

# FSU BASEBALL

## GREAT MOMENTS IN FSU BASEBALL



**BUSTER POSEY** left a lasting impression on Florida State Baseball following his junior season in 2008. The Leesburg, Ga., native won every major Player of the Year award while earning consensus first team All-American accolades. He led the nation in six offensive categories and became just the fourth student-athlete in ACC history to capture baseball's version of the triple crown as he led the league in batting average (.463), home runs (26) and RBI (93). His .463 batting average was the highest recorded in a single-season in Seminole baseball history. Posey's work continued in the classroom as he was honored as the Academic All-American of the Year by CoSIDA, just the second Seminole student-athlete to receive such an honor. In the 2008 MLB First Year Player Draft, Posey was chosen fifth overall by the San Francisco Giants.



Heading into the 2008 season, the Seminoles were in search of a lead off batter. What they found was a freshman center fielder from Gainesville, Fla., to fill that void. **TYLER HOLT** made the most of his opportunity and he ranked among the national leaders in walks (2nd) and walks per game (6th). But what was most impressive was that Holt reached base in every regular season game, a streak that reached 55 consecutive games. The streak fell two games shy of the school record 57 games set by Shane Robinson over two seasons (2004-05). Holt's streak is the longest recorded in a single-season at FSU.

**SHANE ROBINSON** was a terror on the base paths his entire career but it wasn't until the 2006 ACC Tournament that he cemented his name atop the career steals list at FSU.

With five steals at the ACC Tournament, Robinson took over first place all-time at Florida State with 99 in his career. The All-American was 32-for-36 in 2006 stealing bases. In 2005, the center fielder swiped 13 bases before he was thrown out for the first time. He then stole 27 consecutive bases at one point during the year, surpassing his previous streak of 19 in a row as a freshman in 2004. Then in 2006, he stole 11 straight before being caught for the first time. Robinson's average was 34 steals a year, which he came just two shy of reaching in 2006. The junior did however get the one steal he needed in the NCAA Athens Regional becoming the first Seminole to swipe 100 bases in school history.



**MARSHALL MCDUGALL** hits six homeruns in a game versus Maryland, May 9, 1999. In the 26-2 FSU win, McDougall set NCAA records for home runs in game, RBIs in a game (16) and total bases with 25.

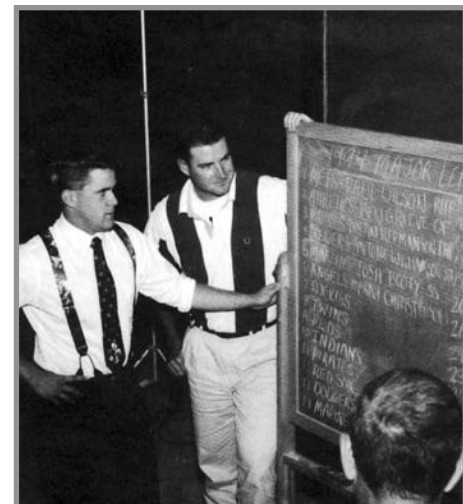
**J.D. DREW** was the king of college baseball in 1997. The first Team Consensus All-American rewrote college baseball history as he became the first Division I player to ever hit 30 home runs and steal 30 bases in a season. He was named baseball player of the year by Baseball America, Collegiate Baseball and The Sporting News on top of receiving the Dick Howser Award, which was given out by the American Baseball Coaches Association. Drew's season was capped off when he won the Golden Spikes Award as the nation's top amateur baseball player.



Manager **BILLY MARTIN** brought the defending World Champion New York Yankees to Tallahassee April 5, 1978 to face-off with the Seminoles. The team was lead by 1977 World Series **MVP REGGIE JACKSON**,

Lou Pinella, Thurman Munson, Bucky Dent, Catfish Hunter and Ron Guidry to name just a few of the Yankee stars. The Yankees have visited Tallahassee on two occasions and they aren't the only major league team to come to town. George Brett and the Kansas City Royals came to town in 1988 to honor the late Dick Howser as the stadium was named after the Seminole coach and Major League manager.

