville)

1988 Blue-Gray All-Star Game
(Louisville)

Recruiting Area

Tampa/St. Petersburg

Personal Information

Birth date: Aug. 23, 1962

Hometown: West Mifflin, PA

Education: 1989, MBA, University
of Louisville; 1985, B.S., education,
Slippery Rock University

Marital Status: Wife Sara

Children: Isaac (15), Mason (11)

Coach Hoza also serves as the staff
advisor to the Fellowship of Christian
Athletes.

KIRK HOZA

DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR/SECONDARY

At FAU

Hoza joined Florida Atlantic's staff in December of 1999, following the NCAA Division II playoffs and is the only defensive coordinator to walk the sidelines at FAU. A tireless worker and winner at heart it took just three seasons for the Pennsylvania native to return to the play-offs leading the defense in 2003. He then was instrumental in putting together a defense that could move to the highest level of play and one that would face some of the nation's best offenses, like Steve Spurrier's at South Carolina, Bobby Petrino at Louisville, Urban Myer at Florida and Mack Brown at Texas during the transition to the Bowl Sub Division. To put it into perspective, since leaving the ranks of the Football Championship Series FAU defenses have faced four Heisman Trophy contenders and nearly 20 bowl participants.

In 2004, during the team's provisional move to Division I-A, the Owls finished the season ranked No. 15 nationally in rushing defense, No. 16 in scoring defense, 10th in interceptions and No. 9 in TD passing percentage. His defense was the only team to give highly praised University of Hawaii and all-time NCAA passing leader Timmy Chang a loss at home. In 2005, the defensive squad remained the "big brother" of the team and finished the first year of full Division I-A play ranked No. 20 in pass defense and No. 31 in pass efficiency defense. With a move to the Sun Belt came more notoriety. For the first time in the program's young history the 2006 defense took to the field with youth and the need for experience, especially among the defensive backs. At season's end the defensive backs set a school record for interceptions with 18 and Corey Small recorded a program-high three in one game. The 2006 defensive unit ranked first in the Sun Belt in red zone defense, second in turnover margin and scoring defense and third in pass defense and total defense. Nationally, the Owls were No. 16 in pass defense. In 2007 the defense returned with experience and used that experience to shatter the previous mark and recorded at least one interception in every game and posted a 20-consecutive game streak with an interception. The streak was snapped in the New Orleans Bowl where the Owls would shutdown the highly touted Memphis receivers in route to the program's first bowl victory. Redshirt freshman Tavious Polo, who earned Freshman All-America honors, was the Walter Camp National Player of the Week following his three interceptions that preserved the victory over Minnesota. Corey Small and Tavious Polo led the country in cornerback duos with interceptions at 12. In 2008 senior Greg Joseph would come to the forefront with 10 pass break ups and 102 tackles which was second on the team and 88th in the nation. Once again the defense was issued a challenge facing a preseason Heisman hopeful Colt McCoy and another in the Motor City Bowl. The defense responded holding CMU's QB to 253 passing yards, well below his average, and to just 56 yards on the ground. In fact, CMU had averaged 30 points over the course of the 2008 season and the Owls defense held them to 21. That defense was led by linebacker Frantz Joseph who finished his season campaign leading the country in total tackles and No. 2 in tackles per game.





FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY

At Arkansas Tech

Team held opponents to 22 points and 328 yards, down from 38+ points and 439 yards prior to his arrival. The 1998 squad broke the school record for sacks in a season. In 1999 the Tech defense ranked second in the Gulf South Conference in points allowed. The squad allowed 18 points per game and was ranked third in the nation in turnovers forced (40). The team won the Gulf South Conference for the first time in the program's history and participated in the national playoffs (1999).

At Humboldt

His defense ranked first in the conference in turnovers forced and second in total defense and scoring defense (1996).

At Whittier

As the head coach he started 16 freshmen, nine defensively. The squad ranked third in the conference in total defense in both 1994 and 1995. As seniors, his two recruiting classes both won conference championships.

At the University of Redlands

Team ranked first in the conference in scoring and total defense (1990, '91 and '92). The team won the conference championship in 1990, '91, '92 and finished second in 1993. Redlands also participated in the NCAA playoffs in both 1990 and 1992.

Playing Career

Played strong safety and outside linebacker at Slippery Rock University from 1982 to 84.

