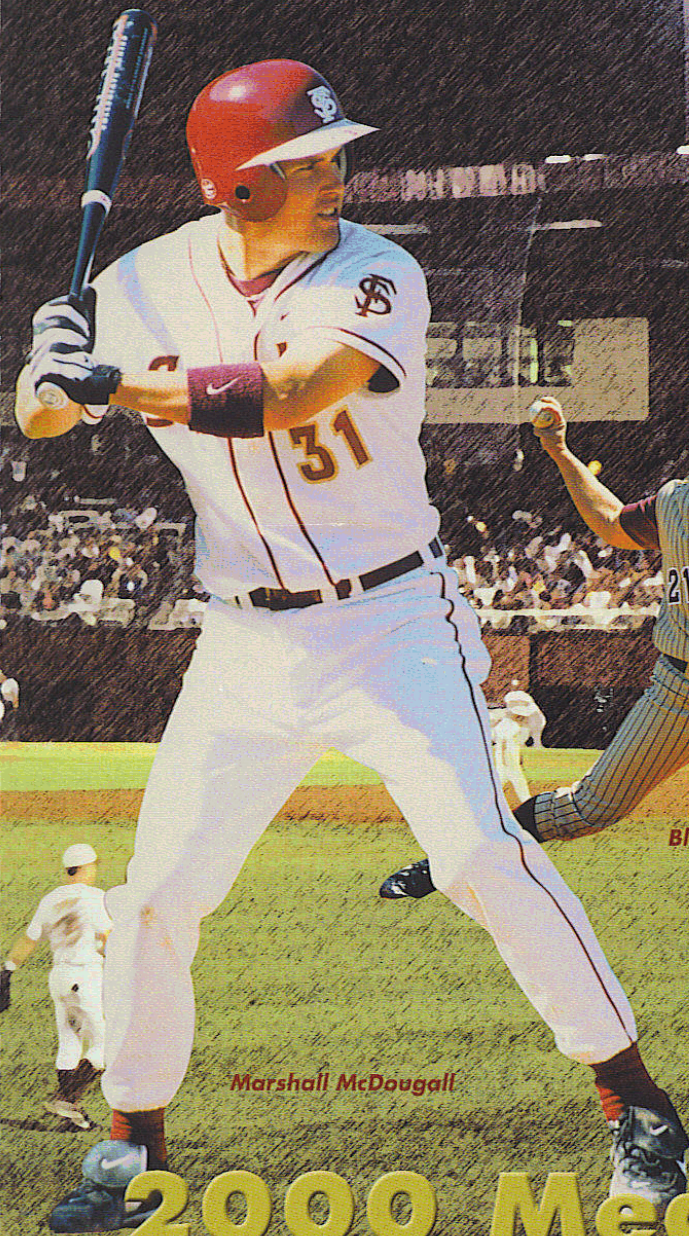
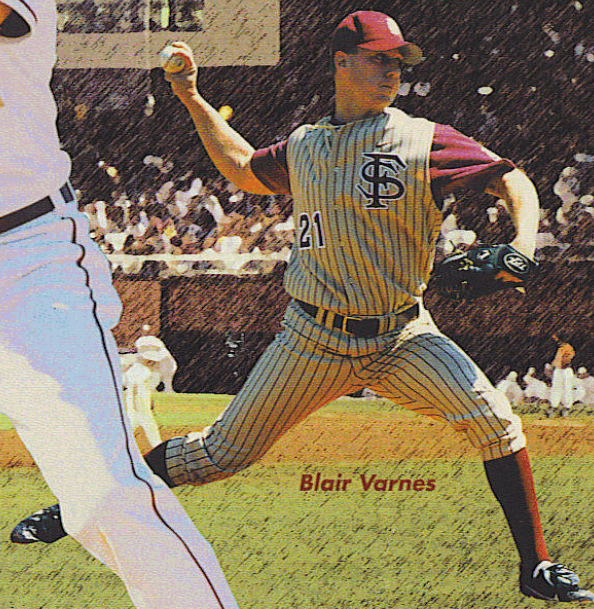


# Florida State University **BASEBALL**



*Marshall McDougall*



*Blair Varnes*



*Jon McDonald*

## **2000 Media Guide**



# SEMINOLE BASEBALL

## A WINNING TRADITION

- Fifty-two 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 20 seasons, Mike Martin has led FSU to 18 50-win seasons, including each of the last six years.
- Florida State has made 17 trips to the College World Series — the sixth-best total in NCAA history — and 37 appearances in the NCAA Baseball Tournament — the second-best total in NCAA history. The Seminoles have appeared in the NCAA Tournament for 22 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 167 players that have been selected in the Major League Draft (since 1966), including 14 first-round picks. The Seminoles have had 41 former players advance to the Major Leagues.
- Since Dick Howser became Florida State's first All-American in 1957, 68 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.



