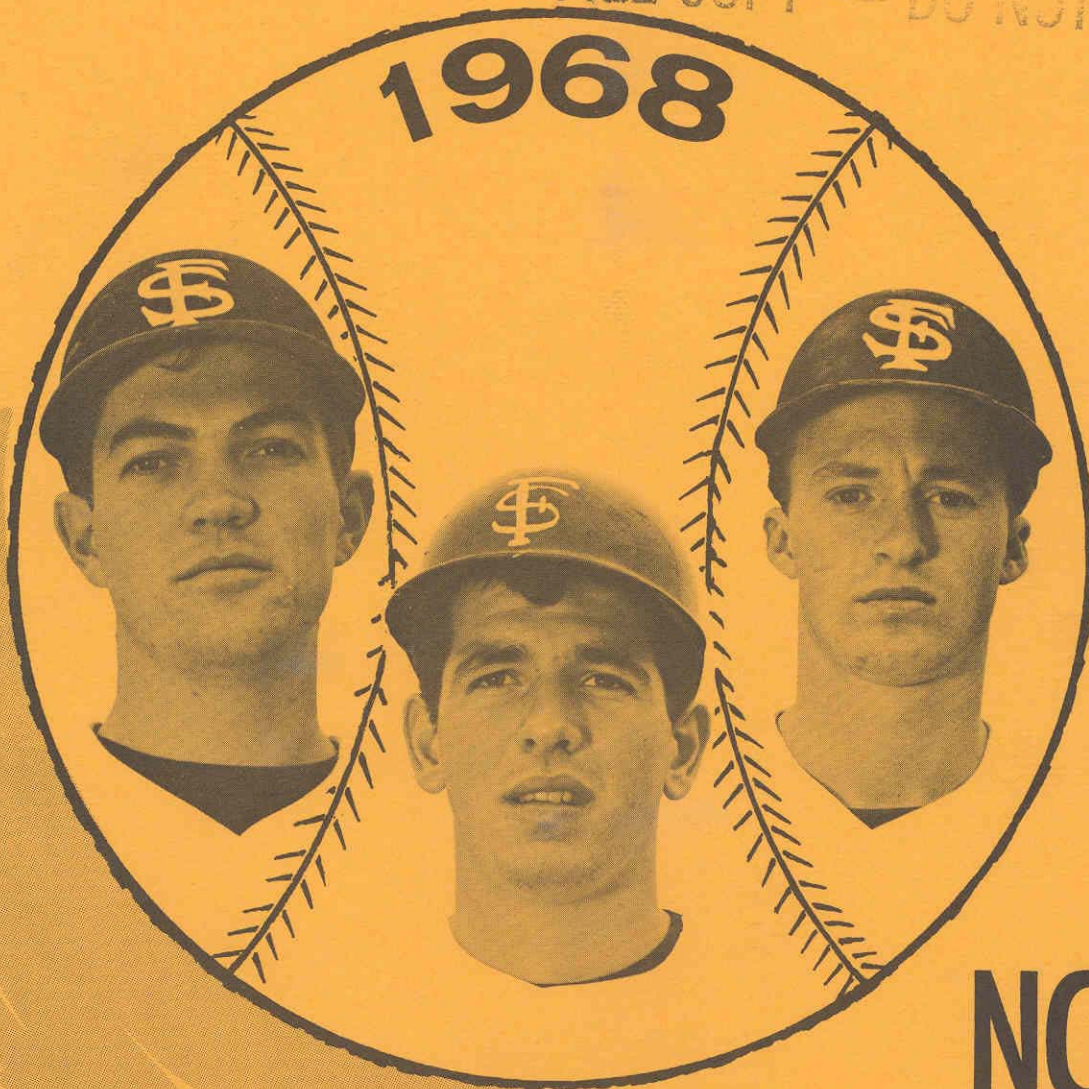


# FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY

## Seminole Baseball

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## NCAA College World Series

District III - Gastonia, N.C. May 30 - June 1

Finals - Omaha, Nebraska June 10 - June 15



FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY

Tallahassee, Florida

President: Dr. John E. Champion	Nickname: Seminoles
Athletic Director: Vaughn Mancha	Colors: Garnet and Gold
Asst. to the A. D.: Ken MacLean	Field: Seminole Field (lighted)
Head Baseball Coach: Fred Hatfield	Enrollment: 15,202
Asst. Baseball Coach: Ernie Lanford	Conference: Independent
Trainers: Don Fauls - Roy Don Wilson	

Sports Information

Director: Lonnie Burt  
Asst. SID: Hank Schomber  
Phone: (904) 599-2095  
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Florida State University is a public, coeducational institution of higher learning founded in 1857 as the Seminary West of the Suwannee. It is one of seven institutions currently comprising the State University System of Florida. Enrollments more than doubled in the 1957 to 1967 decade -- from 7,203 in 1957 to 15,202 in the fall of 1967 -- and are expected to reach 25,000 by 1975. The campus has a physical plant value of more than \$93 million in 1968, a value expected to increase under master-plan construction to more than \$100 million by 1970.

