

This Is FSU SOCCER

Whether it's playing in front of 1,600 fans at the Seminole Soccer Complex or making back-to-back trips to the NCAA Tournament, it is a great time to be a part of Seminole soccer. Few programs can match the combination of success on the field, fan support in the stands and on-campus facilities that makeup the Seminole soccer program. Florida State finished the 2001 campaign ranked in every national poll, made its second-consecutive NCAA appearance, played for the first conference title in program history and the three-year old Seminole Soccer Complex is one of the nation's top soccer facilities.

Florida State posted the best record in program history last season, advanced to the school's first-ever ACC Championship final and finished the year ranked as one of the top offensive teams in the nation. The Seminoles were invited to their second consecutive NCAA Tournament in 2001 and the team also secured its first-ever back-to-back Top 25 ranking. Seminole soccer is a program on the rise and



FSU freshmen at the Golden Nole banquet.

everything is in place for FSU to continue to be a major force in women's soccer for years to come.

• In 2001, Florida State made the program's first-ever run at the conference title as FSU opened the season with three straight ACC wins. The Seminoles handed No. 7 Clemson its only home loss of 2001 as the Tribe stormed out to a 3-0 start in the ACC and into first place in the conference half way through the 2001 season. After its most successful regular season conference finish (third), FSU utilized its high seed as it ousted Maryland 7-2 and then outlasted second-seed Virginia in four overtimes. The Seminoles' trip to the ACC Conference final marked the second straight year the program has advanced out of the first round. North Carolina and FSU are the only two schools to advance to the semifinals in both of the last two seasons.



FSU soccer was honored before the Seminole football team took on Wake Forest last year.

- After securing the program's first ever postseason ranking in 2000, the Seminoles ended the 2001 campaign ranked in every Top 25 poll for the first time in team history. Florida State was ranked wire-to-wire for the first time ever in two polls and spent just one week outside of the Top 25 in two others.
- Florida State competes in the Atlantic Coast Conference, which is the nation's top soccer conference. Not only is it home to 17-time National Champion North Carolina but seven of the ACC's eight schools participated in the 2001 NCAA Tournament and half of the conference finished the season ranked in the final NSCAA and *SoccerBuzz* polls. One quarter of this year's Elite Eight and three members of the Sweet 16 were from the Atlantic Coast Conference.
- The future looks bright for ACC soccer considering the conference placed six players on the *SoccerBuzz* All-Freshman first and second teams. The ACC placed twice as many freshmen on the first and second team as any conference in the nation.
- The state-of-the-art Seminole Soccer Complex includes ticket and concession buildings and a spacious press box, including press seating, radio/television booths and high-speed Internet access. The two-level Mary Ann Stiles & Barry Smith Team Building houses the coaches' offices which overlook the soccer field, a reception area, a combined workroom, large team and coaches locker rooms, visiting team locker rooms and training and equipment rooms.
- Florida State soccer players don't only excel on the field but they are amongst the school's best in the classroom. During the 2001-2002 academic year, 81% or 17 of the 21 FSU soccer players made it on the ACC Academic Honor Roll. Only women's tennis placed a higher percentage of their total athlete's on the list than the soccer team.

Playing for one of the nation's top programs in the country's premiere soccer conference, graduating from a prestigious university and playing on a 'field of dreams' are all a part of Florida State soccer. ⚽



Seminole seniors hanging out in the complex locker room.

Community SERVICE

While the 2001 season marked many firsts for the Florida State soccer team, the amount of hours spent by its members volunteering to serve the community was simply a continuance of a standard head coach Patrick Baker set for his team when he took over the program three years ago. After winning the Athletic Director's Cup

FSU Soccer Has Helped...

