

This is FSU Softball

Few programs can match the combination of success on the field, fan support in the stands and on-campus facilities that makeup the Seminole softball program. Head coach Dr. JoAnne Graf has built one of the most successful programs in Division I softball history in her 24 years at Florida State University. Graf, who is the all-time winningest coach in NFCA history, has guided FSU to two slow pitch national championships, six Women's College World Series appearances, 15 NCAA Regionals and two semi-final WCWS appearances. She has seen 23 players garner All-American honors under her guidance and she has also coached nine players who have gone on to play professional softball.

Seminole softball has one of the greatest winning traditions in the history of the sport. Florida State has never had a losing season in Graf's 24 year's on the job. The Seminoles have a winning record against 83% of the 162 opponents they have faced in the program's illustrious 24-year history and over the last 10 seasons, FSU has amassed 511 wins or an average of 51 victories a season.

Things just keep getting better as the 2002 season was probably the most successful in the history of the program. Florida State finished the year ranked fourth in the nation and defeated No. 1 UCLA and No. 6 Nebraska on its way to a semi-final appearance at the 2002 Women's College World Series.

Florida State's unprecedented success is even more pronounced when you look at what the squad has done in its 11 years of Atlantic Coast Conference play. The Seminoles have been crowned ACC champions in eight of their 11 ACC seasons and has produced eight ACC Tournament MVP's, while Graf has been named the conference's top coach on four occasions. Florida State is 65-16 all-time in ACC play and has finished atop the ACC regular season standings nine times. The Seminole softball program also placed an astounding 24 players on the ACC's 50th anniversary softball team.

The two-year old Seminole Softball Complex is one of the nation's top softball facilities and it allows FSU to be a perennial contender to host ACC Tournaments and NCAA Regionals. For the second consecutive season Florida State hosted an NCAA Regional in 2002 and the Tribe celebrated it's sixth NCAA regional title in front of a roaring home crowd.

The state-of-the-art 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 softball field, a reception area, a combined workroom, large team and coaches' locker rooms, visiting team locker rooms and training and equipment rooms.

Playing for one of the nation's top programs under the guidance of the country's premiere softball coach, graduating from a prestigious university and playing on a 'field of dreams' are all a part of the package that is Florida State softball.



Seminole

Softball Complex



FIELD OF DREAMS

Florida State University is home to one of the premiere softball complexes in the nation. The Seminole Softball Complex is state-of-the-art in every facet and provides Florida State softball players with an all-inclusive complex that includes locker rooms, meeting rooms and one of the best playing surfaces anywhere in the country. Since its opening, the Seminole Softball Complex has hosted back-to-back NCAA Regionals in 2001 and 2002 and the stadium will play host to its fourth ACC Championships this year. Florida State has posted 102 wins in its four years at the complex. Even more impressive, FSU has gone 49-9 at the complex the last two years for an amazing .845 winning percentage. The complex was also recently featured in Athletic Business Magazine's 2002 Architectural Showcase.

Florida State's dream of a new, state-of-the-art softball complex became reality when ground was broken in a ceremony in the spring of 1998. Construction workers worked continuously to complete the facility, which also houses the Seminole soccer stadium. The result was the creation of one of the nation's premier collegiate softball and soccer facilities.

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The Florida State Soccer/Softball Complex was "officially" opened with a ribbon-cutting ceremony Saturday, April 17th. The event, which was held in conjunction with Florida State's 30th Anniversary of Women's Intercollegiate Athletics Spring Celebration, drew approximately 150 spectators, including University dignitaries and Athletics Department personnel. Several former Florida State student-athletes and staff also returned for the monumental event.

The ceremony began with the ribbon-cutting at the front gates of the complex. FSU President Sandy D'Alemberte, Director of Athletics Dave Hart, Softball Head Coach Dr. JoAnne Graf and Soccer Head Coach Patrick Baker, and team representatives did the honors. Among the speakers in the program were D'Alemberte, Hart, Associate Athletics Director Kim Record and Dianne Montgomery, Dean of the School of Social Work, who serves as Chair of the Title IX Committee and is a member of the FSU Athletics Board. Dr. Judith Blucker, FSU's first softball coach and now a Vice President at Florida International University, also addressed the crowd.

Following a tour of the facility and a barbeque, the Seminoles entertained guests on the field with a sweep of Florida International.

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

Architects:
Gilchrist and Crowe

Construction:
Completed, spring 1999

Field Dimensions:
200' - right and left field
220' - center field

Stadium Capacity:
1,000



SEMINOLE SOFTBALL COMPLEX RECORDS

SEMINOLE FIRSTS

- Game** Florida State 9 Mercer 0 (Feb. 19, 1999)
- Pitch** 3:05 pm. (Feb. 19, 1999)
- Game Time** 1 hr. 30 min.
- Batter** Stephanie Anunson (Mercer) Flied out to left field
- Hit** Danielle Cox (Florida State) vs. Mercer (Feb. 19, 1999)
- 2B** Andi Lyons (Florida State) vs. Mercer (Feb. 19, 1999)
- 3B** Tami Post (Florida State) vs. Mercer (Feb. 19, 1999)
- HR** Danielle Cox (Florida State) vs. Mercer (Feb. 19, 1999)
- Walk** Corrie Williams (Florida State) by Jenifer Milam (Mercer) (Feb. 19, 1999)
- Strikeout** Christine Hall (Mercer) by Jen White (Florida State) (Feb. 19, 1999)
- Sacrifice** Christy Cerecedes vs. Mercer (Feb. 19, 1999)
- Stolen Base** Danielle Cox vs. Mercer (Feb. 19, 1999)
- Error** Cheri Rasmussen (Mercer) (Feb. 19, 1999)
- Win** Jen White (Florida State) vs. Mercer (Feb. 19, 1999)
- Loss** Jennifer Milam (Mercer) vs. Florida State (Feb. 19, 1999)
- No Hitter** Leslie Malerich (FSU) vs. Toledo (March 12, 1999)
- Perfect Game** Leslie Malerich (FSU) vs. Princeton (March 15, 2000)

TOP TEN ATTENDANCE

1. 842	April 17, 1999 (FSU 6 FIU 1, FSU 1 FIU 0)	6. 611	May 18, 2001 (FSU 6 UF 2) NCAA Tournament
2. 639	April 14, 1999 (FSU 10 FAMU 1; FAMU 8 FSU 3)	7. 554	May 16, 1999 (FSU 3 UVA 0) ACC Championship Game
3. 633	May 15, 1999 (Md. 7 Ga. Tech 0) ACC Tournament	8. 533	May 14, 1999 (FSU 2 UNC 1, 10 innings) ACC Tournament
4. 626	May 6, 1999 (FSU 5 S. Fla. 1, FSU 2 S. Fla. 1)	9. 514	April 5, 2000 (FSU 6 Florida 3 Florida 5 FSU 3)
5. 617	May 15, 1999 (FSU 1 UVA 0) ACC Tournament	10. 464	May 5, 2001 (FSU 10 Md. 1)