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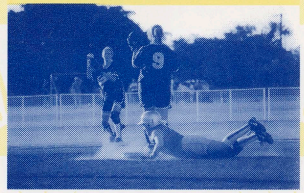
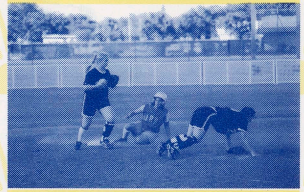
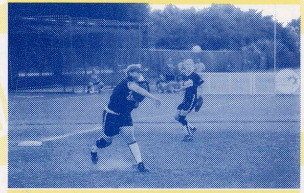
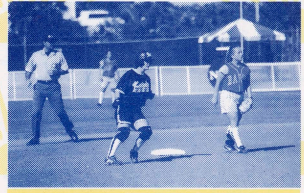
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# Welcome to Nova Southeastern University...

Nova Southeastern University is South Florida's multidisciplinary center devoted to providing educational programs of distinction from prekindergarten through the doctoral level. From its beginning in 1964, NSU has distinguished itself through innovation, offering traditional and nontraditional programs and promoting research into social and human problems of immediate and long-range concern.

The University includes academic centers in allied health, business and entrepreneurship, computer and information sciences, dental medicine, education, family education, law, medical sciences, oceanography, optometry, osteopathic medicine, pharmacy, psychology, social and systemic studies, and undergraduate studies.

The Main Campus is located on 232 acres in suburban Fort Lauderdale and features the Farquhar Center for Undergraduate Studies, Health Professions Division, Center for Psychological Studies, Shepard Broad Law Center, and University School. The East Campus, near downtown Fort Lauderdale, houses our School of Business and Entrepreneurship, School of Computer and Information Sciences, and the School of Social and Systemic Studies. The Oceanographic Center is located on 10 acres adjacent to Port Everglades. And the Fischer Center for the Advancement of Education is located at the North Miami Beach Campus. NSU also offers classes at the Coral Springs Campus, in locations across Florida, and in 21 states and several foreign countries.

Operating on an annual budget of approximately \$187 million, NSU is the largest private, independent institution of higher education in Florida, based on Fall Term enrollment, and has produced more than 50,000 alumni.

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Nova Southeastern University admits students of any race, color, sex, age, nondisqualifying disability, religion or creed, or national or ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school, and does not discriminate in administration of its educational policies, admissions

## NSU general information...

**Location:** 3301 College Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33314

**Founded:** 1964

**Undergraduate enrollment:** 2,771

**Nickname:** Knights

**School Colors:** Navy blue, white, gray, gold trim

**Home field:** A.D. Griffin Complex (300)

**Affiliation:** National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics

**Conference:** Florida Sun

**President:** Ray Ferrero, JR

**Director of Athletics:** Corey Johnson

**Assistant Athletic Director:** Patrick Feely

**Assistant Athletic Director:**

**Sports Information Director:** Mike Laderman

**Athletic Trainers:** Brian Anderson, Theresa Belesky

**Faculty Athletic Rep:** Dr. Mark Cavanaugh

**Athletic Department phone:** (954) 262-8250

**Athletic Department fax:** (954) 262-3926

policies, scholarship and loan programs, and athletic and other school-administered programs.

Nova Southeastern University is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097; Telephone number 404-679-4501) to award bachelor's, master's, educational specialist, and doctoral degrees.

## Welcome to Broward County...and welcome to Fort Lauderdale...

*Money Magazine* voted Fort Lauderdale the best big place to live in America in 1996, which did not surprise the 1.3 million inhabitants of the city and its neighboring municipalities who comprise Greater Fort Lauderdale/Broward County or the 6.2 million non-residents who came from all over North and South America, Europe and Asia last year for fun or business. The fact is all of Greater Fort Lauderdale is a terrific place to visit because it is a great place to live.

So what do the residents and loyal visitors of ...

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# About Fort Lauderdale...and Broward County...

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Florida's fastest growing, most diverse and dynamic vacation and business travel destination know that the rest of the world should find out?

For starters, there are 23 miles of wide sandy beaches stretching enticingly along calm, azure Atlantic waters—from Palm Beach in the north to Miami in the south. More than 300 miles of navigable inland waterways wind through palatial estates, citrus groves and the unique and exotic Everglades—beckoning boats of all sizes and shapes. It is the Intracoastal Waterway and the waterfront homes which dot it that have earned Greater Fort Lauderdale its reputation as the "Venice of America" and, with more than 42,000 registered boats, the label "yachting capital of the world." Then there are the cultural attractions, museums, sports, sailing and Scuba, dining, entertainment, shopping, natural wonders, festivals and celebrations, friendly folk, cruise ships, water taxis, horse-drawn carriages, butterflies, alligators...

This is Greater Fort Lauderdale/Broward County: An area covering 1,197 square miles—two-thirds of which lie in the Everglades, also known as the "river of grass"—of diverse attractions and activities on and off the beach. It's no wonder that sun-seekers from all over the world come here to play, relax, and, sometimes, even work. It's also no wonder that Broward County is one of the fastest growing residential areas in the country.

