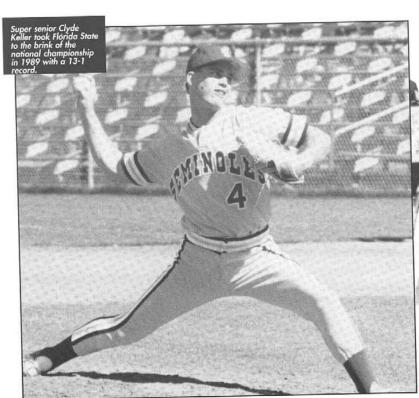
1989 REVIEW

1989 SEASON IN REVIEW

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The answer, as college baseball observers and FSU fans learned, was a resounding yes as the 1989 Seminoles pitched, ran and played great defense on their way to a 54-18 record. Along the way, the team picked up FSU's 10th Metro Conference Championship, swept through the NCAA Atlantic Regional and earned the school's fourth visit to the College World Series in the decade of the '80s. Once there, the Tribe came within one game of the championship tilt.

Not bad for a team that stood 9-6 on March 3. How did Martin's group advance from that point to the brink of a champion-

Even while Seminole fans learned the team names, it looked like business as usual for FSU with six straight wins to open the

opened a four-game series with South Florida. It turned out to be a historic day for the Bulls - as USF's Jim Jimaki and his teammates shut out FSU, 10-0. It marked the first time the Tribe had been blanked since the 1984 season, ending an NCAA-record 326 game streak.

Florida State went on to drop three of four to a strong South Florida team, and returned home to drop a 4-3 decision to Rice. That loss served as a wake up call to FSU, and especially to senior Clyde Keller.

Keller began the season as FSU's starting second baseman, but was called back to the mound the day after the Rice loss. Little did Martin know that move would be the key to FSU's 1989 success. All Keller, a 5-9 Californian, did the rest of the year was reel off 13 victories, beguiling opponents with his favorite pitch - the

All Keller did against Rice the next day was go out and throw a 6-0, five-hit shutout. His performance seemed to inspire the rest of the Seminole staff, which followed Keller's lead with two straight shutouts. From there, FSU reeled off an 11game winning streak, before dropping a pair of games to Metro foe South Carolina in Columbia.

This time, Florida State responded to those losses with 11 wins in its next 12 games, treating Western visitor Cal-State Fullerton rather rudely by taking two of

Tallahassee in early April. Against the Hurricanes, FSU pitching proved superior as Gar Finnvold blanked Miami 3-0 on Friday night, and Keller came back Sunday with plenty of offensive support to lift the Seminoles to an 11-3 win.

Shortstop Brian Gilliland gave FSU a split with Florida, stroking a two-run single in the bottom of the eighth inning to give the Seminoles a 7-5 lead, and its lone victory of the season against the Gators.

Three crucial conference series followed, and FSU won eight of nine against Louisville, Virginia Tech and Memphis State to assert itself as the team to beat in the Metro.

After an extra-inning road loss to

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1989 STATISTICS

54-18 (.750)

Home: 40-6 (.870); Away: 8-10 (.444); Neutral: 6-2 (.750); Day: 30-7 (.811); Night: 24-11 (.686); Metro: 14-4 (.778); Against Independents: 3-3 (.500); Against Other Conferences: 37-11 (.771); In Extra Inning Games: 4-2 (.667); In One-Run Games: 9-6 (.600)

