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QUICK FACTS

UNIVERSITY INFORMATION

Location Tallahassee, FL
 Symbol..... Seminole
 Colors Garnet and Gold
 Enrollment 38,553
 President Dr. T.K. Wetherell
 Interim Athletic Director Dr. Bill Proctor
 Senior Associate Athletic Director/Baseball..... Brian Battle
 Conference Atlantic Coast Conference
 National Affiliation (Division)..... Division I

BASEBALL INFORMATION

Head Coach Mike Martin
 Alma Mater Florida State (1966)
 Record at Florida State..... 1484-506-4 (29th Season)
 Career Coaching Record..... 1484-506-4 (29th Season)
 Assistant Coaches Jamey Shouppe (18th Season)
 Mike Martin, Jr. (11th Season)
 Volunteer Coach Rod Delmonico (1st Season)
 Baseball Office Phone Number (850) 644-1073
 Ticket Office Phone Number (850) 644-1830
 Home Field/Capacity Dick Howser Stadium/6,700
 Surface/Dimensions Natural Grass/LF-340, CF-400, RF-320

TEAM INFORMATION

2007 Overall Record..... 49-13
 Home Record 35-6
 Away/Neutral Record..... 14-7
 2007 Conference Record/Finish..... 24-6/Atlantic Division Champions
 Home Record 12-3
 Away Record 12-3
 2007 ACC Tournament 1-2 Record Pool Play
 Defeated Wake Forest 11-2
 Lost to Miami 9-3
 Lost to Clemson 5-1
 2007 NCAA Tournament..... NCAA Regional (Tallahassee, Fla.)
 Defeated Bethune Cookman 6-2
 Lost to Mississippi State 3-0
 Defeated Stetson 17-1
 Lost to Mississippi State 9-4
 Letterwinners Returning/Lost..... 13/18
 Position Starters Returning/Lost..... 5/4
 Pitchers Returning/Lost..... 5/8
 All-Time School Record (Yrs) 2384-877-10 (.730)
 All-Time ACC Record (Yrs)..... 284-111-0 (16)
 All-Time NCAA Record (Yrs) 149-100-0 (45)
 Years in NCAA Regional (Last) 45 (2007, 30 Consecutive)
 All-Time College World Series Record (Yrs) 25-36-0 (18)
 Years in College World Series (Last)..... 18 (2000)

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MEDIA INFORMATION

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 Radio Contact..... Matt Millar
 Phone TBA
 Play-by-Play Announcers Tom Block & Eric Luallen

2007 ACC TEAM STATS

Batting350 (1st)
 Pitching..... 3.57 (3rd)
 Fielding Percentage..... .975 (1st)

RETURNING STAT LEADERS

Batting Average Buster Posey (.382)
 Hits Buster Posey (94)
 Runs Scored..... Buster Posey (66)
 Doubles Buster Posey (21)
 Triples..... Jason Stidham (3)
 Home Runs..... Jack Rye (10)
 RBI..... Buster Posey (65)
 Stolen Bases Jack Rye (6)
 ERA (10 + starts)..... Ryan Strauss (3.40)
 ERA (10 + innings pitched)..... Jimmy Marshall (1.39)
 Wins..... Ryan Strauss (10)
 Strikeouts..... Ryan Strauss (56)

PROJECTED 2008 STARTING LINEUP

Catcher Buster Posey (JR)
 First Base Dennis Guinn (SR)
 Second Base Jason Stidham (SO)
 Shortstop Tony Delmonico (JR)
 Third Base Stuart Tapley (FR), Stephen Cardullo (SO)
 Left Field..... Ohmed Danesh (SO), Ruairi O'Connor (JR)
 Center Field Tyler Holt (FR)
 Right Field Jack Rye (SR)
 Designated Hitter..... Mike McGee (FR), Tommy Oravetz (JR)
 Taiwan Easterling (FR)
 Top Starter Ryan Strauss (SR)
 2nd Starter..... Elih Villanueva (JR)
 3rd Starter..... Matt Fairle (SO)
 Relief Ace Buster Posey (JR)



MEDIA INFORMATION

A NOTE TO THE MEDIA, FANS AND OPPONENTS

Assistant Sports Information Director Jason Leturmy of the Florida State Sports Information Office is ready to assist you with any questions or requests you may have regarding the 2008 Baseball program, media guide, coaches and student-athletes. Please do not hesitate to phone - (850) 644-5656, fax - (850) 644-3820, email - jleturmy@fsu.edu or write a letter to the sports information office at PO Drawer 2195, Tallahassee, FL 32316. All package shipments should be sent to Florida State Sports Information, 403 Stadium Drive West Room D0107, Tallahassee, Fla., 32306.

CREDENTIAL REQUESTS

Press credentials are issued to members of the working media and all credential requests for working press, radio and television should be made as early as possible prior to game day. Credential requests should be made in writing if possible and either faxed to FSU Sports Information (850) 644-3820 or emailed to Jason Leturmy (jleturmy@fsu.edu). Credentials can be picked up at the Sports Information Office located on the second floor of the Moore Athletic Center or at the Will Call ticket booth located along the right field foul line at Dick Howser Stadium on game days only.

