

The 1989 Florida State University

# SEMINOLE BASEBALL **Media Guide**

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Baseball is not a complex game. You could find 100 fans in the stands on any given day who could call the right strategy at the right time ...

The manager's real job is to accomodate himself to 25 different personalities; to assess the amount of talent he has within that pool of 25 men and to exact the fruits of that talent.

- Bill Veeck Veeck As In Wreck

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Location: Tallahassee, Florida

Enrollment: 26,000 Founded: 1857 Colors: Garnet and Gold Nickname: Seminoles Conference: Metro

Affiliation: NCAA Division I President: Dr. Bernard F. Sliger Faculty Representative: Dr. Charles Ehrhardt

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Year at FSU: 10th Record at FSU: 498 - 171 - 3 Career Record: Same

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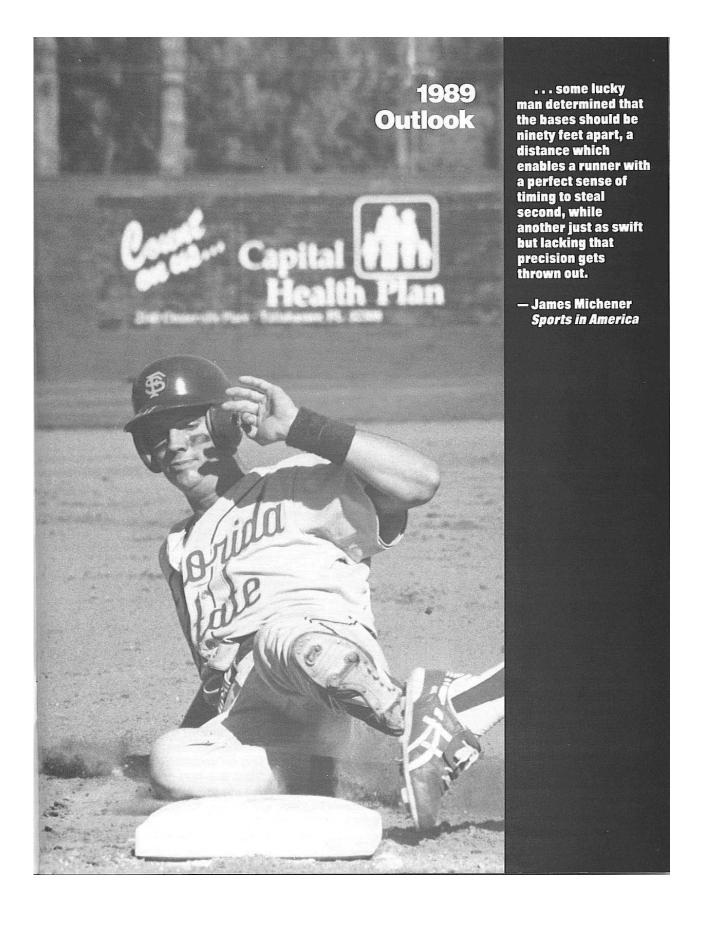
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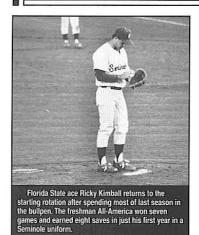
Equipment Managers: Guy Gallagher

Randy Burdette 1988 Record: 50 - 18 -1, 17 - 6 Metro Post Season Appearance: Host, NCAA

East Regiona

All-Time Record: 1401 - 542 - 17





# PITCHNG

Whether pounding home runs or swiping bases, Florida State FSU Head Coach Mike Martin finds a way to win. A few short seasons ago, Martin assembled teams of muscle-bound power hitters who thought "stolen base" was a foreign word. While those teams all won over 50 games a season, FSU failed to advance to the College World Series.

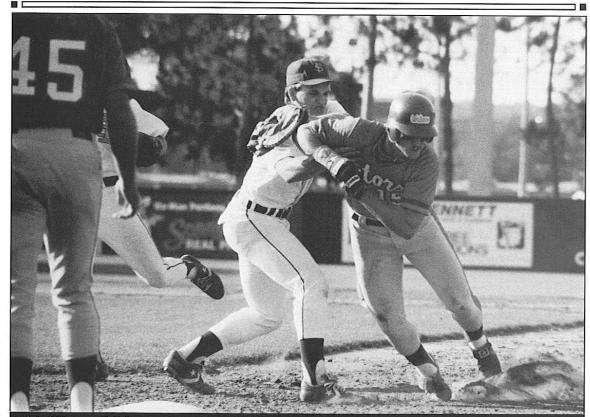
Enter the beginning of a new era under Martin, vintage hit-and-run style baseball. Martin has built his team around a strong pitching staff, sparkling defense and blazing speed. The results of the switch are obvious as the Tribe has made two trips to Omaha in the last three years and will challenge for a return trip in 1989.



