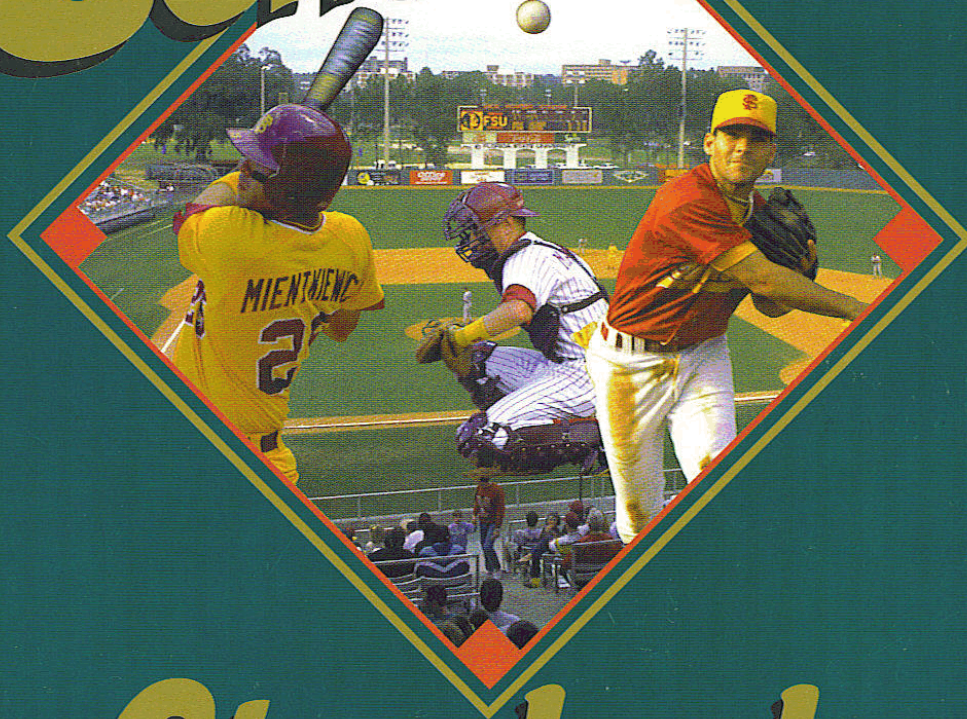


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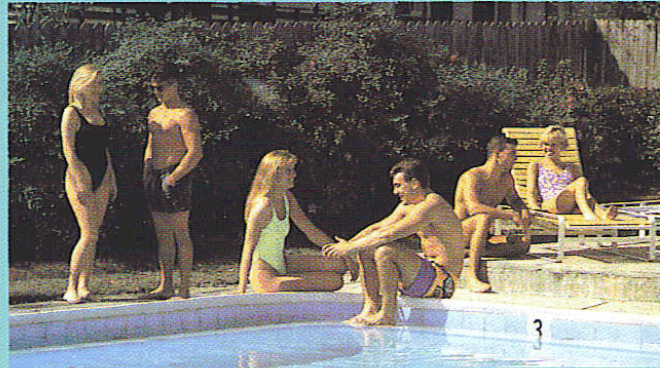


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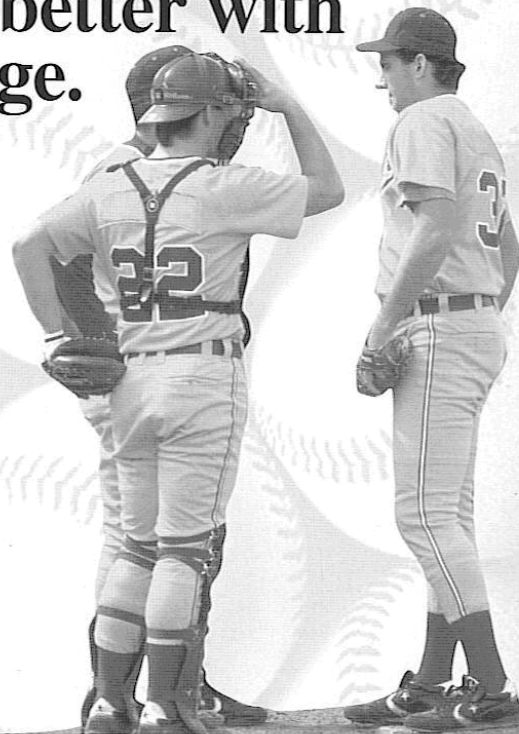
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February

