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FLORIDA STATE SOFTBALL

(58-15 Overall • 1995 ACC Champs)

Season Review

LADY SEMINOLES END SEASON IN TUCSON:

The Lady Seminoles ended the 1995 season just two wins shy of its both College World Series appearance as the squad fell to the #1-ranked Arizona Wildcats, 15-0, in the finals of the West Regional in Tucson, Ariz.

FSU REGIONAL RESULTS

Friday, May 19

(1)	5 p.m.	#2 Nebraska vs. #3 Florida St.	L, 1-6
Satu	rday, May 20		
(4)	4:30 p.m.	Florida St. vs. Ohio	W, 2-0
(5)	7 p.m.	Florida St. vs. Nebraska	W, 6-2
Sun	day, May 21		
(6)	1 p.m.	Arizona vs. Florida State	L, 15-0

FSU VS. THE FIELD

vs. #1 seed Arizona: 0-4 vs. #2 seed Nebraska: 2-5 vs. #4 seed Ohio: 5-0

ALL-AMERICAN PLAYERS

Senior Cindy Lawton and junior Shama Wilson were named Louisville Slugger NSCA-NCAA Division I Third Team All-Americans. It is the first such honor for Lawton, while Wilson received second team honors in 1994.

FIVE SEMINOLES RECEIVE ALL-SOUTH REGION HONORS

Florida State dominated the all-South Region voting as five of the 12 first team selections donned the garnet and gold. SS Laurie Shepard and CF Shama Wilson are now two-time, first team honorees. 3B Cindy Lawton received first team honors after being chosen a second team selection in 1994. Newcomers, P Renee Espinoza and RF Kristy Hull are also first time, first team honorees.

FSU IN NCAA REGIONAL PLAY

This season marked FSU's 10th consecutive NCAA Regional appearance in just 12 seasons of fast-pitch competition. Five of the previous nine appearances resulted in College World Series appearances, including a four-year span from 1990-1993. In 1994, Florida State dropped its first two games, 2-5 to host-Oklahoma State and 1-2 to UConn, at the Stillwater, Okla., regional.

Appearances	10
All-Time Record	16-11
First Appearance	1986
Last Appearance	199 5
Consecutive Appearance	

58-15 OVERALL:

27-3 at Lady Seminole 11-5 away 20-7 at neutral sites

The squad's 58 wins marks FSU's ninth season of 50 wins or more and its fifth season in a row. Florida State has also recorded two seasons of more than 60 wins. In 1991, the 'Noles went 62-12 while in 1992, FSU went 63-9.

USA TODAY/COACHES DIVISION I SOFTBALL POLL (Last Regular SeasonPoll)

- 1. Arizona
- 2. UCLA
- 3. Cal St. Fullerton
- 4. UNLV
- 5. Fresno State
- 6. Southwestern Louisiana
- 7. Cal St. Northridge
- 8. Cal St. Sacramento
- 9. Michigan

10. FLORIDA STATE

- 11. California
- 12. Oklahoma State
- 13. Hawaii
- 14. South Carolina
- 15. Nebraska
- 16. Nicholls State
- 17. Oklahoma
- 18. Missouri
- 19. Washington
- 20. Illinois-Chicago
- 21. Louisiana Tech
- 22. Princeton
- 23. Illinois State
- 24. Cal Poly SLO
- 25. Northwestern

FSU opponents in italics

FSU IN THE NATIONAL POLL

Florida State was ranked among the nation's top teams all season long, beginning with a preseason #17 ranking by College Sports...

USA Today/Coaches Poll

<u>SA TOUAY/GUACIII</u>	<u>69 L A</u>
March 1	12th
March 8	12th
March 15	9th
March 22	9th
March 29	.11th
April 5	13th
April 12	13th
April 19	. 11th
April 26	. 11th
May 3	10th
May 10	10th

GRAF NOTCHES #800

FSU coach **Dr. JoAnne Graf** recorded her 800th career victory on April 7, 1995, when the Tribe defeated North Carolina, 15-0, in the second game of the Tar Heel Invitational.

In her 17th season as a head coach, Graf ranks second all-time by victories among Division I softball coaches with a 817-199-4 career record. She has twice been named the ACC Coach of the Year after leading the Lady Seminoles to consecutive conference titles in 1992 and 1993. She has led FSU to nine seasons of 50 wins or more, including two seasons recording more than 60 victories.

Graf has led the Lady Seminoles to five College World Series in the past eight years and to 10 regional appearances in 12 years of fast pitch competition.

WE GOT THE AUTOMATIC

The Lady Seminoles recorded a 9-1 record in ACC/Metro Conference play and earned an automatic bid to NCAA regionals. The league aligned the four ACC schools from the 1994 season (FSU, North Carolina, Georgia Tech and Virginia) with South Florida and UNC-Charlotte of the Metro Conference.

