

FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY

# BASEBALL

1999 MEDIA GUIDE



# SEMINOLE BASEBALL: A Winning Tradition

- ▶ Fifty-one years, eight head coaches and always the same result — a winning season for the Seminoles. Florida State has never posted a losing record during its history; in fact, the closest the Seminoles ever came was a 9-8 mark in their inaugural season of 1948 under the tenure of Charlie Armstrong. Over the last 19 seasons, Mike Martin has led FSU to 17 50-win seasons, including each of the last five years.
- ▶ Florida State has made 16 trips to the College World Series — the sixth-best total in NCAA history — and 36 appearances in the NCAA Baseball Tournament — the second-best total in NCAA history. The Seminoles have appeared in the NCAA Tournament for 21 consecutive seasons, the second-longest current streak in Division I Baseball.
- ▶ The Seminoles have won 14 conference championships, including two Atlantic Coast Conference titles since joining the league in 1992.
- ▶ Florida State has produced 163 players that have been selected in the Major League Draft (since 1966), including 13 first-round picks. The Seminoles have had 41 former players advance to the Major Leagues, including four in 1998 — J.D. Drew, Doug Mientkiewicz, Jeff Tam and Jonathan Johnson.
- ▶ Since Dick Howser became Florida State's first All-American in 1957, 64 Seminoles have garnered All-America honors. Three Seminoles — Mike Fuentes, Mike Loynd and J.D. Drew — have won the Golden Spikes Award, the Heisman Trophy of amateur baseball.



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## SEMINOLE BASEBALL FACTS

Head Coach .....	Mike Martin
Martin's Alma Mater, Year .....	Florida State '66
Record at FSU (Years) .....	1,022-350-3 (19)
Overall Career Record (Years) .....	1,022-350-3 (19)
Assistant Coaches .....	Chip Baker (High Point '80) Jamey Shouppe (Florida State '82) Mike Martin, Jr. (Florida State '94)
1998 Record .....	53-20
Conference Record (Place) .....	18-4 (1st Place)
Post Season Finish .....	NCAA Atlantic II Regional Champions 7th Place CWS
Final Ranking .....	Baseball Weekly-8th Baseball America-7th, Collegiate Baseball-8th
Letterman Returning/Lost .....	14/11
Position Starters Returning/Lost .....	4/5
Starting Pitchers Returning/Lost .....	3/1
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Trainer .....	Duane Brooks
Academic Advisor .....	Amy White
Stadium (Capacity) .....	Dick Howser Stadium (5,000)
Dimensions .....	LF 340, CF 400, RF 320
All-Time Record .....	1921-722-8 (51 years)
NCAA Regional Appearances .....	36 (Last in 1998)
Consecutive NCAA Regional Appearances .....	21
College World Series Appearances .....	16 (Last in 1998)
Conference Championships .....	2 ACC, 12 Metro
Website Address .....	www.seminoles.com

## UNIVERSITY FACTS

Location .....	Tallahassee, Florida
Founded .....	1857
Enrollment .....	30,519
Nickname .....	Seminoles
Symbol .....	Chief Osceola & Renegade
Colors .....	Garnet & Gold
Conference .....	Atlantic Coast
President .....	Talbot "Sandy" D'Alemberte
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Director of Student Development .....	Pam Overton

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# MEDIA INFORMATION

**T**HE SPORTS INFORMATION OFFICE IS LOCATED ON THE FIRST FLOOR OF THE MOORE ATHLETIC CENTER ADJACENT TO THE ATRIUM. ASSISTANT SPORTS INFORMATION DIRECTOR AMY FARNUM IS THE MEDIA COORDINATOR FOR FSU BASEBALL. Farnum will travel with the team and can be reached at team headquarters when on the road.



**Amy Farnum**  
Assistant Sports  
Information Director for  
Baseball

## PRESS SERVICES

The 1999 Florida State Baseball Media Guide is a multi-purpose guide for use by media, fans and friends of the Seminole baseball team. Additional information, up-to-date statistics and photographs are available to members of accredited media upon request. Any questions not answered in the media guide should be directed to Assistant SID Amy Farnum in the FSU Sports Information Office at 850/644-0615.