Fri	3	Florida Atlantic University	Home	3:30 PM
Sat	4	Florida Atlantic University	Home	2:00 PM
Sun	5	Florida Atlantic University	Home	2:00 PM
Fri	10	Arizona State University	Tempe, AZ	7:00 PM
Sat	11	Arizona State University	Tempe, AZ	1:00 PM
Sun	12	Arizona State University	Tempe, AZ	1:00 PM
Fri	17	Coastal Carolina University	Home	3:30 PM
Sat	18	Coastal Carolina University	Home	4:00 PM
Sun	19	Coastal Carolina University	Home	2:00 PM
Tue	21	Winthrop University	Home	3:30 PM
Wed	22	Winthrop University	Home	3:30 PM
Fri	24	Wake Forest University	Home	3:30 PM
Sat	25	Wake Forest University	Home	1:00 PM
Sun	26	Wake Forest University	Home	1:00 PM

March

Fri	3	Louisiana State University	Minneapolis, MN	1:00 PM
Sat	4	University of Minnesota	Minneapolis, MN	2:00 PM
Sun	5	University of Michigan	Minneapolis, MN	5:00 PM
Thr	9	University of Florida	Home	6:00 PM
Fri	10	University of Florida	Home	6:00 PM
Sat	11	University of Florida	Gainesville	4:00 PM
Sun	12	University of Florida	Gainesville	1:30 PM
Mon	13	University of Virginia	Home	6:00 PM
Tue	14	University of Virginia	Home	6:00 PM
Wed	15	University of Virginia	Home	6:00 PM
Fri	17	University of Michigan	Home	6:00 PM
Sat	18	University of Michigan	Home	6:00 PM
Sun	19	University of Michigan	Home	1:00 PM
Tue	21	Mercer University	Home	6:00 PM
Wed	22	Mercer University	Home	6:00 PM
Fri	24	Duke University	Durham, NC	3:00 PM
Sat	25	Duke University	Durham, NC	1:30 PM
Sun	26	Duke University	Durham, NC	1:00 PM
Tue	28	College of Charleston	Home	6:00 PM
Wed	29	College of Charleston	Home	6:00 PM
Fri	31	North Carolina State University	Raleigh, NC	7:00 PM

April

Sat	1	North Carolina State University	Raleigh, NC	7:00 PM
Sun	2	North Carolina State University	Raleigh, NC	1:00 PM
Wed	5	Jacksonville University	Home	6:00 PM
Fri	7	University of Miami	Home	7:00 PM
Sat	8	University of Miami	Home	7:00 PM
Sun	9	University of Miami	Home	1:00 PM
Fri	14	University of Miami	Miami	7:00 PM
Sat	15	University of Miami	Miami	7:00 PM
Sun	16	University of Miami	Miami	1:30 PM
Wed	19	Jacksonville University	Jacksonville	7:00 PM
Fri	21	Clemson University	Home	7:00 PM
Sat	22	Clemson University	Home	7:00 PM
Sun	23	Clemson University	Home	2:00 PM
Sat	29	University of Maryland	College Park, MD	7:00 PM
Sun	30	University of Maryland	College Park, MD	7:00 PM

May

Mon	1	University of Maryland	College Park, MD	3:00 PM
Wed	3	Mercer University	Macon, GA	3:00 PM
Fri	5	Georgia Tech	Atlanta, GA	7:00 PM
Sat	6	Georgia Tech	Atlanta, GA	7:00 PM
Sun	7	Georgia Tech	Atlanta, GA	1:30 PM
Fri	12	University of North Carolina	Home	7:00 PM
Sat	13	University of North Carolina	Home	7:00 PM
Sun	14	University of North Carolina	Home	2:00 PM
Tue	16-21	Atlantic Coast Conference Tournament	Greenville, SC	TBA

Media INFORMATION

The 1995 Florida State University Baseball Yearbook has been designed for use by media, fans, and friends of the Seminole baseball team. Any questions not covered in this yearbook should be directed to the FSU Sports Information Office (904/644-1403), located on the second floor of the Moore Athletic Center.

Contacts

Assistant Sports Information Director Bob Burda is the media coordinator for the Florida State baseball team with help from graduate assistant Sheldon Bream.

Burda 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 Assistant SID Bob Burda 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

A limited number of parking passes are available to select members of the working media. Parking is available in the Moore Athletic Center lot on a first-come, first-serve basis. All working

media are encouraged to arrive as early as possible 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 Bob Burda 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 all 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 Burda or Bream 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 Bob Burda 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.

