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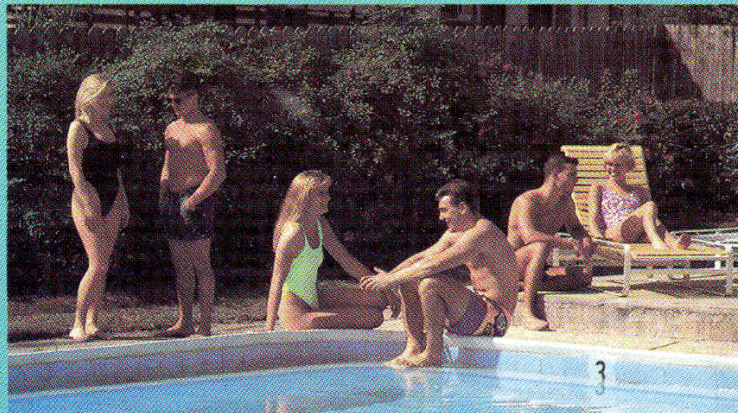
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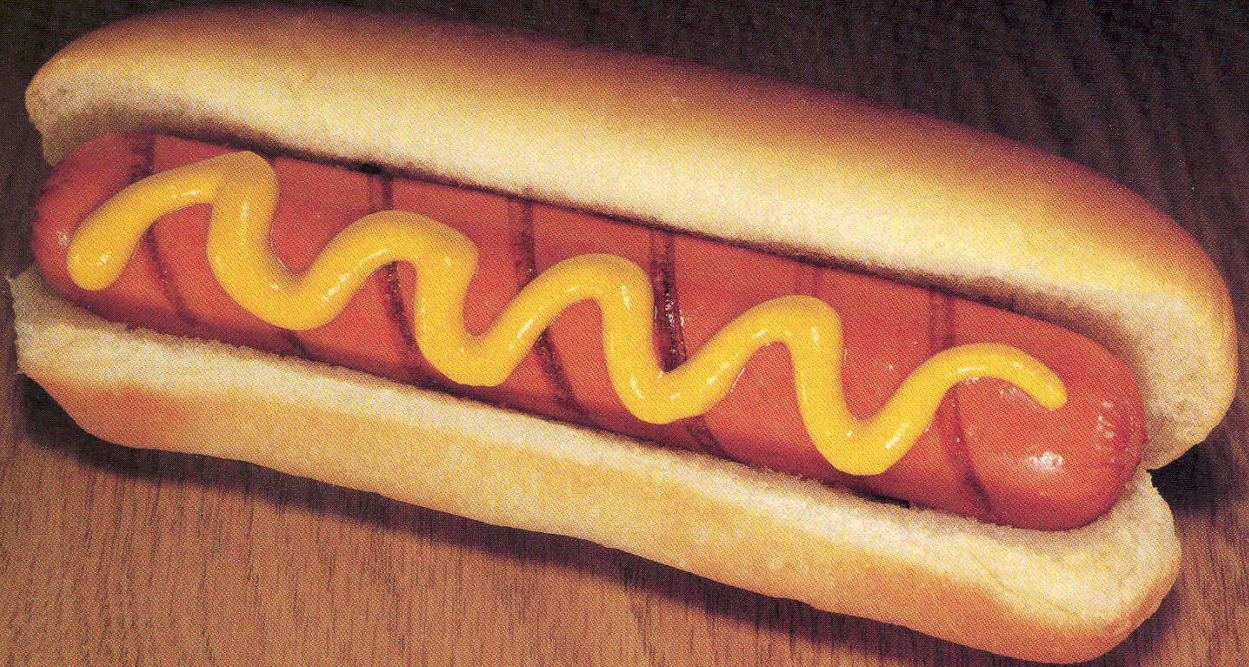
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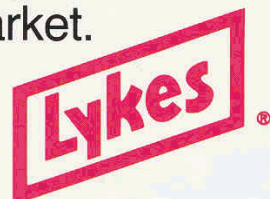
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FSU BASEBALL INFORMATION

Head Coach	Mike Martin
Alma Mater/Year	Florida State '66
Season at FSU	14th
Record at FSU	715-239-3
Career Record	715-239-3
Assistant Coaches	Chip Baker, Jamey Shouppe
Equipment/Clubhouse Manager	Guy Gallagher
Graduate Assistant	Jay Kearce
Trainer	Tim Kerigan
Secretary	Iva Kilgore
Baseball Office Phone	904/644-1073
Starters Returning/Lost	4/5
Pitchers Returning/Lost	5/5
1992 Record	49-21
Atlantic Coast Conference Record/Finish	16-7/2nd
Postseason Finish	Third, ACC Tournament; Champion, NCAA South II Regional; 1992 College World Series
All-Time Record	1,618-610-8
Seasons	45
NCAA Regional Appearances	30
Consecutive NCAA Regional Appearances	15
College World Series Appearances	12