## CREDENTIAL REQUESTS

All requests for working press, radio and television should be made as early as possible prior to game day. Requests should be made in writing if possible and can be picked up prior to the game at the Sports Information office or held at the Will Call window at Dick Howser Stadium for game day pick up.

## 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 media are encouraged to arrive as early as possible to avoid parking problems.

## PHOTOGRAPHERS

Accredited photographers holding 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 Amy Farnum 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 broadcasts





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live, has installed two phone lines for use by visiting radio stations. Please contact WNLS' Lee Bowen at 850/386-6143 for details concerning the use of these lines. If other lines are needed, or WNLS' lines are not sufficient, visiting radio stations should contact the Florida State University Office of Telecommunications at 850/644-2414.

## 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 postgame interviews following a 10-minute cooling off period. Martin will meet with the media in the Florida State dugout immediately after talking with the team in the Seminole lockerroom. Requested Florida State players will be escorted to the interview area by Florida State Sports Information personnel after Coach Martin.

Florida State 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 Amy Farnum at the Florida State Sports Information office to arrange off-day player phone interviews. Contact Coach Martin's office directly at 850/644-1073 to arrange interviews with him.

## ACC MEDIA SERVICES

In order to provide you with timely and accurate information, the ACC utilizes the ACC Faxback System. The Faxback allows members of the media 24-hour access to the latest press releases, notes and statistics from the ACC office and each of the nine member institutions.

Simply dial the Faxback number on your fax machine phone. You will then be instructed step-by-step on how to retrieve information. Connect your fax at the tone and the requested information will be transmitted to you. This system is in operation 24 hours a day and is constantly updated with new information. The ACC will only release the phone number to certified media sources. Please contact the ACC Media Relations department at 336/851-6062 or fax a request to 336/854-8797.

## www.seminoles.com

Media, fans and alumni are encouraged to access Florida State baseball information via the internet at [www.seminoles.com](http://www.seminoles.com). Information and statistics are updated after every game; while schedules, rosters, player information and history are also available. ●



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# SEMINOLES ON THE AIR

## RADIO

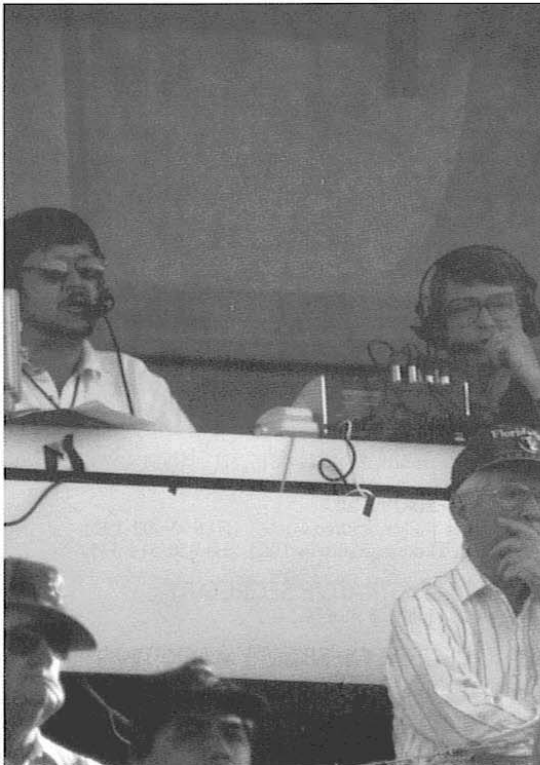
**F**OR THE EIGHTH CONSECUTIVE SEASON, SEMINOLE BASEBALL FANS DO NOT HAVE TO MISS A MINUTE OF EXCITING FLORIDA STATE BASEBALL ACTION. TALLAHASSEE'S SPORTSRADIO 1270 WILL ONCE AGAIN BROADCAST EVERY INNING OF EVERY GAME IN 1999.

From the season opener January 29th through the Atlantic Coast Conference Tournament and NCAA Regional action in May, the radio home of the Seminole baseball is Sportsradio 1270.