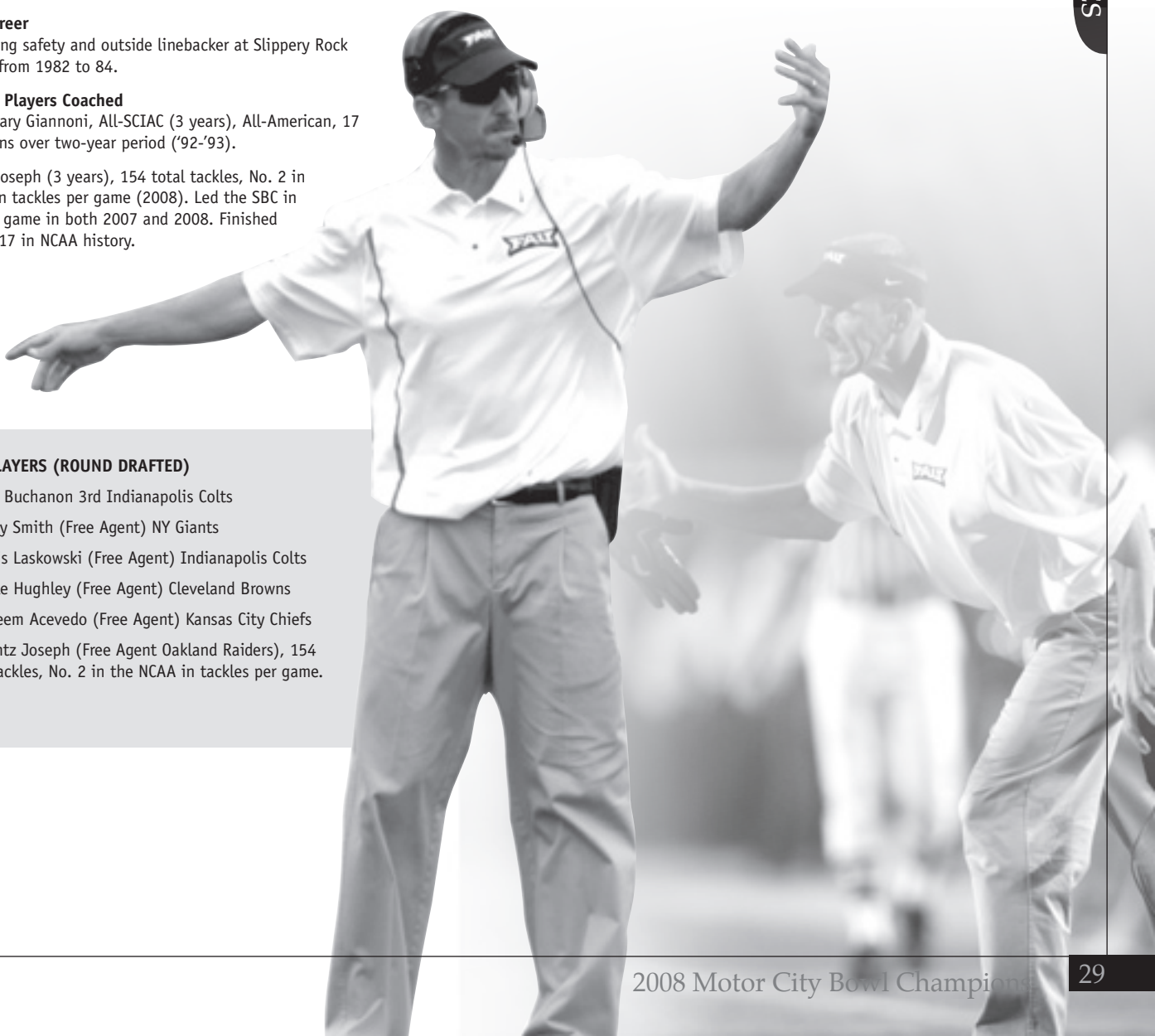
Prominent Players Coached

Redlands Gary Giannoni (All-SCIAC (3 years), All-American, 17 interceptions over two-year period ('92-'93).

LB Frantz Joseph (3 years), 154 total tackles, No. 2 in the NCAA in tackles per game (2008). Led the SBC in tackles per game in both 2007 and 2008. Finished career No. 17 in NCAA history.



Front: Mason, Isacc, Sara and Coach Hoza



NFL PLAYERS (ROUND DRAFTED)

CB Ray Buchanan 3rd Indianapolis Colts

DB Joey Smith (Free Agent) NY Giants

LB Chris Laskowski (Free Agent) Indianapolis Colts

CB Wille Hughley (Free Agent) Cleveland Browns

FS Taheem Acevedo (Free Agent) Kansas City Chiefs

LB Frantz Joseph (Free Agent Oakland Raiders), 154 total tackles, No. 2 in the NCAA in tackles per game.



**COACHING
EXPERIENCE**

2009-Florida Atlantic (Offensive Coordinator)

2007- Florida Atlantic (Wide Receivers)

2001-06 Arizona State (Wide Receivers)

1997-00 Boise State (Wide Receivers)

1995-97 Indiana State
(Running Backs and Safeties)

1994-95 University of Redlands
(Running Backs)

1991-94 University of San Diego
(Defensive Backs and Running Backs)

Bowl Games a Coach

2008 Motor City Bowl (Florida Atlantic)

2007 New Orleans Bowl (Florida Atlantic)

2006 Sheraton Hawaii Bowl
(Arizona State)

2005 Insight.com Bowl (Arizona State)

2004 Sun Bowl (Arizona State)

2002 Holiday Bowl (Arizona State)

2000 Humanitarian Bowl (Boise State)

1999 Humanitarian Bowl (Boise State)

Other Awards

2008 Jamari Grant (2nd Team All-Sun Belt)

2007 Cortez Gent (1st Team All-Sun Belt)

2005 Derek Hagan (1st Team All-Pac-10,
Biletnikoff semifinalist)

2004 Derek Hagan (2nd Team All-Pac-10,
Biletnikoff semifinalist, 2nd Team All-
American)

2004 Terry Richardson
(Honorable Mention All-Pac-10)

2003 Derek Hagan
(Honorable mention All-Pac-10)

2003 Skyler Fulton
(Honorable mention All-Pac-10)

2003 Skyler Fulton (Team MVP Offense)

2002 Derek Hagan
(sporting News Pac-10 All-Freshman team)

Personal Information

Birth date: Dec. 1, 1968

Hometown: Los Angeles, CA

Education: 1992, diversified liberal arts,
University of San Diego 1994, M.S.,
education, University of San Diego

Marital Status: Single

DARRYL JACKSON

OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR/WIDE RECEIVERS

At FAU

Promoted to offensive coordinator after two seasons as the wide receivers coach. Originally joined Florida Atlantic's staff in the spring of 2007 and was introduced to a young receiving core that became even younger with the loss of the team's leading receiver prior to camp. As the season progressed, he not only had one of the team's strongest assets, but saw redshirt sophomore Cortez Gent develop into a big-play threat. Gent concluded the season with nine 2007 touchdowns, which ties FAU's single-season mark. Gent also ended his sophomore campaign second in single-season yards, in 12 games compared to the record holder's 14 games. During the season, five receivers were used consistently and 16 players were credited with a catch. The group teamed with quarterback Rusty Smith for 33 touchdowns, which also broke the single-season touchdown record for a quarterback.