ACC Faxback Service

In order to provide you with timely and accurate information the ACC utilizes a "Faxback System." The ACC Faxback allows members of the media 24-hour access to the latest press releases (notes & statistics) from the ACC office AND from each of the nine schools' sports information offices as well. Several of the ACC Faxback features are listed below.

Simply dial the Faxback machine phone number on your fax phone. You will then be instructed step-by-step on how to retrieve the information. Connect your fax at the tone and the requested information will start transmitting through your machine. This system is operational 24 hours a day and will contain the latest releases from the nine ACC schools and the ACC office release. The ACC will not release this phone number except to certified media sources. Therefore, you must contact the ACC Media Relations department or fax in your request to (910) 854-8797.

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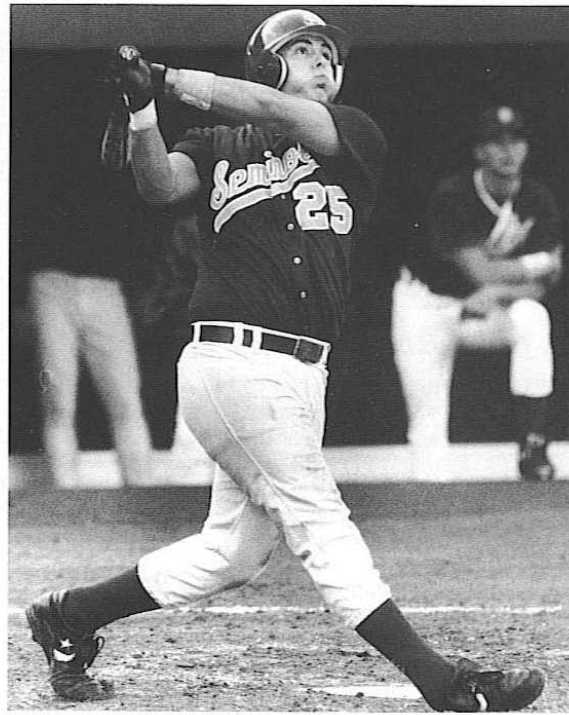
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Seminole Baseball Facts

Head Coach	Mike Martin
Martin's Alma Mater, Year	Florida State '66
Record at FSU (Years)	814-280-3 (15)
Overall Record (Years)	814-280-3 (15)
Assistant Coaches	Chip Baker (High Point '80) Jamey Shoupe (Florida State '82)
1994 Record	53-22
Conference Record/Place	14-9/4th
Post Season Finish	1-2 at College World Series 4-0 at NCAA Atlantic II Regional
Final Ranking	Baseball Weekly-6th, Baseball America-7th, Collegiate Baseball-6th
Lettermen Returning/Lost	15-5
Starters Returning/Lost	5-3
Pitchers Returning/Lost	8-3
Baseball SID	Bob Burda
Burda's Office Phone	(904) 644-1077
Burda's Home Phone	(904) 562-1160
SID Fax	(904) 644-3820
Baseball Office Phone	(904) 644-1073
Howser Stadium Press Box Phone	(904) 644-1553
Academic Advisor	Mark Meleney
Equipment Manager	Guy Gallagher
Strength Coach	Mike Gibbons
Trainer	Richard Ranick
Facility (Capacity)	Dick Howser Stadium (5,000)
Dimensions	LF 340, CF 400, RF 320
Years of Baseball	47
NCAA Regional Appearances	32
Consecutive NCAA Regional Appearances	17
College World Series Appearances	13
Conference Championships (all Metro Conference) ..	12

University Facts

Location	Tallahassee, FL
Founded	1857
Enrollment	28,500
Nickname	Seminoles
Colors	Garnet & Gold
Conference	Atlantic Coast
President	Talbot "Sandy" D'Alemberte
Interim Athletic Director	Wayne Hogan
Faculty Representative	Charles W. Ehrhardt
Associate Athletic Director	Charles Hurst
Assistant Athletic Directors	Brian Mand, Guy Morgan, Cecile Reynaud, Andy Urbanic
Assistants to the Athletic Director	Joe Labat, John Sheffield
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Director of Academic Support Services	Dr. Roger Grooters
Director of Sports Marketing & Promotions ..	Kim McWilliams
Sports Information Director	Rob Wilson

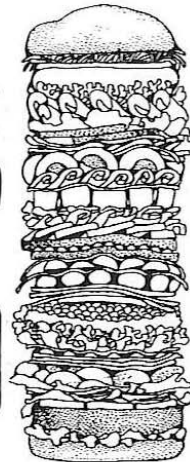


The Seminoles' leading hitter last year, Doug Mientkiewicz, looks to carry his hot bat into the 1995 season.