- United Way
- Comcast
- Habitat For Humanity
- Madison Soccer U-12 Team
- Tally United U-10 Boy's Soccer Team
- The Tallahassee Museum
- Wheelchair Tennis
- Tallahassee Senior Center
- FCA
- Committee of 30
- Girl Scouts
- Cornerstone School
- Oakridge Elementary School
- Top of Florida U-10 Soccer Team
- Florida State Sesquicentennial
- Christmas Connection
- Metropolitan Ministry
- Dick Howser Celebrity Charity Event
- School of Arts and Sciences
- Read Across America
- Palmer Munroe Community Program
- Student's Working Against Tobacco



for Community Service in 1999, the 2001 team continued its tradition of reaching out to the community as the team worked 382 hours, or 15 hours per team member in the community during the past year.

"I am very proud of our young ladies and their commitment to community service," said coach Baker. "We have tried to reach out to the community and help in a number of different areas. The team is continually giving of themselves which means a lot to me, our university and the community."

In 2001, the Seminoles made a major commitment as they joined the fight to help stop tobacco use among Florida's school-age population. Florida State soccer teamed up with the Leon County

chapter of SWAT (Students Working Against Tobacco) in a joint effort to stop tobacco usage among Florida's students. The team sponsored a "Smoke Free Soccer Night" at the Seminole Soccer Complex during its spring match-up with the University of Tennessee to kick off the new partnership and more events are scheduled for the fall.

"The tie-in with sports, and one of the best soccer teams in the country, is a great way to have fun and excitement while reaching the community with our message," said Nicole Payne of the Leon County SWAT when discussing the partnership.

Over the last three years, team members have reached out to a number of local and national organizations, some of which included Habitat for Humanity, the United Way, the Cornerstone School, the School of Arts and Sciences, the Girl Scouts, Read Across America and a number of other charitable groups in the area. In addition, the squad spent many hours working with these organizations during specific fund-raising events. ⚽



Florida State SOCCER COMPLEX

In 1995, Florida State introduced women's soccer as its 17th varsity sport. As a new state-of-the-art complex was in the planning stages, the team played its first three seasons on a renovated intramural field while Tully Gym housed the Seminole locker room. By the spring of 1998, Florida State's dream of a new complex started to become a reality, as ground was broken for the new facility and construction began. Although the new facility was not completed, the Seminoles began playing on their field in the fall of 1998. The 1999 season marked the first full season in the new Seminole Soccer Complex, which is regarded as one of the nation's best and was featured in *Athletic Business Magazine's* 2002 Architectural Showcase.

"We have the field of dreams in a beautiful stadium setting," said head coach Patrick Baker. "There are days



HOME ATTENDANCE YEAR-BY-YEAR

YEAR	DATES	TOTAL	AVERAGE
2001	8	4515	564
2000	11	8799	800
1999	8	2958	370
1998	11	4598	418
1997	6	3064	511
1996	10	5106	511
1995	5	2922	584

ALL TIME RECORDS

YEAR	HOME	AWAY	NEU	TOT
1995	2-3-0	0-8-1	2-3-0	4-14-1
1996	6-4-0	6-2-0	0-1-1	12-7-1
1997	4-2-0	3-9-0	1-1-0	8-12-0
1998	3-6-2	3-4-1	1-1-0	7-11-3
1999	5-3-1	4-6-0	0-1-0	9-10-1
2000	9-2-0	5-4-1	0-2-1	14-8-2
2001	8-0-0	5-5-0	2-3-1	15-8-1
37-20-3		26-38-3	6-12-3	69-70-9

TOP TEN HOME ATTENDANCE

DATE	TEAM	ATTENDANCE
10/17/00	UNC	1,582
8/25/00	Florida	1,282
10/23/96	Florida	1,123
10/13/98	Florida	1,046
9/08/00	Texas A&M	963
9/26/96	UNC	917
9/24/95	Duke	903
9/05/97	Woffard	878
11/08/00	Jacksonville	867
10/05/00	Wake Forest	866



when it looks too good to be true. Having the offices and locker rooms at the facility makes our complex all-inclusive. You don't have to leave for anything. Our players have everything at one site. It really is our home away from home."

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The Seminole Soccer Complex is located between Dick Howser Baseball Stadium and Mike Long Track on Chieftan Way. The facility can be accessed from both Chieftan Way and Stadium Drive. ⚽

