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HISTORY

1981

Under Head Coach Steve Traylor, who coached FAU from 1981 to 1987, the Owls finished 15-16 in their inaugural season. FAU won its first six games, including a 12-8 victory against St. Thomas University in the season opener. Shortstop Darryl Powell, the team's most valuable player, led the Owls offensively, hitting .383 and driving in a team-high 41 runs. On the mound, right-hander Bill Cobe was voted the team's outstanding pitcher, leading the club with five victories and 61 strikeouts.

1982

This was the first of seven consecutive winning seasons, as the Owls finished 42-14. After finishing the regular season with a record of 38-12, FAU was ranked 10th in the final NAIA poll and earned a berth in the NAIA District 25 Tournament, where the team advanced to the championship game before losing to Georgia College 7-4. Individual standouts for FAU included first baseman Mike Ryan, who led the club with 16 home runs, 73 RBI and a team-record .418 batting average, and pitchers Pat Murphy and Jorge Vega. Murphy, who was named the team's outstanding pitcher, finished the season 6-3 with a team-leading 2.66 ERA, while Vega led the club with 10 wins. Left-hander Tommy Clark, who posted a 4-0 record, threw the Owls' first no-hitter.

1983

FAU enjoyed its most successful season in 1983, winning the NAIA District 25 Championship and a team-record 49 games. The Owls, who were ranked fifth in the final NAIA poll, also defeated the University of Miami in February. After taking the NAIA District 25 Title, FAU advanced to the NAIA Area Five Tournament, where they were eliminated in the semifinal round. The Owls, who won 18 consecutive games in mid-season, set team records for the most hits, home runs, doubles and triples in a single season. Catcher Keith Foley, who led the nation with 95 hits while batting .396, was named to the NAIA All-America Second Team.

1984

Following the 1983 season, FAU moved into NCAA Division II. In the 1984 season opener, the Owls showed they belonged by defeating the University of Florida 4-3. They then went on to win their next four games, including an 11-10 win over the University of Miami. FAU finished the season at 40-15 and was ranked eighth in the final NCAA II poll. First baseman Mike Ryan led the club with 19 home runs and was named to the NCAA II All-America Third Team. Right-handed pitcher Jim Hanrahan also had an outstanding year, winning eight games, including a no-hitter against Illinois Tech in mid-March.

1985

FAU finished eighth in the final NCAA II poll and earned a bid to play in the South Regional Tournament against No. 1 Florida Southern. In its first NCAA post-season appearance, the Owls lost the best-of-five series to the Moccasins, who went on to become Division II Champions. FAU, which finished the season 44-15, had several players finish among the nation's statistical leaders. Catcher Doug Gonring, who signed with the Toronto Blue Jays after the season, finished 13th in the country in RBI, and Jeff Forney, a first-round draft choice of the Cincinnati Reds, finished seventh in stolen bases and eighth in triples. Right-handed pitcher Luis Merino, a seven-game winner in 1985, threw a no-hitter against Florida Memorial, the third in the program's history.



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1986

The Owls finished 44-10 in 1986 and won 12 of 13 games against Division I opponents, their only loss coming on the last day of the season against Miami. Following the season, FAU was ranked 11th in the final NCAA II poll. Several Owls earned post-season honors, including centerfielder Scott Hay, First-Team All-South Region, who hit .403 with 57 RBI and a team-leading 32 stolen bases. The Owls also had three players selected to the All-South Region Second Team—shortstop Dave Conner, catcher Marty McDaniel and pitcher Scott Halama. Right-hander Jim Drancsak finished the season with a team-record 1.29 ERA, third best in the country. He also threw a no-hitter, the fourth in FAU history.

1987

FAU finished the 1987 season with a record of 34-21-2. The season was highlighted by victories against Division I LaSalle University and Northeastern University. Team MVP Gonzalo Carcache and third baseman Jack Penrod led the Owls offensively. Carcache led the club with a .379 batting average and 16 stolen bases, while Penrod led FAU with 14 home runs. Scott Halama, who set new FAU single-season records with 66 strikeouts and three shutouts, led the pitching staff. The 1987 season marked the end of coach Steve Traylor's career at FAU. Traylor, who compiled a record of 268-105-2 with the Owls, left to become head coach at Duke University.

1988

FAU won its 300th game in 1988, a 9-1 win over Nova University, which was its last win of the season. Under new coach Kevin Cooney, the Owls finished 32-19-2, despite a seven-game losing streak midway through the year. Several players enjoyed record-breaking seasons, led by All-American Jack Penrod, who hit .418 to tie the FAU single-season batting record. Penrod also set a new single-season home run record, belting 22 round trippers, while driving in 64 runs. With a team-leading 62 strikeouts, left-hander Mike Fascetti became the FAU all-time strikeout leader with 138. Another record breaker was right-hander Joe Peede, who tied the single-season record for starts with 16.

