



# DICK HOWSER

## Stadium



**D**ick Howser Stadium has taken its place as one of the top collegiate baseball facilities in the country after a two-year, \$12 million dollar project was completed in 2004. Located on the campus of Florida State University, the stadium has provided almost two million fans with the feeling of having “the best seat in the house” to watch the finest in college baseball action.



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Florida State’s players and coaches enjoy the convenience and luxury of a clubhouse and locker room currently located behind the Seminole dugout. The Griffin Family Clubhouse was moved to the first base side for the 2004 season as the construction process was completed. The main locker room area is fully-carpeted and contains a personalized wooden locker for each player, a

separate locker room for the Seminole coaches, and a video area where FSU players and coaches can watch film. The coaches’ offices look over the stadium behind home plate. A built-in stereo system blares the players’ latest favorites. There is also a weight room and training area adjacent to the clubhouse. Each of the areas were expanded and improved during the renovation process.

There are on-going efforts to keep Dick Howser Stadium one of the top facilities in college baseball. Truly a “player’s ballpark,” the stadium has had many upgrades since it opened in 1983: the addition of a 30-foot screen to the top of the right field wall, the adding of a roof to the grandstand and state-of-the-art video board.

Dick Howser Stadium, named after the late Kansas City Royals and Florida State manager who was also Florida State’s first-ever baseball All-American, is a showcase befitting one of the top collegiate teams in the nation. From the beauti-

fully-manicured playing surface to the chairback seats, Howser Stadium is one of the best places in the country to watch a game.

Stadium capacity increased to 6,700 as additional seats were added during the two-year construction process. Florida State annually ranks in the top 10 nationally in attendance. In 2004, Florida State baseball fans set a record for average attendance (3,305). In 1994, the one-millionth fan walked through the gates of Howser Stadium in only its 12th season of operation. Total attendance will reach two million early this season. Since the 1983 opening, FSU has averaged al-

### STADIUM QUICK FACTS

Capacity .....	6,700
Dimensions .....	320' right - 400' center - 340' left
Height of Wall .....	10'
Height of Right Field Screen .....	30'
Playing Surface .....	Natural Grass (Bermuda)
Opening Day .....	March 29, 1983
First Game Result .....	FSU 5, LSU 15
First FSU Win .....	FSU 10, LSU 5 (3/30/83)
First Day Crowd .....	1,305
First Run .....	Tommy Zoeller (FSU)
First Hit .....	Zoeller, single to left
First RBI ...	Danny Dowell (FSU), single to score Zoeller
First Batter .....	John Morse (LSU)
First Putout Rick Figueredo (FSU), 5-3 putout on Morse	
First Assist ....	Mark Barineau (FSU) on Morse grounder
First Double .....	Ronnie Corbett (LSU), sixth inning
First Triple .....	Ronnie Corbett (LSU), eighth inning
First Home Run .....	Rick Figueredo (FSU), fifth inning
FSU in Dick Howser Stadium .....	725-140-1 (.838)



most 2,500 fans per game.

Florida State fans are simply the best and most knowledgeable in college baseball. Although they live and die with “their” Seminoles, the FSU faithful are known nationwide for their sportsmanship and appreciation of good baseball — by both teams, as well as their sometimes “creative” brand of support. Fans, along with the stadium and a professional game operation, are a large reason Dick Howser Stadium has been the site of 19 NCAA Regional Tournaments in 20 years since its’ opening in 1983.

The stadium was dedicated in honor of Dick Howser in March of 1988 prior to an exhibition game between Florida State and the Kansas City Royals, two of Howser’s former teams. As part of the stadium dedication, Kansas City all-stars George Brett and Bo Jackson helped unveil a new \$150,000 matrix scoreboard and a bronze bust of Howser.

Old Seminole Field was christened Seminole Stadium March 28, 1983, after a one million dollar renovation was completed on the park. Wooden bleachers were replaced with a two-tier concrete grandstand seating 2,500. Modern concession areas, restrooms and a press box complete with separate booths for radio and television broadcasts were also added.

