

Seminoles



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 home runs 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 home runs 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 (704). 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 LLOYD** 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.



J.D. Drew

Cash

Alice

Howser



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.



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 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.

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).



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Florida State BASEBALL TRADITION

WITH 2,288 WINS, 18 COLLEGE WORLD SERIES APPEARANCES, three National Championship games, 43 NCAA tournaments, three Golden Spikes Award winners and 17 first round draft picks, Florida State University has become one of the NCAA's premiere baseball schools.

In just 58 years Florida State baseball has grown into one of the most respected collegiate programs in the country. Not only does Seminole baseball mean wins on the diamond but it also has become synonymous with national honors and awards, major league success and Olympic gold.

WINNING TRADITION

Since its inception in 1948, Florida State has the second highest winning percentage in Division I baseball. The Seminoles are one of just two programs in NCAA Division I history to have won more than 72% of their all-time games and one of only four teams to have won more than 70% of every one of its games. Only two teams have averaged more wins per season and neither of those schools has a higher winning percentage than FSU baseball.

No Seminole baseball player has ever gone through a losing season at Florida State in 58 years of intercollegiate play. Almost 75% of FSU's teams have played in the NCAA Tournament and over 40% of those teams that made the NCAA Tournament went on to compete in the College World Series. Florida State baseball teams have advanced to NCAA Tournament play for 28 straight seasons, which is the second-longest active streak in all of baseball.

Florida State's dominance of college baseball since 1990 is amazing. Over the past 16 years, no team in America has finished in the top 10 or won 50+ games more times than Florida State. This decade alone no team has as many wins or a higher winning percentage than the Seminoles.

NATIONAL HONORS

The nation's top players have been playing at Florida State for over 50 years and the proof of that is in the honors and awards collected by Seminoles. FSU players have been named Golden Spikes Award winners three times. No school in America has produced more winners of that prestigious award than Florida State. Seminole players have been named the national player of the year nine times spanning almost 30

ALL-TIME WIN PERCENTAGE

1) Texas	742
2) Florida State	730
3) Miami	719
4) Grambling	708
5) Cal St Fullerton	694

WINS PER SEASON

1) Arizona State	51.1
2) Cal State Fullerton	43.5
3) Florida State	39.4
4) Fresno State	35.1
5) Miami	34.5

CONSECUTIVE NCAA REGIONALS

1) Miami	33
2) Florida State	28
3) Clemson	19
4) LSU	18
5) Cal State Fullerton	15

WINS (since 2000)

1) Florida State	312
2) Texas	303
3) South Carolina	301
4) Rice	291
5) Nebraska	288

WIN PERCENTAGE (since 2000)

1) Florida State	.741
2) Rice	.740
3) Oral Roberts	.739
4) South Carolina	.732
5) Notre Dame	.731

Collegiate Baseball TOP 10 FINISHES (since 1990)

1) Florida State	13
2) LSU	12
3) Stanford	10
4) Miami	10
5) Cal State Fullerton	9

CWS APPEARANCES (since 1990)

1) LSU	10
2) Florida State	8
3) Stanford	8
4) Cal State Fullerton	8

50+ WIN SEASONS (since 1990)

1) Florida State	12
2) Wichita State	9
3) LSU	7
4) Clemson	7
5) Miami	7

years with current Seminole Shane Robinson capturing Collegiate Baseball's top honor just last season.

When it comes to producing first team All-Americans, Florida State has produced 39 who have combined to receive 73 first team All-American honors. FSU baseball players have taken home 179 All-America honors in program history, which means every year Seminole teams produce more than three All-Americans. Florida State freshman have been honored with 39 freshman All-America awards as well.

Golden Spikes Awards

1) Florida State	3
2) Arizona State	3
3) Cal State Fullerton	3
4) 15 Schools	1

MAJOR LEAGUE SUCCESS

Tallahassee has been a launching pad to the major leagues. A Florida State baseball player has been selected in the first round of the MLB draft 17 times and almost 200 former Seminoles have gone from FSU to signing professional contracts. In the 1990's alone, FSU sent 55 players into professional baseball. In 2004, Stephen Drew became the 16th Seminole chosen in the first round of the major league baseball draft and the second

in a span of just four seasons. Seven Florida State players have been taken in the first ten picks of a given draft and in the 90's Major League clubs drafted an FSU player in the first round 10 times.

