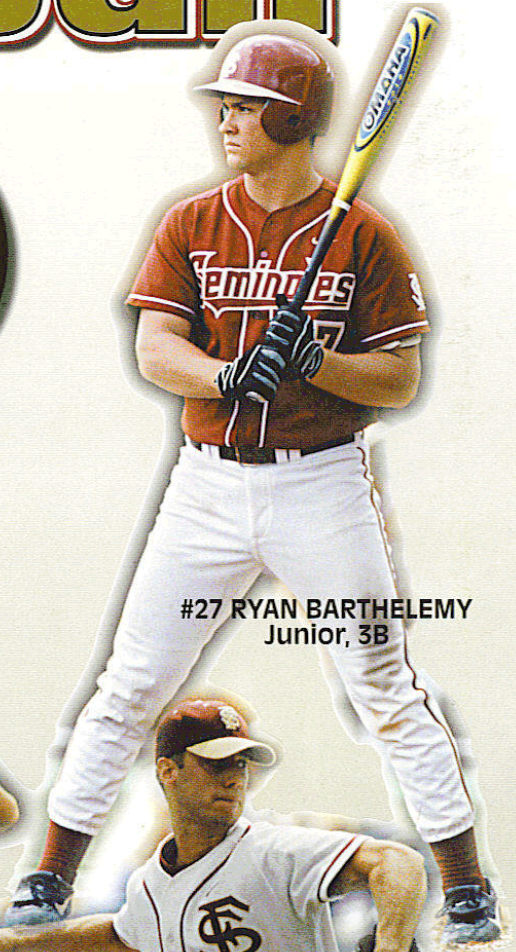


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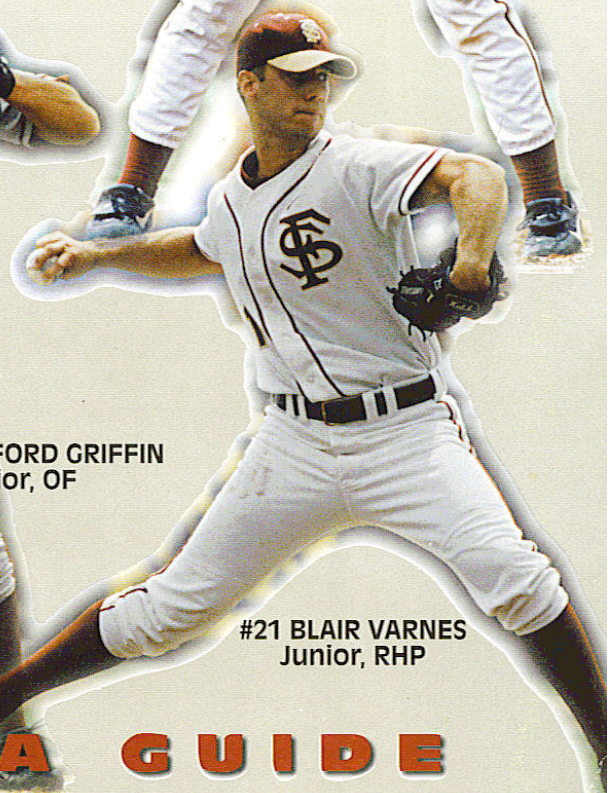
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Junior, 3B



#39 JOHN-FORD GRIFFIN
Junior, OF



#1 BRETT GROVES
Senior, SS



#21 BLAIR VARNES
Junior, RHP

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#8 MICHAEL FUTRELL
Junior, OF



#30 ROBBY READ
Sophomore, RHP

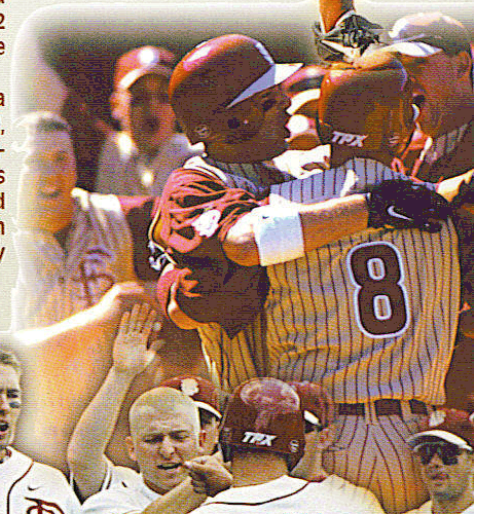
SEMINOLE BASEBALL

A WINNING TRADITION

- Fifty-three 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 21 seasons, Mike Martin has led FSU to 19 50-win seasons, including each of the last seven years.
- Florida State has made 18 trips to the College World Series — the fourth-best total in NCAA history — and 38 appearances in the NCAA Baseball Tournament — the second-best total in NCAA history. The Seminoles have appeared in the NCAA Tournament for 23 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 170 players that have been selected in the Major League Draft (since 1966), including 14 first-round picks. The Seminoles have had 42 former players advance to the Major Leagues.
- Since Dick Howser became Florida State's first All-American in 1957, 70 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.



#46 MATT LYNCH
Sophomore, LHP



**COLLEGIATE
BASEBALL
Top 10 Finishes
(1990-2000)**

FLORIDA STATE	10
Louisiana State	9
Miami	7
Clemson	6
Stanford	6
Cal State Fullerton	5
Oklahoma State	5
Wichita State	5
Arizona State	4
Southern Cal	4

Florida State is the only school in the country to finish among Collegiate Baseball's Top 10 in each of the last seven years.

