BOWDEN TOPS WINS LIST

Florida State’s Bobby Bowden enters the 2004 season as the winningest football coach in the history of major college football with 342 career wins. Coach Bowden passed Bear Bryant into second place with a season-opening win over Iowa State in 2002 for his 324th career victory. He passed Penn State’s Joe Paterno with a 48-24 win over Wake Forest last year in Tallahassee.

SENIOR CLASS WINS IN CLASSROOM

Academic success has gone hand-in-hand with athletic success at Florida State. Fourteen of the 16 members of last year’s senior class graduated from FSU. This year’s 21-member senior class is projected to graduate all but one of its members by the end of the spring semester. Junior center David Castillo, who was granted an extra year of eligibility by the NCAA because of injuries, is a strong candidate for many national academic awards as he maintains a near perfect GPA and plans to enroll in medical school when his playing career is over. He will graduate next spring and could have most of his graduate work completed by the time his FSU playing career is over.

“UNCONQUERED” SPARKS NEW TRADITION

Dedicated October 10, 2003, Fritz White’s bronze statue “Unconquered” was designed to capture the indomitable spirit of the Seminole people and those who have adopted that spirit as a symbol for their university. The massive structure, including its granite-covered pedestal base, stands approximately 31 feet in the air and depicts a spear-brandishing Seminole astride a rearing horse. At sunset the night before each home game, the spear is ignited and burns until sunrise on the morning after the game. George Langford’s $1 million endowment of the project helped make the statue a reality, and 51 artists were then considered before the statue was dedicated 10 years later. The concept was inspired by attorney and FSU graduate Stephen Reilly’s trip to South Bend, IN for an FSU football game.

BOBBY IN BRONZE

Bobby Bowden brought FSU football into the new age, but his legacy will be forged in bronze when a one and a half ton, life-size statue of the Coach is unveiled on the eve of this year’s Clemson game. The bronze statue, sculpted by Tallahassee artist Stanley Proctor, will be featured outside the new FSU athletic center. The artist has also created a smaller piece of artwork, measuring just over 12 inches high, featuring Bowden and Doak S. Campbell Stadium. Seminole Boosters will order these busts cast in bronze, limiting the edition to the number of victories in Bowden’s career. Sale of the busts will fund legacy scholarships in Bowden’s name.

NEW TURF IN DOAK CAMPBELL

The drainage system at Doak S. Campbell Stadium failed last year in an all-day deluge during the nationally televised FSU vs. Miami game, so this year the Seminoles will play on a new state-of-the-art surface. While it will be the same 419 Tifway Bermuda grass as in years past, the sod was installed in March over a completely reengineered drainage system. The field of the stadium was excavated 16 inches deep and the drainage system was replaced for the first time in nearly 20 years. The field was installed precisely to USGA standards for golf greens.

FSU WAS CLOSER THAN REMEMBERED IN 2003

Some FSU fans have to be reminded of the fact that when the Seminoles beat it up at Clemson in Game 10 of last year they were ranked No. 3 in the country with just three more games to play. Had FSU prevailed and repeated wins over NC State and Florida, one could project that Florida State would have played for the national title — again.

As it turned out, the Seminoles played a schedule in 2003 that finished the year ranked 13th most difficult by the NCAA. The schedule ranked as the second toughest among the Top 10 teams in the ESPN/USA Today/Top 25.

Florida State’s offense also fared better than some might remember in 2003. Here is how the unit ranked among the Top 10 teams in the ESPN/USA Today Top 25:

- Top 25
- 10 teams in the final poll
- 5th in passing
- 8th in rushing
- 5th in total offense
- 5th in points per game
- 4th in yards per play
- 6th in first downs
- 10th in third down conversions

SEVERAL PASSING RECORDS WITHIN RIX’S RANGE

Senior quarterback Chris Rix could leave Florida State as the school’s all-time leading passer. He is 2,315 yards shy of passing Heisman Trophy winner Chris Weinke’s school record 9,839 career passing yards. Rix will have to average 192.9 yards per game if the Seminoles make a bowl game to get the record. The NCAA changed statistic calculations last year allowing bowl stats to count in career records. Weinke’s numbers do not reflect the 603 yards passing he accumulated against Virginia Tech in the 2002 Sugar Bowl and Oklahoma in the 2001 Orange Bowl.