Brad Parker made headline news last season as Seminole fans closely followed is 28-game hitting streak. It was Parker's defensive play that drew rave reviews from the coaching staff as the season wore on



The "new" Seminole teams have opposing grounds keepers watering basepaths to stop FSU's constant basestealing threat. During the last two seasons, FSU has led the nation in stolen bases, totalling an amazing 429 swipes. As part of the tradeoff, Florida State finished dead last in the Metro in home runs with a decade-low total of 61. The 1989 Seminoles return five starters off last season's 50-18-1 club – four of whom stole at least 10 bases.



Just as it did a year ago, Florida State's team will battle many of the top teams in the nation including 1988 College World Series participants Florida, Miami, Cal-State Fullerton Georgia Tech and Arizona State for a third trip to Omaha in four years.

One of the top base thieves, Clyde Keller is a throwback to the days of old as the top returning hitter (.335) and pitcher who stole 13 bases.

A righthander, Keller leads a staff which posted a decade low 3.35 to rank ninth in the nation. In all, FSU returns seven pitchers, who accounted for 34 wins in 1988.

"This year's ballclub has as good a pitching staff as any I've seen in the 15 years I've been involved with the program," FSU Head Coach Mike Martin said. "With Clyde and Ricky Kimball in the rotation, I think we have two of the finest starters in the nation. We also feel we have an outstanding reliever in Matt Dunbar to back them up.'

The rotation leads off with 1988 freshman All-America Ricky Kimball, who posted excellent numbers in his inaugural year. The starters are backed by strikeout artist Matt Dunbar, a formidable stopper out of the bullpen who ranked fourth in the nation last season with 13.4 strikeouts per nine innings.

Those kind of returning performers raise preseason expectations, not only among Tallahassee's loyal baseball community, but nationwide. FSU opens the season ranked third in the country

by Collegiate Baseball and 16th by Baseball America.

'I'm excited about the preseason rankings," said Martin, who with FSU's second victory of '89 will surpass the 500-victory milestone. "But we also realize keeping our place in the rankings will be a very difficult challenge with the tough early season schedule we face."

Florida State's February schedule includes dates with three '88 College World Series teams, Arizona State, Florida, and Cal-State Fullerton which will provide a stiff early season challenge.

Starting Pitching
The key for FSU this season is to improve on its starting pitching, which consistently provided 5-6 solid innings of work in 1988. This season, FSU hopes for 7-8 innings of quality performance from its starters.

After spending the final two months of the season working out of the bullpen as FSU's closer, sophomore Ricky Kimball returns as the ace of the starting rotation. Kimball, 7-2 with a 2.44 ERA last year, will take the mound against Arizona State in the season-opener.

Junior college transfer Gar Finnvold

impressed coaches during the fall campaign with an excellent fastball, which won the 6-3 lefthander a spot as FSU's number two starter.

On every third day, Keller, the steadiest pitcher from a year ago, will take the mound. The shifty righthander returns after leading the Seminole staff in innings pitched (82.2), strikeouts (90), wins (10) and quality starts (10) last season. As a full-time starter, Keller could easily surpass those numbers, thus making him a candidate for the Golden Spike Award. Keller added a slider to his already effective assortment of pitches in the offseason.

The fourth and final spot in the rotation will be filled by any one of a number of pitchers. All indications point to a battle between returnees David Sorokowski (8-1, 2.53 ERA), Barry Johnson (1-0, 4.71), Mike Brady (1-0, 4.73) or Jerry Santos (4-1, 4.62) to round out the rotation, with some early season shuffling a distinct possibility.

#### **Relief Pitching**

An influx of new pitching talent combines with an impressive roster of returnees to give FSU a strong staff of middle relievers. Seminole coaches will

test candidates early in the year to find the right combination for the late innings of close games. After the battle for FSU's fourth starter is decided between Sorokowski, Johnson, Brady and Santos, the losers of the fight will make up the middle relieving corps. Newcomers Pat Underhill, Brad Gregory, Tim Nedin and Gary Painter will be counted on to provide spot starts and quality appearances in middle relief.

Dunbar, one of the biggest surprises of 1988, represents the key to FSU's relief fortunes as he moves from middle to short relief, taking over for Kimball. Dunbar hurled virtually unhittable baseball last year, ranking among the nation's leaders in strikeouts and earned run average.

#### Catcher

Despite the loss of All-America catcher Barry Blackwell, Florida State has an able replacement in Marc Ronan. Ronan, who caught in 14 games last season, should find no problem adjusting to the wear and tear of catching. One of only three players to play in all 69 games in 1988, Ronan impressed many as he was selected to the All-Metro, All-Metro Tournament and All-East Regional Tournament teams as a freshman. With a year of experience, Ronan's production is expected to improve his '88 numbers (.302, 5 HR, 44 RBI).

Off the bench, freshman Pedro Grifol battles Ronan for playing time. FSU coaches hint both Ronan and Grifol may make their way into the everyday line-up. If so, Grifol would catch, sending Ronan, a centerfielder in 1988, back to the outfield.

#### First Base

While most freshmen take time to adjust to collegiate baseball, Brad Parker began last year like a seasoned veteran. Parker continued the success he found at Tallahassee Leon High School across town at FSU. He hit safely in his first 28 games to break Luis Alicea's school mark for consecutive games hitting streak. Despite slumping in the middle of the season, Parker finished with a .302 batting average and was near the top of nearly every offensive category. Coaches expect Parker to show an increase in power this season after slugging nine home runs a year ago.

