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Mike Martin, Jr. receives the congratulations from his teammates after being named Regional MVP.

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OMAHA BOUND!

By Melanie McCullough

For the sixth time since 1986, the Florida State Seminoles baseball team is Omaha-bound. By defeating the Brigham Young University Cougars 7-1 in front of 3,511 fans at Dick Howser Stadium Monday afternoon, the 'Noles won the NCAA Atlantic II Regional and earned a berth in the 1994 College World Series.

Strong pitching and consistently solid defense have carried FSU throughout the year, and the Regional championship game was no different. However, as has been the case for the Seminoles throughout post-season play, FSU also took advantage of opponent errors and timely hits to win the game.

FSU junior lefthander Mike Bell shut down BYU in a complete-game victory, giving up just one run and striking out six. The Seminole defense supported Bell's performance with errorless play.

"You have to give credit to Bell and the type of defense they played behind him," BYU head coach Gary Pullins said. "They played flawlessly."

FSU head coach Mike Martin was also pleased with the performance of his fourth starter.

"I never thought Michael would go nine," Martin said. "He's a gutty kid. He's not intimidated by any situation."

After explaining that he had planned to use Phil Olson in relief, Martin added, "Bell would have nothing to do with that. He would not let us take the ball out of his hand. He continued to get everybody out."

Bell, who gave up nine hits in the first seven innings, pitched his way out of trouble several times. He struck out Carter Hagerman with a runner on second to end the second inning and got a ground-out to end a two-out rally in the fourth. In the seventh inning,

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II is taking Meat to Omaha

By Jerry Kutz

Ah, Memorial Day. A bright sunshiny day, where the smell of steak cooking on a neighbor's grill can drift considerable distances.

You could distinctly smell Omaha steaks in Tallahassee at exactly 3:13 on a sunny Memorial Day afternoon when Mike "Meat" Martin "steaked" FSU to a 5-1 lead with a three-run homer that would carry the Seminoles to their 13th College World Series appearance.

"I have a soft spot for steak," the Regional MVP laughed about the Omaha culinary staple. "They say they will fill us up with steaks our first night out there, so we're excited about it."

His dad, Seminole baseball coach Mike Martin, aka "11," hung the name Meat on him when he was a kid.

"11 started calling me that when we'd be playing ball in the backyard," the son says. "He'd say, You can't hit me, meat. And it just stuck. I used to just write Meat on my elementary school papers and they knew who it was."

The BYU Cougars will remember who he is, too.

Martin remembers the fifth-inning pitch with the score a tenuous 2-1. "He threw me a changeup. . . I wouldn't say it was a fat pitch, it was just over the plate."

It must have looked like one of those 32-ounce, T-bones that Johnny's Steak House is famous for hanging across your plate. It didn't stay on the plate very long as the skinny catcher gobbled it up.

"When I hit it, I knew it was gone," Meat said.

And as it cleared the left field fence, the 3,500-plus fans in Dick Howser Stadium knew the Seminoles were gone, too. Gone to Omaha.

Meat has only been to the Capital City of Meat one time and that was in 1986, when his junior high hero Richie Lewis helped pitch Florida State to the final game.

"He went to Omaha one time with me," his father said. "Then every other year when I would ask him he'd say, No, not until I go out there as a player."

That 1986 team also boasted strong pitching and defense that was similar to this club, the elder Martin agrees.

"It is very similar to the club we took out there in 1986 defensively, with Luis Alicea and Bien Figueroa," Martin recalls.

The key ingredient defensively is shortstop Link Jarrett, who seems to make every ground ball look routine.

"Link Jarrett is the key ingredient to our pitching staff because of the way they pitch," says pitching coach Jamey Shouppe. "Every ground ball is crucial and he is right there."

FSU certainly has the pitching and defense necessary. But do the Seminoles have enough offense to be as successful as the 1986 team?

Jarrett believes they do, if they execute their style.

"Execution is real important to us, we have to get our bunts down, and play hit and run," he continues. "You are going to hit home runs. Everyone has hit an important one this year. That just comes from trying to hit line drives."

Just ask Meat, whose line-drive swing launched one into that rarified air where a baseball can travel as far as the smell of steaks.

NEDEAU NEARLY A NO SHOW

If Steve Nedeau listened to the experts, he would have never earned Atlantic II All-Regional honors as the Seminoles' center fielder.

Not once, but at least twice, the brother of former FSU pitcher John Nedeau ignored the advice of the Seminole staff and walked on at Florida State.

It is a slightly bizarre story. Nedeau had a year of eligibility remaining at Tallahassee Community College when he first approached Mike Martin about transferring to FSU. Martin, who was knee-deep in outfielders, honestly didn't think the 5-9, 165-pound (if that) Nedeau could compete with his veterans and told him so.

It would have been easy for the Ft. Myers native to give in. He had just gotten over the death of his father, a difficult time when he strongly considered giving up baseball.

But Nedeau wanted to come to Florida State. His uncle, a Seminole fan, had pumped him and his brother up about the 'Noles as children, and it was Nedeau's goal to wear the Garnet and Gold.

So, he carried his transcripts over to FSU last fall for evaluation. His grade point average was good, but since he did not have an Associate of Arts degree completed, some of Nedeau's hours would not transfer.

Again, an FSU official advised him to stay at TCC for the spring semester, where he could play ball and finish his AA.

But Nedeau said no, throwing the credit hours to the wind to pursue his dream at FSU. He walked on in January after the Seminoles had already begun practice. Martin planned to redshirt him.

For months Nedeau sat on the bench, getting only the occasional call to pinch hit. A two-out single against Miami was a game winner and the only highlight of Nedeau's season. That was until Scott Schroeffel decided to transfer and Martin dismissed the center fielder from the team.

Enter Steve Nedeau, who batted .348 in the ACC tournament, then followed that with a .429 Regional performance.

Nedeau proves the theory that it's sometimes better to ignore the experts to follow your heart.

SI series analogous to a GI series

By Jerry Kutz

Ever had a burning sensation in your stomach and you just don't know what it is? You go to your family physician and he recommends an upper and lower Gastro-Intestinal series. If you've ever had one, you know it is perhaps the most degrading medical procedure known to man, and certainly not something a person would volunteer for.

Sports Illustrated writer Doug Looney believes he has found symptoms of a problem within the Florida State athletic department and with a second feature expected to run this week, FSU is beginning to feel like a patient being subjected to what you could call an SI series.

While it may be a crude analogy, comparing the SI series to a GI series is more than a play on words, athletic officials agree. It pretty well describes the situation FSU finds itself in as SI, and any number of other publications, perform their investigations that are, if nothing else, degrading to the department.

Apparently, Florida State will be the subject of another *Sports Illustrated* story, scheduled to be part of their June 6 edition. The exact nature of the story is not known, but Looney has been in Tallahassee the past few weeks as a follow-up to the magazine's May 16 cover feature "Tainted Title."

Looney is rumored to be investigating FSU players' cars and summer jobs, as well as the recent incidents involving Scott Bentley, Sean Jackson and Kamari Charlton.

While Looney was in town he was quoted as saying, "I think that (Bobby Bowden) knew, and I think that people in the administration knew. I can't prove that. That's what I'm working on."

Florida State officials reacted strongly to Looney's statements. On Saturday, Bowden and the athletic department refused an interview request by SI. On Monday, the FSU sports information department released a statement from Bowden and compliance coordinator Brian Mand explaining why the request for an interview had been denied.

"I have been contacted by *Sports Illustrated* seeking another interview regarding charges they have made in their magazine and have declined the interview," Bowden said. "I have run a program at Florida State that has been very open to the media for 18 years and I have always considered myself to be extremely open to the media. However, Doug Looney has made a show in the Florida media of his impression that I have lied to him. He has insulted my integrity and the integity of our University. I have already interviewed with *Sports Illustrated* and I was very clear in answering their allegations."

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Like the patient being subjected to a GI series, FSU folks have faith that nothing serious will be found. But like the guy undergoing a GI series, there is that unsettling possibility that something which had been growing undetected will be discovered.

Sports Illustrated found something when they discovered the improper gifts from agents, including the shopping spree at Foot Locker, that FSU officials insist they had no knowledge of.

When SI informed FSU of the findings, the administration reacted in much the same fashion you would if your physician told you that the GI series had revealed something growing inside you — they called in the leading specialists in the field for a thorough examination and a second opinion.

In NCAA matters like this, the leading specialist is the Kansas law firm of Bond, Schoeneck, and King. The firm is comprised of former NCAA investigators, which is the equivalent of an internist getting his training at the Mayo Clinic. The specialist was recommended by both the ACC and NCAA offices, which used the firm when investigating former director Dick Schultz's involvement in a loan scandal at Virginia.

FSU also asked for another test from the University police and another from the State Attorney's Office. In other words, FSU called everyone it could. There are no other specialists.

With ongoing tests by the specialists, Bowden said it is inappropriate to comment further, other than to reiterate: "I stand firm in my feeling that no one within our administration or coaching staff was aware of any violations, and had we been we would have self reported it to the ACC and NCAA."

The FSU administration has expressed its faith that whatever is found will not be serious. But while they wait for the internal investigation to produce the test results, they are subjected to the pain and humiliation of the process.

And like the patient who is forced to undergo a GI series, there is certainly one thing worse than finding that undetected malady quietly growing within your body, and that is to not find it until it is too late.

A clean bill of health is the most positive thing that could come from this process. But early identification of a heretofore undetected problem would run a close second.

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Off-field problems occur as investigation continues

THREE PLAYERS CHARGED

In a one-week period, Florida State was further rocked by three incidents unrelated to the agent-based scandal. Kicker Scott Bentley, tight end Kamari Charlton, and former runningback Sean Jackson were each charged with sex-related offenses between May 16-21.

On Monday, May 16, Bentley pleaded no contest to a charge of audio taping a sexual encounter with a female student. Bentley was sentenced to 40 hours of community service, six months probation, and fined $500.

On Tueday, May 17, Charlton was charged with sexual battery and battery for a May 12 incident in which he allegedly raped a female. Charlton was released on bail and awaits trial. Conviction on a rape (sexual battery) charge carries a 15-30 year prison term, depending on how serious the force used is judged. Conviction for battery could carry another year in prison.

On Wednesday, May 18, Bentley and Charlton were suspended indefinitely from the team by Bobby Bowden. The length of the suspensions won't be decided until the ongoing investigation into agent payments is complete. Both players will remain on scholarship and live in Burt Reynolds Hall.

"I am certainly not in position to play judge and jury in their criminal cases," Bowden said in a statement. "However, this should serve as a clear message to our football players that this misbehavior and mistreatment of women will not be tolerated.

"It would be unfair for me to take any further action with those currently under investigation or place a timetable on these two suspensions until all of the facts are in. I can assure you that any players involved in misdeeds, criminal or otherwise, will be dealt with accordingly."

Jackson, who has completed his college eligibility, was arrested for indecent exposure on Saturday, May 21. The alleged incident occurred at 8:35 p.m. between the FSU pool and student union. The police report says Jackson exposed himself to a 24-year-old FSU student and asked her to perform a sexual act. One witness got Jackson's license tag number and police arrested him an hour later. Jackson is scheduled to appear in Leon County court on June 7.

Jackson has admitted involvement in the Nov. 7 Foot Locker shopping spree which is currently under investigation by the Florida State police department, the state attorney's office, and law firm Bond, Schoeneck and King. Jackson was a fourth-round draft pick by the Houston Oilers in April but has not yet signed.

While these three incidents are embarrassing to the program, none constitute an infraction of NCAA rules. The incidents may reflect a lack of discipline on the team, but it would be incorrect to say they reflect a lack of institutional control. That NCAA term pertains strictly to a school's compliance with NCAA rules.

INVESTIGATIONS CONTINUE

The investigation by Bond, Schoeneck and King — the outside law firm hired by Florida State to investigate allegations of payments and gifts from unregistered agents to FSU players — is expected to last into June. The criminal investigation, which centers on those who made the alleged payments, could wrap up this week. The state attorney's office could indict Raul Bey and Nate Cebrun based on the findings; it is against Florida law to operate as an athlete agent without registering, and neither man is registered as an agent with the state of Florida.

FSU president Sandy D'Alemberte also directed Bond, Schoeneck and King staffers to look into other possible violations that may surface during the course of the investigation. Results from the firm's investigation will be turned over to the NCAA.

Florida State is using money from ticket sales, bowl game payouts, and other non-tax revenue to pay for the investigation by the law firm that reportedly could be upwards of $50,000.

SHOPPING SPREE DOCUMENTED

Documents released last Wednesday show that Bey spent $5,928.29 on his American Express card on November 7, 1993. Also, copies of Foot Locker receipts from that day reveal that more than 100 purchases were made after closing time, when the shopping spree by Bey and FSU players allegedly took place.

Records also show that Bey made $147.65 worth of purchases on Nov. 8, when a second, smaller spree is alleged to have happened.

Sports Illustrated also alleged that Bey took several players to Crystal River restaurant, where he picked up the tab in excess of $600. There is no evidence to substantiate this incident took place.

Corey Sawyer, Sean Jackson, and Marvin Ferrell, all of whom have exhausted their eligibility, are the only players who have admitted to taking part; Ken Alexander, Kevin Knox, and underclassmen Tiger McMillon and Patrick McNeil were named in the May 16 *Sports Illustrated* story documenting the incident, but have denied involvement.

No other names have surfaced in connection with the incident. In a transcript of a May 5 interview with FSU officials, Paul Williams said there were a total of eight players, including a third underclassman, present. Foot Locker clerk Kevin Longshore told the *Tampa Tribune* there were other players, maybe as many as four, involved.

CEBRUN SAYS HE WORKED FOR HARRISON

In an interview with the *St. Petersburg Times*, Nate Cebrun said he was paid $515 per month last fall by Michael Harrison of Spectrum Management in Los Angeles. Cebrun also said Harrison sent him to the University of Alabama to scout for players. Harrison denied that he bankrolled Cebrun, saying that he merely sent Cebrun information on his company.

Harrison is a member of the California Bar Association but is not a registered agent with the NFL Players' Association; he is registered as an agent with the NBA but has no clients. Harrison's football clients are Kevin Knox, former Oregon runningback Sean Burwell, and former Cal receiver Damien Semien, who signed with Sacramento of the CFL. Harrison's associate, John Jenkins, is registered as an agent with the NFLPA.

Harrison says his dealings with Knox involved no wrongdoing.

NCAA implications of the latest incidents

In an effort to keep you up to date on recent revelations involving Florida State football players, we have recorded the known facts, the NCAA rules governing those actions, and the possible NCAA implications of the incidents.

SAWYER BOUGHT PATHFINDER

The *St. Petersburg Times* reported last Friday that Corey Sawyer purchased a $29,000 Nissan Pathfinder around the time of the Orange Bowl. However, it is unclear whether the purchase, made without bank financing, occurred on December 29 or January 2.

Sawyer's mother and step-father say they loaned Sawyer the money for the vehicle. Lydia Clark, Sawyer's mother, earns $8.22 an hour at a school cafeteria while her husband, Matthew Clark, owns what he described as a "struggling" muffler shop.

Records from Coral Springs Nissan Inc. show that the Pathfinder was sold and sales taxes collected on Dec. 29. Another document shows, however, that the sale occurred on Jan. 2, the day after the Orange Bowl. Both records are signed by Sawyer and the salesperson.

State motor vehicles officials "said it appeared Sawyer agreed to buy the car on Dec. 29, then returned on Jan. 2 to take formal delivery of the vehicle" according to the *Times*. An official also speculated that Sawyer may have taken the Pathfinder on Dec. 29 and returned on Jan. 2 to make the sale final.

Sawyer declared himself eligible for the NFL Draft on Jan. 7, foregoing his senior season. Along with the rest of the Florida State football team, Sawyer signed an affidavit before the bowl game in early December stating that he had not signed with an agent and that neither he nor his parents had accepted gifts or cash.

Florida State athletic director Bob Goin told the *Times* he had no knowledge of Sawyer's purchase of the vehicle.

In the course of investigating the deal, *Times* reporter David Barstow was attacked by Matthew Clark. Barstow did not press charges.

ISSUE: INSTITUTIONAL CONTROL

How Sawyer came up with $29,000 is one issue. If in fact his mother and step-father paid for the Pathfinder, there is no NCAA violation. If an agent or Florida State booster provided the money either to Sawyer or his parents prior to the bowl game, then it is a violation.

But there is another issue at stake: Did FSU have sufficient opportunity to know about the vehicle?

Per FSU's policy, Sawyer signed a car registration form in August divulging the ownership and method of purchase for the used vehicle he drove at that time. The policy is clearly stated that players must notify the athletic department of any change in vehicles or in financing, so that the car registration forms can be updated. It's relatively easy to police players' automobiles in Tallahassee, partly because Burt Reynolds Hall has assigned parking spaces and because a player with a new car is conspicuous to coaches, athletic department employees, and fans.

