

# 2007 Florida State Outlook

## Quarterbacks

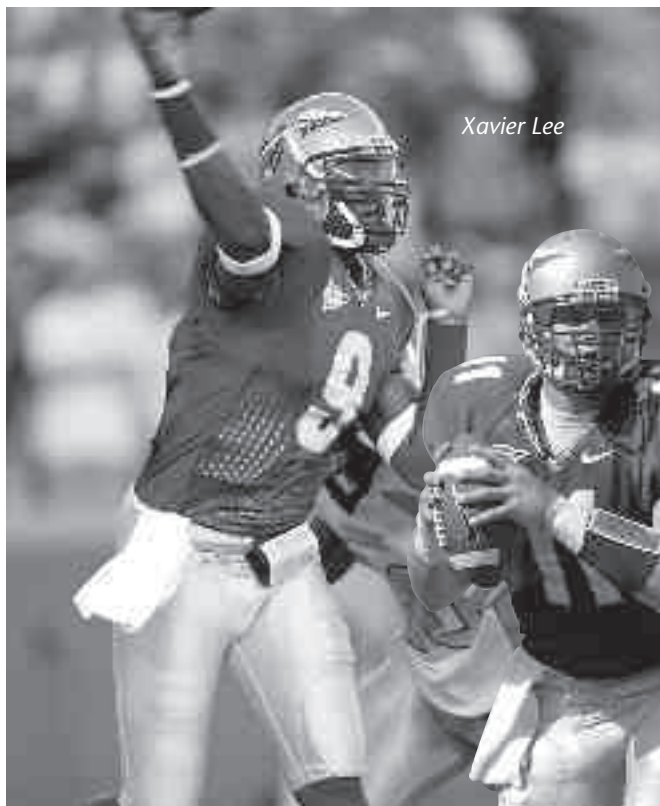
- Florida State enters 2007 with two quarterbacks that have combined to start 25 games the last two seasons. Drew Weatherford made 22 starts in 2005 and 2006 and Xavier Lee made the first three starts of his career in 2006.
- Lee and Weatherford have combined to play in 40 games, pass for 6,713 yards and connect on 40 touchdowns.
- Weatherford has passed for more career yards than any second-year player in school history (5,362) and he has a chance to become just the fourth player ever at FSU to lead the team in passing for three straight seasons.
- Lee has not thrown an interception in 12 of his 15 career games and thrown for at least one TD in seven games.

### PRESEASON DEPTH CHART

QB	1	Xavier Lee	6-4	234	R-Jr.
-or-	11	Drew Weatherford	6-3	215	R-Jr.
	14	Christian Ponder	6-2	207	R-Fr.
-or-	16	D'Vontrey Richardson	6-1	205	R-Fr.



Joslin Shaw



Xavier Lee

## Receivers

- The receiver position is a mix of reliable veterans and exciting young players who will all get a chance to showcase their talents in Jimbo Fisher's offense. Greg Carr, De'Cody Fagg and Joslin Shaw have made 20 career starts and played in 74 games. On the other hand, Richard Goodman, Damon McDaniel, Rod Owens and Preston Parker have combined to play in 20 games and none has ever

started a game at the wideout position.

- Fagg has quietly had a stellar three-year career as a Seminole. He is just 23 catches away from 100 career receptions and with 30 more catches in 2007, Fagg will become just the fifth receiver in school history with 30 or more receptions in three straight seasons.
- Carr has been one of the most dominant red zone players in the ACC since his arrival in 2005. The ACC's top returning touchdown threat at the wideout position, Carr is the first FSU receiver to score 21 TDs in his first two seasons in Tallahassee. Of his 21 TDs, 17 have come from 30 yards and in.
- Shaw enters his senior season having played in 22 games and is expected to be a factor in Fisher's new offense. He is coming off the best season of his career as he set new highs in every category.
- Two players who had impressive springs were Goodman and Parker. Although the two have never started a game, Goodman enters the fall as the starter at one wideout spot and Parker could be one of Fisher's most dangerous weapons from any spot on the field.

