



MIKE MARTIN FIELD AT



Dick Howser Stadium has taken its place as one of the top collegiate baseball facilities in the country after a two-year, \$12 million dollar project was completed in 2004. Located on the campus of Florida State University, the stadium has welcomed over three million people since it was opened in 1983 and has provided fans with the feeling of having “the best seat in the house” to watch the finest in college baseball action. On April 2, 2005 Florida State University dedicated the field at Dick Howser Stadium to current head coach Mike Martin. Florida State’s skipper for the last 34 years now coaches on the diamond bearing his name, Mike Martin Field at Dick Howser Stadium.

Florida State’s players and coaches enjoy the convenience and luxury of a clubhouse and locker room currently located behind the Seminole dugout. The Griffin Family Clubhouse was moved to the first base side for the 2004 season as the construction process was completed. The main locker room was described by former Seminole and 2004 World Series Champion Doug Mientkiewicz as being “better than 95% of the big league clubhouses” he has seen. The locker room contains a personalized wooden locker for each player, a separate locker room for the Seminole coaches and trainers, and a video area where FSU players and coaches can watch film.

The stadium also houses all of the baseball offices. The coaches’ offices overlook the stadium behind home plate. There is also a weight room and training area adjacent to the clubhouse. Each of the areas were expanded and improved during the renovation process.

There are on-going efforts to keep Dick Howser Stadium one of the top facilities in college baseball. Truly a “player’s ballpark,” the stadium has had many upgrades even since the \$12 million renovation was completed. In 2005 an upgraded \$50,000 sound system was installed and an enhanced exterior brick façade as the outfield walls now match the exterior grandstand of the stadium. During the summer of 2011, the field underwent a major face lift in which a new drainage system was put in place in the outfield. New sod was also laid in both the infield and outfield, while the foul territory, from the edge of the outfield grass in front of the first base dugout all the way around to the third base dugout, was lined with turf. New clay was deposited in the infield

to regulate moisture, thus provide a better playing surface. Also, the clay on the pitcher’s mound and around the batter’s box was changed out in favor of a hybrid clay mixed with synthetic polymers designed to be more water and wear resistant. Finally, five new 14-foot fans were installed in the grandstand, while a radio system was installed in the restrooms throughout the stadium so fans can stay informed of all the action.

Dick Howser Stadium, named after the late Kansas City Royals and Florida State manager who was also Florida State’s first-ever baseball All-American, is a showcase befitting one of the top collegiate teams in the nation. From the beautifully manicured playing surface to the chair back seats, Howser Stadium is one of the best places in the country to watch a college baseball game.

Stadium capacity increased to 6,700 as additional seats were added during the two-year construction process. Florida State annually ranks in the top 15 nationally in attendance. In 2008, Florida State set single-season records for both total home attendance (202,132) and average home attendance (4,930). It marked the first time in school history that more than 200,000 fans turned out. The Seminole faithful helped reach a new landmark in 2009, when the 39-game home slate brought 184,227 fans to the ballpark, pushing FSU’s all-time, home attendance past three million. FSU averaged 4,584 in 38 home games during the 2012 schedule, the seventh highest home attendance average in the nation and the best in the ACC.

The top three crowds in Dick Howser Stadium history all came during the 2008 season. FSU surpassed 6,000 fans twice in 2011 and three more times in 2012 including a packed crowd of 6,730 – the fourth largest attended game in school history – when the Seminoles hosted Florida on April 10. When you consider that the one-millionth fan walked through the gates of Dick Howser Stadium in 1994 – only its 12th season of operation – and two million more made the same trek over the next 17 years, there is little doubt that the Seminoles remain a top draw. Since the 1983 opening, FSU has averaged over 2,800 fans per game and more recently the Seminoles have averaged over 4,000 fans for eight straight seasons.

The Seminole faithful set the standard for all others in the ACC as more than 100,000 FSU fans have attended games at Dick Howser Stadium each of the last 11 years and 13 of the last 14. No ACC school has drawn as many fans in the new millennium.