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Radio

For the fourth 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 postseason in 1995. From the season opener February 3rd, 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, four games 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 1995.

WTNT-FM/WNLS-AM will broadcast Seminole Baseball for the 14th consecutive season. With WNLS's complete coverage, the Seminoles have one of the best and most extensive radio package in college baseball.

WTNT-FM's 1995 package begins with FSU's first game at Arizona State. This year's simulcasts include Michigan at the Metrodome Classic in Minneapolis, MN, and two games at N.C. State. WNLS will be there for



Head Coach Mike Martin's reaction to every game can be heard on the "Seminole Post-Game Show" following each contest.

WTNT-FM Broadcasts

FEBRUARY

10 at Arizona State 10:00 p.m.

MARCH

5 Michigan 3:00 p.m.

(at Metrodome Classic)

31 at N.C. State 7:00 p.m.

APRIL

1 at N.C. State 7:00 p.m.

every game as the Seminoles play another challenging schedule which includes 23 games against seven teams ranked in the preseason, 24 Atlantic Coast Conference games, and 12 games against in-state rivals Miami, Florida, and Jacksonville. 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 sixth straight year is Lee Bowen, who continues a long association with the Florida State radio network in 1995. The producer of FSU's football and men's basketball radio network, Bowen had previously worked as a statistician for the Seminole Radio Network. Bowen has also called play-by-play for the minor league Burlington (N.C.) Indians, a rookie league team in the Appalachian League. WTNT's Jim Crosby will join Bowen in the booth for all home games. Crosby is a 13-year veteran of Seminole baseball broadcasts.

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affiliation with the Atlantic Coast Conference make the Seminoles no stranger to television exposure. This year, FSU is slated for 10 television appearances, including five of its six games with Miami.

The Sunshine Network is once again the home of Florida State baseball in 1995. The Sunshine Network, Florida's most successful sports cable network, will televise three games from Dick Howser Stadium and three games at Miami. Broadcasting to over 2.5 million homes in Florida, the Sunshine Network takes Florida State baseball to all corners of the state.

The 1995 Seminoles make their season debut on Sunshine April 8th. Six Florida State games will air on the network during the month. Sunshine's coverage concludes with the second game of FSU's final regular season series with Atlantic Coast Conference rival North Carolina.

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

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 tuning 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 takes a look at recent highlights and discusses upcoming opponents. Other elements of the show include player features and a weekly baseball tip from the Coach.

The show, which is produced by Mark Rodin of Seminole Productions, will air statewide on the Sunshine Network and in Tallahassee on Fox-49. Check local listings for dates and times.

1995 Television

MARCH

11	at Florida*	4:00 p.m.
12	at Florida*	1:30 p.m.

APRIL

8	MIAMI	7:00 p.m.
9	MIAMI	1:00 p.m.
14	at Miami	7:00 p.m.
15	at Miami	7:00 p.m.
16	at Miami	1:30 p.m.
19	at Jacksonville	7:00 p.m.

MAY

7	at Georgia Tech**	7:00 p.m.
13	NORTH CAROLINA	7:00 p.m.

*Sports Channel-Florida

**ACC Game of the Week

Network's growth from an initial subscriber base of 1.5 million has led to its current ranking as the fourth