While at least one Florida State player confirmed he saw Sawyer's Pathfinder prior to the Orange Bowl game, athletic director Bob Goin says his administration did not know about it. Athletic officials say Sawyer did not notify them when he purchased the vehicle and since he did not come back to Tallahassee to register for classes the next semester, they had no way of knowing.

FSU officials say if they had known about the vehicle before the Orange Bowl, they would have asked Sawyer to divulge the method of financing, and if not satisfied with the answers, would have suspended Sawyer from the game.

Team headquarters are a beehive at bowl games. Players may be driving their parents' car, or the car of a local friend, a girl they meet, or a former teammate when they go out at night. Besides the logistics of team practices and team meetings, athletic officials are continually drawn away from the hotel for bowl activities and game-operation meetings. And if a player did purchase a car illegally, the last thing you would expect him to do is park it in a conspicuous location at the team hotel. Officials have yet to determine how long Sawyer had the car at the team headquarters. Was the car there for a couple of hours, or a couple of days?

NCAA IMPLICATIONS:

Since Sawyer gave up his final year of eligibility, the NCAA cannot punish him if in fact the car was purchased with money from an agent or booster.

The matter will be investigated by the law firm retained by FSU (Bond, Schoeneck and King) and forwarded to the NCAA with the rest of the findings. If FSU is found negligent in the matter, the NCAA could levy sanctions against the institution.

VANOVER-DICKEY RELATIONSHIP PROBED

Transcripts of a Jan. 25 meeting between Tamarick Vanover, Clay Dickey, former wide receivers coach John Eason, Compliance Coordinator Brian Mand and Faculty Athletics Representative Chuck Ehrhardt were released on Thursday, May 26.

The documents revealed that Vanover did in fact travel to Los Angeles in January at Dickey's expense, and that Dickey had paid for other things for Vanover for more than four years.

Vanover had denied making the trip when asked by FSU officials in a Jan. 14 meeting. Unsatisfied with his answers in that meeting, FSU officials rescheduled a second meeting on Jan. 25 at which time Vanover admitted to taking a trip (which cost $1,300) that was paid for by Dickey, 27. Dickey had known Vanover since the receiver's days at Leon High School.

According to the documents, Vanover flew to L.A. on Jan. 10, using Dickey's name, to meet

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with agent Gary Uberstine of Management Plus. Vanover returned on Jan. 12 under the assumed name "Tim Smith."

Florida State turned over the findings of the interview to the NCAA and ACC for interpretation. Vanover signed a contract with the Las Vegas Posse of the Canadian Football League on Feb. 13, before ACC compliance coordinator David Thompson had reached a conclusion in his investigation. Thompson may have contacted the NCAA for interpretation or investigation, but no decision had been made.

Dickey first met Vanover while substitute teaching at Leon High when Vanover was an underclassman. The two became friends to the point that Dickey was mentioned in a *Tallahassee Democrat* feature as being a major influence on Vanover's life, particularly academically. Dickey was not a Seminole supporter and in fact was outspoken about his desire for Vanover to sign with Miami, where Dickey's cousin had played.

Dickey said he often gave Vanover money even when Vanover was an underclassmen in high school. FSU officials said they did not know Dickey provided money to Vanover until the Jan. 25 meeting.

Dickey served as an assistant basketball coach at Leon and Tallahassee Community College, and has joined Vanover in Las Vegas, where he is employed in the Posse's marketing department.

THE ISSUE: DEFINITION OF ATHLETIC REPRESENTATIVE

Was Dickey a representative of Florida State's athletic interests?

According to NCAA manual, a representative of FSU's athletic interests includes any individual that has ever: contributed to the athletic department or its booster club; joined the institution's booster club; assisted in recruiting prospects; provided benefits (e.g. summer jobs) to enrolled student athletes; otherwise promoted the institution's athletic program.

Dickey does not appear to meet this definition as it pertains to Florida State. During Vanover's recruitment, Dickey made it very well known that he favored Miami and did everything in his power to convince his friend to go there.

SECOND ISSUE: PRIOR ASSOCIATION

If Dickey is determined to be an athletic representative, does his prior relationship with Vanover exempt him from NCAA rules regarding extra benefits to players?

NCAA rules forbidding individuals from giving cash or gifts to players do provide an exemption for individuals who have had a prior relationship with a player that dates to before his recruitment. If the individual was giving gifts to a player for non-athletic reasons (i.e. a family friend) prior to his recruitment, then it is not necessarily a violation if that person continues on his own accord and not at the direction of an athletic interest.

NCAA IMPLICATIONS:

Since Vanover gave up his final two years of eligibility, the NCAA cannot punish him even if a violation occurred.

The matter will be investigated by Bond, Schoeneck and King and forwarded to the NCAA. If FSU was found negligent in the matter, the NCAA could levy sanctions against the institution.

Since Dickey's relationship with Vanover began long before Vanover's recruitment, and included a relationship wherein Dickey had given Vanover gifts, Dickey's actions would not appear to be inappropriate from an NCAA rulebook perspective.

CEBRUN, WILLIAMS, BEY GOT COMP TICKETS

Documents released by Florida State two weeks ago revealed that an unidentified FSU player listed Nate Cebrun and Paul Williams as an uncle and cousin, and Raul Bey's son Anthony as a cousin, on his complimentary tickets request for last year's Florida game. As per NCAA rules, players receive four tickets to each game; they may give three to relatives or undergraduate FSU students and the other to a friend. Players must give the names of the recipients to the FSU ticket office, which asks that recipients produce a photo identification in order to receive the ticket. Raul Bey was listed as a friend of one player for the Florida game, which was played in Gainesville.

ISSUE: INAPPROPRIATE DESIGNATION OF TICKETS

Since Cebrun, Williams, and Anthony Bey are not relatives, or undergraduate students, the player's action constitute an inappropriate designation of his tickets, which is an NCAA violation. Since one ticket may be allocated to a friend, the designation of Raul Bey would not constitute a violation unless Bey paid that player for the ticket. Players are not allowed to sell their complimetary tickets, under any conditions. Therefore if it was revealed that any of these men paid for the tickets, that would constitute a violation.

FSU officials say they scrutinize the process. If there is an obvious discrepancy when the recipient produces identification, the department either denies the person admission, or makes the recipient pay the face value of the ticket to the department.

NCAA IMPLICATIONS:

The NCAA recognizes that ticket designation is a difficult matter for athletic officials to police and therefore seldom levy sanctions. Players can claim practically anyone as a cousin and there is little the department can do to verify the relation.

Inappropriate designations of tickets are sometimes caught by the department and reported to the NCAA without sanctions to the player or school as long as the NCAA is satisfied that the school made reasonable efforts to monitor the process and that the player did not receive extra benefits from the ticket. Typically, the NCAA looks for the player to pay for tickets if he inappropriately designated them.

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TWO FUTURE 'NOLES IN ALL-STAR GAME

Florida State signees **Lamont Green** and **Samari Rolle** have been selected to play in the first All-American Bowl in Allentown, PA, on June 25, a week after they play in the Florida-Georgia All-Star Game in Daytona Beach.

Green, a linebacker from Miami Southridge, was named *USA Today*'s Defensive Player of the Year following his senior season. Rolle, from Miami Beach, is slated to play cornerback at FSU after starring at quarterback and defensive back in high school.

Four other Floridians are on the roster: **Amp Campbell** (DB, Sarasota Riverview-Michigan State), **Charles Dorsey** (DL, Ft. Lauderdale Dillard-Auburn), **Omar Rolle** (WR, Miami Norland-Miami), and **Jon Spickelmeir** (Jacksonville Bolles-Notre Dame).

Both the Florida-Georgia game and the All-American Bowl will be televised nationally by ESPN2.

SIGNEE UPDATES

Signee **Anthony Phillips** has been formally cleared of charges of drug possession and will enter a pretrial drug intervention program, with 18 months probation. He will be subject to random drug testing and complete a five-week drug abuse class. **Bobby Bowden** will have the final say on whether Phillips, an offensive lineman from Ft. Pierce Central, retains his scholarship to Florida State, but indications are that Phillips will be with the Seminoles in the fall.

Florida State's lone unqualified signee, receiver **Magic Benton** of Miami Northwestern, has two more test opportunities in June, one ACT, one SAT. Benton scored 650 on his most recent SAT try, 50 points shy of a qualifying score.

Cornerback/wide receiver **Undre Williams,** of Jones County, Georgia, is awaiting results from his final semester, which ends this week. Williams committed to Florida State in December and has subsequently made the necessary test score, but must complete the courses he's enrolled in to fulfill his core requirements for admission.

ONE RULED INELIGIBLE

Backup noseguard **Ben Mayer** has left the team for academic reasons. Mayer was a redshirt freshman last season but could not play after suffering a neck injury.

Mayer was football's only academic casualty of the spring semester.

PLAYOFF DISCUSSED, BOWL COALITION MAY CHANGE

Conference commissioners, network executives, and bowl representatives met in Atlanta last week to discuss changes to the Postseason Bowl Coalition. Not coincidentally, playoff proposals were recently drawn up by an NCAA special committee.

In Atlanta, officials from the ACC, SEC, Big East, and Big 12 (formerly the Big Eight) met with executives from ABC, CBS, and ESPN, plus representatives from several bowls, to discuss changes to the coalition.

One possible coalition scenario would sever all current tie-in with conferences, which end in 1995, and virtually ensure a 1 vs. 2 matchup on New Year's Day beginning in 1996. Early plans called for just four bowls on New Year's Day — the non-coalition Rose, Sugar, Fiesta, and Orange or Citrus — but officials have also discussed playing the biggies consecutively on Dec. 31, Jan. 1, and Jan. 2, all in prime-time. Bowls are to submit bids to host the important games.

The championship game could rotate between three bowls, or simply go to the highest-bidding bowl. Preliminary bids are to be forwarded to conference commissioners by June 20, and commissioners will meet with the finalists the following week.

The 1994 season marks the end of the current Bowl Coalition agreement.

In recent years, so many bowls have crowded New Year's Day that television ratings, and hence revenues, have dropped. The coalition's attempts at restructuring also come at a time when playoff talk is getting more and more serious. The NCAA's Special Committee to Study a Division I-A Football Championship recently compiled a 350-page report detailing five possible playoff plans. The plans range from two- to 16-team formats.

While the debate over the fairness of college football's polls-and-bowls system has raged for years, the driving force behind the NCAA's playoff discussions is money. Specifically, the money the NCAA basketball tournament is generating and the bowl system is not.

Television revenue for the 1994 men's basketball tournament was $101 million; bowl TV revenue was $36 million. Total revenue for the 1994 basketball tournament was an estimated $153 million; total bowl revenue for 1993-94 was $88 million. Net income from the 1994 basketball tournament was $89 million; net income from 1993-94 bowls was $40.7 million.

(*Note:* The $89 million net from basketball was split among 301 Division I schools for an average of $296,000 per school, whereas the $40.7 million net from bowls was divided among 106 schools for an average of $384,000 per school.)

Moreover, bowl revenue has increased at a modest rate while basketball tournament revenue has exploded. Since 1988-89, bowl revenue has increased 33 percent; over the same period, basketball revenue is up 120 percent.

Revenue from a football playoff, which could be in place by January of 1997, has been projected at around $100 million.

"College football needs a shot in the arm," said Georgia athletic director Vince Dooley, a member of the special committee.

FSU WON'T DROP MIAMI SOON

The *Orlando Sentinel* reported recently that major conferences — ACC, Big 12, Pac-10, Big Ten, WAC — are considering future inter-conference games for attractive TV matchups after the CFA package expires in 1995. ABC will have those conference's games, with The Big East and SEC on CBS, beginning in 1996.

The *Sentinel* reported that rescheduling could have put the FSU-Miami series on hiatus, with Ohio State possibly replacing the Hurricanes on the schedule for a couple of years.

FSU officials say that possibility was once considered, but it is extremely unlikely that FSU would drop Miami.

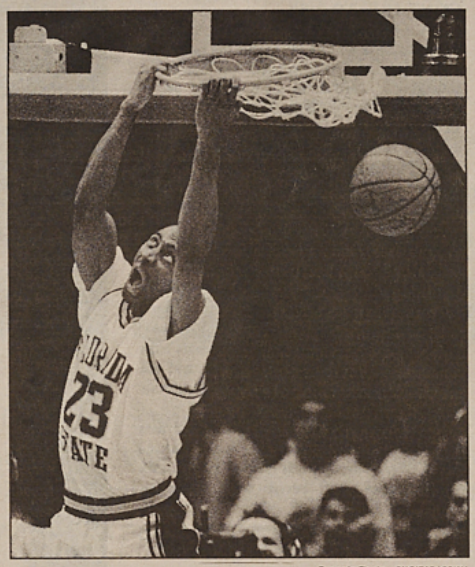
Joining Miami and Florida on FSU's future non-conference schedule are Central Florida (1995), Southern Miss (1996), Southern Cal (1997-98), Nebraska (1999-2000), and Notre Dame to follow, with contracts under negotiation with Ohio State and Colorado.

WARD PREPS FOR NBA

Passed over in the NFL Draft and as-yet-unsigned as a free agent or by a CFL team, **Charlie Ward** has been busy prepping for the NBA Draft. Ward recently played a four-game stint with the Jacksonville Hooters of the United States Basketball League and will travel to Europe as part of a college all-star team. Ward is then off to Chicago for a pre-draft camp.

Among those who took in Ward's act with the Hooters was Orlando Magic head coach **Bryan Hill**, whose team has the 27th pick and may be looking for a back-up point guard (or a starter if they unload Scott Skiles). Other teams which sent scouts were the Cavaliers, Clippers, and Supersonics.

Ward averaged 17 points, nine assists, and 6.5 rebounds in the four games, earning co-rookie of the week honors for the league. He also notched the first triple-double in Hooters history, with 21 points, 12 assists, and 10 rebounds in his third game. Ward added eight steals in that game and averaged a league-leading 5.2 thefts per outing. As for his shooting, Ward knocked down 25-of-55 (.454) field goal attempts, including 4-of-14 (.286) from three-point range, which is set at the NBA distance. The Hooters went 3-1 with Ward at the point.



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James Collins faces a possible short suspension for his participation in a charity game.

Supersonics scout **Yvan Kelly** said, "The things that we're looking for are his defensive ability and his shooting range. There's never been any question about his passing ability. And the thing that stood out in the postseason games has been his quickness. He's proving to be a lot quicker than anybody thought he was.

"He's kind of sneaky with that acceleration that he's got. People I talk to that watched him play football say the same thing. He doesn't look exceptionally fast or quick, but he gets by people."

Kelly said defensive questions about Ward involve his "ability to control the dribbler" in one-on-one situations.

Ward, who weighs around 180 and is noticeably quicker than during FSU's season, said, "I'm doing things better than I did two months ago."

As for his supposed lack of a consistent jump shot, Ward was typically nonchalant. "People are making a big deal out of it," he shrugged, "but a lot of guys aren't complete basketball players coming out of college. That's something I can continue to work on. A lot of guys might have the jumper, but they might be lacking something else. A lot of guys have to work on things when they get there."

Among those watching Ward's final game were former teammates **William Floyd, Derrick Alexander**, and **Tyrant Marion**, plus Ward's mom **Willard**. Ward's appearance also sparked attendance for the Hooters games, played at the University of North Florida. Crowds averaged around 2,000 for Ward's games compared with a typical crowd of about 500.

Also playing for the Hooters is **Chuck Graham**. Graham, however, has been relegated to a backup role behind **Mark Brisker**, last year's league MVP. Graham averaged 6.3 points in his first six games.

The USBL, by the way, boasts a familiar name or two. On the roster of the Westchester Stallions, whom Ward engineered a pair of wins over, were **Bryan Caver** of Seton Hall and **Bryan Sallier** and **Kermit Holmes** of Oklahoma. Anderson Hunt of UNLV led the Miami Tropics, which also featured former Memphis State star **Keith Lee.**

Ward's European exhibition team is coached by **John Calipari** of UMass and Cal's **Todd Boseman** and features the likes of **Antonio Lang** (Duke), **Adrian Autry** (Syracuse), and **Dwayne Morton** (Louisville).

As for his football future, Ward told the *Toronto Globe and Mail*, "I'm not ruling out the CFL because anything is still possible, but forget Winnipeg. I'm still interested in playing for Toronto or Las Vegas or any other team in the CFL — in Canada or the United States — but not Winnipeg."

The Blue Bombers own negotiating rights to Ward, but reportedly offered him $400,000 Canadian over three years.

COLLINS MAY FACE SHORT SUSPENSION

FSU basketball player **James Collins**, a rising sophomore guard, may be suspended for a couple of games next season due to his participation in a non-sanctioned charity event. Collins did not ask Florida State for permission to play in the event, which was to benefit the Jacksonville Muscular Distrophy Association, and participated in two games on April 29. Florida State has forwarded its findings to the NCAA and awaits a decision.

The NCAA may suspend Collins for the same number of games as he played in the tournament, in this case two. Collins may be forced to miss only two exhibition games.