### PRESEASON DEPTH CHART

WR1	81	De'Cody Fagg	6-3	211	Sr.
	80	Joslin Shaw	5-10	180	Sr.
	12	Damon McDaniel	6-0	201	So.
	86	Rod Owens	6-0	180	So.
WR2	9	Richard Goodman	6-0	186	Jr.
	89	Greg Carr	6-6	212	Jr.
-or-	5	Preston Parker	6-0	190	So.

## Running Backs

- Junior Antone Smith enters the season as the featured back in Florida State's new offense. The offensive MVP of the spring, Smith has a career average of over five yards per carry. He is rated as one of the top 25 backs in the nation despite making just one career start.
- FSU has had two backs with 70+ carries each for seven straight seasons. The last time two Seminole backs didn't

Drew Weatherford

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carry at least 70 times was 1999 when Florida State won the National Championship.

- Jamaal Edwards has played in just eight games but he will have a much more prominent role in 2007 playing behind Smith. Now in his fourth season, Edwards was one of the breakout stars of the spring.
- Sophomore Marcus Sims made a strong push in the spring to unseat fullback Joe Surratt as the short-yardage back in 2007. Surratt was second on the team in TDs in 2006 and of his six scores, four came from the one-yard line. Sims was dominant from close in during the spring and will battle Surratt for that role this year.

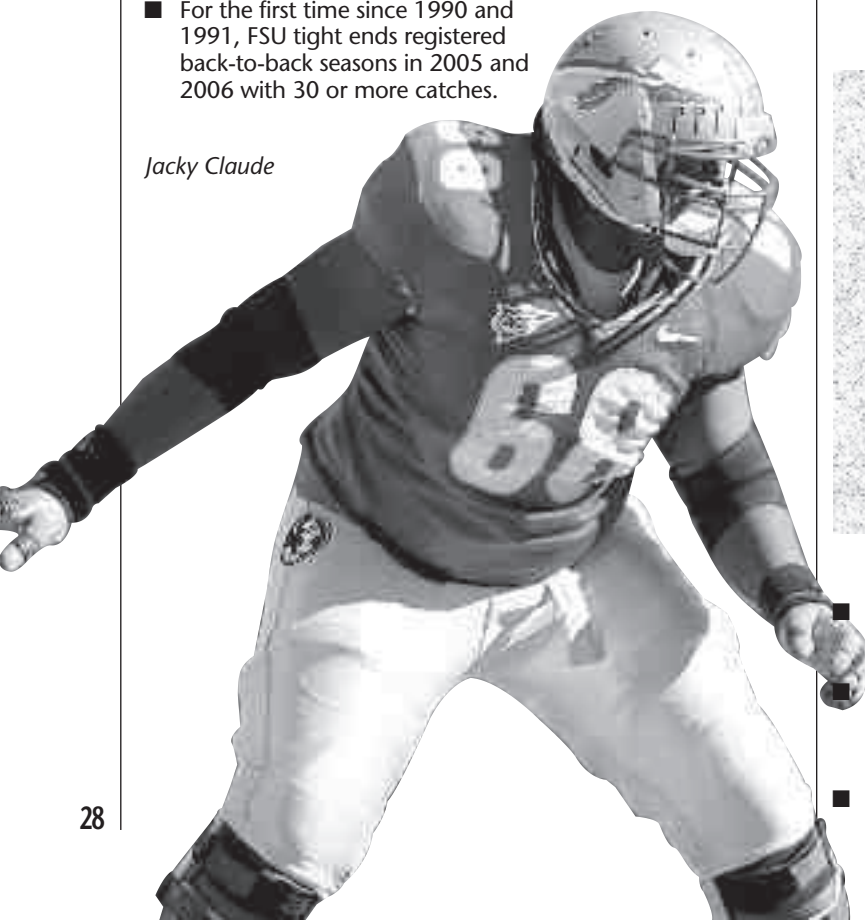
### PRESEASON DEPTH CHART

FB	42	Seddrick Holloway	5-10	248	So.
		Antonio White	5-10	225	Jr.
	40	Matt Dunham	6-2	249	So.
-or-	32	Joe Surratt	6-1	250	Sr.
TB	6	Antone Smith	5-9	187	Jr.
	33	Jamaal Edwards	6-0	210	Jr.
	35	Marcus Sims	6-0	222	So.
	27	Russell Ball	5-7	170	So.