'95 FLORIDA STATE ROSTERS

Alphabetical


NO.	NAME	POS.	B-T	HGT.	WGT.	CL.	HOMETOWN (JC or HS)
24	Josh Adeeb	OF	R-R	6-1	190	FR	Jacksonville, FL (The Bowles School)
7	Brooks Badeaux	SS	S-R	5-10	160	FR	Scott, LA (Teurlings Catholic)
44	Mike Bell	P/1B	L-L	6-2	200	SR	Sarasota, FL (Pasco-Hernando CC)
51	Steve Butler	P/1B	L-L	6-4	230	SO	Miami, FL (Westminster Christian)
16	Thad Busby	P	R-R	6-3	215	FR/R	Pace, FL (Pace HS)
10	Chris Chavez	P	R-R	6-0	175	FR	Pensacola, FL (Washington)
21	Randy Choate	P	L-L	6-2	161	FR	San Antonio, TX (Winston Churchill)
22	Charlie Cruz	P	L-L	5-11	175	SR	Miami, FL (N. Miami Senior CC)
39	J.D. Drew	OF	L-R	6-1	190	FR	Hahira, GA (Lowndes)
1	Adam Fautot	SS	R-R	6-0	163	SO	Blountstown, FL (Chipola JC)
17	Chris Hitt	P	L-L	6-5	185	JR	Houston, TX (Seminole JC)
14	Randy Hodges	OF	L-R	6-0	184	SR	Ocala, FL (Vanguard HS)
32	Chuck Howell	P	R-R	6-0	195	SO	Tallahassee, FL (Leon HS)
13	Jonathan Johnson	P	R-R	6-0	180	JR	Ocala, FL (Forest HS)
2	Mickey Lopez	2B	S-R	5-10	165	JR	Miami, FL (Westminster Christian)
4	Mike Martin	C	L-R	6-1	175	SR	Tallahassee, FL (Manatee JC)
25	Doug Mientkiewicz	1B/C	L-R	6-2	185	JR	Miami, FL (Westminster Christian)
35	Steven Morgan	P	L-L	5-11	185	JR	Lake Placid, FL (Taravella)
37	Jeremy Morris	OF	R-R	6-2	203	SO	Quincy, FL (Robert F. Munroe)
27	Steve Nedeau	OF	S-R	5-9	165	JR	N. Fort Myers, FL (Tallahassee CC)
33	Randy Niles	P	R-R	6-2	200	FR	Key West, FL (Key West)
6	Phil Olson	P	R-R	6-3	220	JR	Sarasota FL (Riverview HS)
12	Jeremy Salazar	C	R-R	6-0	182	FR	Lafayette, LA (Northside)
29	Bryan Senior	OF	R-R	6-2	198	FR	Columbus, GA (Brookstone)
28	Dean Vinson	IF/OF	S-R	6-2	174	FR	Valdosta, GA (Valdosta)
15	Matt Woodward	1B	R-R	6-2	180	FR	Redmond, WA (Redmond)
31	David Yocum	P	L-L	6-1	180	SO	Miami, FL (Columbus HS)
19	Jose Zabala	3B/SS	S-R	5-9	170	FR	Miami, FL (Columbus HS)
9	Scott Zech	3B/OF	R-R	5-10	175	SO	Boca Raton, FL (Boca Raton)

Numerical

NO.	NAME	POS.	B-T	HGT.	WGT.	CL.	HOMETOWN (JC or HS)
1	Adam Fautot	SS	R-R	6-0	163	SO	Blountstown, FL (Chipola)
2	Mickey Lopez	2B	S-R	5-10	165	JR	Miami, FL (Westminster Christian)
4	Mike Martin	C	L-R	6-1	175	SR	Tallahassee, FL (Manatee JC)
6	Phil Olson	P	R-R	6-3	220	JR	Sarasota FL (Riverview HS)
7	Brooks Badeaux	SS	S-R	5-10	160	FR	Scott, LA (Teurlings Catholic)
9	Scott Zech	3B/OF	R-R	5-10	175	SO	Boca Raton, FL (Boca Raton)
10	Chris Chavez	P	R-R	6-0	175	FR	Pensacola, FL (Washington)
12	Jeremy Salazar	C	R-R	6-0	182	FR	Lafayette, LA (Northside)
13	Jonathan Johnson	P	R-R	6-0	180	JR	Ocala, FL (Forest HS)
14	Randy Hodges	OF	L-R	6-0	184	SR	Ocala, FL (Vanguard HS)
15	Matt Woodward	1B	R-R	6-2	180	FR	Redmond, WA (Redmond)
16	Thad Busby	P	R-R	6-3	215	FR/R	Pace, FL (Pace HS)
17	Chris Hitt	P	L-L	6-5	185	JR	Houston, TX (Seminole JC)
19	Jose Zabala	3B/SS	S-R	5-9	170	FR	Miami, FL (Columbus HS)
21	Randy Choate	P	L-L	6-2	161	FR	San Antonio, TX (Winston Churchill)
22	Charlie Cruz	P	L-L	5-11	175	SR	Miami, FL (N. Miami Senior CC)
24	Josh Adeeb	OF	R-R	6-1	190	FR	Jacksonville, FL (The Bolles School)
25	Doug Mientkiewicz	1B/C	L-R	6-2	185	JR	Miami, FL (Westminster Christian)
27	Steve Nedeau	OF	S-R	5-9	165	JR	N. Fort Myers, FL (Tallahassee CC)
28	Dean Vinson	IF/OF	S-R	6-2	174	FR	Valdosta, GA (Valdosta)
29	Bryan Senior	OF	R-R	6-2	198	FR	Columbus, GA (Brookstone)
31	David Yocum	P	L-L	6-1	180	SO	Miami, FL (Columbus HS)
32	Chuck Howell	P	R-R	6-0	195	SO	Tallahassee, FL (Leon HS)
33	Randy Niles	P	R-R	6-2	200	FR	Key West, FL (Key West)
35	Steven Morgan	P	L-L	5-11	185	JR	Lake Placid, FL (Taravella)
37	Jeremy Morris	OF	R-R	6-2	203	SO	Quincy, FL (Robert F. Munroe)
39	J.D. Drew	OF	L-R	6-1	190	FR	Hahira, GA (Lowndes)
44	Mike Bell	P/1B	L-L	6-2	200	SR	Sarasota, FL (Pasco-Hernando CC)
51	Steve Butler	P/1B	L-L	6-4	230	SO	Miami, FL (Westminster Christian)