In 1956 Seminole pitcher **TONY AVITABLE** struck out 24 batters for FSU in a win over Furman. The Seminoles recorded 25 strikeouts in that game, one short of the NCAA record.



All-American **PAUL WILSON** made FSU history in 1994 when he became the only Seminole ever drafted No. 1 overall in a professional sport draft. The right-handed pitcher was the first player selected in the draft by the New York Mets. Wilson is one of 18 Florida State players drafted in the first round of the MLB Draft.



The 1982 season was a special one for Seminole **JEFF LEDBETTER**. The senior set NCAA records for home runs in a season (42), home runs in a career (97), home runs in game (4), RBIs in a career (346), total bases in a season (273) and total bases in a career (704). He also set an NCAA record with a .875 slugging percentage. Ledbetter went on to be named The Sporting News' Player of the Year.



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Seminole great **MIKE LOYND** led Florida State to a 61-13 record in 1986 when he went 20-3 on the hill. The hurler struck out 223 batters and became the 10th recipient of the Golden Spikes Award as the best amateur baseball player in America. Loynd is of four Golden Spikes Award winners from Florida State, which is the most won by any school in the history of the award.



**DICK HOWSER** became the first ever All-American in Florida State history in 1957. A shortstop with the Kansas City Royals in 1961, Howser was named MLB Rookie of the Year by The Sporting News. As a major league manager, Howser won three pennants and a World Series Championship. His No. 34 jersey was retired at Florida State in 1976. In 2008, Howser was inducted into the National College Baseball Hall of Fame.



**OMAHA** has become a home away from home for the Florida State baseball program. The Seminoles have reached college baseball's promise land 19 times in program history. Only five teams in the history of the sport have made it to the College World Series more times than FSU. The Garnet and Gold's recent success is almost unmatched as well as only three teams have gone to the College World Series more often than Florida State since 1990.



**DEION SANDERS** had a stellar football career at Florida State and went on to play in both the NFL and Major Leagues. Not only is Sanders the only athlete ever to play in a Super Bowl and a World Series, he made headlines in 1992 when on October 11 Sanders played for the Falcons in Miami and then took a charter flight to Pittsburgh for a playoff game that night. Pulling double duty was nothing new for Sanders. In 1987, the three-sport star won a Metro Conference Championship in the 400M Relay and then turned around and delivered the game-winning hit in the Metro Conference Championship game that evening.

World Series Champion **DOUG MIENTKIEWICZ** is in select company. The former Gold Glove winner is one of only five players in USA Baseball history to win both a gold medal and a World Series Championship. In 2000, Mientkiewicz hit a game-winning grand slam in the preliminaries versus Korea and then propelled the US into the gold medal game with a walkoff, solo home run in the bottom of the ninth versus the Koreans again.

## GOLD MEDAL & WORLD SERIES WINNERS:

Jim Abbott  
Pat Borders  
Tino Martinez  
**Doug Mientkiewicz**  
Ed Sprague

## THE 2000 USA BASEBALL OLYMPIC TEAM

Since baseball was officially given Olympic medal-sport status in 1992, the best finish prior to 2000 for the USA Baseball Olympic Team was a bronze medal at the 1996 Olympic Games. With the first time inclusions of professional players and wooden bats, all of that changed when the 2000 USA Baseball Olympic Team clinched the gold by beating Cuba 4-0 in the championship game. Former Seminole and current Pittsburgh Pirates first baseman **DOUG MIENTKIEWICZ** played a huge role in the team's success in Sydney. Mientkiewicz hit a grand slam in the eighth inning lifting Team USA past Korea, 4-0, in pool play. The Miami native then belted a game-winning home run in the bottom of the ninth to give Team USA a 3-2 victory and a spot in the gold medal game against Cuba. Mientkiewicz was a two time All-American at Florida State (1993 and '94).

**1,000: Martin marks another milestone**

By Gary Hines

It's a milestone that has taken Mike Martin 29 years to reach. The Seminole head coach has won his 1,000th game as Florida State's head coach on April 8, 2008, in a 1-0 victory over Jacksonville State at Rosenblatt Stadium in Tallahassee.