FLORIDA STATE FINGERTIP FACTS

Location	Tallahassee, Florida
Enrollment	28,600
Founded	1857
Colors	Garnet & Gold
Nickname	Seminoles
Conference	Atlantic Coast
Stadium	Dick Howser
Capacity	5,000
Affiliation	NCAA Division I
President	Dr. Dale W. Lick
Faculty Representative	Dr. Charles Ehrhardt
Athletic Director	Bob Goin

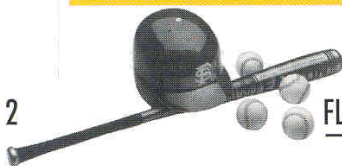
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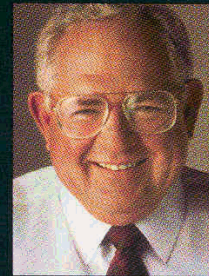
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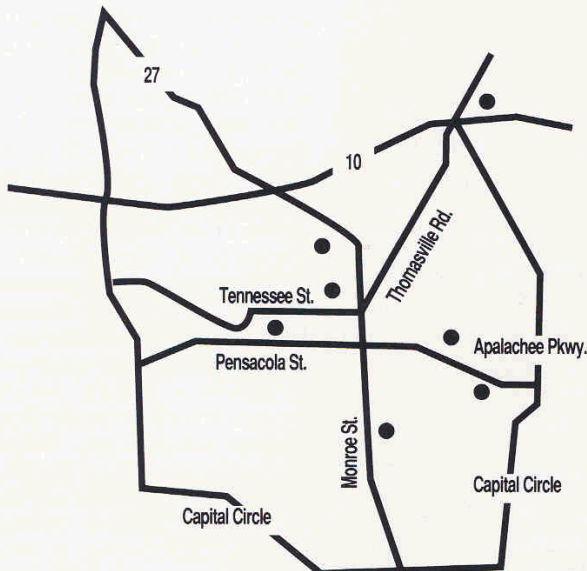
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CONTACTS: Sports Information Assistant Joey Ferolito is the media coordinator for the Florida State baseball team with help from Assistant SID Bob Burda. Ferolito will travel with the team and can be reached at team headquarters — listed on page 40 — when on the road.

CREDENTIAL REQUESTS: All requests for working press, radio, television or photography passes should be made to Sports Information Assistant Joey Ferolito as early as possible prior to game day. Requests should be made in writing if possible. Credentials may be picked up prior to the game at the SID Office, or held at the Will Call window for game day pickup.

PARKING: Due to the ongoing construction which has blocked off much of the Doak Campbell Stadium parking lot, parking for Seminole baseball games is difficult. However, a *very limited* number of parking passes will be made available to select members of the working media. All working media are encouraged to arrive as early as possible in order to avoid parking problems.

PHOTOGRAPHERS: Accredited photographers with passes will be admitted to shoot in designated areas on the field. These areas are marked just inside the gates in the protected area at the corners of the home and visitors dugouts. Still photographers are asked not to restrict views of the fans if at all possible.

TELEVISION: Facilities are available for network broadcasts. Please contact Ferolito or Wayne Hogan at the Sports Information

Office for more information.

RADIO: One booth is available for the opposing team's radio broadcast. If more than one booth is needed to accommodate visiting radio crews, an area will be made available in the stadium. When such a case occurs, the visiting team's SID will allocate booth space.

PHONE LINES: Florida State has three phone lines in the main press box for use by media before, during and after home games. Tallahassee radio station WNLS-AM, which carries most Seminole baseball game broadcasts live, has installed two

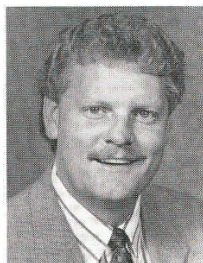
phone lines for use by visiting radio stations in the visiting radio booth. Please contact WNLS' Dave Lowe at 904/386-6143 for details concerning the use of this line. If other lines are needed, or WNLS' lines are not

sufficient, visiting radio stations should contact the Florida State University Office of Telecommunications at (904) 644-2414.

PRESS BOX SERVICES: The FSU Sports Information Office provides scorecards, rosters and updated statistics at all games. A complete box score will be available approximately 15 minutes after the conclusion of each game. Refreshments are served during the game. A FAX machine will be available for use in the press box, and those wishing to receive a box score via the fax should contact Ferolito or Burda during the game.

INTERVIEWS: On game days, Florida State players are 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 lockerroom. Requested Seminole players will be escorted to the interview area by Florida State Sports Information personnel after Coach Martin.

FSU players are also available on the field at Dick Howser Stadium prior to practice on non-game days. Reporters who wish to interview players before practice should be at the field between 1:30-2:30 p.m. Please contact Joey Ferolito at the FSU SID office to arrange off-day player phone interviews. Contact Coach Martin directly at 904/644-1073 to arrange interviews with him.



