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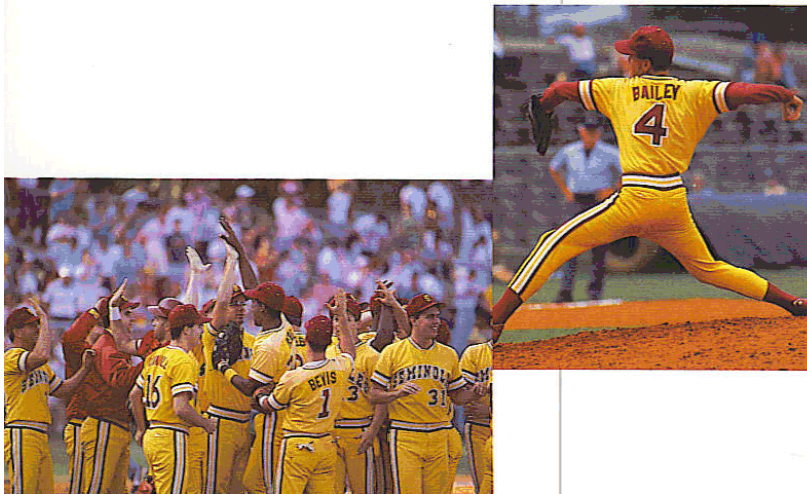
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**FLORIDA STATE
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BASEBALL SCHEDULE**

DATE DAY OPPONENT LOCATION TIME

FEBRUARY

1	Fri.	Duke	Home	3:30 p.m.
2	Sat.	Duke	Home	2:00 p.m.
3	Sun.	Duke	Home	2:00 p.m.
8	Fri.	Arizona State	Home	3:30 p.m.
9	Sat.	Arizona State	Home	2:30 p.m.
10	Sun.	Arizona State	Home	1:00 p.m.
14	Thurs.	at Arizona	Tucson, AZ	4:30 p.m.
15	Fri.	at Arizona	Tucson, AZ	4:30 p.m.
16	Sat.	at Arizona	Tucson, AZ	3:00 p.m.
22	Fri.	Minnesota	Home	3:30 p.m.
23	Sat.	Minnesota	Home	2:30 p.m.
24	Sun.	Minnesota	Home	2:00 p.m.

MARCH

1	Fri.	New Orleans*	New Orleans, LA	5:00 p.m.
2	Sat.	Tulane*	New Orleans, LA	8:00 p.m.
3	Sun.	LSU*	New Orleans, LA	1:00 p.m.
5	Tues.	Ball State	Home	3:30 p.m.
6	Weds.	Ball State	Home	3:30 p.m.
7	Thurs.	Ball State	Home	3:30 p.m.
9	Sat.	Florida	Home	7:00 p.m.
10	Sun.	Florida	Home	2:00 p.m.
12	Tues.	Richmond	Home	7:00 p.m.
13	Weds.	Richmond	Home	7:00 p.m.
14	Thurs.	Richmond	Home	3:30 p.m.
15	Fri.	Michigan	Home	7:00 p.m.
16	Sat.	Michigan	Home	7:00 p.m.
17	Sun.	Michigan	Home	2:00 p.m.
19	Tues.	Northern Iowa	Home	7:00 p.m.
20	Weds.	Northern Iowa	Home	7:00 p.m.
21	Thurs.	Northern Iowa	Home	7:00 p.m.
22	Fri.	Southern Mississippi	Home	7:00 p.m.
23	Sat.	Southern Mississippi	Home	7:00 p.m.
24	Sun.	Southern Mississippi	Home	2:00 p.m.
26	Tues.	Mercer	Home	7:00 p.m.
27	Weds.	Mercer	Home	5:30 p.m.
29	Fri.	at Memphis State	Memphis, TN	3:00 p.m.
30	Sat.	at Memphis State	Memphis, TN	2:00 p.m.
31	Sun.	at Memphis State	Memphis, TN	1:30 p.m.

APRIL

5	Fri.	at South Carolina	Columbia, SC	7:00 p.m.
6	Sat.	at South Carolina	Columbia, SC	7:00 p.m.
7	Sun.	at South Carolina	Columbia, SC	2:00 p.m.
12	Fri.	Miami	Home	7:00 p.m.
13	Sat.	Miami	Home	7:00 p.m.
14	Sun.	Miami	Home	1:00 p.m.
16	Tues.	at Florida	Gainesville, FL	7:00 p.m.
17	Weds.	at Florida	Gainesville, FL	5:30 p.m.
19	Fri.	Louisville	Home	7:00 p.m.
20	Sat.	Louisville	Home	7:00 p.m.
21	Sun.	Louisville	Home	2:00 p.m.
27	Sat.	at Tulane (DH)	New Orleans, LA	4:00 p.m.
28	Sun.	at Tulane	New Orleans, LA	3:00 p.m.