BATTER	GP	AB	R	H	TB	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	so	SB-CS	SH	SF	HBP	CI	SLG%	BA
Bob Reboin	64	190	42	67	81	8	0	2	24	26	20	14-8	6	4	4	0	.426	.353
Matt Clements	17	12	0	4	6	2	O	0	1	2	2	0-0	0	0	1	0	.500	.333
Phil Dannunzio	13	12	1	4	4	0	0	0	1	0	1	0-0	0	1	0	0	.333	.333
Chris Brock	68	153	26	51	58	7	0	0	25	17	22	9-5	0	2	1	0	.379	.333
Brian Gilliland	70	203	46	67	82	12	0	1	37	51	26	15-8	5	2	2	0	.404	.330
Rob Bargas	69	238	42	78	110	16	2	4	53	39	33	8-3	3	8	4	0	.462	.328
Garrett Blanton	26	16	7	5	8	0	0	1	2	1	4	0-0	0	0	0	0	.500	.313
Marc Ronan	67	243	65	75	112	12	2	7	41	49	29	43-5	3	1	6	0	.461	.309
Brad Parker	68	249	61	74	135	16	0	15	61	44	41	6-7	0	1	8	0	.542	.297
Buddy Cribb	65	173	37	49	93	6	1	12	42	44	43	3-7	0	4	4	0	.538	.283
Allen Bevis	51	130	37	35	42	3	2	O	16	27	31	25-4	1	1	1	0	.323	.269
Clyde Keller	43	76	21	20	29	4	1	1	11	21	18	9-3	2 2	0	0	1	.382	.263
Eduardo Perez	66	142	25	37	45	3	1	1	21	24	37	7-4		1	2	0	.317	.26
Pedro Grifol	67	238	45	61	93	14	0	6	48	30	41	7-1	4	6	2	0	.391	.256
Dean Harrison	51	81	15	20	33	2	1	3	13	26	23	2-1	0	2	1	0	.407	.247
Rocky Rau	53	128	25	31	35	4	0	0	18	25	25	9-3	1	1	0	0	.273	.242
J. M. Tamayo	47	64	12	12	18	0	0	2	11	11	12	4-4	1	1	1	0	.281	.188
Ty Mueller	31	27	4	3	3	0	0	0	2	3	9	1-1	0	1	0	0	.111	.11
Scott Edwards	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	0	.000	.000
Tom Manley	12	11	1	O	0	O	O	0	1	4	2	0-0	1	0	0	0	.000	.000
Tim Nedin	19	1	O	O	0	0	O	0	0	O	1	0-0	O	0	O	0	.000	.000
Keith Lyttle	7	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0-0	0	0	O	0	.000	.000
Brad Gregory	20	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0-0	0	0	0	0	.000	.000

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LEFT ON BASE - FSU: 577; OPPONENTS: 523

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OPPONENTS

PITCHI	NG					in g											
PITCHER	GP-GS-0	CG	SHO	IP	Н	BB	so	R	ER	HRA	нв	WP	BK	\mathbf{w}	L	S	ERA
David Sorokowski	1- 0-	0	0	1.0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
Pat Underhill	1- 0-	0	0	2.0	2	O	0	0	0	O	O	0	0	0	O	0	0.00
Mike Brady	20- 4-	0	0	64.0	71	25	71	20	16	4	5	8	0	4	2	3	2.25
Gar Finnvold	20-19-	2	0	134.1	113	41	114	52	39	6	4	5	0	10	4	0	2.61
Jerry Santos	7- 3-	0	0	17.0	14	9	13	5	5	0	0	6	0	2	0	1	2.65
Clyde Keller	19-16-	5	3	120.0	93	37	114	46	37	9	3	3	2	13	1	0	2.78
Matt Dunbar	15- 0-	0	0	26.1	23	20	38	10	9	1	2	1	2	4	1	1	3.08
Tim Nedin	19- 8-	1	0	78.1	59	37	92	30	28	5	8	11	1	6	5	0	3.22
Brad Gregory	19-13-	2	1	86.0	84	26	79	46	34	7	2	4	1	7	3	1	3.56
Gary Painter	11- 6-	0	0	35.1	27	16	37	19	14	2	0	4	0	3	0	0	3.57
Ricky Kimball	34- 3-	0	0	58.1	48	32	73	30	24	3	3	6	0	5	2	9	3.70
Scott Steinitz	9- 0-	0	0	16.0	14	6	17	10	8	3	0	1	0	0	O	0	4.50
Barry Johnson	7- 0-	0	0	9.0	11	7	8	7	6	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	6.00
FSU		10	12	647.2	559	256	657	275	220		27	49	6	54	18	15	3.06
OPPONENTS	72-72-	7	3	619.0	693	444	422	513	414	55	37	78	12	18	54	5	6.02