FSU TOP PROGRAM FOR NCAA ACADEMIC HONORS

WALK AND REMEMBER

Installation began this summer on the “The Legacy Walk”, which is a walk down Florida State athletics’ memory lane. The FSU athletic campus is the location of the first installation of the historic brick walkway, which is delineated by decade. It will weave through and around Florida State’s athletic complex, featuring stone markers honoring legendary Seminole athletes, men and women who have distinguished themselves as All-Americans and/or members of the FSU Sports Hall of Fame. The project has grown into what will become a university-wide project with the walkway curving through the campus to highlight the outstanding academic achievements in the life of Florida State University.

STAINED GLASS TRIBUTE TO BOWDEN

It will take more than 70 individual panels and 20,000 pieces of glass, but FSU artist Bob Bischoff is on track to finish a stained-glass window of the Seminoles’ head coach in time for the official naming of Bobby Bowden Field the weekend of the FSU-Florida game in November. Bischoff also created the stained-glass mural inside FSU’s Dodd Hall but his current project, to be placed in a three-story opening over the front door of the new FSU athletic center, towers by comparison. When completed, the 30’ x 20’ foot work will be among the five largest stained glass windows in America.

NATIONAL AWARD CARRIES BOWDEN NAME

A new national award, named after Florida State football coach Bobby Bowden, was initiated by the Fellowship of Christian Athletes organization in 2003. Named after the legendary FSU football coach, the National Bobby Bowden Award recognizes the collegiate football player who best epitomizes the term student-athlete. The person selected must be one of character, classroom excellence, athletic achievement and community involvement according to the nomination form. The award seeks to combine the characteristics currently modeled by the NFL Player of the Year Awards recognition of role modeling, the Heisman for best collegiate player performance on the field and the CoSIDA Academic Award for classroom excellence. The award is presented annually during the week of the BCS Championship game.

FSU PRESIDENT WAS A FOOTBALL STAR

Florida State president Dr. T.K. Wetherell starred on the football field for Florida State from 1965-67. Wetherell was coached by Bobby Bowden as a wide receiver his first two years. The president is part of two of the longest kickoff returns in school history. In 1965, Wetherell took a lateral from Bill Moremen and raced 100 yards for a touchdown against Kentucky. The two pulled it off again for a touchdown of 94 yards in a 23-20 victory over Miami on Sept. 24, 1966. He is still tied for the school record for longest kickoff return.

McGRAW TO SING IN DOAK

Tim McGraw may have attended college at Northeast Louisiana University but he’s about to become an adopted Seminole alumus when he plays Doak S. Campbell Stadium in a concert to benefit Florida State University. Scheduled for 7 p.m. on Sunday, November 21, it will be the first non-FSU musical event at Campbell Stadium since the 1970s. Moments after the FSU-Florida football game is complete, McGraw roadies will take over the south endzone of Campbell Stadium, preparing a concert stage for what FSU expects to be a sellout crowd of 18,000. The concert will benefit the new FSU Career Center and athletic scholarships in the name of McGraw’s late father and former major league pitcher, Tug McGraw.

THE LEGACY RIDE

Shortly before he passed away, FSU Booster Bruce Berg had a vision of getting Florida State fans involved in a motorcycle fundraising ride. He wanted to combine the two areas of his life he was passionate about, the Seminoles and his motorcycles. In memory of Bruce Berg, the Legacy Ride was established in 2003. Through the ride, the Seminole Boosters will begin to fully endow some of the university’s athletic scholarships.

