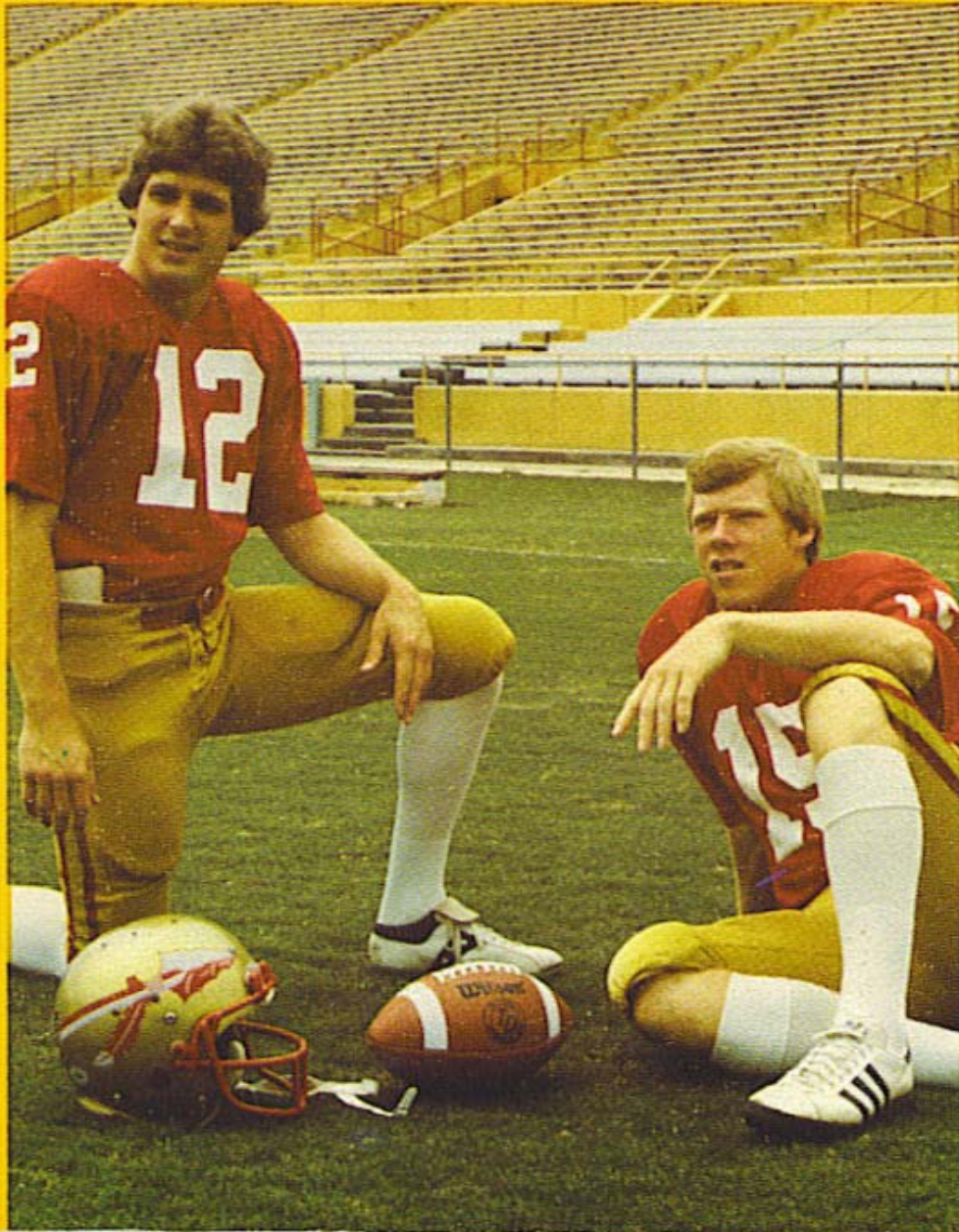




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1979 SEMINOLE SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Site	P.M. Time
Sept. 8	SO. MISS.	TALLAHASSEE	7:00 EDT
Sept. 15	Arizona State	Tampa, Fla.	7:00 EDT
Sept. 22	MIAMI	TALLAHASSEE	7:00 EDT
Sept. 29	Virginia Tech	Blacksburg, Va.	1:30 EDT
Oct. 6	Louisville	Louisville, Ky.	7:30 EDT
Oct. 13	MISS. ST.	TALLAHASSEE	7:00 EDT
Oct. 27	Louisiana State	Baton Rouge, La.	7:30 CDT
Nov. 3	Cincinnati	Cincinnati, Ohio	1:30 EST
Nov. 10	S. CAROLINA(HC)	TALLAHASSEE	7:00 EST
Nov. 17	MEMPHIS ST.	TALLAHASSEE	7:00 EST
Nov. 24	Florida	Gainesville, Fla.	1:30 EST

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1978 Results Won 8. Lost 3

FLA. STATE 28, Syracuse 0
 FLA. STATE 38, Oklahoma State 20
 FLA. STATE 31, Miami 21
 Houston 27, Fla. State 21
 FLA. STATE 26, Cincinnati 21
 Miss. State 55, Fla. State 27
 Pittsburgh 7, Fla. State 3
 FLA. STATE 38, So. Mississippi 16
 FLA. STATE 24, Virginia Tech 14
 FLA. STATE 38, Navy 6
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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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Outlook



SEMINOLES SEEKING IMPROVEMENT

Florida State in its last two football seasons has registered records of 10-2 (1977) and 8-3 (1978).

Those records represent the best back-to-back marks ever for the Seminoles.

So, what does head football coach Bobby Bowden predict for the Seminoles '79?

"We're looking for general improvement again," says Bowden, who will be on the FSU sideline for the fourth season. "People would like me to say we're gonna be better and we're gonna win everything this season. They'd love for me to say that, but I can't."

But, the numbers do indicate that, if everything would fall into place, this could be a year Seminole fans will long remember. On the other hand, if injuries to key personnel crop up and the ball doesn't bounce in the right direction at critical times, the Seminoles could be just another college football team.

These are the facts which make Seminole fans optimistic.