### Tight Ends

- Charlie Graham enters the fall listed as the starter. He is the only player on the roster with any previous experience at the position.
- Tight end coach John Lilly will need to replace a pair of tight ends (Caz Piurowski and Brandon Warren) who caught 35 balls for over 350 yards last season.
- In 2006, FSU's tight ends had 38 catches, the most receptions as a group since 1990 and the second-most receptions in Seminole history by the tight end position group.
- For the first time since 1990 and 1991, FSU tight ends registered back-to-back seasons in 2005 and 2006 with 30 or more catches.

Jacky Claude



- Two players switched positions to play tight end this spring. Former fullback Sean Compton and D.J. Norris, previously a defensive end, both made the move to provide depth.

### PRESEASON DEPTH CHART

TE	45	Charlie Graham	6-3	238	So.
	82	D.J. Norris	6-3	245	Jr.
	38	Sean Compton	6-1	232	Sr.

### Offensive Line

- No position group will have undergone as much change come the first game of the 2007 season than the offensive line. On top of combining to lose 180 pounds as a group, there may be as many as four new starters at the five spots along the line.
- This is one of the most experienced units on the team as FSU's offensive linemen have combined to make 78 career starts.
- Shannon Boatman and Jacky Claude combined to make 25 starts last season and both players enter the fall atop the depth chart at right tackle and left guard respectively.
- Claude has started 26 games in his FSU career, more than any returning player on the offensive or defensive side of the ball.
- The rest of the line will look very different in 2007. With the departure of Mario Henderson and Cory Niblock, FSU lost two players with a combined 47 career starts. Daron Rose is slated to take over for Henderson, a third round draft pick of the Oakland Raiders. The sophomore has played in just two games in his career. On the other side Dumaka Atkins has switched from center to right guard where he will battle David Overmyer and Evan Bellamy.
- The biggest surprise of the spring was converted defensive lineman Ryan McMahon. The redshirt freshman played so well at center he will enter the fall listed ahead of incumbent John Frady who has started 21 games in his career.

### PRESEASON DEPTH CHART

LT	76	Daron Rose	6-5	286	So.
	78	Matt Hardrick	6-5	329	So.
LG	68	Jacky Claude	6-4	283	Sr.
	61	Tyler Graves	6-6	270	Fr.
	64	Marcus Ford	6-1	280	Sr.
C	60	Ryan McMahon	6-3	275	Fr.
	57	Brandon Davis	6-2	272	Fr.
	67	John Frady	6-4	270	Sr.
RG	79	David Overmyer	6-5	271	Sr.
	71	Evan Bellamy	6-4	289	Fr.
	58	Dumaka Atkins	6-4	295	Jr.
RT	73	Shannon Boatman	6-7	315	Sr.
	77	Caz Piurowski	6-7	276	So.
	74	Geoff Bernard	6-8	315	Jr.

### Defensive Line

- One of the deepest and most talented units on the team, the Seminole defensive line returns 12 players who have combined to make 53 career starts.
- Florida State finished second in the nation in tackles for loss in 2006. Of the 45 tackles behind the line of scrimmage registered by linemen, players that accounted for 42 of those stops return in 2007.
- The unit is led by redshirt senior Andre Fluellen. The

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Outland Trophy candidate was named the fifth-best defensive tackle in America entering the fall.