Brett Groves

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Auburn .....	3
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Karl Jernigan



# MEDIA GUIDE

## SEMINOLE BASEBALL FACTS

Head Coach .....	Mike Martin
Martin's Alma Mater, Year .....	Florida State '66
Record at FSU (Years) .....	1,079-364-3 (20)
Overall Career Record (Years) .....	1,079-364-3 (20)
Assistant Coaches .....	Chip Baker (High Point '80) Jamey Shouppe (Florida State '82) Mike Martin, Jr. (Florida State '94)
1999 Record .....	57-14
Conference Record (Place) .....	22-2 (1st Place)
Post Season Finish .....	NCAA Regional Champions (Tallahassee) NCAA Super Regional Winner vs. Auburn 2nd Place CWS
Final Ranking .....	Baseball Weekly-2nd Baseball America-2nd, Collegiate Baseball-2nd
Letterman Returning/Lost .....	16/10
Position Starters Returning/Lost .....	5/3
Starting Pitchers Returning/Lost .....	2/1
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Howser Stadium Press Box Phone .....	(850) 644-1553
Equipment Manager .....	Jose Zabala
Strength Coach .....	Kevin Fitzgerald
Trainer .....	Duane Brooks
Academic Advisor .....	Amy White
Stadium (Capacity) .....	Dick Howser Stadium (5,000)
Dimensions .....	LF 340, CF 400, RF 320
All-Time Record .....	1978-736-8 (52 years)
NCAA Regional Appearances .....	37 (Last in 1999)
Consecutive NCAA Regional Appearances .....	22
College World Series Appearances .....	17 (Last in 1999)
Conference Championships .....	2 ACC, 12 Metro
Website Address .....	www.seminoles.com

## UNIVERSITY FACTS

Location .....	Tallahassee, Florida
Founded .....	1857
Enrollment .....	30,519
Name .....	Seminoles
Symbol .....	Chief Osceola & Renegade
Colors .....	Garnet (187) & Gold (123)
Conference .....	Atlantic Coast
President .....	III. Talbot "Sandy" D'Alemberte
Athletic Director .....	Dave Hart, Jr.
Faculty Representative .....	Charles E. Ehrhardt
Associate Athletic Directors .....	Charles Hurst, Charlie Carr Kim Record, Bob Minnix, Andy Urbanic
Assistant Athletic Directors .....	Greg Phillips, Guy Morgan
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Director of Academic Support Services .....	Mark Meleney
Sports Information Director .....	Rob Wilson
Director of Sports Marketing .....	Scott Kull
Ticket Manager .....	Patrick Martin
Director of Student Development .....	Pam Overton
Director of Promotions .....	Kay Scott

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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 Jeff Purinton is the media coordinator for FSU baseball. Purinton will travel with the team and can be reached at team headquarters when on the road.



**Jeff Purinton**  
Assistant Sports  
Information Director for  
Baseball

## PRESS SERVICES

The 2000 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 Jeff Purinton 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 Jeff Purinton 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





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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 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 Jeff Purinton 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 ninth 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 2000. From the season opener January 28th 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 19th 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 tenth year is Lee Bowen, who continues a long association with the Florida State Radio Network in 2000. The producer of FSU's football and men's basketball radio network, Bowen had previously worked as a statistician for the Seminole Radio Net-



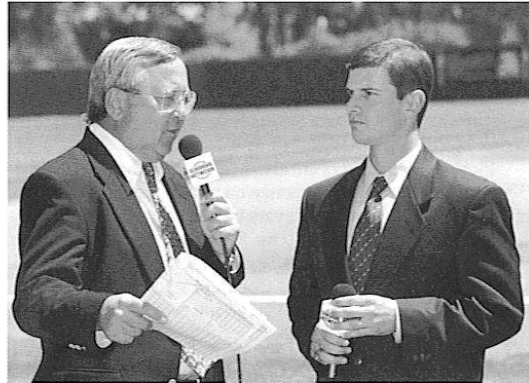
Jim Crosby and Lee Bowen

work. 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 17-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 15 times.

The Sunshine Network is once again the home of Seminole baseball in 2000. The Sunshine Network, a Florida-based cable network, will televise eight games from Dick Howser Stadium. Gene Deckerhoff and former Seminole Link Jarrett will handle the play-by-play and color again for Sunshine in 2000. Broadcasting to over 2.5 million homes in Florida, the Sunshine Network takes Florida State baseball to all corners of the state. The 2000 Seminoles debut on Sunshine on January 28th in their season-opener against Western Kentucky.



