

# HEAD COACH MIKE MARTIN

s Florida State celebrates its 50th season of baseball, no other man can claim a longer or more successful career as a Seminole than Mike Martin. Since his first trip to Omaha in 1965 as a player to winning his 900th career victory as FSU's head coach, Seminole baseball tradition has been taken to a new level of excellence with every season under Martin. Martin has been associated with half of the Seminoles' 50 years of baseball — two seasons as a player, five as an assistant coach and is now entering his 18th season as FSU's head coach.

Martin's latest accomplishment, FSU's 19-5 ACC record and first ever first-place conference finish in the regular season, earned him 1996 Atlantic Coast Conference Coach of the Year honors. His 1996 squad put together an FSU-record 22-game win streak and traveled to the College World Series for the third con-

secutive season for the first time in school history.

Martin has become a familiar

face in Omaha, as he has guided nine teams to the College World Series including five of his past six squads. Seminole teams have been invited to the NCAA Regionals every season under Martin, 17 years of FSU's 19-year streak in the postseason. Martin ranks second among the nation's winningest ac-

among winningest all-time Div. I coaches with a .745 percentage.

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Winning, however, has not been Martin's only goal in his brilliant career. He believes making a difference in his players' lives off the ball field, as well, is just as important as his

When the skinny kid from Charlotte transferred to FSU from Wingate Junior College in 1965 to play centerfield for the Seminoles, it was the beginning of a love affair that has never ended. 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 unequaled community support, Mike Martin has improved an already strong Seminole baseball tradition with every season.

win-loss record.

## Martin vs. 1997 Opponents

UNC-Asheville 4- 0
Arizona State 11- 4
Cal-State Fullerton 4- 9
Marshall 2- 0
Florida
UNC-Greensboro 0- 0
Virginia 13- 5
St. Bonaventure 0- 0
Long Island Univ 0- 0
Wake Forest 15- 3
Florida Atlantic 5- 0
Duke 14- 5
Coastal Carolina11- 0
N.C. State 16- 5
Mercer
Clemson 16-16- 1
Jacksonville
Miami51-52- 1
Georgia Tech
Maryland14- 2
North Carolina

# NCAA Winningest Active Division I Coaches

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NAME, SCHOOL	YRS	RECORD	PCT.
1. Gene Stephenson, Wichita St.	19	1058-321-3	.767
2. MIKE MARTIN, FSU	17	919-313-3	.745
3. Skip Bertman, LSU	13	628-235-1	.727
4. Mark Jackson, Pittsburgh	14	455-170-3	.727
5. Mark Johnson, Texas A&M	12	531-219-2	.707

Martin just keeps getting better and better. Just when it seems that the program can reach no higher plane, something bigger and better comes along. When Martin took over in 1980, it was taboo to mention the word Omaha around the ball club. 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 eight times in the last 11 years, including six of the past eight seasons.

In 1993, with his youngest club ever, Martin's team failed to win 50 games and/or reach the College World



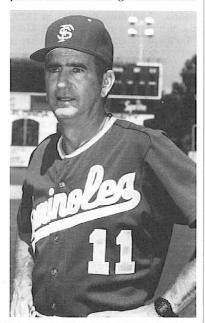
Series for the first time in his 14 seasons. FSU's 46 wins marked, yes, the lowest total of wins during the Martin Era. For 12 consecutive seasons since his arrival, Martin's clubs achieved 50 wins, an unprecedented run in college baseball.

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 came earlier than any coach in NCAA history — just 13 seasons.

Martin's succession of Dick Howser as FSU head coach seemed a perfectly logical step in 1979. As a player in 1965-66, Martin hit .354 in two seasons as the starting centerfielder for the Seminoles. He was a part of the 1965 College World Series

# Martin's Career Coaching Record

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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
1993	Florida State	46- 19-0	.708
1994	Florida State	53- 22-0	.706
1995	Florida State	53- 16-0	.768
1996	Florida State	52- 17-0	.754
TOTAL	S (17 years)	919-313-3	.745



# Mike Martin As A Player At Florida State

YEAR GAMES AB R H 2B 3B HR RBI AVG 1965 22 83 18 27 1 2 4 17 .325 1966\* 52 185 42 68 7 5 4 45 .373 TOTALS 74 268 60 95 8 7 8 62 .354

\*Named to the All-District Team

team and earned all-District honors in his senior season. Martin then went on to play professionally in the New York Mets and Detroit Tigers organizations for three years prior to embarking on his career as a coach.