Gent earned first team All-Sun Belt honors as did tight end Jason

Harmon. Jackson returned all but one receiving option for his second season, tight end Jason Harmon who suffered a knee injury in the spring game, and used that experience to build upon the team's success. The Owls tallied 3,312 yards and 25 scores despite facing four bowl teams, including Texas which was in the hunt for a national championship until late in the season.

The receivers were on target for 20 receptions and two scores in the 2008 Motor City Bowl, a game that saw the Owls become the only program in the state to win back-to-back bowl championships in 2007-2008 and the only team in the history of the Sun Belt to win back-to-back-bowls..

At Arizona State

Jackson served as Arizona State's wide receiver coach from 2001-2006 and was part of head coach Dirk Koetter's original ASU staff. Jackson accompanied Koetter from Boise State where he also tutored the receivers from 1997-2000.

In his role, Jackson oversaw one of the key elements in Koetter's high-octane offensive attacks, which was ranked in the nation's top-five during the 2004 and 2005 seasons. In his six seasons with ASU, Jackson guided two of the top receivers in ASU's history. In fact Derek Hagan concluded his career as ASU's all-time leader in receptions (258), receiving yards (3,939) and touchdowns receptions (27) and 100-yard receiving games (18). Hagan was a two-time semifinalist for the Biletnikoff award, the second to be considered for the award, and was a first-team All-Pac-10 selection. Jackson worked with four All-Pac-10 selections during his tenure with ASU.

At Boise State

Jackson joined Koetter's staff in 1998 after then Boise State head coach Houston Nutt left for Arkansas. Jackson kept his title when joining Koetter's staff. The 2000 team featured five players averaging over 16.5 yards/catch, while the team finished with over 3,500 total passing yards.

During the 1999 season, the Broncos finished second in the conference in passing offense, averaging better than 250 yards per game.





FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY

At Indiana State

Before coming to Boise state, Jackson was an assistant coach at Indiana State University from 1995-97.

At Redlands

During the 1994 season, Jackson tutored all conference running back Matt Figueria and second team all-conference player Anthony Jones.

At University of San Diego

Worked with the defensive backs and running backs during his tenure. He is a 1992 graduate of the University of San Diego, Jackson was a four-year starter in the defensive backfield. He was named the team's Defensive Player of the year as a senior.

With the NFL

Guiding his career much like he would guide his receivers, Jackson also worked on his game by serving two internships with the NFL. In 2003, Jackson served as an intern and coach with the Detroit Lions as part of the National Football League's Minority Internship Program, while in 1999 he served in the same capacity with the Philadelphia Eagles.

As a Player

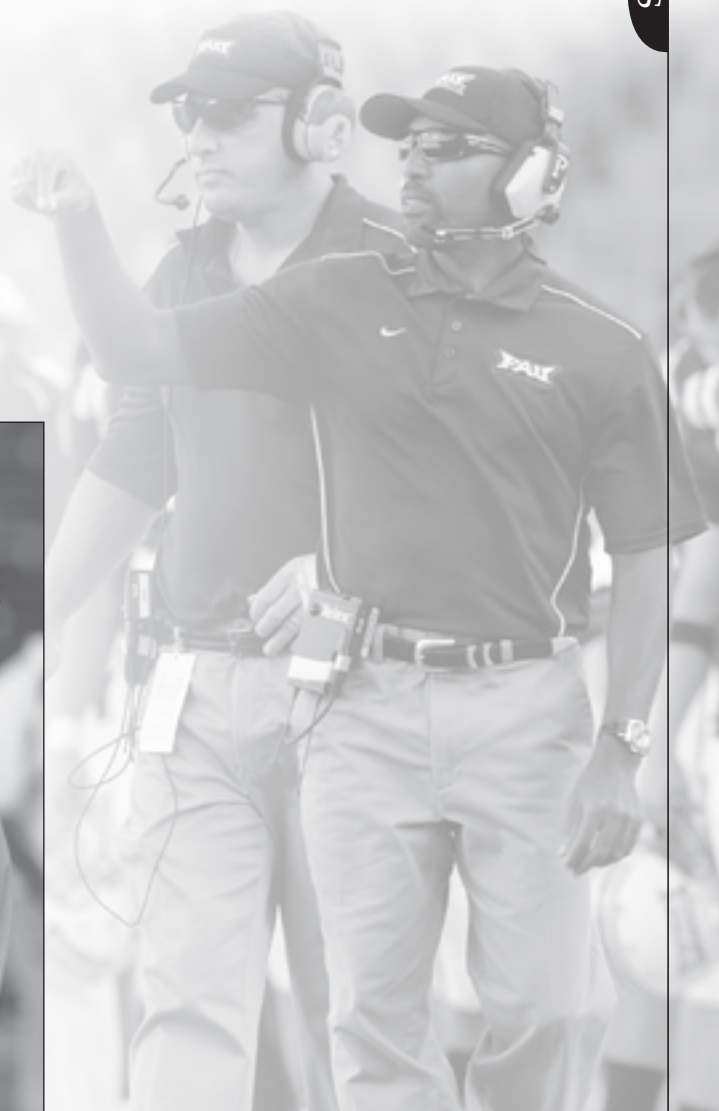
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COACHES

PAST OR PRESENT PROFESSIONAL PLAYERS COACHED

- Ryan Dennard (Arizona Rattlers)
- Skyler Fulton (Seattle Seahawks)
- Derek Hagan (Miami Dolphins)
- Shaun McDonald (St. Louis Rams)
- Justin Taplin (Arizona Rattlers)
- Jeb Putzier (Denver Broncos)





JEFF BROHM

QUARTERBACKS

At FAU

"I'm definitely looking forward to joining Howard Schnellenberger's staff," said Brohm. "I have a lot of respect for everything he has accomplished in his career. I've learned a lot from him as a player and I hope to do the same as a member of his staff."

Brohm, who will concentrate his attention on the quarterbacks, will bring a thorough knowledge of Schnellenberger's pro-style offense to FAU after playing his collegiate career under Schnellenberger at the University of Louisville.