Last season's back-up at first base, Buddy Cribb earned a spot in the every-day line-up as the designated hitter, a duty he retains this season. Cribb, perhaps the best pure hitter on the club, will also be called upon to spell fellow sophomore Parker at first.

#### Second Base

A new era in Seminole baseball begins in 1989. For the first time in the last six years, an Alicea will not play second for the Seminoles. Between brothers Luis (1983-86) and Edwin (1987-88), the FSU second baseman hit .320. Clyde Keller, last year's starter at third, makes the transition to second in 1989. However, Keller will not find second base a new surrounding as he was a second bagger throughout his high school and junior college career.

On days the versatile Keller pitches, one of two players are penciled in to play second, Junior Bob Reboin, the leading candidate to fill in for Keller, transferred to Florida State from Sacramento Junior College, the same school that sent Keller to FSU. He batted .317 last season at Sacramento City and his defensive skills impressed many this fall. Freshman Allen Bevis can also fill in at second. Bevis played high school baseball at Florida High, where he batted well over .500 in his two-year varsity career. The 1987 Tallahassee Democrat Player-of-the-Year, Bevis will need a year of experience before taking over the position full-time.



Junior lefthander Matt Dunbar remains in the FSU bullpen to provide relief in the latter innings of close ball games. Last year, Dunbar doubled his work load and finished among the national leaders in strikeouts per nine innings and ERA.

#### Shortstop

Slick-fielding junior Rocky Rau solidifies a position which presented a question mark in the preseason. Rau teams with Keller to form a new double-play combination. Rau not only provides tenacious defensive play, but bolsters FSU's hit-and-run style offense with his ability to spray the ball to all fields.

Junior college transfer Brian Gilliland backs up Rau. Gilliland comes to FSU from Chipola JC, where he batted .396 and was an all-state selection.

FSU coaches have not ruled out the possibility of moving Bevis or Garrett Blanton to fill in at shortstop if needed.

#### Third Base

Rob Bargas, FSU's most heralded 1988 recruit took over the third base starting duties in the fall and looks to have an immediate impact on the '89 team. FSU pirated away Bargas from the New York Yankees, who made him the team's 10th round pick following his sophomore year at Sacramento City.
Bargas, who batted .344 last season at
Sac City, turned down a lucrative contract
to finish his college career at Florida State.

Backing Bargas up, freshman Garrett Blanton could also gain experience as the year progresses.

#### Leftfield

Steady, dependable and heady all describe John Marc Tamayo, FSU's projected starter in leftfield. After transferring from Miami two years ago, the versatile Tamayo (.265, 15 SB) filled in wherever needed in 62 games during the season. Playing next to youngsters in the outfield, Tamayo adds a blend of experience that solidifies the outfield corps.

#### Centerfield

Patrolling a vast centerfield area, freshman Eduardo Perez impressed coaches with his skills during fall practices. On defense, Perez covers as much ground as any Seminole centerfielder in a number of years and possesses a powerful arm baserunners will come to respect. Perez, the son of former Cincinnati Reds star Tony Perez, will add power at the plate and speed on the base paths as well. At 6-3, Perez's future in the game is a bright one.

In reserve, FSU boasts several quality players who provide adequate replacements. Sophomore Michael Stubbs, also of Puerto Rico, played in 31 games last season, and was valuable coming off the bench as a pinch hitter. Freshman Ty Mueller and Scott Edwards figures to challenge for playing time either in centerfield or in right.

#### Rightfield

Perhaps the only preseason question surrounding the FSU team is posed in rightfield. Last year's starter, Dean Harrison, led the team in hitting for most of the season, but herniated a disk in his back and spent the fall in rehabilitation. His status for 1989 will not be known until late January. In Harrison's absence, several walk-ons caught the eyes of FSU coaches in the fall. Freshman Chris Brock played well during fall scrimmages, lending not only much-needed power, but also ground-covering defensive abilities. In the event of Harrison's return, Brock is bound to push him for the starting job.

#### Overall

With only one senior starter in the line-up, Florida State faces a difficult early season schedule. FSU faces baseball heavyweights Arizona State, Florida and Cal-State Fullerton with 15 new players on its 36-man roster. If the Seminoles can again rely on a pitching staff that surrenders less than 3.36 earned runs per game, Florida State could again find itself nearing a 50-win season and fighting for its third trip to Omaha in four years.