(1) Returning from last year's 8-3 squad are 18 starters—10 on offense and eight more on defense.

(2) Overall, 45 lettermen will be on the practice field when FSU conducts pre-season practice.

(3) The Seminoles begin 1979 with momentum on their side after reeling off four consecutive victories to conclude the 1978 season.

"Yes," says Bowden, "on paper, this could be the best team we've had. But, for us to improve on the record we'll have to do two things.

"Our defense will have to play more consistently. We shut out seven teams in the second half last year."

"And, we'll have to add running punch to make our acknowledged good passing game go. That may be why we went six games last year before we scored in the first quarter. Our running backs lacked and we were getting all those crazy coverages for our passing we had to solve."

This Seminole team has already established its goals for 1979. Nobody knows what those goals are, but everyone has some pretty good guesses.

One would certainly be to improve on last year's 8-3 record. And, in turn that should bring the bowl bid that somehow eluded last year's squad plus the recognition that would come from the team and individuals with that sort of record.

The Seminoles have already made their mark in the south among independents. Last season five Seminoles were named first team All-South Independent and two more earned second team recognition. No other independent could come close to those figures. In fact, of the other 14 independents, no other school had more than three individuals place with the first unit.

Among those seven honorees, five—noseguard Ron Simmons, quarterback Jimmy Jordan, offensive guard Mike Good, wide receiver Jackie Flowers and placekicker Davy Cappelen—return. Simmons, Good and Flowers were all first team picks of the Associated Press sportswriters and broadcasters.

"Our success this season depends more on the players than it has in the previous three years I've been here," says Bowden. "Their attitude and personal desire to improve will be key factors in determining our final 1979 record."