Collins and signee **Corey Louis** will play in the U.S. Olympic Festival this summer in St. Louis. The Festival features four teams comprised of the top incoming freshmen and rising sophomores.

LUCHMAN ON ACC TEAM

Rising sophomore **Kirk Luchman** will play on the ACC all-star team which will travel to South America this summer. Past FSU representatives on the team, which played Europe in the past, were **Rodney Dobard** and **Andre Reid**.

Luchman will join **Merle Code** (Clemson), **Drew Barry** (Georgia Tech), **Lakista McCuller** and **Todd Fuller** (N.C. State), **Mario Lucas** (Maryland), **Ed Geth** (North Carolina), **Chris Alexander** and **Jamal Robinson** (Virginia), **Barry Canty** and **Tim Duncan** (Wake Forest) on the team, to be coach by Wake's **Dave Odom**.

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Academic news is good, football graduation rates up

By Jerry Kutz

The Florida State football team, which has been much-maligned of late with off-the-field problems, posted a strong Spring semester in the classroom. The team grade point average of 2.34 was up from a 2.26 during the Fall semester. And the news was good from an eligibility standpoint too, as just nine players will need summer credits, and six of those need just three credit hours or less.

"This represents a strong improvement over previous years and last semester," said Dr. Roger Grooters, who is in his first year as director of academics for athletics.

Daryl Bush

Eleven players earned a 3.0 or better GPA, with linebacker Daryl Bush recording a perfect 4.0. Bush teamed with three other defenders on the Dean's List (3.5 or better): Derrick Brooks (3.81), Ken Alexander (3.66) and Richard Coes (3.62).

Only one player, sophomore noseguard Ben Mayer, did not meet the eligibility requirements.

Grooters noted that there are no projected starters in academic difficulty this summer.

BASKETBALL HAD STRONG SEMESTER

The men's basketball team improved its GPA from 2.29 in the fall to a 2.43 in the spring and are in great shape from an eligibility standpoint. All but three players have already met their eligibility requirements for next season, and those three need to earn just one hour each this summer.

113 NOMINATED FOR ACC HONOR ROLL

Florida State will submit the names of 113 of its student-athletes for the ACC Honor Roll, of whom 111 (55 male and 56 female) earned a 3.0 or better. The Seminoles nominated 97 athletes in 1993.

Seven Seminoles earned a perfect 4.0 with 50 making the Dean's list.

Four of FSU's 16 teams earned a 3.0 team GPA and 14 of the 16 teams improved their team GPA from the fall semester. The four teams to earn a 3.0 or better were all women's teams: golf (3.21), basketball (3.14), volleyball (3.11) and tennis. The women's swimming team earned a 2.97.

The two teams whose GPA slipped were baseball (from a 2.64 to a 2.21) and swimming (2.81 to a 2.55).

PROGRAM TAKING HOLD

Grooters expects the improvement to continue. In addition to a focus on recruiting better student-athletes, Grooters thinks his new program is taking root. After serving in a similar academic support capacity at the University of Nebraska, Grooters took over the Florida State job last July.

"Our program is starting to take hold and we are a whole lot better organized than we were in the fall," Grooters said, noting that their monitoring system can give coaches up-to-date status reports on student progress. Grooters said his staff is able to notify coaches as early as the second or third week of a semester if one of their athletes is slipping, rather than after it's too late.

"The coaches are doing a much better job of helping us monitor and keep on top of their kids, too," Grooters adds.

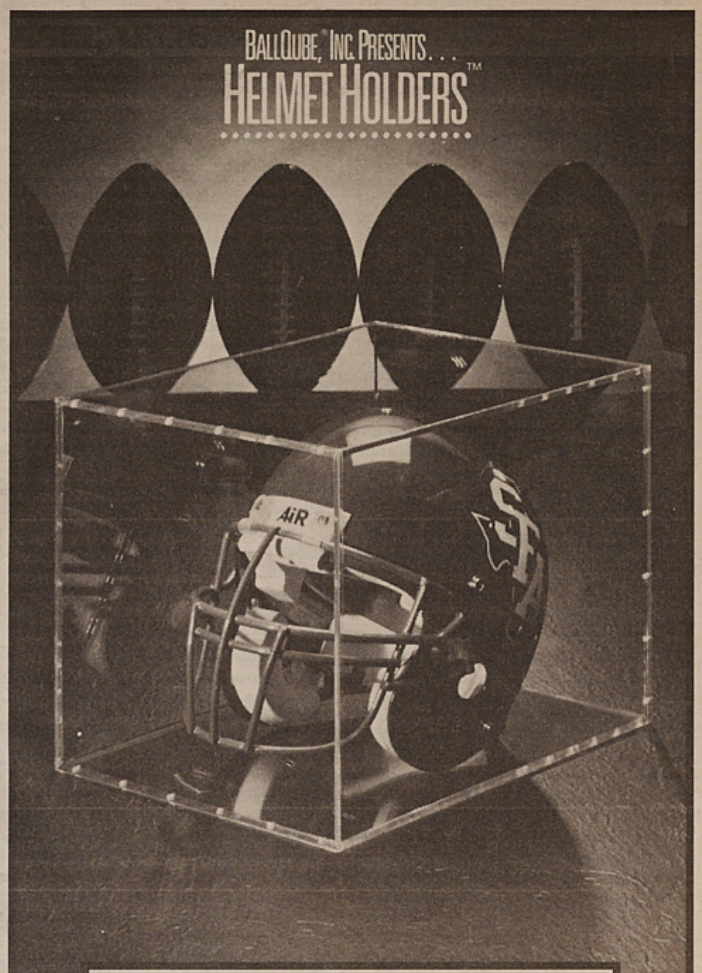
GRADUATION RATES CONTINUE TO RISE

The graduation rate for the 1988-89 football freshman class will likely double the rate of the 1986-87 class as the Seminoles continue an encouraging upward trend. Only nine of the 26 freshmen (35 percent) who entered in 1986 graduated within a six-year period, compared with 18 of the 28 freshmen (64 percent) who entered in 1988. Two other members of the 1988 class project to graduate this summer, which would bring the NCAA graduation rate up to 71 percent.

"What's unique about this rate is that it is equally divided between minority and non-minority students," Grooters notes.

Grooters is excited about the improvement and particularly as it applies to minority students. Of the 28 freshmen who entered in 1988, 14 were African-American and 14 were Caucasian. Nine of each race have already graduated, and one from each group is projected to graduate this summer.

That is a marked departure from past classes where only 20 percent of the non-white students in the 1986 freshman class graduated within six years compared to 55 percent of the white students. Only 30 percent (3 of 10) of the 1987 non-white freshmen graduated, compared to 86 percent (6 of 7) of the white student athletes.



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Seminoles confident heading into Omaha; Could 13th appearance be the lucky one?

By Daniel Mitchell

By winning the Atlantic II Regional, Florida State advanced to the College World Series for the seventh time in the past nine years, with 13 appearances overall. Only LSU, also making its seventh trip in nine years, can match FSU's current run. The Seminoles have never won the CWS, with runner-up finishes in 1986 and '70. Florida State's all-time record in Omaha is 16-24.

The Series begins Friday, June 3 and ends Saturday, June 11. All CWS games will be televised by either ESPN or ESPN2, with one first-round game and the championship game on CBS.

As of press time Monday night, six of the eight spots had been filled: FSU, LSU, Miami, Arizona State, Auburn, and Oklahoma. This season the Seminoles split a six-game set with Miami and took three straight from ASU. Also vying for a spot was Georgia Tech, which took two of three from FSU. Seedings were to be announced on Tuesday.

So, what are the chances that this Florida State team can be the first to bring back a national title from Omaha? The Seminoles' biggest edge is probably their pitching staff, which posted a 3.01 earned run average during the season (ninth best in America). The staff topped itself in the Atlantic II Regional, with three pitchers hurling complete games en route to a 2.25 team ERA for the tournament. FSU pitchers struck out 37 and walked just six in four Regional games.

Florida State comes to Omaha armed with a deep staff of starters and relievers. Even better, the CWS format favors a team with two quality starters, and few can match FSU's duo of Paul Wilson and Jonathan Johnson. Teams play every other day, meaning that the game-one starter can likely pitch the third game if his team advances.

"I like our chances because of the pitching," nods FSU pitching coach Jamey Shouppe.

The Seminoles' other strength appears to be defense. Florida State committed just three errors in the Regional and had the nation's third-best fielding percentage (.974) during the season. The 'Noles turned eight double plays during the Regional, including three in the championship game against BYU.

The key to the Seminoles' defensive prowess? That's easy. "Link Jarrett," says Shouppe. "I don't know what we're gonna do when he leaves.

"He makes Paul Wilson and the (pitchers) that get a lot of ground balls look great, because he makes so many spectacular plays. He is the key ingredient to our pitching staff. He's an honorary member of the pitching staff.

"To me," says Shouppe of the senior shortstop, "he's the best defensive player in college baseball."

The question that typically dogs Florida State is, do the Seminoles have enough offensive firepower to win it all? Jarrett thinks so. "You saw it today," he said after FSU's 7-1 win over the Cougars. Mike Martin Jr.'s three-run homer was the big blast in FSU's 11-hit attack.

Jarrett, though, is realistic. After all, FSU batted just .277 in the Regional. Rather than extra base hits, Jarrett says, the Seminoles must rely on "good at bats, some walks, and then key hits. You have to be real disciplined, then when you get in the situation where the pressure's on the pitcher, where he's got to make a pitch, then you're in a good situation to hit it. Bunting, execution is real important. Hit and runs, put the ball in play, that kind of thing.

"And we're gonna hit home runs," Jarrett adds. "Everyone this year has hit a big home run for us, it seems."

Indeed, going back to the ACC Tournament, Martin, Scott Zech, and Jarrett himself have all come up with clutch homers.

"We've been getting it from somebody different every game," agrees third baseman Jack Niles. "At the beginning of the year it was Doug (Mientkiewicz). If Doug didn't do it, we lost. The latter part of the year we've been getting it from everybody and that's what it takes."

The hot bats heading to Omaha belong to Mientkiewicz, who led FSU in batting average during the regular season (.346) and the Regional (.462). Martin earned Regional MVP honors by hitting .400, with a pair of homers and six RBI. And walk-on Steve Nedeau has taken over the center field job and batted .429 in Regional play.

Nedeau, in fact, has been the team's most pleasant surprise down the stretch, having hit .348 in the ACC Tournament. "Steve Nedeau has really added to our outfield," says second baseman Mickey Lopez. "He's a great ball player."

Three weeks ago, Florida State looked like a team that would be hitting the beach, not baseballs, on June 3. The Seminoles dropped seven of 10 to conference foes, were not hitting or pitching particularly well, and dropped out of the top 10 for the first time all season. Now they're a team with designs on a national championship.

"I feel a lot different this time," says Jarrett, who will play in his third CWS. "It just seems like there's something left to do that we haven't done out there. I kind of sense that from the team as well, that we're gonna go out there to do some damage and win it. It sometimes seems like we win this Regional and then we get out there and it's like, good job.

"I'm not satisfied this time. There's more for us to do."

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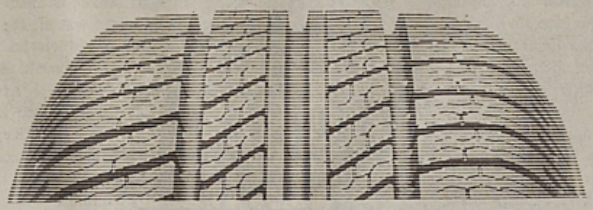

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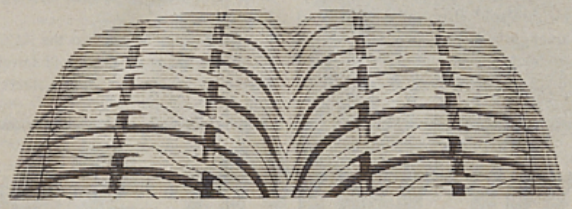

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What does it mean to the team to make it to the Series?

It's more satisfaction than anything because of all the adversity we had. We're still a young club, we've only got two seniors. We fought hard all year, we came up short a couple of times. We've been playing well of late and that just goes to show that our coaching staff gets us ready to play in postseason. That's what we base our program on.

Talk about your home run in the final game.

He threw a changeup and left it out over the plate. That was the same pitch I hit the at bat before and for some reason they threw it again. I got a good swing at it and cleared the fence.

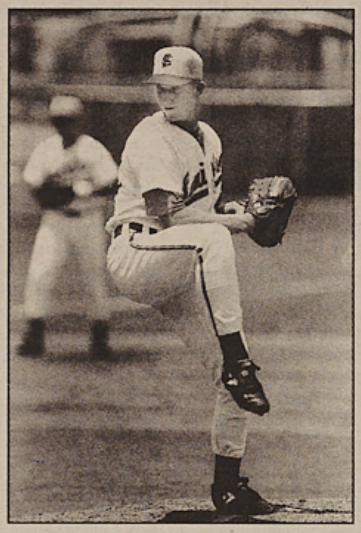
Comment on the three complete games FSU pitchers threw in the Regional.

That's the name of the game, pitching, and we got four great performances — J.J. (Jonathan Johnson) threw well also. Any time you get good pitching you've got a good shot to win, and that's what we base everything on. If they pitch well, we're gonna win. We're gonna keep doing that at the College World Series and I like our chances out there.

Comment on the All-Tournament performance of Steve Nedeau.

That's great for him, he deserves it. He's had his time on the bench, he learned the system, he came in late, walked on. That's one of those storybook endings.

I thought he was our MVP, I told him that after the game. He sparked us, he played as hard as he could, he left everything on the field. That's just his nature, he's a great guy and nobody could be more happy for him than me.



Mike Bell was the third Seminole pitcher to toss a complete game in the four contests FSU played in the Regional.

SHORTSTOP LINK JARRETT

This team seems especially good defensively. What's different from the past?

A little more positive enthusiasm, I think. We don't really get on each other, everyone out there knows how to play and if somebody does make an error, fine, you let him go, let him work it out in his mind and then go on to the next play.

It seems like in the past sometimes there were some negative thoughts from other people and it seemed to be, not contagious, but it spread a little bit. I don't think you see that this year.

We're confident in our ability and we're close. There's a little more intensity, I think, from the first pitch on. I think that makes a difference, especially in college baseball. You don't see that out of the big-leaguers, but in the World Series it comes out and that's what this is to us. Most of us aren't going to get a chance to play in the World Series and the big leagues, so this is where the intensity is for us.

Do you think this team has enough offense to win it?

Yes. I think you're going to see more three- and four-run games from the other team and we're just going to have to step it up. When I say step it up, I mean the pitching's going to be better that we're going to face. So we've got to continue to score five, six, seven runs. We'll be in good shape if we do that.

PITCHER CHARLIE CRUZ

How does it feel to be going back to Omaha?

This is my second time and it's going to be real exciting. Getting to be on national TV, I can't wait to get back there.

We just want to do a better job. My freshman year when we were there, we lost two games and won one. We just want to go back and show them we belong there.

Talk about pitchers getting three complete games in the Regional.

I guess everyone wanted it. Coach Martin, especially me when I pitched, gave me a lot of chances to go back out there. I was one pitch away from going out of the game and he kept with me and I'm glad he did.

Was there a time this year when things came together?

It started coming together probably around the ACC Tournament, maybe a little before that. Our bats were in a little slump, but as soon as they started hitting, our pitching staff started getting things going, and we just got our confidence back and now we're ready to go take it all the way.

LEFT FIELDER SCOTT ZECH

How does it feel to go to the series?

Being a freshman, it's amazing. As a high school player you dream about going to the College World Series and to come in as a freshman and be able to go there, it's a dream come true.

How important was it to the older guys?

For them it's maybe their last chance and something they dream about is winning. They want it more than anything.

THIRD BASEMAN JACK NILES

What does it feel like to be going to Omaha?

Unbelievable. Greatest feeling of my life. I've been watching it since I was a little kid and I can't believe we're going out there for real.

What did you think was the turning point this year?