MAY

3	Fri.	at Miami	Miami, FL	7:30 p.m.
4	Sat.	at Miami	Miami, FL	7:30 p.m.
5	Sun.	at Miami	Miami, FL	1:00 p.m.
7	Tues.	Virginia Tech (DH)	Home	5:00 p.m.
8	Weds.	Virginia Tech	Home	5:30 p.m.
10	Fri.	at Cincinnati	Cincinnati, OH	3:00 p.m.
11	Sat.	at Cincinnati	Cincinnati, OH	1:00 p.m.
12	Sun.	at Cincinnati	Cincinnati, OH	1:00 p.m.
16-19	Thurs.-Sun.	Metro Tournament	Salem, VA	TBA

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machine is available in the nearby Sports Information Office.

Interviews: Florida State players will be available to the media prior to and during batting practice. FSU Head Coach Mike Martin and his players will be available for post-game interviews following a 10-minute cooling off period. Martin will meet with the media in the FSU dugout immediately after talking with the team in the Seminole clubhouse. Players will be interviewed in the FSU dugout after Coach Martin and will be escorted to the interview area by Florida State Sports Information personnel. Please contact Donna Turner at the FSU SID office to arrange off-day player interviews. Contact Coach Martin directly at 904/644-1073 to arrange interviews with him.

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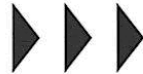
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 Record at FSU _____ 609-204-3
 Career Record _____ 609-204-3
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 Pitchers Returning/Lost _____ 4/6
 1990 Record _____ 57-15
 Conference Record/Finish _____ 17-4/First
 Postseason Finish _____ Runner-up,
 _____ NCAA South II Regional
 All-Time Record _____ 1,512-575-17
 Seasons _____ 43



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FLORIDA STATE FINGERTIP FACTS

Location _____ Tallahassee, Florida
 Enrollment _____ 28,077
 Founded _____ 1857
 Colors _____ Garnet and Gold
 Nickname _____ Seminoles
 Conference _____ Metro
 Stadium _____ Dick Howser
 Capacity _____ 5,000
 Affiliation _____ NCAA Division I
 President _____ Dr. Bernard F. Sliger
 Faculty Representative _____ Dr. Charles Ehrhardt
 Athletic Director _____ Bob Goin



Outgoing Florida State President Bernie Sliger has become a familiar sight at FSU baseball games during his 13-year tenure.