Led today by one of the nation's younger university presidents, Dr. John E. Champion (46), Florida State is as proud of its tradition of distinguished administrative and teaching personnel, (including the 1966 Nobel Laureate in Chemistry, Dr. Robert S. Mulliken and Dr. Anthony Llewellyn, one of the nation's first science astronauts), as it is of its many baseball All-Americans (including Dick Howser, Woody Woodward, Ken Suarez and Jim Lyttle).

Cover: Florida State's All-America candidates for 1968 - left to right, First baseman Mike Eason, Catcher Tom Cook and Pitcher Steve Mastin.



## THE 1968 SEMINOLES

Florida State's 1968 season has been one of many surprises. The Tribe became the nation's topped-ranked team in COLLEGIATE BASEBALL's bi-weekly poll in May and as of this writing has not relinquished its grasp on the top rung.

Primary factor in the Seminoles rise to the top was a superb 21-game winning streak that began March 23 and ran until May 7.

Ironically, the Tribe's losses at either end of that streak were by identical 3-2 scores. The first team to beat the Seminoles was Georgia, and that was the only loss for 25 games before arch-rival Florida finally snapped the string at 21 in Gainesville.

During that winning stretch, the Seminoles won by both big and small margins. They trimmed Miami 7-6 in 10 innings in the closest contest and bombed Springfield (Mass.) 18-0.

That Springfield game has additional significance since it was one of three no-hitters thrown by Seminole pitchers on the same day--March 27.

The game against the Maroons was the initial contest and righthander Jeff Hill spun the gem. That night Lin Garrett and Gene Ammann combined for the second jewel against Wake Forest. Ammann got the win (3-0) when he took over for Garrett in the fifth after the latter pulled a back muscle. The third no-hitter was pitched by Mike Slade, a freshman, as the Tribe B-team Renegades out dualed Abraham-Baldwin Junior College 1-0.

Tribe hitters have also made their mark this season. First baseman Mike Easom has been among the nation's leading hitters with a .400-plus average all year. Catcher Tom Cook meanwhile is ranked among the top 10 home run hitters.

Jim Gurzynski, a versatile utility man who has seen duty mostly in the outfield, contributed a record setting home run that was measured at 500-feet, eight-inches.

## FLORIDA STATE'S TOURNAMENT OUTLOOK

The Seminoles appear to have the necessary essentials to make a strong run in this year's NCAA College World Series play.

Coach Fred Hatfield's club boasts of depth afield, on the bench and most important of all, on the mound.

Hatfield firmly believes that pitching is 70 to 80 percent of the game, and this is doubly important in an elimination tournament.

No fewer than eight pitchers have shared in the Seminoles' success this season, and the Tribe boss has a few others on hand he feels are capable winners if he ever needs them.

"Our pitchers don't worry about pacing themselves", he says. "They know that we can always have a man ready to pick up if they tire." Although he has gone for the most part with a three-man starting rotation (Steve Mastin, Lin Garrett and Wayne Vincent), he has a dozen hurlers capable of starting and everyone is ready for relief.

The depth afield has allowed Hatfield to platoon and gives the Tribe a strong intra-squad competition which keeps the players at peak ability. The result is an outstanding sense of team spirit.

"I have never seen a team that has had spirit like this bunch," said Hatfield. "They like the idea of winning, but it isn't cockiness. They rarely let up on the field. They know nobody is going to give them anything and they have to fight for everything."

Hatfield is also pleased with his club's lack of mistakes. "Any time a team can avoid mistakes, you are going to win if you can stay close," he said. "But," he added, "in tournament play, you are never sure of anything. Baseballs take funny bounces and anything is liable to happen. We'll just play them one at a time. When you get this far each game could be your last."

