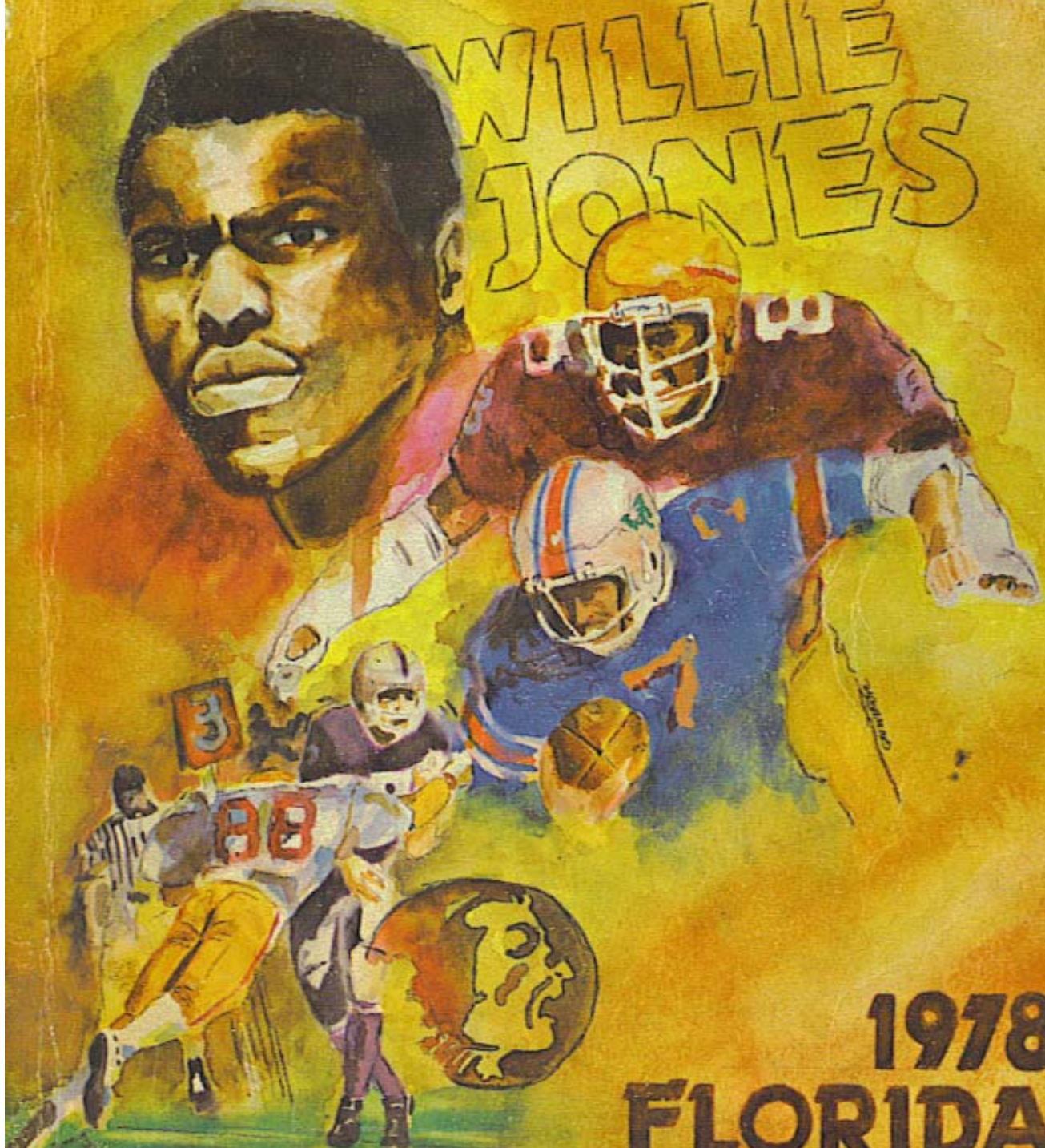


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## 1978 SEMINOLE SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Site	P.M. Time
Sept. 9	Syracuse	Syracuse, N.Y.	1:00 EDT
Sept. 16	OKLAHOMA STATE	TALLAHASSEE	7:00 EDT
Sept. 23*	Miami	Miami, Fla.	12:50 EDT
Sept. 30	HOUSTON	TALLAHASSEE	7:00 EDT
Oct. 7	CINCINNATI	TALLAHASSEE	7:00 EDT
Oct. 14	Mississippi State	Starkville, Miss.	1:30 CDT
Oct. 21	Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh, Pa.	1:30 EDT
Oct. 28	So. Miss.	Hattiesburg, Miss.	1:30 EDT
Nov. 11	VPI	TALLAHASSEE	7:00 EST
Nov. 18**	NAVY	TALLAHASSEE	7:00 EST
Nov. 25	FLORIDA	TALLAHASSEE	7:00 EST

\* ABC-TV Regional

\*\* Homecoming

### Quick Facts About Florida State

**President:** Dr. Bernard F. Sliger  
**Location:** Tallahassee, Fla. 32306  
**Founded:** 1857  
**Enrollment:** 21,000  
**Athletic Director:**  
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**Athletic Board Chairman:**  
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**Head Football Coach:**  
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**Nickname:** Seminoles  
**Colors:** Garnet & Gold  
**Conference:** Independent  
**Stadium:** Doak S. Campbell (47,413)

### 1977 Results Won 10, Lost 2

FLA. STATE 23, So. Mississippi 6  
 FLA. STATE 18, Kansas State 10  
 Miami (Fla.) 23, Florida State 17  
 FL. STATE 25, Oklahoma State 17  
 FLA. STATE 14, Cincinnati 0  
 FLA. STATE 24, Auburn 3  
 FLA. STATE 35, North Texas 14  
 FLA. STATE 23, Virginia Tech 21  
 FLA. STATE 30, Memphis State 9  
 San Diego State 41, Florida State 16  
 FLA. STATE 37, Florida 9

#### Tangerine Bowl

FLA. STATE 40, Texas Tech 17

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**CREDENTIALS:** Space for the working press, radio, TV and scouts will be allocated by the Sports Information Office. All requests for working credentials should be directed to this office in writing at least two weeks prior to the game. The Florida State press box is located on the west side of Doak Campbell Stadium with elevator service from the ground to all three of its levels. All media representatives and scouts should enter through the Press Gate north of the elevator.

