

FSU BASEBALL



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Great Moments In FSU BASEBALL



MARSHALL McDOUGALL hits six homeruns in a game versus Maryland May 9, 1999. In the 26-2 FSU win McDougall set NCAA records for homeruns in a game, RBIs in a game with 16 and total bases with 25.



J.D. DREW was the king of college baseball in 1997. The 1st Team Consensus All-American rewrote college baseball history as he became the first Division I player to ever hit 30 homeruns and steal 30 bases in a season. He was named baseball player of the year by *Baseball America*, *Collegiate Baseball* and *The Sporting News* on top of receiving the Dick Howser Award, which was given out by the American Baseball Coaches Association. Drew's season was

capped off when he won the Golden Spikes Award as the nation's top amateur baseball player.



Manager **BILLY MARTIN** brought the defending World Champion New York Yankees to Tallahassee April 5, 1978 to face-off with the Seminoles. The team was lead by 1977 World Series MVP **REGGIE JACKSON**, Lou Pinella, Thurman Munson, Bucky Dent, Catfish Hunter and Ron Guidry to name just a few of the Yankee stars. The Yankees have visited Tallahassee on two occasions and they aren't the only major league team to come to town. George Brett and the Kansas City Royals came to town in 1988 to honor the late Dick Howser as the stadium was named

after the Seminole coach and Major League manager.



In 1956 Seminole pitcher **TONY AVITABLE** struck out 24 batters for FSU in a win over Furman. The Seminoles recorded 25 strikeouts in that game, one short of the NCAA record.



All-American **PAUL WILSON** made FSU history in 1994 when he became the only Seminole ever drafted No. 1 overall in a professional sport draft. The right-handed pitcher was the first player selected in the draft by the New York Mets. Wilson is one of 17 Florida State players drafted in the first round of the MLB draft.



The 1982 season was a special one for Seminole **JEFF LEDBETTER**. The senior set NCAA records for home runs in a season (42), home runs in a career (97), home runs in game (4), RBIs in a career (346), total bases in a season (273) and total bases in a career (346). He also set an NCAA record with a .875 slugging percentage. Ledbetter went on to be named *The Sporting News'* Player of the Year.



Seminole great **MIKE LLOYND** led Florida State to a 61-13 record in 1986 when he went 20-3 on the hill. The hurler struck out 223 batters and became the 10th recipient of the Golden Spikes Award as the best amateur baseball player in America. Lloyd is one of three Golden Spikes Award

winners from Florida State, which is the most won by any school in the history of the award.



DEION SANDERS had a stellar football career at Florida State and went on to play in both the NFL and Major Leagues. Not only is Sanders the only athlete ever to play in a Super Bowl and a World Series, he made headlines in 1992 when on October 11 Sanders played for the Falcons in Miami and then took a charter flight to Pittsburgh for a playoff game that night. Pulling double duty was nothing new for Sanders. In 1987, the three-sport star won a Metro Conference Championship in the 400M Relay and

then turned around and delivered the game-winning hit in the Metro Conference Championship game that evening.



Tallahassee has been the starting point for more than **150 FUTURE MAJOR LEAGUERS**. Florida State Seminoles have been No. 1 picks overall, they have been taken in the first round and they have won World Series Championships. Former FSU baseball players have won Gold Gloves, been named both American League and National League All-Stars, won Rookie of the Year honors and even managed a World Series Champion.



DICK HOWSER was the first-ever All-American in Florida State history in 1957. The shortstop had a brilliant career at Florida State and went on to the Major Leagues where he was named The Sporting News' Rookie of the Year in 1961. As a Major League manager Howser won three pennants and a World Series Championship. His number 34 jersey was retired in 1976.

GOLD MEDAL & WORLD SERIES WINNERS:

- Jim Abbott
- Pat Borders
- Tino Martinez
- Doug Mientkiewicz**
- Ed Sprague

World Series Champion **DOUG MIENTKIEWICZ** is in select company. The former Gold Glove winner is one of only five players in USA Baseball history to win both a gold medal and a World Series Championship. In 2000, Mientkiewicz hit a game-winning grand slam in the preliminaries versus Korea and then propelled the US into the gold medal game with a

walk-off, solo home run in the bottom of the ninth versus the Koreans again.



made it to the College World Series more times than FSU. The Tribe's recent success is almost unmatched as well as only three teams have gone to the College World Series more often than Florida State since 1990.