WNLS-AM will broadcast Seminole baseball for the 18th consecutive season. With WNLS' complete coverage, the Seminoles have one of the best and most extensive radio packages in college baseball.

The voice of the baseball Seminoles for the ninth straight year is Lee Bowen, who continues a long association with the Florida State Radio Network in 1999. The producer of FSU's football and men's basketball radio network, Bowen had previously worked as a statistician for the Seminole Radio

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Lee Bowen and Jim Crosby bring Seminole baseball into every home in Tallahassee.

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## 1999 Sunshine Network Television Schedule

Feb. 5	Arizona State .....	3:30 p.m.
Feb. 20	Florida .....	1:00 p.m.
Mar. 14	Virginia .....	2:00 p.m.
Mar. 20	at NC State .....	TBA
Apr. 4	Wake Forest .....	1:00 p.m.
Apr. 7	Jacksonville .....	7:00 p.m.
Apr. 10	Clemson .....	7:00 p.m.
Apr. 14	at Jacksonville .....	7:00 p.m.
Apr. 18	Miami .....	1:00 p.m.
Apr. 23**	at Miami .....	Tape Delay 10:30 p.m.
Apr. 24**	at Miami .....	7:00 p.m.
Apr. 25**	at Miami .....	1:00 p.m.
Apr. 30	at Georgia Tech .....	7:00 p.m.
May 2*	at Georgia Tech .....	4:00 p.m.

\*ACC Game of the Week

\*\*Sportschannel Florida - No Sunshine coverage

All TV Games are tentative

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 16-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. The Seminoles' strong baseball tradition and Atlantic Coast Conference schedule make Florida State no stranger to television exposure. This year, the FSU baseball team can be seen on television 14 times.

The Sunshine Network is once again the home of Seminole baseball in 1999. The Sunshine Network, a Florida-based cable network, will televise 14 games from Dick Howser Stadium. Broadcasting to over 2.5 million homes in Florida, the Sunshine Network takes Florida State baseball to all corners of the state. The 1999 Seminoles debut on Sunshine on February 5th against Arizona State.

## THE MIKE MARTIN SHOW

Seminole fans who miss the baseball action on radio and television can still keep informed by tuning in to "The Mike Martin Show." The show, which will air weekly beginning in mid-February, gives a recap of the past week's action.

For 30 minutes each week, FSU Head Coach Mike Martin takes a look at recent highlights and gives his insight on upcoming opponents. The show also features player interviews and a weekly baseball tip from Coach Martin.

The show is produced by Mark Rodin of Seminole Productions and will air statewide on the Sunshine Network. Tallahassee residents can catch the coach's show on Fox-49. Check local listings for dates and times. ●



# '99 PREVIEW



## INSIDE:

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# 1999 PREVIEW: A NEW LEVEL OF SUCCESS

**T**WENTY-ONE CONSECUTIVE NCAA REGIONAL APPEARANCES.  
NINE TOP 10 FINISHES IN THE LAST 10 SEASONS.  
SEVENTEEN 50-WIN SEASONS.  
NINE COLLEGE WORLD SERIES TRIPS OVER THE LAST 12 YEARS.

Florida State's achievements have been difficult to top each year, but somehow the Seminoles have attained a new level of

McDonald. Both are once again expected to join the Seminoles' starting rotation.

"The strength of our club, undoubtedly, is the pitching staff with the returning players," said Martin. "We're very, very comfortable with the pitching staff. We have a lot of experience and we've got a good nucleus that starts with Stocks and McDonald."