Gene Deckerhoff and Link Jarrett

## 2000 Sunshine Network Television Schedule

Jan. 28	Western Kentucky .....	3:30 p.m.
Feb. 19	at Florida .....	2:00 p.m.
Feb. 26	Florida .....	2:00 p.m.
Mar. 12	Duke .....	1:00 p.m.
Mar. 18	at Wake Forest .....	1:30 p.m.
Mar. 25	Maryland .....	1:00 p.m.
Apr. 1*	at Virginia .....	1:00 p.m.
Apr. 5	at Jacksonville .....	7:00 p.m.
Apr. 9	Miami .....	1:00 p.m.
Apr. 14**	at Miami .....	Tape Delay 10:30 p.m.
Apr. 15**	at Miami .....	7:00 p.m.
Apr. 22	Georgia Tech .....	7:00 p.m.
Apr. 23	Georgia Tech .....	1:00 p.m.
Apr. 30	NC State .....	1:00 p.m.
May 13*	at North Carolina .....	1:00 p.m.

\*ACC Game of the Week  
 \*\*Sportschannel Florida - No Sunshine coverage  
 All TV Games are tentative

## THE MIKE MARTIN SHOW

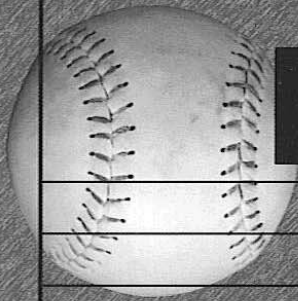
Seminole fans who miss the baseball action on radio and television can still keep informed by tuning in to "The Mike Martin Show." The show, which will air weekly beginning in mid-February, gives a recap of the past week's action.

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, hosted by Sports Information Director Rob Wilson, 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. Check local listings for dates and times.