"We were very fortunate that Jeff Brohm became available just as Gary Nord made the move to Purdue," said Schnellenberger. "He is a perfect fit for the continuation of our pro-style attack which he guided so proficiently as a player. He has coached some of the finest quarterbacks in the University of Louisville Cardinals' history. As he leaves his Louisville home, he will be coming to Florida and his new home "away from home".

At Louisville

Brohm, a native of Louisville, served as the quarterbacks coach from 2004-06, assistant head coach and passing game coordinator in 2007, and the assistant head coach and offensive coordinator in 2008 at Louisville. Under Brohm's direction, the Cardinals' passing-attack flourished, including a record-breaking season in 2007 with Brohm's brother, Brian, as quarterback. Brian Brohm threw for 4,024 yards including 30 touchdowns, while on his way to repeating second team ALL-BIG EAST accolades. Brian finished second in the nation in passing efficiency and completed 68.8 percent of his throws in 2006.

In his first season as an assistant coach at Louisville, Jeff Brohm guided then quarterback Stefan LeFors to finish first in the nation in passing efficiency and completion percentage and watched as the southpaw narrowly missed setting NCAA records in both categories.

Playing Career

He started his NFL career in 1994 with the San Diego Chargers, who played in Super Bowl XXIX. He played for the San Francisco 49ers from 1995-97 where he was the backup quarterback to Hall of Famer Steve Young in 1997.

From 1998-2000 he played for the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, Denver Broncos, and the Cleveland Browns. In 2001, Brohm played in the XFL for the Orlando Rage and was named first team ALL-XFL as he owned the league's highest QB rating at 99.9. Jeff first rose to football glory at Trinity High School where he was named "Mr. Football" for the state of Kentucky in 1988 after leading the Shamrocks to a state championship.

Collegiate

Brohm was one of four family members to earn a gridiron letter from Louisville. He wrapped up his four-year collegiate career as one of the most prolific offensive players to wear Louisville's jersey. As a three-year starter for the Cards, Brohm ranks among the all-time leaders for passing yards, touchdown passes, completions, total offense and completion percentage.

He was voted as the team's MVP in both 1992 and 1993 and always will be remembered for a gritty performance in leading Louisville to an 18-7 victory over Michigan State University in the 1993 Liberty Bowl, one of Schnellenberger's six-career bowl victories. Playing with two steel pins and one steel plate in the index finger of his throwing hand, Brohm completed 19-of-29 passes for 197 yards and a touchdown, all while playing in 20-degree temperatures and freezing rain to earn the game's MVP award.

As a student-athlete at Louisville, Brohm played two seasons of baseball with the Cleveland Indians organization while playing football for the Cards.

High School

He also was named the "Kentucky High School Player of the Decade" for the 1980s before attending Louisville, where his number was honored in 2006 for his contributions as a Cardinal quarterback.



COACHING EXPERIENCE

2009 – Florida Atlantic (Quarterbacks)

2008 – Louisville (Assistant Head Coach/
Offensive Coordinator)

2007 – Louisville (Assistant Head Coach/
Passing Game)

2004-2006 – Louisville (Quarterbacks)

Bowl Games as a Coach

2006 Orange Bowl

2005 Gator Bowl

2004 Liberty Bowl

2003 GMAC Bowl

Bowl Games as a Player

1993 Liberty Bowl

1990 Fiesta Bowl

Recruiting Area

Jacksonville

Personal Information

Birth date: April 24, 1971

Hometown: Louisville, KY

Education: B.S. Business Administration -
University of Louisville, 1994

Marital Status: Wife Jennifer (Hawkins)

Children: Brady (4)

JOE COROZZA

TIGHT ENDS

At FAU

Joe Corozza joined the FAU staff as an assistant coach in the spring of 2007, primarily working with the tight ends, but has been involved with the program since 2001 and the first game.

Since the inception of FAU football and dating back through Head Coach Howard Schnellenberger's career the tight ends have been an instrumental part of the program. This has played out on the field with tight ends ending the season no. 1 or no. 2 in reception yards six of the eight seasons FAU has fielded a team. 2009 will be no different with the return of Jason Harmon (sidelined in 2008 recovering from knee surgery), who was no. 2 in 2006 and in 2007, Jamari Grant, who was no. 2 in 2008, and Rob Housler, who was no. 3 in 2008.

In 2007, Jason Harmon became a common name on campus and the "Harmon Hop" became known at the games. Harmon's extraordinary efforts to gain yards saw the junior lead the team in reception yards until late in the season. He also earned First Team All-Conference honors. Jamari Grant and Rob Housler had the task of filling Harmon's shoes in 2008 and without question the duo surpassed Harmon's mark by nearly 350 yards and three scores. Each will return in 2009 for their senior seasons.

Stepping in 2007 was made easy with a working knowledge of the unit after working with them in 2005 and 2006 as a graduate assistant. In 2005 the group accounted for more than 25% of the team's reception yards and nearly 16% of the team's touchdowns. 2006 was a season that saw the tight ends hit hard with several preseason-ending injuries. Youth prevailed, providing experience to the group who will see the majority of action in 2009.

Corozza came to FAU in the fall of 2001 as a volunteer and as a member of the inaugural staff. By the end of the spring, he was hired as the strength and conditioning coach for the football program.

As an intern, he was responsible for the spring strength and conditioning program, among other duties, including assisting the defensive staff with opponent scouting reports, opponent offensive film breakdown, FAU defensive film cutups, assisting with defensive game-planning, and booth coaching.

J.P. Taravella High School

He served as J.P. Taravella High School's assistant football coach from 1996 to 1998, and was the varsity's defensive coordinator and defensive line coach in 1997. While at Taravella, he also served as the team's strength and conditioning coach.

Cooper City High School

He served as Cooper City High School's assistant football coach from 1994 to '96. At Cooper City, Corozza was responsible for the defensive line as well as strength and conditioning.

Certifications

Corozza is certified as a health and fitness instructor by the American College of Sports Medicine and as a strength and conditioning specialist by the National Strength and Conditioning Association.

