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Morland, Richard B. [Dick Morland] (1919–2010) [Head Basketball Coach, Stetson University, 1952–1957]

Stetson University Basketball Coaching Notebook, 1956–57
[Original Manuscript — Game Plans, Scouting Reports, Box Scores & NAIA National Tournament]

DeLand, Florida and various game locations, **1956–1957**. Original manuscript in Richard Morland's hand documenting his final season as head basketball coach of the Stetson Hatters.

A COLLEGE BASKETBALL SEASON FROM INSIDE THE COACH'S HUDDLE.

Richard Morland's working coaching notebook for the 1956–57 Stetson University men's basketball season, recording in his own hand the scouting, preparation, strategy, game results and postgame assessments that carried the Hatters from preseason practice to the NAIA National Tournament in Kansas City.

This is not a retrospective season record. Morland writes as the season unfolds. Opponents are scouted, defenses diagnosed, plays diagrammed, personnel evaluated and adjustments planned. Newspaper box scores are pasted beside his handwritten accounts, while candid postgame notes record both successful decisions and failures.

The 1956–57 season was Morland's final year as Stetson's head coach. The Hatters finished 17–8, defeated Florida State and the University of Miami, won the NAIA District 25 playoff, and advanced to the 1957 NAIA National Tournament.

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION & CONTENTS

300 MANUSCRIPT PAGES OF SCOUTING, STRATEGY AND GAME-BY-GAME COACHING NOTES.

- Small six-ring coaching notebook, approximately 5.25 by 3.75 inches, in flexible black covers with metal ring binding; approximately 158 lined manuscript pages, written primarily in black and green ink and pencil.
- Entries include preseason preparation, player evaluations and statistics, scouting reports, opponent personnel notes, offensive and defensive strategy, game scores, postgame analysis, diagrams of opposing plays, and Stetson's own offensive sets.
- Numerous pages contain hand-drawn basketball diagrams recording screening action, cuts, passing sequences, defensive positioning and offensive movement. The final portion of the notebook is substantially devoted to diagrams and descriptions of Stetson's offensive plays.
- Contemporary newspaper box scores are pasted onto the appropriate game pages, placing published statistical accounts beside Morland's own observations and evaluations.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE — A PRIMARY RECORD OF STETSON BASKETBALL

Richard B. Morland arrived at Stetson in 1952 as head basketball coach and chairman of physical education. His five seasons produced no losing campaigns. This notebook documents his final season from an unusually close perspective: not merely who

played and who won, but how the coach prepared for opponents, evaluated his players and responded to games while the season was underway.

The 1956–57 Hatters finished 17–8, defeated Florida State and the University of Miami, won the NAIA District 25 playoff, and advanced to the NAIA National Tournament in Kansas City. There they defeated Wayne State 100–84 before their season ended against Pacific Lutheran. Stetson has made only five appearances in the NAIA national tournament, placing the 1957 run within a relatively small chapter of the university's postseason basketball history.

Morland's connection to Stetson extended well beyond his years on the basketball court. He remained at the university after leaving coaching, later chairing the Graduate Council and Education Department. He received Stetson's McEniry Award for Excellence in Teaching in 1983 and was inducted into the Stetson Sports Hall of Fame.

INSIDE MORLAND'S NOTEBOOK

The Coach's Private Record

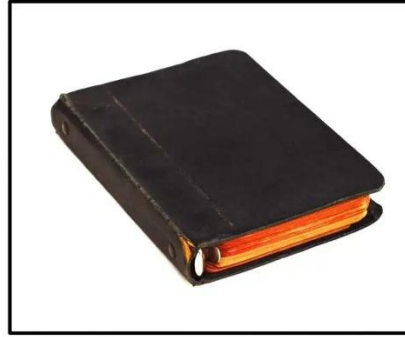
The notebook's immediacy is especially revealing. Morland repeatedly moves beyond statistics to record what he saw, what went wrong and what he intended to change.

- After one performance he writes: **'We couldn't do anything right.'** He follows with specific criticism of rebounding, passing and defensive performance before evaluating individual players.
- Elsewhere, scouting notes reduce opponents to practical coaching instructions: tendencies, personnel matchups, rebounding assignments, screens and defensive adjustments. Pages headed *Against Rollins*, *Wheel Play* and other tactical entries include diagrams intended for direct coaching use.
- The notebook follows the season into several of its most significant games. Morland records Stetson's 97–70 victory over Florida State on January 14, preserving a contemporary newspaper box score alongside his handwritten record of the game.
- After the 95–93 victory over Miami on February 6, his private reaction is equally revealing: **'A game to remember! Almost blew 20 pt lead second half.'** His notes continue through the postseason and into preparation for the NAIA National Tournament, including the opening-round game against Wayne State, which Stetson won 100–84.