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JOEY FEROLITO

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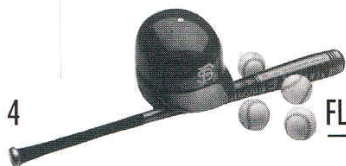
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	LOTTO	897,343	\$103,580,790.00
	TOTAL	10,816,640	294,921,771.36
		11,713,983	\$398,502,561.36
1989	CASH 3	TOTAL WINNERS	TOTAL AMOUNT WON
	LOTTO	1,113,634	\$140,783,065.00
	FANTASY 5	16,154,600	451,014,312.56
	TOTAL	3,176,508	164,874,557.70
		20,444,742	\$756,671,935.26
1990	CASH 3	TOTAL WINNERS	TOTAL AMOUNT WON
	LOTTO	1,439,590	\$170,888,627.50
	FANTASY 5	19,459,802	526,429,819.51
	TOTAL	4,690,375	237,401,891.91
		25,589,767	\$934,720,338.92
1991	CASH 3	TOTAL WINNERS	TOTAL AMOUNT WON
	LOTTO	1,275,364	\$146,411,616.50
	FANTASY 5	17,856,235	489,327,212.12
	PLAY 4	3,933,828	\$190,821,627.62
	TOTAL	100,047	35,993,537.00
		23,165,474	\$862,553,993.24
1992*	CASH 3	TOTAL WINNERS	TOTAL AMOUNT WON
	LOTTO	1,106,573	\$149,801,850.50
	FANTASY 5	13,680,886	367,550,849.62
	PLAY 4	3,033,807	153,144,373.58
	TOTAL	174,695	\$62,543,313.00
		17,995,961	\$733,040,386.70

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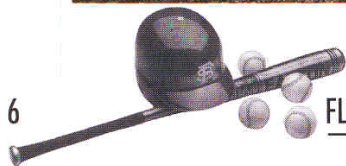
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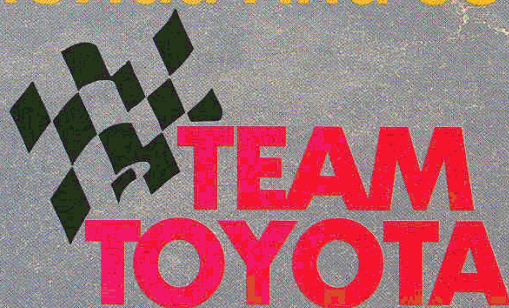
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RADIO

For the second consecutive season, Seminole baseball fans don't have to miss a minute of exciting Florida State baseball action. Tallahassee's WNLS-AM (1270) will once again broadcast every inning of every game of both the regular and post-season in 1993. From the season opener February 13th, all the way through Atlantic Coast Conference Tournament and NCAA Regional action in May, the radio home of Seminole baseball is 'Noles Radio 1270.

In addition, 12 of the Seminoles' toughest road contests will be simulcast on WNLS' sister station, WTNT-FM (94.9). A powerful, 100,000-watt station, WTNT-FM will bring Seminole baseball to homes across North Florida and South Georgia once again in 1993. The road games scheduled for broadcast on both WTNT and WNLS are listed below, but every game throughout the season can be heard on WNLS.

WTNT-FM/WNLS-AM will broadcast Seminole Baseball for the 13th consecutive season. With WNLS's complete coverage, the Seminoles have one of the best and most extensive radio package in college baseball.

WTNT-FM BROADCASTS

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
FEBRUARY		
28	at Cal-State Fullerton	8:00 p.m.
MARCH		
6	at Florida	7:00 p.m.
7	at Florida	6:00 p.m.
27	at North Carolina State	1:00 p.m.
28	at North Carolina State	1:00 p.m.
APRIL		
2	at Georgia Tech	7:00 p.m.
3	at Georgia Tech	1:30 p.m.
4	at Georgia Tech	1:30 p.m.
23	at Miami	7:30 p.m.
24	at Miami	7:30 p.m.
25	at Miami	1:30 p.m.
MAY		
12	at Jacksonville	7:00 p.m.