Martin began his career 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 High.

When Woody Woodward became FSU head baseball coach in 1975, he quickly called on Martin to assist him. He served five seasons as the number one assistant, under Woodward for four years and then under Dick Howser for one. When New York Yankee boss George Steinbrenner called Howser in November of 1979, it was an obvious choice as to who would succeed him as 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. He would be the first to tell you his current position is his ultimate thrill. Martin has compiled a 919-313-3 record and is Florida State's winningest coach. Seminole baseball teams have participated in the NCAA Tournament every year under Martin - 17 consecutive years. That run, on the heels of appearances in 1978 and 1979, gives FSU 19 consecutive tournament trips. Only one other team in America-Miami-has a longer string of consecutive appearances. Martin has been involved in 11 of the 15 College World Series trips that Florida State has made, as a player, assistant and head coach.

Martin says his years around FSU coaches like Fred Hatfield, whom he played for in 1965-66, Woody Woodward and Dick Howser, whom he coached under, instilled in him the de-



sire to produce winners on and off the playing field. Stepping out of their shadows, Martin has built his own legacy in Tallahassee.

During his tenure, 34 different players have earned All-America honors, 63 have been named to the all-conference team and an incredible 85 players have signed professional contracts. Two of Martin's Seminoles —Mike Fuentes and Mike Loynd—won the Golden Spikes Award, honoring the nation's best amateur player.

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 wife Carol have three children, Mary Beth (27), Melanie (21) and Mike, Jr., a former starting eatcher at FSU.

### NCAA Winningest All-Time Division I Coaches

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	NAME, SCHOOL	YRS	RECORD	PCT.	
1	John Barry, Holy Cross	40	619-147-6	.806	
2.	W.J. Disch, Texas	29	465-115-0	.802	
3. (	Cliff Gustafson, Texas	29	1427-373-2	.792	
4.	Harry Carlson, Colorado	17	143-41-0	.777	
5.	*Gene Stephenson, Wichita St.	19	1058-321-3	.767	
6.	Gary Ward, Oklahoma St.	19	953-313-1	.753	
7. (	George Jones, Villanova	11	76-25-0	.752	
8.	Bobby Winkles, Arizona St.	13	524-173-0	.752	
9.	*MIKE MARTIN, FSU	17	919-313-3	.745	
10.	Frank Sancet, Arizona	23	831-283-8	.744	
*Active Coaches					

## All About Mike Martin

₹High School Garringer High, Charlotte, N.C.

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# COLLEGIATE BASEBALL EXPERIENCE

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

#### Honors

1966 All-District selection 1963-64 JC All-American

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#### 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 1996 ACC Coach of the Year

ACCOMPLISHMENTS AT FLORIDA STATE

■ Ranks second nationally among active Division I baseball coaches with a .745 winning percentage ■ Led Florida State to an unprecedented 12 consecutive 50-plus win seasons from 1980-91 ■ Led Florida State to 17 consecutive NCAA Regional appearances, extending FSU's streak of regional bids to 19, the second-longest string in Division I ■ His Seminole teams have made eight trips to the College World Series in the past 10 seasons ('86, '87, '89, '91, '92, '94, '95, '96) and nine appearances overall ■ Reached 700 win milestone faster than any coach in collegiate baseball history ■ Has coached 34 All-Americans, 63 All-Conference selections, 85 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)
800th WIN – Florida State 15, Furman 0 (April 24, 1994)
900th WIN – Florida State 4, Jacksonville 1 (April 10, 1996)

# ASSISTANT COACHES

### **CHIP BAKER**

Assistant Coach

he senior member of Mike Martin's staff, Chip Baker enters his 13th season as a Seminole assistant coach. This 1997 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 Seminoles defensively. Baker also oversees the Seminoles' efficient bunting game and FSU's catchers, a position that has shown 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, Baker has coached four All-Americans, including Ed Fulton, Barry Blackwell, major-leaguer Marc Ronan and firsteam All-American Pedro Grifol. In fact, every starting catcher that has played under Baker has gone on to play professional baseball.

Baker's duties also go beyond the field. Administratively, he coordinates team travel plans, the purchasing of equipment and the overall administra-

tion of the program.

During each summer, Baker is the director of the Mike Martin Seminole Advanced Baseball Schools and Super Skills Academy. These camps have not only proved to be popular, but beneficial. Over 40 former campers have gone on to swing the bats for the Seminoles and 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. Baker works closely with Tallahassee area youth organizations and has put together clinics for the Tallahassee Babe Ruth League and other little leagues.