FRED HATFIELD  
Head Baseball Coach

Fred Hatfield is closing out his fifth year at Florida State, and this is his fourth trip to the NCAA Playoffs. On one occasion, his team made it to Omaha, but two other times the Tribe's hopes ended at the District III Playoffs.

A former infielder with Detroit and Boston, Hatfield came to Florida State in 1964 when Danny Litwhiler left for Michigan State. He brought 23 years of professional experience, from playing to managing. He puts it to use on the Seminole diamond.

"I only know one way to play baseball," says the former Birmingham, Ala., native, "and that's the way they do it in the pros.

"We try to run our sessions just like a big league camp," he explains. "We work on fundamentals a little every day and play as much as we can. We are able to play eight months a year and we play as many intra-squad games as possible when we don't have games scheduled."

Hatfield's experience also helps in another way--recruiting.

"I know most of the scouts that are working for the big league clubs," he says, "and they are constantly recommending us to the high school players, and players to us." If the Tribe mentor hears of a ball player from other than a scout source, all it usually takes is a quick phone call to assess his possibilities.

Originally from Tallahassee, Ala., Hatfield earned the nickname "Scrap Iron" because of his connections with Birmingham and his scrappy style of play in the majors.

A graduate of Troy State College, he was an outstanding football and basketball player there. He was a physical education instructor for the paratroops during World War II and taught at both the high school and college level before coming to Florida State.

## SEMINOLE PROFILES

TOM COOK, Catcher, Jr., 6-2, 185, Sarasota, Fla. -- one of the best in the country...a three time pro-draft choice...said to be the finest defensive catcher at Florida State and that includes several good ones...second in batting at .398 and the team leader in home runs (nine) and RBI (41)...outstanding arm, only six bases have been stolen on the Seminoles all year...should be an All-America.

MIKE EASOM, First baseman, Jr., 6-0, 175, Tallahassee, Fla. -- teams leading hitter..most improved ball player on the squad...handles first base chores with authority...a left-handed swinger, he has been above .400 all season...has power and is a consistent threat...another prime All-America candidate.

DICK GOLD, Second baseman, Jr., 6-1, 180, Grover, N.C. -- one of team's most dependable ball players...the better the pitching, the better he hits...a two-year veteran, he has shown marked improvement in his play at second base...likes to hit to all fields and is especially dangerous with men on base...a good choice for All-District honors.

JEFF HOGAN, Shortstop, Jr., 6-0, 170, Akron, Ohio -- steady both in the field and at the plate...has been a pleasant surprise with bat...also starting guard on basketball team and led the cagers to a first-ever NCAA tournament bid there this year...got a late start because of basketball, but has come on strong...third leading hitter at .368...usually plays short against right-handed pitching and third against the lefties.

BOB CANTY, Third baseman, Sr., 5-9, 159, Pascagoula, Miss. -- leading hitter on last year's club...has slipped some this year, but is still a scrappy,

spray hitter...defensively, there are few who are as versatile at the hot corner...has good range and a strong arm...a left-handed batter, he plays mostly against right-handed pitching.

CHUCK CONE, Outfield, Sr., 5-10, 160, West Palm Beach, Fla. -- a regular in the infield last year, he was platooned at short and second earlier this season...started last half-dozen games in center...weak hitter last year, he has improved considerably...is now team's "Mr. Clutch"...excellent feilder and intelligent ball player.

JOHN MASON, Outfield, Sr., 5-10, 175, Leesburg, Fla. -- a starter for two years ...shows good power and consistency at the plate...a left-handed batter, he has been platooned this year...a good fielder, he can come up with the big play.

TOM WHITAKER, Outfield, Sr., 6-0, 190, Palatka, Fla. -- another two-year starter...has good range and arm, and keeps runners honest on any ball hit to outfield...respectable at the plate, he has good knowledge of the strike zone...has power and the ability to hit to all fields...another lefty, he has been platooned this year.

WALT SUMNER, Outfield, Jr., 6-1, 175, Ocilla, Ga. -- a starting cornerback for the Seminole football team, he is playing his first baseball season...a good fielder, he has speed and range in the outfield...usually starts in center...has good mechanics at the plate, but lacks experience.

JIM GURZYNSKI, Outfield, Jr., 6-2, 205, Pompano Beach, Fla. -- biggest and most powerful man on club...can play first, third, outfield or catch...hit home run better than 500 feet...has four home runs...starts against left-handed pitching.