PARKING

There is no designated media parking for Florida State baseball games. Parking is available in the university lots around Dick Howser Stadium on a first-come, first-serve basis. All media are encouraged to arrive as early as possible to avoid parking problems. Legally parked cars will not be ticketed on game days, two hours prior to first pitch.

PHOTOGRAPHERS

In accordance with NCAA rules and regulations, all photographers are required to shoot from inside the photo boxes marked on the playing field. Only credentialed photographers holding passes will be admitted to shoot in those 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 the view of fans if possible.

PHONE LINES

Florida State provides a radio booth and one phone line for visiting team's radio broadcasts. Phone lines can be used to make local calls only. Please contact SID Jason Leturmy for further information on the use of the phone lines inside the press box at Dick Howser Stadium.

Florida State also has multiple phone lines and high speed internet connections in the main press box for use by the media before, during and after all home games.



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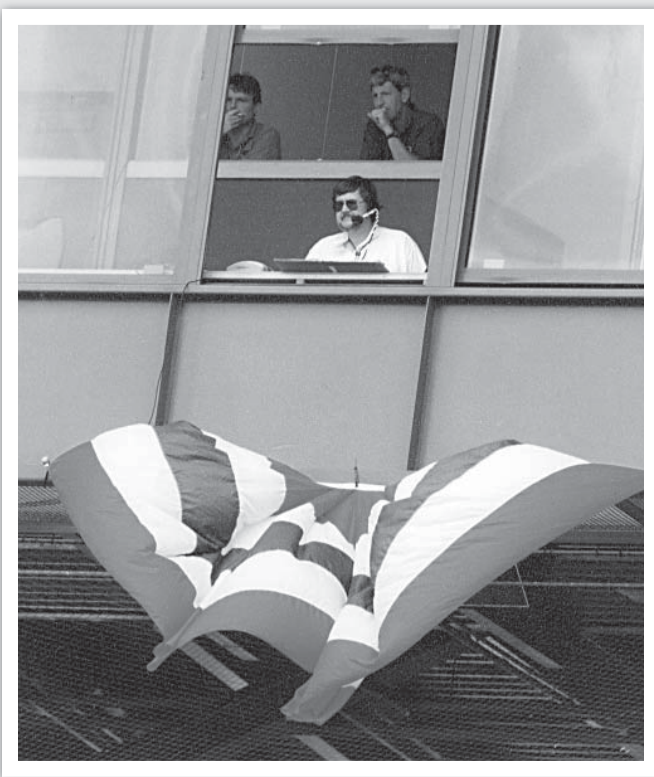
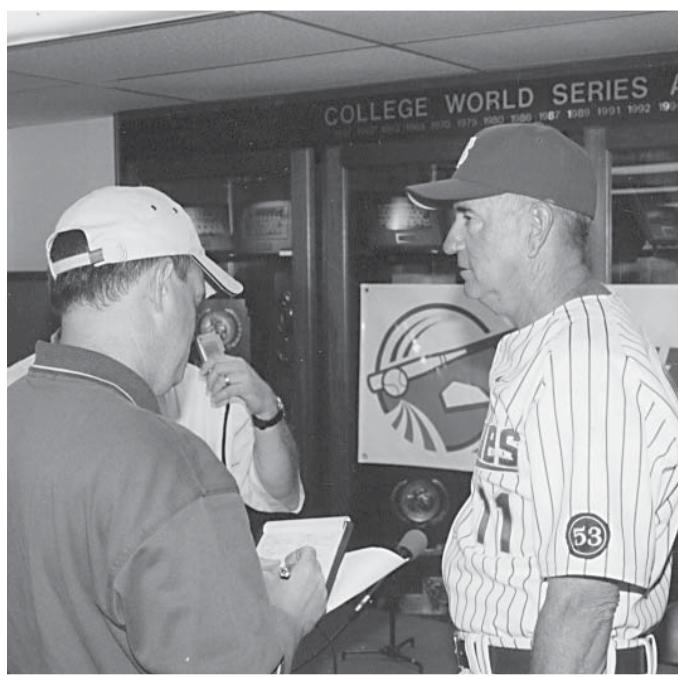
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PLAYERS AND COACHES INTERVIEWS

All player and coach interviews must be arranged through the Florida State Sports Information Office by contacting Jason Leturmy at (850) 644-5656. Player's home phone numbers and cell phone numbers will not be given to members of the media. Players and coaches should not be called directly under any circumstances.

On game days, FSU head coach Mike Martin and Seminole players will be available to the media after the game and following a 10-minute cooling off period. Martin will meet the media in the first base dugout immediately after he finishes addressing the team. Requested FSU players will be escorted to the field or a pre-designated interview area by Florida State sports information personnel after Martin's interview is completed.

