

# COACHES

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# HEAD COACH MIKE MARTIN

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## "11's" Eleventh

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Back in November of 1979, Mike Martin was right where he always loved to be. He was on the baseball field at Florida State University, working with the players who would make up the 1980 Seminole team.

Martin, an outstanding player at Florida State in 1966 and '67, was in his fifth year as the school's top assistant. The late Dick Howser, Florida State's most illustrious baseball graduate, was directing the program and heading into his second year. Martin picked up a ringing telephone that fall afternoon in the FSU dugout. Although the call wasn't for him, it just may have been the most important phone call of his life. The voice on the other end of the line, you see, was George Steinbrenner's. He was calling to ask Howser to become manager of the New York Yankees.

With Howser's exit, there was no question as to who would be the next FSU head coach. And since that day in 1979, there has been no doubt that Mike Martin and Seminole baseball are a perfect match.

For Martin, it is a dream come true. He would be the first to tell you his current position is his ultimate thrill. After 24 years of association with Florida State baseball, Mike Martin bleeds Garnet and Gold. Perhaps no one has meant more to a program than has Martin to the Seminoles.

It's almost hard to believe this one-time centerfielder is heading into his second decade at the FSU helm. He'll turn 46 on February 12, and at that young age he is on his way to immortality in college baseball circles. Even in the rich history of FSU baseball, no Seminole team had ever won 50 or more games in a single season before Martin took over. Incredibly, his teams have won 50 or more in every one of his 10 years. The last four seasons are most significant, since the NCAA imposed a maximum of 60 regular season games at that time.

Having reached 500 victories in the second game of 1989, as fast as any coach in collegiate baseball history, he enters

1990 heading for number 600. He could reach that milestone faster than any coach in history in this, his 11th year. By comparison, Miami's Ron Fraser, college baseball's winningest coach of all-time, reached number 500 in his 16th year. In 26 years, he now has more 1,100 career wins. On his present pace, Martin would reach 1,000 career wins in his 20th collegiate season.

With a sparkling 552-189-3 record and a winning percentage of .744, he ranks as the nation's fourth winningest active coach. He is Florida State's winningest coach ever by a mile. He has more than twice as many victories as Jack Stallings' 248, and he's well past Danny Litwhiler's 189, Woody Woodward's 170 and Fred Hatfield's 161. Only Woodward's .749 winning percentage was better among eight previous FSU

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### ALL ABOUT MIKE MARTIN

**Born:** February 12, 1944 in Charlotte, N.C.

**High School:** Garringer High, Charlotte, N.C.

**College:** Florida State 1966

**Collegiate Baseball Experience:** Wingate College –  
Centerfield (freshman-sophomore)  
Florida State – Centerfield (junior-senior)

**Collegiate Baseball Honors:** 1966 All-District selection

**Wife:** The former Carol Dellinger

**Children:** Mary Beth (20), Mike Jr. (17), Melanie (14)

coaches.

Every year under Martin the Seminoles have participated in NCAA post-season play — 10 straight years. That run, on the heels of appearances in 1978 and '79, give Florida State baseball 12 consecutive tournament trips. By comparison, the longest previous string at FSU was four — ironically, it came during Martin's playing tenure (1965-68). Only one other team in America, Miami, has a longer string of consecutive appearances.

Only seven teams in college baseball have topped FSU's 10 College World Series trips. Martin has been involved in better than half of those, with six trips to Omaha as a player, assistant coach and head coach.

It's no wonder Martin has been able to truly grasp the great FSU baseball tradition. He learned it from the masters. Playing under Hatfield, Martin worked as an assistant to Woodward and Howser.

Hatfield certainly is one of the more respected coaches in FSU history. Woodward, an FSU All-America and former major leaguer, is now the general manager of the Seattle Mariners. Martin served under him from 1975-78. Then came Dick Howser in 1979. He was the New York Yankees' third base coach for 11 seasons prior to succeeding Woodward. Howser immediately retained Martin as his number one assistant.

Martin says his years around these men and at Florida State in general have instilled the desire to produce winners on and off the playing field. Stepping out of their shadows, Martin has now built his own legacy in Tallahassee.