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Seminole Baseball Facts

Head Coach	Mike Martin
Martin's Alma Mater, Year	Florida State '66
Record at FSU (Years)	1,132-383-3 (21)
Overall Career Record (Years)	1,132-383-3 (21)
Assistant Coaches	Chip Baker (High Point '80) Jamey Shoupe (Florida State '82) Mike Martin, Jr. (Florida State '94)
2000 Record	53-19
Conference Record (Place)	15-9 (3rd Place)
Post Season Finish	NCAA Regional Champions (Tallahassee); NCAA Super Regional Winner vs. Miami T-3rd CWS
Final Ranking	Baseball Weekly-3rd Baseball America-3rd, Collegiate Baseball-3rd
Letterman Returning/Lost	17/9
Position Starters Returning/Lost	6/3
Starting Pitchers Returning/Lost	1/2
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Baseball Secretary	Sandy Hough
Howser Stadium Press Box Phone	(850) 644-1553
Equipment Manager	Bob Holland
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	2,031-755-8 (53 years)
NCAA Regional Appearances	38 (Last in 2000)
Consecutive NCAA Regional Appearances	23
College World Series Appearances	18 (Last in 2000)
Conference Championships	2 ACC, 12 Metro
Website Address	www.seminoles.com

University Facts

Location	Tallahassee, Florida
Founded	1851
Enrollment	34,500
Name	Seminoles
Symbol	Chief Osceola & Renegade
Colors	Garnet (187) & Gold (123)
Conference	Atlantic Coast
President	Talbot "Sandy" D'Alemberte
Athletics Director	Dave Hart, Jr.
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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.

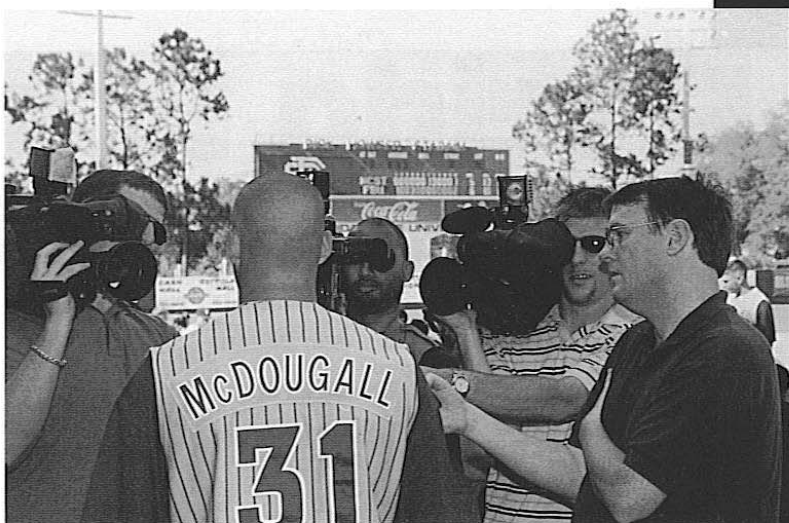
Radio

One booth is available for the opposing team's radio broadcast. If more than one booth is needed to accommodate 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 850/422-3107 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 post-game 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.

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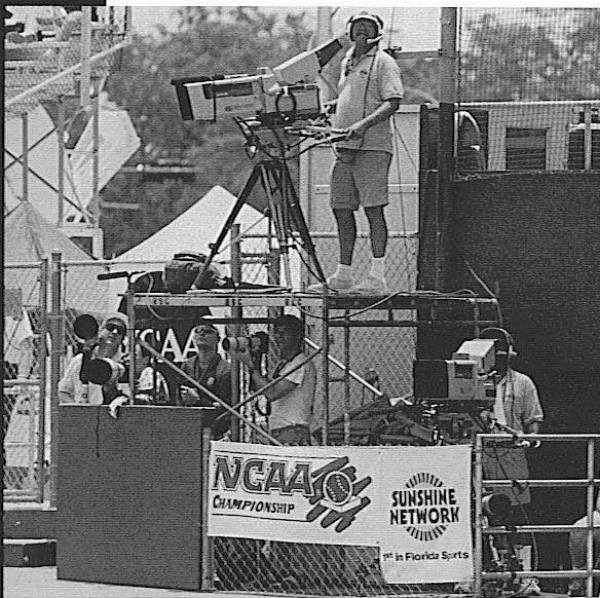
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FSU assistant coach Chip Baker and ESPN baseball analyst Harold Reynolds at the College World Series.