1993 TELEVISION SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	NETWORK
MARCH			
4	Florida	7:00 p.m.	SUNSHINE
6	at Florida	7:00 p.m.	SportsChannel Florida
7	at Florida	6:00 p.m.	SportsChannel Florida
APRIL			
3	at Georgia Tech	1:30 p.m.	SUNSHINE
10	Miami	7:00 p.m.	SUNSHINE
11	Miami	1:00 p.m.	SUNSHINE
17	Wake Forest	7:00 p.m.	SUNSHINE
23	at Miami	7:30 p.m.	SUNSHINE
24	at Miami	7:30 p.m.	SUNSHINE
25	at Miami	1:30 p.m.	SUNSHINE
MAY			
7	Clemson	7:00 p.m.	SUNSHINE
9	Clemson	2:00 p.m.	SUNSHINE

WTNT-FM's 1993 package includes coverage of FSU's game with Cal-State Fullerton in the Titan Classic (Feb. 28), both games at Florida (March 6,7), the final two games of a key ACC series at N.C. State (March 27, 28), three-game sets at Georgia Tech and Miami in April, and a mid-week game at Jacksonville just before the ACC Tournament in May. WNLS will be there for every game as the Seminoles play another challenging schedule, which includes 20 games against six teams ranked in the preseason, 24 Atlantic Coast Conference games, and 13 games against in-state rivals Miami, Florida, Jacksonville and Central Florida. The station will also bring Atlantic Coast Conference Tournament action from Greenville, S.C. to the Tallahassee area, and will accompany the Tribe into the postseason.

The voice of the baseball Seminoles for the fourth straight year is Lee Bowen, who continues a long association with the Florida State radio networks in

1993. The producer of FSU's football and men's basketball radio network, Bowen had previously worked as a statistician for the Seminole Network. Bowen has called play-by-play for the minor league Burlington (N.C.) Indians - a rookie league team in the Appalachian League - for the past two summers. WTNT's Jim Crosby will join Bowen in the booth for all home games. Crosby is an 11-year veteran of Seminole baseball broadcasts.

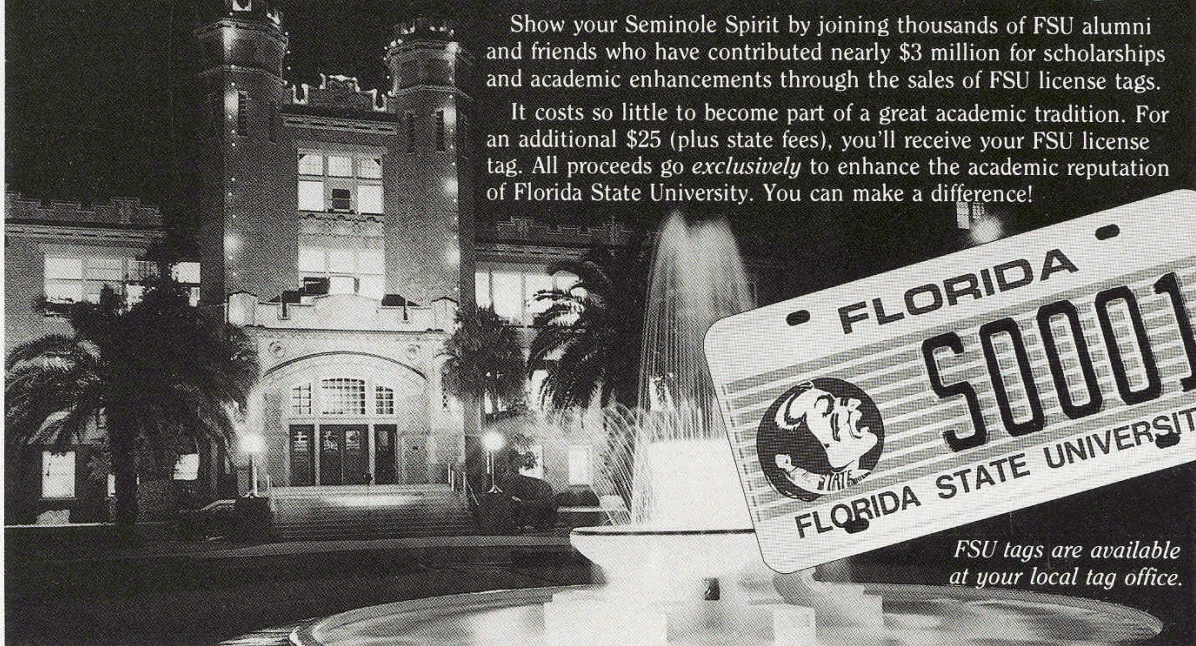
TELEVISION

Florida State's rich baseball tradition will once again attract live coverage from cable television networks throughout the Southeast. Florida State's exciting style of baseball, and its affiliation with the Atlantic Coast Conference makes the Seminoles no stranger to television exposure. This year, FSU is slated for 11 television appearances, including five of its six games with Miami.

The Sunshine Network is once again the home of Florida State baseball in 1993. The Sunshine Network, Florida's most successful sports cable network, will televise six games from Dick Howser Stadium and an additional five games on the road, including all three games at Miami. Broadcasting to over 2.5 million homes in



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Florida, the Sunshine Network takes Florida State baseball to all corners of the state.