The playing surface dimensions measure 320 feet to right field, 400 feet to center and 340 feet to left. Prior to the 1986 season, a screen was added to the top of the right field wall, increasing in five-foot increments from 20 feet in the power alley to 30 feet in right field - giving a unique effect.

A new \$800,000 video board, which provides lineups, statistics and replays throughout the game, was installed in January 2004 and stands 40 feet high and 70 feet wide. A high quality public address system, modern concession stands and vendors circulating the stands give Howser Stadium a “big league” feel.

The playing field itself is also often compared to that of a major league park. FSU grounds chief Brian Donaway and his crew, oversee the everyday upkeep of the playing surface and surroundings, spending hours on the field year-round. The dedication and hard work of Justin Wilmot (field supervisor) were rewarded in the fall of 2001, when Dick Howser Stadium was named the best collegiate baseball field in the country. Often taken for granted, the grounds crew gives

### TOP 20 DICK HOWSER CROWDS

NO	OPPONENT	DATE	ATTENDANCE
1.	Texas	6/8/03	6,524
2.	Miami	4/10/04	6,387
3.	Miami	4/17/04	6,328
4.	Miami	4/11/86	6,145
5.	Texas	6/9/03	6,138
6.	Miami	4/26/03	6,056
7.	Miami	4/13/91	6,039
8.	Miami	4/12/91	6,032
9.	Miami	4/9/04	6,013
10.	Miami	4/11/92	5,945
11.	VMI	1/31/04	5,882
12.	Miami	4/14/90	5,877
13.	Miami	4/14/91	5,740
14.	Florida	4/21/04	5,685
15.	Miami	4/8/94	5,524
16.	Florida	3/5/94	5,486
17.	Florida	3/9/91	5,450
18.	Jacksonville	5/30/03	5,440
19.	Florida	3/10/90	5,434
20.	Memphis State	4/21/85	5,423

Dick Howser Stadium a playing field unsurpassed by any collegiate team in the nation.

The beautiful home of Florida State’s baseball Seminoles, from the Mike Loynd Tradition Room, the Griffin Family Clubhouse to the top-notch playing field and overall family atmosphere, is indeed a fitting tribute to one of FSU’s greatest alumni, Dick Howser.

### MIKE LOYND TRADITION ROOM AT DICK HOWSER STADIUM

The Mike Loynd “Tradition Room”, underneath the first base stands, holds an attractive showcase which tells the story of the great players, award-winners and tremendous FSU teams of the past. Trophies and plaques depicting Florida State’s baseball success through the years adorn the walls. It





also provides a comfortable lounge area adjacent to the FSU clubhouse, complete a big-screen television.

Separate wall displays, attractively back-lit, are devoted to Florida State All-Americans, former Seminoles in the pros, and FSU's 18 College World Series teams. Another wall is lined with FSU's most recent tournament and conference championship trophies, as well as replicas of the Golden Spikes Awards of Mike Loynd, Mike Fuentes and J.D. Drew. Another corner contains a large-screen television where players can enjoy the latest videos. Couches line the room to provide a comfortable area for relaxed viewing.

The Mike Loynd Tradition Room, built thanks to the generous donation of former Florida State All-American Mike Loynd, gives current Seminoles an area in which to relax before and after games and practices, and serves as a showcase for the great tradition which is Florida State baseball.