The Legacy Ride will begin at various locations throughout the southeast, with riders then caravanning into Tallahassee the day after the Florida game. It is expected to be the largest gathering of motorcyclists ever seen in the Florida Panhandle.

THE SYMBOL: SEMINOLES

Florida State would play two games in 1947 before students demanded the school acquire a symbol. While details conflict, most believe the account of a poll of the student body is accurate. The Florida Flambeau reported that Seminoles had won by 110 votes over Statesmen. The rest of the top contenders (in order) were Rebels, Tarpons, Fighting Warriors and Crackers.

In the 1950s, a pair of students dressed in Native American costumes and joined the cheerleaders on the field which eventually evolved into the majestic symbol of Osceola and Renegade that FSU now enjoys. Today, the Seminole Indian Tribe participates in many campus activities.

Florida State University is proud of its longstanding cooperative relationship with the Seminole Tribe of Florida. The Seminole people have suffered many hardships and injustices, but they have remained brave, dignified and proud. The Seminoles are unconquered. They symbolize what we hope will be the traits of all of our graduates, including our student-athletes.

NEW HOME FOR FSU ATHLETICS

Florida State athletes have enjoyed an overwhelming improvement to all their facilities over the last 10 years, but the football team plays especially happy to see the work on the new Moore Center just outside the north endzone. See the inside front cover for a look at the facility, which will house most of the
**NO NEW HOME FOR BOWDEN**

Bobby and Ann Bowden live in the same home that they bought when he took the FSU head coaching job in 1976, although they have made some additions. They have even had the same phone number for the past 28 years. Bowden still maintains a grueling off-season schedule that includes a 24-stop Seminole Booster speaking and golfing tour. Bowden is an early riser generally waking before 4:30 a.m. He reads and often watches film before coming into the office. He plays golf nearly every day from the end of spring practice until after the family vacation in July then does not touch the clubs again until the next spring.

**A TEAM 100 YEARS IN THE MAKING**

When The Sporting News published its All-Century college football team, two Seminole greats made the cut. Former Seminoles’ cornerback Deion Sanders and defensive end Peter Boulware were each named to the magazine’s list. Only Notre Dame placed more defensive players on the All-Century team than did Florida State as the Fighting Irish had three former Golden Domers selected. It was somewhat of a surprise to see Florida State just behind the Fighting Irish for All-Century defensive team selections considering how young the FSU program is in comparison.

**FSU AMONG TOPS IN NFL AT GRADUATING PLAYERS**

The NFL Players Association recently compiled data researching the number of players with degrees and Florida State was among the best. FSU ranked fifth out of the 117 schools in Division I with 18 NFL players who have a college degree. The ACC was the only conference in America to have two schools in the top five as Miami placed fourth with 19 alumni players. Four of the top 15 schools (Miami, Florida State, North Carolina and Boston College) are current or future members of the ACC. Only one other conference (Big Ten) had four schools among the top 15 and not a single other conference had more than two schools in the top 15 of this list.

**FUTURE SCHEDULES UP IN THE AIR**

Miami’s membership in the ACC has changed the future schedule for the Seminole football program. FSU has been unable to schedule the preferred back-to-back home and away series with a number of non-conference teams because of an inability to shift too much of the schedule. FSU picked up a date with Syracuse this year and the Orange will return the game to Tallahassee in 2005. UAB also will fill in as will Troy. FSU has dates to fill in 2005-2010, but has scheduled games at Colorado in 2007, Colorado at home in 2008, at BYU in 2009 and BYU at home in 2010.

**52% OF FSU’S SIGNEES PLAY IN THE NFL**

Not only are FSU football players getting their degrees but they are getting to the NFL as well. Did you know that from 1990-2001 the likelihood of a high school player that signed with FSU and stayed at Florida State throughout his career would eventually play at least one year in the NFL was 52.2%? Of the 111 players that fit that description, 58 of those players played at least a year in the NFL or are still playing. Last year, the Seminoles ranked third among all schools with 37 players in the NFL.