*"A lot of people think that we return an awful lot of players...I think you can very easily see that we've got an extremely young, new group of Seminoles."*

— Head Coach Mike Martin

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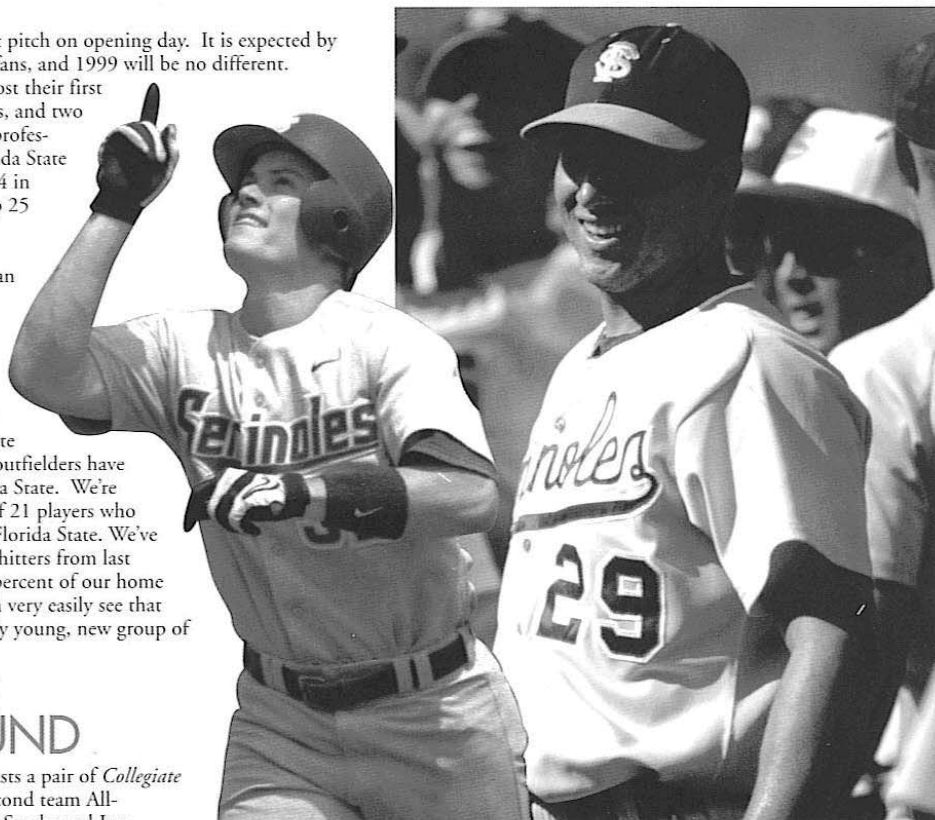
success with each first pitch on opening day. It is expected by players, coaches and fans, and 1999 will be no different.

Despite having lost their first five hitters, six seniors, and two pitchers who signed professional contracts, Florida State has been tabbed No. 4 in *Baseball America's* Top 25 Preseason Poll.

"A lot of people think that we return an awful lot of players," said head coach Mike Martin. "If you look at our infield depth, only three of 16 have ever played for Florida State and only two of five outfielders have ever played for Florida State. We're looking at only five of 21 players who have ever played for Florida State. We've also lost the first five hitters from last year's lineup and 55 percent of our home runs. I think you can very easily see that we've got an extremely young, new group of Seminoles."

## ON THE MOUND

Florida State boasts a pair of *Collegiate Baseball* Preseason second team All-Americans with Nick Stocks and Jon







Stocks, a *Baseball America* Freshman All-American, led the Atlantic Coast Conference with a 2.35 ERA last season and also was a member of Team USA last summer. McDonald led the Seminoles with a 10-4 record in 1998 and garnered *Collegiate Baseball* Freshman All-America and second Team All-ACC honors. He was also a teammate of Stocks on Team USA.

The third spot in the Seminoles' weekend starting rotation could be quite a competition between several pitchers.

"There are a couple of people who have surfaced and are looking pretty good," commented Martin. "Mike Smalley is a young man who can figure prominently this year. He's got a year under his belt and pitched pretty good in the fall."

Smalley pitched just 17.1 innings and appeared in 16 games last year, but gained experience playing summer baseball in the Virginia Valley League.

"Blair Varnes is also a young man who we're looking at to help us," said Martin. "Jason Hubbard has got a lot of improving to do, but we're going to keep a real close watch on him."

