

## 2007 Outlook

### General Outlook

- ➔ The Seminoles projected opening day line-up features just two field players in the same position that they opened up playing in 2006.
- ➔ Florida State will chase its 29<sup>th</sup> consecutive NCAA Regional appearance this season.
- ➔ Mike Martin is just 11 wins away from moving into fifth place for all-time career wins in NCAA Baseball history.

ACCORDING TO 11: "We could be a better offensive club in 2007 but this club has some issues. We don't have the overall speed that we had last year. When you lose Ryne Malone and the 2005 National Player of the Year Shane Robinson, your not going to replace those guys the very next year. The loss of Tyler Chambliss is going to be a challenge as well. We do have some guys just waiting for their opportunity.

"We have some experience behind the plate and at second base. It may not be experience at the position that he is playing but Buster still has Division I experience. My concern is defensively in the outfield and becoming more disciplined at

the plate. Last year we had our usual amount of walks. Right now I am a little concerned we are not being as disciplined. We are swinging at too many pitches out of the zone, or at the pitcher's pitch when we are ahead in the count."

### Expectations in 2007

- ➔ The Seminoles played in the program's 28<sup>th</sup> consecutive NCAA Tournament last season.
- ➔ Florida State did not play in an NCAA Super Regional in 2006 snapping the longest streak in the nation for consecutive appearances.
- ➔ FSU starts the season ranked 13<sup>th</sup> by Collegiate Baseball, 15<sup>th</sup> by the NCBWA and 18<sup>th</sup> by Baseball America.

ACCORDING TO 11: "I have been very impressed with the work ethic of this club that started in September when we began fall practice. We know with the strength of the ACC we have to do a better job this year in positioning ourselves for postseason play. This league is the toughest league in the country in my opinion and I think last year's College World Series and the

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— Head Coach Mike Martin



Buster Posey

preseason rankings this year will validate that. Our goal is Omaha just like it is entering each and every season."

### Are You Experienced?

- ➔ Of the 35 players on Florida State's 2007 roster, 31 have two years experience or less as Seminoles.
- ➔ The 2007 roster features just two players that were on the team when FSU last won an ACC Championship in 2004.
- ➔ The only Seminole who has played in each of the last three seasons is relief pitcher Brian Chambers.
- ➔ The last time FSU began a season with just one fourth-year senior on the roster was 2004.

ACCORDING TO 11: "I think if you look at our overall team you have to say this is an experienced team. You have everybody in the infield, with the exception of a freshman third baseman, who has played a lot of Division I baseball. I mean at least 60 or 70 ball games and some 120 or so. With Dennis Guinn, Ruairi O'Connor and Jack Rye in the outfield, you have to look at those players as experienced. The experience among the pitchers is good as well but we just don't have everything settled. We don't know for a fact who is going to be the closer in April or who is



**Bryan Henry**



**Travis Anderson**

going to be in the rotation. That is what always plays itself out."

### *The Schedule*

- ➔ Eight teams that played in the 2006 NCAA Baseball Tournament are on the Seminoles' schedule in 2007.
- ➔ Half of the 2006 College World Series field was made up of ACC teams and FSU will play weekend series with all four of those squads.
- ➔ Mike Martin will face former assistant Rod Delmonico for the first time ever when FSU and Tennessee open the season versus one another.

**ACCORDING TO 11:** "Our schedule is very competitive as it always is. With our additional game with Florida in Jacksonville I believe you will see one of the largest crowds to ever watch a college baseball game in our state. That will be a landmark game that draws 10,000-plus fans. We open with a three-game series versus Tennessee which is coached by my good friend and former assistant Rod Delmonico. I get a chance to see his son playing. That will be a very exciting weekend for me. Rod has done such a great job at Tennessee. We know that series is certainly going to be a series where our weaknesses will be exposed. It will help us as we progress through the season. We normally don't like to open with as tough an opponent as the Volunteers but it should provide a very good indication of our team at this point of the year. It should be very exciting for our fans.

"The ACC had an historic season last

year. With half of the College World Series field being made up of ACC teams that speaks for itself. This year we get North Carolina and Clemson at home, which is certainly to our advantage. On the other hand we have to go to NC State, Miami and Georgia Tech and that will be to their advantage. Every weekend in the ACC you know anything can happen. Last year I was disappointed in the outcome of some series. We were outplayed. We just didn't get it done. I hope this year is different."

### *On The Offense*

- ➔ Players who accounted for 47 of FSU's 69 homeruns in 2006 are back this year.
- ➔ Six of Florida State's top seven hitters for average return this season.
- ➔ Florida State has hit 55 or more homers for 12 straight seasons.