**POLICIES:** Working press will be admitted to the press deck, second level, where approximately 90 seats are available. Credentials will be issued according to the following criteria: a) local newspapers, wire services, national publications, newspapers from opponent's area, and student newspapers from FSU and opponent's school; b) other daily newspapers with preference to those which regularly cover FSU; c) radio and television personnel not actually broadcasting, but considered reporting (seats will be provided in the stands); d) scouts.

**RADIO-TV:** The first level of the press box is designated for use by radio and television broadcasting crews, home and visiting coaches and stadium operations. Each booth is fully enclosed and sound-proof.

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## FSU NO SURPRISE IN '78

Things are not going to be the same at Florida State this fall.

Last season the Seminoles surprised folks. They caught enough opponents off guard to go 9-2 in the regular season, earning a Tangerine Bowl berth where the Garnet and Gold routed Texas Tech, 40-17.

Seminole chief Bobby Bowden knows, however, that the Tribe faces a different sort of task in '78.

"We ain't going to surprise nobody," Bobby drawls using his best Alabama accent. "They'll know we're going to throw the football from anywhere on the field.

"We are now the one to beat. And the guys have to know they have lost one element. But I don't worry about that. I just call attention to it."

Those 1977 accomplishments have been well-chronicled. The 10 victories represent the most ever by a Division I school currently playing football in Florida. That mark boosted the Seminoles to an 11th place ranking in the final United Press International poll and 14th place in the Associated Press Top 20.

Now a new season is upon us.

"Right, it is time for us to forget 1977 and look to 1978, difficult as it is," says Bowden. "We've gone from the outhouse to the penthouse real quick . . . but that stroll back to the outhouse can be just as short.