#### Arizona State February 4 - 5

Nickname: Sun Devils Colors: Maroon and Gold Conference: PAC-10

1988 Record: 60 - 13 (21 - 9, first) Location: Tempe, Arizona

Athletic Director: Charles S. Harris Head Coach: Dr. Jim Brock (Arizona State) Record at School/Overall: 848 - 316/848 - 316 Best Time to Call: Weekday mornings FSU vs. Arizona State in 1988/Overall:

0 - 0/1 - 0

Home Field: Packard Stadium (8,000) Press Box Phone: (602) 965-1509 SID: Scott Dupree (O) (602) 965-6592 Baseball Contact: Scott Dupree

(H) (602) 966-7114 Starters (Returning/Lost): 4/5 Pitchers (Returning/Lost): 4/6

Top Returning Veterans: Rusty Kilgo, LHP, Sr., (12 - 3, 3.38 ERA, 78 Ks); BrianDodd, LHP, Sr., (6 - 1, 2.25 ERA); David Cassidy, LHP, Sr., (9 - 2, 4.08 ERA); Kevin Higgins, 2B, Sr., (.361, 10 HRs, 68 RBIs); Steve Willis, 1B, Sr., (.367, 7 HRs, 65 RBIs)

Top Newcomers: Tommy Adams, OF, Fr.; Jim Austin, OF, Fr.; Steve Bivens, RHP, Jr.

#### Grambling State February 10 - 12

Nickname: Tigers Colors: Black and Gold
Conference: Southwestern Athletic

1988 Record: 31 - 21 (18 - 5, first) Location: Grambling, Louisiana Athletic Director: Eddie Robinson Head Coach: Wilbert Ellis (Grambling '60) Record at School/Overall: 342 - 179/342 - 179

Best Time to Call: 9 a.m.-Noon FSU vs. Grambling in 1988/Overall: 3-0/10-2

Home Field: Haggard Diamond (3,000) SID: Stanley O. Lewis (O) (318) 247-3062 Baseball Contact: Stanley O. Lewis

(H) (318) 247-6519 Starters (Returning/Lost): 7/6 Pitchers (Returning/Lost): 3/4

Top Returning Veterans: Landon Williams, SS/2B, Sr., (382, 1 HR, 18 RBIs); Bryant Hurks, P, Sr., (6 - 4, 5.00 ERA); Wayne Coleman, OF, Sr., (327, 1 HR, 19 RBIs, 13 Steals)

Top Newcomers: David Edwards, OF, Fr.; Carlton Hardy, 3B, Fr.; Ron Lee, OF, Jr.

#### FIORIDA

February 18 - 19, April 11 - 12

Nickname: Gators Colors: Orange and Blue Conference: Southeastern 1988 Record: 48 - 19 - 1 (21 - 6, first) Location: Gainesville, Florida Athletic Director: Bill Arnsparger

Head Coach: Joe Arnold (Arizona State '71) Record at School/Overall: 193 - 103 - 2/509 -172 - 2

Best Time to Call: Weekday mornings FSU vs. Florida in 1988/Overall: 1 - 2/68 -68 - 1

Home Field: Perry Field (4,000)

Press Box Phone: (904) 375-4683 ext. 4355,

4356, 4357

SID: John Humenik (O) (904) 375-4683 Baseball Contact: Scott Burson (H) (904) 371-7302

Starters (Returning/Lost): 6/3 Pitchers (Returning/Lost): 6/3

Top Returning Veterans: Mario Linares, IF/DH, So. (.332, 12 HRs, 58 RBIs); Brian Reimsnyder, OF, Sr. (.274, 15 HRs, 49 RBIs); Jeff Gidcumb, RHP, Sr. (16 - 7, 3.20 ERA)

Top Newcomers: Bill Minnis, IF, Jr.; Steve Georgradis, P. Fr.; Dave Majeski, OF, Fr.

#### BAPTIST February 20 - 22

Nickname: Buccaneers Colors: Blue and Gold

Conference: Big South 1988 Record: 27 - 16 (10 - 8, second) Location: Charleston, S.C. Athletic Director: Howard Bagwell Head Coach: Jamie Futrell (Baptist '87) Record at School/Overall: 0 - 0/0 - 0 Best Time to Call: 9 a.m.-1 p.m. FSU vs. Baptist in 1988/Overall: 3 - 0/3 - 0

Home Field: Baptist Baseball Field (500) SID: Howie Bagwell (803) 797-4119 Baseball Contact: Jamie Futrell (H) (803) 835-2039

Starters (Returning/Lost): 7/2 Pitchers (Returning/Lost): 3/2

Top Returning Veterans: Dan Wolfe, CF, Sr., (.378, 2 HRs, 31 RBIs); Hardy Ferguson, SS, Jr., (.338, 10 HRs, 38 RBIs)

Top Newcomers: Richard Murphy, 2B, So.; Steve Hayes, LHP, Fr.



Two old rivals square off, when FSU hosts Miami on April 7-9. The Hurricanes, 52-14-1 last season, are the oldest rival on the FSUschedule with Florida State leading the series with a 76-58-3 mark. Golden Spikes candidate Joe Grahe. 13-5-1 returns for his senior season after striking out 154 batters in '88.