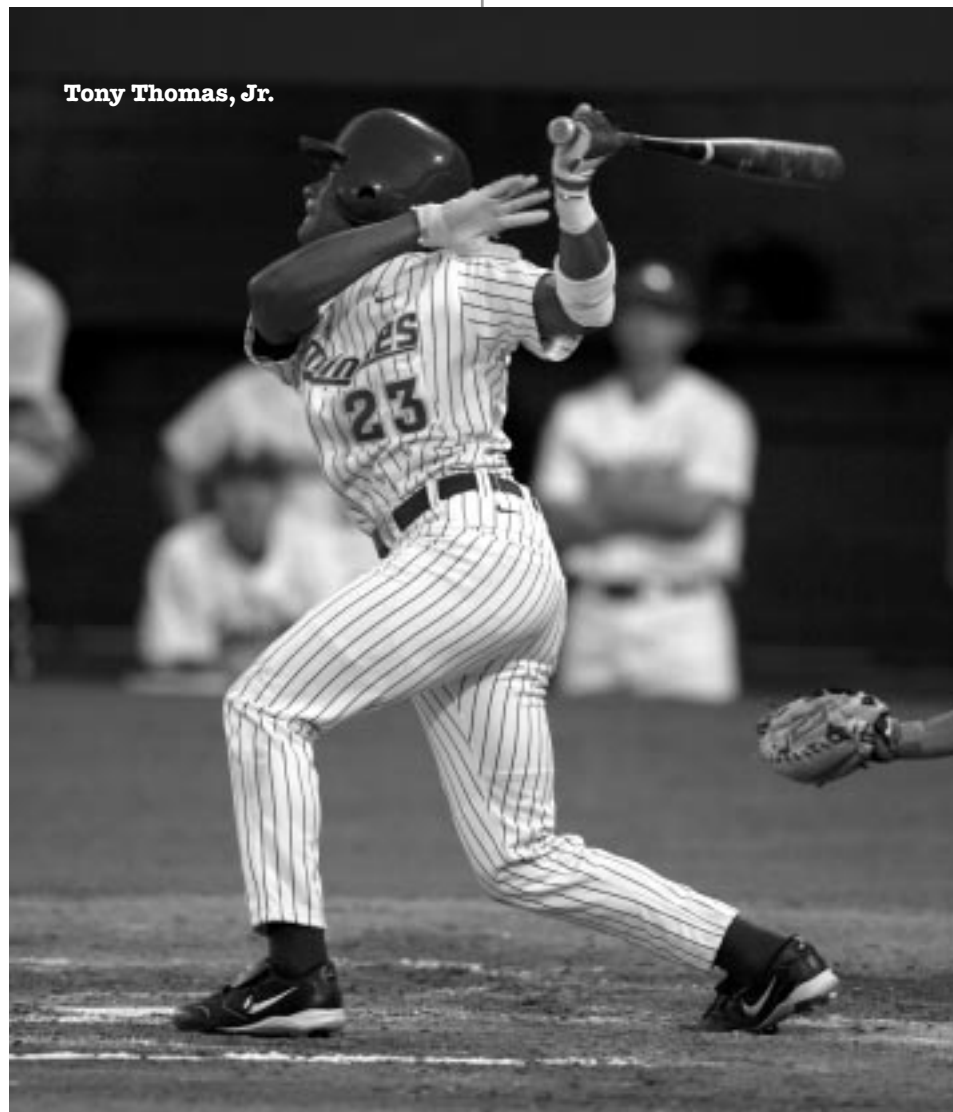
**ACCORDING TO MARTIN, JR.:** "The most crucial aspect for us in producing runs is going to be competitive at bats. We feel like we are going to put 8-10 guys in the mix that are going to be difficult to strikeout, know how to bunt and run the bases. We are not going to be a team that hits 90-100 homeruns but we feel like we will produce runs in other ways that will be just as effective. Dennis Guinn and Jack Rye had double digit homers last year and I think Buster Posey can get there as well. With those three guys in the middle of the order we feel like we have some power there. If Travis Anderson can get it going like he did down the stretch last year, you could possibly reach 70 or 80 homers,

which is about right for the ACC and southeastern baseball. We feel we have enough.

"Replacing Shane Robinson at the top of the order will be a challenge. He was a catalyst for our offense the last two years but I think Mark Hallberg can provide us that same type of spark. He will not be the speedster Shane Robinson was but I wouldn't be a bit surprised if his on base percentage and run production were right there where Shane's were. We feel like Mark has a chance to be an All-American player for us."

## Getting Defensive

- Tony Thomas, Jr. and Jack Rye are the only field players expected to open the season in the same positions they played in 2006.
- For the fourth time in the last five seasons, the Seminoles fielded .964 or better.
- The 2005 and 2006 squads rank as two of the top five best defensive teams in FSU history.
- The Seminoles are projected to start just two field players with more than one year experience at his position with FSU.



Tony Thomas, Jr.