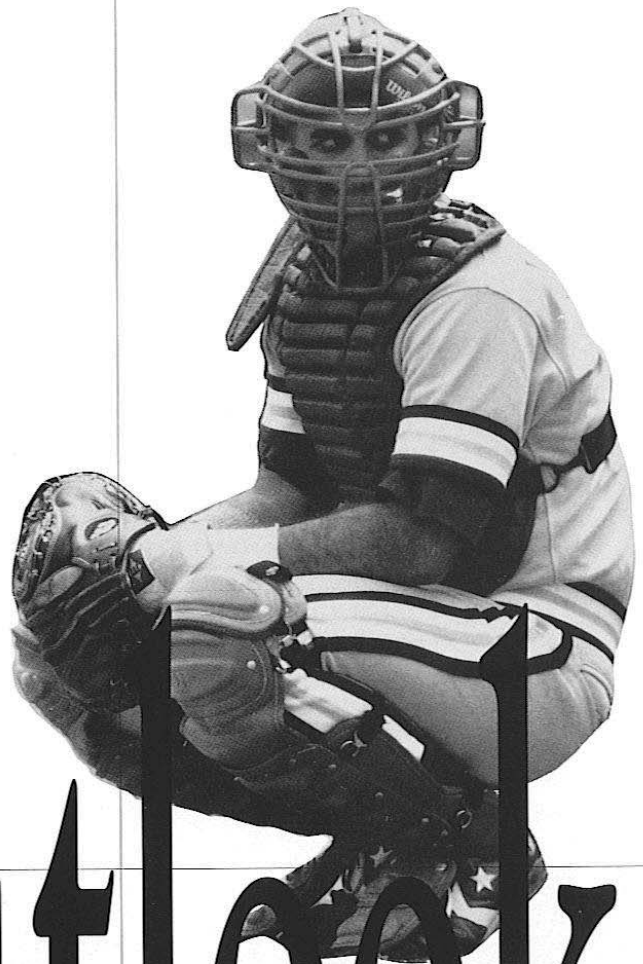
1991 FLORIDA STATE NUMERICAL ROSTER



NO	NAME	POS	B-T	HGT	WGT	CL	LTRS	HOMETOWN (High School or JC)
1	Allen Bevis	2B	R-R	5-9	171	JR	**	Tallahassee (Florida HS)
2	Kenny Robinson	P	R-R	5-9	180	JR		Akron, Ohio (Florida CC)
4	Roger Bailey	P	R-R	6-0	168	SO	*	Chattahoochee (Chattahoochee)
5	Pedro Grifol	C	R-R	6-1	196	JR	**	Miami (Columbus)
6	Bobby Fernandes	P	R-R	6-0	175	JR		Elk Grove, Ca. (Sac City CC)
7	Tim Davis	P	L-L	5-11	164	JR		Bristol (Gulf Coast CC)
9	Tony Liebsack	SS	L-R	5-9	170	JR		Gardena, Ca. (LA Harbor JC)
10	Link Jarrett	SS	S-R	5-10	167	FR		Tallahassee (Florida HS)
12	Garrett Blanton	CF/3B	R-R	6-0	184	JR	**	Tallahassee (Lincoln)
14	Chris Roberts	P/OF	R-L	6-0	186	SO	*	Middleburg (Middleburg)
15	Kenny Felder	OF	R-R	6-3	221	SO	*	Niceville (Niceville)
16	Ricky Kimball	P	R-R	6-0	185	SR	***	Lithonia, Ga. (Redan)
17	John Wasdin	P	R-R	6-1	180	FR		Tallahassee (Godby)
18	John McNeese	P	R-L	6-0	170	FR		Columbia, Miss. (Columbia Acad.)
19	Michele Bertoldi	C	R-R	6-0	175	JR		Tallahassee (So. Georgia JC)
21	Marc Dunbar	C	R-R	5-9	170	SO	*	Crystal Beach (Dunedin)
23	Nandy Serrano	3B	R-R	5-10	180	JR		Carolina, P.R. (Gulf Coast CC)
24	Eduardo Perez	1B	R-R	6-4	220	JR	**	Santurce, P.R. (Robinson)
26	Jon Bolin	C	R-R	5-6	168	SR		Panama City (Gulf Coast CC)
27	Terrell Buckley	2B/OF	R-R	5-11	175	SO		Pascagoula, Miss. (Pascagoula)
29	LaWhit Lizzmore	P	L-L	6-1	200	JR		Jacksonville (Florida CC)
30	Ty Mueller	OF	R-R	6-2	209	SO		Ft. Walton Beach (Ft. Walton Beach)
31	Bryan Harris	P	L-L	6-2	200	FR		Peachtree City, Ga. (McIntosh)
32	Dave Schumacher	P	R-L	6-1	213	FR		Rochester, N.Y. (Greece Athena)
35	Jimmy Lewis	P	R-R	6-4	190	JR		Jacksonville (Florida CC)
39	Jeff Tibbitts	P	R-R	6-4	215	FR		Springboro, Ohio (Springboro)
42	Sid Cash	1B	R-R	5-9	165	SO		Maitland (Lake Highland Prep)
44	John Nedeau	P	R-R	6-0	172	SO		Cape Coral (N. Ft. Myers)
45	Chris Brock	OF	R-R	6-0	175	JR	**	Altamonte Springs (Lyman)

COACHING STAFF

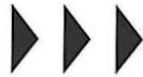
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Outlook

1991 OUTLOOK

“THIS IS A CHALLENGE” — NATION’S BEST AWAIT UNTESTED SEMINOLES



Two years ago, the 1989 Florida State baseball team opened its season with 15 newcomers on the roster and question marks galore.

In 1991, Florida State's roster includes 15 newcomers, four returning everyday players, and four returning pitchers off one of the country's top staffs. FSU Head Coach Mike Martin will rely on untested talent in crucial situations. His squad will face one of the toughest schedules in FSU history.