Varnes redshirted last year after undergoing elbow surgery and is expected to be ready to open the season and battle for a spot in the rotation. Hubbard is still trying to return to 100 percent after coming back from shoulder surgery last year. He was penciled into the Tribe's starting rotation in the 1998 preseason before his injury.

Senior righthander Chris Chavez, who has pitched in a number of big games over his career, will also fight for a spot in the starting rotation. Chavez also threw the Seminoles' first no-hitter in 10 seasons against Charleston Southern last year.

"Chris Chavez is a gutty pitcher and an outstanding competitor," commented Martin.

Coaches also have their eye on freshman Chris Whidden, most likely in middle relief, but he could also figure in as a starter.

"Chris Whidden has thrown a cut fastball very, very well and it's a dominating pitch if you can throw it in the strikezone, which he's been doing," commented Martin.

## COLLEGIATE BASEBALL'S TOP 25

**NOTE:** This pre-season NCAA Division I baseball poll conducted by Collegiate Baseball Newspaper, was released Dec. 17, 1998.

RANK	TEAM (1998 RECORD)	POINTS
1.	Wichita State (56-7) .....	482
2.	Georgia Tech (41-22) .....	480
3.	Southern Cal (49-17) .....	479
4.	Rice (49-17) .....	478
5.	Long Beach State (43-23-1) .....	472
6.	Miami, Fla. (51-12) .....	469
7.	Louisiana State (48-19) .....	466
8.	Stanford (42-14-1) .....	464
9.	FLORIDA STATE (53-20) .....	461
10.	Alabama (46-18) .....	460
11.	Cal State Fullerton (47-17) .....	457
12.	Auburn (46-18) .....	454
13.	Texas Tech (44-20) .....	452
14.	Florida (46-18) .....	448
15.	South Carolina (44-18) .....	445
16.	UCLA (24-33) .....	441
17.	Texas A&M (46-20) .....	438
18.	Arkansas (38-21) .....	434
19.	Oklahoma State (40-21) .....	432
20.	Clemson (43-16) .....	428
21.	Wake Forest (43-16) .....	426
22.	Baylor (41-20-1) .....	423
23.	North Carolina (42-23) .....	420
24.	Washington (41-17) .....	419
25.	Tulane (48-15) .....	416

## BASEBALL AMERICA'S TOP 25

**NOTE:** Rankings are determined by the staff of *Baseball America*.

RANK	TEAM (1998 RECORD)	'98 FINAL RANK
1.	Southern Cal (49-17) .....	1
2.	Long Beach State (43-23-1) .....	10
3.	Miami, Fla. (51-12) .....	3
4.	FLORIDA STATE (53-20) .....	7
5.	Wichita State (56-7) .....	8
6.	Rice (46-17) .....	15
7.	Stanford (42-14-1) .....	6
8.	Louisiana State (48-19) .....	4
9.	Georgia Tech (41-22) .....	19
10.	Florida (46-18) .....	5
11.	Texas A&M (46-20) .....	10
12.	Arizona State (41-23) .....	2
13.	Alabama (46-18) .....	12
14.	Cal State Fullerton (47-17) .....	13
15.	Clemson (43-16) .....	21
16.	North Carolina (42-23) .....	24
17.	Wake Forest (43-23) .....	NR
18.	Auburn (46-18) .....	9
19.	Texas Tech (44-20) .....	25
20.	Washington (41-17) .....	17
21.	Oklahoma State (40-21) .....	NR
22.	Arkansas (38-21) .....	NR
23.	California (22-32) .....	NR
24.	Houston (34-25) .....	NR
25.	South Carolina (44-18) .....	16



## BASEBALL WEEKLY/ ESPN TOP 25

**NOTE:** The 1999 Baseball Weekly /ESPN Top 25 Preseason Coaches Poll, as selected by 41 Division I baseball coaches representing the ABCA.