Florida State coaches and players are also available to the media at Dick Howser Stadium prior to the start of practice during the weekday. Media who wish to interview players or coaches MUST arrange those interviews through Jason Leturmy in the Sports Information Office.



THE LEE BOWEN RADIO BOOTH

Lee Bowen (1957-2004)

For 15 years, Lee Bowen served as the voice of the Florida State Seminoles. From Marshall McDougall's record-setting six home run game at Maryland to numerous NCAA postseason appearances, Lee Bowen was Seminole baseball.

Bowen called the action for over 1,000 Florida State baseball games over his 15-year career, including 26 from the College World Series. He was behind the microphone for more than 100 Seminole NCAA postseason games.

He was a one-man show on the road, calling the action from as far as away as Hawaii and California. At home, Bowen teamed with longtime partner Jim Crosby as the many fans sitting at Dick Howser Stadium would listen in as they watched the ballgames. Bowen traveled with the team to the College World Series in Omaha eight times, including the 1999 CWS in which Florida State defeated Stanford in extra innings to advance to the national championship game.

Over his last five years, Bowen was joined in the radio booth by his wife Adrienne. The two were married on June 27, 1999 and Adrienne would often accompany her husband on Seminole baseball road trips.

Bowen, who was instrumental in getting all Florida State baseball games on the radio, also served as the broadcast coordinator for football and men's basketball on FSU's radio network. He began his career as a statistician on the network after he came to Tallahassee from the Burlington Indians of the Appalachian League, where he called play-by-play for the rookie league team.

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2008 TEAM HOTEL INFORMATION

FEBRUARY 25-27, 2008

PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES (EXHIBITION)

RADISSON HOTEL CLEARWATER CENTRAL
20967 US HIGHWAY 19 NORTH - CLEARWATER, FL 33765
727-799-1181, FAX: 727-712-8404

FEBRUARY 27-29, 2008

AUBURN UNIVERSITY

AUBURN MARRIOTT OPELIKA HOTEL & CONFERENCE
CENTER AT GRAND NATIONAL
3700 ROBERT TRENT JONES TRAIL - OPELIKA, AL 36801
334-741-9292, 800-593-6456

MARCH 20-23, 2008

VIRGINIA TECH

COURTYARD BY MARRIOTT BLACKSBURG
105 SOUTH PARK DRIVE - BLACKSBURG, VA
540-552-5222

MARCH 27-30, 2008

WAKE FOREST

COURTYARD BY MARRIOTT
3111 UNIVERSITY PARKWAY - WINSTON-SALEM, NC 27105
336-727-1277, FAX: 336-722-8219

APRIL 1-2, 2008

FLORIDA & JACKSONVILLE

OMNI JACKSONVILLE HOTEL
245 WATER STREET
JACKSONVILLE, FL 32202
904-355-6664

APRIL 10-13, 2008

BOSTON COLLEGE

BOSTON MARRIOTT CAMBRIDGE
2 CAMBRIDGE CENTER - CAMBRIDGE, MA 02142
617-236-5800

APRIL 24-27, 2008

NORTH CAROLINA

MARRIOTT RESEARCH TRIANGLE PARK
4700 GUARDIAN DRIVE - DURHAM, NC 27703
919-941-6200

APRIL 28-30, 2008

STETSON

SPRINGHILL SUITES - SANFORD
201 NORTH TOWNE ROAD - SANFORD, FL 32771
407-995-1000

MAY 2-5, 2008

CLEMSON

MARRIOTT FAIRFIELD INN & SUITES ANDERSON-CLEMSON
117 INTERSTATE BLVD - ANDERSON, SC 29621
864-332-9000

MAY 19-25, 2008

ACC TOURNAMENT

OMNI JACKSONVILLE HOTEL
245 WATER STREET - JACKSONVILLE FL 32202
904-355-6664



FSU ON THE WEB

All the game stories, updated stats, weekly releases, photo galleries, live stat links and Seminole baseball news you could ever ask for is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week at www.seminoles.com, the official athletic website for Florida State University. Be sure to make Seminole.com your first stop for all Florida State baseball information.

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RADIO & TELEVISION

RADIO

Florida State's flagship radio station, 1270 The Team, will again broadcast every inning of every Seminole Baseball game in 2008. WNLS-AM will air Florida State baseball for the 27th consecutive season. From opening day on February 22 to all the ACC and NCAA Tournament action beginning in May, Tom Block and Eric Luallen will be in the booth calling the play-by-play action for the second year in a row. WNLS gives FSU fans the best coverage in college baseball. For out of town fans, radio broadcasts for all FSU games, both home and away, will be carried live on the official site for Florida State athletics at www.seminoles.com.

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. The 2007 season will be no different.

Sun Sports is once again the home of Seminole baseball in 2007 taking Florida State athletics to all corners of the state. Gene Deckerhoff, Tom Block and Keith Jones will handle the play-by-play and color analyst for Sun Sports this season.