"I see two things now that I didn't see this time last year. I see our players with more confidence. Last year we only thought we could win. Now we KNOW we can win.

"With the good season of last year that means more pressure now. It's only natural because now that we've won people are going to be coming to get us and now we'll have to do something about it. Last year we were 8-2 and still considered the underdogs. We won't be underdogs often this fall."

Bowden candidly admits this football team has promise.

"We're not as good right now," says the third-year mentor. "But by our sixth game we should be pretty good. Still we've got to find some answers. Maybe they're there but we didn't find them in spring practice."

The coaching staff believes it starts fall practice with seven spots settled on both the offensive and defensive units. The other four starting slots are up for grabs.

"Last year we returned with almost the entire defensive team intact, but with questionmarks surrounding the quarterback position and spots in the offensive line," Bowden recalls.

"This year we return with questionmarks on offense at tailback, both guard spots and knowing we don't have enough depth among the receivers. Over on defense we still need to find one tackle, two linebackers and one person in the defensive secondary.

"Depth will likely be a major problem throughout the entire squad. We will be breaking in a punter for the first time in three years, too."

Another major concern is a lack of seniors. The fall roster lists just six, five of whom will likely draw starting assignments.

"I'm very concerned about the lack in numbers among our senior class. I question whether we have enough seniors to provide the leadership a good team needs to win close ball games," says Bowden.

"Still this team should have enough skilled people to whet the appetite. The key to us having a successful season is whether we can get a good start.

"The schedule will be tougher with the addition of Syracuse, Houston, Pittsburgh and Navy. But it's the type of schedule that will provide us with national recognition if we win."

"A lot of our success depends on how well we can reach the oneness of a team like we had last year. There is no way we have the talent to individualize."

## **SEMINOLE OFFENSE '78**

**By GEORGE HAFFNER**  
**Offensive Coordinator**

A big concern of Florida State's offensive coaching staff is to find replacements for wide receivers Roger Overby and Mike Shumann plus tailback Larry Key, who were the 'big play' people for us last year.

Will our production this season come up to the standards these three guys set last year?

Depth is a big question mark. At several of the skilled positions it looks like our backup help might have to come from untested freshmen.

This portion of our football team is going to need leadership from our underclassmen. Try this one on for size—among the first 27 players on the offensive depth chart there is only one senior listed, Nat Henderson, a tackle who started last fall. That frightens me to death. Last year we were young, but there were a lot of seniors sprinkled through the offensive units who were a calming influence on the youngsters and helped us keep our composure when things got rocky.

Looking at the various offensive segments I see it this way.

**LINE**—In center Gil Wesley and tackles Ken Lanier and Nat Henderson we have people with experience. My concern is at guard where four fellows—Mike Good and Greg Futch at quick guard and Brent Brock and Lee Adams at tight guard—will start fall practice battling for the starting positions. Nobody has a starting job locked up. We've moved Adams from tight end to give depth at this area.

**WIDE RECEIVERS**—Kurt Unglaub and Jackie Flowers are number one. They are the only experienced people we have. They must stay healthy and perform to the best of their abilities. Unglaub is coming off an injury (ankle) that plagued him all last season. He looked good in spring practice until he separated a shoulder. Flowers looks like he might be coming into his own. Jackie had an



outstanding spring. He got plenty of work because we didn't have a lot of receivers. A walk-on, Phil Williams, and ex-running back Sam Platt are the backups. The depth situation at our receiver positions is very critical.

**TIGHT END**—With Grady King, a six-game starter last year, we are pretty stable here. Bill Keck, who had injury problems as a freshman, is a good backup. Keck had a good spring game—seven catches for 100 yards—and is a more physical tight end than King. Again, like the wide receiver spots, we are hurting for depth.