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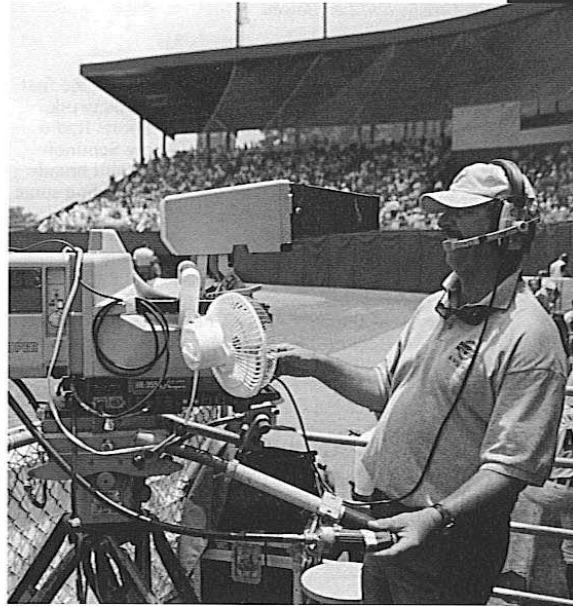
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Seminole On The Air



Gene Deckerhoff and Link Jarrett



Jim Crosby and Lee Bowen

Radio

The 2001 Seminole baseball season marks the first year of the Seminole Baseball Radio Network. Florida State's flagship station, WNLS Sports Radio 1270, will broadcast every inning of every Seminole Baseball game. Other statewide affiliates will broadcast the majority of a 14-game package including some of this season's biggest home series.

WNLS-AM will broadcast Seminole baseball for the 20th consecutive season. Once again this year, games are also available on the internet on the WNLS website (wnls.com). From the season opener in February to the Atlantic Coast Conference Tournament and NCAA Regional action in May, WNLS' complete coverage gives FSU fans the best coverage in college baseball.

The voice of the baseball Seminoles for the 12th year is Lee Bowen, who continues a long association with the Florida State Radio Network in 2001. 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

2001 Seminole Radio Network Affiliates

Chattahoochee	WTCL-AM	1580
Daytona	WELE-AM	1380
Ft. Walton Beach	WFAV-AM	1400
Gainesville	WWLO-AM	1430
Lake Wales	WIPC-AM	1280
Stuart	WSTU-AM	1450
Tallahassee	WNLS-AM	1270
Tampa	WLVU-AM	1470

The above affiliates will broadcast the following Seminole home games: Florida (Feb. 17-18), Michigan State (Mar. 2-4), North Carolina (Mar. 23-25), Clemson (Apr. 6-8) and Miami (Apr. 20-22). The schedule is subject to change and additional affiliates may be added.

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 18-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 16 times.

The Sunshine Network is once again the home of Seminole baseball in 2001. The Sunshine Network, a Florida-based cable network, will televise 10 FSU games, both home and away. Gene Deckerhoff and former Seminole Link Jarrett will handle the play-by-play and color again for Sunshine in 2001. The Sunshine Network takes Florida State baseball to all corners of the state. The 2001 Seminoles debut on Sunshine on February 17th in Dick Howser Stadium against Florida.

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 Assistant Athletics Director for Media & Public Relations Rob Wilson, also features player interviews and a weekly baseball tip from Coach Martin.

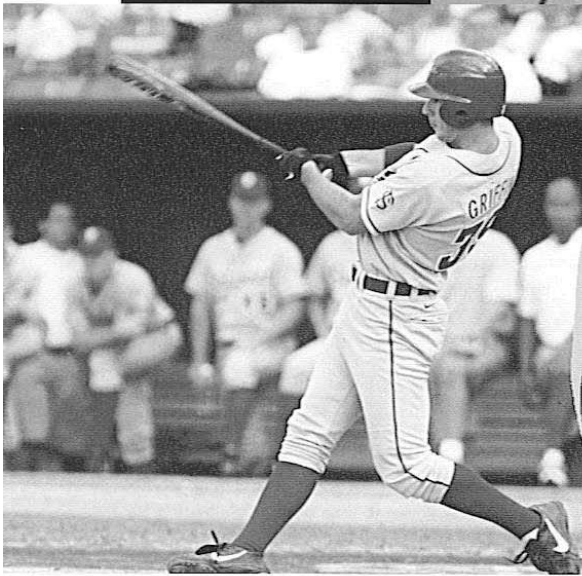
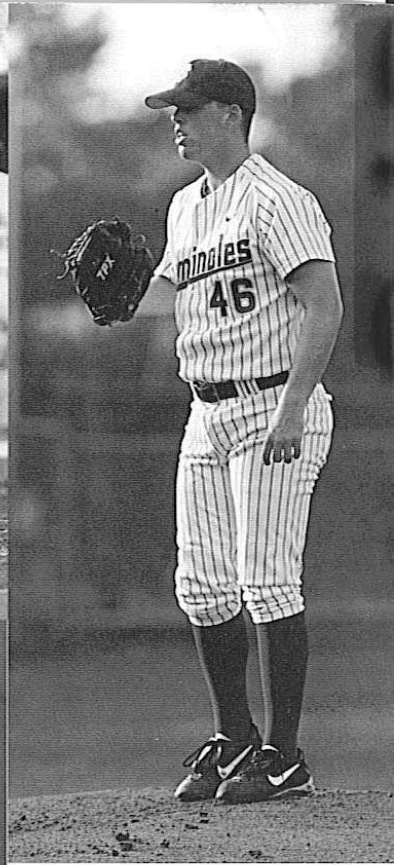
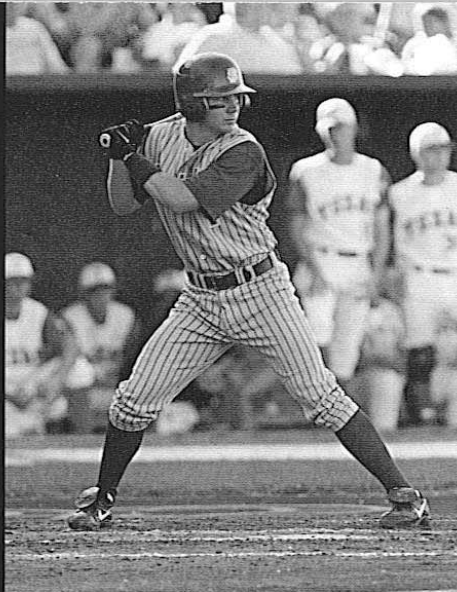
The show is produced by Mark Rodin of Seminole Productions and will air statewide on the Sunshine Network. Check local listings for dates and times.