During his tenure, 15 different players have earned All-America honors, 42 have been named to the all-Conference team and an incredible 43 players have signed professional contracts. Two of Martin's Seminoles — Mike Fuentes and Mike Loynd — won the Golden Spikes Award,

emblematic of the nation's best amateur player.

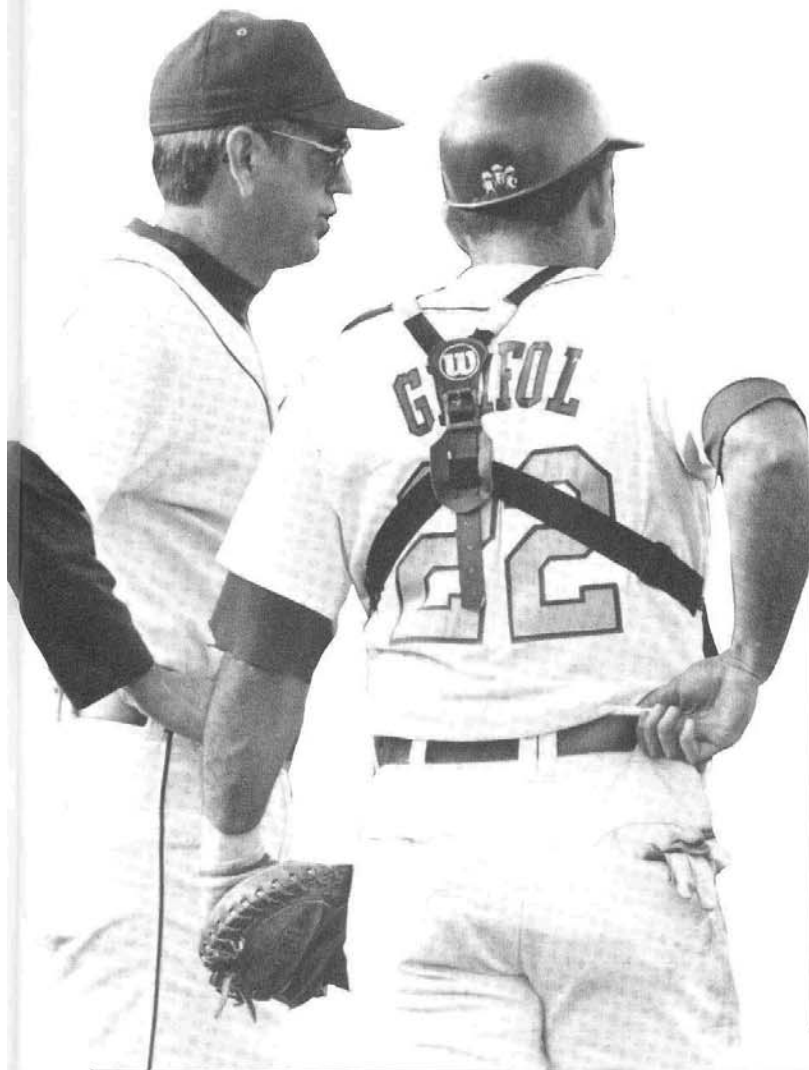
Martin's love affair with FSU baseball began in 1966 when he first set foot in Tallahassee after a two-year playing career at Wingate Junior College in North Carolina. The Charlotte native still clings to his tobacco road roots, but North Florida is now his true home.

Prior to becoming an assistant at FSU, Martin spent several years coaching in the prep and college ranks. His tenure included stints as baseball and basketball coach at the junior high level, one season as head basketball coach at Tallahassee Community College and four years as basketball coach at Godby High.

Prior to entering the coaching profession, Martin was a standout baseball player — first at Wingate Junior College and then at Florida State. A two-time junior college All-America at Wingate, Martin went on to earn all-District honors as an outfielder at FSU. Following three years of professional ball in the New York Mets and Detroit Tigers organizations, Martin returned to coach and teach in Tallahassee.

A popular speaker, Martin has delivered keynote addresses at several state and national meetings, including gatherings of the Florida High School Coaches Association, Atlanta Braves instructional clinics and Seminole Booster clubs throughout the Southeast.