WE DOMINATED IT

Florida State simply glided through the Atlantic Coast Conference slate this season, including the league's postseason tournament. In regular-season action, the Lady Seminoles recorded a perfect 6-0 mark and won three games in the tournament to claim the conference title. Seven players received all-tournament honors with senior Cindy Lawton being chosen the Most

Valuable Player. But it was truly a team effort as the Lady Seminoles batted .325 through the three games and FSU pitching sported a 0.33 ERA, allowing just one earned run in 21 innings pitched.

TOPS IN TOURNEYS

Florida State had a great deal of success in tournament action this season. The Tribe placed first out of 24 teams at the South Florida Tournament after sporting a 7-2 record in the three-day event. At FSU's own Lady Seminole Invitational, the squad placed second out of 24 teams, going 5-2 overall. At the Tar Heel Invitational, FSU went a perfect 6-0 in placing first at the tournament. And in the final regular season weekend, the Lady Seminoles were named champions of the Diamond Classic, hosted by UMass, as the squad finished 3-2, including two victories over nationally-ranked South Carolina.

NIFTY 'NOLES

The outstanding performances of several Lady Seminoles didn't go unnoticed in the tournaments this season:

GLADSTONE'S/USF SOFTBALL CLASSIC: All-Tournament Team:

Cindy Lawton Wendy Braye

Most Valuable Pitcher:

Renee Espinoza

LADY SEMINOLE INVITATIONAL:

All-Tournament Team:

Cindy Lawton (UTL-3B) Laurie Shepard (SS) Kristy Hull (RF) Misty Molin (LF)

TAR HEEL INVITATIONAL: All-Tournament Team:

Renee Espinoza Cindy Lawton Laurie Shepard Misty Molin

ACC CHAMPIONSHIP: All-Tournament Team:

Myssi Calkins
Wendy Braye
Kristy Hull
Heather Feltmann
Renee Espinoza
Kristy Fuentes

Most Valuable Player: Cindy Lawton

ALL ACC HONORS

Player of the Year: Cindy Lawton Rookie of the Year: Kristy Hull All-Conference:

Wendy Braye
Renee Espinoza
Kristy Fuentes
Cindy Lawton
Misty Molin
Laurie Shepard
Shama Wilson

Niki Zenger

ALL METRO/ACC HONORS

Coach of the Year: JoAnne Graf Player of the Year: Cindy Lawton Newcomer of the Year: Kristy Hull All-Conference:

Renee Espinoza
Misty Molin
Laurie Shepard

Shama Wilson

Kristy Hull Cindy Lawton

SHAMA-THE STEALS QUEEN

Junior Shamalene "lightning" Wilson became Florida State's all-time stolen base leader on March 10th as the 'Noles downed Indiana State, 8-0, at the USF Softball Classic. The previous record of 66 stolen bases was held by Leslie Barton, who played for FSU from 1990-93. Wilson, who finished the season with 92 career steals, led the team and the ACC with 39 thefts in 1995.

BATTER UP

Seven Lady Seminoles recorded hitting streaks of seven games or more in 1995 ...

Wendy Braye - 7 games
Misty Molin - 7 games (twice)
Windy Weltz - 8 games (twice)
Kristy Hull - 12 games
9 games

Shama Wilson - 12 games Cindy Lawton - 13 games 8 games

Myssi Calkins - 12 games

HITTING MACHINES

Freshman Kristy Hull's and senior Cindy Lawton, each recorded a team-high 87 hits this season which also set the FSU single season record for hits. Hull, the ACC's Rookie of the Year, ranked second on the squad with a .375 average and was one of only four players, and the only freshman, to see action in all 73 games this season. Lawton, the ACC Player of the Year, led the team with a .383 batting average and 46 RBIs.

A DREAM SEASON

Cindy Lawton had the kind of season players dream about. She led the team in batting throughout the season and finished with a team-high .383 batting average. She drove in a team-high 46 runs and along with teammate Kristy Hull, established a new FSU record for hits in a season with 87 (previous record was 84 by Susan Buttery in 1992). Her 16 doubles also established a new FSU single season record, shattering the previous record of 11 doubles, held by Leslie Barton in 1992. She was named to nearly every all-tournament team this season (Gladstone's/USF Softball Clas-

sic, Lady Seminole Invite, Tar Heel Invite) and was selected the ACC Tournament's most valuable player. Chosen a third team All-American after garnering All-South Region first team honors, Lawton was named the Most Valuable Player for both the ACC and the Metro/ACC leagues.