#### South Florida

February 25 - 26. February 28 - March I

Nickname: Bulls Colors: Green and Gold Conference: Sun Belt 1988 Record: 26 - 33 (5 - 11, third) Location: Tampa, Florida Athletic Director: Paul Griffin Head Coach: Eddie Cardieri (Florida

Southern '77) Record at School/Overall: 114 - 71/178 - 104 Best Time to Call: 10 a.m.-Noon FSU vs. South Florida in 1988/Overall:

3 - 1/54 - 12

Home Field: Red McEwen (1,200) Press Box Phone: (813) 974-2125 SID: John Gerdes (O) (813) 974-2125 Baseball Contact: John Renneker (H) (813) 576-7784

Starters (Returning/Lost): 5/3 Pitchers (Returning/Lost): 5/5

Top Returning Veterans: Andy Brandon, SS, Sr., (.331); Scott Miller, 2B, Sr., (.322); Pete

Tsotsos, 3B, Sr., (.293)

Top Newcomers: Bryan Manicchia, P. Jr.; Bob Undorf, P. Jr.; Ricky Ware, P. Jr.

#### RIGE March 3 - 5

Nickname: Owls Colors: Blue and Gray Conference: SWC

1988 Record: 31 - 28 (6 - 15, eighth) Location: Houston, Texas Athletic Director: Jerry Berndt Head Coach: David Hall (Texas '71) Record at School/Overall: 261 - 174 - 2/261 -

174 - 2

Best Time to Call: Weekdays, 10 a.m.-Noon

FSU vs. Rice in 1988/Overall: 0 - 0/0 - 0 Home Field: Cameron Field SID: Bill Cousins (O) (713) 527-4034 Baseball Contact: Paul Agusta

(H) (713) 527-4034 (n) (13) 32/4034 Starters (Returning/Lost): 6/3 Pitchers (Returning/Lost): 10/1 Top Returning Veterans: Mike Grace, 3B, Sr.,

(.309, 6 HRs, 40 RBIs); Sean Broderick, 1B/OF, Sr., (.284, 7 HRs, 42 RBIs), John Polasek, LHP, Jr., (8 - 4, 4.23 ERA)

Top Newcomers: John Eierman, OF,Fr.; Taji Garcia, IF/SS, Fr.; Joe Racina, IF, Fr.



Florida State and Arizona State are two national powers synonomous with winning baseball. The Sundevils and Seminoles tangle for the first time since FSU defeated ASU 3-0 inthe 1987 College World Series. Arizona State returns four starters off last season's College World Series College World Series State Series Seri 60-13 team. One of those starters, lefthander Rusty Kilgo. 12-3, 3.38 ERA, is slated to start on the moun on February 4 in Tallahassee.

#### RICHMOND March 7 - 9

Nickname: Spiders Colors: Red and Blue

Conference: Colonial Athletic Association 1988 Record: 26 - 33 (4 - 10, sixth) Location: Richmond, Virginia Athletic Director: Chuck Boone

Head Coach: Ronnie Atkins (Virginia Tech '67) Record at School/Overall: 91 - 118 - 1/91 -

Best Time to Call: Mornings

FSU vs. Richmond in 1988/Overall: 3 - 0/8 - 0

Home Field: Pitt Field (500) SID: Chris Moore (O) (804) 289-8365 Baseball Contact: Ronnie Atkins (H) (804) 359-1156

Starters (Returning/Lost): 7/2

Pitchers (Returning/Lost): 4/0

Top Returning Veterans: Andy Malloy, 1B, Sr., (.315, 17 Hrs, 53 RBIs), C.P. Richardson, RHP, Sr., (7 - 6, 4.53 ERA, 67 Ks)

Top Newcomers: Sean Gavaghan, RHP, Fr.; Jordan Matter, IF, Jr.; Craig Saccabino,

#### BALL STATE March 10 - 12

Nickname: Cardinals Colors: Cardinal and White Conference: Mid-American 1988 Record: 21 - 39 (9 - 23, ninth) Location: Muncie, Indiana Athletic Director: Don Purvis Head Coach: Pat Quinn (Xavier '71)

Record at School/Overall: 159 - 175/173 - 207 Best Time to Call: 9 a.m.-Noon

FSU vs. Ball State in 1988/Overall: 1 - 0/10 - 2 Home Field: Ball Diamond (1,500) SID: Earl Yestingsmeier (O) (317) 285-8242 Baseball Contact: John Ginter

(H) (317) 282-3417 Starters (Returning/Lost): 8/1

Pitchers (Returning/Lost): 8/3
Pitchers (Returning/Lost): 8/3
Top Returning Veterans: Dave Brust, C, Sr., (.247, 9 HRs, 37 RBIs); Derrick Westfield, LF, Jr., (.299, 19 RBIs, 23 Steals); Mike Hepler, 3B, Sr., (.307, 7 HRs, 36 RBIs) Top Newcomers: Louis Williams, RHP, Fr.; Paul Gogo, RHP, Jr.; Dean Sheperd, RHP, Jr.

#### SAMFORD March 14 - 15

Nickname: Bulldogs Colors: Crimson and Blue Conference: Trans America

1988 Record: 8 - 49 - 1 (5 - 12, fourth in East) Location: Birmingham, Alabama

Athletic Director: Steve Allgood Head Coach: Tommy Walker (Montevallo '82)

Record at School/Overall: 0 - 0/0 - 0 Best Time to Call: 9 a.m.-11 a.m.