THE MIKE MARTIN SHOW

Seminole fans that miss the baseball action on radio and television can still stay informed by tuning in to "The Mike Martin Show." The show, which will air weekly for 14 consecutive weeks, will begin Saturday, March 1, giving recaps 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 Associate Athletics Director for Communications Rob Wilson, also features player interviews and an inside look at the Seminole players.

The show is produced by Jim Garbarino of Seminole Productions and will air statewide on Sun Sports and locally on Fox 49. Check local listings for dates and times.

Jim Garbarino and Seminole Productions have won numerous awards for their work with Florida State baseball. In 2005, Seminole Productions won the Golden Matrix Award signifying the content appearing on Seminole Vision screens was the best in the nation among all Universities. Over the last few years alone the Seminole Production's staff has won over 40 Aurora Awards. The Mike Martin Show and Garbarino were recognized in 2003 for exceeding industry standards in television production.



Gene Deckerhoff and Tom Block



Eric Luallen and Tom Block



Gene Deckerhoff and Keith Jones



Mark Rodin
Director of Video Operations



Jim Garbarino
Associate Director of Video Operations
Supervisory Producer of the Mike Martin Show



D.D. Garbarino
Producer/Director
Seminole Sports Magazine



Jerry Tootle
Producer/Director



Jim Shaw
Video Operations/
Megavision



2008 ROSTER

NUMERICAL ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos	B-T	Ht	Wt	Class	Hometown (Previous School)
1	Stuart Tapley	IF	R-R	5-10	204	FR	Orlando, FL (Boone HS)
2	Ohmed Danesh	OF	L-L	5-11	204	SO	Orlando, FL (Dr. Phillips HS)
3	Tony Delmonico	IF	S-R	6-0	194	JR	Knoxville, TN (Tennessee)
5	Jack Posey	IF	R-R	6-1	224	FR	Leesburg, GA (Leesburg HS)
6	Tommy Oravetz	IF	L-R	5-10	183	JR	Tallahassee, FL (Chiles HS)
7	Parker Brunelle	C	S-R	6-2	190	FR	Snellville, GA (Wesleyan School)
8	Buster Posey	C/P	R-R	6-2	200	JR	Leesburg, GA (Lee County HS)
9	Ruairi O'Connor	OF	R-R	6-0	218	R-JR	River Forest, IL (Oak Park HS)
10	Luke Smierciak	P/OF	R-R	5-10	163	FR	Gainesville, FL (Gainesville HS)
13	Jason Stidham	IF	L-R	5-11	173	SO	Palm Bay, FL (Melbourne HS)
14	Ryan Strauss	P	R-R	6-2	202	SR	Tampa, FL (Bloomingdale HS)
15	Tyler Holt	OF	R-R	5-11	175	FR	Gainesville, FL (Gainesville HS)
16	Bo O'Dell	P	R-R	6-2	193	JR	Kissimmee, FL (Seminole CC)
17	Mark Peterson	P	L-L	6-4	184	FR	Ft. Pierce, FL (Lincoln Park Academy)
19	Matt Kane	C	S-R	6-1	198	FR	Lake Worth, FL (Palm Beach Central)
20	Nick Vickerson	IF	R-R	6-0	195	FR	Tuscaloosa, AL (Hillcrest HS)
21	Geoff Parker	P	R-R	6-3	245	FR	Dade City, FL (Zephyrhills HS)
22	John Gast	P	L-L	6-2	216	FR	Longwood FL (Lake Brantley HS)
23	Taiwan Easterling	OF	R-R	5-11	192	FR	Hattiesburg, MS (Oak Grove HS)
24	Dennis Guinn	1B	R-R	6-0	208	SR	Winter Haven, FL (Winter Haven HS)
25	Mike McGee	P	R-R	6-0	172	FR	Port St. Lucie, FL (Port St. Lucie HS)
26	Jimmy Marshall	P	R-R	6-1	209	JR	Tallahassee, FL (Chiles HS)
27	Elih Villanueva	P	R-R	6-2	235	JR	Miami, FL (Miami-Dade CC)
28	Tyler Everett	P	L-R	6-2	202	FR	Tallahassee, FL (Lincoln HS)
30	Ben Francis	P	R-R	6-3	205	SO	Panama City, FL (Gulf Coast CC)
32	Matt Fairel	P	L-L	6-2	203	SO	Winter Haven, FL (Winter Haven HS)
33	Trent Jarvis	P	L-L	6-3	225	R-SR	Destin, FL (Ft. Walton Beach HS)
35	Ryan Vigue	P	L-L	6-0	182	FR	Merritt Island, FL (Merritt Island HS)
38	Stephen Cardullo	IF	R-R	6-0	197	SO	Coral Springs, FL (St. Thomas Aquinas HS)
46	Jack Rye	OF	L-L	6-0	195	SR	Irvine, CA (Woodbridge HS)

COACHING STAFF

Head Coach: Mike Martin (29th Season) Florida State (1966)