Collegiate Playing Career

Defensive Lineman at Ramapo College, Mahwah, NJ, from 1991-92.

High School Playing Career

Corozza played for Cooper City High School from 1987-90.



COACHING EXPERIENCE

2006 – Florida Atlantic University (Tight Ends)

2005-06 Florida Atlantic University (Graduate Assistant/TE)

2004-05 Florida Atlantic University (Graduate Assistant/Defensive Backs)

2002-03 Florida Atlantic University (Defensive Assistant/Strength Coach)

2001-02 Florida Atlantic University (Intern)

1996-98 J.P. Taravella High School (Assistant Coach/Defensive Coordinator)

1994-96 Cooper City High School (Assistant Coach Defensive Line)

Bowl Game as a Coach

2008 Motor City Bowl (Florida Atlantic)

2007 New Orleans Bowl (Florida Atlantic)

Recruiting Area

Tallahassee, Gainesville, Pensacola, FL as well as the panhandle

Personal Information

Birth date: July 1, 1973

Hometown: Cooper City, FL

Education: 2000-B.A., FAU Coaching and Human Performance. Currently working toward a M.S., in Exercise Science

Marital Status: Wife, Jennifer



COACHES



COACHING EXPERIENCE

2006 – Florida Atlantic University Assistant Coach

2006 – (Jan.-May) Florida Atlantic University (Intern)

2003-2004 Assisted the Columbus Wardogs Arena Football Club with player strengths/weakness and coaching strategies. Also involved in film review and recruiting.

Bowl Games as a Coach

2008 Motor City Bowl (Florida Atlantic)

2007 New Orleans Bowl (Florida Atlantic)

Bowl Games as a Player

1996 Senior Bowl (Louisville – served as captain)

1995 Blue Gray All-Star Game (Louisville – named defensive MVP)

1993 Liberty Bowl (Louisville vs. Michigan State)

Playing Experience

2005 – Louisville Fire Arena Football Club (Arena 2), Louisville, KY (LB/FB)

2003-2004 Columbus Wardogs Arena Football Club (Arena 2), Columbus, GA (FB/LB and Assistant Coach)

2003 Florida Firecats Arena Football Club (Arena 2), Fort Myers, FL

2002 Carolina Cobras Arena Football Club, Charlotte, NC (reserve FB/LB for Arena 1)

2000-2001 Florida Firecats Arena Football Club (Arena 2), Fort Myers, FL Starting fullback/linebacker. Set franchise record for most rushing yards (since broken), led Arena 2 in rushing, 2002, received 12- team and league Iron Man Awards, 2000-2003.

1998 Arizona Rattlers (Arena 1), Phoenix, AZ (Reserve fullback/linebacker where he played for Danny White).

1996 New York Jets (NFL), New York, NY. (Reserved middle linebacker for NFL where he played for Rich Kotite).

1992-1995 University of Louisville, Louisville, KY (Starting linebacker)

Recruiting Area

Miami

Personal Information

Birth date: Nov. 30, 1973

Hometown: Miami, FL

Education: 2006, B.S. sports administration, University of Louisville

Marital Status: Wife, Shelisa

Children: Jahbarri (2)

JOHNNY FROST

DEFENSIVE ENDS

At FAU

Frost joined the staff in 2006 as the defensive ends' coach. His footprint was set right way with a unit that saw marked improvement in total tackles and in sacks despite facing much larger offensive lines. The defensive line came into 2007 as an experienced with unit depth and leadership. Just four games in two players were lost to injury and Frost was forced to younger, less experienced players. Despite the initial set back, the line finished strong and gained valuable experience — experience that later proved valuable as the two who were forced into action in 2007 proved to be instrumental mainstays and were the top two tacklers among the defensive linemen in 2008. They could also lend guidance as the line's starting left end was also a midseason newcomer to the role.

Frost came to FAU in the spring of 2006 to complete unfinished business, his college degree. The Florida native first joined Schnellenger at Louisville as a player. Following a professional playing career he sought out Schnellenger once more in the hope of completing his University of Louisville degree. All that was needed was an internship that he was able to complete through the FAU athletic department. He used his down time to help the football program and got to know the players during spring practice.



Business Experience

2004 Athletic Coordinator, East Columbus Boys & Girls Club, Columbus, GA

1996 – Co-Owner/Sales Representative, Millers Trophies, Miami, FL

Community Involvement

Assistant Coach: South Florida Youth Football League, Miami, FL

Recipient: Boys & Girls Club Program of the year (2004), Columbus, GA

Member: Free and Accepted Masons "F&AM"

Member: University of Louisville L-Club, Louisville, KY



Shelisa, Coach Frost and Jahbarri

ROD PAYNE

DEFENSIVE TACKLES

At FAU

Rod Payne was named Florida Atlantic University's defensive line coach completing the 2009 staff. He immersed himself into the program during the spring.

"We were fortunate to find a coach that perfectly fits our needs," said Schnellenberger. "He is from the 'Florida Atlantic Territory' (I-4 corridor south), has tremendous collegiate playing experience at Michigan, played in the NFL for the Cincinnati Bengals and the Baltimore Ravens, and has proven to be an outstanding coach earning 'Coach of the Year' honors. Most importantly, he has won at everything he has applied himself to."

At Felix Varela Senior High School and Westminster Academy

Payne, who will work with the defensive tackles, joins the FAU staff after serving as the head coach at Felix Varela Senior High School during the 2008 season. The Miami native has been involved in some form of teaching since 2004 and holds a 94 percent graduation rate for his student-athletes in both football and wrestling. While at West Minster Academy in Fort Lauderdale, his team held a 3.4 GPA+ and ended the 2007 campaign with the school's first winning-season in 10 years. He earned the 2007 *Sun-Sentinel* Broward County Football Coach of the Year honors, as well as the South Atlantic Coast Conference (SACC) Football Coach of the Year. His Westminster wrestling team earned more district-qualifiers in the school's history (nine of 14).