Part of the reason is accessibility. Greater Fort

Lauderdale is easy to reach by air, train or interstate highway. The newly expanded *Fort Lauderdale/Hollywood International Airport* is one of the most efficient in the world, served by more than 40 carriers from most air-departure points across the U.S. and Canada. With three airports to select from in South Florida, the Fort Lauderdale/Hollywood International facility is fast becoming the number one choice with visitors who want to avoid overcrowding, long lines, confusion and miles of corridors. The airport's location makes it easy to land, collect luggage, rent a car and be at the beach, board a cruise ship or make a meeting at the Convention Center in minutes after arrival.

When it comes time for athletics, Greater Fort Lauderdale comes alive as "sports central" for the Southeast. This is one of only four areas in the nation to serve as home to pro football, baseball, basketball, hockey and soccer franchises. Broward County is also home to baseball spring training of the Baltimore Orioles, Dolphins' football training here at Nova Southeastern University, and more. In fact, the National Hockey League's Florida Panthers begin play this season just 10 minutes away at the National Car Rental Center, while Major League Soccer's Miami Fusion plays 15 minutes away at Lockhart Stadium.

For more information on Greater Fort Lauderdale, contact the Greater Fort Lauderdale Convention and Visitors Bureau, 1850 Eller Drive, Suite 303, Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33316, or phone 800-22-SUNNY, ext. 711 (in the U.S. and Canada).



# Message from the President...

*Nova Southeastern University is Florida's largest independent university based on enrollment and one of the top-twenty independent institutions in the United States. As President of NSU, I invite you to become an ambassador of this remarkable educational showcase that is 34 years young.*

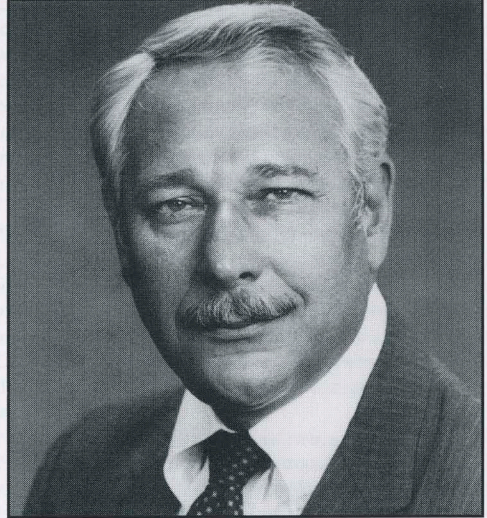
*In 1967, NSU served an entire student body of 17 from one building. Today, we have over 16,000 students enrolled in 15 academic centers, with programs offered in 22 states and six foreign countries. The university boasts over 55,000 alumni in 50 foreign countries. Over 7,000 students attend classes on our 232-acre Davie campus.*

*The university's sustained growth is due in large part to its exploration of alternative strategies in educating professionals, and its commitment to excellence in academics, clinical training, community service and well-rounded opportunities for all students. Athletics is most important in providing the all-important component to highlight the educational experience.*

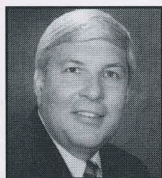
*As you continue your studies at Nova Southeastern University, you grow as a member of a select group of educators and practitioners in your field. You will move forward in leadership roles and find innovative avenues to advance your communities. The essence of NSU is collaboration at all levels and with diverse partners.*

*We look forward to a lifelong partnership with you, our student. The entire NSU community is dedicated to providing service and academic excellence to you as you continue on the road to graduation and your leadership in the new millennium.*

*Ray Ferrero, Jr.  
President*



## Meet the Athletics' administrative staff...



### **COREY JOHNSON** **Director of Athletics**

Now entering his fourth season with the Nova Southeastern University Department of Athletics, Corey Johnson has been a vital force on the South Florida sports scene. The Plantation resident has played key roles with the Broward Economic Development Council, the Orange Bowl Committee, and the South Florida Olympic Village, just to name a few. But it has been at Nova Southeastern University where Johnson has been doing the most good, leading the Knights' athletic program to consecutive Florida Sun Conference All-Sports Trophies in 1995-96 and 1996-97. He is also the driving force behind NSU's quest for a new fieldhouse, which is expected to host not just NSU's teams and offices, but also numerous local tournaments.

Johnson had been in South Florida before arriving at NSU in 1995, that being an associate athletic director at the University of Miami from 1983-87. There, he was responsible for NCAA compliance and eligibility, was special projects and tournament coordinator, and was responsible for coordinating the return of Division I basketball. His supervision included 12 non-revenue sports, student-athlete housing, scholarships and financial aid. He was also there to see the university capture national championships in football, baseball and women's golf. In 1987 he accepted a position with California State University Long Beach as Director of Athletics, Sports and Intramurals. And it was there that he proved his worth, handling a department comprised of 21 varsity and 16 club sports with more than 9,000 intramural participants (the campus had an enrollment of 34,000 students). That position led to his hiring as Director of Athletics at Colorado State University in 1991, where he was responsible for the overall operation of CSU's 16 varsity sports at a campus of 22,000 students.