Associate Head Coach: Jamey Shoupe (18th Season) Florida State (1982)

Assistant Coach: Mike Martin, Jr. (11th Season) Florida State (1995)

Volunteer Coach: Rod Delmonico (1st Season) Liberty (1980)



ALPHABETICAL ROSTER

7	Parker Brunelle	C
38	Stephen Cardullo	IF
2	Ohmed Danesh	OF
3	Tony Delmonico	IF
23	Taiwan Easterling	OF
28	Tyler Everett	P
32	Matt Fairel	P
30	Ben Francis	P
22	John Gast	P
24	Dennis Guinn	1B
15	Tyler Holt	OF
33	Trent Jarvis	P
19	Matt Kane	C
26	Jimmy Marshall	P
25	Mike McGee	P
9	Ruairi O'Connor	OF
16	Bo O'Dell	P
6	Tommy Oravetz	IF
21	Geoff Parker	P
17	Mark Peterson	P
8	Buster Posey	C/P
5	Jack Posey	IF
46	Jack Rye	OF
10	Luke Smierciak	P/OF
13	Jason Stidham	IF
14	Ryan Strauss	P
1	Stuart Tapley	IF
20	Nick Vickerson	IF
35	Ryan Vigue	P
27	Elih Villanueva	P

EXPERIENCE BREAKDOWN

Seniors	4 - Guinn, Jarvis, Rye, Strauss
Juniors	7 - Delmonico, Marshall, O'Connor, O'Dell, Oravetz, B. Posey, Villanueva
Sophomores	5 - Cardullo, Danesh, Fairel, Francis, Stidham
Freshmen	14 - Brunelle, Easterling, Everett, Gast, Holt, Kane, McGee, Parker, Peterson, J. Posey, Smierciak, Tapley, Vickerson, Vigue

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

Parker Brunelle	Brew-nel
Ohmed Danesh	OH-mead Dah-neish
Ruairi O'Connor	ROAR-ee
Luke Smierciak	Smer-Z-ak
Ryan Vigue	VEEG-you
Elih Villanueva	E-lie Villa-new-way-vo

BREAKDOWN BY STATE

Florida	22 - Cardullo, Danesh, Everett, Fairel, Francis, Gast, Guinn, Holt, Jarvis, Kane, Marshall, McGee, O'Dell, Oravetz, Parker, Peterson, Smierciak, Stidham, Strauss, Tapley, Vigue, Villanueva
Georgia	3 - Brunelle, B. Posey, J. Posey
Alabama	1 - Vickerson
California	1 - Rye
Illinois	1 - O'Connor
Mississippi	1 - Easterling
Tennessee	1 - Delmonico

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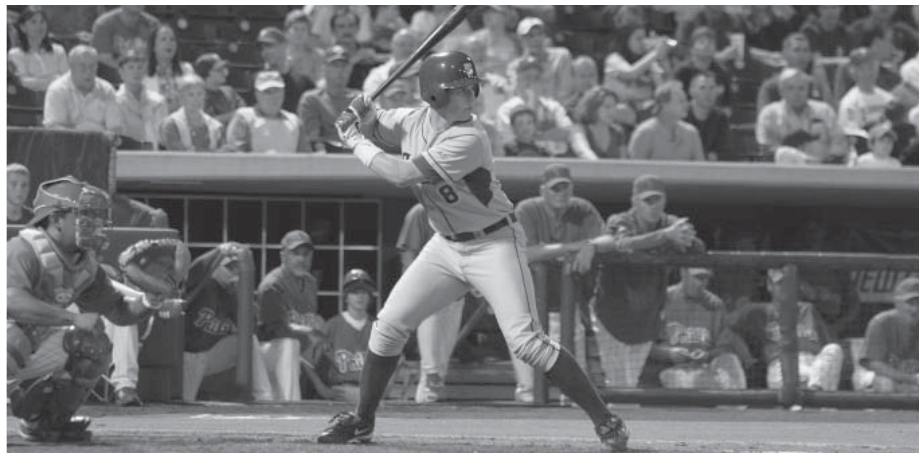
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GENERAL OUTLOOK

- Florida State returns five position starters and five pitchers who saw action off the mound in 2007 including a pair of starting pitchers in senior Ryan Strauss and junior Bo O'Dell. In all, the Seminoles welcome back 13 of 31 letterwinners for the upcoming season.
- The Seminoles return three of their top four hitters from last year's squad that recorded the highest team batting average in school history with a .350 mark. Buster Posey, Jack Rye and Jason Stidham ranked two, three and four, respectively, in hitting last year.
- FSU's 2008 recruiting class, which was ranked No. 2 by Collegiate Baseball, feature 17 newcomers including 14 freshmen. Also joining the Seminoles this season is a trio of transfers in Tony Delmonico (Tennessee), Elih Villanueva (Miami-Dade Community College) and Ben Francis (Gulf Coast Community College).
- Florida State enters the season looking to build off last year's 24-6 league mark and its first ACC Atlantic Division title. The Seminoles have averaged just over 50 wins since 2000 and will chase their 31st consecutive NCAA Regional appearance in 2008, the second longest streak in the nation.
- The Seminoles will start the season ranked 12th by Collegiate Baseball and 13th by the National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association. Buster Posey and Jack Rye were named Preseason All-Americans.