In the NFL

Payne played profession football from 1997-2002. He was the first center selected in the 1997 NFL Draft and was taken in the third round by the Cincinnati Bengals. He was also a member of the 2001 Baltimore Ravens Super Bowl Championship Team.

As a Collegiate Player

Prior to professional football, Payne played for the University of Michigan where he was named All Big-Ten Honorable Mention as a center in 1994. He was also a recipient of the Victors Award, bestowed to the individual who exhibits the highest level of play, in 1994, 1995 and 1996. Payne was a 1995 and 1996 All Big-Ten first team selection and was a 1996 American Football Coaches Association (AFCA) First-Team All-American selection. The center was elected team captain in 1996 and was named both the 1996 Hugh Rader Most Valuable Lineman and the Glen E. "Bo" Schembechler Most Valuable Player. One example of his true grit is the fact that he played 37-consecutive games. Another example occurred during the University of Michigan versus Michigan State University game, when he broke his right wrist, remained in the game and used his left hand to snap.

In High School

Payne gained his prep experience at Miami Killian Senior High School ('92), where he was a first team All-County and All-State honoree in 1992. He also earned First Team All-County and All-State honors in wrestling. As a wrestler, Payne earned district, regional, and the GMAC Wrestling Championship honors. Also placed third in the state tournament.

Post Playing Career

Since retiring from professional football, Payne also has co-hosted a radio show, taken a year off to help an ailing friend, written a book, served as a personal trainer, worked as a managing partner of a gym and taught both in the mainstream classroom and special education. He is also a speaker for the Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA).



COACHING EXPERIENCE

Coaching Experience

2009 – Florida Atlantic University

2008 – Felix Varela Senior High School (Head Coach)

2007 – Westminster Academy (Head Coach)

Bowl Games as a Player

1993 Rose Bowl, def. Washington 38-31

1994 Hall of Fame Bowl, def. North Carolina State 42-7

1995 Holiday Bowl, def. Colorado State 24-14

1996 Alamo Bowl, def. by Texas A&M 20-22

1997 Outback Bowl, def. by Alabama 14-7

Playing Experience

1997-2002 Cincinnati Bengals (NFL)

2001 – Member of the Baltimore Ravens Super Bowl Championship team

1993-97 – Member of the University of Michigan Football team where he was All Big-Ten, earned the Victors Award and a 1996 First-Team All-American

Recruiting Area

Palm Beach County

Personal Information

Birth date: June 14, 1974

Hometown: Miami, FL

Education: B.S. Kinesiology University of Michigan



**COACHING
EXPERIENCE**

Coaching Experience

2005 – Florida Atlantic Assistant Coach (Running Backs)

2004 – Mountain View High School Assistant Coach (Running Backs)

2002-2003 UTEP Assistant Coach (Running Backs)

2000-2001 UTEP Graduate Assistant

Bowl Games

2008 Motor City Bowl (Florida Atlantic)

2007 New Orleans (Florida Atlantic)

2000 Humanitarian Bowl (UTEP)

Recruiting Area

Lakeland, Ocala and Orlando, FL

Personal Information:

Birth date: Nov. 14, 1975

Hometown: El Paso, TX

Education: 1999, B.S., mechanical engineering, UTEP

Marital Status: Married to the former Andrea Alvarado

Children: Mario (9), Steven (2)



Mario, Andrea, Coach Serna and Steven

**DAVID SERNA
RUNNING BACKS**

At FAU

Dave Serna joined the staff in the spring of 2005, assuming the role of running backs coach after playing and coaching offensive lineman much of his career. He took the transition head-on, knowing he would be working with a core of running backs that had a cumulative total of eight carries entering the season.

Despite the youth and a rotation of five backs or fullbacks, with two key losses both at fullback, the 2005 Owls had six games with more than 100 yards, including 227 yards on the ground against North Texas.

Serna was afforded the opportunity of a stronger line in '06, as well as the return of senior fullback Aaron Sanchez who missed '05. He made the most of it and saw sophomore Charles Pierre flourish. Pierre ended the season with four career games with 100+ yards, three were accomplished in '06.

The Owls' running game became more integral in 2007, with Charles Pierre tallying 733 yards in 159 carries. Pierre had four games with 80+ yards. Sixteen players were credited with runs that opened the Owls' passing game. That unselfishness and willingness to block and pass protect as much as run was a key to the team's success. The running game tallied 1,523 yards in 2007, which was second only all-time to the 2003 season when FAU played 14 games (1,788).

Charles Pierre saw the three years of working with Serna pay off in 2008. Despite a rotation between three primary carriers, Pierre became the first player in the program's history to rush for more than 1,000 yards (161 carries). Maybe even more impressively, he is just the third running back in Head Coach Howard Schnellenberger's career to break the 1,000 yard plateau. He broke the milestone in the Motor City Bowl's final drive a drive that FAU gave him the ball nearly every carry and ask him to use his drives to control the game clock. Pierre ended his four-year career as the program's top back in several categories. Serna also bid farewell to DiIvory Edgcomb who was an instrumental part of the team's success. Edgcomb averaged 20.9 yards per kick return, 9.8 yards per reception and 5.0 yards per carry.

Coaching Accomplishments

Serna came to Florida Atlantic after a one-year stint as the running backs coach for Mountain View (Texas) High School, where he worked with Alex Miranda. Under Serna's tutelage, Miranda earned District 2-4A Offensive Most Valuable Player honors, was named Associated Press Class 4A Honorable Mention All-State, first-team El Paso Times All-City and ended his junior season ranked as the 5th best rusher in Texas Class 4A.

