

# WOMEN'S ROSSER 1977

COACH: Patti Abbott  
1976 RECORD: 7-12  
TEAM MANAGER: Janet Golligir

#	NAME	CLASS	HT.	WT.	POS.	JR. COLL./HOMETOWN
30	Eyjalia Albalate	Sr.	5'8"	150	Forward	Miami-Dade South/Miami
32	Sandra Atkins	Sr.	5'2"	147	Guard	Miami-Dade North/Dania
31	Eather Ball-Ilovera	Sr.	5'8"	155	Forward	Miami-Dade South/Miami
11	Gloria Barry	Sr.	5'1"	125	Guard	Miami-Dade South/Miami
10	Caron Bretholtz	Sr.	5'1"	100	Guard	Miami-Dade South/Miami
14	Karen Clark	Sr.	5'7"	119	Guard	Miami-Dade South/Miami
20	Shirley Coleman	Jr.	5'5"	145	Guard	Miami-Dade North/Miami
34	Debbie Davis	Sr.	5'10"	153	Forward	Miami-Dade North/Miami
12	Mae Foley	St.	5'3"	117	Guard	Miami-Dade North/Miami
15	Kathleen Fraser	St.	5'11"	180	Center	Broward Central/Hollywood
21	Joy Stewart	Jr.	5'9"	123	Center	Broward Central/Plantation
22	Melody VanValkenburg	Sr.	5'6"	127	Guard	Miami-Dade South/Miami
25	Betty Williams	Sr.	5'4"	150	Forward	Miami-Dade South/Miami
24	Sandra Williams	Jr.	5'5"	150	Forward	Miami-Dade North/Miami

## FIU FACTS

Name: Florida International University  
Founded: 1965  
Location: Tamiami Trail  
Classification: State of Florida University System  
Enrollment: 12,500  
President: Harold B. Crosby  
Director of Athletics: Tom H. Wonderling  
Affiliation: AIAW, Senior College Division  
Conference: Independent  
Nickname: Sunblazers  
Colors: Blue & Gold  
S.I.D.: Bill Sheldon

## FIU IN REVIEW

Florida International University opened its Tamiami Campus in the fall of 1972 with 5,667 students — the largest first-year enrollment of any college or university in the history of the United States. Enrollment is expected to grow to 30,000 by the early 1980's, when the North Miami campus is in full operation.

An accredited member of the State University System, FIU serves juniors, seniors and graduate students. Admission is open without regard to race, creed, color, sex, age or national origin.

Academically, FIU offers the benefits of higher education's proven features blended with the innovations of progressive ideals. The University has developed individualized study programs including off-campus, real-life career experiences.

Academic divisions include the College of Arts and Sciences, School of Business and Organizational Sciences, School of Education, School of Health and Social Services, School of Hotel, Food and Travel Services and the School of Technology.

The University has three main goals: to provide action-oriented education for students so they can live more personally satisfying and socially useful lives; to serve the Greater Miami and South Florida region in meeting the ecological, cultural, social and urban challenges which it faces; and to become a major international center with emphasis on helping achieve greater mutual understanding among the Americas and throughout the world.

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FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY



# SUNBLAZERS WOMEN'S BASKETBALL



Basketball (Women) 1977

## Women's Basketball Season Outlook

This enthusiastic squad enters the '77 season determined to make a place among other more established programs around the state and to pull a few upsets along the way.

The Sunblazers, with nine returning players from the historic '76 season, have the needed experience and talent to reach that goal.

Head Coach Patti Abbot, taking over the helm for the '77 season, realizes that the team lacks height, with 5'11" center Kathy Fraser the tallest player. However the team is well-balanced with 5'10" Debbie Davis and 5'9" Joy Stewart supplying additional rebounding power. Guards Shirley Coleman (5'5"), Sandra Atkins (5'2"), Caron Bretholtz (5'1"), and Mae Foley (5'3"), are expected to bring the team the consistent outside shooting.

Coach Abbott, a former collegiate basketball player from Florida State University, is confident that the women's basketball program will continue as a consistent winner. "Our goal is to improve our record and go into the state tournament as a dark horse, ready to knock off the more established teams."

### Patricia (Patti) Abbott Basketball Coach

Patricia Abbott, a 1972 graduate of Florida State University, was captain of the FSU volleyball team and was selected to several all-star teams during her four years as a player.

Currently working on her masters degree at FIU, Abbott has the knowledge and energy needed for building a successful program. She coached and taught high school for four years and is now FIU's assistant volleyball coach and head basketball coach.

#### FRONT ROW (sitting):

Caron Bretholtz  
Mae Foley  
Gloria Barry

#### SECOND ROW (kneeling):

Shirley Coleman  
Melody Van Valkenburg  
Sandra Atkins  
Karen Clark  
Betty Williams

#### THIRD ROW (standing):

Coach Patti Abbott  
Esther Ball-Ilovera  
Joy Stewart  
Kathy Fraser  
Sandy Williams  
Debbie Davis  
Eulalia Albalade



## 1977 WOMEN'S BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

DATE	DAY	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
Jan. 4	Tue.	Merrimac College	Columbus HS	4:00 p.m.
15	Sat.	Flagler College	S. Miami HS	2:00 p.m.
17	Mon.	Miami-Dade CC-North	MDCC-No.	5:30 p.m.
22	Sat.	U. of South Fla.	Deerborne HS	4:00 p.m.
26	Wed.	Miami-Dade CC-Downtown	MDCC-Downtown	4:00 p.m.
28	Fri.	Miami-Dade CC-South	MDCC-South	4:30 p.m.
29	Sat.	Florida Tech.	Deerborne HS	10:00 a.m.
Feb. 1	Tue.	U. of Miami	Columbus HS	5:00 p.m.
8	Tue.	Miami-Dade CC-Downtown	Columbus HS	4:00 p.m.
12	Sat.	Miami-Dade CC-North	Deerborne HS	11:00 a.m.
14	Mon.	U. of Miami	U. of M.	4:00 p.m.
15	Tue.	Miami-Dade CC-South	Columbus HS	5:00 p.m.
17-19	Thu.- Sat.	Falconette BB Invtl.	MDCC-North	
24-26	Thu.- Sat.	FAIAW St. BB Large College	U. of M.	