**FSU AND THE ACC’S PICCOLO AWARD**

Wide receiver Craphonso Thorpe’s broken leg suffered in the next to last game of the regular season left the junior just six yards shy of 1,000 receiving yards on the season. He is hoping to be at full speed this fall and in contention for All-America honors. FSU history would suggest he should be optimistic as the FSU medical staff has overseen the rehabilitation of five FSU football players (WR Anquan Boldin, QB Chris Weinke, DT Corey Louis, LB Sam Cowart and DT Dan Footman) who have gone on to win the ACC’s Piccolo Award given annually to the most courageous player in the conference. Four of them are still playing in the NFL, while Dan Footman retired after six seasons in the league.

**DOAK CAMPBELL NOW SEATS 82,300**

New structures in the north endzone have raised the seating capacity in Doak Campbell Stadium once again with the home of the Seminoles now holding 82,300. A second deck of the Varsity Club opened last year in the northwest corner of the stadium just above the existing structure. A mirror image of that structure was built in the northeast corner of the stadium, but contains skyboxes leased through the Seminole Boosters. The new additions brought the total to 94 private boxes within the stadium. The football home for the Seminoles since 1950, the stadium was named after the popular Florida State president who was instrumental in the development of intercollegiate athletics at the new university. In order to help finance the stadium, a five-year season ticket was offered for $50.00 and FSU players helped paint the stadium at $1 per hour. The stadium was built at a cost of $250,000 in 1950.

**BIGGEST, STRONGEST, FASTEST**

Offensive guard Matt Meinrod is FSU’s “strongest” player on the 2004 roster. Strength and conditioning coordinator Jon Jost likes to use the combination of most weight lifted in the clean, bench and squat. Meinrod’s...
total of 1,455 pounds (405 clean, 505 bench, 545 squat) led the team. Tailback Lorenzo Booker is regarded as the strongest pound for pound Seminole. Booker weighs in at 196 and recorded a 315 clean, a 365 bench and a 500 squat for a strength index total of 1,703.

Biggest shoe ........................................ Size 17, Ray Willis
Biggest helmet ...................................... Size 8 1/4, Travis Johnson
Biggest gloves ..................................... Size 4X, Alex Barron
Biggest jersey ..................................... Size 58, Ron Lunford
Biggest pants ...................................... Size 46, Ron Lunford
Fastest ........................................... 4.31 40-yard, Craphonso Thorpe

BROOKS ON BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Derrick Brooks established himself as one of the greatest players ever as a linebacker at Florida State. He also made a name for himself academically as a first team Academic All-American in 1994 and the winner of an NCAA Post-Graduate Scholarship. He then established himself as one of the finest players in the NFL and led his Tampa Bay Buccaneers to a World Championship in 2002. Now, he is the boss — sort of. Brooks was named to Florida State’s Board of Trustees last year.

FLORIDA STATE TOP TITLE TEAM

Florida State won the 2003 ACC title outright with a 7-1 conference record, which means the Seminoles have won 11 ACC titles (nine outright and two co-championships) since joining the league in 1992. Listed below are the teams with the most conference titles since 1992.

- ACC ................................................ Florida State (11)
- Big 12/Big 8 .................................... Nebraska (6)
- SEC ................................................ Florida (6)

SWITCHING NUMBERS

A few Seminoles have switched numbers since last season. Here’s a look:

New No. ............. Player ............ Old No.
6 ....................... Willie Jones .......... 29
7 .......................... Buster Davis ........ 18
10 ........................ Lorne Sam .......... 48
45 ........................ Chad Canfield ...... 49

GOAL POSTS SALUTE PETERSON

The Bill Peterson era as head football coach at FSU was a time of great offensive innovation and of many firsts for the upstart Seminole program, including the first Seminole coach to beat the Gators at Florida Field, coaching the program’s first All-American in Fred Biletnikoff and recruiting James Thomas, the first black player to ever play football at FSU. A tradition of the Peterson era was to enter the field through the goal posts. As a tribute to the players and coaches of the Peterson era and their many firsts, “H” style goal posts were added to the field at Doak Campbell Stadium prior to the 2002 season and will forever more be referred to as “Pete’s Posts.” It is believed that FSU joins LSU as the only two Division 1A schools currently using H posts.