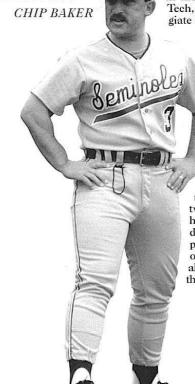
The 39-year-old native of North Carolina has written articles for Scholastic Coach and Collegiate Baseball magazines on the subjects of catching third base coaching and bunting. He is also the author of "Strength and Speed," a complete strength and conditioning guide for baseball players.

A 1980 graduate of High Point College (University) 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, where he began his collegiate coaching career.

Baker's older brother, Jim, is the head basketball coach at Catawba College (N.C.).

Baker is married to the former Julie Larsen, a recordholding pitcher on FSU's 1985-88 softball team who was inducted into the Florida State Hall of Fame in 1995. The two were married in 1991 in a most memorable ceremony - between games of a doubleheader at Dick Howser Stadium. The Bakers are the proud parents of a one-yearold daughter, Katie, who has already made her first trip to the College World Series.



#### **JAMEY SHOUPPE**

#### Assistant Coach

amey Shouppe begins his seventh season as an assistant coach for Florida State where he serves as recruiting coordinator and pitching coach.

Shouppe has been the catalyst in attracting top caliber talent to Florida State since taking over as the recruiting coordinator in 1990. His last four classes has been ranked in the Top 10 nationally. This year's class earned a No. 9 ranking by Collegiate Baseball. After garnering Baseball America's top recruiting class honors in 1992, Shouppe's '93 and '95 classes were rated third, while his '94 class was ranked eighth best in the country.

Four years ago, the former Seminole hurler added the role of pitching coach to his duties, with equal success. Under Shouppe's tutelage, the Florida State pitching staff has consistently been among the nation's best. The Tribe followed up a 2.90 team ERA, good for fourth in the country in 1993, with a 3.09 mark in 1994, the nation's eighth best. The 1995 squad was third with a 2.72 ERA, while the 1996 staff fin-

A former Seminole pitcher, Shouppe played under Mike Martin in 1981-82. In his two seasons with the Seminoles the southpaw compiled a 10-4 record. During his career, 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.

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

The Houston Astros drafted Shouppe in the eighth round fol-



JAMEY SHOUPPE

lowing his senior season at FSU. He played three years in the Astros organization at the A and AA levels and was invited to Big League Camp in 1984, 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 Fort Lauderdale. He held various coaching and teaching positions in Florida before

returning to FSU in 1990.

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

Shouppe and his wife, former FSU cheerleader Karen Hall, have three children - nine-vear-old Jake, five-year-old daughter Kasey, and three-year-old Jared.

#### JACK NILES Volunteer Assistant Coach

ack Niles enters his fifth season of association with the Seminole baseball program. Niles begins his third year as FSU's first base coach and will once again work with the Seminole outfielders.

Niles, a native of Key West, spent two seasons as a player for the Seminoles and was elected captain in 1994. As a player, Niles started at third base in 1994. He finished his career with a .265 batting average and 43 RBI.

Before attending FSU, Niles attended Seminole C.C. for two seasons where he was a 1992 All-Mid Florida Conference selection.

Niles, 24, is in the process of finishing his undergraduate degree in finance. His younger brother, Randy, is currently a junior pitcher on the Florida State squad.



JACK NILES



JOHN ROMBOUGH

#### JOHN ROMBOUGH EQUIPMENT &

#### Clubhouse Manager

ohn Rombough begins his first season as Florida State's equipment and clubhouse manager after serving as the Seminoles' bullpen catcher for the previous three seasons.

Rombough took over for Guy Gallagher, who recently became the clubhouse manager for the Tampa Bay Devil Rays, a Major League expansion team.

Rombough has many responsibilities throughout the year. His foremost duties are ordering and maintaining all equipment for the Seminoles. When FSU travels, Rombough coordinates the transfer of luggage and equipment for the team. In addition, Rombough is responsible for managing the upkeep of the clubhouse and lockerroom in Dick Howser Stadium — one of the finest facilities in the nation.

A native of Lake Mary Fla., Rombough's FSU baseball career highlight was a pinch-running appearance in the 1994 College World Series. Rombough graduated with a bachelor's degree in finance in December, 1996.