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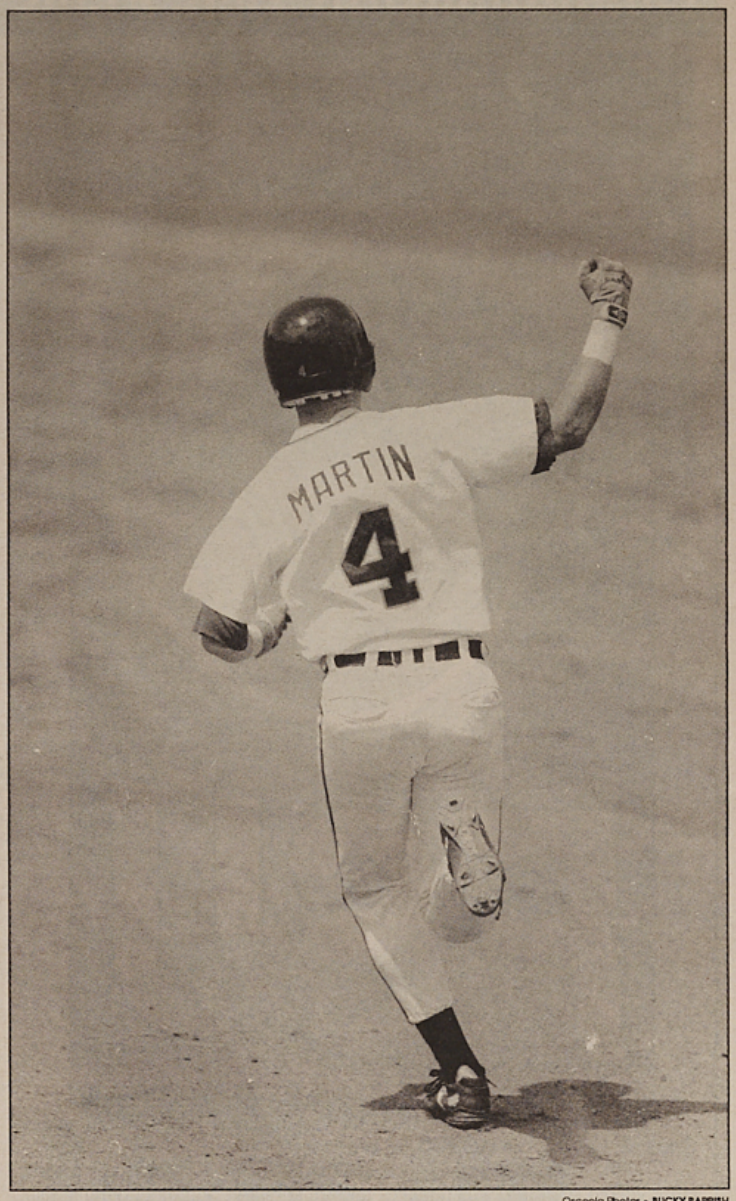

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Regional MVP Mike Martin Jr. celebrates as his fifth-inning, three-run homer clears the rightfield screen.

That's what 11 (Martin) preaches — pitching, defense, and baserunning.

PITCHING COACH JAMEY SHOUPPE

Talk about the three complete games.

That's great, and really the one you didn't get a complete game out of (Johnson) is as good a pitcher as we've got right now. Paul Wilson didn't surprise anybody; Charlie did, Mike Bell did. It tells you a lot about what's inside these guys, the heart they have, to be able to throw a complete game when they had to.

Charlie Cruz has not thrown a complete game. Mike Bell has earlier this year against Jacksonville, which is a Regional team, so it really shouldn't have been a surprise.

I told Phil Olson he was going to get three saves during this tournament. He got one the first night, but he hasn't pitched since then, which tells you what kind of job the starting pitchers did.

What did the pitchers do well?

Paul Wilson pitched like Paul Wilson usually does, that's why he had a complete game.

Charlie Cruz got his curveball going, that's been Charlie Cruz.

Mike Bell threw 18 changeups today, 15 of them for strikes, and that made his fastball look even faster. He throws a four-seem fastball and a two-seem fastball. A two-seem fastball runs away from righthanded hitters and he got cooking with that.

How ready is this team for Omaha?

With the format, if you have two or three good pitchers — we feel like we have six or seven good pitchers, or nine good pitchers — you've got Wilson and Johnson (starting), Charlie Cruz, who's as hot as anybody right now, in the middle, and you've got Phil Olson, who's throwing the ball great, closing, and you've got Mike Bell, David Yocum, Scooby Morgan, Steve Butler, Chuck Howell — you've got all of them.

What were your thoughts when Martin hit the three-run homer in the fifth inning against BYU?

I was excited. I started feeling it at that point, that we were going back (to Omaha).

Mike Bell still had to do the job pitching, not leave any doors open, and he didn't. There was never a time, other than when they scored their run, when they really threatened to score.

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Jared Bills led off with a double to left field, but Bell closed the door. He retired the last nine batters of the game in order.

Brigham Young got its only run in the fifth inning after Hagerman led off with a single. But again Bell used his defense to keep the damage to a minimum. Lance Moore followed Hagerman with a bunt single, but was erased when Bill Trythall bounced into a double play. D.G. Nelson singled home Hagerman, but the Cougars could get no more.

"(Bell) made big pitches all day long," Martin said. "He kept making the pitches to get us double play balls. It was definitely Michael's best friend today."

With the Seminoles getting their third consecutive complete-game victory, FSU will take a well-rested pitching staff to Omaha.

"I know Bell's not going to start right away in Omaha, but I think he and (Charlie) Cruz really help this team," Pullins said. "It's not surprising what Paul Wilson and Jonathan Johnson did the first two nights, but the combination of those two (Bell and Cruz) are really tough. Charlie Cruz and Mike Bell not only won ball games, but they saved your staff and gave them rest."

Along with a rested pitching staff, Florida State will also take a team of hot hitters to the College World Series. The 'Noles reached BYU for 11 hits.

The Seminoles first scored in the second inning when Colby Weaver led off with a single to left field. With two outs, Weaver took second on a wild pitch and scored on a single to right by Scott Zech.

Florida State scored again in the third inning after Doug Mientkiewicz drew a one-out walk and tournament Most Valuable Player Mike Martin Jr. singled to right. Both runners advanced on a wild pitch by BYU starter Shane Bloomfield. Martin was out when shortstop Eric McDowell tossed Weaver's ground ball to third base, but Mientkiewicz crossed the plate with what would stand as the decisive run.

Although the Seminoles were up 2-0 early, the fifth inning sealed the win. BYU had scored in the top of the inning to pull within one, but FSU came back to show the Cougars that mistakes would be costly. Behind two Seminole hits and two Brigham Young errors, the 'Noles batted around in the four-run fifth inning.

Mickey Lopez reached base when BYU first baseman Steve Cooper couldn't handle a throw from third base. Mientkiewicz followed with his second hit of the day, a single to right, bringing Martin to the plate with two on. Martin blasted his second home run of the tournament over the right field wall.

"The home run was a changeup that he left out over the plate," Martin said. "It was the same pitch that I got the single on the second at bat. He came back with it again. I guess he was thinking that I wouldn't be looking for it, but he left it up and I hit it pretty good."

"Here at Howser Stadium, all it takes is one break and the fans take over," Bell said. "One break here or there and it seems like it is so hard for that other team to climb back up that mountain and get on top. The big blow today was Mike Martin Jr.'s home run. From there on we had it under control."

With one out, Link Jarrett and Zech drew back-to-back walks. Steve Nedeau, who was 3-4 on the day and earned a spot on the All-Tournament team, hit a grounder to first base. Again, Cooper was unable to handle the ball and Nedeau reached safely as Weaver scored the fourth FSU run of the inning.

"Certainly, the big inning hurt us," Pullins said. "We weren't able to do what we wanted to.

"We just weren't able to execute," Pullins added. "Florida State doesn't dazzle you hitting the ball out of the ballpark. They take advantage of opponents' mistakes, and that's the hallmark of a very, very good team. They really have a chance to win the whole thing. They're staying in the baseball games and letting opponents lose them. I don't think you win baseball games, I think you lose them. Florida State has great pitching and great defense. The combination of those two are really tough."

"We got so many runs off one little mistake," Martin Jr. said. "Then all of a sudden with two outs, we get a couple hits and score runs. When you're going bad, that's what happens, you let people get away with mistakes or you give them extra outs. That's the name of the game, two-out hits and making them pay for their mistakes."

In winning the Atlantic II Regional, that's what Florida State did.

With two outs in the seventh inning, Florida State scored its final run. Zech drew a full-count walk and Nedeau belted his third hit of the day to right field. Jack Niles' single to left-center scored Zech and increased the FSU lead to 7-1.

The scoring was over, but the celebrating was still to come. As Bell cruised to his third complete game of the year, the pro-Seminole crowd came to its feet. When Randy Hodges caught Jared Bill's fly ball to center field for the final out, the stadium erupted.

Martin Jr. raced to the mound and leaped into Bell's outstretched arms.

"We talked before going out about how we were going to do it," Martin said of the post-game celebration. "And of course I messed it up. I jumped too soon and landed and had to jump again."

While Martin said he sustained no injuries in the leap, he also added, "I heard (David) Yocum yelling under the pile, 'My ankle!' so everybody had to get off of him."

The celebration continued on the mound for several minutes as Coach Martin watched proudly from near home plate.

As the celebration calmed, the Seminole and Cougar players exchanged congratulations and best wishes in the infield. The Dick Howser crowd displayed appreciation for the sixth-seeded Brigham Young team by chanting "BYU."

Pullins said that he and his team also appreciated the support of the fans.

"The fans are outstanding," Pullins said. "They know baseball. They're knowledgeable of great plays, regardless of who makes them. Certainly they root for their Seminoles and that's the way it ought to be."

The Seminoles rejoiced in their third trip to Omaha in four years, but they remained focused on the road ahead. Jarrett, a senior, offered two reasons for why he thinks this year's Seminole team compares favorably with other FSU teams he has played on.

"I think our pitching is probably a little more solid and we've got a better attitude," Jarrett said. "Paul and J.J., you know they're going to do the job, but it seems like we can go deeper and deeper and keep bringing out another guy to go out there and do a good job. "And the attitude we have this year seems to be better than before. We're real positive. We don't let little things bother us, and I think in the past that seemed to be the case. This year I think we're going to do better when we get out there because of the attitude we have and the talent of the pitchers. We've been coming through and executing well on offense, and those are the keys."

While Jarrett added offense almost as an afterthought to Florida State strengths, FSU pitching coach Jamey Shouppe sees it a little differently.

"Since I've been here, I've never seen Florida State hit the ball as hard as they're hitting the ball now," said Shouppe, who throws batting practice at Florida State.

'Noles Cruz into championship round

By Melanie McCullough

GAME 3
FSU 5, JACKSONVILLE 1

Saturday, May 28 — After twice coming within one pitch of being pulled, Seminole lefthander Charlie Cruz settled down. He threw the needed pitches at the right time and went on to turn in the most dominating performance of his career.

Cruz pitched his first complete game, giving up one run and striking out a career-high 13 Dolphin batters. He gave up no walks after walking the first two batters on nine pitches, and struck out every JU batter at least once.

"They didn't run out of gas," FSU head coach Mike Martin said of JU, which eliminated top seed Ohio State earlier in the day. "This guy right here (Cruz) pitched a great baseball game. Those guys did not show any signs of fatigue."

At the beginning of the game, Cruz got himself into trouble. He threw six straight balls to start the game and walked the first two batters. A single to right field by third baseman Chris Hayes loaded the bases with no outs. Then Cruz went to work. He struck out Jacksonville's cleanup hitter Andy Holin and gave up a sacrifice fly to Andy Escala. Cruz ended the inning with no further damage by striking out Luke Marabell.

"Charlie sometimes has a way of working himself out of trouble because he can throw four pitches," Martin said. "If you don't have four pitches it's very difficult to sit over there and imagine how you're going to get out of it. And he started cooking with his curve and slider, and in fact, his fastball was very effective tonight."

"I think it took me a little longer to get loose in the first inning," Cruz said of his wild start. "The first inning for me always seems like the hardest to get out of. But after I got out of that inning I got loosened up and started pitching well."

The Seminole offense also helped Cruz. The 'Noles sent 10 batters to the plate in the top of the second inning and scored five runs. With two on and two out, Steve Nedeau blasted a first pitch fastball to centerfield for a triple that gave FSU a 2-1 lead.

"I like to look for first-pitch fastballs because I'm the smaller-type hitter and I see a lot of fastballs," said the 5-9 junior celebrating his 21st birthday. "I try not to let them get by. I swung at it and it turned out good."

Nedeau scored on a fielding error by second baseman Brandt Mathers, who could have ended the inning by making the routine play, and the Seminoles capped the scoring with a two-run double by Doug Mientkiewicz later in the inning.

"We knew if we got Charlie the lead, we'd let him cruise, just like he did," Mientkiewicz said. "I'm proud of him."

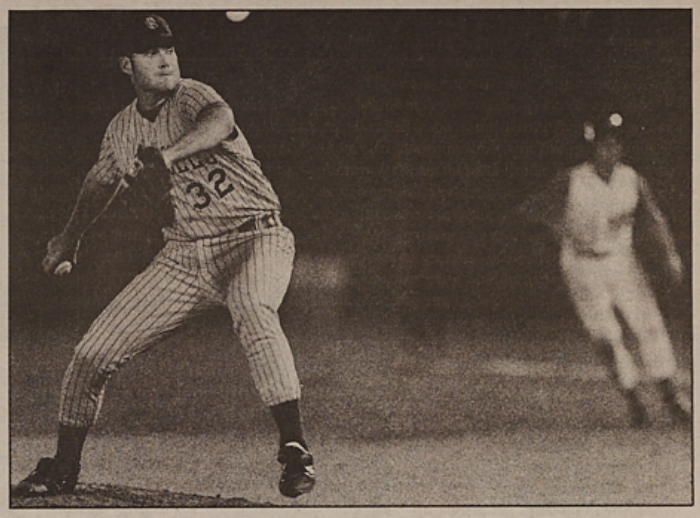
With the new lead, Cruz did indeed find his zone.

"I felt more comfortable pitching with a lead," the junior from Miami explained. "I tried just throwing, tried to keep us in there, just throw my pitches and work."

By pitching a complete game, Cruz allowed the Seminoles to bring a well-rested pitching staff into Monday's NCAA Atlantic II Regional championship game against Brigham Young.

"Having Charlie pitch nine innings is a huge lift for us," Mientkiewicz said. "We didn't expect it out of him, to tell you the truth. We knew he could pitch, but I never thought he'd go nine innings."

Cruz, a smile lighting up his face, said the complete game victory "felt great. I wanted to be there at the end ... all the fans yelling and screaming, I wanted them to scream and yell for me. I wanted it."



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Seminole ace Paul Wilson twice pitched out of trouble against Jacksonville, including a bases loaded, one-out jam in the sixth inning.

GAME 2
FSU 5, JACKSONVILLE 1

Friday, May 27 — FSU ace Paul Wilson took the Dick Howser Stadium mound for the final time in his collegiate career in the NCAA Atlantic II Regional. After giving up one run on two hits and a walk in the first inning to the Jacksonville Dolphins, Wilson settled down, shutting down JU and showing the 2,013 rain-soaked fans in attendance why he is projected by experts as the number one pick in the June 2 major league draft.

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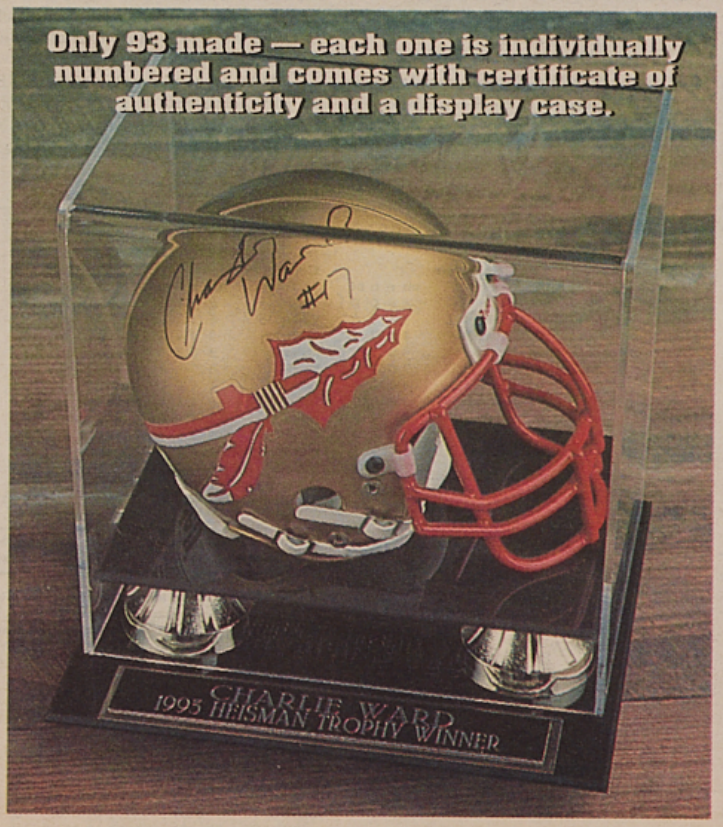

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Spotted a one-run lead in the first inning when Colby Weaver's double to right scored Mickey Lopez, Wilson began his final home outing as a Seminole. In typical Wilson fashion, he struck out leadoff hitter Shannon Diddell. Then things got a little rocky. Brandt Mathers smacked a double to left and Chris Hayes followed with a run-scoring triple to center. But JU could get no more. Hayes was thrown out at the plate on a fielder's choice.

"I got a little ahead of myself," Wilson said of his early struggles. "I was feeling too good the first couple of innings. But I settled down and started pitching my game. You can't overthrow. You can't get caught up in all the action. I felt like I could have thrown another three or four innings out there."