OMAHA has become a home away from home for the Florida State baseball program. The Seminoles have reached college baseball's promised land 18 times in program history. Only four teams in the history of the sport have

1,000: Martin marks another milestone

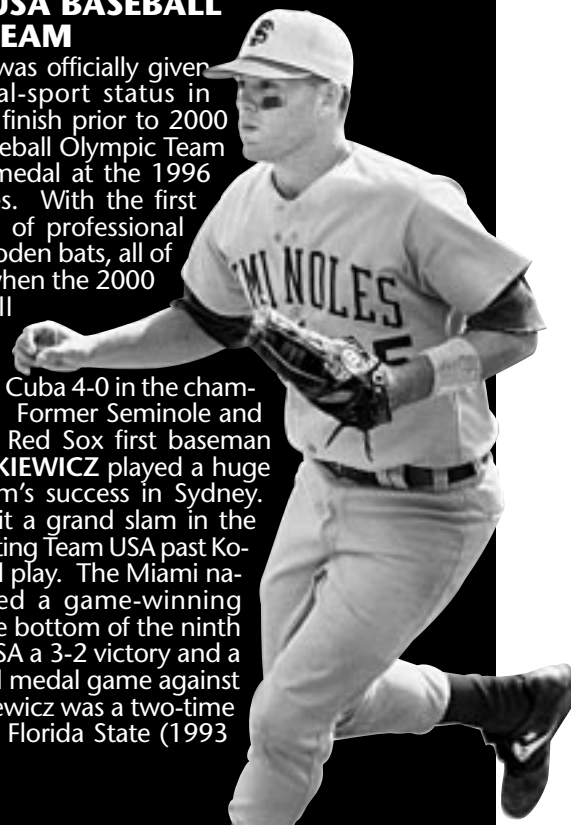


Head coach **MIKE MARTIN** has established himself as one of the greatest coaches ever in the collegiate game during his 25-year tenure at Florida State. On top of leading FSU to 25 consecutive NCAA Regionals and to 12 College

World Series, Martin stacks up among the best coaches ever in terms of wins and winning percentage. On April 8, 1998, Martin recorded the 1000th win of his career over Jacksonville. The legendary coach has now recorded over 1,300 victories. Martin is one of just eight coaches in Division I history to surpass 1,300 wins.

THE 2000 USA BASEBALL OLYMPIC TEAM

Since baseball was officially given Olympic medal-sport status in 1992, the best finish prior to 2000 for the USA Baseball Olympic Team was a bronze medal at the 1996 Olympic Games. With the first time inclusions of professional players and wooden bats, all of that changed when the 2000 USA Baseball Olympic Team clinched the gold by beating Cuba 4-0 in the championship game. Former Seminole and current Boston Red Sox first baseman **DOUG MIENTKIEWICZ** played a huge role in the team's success in Sydney. Mientkiewicz hit a grand slam in the eighth inning lifting Team USA past Korea, 4-0, in pool play. The Miami native then belted a game-winning home run in the bottom of the ninth to give Team USA a 3-2 victory and a spot in the gold medal game against Cuba. Mientkiewicz was a two-time All-American at Florida State (1993 and '94).



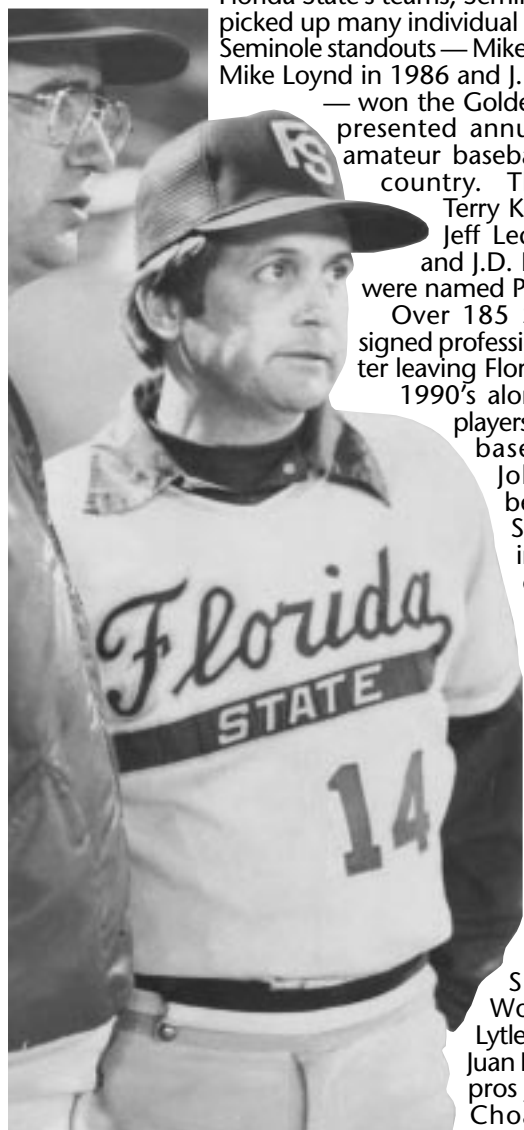


Florida State Baseball TRADITION

Not only is baseball America's pastime, but its Tallahassee's favorite pastime as well, and nobody does it better than Florida State. With thousands of fans piling into Dick Howser Stadium each week during baseball season, you could say the numbers speak for themselves. The reason they come is tradition, a winning tradition that is the essence of the Florida State baseball program.

