

1987 Florida State Softball Statistics

Overall Record (50-14, .781); Home (28-6, .823); Away (7-3, .700); Neutral (15-5, .750); Against South Region (25-8, .758) Against top 20 (10-9, .526) Extra Inning Games (6-1, .857); One Run Games (10-5, .667) Tournament Play 22-6, .786); Doubleheaders (10-1-4)

Batting Statistics

Name	G	AVG	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SB-SBA	SO	BB	HP	SAC	PO	A	E	FA
Tiffany Daniels, SS	64	.391	202	63	79	5	11	10	41	23-26	16	39	1	2	97	108	17	.923
Kari Keith, LF	57	.298	161	25	48	2	4	1	21	4-4	13	8	0	17	55	6	3	.953
Judi Davison, OF	52	.289	128	22	37	3	3	0	14	1-1	10	20	4	14	44	0	1	.978
Jill Bellamy, 3B	58	.282	124	22	35	3	1	1	24	3-5	17	18	2	5	57	119	22	.889
Lynn Steele, CF	63	.270	174	34	47	1	0	2	20	12-13	12	7	0	18	74	13	6	.935
Carolyn Fiero, C	62	.264	178	40	47	6	5	3	34	1-2	12	27	2	5	218	29	8	.969
Fiero at catcher	40	.250	112	28	28	3	4	3	24	1-1	5	9	1	5	218	29	8	.969
at DP	22	.288	66	12	19	3	1	0	10	0-1	7	8	1	0	-	-	-	-
Daphne Russell, LF	45	.252	119	23	30	3	2	2	23	1-2	11	10	1	3	22	0	2	.917
Lori Crouse, 1B	62	.241	199	25	48	2	1	0	24	1-1	12	14	1	10	399	40	10	.978
Debbie DeJohn, P	36	.220	100	13	22	2	0	0	11	1-1	10	5	0	3	17	69	4	.956
Julie Larsen, P	47	.172	128	13	22	4	1	0	11	0-0	6	5	1	6	31	59	3	.968
Less than 75 at bats																		
Tracy Simmons, 2B	42	.214	70	11	15	0	0	0	6	1-1	9	8	0	9	98	39	7	.951
Suzanne Cooper, UT.	37	.196	46	5	9	3	1	0	4	0-1	7	3	0	3	96	43	10	.933
Samantha Stevens, OF	21	.176	17	6	3	0	0	0	0	0-0	8	4	1	0	8	0	0	1.000
Laurie Tiedt, C	23	.160	25	3	4	0	0	0	2	0-0	2	1	1	3	110	12	1	.992
Others		.333	3	1	1	0	0	0	0	0-0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000
Totals	64	.268	1668	307	447	34	28	19	235	49-59	147	169	14	99	1325	534	97	.950
Opponents Totals	64	.150	1517	82	228	24	4	3	47	36-54	320	119	9	67	1257	548	145	.926

Passed Balls: Cooper, 2; Fiero, 7; Tiedt, 3; Opponents 44

Potential Base Stealers Thrown Out: Fiero, 14; Tiedt, 5; Cooper 1

Left on Base: Florida State 402, Opponents 296

Pitching Statistics

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Name	App	GS	W-	L-T	SV	IP	R	ER	H	BB	SO	HBP	WP	ERA	2B	3B	HR
Debbie DeJohn	32	30	25-	5-0	0	205.1	41	15	114	56	96	2	15	0.51	10	2	1
Julie Larsen	37	34	25-	9-0	1	237.2	41	22	114	62	224	6	6	0.65	14	1	2
Team	0	0	0-	0-0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	0
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Totals	69	64	50-	14-0	1	443.0	82	37	228	119	320	9	21	0.59	24	4	3
Opponents Totals	85	64	14-	50-0	0	424.0	307	174	447	169	147	14	27	2.87	34	28	19