RANK	TEAM (1998 RECORD)	LAST POLL	POINTS
1.	Southern California (49-17)	1	964
2.	Miami (51-12)	5	885
3.	Louisiana State (48-19)	3	844
4.	Wichita State (56-7)	14	827
5.	FLORIDA STATE (53-20)	8	783
6.	Stanford (42-14-1)	10	732
7.	Georgia Tech (41-22)	20	713
8.	Florida (46-18)	7	708
9.	Long Beach State (43-23-1)	4	661
10.	Rice (46-17)	15	648
11.	Alabama (46-18)	9	611
12.	Cal State Fullerton (47-17)	12	537
13.	Auburn (46-18)	13	534
14.	Texas A&M (46-20)	11	491
15.	Arizona State (41-23)	2	471
16.	Clemson (43-16)	19	349
17.	South Carolina (44-18)	18	295
18.	Mississippi State (42-23)	6	269
19.	Arkansas (38-21)	NR	248
20.	Texas Tech (44-20)	23	210
21.	Washington (41-17)	17	189
22.	UCLA (24-33)	NR	145
23.	Wake Forest (43-23)	NR	133
24.	Oklahoma State (40-21)	NR	132
25.	North Carolina (42-23)	24	128

Martin also hopes junior righthander John Bentley will return to form early this year after a shoulder operation following last season. Bentley has won 12 games in 16 starts over the last two years. Senior lefthander Zach Diaz, who missed fall practice due to an elbow injury, also is expected to return to his spot as a middle reliever on the Seminoles' staff. Diaz has led Florida State in appearances in each of the last three seasons.

The closer will be lefthander Mike DiBlasi who recorded four saves and posted the lowest ERA on last year's Seminole squad with a 1.14.

## BEHIND THE PLATE

The vacant spot behind the plate is probably Florida State's biggest hole to fill after losing three-year starter and All-American Jeremy Salazar. Senior Jeremiah Klosterman is the only catcher on the 1999 squad with any Division I collegiate experience. Klosterman will be pushed by freshman Chris Hart and junior transfer J.C. Huguet.

"The biggest concern that I have on this baseball team is behind the plate," said Martin. "It's going to be a three-horse race — Jeremiah Klosterman, Chris Hart and J.C. Huguet. Klosterman gives you experience. Hart and Huguet are both very good receivers — we're looking forward to seeing how the battle develops."

## AROUND THE INFIELD

Martin will field an extremely young infield with just two years of starting experience between the four positions.

"First base will be one of three people with Kevin Cash having the inside track," said Martin. "John Halliday and Ryan Barthemely are also in the running for the job. The designated hitter will come from one of the two who does not start. We need to keep our eyes peeled to this situation, because it could be that we try to get all three guys in the lineup. I think that Barthemely and Halliday can give us much needed power. We just have to be sure we get them enough reps to develop them."

At second base, newcomers Sam Scott and Bobby Spano will battle for the position. "I expect that Scott will probably be the starter, but Spano will play an awful lot both at second and shortstop," Martin said.

Sophomore Brett Groves returns at shortstop but coaches say he needs to improve offensively. "He's got to be more of a 'Jose Zabala' type of player and get on base," commented Martin. "He's got to get on base for us."

At third base, junior transfer Marshall MacDougall is expected to start. "He's a young man that has been very impressive and is very solid defensively," said Martin. Freshman Mike Futrell will back MacDougall up and could also see action in the outfield.

## IN THE OUTFIELD

Matt Diaz, the 1998 *Sporting News* Freshman of the Year, returns to his rightfield position and has been tabbed a *Collegiate Baseball* Preseason third team All-American. Diaz, the NCAA Atlantic II Regional MVP and FSU freshman home run record holder, looks to be the anchor of the Seminole lineup.

Sophomore Karl Jernigan will move over from leftfield into the centerfield spot this season after batting .308 with 42 RBI in his rookie year. "Jernigan looks very good," commented Martin. "He's matured and we're very excited about what he brings to the ball club."

Freshman Chris Smith is expected to start in leftfield. "Smith has got a lot of speed and throws well," said Martin. "He will be a young man who we look at to come in and close some games for us."

Freshmen John-Ford Griffin and Clint Thigpen, as well as Futrell, will serve as backup outfielders.