"We're just asking all of our players to try and improve just a little bit this coming season. We'd like for each player to get just a little bit stronger, just a little bit quicker and a little bit bigger."

The Seminoles are blessed with experience. Six players—receivers Flowers and Kurt Unglaub, Good, fullback Mark Lyles, defensive tackle Walter Carter and defensive end Scott Warren—are four year starters.

"We've got experience, and by that I mean some players who have been to war," says Bowden. "We also think we have some quality depth. We look solid and we look deep. This is the best we've looked since I've been here. If we don't get crippled up, we could do pretty well."

"The schedule's okay. Right now, it looks like a poker hand. If everything goes well for us, things could fall into place nicely."





OFFENSE

WIDE RECEIVERS—Quite possibly when Jackie Flowers, Kurt Unglaub and Sam Platt are healthy they combine to be the best trio of receivers on one team in the country. Flowers last season caught 43 balls for 757 yards and seven touchdowns. And, he missed all or part of the Navy and Florida games. Platt came on to catch 21 passes for 447 yards, an average of 21.3 yards per catch—best on the squad. In the 38-6 victory over Navy, he was named ABC-TV Chevrolet Co-Offensive Player of the Game for his six catches netting 145 yards that included TD grabs of four, 36 and 51 yards. Since a freshman season when he caught 33 passes, Unglaub's performances have been hampered by injuries. He caught just nine balls as a sophomore, but grabbed 15 last season for 288 yards, a 19.2 average, second best on the team. Also vying for time is sophomore Phil Williams, a walk-on last season, who saw enough action in 1978 to catch six passes for 72 yards.

TIGHT ENDS—Seminoles boast plenty of depth at this slot. Senior Grady King, junior Bill Keek and sophomore Sam Childers all saw starting duty last season. King is regarded as the best pass catcher of the three while Keek is regarded as the better blocker. Childers is perhaps the best all-around. Certainly all three catch the ball well and are favorite targets of the quarterbacks. King was the third leading receiver last season, catching 23 for 212 yards and four scores. Keek checked in with 11 receptions for 128 yards and Childers was credited with six catches for 45 yards. One player who could be in the picture is junior Ron Hester. He moved into the battle during the spring when Keek required knee surgery and missed the final four weeks of practice. Hester is one of the quickest players on the club, running a 4.6 in the 40.

INTERIOR LINE—With one exception, the Seminoles have the opportunity to line up with a veteran starter at each position. The only vacancy occurs at the tight tackle slot where Nate Henderson has graduated. Otherwise, the Seminoles will have two year starter Gil Wesley at center, three-year starter Mike Good and two-year veteran Greg Futch at the guards and two-year starter Ken Lanier at tackle. At the conclusion of spring practice, junior Tom Brannon had nailed down the vacated tackle slot. However, he was being pushed by sophomore Barry Voltapetti and junior Mike Coleman. Each position has several young players competing for the back-up role. Wesley, a two-time first team player on the Churchmen's All-American squad, has '78 letter winner John Madden as his backup. Lee Adams, a starter in the early portion of last season, is listed behind Futch at tight guard. Untested Jeff Field is behind Good and Danny Collier backs Lanier. Collier received valuable experience during the spring, spending most of the time working with the first unit, because Lanier was excused from drills. Lanier was a member of the Florida State track and field team and currently holds the school record in the shot put. A major question mark for the coaches is how well several of the offensive linemen will recover from knee surgery. In the last year, Futch, Adams, Bob Merson (tackle) and Willie Andrusko (center) have had surgery.

