

HEAD COACH MIKE MARTIN

ost little boys dream of becoming firemen or cowboys or detectives. But somehow, one can just imagine Mike Martin at age eight, playing outside his Charlotte, N.C. home, and dreaming of someday doing what he now does so well. For if ever there was a man tailor-made for a job, it's Florida State University's head baseball coach.

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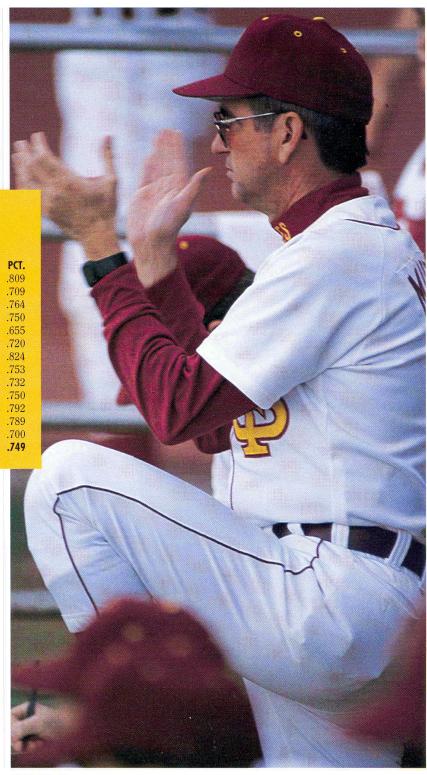
MARTIN'S CAREER COACHING RECORD

YEAR	SCHOOL	W- L-T	PCT.
1980	Florida State	51-12-0	.809
1981	Florida State	56-23-0	.709
1982	Florida State	56-17-1	.764
1983	Florida State	55-18-1	.750
1984	Florida State	55-29-0	.655
1985	Florida State	59-23-0	.720
1986	Florida State	61-13-0	.824
1987	Florida State	55-18-0	.753
1988	Florida State	50-18-1	.732
1989	Florida State	54-18-0	.750
1990	Florida State	57-15-0	.792
1991	Florida State	57- 14-0	.789
1992	Florida State	49- 21-0	.700
TOTALS	(13 years)	715-239-3	.749

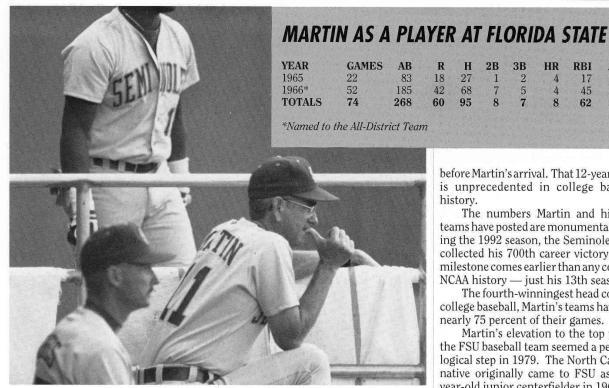
program, he has lived and breathed Florida State baseball for the last 28 years. When the skinny kid from Charlotte transferred to FSU from Wingate Junior College in 1965 to play center field for the Seminoles, it was the beginning of a love affair that has never ended.

Yes, Mike Martin is living out his childhood fantasy.

His love for the game of baseball is matched only by the success he has had teaching it to aspiring players. And teaching the game with his fire and drive has given Florida State perhaps the nation's very best all-around college baseball program. From the facilities, to the coaching staff, to the unequalled community support, Mike Martin has taken an already







rich FSU baseball tradition to a whole new level of excellence.

Martin, just keeps getting better. Just when it seems that the program can reach no higher, something bigger and better comes along. When Martin took over the program in 1980, it was taboo to mention the word Omaha around the ballclub. No one wanted to jinx an FSU team that had made it to the College World Series only three times in the previous 15 seasons. After taking the Seminoles to that hallowed ground in his very first season, Martin would eventually make Omaha

not only a household word, but a second home to the Seminoles. Martin has led the Tribe to the CWS five times in the last seven years, including three of the last four campaigns.

Last year's 49-21 record was perhaps bittersweet for Martin. Although his 1992 team advanced to the College World Series at season's end, it fell one game short of 50 wins - a mark Martin's clubs had achieved in each of his 12 previous seasons. It was a streak bound to be broken, though, since no Florida State team in history had won more than 50 games

before Martin's arrival. That 12-year string is unprecedented in college baseball history.

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The numbers Martin and his FSU teams have posted are monumental. During the 1992 season, the Seminole coach collected his 700th career victory. That milestone comes earlier than any coach in NCAA history — just his 13th season.