But another three or four innings would not be necessary for Wilson, who pitched his fourth consecutive complete game. He struck out 10 JU batters and retired the last nine he faced.

"This meant a lot," Wilson said after the victory which assured the team of playing in the regional championship game. "Not only was it my last one here, this puts us in the driver's seat as far as getting back to Omaha, and I think that's the most important part. You really can't ask for any better position than what we're at right now."

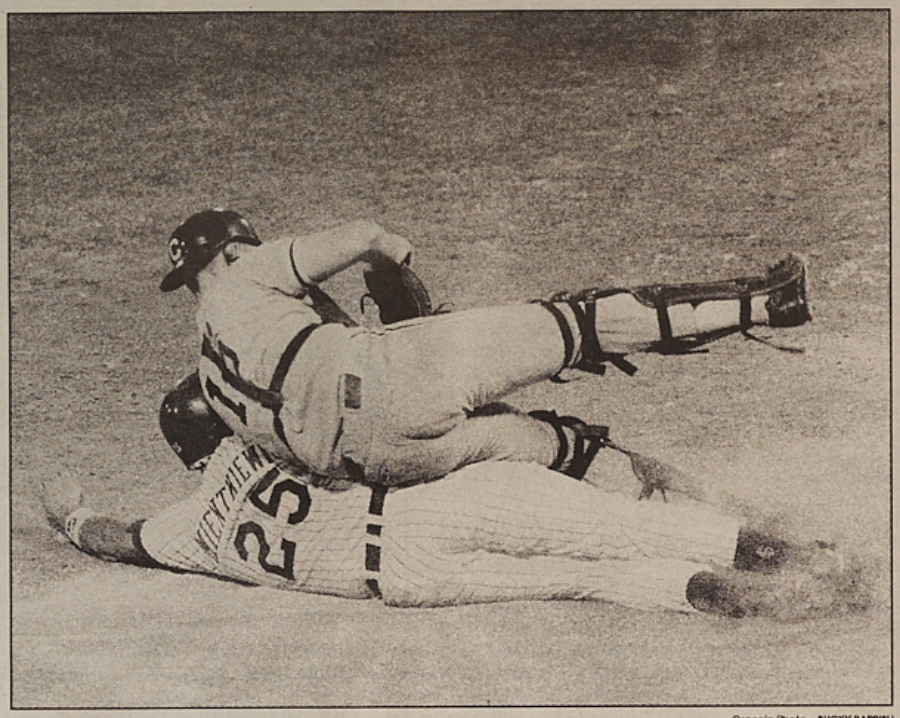
In the fifth inning, FSU took advantage of two Jacksonville errors and added two runs. Steve Nedeau reached on a fielding error by third baseman Hayes. He scored two batters later on a Lopez fielder's choice. Lopez found himself in scoring position minutes later when an errant pickoff throw from first baseman Eric Wood sailed into centerfield. He scored on a groundout by Doug Mientkiewicz.

The Seminoles scored two more runs in the eighth on two more Jacksonville errors and chased JU starter Dan Slater. Mientkiewicz and Mike Martin Jr. reached base on back-to-back errors by second baseman Brandt Mathers to start the inning. They both later scored on a single by Link Jarrett, giving the 'Noles a comfortable 5-1 lead.

"(Jacksonville) squandered some (scoring) opportunities and they also squandered some opportunities as far as defense," Wilson said. "But we took advantage of them and I think that's what good ball clubs will do."

Wilson said he was emotional by game's end.

"I got a little chills and a little teary-eyed after I was walking off the field because that might have been the last one I throw at Dick Howser," Wilson said. "Short of winning the whole thing, I think that was a great note to go out on. I sure didn't want to go out there and lose a ballgame. It's been a great career here and you can't ask for any better way to go out."



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Doug Mientkiewicz was caught attempting to steal home by Central Michigan catcher Pat Mahoney in the eighth inning of FSU's 8-6 Game 1 victory.

GAME 1
FSU 8, CENTRAL MICHIGAN 6

Thursday, May 26 — Sophomore right-hander Jonathan Johnson kept the Central Michigan Chippewas off balance, scattering five hits and giving up one run in the first six innings. Then his offensive teammates rallied, scoring four runs in the bottom of the sixth inning to give Johnson a six-run cushion. And a sore right arm.

As Johnson waited while the Seminoles sent seven batters to the plate, his tender right arm tightened. When he took the mound in the top of the seventh, he had lost his effectiveness. He gave up three singles, including an infield single, and allowed a run to score on an errant pickoff attempt.

"That's tough," Johnson said of the delay, "but I'm never going to complain about run support. I've been getting a lot lately. The big innings, I hate them, but when you look at the scoreboards, I love them. I don't care how long the inning is as long as we score. It was tough, coming back out a little stiff, but as long as we're putting runs on the board I'm not complaining."

Scooby Morgan took over for Johnson and struck out Jude VanDamme with runners on second and third and no outs. But he gave up an RBI single to the next hitter, Andy Kruger. A three-run homer by Kevin Young brought the Chippewas to within one (7-6) and right-handed pitcher Phil Olson into the game. Olson shut down Central Michigan in the final 2.2 innings to earn his fourth save.

In the sixth inning, the 'Noles got four hits, including a leadoff double to right by Randy Hodges and home runs by Mickey Lopez and Mike Martin Jr. The two-run homer by Lopez ended an 0-19 drought in regional play dating back to last year.

"It was a lot of stress taken off my bat because I was entering the game knowing that I had no hits at all last year," Lopez said. "Basically, he made a mistake and I drove it out of the park, and that took a lot of relief off my chest because now I have a hit in regionals."

Martin, who had three hits and three RBI in the game, gave FSU an insurance run in the eighth inning. His two-out single sent Jack Niles across the plate and increased the Seminole lead to 8-6.

CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

Brigham Young	ab	r	h	bi	Florida State	ab	r	h	bi
Nelson 2b	4	0	1	1	Lopez 2b	5	1	0	0
McDowell ss	4	0	1	0	Mientkiewicz 1b	3	2	3	0
Hall dh	4	0	1	0	Martin c	5	1	2	3
Espiritu c	4	0	1	0	Weaver dh	3	2	1	1
Cooper 1b	4	0	1	0	Buttery ph	1	0	0	0
Bills cf	4	0	2	0	Hodges rf	5	0	0	0
Hagerman rf	3	1	1	0	Jarrett ss	3	0	0	0
Moore 3b	3	0	1	0	Zech lf	2	1	1	1
Trythall lf	2	0	0	0	Morris lf	0	0	0	0
Francos ph	1	0	0	0	Nedeau cf	4	0	3	0
McNaughton rf	0	0	0	0	Niles 3b	4	0	1	1
Bloomfield p	0	0	0	0	Bell p	0	0	0	0
Foderero p	0	0	0	0					
Schaerrer p	0	0	0	0					
Jamie p	0	0	0	0					
Totals	**33**	**1**	**9**	**1**	**Totals**	**35**	**7**	**11**	**6**

Brigham Young	000	010	000—1
Florida State	011	040	100—7

E—Cooper 2. DP—BYU 1, Florida State 3. LOB—BYU 5, Florida State 10. 2B—Bills 2. HR—Martin (6). CS—Martin.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Brigham Young						
Bloomfield L, 8-4	4.0	8	5	4	1	1
Foderero	0.1	0	1	0	3	0
Schaerrer	1.2	0	0	0	1	0
Jamie	2.0	3	1	1	1	2
Florida State						
Bell W, 7-1	9.0	9	1	1	0	0

WP—Bloomfield 3, Foderero. T—2:18. A—3,511.

GAME 3

Florida State	ab	r	h	bi	Jacksonville	ab	r	h	bi
Lopez 2b	4	1	1	0	Diddell lf	3	1	1	0
Mientkiewicz 1b	4	0	2	2	Mathers 2b	3	0	1	0
Martin c	2	0	0	0	Hayes 3b	3	0	1	0
Weaver dh	4	0	1	0	Holin c	3	0	1	0
Jarrett ss	2	0	0	0	Escala cf	3	0	0	1
Zech lf	3	1	1	0	Marabell dh	4	0	0	0
Buttery ph	1	0	0	0	Hamilton rf	4	0	2	0
Morris lf	0	0	0	0	Johnson 1b	4	0	0	0
Hodges rf	3	1	1	0	Marrillia ss	4	0	0	0
Nedeau cf	4	1	1	2					
Niles 3b	4	1	1	2					
Totals	**31**	**5**	**7**	**4**	**Totals**	**31**	**1**	**6**	**1**

Florida State	050	000	000—5
Jacksonville	100	000	000—1

E—Mathers. DP—FSU 1, Jacksonville 2. LOB—FSU 5, Jacksonville 8. 2B—Mientkiewicz, Hamilton, Holin. 3B—Nedeau. SB—Lopez 2 (29), Martin (12). CS—Jarrett. S—Hodges. SF—Escala.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Florida State						
Cruz W, 3-3	9	6	1	1	2	13
Jacksonville						
Brockwell L, 1-1	1/3	0	0	0	0	0
Hitchens	1 1/3	4	5	2	0	0
Dally	1/3	2	0	0	2	0
Scheer	2	0	0	0	3	2
Ramsey	3	1	0	0	0	2
Guerra	2	0	0	0	0	2

HBP—By Cruz (Holin, Hayes). U—Walker, Donovan, Ford, Daughtery. T—2:36. A—3,371.

GAME 2

Florida State	ab	r	h	bi	Jacksonville	ab	r	h	bi
Lopez 2b	5	2	1	1	Diddell lf	4	0	0	0
Mientkiewicz 1b	4	1	0	1	Mathers 2b	4	1	3	0
Martin c	4	1	1	0	Hayes 3b	4	0	2	1
Weaver dh	3	0	2	1	Escala cf	4	0	0	0
Jarrett ss	4	0	1	2	Hohn c	2	0	0	0
Zech lf	3	0	0	0	Wood 1b	4	0	0	0
Morris lf	1	0	0	0	Hamilton rf	3	0	0	0
Hodges rf	3	0	0	0	Johnson dh	4	0	2	0
Nedeau cf	3	1	1	0	Marrillia ss	2	0	0	0
Totals	**34**	**5**	**7**	**5**	**Totals**	**31**	**1**	**7**	**1**

Florida State	100	020	020—5
Jacksonville	100	000	000—1

E—Niles, Hayes, Wood, Mathers 2. DP—FSU 2. LOB—FSU 7, Jacksonville 7. 2B—Weaver, Mathers. SB—Marillia (9), Jarrett (18). CS—Hodges. S—Martin, Marillia.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Florida State						
Wilson W, 12-5	9	7	1	1	2	10
Jacksonville						
Slater L, 5-5	7	5	5	1	3	6
Knobloch	1	2	0	0	1	1
Scheer	1	0	0	0	0	1

HBP—Hamilton by Wilson. T—2:28. A—2,013.

GAME 1

Central Michigan	ab	r	h	bi	Florida State	ab	r	h	bi
Kruger rf	5	1	1	1	Lopez 2b	4	1	1	3
Young 3b	5	1	2	3	Mientkiewicz 1b	2	2	1	0
Ruhlig dh	3	1	1	0	Martin c	4	1	3	3
Mahoney c	4	0	2	0	Weaver dh	4	0	0	0
Smith 1b	3	0	1	1	Jarrett ss	4	0	2	1
Gabel 1b	0	0	0	0	Zech lf	2	0	1	0
Schnieder lf	4	1	1	0	Morris lf	1	0	0	0
Burke ss	2	1	1	0	Hodsges rf	4	1	1	0
Carroll cf	4	1	1	0	Nedeau lf	3	1	1	0
Muterspagh 2b	2	0	1	0	Niles 3b	2	2	1	1
VnRamme 2b	1	0	0	0					
Williams ph	1	0	0	0					
Totals	**34**	**6**	**11**	**5**	**Totals**	**30**	**8**	**11**	**8**

Central Michigan	000	001	500—6
Florida State	002	014	01x—8

E—Siler, Mahoney, Johnson, Nedeau. DP—Florida State 2. LOB—Florida State 7, Central Michigan 5. 2B—Zech, Nedeau, Mientkiewicz, Martin, Mahoney, Jarrett, Muterspaugh, HOdges. HR—Lopez (2), Martin (5), Young (17). SB—Jarrett (12). CS—Young, Mientkiewicxz. SH—Niles, Zech, Martin. SF—Lopez, Smith.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Central Michigan						
Siler L, 9-4	5 2/3	10	7	7	3	3
Nielsen	2 1/3	1	1	1	1	2
Florida State						
Johnson W, 12-1	6	8	4	4	2	6
Morgan	1/3	2	2	2	0	1
Olson S, 4	2 2/3	1	0	0	0	1

WP—Siler. BK—Siler 2. HBP—Ruhlig (by Johnson), Niles (by Nielsen). U—Ford, Donovan, Nelson, Ricciarini. T—2:48. A—2,182.

Postseason baseball notes

JOHNSON, YOCUM OKAY

FSU pitchers **Jonathan Johnson** and **David Yocum** will be ready for the College World Series after suffering injuries in postseason play. Johnson came out of Thursday night's Regional game against Central Michigan with a pulled muscle in his pitching arm but has responded to treatment. Yocum should be fully recovered from a sprained ankle he suffered in the ACC Tournament. Coaches said both pitchers could have gone in Monday's Regional final.

David Yocum

'NOLES FILL ALL-TOURNEY ROSTER

Five Seminoles were named to the NCAA Atlantic II Regional All-Tournament team. Joining MVP Mike Martin Jr. were first baseman **Doug Mientkiewicz**, center fielder **Steve Nedeau**, and pitchers **Charlie Cruz** and **Paul Wilson**.

HONORS POUR IN FOR FSU, ACC

Wilson, a junior, earned second-team All-America honors from Collegiate Baseball while sophomore pitcher **Jonathan Johnson** was named to the third team. Outfielder **Jeremy Morris** was an honorable mention Freshman All-America choice.

Wilson, along with sophomore second-baseman **Mickey Lopez**, was named first-team All-ACC as well. Johnson, catcher Martin, Mientkiewicz, and senior shortstop **Link Jarrett** were named second-team.

Atlantic Coast Conference players dominated the Collegiate Baseball All-America squad. Led by national player of the year **Ryan Jackson** of Duke, the ACC placed five members on the first team. Georgia Tech's three first-teamers (**Nomar Garciaparra, Jason Varitek, Jay Payton**) led the country. Six more ACCers earned second-team honors and another made the third team.

FSU WINS 50 GAMES, AGAIN

For the first time since 1991 the Seminoles have won 50 games. FSU picked up its 50th win with a 5-1 victory over Jacksonville in the NCAA Atlantic II Regional May 27. Florida State won at least 50 games in each of **Mike Martin's** first 12 seasons as head coach at FSU, but broke the string with 49 in 1992 and 46 last year.

GOING THE DISTANCE

When Wilson pitched a complete game for a 5-1 victory over Jacksonville May 27, it was his fourth consecutive complete game and his eighth complete game of the year.

Cruz and **Mike Bell** also pitched complete game victories for FSU during the Atlantic II Regional, giving Florida State three straight complete-game outings.

FOUR ACC TEAMS MAKE FIELD

The ACC placed four of its nine teams in NCAA regional play, tying the Pac-Six and SEC. Georgia Tech and Clemson earned No. 1 seeds while the Seminoles and N.C. State were seeded second at their respective regional sites.

FSU adavnced to the College World Series while Clemson and N.C. State were eliminated. Tech was battling for an Omaha berth at press time. Auburn and LSU will carry the SEC banner to Nebraska.

JARRETT BREAKS RECORD

With a double against Wake Forest in game three of the ACC Tournament, Jarrett broke the school record of 62 held by **Mike Yaztremski** (1980-83) and **Jeff Ledbetter** (1979-82). Jarrett also holds the FSU record for consecutive games played with 232.

He also holds the FSU career record for assists and at bats and is five games shy of the mark for career games played.

OLSON TOUGH WITH NEW DELIVERY

Sophomore righty **Phil Olson** recently changed to a sidearm delivery, junking the traditional three-quarter motion. The results: In 9.2 innings since the change, Olson has allowed two hits and no runs while striking out nine.

TOUGH SCHEDULE

Florida State was certainly prepared for post-season play. The Seminoles played 31 regular-season games against teams that made the NCAA Tournament field of 48, posting a 19-12 record. FSU also went 27-15 against teams that were nationally ranked at some point in the season.

By comparison, Atlantic II top seed Ohio State played six games against NCAA tourney foes, going 3-3 en route to a 48-7 record. The Buckeyes were knocked out on Saturday.

SEMINOLES TIE TOURNEY RECORDS

Several Seminoles tied ACC Tournament records in Greenville, SC. As a team, FSU tied a record shared by nine teams with two triples (by **Randy Hodges** and Nedeau) vs. Wake Forest. The last team to hit two triples in a game was Clemson vs. Maryland in 1985.