A 1966 graduate of Florida State, Martin earned his master's degree from Florida A & M in 1971. Mike and his wife, Carol, have three children: Mary Beth (20), Mike Jr. (17) and Melanie (14).



## Martin's Career Coaching Record

Year	School	W- L- T	Pct.
1980	Florida State	51-12- 1	.809
1981	Florida State	56-23- 0	.709
1982	Florida State	56-17- 1	.764
1983	Florida State	55-18- 1	.750
1984	Florida State	55-29- 0	.655
1985	Florida State	59-23- 0	.720
1986	Florida State	61-13- 0	.824
1987	Florida State	55-18- 0	.753
1988	Florida State	50-18- 1	.732
1989	Florida State	54-18- 0	.750
<b>Totals (10 years)</b>		<b>552-189- 3</b>	<b>.744</b>

## WINNINGEST ACTIVE COACHES (MINIMUM 200 VICTORIES)

No.	Coach, School	Won	Lost	Tied	Pct.
1.	Cliff Gustafson, Texas	1,103	241	2	.820
2.	Gary Ward, Oklahoma State	616	186	1	.768
3.	Gene Stephenson, Wichita State	681	216	3	.758
4.	<b>Mike Martin, Florida State</b>	<b>552</b>	<b>189</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>.744</b>
5.	Mark Johnson, Texas A&M	238	83	1	.741
6.	Joe Arnold, Florida	553	194	2	.740
7.	Ron Fraser, Miami	1,118	398	9	.736
8.	Bob Morgan, Indiana	552	205	3	.728
9.	Jim Brock, Arizona State	890	335	0	.726
10.	Keith Guttin, SW Missouri State	258	104	0	.713



FSU mentor Mike Martin reached the 500-win mark in the second game of his 10th season, as fast as any coach in collegiate baseball history.

## ALL ABOUT MIKE MARTIN

**HEAD COACHING HONORS:** 1980 Florida Diamond Club Coach of the Year  
 1986 Florida Diamond Club Coach of the Year  
 1986 Atlantic District Coach of the Year  
 1987 Florida Diamond Club Coach of the Year  
 1987 Atlantic District Coach of the Year  
 Six-Time Metro Conference Coach of the Year

**ACCOMPLISHMENTS AT FSU:**

- Ranks fourth among active coaches with a .7439 winning percentage
- Has won at least 50 games in each of his 10 seasons as head coach
- Reached 500-win mark as fast as any collegiate coach, in the second game of his 10th season
- Led Florida State to 10 consecutive NCAA Regional appearances
- Guided FSU to four College World Series appearances in the '80s
- Has coached 15 All-Americans, 42 All-Metro Conference selections, 43 players who signed professional contracts and two Golden Spike Award winners

**MARTIN MILESTONES:**

First Win – Florida State 9, Miami 8 (Feb. 24, 1980)  
 100th Win – Florida State 5, Valdosta 3 (April 27, 1981)  
 200th Win – Florida State 8, Georgia Southern 1 (April 20, 1983)  
 300th Win – Florida State 17, Southern Miss 6 (March 23, 1985)  
 400th Win – Florida State 8, Samford 7 (February 18, 1987)  
 500th Win – Florida State 8, Arizona State 3 (February 5, 1989)

## MARTIN AS A PLAYER AT FLORIDA STATE

Year	Games	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	AVG
1965	22	83	18	27	1	2	4	17	.325
1966*	52	185	42	68	7	5	4	45	.373
<b>Totals</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>268</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>.354</b>

\*Named to the All-District Team

# ASSISTANT COACHES

## CHIP BAKER ASSISTANT COACH

The 1990 season marks Chip Baker's sixth as a member of the Florida State baseball coaching staff. Baker serves as the Seminoles' third base coach and also tutors the Tribe backstops.

A former assistant at Virginia Tech and Georgia Tech, Baker is one of college baseball's premiere catching instructors. During his tenure at Florida State, he has coached All-Americans Ed Fulton and Barry Black-



well, both of whom have gone on to careers in professional baseball.