Shutouts: Larsen 16, DeJohn 10, 1 combined

No-Hitters: Larsen 6, DeJohn 1

Perfect Games: None

Game-By-Game Scores Opponent	Win/Loss	Score	Team Record	Pitcher of Record (Record)
Stetson	W	7- 0	1- 0	DeJohn 1- 0
Stetson	L	3- 4	1- 1	DeJohn 1- 1
Florida A&M	W	8- 1	2- 1	Larsen 1- 0
Florida A&M	W	6- 3	3- 1	DeJohn 2- 1
North Carolina-Wilm.	W	3- 1	4- 1	DeJohn 3- 1
North Carolina-Wilm.	W	2- 0	5- 1	Larsen 2- 0
Virginia	W	7- 0	6- 1	Larsen 3- 0
Virginia	L	2- 5	6- 2	DeJohn 3- 2
Limestone	W	6- 0	7- 2	Larsen 4- 0
Limestone	W	11- 0	8- 2	DeJohn 4- 2
Temple	L	0- 1 (8 inn.)	8- 3	Larsen 4- 1
Temple	W	6- 3	9- 3	DeJohn 5- 2
East Carolina	W	10- 0	10- 3	Larsen 5- 1
East Carolina	W	2- 1	11- 3	DeJohn 6- 2
Eastern Michigan !	W	8- 1	12- 3	DeJohn 7- 2
Bradley !	W	2- 0	13- 3	Larsen 6- 1
Stetson !	W	16- 0	14- 3	DeJohn 8- 2
Temple !	W	5- 0	15- 3	DeJohn 9- 2
South Carolina !	L	0- 4	15- 4	Larsen 6- 2
Rutgers !	W	4- 0	16- 4	Larsen 7- 2
Winthrop !	W	8- 0	17- 4	DeJohn 10- 2
South Florida !	L	3- 7	17- 5	Larsen 7- 3
South Carolina !	L	0- 2	17- 6	Larsen 7- 4
Miami (Ohio)	W	3- 0	18- 6	Larsen 8- 4
Miami (Ohio)	W	3- 2 (10 inn.)	19- 6	DeJohn 11- 2
Tennessee Tech	W	10- 0	20- 6	DeJohn 12- 2
Kent State @	W	16- 0	21- 6	DeJohn 13- 2
Bowling Green @	W	4- 0	22- 6	Larsen 9- 4
Southern Mississippi @	W	13- 3	23- 6	DeJohn 14- 2
Nicholls State @	W	5- 0	24- 6	Larsen 10- 4
Furman @	W	1- 0 (8 inn.)	25- 6	Larsen 11- 4
Toledo @	L	0- 3	25- 7	DeJohn 14- 3
Toledo	W	9- 6	26- 7	Larsen 12- 4
Toledo	W	8- 1	27- 7	DeJohn 15- 3
Bowling Green	W	12- 2	28- 7	Larsen 13- 4
Bowling Green	W	3- 1	29- 7	DeJohn 16- 3
Ohio	W	3- 0	30- 7	Larsen 14- 4
Ohio	W	6- 2	31- 7	DeJohn 17- 3
West Florida	W	1- 0	32- 7	Larsen 15- 4
West Florida	W	4- 0	33- 7	DeJohn 18- 3
Furman *	W	8- 2	34- 7	Larsen 16- 4
South Florida *	W	5- 4	35- 7	DeJohn 19- 3
Nicholls State *	W	5- 1	36- 7	Larsen 17- 4
George Mason *	W	3- 0	37- 7	DeJohn 20- 3
South Carolina *	W	1- 0 (9 inn.)	38- 7	Larsen 18- 4
Louisiana Tech *	W	2- 1	39- 7	Larsen 19- 4
Georgia State *	W	4- 1	40- 7	DeJohn 21- 3
South Florida	L	0- 2	40- 8	Larsen 19- 5
South Florida	W	1- 0 (9 inn.)	41- 8	DeJohn 22- 3
South Carolina	L	1- 3	41- 9	Larsen 19- 6
South Carolina	L	0- 1	41-10	DeJohn 22- 4
South Carolina	W	2- 1	42-10	Larsen 20- 6
Florida A&M	W	17- 0	43-10	Larsen 21- 6
Florida A&M	W	7- 1	44-10	DeJohn 23- 4
Oklahoma \$	L	0- 1	44-11	DeJohn 23- 5
Oklahoma State \$	L	1- 4	44-12	Larsen 21- 7
Baylor \$	W	10- 0	45-12	DeJohn 24- 5
Oklahoma \$	W	6- 1	46-12	Larsen 22- 7
Baylor \$	W	8- 1	47-12	DeJohn 25- 5
Oklahoma State \$	W	2- 0	48-12	Larsen 23- 7
Adelphi #	W	1- 0 (9 inn.)	49-12	Larsen 24- 7
Adelphi #	W	3- 1 (13 inn.)	50-12	Larsen 25- 7
Cal State-Fullerton %	L	0- 3	50-13	Larsen 25- 8
Central Michigan %	L	0- 1	50-14	Larsen 25- 9