FSU vs. Samford in 1988/Overall: 3 - 0/14 - 1 Home Field: Samford Field (500) SID: Kent Partridge (O) (205) 870-2799 Baseball Contact: Kent Partridge

(H) (205) 988-0634 Starters (Returning/Lost): 3/5 Pitchers (Returning/Lost): 1/8

Top Returning Veterans: Carl Tolbert, RHP/OF, Sr., (11 - 4, 4.53 ERA/.266, 2 HRs, 14 RBIs); David Vaughn, 2B, Sr. (.243, O HR, 19 RBIs) Top Newcomers: Robert Alvarado, RHP, Jr.;

Tim Hogan, C, Jr.; Mark Barber, 1B, Jr.

#### South Carolina March 17 - 19

Nickname: Gamecocks Colors: Garnet and Black Conference: Metro

1988 Record: 43 - 21 (14 - 3, first) Location: Columbia, S.C. Athletic Director: King Dixon

Head Coach: June Raines (South Carolina '71) Record at School/Overall: 483 - 192 - 1/483 -

Best Time to Call: Weekdays, 10 a.m.-Noon FSU vs. South Carolina in 1988/Overall: 2 -

Home Field: Sarge Frye Field (4,000) Press Box Phone: (803) 777-6648 or 6691 SID: Kerry Tharp (O) (803) 777-3829 Baseball Contact: Tom Price

(H) (803) 787-2395 Starters (Returning/Lost): 6/3 Pitchers (Returning/Lost): 9/1

Top Returning Veterans: Adrian Adkins, DH, Sr., (.385, 12 HRs, 54 RBIs); Skeets Thomas, OF, So., (.338, 8 HRs, 52 RBIs); Brian Williams, OF/IF/P, (.332, 8 HRs, 29 RBIs, 18 Steals/3 - 1, 2.76 ERA, 42.1 IP, 56 Ks); Joe Cardwell, LHP, Sr., (20 - 3, 3.78 ERA)

Top Newcomers: Dave Willman, C. Fr.: Matt Threehouse, RHP, Fr.: Joe Gmitter, SS, Fr.

#### ACKSONVILLE March 21 - 22, April 4 - 5

Nickname: Dolphins Colors: Green and Gold Conference: Sun Belt

1988 Record: 39 - 24 (11 - 6 second) Location: Jacksonville, Florida Athletic Director: Donald O. Jacobs Head Coach: Tom Bradley (Maryland '72) Record at School/Overall: 347 -

249/347 - 249

Best Time to Call: Mornings FSU vs. Jacksonville in 1988/Overall: 1 -

1/56 - 25

Home Field: Brest Field (1,000) Press Box Phone: (904) 744-3950 SID: Gary F. Izzo (O) (904) 744-3950 ext. 3404

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(H) (904) 241-0060 Starters (Returning/Lost): 5/4

Pitchers (Returning/Lost): 8/3 Top Returning Veterans: Jose Rodriguez, 3B, Sr., (.299, 7 HRs, 44 RBIs); Jesus Rivera, 2B, Sr., (.366, 0 HRs, 4 RBIs); Tony McGee, C, Sr., (.366, 1 HR, 29 RBIs)

Top Newcomers: Rene Francisco, OF, Jr.; Mike Holman, SS, Jr.; Paul Gay, OF, Jr.

#### California St.-Fullerton March 24 - 26

Nickname: Titans Colors: Orange and Blue Conference: Big West

1988 Record: 43 - 18 (12 - 8, third) Location: Fullerton, California Athletic Director: Ed Carroll

Head Coach: Larry Cochell (Arizona State '64) Record at School/Overall: 43 - 18/730 -408 - 2

Best Time to Call: Mornings

FSU vs. California St.-Fullerton in 1988/

Overall: 0 - 0/1 - 2

Home Field: Titan Field (1,000) SID: Mel Franks (714) 773-3970 Baseball Contact: Tim Murphy Starters (Returning/Lost): 16 - 11 Pitchers (Returning/Lost): 9 - 2

Top Returning Veterans: Brent Mayne, C, Sr., (.393, 1 HR, 31 RBIs); Rex Peters, 1B/RF, Sr., (.330, 2 HRs, 38 RBIs); Ralph Ramirez, 3B, Sr., (.331, 5 HRs, 27 RBIs)

Top Newcomers: Matthew Borgogno, 2B, So.; David Staton, 1B, Jr.; Rod Klopfer, RF, Jr.