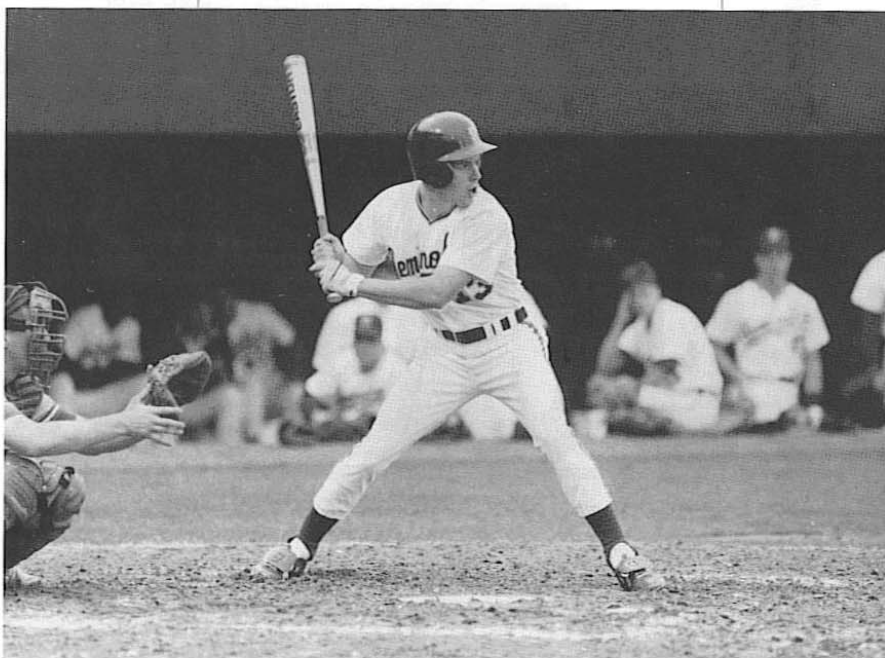
“Going in, I would say this year reminds me a lot of 1989,” said Martin, the nation's fifth-winningest active coach. “But I don't believe the '89 schedule was as difficult. Our schedule this year is as tough as any in the nation.”

In addition to 10 games with in-state rivals Miami (ranked 4th *Baseball America*, 6th *Collegiate Baseball*) and Florida (ranked 17th *CB*), FSU's schedule features three early games with preseason number one Arizona State in Tallahassee Feb. 8-10. Other ranked teams on FSU's 1991 schedule are Arizona (23rd *BA*/33rd *CB*), Michigan (13th *BA*), Louisiana State (8th *BA*/5th *CB*) and Minnesota (26th *CB*). Not to mention a pair of Metro Conference foes listed among the nation's top 40 by *Collegiate Baseball* — Southern Miss (35th) and South Carolina (40th).

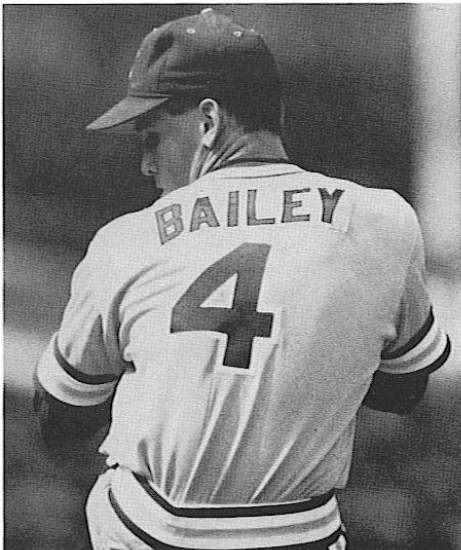
“In our first 20 ballgames, we'll be playing 13 games against Top 20 teams,” Martin said. “Also, the Metro Conference is one of the most under-rated leagues in college baseball.

“This should be an interesting year because it's one of the few times in my 12 years we don't have a lot of experience on the mound. We can't hide the fact that with our early schedule, we must be patient with this club. We'll be counting heavily on some young pitchers.”

Fortunately for Martin, the four returning hurlers include 1990 Freshman All-Americans Roger Bailey, a righthander, and lefty Chris Roberts. They are expected to fill two spots in the starting rotation. Bailey went 9-1 last year, and by the end of the season was FSU's third starter. He won his final nine decisions and,



A second team freshman All-American as an outfielder in 1990, Chris Roberts will be FSU's starting leftfielder as well as the No. 3 pitcher in the starting rotation this year.