2001 Sunshine Network Television Schedule

Feb. 17	FLORIDA	2:00 p.m.
Feb. 24	at Florida	4:00 p.m.
Mar. 11	VIRGINIA	1:00 p.m.
Mar. 17	at NC State	1:00 p.m.
Mar. 23	NORTH CAROLINA	7:00 p.m.
Mar. 31	WAKE FOREST	7:00 p.m.
Apr. 7	CLEMSON	7:00 p.m.
Apr. 29	at Georgia Tech	1:30 p.m.
May 11	at Duke	7:00 p.m.
May 13	at Duke	2:00 p.m.

All TV Games are tentative

2001 Preview



- **2001 SEASON PREVIEW**
- **PRESEASON POLLS**
- **2001 ROSTER**
- **A CLOSER LOOK...**



2001 Season Preview

23 Consecutive NCAA Regional Appearances
10 Top 10 Finishes in the Last 11 Seasons
19 50-win Seasons
11 College World Series Trips Over the Last 13 Years

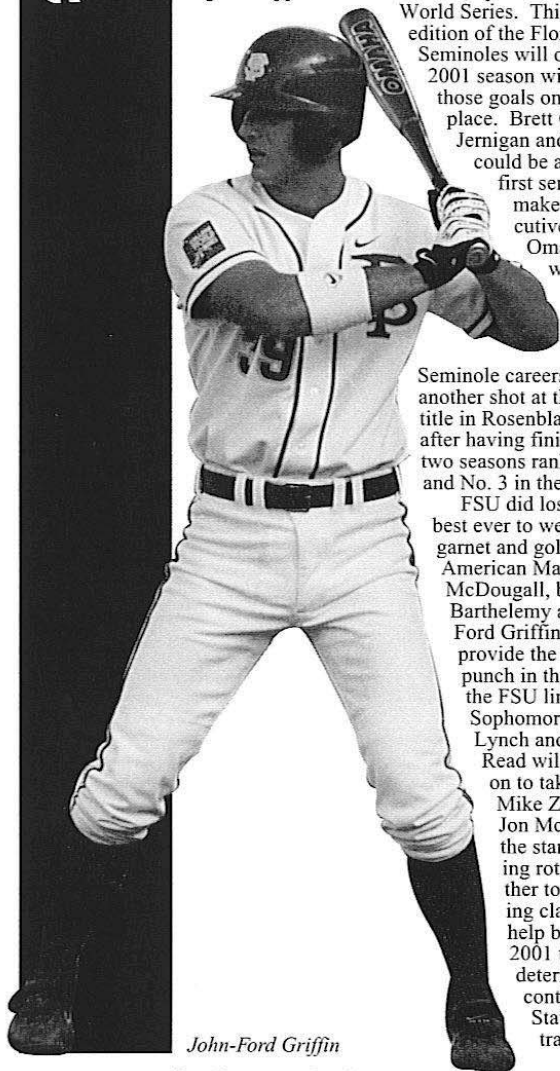
Florida State baseball's standard of success under Mike Martin has risen to the level that has fans and followers of the Seminoles expecting nothing less than a Top 10 finish, a 50-win season, an NCAA regional appearance and a June trip to the College

World Series. This year's edition of the Florida State Seminoles will open the 2001 season with each of those goals once again in place. Brett Groves, Karl Jernigan and Chris Ginn could be a part of the first senior class to make four consecutive trips to Omaha, and would like nothing better than to cap their

Seminole careers with another shot at the national title in Rosenblatt Stadium after having finished the last two seasons ranked No. 2 and No. 3 in the country.

FSU did lose one of the best ever to wear the garnet and gold in All-American Marshall McDougall, but Ryan Barthelemy and John-Ford Griffin should provide the needed punch in the middle of the FSU lineup.

Sophomores Matt Lynch and Robby Read will be called on to take over for Mike Ziegler and Jon McDonald in the starting pitching rotation. Another top 10 recruiting class should help bolster a 2001 team determined to continue Florida State's winning tradition.



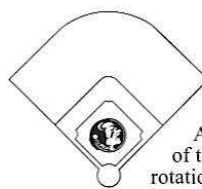
John-Ford Griffin

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PITCHING

A preseason All-American, junior right-hander Blair Varnes returns to the starting rotation for the third year and will open the season as the No. 1 starter.

Varnes joined Mike Ziegler and Jon McDonald in winning double-digit games in 2000 as the Seminoles finished with the nation's third lowest ERA.



Matt Lynch, a freshman All-American last year, will fill one of the other slots in the starting rotation. Lynch went 7-0 last year with an impressive 3.24 ERA as the No. 4 starter. Fellow sophomore Robby Read rounds out the rotation and should be ready for the challenge after throwing a complete game two-hitter against Central Florida in the NCAA Tallahassee Regional.