GOING HOME

Florida State may have travelled cross county for regionals this season, but for many Lady Seminoles, it also meant heading home. Four Lady Seminoles hail from the state of Arizona while five others hail from nearby California and Colorado.

FREQUENT FLYERS

Talk about going coast to coast. In the final week of the regular season, the Lady Seminoles travelled to Amherst, Massachusetts to compete in the UMass Diamond Classic and just a short 65 hours later, FSU headed west to Tucson. The Lady Seminoles flew to four tournaments this season and came home champions twice.

STREAKY SEMINOLES

The Lady Seminoles recorded two win streaks of 12 games or more in 1995. FSU won 12 straight from Feb. 22 to March 10 and racked up 16 straight "W"s" from April 3 to May 12. On the flip side, the Tribe didn't lose more than two consecutive games all season long.

FEW LOSSES, BIG TEAMS

No. 10 Florida State had just 15 losses out of 73 games played in 1995. But even more impressive was that 12 of the 15 losses came against opponents who were ranked among the nation's top 25 teams in the final regularseason poll. And the other three losses were against teams who have been ranked at one time this season.

THE SEMINOLES STARTERS ... Wendy Brave: Started all 73 games behind the plate ... ranked second on the team with 10 doubles ... a clutch hitter - had 37 RBIs off 60 hits. Myssi Calkins: A two year starter in the outfield ... hit safely in 17 of the last 19 games ... ranked second on the team with 26 steals ... was named the ACC player of the 16). Renee (April week Espinoza: An all-South Region first team choice ... an all-ACC and ACC all-tourney team selection ... FSU's ace on the mound with a 26-10 record ... named MVP at USF/Gladstone's Softball Classic ... recorded a team-high 15 shutouts ... named to the Tar Heel Invite's all-tourney team. Heather Feltmann: A team cocaptain ... started 72 games at first base ... a two-year starter and

letterwinner ... had a .987 fielding percentage - the best of all FSU starters ... led the team with 463 putouts. Kristy Fuentes: An all-ACC and ACC all-tourney team selection ...recorded a 20-4 record, including five shutouts ... pitched the Tribe to victory in the ACC Tournament championship game. Kristy Hull: ACC Rookie of the Year ...established a new FSU single-season record for hits with a team-leading 87 ... started all 73 games ... ranked second on the squad with a .378 batting average ... named to two all-tourney teams. Cindy Lawton: A third team All-American ... a first team all-South Region choice ... ACC Player of the Year ... ACC Tourney MVP ... set new FSU single-season record for doubles with 16 ... FSU batting leader at .383 ... led the team with 46 RBIs ... was named to three all-tourney teams this season ... started all 73 games at third base. Misty Molin: An all-ACC selection ... named to the Lady Seminole Invite and Tar Heel Invite all-tourney teams.Laurie Shepard: Team co-captain ... an all-ACC selection ... named to the Lady Seminole Invite all-tourney team ... three-year starter and four-year letterwinner ... ACC player of the week (April 10) ... "Peach of an Athlete" Award winner. Windy Weltz: FSU's number two hitter in the line up ... played second and missed just two games ... the team leader with 16 sacrifices ... had 27 RBIs off 52 hits. Shamalene Wilson: Athird team All-American ... selected to the All-South Region's first team ... an all-ACC selection ... ACC and FSU leader with 39 steals ... FSU all-time steals leader with 92 ... three year starter and letterwinner ... team leader with 55 runs scored, five home runs and 11 triples ... Arthur Ashe Jr. Sports Scholar Award recipient. Niki Zenger: A rookie pitcher who didn't record a loss til last week of the season ... was an all-ACC choice ... had three saves and a team-leading 1.12 ERA ... was 12-1 with six shut outs.

FLORIDA STATE 1995 TEAM ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Yr.	T/B	Hometown
1/7	Heather Feltmann	1F	SR	R/R	St. Louis, Mo.
2	Shamalene Wilson	OF	JR	R/L	Dade City, Fla.
4	Michelle Bishop	IF	FR	R/R	Casselberry, Fla.
5	Windy Weltz	ÌF	SO	S/R	Mesa, Ariz.
3/9	Kristy Hull	UTL	FR	R/S	Phoenix, Ariz.
10/29	Kristy Fuentes	Р	SO	R/R	Whittier, Calif.
11	Kelly Schnute	OF	FR	R/R	Marietta, Ga.
12	Myssi Calkins	OF	SO	S/R	Littleton, Co.
16	Adrienne Pearson	OF	\$R	R/R	W. Palm Beach, Fla.
17	Niki Zenger	P	FR	R/R	Madera, Calif.
18	Renee Espinoza	Р	JR	R/R	Tucson, Ariz.
19	Cindy Lawton	IF	SR	R/R	Waddell, Ariz.
21	Misty Molin	1B/OF	FR	R/L	Jackson, Calif.
22	Laurie Shepard	lF	SR	R/R	Cordele, Ga.
24	Jennifer Butler	OF	FR	R/R	Folsom, N.J.
27	Stephanie Ferlita	3B/C	FR	R/R	Tampa, Fla.
33	Wendy Braye	С	SO	R/R	Arvada, Co.