STEVE MASTIN, Pitcher, Jr., 5-10, 160, Roaring River, N.C. -- came in as a junior college transfer and took over as the Tribe's No. 1 hurler...compiled a 9-0 record and 1.42 ERA...righthander with confidence and great control... All-America choice...never far from plate...believes he can get any man out.

WAYNE VINCENT, Pitcher, Sr., 5-9, 175, Birmingham, Ala. -- staff ace for two years, but has had trouble getting started this season...showed signs of old self in later part of season, however, and could be a big factor in tournament play...a lefty, he uses a variety of pitches and good control to keep the batters guessing...Tribe record holder in career victories and strikeouts.

LIN GARRETT, Pitcher, Sr., 6-0, 178, Richmond, Va. -- came on strong this season after a disappointing junior year...a hard throwing righthander, he is as effective in relief as a starter...likes to mix a good curve with fast ball.

MIKE REIBLING, Pitcher, Jr., 5-10, 173, Ft. Mitchell, Ky. -- little lefthander with a sneaky fast ball and a good assortment of pitches...with confidence he is tough to beat...effective both in relief and as a starter.

JEFF HILL, Pitcher, Jr., 6-0, 174, Delray Beach, Fla. -- surprise of the staff last year...a tough righthander, he recorded one of the Seminoles two no-hitters...a top competitor, he will get the job done in relief or as a starter.

GENE AMMANN, Pitcher, Fr., 5-10, 160, Decatur, Ga. -- only freshman to play all season...a competitive righthander with effective pitches...averaging better than 13 strikeouts per nineinnings work...good control and lots of confidence.

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RESULTS

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DATE	FSU	OPPONENT	FSU PITCHER (Record)
March 8	7	Valdosta Red Sox 0	Steve Mastin (1-0)
9	11	Valdosta Red Sox 3	Wayne Vincent (1-0)
19	2	Georgia 0	Steve Mastin (2-0)
20	2	Georgia 3	Wayne Vincent (1-1)
23	10	Penn State	Lin Garrett (1-0)
25	10	Springfield (Mass) 9 (10 innings)	George Lott (1-0)
26	7	Penn State 2	Steve Mastin (3-0)
27	18	Springfield (Mass) 0 (no hitter)	Jeff Hill (1-0)
27	3	Wake Forest 0 (no hitter)	Gene Ammann (1-0)
28	7	Wake Forest 4	Wayne Vincent (2-1)
29	6	Southern Illinois 0	Mike Reibling (1-0)
30	8	Southern Illinois 4	Lin Garrett (2-0)
April 1	5	Southern Illinois 3	Steve Mastin (4-0)
8	15	Kentucky Wesleyan 1	Steve Mastin (5-0)
9	15	Kentucky Wesleyan 5	Lin Garrett (3-0)
13	18	Valdosta Red Sox 3	Steve Mastin (6-0)
13	3	Valdosta Red Sox 1	Wayne Vincent (3-1)
19	4	Miami 1	Steve Mastin (6-0)
20	7	Miami 6 (10 innings)	Ed Camposano (1-0)
22	2	Auburn 1	Wayne Vincent (4-1)
23	7	Auburn 3	George Lott (2-0)
26	5	Loyola (La) 1	Steve Mastin (7-0)
27	4	Loyola (La) 1	Wayne Vincent (5-1)
May 3	12	Georgia Southern 6	Steve Mastin (8-0)
4	4	Georgia Southern 1	Gene Ammann (2-0)
7	2	Florida 3 (13 innings)	Jeff Hill (1-1)
8	2	Florida 3	Wayne Vincent (5-2)
10	10	Georgia Southern 2	Linn Garrett (4-0)
11	9	Georgia Southern 4	Jeff Hill (2-1)
13	3	Auburn 2	Mike Reibling (2-0)
14	1	Auburn 18	Wayne Vincent (5-3)
15	4	Jacksonville 0	Gene Ammann (3-0)
16	9	Jacksonville 4	Lin Garrett (5-0)

Games to be played

24 Florida  
25 Florida (2)

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1968 BASEBALL STATISTICS  
29 GAMES\*

	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	TB	SB	RBI	BB	SO	AVG.
Mike Easom	103	28	42	6	2	3	61	3	20	22	15	.408
Tom Cook	98	26	38	3	4	9	76	1	41	22	18	.388
Jeff Hogan	99	16	34	3	2	0	41	1	15	6	9	.343
Dick Gold	108	22	34	4	3	1	47	3	15	12	14	.315
Bob Canty	91	16	26	2	1	0	30	3	12	12	11	.286
Chuck Cone	60	10	17	2	2	0	23	5	11	11	6	.283
Tom Whitaker	75	11	20	2	1	1	27	0	8	16	5	.267
John Mason	86	15	18	0	2	4	34	3	12	6	17	.209
Walt Sumner	67	18	14	3	1	1	22	5	3	12	22	.209