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FIELDING

POS	PLAYER	GP	PO	A	E	DP	PB	PCT
3B	Bargas, R.	69	44	113	19	5	0	.892
2B	Bevis, A.	51	59	89	6	16	0	.961
3B	Blanton, G.	26	4	9	2	0	O	.867
P	Brady, M.	20	2	11	1	1	O	.929
OF	Brock, C.	68	63	9	1	3	O	.986
C	Clements, M.	17	18	1	0	0	O	1.000
DH	Cribb, B.	65	32	4	1	0	0	.973
P	Dunbar, M.	15	2	10	0	0	0	1.000
P	Finnvold, G.	20	6	21	3	3	O	.900
SS	Gilliland, B.	70	86	181	28	34	O	.905
P	Gregory, B.	19	10	26	2	1	O	.947
C	Grifol, P.	66	529	58	11	4	8	.982
OF	Harrison, D.	51	25	1	0	O	O	1.000
P	Johnson, B.	7	0	1	0	O	O	1.000
2B	Keller, C.	27	35	26	1	3	0	.984
P	Keller, C.	19	10	25	3	0	0	.921
P	Kimball, R.	34	6	8	0	1	0	1.000
OF	Lyttle, K.	7	2	O	0	0	O	1.000
OF	Manley, T.	12	6	O	0	0	O	1.000
OF	Mueller, T.	31	6	1	O	0	0	1.000
P	Nedin, T.	19	4	17	1	0	0	.955
P	Painter, G.	11	2	3	1	0	0	.833
1B/OF	Parker, B.	68	401	24	7	32	0	.984
OF	Perez, E.	66	60	1	3	0	0	.953
2B	Rau, R.	53	60	94	9	12	0	.945
IF	Reboin, B.	64	226	27	4	14	0	.984
C-OF	Ronan, M.	67	220	13	2	3	1	.991
P	Santos, J.	7	1	3	0	0	0	1.000
P	Steinitz, S.	9	0	2	1	1	0	.667
OF	Tamayo, J.	47	22	0	1	0	0	.957
P	Underhill, P.	1	1	2	0	1	0	1.000
TOTAL		72	1942	780	107	58	9	.962
OTAL	OPPONENTS	72	1848	768	138	62	12	.950

1989 ATTENDANCE

Home (46 dates*):	87,240	Average:	1,896
Away (18 dates):	37,287	Average:	2,071
Neutral (8 dates#):	51,611	Average:	6,451
Total (72 dates):	176.138	Average:	2,446

^{*}includes NCAA Regional

#includes Metro Conference Tournament and College World Series

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Jacksonville, Miami extended FSU's losing streak to three games, its longest of the year, with a pair of wins in Miami. But Keller and Florida State responded on Sunday night with an 8-4 win on national television to earn a split of the season series with the Hurricanes, and improve their record to 42-15.

On May 12, Florida State was shut out for the third time of the season. This time it was conference cellar-dweller Cincinnati who did the honors with a 2-0 win. The date and game was significant — not to conference standings — but because it was the last time FSU would lose until the semifinals of the College World Series.

Although FSU reeled off 12 straight, their wins in both the conference tournament and the NCAA Atlantic Regional were anything but easy. After taking wins from Memphis State, Southern Miss and Virginia Tech in the first three games of the Metro Championships in Columbia, S. C., FSU met a tough Southern Miss team in a classic championship battle.

Starting pitchers Gar Finnvold and Damon Pollard were magnificent for FSU and USM, respectively. Finnvold limited the Eagles to one run through eight as the Seminoles took a 3-1 lead

without benefit of an extra base hit. In the bottom of the ninth though, Finnvold tired and USM designated hitter Sedgwick McCollum made him pay with a two-out, two-run homer down the right field line to send the game to extra frames.

FSU answered with a pair of runs in the top of the 11th to take a 5-3 lead. Who should come up to bat with a man on base and two outs in the bottom of the inning but McCollum. This time, he drove a Ricky Kimball fastball to left center, tying the game again!

Florida State answered for good in the top of the 12th to take a 6-5 lead and Kimball held off USM to give FSU its 10th Metro Conference title. Five Seminoles earned all-tournament recognition, including Gilliland, second baseman Rocky Rau, leading hitter Bob Reboin and outfielders Chris Brock and Brad Parker.