After a surprising freshman year that saw him win nine consecutive decisions on the way to a 9-1 record, Roger Bailey ascends to the No. 1 starter spot in 1991.

at 2.65, has the lowest earned run average of any returning pitcher. Roberts went 8-2 with a 4.39 ERA in his first season, but spent much of the year concentrating on his role as the Seminoles' starting centerfielder. With a move to leftfield in 1991, he's expected to provide more consistency on the mound. The third and fourth starting positions are up for grabs, with junior college newcomers Jimmy Lewis, Kenny Robinson and LaWhit Lizzmore, and freshmen John Wasdin and Bryan Harris, vying for those two slots.

The bullpen features relief ace Ricky Kimball, who returns for his senior season as the unquestioned leader of the staff. He is determined to prove himself as one of the nation's premiere relievers. Kimball should break FSU career records for saves, appearances and relief appearances early in the 1991 season. Last year, he spent half the season as a starter before returning to a relief role, where he recorded nine saves. Overall, Kimball was 7-4 with a 3.75 ERA in 1990.

Other strong-armed candidates for playing time include left-hander Tim Davis, who could fill the important middle relief role left open by Mike Brady. Another junior college product, California native Bobby Fernandes will contribute either as a spot starter or in relief. A trio of freshmen — Jeff Tibbitts, David Schumacher and John McNeese — will be tested as well. One or more will figure in FSU's relief corps, as will

sophomore John Nedeau, a lanky sidewinder.

Offensively, FSU's leading returnee is junior second baseman Allen Bevis, the MVP of the Metro Conference Tournament in 1990. Bevis ranked third on the team in hitting last year with a .350 average. A consummate leadoff man, he scored 68 runs, collected 79 hits, including 20 doubles and five triples, and stole 33 bases. A solid fielder, Bevis committed only 12 errors and had a long string of consecutive games without a miscue.

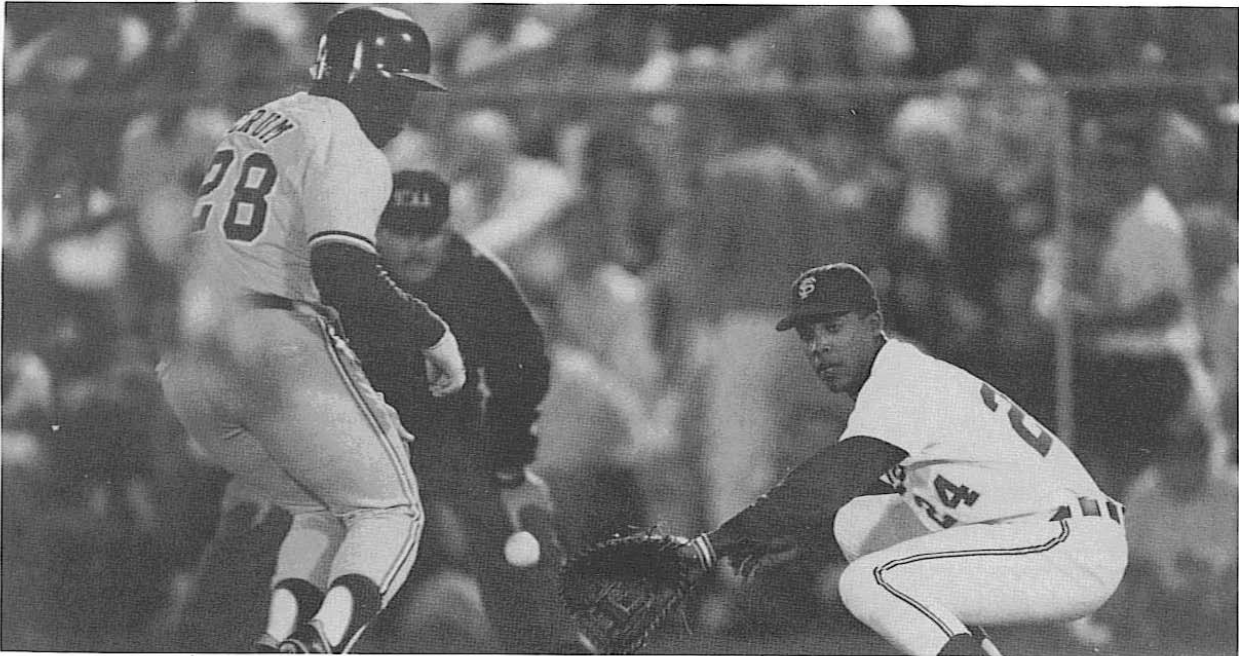
Also returning for their junior seasons are first baseman Eduardo Perez and catcher Pedro Grifol. Perez hit .316 and stole 26 bases in 1990 while Grifol tied for the team lead in doubles with 25, and ranked second in home runs with five. A two-year starter, Grifol is one of the top defensive catchers in FSU history. As a sophomore, he threw out 46 percent of the runners who attempted to steal while starting 63 of FSU's 72 games behind the plate. Martin must hope these three stay healthy as there is virtually NO experienced depth behind them.