Sunshine begins its coverage in Tallahassee with the first of a four-game series with Florida on March 4. The final two games from Gainesville will be televised by SportsChannel Florida. Florida State baseball can be seen on the Sunshine Network every weekend in April, beginning with a game of a key ACC game at Georgia Tech, and ending with each game of a three-game set at Miami. Sunshine's coverage also includes two games of a homestand with Clemson in May.

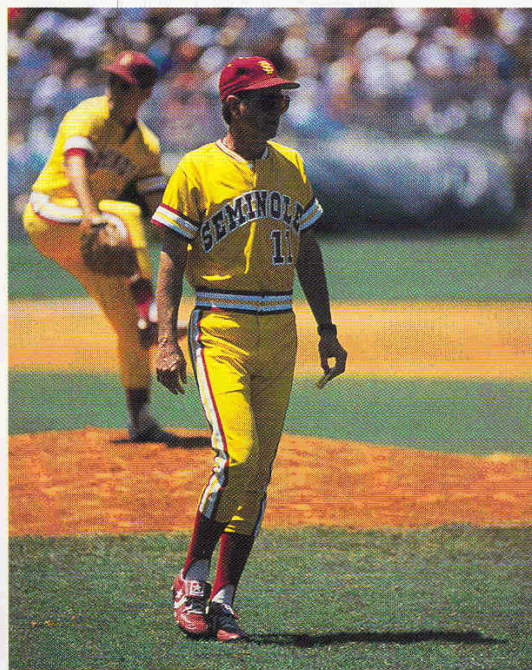
FSU's television exposure does not stop at the state border. The Sunshine Network is part of the Prime Network family, an affiliation of regional sports networks nationwide. Through this affiliation, Florida State baseball has the potential to reach an audience of 30 million households around the country. Its programming reaches to every region in the country. Sunshine Network's growth from an initial subscriber base of 1.5 million has led to its current ranking as the fourth largest regional sports network in the country.

THE MIKE MARTIN SHOW

Seminole fans who miss the baseball action on radio and television can still keep up with their favorite college baseball team by turning in to "The Mike Martin Show." The show, which will air weekly beginning in mid-February, gives even the fans who have been out to the games a recap of the past week's action.

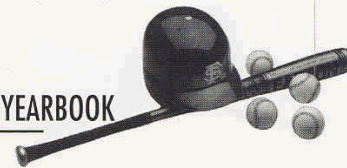
For 30 minutes each week, Florida State Head Coach Mike Martin and Wayne Hogan take a look at recent highlights and discuss upcoming opponents. Other elements of the show include player features and a weekly baseball tip from Coach Martin.

The show, which is produced by Mark Rodin of Seminole Productions, will air statewide on the Sunshine Network each Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. beginning February 17. Residents of the Tallahassee area can catch the show



on WTWC-TV (Channel 40) Saturdays at 12:30 p.m. beginning Feb. 20.

'93 BASEBALL YEARBOOK



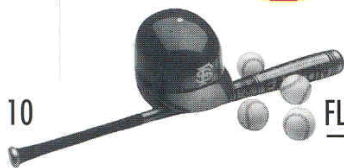
1993 NUMERICAL ROSTER

NO	LTRS	NAME	POS	B-T	HGT	WGT	CL	HOMETOWN (HIGH SCHOOL/JC)
2		Mickey Lopez	2B	S-R	5-9	155	FR	Miami (Westminster Christian)
4		Mike Martin	C/INF	L-R	6-1	170	SO	Tallahassee (Manatee JC)
5	*	Kevin McCray	1B	L-R	6-1	175	SR	Tallahassee (South Florida)
6		Philip Olson	P	R-R	6-3	220	FR	Sarasota (Riverview)
7		Chad Sheffer	2B	S-R	5-11	175	FR	Dover (Valrico Bloomingdale)
10	**	Link Jarrett	SS	S-R	5-11	175	JR	Tallahassee (Florida High)
12	*	Randy Hodges	OF	L-R	5-11	170	SO	Ocala (Vanguard)
13	*	Grady Jordan	OF	R-R	6-1	188	SR	Tallahassee (South Alabama)
14		Kevin Krietemeyer	IF	R-R	5-9	175	FR	Collinsville, IL (Collinsville)
15		Todd Harrell	P	R-R	6-1	195	JR	Tallahassee (Gulf Coast CC)
16		Mike Schmitz	1B	R-R	6-3	210	JR	Coconut Creek (Brevard CC)
17	**	John Wasdin	P	R-R	6-2	190	JR	Tallahassee (Godby)
18		Jack Niles	3B/SS	S-R	6-0	185	JR	Key West (Seminole CC)
19		Jonathan Johnson	P	R-R	6-0	190	FR	Ocala (Forest)
21		Scott Schroeffel	OF	S-R	6-0	180	FR	Pittsburgh, PA (N. Allegheny)
22	*	Colby Weaver	C	R-R	6-0	195	SO	Warwick, NY (Warwick Valley)
23		T. R. Marcinczyk	OF	R-R	6-3	195	FR	Plainville, CT (Aquinas)
24		Clint Hendry	OF	L-L	6-0	192	FR	Wauchula (Hardee)
25		Doug Mientkiewicz	1B	L-R	6-2	205	FR	Miami (Westminster Christian)
26		Danny Kanell	P/3B	R-R	6-4	205	FR	Ft. Lauderdale (Westminster Academy)
27		Danny Dichter	P	L-L	6-0	190	FR	Hollywood (Hollywood Hills)
29		Billy Lawrence	P	L-L	6-1	210	JR	Westville (Pensacola JC)
30	***	Ty Mueller	OF	R-R	6-2	210	SR	Ft. Walton Beach (Ft. Walton Beach)
31	**	Bryan Harris	P	L-L	6-2	205	JR	Peachtree City, GA (McIntosh)
32	*	Paul Wilson	P	R-R	6-5	215	SO	Orlando (Boone)
33		Charles McQuaig	C	L-R	6-2	195	FR	Milledgeville, GA (Milledge Academy)
35		Steven Morgan	P	L-L	5-10	195	FR	Lake Placid (Taravella)
39		Derek Reams	C	L-R	5-11	185	FR	Tallahassee (Florida High)
43		Jeff Tam	P	R-R	6-1	185	SR	Melbourne (Brevard CC)
44	**	John Nedeau	P	R-R	6-2	175	SR	Cape Coral (N. Ft. Myers)
49	**	Charlie Cruz	P	L-L	5-11	170	SO	Miami (N. Miami Senior)