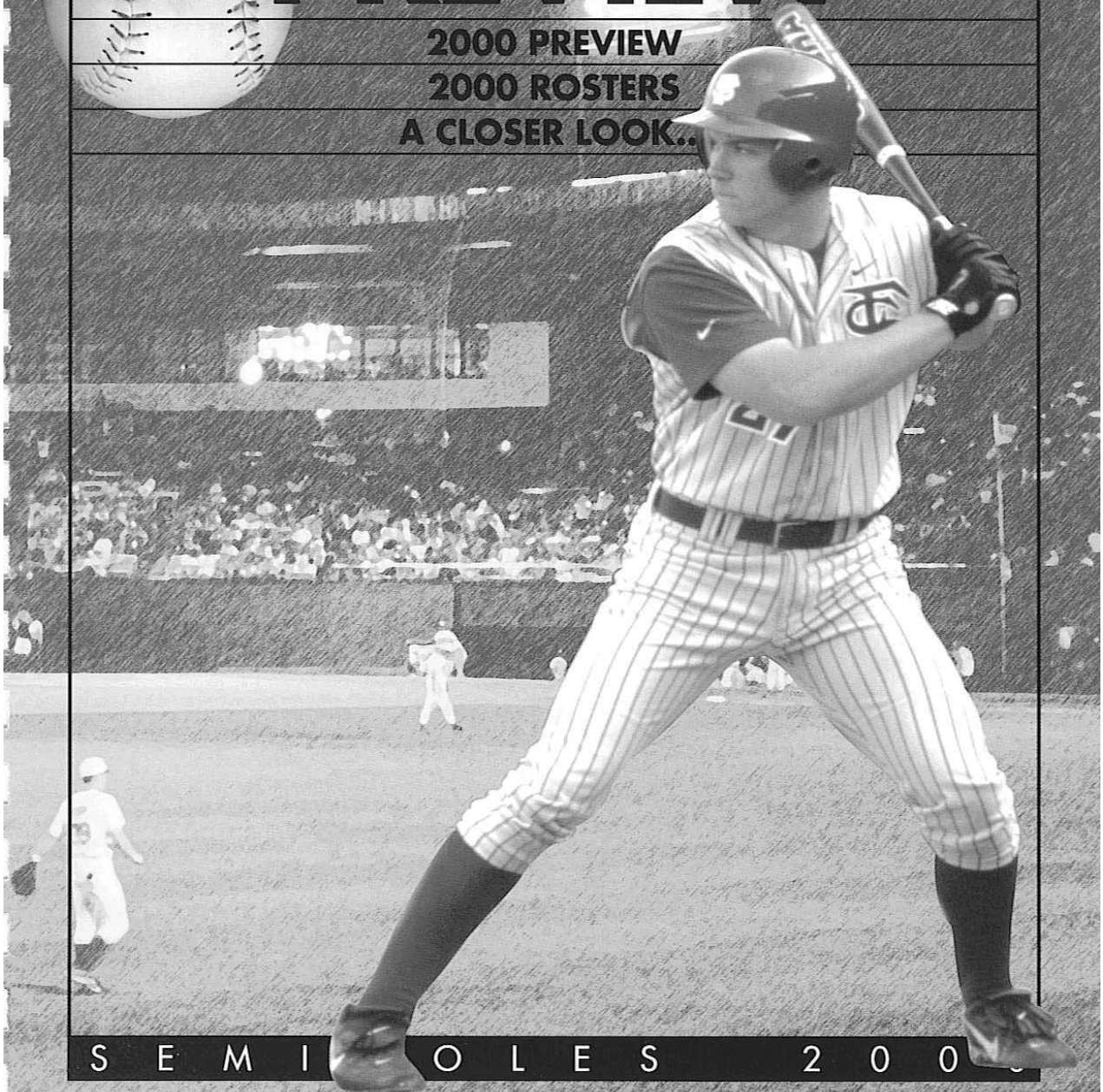


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# 2000 PREVIEW

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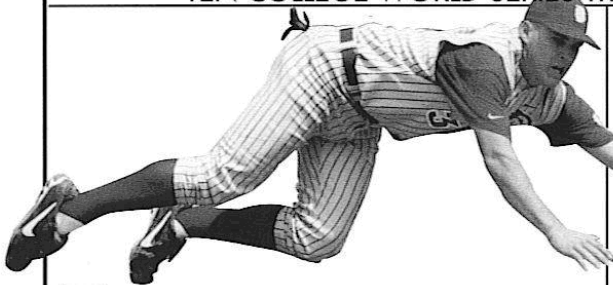
# 2000 PREVIEW

22 CONSECUTIVE NCAA REGIONAL APPEARANCES.

TEN TOP 10 FINISHES IN THE LAST 11 SEASONS.

EIGHTEEN 50-WIN SEASONS.

TEN COLLEGE WORLD SERIES TRIPS OVER THE LAST 13 YEARS.



The success of Florida State's baseball program during the Mike Martin era speaks for itself. After coming up one run short in the championship game at the College World Series in 1999, this year's version of the FSU baseball team is eager to take another shot at the title and make a return to trip to the familiar grounds of Rosenblatt Stadium.

Although second baseman Marshall McDougall returns after a junior season that ranks as one of the finest in school history, the strength of the 2000 Seminoles will be the pitching staff. Junior Jon McDonald and Sophomore Blair Varnes have been named to several preseason All-America teams and will anchor the first two starting spots in the rotation. Several new arms have impressed the coaching staff in fall practice and should help fill the void left by graduating seniors Chris Chavez and Zach Diaz and first round draft pick Nick Stocks.



## PITCHING

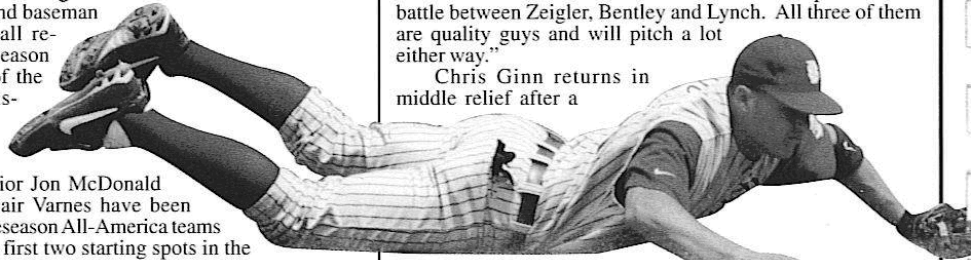
Coach Martin welcomes back two of the top starting pitchers in the country in junior Jon McDonald and sophomore Blair Varnes. McDonald was 9-3 last season with a 3.57 ERA and is a *Collegiate Baseball* preseason first team All-American. Varnes, named Freshman Player of the Year by *Collegiate Baseball* and a third team preseason All-American, will be the No. 2 starter. Varnes was 11-2 in 1999 and is best known for his courageous effort in the national championship game when he started on the mound despite a ruptured ACL.

"The story of this year's club is pitching," said Martin. "I've been impressed with how the staff has thrown so far. We've got to put a premium on pitching and understand that this club is not going to put up the same numbers offensively as we did last year."

Junior Mike Ziegler leads a trio of Seminoles battling for the job as the third starter. Ziegler is a two-time junior college All-American who spent last season at Tallahassee Community College and ran up a 15-2 record with a 1.42 ERA. John Bentley, who was 7-2 with a 2.96 ERA in 1998, returns to action after sitting out the 1999 season while fully recovering from a shoulder injury. Freshman Matt Lynch has thrown well during fall practice and is expected to see plenty of innings.

"We feel good about Jon McDonald and Blair Varnes as the first two starters," said Martin. "That third spot will be a battle between Zeigler, Bentley and Lynch. All three of them are quality guys and will pitch a lot either way."

Chris Ginn returns in middle relief after a

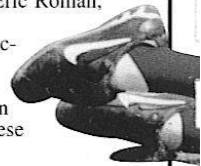


strong 1999 season in which he was 5-0 in 26 appearances and led the team with a 1.31 ERA. Freshman Daniel Hodges will also be used in the middle innings after impressing the coaching staff during fall practice.