UTEP

His collegiate experience, both as a player and as a coach, came under the direction of FAU's former offensive coordinator Gary Nord. Serna first served as a student assistant for UTEP (1998-99). Upon his graduation in 1999, he served as a graduate assistant. The two-year letterman was on staff in 2000, when the squad shared the Western Athletic Conference title and played in the Crucial.com Humanitarian Bowl. He was elevated to assistant coach in 2002 and began his career as a running backs coach. In 2002, the Miners ranked fourth in the WAC in rushing offense (154.1 ypg), including 300 yards against Sacramento State. UTEP rushed for over 200 yards in four games, three players posted 100-yard rushing games and Howard Jackson tied a school record with four rushing touchdowns in the first half versus Sacramento State. That same season saw four UTEP players rush for over 200 yards on the year, combining for 12 rushing touchdowns and at the season's conclusion Matt Austin was named to The Sporting News WAC All-Freshman team. In 2003, the Miners rated fourth in the WAC in rushing offense (169.3 ypg), rushed for more than 150 yards seven times, and over 200 yards on five occasions. Jackson became the eighth Miner to rush for 2,000 yards in a career and set a school record with four-consecutive 100-yard rushing games, and had a total of six. UTEP enjoyed a season that saw its top two backs average at least five yards per carry, and combined to score nine touchdowns. Under Serna's direction, Howard Jackson (2003) was the program's first 1,000 yard rusher in since 1999, first team All-WAC, and ranked no. 4 nationally as an all-purpose runner.

Texas Native

Serna, the son of Rosie Serna, is a native of El Paso, TX, where he played high school football for Hanks High School.





COACHING EXPERIENCE

Coaching Experience

2005 - Florida Atlantic Assistant (Offensive Line)

2002-04 University of Findlay Assistant coach (Offensive Coordinator)

2000-04 University of Findlay Assistant Coach (Offensive Line)

1997-99 Gardner-Webb University Assistant Coach (Offensive Line)

1996-97 North Greenville College (Assistant Coach)

1994-96 University of West Virginia (Graduate Assistant)

Bowl Games as A Coach

2008 Motor City Bowl (Florida Atlantic)

2007 New Orleans (Florida Atlantic)

Bowl Games as a Player

Bowl 1989 Gator Bowl (West Virginia)

1994 Sugar Bowl (West Virginia)

Recruiting Area

Broward County, Naples, FL and Southwest Florida

Personal Information:

Birth date: Dec. 4, 1970

Hometown: Cleveland, OH

Education: 1996, M.S., athletic coaching education, West Virginia University; 1994, B.S., Liberal arts, West Virginia

Marital Status: Wife, Wendi

Children: Nicole (11) and Dominick (7)



Nicole, Dominick, Coach Williams and Wendi

DALE WILLIAMS

OFFENSIVE LINE

At FAU

Dale Williams joined the staff in the spring of 2005 as the team's offensive line coach.

Just two players who had earned playing time, and those two would change positions. Redshirt freshman Nick Paris quickly became a solid contributor as did John Rizzo. The line showed its maturity in 2006 with better offensive statistics despite two new quarterbacks.

The 2007 season began with FAU tallying 216 rushing yards against the defending conference co-champion. Two games later, following an upset victory over Minnesota, quarterback Rusty Smith invited the offensive line to join him at the post-game press conference. At season's end, when Smith was named Sun Belt Player of the Year, he spoke only of the "O" line and what they did for both the passing and running game. Experience paid dividends with the quarterbacks being sacked just 15 times which ranked no. 13 nationally. The offense also set a new record. John Rizzo and Jarrid Smith earned Sun Belt Conference second-team honors.

Nearly everyone returned in 2008 and all with the same goal — better protection. Late preseason injuries shook up the line, but in the end made the unit stronger and more experienced. The Owls traveled to Texas where they opened with a strong defensive line and two new centers by midseason the line was once again intact and would remain relatively healthy through the final regular-season game. The bowl game saw the Owls start three newcomers. While four of the season's 16 sacks occurred in the bowl game it was a game that also showcased talented line's future with only one senior playing. Smith passed for 306 yards. The running game was also in full force behind the line that made way for 112 yards including Charles Pierre's 77 yard effort that put him over the top of the 1,000 yard plateau. Pierre became the first FAU player to rush for more than a 1,000 yards in a season. He also used the line to become the program's all-time rushing leader.

At Findlay

Findlay's a program that finished 2002 with a 9-2 record and a no. 25 national ranking among Division II schools. He served the last three years as the offensive coordinator and offensive line and recruiting coordinator.

At Gardner-Webb

Williams was the offensive line coach as well as the running game and recruiting coordinator at Gardner-Webb University. He was responsible for an offensive line that gained over 2,000 yards on the ground while mentoring Ben Fuller to first-team All-SAC honors two-consecutive seasons.

At North Greenville

His 1996-97 season was spent working with Steve Patton at North Carolina-Greenville. That season the Mounties offense was rated no. 4 nationally, averaging 31.0 points per game and 410 yards in total offense.

At WVU

His coaching career began at West Virginia, his alma mater, where he was a graduate assistant from 1994-96. He earned both his undergraduate degree (liberal arts '94) and master's degree (athletic coaching education '96) from WVU.

As a Player

Athletically, Williams was a three-year letterman and a two-year starter for the Mountaineers and was named the 1993 best lineman. He played in the 1989 Gator Bowl and the 1994 Sugar Bowl

Following his collegiate career, the Cleveland, OH, native played one season of professional football for the Arena Football Leagues Cleveland Thunderbolts. His stint with the Thunderbolts was an opportunity to return home, where he had a standout career at perennial national power St. Ignatius (OH).