STAFF

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3	Chip Baker	Assistant Coach (Third Base & Catchers)
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NEW FACES – SAME FORMULA

New Names Dot the Roster But Coach Mike Martin Will Once Again Depend On Pitching, Defense & Speed

You could call them the “New Look” Seminoles, but that wouldn’t quite be accurate. Although 18 new names dot Florida State’s 1993 baseball roster, the same basic fundamentals that have made FSU Head Coach Mike

Florida State once again begins the year facing many new changes. But at least last year the Seminoles returned pitching. Enough pitching to make its fifth trip to the College World Series in seven years. It took a minor miracle - a five-game, back-against-the-wall rally - to win the South II Regional and advance to Omaha, but Martin’s winning formula once again proved successful.

Beginning his 14th season as head coach at Florida State, Martin must replace the key ingredient this year - pitching.

Graduation and the major league draft took its toll on the Seminoles once again. But never before has it depleted the pitching staff as it did this past year. Florida State lost its top three hurlers and 39 of the 49 wins. Gone are 15-game winner Roger Bailey, lefthanded ace Tim Davis (9-4, 9 saves) and Chris Roberts - in other words, the heart and soul of a dominating 1992 pitching staff.

“Our philosophy is still pitching and defense,” Martin said. “This team will revolve around that. That is what we’ve tried to instill in our players for the past nine years.

“We did lose a lot,” Martin shuddered. “This is the biggest challenge we’ve faced in my years at Florida State. Never before have we had to totally start over with pitching.”

How does Martin plan to make up for the losses? Well, his 1992 recruiting class, named the best in the country by *Collegiate Baseball*, will go a long way in determining the success of the upcoming season. Recruiting coordinator Jamey Shoupe

brought in 13 freshmen and five transfers. Among the freshmen are nine players who were drafted last June, and 12 of the newcomers have been drafted at some time in their careers.

With so many new faces, Martin opted to take an extra week of practice in the fall to get everyone better acquainted with their new surroundings. The Seminoles then had to wait until January 17 to begin spring workouts. Luckily, Florida State begins its season about two weeks later than usual, opening February 13 with Winthrop.

The extra two weeks should be an advantage to the pitchers. With only three returnees with starting experience, Florida State will have to look for some mound help from its talented stable of newcomers. Overall, FSU returns just five pitchers from its 1992 squad.

Heading the pitching list is lefthander Bryan Harris, the most experienced of the Seminole pitchers. Harris went 7-2 as a freshman in 1991 and split time as a starter and middle reliever last year, where he had some outstanding outings. FSU’s other two experienced starts, righthanders John Wasdin and Paul Wilson, filled similar roles last year. Wasdin, a junior, is a strikeout pitcher who has shown flashes of brilliance over the past two seasons. Wilson came on



Junior lefthander Bryan Harris is Florida State’s most experienced pitcher with a 10-5 career mark.

Martin’s teams so successful have not changed.