FATHER/SON COMBO

After a record-breaking career as a center at Tallahassee’s Leon High School, Billy Sexton played quarterback at Alabama and then Florida State, earning the starting job as a senior at FSU. He coached at his alma mater (Leon) and then returned to Florida State and is in his 27th season on the staff and third as assistant head coach. His son Wyatt enters his redshirt sophomore season as the backup to Chris Rix at quarterback.

Wyatt finished his high school career with over 5,000 yards passing in two years.

SPORTSMANSHIP STATUE

Between Gates B and C of Doak Campbell Stadium stands the one ton, 15’ tall Sportmanship statue given in honor of Pappy Strum by his daughter Margaret Strum Allesee, who is an FSU graduate and former Seminole cheerleader. The enduring symbol of the most important aspect of athletic competition was sculpted by FSU alumnus and accomplished artist Edward Jonas.

B.J.’S BLOCKED KICKS

Senior free safety B.J. Ward is already in the record books and for one of the most difficult achievements. Ward’s block of a field goal at Notre Dame last year was the seventh block of a field goal over his career which ties him with Bobby Butler for the school record (Butler’s was a combination of FG blocks and punt blocks). Ward’s 42.5” vertical leap makes him especially adept at the blocks. He blocked four field goals as a sophomore in 2002 and three, including two against Duke, last year.

Since Bobby Bowden’s arrival in 1976, the Seminoles have blocked 78 punts and 28 field goals.

SEALED LOCKERS

The retirement (or permanent sealing) of lockers in the Florida State locker room began after Deion Sanders’ senior season in 1988. The criteria for locker retirement allows only the dressing area of two-time consensus All-Americans and/or Heisman Trophy winners to be retired. Ron Simmons (1979-80), Deion Sanders (1987-88), Marvin Jones (1991-92), Sebastian Janikowski (1998-99), and Peter Warrick (1998-99) have had their lockers sealed as two-time consensus All-Americans while Heisman Trophy winners Charlie Ward (1993) and Chris Weinke (2000) have had their lockers retired.

The lockers are encased in glass with the player’s final home uniform and gear intact — right down to the sweat bands.
Looking back at the national title years, FSU returned 16 starters in 1999 and went on to go undefeated and win the national title. The 1998 national championship team had 15 returning starters. Here’s a look at the starters returning/lost since 1987. It accounts for 24 starters including the punter and placekicker. It also includes how the Seminoles finished each season:

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OSCEOLA & RENEGADE

Perhaps the most spectacular tradition in all of college football occurs in Doak Campbell Stadium when Osceola charges down the field riding an Appaloosa horse named Renegade and plants a flaming spear at midfield to begin every home game. The tradition was born on September 16, 1978 against Oklahoma State when a student led the team from the tunnel riding a horse. Since the beginning of the FSU tradition, three different horses and 10 different riders have actually appeared at a game. However, there have been a total of 16 horses trained in the Renegade program, including Tonka and Spiderman, who are the understudies of current Osceola mount, Sharky. The original Osceola and Renegade were Jim Kidder and Reo. In 2003, local businessman Bill Durham, who had trained the riders and horses for 20 years, passed the honor and responsibility to his son Allen, who was a former rider in the 90s. The clothing and rigging that Osceola and Renegade use were designed and approved by the Seminole Indian Tribe of Florida.