Martin tied two records during the tournament. His five hits vs. Wake Forest tied him with five others for most hits in a tournament game, and his four runs scored in the game tied a record as well. Mientkiewicz also scored four runs vs. the Demon Deacons, tying the record.

TEAM HIGHS

Florida State reached season highs as a team for hits and runs scored May 20 vs. Wake Forest. The 18 runs scored set a new season high and the 22 hits equaled the season high set March 24, also against Wake Forest. The Seminoles outscored the Demon Deacons 62-13 in four games this season.

INDIVIDUAL SEASON, CAREER HIGHS

Martin, **Scott Zech, Charlie Cruz** all set personal marks during the ACC Tournament.

Martin set a team season-high with five hits against Wake Forest. "I never had five hits in a game," remarked Martin's father, FSU head coach Mike Martin.

Zech had the first three- and four-hit game of his career May 19 vs. Maryland. He also had a career-high four RBI in the game. He followed that game with the second three-hit game of his career against Wake Forest. Zech had hits in his first seven tournament at-bats. Zech also hit his first and second career home runs during the tournament, with the blasts coming against Maryland and Clemson (May 21), respectively. He improved his batting average from .266 to .302 during the tournament.

Cruz made his first start of the year and second of his career against North Carolina State May 18. Three days later he turned in his longest career outing, pitching the final 6.2 innings in FSU's victory over Clemson. Against Jacksonville in the Atlantic II Regional in Tallahassee May 28, Cruz bettered that performance. He struck out a career-high 13 batters in his first complete game since high school.

THREE SEMINOLES NAMED TO ACC ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM

Wilson, Zech and Hodges were named to the Atlantic Coast Conference All-Tournament team. Wilson threw a complete game five-hitter vs. Maryland, striking out 13 in a 7-1 FSU victory. Zech hit .471 with two home runs and Hodges hit .417 with three three-hit games.

ACC TOURNAMENT IS TURNING POINT

According to shortstop **Link Jarrett**, the ACC Tournament was a pivotal point for Florida State.

"We just realized what we could do," Jarrett said. "We beat Clemson pretty bad, 10-4, and we were like, 'Hey, we've got it.' And we went from there and carried it into the regional."

FSU ADVANCES TO CWS, CLEMSON STAYS HOME

After Clemson downed Florida State 4-1 in front of a loud pro-Tiger crowd at Greenville, SC, in the ACC Tournament championship game, Martin Jr. had a challenge for the Tigers. "We are going to be in the World Series. You can write that down," he told reporters. "We'll see if they'll be there."

After the 'Noles beat BYU to advance to Omaha, two days after Clemson was knocked out of its Regional, Martin offered this shot. "I'd like to say to all those Clemson fans that you'll be sitting at home watching us."

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'Noles finish second in ACC Tourney

Osceola Staff Report

Florida State regained some momentum heading into NCAA Regional play with a strong showing in the Atlantic Coast Conference Tournament May 18-22 in Greenville, SC. The Seminoles fell to top-ranked Clemson in the championship game before a strongly pro-Tiger crowd of 6,658 in Greenville Municipal Stadium.

The Seminoles advanced to the title game despite falling into the losers' bracket with a first-game loss to N.C. State. But hot hitting and solid pitching, particularly from the bullpen, helped the Seminoles rip through their next four opponents.

FSU's ACC stars included Scott Zech, who hit safely in his first seven at bats and earned a starting job in the outfield; Randy Hodges, who batted .417 for the tourney; and Paul Wilson, who pitched a complete-game five-hitter against Maryland. All three players earned All-Tournament honors.

Relievers Charlie Cruz and Phil Olson carried the Seminoles in Saturday wins over powerful Clemson and N.C. State.

For the tournament, the Seminoles batted .344 as a team with an ERA of 3.50. Florida State had lost seven of its last 12 games heading into the tournament.

CHAMPIONSHIP GAME ✦ MAY 22
CLEMSON 4, FSU 1

While an injury to starting pitcher David Yocum proved pivotal, it was the Seminoles' inability to score runs that ultimately cost them the ACC championship. The Tigers got a two-RBI double from Andy Monin in the third and a two-run homer from Shane Monahan in the sixth to wrap up their fourth league title in six years.

Yocum, a freshman, baffled Clemson baserunners with his pickoff move, nabbing Mike Hampton off base in the first inning. Through 2.1 innings, Yocum had allowed no runs on a pair of Clemson hits and seemed in command. But with one out in the top of the third, Yocum covered first base on a grounder by Jason Dawsey, spraining his left ankle in a collision with the bag and the runner. The left-hander was relieved by fellow freshman lefty Steve Butler.

Butler struggled with his control but managed to avert several potential disasters. Butler did surrender all four Clemson runs on four hits and four walks in 3.2 innings. Scooby Morgan pitched two scoreless innings in relief.

FSU got its lone run in the first on Colby Weaver's two-out double to score Mike Martin Jr. The Seminoles left the bases loaded in the inning but did chase Clemson starter Mark Watson after just two-thirds of an inning.

Trouble was, Clemson had Michael Holtz ready in relief. Holtz was nearly untouchable with his curveball, striking out 10 and allowing two hits in eight innings. The Seminoles actually put two runners aboard with two out in the ninth, bringing the tying run to the plate. But Scott Winchester got Martin to ground out to second to end the game.

"Clemson outplayed us," FSU coach Mike Martin said. "A great job by Holtz. Boy, he pitched great. It was a good ball game. You can tell Monahan he better get a bat contract because he ain't going to get nothing to hit against us as long as I'm at Florida State."

GAME 5 ✦ MAY 21
FSU 7, N.C. STATE 4

The Seminoles earned a spot in their first-ever ACC Championship Game with a win over the Wolfpack. As in FSU's victory over Clemson earlier in the day, and its loss to the Tigers a day later, relief pitching was the difference.

Phil Olson shut big-hitting N.C. State down and out, allowing one hit and no runs in 3.2 innings in relief of Mike Bell. Olson picked up his third save of the season while Bell went to 6-1 with the win.

The Wolfpack scored two in the first and FSU tied it in the third. A two-run spot in the fourth, followed by single runs in the fifth, sixth, and seventh, sealed it for the Seminoles.

"North Carolina State is probably as scrappy a team as you'll find," said Mike Martin. "This was obviously a good win for us. I'm very proud of our ball club and the way that we kept scrapping, and certainly Phil Olson was a big part of this one."

Mickey Lopez went 3-for-5, with an RBI triple, and Randy Hodges added three hits. FSU got four runs on ground balls in a 10-hit performance.

"It's just exciting to see our guys get after it," Martin said. "That's exactly what we did tonight."

GAME 4 ✦ MAY 21
FSU 10, CLEMSON 4

Continuing their hot-hitting ways, the Seminoles jumped to an 8-3 lead after three innings and coasted to victory over their traditional nemesis. But pitching was the story, as reliever Charlie Cruz throttled the Tigers for 6.2 innings.

Link Jarrett's three-run homer, followed by Scott Zech's solo blast, sparked a five-run third for the Seminoles.

"Their guy (Billy Koch) was getting behind a little bit," Jarrett said, explaining the 'Noles' success at the plate. "I know on a couple of my at bats he was in tough situations and we just got good pitches to hit. We did a good job of executing when we had runners on base and moved people around well and drove the ball in RBI situations. We had good at bats and came out ready to play.

"I don't think their pitcher did a terrible job," said Jarrett, "we just did a good job of hitting mistakes."

Cruz, in relief of Jonathan Johnson, turned in the longest outing of his career, allowing just one run while striking out seven.

"All I had to do was get ahead of the hitters and throw my pitches," Cruz said. "With that lead, it was more comfortable. I could throw my fastball a little bit. With my defense behind me I was just going to throw my pitches and see what they could do."

Having won its first three games, top-ranked Clemson was already guaranteed a spot in Sunday's final.

GAME 3 ✦ MAY 20
FSU 18, WAKE FOREST 3

The Seminoles continued their mastery over the Demon Deacons with a 22-hit barrage, scoring a season-high 18 runs. FSU's 9-0 lead after two innings allowed starter Jonathan Johnson to exit after throwing just 29 pitches and start again the following day.

"I've been in this game 20 years and I don't think I've ever had a pitcher come up to me in the second inning and say, 'Get me now and I'll pitch tomorrow,' with a nine run lead," FSU coach Mike Martin said. "That takes a special person to do that. That really showed me something."

Florida State, which shelled Wake by a combined 44-10 in a three-game regular-season sweep, jumped out early with four runs on five hits in the first, then five runs on six hits in the second. The score was 15-2 after four innings.

Mike Martin Jr. led the way by going 5-for-6, tying tournament marks for hits and runs scored (four) in one game. His five hits in the game were the most by a Seminole batter this year.

Others who fattened their batting averages were Randy Hodges (3-for-4) and Scott Zech (3-for-5). Five other 'Noles collected two hits each, and triples by Hodges and Steve Nedeau tied a tournament record for triples in a game.

GAME 2 ✦ MAY 19
FSU 7, MARYLAND 1

Paul Wilson returned to his dominating ways and reserve Scott Zech provided the offense as the Seminoles stayed alive. Wilson, passed over in game one, struck out 13 and allowed just five hits in his third consecutive complete-game performance. Zech went 4-for-4, with a two-run homer, filling in for Mickey Lopez.

Wilson had lost three straight starts heading into the tournament, with losses against Georgia Tech and Clemson and a 1-0 defeat at Virginia. But in front of dozens of big-league scouts, Wilson returned to the form that has many projecting him as the first player taken in the June 2 draft.

"It's good to go out there and get a W, and it was good to get some runs behind me and some great defensive help," Wilson said. "The fastball wasn't spotting as well as I wanted to, but the slider was working great. I think it's the best I've thrown the slider."

A solo homer by Eric Milton was Wilson's only blemish.

"We ran into one of the best pitchers in the country in Paul Wilson," said Maryland coach Tom Bradley. "He was very much dominating. We knew that going in, that we weren't going to score a lot of runs. I don't think anybody in the country has all year against them."

Zech entered at third base and Jack Niles moved to second when Lopez injured his thumb in the first inning. Zech's first career home run put FSU up 5-1 in the seventh. His performance was all the more important in light of the struggles of FSU's stars. Doug Mientkiewicz, Mike Martin Jr., and Randy Hodges went 0-for-13 combined.

"Just going back to third base felt pretty good actually," said Zech, who last played that position April 24 against Furman. "Mickey got hurt and I got the opportunity to go in and help the team. I did the best I could to get some runs on the board for Paul."

Colby Weaver and Niles added three hits apiece in the Seminoles' 15-hit attack.

GAME 1 ✦ MAY 18
N.C. STATE 6, FSU 5

The Seminoles battled back from a 4-0 deficit and had their leading hitter at the plate in the bottom of the ninth with a runner on third. Doug Mientkiewicz's liner was hit hard but out to center field to send Florida State to the losers' bracket.

Mike Martin went with middle-reliever Charlie Cruz as his starter, the logic being that the lefthanded curve-baller might keep the Wolfpack off balance. Cruz, who took the place of Paul Wilson, held up relatively well through four innings, allowing four runs. Two of those came in a bases-loaded situation in the fifth, when Randy Hodges could not find Mark Wells' fly ball, which dropped behind him.

"Everything worked out exactly like I wanted," Martin said of his decision to give Cruz his first start of the year, "except we got beat. I'm still trying to find a drill that we can work on to keep from losing fly balls in the outfield."

With the 'Noles trailing 4-0 in the sixth, Hodges atoned for the misplay by doubling in three runs against N.C. State starter Terry Harvey.

But FSU's bullpen struggled with control, Scooby Morgan walking in one runner, who had been walked by Steve Butler, and wild-pitching in another.

Mickey Lopez's sacrifice fly in the bottom of the ninth made it a one-run game, but Mientkiewicz could not drive in the tying run.

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Player	AVG	GP-GS	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	TB	SLG%	BB	HB	SO	OB%	SF	S	SB-SBA	PO	A	E	FLD%
Morgan, Steve	.500	19-0	2	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	.500	0	0	0	.500	0	0	0-0	4	20	0	1.000
Yocum, David	.500	19-0	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	.500	0	0	0	.500	0	0	0-0	3	13	0	1.000
Nedeau, Steve	.350	43-18	80	17	28	4	1	1	9	37	.463	6	0	11	.391	1	1	9-12	34	0	0	1.000
Mientkiewicz, Doug	.346	68-68	237	67	82	20	1	12	59	140	.591	57	7	31	.480	3	4	6-7	582	44	8	.987
Morris, Jeremy	.335	62-55	182	36	61	11	2	3	24	85	.467	17	0	41	.388	2	3	4-7	51	1	6	.897
Hodges, Randy	.311	68-67	244	36	76	12	8	5	50	119	.488	15	1	34	.351	2	7	17-25	98	3	1	.990
Zech, Scott	.309	49-29	97	19	30	4	2	2	20	44	.454	21	4	19	.447	1	2	6-9	10	18	1	.966
Lopez, Mickey	.305	67-67	236	50	72	15	5	1	37	100	.424	23	5	36	.373	4	4	27-34	106	177	9	.969
Schroeffel, Scott	.303	50-42	145	34	44	7	5	2	22	67	.462	32	2	19	.436	0	2	13-18	58	3	3	.953
Weaver, Colby	.296	61-49	189	40	56	11	3	7	49	94	.497	26	12	43	.410	2	3	4-7	166	21	1	.995
Martin, Mike	.289	68-67	225	46	65	17	0	4	51	94	.418	49	6	30	.417	8	4	11-16	439	97	5	.991
Jarrett, Link	.283	68-67	254	43	72	18	1	3	36	101	.398	35	2	31	.369	4	6	11-16	85	214	11	.965
Niles, Jack	.281	61-48	146	31	41	7	2	2	27	58	.397	15	7	32	.373	1	9	9-15	16	78	10	.904
Buttery, Mike	.258	48-22	93	23	24	10	2	2	16	44	.473	10	4	12	.355	0	0	3-4	14	0	0	1.000
Kanell, Danny	.250	5-0	4	1	1	0	0	0	2	1	.250	0	0	0	.250	0	0	0-0	2	2	0	1.000
Sheffer, Chad	.250	32-4	32	11	8	2	0	0	1	10	.313	3	1	7	.333	0	0	5-8	17	18	4	.897
Bell, Mike	.224	47-7	49	8	11	1	0	1	9	15	.306	8	0	14	.333	0	1	0-0	48	17	3	.956
Hendry, Clint	.200	25-1	20	5	4	2	0	0	2	6	.300	0	0	10	.190	1	0	0-0	11	1	0	1.000
Butler, Steve	.160	39-4	25	1	4	1	0	0	3	5	.200	2	0	11	.222	0	0	0-0	8	7	1	.938
Cruz, Charlie	.000	27-0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	1	.000	0	0	0-0	2	9	1	.917
Howell, Chuck	.000	12-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0-0	4	0	0	1.000
McQuaig, Charles	.000	1-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	1	0	0	1.000	0	0	0-0	1	1	0	1.000
Wilson, Paul	.000	19-0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	1	.000	0	0	0-0	11	29	1	.976
Miller, Tim	.000	8-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0-0	0	1	0	1.000
Colzie, James	.000	6-0	3	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	.000	0	1	1	.250	0	0	0-0	1	0	0	1.000
Harrell, Todd	.000	3-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0-0	1	0	0	1.000
Johnson, Jonathan	.000	19-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0-0	10	14	2	.923
Olson, Phil	.000	24-0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	2	.000	0	0	0-0	4	9	2	.867
Florida State	.300	68	2269	470	681	142	32	45	420	1022	.450	320	52	386	.399	29	46	125-178	1786	797	69	.974
Opponents	.230	68	2160	247	496	88	11	41	210	729	.338	233	40	627	.317	10	39	55-96	1730	689	117	.954

GRAND SLAM: Florida State (3) Mientkiewicz 1,Schroeffel 1,Bell 1, OPP (1)

LEFT ON BASE: Florida State (520) OPP (466), DOUBLE PLAYS: Florida State (60) OPP (59)

Player	ERA	W-L	APP	GS	CG	SH	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	2B	3B	HR	BF	O/AVG	BK	HB	PO	A	E	FLD%
Martin, Mike,	0.00	0-0	1	0	0	0	0	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	3	.000	0	0	439	97	5	.991
Wilson, Paul,	2.16	11-5	17	16	7	2	0	125.0	92	35	30	29	144	11	2	6	490	.204	0	3	11	29	1	.976
Cruz, Charlie,	2.17	2-3	25	1	0	0	3	45.2	37	15	11	20	51	8	0	0	187	.226	0	1	2	9	1	.917
Yocum, David,	2.36	4-2	19	5	0	0	2	48.2	40	15	13	19	67	6	1	4	204	.223	1	2	3	13	0	1.000
Olson, Phil,	2.67	5-3	24	5	1	1	3	59.1	46	21	18	24	64	7	1	5	248	.213	0	5	4	9	2	.867
Johnson, Jonathan,	3.00	11-1	19	18	2	1	1	108.0	82	41	36	55	125	14	3	6	454	.214	2	10	10	14	2	.923
Bell, Mike,	3.46	6-1	11	10	2	0	0	60.0	71	35	25	27	61	9	1	9	289	.284	0	4	48	17	3	.956
Howell, Chuck,	3.68	1-0	11	0	0	0	0	13.2	8	6	6	2	7	2	0	1	53	.170	0	2	4	0	0	1.000
Morgan, Steve,	3.73	7-3	18	11	0	0	0	79.2	78	39	33	27	63	12	1	6	343	.261	0	8	4	20	0	1.000
Miller, Tim,	5.11	1-0	8	1	0	0	0	12.1	11	8	7	11	12	4	1	0	62	.224	0	1	0	1	0	1.000
Butler, Steve,	5.23	0-2	21	0	0	0	4	30.1	29	18	18	21	25	4	1	4	142	.250	0	2	8	7	1	.938
Harrell, Todd,	7.73	0-0	3	0	0	0	0	2.1	2	4	2	3	2	1	0	0	13	.286	0	2	1	0	0	1.000
Florida State	3.01	48-20	0	67	12	4	13	586.0	496	237	199	238	622	78	11	41	2488	.229	3	40				
Opponents	6.20	20-48	0	67	7	5	7	576.2	679	470	397	320	390	141	32	45	2712	.296	7	60				

WILD PITCHES: Florida State (50) Morgan 2,Yocum 7,Bell 5,Butler 1,Cruz 3,Wilson 2,Miller 4,Harrell 1,Johnson 19,Olson 6, OPP (45)

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By Rod Meadows

I know about Whitewater, Social Security fraud, and Congressmen selling postage stamps for profit. And I know the folks who watchdog such things are kept plenty busy these days. But somebody ought to do something about headlines. I hate headlines, and I've learned to hate them even more since the Governor's Squaregate scandal broke.