Staff

11	Mike Martin	Head Coach	Mike Gibbons	Strength Coach
3	Chip Baker	3B Coach & Catchers	Richard Ranick	Trainer
8	Janey Shoupp	Pitching Coach & Recruiting Coordinator	George Shawhan	Student Manager-Clubhouse
5	Kevin McCray	Volunteer Assistant	Mark Bacchus	Student Manager-Field
18	Jack Niles	Student Assistant	John Rombough	Student Manager
	Guy Gallagher	Equipment Coordinator & Clubhouse Manager	Keith Vandervoort	Student Manager
			Jeremy Rombough	Student Manager

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Like a fine architect, head coach Mike Martin, when planning for his 1995 Seminole baseball team, went to the drawing board and designed a team which incorporates his ingredients for success: Pitching and Defense. With that foundation, few programs can match the success of FSU's Mike Martin led ball clubs. The Seminoles' string of 17 consecutive NCAA post-season appearances is the second-longest streak in college baseball history. Under the watchful eye of Martin, the Seminoles annually rank among the top teams in the country.

This season should be no exception. Martin, who is in his 16th season at FSU, talks about this year's team with the excitement of a child telling his Christmas wish list to Santa Claus.

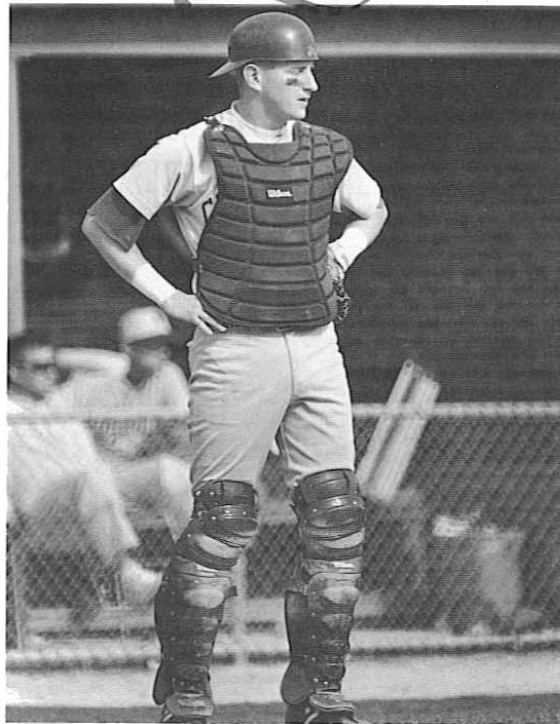
In its quest for a seventh College World Series berth in the last 10 years, the biggest question mark facing the Seminoles is replacing All-America pitcher Paul Wilson and four-year starter at short-stop Link Jarrett.

"Paul Wilson contributed 13 wins to the ball club last year," comments Martin. "That will be tough to replace. Link Jarrett contributed to 53 wins last year and what he provided this club cannot be measured.

"We are going to have to be ready each and every day we take the field. This team has great potential, but we do not have the kind of talent where we can just show up and blow the opposition away.

"It seems that the Florida State series is, if not the biggest on our opponents schedules, certainly one of them. Therefore, we have got to earn everything we desire because no one is going to roll over and give it to us. And with our goal to

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return to the College World Series again this year, I can assure you this team will be hungry."