Seminole fans are simply the best and most knowledgeable in college baseball. Although they live and die with their Seminoles, the FSU faithful are known nationwide for their sportsmanship and appreciation of good baseball — by both teams. Fans, along with the stadium and a professional game operation, are a large reason that Mike Martin Field at Dick Howser Stadium has been chosen as an NCAA Regional Tournament site 26 times in 30 years since its opening in 1983. Dick Howser Stadium has also served as host to nine Super Regionals since the new postseason format was adopted in 1999.

The stadium was dedicated in honor of Dick Howser in March of 1988 prior to an exhibition game between Florida State and the Kansas City Royals, two of Howser’s former teams. As part of the stadium dedication, Kansas City all-stars George Brett and Bo Jackson

TOP 20 DICK HOWSER CROWDS			
No.	Opponent	Date	Attendance
1.	Miami	4/19/08	6,789
2.	Miami	4/18/08	6,756
3.	Florida	4/15/08	6,737
4.	Florida	4/10/12	6,730
5.	Miami	4/15/06	6,715
6.	Miami	4/14/06	6,700
7.	Florida	4/18/07	6,574
8.	Auburn	3/1/08	6,544
9.	Florida	4/13/10	6,526
10.	Texas	6/8/03	6,524
11.	Auburn	6/4/05	6,398
12.	Florida	3/30/05	6,393
13.	Miami	4/10/04	6,387
14.	Florida	4/12/11	6,357
15.	Florida	4/14/09	6,345
16.	North Carolina	4/9/11	6,343
17.	Miami	4/17/04	6,328
18.	Florida	4/19/06	6,246
19.	Virginia Tech	3/31/12	6,158
20.	Miami	4/11/86	6,145

DICK HOWSER STADIUM



helped unveil a new \$150,000 matrix scoreboard and a bronze bust of Howser. While the bust of Howser still stands in Haggard Baseball Plaza, the matrix scoreboard was replaced in January 2004 with a new \$800,000 video board. The state-of-the-art scoreboard provides lineups, statistics and replays throughout the game and stands 40 feet high and 70 feet wide.

Mike Martin Field at Dick Howser Stadium has come a long way in the last two decades. Old Seminole Field was christened Seminole Stadium March 28, 1983, after a one million dollar renovation was completed on the park. Wooden bleachers were replaced with a two-tier concrete grandstand seating 2,500. Modern concession areas, restrooms and a press box complete with separate booths for radio and television broadcasts were also added.

The playing surface dimensions measure 320 feet to right field, 400 feet to center and 340 feet to left. Prior to the 1986 season, a screen was added to the top of the right field wall, increasing in five-foot increments from 20 feet in the power alley to 30 feet in right field — giving a unique effect.

STADIUM QUICK FACTS

Capacity	6,700
Dimensions	320' right - 400' center - 340' left
Alleys	365-LC; 360-RC
Height of Wall	10'
Height of Right Field Screen	30'
Playing Surface	Natural Grass (Bermuda)
Opening Day	March 29, 1983
First Game Result	FSU 5, LSU 15
First FSU Win	FSU 10, LSU 5 (3/30/83)
First Day Crowd	1,305
First Run	Tommy Zoeller (FSU)
First Hit	Zoeller, single to left
First RBI	Danny Dowell (FSU), single to score Zoeller
First Batter	John Morse (LSU)
First Putout	Rick Figueredo (FSU), 5-3 putout on Morse
First Assist	Mark Barineau (FSU) on Morse grounder
First Double	Ronnie Corbett (LSU), sixth inning
First Triple	Ronnie Corbett (LSU), eighth inning
First Home Run	Rick Figueredo (FSU), fifth inning
FSU in Dick Howser Stadium	942-193-1 (.830)

The playing field itself is also often compared to that of a major league park. FSU grounds chief Brian Donaway and his crew oversees the everyday upkeep of the playing surface and surroundings, spending hours on the field year-round. The dedication and hard work were rewarded in the fall of 2001, when Dick Howser Stadium was named the best collegiate baseball field in the country. Often taken for granted, the grounds crew gives Mike Martin Field at Dick Howser Stadium a playing field unsurpassed by any collegiate team in the nation.