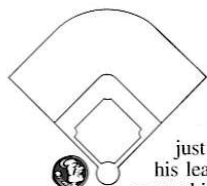
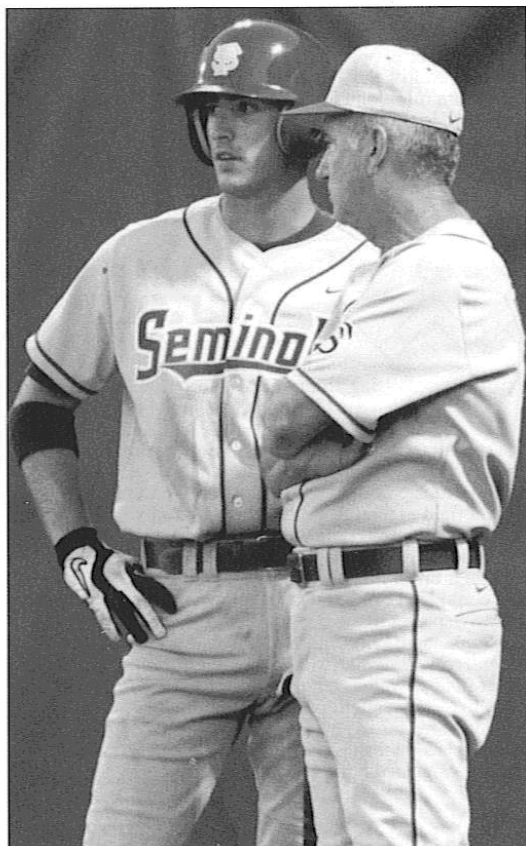
Mike DiBlasi is back for his senior year after leading the ACC with nine saves last season. He will be used in both middle relief and as a lefthanded stopper in the late innings. Righthander Chris Whidden had a strong freshman season and will team with DiBlasi as the team's closers.

Chris Smith, who was a part-time starter in the outfield in 1999, will see more action as a pitcher this year. Others expected to contribute on the mound are Eric Roman, Robby Read and Nick Whidden.

"One of the keys to this ballclub is replacing Zach Diaz and Chris Chavez," said Martin. "Those two were able to go out anytime our starter struggled and keep us in a ballgame. I've been impressed with these guys ability to do that."



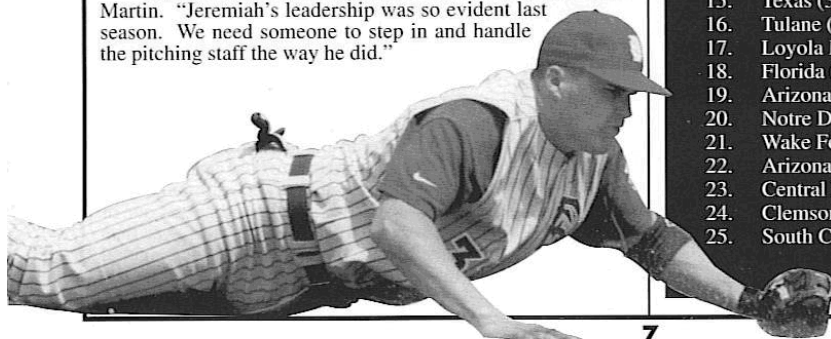




### BEHIND THE PLATE

Although Jeremiah Klosterman hit just .298 with five home runs last season, his leadership and presence behind the plate were a big reason for FSU's success. Sophomore Chris Hart will be pushed by junior college transfer Blair McCaleb for the starting job. Hart saw time last year spelling Klosterman at catcher and also as a designated hitter. Cory Posey, a senior who joined the team in January after spending two years playing junior college baseball and one year at McNeese State, could play catcher or be used as a designated hitter.

"Chris Hart has done a good job behind the plate," said Martin. "Jeremiah's leadership was so evident last season. We need someone to step in and handle the pitching staff the way he did."



### COLLEGIATE BASEBALL'S PRESEASON TOP 25

RANK	TEAM (1999 RECORD)	POINTS
1.	Stanford (50-15)	480
2.	Cal State Fullerton (5-14)	477
3.	Alabama (53-16)	474
4.	UCLA (31-31)	470
5.	Miami, Fla. (50-13)	469
6.	<b>FLORIDA STATE (57-14)</b>	<b>467</b>
7.	Rice (59-15)	463
8.	Louisiana State (41-24-1)	460
9.	Georgia Tech (38-20)	459
10.	Houston (40-24)	455
11.	Clemson (42-27)	452
12.	Texas (36-26)	450
13.	Tulane (48-17)	447
14.	Wichita State (59-14)	442
15.	Southern Cal (36-26)	439
16.	Baylor (50-15)	438
17.	Auburn (46-19)	435
18.	Texas Tech (42-17)	433
19.	Arizona (33-23)	430
20.	North Carolina (41-18)	426
21.	Texas A&M (52-18)	425
22.	Long Beach State (35-25)	422
23.	Oklahoma State (46-21)	419
24.	Florida (31-25)	415
25.	Notre Dame (43-18)	413