The fourth-winningest head coach in college baseball, Martin's teams have won nearly 75 percent of their games.

Martin's elevation to the top post of the FSU baseball team seemed a perfectly logical step in 1979. The North Carolina native originally came to FSU as a 21year-old junior centerfielder in 1965. He hit .354 in two seasons as the starter in centerfield, and got his first taste of the College World Series on that 1965 team. He earned all-District honors his senior season and went on to play professionally in the New York Mets and Detroit Tigers organizations.

When his professional playing career came to an end after three years, Martin embarked on his coaching career. He spent several years coaching in the prep and college ranks in Tallahassee. He started as a baseball and basketball coach at the junior high level, then became head basketball coach at Tallahassee Community College before spending four seasons as basketball coach at Tallahassee's Godby

When Woody Woodward became FSU head baseball coach in 1975, he quickly called on Martin to assist him. Martin served five seasons as the number one assistant, under Woodward for four years, and then under Howser. When Howser got a phone call from then-Yankee boss George Steinbrenner one November day in 1979, there was no question as to who would be the next FSU head coach. And since that day in 1979, there has been no doubt that Mike Martin and Seminole baseball are a perfect match.

For Martin, it is a dream come true.

WINNINGEST ACTIVE COACHES BY PERCENTAGE

(Minimum 200 Victories)

NO.	COACH, SCHOOL	YEARS	WON	LOST	TIED	PCT.	
1.	Cliff Gustafson, Texas	25	1,250	293	2	.810	
2.	Gene Stephenson, Wichita State	15	848	258	3	.766	
3.	Gary Ward, Oklahoma State	15	768	239	1	.762	
4.	Mike Martin, Florida State*	13	715	239	3	.749	
5.	Richard Rockwell, LeMoyne	21	669	248	0	.730	
6.	Skip Bertman, Louisiana State	9	430	165	0	.723	
7.	Mark Johnson, Texas A&M	8	366	143	1	.719	
8.	Joe Arnold, Florida	16	677	265	2	.718	
9.	Jim Brock, Arizona State	21	1,009	* 402	0	.715	
10.	Bob Morgan, Indiana	17	655	275	5	.703	

*Martin ranks 9th on All-Time Winningest Division I Coaches' list.



He would be the first to tell you his current position is his ultimate thrill. After 28 years of association with Florida State baseball, Mike Martin bleeds Garnet and Gold. Perhaps no one has meant more to a program than has Martin to the baseball Seminoles.

Needless to say, with a 715-239-3 record, Martin is Florida State's winningest coach ever by a mile. He has more than twice as many victories as Jack Stallings' 248, and he's well past Danny Litwhiler's 189, Woodward's 170 and Fred Hatfield's 161. Woodward, Martin's former boss, is hanging onto the all-time FSU lead in winning percentage by the slimmest (.74889 to .74869) of margins.

Every year under Martin, the Seminoles have participated in NCAA post-season play — 13 straight years. That run, on the heels of appearances in 1978 and '79, give Florida State 15 consecutive tournament trips. By comparison, the longest previous string at FSU was four — ironically, it came during Martin's playing tenure (1965-68). Only one other team in America — Miami — has a longer string of consecutive appearances.

Only seven teams in college baseball have topped FSU's 12 College World Series trips. Martin has been involved in two-thirds of those, with eight trips to Omaha as a player, assistant coach and head coach.

Martin says his years around FSU coaches like Hatfield, whom he played for in 1965-66, and Woodward and Howser, whom he coached under, instilled in him the desire to produce winners on and off the playing field. Stepping out of their shadows, Martin has built his own legacy in Tallahassee. Although entering only his 49th year in 1993, he is already on his way to unprecedented collegiate baseball success. Success which nearly matches that of another Florida State head coach - Seminole football mentor Bobby Bowden. Just as Bowden and Seminole football are synonymous, so are Martin, winning and Seminole baseball.

During his tenure, 20 different players have earned All-America honors, 54 have been named to the all-Conference team and an incredible 63 players have signed professional contracts. Two of Martin's Seminoles — Mike Fuentes and Mike Loynd — won the Golden Spike Award, emblematic of the nation's best amateur player.

Martin arrived at FSU for his junior season after a two-year playing career at Wingate Junior College in North Carolina, where he earned junior college AllAmerica honors twice. The Charlotte native still clings to his tobacco road roots, but North Florida is his home.

A popular speaker, Martin has delivered keynote addresses at several state and national meetings, including gatherings of the Florida High School Coaches Association, Atlanta Braves instructional clinics and Seminole Booster clubs throughout the Southeast. He is also in

demand as a speaker at churches and is active in national and local Fellowship of Christian Athletes activities.

