

## Seminole Baseball Gets Hope From Fast Finish

Florida State's baseball team fought off early frustrations and closed the 1974 season with an optimistic eye on the future.

"While there were several disappointments," said head coach Jack Stallings who has guided the Seminoles for six years, "the year was far from discouraging. And considering our strong finish, we have to be looking forward to next season."

The Seminoles completed the year with a 37-25 record after winning 21 of their final 31 contests.

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The Seminoles fooled most everyone by getting off to a quick early start, winning nine of the first 11 games.

An exam break slowed the Seminole express and it took nearly a month to get back on the right track. By midseason, the club had fallen to 16-15.

But, the Tribe snapped out of it with a seven game winning streak then took two out of three from Miami and split a pair with Georgia Southern in a four day period. Both opponents were nationally ranked at the time.

"Confidence is a big factor with a young club," Stallings said. "The lack of it or the presence of it is highly contagious among the players."

"When we started to slump most everyone got down. We started pressing and our problems started to multiply. When we started to win again every-

one picked right up."

FSU completed the second half of the season 21-10 and won 16 of 22 in one stretch.

Stallings' optimism stems from the fact that players will return at every position except shortstop where Marty Maier and Mike Eissey were both seniors.

Heading the list of returnees are Randy Davidson and Guillermo Bonilla. Third baseman Bonilla led the club in hitting with a .351 average, while Da-

vidson, the club's second baseman, hit .341.

Jim Busby was the only other Seminole to hit .300 and along with Bonilla is a returning freshman.

Davidson led the club in hits (a new FSU season record of 83), runs, stolen bases, and fewest strikeouts.

Bonilla led the team in RBIs, doubles and total bases.

Busby shared the home run lead with junior Jim Foxwell as each man hit six.

**Hitting**  
**G AB R H 2B 3B HR TB RBI SB-CS BB SO AVG.**

Chappell	7	5	0	2	0	0	0	2	1	0-0	1	2	.400
Bonilla	61	232	37	81	13	0	5	109	44	4-1	14	20	.351
Davidson	63	244	47	83	8	1	0	93	24	25-2	30	10	.340
Busby	62	220	39	66	7	4	6	98	30	8-5	31	23	.300
Daniel	32	80	19	22	3	1	3	36	18	0-0	13	13	.275
Tebbelts	42	136	31	37	4	1	0	43	10	15-4	27	12	.272
Foxwell	61	218	31	55	11	3	6	90	28	1-0	30	23	.252
Eissey	41	88	13	22	4	0	0	26	9	1-3	20	17	.250
Higginbotham	63	212	33	53	7	3	4	79	36	1-1	36	20	.250
Maier	48	142	12	32	1	0	0	33	16	3-4	19	20	.225
Lezcano	60	211	28	46	12	1	2	66	32	4-1	13	44	.218
Drews	30	70	6	14	2	0	0	16	5	1-0	11	15	.200
Lugo	33	103	9	20	0	0	0	20	12	1-0	8	9	.194
Tandlich	17	45	3	8	1	0	1	12	9	0-0	6	2	.178
Givens	28	79	11	3	0	0	0	3	2	4-1	10	3	.158
Szymanski	12	7	0	1	1	0	0	2	3	0-0	2	5	.143
Nemeroff	6	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0	0	0	—
Kellogg	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0	0	0	—
Florida State	63	2032	320	545	74	14	27	728	279	48-22	271	238	.268
Opponents	63	1981	269	460	54	16	19	611	211	67-26	280	401	.232

**Pitching**

	GS	CG	W	L	SAV	IP	R	ER	H	BB	SO	ERA
Bill Horne	1	0	0	0	0	52-3	1	0	0	5	6	0.00
Mitch Moyer	0	0	0	0	0	7	2	1	3	6	1	1.29
Bob Mayer	0	0	0	0	0	171-3	7	4	11	10	6	2.08
Larry Jones	13	6	6	3	1	901-3	37	25	57	52	68	2.49
Terry Farmer	14	5	6	4	0	88	44	28	82	48	58	2.86
Mike Kelley	0	0	4	3	7	37	15	12	29	18	37	2.91
Marty Rice	1	0	2	0	1	18	8	6	17	12	4	3.00
Ron Herring	12	6	6	5	0	872-3	44	34	73	41	84	3.49
Dan O'Brien	13	4	7	6	0	962-3	54	38	89	41	82	3.54
Larry Rothschild	9	2	5	2	0	602-3	37	31	70	35	39	4.60
Dave Brown	0	0	1	2	1	27	20	14	29	12	16	4.67
Florida State	63	23	37	25	10	5351-3	269	195	460	280	401	3.28
Opponents	63	28	25	37	5	5172-3	320	238	545	271	238	4.14