### BASEBALL AMERICA'S PRESEASON TOP 25

RANK	TEAM (1999 RECORD)	'99 FINAL RANK
1.	Stanford (50-15)	3
2.	Cal State Fullerton (50-14)	6
3.	Alabama (53-16)	4
4.	UCLA (31-31)	NR
5.	Miami, Fla. (50-13)	1
6.	Houston (40-24)	24
7.	<b>FLORIDA STATE (57-14)</b>	<b>2</b>
8.	Louisiana State (41-24)	16
9.	Georgia Tech (38-20)	NR
10.	Baylor (50-15)	8
11.	Southern Cal (36-26)	10
12.	Auburn (46-19)	13
13.	Wichita State (59-14)	14
14.	Rice (59-15)	5
15.	Texas (36-26)	NR
16.	Tulane (48-17)	15
17.	Loyola Marymount (33-28)	NR
18.	Florida (31-25)	NR
19.	Arizona (33-23)	NR
20.	Notre Dame (43-18)	NR
21.	Wake Forest (46-16)	11
22.	Arizona State (39-21)	NR
23.	Central Florida (38-21)	NR
24.	Clemson (42-27)	17
25.	South Carolina (35-23)	NR



## 1999 FINAL POLL USA TODAY BASEBALL WEEKLY/ESPN TOP 25

RANK	TEAM	POINTS
1.	Miami (50-13)	1000
2.	FLORIDA STATE (57-14)	960
3.	Stanford (50-15)	919
4.	Alabama (53-16)	868
5.	Rice (59-15)	832
6.	Cal State Fullerton (50-14)	814
7.	Texas A&M (52-18)	761
8.	Oklahoma State (46-21)	703
9.	Baylor (50-15)	648
10.	Wake Forest (47-16)	596
11.	Auburn (46-19)	566
12.	Ohio (50-14)	533
13.	Southern California (36-26)	506
14.	Clemson (42-27)	466
15.	Wichita State (59-14)	431
16.	Louisiana State (41-24-1)	405
17.	Pepperdine (46-16)	343
18.	Southwestern Louisiana (42-24)	308
19.	Tulane (48-17)	269
20.	Arkansas (42-23)	250
21.	Texas Tech (42-17)	190
22.	Florida Atlantic (54-9)	169
23.	East Carolina (46-16)	147
24.	Mississippi State (42-21)	97
25.	Nebraska (42-18)	56

the lineup as a designated hitter.

Sophomore Ryan Barthelemy will start at first base for the Seminoles to open the season. Barthelemy took over toward the end of the 1999 season and started during FSU's postseason run. John Halliday, who started 56 games at first base and designated hitter, has been hampered by injuries and his status is uncertain for the early part of the year.

When he returns, Halliday will likely take over as the designated hitter. Freshman Justin McClain could also see some time at first behind Barthelemy.



### IN THE OUTFIELD

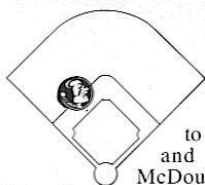
Coach Martin could do some shuffling here with four quality players returning from a year ago. The Seminoles will have to fill a huge void in right field with Matt Diaz signing with Tampa Bay. Diaz hit .379 and was second to McDougall with 21 home runs and 94 RBI.

Sophomore John-Ford Griffin, who recorded a team-best batting average of .436 in his rookie season, will move over to right field as the full-time starter. Futrell will open in left field, where he split time with Griffin last year.

In center, Karl Jernigan looks to bounce back after going through a bit of a sophomore slump at the plate. Jernigan, who could lead off, boasts exceptional speed and is the best defensive player in the FSU outfield.

Sophomore Chris Smith split starting duties with Jernigan in center in 1999 and will see action in both left field and center field as well as on the mound this season.

Clint Thigpen will push for playing time in the outfield along with freshman Ryan West, who opened practice at third base, but has since moved to the outfield. West could also see time at designated hitter from the left side.



### AROUND THE INFIELD

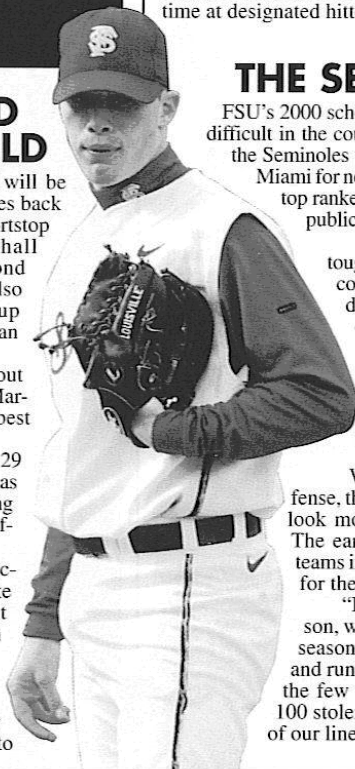
The middle infield will be strong with Brett Groves back to start his third year at shortstop and All-American Marshall McDougall returning at second base. Sophomore Bobby Spano, who could also play third base and shortstop, will back up McDougall at second base while freshman Brian Kraft is the No. 2 shortstop.