TAILBACK—One of the question mark areas when talking about offense. Coaches went into spring practice hoping someone would come to the front, but injuries prevented last year's starters, Homes Johnson and Greg Ramsey, from getting much work. What the coaches are looking for here is consistency. Johnson, as a sophomore last fall, was the team's leading rusher with 817 yards in 183 carries, a 4.5 average per tote. A shoulder separation prevented Homes from participating in most of the spring workouts and Ramsey was bothered by a knee injury. Not to be overlooked is Keith Kennedy, a senior who has played very little, but does not make mental mistakes when he's on the field. Although he ran nine times for just nine yards while playing for the winning Gold team in the spring game, Kennedy did catch 10 passes for 102 yards. Youngsters who could make a bid for the starting stature are sophomore Kelly Burney and freshman Ricky Williams. Williams, the 4-A Back of the Year in Georgia last year, was one of two freshmen in spring drills.

FULLBACK—Senior Mark Lyles holds the key here. He is not only a good runner—already the seventh best all-time ground gainer in Seminole history with 1,207 yards—but he's also an excellent pass receiver. Last season he was second on the team in receptions with 35 for 364 yards and one TD. Lyles has picked up valuable yardage along the ground for FSU in each of the last three seasons, but his performances are always over-shadowed by the wide open passing attack. Depth is a problem because both backups for the start of fall practice lack experience. Between them sophomores Mike Whiting and Tommy Young have carried the ball just twice in a varsity game.

QUARTERBACK—If Wally Woodham and Jimmy Jordan stay healthy there isn't a more stable area on the team. And, it's doubtful

that any other club in the country can produce a pair of quarterbacks who are effective as this duo that hails from Tallahassee Leon High School and have shared starting duty for the last two seasons. They already rank among the Top 10 in most Seminole passing statistics. They have both passed for better than 1,000 yards in each of the last two seasons. Last fall Jordan completed 108 of 199 passes for 1,427 yards and 14 TDs. Woodham, meanwhile was completing 98 of 169 for 1,322 yards and nine touchdowns. Jordan's career totals show 211 completions in 415 attempts for an even 3,000 yards and 26 scores. Woodham isn't far behind with 193 of 324 for 2,610 yards and 17 TDs. Now, sophomore Rick Stockstill has come into the picture. Rick isn't the passer that the other two are, but he's a much better runner. While quarterbacking the Gold team during the second half of the spring game he picked up 84 yards in 11 attempts. With Stockstill as the quarterback it adds another dimension to the Seminole attack. Now, the question—who will be the starter? In mid-summer Bowden indicated Woodham would be his starting signal caller on September 8 vs. Southern Mississippi.

DEFENSE

ENDS—There are extremes here. One side has plenty of experience with four-year starter Scott Warren and his backup of the last two seasons, Edenbur Richardson. But, over on the other side, four year starter and All-American Willie Jones has moved on to the Oakland Raiders and the coaches are looking for a replacement. Warren has been a Seminole starter since the third game of his freshman year at Oklahoma. He is one of the most intelligent players on the club and rarely makes a mental mistake. Richardson has been more than a capable backup and together the two make this end position just as stable as the quarterback slot. At the other terminal, the coaches have moved tackle Arthur Scott out in hopes that he can replace Jones. Scott had a good spring but still has a lot to learn about the position. Pushing Scott for the starting berth will be sophomore Scott McLean, one of eight freshmen who lettered last season. McLean picked up most of his playing time with the specialty teams, however.

TACKLES—If there is a position on the team that can afford to have an injury it's here. Three players who shared starting duty last year return and now the coaches have moved nose guard James Gilbert over because they feel "he needs to play somewhere and wouldn't have a chance to start at nose behind Simmons." Seniors Jeremy Mindlin and Walter Carter plus junior Mark Macek all saw starting duty last season. The pre-season depth chart shows Mindlin starting at left tackle with Carter as his backup and Macek the starter on the right with Gilbert behind him. Carter was one of the six freshmen, who received their college football baptism with a starting assignment at Oklahoma in 1976. Carter led the returning trio in tackles last year with 76 that included two quarterback sacks, three tackles for loss and two caused fumbles. Mindlin had 55 tackles, four