CONDITION: VERY GOOD — AN INTACT WORKING COACH'S NOTEBOOK.

Flexible black covers show moderate rubbing, scuffing and handling wear consistent with use. The six-ring metal binding mechanism remains intact.

Leaves show expected handling, edge toning and occasional minor soiling. Newspaper clippings are age-toned, with localized offsetting and adhesive staining from their original attachment. The manuscript remains strong and generally legible throughout.



FLU MADE
1st 2nd

11/10/54

GOBY 13/33 22/44 39

BLUE 16/33 11/35

GOBY

FLW FLU ETA FTPRB T.P.

RENS	8	2	6	5	5	9	
MOFF	16	5	6	6	2	7	16
HEAD	5	4	4	2	2	8	10
LAY	13	5	10	9	1	5	25
HOW	14	6	6	6	2	9	18
IVER	16	8	3	3	1	6	19
RSON	0	0	3	1	2	0	8
KICKS	5	2	0	0	2	2	9
77	35	38	34	12	37	102	

BLUE

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KITCH	19	9	7	5	4	5	23
STUN	11	6	3	2	5	4	14
SISMA	12	7	5	3	3	10	17
ORSH	13	5	1	0	5	4	10
SUT	7	2	3	1	1	3	5
HOOL	5	2	1	0	3	1	6
NEW	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
68	34	20	11	28	21	78	

SCRAMMAGE NOTES 11/10/54

BLUE team fell apart 1st half.
DEF. ON BOTH TEAMS TERRIBLE.
NEITHER TEAM MOVING BALL WELL
OR HOO TO FOR THE MOTION.
Sliding To p BUT HELPED BY
POOR DEF. FT OR EXCEPT FEW.
Sizma lacks leadership
ability. Lays only player
that can keep team
together.

RENS -- FAIL; NOT ABLE TO
GET 12000 KM AND SMT. LOT
FOLLOWING SMTS; DEF WEAK,
NEVER PLAYS MAN TIGHT.

MOFF -- good offensive; doing
WELL ON HITTING

HEAD -- REAL HUSTLER AND
FOUNT GETTER. TUGH UNDER BRASS

Scrimmage Notes 11/10/56

Have seen full sport last half.
DEF. on BOTH TEAMS TERRIBLE.
NEITHER TEAM MOVING BALL WELL
OR GOOD TO FEEL THAT MOTION.
Shooting to go but HESITANT BY
POOR DEF. FT OR EMBERT FEW.
Some lack leadership
think. Have my players
that can keep them
together.

REAR -- FAIL; NOT ABLE TO
GET 137106 KIA WOOD SHOT; LOT
FOLLOWING SHOTS; DEF WEAK,
NEVER PLAYS MAN TIGHT.
NOTE -- good afternoon; driving
WROD W HITTING
HEAD -- REAL HUSTLER and
fast getter. Tough under BARDS

CHECK
ARMORY -- LOCKER ROOM
TOILET FACILITIES

MR.
RECORDS - Ray
SHOT CHART - Hunt
BOOK - VOSTRY

TOWELS FOR ROLLING
TOWELS FOR BENCH

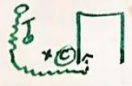
ORANGES
Cups
TEEN CAN
CHALK

AGAINST ROLLINS

CHECK OUT REZEMER
WATCH FARMER LOTTY.
GET BACK AFTER BASKET.

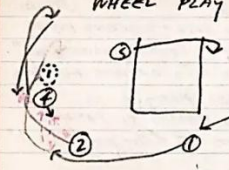
IF ROLLINS SLOUGHS, FIRE
AT FOUL LINE

IF Rollins play Sisko in
Front



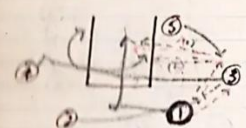
RUN INSIDE TWICE, THEN
LET GUARD GO ALL WAY ON
HESITATION DRIBBLE.

"WHEEL PLAY"