"We feel good about those three guys in the starting rotation," said head coach Mike Martin. "Read and Lynch really gained some valuable experience last year in the postseason. We have not decided on a fourth starter. We'll certainly look at freshmen Marc LaMacchia and Trent Peterson in that role."

Senior Chris Ginn, sophomores Daniel Hodges and Nick Whidden headline a talented group of relievers. Ginn ranks among the top 10 all-time at FSU in relief appearances and Hodges earned freshman honorable mention All-America honors last year after recording a 2.49 ERA and three saves. Hodges finished with an impressive strikeout to walk ratio of 51 to 14. Nick Whidden made 26 appearances with a team-low 1.60 ERA, striking out 38 and walking just 12.

Chris Whidden, Nick's twin brother, will be used in various relief situations if he is able to bounce back after shoulder surgery. Junior college transfer Justin Lord and sophomore Eric Roman are also slated to see time out of the bullpen. LaMacchia and Peterson could move into relief roles if they don't end up in starting capacities.

Brent Pearson, a transfer from North Florida Community College, will get a chance to be the Seminole closer. Pearson is a submarine-style pitcher who was named the Panhandle Conference closer of the year as a sophomore.

"Pearson is being looked as a closer," said Martin. "That is not sealed in concrete, he's got to get it done."

BEHIND THE PLATE

Drafted by the Chicago White Sox in the fifth round, freshman Tony Richie comes to FSU as one of the highest drafted players ever to sign with the Seminoles. Richie, a two-time prep All-American,



Ryan Barthelemy

batted cleanup for Team USA over the summer. The Jacksonville native will open the season as the starter at catcher.



"Tony will start behind the plate," said Martin. "He's got great potential. He throws extremely well and is improving daily in terms of receiving and blocking. He could very well take away a team's running game. He's a good one."

Junior Blair McCaleb, who took over as the starter at catcher last year when Chris Hart went down with an injury, will battle freshman Aaron Cheesman for the No. 2 job. Cheesman had an outstanding prep career at Sarasota High School, where he hit .413 as a senior and earned first team 5A all-state honors.

AROUND THE INFIELD

The major shakeup in the Seminole infield this season is junior Ryan Barthelemy's move from first base to third. Barthelemy started 69 of FSU's 72 games last year at first base. An outstanding athlete at 6-3, 225, Barthelemy performed well in the fall and early spring at third after making the switch. He will be backed up by senior Scott Boyd, who saw time at third last year and played in 40 games a year ago.

"Barthelemy has shown me he can play third," said Martin. "I have been very impressed with his play. He has good range and has shown a true arm. The thing you like about him is that you see the improvement because of the effort he puts in."

Senior Brett Groves will open the season as the starting shortstop for the fourth straight year. Groves had a career-best year at the plate in 2000 with a .310 batting average, 46 RBI and 21 doubles. He was also the Seminoles' top runner on the base paths, stealing

Collegiate Baseball's Preseason Top 25

RANK	TEAM	(2000 FINAL RECORD)	2000 FINAL RANK
1.	Georgia Tech	(50-16)	10
2.	Southern California	(44-20)	5
3.	Louisiana St.	(52-17)	1
4.	Nebraska	(51-17)	11
5.	Clemson	(51-18)	6
6.	Arizona St.	(44-15)	12
7.	Rice	(43-23)	26
8.	FLORIDA STATE	(53-19)	3
9.	Miami	(41-19-1)	14
10.	South Carolina	(56-10)	9
11.	Stanford	(50-16)	2
12.	Cal. St. Fullerton	(38-21)	22
13.	Florida	(44-23-1)	17
14.	Notre Dame	(46-18)	NR
15.	Oklahoma	(41-23)	NR
16.	Georgia	(32-26)	NR
17.	Baylor	(45-17)	18
18.	Auburn	(41-20)	25
19.	Central Florida	(43-19)	30
20.	Stetson	(48-16)	23
21.	Mississippi St.	(41-20)	15
22.	Long Beach St.	(31-25)	NR
23.	Evansville	(41-22)	NR
24.	Alabama	(41-24)	27
25.	Tennessee	(40-23)	NR

BASEBALL AMERICA'S Preseason Top 25

RANK	TEAM	(2000 FINAL RECORD)	2000 FINAL RANK
1.	Georgia Tech	50-16	6
2.	Southern California	44-20	5
3.	Louisiana State	52-17	1
4.	Miami	41-19	13
5.	Nebraska	51-17	8
6.	Arizona State	44-15	12
7.	FLORIDA STATE	53-19	3
8.	South Carolina	56-10	4
9.	Notre Dame	46-18	NR
10.	Clemson	51-18	7
11.	Auburn	41-20	25
12.	Rice	43-23	NR
13.	Florida	43-23	20
14.	Stanford	50-16	2
15.	Cal State Fullerton	38-21	22
16.	Georgia	32-26	NR
17.	Central Florida	43-19	NR
18.	Pepperdine	36-23	NR
19.	Tulane	38-22	NR
20.	Baylor	45-17	14
21.	Mississippi State	41-20	15
22.	Long Beach State	31-25	NR
23.	East Carolina	46-18	NR
24.	Minnesota	38-24	NR
25.	Southern Miss	32-26	NR

an ACC-leading 34 bases. Groves has great range, but hopes for a little more consistency in the field.