- The anticipated return of Paul Griffin at nose guard will further strengthen the depth of the interior part of the line. With Griffin's return, Fluellen could move back to the tackle spot where he will be backed up by Letroy Guion, the third-leading tackler among linemen in 2006.
- Freshman All-American Everette Brown registered 13.5 tackles for loss in 2006 and three sacks. He will join with senior Alex Boston and Neefy Moffett to form an athletic group of ends.



Alex Boston

### 2007 STARTERS RETURNING/LOST

#### STARTERS RETURNING

POS	NAME	CLASS	2006 STARTS	CAREER STARTS
QB	Drew Weatherford	R-Jr.	10	23
FB	Joe Surratt	Sr.	11	11
WR	De'Cody Fagg	Sr.	10	15
OG	Jacky Claude	Jr.	13	26
C	John Frady	Sr.	13	19
OT	Shannon Boatman	R-Sr.	12	12
DE	Alex Boston	R-Sr.	7	14
NG	Andre Fluellen	R-Sr.	13	25
DT	Letroy Guion	Jr.	4	5
LB	Geno Hayes	Jr.	10	10
CB	Tony Carter	Jr.	11	24
CB	Jamie Robinson	So.	5	5
S	Roger Williams	R-Sr.	13	16
RV	Myron Rolle	So.	10	10
PK	Gary Cismesia	Sr.	13	29
P	Graham Gano	Jr.	13	19
DS	Garrison Sanborn	R-Sr.	13	14
HO	Brent Moody	D-Sr.	13	13

#### STARTERS LOST

POS	NAME	CLASS	2006 STARTS	CAREER STARTS
RB	Lorenzo Booker	Sr.	12	17
WR	Chris Davis	Sr.	12	25
TE	Brandon Warren	Fr.	13	13
OT	Mario Henderson	Sr.	13	16
OG	Cory Niblock	Sr.	10	31
DE	Darrell Burston	Sr.	9	16
LB	Lawrence Timmons Jr.	Jr.	13	13
LB	Buster Davis	Sr.	13	37

#### STARTERS RETURNING/LOST BY POSITION

POSITION	RETURNING	LOST
Quarterbacks	1	0
Running Backs	0	1
Full Backs	1	0
Wide Receivers	1	1
Tight Ends	0	1
Offensive Line	3	2
Defensive Line	3	1
Linebackers	1	2
Secondary	4	0

#### STARTERS RETURNING BY 2006 CLASS

Juniors	10
Sophomores	4
Freshmen	2
Lettermen Returning	58
Lettermen Lost	14

#### PRESEASON DEPTH CHART

LE	59	Neefy Moffett	6-1	254	Jr.
	95	Kevin McNeil	6-2	255	So.
		Craig Yarborough	6-0	213	Fr.
DT	93	Letroy Guion	6-4	295	Jr.
	94	Justin Mincey	6-5	275	So.
NG	96	Andre Fluellen	6-5	280	Sr.
	54	Paul Griffin	6-1	286	Jr.
- or -	72	Budd Thacker	6-2	268	So.
	56	Kendrick Stewart	6-2	270	So.
RE	98	Alex Boston	6-3	263	Sr.
	99	Everette Brown	6-4	255	So.
	97	Eli Charles	6-2	220	So.

### Linebackers

- Linebacker coach Chuck Amato will have one of the most difficult jobs of all the position coaches as he will need to replace two of the Seminoles three starting linebackers from 2006. Lawrence Timmons was a first round draft pick of the Pittsburgh Steelers and Buster Davis went in the third round to the Arizona Cardinals.
- Geno Hayes, who was FSU's weakside linebacker in 2006, has played in the middle all spring. If Marcus Ball and Derek Nicholson are able to return from knee injuries suffered in the fall, the linebacking unit could be a very athletic group.
- Hayes enters the fall as the nation's 21<sup>st</sup>-rated linebacker and an All-ACC preseason selection by numerous magazines. He has the most sacks amongst returners and recorded 12 tackles for loss last season.
- Dekoda Watson is ready to take over for first round draft pick Lawrence Timmons. The All-ACC freshman was named the Most Dependable Linebacker, top newcomer and the biggest hitter on defense following spring practice.