(less than 55 at-bats)

Dick Nichols	2	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	.500
Lin Garrett	22	6	8	3	0	1	14	0	4	3	2	.364
Wayne Vincent	15	0	5	1	0	0	6	0	5	1	5	.333
Mike Reibling	6	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	.333
Tom Porter	6	2	2	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	.333
Jim Gurzynski	24	6	5	0	0	2	11	0	8	9	8	.208
Jeff Hill	10	3	2	0	0	0	2	0	1	1	2	.200
Mike English	5	1	1	0	0	1	4	0	1	1	0	.200
Steve Mastin	21	6	4	3	0	1	10	0	4	5	9	.190
Gene Ammann	6	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	2	.167
Dave Cook	20	2	3	0	0	0	3	1	1	0	10	.150
Ross Skelton	16	1	2	0	0	0	2	1	2	3	9	.125
Greg Schnute	19	2	2	1	0	0	3	1	2	2	5	.105
Lance Hitchcock	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	.000
Jim Helm	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	.000
Pedro Fraga	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	.000
Ed Camposano	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	.000
OTHERS	12	2	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	3	.083

FLORIDA STATE	968	193	282	33	18	24	423	27	167	148	176	.291
OPPONENTS	998	92	227	19	1	9	283	5	78	100	265	.227

	APP	GS	CG	W	L	SHO	IP	R	ER	H	BB	SO	ERA
Mike Reibling	6	2	1	2	0	1	21 2/3	2	2	13	6	25	0.83
Gene Ammann	8	2	1	3	0	1	21 1/3	4	3	9	10	31	1.27
Steve Mastin	10	8	5	7	0	1	70 2/3	14	12	57	15	83	1.53
Jeff Hill	7	2	1	2	1	1	28 1/3	6	6	29	6	19	1.91
Lin Garrett	10	8	1	5	0	0	56 2/3	20	16	46	31	54	2.54
Wayne Vincent	7	7	2	3	3	0	39	19	14	42	19	33	3.23

(less than 20 innings)

Craig Skok	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	0.00
George Lott	4	0	0	2	0	0	3 1/3	2	2	2	1	4	5.41
Jim Helm	7	1	0	0	0	0	16 1/3	17	11	20	8	12	6.07
Ed Camposano	2	0	0	1	0	0	4 1/3	8	8	9	4	2	16.63

FLORIDA STATE	63	29	11	25	4	5	262 2/3	92	74	227	100	265	2.54
OPPONENTS	68	29	5	4	25	0	244	193	134	282	148	176	4.94

\* Statistics do not include games with Valdosta Red Sox

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NUMERICAL ROSTER

NO.	NAME	POS.	B/T	AGE	HT.	WT.	CLASS	HOMETOWN
2	Steve Mastin	P	R-R	20	5-10	160	Jr.	Roaring River, N.C.
3	Bob Canty	3B	L-R	22	5-9	155	Sr.	Pascagoula, Miss.
4	Mike Easom	1B	L-R	21	6-0	175	Jr.	Tallahassee, Fla.
5	Chuck Cone	Inf-OF	R-R	21	5-10	160	Sr.	West Palm Beach, Fla.
6	Ross Skelton	OF	R-R	20	5-9	160	Soph.	Ozark, Ala.
8	Tom Cook	C	R-R	21	6-0	184	Jr.	Sarasota, Fla.
9	George Lott	P	B-L	20	6-1	175	Jr.	Lake Park, Fla.
10	Tom Whitaker	OF	L-R	22	6-0	190	Sr.	Palatka, Fla.
11	Jeff Hogan	SS-3B	R-R	20	6-0	170	Jr.	Akron, Ohio
12	Dick Gold	2B	R-R	21	6-1	180	Jr.	Grover, N.C.
14	Greg Schnute	OF	R-R	20	5-11	183	Soph.	Ft. Branch, Ind.
15	Lin Garrett	P	R-R	21	6-0	178	Sr.	Richmond, Va.
16	John Mason	OF	L-R	21	5-10	175	Sr.	Leesburg, Fla.
17	Mike Reibling	P	L-L	21	5-10	173	Jr.	Ft. Mitchell, Ky.
18	Walt Sumner	OF	R-R	20	6-1	175	Soph.	Ocilla, Ga.
19	Mike English	C	R-R	20	6-1	190	Jr.	Pensacola, Fla.
20	Ed Camposano	P	R-R	21	6-1	190	Soph.	Watertown, Mass.
22	Gene Ammann	P	R-R	18	5-10	160	Frosh	Decatur, Ga.
23	Pedro Fraga	C	R-R	20	6-0	175	Jr.	Key West, Fla.
24	Dave Cook	OF	R-R	21	6-2	185	Jr.	Atlanta, Ga.
27	Wayne Vincent	P	L-L	21	5-9	175	Sr.	Birmingham, Ala.
31	Jim Helm	P	R-R	21	6-3	195	Sr.	Louisville, Ky.
33	Craig Skok	P	R-L	20	6-0	170	Jr.	Schenectady, N.Y.
34	Jeff Hill	P	R-R	20	6-0	174	Jr.	Delray Beach, Fla.
35	Dick Nichols	2B	R-R	20	5-6	155	Soph.	Jacksonville, Fla.
37	Lance Hitchcock	OF	R-R	21	6-0	180	Sr.	Hiram, Ga.
38	Mike Slade	P	R-R	18	6-2	195	Frosh	Arlington, Va.
39	Jim Gurzynski	Utl	R-R	20	6-2	205	Jr.	Pompano Beach, Fla.