Head Coach: Dr. JoAnne Graf

Assistant Coach: Connie Clark Second Assistant: Penny Siqueiros

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1995 FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY SOFTBALL Standard Statistics for Florida State (as of May 23, 1995) (All games Sorted by Batting avg)

Record: 58-15-0

Name	AVG	GP-GS	AΒ	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	TB	SLG%	BB	HBP	SO	GDP	OB%	SF	SH	SB-SBA	PO	A	E	DP	FLD\$
Lawton, C	.383	73-73	227	43	87	16	2	4	46	119	.524	16	1	17	0	.423	2	7	4-6	72	189	13	7	.953
Hull, K	.375	73-73	232	44	87	9	2	0	32	100	.431	13	0	5	0	.405	2	12	11-13	78	9	3	0	.967
Symonds, S	.375	10~0	8	4	3	0	1	0	2	5	.625	2	1	3	0	.545	0	0	0-0	2	7	2	0	.818
Shepard, L	.358	73-73	212	31	76	9	3	0	31	91	.429	6	0	12	0	.374	1	9	1-2	107	138	19	7	.928
Wilson, S	.336	65-65	217	55	73	5	11	5	33	115	.530	15	1	19	0	.379	2	2	39-42	82	9	5	1	.948
Calkins, M	.329	67-61	167	29	55	0	0	0	12	55	.329	8	1	22	0	.364	0	9	26-33	78	3	4	0	.953
Butler, J	.313	36-10	32	12	10	0	1	0	3	12	.375	5	2	6	0	.436	0	0	0-0	2	0	0		1.000
Braye, W	.305	73-73	197	17	60	10	4	1	37	81	.411	22	1	17	0	.371	4	14	1-1	380	27	8		.981
Molin, M	.301	56-53	136	24	41	5	0	0	19	46	.338	12	1	10	0	.362	0	6	5-6	13	0	0		1.000
Schnute, K	.294	50-1	17	20	5	0	0	0	0	5	.294	2	0	1	0	.368	0	0	4-4	2	1	0	-	1.000
Feltmann, H.	.257	72-72	210	32	54	2	2	0	15	60	.286	15	2	13	0	.311	1	6	2-2	463	57	7	11	.987
Weltz, W	.248	71-71	210	25	52	5	2	0	27	61	.290	13	1	19	0	.293	1	16	4-4	166	88	11	4	
Fuentes, K	.226	42-36	62	7	14	3	0	0	5	17	.274	6	0	8	0	.290	1	0	0-0	4	42	2	2	
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Pearson, A.	.214	40-1	14	6	3	0	0	0	4	3	.214	3	0	4	0	.353	0	0	0-0	8	0	0		1.000
Bishop, H	.000		8	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	1	0	0	0	.111	0	0	0-0	11	5	0	0	1.000
Totals	.316	73-73	1985	355	628	67	29	10	275	783	.394	142	12	163	0	.363	15	82	97-113	1479	632	82	16	.963
Opponents	.199		1811	140	361	42	8	15	118	464	.256	172	24	382	0	.277	5	46	47-54	1397	716	155	26	.932

LOB - Team (487), Opp (439). Double plays - Team (16), Opp (26). CI - Team (2), Braye, W 2, Opp (1). IBB - Team (3), Wilson, S 2, Hull, K 1, Opp (4). Picked off - Pearson, A 1, Hull, K 1, Lawton, C 1, Shepard, L 1, Fuentes, K 1, Molin, M 1.

(All games Sorted by Earned run avg)

Name	ERA	W-L	APP	GS	CG	SHO/CBO	sv	IP	H	R	ER	BB	S 0	2B	3B	HR	BF	B/Avg	BK	HBP	PO	A	E	FLD%
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WP - Team (16), Espinoza, R 9, Fuentes, K 4, Zenger, N 3, Opp (33). PB - Team (9), Braye, W 9, Opp (15). Pickoffs - Team (9), Fuentes, K 4, Zenger, N 3, Espinoza, R 2, Opp (6).

Hitting minimums - 1 TPA
Pitching minimums - 1 BF 1.0 IP/Game

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1995 FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY SOFTBALL Games List for Florida State (as of May 21, 1995) (All games)

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^{* =} ACC game
+ = extra inning game