There is a three-way battle between Jeff Probst, Scott Toole and Bryan Zech for the open job at second base. Toole is a transfer from Tallahassee Community College while Probst and Zech are true freshmen. Zech is the younger brother of former FSU standout infielder Scott Zech. Toole and Probst will see playing time as backups to Groves at shortstop as well.

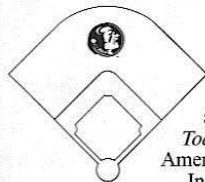
"Hopefully Brett's experience at shortstop will help out with a new second baseman," said Martin. "Zech has shown young tendencies. He's got to understand the game better. You have to remember he's 18 years old. You have to remember that Brett came in here as a true freshman and held his own and has now been to three straight College World Series."

Sophomore Chris Hart and freshman Chris Cole will likely platoon at first base. Hart, a former catcher, has been slowed by the broken leg he suffered early last season and by shoulder surgery. Cole was named first team designated hitter and the Gulf Coast Athletic Conference Player of the Year last year at Hernando High School.

"Hart is guy that brings experience to the table," said Martin. "He has good hands, but has been hurt by the injuries. We want to get Cole in there against right-handers and give him a chance to show what he can do. He's been very impressive in the fall."

IN THE OUTFIELD

All-American John-Ford Griffin, who has led the team with a .400 or better batting average in each of the last two seasons, returns in left field for his junior season. Griffin has added weight and strength during the



offseason, which should make him even more dangerous at the plate as a home run threat.

Griffin will be backed up by freshman Tony McQuade, a 5A *Today* honorable mention All-American at Gainesville Buchholz.

In center field, Karl Jernigan returns as a four-year starter for the Tribe. Jernigan, who had his best offensive season as a Seminole in 2000 with a .332 batting average, could miss the first three to four weeks of the season following a wrist injury. In Jernigan's absence, junior transfer Nick Rogers will likely get the start in center. Rogers was the Panhandle Conference Player of the Year in 2000 at Tallahassee Community College after hitting .389 with 14 HR.

"The loss of Jernigan is going to hurt," said Martin. "We've got to get over that hump and get him back. When you are playing at Stanford and at Florida without one of your senior leaders, you've got some problems."

Junior Mike Futrell will open the season as the starter in right field, but could get pushed by Rogers when Jernigan returns. Futrell went through a bit of a sophomore slump last year, hitting .284 after posting an average of .363 as a freshman. Another junior college transfer, Richie Smith, will also push for time in right. Smith is a lefty from Chipola Junior College with good speed and power.

THE SEASON AHEAD

After opening the season at home with a two-game series against Western Kentucky, FSU wastes no time in hitting the road to face national power Stanford. The Seminoles will take on the national runner-up from February 9-11 in Palo Alto, California. After the Cardinal, FSU takes on preseason No. 13 Florida in a

USA Today BASEBALL WEEKLY/ESPN Preseason Top 25

RANK	TEAM (2000 RECORD)	2000 FINAL RANK
1.	Georgia Tech (50-16)	10
2.	LSU (52-17)	1
3.	Southern California (44-20)	4
4.	FLORIDA STATE (53-19)	3
5.	Clemson (51-18)	5
6.	Arizona State (44-15)	16
7.	Nebraska (51-17)	11
8.	Miami (41-19-1)	13
9.	Stanford (50-16)	2
10.	South Carolina (56-10)	8
11.	Rice (43-23)	NR
12.	Cal State Fullerton (38-21)	23
13.	Notre Dame (46-18)	NR
14.	Florida (44-23-1)	21
15.	Auburn (41-20)	20
16.	Baylor (45-17)	17
17.	Mississippi State (41-20)	14
18.	Georgia (32-26)	NR
19.	Oklahoma (41-23)	NR
20.	Texas (46-21)	7
21.	Central Florida (43-19)	NR
22.	Long Beach State (31-25)	NR
23.	Alabama (41-24)	22
24.	Stetson (48-16)	NR
25.	Tulane (38-22-1)	NR

four-game series. The Seminoles enter ACC play following a three-game home set with Michigan State. In what is likely the most difficult stretch of games in one month that any team in the country will face, FSU hosts No. 5 Clemson for three games to open the month of April, then takes on No. 4 Miami in the usual six-game showdown in the middle of the month, concluding April with a three-game set at No. 1 Georgia Tech in Atlanta.

"Going to Stanford creates a lot of excitement for the guys," said Martin. "Playing three games against a team of their caliber can do a lot for you. The same as it did for them when they came here last year. That team was ranked in the top three all year and we played well against them early. It gave both of us an incentive. We play at Stanford, then follow that with four games against one of our rivals in Florida. Throw that in there with six games against our other rival Miami and ACC play that features top five teams like Clemson and Georgia Tech and you see why we annually have a schedule that is rated as one of the toughest. We look forward to playing a schedule like this year in and year out."

With several established veterans back and the addition of talented newcomers, the Seminoles will once again set their sights on a fourth straight trip to the College World Series and extending a nation-leading streak of consecutive Top 10 finishes to eight.

"I think this year we have a good mix of new guys and veterans," said Martin. "I expect this team to get better each week. When you have new guys at catcher, first, second, possibly right and have two starters that have not been in the rotation, you have to expect to improve. If we continue to get better each week, when April rolls around we'll be a very good baseball team. We need to dodge any further injuries. Losing Jernigan when we did, we just hope he's able to get back in the lineup for the meat of the schedule. Getting to Omaha and making another run at it is once again our goal this season."