In addition to his on-field assignments, Baker has several responsibilities in the everyday management of the baseball program. He coordinates the purchase of equipment, team travel and on-campus recruiting. When the Seminoles are on the road, Baker serves as travel coordinator.

During the summer, Baker is the director of the Mike Martin Baseball School and the highly successful Seminole Select Baseball School. In the past six years, over a dozen former campers have gone on to wear a Seminole uniform and several have advanced to the major leagues.

He is also a popular speaker who has addressed numerous Seminole Booster clubs and various civic organizations around the state. He works closely with several Tallahassee area youth organizations, including organizing clinics for Tallahassee Babe Ruth and little leagues. He has been on the staff of national and regional baseball clinics.

Baker, a 32-year-old bachelor, is the author of articles for *Scholastic Coach Magazine* and has collaborated with former FSU assistant Rod Delmonico on additional articles. For most of the works, Baker also served as the photographer.

A 1980 graduate of High Point College, Baker led the Panthers to four Carolinas Conference championships. He was a member of the High Point team that finished second at the 1979 NAIA World Series.

After completing his degree in physical education at High Point, Baker went on to earn a master's degree in motor behavior at Virginia Tech, where he began his collegiate coaching career. His brother,

Jim, is presently an assistant basketball coach at Virginia Tech.

## MIKE McLEOD PITCHING COACH

Pitching coach Mike McLeod has seniority among the Seminole assistant coaches as he begins his ninth year on Mike Martin's staff. With coaching experience on both the collegiate and professional levels, McLeod offers Florida State players a wealth of knowledge and top-level instruction.



A 1977 graduate of Florida State, McLeod is in charge of developing the Seminole pitching staff each season. During the games, he serves as the bullpen coach.

McLeod's success is measurable in several ways. In eight seasons, 30 of his former pitchers have gone on to sign professional contracts. Last year, an FSU pitching staff featuring six new faces led the country in earned run average with a 3.06 mark. In 1988, the staff finished in the top ten in the nation with a 3.35 ERA. He is also credited with the development of a number of former Seminole pitchers, including Richie Lewis and Golden Spikes Award winner Mike Loynd.

In addition to his Florida State experience, McLeod has coached six summers in the professional ranks. That total consisted

of three summers with the New York Yankees organization, two with the Montreal Expos and one with the Minnesota Twins.

He earned All-America honors at Middle Georgia Junior College in 1974 before transferring to Florida State for his final two seasons of collegiate action. He won 13 games in his FSU career; three of those 13 victories were no-hitters.

Following his graduation in 1977, McLeod was drafted by the New York Yankees and played three years in the organization. He and his wife, Rose, have two children: Garrett, 8, and Jenny, 5.

## JAMEY SHOUPPE ASSISTANT COACH

Former Florida State pitcher Jamey Shouppe was named assistant baseball coach at his alma mater in January. He replaced Rod Delmonico, who left FSU to take the head baseball coach position at the University of Tennessee. Shouppe assumed



Delmonico's duties as chief recruiter and will be responsible for several other administrative functions. He has on-field coaching assignments as well.

Shouppe, 29, pitched for FSU during the 1981 and '82 seasons, and compiled a 10-4 record with 10 saves. A southpaw, he was Florida State's top relief pitcher in both seasons and briefly held the FSU record for



**PAUL HARKER**  
Trainer



**GREG GIANGROSSO**  
Manager

appearances in a season with 31 in 1982. In all, he appeared in 60 games for the Tribe. Shouppe had a career earned run average of 3.78 and struck out 122 in 126.1 innings of work.

Following his senior season, he was drafted by the Houston Astros in the eighth round. He played three seasons in the Astros organization, at the A and AA levels, before retiring from the sport in 1985.

He arrived at FSU for his junior and senior years after playing junior college baseball at George Wallace Junior College in Dothan, Ala. As a pitcher and an outfielder, he earned all-conference, all-state and all-region awards in both 1979 and 1980.

With a B.S. degree in physical education from Florida State, Shouppe turned to coaching and teaching. He has been employed as a physical education teacher at Cobb Middle School in Tallahassee for the past four years. He has also worked as director of the Mike Martin Baseball School, 6-9 age division, for the past four years.