HISTORY OF SCHOOL COLORS

Florida State’s school colors of garnet and gold date back to the Florida State College championship football teams of 1904 and 1905. In those championship seasons, FSC donned purple and gold uniforms. When Florida State College became Florida Female College in 1905, the football team was forced to attend the University of Florida. The following year the FFC student body selected crimson as the official school color of 1905. The administration in 1905 took crimson and combined it with the recognizable purple of the championship football teams to achieve the color garnet. The now-famous garnet and gold colors were first used on an FSU uniform in a 14-6 loss to Stetson on October 18, 1947.

COULD HAVE HAD BOWDEN IN 1970

Bobby Bowden signed his first contract as head coach at FSU on January 12, 1976. The four-year deal called for a salary of $37,500 per year. Many did not know, however, that Bowden actually interviewed for the FSU job in 1970. It went to Tennessee assistant Larry Jones who was 15-19 over three seasons before he was succeeded by Darrell Mudra in 1974.

JEFFERSON-EPPES TROPHY

Thomas Jefferson, former U.S. President and the founder of the University of Virginia, was the grandfather of Francis Eppes VII. Eppes, three-time mayor of Tallahassee, was a long-time president of the Board of Education of the Seminary West of the Suwannee, the institutional forerunner of what is today Florida State University. To commemorate this bond, the two schools play each year in football for the Jefferson-Eppes Trophy. Inaugurated in 1995 when UVa handed the Seminoles their first ACC loss in football, the trophy has resided in Tallahassee each of the last eight seasons. The trophy comprises a silver pitcher, presented to Eppes in 1842, set atop a wooden base crafted from the remains of UVa’s massive McGuffey Ash.
TOMAHAWKS CAN BE WON AND LOST

Florida State’s coaching staff and academic staff award tomahawks to individual players for great plays or contributions on the field and in the classroom. Players may get a tomahawk for a crucial play, a score, a touchdown, saving tackle or various other achievements on the field. In 1997, the Seminoles began receiving tomahawks for outstanding academic achievements as well. The tomahawks look identical except the word academics runs down the handle of the tomahawk.

What many fans don’t know is that Florida State players can lose tomahawks as well. Poor performance on the field or in the classroom can cause a player to be stripped of the coveted decals.

WAR CHANT

Florida State’s “war chant” appears to have begun with a random occurrence that took place during a 1984 game against Auburn, but in the 1960s, the Marching Chiefs band would chant the melody of a popular FSU cheer. In a sense that chant was the long version of FSU’s current “war chant.” During a thrilling game with Auburn in 1984, the Marching Chiefs began to perform the dormant melody. Some students behind the band joined in and continued the “war chant” portion after the band had ceased. Most agree the chant came from the fraternity section, but many spirited Seminole fans added the hand motion to symbolize the brandishing of a tomahawk. The chant continued among the student body during the 1985 season, and by the 1986 season, it was a stadium-wide phenomenon. Of course, the Marching Chiefs refined the chant, plus put their own special brand of accompaniment to the “war chant,” for the sound we hear today.

Atlanta Braves fans took up their version of the song and chant when former FSU star Deion Sanders came to the plate as an outfielder. The Kansas City Chiefs band performed the chant while the players were warming up for a game against San Diego.

FSU FIGHT SONG

While the war chant has become familiar at FSU games, the Florida State fight song still remains the definitive sound of Seminole sports. FSU’s band became the Marching Chiefs in 1950 and with that came the fight song. Tommy Wright, a member of the faculty in the School of Music, was perturbed that the Seminoles had been using “On Wisconsin” and the “Notre Dame Victory March” so he introduced the song in the Sewanee game, setting to music a poem by FSU Alumni Doug Alley.

CHAMPIONS OF COMMUNITY SERVICE

Florida State student-athletes gave over 4,200 hours back in community service projects over the last year alone. There is no one on any college camp-
the I-Formation (which he started at FSU) and the typewriter huddle which is still used by many teams today.

SIX FEET UNDER

FSU's sod cemetery holds chunks of the field from great Seminole road wins. See the complete list on page 196.