## THE SEASON AHEAD

As in the custom with Florida State baseball, the Seminoles face a difficult schedule in 1999. Florida State will face eight teams that are ranked 17th or higher in *Baseball America's* Preseason Top 25 Poll. In fact, 26 games on the Seminoles' schedule are against those teams. No. 12 Arizona State will be first on the slate as the Sun Devils travel to Tallahassee on February 5-7.

"I think the schedule will definitely get us prepared quickly because we're playing Arizona State, a team that played in the National Championship game last year, in the second series of the season," said Martin. ●



# 1999 SEMINOLE ROSTER

NO	NAME	POS	B/T	HT	WT	YR	HOMETOWN (HIGH SCHOOL OR JC)
1	Brett Groves	SS	S-R	5-11	170	SO	Tampa, FL (Tampa Bay Tech)
2	Chris Hart	C	S-R	6-1	180	FR	Clearwater, FL (Clearwater HS)
4	John Bentley	P	R-R	6-0	180	JR	Tallahassee, FL (N. Florida Christian HS)
6	Kevin Cash	IB	R-R	6-0	180	JR	Tampa, FL (Gaither HS)
7	Bobby Spano	INF	S-R	5-11	175	FR	Naples, FL (Barron Collier HS)
8	Michael Futrell	OF/3B	R-R	6-0	180	FR	Tallahassee, FL (Lincoln HS)
9	Karl Jernigan	OF	S-R	6-1	175	SO	Milton, FL (Milton HS)
10	Chris Chavez	P	R-R	6-0	185	*SR	Tallahassee, FL (Washington HS)
13	Nick Whidden	OF/P	R-R	6-0	185	FR	Tallahassee, FL (Leon HS)
14	Clint Thigpen	OF	R-R	6-0	188	FR	Lakeland, FL (Lakeland HS)
15	Chris Smith	OF/P	S-L	6-1	190	FR	Wantagh, NY (Wantagh HS)
16	Jason Hubbard	P	L-L	6-3	215	*FR	Jacksonville, FL (White HS)
17	Chris Whidden	P	R-R	5-11	165	FR	Tallahassee, FL (Leon HS)
20	J.C. Huguet	C	R-R	6-2	195	JR	Miami, FL (Miami Dade CC)
21	Blair Varnes	P	R-R	6-2	185	*FR	Pascagoula, MS (Pascagoula HS)
22	Sam Scott	INF	L-R	6-0	187	JR	Stilwell, KS (Cowley Co. CC)
23	Mike Smalley	P	R-L	6-1	190	SO	Orlando, FL (Bishop Moore HS)
24	Eric Roman	P	R-R	6-2	160	FR	Orlando, FL (Dr. Phillips HS)
25	Jeremiah Klosterman	C	S-R	5-10	180	SR	Jacksonville, FL (Bolles HS)
26	Zach Diaz	P	S-L	6-0	190	SR	Lakeland, FL (Santa Fe Catholic HS)
27	Ryan Barthelemy	1B/OF	L-R	6-2	210	FR	Miami, FL (Killian HS)
29	Mike DiBlasi	P	L-L	6-2	195	JR	Clearwater, FL (Countryside HS)
30	Nick Stocks	P	R-R	6-2	185	*SO	Tampa, FL (Tampa Jesuit HS)
31	Marshall McDougall	3B	R-R	6-1	195	JR	Valrico, FL (Santa Fe CC)
32	Matt Diaz	OF	R-R	6-1	205	SO	Lakeland, FL (Santa Fe Catholic HS)
33	John Halliday	1B	L-L	6-5	215	JR	Clearwater, FL (Pasco-Hernando CC)
37	Chris Ginn	P	L-L	6-3	195	SO	Tallahassee, FL (Lincoln HS)
39	John-Ford Griffin	OF	L-L	6-2	185	FR	Sarasota, FL (Sarasota HS)
41	Jon McDonald	P	R-R	6-2	185	*SO	Orlando, FL (Edgewater HS)
44	Scott Hudson	P	R-L	6-2	200	*SO	Ocilla, GA (Irwin County HS)