### SEASON HOME ATTENDANCE TOTALS

(Since opening of stadium in 1983)

YEAR	DATES	TOTAL	AVERAGE
1983 <sup>^</sup>	30*	57,575	1,919
1984	51*	72,518	1,422
1985	58*	103,552	1,785
1986	45*	118,897	2,642
1987	43*	86,209	2,005
1988	46*	86,628	1,884
1989	46*	87,240	1,896
1990	40	106,081	2,652
1991	40*	109,549	2,739
1992	41*	90,278	2,202
1993	40*	80,757	2,019
1994	42*	106,352	2,532
1995	35*	85,137	2,432
1996	36	72,382	2,010
1997	38*	98,622	2,595
1998	32*	62,128	1,941
1999	40*	102,931	2,573
2000	41*	114,651	2,796
2001	37*	91,520	2,474
2002	44*	129,013	2,932
2003	40*	<b>131,223</b>	3,281
2004	35*	115,680	<b>3,305</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>870</b>	<b>2,108,923</b>	<b>2,424</b>

<sup>^</sup>Stadium opened in middle of 1983 season.

\*Includes NCAA Regional & Super Regional games.

**BOLD** indicates FSU single-season record

### 2004 Totals

(Includes Tournaments/Postseason)

	DATES	TOTAL	AVERAGE
Home	35	115,680	3,305
Away	33	107,265	3,250
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>222,945</b>	<b>3,278</b>





# THE NEW DICK HOWSER STADIUM



# Florida State ALL-TIME COACHING

**ALL-TIME RECORD: 2,192-801-10 (.732)**



**1948-51  
CHARLIE  
ARMSTRONG**

YEAR	W-L-T	PCT
1948	9-8-0	.529
1949	11-8-0	.579
1950	13-7-0	.650
1951	13-6-0	.684
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>46-29-0</b>	<b>.613</b>



**1952-54  
RALPH  
MATHERLY**

1952	17- 4-0	.810
1953	13-10-1	.563
1954	13- 8-0	.619
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>43-22-1</b>	<b>.659</b>



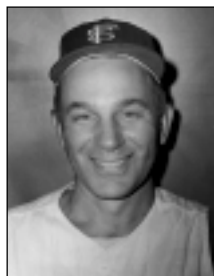
**1955-63  
DANNY  
LITWHILER**

1955	17- 6-1	.729
1956	25- 7-0	.781
1957	22- 9-0	.710
1958	20- 7-0	.741
1959	22-11-0	.667
1960	13- 9-0	.591
1961	21- 7-0	.750
1962	23-14-0	.622
1963	27-13-0	.675
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>190-83-1</b>	<b>.695</b>



**1964-68  
FRED  
HATFIELD**

1964	23-13-0	.639
1965	32-11-1	.739
1966	39-13-0	.750
1967	30-14-0	.682
1968	35- 6-0	.854
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>159-57-1</b>	<b>.735</b>



**1969-74  
JACK  
STALLINGS**

1969	39-12-1	.760
1970	49- 9-1	.839
1971	41-16-0	.719
1972	44-24-0	.647
1973	38-21-0	.644
1974	37-25-0	.597
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>248-107-2</b>	<b>.697</b>



**1975-78  
WOODY  
WOODWARD**

1975	49-10-0	.831
1976	40-16-0	.714
1977	37-13-0	.740
1978	44-18-0	.710
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>170-57-0</b>	<b>.7488</b>



**1979  
DICK  
HOWSER**

1979	43-17-1	.713
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**1980-present  
MIKE  
MARTIN**

1980	51-12-0	.810
1981	56-23-0	.709
1982	56-17-1	.764
1983	55-18-1	.750
1984	55-29-0	.655
1985	59-23-0	.720
1986	61-13-0	.824
1987	55-18-0	.753
1988	50-18-1	.714
1989	54-18-0	.750
1990	57-15-0	.792
1991	57-14-0	.803
1992	49-21-0	.700
1993	46-19-0	.708
1994	53-22-0	.707
1995	53-16-0	.768
1996	52-17-0	.754
1997	50-17-0	.746
1998	53-20-0	.726
1999	57-14-0	.803
2000	53-19-0	.736
2001	47-19-0	.712
2002	60-14-0	.811
2003	54-13-1	.801
2004	45-23-0	.662
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>1,338-452-4</b>	<b>.747</b>