But tradition doesn't last long without the people. People have made Seminole baseball a winning tradition.

In 56 seasons of intercollegiate play, through seven decades and eight head coaches, Florida State has never had a losing season. The Seminoles have made 27 consecutive trips to the NCAA Regional competition, the second longest streak in Division I baseball. Since 1948, 42 of FSU's 57 teams have advanced to NCAA Regional or District competition. Eighteen times, Florida State teams have won those tournaments to advance to the College World Series. Along with the many achievements of



Florida State's teams, Seminole players have picked up many individual awards. A trio of Seminole standouts — Mike Fuentes in 1981, Mike Loynd in 1986 and J.D. Drew in 1997

— won the Golden Spikes Award, presented annually to the top amateur baseball player in the country. Three players —

Terry Kennedy in 1977, Jeff Ledbetter in 1982 and J.D. Drew in 1997 — were named Player of the Year.

Over 185 Seminoles have signed professional contracts after leaving Florida State. In the

1990's alone, FSU sent 55 players into professional baseball. In 2001,

John-Ford Griffin became the 15th Seminole chosen in the first round of the major league baseball draft and the first since Nick Stocks went in round one in 1999.

The list of Florida State stars who went on to play in the major leagues ranges from past major leaguers Ken Suarez, Woody Woodward, Jim Lytle, John Grubb and Juan Bonilla, to current pros J.D. Drew, Randy Choate, and Doug

Mientkiewicz. Every year more Seminoles are working their way up the professional ladder and into the limelight of professional baseball.

Florida State's winning tradition has been fueled in part by its great fans. Each year, attendance in Dick Howser Stadium ranks among the nation's top 10. Nearly two million fans have come to see the Seminoles play since the opening of the stadium in 1983. In 2004, Florida State set a school record for average attendance (3,305) thanks to great fan support.

Florida State enjoys the support of the entire University and the Tallahassee communities. No matter where the Seminoles travel, they can expect the same rousing cheers they receive in their home stadium. Florida State baseball fans are the most loyal and knowledgeable fans in college baseball.

With that type of fan interest, Florida State baseball attracts extensive media coverage around the state and country. FSU baseball is front-page news in Tallahassee, and 10 major newspapers in Florida cover the Seminoles on a daily basis. National baseball publications keep weekly tabs on the team as well.

Media coverage of the Seminoles extends to the television screen. In the past 15 seasons, nearly 200 games have been broadcast on cable networks across the southeast and country.

Local television stations offer extensive coverage of the team, beginning in January with preseason practices and continuing through all post-season action. "Seminole Sports Magazine" and "The Mike Martin Show", a pair of half-hour shows focusing on Seminole baseball, air twice weekly on statewide cable and on local television.

If fans can't travel to watch their Seminoles play, what better way to find out about the action than on the radio. Florida State boasts the most extensive radio network in college baseball. Every game, home and away, will be broadcast live this season.