The 1,000th win is a historic achievement for Martin, who has coached at FSU for nearly 29 years. He began his coaching career at Jacksonville State in 1980, where he won 100 games. He then moved to Florida State in 1981, where he has won 900 games.

Martin's 1,000th win is a testament to his coaching prowess and the success of the Florida State baseball program. He has led the Seminoles to 29 consecutive NCAA Regionals and 13 College World Series appearances.

Martin's 1,000th win is also a testament to the success of the Florida State baseball program. The Seminoles have won 1,000 games since 1981, a testament to the program's success.

**Mike Martin and the FSU baseball team celebrate his 1,000th win.**

Year	Opponent	Date
1981	FSU vs. Alabama	Feb. 24
1981	FSU vs. Wake Forest	April 27
1981	FSU vs. Georgia Southern	April 28
1981	FSU vs. Southeast Miss.	March 27
1981	FSU vs. Southern Miss.	Feb. 14
1981	FSU vs. Arkansas State	Feb. 15
1981	FSU vs. Cleveland	May 15
1981	FSU vs. Miami	April 26
1981	FSU vs. Furman	April 24
1981	FSU vs. Jacksonville	April 16
1981	FSU vs. Jacksonville	April 8

Head coach **MIKE MARTIN** has established himself as one of the greatest coaches ever in the collegiate game during his 29-year tenure at Florida State. On top of leading FSU to 29 consecutive NCAA Regionals and to 13 College World Series, Martin stacks up among the best coaches ever in terms of wins and winning percentage. On April 8, 1998, Martin recorded the 1000th win of his career over Jacksonville. The legendary coach has now recorded over 1,500 victories and is just one four coaches in Division I history to surpass 1,500 wins.

Tallahassee has been the starting point for more than 150 **FUTURE MAJOR LEAGUERS**. Florida State Seminoles have been No. 1 picks overall, taken in the first round and won World Series Championships. Former FSU baseball players have been on the receiving end of the Gold Glove Award, named both American League and National League All-Stars, winners of the All-Star MVP and Rookie of the Year honors and even manager of a World Series Champion.

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## FSU BASEBALL TRADITION

With 2,438 wins, 19 College World Series appearances, three National Championship games, 46 NCAA Tournaments, four Golden Spikes Award winners and 18 first round draft picks, Florida State University has become one of the NCAA's premiere baseball schools.

In just 61 years Florida State baseball has grown into one of the most respected collegiate programs in the country. Not only does Seminole baseball mean wins on the diamond but it also has become synonymous with national honors and awards, major league success and Olympic gold.

### WINNING TRADITION

Since its inception in 1948, Florida State has the second highest winning percentage in Division I baseball history. The Seminoles are one of just two programs in NCAA Division I history to have won more than 73 percent of their games all-time and one of only three teams to have won more than 70 percent. Only one school has averaged more wins per season in NCAA history but when compared with Florida State, the Seminoles own a higher winning percentage all-time.

No Seminole baseball player has ever gone through a losing season at Florida State in 61 years of intercollegiate play. More than 75 percent of FSU's teams have participated in NCAA Tournament action while 31.1 percent of those teams that made the NCAA Tournament went on to compete in the College World Series. Florida State baseball has advanced to NCAA Tournament play for 31 straight seasons, which is the second-longest active streak in all of baseball.

Florida State's dominance of college baseball since 1990 is amazing. Over the past 19 years, no team in America has finished in the top 10 or won 50+ games more times than Florida State. This decade alone no team has as many wins as the Seminoles.



Doug Mientkiewicz

### ALL-TIME WIN PCT.

- 1) Texas.....739
- 2) **Florida State** .....732
- 3) Miami.....716
- 4) Wichita State .....691
- 5) Grambling.....686

### ALL-TIME WINS PER SEASON

- 1) Cal State Fullerton.....41.95
- 2) **Florida State** .....39.97
- 3) Oral Roberts.....35.93
- 4) South Alabama .....34.86
- 5) Miami, Fla.....34.38

### CONSECUTIVE NCAA REGIONALS

- 1) Miami .....36
- 2) **Florida State** .....31
- 3) Cal State Fullerton.....17
- 4) Rice .....14
- 5) Oral Roberts.....11