#### MERCER March 28 - 29

Nickname: Bears Colors: Orange and Black Conference: Transa America 1988 Record: 24 - 25 (7 - 10, third) Location: Macon, Georgia Athletic Director: Bill Bibb

Head Coach: Barry Myers (Marshall '60)
Record at School/Overall: 308 - 233 - 2/763 -404 - 3

Best Time to Call: Mornings FSU vs. Mercer in 1988/Overall: Home Field: Claud Smith Field (1,200) SID: Bobby Pope (O) (912) 744-2994 Baseball Contact: Robbie Burns (H) (912) 474-3324

Starters (Returning/Lost): 8/2 Pitchers (Returning/Lost): 6/3

Top Returning Veterans: Kevin
Hackinson,RHP, Sr., (6 - 3, 6.15 ERA); Mike
Tanner, 1B, Sr., (.314, 0 HRs, 9 RBIs);
Brannen Smith, C, Sr., (.311, 3 HRs, 15 RBIs)
Top Newcomers: Adams Ropp, RHP/OF, Fr.; Hubert Hammack, RHP,Jr.; Scott Steele,

#### Southern Mississippi March 31 - April 2

Nickname: Golden Eagles Colors: Black and Gold Conference: Metro

1988 Record: 36 - 26 (9 - 6, fourth) Location: Hattiesburg, Mississippi Athletic Director: Bill McClellan

Head Coach: Hill Denson (Southern Miss '66) Record at School/Overall: 145 - 158 - 2/145 -

Best Time to Call: Mornings FSU vs. Southern Miss in 1988/Overall:

Home Field: Pete Taylor Park (2,000)

SID: M. Regiel Napier (O) (601) 266-4503 Baseball Contact: Regiel Napier (H) (601) 268-7777

Starters (Returning/Lost): 5/4 Pitchers (Returning/Lost): 7/3

Top Returning Veterans: Fred Cooley, DH/P, Sr., (.355, 17 HRs, 70 RBIs/5 - 0, 4.13 ERA); Sedwick McCollum, 2B, Sr., (.315, 20 HRs, 49 RBIs); Chuck Shive, P, Sr., (8 - 1, 4.31 FRA 82 Ks)

Top Newcomers: Todd Nace, OF, So.; Chad Van Kooten, OF, Jr.; Scotty Bonds, 1B, Jr.

#### ≬πaγπ April 7 - 9, May 5 - 7

Nickname: Hurricanes

Colors: Orange, Green and White Conference: Independent 1988 Record: 52 - 14 - 1 Location: Coral Gables, Florida Athletic Director: Sam Jankovich

Head Coach: Ron Fraser (Florida State '60) Record at School/Overall: 1,069 - 380 - 9/

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Best Time to Call: Weekday mornings FSU vs. Miami in 1988/Overall: 3 - 2 - 1/76 -

Home Field: Mark Light Stadium (5,000) Press Box Phone: (305) 665-8300 or 665-1399 SID: Richard Dalrymple (O) (305) 284-3244 Baseball Contact: Ken Lee (H) (305) 821-4699 Starters (Returning/Lost): 3/5

Pitchers (Returning/Lost): 5/7

Top Returning Veterans: Joe Grahe, RHP, Sr., (13 - 5 - 1, 2.91 ERA, 154 Ks); Rey Noriega, OF, So., (.301, 4 HRs, 43 RBIs); Will Vespe, RHP/OF, Sr., (5 - 1 - 1, 4.79 ERA/.297, 6 HRs. 39 RBIs)

Top Newcomers: Alex Fernandez, RHP, Fr.: F.P. Santangelo, SS, Jr.; Jorge Fabregas,

#### LOUISVILLE April 14 - 16

Nickname: Cardinals Colors: Red and Black Conference: Metro

1988 Record: 18 - 35 (3 - 15, seventh) Location: Louisville, Kentucky Athletic Director: Bill Olsen Head Coach: John Mason (Louisville '81)

Record at School/Overall: 68 - 134/68 - 134 Best Time to Call: 8:30 a.m.-Noon FSU vs. Louisville in 1988/Overall: 1 - 0/9 - 2

Home Field: Parkway Field (500) SID: Kenny Klein (O) (502) 588-6581 Baseball Contact: Andy Dumstorf (H) (502) 636-3555

Starters (Returning/Lost): 6/3 Pitchers (Returning/Lost): 7/3

Top Returning Veterans: Jamie Fiepke, RF, Sr., (.351, 8 HRs, 35 RBIs); Doug Wingler, 2B, Jr., (.278, 11 HRs, 30 RBIs, 11 Steals); Richie Hawks, DH/1B, So., (.305, 10 HRs, 30 RBIs)

Top Newcomers: Rob Updike, CF, Jr.

#### Virginia Tech April 21 - 23

Nickname: Hokies Colors: Maroon and Orange Conference: Metro

1988 Record: 40 - 20 (11 - 7, third) Location: Blacksburg, Virginia Athletic Director: Dave Braine Head Coach: Chuck Hartman (North Carolina '57)

Record at School/Overall: 391 - 154 - 2/391 -

154 - 2

Best Time to Call: Mornings

FSU vs. Virginia Tech in 1988/Overall: 1 -0/9 - 3

Home Field: English field (1,500) SID: Dave Smith (O) (703) 961-6726 Baseball Contact: Dave Smith (H) (703) 951-8024

Starters (Returning/Lost): 6/3

Pitchers (Returning/Lost): 3/2
Top Returning Veterans: Mike Conte, CF, Sr., .352, 19 HRs, 59 RBIs); Len Wentz, 2B, Jr., (.314, 17 HRs, 46 RBIs); Casey Waller, 3B, Jr., (.314, 15 HRs, 59 RBIs)

Top Newcomers: Les Jennette, OF/P, Fr.; Brian Hastings, RHP, Fr.