1989

FAU finished the season with a 30-23-2 record, which included a season-ending four-game win streak, which tied the longest streak that season. The team earned big victories against Florida Southern (8-6), Lynn (8-6) and Coach Cooney's former team, Montclair State (6-5). Four players hit above .300, with junior Wayne Stofsky leading the team at .376. Dro Ormrod hit .348, Tom Horincewich hit .338 and Brian Covin hit .312. The pitching staff was led by Rob Mascarella, who tallied a 2.66 ERA. Junior Steve Taylor led the team in victories, with nine, and strikeouts, with 116 in 22 appearances.

1990

Despite a season-ending six-game losing streak, FAU compiled a 28-25 record behind the hitting of junior Pat Murray. Murray tallied a team-leading 71 hits and a .335 batting average. Also hitting for average were Wayne Stofsky at .326 and Brian Covin at .323. Tom Horincewich rounded out the .300 hitters with a .309 average. Senior Steve Taylor led the team with a 2.78 ERA, which included 74 strikeouts. Steve Lawson led the team in innings pitched with 126.1.

1991

Rocky times saw FAU post a 24-31 record. That mark was the program's second losing season and the first losing season for Coach Kevin Cooney. Roster deletions and injuries plagued the season. FAU was led by Rick Seider's .393 average. Craig Shotten and Charles Aristy hit .330 and .325, respectively. The pitching staff was led by Matt Kramer's six victories and 3.53 ERA.



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1992

FAU finished the season with a 27-27 record and was just two games away from a post-season appearance. FAU was led by First-Team South Region selection Anthony Bellinato's .371 average. Matt Kramer led the team in innings pitched (96.3) and victories (seven). Tim Holley led the team with 60 strikeouts. The season concluded with a Washington D.C. road trip. FAU posted victories against Florida Southern, LaSalle, Purdue, Army and Georgetown. Tom Lane, Tim Harikkala and Matt Jones received professional contracts.

1993

A second NCAA Division II post-season appearance for FAU resulted in the 41-17 team's South Regional Championship Tournament berth. Both Kevin Morgan and Eric Riebel earned First-Team South Region honors, while Marty Reinhardt received Second Team starter honors and Aaron Reid made Second Team as a closer. Morgan and Ron Ripppo were named to the South Regional Tournament Team as an outfielder and DH, respectively. FAU pulled off several outstanding victories, including a 2-0 victory against the University of Miami. Riebel led the team in both average (.346) and doubles (17). Reinhardt and Brian Merkey led the team with perfect records (6-0). Pitcher Tim Holley led the team with a 3.03 ERA. Merkey and Reid posted 1.94 and 2.43 ERAs, respectively, as closers. The team was listed in several national categories, including leading the nation in double-plays turned. Catcher Kevin Lewis was drafted by the New York Mets.

1994

FAU finished its first season of NCAA Division I competition with a 31-23 record and several individual and team accolades. John Sammon opened the 1994 season with a 13-0 complete game no-hitter during the first series of the season against Florida A&M. That performance earned Sammon National Pitcher-of-the-Week honors in Baseball America. The season continued with an outstanding performance when Kevin Connacher set a new consecutive-game hit streak record of 24. Connacher finished the season with a .359 average, just five points lower than team leader Kevin Morgan (.364), and Freshman All-American honors by Baseball America. FAU again pulled off big victories at Florida (4-2), Michigan State (11-7), Army (16-6), UCF (11-1) and Florida International (7-0). FAU batted .310, tallied 32 homers, 88 doubles and 14 triples. The pitching staff held a 3.70 team ERA and recorded six shutouts, three saves and three complete games. Kevin Morgan and Marty Reinhardt were drafted by Saskatoon, a minor league squad that serves as a feeder program to the major leagues.

1995

FAU finished its second season of Division I competition and its first as a full member of the Atlantic Sun Conference with a 27-31 overall record and a 17-13 A-Sun record. FAU was one of four A-Sun teams to be invited to the Atlantic Sun Conference Tournament. In FAU's first game, the squad defeated Florida International University, ranked no. 9 at the time, 1-0 in 10 innings. FAU was the only team in the state to face every Division I Florida team in 1995. FAU defeated Florida 11-3 in Gainesville and had several victories against top-30 opponents. Gene Manning was picked pre-season All-A-Sun as a DH. Nick Presto, who led the squad with a .349 batting average, was named as the First-Team All-A-Sun shortstop. Roger Walker was named to the District III Academic All-America Team. Ken Wagner, who led the team with a 2.98 ERA, tallied 10 complete games to tie the school record and pitched 129.2 innings.