Seeded first entering the Atlantic Regional in Tallahassee, FSU got great pitching, timely hitting and a little luck to take the title. With Keller picking up his 12th win of the year, the Seminoles disposed of Rider College 13-7 in the first round. A chance to avenge three losses to South Florida came in the second round, and Finnvold took advantage of it. He limited the Bulls to five hits and one run, and third baseman Rob Bargas provided the offense with five hits and four RBI as FSU took an 8-1 win.

The next day, the Seminoles scored a pair of runs in the bottom of the ninth to earn a 7-6 win over Southeastern Conference champion Auburn. Ahead 4-0 after five innings, Florida State lost its lead when Auburn scored four runs in the top of the seventh to take a 6-4 lead.

Scratching out a run on three hits in the bottom of the eighth brought FSU within one. With Kimball holding off the Tigers, Gilliland had the key hit of the game for FSU again.

In the ninth, pinch hitter Allen Bevis singled and was sacrificed to second. After a walk to Reboin, Gilliland hit a bouncer to second which looked like a sure double-play ball. But the ball hit a rock in the infield, bounced over the second baseman's head and scored Bevis to tie the game. With the winning run on third, Brad Parker hit a bouncer to short. After the force at second, the ball was thrown away for an error as FSU got the win.

In the championship game the next day, facing one of the ACC's top pitchers in 16-2 Brian Barnes of Clemson, Florida State exploded for eight runs in the top of the seventh inning to advance to the College World Series. Reboin, who continued his hot hitting during the regional, was named MVP of the tournament while six other Seminoles (Brock, Buddy Cribb, Finnvold, Gilliland, Rau, Parker) joined him on the All-Atlantic Region team.

In the opening game of the College World Series, Finnvold won his 10th game of the year, outdueling North Carolina's John Thoden to give FSU a 4-2 win. Finnvold allowed only four hits and Kimball came on in the eighth to preserve the victory. After FSU fell behind 1-0 early, Buddy Cribb powered a home run to tie the game, and the Seminoles took the lead for good in the third with a pair of runs.

In its next game, FSU met Wichita State for the first time. Keller's palm ball befuddled the Shockers, as it had teams throughout the year. He allowed only four hits to gain the complete-game victory, his 13th of the year without a loss. Reboin, Rau and Pedro Grifol provided the offense for the Seminoles. Reboin and Rau each stroked a pair of hits and drove in a run, while Grifol's solo home run in the top of the ninth provided Keller with a two-run cushion.

FSU did not fare as well against the Shockers in the next two contests. With a two-division format, either FSU or WSU would advance to the final game. Wichita State proved too tough for Florida State as they took 7-4 and 12-9 wins to reach the championship, which they eventually won over Texas.

It was a satisfying season for Martin and his Seminoles. The new, unknown group had become one of Florida State's top teams ever, relying on speed, defense and pitching. At the end of 1989, the performance of its Seminole squad had FSU fans already looking ahead to 1990.