Sports Illustrated started it with that "Tainted Title" business. Others followed with "'Noles are out of control" and the like. Give me a break!

Those headlines were tough to handle, but when I saw the story with University of Florida athletic officials comparing what's going on in Tallahassee to what happened in Gainesville a few years back, it was enough to make me quit reading newspapers altogether,

The situation in Tallahassee is so far removed from the situation in Gainesville that it's like comparing Al Capone to a local shoplifter. Both are bad, but one was a whole lot worse. The very thought of a Florida Gator daring to make the comparison is enough to make your blood boil. In Gainesville, there was a planned pattern of cheating and that cheating had one goal — to recruit the best available players no matter what it took. Whether it was cash, illegal visits or illegal practices, the Gators and Charley Pell set about their business of turning Florida's program around and to hell with the rules! The NCAA had so much dirt on the Gators, it didn't even have to use it all to get a conviction.

There is no comparison in the two cases, and the Gators passing any kind of judgment on this is enough to make a Seminole ill. In Gainesville, it was adults who knew better ignoring the rules for their own gain. In Tallahassee, it was kids who should have known better making an error in judgment.

The two situations cannot be compared, but unfortunately with scandals like these a lot of people seldom read beyond the headlines.

DUKE MIFFED AT SNUB

Well, we can go ahead and cancel the ACC baseball schedule for next season, because it's too expensive for teams to travel all around the East Coast to play games that don't mean anything. That's the feeling the Duke baseball team had when they were wrongly left out of NCAA postseason play, despite finishing second in the toughest baseball conference in the country during the regular season.

The Blue Devils and coach Steve Traylor were darned upset about the development, and they have every right to be. If you can finish second over the course of a season, and have it mean nothing, then there is certainly no use to make Florida State or Duke travel all the way to Maryland to play a weekend series.

To fully understand how the Blue Devils felt, you have to understand this was the best Duke baseball season in 33 years. Duke baseball, despite its current status, has had its moments. Does the name Dick Groat ring any bells? But the last time Duke was invited to postseason play was 1961, when the Devils made it all the way to the College World Series.

This year the Devils went to Tallahassee and won two of three from the Seminoles, then followed that with their first three-game sweep of North Carolina since 1951. The Devils wrapped up the regular season with a sweep of Wake Forest, the first time they had swept the Deacons since 1952. Duke went to the ACC Tournament feeling it was a lock to make a Regional. However, after the Devils lost to both Wake and Carolina, they began to hear rumors they might not make it into the field of 48. They couldn't believe it, but sure enough, on Monday the Devils gathered at a Durham restaurant to watch the pairings show and when it was over, Duke was missing. The players were crushed, and Traylor was downright livid.

Duke finished only 33-20 overall, and three of those wins were against Division II schools, but hey guys, they finished *second* in the ACC regular season. Even the second-place finisher in the big leagues gets to keep playing! Sure, with virtually no quality pitching, the Devils would have had no chance of survival in a six-team double-elimination format, but Duke should have been given the chance!

COACH K TO NBA?

Duke is often considered basketball paradise because of its strong tradition and outstanding academics, but the two are becoming a volatile combination in Durham these days. Seems Mike Krzyzewski is considering a jump to the NBA because of academic problems at Duke. Yes, academic problems at Duke, and Coach K is apparently miffed at some strict institutional guidelines that keep members of his staff from contacting professors to check on the progress of players, and to help his guys do what they have to do to maintain their grades.

Already a couple of Blue Devils are casualties. Kenny Blakeny was declared ineligible last season, and reportedly Tony Moore and outstanding freshman point guard Jeff Capel are in some trouble. Rumors are rampant that Capel will have to sit out the fall semester to get his grades in order. Earlier this year, Coach K cancelled a scheduled team trip to Australia because he felt his team wasn't doing its classroom work up to his standards.

So apparently Coach K is considering a jump to the NBA. He can't stand not having complete control, and he doesn't have that at Duke. Duke academics carries more clout than Duke basketball and that's as it should be. At the same time for a coach who often grabs the PA microphone at Cameron Indoor Stadium to chastise the crowd for what he considers tasteless cheering, not having control is more frustration than he can take.

What makes Krzyzewski such a great coach is his ability to take charge and find solutions for problems his team has, an ability that enables him to make adjustments easily to fit his personnel in any given year. Coach K sees a problem, finds a solution and that's the end of the problem, no questions asked or allowed. That same quality is causing him problems as he tries to dictate policies to help his team in the classroom.

To tangle with the academic side of the university at Duke is to take on a monumental battle, one that Coach K might not win. One thing is for sure: the battle should be mighty interesting because it could cause trouble in paradise.

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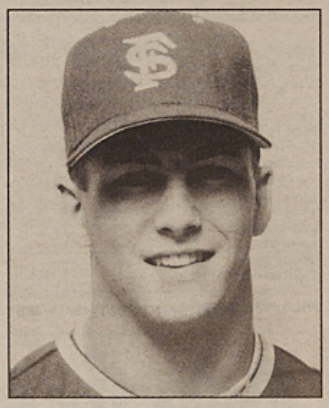

Full Name: Colby Jonathon Weaver
Nickname: Crash
Year: Junior
Major: Communications
Birthdate: 4-17-73
Birthplace: Stanford, CT
Height: 6-0 **Weight:** 195
Position: Catcher
Favorite subject in school: Meteorology
Least favorite subject: Economics
Favorite team other than FSU: Stanford
Toughest opponent: Clemson
Best game I've ever seen: Little league, we were down 14-3 bottom of the sixth and came back to win 15-14. The game was almost called for darkness and there was a line drive hit to me in left field. I caught it and doubled the guy off at second.
Biggest obstacle I've had to overcome: My parents' divorce, and dealing with pressure from both sides of the family.
Sports person I most admire and why: Dan Jansen because of all the struggles he went through, and finally won a gold metal.
Favorite food: Pasta, seafood, & chicken
Least favorite food: Zucchini, mushrooms and guacamoli
The thing I'm most proud of: Starting for Florida State after being just a walk-on.
Person I want to be like and why: My stepfather because he's a great family man, he did a great job raising me and I respect him.
Favorite T.V. Show: *SportsCenter*
Favorite movie: *A Few Good Men*
Favorite Group: Aerosmith
Best advice anyone ever gave me: My stepfather told me that you can never set your goals too high and if you work hard, you can accomplish anything.
Moment in life that inspired me: The first call I received from Florida State to come and play baseball here.
Best part of being a Seminole: The school support, atmosphere and all the people that stand behind the athletic program.
Favorite childhood memory: The summers I used to spend in California with my father.
I wish I could stop: Racism
My fantasy is: To someday listen to the national anthem before the first game I play in the major leagues.
How I spend my time away from baseball: With guys from the team, my girlfriend and studying.
Greatest thrill as a Seminole: Celebrating on the pitcher's mound when we won Regionals my freshman year.
Outside of pro baseball, the career I would like to choose: TV sports commentator.
Person in history I would most like to meet: Barry Bonds
My biggest fear is: Being hurt and never being able to play baseball again.
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Cochran hopes to follow past ACC golf greats

By Daniel Mitchell

When it comes to golf, the Atlantic Coast Conference is about as good as it gets. Arnold Palmer, Lanny Wadkins, and Davis Love are just a few of the great players the ACC has produced.

Bobby Cochran hopes to someday join their company.

Cochran, a Florida State senior, was recently named ACC Player of the Year after a season which included three tournament wins, three second-place finishes, and two other top 10 performances. Cochran's play helped lead Florida State to the NCAA Championships for the first time in four years and could earn him first-team All-America honors.

The prestige of being named ACC Player of the Year was not lost on Cochran. "That's a real big honor," he nods. "I pretty much thought I had (All-ACC), but I didn't think I was going to get Player of the Year. There's so many good players in the ACC, it's the best golf conference in the country."

The award capped a career which began with Cochran earning a books-only partial scholarship to Florida State. The Memphis, TN, native came to FSU because "I loved the football team and I wanted to play golf in Florida. I always thought, if I can go down to Florida and play year-round, I think I can get a lot better."

That's exactly what he did. Cochran redshirted his freshman year but did not sit back and watch. "I practiced my butt off," he laughs. "Toward the end of my freshman year I was three or four shots better consistently. I was shooting par more often instead of 76 or 78, and I was starting to shoot in the 60s more."

Cochran became a starter the following season and posted a scoring average around 75 his first two years in the lineup. Then he became a force as a junior. Cochran's victory at the ImperiaLakes Golf Classic was the first for a Seminole since 1989 and opened the door for even better things.

Between his junior and senior seasons, Cochran made it to the semifinals of the U.S. Amateur, losing to eventual champion John Harris 1-down. The performance let the golf world, and more importantly Cochran himself, know he had arrived.

"That was such a huge confidence booster," Cochran says. "There's so many great players there.

"I think the U.S. Amateur took me to the next level as far as college competition. I won a tournament last year and played pretty consistently. But after the U.S. Amateur, I was in contention to win so many tournaments this year. I believe I'm better than the players I'm playing against. Before I would look at a guy and go, God, he's good. Now I think I'm one of the guys with a chance to win the tournament."

In 12 tournament as a senior, Cochran posted a scoring average of 72. Ten times he shot rounds in the 60s, with a low of 64 on his way to winning the Wofford Invitational three weeks ago.

Bobby Cochran

In assessing his own game, Cochran says, "I'm a real good driver of the ball, I hit it pretty far compared to other college players. I'm a streaky putter a lot of times. I wish I wasn't, but if I start making a couple of putts, it's all confidence. I believe I'm one of the best ball strikers in college golf, from what I've seen."

Florida State golf coach Ernie Lanford says Cochran's work ethic has helped enhance his natural ability. "The first thing is he's a good athlete, he's strong. He hits the ball long," says Lanford. "The last year and a half he's made himself a better player by improving his short game and also putting a lot of time in tournament golf.

"A lot of people say, yeah, I'm gonna do it, and they start off like a bang and all of a sudden, whoops. But he knows where he wants to go, he knows what he's working for. So many players get distracted with whatever that they just can't keep focused on the goal ahead.

"He's sacrificed a lot of things. He could be laying around on the beach and having a heckuva tan, having all the girlfriends he wanted because he's a good-looking guy," Lanford laughs.

In fact, Cochran says he's been to the ocean "only about five times in my life. I guess I just haven't had time."

He does, however, find time to go bass fishing and occasionally hunting. In high school, Cochran played baseball and football until his junior year, when he decided to concentrate on golf.

Considering his background, Cochran's choice is not so surprising. His grandfather, Bob Cochran, was an accomplished career amateur who played in the Masters and U.S. Open and was a member of the 1959 Walker Cup team (with a 19-year-old named Nicklaus). Cochran's father played collegiately at St. Louis University and Regis College.

Cochran wants to go a step further. After the NCAA Championships, he'll fly to Johnstown, PA, in attempt to qualify for the U.S. Open. He'll also play in the invitation-only Sunnehanna Amateur, then in the USA-Japan matches in Japan. He plans to turn pro after the Open.

"I'll probably start out playing a couple of mini-tour tournaments, try to get my feet wet there," says Cochran, who has earned a degree in marketing. "I'm trying to get an exemption to the Federal Express-St. Jude Classic in Memphis. That could be my first PGA Tournament. Then I'm going to Qualifying School in the fall and try to qualify for the Tour."

Though he'd like to make it immediately, Cochran says patience is required to make it onto the PGA Tour. "It's so hard. The average guy it takes three or four years of hard work and giving it 100 percent. You've got to have some sponsors and some money to stay out there," Cochran says, noting that earning first-team All-America honors would help considerably in that area.

"I realized I could win on the college level," Cochran says. "Now I need to raise my game to the next level to be able to get on Tour. I think I can do it. Every year in college I've seen improvement. If I can continue to do that, I'm going to be able to make it on the Tour one day."

If his ACC career is any indication, Cochran could one day join the ranks of the all-time greats. "Hopefully I can be one of those guys that somebody's looking back on and saying Arnold Palmer, Lanny Wadkins, Bobby Cochran."

'NOLES ADVANCE TO NATIONALS

First up for Cochran and his teammates are the NCAA Championships at Stonebridge Country Club in McKinney, TX, where Cochran will be one of the favorites. The tournament runs June 1-4. "I'm just gonna have fun and enjoy it," Cochran says. "It's my last college tournament and there's no better way to go out than nationals.

"My goal going into the tournament is to get myself in position to win. I'm not going to try to win the first day because you can't. You can lose it, if you shoot 78 or 80. I just want to hang around, get myself in contention, and if I start playing well early that's great, just go with it and try to shoot as many under par as you can."

The Seminoles advanced by finishing ninth out of 23 teams at the NCAA Regional in Opelika, AL. Thirty teams advanced to the championship, which will be cut to 15 teams after two rounds.

Florida State will carry five players to nationals: Cochran, All-ACC senior Christian Raynor (scoring average 72.73), and juniors Denny Tymosko (74.05), Ken Staton (74.52), and Ryan Perna (74.87).

"If we play solid we know we're going to be in the top 15," says Cochran.

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11 'Noles head to NCAA track & Field Championships

Seven Florida State men and four women have been included in the NCAA Outdoor Track and Field Championships that begin this week in Boise, Idaho. In addition to sending 11 individuals, Florida State will also be represented by three relay teams at the Championships.

Named to compete from the FSU men's team are: John Rothell (400 meter hurdles), Philip Riley (110 meter hurdles), Lou Angelo (javelin), Kelsey Nash (triple jump), Jeff Bray (pole vault), Marcus Dixon (110 meter hurdles), and Kevin Ansley (400 meter hurdles). The men's 4x100 meter relay team was also added to the field.

The four Lady Seminoles entered are: Sheryl Covington (400 meters), Deleatea Bradley (100 meters), Radhiya Teagle (400 meter hurdles), and Indy Henry (high jump). Both the women's 4x100 and 4x400 meter relay teams were added to the field.

"I think we have a very strong contingent," said Florida State head coach Terry Long. "We have a fine group of individuals that should be able to score a lot of points. We also have some individuals, like Riley, Rothell, and Covington, who could sneak up and win their events."

GOLFER'S FINISH 18 AT NATIONALS

The Florida State women's golf team finished in eighteenth place at the NCAA Women's Golf Championship at the Oregon Golf Club.

The Lady Seminoles finished the four round tournament with a score of 1272.

Arizona State won the NCAA Championship with a score of 1189, 16 strokes better than PAC 10 rival and runner-up Southern California.

Arizona State took the individual title as well as Emilee Klein finished with a total of 286.

Tiffany Faucette (76-79-82-83-320), Karen Stupples (77-76-83-84-320), and Maria Castellucci (80-82-75-83-320) all finished in a tie for 64th to lead the Lady Seminoles. Kate Burton (78-80-80-83-321) finished one stroke behind Florida State's leading golfers and finished in a tie for 70th. Mabel Pascual del Pobil (88-83-80-78-329) finished in 89th.

Florida State's appearance marked the third time in four years the Lady Seminoles have advanced to the NCAA Championship.

"Although we didn't finish as well as we would have liked, I'm still very proud of this group," said FSU head coach Debbie Dillman. "We will take this experience and build for the future."