The beautiful home of Florida State's baseball Seminoles, from the Mike Loynd Tradition Room and the Griffin Family Clubhouse to the top-notch playing field and overall family atmosphere, is indeed a fitting tribute to one of FSU's greatest alumni, Dick Howser.

MIKE LOYND TRADITION ROOM

The Mike Loynd "Tradition Room", located underneath the first base stands, holds an attractive showcase which tells the story of the great players, award-winners and tremendous FSU teams of the past. Trophies and plaques depicting Florida State's baseball success through the years adorn the walls. It also provides a comfortable lounge area adjacent to the FSU clubhouse.

Separate wall displays, attractively back-lit, are devoted to Florida State All-Americans, former Seminoles in the pros and FSU's 21 College World Series teams and 17 conference championships. Another wall is lined with FSU's most recent tournament and conference championship trophies, as well as replicas of the Golden Spikes Awards of Mike Loynd, Mike Fuentes, J.D. Drew and Buster Posey.

The Mike Loynd Tradition Room, built thanks to the generous donation of former Florida State All-American Mike Loynd, serves as a showcase for the great tradition which is Florida State baseball.

THE GRIFFIN FAMILY CLUBHOUSE

Former Seminole first team All-American John-Ford Griffin grew up in a Garnet & Gold home. Both his father Bill and mother Carla attended FSU as well as his two sisters. So it seems appropriate one of the greatest Seminole baseball players, along with his entire family,

have their names adorning the Seminole Clubhouse. Out of appreciation to the family for a generous gift when the school was renovating Dick Howser Stadium, FSU named one of the nation's top locker rooms in honor of the family as Seminole players now prepare for games and practices in the Griffin Family Clubhouse.

The clubhouse is one of the most impressive in the nation with personalized wooden lockers, a big screen television, a state-of-the-art sound system and every comfort current and future Seminoles could ever ask for.

"Phenomenal," was the first word that came to mind when former Seminole Doug Mientkiewicz first toured the Griffin Family Clubhouse. "I walked into the clubhouse for the first time and I said, 'This is better than 95% of the big league clubhouses.' The clubhouse at Fenway, when we won the World Championship in 2004, was about the size of this room. If it's not the best, I'd like to see the best in college baseball. To me this is the best place to be and this is the best place to play."

SEASON HOME ATTENDANCE TOTALS

(since opening of stadium in 1983)

Year	Dates	Total	Average
1983 [^]	30*	57,575	1,919
1984	51*	72,518	1,422
1985	58*	103,552	1,785
1986	45*	118,897	2,642
1987	43*	86,209	2,005
1988	46*	86,628	1,884
1989	46*	87,240	1,896
1990	40	106,081	2,652
1991	40*	109,549	2,739
1992	41*	90,278	2,202
1993	40*	80,757	2,019
1994	42*	106,352	2,532
1995	35*	85,137	2,432
1996	36	72,382	2,010
1997	38*	98,622	2,595
1998	32*	62,128	1,941
1999	40*	102,931	2,573
2000	41*	114,651	2,796
2001	37*	91,520	2,474
2002	44*	129,013	2,932
2003	40*	131,223	3,281
2004	35*	115,680	3,305
2005	38*	171,643	4,516
2006	37	163,587	4,421
2007	41*	183,534	4,476
2008	41*	202,132	4,930
2009	39*	184,227	4,724
2010	37*	172,149	4,652
2011	38*	176,859	4,654
2012	38*	174,180	4,583
TOTAL	1,209	3,537,234	2,925

[^]Stadium opened in middle of 1983 season; *Includes NCAA Regional & Super Regional games; **BOLD** indicates FSU single-season record.