JARED ALLEN
GRADUATE ASSISTANT
OFFENSE

Jared Allen is a founding member of the Florida Atlantic University football program, a program that saw him play in the first 47 games (every game from 2001-2004). Allen was also under center when FAU captured its first Division I-A victory in just the 22nd game of the program's existence. He then guided the Owls to an 11-3 finish and NCAA Division I-AA semi-final finish. The following season, the Oklahoma native traveled to Hawaii where the team dealt the University of Hawaii its only home field loss in 2004. FAU finished 9-3 in 2004, including a five game win streak to open the season, all on the road due to hurricanes. Allen concluded his four-year career with 8,100 yards, 13 touchdowns and a program best 135.1 efficiency rating. He remains a leader in nearly every category falling to no. 2 in several categories to current FAU quarterback Rusty Smith

Allen graduated from FAU in 2004 with a degree in political science. After college, he had the opportunity to play as an un-drafted free agent for the Tampa Bay Buccaneers in 2005 and 2006. He was named the Tampa Bay Rookie mini-camp MVP in 2005. Allen was on the Buccaneers roster through off-season, training camp and preseason both years. The Buccaneers allocated Jared to play in NFL Europe in 2006 for the Amsterdam Admirals. In Europe he had the privilege of starting at quarterback in the World Bowl.

Allen then worked in medical sales for just under two years. During that time he also Co-Directed, with his oldest brother Jason, the Top Gun Challenge, a national quarterback competition. Allen has also worked many quarterback camps and clinics over the last two years.

Allen, married his college sweetheart Brynn and the couple have one son Creighton (2).



GRANT DEBENEDICTIS
FOOTBALL OPERATIONS ASSISTANT



MATT DESIDERIO
PROGRAM ASSISTANT



ANYIKA DAVIS



MELISSA GASTON



ALYSHA KLEIN



KATIE MATTHEWS



NATALIE MILLIAN



TIM ATKINS
GRADUATE ASSISTANT
DEFENSE

Tim Atkins joined the program in 2008 as a volunteer who logged countless hours in all areas but, primarily with the defense. Midway through the spring of 2009 he officially joined the staff as the 2009 graduate assistant for defense.

In 2008, Atkins served as the defensive quality control coach. In that role he assisted Kirk Hoza with the defensive backs as well as opponent film breakdown. Atkins also prepared the tendencies reports, drew play cards for practice, organized weekly cut-ups for defensive coaches and players as well as input self scout data for defensive coordinator Kirk Hoza.

Prior to FAU, Atkins served as a defensive assistant for the Miami Dolphins in 2007 and served as a staff assistant in 2006. In 2005 he served as Whittier College's Wide Receiver Coach/Video Coordinator and in 2004 he served as Whittier's Safeties Coach and Video Coordinator. Atkins gained the experience needed to teach football while serving as an assistant defensive back coach at Hamilton High School in Chandler, AZ from 2001-03.

The Omaha, NE, native, received his undergraduate degree in kinesiology in 2001 from Arizona State University

All-Time Assistant Coaches

B	N
John Bock '02-'04 Jeff Brohm '09	Gary Nord '05-'08
C	O
John Cane (GA '04) Joe Corozza (GA '05), '06-	Fred O'Connor '01-'05
D	P
Dave Dunn '03-'04	Rod Payne '09
F	R
Johnny Frost '06-	Eli Rasheed '04-'08 Alfredo Roberts '01-'02 Arnie Romaro '01-'02
G	S
Michael Gribitz '01-'02	Mark Sander '01 Larry Seiple '01-'05 David Serna '06 Nick Seta (GA) '07-'08
H	T
Kirk Hoza '01-	Karson Turner (GA) '05
J	V
Daryl Jackson '07	Christ Vagotis '01-'05 Kurt Van Valkenburgh '01- John Vandevere '02-'06
M	W
Mel Mills '01-'04 Peter Moore (GA) '06-'08	Dale Williams '05-



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STEVE CUTCHER FOOTBALL VISUAL COORDINATOR

Steve Cutcher joined the football staff in the fall of 2001. Since that time he has been a part of the national championship run in 2003 and two bowl championships. Like so many of Howard Schnellenberger's hires, Cutcher came with tremendous experience. He was honored in the summer of 2008 as the Sun Belt Conference Video Coordinator of the Year and was on the Collegiate Sports Video Association ballot for national recognition.

Cutcher came by way of the XFL Orlando Rage, a position he held during the spring of 2000. Along with his position with the XFL, he served as an assistant video coordinator at the University of Central Florida.

Prior to that, he was an offensive graduate assistant at UCF working primarily with the quarterbacks and breaking down film of opponents.

At FAU, Cutcher is responsible for filming practices and games for the coaching staff. He is in charge of video analysis of opponents and self-scout of FAU. He also keeps an extensive library of high school football games for recruiting purposes.

Cutcher has also been a golf operations manager at Indian Springs Country Club. He has served as a football coach for youth teams and volunteered his time with high schools.

The Phoenix, AZ, native graduated from Palm Beach Community College with an associate of arts degree. He followed with a bachelor of science degree in physical education from the University of Central Florida, where he also earned hours toward a master's degree.



SEAN TODD COORDINATOR OF FOOTBALL OPERATIONS

Sean Todd joined Florida Atlantic University's staff in June of 2001. He was initially hired to coordinate team travel, camps and clinics, direct game-day operations and manage special events.

He also handles all stadium issues as well as visiting team hosting, while continuing to expand his football role into the areas of recruiting and scheduling as well as serving as FAU's pro liaison to the National Football League.

The Georgetown, DE, native came to FAU by way of the Miami Dolphins, Ltd., where he served in various capacities for six years. Todd began as a facility operations intern, worked into a facility operations assistant and moved to operations assistant, where his responsibilities included all aspects of training camp, team travel and facility functionality.

While earning his master's of science degree in sports administration from St. Thomas University (1996), Todd gained experience at many of the country's greatest sporting events, including Super Bowl XXIX, the Delray Beach Tennis Championship, a USTPA event, Dan Marino's Charity Softball Game and the Lipton Tennis Championship. He has also worked for the Florida Panthers Hockey Club and the Florida Marlins Baseball Club.

Todd obtained a bachelor of arts degree in communication arts from Salisbury University in December 1993. He attended Sussex Central High School and is married to the former Laura Courtney, the director of athletics at St. Thomas University in Miami, FL. The couple has one daughter, Sidney Aerin (4).



COACHES