**QUARTERBACK**—If Wally Woodham recovers from knee surgery, I believe we'll have the best one-two quarterbacking combination in the country. Jimmy Jordan made progress in the spring because he was out there every day. He has an outstanding ability to throw and has improved his knowledge of the passing game. He worked on his weaknesses in the spring and improved. Woodham didn't practice a down in the spring and that will hurt him. Still, we know that he's capable. With him as our starting quarterback last year we were 6-1. When Jordan started we were 4-1 so there isn't much difference there. We need to have Wally for his leadership abilities. He always has a good grasp of what's going on while he's playing and is a good percentage passer. We also have sophomore Rick Stockstill, who was able to get plenty of work every day during the spring. He made tremendous improvement from week-to-week. Rick is going to help us.

**RUNNINGBACKS**—After 20 days of spring, we still can't point to





any individual and say "he's our number one running back." Mark Lyles, who started nine of 11 games last year, is in a dead heat with sophomore Ernie Sims for the number one fullback spot. At tailback, Greg Ramsey had a good spring and is probably slightly ahead of Homes Johnson and Everett DeVeaux, who showed good potential. Johnson can start faster and did some explosive things in the spring while DeVeaux came on strong in the last two weeks to show us he was a strong, solid runner. Keith Kennedy, a junior, is going to be a good utility player for us at running back. He always seems to be at the right place at the right time.

**KICKING GAME**—This should be solid with either Dave Cappelen, a two-year vet, or Bill Capece handling field goals and PATs. They both have good legs. We are hoping the punting game will be better. A freshman, Rohn Stark, who was with us in the spring, has the inside track there. Punting is an area where we definitely need improvement.

## SEMINOLE DEFENSE '78

By JACK STANTON  
Defensive Coordinator

Florida State's defense for 1978 will be quite different from 1977. At the start of '77 practice we knew we were an improved defensive football team over the one we had the previous season. Starting '78 we know the defense is NOT as strong as it was last season.

The difference this year from last season is that we are not as fast and have lost a tremendous amount of experience. At the start of '77 we were using just one player—Ron Simmons—who lacked a great deal of college experience. Later in the year Louis Richardson stepped in at defensive tackle under much the same circumstance.

For this season, it looks like there will be as many as five positions—left tackle, the two linebackers and two secondary spots—where players with very little college experience will be starting.

One thing we do have going for us is that the attitude is SUPER. That could get us over some rough spots early in the year while the younger players are being tested and learning their way around the college football wars.

Looking at the various defensive segments I see it this way.

**LINE**—If we can find a left tackle we can be in pretty good shape end-to-end. The ends (Willie Jones and Scott Warren) are both veteran starters. Tackle Walter Carter has played two years and shown he is capable of playing major college football. Ron Simmons (noseguard) showed us last season that he is good at his position and has the ability to be great. Where the line is concerned we are not in bad shape. It could be the strongest portion of our defensive football team.



**LINEBACKERS**—This is a very questionable area for our football team. I can honestly say that starting fall practice we don't know who will start for us. The only experienced person we have there is David Hanks, a fifth year senior, who has only played in backup roles prior to this season. Paul Piurowski and Arthur Scott both have potential, but lack experience. We are moving Reggie Herring from defensive back to one of these positions and are definitely going to give the incoming freshmen a look. That doesn't mean we are giving up on the people we have here now, only that we want to look at the folks coming in to see if they can help out. But, playing linebacker as a freshman on our football team, with our scheme of defense, is one of the hardest assignments we could ask a freshman to undertake.

**DEFENSIVE BACKFIELD**—We are losing experience here with the graduation of Bobby Jackson, a four-year starter drafted by the New York Jets, and Nat Terry, a two-year starter picked by the Pittsburgh Steelers. We are lucky that the NCAA passed the freshman red-shirt rule which gave us two-year starter Mike Kincaid for another year. That provides us with additional experience back there to go with Ivory Joe Hunter, a two-year starter. Bobby Butler, a sophomore, is going to step in and take one of the positions and that leaves only one slot to fill. Hopefully, one of two junior college transfers—Ozzie Harrell or Willie Flowers—will step to the front. It's possible a freshman is going to be good enough to work his way into a starting role.