- ! South Florida Invitational (4th of 14)
 @ Lady Seminole Invitational (3rd of 22)
 * South Carolina Invitational (1st of 8)
 \$ Oklahoma State Cowgirl Classic (2nd of 4)
 # NCAA South Regional Playoff
 % Women's College World Series (Tied for 7th)

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SOFTBALL SEASON ENDS IN OMAHA

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Before departing for the Women's College World Series, Lady Seminole Seminole softball coach JoAnne Graf told her players at a team picnic that it had been a challenge for the FSU squad to get as far as they did.

It was obvious to see part of the challenge the Lady Seminoles faced prior to the season opener. The team had lost two potential starters and a pitcher, leaving a certain depth problem. But the biggest challenge was one which was unseen. "We never really had a team leader emerge this season," said Graf. "I'm not saying this in a bad way about the team but that fact affected our play at times during the season. In some of our close losses, a take charge type of player would have made a difference."

Never had there been a more opportune time for a leader to take control than in the second round of the College World Series. That was the game which eliminated Florida State after a 1-0 loss to Central Michigan.

While junior pitcher Julie Larsen worked her way out of run-producing situations on two occasions, the FSU offense could only produce one hit, a bunt single. Following the game, Graf explained FSU's offensive inactivity. "After Julie worked her way out of those jams," she said. "It seemed like we would have got something started. But nobody said, 'okay, I'm going to get a hit.' And we came up short. I hate to end such a good season playing bad."

In the Central Michigan game, two factors attributed to Florida State's elimination. The Lady Seminoles did not adjust down from the power pitching of Cal State-Fullerton All-American Connie Clark to the variety of pitchers offered by CMU's Karen Wongstrom. And, FSU was a bit overconfident. "We thought we could beat Central Michigan with no problem," said third baseman Jill Bellamy.

While facing only one batter over the minimum through seven innings, Wongstrom brought an end to FSU's season with a record-tying 50 wins against 14 losses.

The previous night, Florida State faced defending champion Cal State-Fullerton in first round action. Through three and two-thirds innings, Larsen held the Titans in check. After retiring the first 14 batters she faced, Fullerton scored two runs with the help of consecutive bloop singles and a passed ball. Just prior to that inning, Larsen was heard in the dugout saying, "Omigod, I can't believe we're in Omaha."

Although the first night's effort ended in a 3-0 loss, Coach Graf was not disappointed. "I felt that if we held Fullerton close until the late innings," she said. "We would have a chance to win. But they got some breaks and won the game." Graf also said that the game brought some credibility to the level of softball played in the South.

Earning the trip to Omaha did not come easy for FSU. In its best-of-three playoff series against Adelphi, both contests were decided in extra innings. Florida State took the first game by a 1-0 margin as Larsen pitched a masterful game and scored the game-winning run after Adelphi shortstop Bella Totino hurried a throw to first off an infield grounder by Debbie DeJohn resulting in an error. The error brought in Larsen from second base.

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The second game, played after a day off due to rain, lasted 13 innings, the longest contest of the year for FSU. Once again, Larsen proved to be the difference. Freshman DeJohn worked the first eight innings leaving the mound with the game tied 1-1. In working the final five innings, Larsen held Adelphi to one hit while striking out seven. As in the first game, DeJohn provided the game-winning hit when she singled to left field allowing Lynn Steele to score from second. DeJohn later scored to make the score 3-1. Graf called game two of the playoff, "the most nerve-wracking game I've ever been involved in."

The 1987 softball season could long be remembered as a season of firsts for a team trying to build a national reputation. Included in the 1987 season was; the first pre-season ranking for an FSU fast-pitch team (Florida State began the season ranked 18th), the first top-ten ~~ranking~~ finishing the season ninth, the first regional playoff appearance as a host team, the first All-American selection in fast-pitch competition with sophomore shortstop Tiffany Daniels and the first appearance in the College World Series.

As JoAnne Graf looks ahead, she can only be pleased with the advancement of Florida State since its switch to a game, still foreign to many southerners, in only four years. "It was an accomplishment to get to Omaha ³ this year," she said. "We are now a top 10 team, but we must do things better next year to be a top five team. That's our goal."