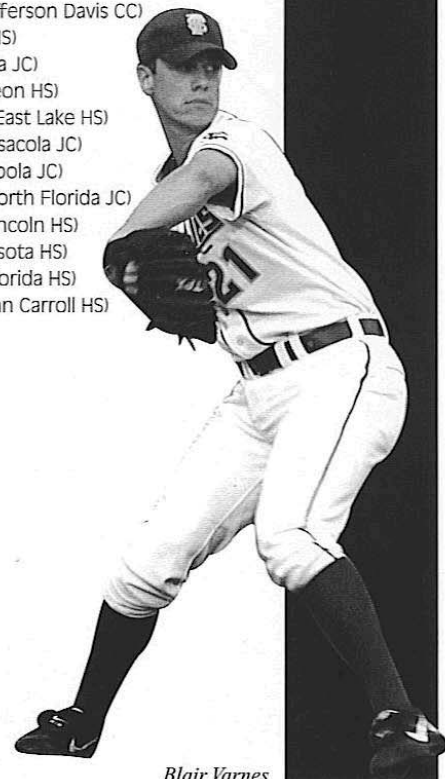
2001 Numerical Roster

2001 PREVIEW

NO	NAME	POS	B/T	HT	WT	YR	HOMETOWN (HIGH SCHOOL OR JC)
1	Brett Groves	SS	R-R	6-0	190	SR	Tampa, FL (Tampa Bay Tech)
2	Tony McQuade	OF	S-R	6-1	195	FR	Gainesville, FL (Buchholz HS)
4	John Bentley	P	R-R	6-0	185	SR	Tallahassee, FL (N. Fla. Christian)
7	Daniel Hodges	P	L-L	6-0	180	SO	Hilliard, FL (Bishop Kenney HS)
8	Michael Futrell	OF	R-R	6-0	180	JR	Tallahassee, FL (Lincoln HS)
9	Karl Jernigan	OF-P	R-R	6-2	195	SR	Milton, FL (Milton HS)
10	Chris Hart	C-1B	S-R	6-1	190	SO-R	Palm Harbor, FL (Clearwater Central Catholic HS)
13	Nick Whidden	P	R-R	5-11	185	SO-R	Tallahassee, FL (Leon HS)
14	Bryan Zech	2B	R-R	5-10	170	FR	Wellington, FL (Wellington HS)
15	Jeff Probst	2B-SS	S-R	5-10	170	FR	Clearwater, FL (Clearwater Central Catholic HS)
16	Scott Toole	2B-3B	R-R	6-1	180	JR	Jacksonville, FL (Tallahassee CC)
17	Chris Whidden	P	R-R	5-11	180	JR	Tallahassee, FL (Leon HS)
19	Aaron Cheesman	C	R-R	5-10	185	FR	Sarasota, FL (Sarasota HS)
20	Chris Cole	1B	L-R	6-1	185	FR	Hernando, FL (Hernando HS)
21	Blair Varnes	P	R-R	6-2	195	JR-R	Pascagoula, MS (Pascagoula HS)
23	Tony Richie	C	R-R	6-1	205	FR	Jacksonville, FL (Bishop Kenney HS)
24	Eric Roman	P	R-R	6-2	195	SO-R	Orlando, FL (Dr. Phillips HS)
25	Nick Rogers	OF	R-R	6-1	195	JR	Ponte Vedra Beach, FL (Tallahassee CC)
26	Scott Boyd	3B-OF	R-R	6-2	210	SR	Pensacola, FL (Jefferson Davis CC)
27	Ryan Barthelemy	1B-3B	L-R	6-3	225	JR	Miami, FL (Killian HS)
29	Richie Smith	OF	L-R	5-11	200	JR	Bristol, FL (Chipola JC)
30	Robby Read	P	R-R	6-1	195	SO	Tallahassee, FL (Leon HS)
31	Marc LaMacchia	P	R-R	6-0	175	FR	Palm Harbor, FL (East Lake HS)
32	Blair McCaleb	C	R-R	6-0	210	JR	Marietta, GA (Pensacola JC)
33	Justin Lord	P	R-R	6-4	210	JR	Marianna, FL (Chipola JC)
35	Brent Pearson	P	R-R	6-0	170	JR	Tallahassee, FL (North Florida JC)
37	Chris Ginn	P	L-L	6-4	210	SR	Tallahassee, FL (Lincoln HS)
39	John Ford-Griffin	OF	L-L	6-2	205	JR	Sarasota, FL (Sarasota HS)
43	Trent Peterson	P	R-L	6-0	175	FR	Tallahassee, FL (Florida HS)
46	Matt Lynch	P	L-L	6-1	190	SO	Ft. Pierce, FL (John Carroll HS)