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#### Memphis State April 29 - 30

Nickname: Tigers Colors: Blue and Gray Conference: Metro

1988 Record: 27 - 22 (6 - 8, fifth) Location: Memphis, Tennessee Athletic Director: Charles Cavagnaro Head Coach: Bobby Kilpatrick (Mississippi '61) Record at School/Overall: 535 - 243 - 2/535 -

Best Time to Call: Mornings

FSU vs. Memphis State in 1988/Overall: 5 -

2/35 - 13

Home Field: Nat Burning Field (2,000) Press Box Phone: (901) 678-2862 SID: Bob Winn (O) (901) 678-2337 Baseball Contact: Frank Bertelt (H) (904) 365-8144 Starters (Returning/Lost): 4/5

Pitchers (Returning/Lost): 3/5 Top Returning Veterans: Chris Marable, OF.

Sr., (.376, 6 HRs, 42 RBIs); Tony Oohs, C/OF, Sr., (.320, 6 HRs, 29 RBIs); Steve Keighley, C, Sr., (.250, 9 HRs, 27 RBIs)

Top Newcomers: Brad Seitzer, 3B, Fr.; Brian Noack, SS, Jr.; Ron Clement, IF, Jr.

#### CINCINNATI May 12 - 14

Nickname: Golden Panthers Colors: Blue and Gold Conference: Independent 1988 Record: 40 - 19

Location: Miami, Floirda Athletic Director: Dr. Richard A. "Dick" Young

Head Coach: Danny Price (Florida

International '74)

May 3

Record at School/Overall: 360 - 172/360 - 172 Best Time to Call: Weekday mornings FSU vs. Florida International in 1988/

Overall: 1 - 2/11 - 3

Home Field: FIU Baseball Complex (1,500) SID: Stuart Davidson (O) (305) 554-2084 Baseball Contact: Stuart Davidson

(H) (305) 362-3568 Starters (Returning/Lost): 4/4 Pitchers (Returning/Lost): 3/8

Top Returning Veterans: Denny Wiseman, RHP, Sr., (9 - 6, 2.73 ERA); Anthony Hicks, OF, Jr., (.320, 22 RBIs); Steve Edwards, IF, Sr., (.299, 25 RBIs)

Top Newcomers: Larry Stanford, RHP, Sr.; Carlos Estevez, IF, Jr.; Chris Boutchie, RHP, Jr.

Nickname: Bearcats

Colors: Red and Black Conference: Metro 1988 Record: 28 - 21 (7 - 10, sixth)

Location: Cincinnati, Ohio Athletic Director: TBA Head Coach: Jim Schmitz (Wilmington '79)

Record at School/Overall: 59 - 42/120 - 104 Best Time to Call: 10 a.m.-Noon FSU vs. Cincinnati in 1988/Overall: Home Field: Meyers Field (1,000) SID: Tom Hathaway (O) (513) 556-5191 Baseball Contact: Brian Teter

(H) (513) 598-1160 Starters (Returning/Lost): 6/3 Pitchers (Returning/Lost): 5/8

Top Returning Veterans: Todd Seymour, 1B, Sr., (.328, 8 HR, 46 RBIs); Chris Newton, 2B/OF, So., (.381, 2 HRs, 12 RBIs); K.B. Johnson, OF, Jr., (.376, 5 HRs, 20 RBIs) Top Newcomers: Dave Hagen, RHP, So.; Jamie Baker, SS, Fr.; Jeff Rheude, 1B, Fr.

## TRAVEL ITINERARY

#### GAINESVILLE, FLORIDA

Departure: February 17 Return: February 19 Gainesville Hilton 2900 S.W. 13th Street Gainesville, Florida 32608 (904) 377-4000

#### TAMPA, FLORIDA

Departure: February 27 Return: March 1 Howard Johnson Plaza Hotel 700 N. Westshore Blvd. Tampa, Florida 33609 (813) 873-7900

#### COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA

Departure: March 16 Return: March 19 Columbia Ramada Hotel 8105 Two Notch Road Columbia, South Carolina (803) 736-5600

#### JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA

Departure: from Columbia, SC March 20 Return: March 22 Jacksonville Marjott Hotel I-95 and J. Turner Butler Blvd. 4670 Salisbury Road Jacksonville, Florida 33216 (904) 739-5800

#### Memphis, Tennessee

Departure: April 28 Return: April 3 149 Union Avenue Memphis, Tennessee 38103 (901) 529-4000

#### MIAMI, FLORIDA

Departure: May 3 Return: May 8 The Biltmore Hotel 1200 Anastasia Avenue Coral Gables, Florida 33134 (800) 445-2586 or (305) 445-1926

#### CINCINNATI. OHIO

Departure: May 11 Return: May 14 Holiday Inn Cincinnati Downtown 800 West Eighth Street Cincinnati, Ohio 45203 (513) 241-8660

#### COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA

Departure: May 15 Return: May 22 Columbia Ramada Hotel 8105 Two Notch Road I-77 and U.S. 1 Columbia, South Carolina 29223 (803) 736-5600