SEASON ENDING NOTES

- * In her first year as the starting first baseman, sophomore Lori Crouse provided excellent defense for the Lady Seminoles. Crouse added her name to the FSU record books in 1987 by recording 399 putouts breaking the record of 325 set by her predecessor Barbara Gillespie in 1985. She finished the season with a .978 fielding average committing only 10 errors in 439 chances. The Huntington Beach, CA native closed out the season with a horrid slump offensively. In her last 19 games, Crouse collected only six hits in 64 at bats dropping her average from .311 to a season ending .241.
- * During the 1987 season, head coach JoAnne Graf relied on platooning system at the second base position. Time was shared at second by junior Tracy Simmons and freshman Suzanne Cooper. Between the two, they combined for a .941 fielding average committing 15 errors in 254 chances. Toward the end of the season, Graf used the designated player to hit in the second base position since the duo accounted for only a .207 batting average. Cooper, who finished out the 1987 season as the starter, performed admirably considering she was originally recruited as a catcher.
- * Sophomore shortstop Tiffany Daniels capped her record breaking 1987 season by claiming second team All-American honors. The Marathon, FL native, entered her name in the record books in 10 offensive categories. Her season totals topped seven of eight of the top 5 offensive categories by College World Series participants. Daniels was the only member of the squad to play in all 64 games of the 1987 season.
- * Lady Seminole third baseman Jill Bellamy made a significant offensive improvement in her junior season. While playing second base in 1986 for FSU, Bellamy hit only .156 and was often substituted in the batting order by the designated player. In a complete turnaround, Bellamy lifted her 1987 batting average to .282. She closed out the season with 11 hits in 30 at bats in her last 11 games. She also added nine RBI's during that time. Bellamy also provided FSU with a solid defense leading the team with 119 assists at the hot corner.
- * In the outfield, Florida State loses two starters for the coming year. Lynn Steele and Judi Davison closed out their softball careers in fine fashion. Steele and Davison were used in the second spot in the batting order along with returning left fielder Kari Keith throughout the season. The trio combined for 49 sacrifice hits to keep lead off batter Daniels moving around the base paths. While Davison and Keith both dropped their batting averages under .300

to end the season, Steele hovered around the .270 mark during the spring campaign. Steele accounted for the second highest stolen base total for the Lady Seminoles with 12 swipes in 13 attempts. She also showed the strength of her arm throwing out seven runners on the bases, including four at home plate.

* At the catching position, FSU loses two seasoned veterans in Carolyn Fiero and Laurie Tiedt. With the duo, JoAnne Graf had the best of both worlds. Four-year player Tiedt proved excellent defensively committing only six errors during her college career for a .990 fielding average. Tiedt holds the Lady Seminole fielding average record with a .996 mark set in 1985. On the other side of the coin, Fiero closes out her two years as a Lady Seminole with a .300 batting average. Fiero led the Lady Seminoles in almost every offensive category during 1986 and played consistently at the clean up position in the batting order during 1987. Fiero will be well-remembered for her frequent pickoff throws to first and third base. "I don't like base-runners," she remarked after one game when she attempted several pickoffs before finally ending up successful. Fiero was honored for her efforts by being named to the All-South Region both of her years at FSU.

* Florida State pitching once again excelled during the 1987 season. Junior Julie Larsen and freshman Debbie DeJohn compiled a team ERA of 0.59. Both ends of the tandem worked in excess of 200 innings and each picked up 25 wins. While the power pitching of Larsen earned her 224 strikeouts, DeJohn's finesse pitching accounted for 96 strikeouts. Larsen, who was named to the All-South Region team for her third time in as many years, worked her last 79 innings without giving up an extra base hit. Going into her senior year, Larsen now has 68 wins, 670 strikeouts in 584 innings pitched and a career earned run average of 0.47. DeJohn became the winningest freshman in FSU fast-pitch history with her 25-win season. In her last 63 innings pitched of the 1987 season, DeJohn only allowed one earned run to lower her ERA to 0.51. She also proved handy offensively filling in at the designated player position in post-season play. She was one of only four Lady Seminoles to collect a hit in the College World Series and provided game-winning hits in both games of the regional playoff.

* While Florida State bats were hot during a mid-season tear, the team batting average took a dive to close out the season. While it once hovered around the .300 mark, the FSU team batting average fell to .268 by the end of the season. In post-season play, FSU could muster only 12 hits in 114 at bats for a .083 batting average over the course of four games.