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SLB	36	Dekoda Watson	6-2	225	So.
	7	Marcus Ball	6-0	215	So.
	31	Toddrick Verdell	6-3	222	Jr.
	52	Jeremy Franklin	6-2	219	Sr.
MLB	30	Derek Nicholson	6-2	226	Jr.
	48	Recardo Wright	6-2	220	So.
WLB		Benjamin Lampkin	6-0	218	Jr.
	10	Geno Hayes	6-2	218	Jr.
	49	Anthony Kelly	6-3	238	Sr.
	37	Rodney Gallon	6-0	205	Jr.

### Defensive Backs

- All four starters return in 2007. Tony Carter, Jamie Robinson, Myron Rolle and Roger Williams started 39 games last season but all four were only on the field together as starters in three of 13 games.
- Carter has started 24 of 26 games the last two seasons and has developed into a player that opposing offenses avoid when throwing downfield.
- Jamie Robinson starts opposite Carter and was named to the All-ACC freshman team in 2006. He started five games on the right side. He is backed up by Michael Ray Garvin who made four starts on the right side and two starts replacing an injured Carter on the left side. Garvin will battle Jamie Robinson for the starting job this fall.
- Roger Williams has played in 38 games in his career and started all 13 games last season. The senior free safety set career highs for interceptions (4), tackles (67) and passes broken up (5) in 2006.
- Myron Rolle will enter the fall as the starter at rover. The freshman was forced into action in the fourth game of the year due to an injury and went on to be named the ACC's defensive freshman of the year and a first team freshman All-America.

### PRESEASON DEPTH CHART

FC	4	Tony Carter	5-9	170	Jr.
	21	Patrick Robinson	5-11	184	So.
FS	15	Ochuko Jenije	5-10	190	Fr.
	8	Roger Williams	6-0	200	Sr.
RV	24	Darius McClure	5-11	203	Jr.
	3	Myron Rolle	6-2	215	So.
	23	Roosevelt Lawson	5-11	196	So.
	46	Anthony Houllis	6-0	210	Sr.
BC	47	Mister Alexander	6-2	217	Fr.
	20	Jamie Robinson	6-2	186	So.
	29	Michael Ray Garvin	5-8	180	Jr.
	18	J.R. Bryant	6-1	180	Sr.

### Specialists

- Everyone returns among the specialists giving the Seminoles much needed experience and stability.
- Gary Cismesia enters the fall as the Seminoles starting placekicker for the third straight season. The senior is ranked 11<sup>th</sup> in school history with 199 career points and he is the third most accurate field goal kicker in school history.
- Cismesia was locked in a battle all spring with punter and kickoff specialist Graham Gano. The junior will battle Cismesia for field goal duties and could be Florida State's placekicker on longer field goals in 2007.

- Gano averaged over 40 yards per punt in 2006 and is the fourth leading returning punter in the ACC in terms of career average. He did not have a punt blocked last season.
- Garrison Sanborn and Brent Moody formed an excellent tandem as far as deep snapper and holder. Both are fifth-year seniors who started all 13 games together last year.

### PRESEASON DEPTH CHART

PK	12	Gary Cismesia	5-11	205	Sr.
	43	Graham Gano	6-1	195	Jr.
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	12	Gary Cismesia	5-11	205	Sr.
P	43	Graham Gano	6-1	195	Jr.
		Brent Moody	6-2	195	Sr.
DS	65	Garrison Sanborn	6-1	221	Sr.
		Jeremiah Thompson	5-10	220	So.
HO		Brent Moody	6-2	195	Sr.
KR	29	Michael Ray Garvin	5-8	180	Jr.
PR	21	Patrick Robinson	5-11	178	So.



Graham Gano