Shouppe, a native of Chattahoochee, Fla., is married to the former Karen Hall, and the couple has one son: Jake, 1.

## **STEVE WINTERLING** ASSISTANT COACH

Steve Winterling enters his fifth season on the Florida State coaching staff in 1990 with added responsibilities.

For the first time, Winterling will serve as the Seminoles' first base coach for every game. In the past, he filled in as first base coach on occasion. Winterling will also



coach the FSU outfielders, and has one of the most talented groups on the team to work with in 1990.

Off the field, Winterling's responsibilities include supervising and overseeing the

academic progress of the baseball student-athletes. During the fall semester of 1989, the squad achieved its highest grade point average ever with a 2.5 mark.

In addition, Winterling supervises the up-keep of the playing surface of Dick Howser Stadium throughout the year. It is Winterling, along with the Seminole grounds crew, who make the field one of the nation's finest playing surfaces year after year.

A native of Jacksonville, Fla., Winterling came to Florida State from Englewood Senior High School where he was an

assistant coach for three years. Prior to that, he coached four seasons at Florida College, as assistant for three years and head coach his final year. In 1984, he worked as a scout for the New York Yankees.

Winterling played two years of baseball at Florida College before moving on to the University of South Florida, where he received his bachelor's degree in physical education in 1981. He completed his master's degree in the same discipline in 1986 while serving as a graduate assistant coach at Florida State.

A 31-year-old bachelor, Winterling has been a member of the American Baseball Coaches Association for 11 years. He has been on the staff of several prestigious summer baseball camps through the years, including the enormously successful Mike Martin Baseball and Seminole Select camps.

## **JOEL DESGUIN** GRADUATE ASSISTANT COACH

Florida State graduate Joel Desguin joins the Seminole baseball staff as a graduate assistant coach in 1990. He will work with all areas of the baseball program, assisting the coaching staff in both practices and games.

Since graduating from FSU in December 1987, Desguin has been involved with baseball on the prep level in Tallahassee. For the past two years, he has been the



head junior varsity football coach and an assistant baseball coach at Godby High School in Tallahassee, where he also taught science. Prior to that, he spent two years working with

the baseball program at Tallahassee's Lincoln High School as an assistant coach.

Desguin, 25, has worked the Mike Martin Baseball School for the past several summers. A native of Charlotte Harbor, Fla., Desguin earned his bachelor of science degree in physical education from Florida State and is now pursuing a master's degree in P.E.

## **GREG CLAYBORNE** GRADUATE ASSISTANT COACH

Three-year letterwinner Greg Clayborne rejoins the Seminole baseball program in 1990 as a graduate assistant coach. Clayborne, who played for Florida State from 1986-88, will work with several

aspects of the program, including assisting Steve Winterling in coaching the outfielders.

Clayborne walked on to the Florida State team in 1986 and immediately earned a starting job in left field. He enjoyed his best season statistically, hitting .288 with



nine doubles, four home runs and 25 runs batted in. He helped Florida State to the 1986 College World Series with outstanding performances at the Metro Conference and NCAA South II

Regional tournaments. During his final two seasons, Clayborne was used primarily as a defensive replacement in the outfield. He appeared in 169 games during his career and had a career batting average of .250.

A native of Florahome, Fla., Clayborne graduated from FSU with a bachelor's degree in mathematics. He is currently working on a master's degree in athletic administration.

## **GUY GALLAGHER** STUDENT ASSISTANT/ MANAGER

Guy Gallagher is an important behind-the-scenes member of the Florida State baseball program in his role as a student assistant and manager.

Now in his sixth season with the Tribe, Gallagher has many daily responsibilities, including setting up the field for practices and games throughout the year. He assists



Chip Baker with the ordering of all equipment used by the Seminoles and is charged with maintaining all the equipment. When Florida State is on the road, Gallagher coordinates the transfer of

luggage for the team.

A native of St. James, N.Y., Gallagher attended Smithtown East High School before coming to Florida State. He gained a love of baseball and of all sports there from his father, a teacher and high school baseball coach for 25 years. He is currently working on a bachelor's degree in physical education at FSU.