\*Redshirted

## 1999 BASEBALL STAFF

- 11 Mike Martin, Head Coach
- 3 Chip Baker, Assistant Coach (Third Base/Catchers)
- 12 Jamey Shouppe, Assistant Coach (Pitching/Recruiting)
- 28 Mike Martin, Jr., Volunteer Assistant Coach (First Base)
- 5 Jose Zabala, Student Assistant
- John Rombough, Equipment Coordinator/Clubhouse Manager
- Steve Tamborra, Strength & Conditioning Coach
- Doug Brymer, Asst. Strength & Conditioning Coach
- Duane Brooks, Trainer
- Jake Pfeil, Student Trainer
- George Shawhan, Assistant Clubhouse Manager
- Matt Britten, Manager - Field
- Tom Bernier, Manager
- Eric Hoffmann, Manager



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## BY STATES

**FLORIDA** – 26 – DiBlasi, Halliday, Hart (Clearwater); Hubbard, Klosterman (Jacksonville); M. Diaz, Z. Diaz, Thigpen (Lakeland); Barthelemy, Huguet (Miami); Jernigan (Milton); Spano (Naples); McDonald, Roman, Smalley (Orlando); Griffin (Sarasota); Bentley, Chavez, Futrell, Ginn, C. Whidden, N. Whidden (Tallahassee); Cash, Groves, Stocks (Tampa); McDougall (Valrico)

**GEORGIA** – 1 – Hudson (Ocilla)

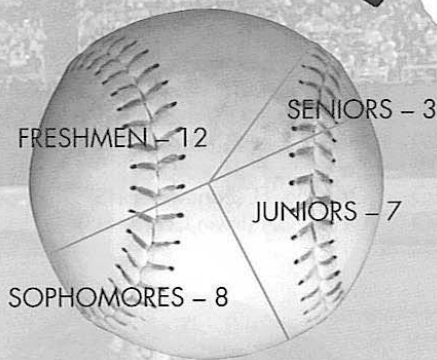
**KANSAS** – 1 – Scott (Stilwell)

**MISSISSIPPI** – 1 – Varnes (Pascagoula)

**NEW YORK** – 1 – Smith (Wantagh)



## BY CLASS



## BY POSITION

<b>PITCHER</b>		<b>FIRST BASE</b>	
4	John Bentley ..... JR	27	Ryan Barthelemy ..... FR
10	Chris Chavez ..... SR	33	John Halliday ..... JR
13	Nick Whidden ..... FR	6	Kevin Cash ..... JR
15	Chris Smith ..... FR	<b>THIRD BASE</b>	
16	Jason Hubbard ..... FR	8	Michael Futrell ..... FR
17	Chris Whidden ..... FR	31	Marshall McDougall .... JR
21	Blair Varnes ..... FR	<b>INFIELDERS</b>	
23	Mike Smalley ..... SO	1	Brett Groves ..... SO
24	Eric Roman ..... FR	7	Bobby Spano ..... FR
26	Zach Diaz ..... SR	22	Sam Scott ..... JR
29	Mike DiBlasi ..... JR	<b>OUTFIELDERS</b>	
30	Nick Stocks ..... SO	8	Mike Futrell ..... FR
37	Chris Ginn ..... SO	9	Karl Jernigan ..... SO
41	John McDonald ..... SO	13	Nick Whidden ..... FR
44	Scott Hudson ..... SO	14	Clint Thigpen ..... FR
<b>CATCHER</b>		15	Chris Smith ..... FR
2	Chris Hart ..... FR	27	Ryan Barthelemy ..... FR
20	J.C. Huguet ..... FR	32	Matt Diaz ..... SO
25	Jeremiah Klosterman .. SR	39	John-Ford Griffin ..... FR

## PRONUNCIATION KEY

Chavez ..... CHA-vez  
 Barthelemy ..... Bar-thal-eh-ME  
 Diaz ..... DI-az  
 DiBlasi ..... Di-BLAH-see  
 Futrell ..... FU-trell  
 Ginn ..... gIN  
 Halliday ..... Hal-a-day  
 Huguet ..... Hugh-get  
 Klosterman ..... KLO-ster-man