STANTON TOPPED IN 2ND ROUND

Florida State tennis player Brian Stanton was eliminated in the second round of the NCAA Singles Championships in South Bend, Ind.

Stanton, ranked 29th, fell to 24th-ranked Srdjan Muskatirovic of Miami in three sets. After dropping the first set 6-4, Stanton rebounded to take the second 6-3 but Muskatirovic rallied back to take the final and decisive set 6-4.

Stanton, a junior from Coral Springs, completed the season with an overall 27-10 record. He was the first FSU player to compete in Nationals since 1991.

Muskatirovic, who earned All-American honors with the win, advances to a round of 16 match with Chad Clark of Texas.

NOLES FALL IN REGIONAL

The unsettling pattern has continued. For the third consecutive year, the Lady Seminole's season came to an end at the hands of a team it should have beaten. The only difference is that Florida State fell in the NCAA Regionals in Stillwater, OK, instead of the Women's College World Series. After dropping the opener 3-1 to Oklahoma, the Seminoles were eliminated by unranked Providence 4-0. Senior pitcher Marla Looper suffered both losses.

Providence (38-19) proved it was for real by scoring three first inning runs. And just like the night before, FSU (50-19) could not capitalize on its chances.

Looper (21-9), making her second start in as many days, lasted one-third of an inning. Kim Robbins greeted Looper with a double to left to set the tone. One out later, Kate Drohan singled up the middle, putting runners on the corners. Meredith Zenowich drove a fastball up the right-centerfield gap scoring Robbins from third. Lisa Davidson's relay home got away from catcher Windy Weltz as she tried to tag Drohan. Davidson's throw was up the line and Drohan would have been safe, but when the ball rolled to the backstop, Zenowich raced home, scoring the third run on the play.

That brought an end to Looper's night, as Rebecca Aase came on to hold Providence in check for four innings in hope the FSU could get back into the contest. Aase, who threw three hitless innings of relief against Oklahoma Friday, retired the first 15 batters she faced before the Friars added an insurance run on a pair of hits in the sixth.

Florida State had a chance to jump out to an early lead in the top half of the first. Shamalene Wilson led off the game with a bunt single. Taking advantage of her speed, Wilson advanced two bases on Myssi Calkins' sacrifice bunt to third. With a runner on third with one out, the Seminoles were given an indication that Providence could do no wrong when catcher Candi Drohan called for a pitch-out as FSU had the safety squeeze on. Her throw to third baseman Holly Thompson bent a diving Wilson back to the bag for the easy out.

Amy Kvilaug (24-9), who went the distance Friday before a seventh inning rally, gave fourth-ranked Oklahoma State a 1-0 victory, scattered seven FSU hits to pick up her ninth shutout of the season. The Friar defense thwarted every Seminole uprising. A double play ended the FSU third. In the fourth, Florida State had runners on first and second with one out when Davidson singled to center. But Blanoski threw a perfect strike to home gunning down Calkins, attempting to score from second, to preserve the shutout.

Kvilaug again got out of trouble in the fifth. FSU loaded the bases with two outs, but Calkins was caught looking to end the inning.

Again in the sixth, Florida State put two runners aboard but could not move them around. The Seminoles exit the tournament having stranded 16 baserunners in their two games.

Earlier in the day, No. 1 seed Oklahoma State held on for a 4-3 win over Oklahoma, moving OSU into Sunday's championship game against the winner of the OU-Providence contest.

Florida State centerfielder Shamalene Wilson was named National Association of Softball Coaches second team All-American last week in Oklahoma City.

Wilson led the Seminoles in seven offensive categories in 1994. The Dade City sophomore set team high marks in at bats (213), runs (55), hits (81), total bases (14), triples (9), slugging percentage (.582) and batting average (.380). Wilson also tied for the team lead in doubles (10). She also amassed a .966 fielding percentage with 83 putouts and two assists, while committing three errors. A threat on the base-paths, Wilson stole 28 bases on 33 attempts.

Six Lady Seminole's were named to the Southeast All-Region team. Looper, Wilson, shortstop Laurie Shepard made first-team, while Aase, Davidson, and designated player Cindy Lawton were named second-team.

Looper, Wilson and Davidson were also named to the first team of the All-Atlantic Coast Conference squad.

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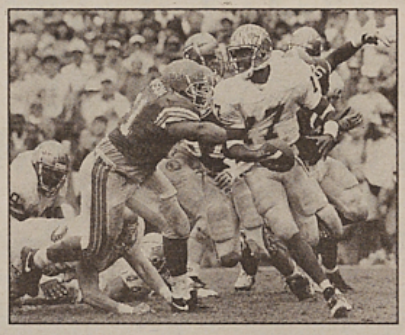

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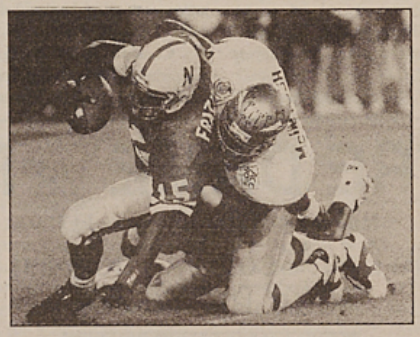

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2/8	at Hawaii-Hilo	W, 7-1, 5-1
2/11	Arizona State	W, 9-7
2/12	Arizona State	W, 13-2
2/13	Arizona State	W, 9-8
2/18	Minnesota	W, 15-10
2/19	Minnesota	W, 9-2
2/20	Minnesota	W, 12-4
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2/26	Coastal Carolina	W, 17-2
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3/3	at Florida	L, 0-4
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3/19	Maryland	L, 4-6
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3/23	at Wake Forest	W, 15-4
3/24	at Wake Forest	W, 17-4
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4/8	Miami	W, 6-3
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5/14	at Virginia	W, 8-6
5/15	at Virginia	W, 13-1
5/18-22	*Atlantic Coast Conference Tournament*	
	North Carolina State	L, 5-6
	Maryland	W, 7-1
	Wake Forest	W, 18-3
	Clemson	W, 10-4
	North Carolina State	W, 7-4
	Clemson	L, 1-4
5/23-27	NCAA Regional Tournament	
	Central Michigan	W, 8-6
	Jacksonville	W, 5-1
	Jacksonville	W, 5-1
	Brigham Young	W, 7-1

SOFTBALL (50-19)

2/12	Mercer	W, 9-3/6-0
2/13	UNC-Charlotte	W, 4-0/7-1
2/17	Georgia Southern	W, 10-1/3-0
2/19	West Florida	W,10-0/3-0
2/21	at FAMU	W, 3-0
2/24	at Mercer	W, 6-0/5-0
2/26	Stetson	W, 7-0/4-0
3/2	FAMU	W, 8-0
3/5	South Carolina	S, 2-3/3-1
3/6	Georgia Tech	W, 6-1/2-1
3/11-14	*South Florida Invitational*	Tampa, FL
	Robert Morris	L, 0-1
	Illinois-Chicago	W, 3-0
	Penn State	W, 6-2
	UCLA	L, 0-3
	Notre Dame	W, 3-0
	Virginia	W, 7-0
	Oklahoma	L, 0-1
3/15	Northern Illinois	W, 3,0/1-0
3/16	Texas A&M	L, 3-7
	Virginia	W, 4-3
3/17	Princeton	W, 2-1
3/18-20	*Lady Seminole Invitational*	Tallahassee
	Indiana	W, 3-2
	Louisiana Tech	W, 2-0
	Iowa State	W, 3-2
	Eastern Michigan	W, 1-0
	Illinois State	L, 2-3
3/22	at Kansas (Fullerton, CA)	L, 2-4
3/23-27	*PONY Tournament*	Fullerton, CA
	Northwestern	L, 2-8
	Southwestern Louisiana	L, 3-12
	Cal-State Fullerton	L, 0-7
	Oklahoma State	L, 0-1
	Utah State	W, 5-3
3/30	Hofstra	W, 3-2/4-3
4/4	at FAMU	W, 7-0
4/7	at North Carolina	W, 5-1/6-2
4/8-10	*UNC Invitational*	Chapel Hill, NC
	UNC-Wilmington	W, 5-0
	UNC-Charlotte	W, 8-1
	East Carolina	L, 0-1
	Georgia Tech	W, 11-0
	Virginia	W, 9-4
	North Carolina	L, 0-1
4/12	FAMU	W, 8-0
4/16	at Virginia	S, 8-0/4-5
4/22-24	*ACC Tournament*	Tallahassee
	Georgia Tech	W, 2-1
	Virginia	L, 0-2
	North Carolina	W, 5-6
	Virginia	W, 1-0
	Virginia	L, 3-0
5/3	at West Florida	S, 1-4/8-0
5/7-8	*Diamond Classic*	Storrs, CT
	Connecticut	W, 4-1
	South Florida	W, 2-0
5/11	at South Florida	W, 4-2/6-5
5/20-21	*NCAA Regionals*	Stillwater, OK
	Oklahoma	L, 1-3
	Providence	L, 0-4

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6/2-4	NCAA Outdoor	Boise, ID

MEN'S TENNIS

2/5	Georgia Southern	W, 7-0
	Georgia State	W, 7-0
2/11	Mississippi State	L, 1-6
2/19	Jacksonville	W, 7-0
	SW Louisiana	W, 5-2
2/26	Miami	W, 5-2
2/27	Florida International	W, 4-3
3/6	North Carolina	L, 3-4
3/9	Wake Forest	W, 7-2
3/10	Duke	L, 3-4
3/13	at South Florida	W, 5-2
3/17	North Carolina State	W, 7-0
3/19	Miami (Ohio)	W, 5-2
3/23	Florida	PPD/Rain
3/35	at Virginia Commonwealth	L, 1-6
3/26	at Furman	W, 5-2
3/27	at Clemson	L, 3-4
4/1	at Texas A&M	L, 1-6
4/2	at Texas Christian	L, 3-4
4/8	at West Virginia	L, 3-4
4/9	at Maryland	W, 5-4
4/10	at Virginia	W, 8-1
4/15	at Alabama/Birmingham	W, 5-2
4/16	at Georgia Tech	W, 4-3
4/21-24	*ACC Championships*	5th
5/13-15	*NCAA Regionals*	Columbia, SC
	Georgia Tech	L, 2-4

WOMEN'S TENNIS

2/5	Georgia Tech	W, 9-0
2/11	at Miami	L, 4-5
2/13	at Florida	L, 1-8
2/19	at Maryland	W, 9-0
2/25	at Tennessee	L, 4-5
2/26	at Kentucky	L, 1-7
3/5	South Florida	W, 5-4
3/7	Wake Forest	W, 5-4
3/11	at Clemson	L, 3-6
3/12	at Georgia	L, 1-5
3/13	North Carolina State	W, 7-2
3/15	Virginia	W, 6-3
3/18	Mississippi State	W, 5-1
3/21	at Houston	W, 5-1
3/22	at Rice	W, 7-2
3/24	at Texas	L, 3-6
3/26	at Texas A&M	W, 5-4
4/2	Florida International	W, 5-1
4/9	at North Carolina	W, 7-2
4/10	at Duke	L, 4-5
4/16	South Alabama	W, 7-2
4/22-24	*ACC Championships*	2nd
5/13-21	*NCAA Championships*	Athens, GA
	Arizona	L, 3-5

MEN'S GOLF

2/27-28	Queen's Harbour	4th
3/4-6	Imperial Lakes Classic	1st
3/14-15	Seminole Classic	2nd
3/25-26	Southeastern Invt.	3rd
4/1-3	Cleveland Classic	3rd
4/15-17	ACC Championships	3rd
5/13-14	Wofford Invt.	1st
5/19-21	NCAA Regionals	t9th
6/1-4	NCAA Championships	McKinney, TX

WOMEN'S GOLF

3/14-15	Peggy Kirk Bell	1st
3/18-20	LSU-Fairwood Invt.	4th
4/1-3	Ryder Invitational	4th
4/8-10	USF Invitational	10th
4/14-16	ACC Championships	4th
5/12-14	NCAA Regionals	6th
5/25-28	NCAA Championships	18th

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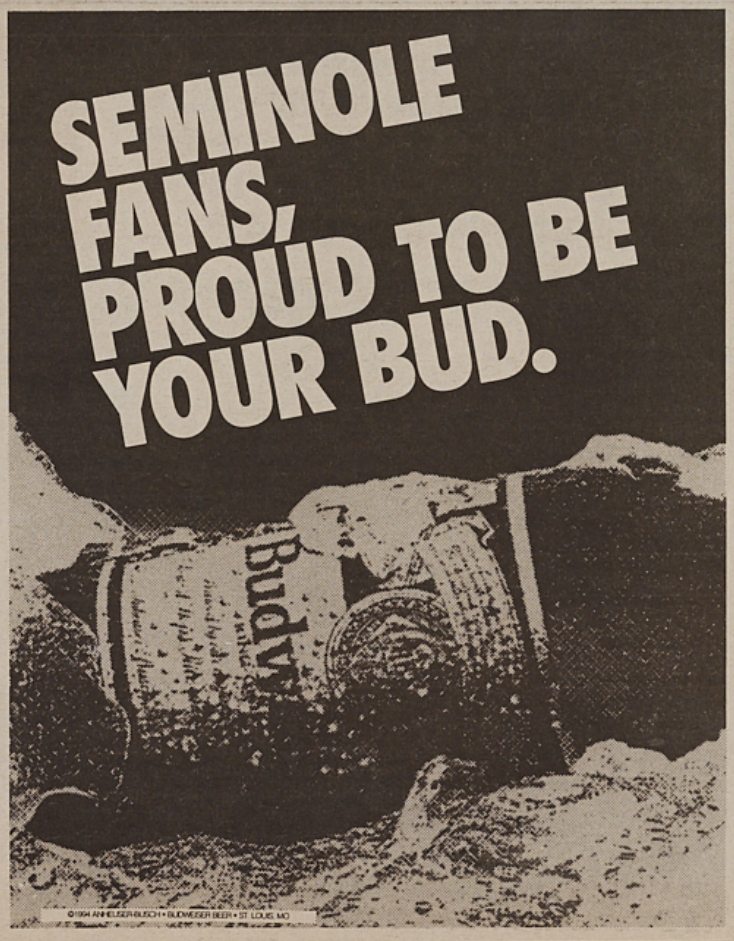

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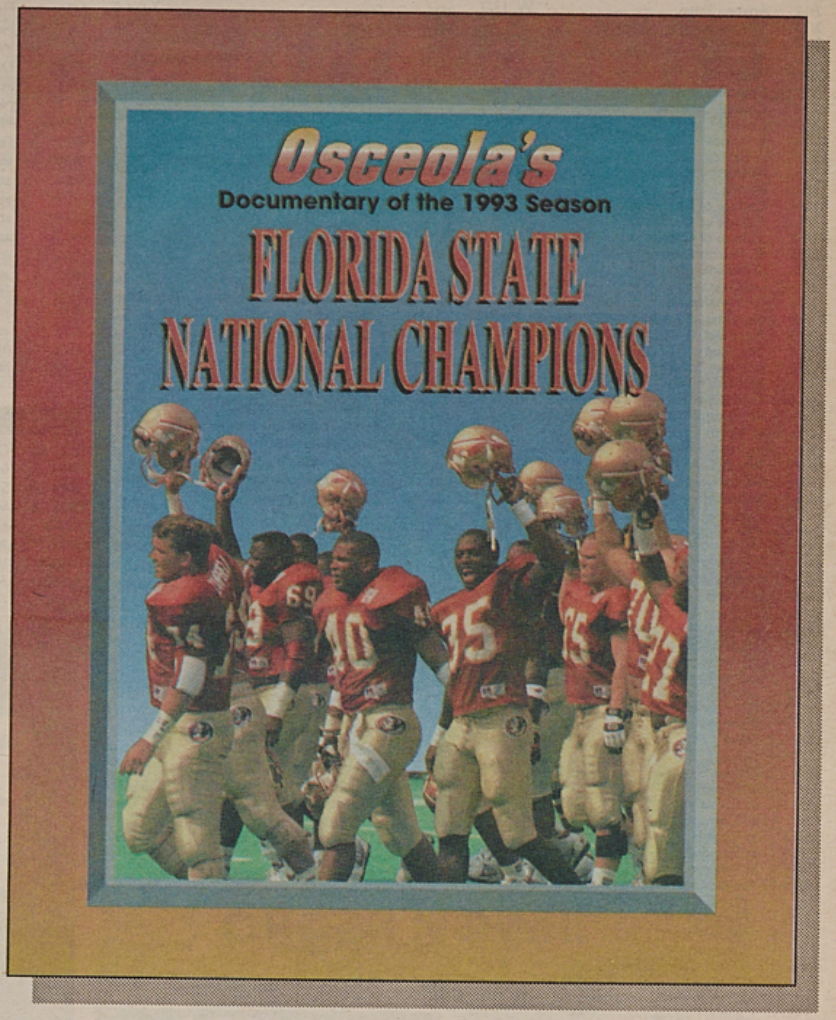

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