11 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Florida State’s women’s programs were brought to national prominence in the early 1980s when the Seminoles earned five national championships in four sports within a four-year period. The golf program earned the AIAW championship in 1981 while the softball team had back-to-back AIAW titles in 1981 and 1982. The women's track and field program ran away with the 1984 NCAA Outdoor and 1985 NCAA Indoor championships. Florida State’s other national titles include men's gymnastics in 1950-51 and again in 1951-52. The men’s volleyball team won the national championship in 1955 and 1957, while football claimed a No. 1 ranking in 1993 and 1999.

FSU’S HEISMAN HISTORY

The Heisman Trophy room has a distinct Florida State flair with portraits of Chris Weinke and Charlie Ward on display as the two winners from FSU and the ACC. FSU has a strong history with the trophy. Here’s where FSU players have finished in the Heisman balloting.

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FSU AND THE JACOBS BLOCKING TROPHY

Former FSU tackle Brett Williams was voted the winner of the 2002 Jacobs Blocking Trophy — awarded annually since 1953 to the player voted the outstanding blocker in the ACC in a poll of the league’s defensive coordinators. Williams also won the award in 2001 and follows a long line of Seminoles who have dominated the category since join-
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- 1953: Tom Nugent became FSU's third head coach in 1953 and would coach the Seminoles until 1956. An innovator on a national level, Nugent developed the I-formation and the typewriter offense that would be used by many teams today. Among the players he coached was FSU great Bobby Renn.

- 1959: Perry Moss lasted just one season as FSU head coach in 1959. He was hired at a salary of $14,000 and left at the end of the year for a $40,000 job offer at Buffalo State.

- 1960-70: Florida State's arrival on the national map occurred during Bill Peterson's 11 seasons as head coach. He came in 1960 when free substitution was still five years away in the game. He moved FSU boldly into the forefront of the passing game and led the Tribe to its biggest win yet when they beat No. 5 Kentucky 48-6 in 1964. He would post a 62-42-11 record in Tallahassee. Among a host of other things, Peterson developed the concept of the "hot receiver" in 1964 that remains in most offenses today.

- 1964: Fred Biletnikoff became FSU's first consensus All-American as a senior in 1964. He ranked fourth nationally with 57 receptions for 1,160 yards and an average of 20.5 yards per reception. He was a member of the College Football Hall of Fame.

- 1970: While integration of schools throughout the country came painfully slow, Florida State's first African-American player took the field in 1970. J.T. Thomas was a starter in the first game he played for FSU and he became the first player to take a knee in the middle of legendary Death Valley with a sea of LSU fans around him.

- 1971: Larry Jones coached the Seminoles from 1971-1973. An 0-11 campaign in his last year spelled the end for the coach. Among notable players during his era were outstanding wide receiver Barry Smith, quarterback Gary Huff, and Alabama transfer Billy Sexton.

- 1980: Florida State played its first football game in Doak S. Campbell Stadium on October 7, 1980 against Randolph-Macon. 9,676 fans watched the Seminoles win 40-7, but the new home field was a story in itself. It was built on a former cow pasture and was completed in just five months.

- 1992: On July 1, 1991, the Atlantic Coast Conference accepted Florida State University, as its ninth member and the first addition to the league since Georgia Tech joined in 1978. FSU had competed in the Metro Conference for its first 50 seasons and had won three of its five league championships. The ACC football game was a 48-21 win over Duke on September 7, 1992.

- 2001: Bobby Bowden extended his NCAA leading bowl winning percentage with a 30-17 win over Virginia Tech in the Gator Bowl. The Gator Bowl bid also extended FSU's streak to 20 consecutive appearances in a post-season bowl game.

- 2002: Bobby Bowden passed Bear Bryant into second place on the all-time coaching win list.

- 2003: Bobby Bowden defeats Wake Forest to become all-time winningest major college coach. The Seminoles won the ACC and earned the BCS bid.