### WINS (SINCE 2000)

- 1) **Florida State** .....459
- 2) Rice.....451
- 3) Texas.....429
- 4) South Carolina .....428
- 5) Wichita State.....426

### WIN PCT. (SINCE 2000)

- 1) Rice.....758
- 2) **Florida State** .....746
- 3) Oral Roberts.....739
- 4) Texas.....713
- 5) South Carolina .....706

### COLLEGIATE BASEBALL TOP 10 FINISHES (SINCE 1990)

- 1) **Florida State** .....15
- 2) LSU.....13
- 3) Miami.....12
- 4) Cal State Fullerton.....11
- Stanford.....11

### CWS APPEARANCES (SINCE 1990)

- 1) Miami.....12
- 2) LSU.....11
- 3) Cal State Fullerton .....10
- 4) **Florida State** .....9
- Stanford.....9

### 50+ WIN SEASONS (SINCE 1990)

- 1) **Florida State** .....12
- 2) Wichita State .....10
- 3) Clemson .....8
- Miami.....8
- 5) LSU.....7

### NATIONAL HONORS

The nation's top players have been playing at Florida State for 61 years and the proof of that is in the honors and awards collected by the Seminoles. FSU players have been named Golden Spikes Award winners four times. No school in America has produced more winners of that prestigious award than Florida State. Seminole players have also been named national player of the year 11 times spanning almost 31 years. In 2008, Buster Posey won every major Player of the Year award claiming the Golden Spikes Award, Dick Hower Trophy and Brooks Wallace Award while capturing the Johnny Bench Award, given to the nation's top collegiate catcher. He was also named Player of the Year by Collegiate Baseball, Baseball America and Rivals.com.

When it comes to producing first team All-Americans, Florida State has produced 35 who have combined to receive 87 first team All-American honors.

FSU baseball players have taken home 197 All-America honors in program history, which means every year Seminole teams produce more than three All-Americans. Thirty-two freshmen have been honored as Freshman All-Americans at Florida State.

### GOLDEN SPIKE AWARDS

- 1) **Florida State** .....4
- 2) Arizona State.....3
- Cal State Fullerton.....3
- 4) 21 Schools .....1

### MAJOR LEAGUE SUCCESS

Tallahassee has been a launching pad to the major leagues. A Florida State baseball player has been selected in the first round of the MLB Draft 18 times and almost 200 former Seminoles have gone from FSU to signing professional contracts. In the 1990's alone, FSU sent 55 players into professional baseball. In 2008, Buster Posey became the 17th Seminole chosen in the first round of the Major League Baseball draft and the third in a span of just eight seasons. Eight Florida State players have been taken in the first ten picks of a given draft and in the 90's Major League clubs drafted an FSU player in the first round 10 times.

The list of Florida State stars who went on to play in the major leagues ranges from past major leaguers Ken Suarez, Woody Woodward, Jim Lytle, John Grubb, John Wasdin and Luis Alicea, to current pros J.D. Drew, Randy Choate, Scott Proctor, Kevin Cash, Stephen Drew and Doug Mientkiewicz. Every year more Seminoles are working their way up the professional ladder and into the limelight of professional baseball.

### FSU AND TEAM USA

Florida State players haven't just produced on the collegiate and Major League stage, they have a long history of playing for their country as well. Thirteen FSU players have worn the red, white



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and blue and competed internationally for the United States. Only four other schools have had more players called to duty with Team USA and according to USA Baseball, Florida State is the sixth-best USA Baseball National Team College Program.

In the summer of 2005, Shane Robinson followed in the footsteps of 2000 gold medalist and former Seminole Doug Mientkiewicz in deciding to play for his country. Robinson joined former Seminole greats Pedro Grifol, Paul Wilson, Jonathan Johnson and J.D. Drew among others as a member of Team USA.

## NATION'S BEST FANS

Florida State's winning tradition has been fueled in part by its great fans. Each year, attendance in Dick Howser Stadium ranks among the nation's top 15 as over 2.8 million fans have come to see the Seminoles play since the opening of the stadium in 1983. Last season, FSU baseball fans broke the total attendance record for the fifth time in the last seven years as home attendance eclipsed the 200,000 mark for the first time in school history. The Seminoles drew 202,132 fans in 41 games in 2008. Florida State also set the average attendance record of 4,930 last year, surpassing the previous record of 4,516 set in 2005.