Buster Posey

MARTIN ON THE UPCOMING SEASON:

"The goal of the program, of course, will never change as long as I am here and that's to get to Omaha. We also have to understand that with the format change, playing five games a week, it's going to really take its toll on not only the pitching staff but the everyday players. Your depth has got to be stronger than ever before. You lose somebody in the middle of the season and sometimes it was only for five or six games, now it could be 10 or 15 games when you are playing as many games as we are playing this season. This year's team will consist of one of the least experienced pitching staffs that we have had in many years.

When you lose two seniors that were in the rotation (Bryan Henry and Michael Hyde), it's certainly a challenge for the guys that are going to get those opportunities; guys like Matt Fairel, Elih Villanueva and Ryan Strauss. It's a great opportunity for a lot of people to pitch."

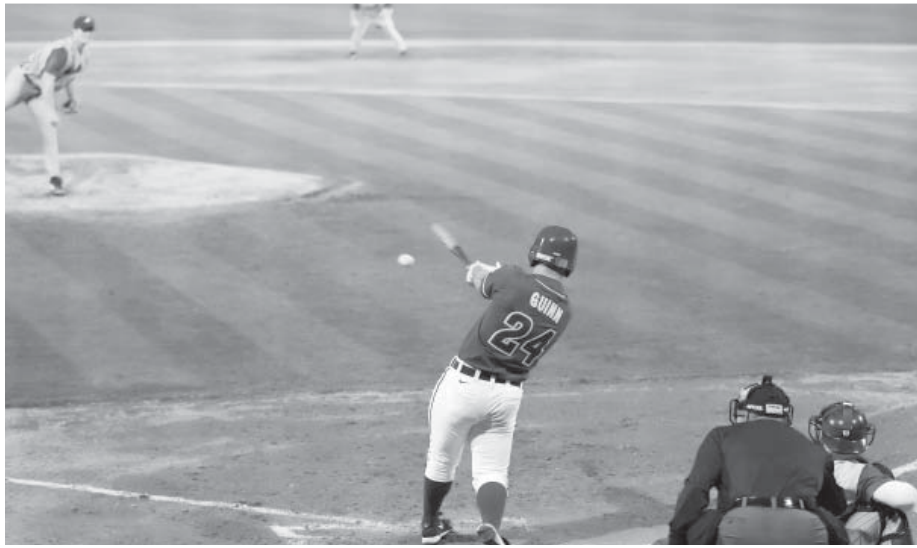
THE SCHEDULE

- Eleven teams on this year's schedule recorded 30 or more wins a season ago. Eight schools earned a bid to participate in an NCAA Regional in 2007, while three teams finished last year ranked in the top 25.
- The Seminoles will compete in a 30-game ACC schedule for the third year in a row. The schedule features all but one league school (Duke). After not facing Virginia in the regular season the last two seasons, the Cavaliers were added to the schedule and will travel to Tallahassee April 4-6. For the second consecutive year, Florida State will square-off against college baseball's national runner-up as they travel to face the University of North Carolina for a three-game set.
- Florida State's non-conference schedule is highlighted by three teams from the SEC including four games against Auburn, three against Florida and two against Georgia. For the second year in a row, the Seminoles and Gators will face-off at the Baseball Grounds in Jacksonville for one game, site of the 2008 ACC Baseball Championship. Last year, the two teams drew a record crowd of 12,280, the largest crowd ever to witness a collegiate baseball game in the state of Florida.
- For the second time in as many seasons, the Seminoles will travel to Clearwater, Fla., to face the Philadelphia Phillies on Tuesday, February 26. Last year 4,676 fans packed Bright House Networks Field for the exhibition contest.





2008 OUTLOOK



Dennis Guinn

MARTIN ON THE SCHEDULE:

"The schedule is tougher this year. It is certainly going to be at the top of many lists in terms of difficulty. Not only are we playing four games with Auburn, but we are playing the University of Georgia in the middle of two conference weekends as well as Stetson University. I don't think there is any question that we are faced with one of the biggest challenges that we have had since I've been here. If you look at the last two years, you have got to look at Virginia as being right up there as one of the top teams in the conference. The ACC schedule is always a challenge and we are looking forward to the competition those teams will present week after week. It was also an honor for the Phillies to call us again. We are very impressed with their organization and for our team to be invited to play them again does a lot for us in the recruiting area."