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 Luis Alicea, to current pros J.D. Drew, Randy Choate, Paul Wilson and 2004 World Series Champion Doug Mientkiewicz. Every year more Seminoles are working their way up the professional ladder and into the limelight of professional baseball.

FSU AND TEAM USA

Florida State players haven't just produced on the collegiate and Major League stage. Seminoles have a long history of playing for their country as well. Thirteen FSU players have worn the red, white and blue and competed internationally for the United States since 1989. Only four other schools have had more players called to duty with Team USA and according to USA Baseball, Florida State is the sixth-best USA Baseball National Team College Program.

In the summer of 2005 Shane Robinson followed in the footsteps of 2000 gold medalist and former Seminole Doug Mientkiewicz in deciding to play for his country. Robinson joined former Seminole



greats Pedro Grifol, Paul Wilson, Jonathan Johnson and J.D. Drew among others as a member of Team USA.

TOTAL NATIONAL TEAM USA PLAYERS (1984-2005)

1) Stanford	24
2) Georgia Tech	17
3) Miami	15
4) USC	14
Fullerton	14
6) Florida State	13
7) Texas	10
Arizona State	10
9) Clemson	9
North Carolina	9

NUMBER OF YEARS WITH ONE TEAM USA PLAYER (1984-2005)

1) Stanford	19
2) Miami	13
USC	13
Fullerton	13
5) Florida State	10
Georgia Tech	10
7) Clemson	9
Arizona State	9
9) Four tied with 8	

NATION'S BEST FANS

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 15 as more than two million fans have come to see the Seminoles play since the opening of the stadium in 1983. Last season FSU baseball fans broke the total attendance record for the fourth time in the last six years as 167,000 fans watched the Seminoles play. The team's average attendance of 4,529 also shattered the previous record set just one season earlier.

No school in the ACC drew more total fans or more fans per game last season than Florida State. The Seminole faithful set the standard for all others in the conference as more than 100,000 FSU fans have attended games at Dick Howser Stadium six times in the last seven years and no ACC school has drawn more fans this decade than Florida State.

ACC OVERALL ATTENDANCE LEADERS (since 2000)

1) Florida State	736,472
2) Clemson	709,272
3) Miami	578,670
4) Georgia Tech	371,750

2005 NCAA DIVISION I BASEBALL HOME ATTENDANCE LEADERS TOTAL HOME ATTENDANCE

TEAM	DATES	TOTAL	AVERAGE
1. LSU	36	270,300	7,508
2. Texas	39	204,414	5,241
3. Mississippi State	33	203,276	6,160
4. Arkansas	28	200,378	7,156
5. Nebraska	35	174,435	4,984
6. Mississippi	39	170,152	4,363
7. Florida State	36	163,029	4,529
8. Texas A&M	26	153,533	5,905
9. Tulane	39	145,084	3,720
10. Wichita State	39	141,927	3,639

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9. Alabama	33	137,671	4,172
10. Rice	34	141,104	4,150



MIKE MARTIN

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 26 seasons at the helm, Martin has led Florida State to 12 College World Series appearances, including 11 in the last 20 years. All 26 of his teams have appeared in NCAA Regionals, and 22 of those 26 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 year 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 and he has never had a losing season at the helm of this program. 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.

WINNINGEST ACTIVE DIVISION I COACHES

(By Percentage)	COACH, TEAM	YRS WON	LOST	TIED	PCT
1.	Gene Stephenson, Wichita St.	28	1,506	489	3.755
2.	Mike Martin, Florida State	26	1,391	472	4.746
3.	Mike Fox, North Carolina	22	826	286	5.742
4.	Wayne Graham, Rice	14	627	257	0.709
5.	Jim Morris, Miami (Fla.)	24	1,067	441	4.707

ATHLETIC FACILITIES

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. carpeted rooms include a large player room, an office equipment where players and coaches review videos, and a weight room.

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