A 1966 graduate of Florida State, Martin earned his master's degree from Florida A&M in 1971. He and his wife Carol have three children, Mary Beth (23), Melanie (17), and 20-year-old Mike, Jr., who will play for his Dad on this year's Seminole squad.

ABOUT MIKE MARTIN

BORN: February 12, 1944 in Charlotte, N.C.

HIGH SCHOOL: Garringer High, Charlotte, N.C.

ALMA MATER, YEAR: Florida State, 1966

COLLEGIATE BASEBALL EXPERIENCE:

1965-66, Florida State — Centerfield; 1963-64, Wingate Junior College — Centerfield

HONORS: 1966 All-District selection; 1963-64 JC All-American

WIFE: The former Carol Dellinger

CHILDREN: Mary Beth (23), Mike Jr. (20), Melanie (17)

HEAD COACHING HONORS: 1980 Florida Diamond Club Coach of the Year; 1986 Florida Diamond Club Coach of the Year; 1986 Atlantic District Coach of the Year; 1987 Florida Diamond Club Coach of the Year; 1987 Atlantic District Coach of the Year; Six-Time Metro Conference Coach of the Year

ACCOMPLISHMENTS AT FSU:

- Ranks forth nationally among active Division I baseball coaches with a .749 winning percentage
- Led Florida State to an unprecedented 12 consecutive 50-plus win seasons from 1980-91. His 1992 club finished one short (49-21).
- Led Florida State to 13 consecutive NCAA Regional appearances, extending FSU's streak of regional bids to 15, the second-longest string in Division I
- His Seminole teams have made five trips to the College World Series in the past seven seasons ('86, '87, '89, '91, '92) and six appearances overall
- Reached 700 win milestone faster than any coach in collegiate baseball history
- Has coached 20 All-Americans, 54 All-Conference selections, 63 players who signed professional contracts and two Golden Spikes Award winners

MARTIN MILESTONES: First Win – Florida State 9, Miami 8 (Feb. 24, 1980); 100th Win – Florida State 5, Valdosta State 3 (April 27, 1981); 200th Win – Florida State 8, Georgia Southern 1 (April 20, 1983); 300th Win – Florida State 17, Southern Miss 6 (March 23, 1985); 400th Win – Florida State 8, Samford 7 (February 18, 1987); 500th Win – Florida State 8, Arizona State 3 (February 5, 1989); 600th Win – Florida State 4, Cincinnati 1 (May 13, 1990); 700th Win — Florida State 3, Miami 2 (April 26, 1992)



ASSISTANT COACHES

CHIP BAKER ASSISTANT COACH

he senior member of coach Mike Martin's staff, Chip Baker enters his ninth season as a Seminole assistant coach. This 1993 season will, again, see Baker continue to fill many roles for the program.



Baker will return to familiar ground as third base coach for the Tribe. In addition, he is responsible for scouting opposing teams and directs the Noles defensively. He also tutors Seminole catchers, a position

that has shown extremely consistent play since his arrival.

A former assistant at Virginia Tech and Georgia Tech, Baker is one of college baseball's premiere catching instructors. During his tenure at Florida State, he has coached All-Americans Ed Fulton, Barry Blackwell, Marc Ronan and first-team All-American, Pedro Grifol.

Baker's duties go beyond the field. Administratively, he coordinates team travel plans as well as the purchasing of equipment.

During each summer Baker is the director of the Mike Martin and Seminole Advanced Baseball Schools. These camps have not only proved to be popular, but beneficial. Thirty-five of those who have attended these camps have gone on to swing the bats for the Seminoles. Several have advanced to the major leagues.

Baker is a popular speaker and has addressed Seminole Booster clubs and civic organizations around the state. He has been on the staff of national and regional baseball clinics. Bakerworks closely with Tallahassee area youth organizations and has put together clinics for the Tallahassee Babe Ruth League and other little leagues.

The 34-year-old native of North Carolina has written articles for *Scholastic Coach* and *Collegiate Baseball* magazines on the subjects of catching and third base

coaching.

A 1980 graduate of High Point College (Universtiy) in North Carolina, Baker led the Panthers to four Carolina Conference championships. He was a member of the High Point team that finished second at the 1979 NAIA World Series.

After completing his bachelor's degree in physical education, Baker earned his master's degree in motor behavior at Virginia Tech. Virginia Tech is where Baker began his collegiate coaching career.

Baker is married to the former Julie Larsen, a pitcher on FSU's 1985-88 softball team (and who still owns the record for strikeouts). The two were married in 1991 in a most memorable ceremony... between games of a doubleheader at Dick Howser Stadium.