1989 GAME-BY-GAME RESULTS

DATE	W-L	FSU	OPP	OPPONENT I	H/A	ATTENDANCE	WINNING PITCHER	LOSING PITCHER	LOCATION
2/04/89	W	9	6	Arizona State	Н	4,170	Gregory (1-0)	Rees (1-1)	Tallahassee, FL
2/05/89	W	8	3	Arizona State	H	2,389	Nedin (1-0)	Kilgo (0-1)	Tallahassee, FL
/06/89	W	14	1	Georgia Tech	H	1,795	Brady (1-0)	Erwin (0-1)	Tallahassee, FL
/10/89	W	8	3	Grambling	H	427	Finnvold (1-0)	Stokes (0-1)	Tallahassee, FL
/11/89	W	5	0	Grambling	H	2,126	Brady (2-0)	Walters (0-1)	Tallahassee, FL
/12/89	W	8	2 5	Grambling	H	1,789	Nedin (2-0)	Davis (0-1)	Tallahassee, FL
/18/89	L	1	5	Florida	A	4,305	Gidcumb (3-0)	Brady (2-1)	Gainesville, FL
/19/89	L	5	6	Florida	A	4,221	McAndrew (2-0)	Dunbar (0-1)	Gainesville, FL
/20/89	W	5	4	Baptist (10)	H	515	Dunbar (1-1)	Inabinet (0-1)	Tallahassee, FL
/22/89	W	10	2	Baptist	H	405	Finnvold (2-0)	Powell (0-1)	Tallahassee, FL
/25/89	L	0	10	South Florida	H	1,806	Jimaki (2-0)	Nedin (2-1)	Tallahassee, FL
/26/89	W	8	7	South Florida	H	1,482	Dunbar (2-1)	Harvey (1-2)	Tallahassee, FL
/28/89	L	5	6	South Florida	A	2,393	Undorf (1-0)	Kimball (0-1)	Tampa, FL
/01/89	L	3	14	South Florida	A	742	Harned (1-0)	Nedin (2-2)	Tampa, FL
/03/89	L	3	4	Rice	H	905	Cooper (3-1)	Gregory (1-1)	Tallahassee, FL
/04/89	W	6	0	Rice	H	1,097	Keller (1-0)	Howard (2-1)	Tallahassee, FL
/05/89	W	3	ŏ	Rice	H	1,177	Finnvold (3-0)	Polasek (2-3)	Tallahassee, FL
/07/89	W	6	o	Richmond	H	258	Nedin (3-2)	Richardson	Tallahassee, FL
/08/89	w	12	3	Richmond	Н	231	Dunbar (3-1)	Sweeney (0-1)	Tallahassee, FL
/09/89	W	3	2	Richmond (13)	H	326	Kimball (1-1)	Garaghan (0-1)	Tallahassee, FL
/10/89	W	10	ő	Ball State	H	603	Finnvold (4-0)	Childers (0-2)	Tallahassee, FI
/10/89	W	11	1	Ball State	H	1,227	Gregory (2-1)	Scott (0-1)	Tallahassee, FI
/11/89	W	16	0	Ball State	Н	1,067	Nedin (4-2)	Dilley (1-1)	Tallahassee, Fl
	W	18	2	Samford	H	1,061	Keller (2-0)	Dease (0-1)	Tallahassee, FL
3/14/89	W	14	0	Samford	H	1,000	Santos (1-0)	Goolsby (1-1)	Tallahassee, FL
3/15/89			5	South Carolina	A	2,200	Finnvold (5-0)	Rountree (2-3)	Columbia, SC
3/17/89	W	6			A	1,200	Cromer (1-0)	Gregory (2-2)	Columbia, SC
3/18/89	L	3	4	South Carolina	A	2,500	Cromer (2-0)	Kimball (1-2)	Columbia, SC
3/19/89	L	4	5	South Carolina (10)		1,354	Painter (1-0)	Kirk (4-2)	Jacksonville, F
3/21/89	W	11	6	Jacksonville	A H	1,510	Kimball (2-2)	Colarusso	Tallahassee, Fl
3/24/89	W	6		Cal. St. Fullerton (11)		1,977	Flener (7-0)	Nedin (4-3)	Tallahassee, FI
3/25/89	L	4	9	Cal. St. Fullerton	H	1,782	Keller (3-0)	P. Johnson	Tallahassee, FI
3/26/89	W	10		Cal. St. Fullerton	H			Ropp (0-2)	Tallahassee, FI
3/28/89	W	2		Mercer	H	1,589	Painter (2-0)		Tallahassee, Fl
3/29/89	W	7		Mercer	H	1,057	Santos (2-0)	Mimbs (1-3)	Tallahassee, FI
3/31/89	W	10		Southern Miss	Н	1,707	Finnvold (6-0)	Shive (4-3)	Tallahassee, FI