LEADERSHIP

- Florida State's five returning position starters, including Buster Posey, Jack Rye, Jason Stidham, Dennis Guinn and Ruairi O'Connor, have combined to play in 590 games. Last year, those returning Seminoles combined to hit .352 on 340 hits in 967 at-bats. Five hurlers enter the 2008 season with a combined 244 innings of work while senior Ryan Strauss has the most starts under his belt with 16, all coming a season ago. Jimmy Marshall is the top returning reliever for the Seminoles as he posted a 2-0 record and a 1.39 ERA last year.
- Senior outfielder Jack Rye and junior catcher Buster Posey were named team captains for the upcoming season. Rye has started 183 games since arriving in Tallahassee in 2005, while Posey has not missed a game in his Seminole career, a

span covering 127 consecutive games. Posey was named a preseason All-American in 2008 and is on the watch list for the Brooks Wallace Award. Rye earned second team preseason All-America honors by Collegiate Baseball.

MARTIN ON THE LEADERSHIP OF THIS YEAR'S TEAM:

"There is no question that the leadership of the club is extremely important. That is an area that I feel very comfortable with when you talk about Buster Posey, Jack Rye, Dennis Guinn. Ryan Strauss is a hard working pitcher, Matt Fairel has been in the program for a year and knows what to expect. Jimmy Marshall is entering his third year, so I do like the leadership of the ball club. Jason Stidham knows what to expect, so I am anxious to see these young men exhibit their leadership to the young guys."

NEWCOMERS

- Florida State welcomes 17 new players this season, including 14 freshmen and three transfers. It is the most freshmen listed on an opening day roster since 2005 when FSU opened the season with 13 freshmen. That year's freshman class included such names as Tony Thomas, Jr., Mark Gildea, Ryan Strauss, Dennis Guinn, Jack Rye and Ruairi O'Connor. Over the last five years, head coach Mike Martin has welcomed 60 freshmen to Seminole baseball family.
- The Seminoles were recognized by Collegiate Baseball with the nation's second best recruiting class in 2007. Since associate head coach Jamey Shoupe took over recruiting coordinator duties in 1990, FSU has had a class ranked in the top 25 each year while 12 of his 17 classes have been

ranked in the top 10. Four freshmen were selected in the MLB Draft but opted to postpone their major league career and attend college. Those individuals include John Gast, Taiwan Easterling, Mike McGee and Mark Peterson.

- This year's class features three transfer students who come to Florida State with prior playing experience and will look to make an immediate impact for the Garnet and Gold in 2008. Those student-athletes include Tony Delmonico (Tennessee), Elih Villanueva (Miami-Dade Community College) and Ben Francis (Gulf Coast Community College).

MARTIN ON THE NEWCOMERS:

"Tony Delmonico is a tremendous addition to our team. Tony looked very good at shortstop during fall practice. Tyler Holt has surpassed, at this point, my expectations. He has been a pleasure to watch and has certainly made improvements. I think the pitching is where it all begins. And I do like guys like Mike McGee, Geoff Parker, Elih Villanueva and Tyler Everett. I have been very pleased with them. We also need Ryan Vigue to be a big contributor from the left side as well."



Head coach Mike Martin

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Jack Rye

THE OFFENSE

- The Seminoles are coming off their best offensive season in school history setting the school record for team batting average with a .350 mark. All eight of the returning position players hit over .270 including three players who hit .366 or better.
- Junior Buster Posey is the leading returner in five offensive categories including average (.382), runs (66), hits (94), doubles (21) and RBI (65). Senior Jack Rye is coming off one of his finest seasons in a Seminole uniform where he posted career-highs in batting average, at-bats, hits and RBI's in 2007.
- Student-athletes who accounted for 49.7% and 45.9% of FSU's 789 hits and 562 runs, respectively, are back in 2008.

MARTIN ON THE OFFENSE:

"The big key, as it is every year, is to stay away from injuries. We do have four guys that played big roles in our offense that are returning and those are Buster Posey, Jack Rye, Dennis Guinn and Jason Stidham. But that is just four of the nine hitters. Tennessee transfer Tony Delmonico will also bring a wealth of experience to the table this year. There will be a lot of challenges, but I know we will be up for the test."

THE DEFENSE

- Following in the foot steps of the FSU offense from a season ago, the Seminoles were also the best fielding team in school history posting .975 fielding percentage. Three of the top six fielding percentages in school history have been posted in each of the last three years.
- Buster Posey started all 62 games from behind the plate for the Seminoles in 2007 posting a .994 fielding percentage, committing just three errors in

478 total chances. He also kept opposing runners at bay a year ago throwing out 40.9 percent of attempted base stealers. Ironically, it was Posey's first season playing at the catcher position.

- Senior Dennis Guinn returns to first base after playing left field and acting as the Seminole designated hitter in 2007. Up the middle, the Seminoles will have a new look as Tony Delmonico will take over at shortstop while Freshman All-American Jason Stidham will look to make the switch from third to second base in 2008. Delmonico started 113 games for the Volunteers over the last two seasons playing both second base and shortstop.
- The outfield has considerable depth with the return of Jack Rye, Ruairi O'Connor and Ohmed Danesh in 2008. Last year, Rye started 61 games in right field, while Danesh and O'Connor combined for 27 starts in left field.