ACCORDING TO 11: "With Buster Posey at catcher, I really think we have the potential to be a very good defensive club. We may be lacking a little speed in the outfield. You don't replace a Shane Robinson in one year. The play in centerfield just needs to be consistent in order for us to be a very good defensive club."

## The Staff

- Bryan Henry has a chance to become the first three-time All-ACC first team selection in school history.
- Both Luke Tucker and Bryan Henry enter the 2007 as candidates for the Roger Clemens Award.
- The Seminoles lost pitchers that accounted for 23 of the team's 44 wins in 2006.
- Seven of Florida State's top nine pitchers as far as ERA are back in 2007.

ACCORDING TO SHOUPPE: "From an experience standpoint, we like the guys that are coming back. Guys like Bryan Henry, Michael Hyde and Brian Chambers have all been in the fire. Luke Tucker has



Brian Chambers

been through a good season. Some of the guys still need to come through that haven't done so yet and be what we expect them to be. Ryan Strauss could have a breakout year. We are counting on him. Caleb Graham, Travis Burge and Jimmy Marshall are all guys we expect a lot of. We have some new faces like Casey Whitmer, Danny Rosen and Matt Fairel who have shown some pretty good ability so far. They just need to get their feet wet early so they are ready for the ACC when we get to conference play.

"You like the fact we have a lot of experience returning. What concerns us is the lack of a dominant Friday night guy. I think we can overcome that with depth and giving teams enough different looks. That will be an asset for us. The loss of Tyler Chambliss was a big loss for us but I think we replaced him with several different pitchers. You never replace a pitcher as good as Tyler with just one player. I like the pitching staff this year better than last from the experience standpoint. The returning guys have all pitched versus ACC caliber competition and there is a new infusion of talent. Our second year guys are going to be better in 2007. I think we will be a better staff overall than last season."

## 2007 Rosters

### NUMERICAL

#	NAME	POS	B-T	HT	WT	CL	HOMETOWN (JC or HS)
1	Travis Burge	P	R-L	6'0"	160	SO	Port St Joe, FL (Port St Joe HS)
2	Ohmed Danesh	OF	L-L	6'0"	190	FR	Orlando, FL (Dr. Phillips HS)
3	Devin Gonzalez	IF	L-R	5'11"	185	FR	Jacksonville, FL (Fletcher HS)
4	Stephen Ochs	P	R-L	6'1"	180	SO-R	Marietta, GA (Lassiter HS)
5	D'Vontrey Richardson	OF	R-R	6'1"	200	FR	Leesburg, GA (Lee County HS)
6	Tommy Oravetz	2B	L-R	5'9"	177	SO	Tallahassee, FL (Chiles HS)
7	Mark Hallberg	SS	R-R	5'11"	170	JR	Barron, WI (Univ. of Ill-Chicago)
8	Buster Posey	C/P	R-R	6'2"	195	SO	Leesburg, GA (Lee County HS)
9	Ruairi O'Connor	OF	R-R	6'1"	198	SO-R	River Forest, IL (Oak Park & River Forest HS)
10	Matt Fairle	P-OF	L-L	6'3"	200	FR	Winter Haven, FL (Winter Haven HS)
13	Jason Stidham	IF	L-R	5'10"	168	FR	Palm Bay, FL (Melbourne HS)
14	Ryan Strauss	P/OF	R-R	6'2"	200	JR	Tampa, FL (Bloomingdale HS)
16	Bo O'Dell	P	R-R	6'3"	195	SO	Kissimmee, FL (Seminole CC)
17	Brandon Reichert	INF	R-R	6'3"	215	SR-R	Tallahassee, FL (TCC, Mercer Univ)
18	Mark Gildea	OF	S-R	6'2"	195	SO-R	Tampa, FL (Middleton HS)
19	Brady Thomas	C	L-R	5'9"	172	SO	Anderson, SC (T.L. Hanna HS)
20	Travis Anderson	OF	R-R	5'11"	215	SR	Bristol, FL (Chipola JC)
21	Bobby Rauh	OF	R-R	6'0"	172	FR	Orlando, FL (Edgewater HS)
22	Bryan Henry	P	R-R	6'3"	202	SR	Tallahassee, FL (North Florida CC)
23	Tony Thomas, Jr	2B	R-R	5'10"	180	JR	Valrico, FL (Bloomingdale HS)
24	Dennis Guinn	OF	R-R	6'0"	200	JR	Haines City, FL (Winter Haven HS)
25	Michael Hyde	P	R-R	6'1"	192	SR	Tallahassee, FL (Tallahassee CC)
26	Jimmy Marshall	P	R-R	6'0"	215	SO	Tallahassee, FL (Chiles HS)
27	Caleb Graham	P	R-R	6'2"	201	SO	Tampa, FL (Gaither HS)
30	Brian Chambers	P	R-R	6'3"	202	SR	Tampa, FL (Jefferson HS)
31	Luke Tucker	P	R-R	6'3"	200	SR	Niceville, FL (Okaloosa-Walton CC)
32	Casey Whitmer	P	R-R	6'1"	188	FR	Kilgore, TX (Kilgore HS)
33	Trent Jarvis	P	L-L	6'3"	210	JR-R	Destin, FL (Ft. Walton Beach HS)
35	Nicholas Debacker	P	R-R	6'0"	181	FR	Tampa, FL (H.B. Plant HS)
37	Neil Malpass	OF-P	L-L	6'2"	200	JR-R	Destin, FL (Okaloosa-Walton CC)
38	Stephen Cardullo	IF	R-R	5'11"	205	FR	Coral Springs, FL (St Thomas Aquinas HS)
40	Danny Rosen	P	R-R	6'0"	180	JR	Miami, FL (Miami-Dade CC)
45	Josh Spivey	OF	L-L	6'1"	210	SR	Tampa, FL (Wharton HS)
46	Jack Rye	OF	L-L	6'1"	200	JR	Irvine, CA (Woodridge HS)
51	Scott Thorson	P	L-L	6'4"	190	FR	Deltona, FL (Pine Ridge HS)