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1996

FAU finished its third season of Division I competition with its best Division I record, most competitive schedule, highest conference finish and its highest MLB draft selection. Shortstop Nick Presto completed his four-year career with many school records and was drafted in the fifth round by the Cincinnati Reds. The team defeated the University of South Florida and projected number one draft pick, 11-4. FAU also hosted Kentucky, earning a 12-inning victory and grabbed a 13-inning win over Michigan State. In Atlantic Sun play, FAU finished as the tournament runner-up and placed five members on the All-Tournament Team: Nick Presto, MVP; Rich Ozarowski, Kevin Connacher, Garry Kamphouse and Tony VonDolteren. Connacher was named First-Team All-Conference at second base. Presto and Joe Cali were named Second-Team All-A-Sun. Presto led the squad with a .374 average while Cali, who finished the season third nationally with 14 saves, led the team with a 3.19 ERA in 62 innings of work. Coach Cooney also earned his 400th career coaching victory.

1997

The team finished third in the Atlantic Sun Conference regular season. Five players were drafted and six signed professional contracts. Outfielder Billy Brown was drafted third by the Toronto Blue Jays, marking the highest June draft selection in the program's history. Four-year letterman Kevin Connacher (Chicago White Sox) and Brennan Hervey (Detroit Tigers) were also drafted. Junior college transfers Rich Ozarowski (Detroit Tigers) and Charlie Jones (Arizona Diamondbacks) were also selected.

1998

FAU finished fifth in the Atlantic Sun Conference Tournament and third in the regular season A-Sun South Division. Injuries plagued the pitching staff, with three starters lost before March. Todd Moser opened the season strong with a 36-pitch (five inning) victory over Bethune-Cookman. FAU played in the Florida Marlins' Tournament, which featured Washington, Oregon State and Santa Clara. The big victory of the season came at Clemson, ranked ninth at the time, after FAU almost defeated Auburn. Due to team injuries, Dickie Hart stepped up to play three positions (second, short and third). He also led the team offensively and was voted MVP. The team finished 29-30.

1999

The 1999 squad rewrote the University's record books and broke into the national spotlight by tying Texas' 1977 record for most consecutive victories (34). Coach Cooney also earned his 500th career victory in a season that saw the team post a 54-9 record and make their first trip to a Division I NCAA Regional Tournament. Team records set: most victories (54), fewest losses (9), highest winning percentage (.857), most three-game sweeps (10, A-Sun 7), most consecutive shutout innings (22 at Regional Tournament). A-Sun records set: longest winning streak, most overall victories, fewest losses. FAU individual records set: Dan Jackson (game-high 15 strikeouts), Ryan Withey and Zack Roper (single season hit by pitcher, 18), Todd Moser (15 victories, 130 strikeouts, and 33 career starts), and Mick Celli (135 career walks). Todd Moser was named 1999 FAU Male Athlete of the Year, Baseball Weekly All-American, College Baseball Insider All-American, TPX All-American, NCBWA All-American, 1999 Super Team NCBWA Honorable Mention All-American, and ABCA All-Atlantic Region; Anthony Doubt was ABCA All-Atlantic Region First Team as a DH; Paul Stryhas was ABCA All-Atlantic Region Second Team; and Chris Winsett ABCA All-Atlantic Regional Second Team. Todd Moser was named A-Sun Player of the Year and Kevin Cooney A-Sun Coach of the Year. Eight players earned All-A-Sun honors. Paul Stryhas was named to the A-Sun Championship Team. Zack Roper, Clint Conway and Anthony Doubt were named to the Regional Tournament team.



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2000

On the heels of a historic 1999 season, 2000 proved FAU was legitimate with the team earning a top-30 ranking. The team went through several turning points. The first was a 3-2 victory over Ball State, courtesy of a great defensive play to hold onto the game in its final innings. The second was the first home conference series, during which FAU captured two one-run games from Jacksonville to win the series and open the A-Sun season 4-2. Next was a 2-1 last inning trick play victory over UCF before 2,825 fans in the first regionally televised game played at FAU. The squad continued the season by winning its last three conference series and holding a number-two seed heading into the A-Sun Tournament, a tournament filled with upsets. The season ended with the team's second consecutive trip to the NCAA Regional Tournament, again hosted by the University of Miami. The tournament began with a 14-6 victory over Florida International, keeping hopes alive of moving through the tournament, despite an injury-depleted pitching staff. FAU fell in the final two games to end the season with a 43-19 record, the fifth best in 20 years of FAU baseball.