The Seminole faithful set the standard for all others in the conference as more than 100,000 FSU fans have attended games at Dick Howser Stadium nine times in the last 10 years and no ACC school has drawn more fans this decade than Florida State.

## MIKE MARTIN

While the Florida State baseball winning tradition began long ago under the first Seminole coaches, there is no question that tradition has reached unprecedented heights under current head coach Mike Martin. In his 29 seasons at the helm, Martin has led Florida State to 13 College World Series appearances, including eight in the last 17 years. All 29 of his teams have appeared in the NCAA Regional, and 23 of those 29 teams have won at least 50 games. Florida State has won 10 ACC regular season and tournament titles under Martin and in 2008 he led the Seminoles to the ACC Atlantic Division title for the second straight year with a 24-6 league record. The 60-win season in 2002 tied an ACC record for most wins in a year and fell just one win shy of tying the school record of 61.

Florida State teams coached by Mike Martin have won 74.7 percent of their games and he has never had a losing season at the helm of this program. Martin has been named ACC Coach of the Year five times and most recently in 2007 after his team won the ACC regular season with a school record 24-6 mark, tying for the best league record in conference history.

## ATHLETIC FACILITIES

Facilities don't necessarily make a winning tradition. Tradition in Florida State baseball has made the facilities great. Dick Howser is, simply put, one of the finest college baseball stadiums in the nation. The setting, with pine trees lining the right field wall, grandstand and bleacher seats along both lines, is a beautiful site. The field itself is meticulously groomed year-round. In the fall of 2001, it was named the best field in college baseball.

Located behind the Seminole dugout is a locker room and clubhouse facility that is unmatched in college baseball. The spacious, carpeted rooms include a large player room, an office with video equipment where players and coaches review videos, a training area and a weight room.

The Moore Athletic Center, adjacent to Dick Howser Stadium, houses an additional weight room and training complex. In the state-of-the-art weight room, FSU baseball players have the opportunity to condition themselves under the direction of strength coach Jon Jost and his assistants, who run an off-season program for Seminole athletes. In the training room, athletes receive the finest care from the professional training staff, led by head trainer Randy Oravetz.



Locker Room

## WINNINGEST ACTIVE DIVISION I COACHES (BY PERCENTAGE)

Coach, Team	Yrs.	Won	Lost	Tied	Pct.
1. Gene Stephenson, Wichita St.	31	1,653	550	3	.750
2. Mike Fox, North Carolina	25	991	331	5	.749
<b>3. Mike Martin, Florida St.</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>1,538</b>	<b>520</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>.747</b>
4. Wayne Graham, Rice	17	787	299	0	.725
5. Jim Morris, Miami (Fla.)	27	1,199	500	4	.705

## ACC OVERALL ATTENDANCE LEADERS (SINCE 2000)

Florida State .....	1,302,930
Clemson .....	1,197,795
Miami .....	818,316
Georgia Tech .....	534,479

## 2008 BASEBALL HOME ATTENDANCE LEADERS AVERAGE HOME ATTENDANCE

Team	Dates	Attendance	Avg
1. LSU .....	41	311,187	7,590
2. Arkansas .....	32	222,985	6,968
3. Mississippi St. ....	29	174,223	6,008
4. Texas .....	30	179,282	5,976
<b>5. Florida State .....</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>202,132</b>	<b>4,930</b>
6. South Carolina .....	34	161,761	4,758
7. Mississippi .....	33	155,489	4,712
8. Clemson .....	30	140,040	4,668
9. Alabama .....	27	120,254	4,454
10. Nebraska .....	31	136,120	4,391

## TOTAL HOME ATTENDANCE

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4. Texas .....	30	179,282	5,976
5. Texas A&M .....	42	176,723	4,208
6. Mississippi St. ....	29	174,223	6,008
7. South Carolina .....	34	161,761	4,758
8. Mississippi .....	33	155,489	4,712
9. Wichita State .....	34	141,715	4,168
10. Tulane .....	39	140,402	3,600