JAMEY SHOUPPE ASSISTANT COACH

amey Shouppe proved to be a successful relief pitcher for Florida State in the early '80's. He now enters his third season with the Tribe as an assistant coach. Shouppe re-donned the garnet and gold in1990 as the Seminoles' head

recruiting coordinator.

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The 1993 baseball roster is loaded with some of the best junior college and high school talent in the Southeast. He has been a primary catalyst in attracting top caliber talent to FSU.

Shouppe's 1992 recruiting class was voted by Collegiate Baseball to be the nation's best. In addition to the crucial role of head recruiting coordinator, he is now the pitching coach for the Seminoles.

In two seasons with the Noles in 1981 and '82 the southpaw compiled a 10-4



Veteran assistant coach Chip Baker, in his ninth year at Florida State, tutors FSU's catchers and handles the third base coaching box.

record. As a senior he set an FSU single season record for appearances with 31. In all, Shouppe stood atop the pitching mound in 60 games and posted a 3.78 earned run average. He fanned a total of 122 batters in 126 innings of work and was named to the Metro Conference All-Tournament team his senior year.

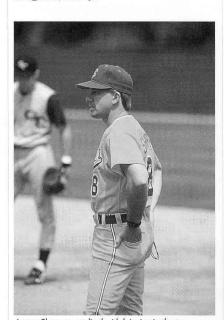
A native of Chattahoochee, Fla., Shouppe came to FSU via George Wallace Junior College in Dothan, Ala. At Wallace he earned all-conference, all-state, and all-region honors in each of his seasons while playing outfielder and pitcher.

The Houston Astros drafted Shouppe following his senior season at FSU. He played three years in the Astros organization at the A and AA levels before retiring from the sport in 1985.

Shouppe received his bachelor's degree in Physical Education from FSU and a master's degree from Nova University in Ft. Lauderdale. He held various coaching and teaching positions in Florida before returning to FSU in 1990.

Shouppe also teaches classes in the physical education department at FSU in addition to his coaching duties. He has worked as director of the Mike Martin Baseball School, 6-9 age division, for the past seven years.

Shouppe and his wife, former FSU cheerleader Karen Hall, have two children, five year old Jake, and a one year old daughter, Kasey.



Jamey Shouppe, credited with bringing in the top recruiting class in the nation in 1992, will be responsible for developing a young pitching staff in 1993.

GUY GALLAGHER EQUIPMENT & CLUBHOUSE MANAGER

uy Gallagher has been an important behind-the-scenes member of the Florida State baseball program for the past eight seasons, since 1985.

This is his third season as a full-time staff member. Gallagher completed his

undergraduate degree in physical education in December of 1990.

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Gallagher has a multitude of daily responsibilities throughout the season, and throughout the year. He assists Chip Baker with

the ordering of all equipment used by the Seminoles and is charged with maintaining all the equipment. When Florida State is on the road, Gallagher coordinates the transfer of luggage and equipment for the team.

He also undertakes various other projects as assigned by the coaches, which often includes assisting at practice in different drills. He spends countless hours at Dick Howser Stadium around the year as he is often the first to arrive and last to leave the facility, whether it's a game day or not. Gallagher, whose input helped make the FSU clubhouse and lockerroom facilities among the best in the nation, Gallagher has been charged with managing the day-to-day upkeep of that area.

A native of St. James, N.Y., Gallagher attended Smithtown East High School before coming to Florida State. He gained a love of baseball and of all sports there from his father, a teacher and high school baseball coach for 25 years.

JAY KEARCE VOLUNTEER ASSISTANT

lthough a rookie member on Coach Mike Martin's 1993 staff, Jay Kearce is certainly no stranger to Florida State University athletics. Kearce has made his rounds within the athletic program at FSU.

From 1990-91 he worked as an assis-



tant to Seminole football recruiting c o o r d i n a t o r Ronnie Cottrell. In a 1990 whirlwind year of recruiting, Kearce's assistance helped the Seminoles reel in the nation's premier class of freshman according to *USA Today*.

In 1991 he became an assistant to Seminole strength coach Dave Van Halanger. He was a primary instructor for Van Halanger's evening strength and conditioning classes.

Kearce may be new to Seminole baseball, but not to the game itself. Kearce was a three-year letterman at Blountstown High School during the mid-80's. After graduation, Kearce was successful hurler for Chipola Junior College, lettering in 1988 and 1989.

Kearce served as assistant baseball coach on Maclay High School's 1991 state championship team and its 1992 state runner-up teams. He has been the school's Junior Varsity coach for the past two years. He currently teaches part time at the Tallahassee school.

Kearce earned his bachelor's degree in communication from Florida State in 1990. The 25-year-old recently completed work on his master's in athletic administration at FSU.

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