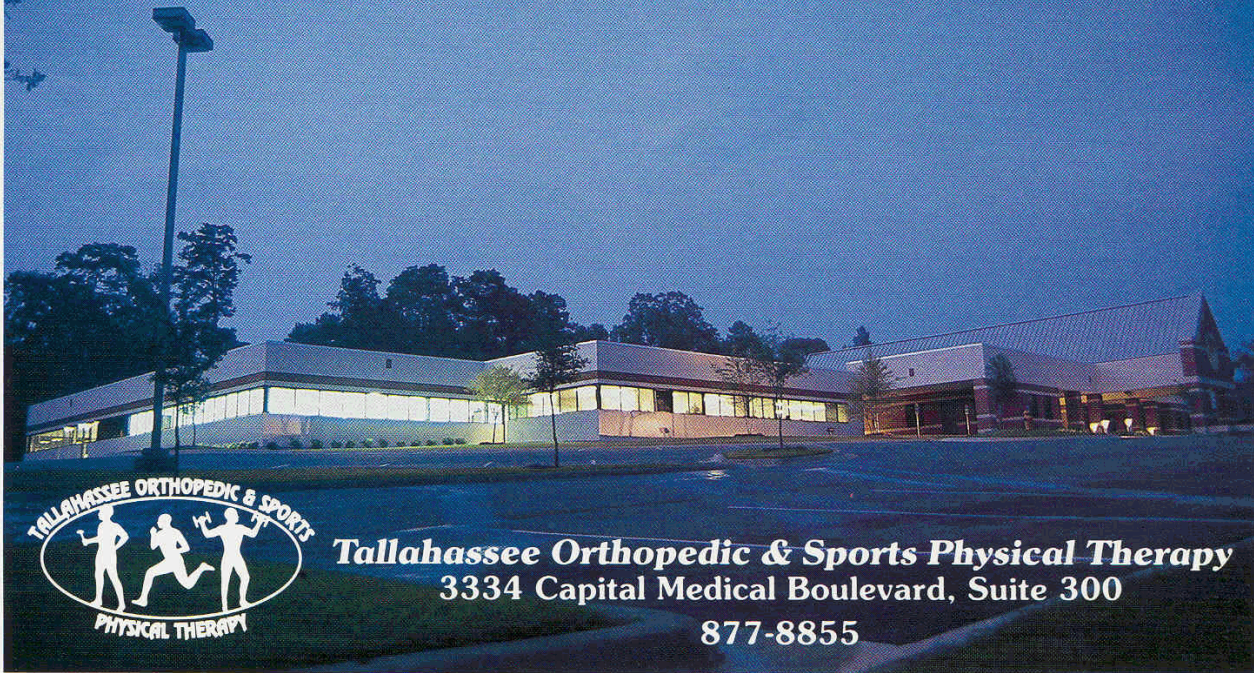
Like always, Martin will develop his team around pitching, defense and speed. But this year, he will have to do that this year with 18 newcomers and only 11 returning letterwinners.

1993 ACC COACHES' PRE-SEASON POLL

TEAM	PTS.
1. Florida State	77
2. Georgia Tech	71
3. N.C. State	60
4. Clemson	54
5. North Carolina	47
6. Duke	34
7. Wake Forest	31
8. Virginia	18
9. Maryland	13



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strong at the end of his freshman year to earn eight postseason appearances.

Three freshmen figure to be thrown into the FSU pitching mix immediately. Righthanders Phil Olson (Sarasota Riverview) and Jonathon Johnson (Ocala Forest) and lefthander Steven "Scooby"

Morgan (Taravella) all brought impressive credentials to FSU. Olson and Johnson will likely see some spot starts, while Morgan is slated for a middle relief role.

Lefthanded sophomore Charlie Cruz appeared in eight games as a freshman, all in relief, and is also targeted for middle

relief in 1993. Junior college transfer Todd Harrell went 11-1 for Gulf Coast Community College last year, but a knee injury has kept him out of practice since his arrival at Florida State.

Senior John Nedeau will be the Seminoles' closer. Nedeau has made 47 career appearances with seven saves. The sidearmer has been effective in late-inning situations, and Martin believes he can become one of the top relievers in the country.

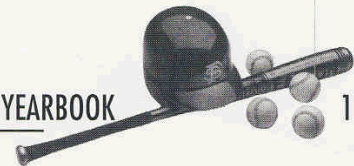
"I like our pitching," Martin said. "The potential is there, it's just a matter of developing it." In charge of developing the pitching staff this year is Shoupp, a former Seminole pitcher.

Martin has found the strength of this squad, and that is speed. "You try to build on your strengths," he said. "Our strength is speed, and that can make up for a lot of mistakes."

That speed will be best used in the outfield, where returnees will open the season in each of the starting positions. Senior Ty Mueller will move over to left field this season after starting 66 games in centerfield a year ago. Mueller was the



Junior shortstop Link Jarrett, who has started 129 games at the position, solidifies the middle for the Seminoles.





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teams second leading hitter in 1992, batting .323 with six home runs and 43 RBI, tops among returnees. Mueller is a steady defensive player with the all-around package; good speed, an accurate arm and the ability to get a good jump on the ball.