MARTIN ON THE DEFENSE:

"We lost some exceptional talent no doubt about it. The play at second base and shortstop were quite impressive last year. Tony Delmonico gives us a good feeling. With Jason Stidham missing the entire fall season, I have no clear indication that he is our second baseman. I don't know if I have ever gone into the spring not knowing who was going to play second base for us. If Stidham is not ready, then you look at someone like Stuart Tapley. I like Tapley, he has been very impressive. Stidham and Tapley will definitely be looked upon to contribute this year."

PITCHING

- Senior Ryan Strauss enters the season as the most experienced Seminole starter. Last year, Strauss went 10-3 with a 3.40 ERA in 16 starts. He was named to the preseason watch list for the 2008 Brooks Wallace Award.

- The Seminoles lost pitchers that accounted for 32 of the team's 49 wins in 2007 including 24 wins combined by starters Bryan Henry and Michael Hyde.
- Junior Jimmy Marshall and sophomore Matt Fairel were the top two relievers a season ago as the duo combined to work 66.0 innings posting a 4-0 record and a 2.18 ERA in 44 appearances.
- The Seminoles will look to Miami-Dade Community College transfer Elih Villanueva to bolster their starting rotation in 2008. At Miami-Dade, Villanueva was named FCCAA Pitcher of the Year after striking out 109 batters in 89.0 innings of work while posting a 0.81 ERA. Villanueva helped Miami-Dade to the Southern Conference championship in 2007.

MARTIN ON THE PITCHING:

"We are going to try and have a five man rotation. But at any time those weekday starts could move into the weekend pitching role. The bullpen is obviously inexperienced and they are going to pitch this year. We will use guys a lot early to get a feel for how they react to the college game. We are looking at Buster Posey to close out games this year. Mike McGee, Geoff Parker, Tyler Everett, Ryan Vigue and Trent Jarvis will be looked at in relief. Jimmy Marshall and Bo O'Dell will be used; they may start some games for us and be used in relief in others. We haven't made a final decision on our rotation quite yet."



Ryan Strauss



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Stuart Tapley
IF • R/R • 5-10 • 204
FR • Orlando, FL



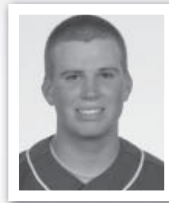
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Ohmed Danesh
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SO • Orlando, FL



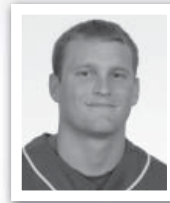
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JR • Knoxville, TN



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Jack Posey
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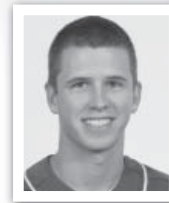
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Tommy Oravetz
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JR • Tallahassee, FL



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Parker Brunelle
C • S/R • 6-2 • 190
FR • Snellville, GA



8

Buster Posey
C/P • R/R • 6-2 • 200
JR • Leesburg, GA



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Ruairi O'Connor
OF • R/R • 6-0 • 218
R-JR • River Forest, IL



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Luke Smierciak
P/OF • R/R • 5-10 • 163
FR • Gainesville, FL



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Jason Stidham
IF • L/R • 5-11 • 173
SO • Palm Bay, FL



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Ryan Strauss
P • R/R • 6-2 • 202
SR • Tampa, FL



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Tyler Holt
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FR • Gainseville, FL



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Bo O'Dell
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JR • Kissimmee, FL



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Mark Peterson
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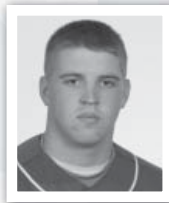
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Matt Kane
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FR • Lake Worth, FL



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Nick Vickerson
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FR • Tuscaloosa, AL



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Geoff Parker
P • R/R • 6-3 • 245
FR • Dade City, FL



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John Gast
P • L/L • 6-2 • 216
FR • Longwood, FL



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Taiwan Easterling
OF • R/R • 5-11 • 192
FR • Hattiesburg, MS



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Dennis Guinn
1B • R/R • 6-0 • 208
SR • Winter Haven, FL



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Mike McGee
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Jimmy Marshall
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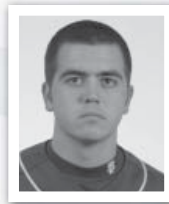
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Ben Francis
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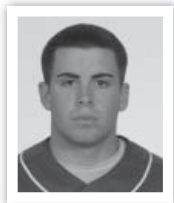
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Ryan Vigue
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FR • Merritt Island, FL



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Stephen Cardullo
IF • R/R • 6-0 • 197
SO • Coral Springs, FL



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Jack Rye
OF • L/L • 6-0 • 195
SR • Irving, CA



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Mike Martin
Head Coach



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Jamey Shoupe
Associate Head Coach



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Mike Martin, Jr.
Assistant Coach



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