"There's not much more you can say about the season Marshall had for us last year," said Martin. "He and Brett also give you one of the best double play duos we've ever had."

McDougall stole 22 bases and Groves took 29 to lead the team. Those numbers should increase as Martin plans to increase run production by stealing more bases and utilizing the hit-and-run more often.

"It remains to be seen if Marshall will hit second or third in the order," said Martin. "I like him hitting second. We need a good consistent leadoff guy and hopefully Brett or Karl Jernigan will be the answer there."

At third base, junior college transfer Pichi Balet appears to have the inside track on the starting job. Pushing Balet will be newcomer Scott Boyd. Boyd also has a chance to get into



### THE SEASON AHEAD

FSU's 2000 schedule will again rank as one of the most difficult in the country. In addition to ACC competition, the Seminoles will travel to Arizona State, Florida and Miami for non-conference road games. Stanford, the top ranked team in the country in most preseason publications, will visit Tallahassee in February.

"The schedule is going to be even tougher than last year's that was No. 1 according to the RPI," said Martin. "The addition of Stanford, playing Arizona State on the road and bringing a pretty good Pittsburgh team here has upgraded the schedule. Clemson is going to be one of the teams to beat when we go into ACC play; they have a lot of guys back from a team that just missed going to the College World Series."

With an emphasis on pitching and defense, the 2000 Florida State baseball team will look more like Seminole squads of the past. The early schedule against some of the best teams in the country will help prepare the Tribe for the postseason.

"In order to manufacture runs this season, we will try to utilize our speed more this season by stealing bases and calling more hit and runs," said Martin. "Last year was one of the few years at FSU that we had fewer than 100 stolen bases. That was due to the potential of our lineup for the big inning."

# 2000 ROSTER

NO.	NAME	POS	B/T	HT	WT	YR	HOMETOWN (HIGH SCHOOL OR JC)
1	Brett Groves	SS	R-R	5-11	180	JR	Tampa, FL (Tampa Bay Tech)
2	Bobby Spano	2B	S-R	5-11	175	SO	Naples, FL (Barron Collier HS)
4	John Bentley	P	R-R	6-0	180	*JR	Tallahassee, FL (N. Florida Christian HS)
5	Brian Kraft	SS	R-R	6-1	185	FR	Gainesville, FL (Oak Hall HS)
7	Daniel Hodges	P	L-L	5-11	180	FR	Hilliard, FL (Bishop Kenny HS)
8	Michael Futrell	OF	R-R	6-0	180	SO	Tallahassee, FL (Lincoln HS)
9	Karl Jernigan	OF/P	R-R	6-2	195	JR	Milton, FL (Milton HS)
10	Chris Hart	C	S-R	6-1	180	SO	Clearwater, FL (Clearwater HS)
13	Nick Whidden	P	R-R	6-0	185	*FR	Tallahassee, FL (Leon HS)
14	Clint Thigpen	OF	R-R	6-1	195	*FR	Lakeland, FL (Lakeland HS)
15	Chris Smith	OF/P	L-L	6-1	190	SO	Wantagh, NY (Wantagh HS)
16	Cory Posey	C	R-R	6-4	215	SR	Panama City, FL (Gulf Coast CC/McNeese St.)
17	Chris Whidden	P	R-R	5-11	165	SO	Tallahassee, FL (Leon HS)
18	Pichi Balet	3B	R-R	6-0	205	JR	W. Palm Beach, FL (Tallahassee CC)
19	Ryan West	OF	L-R	6-2	195	FR	Tallahassee, FL (Lincoln HS)
20	Robby Read	P	R-R	6-1	175	FR	Tallahassee, FL (Leon HS)
21	Blair Varnes	P	R-R	6-2	195	*SO	Pascagoula, MS (Pascagoula HS)
22	Justin McClain	1B	R-R	6-2	195	FR	Cartersville, GA (Cartersville HS)
24	Eric Roman	P	R-R	6-2	160	*FR	Orlando, FL (Dr. Phillips HS)
26	Scott Boyd	1B	R-R	6-1	210	JR	Pensacola, FL (Jefferson Davis CC)
27	Ryan Barthelemy	1B	L-R	6-3	225	SO	Miami, FL (Killian HS)
29	Mike DiBlasi	P	L-L	6-2	199	SR	Clearwater, FL (Countryside HS))
31	Marshall McDougall	2B	R-R	6-1	200	SR	Valrico, FL (Santa Fe CC)
32	Blair McCaleb	C	R-R	6-0	210	SO	Marietta, GA (Pensacola JC)
33	John Halliday	1B	L-L	6-5	235	SR	Clearwater, FL (Pasco-Hernando CC)
35	Mike Ziegler	P	R-R	6-3	225	JR	Glen Burnie, MD (Tallahassee CC)
37	Chris Ginn	P	L-L	6-3	215	JR	Tallahassee, FL (Lincoln HS)
39	John-Ford Griffin	OF	L-L	6-2	185	SO	Sarasota, FL (Sarasota HS)
41	Jon McDonald	P	R-R	6-3	200	*JR	Orlando, FL (Edgewater HS)
46	Matt Lynch	P	L-L	6-1	190	FR	Ft. Pierce, FL (John Carroll HS)