2001

With only three starting position players returning and one starting pitcher, FAU either had to prove it could continue its legacy or call it a rebuilding year. But several big wins during the year made FAU a team to look out for. The biggest win came in the second game of the season against eventual National Champion University of Miami. FAU can boast that it was the only team during the 2001 season to beat Miami on the road. Several other wins against top-25 opponents marked the rising of a young team. Back-to-back wins against no. 20 Eastern Carolina and no. 23 Rutgers readied the team for conference play against ranked opponents Stetson and UCF. In the A-Sun Championship, FAU edged by Stetson with a 2-1 win in the first round. The season also saw Kevin Cooney earn his 600th career victory and remain listed among the winningest active coaches by percentage.

2002

A win over the national no. 3 seed to capture an NCAA Regional was a great way to garner nationwide attention, but Florida Atlantic's season had several other highlights along the way to a no. 15 ranking. The team traveled the country and gained playing experience when it made its first trip to the West Coast and took on UCLA for the first time in history. A chilly March trip to play Minnesota, Tennessee and Alabama in the Metrodome in Minneapolis gave FAU an early look at an eventual NCAA Regional opponent. Returning to Florida, the team began a 27-game winning streak before falling to Miami on April 24, going 48 days without losing a game. FAU's offensive output for the season was second only to the 1999 season. The team displayed its offensive power on February 23 when it broke a school record and scored 31 runs in a shutout over Hartford. An at-large bid to the NCAA tournament for the third time in four seasons saw the team go 3-0 to advance to the Regional Championship. What followed was a thrilling 6-5 victory in the ninth inning against Alabama to give FAU its first NCAA Regional Championship and a berth in the Super Regional to play Georgia Tech.

2003

FAU hit the field with high expectations for the season. After gaining recognition in the preseason polls for the first time, the squad went on to post the second most victories in FAU history, 47, second only to the 54 victories recorded in 1999. FAU captured its first Atlantic Sun Title since 1999 with a 25-8 conference record and spent 14 weeks ranked in the nation's top 25. The pitching staff held opponents to a 3.42 ERA and finished the year with the 12th lowest ERA in the nation. The offense did its part and finished 44th in the country with a .313 batting average and finished behind only 28 other teams with a scoring average of 7.6 runs per game. Left-handed pitcher Randy Beam finished with 13 victories and was named Second Team All-America by



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CollegeBaseballInsider.com and Sports Weekly and Third Team by Louisville Slugger and Baseball America. Head coach Kevin Cooney picked up his 700th career victory as FAU defeated Georgia Southern 12-2 on May 9, 2003. Florida Atlantic's regional selection placed the team in the Coral Gables Regional for the third time in four appearances. The squad defeated Florida before suffering a devastating 1-0 loss to Miami. That same evening FAU lost a 22-14 contest to Florida to end the season with a 47-16 record.

2004

The team got off to the best start in school history with 11-straight wins and opened up the DoubleTree Diamond Classic in Boca Raton by hosting four top-30 teams. As the no. 12 ranked team in the nation, the team finished the weekend 2-1, the only loss to no. 10 Notre Dame by one run. The team finished the conference season on a high note as FAU captured its first Atlantic Sun Tournament Championship. The team swept through the tournament with a 4-0 record and moved on to its fifth NCAA Regional in six seasons. A familiar trip down I-95 to Coral Gables resulted in a trip to the championship game but the team would end the season with a 47-17 record. A unique experience occurred in March as the players got to experience the big leagues for an afternoon when the squad played the St. Louis Cardinals at the team's spring training facility in Jupiter.

2005

The team earned its fourth consecutive trip to an NCAA Regional after finishing second in Atlantic Sun play by closing out conference action on an 8-1 run. The squad then advanced to the championship game of the A-Sun Tournament. The turning point of the season came against no. 6 Georgia Tech. FAU fell to the Yellow Jackets in game one of the three game series in the tenth inning and won the third game of the series by shutting out the team for the first time in seven years on their home field. Freshman pitcher Mickey Storey picked up Third-Team All-America recognition and was named Collegiate Baseball's Freshman Pitcher of the Year after he tallied a 1.70 ERA and 10-1 record.