Another senior, Grady Jordan, is FSU's centerfielder. After a promising start, Jordan broke his hand 22 games into the 1992 season and was forced to miss the remainder of the year. He is penciled in at the leadoff spot, where Martin hopes to take advantage of his speed. His glove solidifies the middle for Florida State. Freshman Scott Schroeffel (Pittsburgh N. Allegheny), another speedster, will battle for the starting spot in both center and right.

Sophomore Randy Hodges appears to have the job in right field, where he will replace three-year starter Chris Brock. Hodges has proven to be a fine defensive outfielder. Last year, his defensive efforts saved a pair of games. As a freshman, Hodges played in 49 games at several positions and batted .258 as a freshman. High school All-American T.R. Marcinczyk will backup Hodges.

In the infield, former Florida High teammates Link Jarrett and Kevin McCray are the only returning starters from the

1992 infield. A two-year starter at shortstop, Jarrett has been a steady defender, but last year his bat came to life. The switch-hitting junior led the team with a .325 average, while his 25 doubles led the ACC, and were just four short of the school record.

McCray returns at first base, where he began and ended the 1992 season, though several others tried the position. He hit .256 with four home runs, 32 RBI and a team high 36 walks a year ago. Freshman Doug Mientkiewicz (Miami Westminster Christian) will challenge McCray for the job at first as he showed consistent improvement both at the plate and in the field during the fall. In fact, McCray may be asked to play some third base to make room for

Mientkiewicz and junior college transfer Mike Schmitz, a .400 hitter at Seminole Community College last year who won the Suncoast Conference triple crown.

Junior college transfer Jack Niles is penciled in to replace Nandy Serrano, who started every game at third base in each of the past two seasons. Niles, a switch-hitter, is making the move from shortstop to third and fits into Martin's plans to run as the fastest Seminole third baseman in 10 years. He will be backed up by freshman utility infielder Kevin Krietemeyer (Collinsville, IL) and transfer Mike Martin, Jr.

A pair of highly-touted newcomers will battle for the second base job in what coaches believe will be a very competitive duel. Fourth-round draft pick Chad Sheffer out of Valrico Bloomingdale and Miami Westminster Christian product Mickey Lopez begin the season in a dead heat for the starting job. Both are switch-hitters, both have good range, and both are very quick.

Florida State enters 1993 with more depth behind home plate than in the past, with four capable catchers on the roster. Sophomore Colby Weaver won the starting job in the middle of the 1992 season after walking on to the team in the fall. He made drastic improvements both at and behind the plate last year. The Warwick, N.Y. native worked hard in the offseason to improve his arm strength, and it showed this

fall, according to Martin.

Speaking of Martin, his son, Mike, Jr., is the main challenger to Weaver for the starting catching duties. Martin has a good arm and a consistent bat from the left side of the plate. He may also see action at designated hitter. Freshmen Derek Reams, one of three current Seminoles to prep at Tallahassee's Florida High, and Charles McQuaig, a high school All-American from Milledgeville, Ga, will also be looked at behind the plate.

Another constant at Florida State is a tough schedule, which is always one of the most challenging in the country. Florida State will play 20 of its 56 games against preseason Top 25 teams in 1993. Three Atlantic Coast Conference rivals - Georgia Tech, N.C. State and Clemson - are ranked, and FSU must play two of those on the road.

One of the earliest tests of the season will come at the Titan Classic in Fullerton, California, where FSU will play host Cal-State Fullerton on the final day of the three day event. The Titans bounced the Seminoles from the College World Series a year ago, handing FSU both of its losses.

Florida State opens the month of March with four consecutive games against intrastate rival Florida. The Seminoles face Central Florida and Purdue during a trip to Daytona Beach before beginning ACC play at home against North Carolina and Virginia. Before March comes to an end, the Seminoles will have played 23 times during the month. One stretch of 14 games in 15 days includes a spring break trip to North Carolina for ACC sets at Duke and N.C. State.

The Seminoles begin April in Atlanta for a three-game series with Georgia Tech, with the traditional Miami series the following weekend in Tallahassee. FSU closes the month at Miami and begins May at Maryland.

Clemson visits Howser for a three-game set in May after taking all five games from the Seminoles in 1992. Florida State visits Jacksonville in a tuneup for the ACC Tournament, the last of three single-game meetings with the Dolphins in 1993.

The Atlantic Coast Conference Tournament is again set for Greenville, S.C., and the Seminoles will be looking for their first ACC Baseball Championship.

"We're still good," Martin said. "We will have to keep our confidence up and go play. We've got to bring this club along slowly with the understanding that we've got a good ball club."

Despite fielding a team with a lot of new faces, the '93 Seminoles hope to finish the season in one of Florida State's favorite places — Omaha.