"We do have experience returning in the everyday spots, which is important," Martin said. "The returning players have experience. We will look to those players — Bevis, Perez, Grifol, Felder and Roberts — to drive in runs. Pedro (Grifol), Eduardo (Perez) and Allen (Bevis) also must give us leadership."

The left side of the Seminole infield will feature two new faces in 1991. At third base, former Florida High player Nandy Serrano, a native of Puerto Rico, joins high school teammate Bevis in the infield. Serrano was an All-State third baseman at Gulf Coast Community College last year. He replaces FSU's leading hitter of a year ago, Rob Bargas (.376).



Second baseman Allen Bevis was a potent offensive force last season as the Seminoles' leadoff hitter, and will reprise that role this year.



In his first full season at first base last year, Eduardo Perez proved to be an excellent defensive infielder. He is one of four returning regulars on the '91 squad.

Two players, freshman Link Jarrett and junior Tony Liebsack, are battling for the first team job at shortstop. Should Jarrett win the job, it would truly become a "Florida High" infield. The Tallahassee native played high school ball at the school located just over the left field wall from Dick Howser Stadium alongside Bevis and Serrano. Liebsack is a JC transfer from Los Angeles Harbor Junior College who earned all-state honors in California last year.

"This is a typical Seminole ballclub on offense," Martin said. "We must be outstanding bunters, a contact-hitting team. We cannot strike out and give our opponents easy outs."

Experienced players return in the outfield also, like 1990 starter Roberts. After playing centerfield last season, the sophomore from Middleburg will move to left this year in order to give equal time to his pitching chores. When Roberts pitches, Kenny Felder is the likely starter in left. The two provide the only consistent power threat for FSU this season. Felder hit six home runs in limited action last year, but will be in the line-up everyday in 1991. The 6-3, 221-pound sophomore, who spends the fall as a quarterback on the Seminole football team, hit .298 with six home runs in 100 at bats last season, and his .567 slugging percentage led the team. Roberts' power emerged at the NCAA Regional Tournament, where he smashed three home runs in the final two games to earn All-Region honors. Still, FSU does not have a left-handed power threat.

"It's very unusual there is not a lefthanded power hitter in our line-up this year," Martin said. "We may not hit 25 homeruns as a team. But that does not mean we cannot succeed."

Defense is a strength of the players slated to start in center and right fields. Tallahassee junior Garrett Blanton earned the centerfield job in fall and early January practices. Blanton hit .291 and stole 15 bases in limited action last year. A top-notch defensive outfielder, he provided highlight film fodder with spectacular catches.

In right is Chris Brock, a part-time starter in each of the past two seasons. Brock was the only Seminole to play in all 72 games last season, as either a starter or defensive replacement. The combination of Brock, Blanton and Roberts gives Florida State an excellent defensive outfield.

Florida State will not enjoy the deep bench it called on often last season. In fact, Martin has said, "Depth is a big concern," and that is an understatement. In addition to those mentioned above, six players make up the bench "strength." Three catchers — walk-on Jon Bolin, sophomore Marc Dunbar and junior college transfer Michele Bertoldi — play behind Grifol. None of the three has much collegiate level experience. A pair of outfielders — redshirt freshman Ty Mueller and sophomore Terrell Buckley — back up the foursome of Roberts, Felder, Blanton and Brock. Buckley will split time between baseball and spring football once the latter starts up again, while Mueller made great improvements during his redshirt year in 1990. Buckley may work at second base behind Bevis while another walk-on, Sid Cash, backs up Perez.

"Last year we had probably too much depth," Martin said. "Then, off last year's club we lost half of our home runs, we lost over half of our RBI, we lost 32 wins, and one of the best leaders in the history of the program in Marc Ronan. This is a challenge."

Florida State, which enters the season ranked 12th by *Baseball America* and ninth by *Collegiate Baseball*, has won 50 or more games a every season since Martin became head coach in 1980, but the 1991 Seminoles may be hard-pressed to extend that string. Then again, maybe not...

By the end of 1989, FSU had surprised all the experts by compiling a 54-18 record and breezing through an NCAA Regional Tournament on the way to a third place finish in the College World Series.

It's a script the 1991 Seminoles would love to follow.