Despite the loss of Wilson, who became the first FSU athlete ever selected with the first pick of any professional draft, to the New York Mets, Martin returns a pitching staff that accounted for 39 of last season's 53 wins.

Filling Wilson's shoes as the number one pitcher in the rotation is Jonathan Johnson. Considered one of the top arms in the nation and expected to go high in the June

major league draft, Johnson was one of three Seminoles selected to play for Team USA this past summer. He enters his junior year with a combined 22-2 record over his first two seasons.

Senior lefthander Charlie Cruz begins the year as the number two man in the rotation. One of seven lefties on the staff, Cruz posted a 2.54 ERA last year. He emerged as a starter near season's end, drawing starting assignments against N.C. State in the ACC Tournament, vs. Jacksonville at the NCAA Regional, and at the College World Series against Cal. State-Fullerton.

A starter in 11 games last season, junior college transfer Mike Bell (7-1) asserted himself by winning each of his last six decisions. Scooby Morgan, a starter in 14 games over his first two seasons, rounds out the rotation.

The bullpen will be anchored by fireballer Phil Olson and David Yocum. Both pitchers can be called upon to start if necessary. Olson will begin the year as the set-up man, and Yocum will be the closer. Olson joined Johnson on the Team USA roster this past summer, while Yocum was invited to the tryouts for this year's national team.

A pair of freshmen, Randy Choate and Randy Niles, have looked impressive in fall workouts. Both will be called on to give quality innings this season. Chris Hitt, Chuck Howell and Steve Butler provide quality depth and give Martin flexibility with the staff.

"Without question the pitching staff is the heart of this team," said Martin. "The eight arms we have returning form the nucleus of one of the top staffs in the country.

Pitching coach Jamey Shoupe has brought in quality athletes and deserves a lot of credit."

Defensively, FSU returns five position players who started last season. Mike Martin Jr. returns for his senior campaign as the Tribe's catcher. An ironman behind the plate, Martin has caught 110 games over the last two years. He threw out 52 percent of potential base stealers last season while getting it done at the plate, compiling a .288 average with six home runs and 58 RBI.

He is backed up by FSU's catcher of the future, freshman Jeremy Salazar. Coaches intend to start Salazar every third to fourth game while grooming him as Martin's replacement.

Juniors Doug Mientkiewicz and Mickey Lopez anchor the right side of the infield. Mientkiewicz was the third Seminole on Team USA and was honored with the Fighting Spirit Award given to the athlete who best exemplifies qualities of athletic excellence and commitment to the overall success of his team by

the All-Japan University Baseball League. He led the Seminoles in nearly every offensive category and started in all 75 games. Mientkiewicz batted .344 with a team-leading 12 home runs and 63 RBI.

All-ACC second baseman Mickey Lopez will be the catalyst of the '95 team. A solid defender with a strong arm, Lopez will once again be the Seminoles' leadoff hitter. A speedy runner he stole a team-leading 29 bases last season.

Randy Hodges and Steve Nedeau return for their senior campaigns in the outfield. A mainstay in right for the past two seasons, Hodges is a coach's dream. An excellent defensive outfielder with a strong arm and good speed, he is the type of player who always gives 110 percent, likes to get dirty, and can play all three outfield positions.

Nedeau, brother of former Seminole pitcher John, walked on to the team last year and capped a storybook season by starting each of the last 15 games. He ended the year with a 15 game hitting streak,

collecting 25 hits during that span, and batted a team-leading .387.

True freshman J.D. Drew has the inside track on the centerfield spot over sophomore Jeremy Morris. Drew possesses all the offensive and defensive tools. He can hit for power to all fields, has excellent speed, a good glove, and a strong arm. Morris, who batted .333 last season, will push for playing time but must rebound from a late season slump.

Freshmen Josh Adeeb and Bryan Senior have looked impressive in preseason and will vie for playing time, while providing quality depth in the outfield.

The biggest challenge facing the Seminole coaching staff during preseason practice will be finding replacements at third base and shortstop. The departure of four-year starter and team leader Link Jarrett left a big hole where a trio of newcomers, Brooks Badeaux, Adam Faurot and Jose Zabala, will compete for the starting job.