\*Redshirted

## 2000 BASEBALL STAFF

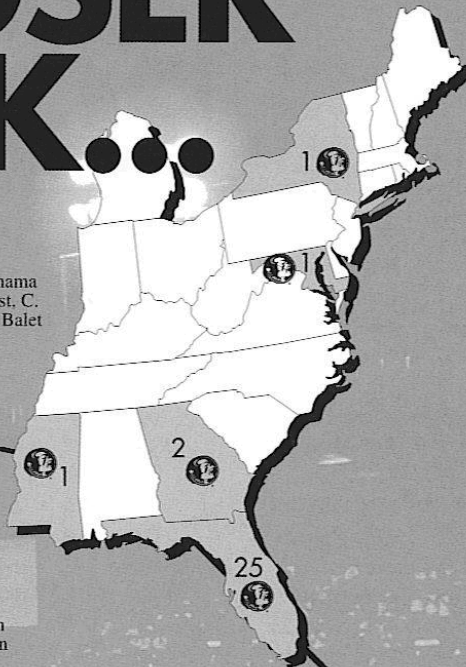
- 11 Mike Martin, Head Coach
- 3 Chip Baker, Assistant Coach (Third Base/Catchers)
- 12 Jamey Shoupe, Assistant Coach (Pitching/Recruiting)
- 28 Mike Martin, Jr., Volunteer Assistant Coach (First Base)
- Jose Zabala, Equipment Coordinator/Clubhouse Manager
- Kevin Fitzgerald, Strength & Conditioning Coach
- Duane Brooks, Trainer



# A CLOSER LOOK

## BY STATES

**Florida** — 25 - DiBlasi, Halliday, Hart (Clearwater); Lynch (Ft. Pierce); Kraft (Gainesville); Hodges (Hilliard); Thigpen (Lakeland); Barthelemy (Miami); Jernigan (Milton); Spano (Naples); McDonald, Roman (Orlando); Posey (Panama City); Boyd (Pensacola); Griffin (Sarasota); Bentley, Futrell, Ginn, Read, West, C. Whidden, N. Whidden (Tallahassee); Groves (Tampa); McDougall (Valrico); Balet (West Palm Beach)  
**Georgia** — 2 - McClain (Cartersville), McCaleb (Marietta)  
**Maryland** — 1 - Ziegler (Glen Burnie)  
**Mississippi** — 1 - Varnes (Pascagoula)  
**New York** — 1 - Smith (Wantagh)



## BY POSITION

### Outfield

- 8 Mike Futrell
- 9 Karl Jernigan
- 14 Clint Thigpen
- 15 Chris Smith
- 19 Ryan West
- 39 John-Ford Griffin

### Shortstop

- 1 Brett Groves
- 5 Brian Kraft

### Second Base

- 31 Marshall McDougall
- 2 Bobby Spano

### First Base

- 27 Ryan Barthelemy
- 33 John Halliday
- 22 Justin McClain

### Third Base

- 18 Pichi Balet
- 26 Scott Boyd

### Pitcher

- 4 John Bentley
- 7 Daniel Hodges
- 13 Nick Whidden
- 15 Chris Smith
- 17 Chris Whidden
- 20 Robbie Read
- 21 Blair Varnes
- 24 Eric Roman
- 29 Mike DiBlasi
- 35 Mike Ziegler
- 37 Chris Ginn
- 41 Jon McDonald
- 46 Matt Lynch

### Catcher

- 10 Chris Hart
- 32 Blair McCaleb
- 16 Cory Posey

## PRONUNCIATION KEY

Barthelemy ..... Bar-thal-eh-ME  
 DiBlasi ..... Di-BLAH-see  
 Futrell ..... FU-trell  
 Ginn ..... gIN  
 Halliday ..... Hal-a-day  
 McCaleb ..... Mc-KAY-lib  
 Pichi ..... PEACH-e  
 Read ..... Reed  
 Ziegler ..... ZEE-gler

## BY CLASS