- 1 Fred Hatfield - Head Coach
- 7 Ernie Lanford - Assistant Coach
- 32 Jim Wiggins - Manager

## TRIBE TRIVIA

This is Florida State's fourth straight trip to the District III playoffs in Gastonia, and its 11th tournament in 13 years. The Seminoles have been winners on four of their ten previous District III visits. The last time they won was in 1965. Last year the Tribe lost to Auburn and Clemson after an opening round win over the South Carolina Tigers.

Florida State's tournament record is 27-24, a .529 average. The 27 wins are the sixth best among tournament teams as are the 51 total games.

Since the Seminoles first appeared in tournament play in 1965 only one team, Colorado State, has been to more tournaments.

In each of the Seminoles four trips to the College World Series finals at Omaha they were eliminated by either the eventual winner or runner-up. Twice they reached the quarterfinals before bowing out (1963 and 65) while in 1962 they made the semi-final round.

Only two teams from District III have met with better luck in the finals at Omaha. In 1955 Wake Forest gave the Southeast its only National Champion, and the year before (1954) Rollins was runner-up.

While this is the Seminoles 11th visit to Gastonia, North Carolina State is making its first visit. East Carolina is playing for the third time and Alabama is making its second venture.

The College World Series finals begin in Omaha June 10th and the District III winner will play that night in Game 2. It will go up against the District IV (Mid-West) representative. Number one ranked Minnesota is the favorite there.

## FLORIDA STATE TRAVEL PLANS

The Seminoles will leave by bus Tuesday, May 28, 2 P.M. They will spend the night in Atlanta where they will watch the Atlanta-Houston game as guests of the Braves. They will leave Wednesday morning for Gastonia and arrive in time for an afternoon workout.

Team Headquarters in Atlanta will be the Regency Hyatt House (404-577-1234). Headquarters in Gastonia will be the Holiday Inn of Gastonia (704-865-3412).

## HOW TO SAY IT

EASOM -- EE some  
REIBLING -- RYE bling  
GURSYNSKI -- gur ZIN skee  
MASTIN -- MAST in  
AMMANN -- AM un

SCHNUPE -- SHNEW tee  
FRACA -- FRAY gah  
CAMPOSANO -- camp oh SAHN oh  
SKOK -- skoke (to rhyme with spoke)  
KASIMIER -- CAS meer





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SCORE BY INNINGS:

East Carolina	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1		
Florida State	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		

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PO-A- ECU 39-13

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FS 39-14

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LOB- ECU 12

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FS 10

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2B-

3B- Colbert

HR-

SB- Canty, Eason, Hogan, Mason, W. Vick.

S- Hogan, W. Vick.

SF-

DP- ECU 1

FS 3"

RBI-

Mason Corrada

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Colbert (4-1)	7	4	1	1	3	8
Burke (10-1)	6	2	0	0	3	4
Garnett (6-0)	8	4	1	1	3	5
Vincent (13-4)	5	2	1	0	7	4

WP- Burke

PB- T. Cook

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