"What Link Jarrett gave this ball club is immeasurable," said

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Collegiate Baseball

TEAM	W-L
1. Louisiana State	46-20
2. Stanford	36-24
3. FLORIDA STATE	53-22
4. Southern California	41-20
5. Clemson	57-18
6. Miami, FL	49-14
7. Tennessee	52-14
8. Oklahoma	50-17
9. Texas	43-12
10. Mississippi State	36-23
11. Long Beach State	41-19
12. Wichita State	45-17
13. Oklahoma State	49-17
14. Ohio State	49-9
15. Auburn	44-21
16. Cal. State Fullerton	47-16
17. Santa Clara	40-20
18. North Carolina State	46-18
19. South Alabama	32-25
20. Florida	40-23
21. San Diego State	35-23
22. Arizona State	45-18
23. Georgia Tech.	50-17
24. Pepperdine	33-20
25. Kansas	40-18

Baseball America

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17. Pepperdine	33-20
18. Santa Clara	40-20
19. Long Beach State	41-19
20. Mississippi	30-26
21. James Madison	40-19-1
22. North Carolina State	46-18
23. Texas A&M	31-22
24. Kansas	40-18
25. Old Dominion	40-14

Martin. "Replacing him is the biggest question mark facing the team. He was a dependable, consistent player."

Faurot is also in the running for the vacancy at third base. He will battle Scott Zech, who started five games at the hot corner last season, for the starting spot.

Offensively, the Seminoles return five of their top six hitters from last season. Martin's philosophy will continue to be "do what ever it takes to score a run," and for the Seminoles that means putting pressure on opposing defenses.

"We're going to do a lot of hit and run and a lot of running and hitting," predicts Martin. "This team possesses good speed. I want our guys to peck away and do what ever it takes to score a run or two, because when you build your team around pitching and defense you can't afford to pass up an opportunity to score a run."

As always Florida State has compiled one of the toughest schedules in baseball. The Seminoles put their preseason No. 2 ranking on the line early when they travel to highly-ranked Arizona State the second week of the season.

After opening ACC play at home against Wake Forest, to close out February, the Tribe travels north to Minneapolis, MN, to com-

pete in one of college baseball's premiere tournaments, the Metrodome Classic. The Seminoles begin the tournament against the preseason polls' top-ranked team, the LSU Tigers, before playing host Minnesota and tradition-rich Michigan.

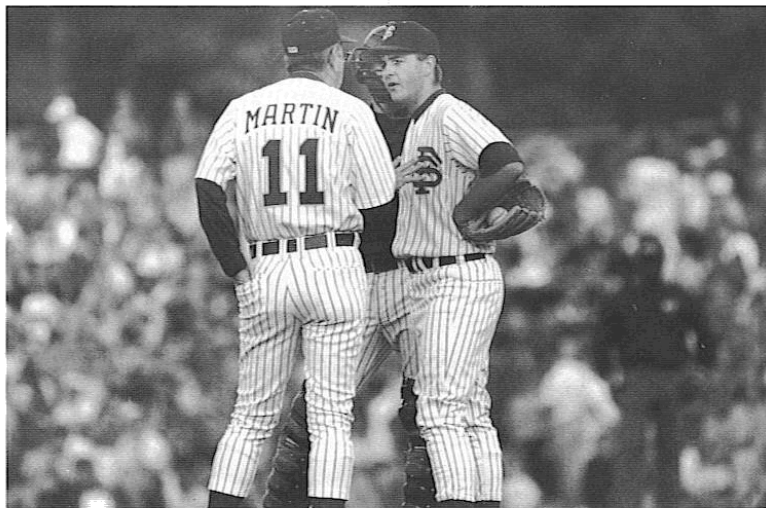
Playing 21 games in the month of March, FSU returns from Minneapolis for its traditional home-and-home four game series with the University of Florida, this year starting in Tallahassee.

ACC foe Virginia comes to town in mid-March followed by a three game visit from Michigan. FSU closes out the month with road trips to Duke and N.C. State.

Once again April features one of the best rivalries in college baseball as the University of Miami and FSU hookup for six games. First the Hurricanes invade Dick Howser Stadium before the Seminoles return the favor the following week. Conference nemesis Clemson comes calling in late April before the Tribe closes out the month with a seven game road trip starting at Maryland.

The trip ends at Georgia Tech before the Seminoles come home to conclude ACC regular season play against North Carolina.

The ACC Tournament, which once again will be played in Greenville, SC, will be May 16-21.



Junior pitcher Jonathan Johnson has compiled a 12-2 record over his first two seasons and begins 1995 as the ace of the FSU staff.

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