*** Pitchers Larsen and DeJohn held opposing batters to a .150 batting average on the season.

*** Dividing time between catching duties and at designated player, Carolyn Fiero hit .250 while catching and .280 at designated player. Fiero was named All-South Region at the utility position.

*** Florida State was 23-7 in its last 30 games, 13-7 in its last 20 games and 6-4 in its last 10 games.

*** Head Coach JoAnne Graf finishes the 1987 season with 402 career wins. Her nine year totals with Florida State now stand at 402-91-4, a .809 winning percentage.

*** Florida State 1987 Softball honors:

TIFFANY DANIELS -- 2nd Team All-American, All-South Region, All-tournament team of South Florida Invitational.

KARI KEITH -- All-Tournament team of Lady Seminoles Invitational

CAROLYN FIERO -- All-South Region

JULIE LARSEN -- All-South Region

JUDI DAVISON -- All-Tournament team of South Florida Invitational

*** Florida State went through the 1987 season with one less coach than usual. Following the departure of assistant coach Winnie Dodgion in December of 1986, her position was frozen by the university. This left only Alicia O'Donnell to aid Graf through the season. "It hurt us in some ways," said Graf. "With three coaches we would have had a chance to give the players more individual attention."

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SIGNEES FOR 1988

To compensate for the loss of four seniors from the 1987 squad, head coach JoAnne Graf has once again turned to the west coast for recruits. Chief recruiter and assistant coach Alicia O'Donnell was successful in signing four top west coast prospects. Before the start of the spring 1988 season, Graf hopes to add two or three other new faces to the Lady Seminole roster.

Look for these recruits in Lady Seminole uniforms next season.

CHRISTY LARSEN, Huntington Beach, CA, Marina High School

. . .sister of current pitcher Julie Larsen. . .is now the third generation of Marina H.S. players to wear the garnet and gold dating back to Tina Kyler. . . will be counted on to play several positions. . .currently plays catcher, outfield and pitches. . .was named ALL-CIF (California Interscholastic Federation) in junior year. . .Team MVP for Marina in junior and senior years. . .named All Sunset League in junior and senior years. . ."Christy has plenty of competitive experience between her high school team and summer league teams and that is just what we are looking for," says Graf. . .

SANDY MARTINEZ, Westminster, CA, Rancho Santiago Community College

. . .will make an immediate contribution with her speed. . .transfer from Rancho Santiago CC where she played first base as well as outfield. . .broke stolen base record at Rancho Santiago in her freshman year. . .had a handful of honors during her freshman year, first team All-South Coast Conference, All-Southern California team and MVP of the State tournament. . .

KELLY FLACZINSKI, Westminster, CA, Westminster High School

. . .Graf looks for Flaczinski to solidify the second base position for FSU in the coming years. . .high school teammate of pitcher Debbie DeJohn. . .plays in summer softball league with California Raiders, a top-level national team, according to Graf. . .was named MVP of Westminster H.S. team as a junior as well as All-CIF. . .

JULIE RICE, Vancouver, WA, Columbia River High School

. . .comes in as a catcher, a position where the Lady Seminoles now have an opening with the departure of Carolyn Fiero and Laurie Tiedt. . .has had plenty of competitive experience with top-ranked high school team and summer team Mayer's Clinic which placed tied for ninth in national competition in 1986. . .was selected All-district sophomore through senior years. . .had a .399 batting average in senior season. . .also named Clark County basketball super five. . . carries a 3.8 high school GPA. . .

Graf feels that these four signees can make an immediate contribution to the Florida State softball program. "I'm very excited about all of them," she said. "These are the caliber of recruits we are looking for. They have played with winners in the past and want to keep winning. They are also good students which is something you've got to look for in recruits."

The Lady Seminoles also look for the return of Bradenton, FL, native Debbie Smith to return to the lineup after missing her sophomore season of eligibility. Smith hit .308 in 28 games for FSU during the 1986 season and provided excellent defense at second base before academic problems forced her away from FSU. Graf hopes that Smith will be enrolled in FSU come spring semester of 1988 after completing requirements at Tallahassee Community College.

Considering that Florida State lost only outfield positions and two catchers, the four already-signed recruits and other hopefuls should keep the Lady Seminoles in the upper echelon of the top 20 poll which they achieved during the 1987 season.