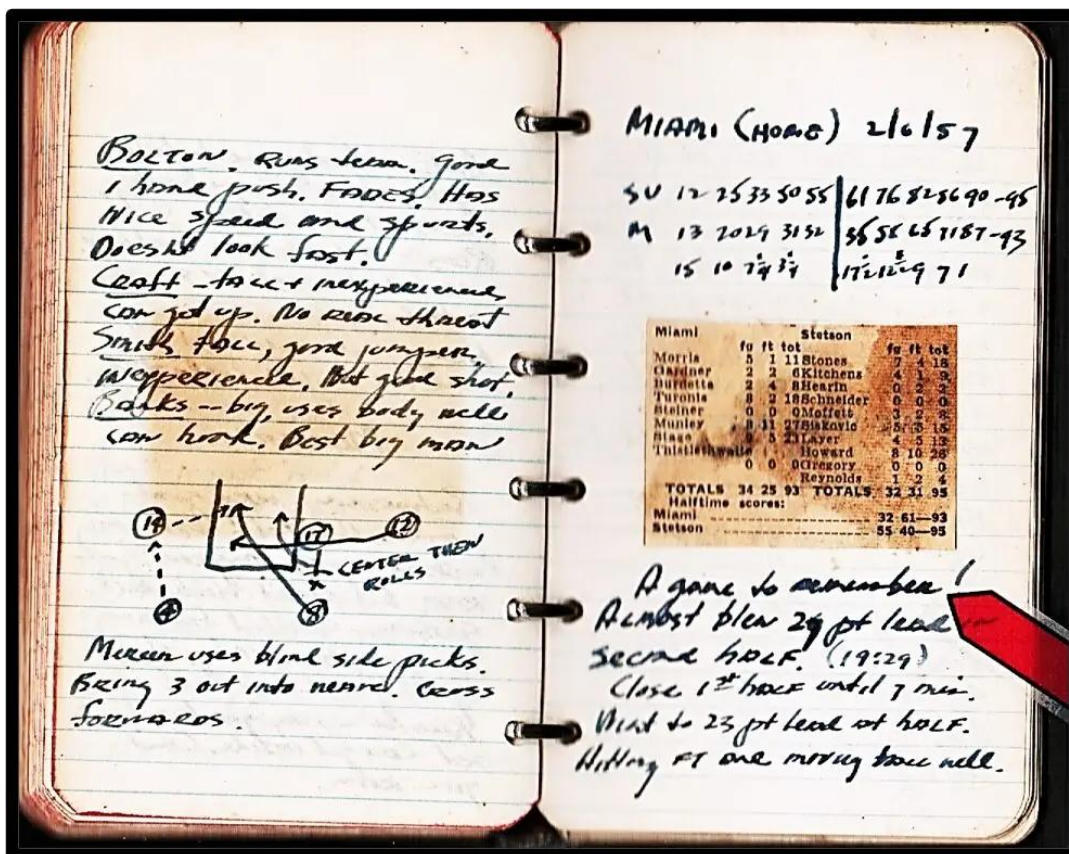


GUARD 5 POSSES to FORWARD 4
 ④ to ① ON QUICK EXCHANGE
 ① sets double screen
 ① FACES basket
 ④ FACES basket after passing
 back to ②
 1- ① takes set
 2- IF DEFENSE CHARTS self
 ② wants give and go with
 man who is free. SCREENER
 cuts if ④ BREAKS on his side.
 other SCREENER holds.
 ⑤ calls to opposite side for
 REBO possession.

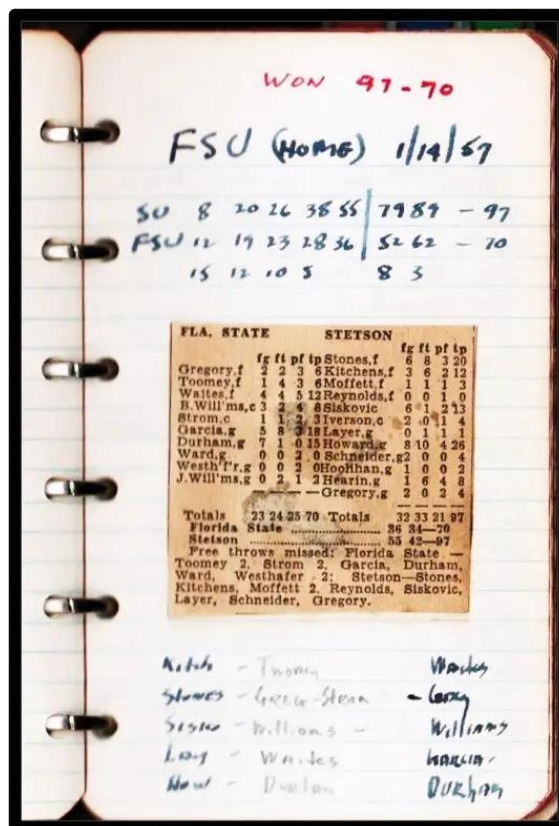
"Rose it"