### COACHES & STAFF

11	Mike Martin	Head Coach
12	Jamey Shoupp	Associate Head Coach
28	Mike Martin, Jr	Assistant Coach
42	Pete Jenkins	Assistant Coach
	Chip Baker	Director of Baseball Operations
	Dane Smith	Clubhouse Manager
	Russell Orr	Strength & Conditioning Coach
	Jake Pfeil	Trainer
	Jason Leturmey	Sports Information Director

### CLUBHOUSE & FIELD STAFF

	Jeremy Back	Head Student Manager
	Matt Shifrin	Student Manager
	Ben Park	Student Manager
	Josh Adkins	Student Manager
	Billy Whittle	Student Manager
	Adam Neiberg	Student Manager
41	Mike Kozar	Student Manager
44	Jonathan Guffey	Student Manager
	Vinny Baglini	Student Trainer
	Dan Wilson	Student Trainer

### ALPHABETICAL

20	Travis Anderson	OF
1	Travis Burge	P
38	Stephen Cardullo	IF
30	Brian Chambers	P
2	Ohmed Danesh	OF
35	Nicholas Debacker	P
10	Matt Fairle	P-OF
18	Mark Gildea	OF
3	Devin Gonzalez	IF
27	Caleb Graham	P
24	Dennis Guinn	1B
7	Mark Hallberg	IF
22	Bryan Henry	P
25	Michael Hyde	P
33	Trent Jarvis	P
37	Neil Malpass	OF/P
26	Jimmy Marshall	P
4	Stephen Ochs	P
9	Ruairi O'Connor	OF
16	Bo O'Dell	P
6	Tommy Oravetz	2B
8	Buster Posey	C/P
21	Bobby Rauh	OF
17	Brandon Reichert	UTL
5	D'Vontrey Richardson	OF
40	Danny Rosen	P
46	Jack Rye	OF
45	Josh Spivey	OF
13	Jason Stidham	IF
14	Ryan Strauss	P/OF
19	Brady Thomas	C
23	Tony Thomas, Jr.	2B
51	Scott Thorson	P
31	Luke Tucker	P
32	Casey Whitmer	P

### Pronunciation Guide

Stephen Cardullo	Car-dew-lo
Ohmed Danesh	O-meed Dawn-ish
Mark Gildea	Gil-day
Dennis Guinn	Gwynn
Stephen Ochs	Oaks
Ruairi O'Connor	Roar-ee
Tommy Oravetz	or-a-vitz
Bobby Rauh	Rau
D'Vontrey Richardson	Devon-trey
Jason Stidham	Stid-um

### Seminole By Class

Seniors	7
Juniors	8
Sophomores	10
Freshmen	10

### Seminole By State

California	– 1: Rye (Irvine)
Florida	– 27: Anderson (Bristol); Cardullo (Coral Springs); Thorson (Deltona); Jarvis, Malpass (Destin); Guinn (Haines City); Gonzalez (Jacksonville); O'Dell (Kissimmee); Rosen (Miami); Tucker (Niceville); Danesh, Rauh (Orlando); Stidham (Palm Bay); Burge (Port St. Joe); Chambers, Debacker, Gildea, Graham, Spivey, Strauss (Tampa); Henry, Hyde, Marshall, Oravetz, Reichart (Tallahassee); T. Thomas (Valrico); Fairle (Winter Haven)
Georgia	– 3: Posey, Richardson (Leesburg); Ochs (Marietta)
Illinois	– 1: O'Connor (River Forest)
South Carolina	– 1: B. Thomas (Anderson)
Texas	– 1: Whitmer (Kilgore)
Wisconsin	– 1: Hallberg (Barron)