2006

The team had high expectations for the season, ranked in the top-20 in the national preseason polls and picked to win the Atlantic Sun Conference in its final season in the league. With two top-25 teams on the schedule in the first month, the Owls had to be on the top of their game from the start. But the injury bug quickly claimed three starters in the first month of the season. Going into the conference tournament, the Owls were without five original starters. FAU made the tournament by sweeping East Tennessee State in the final weekend of the regular season and earned the no. 4 seed. Mickey Storey threw FAU's first no-hitter in 12 years when he defeated Campbell 2-0 on Mar. 31. He was named Louisville Sluggers Player of the Week and to the College Baseball Foundation Honor Roll.

2007

The team entered its first season in the Sun Belt after 13 seasons in the Atlantic Sun. Prior to conference play it registered wins over Boston College, 17th ranked Oklahoma State and a three game sweep of Cincinnati. The Owls clinched a spot in the conference tournament with a four-hit shutout of Florida International on the final weekend of the regular season. Robbie Widlansky was named Sun Belt Player of the Year and First-Team All-American by Louisville Slugger and the American Baseball Coaches Association.



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2008

The team enjoyed its 10th-straight winning season, finishing 32-27-1 and making a legitimate run at the Sun Belt Conference Tournament title, advancing to the tournament semifinals in Lafayette, Louisiana. It was the last year for long-time head coach Kevin Cooney, who announced his intentions to retire after the season on April 24, 2008. FAU started the season 16-6 and beat No. 1 Miami in Coral Gables on April 9, 2008. Senior RF Mike McKenna finished a remarkable four-year FAU career by establishing new school records in RBI (185) and total bases (444). McKenna was named the Sun Belt Conference Player of the Year and drew national attention as a Collegiate Baseball 'Louisville Slugger' Third Team All-America selection and one of 50 semifinalists for USA Baseball's Golden Spikes Award. Seven student-athletes went on to play professional baseball for Major League affiliates in the summer of 2008, including pitcher Mickey Storey, who finished his career 2nd on FAU's all-time list for both wins (23) and strikeouts (292).

2009

Florida Atlantic University's baseball team won 30 games in 2009, posted its 11th-straight winning season and knocked its rival out of the postseason tournament. These accomplishments typically define successful college baseball seasons, but for FAU Baseball Head Coach John McCormack, it still was not the year he would have liked to see. FAU finished the season with a mark of 30-26, racing out to a 13-3 record which included a victory over the nationally-ranked University of Florida Gators in Gainesville - one of five FAU wins over NCAA Tournament teams. The Owls' best stretch of the year may have come in crunch time, claiming a pair of must-win Sun Belt Conference series to close out the regular season. The first came on the road at Arkansas State University, followed by taking 2-of-3 from rival FIU in front of its home crowd at FAU Stadium in Boca Raton. Catcher Mike Albaladejo, who would go on to earn all-league honors at the postseason tournament in Troy, went 7-for-12 in FAU's three postseason tournament games in Troy, helping the Owls rout FIU 16-6 and advance into the tournament quarterfinals before losing to eventual league champions Middle Tennessee State University. Sophomore pitchers Mike Gipson and Glen Troyanowski also impressed in the closing weeks. Gipson was 2-0, saved a game and had 17 K's in his last four appearances of 2009. Troyanowski was virtually unhittable against FIU on May 15, a game which would assure the Owls of its postseason berth. Both Gipson and Troyanowski have accepted invitations to play in the prestigious Cape Cod Baseball League this summer. The pair highlights a talented group of pitchers expected to return in 2010. Freshmen left-handers Ahmed Garcia and Brent Adheen both earned spots in the weekend rotation and 6-foot-5-inch reliever Hugh Adams saved three games and won three others out of the bullpen.

The Owls must find a way to make up for the loss of an accomplished group of 10 seniors, including seven offensive starters who provided nearly 75 percent of the team's RBI. Record-setting second baseman William Block finished his four-year career at FAU owning virtually every batting record in school history. No player started more games (222) had more hits (290), runs (221), RBI (191), total bases (498), at-bats (875) or assists (529). Block hit .337 as a senior in 2009, leading the team in extra-base hits (29), RBI (52) and runs (48). Six other senior starters will be sorely missed. Leadoff hitter David Wilson batted .340 and scored 47 runs; first baseman Travis Ozga drove in 38 runs in 52 games; catcher Nick Criaris slugged .542; DH Tom Hatcher, along with Block, led the club in homers (9); outfielder Jeremy Griffiths finished the year on a 10-game hitting streak; and switch-hitting third baseman Troy Buble hit .421 during FAU's 13-3 start. Not only was the offense paced by FAU's final-year players, but senior Adam Morrison led the pitching staff in games started (12) while senior relievers Alex Pepe and Chris Schmitt tied for the team lead in appearances (29).