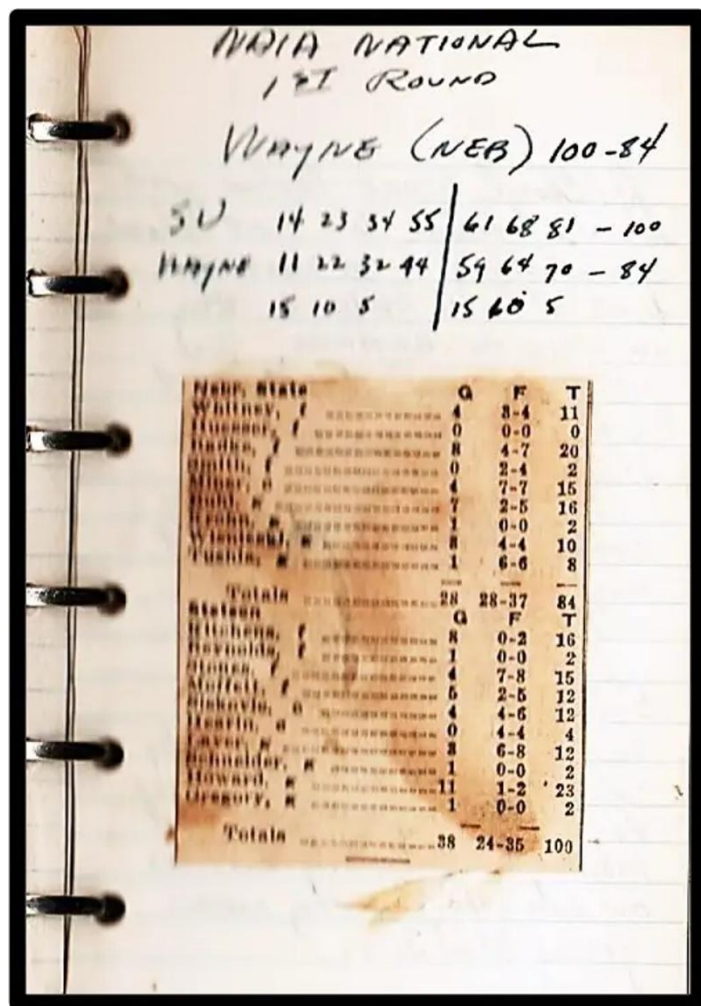
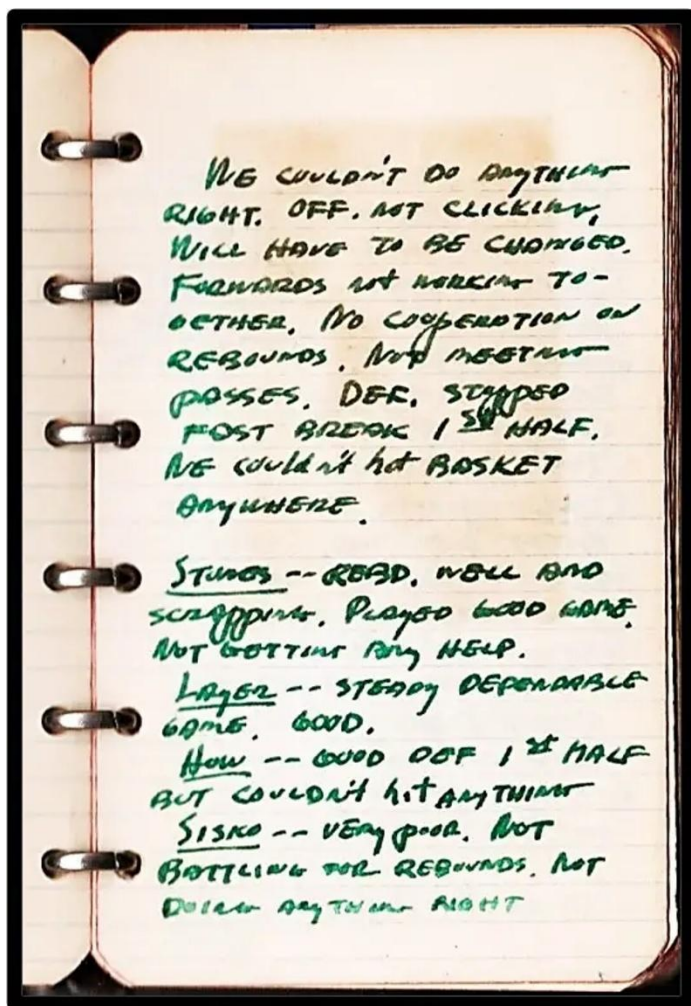
① passes to ③ and moves
to to train for ①
③ passes to ② and treats
intentionally messy count.
③ moves to give to pass from ②
1 - ① cuts off ③'s hair and
takes away pass from ③
2 - ④ uses rolling screen set
by ③ to be second cutter.



Miami at Stetson, February 6, 1957. Morland's game notes, diagram and postgame assessment.



Florida State at Stetson, January 14, 1957. Morland records Stetson's 97-70 victory with contemporary box score



Morland's candid postgame assessment:
'We couldn't do anything right.'

NAIA National Tournament,
First Round: Stetson 100, Wayne State 84.

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