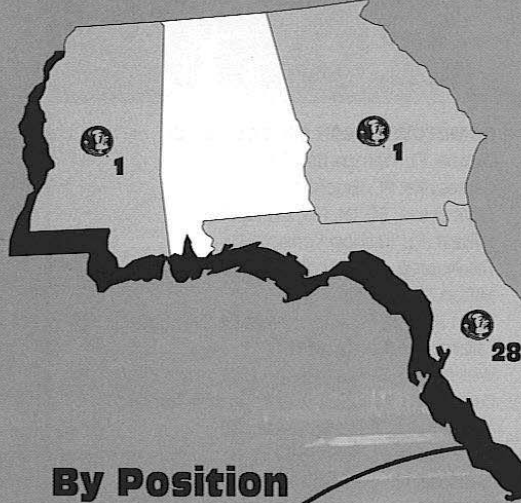
Coaches & Support Staff

11	Mike Martin	Head Coach
3	Chip Baker	Third Base/Catchers
12	Jamey Shoupe	Pitchers/Recruiting
28	Mike Martin, Jr.	First Base/Outfielders
	Kevin Fitzgerald	Strength & Conditioning Coach
	Bob Holland	Equipment Coordinator/Clubhouse Manager
	Duane Brooks	Head Baseball Trainer
	Kevin Shelby	Student Trainer
	Tom Bernier	Manager - Head Student Manager
	Justin Wilnot	Field Supervisor
	Pete Jackson	Manager - Field
	Mike Chevalier	Manager - Bull Pen
	Jack White	Manager
	Travis Nafe	Manager
	Amy White	Baseball Academic Advisor



Blair Varnes

A Closer Look...



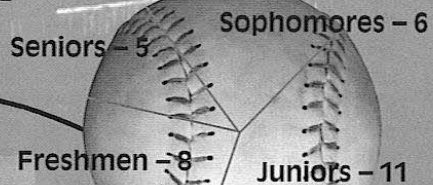
By States

FLORIDA — 28 - Smith (Bristol); Probst (Clearwater); Lynch (Ft. Pierce); McQuade (Gainesville); Cole (Hernando); Hodges (Hilliard); Richie, Toole (Jacksonville); Lord (Marianna); Barthelemy (Miami); Jernigan (Milton); Roman (Orlando); Hart, LaMacchia (Palm Harbor); Boyd (Pensacola); Rogers (Ponte Vedra Beach); Cheesman, Griffin (Sarasota); Bentley, Futrell, Ginn, Pearson, Peterson, Read, C. Whidden, N. Whidden (Tallahassee); Groves (Tampa); Zech (Wellington)

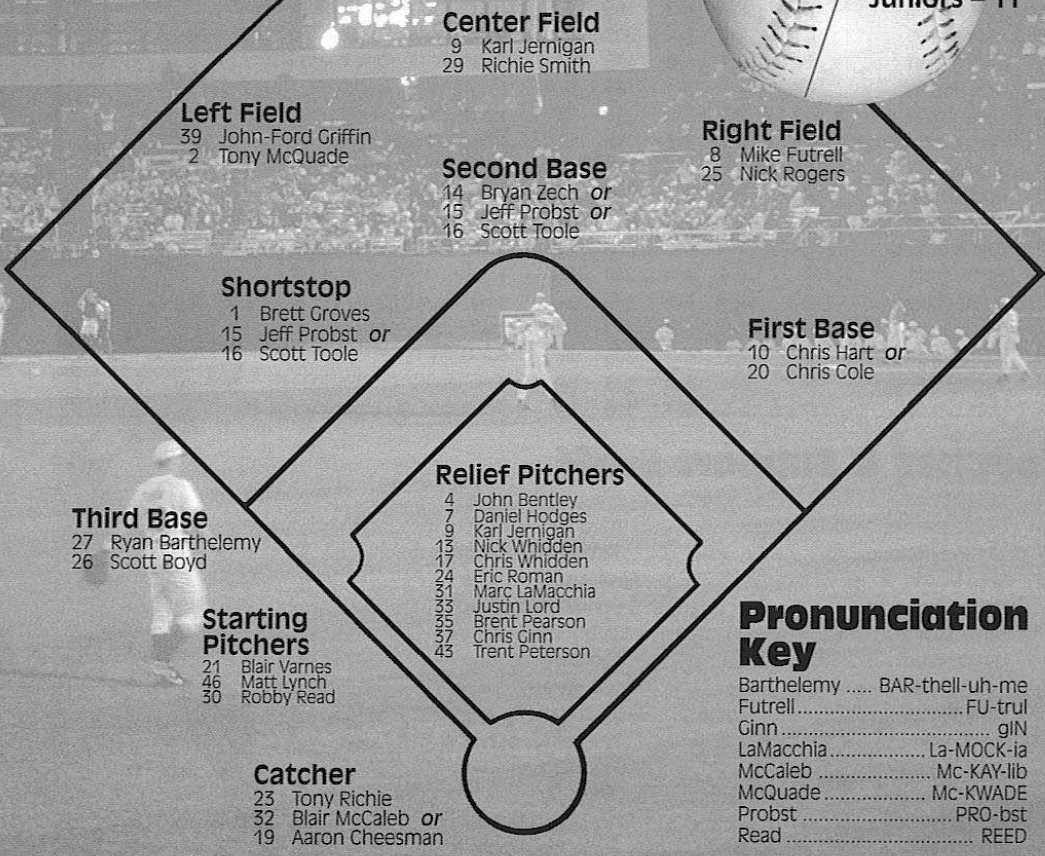
GEORGIA — 1 - McCaleb (Marietta)

MISSISSIPPI — 1 - Varnes (Pascagoula)

By Class



By Position



Pronunciation Key

Barthelemy BAR-thell-uh-me
 Futrell FU-trul
 Ginn gIN
 LaMacchia La-MOCK-ia
 McCaleb Mc-KAY-lib
 McQuade Mc-KWADE
 Probst PRO-bst
 Read REED