1/01/89	W	6		Southern Miss	H	1,375	Nedin (5-3)	Pollard (4-2)	
4/02/89	W	7		Southern Miss	H	1,822	Keller (4-0)	Pollard (4-3)	Tallahassee, FI
4/04/89	W	6		Jacksonville	H	1,067	Gregory (3-2)	Kirk (5-3)	Tallahassee, FI
4/05/89	W	14		Jacksonville	H	879	Brady (3-1)	Kulina (7-2)	Tallahassee, Fl
4/07/89	W	3		Miami	H	3,850	Finnvold (7-0)	Grahe (6-4)	Tallahassee, Fl
4/08/89	L	1		Miami	H	5,160	Fernandez	Nedin (5-4)	Tallahassee, Fl
4/09/89	W	11	3	Miami	H	3,613	Keller (5-0)	Vespe (3-2)	Tallahassee, FI
4/11/89	L	0	5	Florida	H	3,234	Wiggs (7-2)	Brady (3-2)	Tallahassee, FI
4/12/89	W	7	5	Florida	H	2,880	Kimball (3-2)	McCray (2-1)	Tallahassee, Fl
4/14/89	W	7	0	Louisville	H	1,388	Keller (6-0)	Hall (1-5)	Tallahassee, Fl
4/15/89	W	10	1	Louisville	H	1,471	Gregory (4-2)	Cook (1-3)	Tallahassee, Fl
4/16/89	W	7		Louisville	H	1,459	Dunbar (4-1)	Stender (3-1)	Tallahassee, Fl
4/21/89	L			Virginia Tech	H	1,582	Williams (9-2)	Finnvold (7-1)	Tallahassee, F
4/22/89	W			Virginia Tech	Н	2,199	Nedin (6-4)	Martin (2-1)	Tallahassee, F.
4/23/89	W			Virginia Tech	Н		Keller (7-0)	Margheim (8-4)	Tallahassee, F.
4/29/89	W			Memphis State	A		Finnvold (8-1)	Bowlan (5-6)	Memphis, TN
4/29/89	W			Memphis State	A	617	Gregory (5-2)	King (4-1)	Memphis, TN
4/29/89	W			Memphis State	A		Keller (8-0)	Beaden (4-2)	Memphis, TN
5/02/89	L			Jacksonville (10)	A		Kirk (7-3)	Nedin (6-5)	Jacksonville, I
	L			Miami	A		Grahe (10-4)	Finnvold (8-2)	Miami, FL
5/05/89					A		Fernandez	Gregory (5-3)	Miami, FL
5/06/89	L			Miami Miami	A		Keller (9-0)	Knowles (4-2)	Miami, FL
5/07/89	W			Miami Cincinnati	A		Pearson	Finnvold (8-3)	Cincinnati, Ol
5/12/89	L			Cincinnati	A		Keller (10-0)	Murphy	Cincinnati, Ol
5/13/89	W						Gregory (6-3)	Hagen	Cincinnati, Ol
5/14/89	W			Cincinnati Mamphis State	A		Keller (11-0)	Braden (4-4)	Columbia, SC
5/18/89*				Memphis State			Gregory (7-3)	Rapp (7-7)	Columbia, SC
5/19/89				Southern Miss	N		Painter (3-0)	Sorkin (3-3)	Columbia, SC
5/20/89				Virginia Tech	N			Rapp (7-8)	Columbia, SC
5/20/89			5 5	Southern Miss (12)	N		Kimball (4-2)		Tallahassee, F
5/25/89				Rider College	H		Keller (12-0)	McGuire (5-3)	Tallahassee, F
5/26/89			8 1	South Florida	Н		Finnvold (9-3)	Hubbard (3-2)	
5/27/89	W		7 6	Auburn University	H		Kimball (5-2)	Renner (9-6)	Tallahassee, I
5/28/89	W		8 1	Clemson	H		Brady (4-2)	Barnes (16-3)	Tallahassee, I
6/02/89		7 .	4 2	North Carolina	N		Finnvold (10-3)	Thoden (12-1)	Omaha, NE
6/04/89			4 2	Wichita State	N	15,800	Keller (13-0)	Cedeno (12-4)	Omaha, NE
6/07/89			4 7	Wichita State	N	11,561	Bluma (3-0)	Finnvold (10-4)	Omaha, NE
			9 12		N		Cedeno (13-4)	Keller (13-1)	Omaha, NE

^{*}Metro Conference Tournament, Columbia, SC (1st) †NCAA Atlantic Regional, Tallahassee, FL (1st) *College World Series, Omaha, NE (tied 3rd)