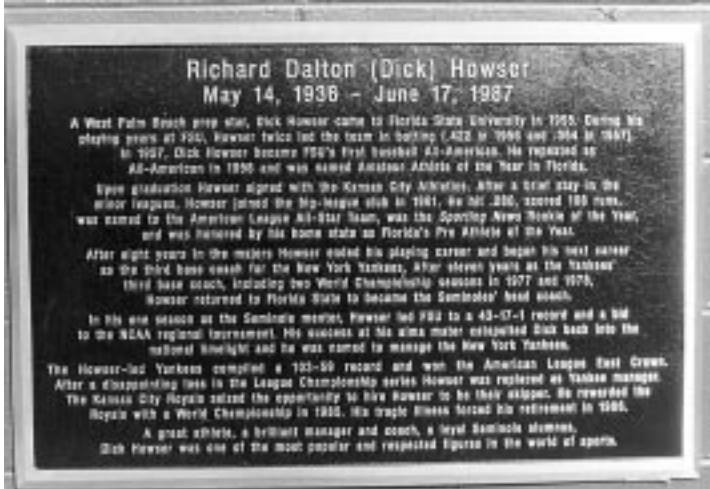
While the Florida State baseball winning tradition began long ago under the first Seminole coaches, there is no question that tradition has reached unprecedented heights under current head coach Mike Martin. In his 25 seasons at the helm, Martin has led Florida State to 12 College World Series appearances, including 11 in the last 19 years. All 25 of his teams have appeared in NCAA Regionals, and 21 of those 25 teams have won at least 50 games. Florida State has won 10 ACC regular season and tournament titles under Martin. The 60-win season in 2002 tied an ACC record for most wins in a season and fell just one win shy of tying the school record of 61. Florida State teams coached by Mike Martin have won over 75 percent of their games. Martin was named ACC Coach of the Year in 1999 after his team won the ACC regular season with a 22-2 mark, the best regular season record in conference history. The Seminoles went on to finish second in the country with an impressive CWS showing. His career record of 1,338-452-4 makes Martin the fifth-winningest active coach in Division I baseball and the second-winningest active coach by percentage (.747).

Athletics and academics go hand in hand at Florida State University, and that is shown by the opportunities afforded to each and every student-athlete who attends FSU. The Florida State coaching staff and administration stress the pursuit of excellence in both baseball and academics. To help balance the two, all FSU student-athletes work with the academic support staff, which provides tutorial assistance, career develop-

ment, scheduled study hall sessions and computer facilities. One of the Seminole assistant coaches works closely with the academic support staff to monitor class attendance and resolve any conflicts that may arise with scheduling, travel, etc. during the season.

Facilities don't necessarily make a winning tradition. Tradition in Florida State baseball has made the facilities great. Dick Howser is, simply put, one of the finest college baseball stadiums in the nation. The setting, with pine trees lining the rightfield wall, grandstand and bleacher seats along both lines, is a beautiful site. The field itself is meticulously groomed year-round. In the fall of 2001 it was named the best field in college baseball.

Located behind the Seminole dugout is a locker room and clubhouse facility that is unmatched in college baseball. The



Seminoles — Heroic Symbol At Florida State

By Dr. Dale W. Lick, Former President, Florida State University

The history of the Seminole Indians in Florida is the story of a noble, brave, courageous, strong and determined people who, against great odds, struggled successfully to preserve their heritage and live their lives according to their traditions and preferences.



From its earliest days as a university, Florida State has proudly identified its athletic teams with these heroic people because they represent the traits we want our athletes to have. Other athletic teams are called Patriots or Volunteers in the same way — they use a symbol that represents qualities they admire.

Recent critics have complained that the use of Indian symbolism is derogatory. Any symbol can be misused and become derogatory. This, however, has never been the intention at Florida State.

Over the years, we have worked closely with the Seminole Tribe of Florida to ensure the dignity and propriety of the various Seminole symbols we use. Chief Osceola, astride his appaloosa when he plants a flaming spear on the 50-yard line, ignites a furious enthusiasm and loyalty in thousands of football fans, but also salutes a people who have proven that perseverance with integrity prevails.

Some traditions we cannot control. For instance, in the early 1980s, when our band, the Marching Chiefs, began the now-famous arm motion while singing the "war chant," who knew that a few years later the gesture would be picked up by other team's fans and named the "tomahawk chop?" It's a term we did not choose and officially do not use.

Our university's goal is to be a model community that treats all cultures with dignity while celebrating diversity.

I have appointed a task force to review our use of Seminole Indian symbols and traditions. This study group will identify what might be offensive and determine what needs to be done.

Our good relationship with the Seminole Tribe of Florida is one we have cultivated carefully and one we hope to maintain, to the benefit of both the Seminoles of our state and university.

Seminole Tribe of Florida Chairman James E. Billie expressed this point in these words: "We are proud to be Seminoles, and we are proud of the Florida State University Seminoles. We are all winners."

— This column ran in USA Today on Tuesday, May 18, 1993.

spacious, carpeted rooms include a large player room, an office with video equipment where players and coaches review videos, a training area and a weight room.

The Moore Athletic Center, adjacent to Dick Howser Stadium, houses an additional weight room and training complex. In the state-of-the-art weight room, FSU baseball players have the opportunity to condition themselves under the direction of strength coach Jon Jost and his assistants, who run an off-season program for Seminole athletes. In the training room, athletes receive the finest care from the professional training staff, led by head trainer Randy Oravetz.

In the past 57 years, coaches, fans and administration have contributed to the winning tradition of Seminole baseball. But, it is the players who have built that tradition, one person at a time, one season at a time.