## Meet the Department of Athletics' support staff...



### **BRIAN ANDERSON** **Athletic Trainer**

A relative newcomer to the Knights, joining the staff in October, 1997... Received his bachelor's degree in human performance and recreation from the University of Southern Mississippi, where he staffed intercollegiate football, baseball, basketball, tennis, golf, cross country and track and field... Certifications include CPE and First Aid, NATA-BOC Certification. Anderson is 25 and resides in Miami.



### **THERESA BELESKY** **Athletic Trainer**

Joined the Knights' staff in August, 1996... Earned her bachelor's degree from Rowan University, New Jersey, in health and physical education, while receiving her master's degree from Edinboro University of Pennsylvania in rehabilitation counseling... Belesky is 27 and resides in Hollywood.



### **SHANNON CAIN** **Assistant Athletic Director/Senior Women's Administrator**

No stranger to Nova Southeastern University, Shannon Cain was named the Athletic Department's first-ever women's athletic administrator effective January 1, 1999. She most recently worked as the University's Assistant Director of Student Life for Campus Sports and Recreation, coming to NSU from Georgia Southern University, where she was Graduate Assistant for the Department of Health and Kinesiology, earning a master's in Sports Management. She received her bachelor's from Florida State University in Physical Education. Her duties will include: overseeing the department's compliance with NAIA and NCAA rules and regulations; eligibility; and act as liaison to all six women's sports.



## NSU's support staff, cont...

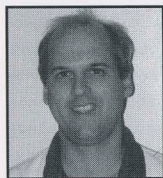


### **PATRICK FEELY**

#### **Assistant Athletic Director/Business Manager**

Named Assistant Athletic Director just this past summer, Patrick Feely has been a member of the Knights' athletic department since 1995, when he came aboard as an intern. He quickly gained a position as Director of Operations, before moving on to Business Manager duties—a position he still holds while assuming the role as Corey Johnson's right-hand man. Feely, 30, is responsible for the athletic department's budget, team travel arrangements and all business operations. He earned his bachelor's from Rochester Institute of Technology in Hospitality Management, and his master's from

Kent State University in Sports Administration. Feely and his wife, Chris, reside in Plantation.



### **MIKE GOODRICH**

#### **Director of Operations**

A relative newcomer to the Knights, joining the staff in October, 1998... Named the Knights' women's soccer coach in December, 1998... Coached boys' soccer at Cardinal Gibbons High from 1995-98... Co-founded and established Athletic Management Group, Inc., an athletic and event management company dedicated to the creation, development and enhancement of recreational and sporting events... Was Recreation Programmer for City of Pompano Beach from 1989-95, coordinating numerous events and programs such as the Cheetos Challenge, National Boys Football Super Bowl, Triple Crown Softball Championships, and various camps and clinics. He also developed marketing

strategies for numerous events (such as the Ford Credit Kreul Classic), and worked in both public and community relations...

Goodrich, 35, resides in Pompano Beach with his wife, Joan... They have two children, Regina (6) and Patrick (2).



### **MIKE LADERMAN**

#### **Sports Information Director**

Entering his fourth year at Nova Southeastern University... Named the Florida Sun Conference's and NAIA Southeast Region's Male Athletics Administrator of the Year for 1997-98... Is also the Florida Sun Conference Sports Information Director... Captured seventh place in the nation amongst NAIA schools for his 1997 men's/women's soccer team program in the "multi-sport brochure" category... Joined the Knights after a nine-year career as a local sports writer with the *Community News*, *Sun-Sentinel*, *Miami Herald*, and the now-defunct *Coral Springs/Quad City News*, *Hollywood Sun-Tattler*, and *South Florida SportsNews*... Captured nine Florida Press Association Awards in six years of eligibility... Was the

Assistant Sports Information Director for the South Florida Olympic Village in 1996, as well as the Director of Media Relations for the 1996 CARQUEST Bowl... Laderman, 30, resides in Plantation with his wife, Kim.



### **GALE LANG, ED. D.**

#### **Academic Coordinator**

A member of the NSU Department of Athletics since the 1996-97 seasons... Monitors academic performances of all athletes, while serving as liaison to coaches, parents and the Athletic Academic Advisor... Earned bachelor's in education Magna Cum Laude in 1983, master's in 1987 from the University of Miami... Graduated in 1975 from City College of New York with a B.S. in Education... Resides in Hollywood.



### **BEVERLEY WELKER**

#### **Assistant to the Director**

Beverly Welker came on board the Nova Southeastern University staff in January, 1997. She is responsible for managing the Department of Athletics and directly assisting the director of athletics Corey Johnson. She enjoys golfing and square dancing. Welker and her husband, Daniel, reside in Hollywood.

# Getting in touch with the Knights...

ALL CALLS	AREA CODE (954)
Brian Anderson ..... Trainer	262-8260
Theresa Belesky ..... Trainer	262-8256
Shannon Cain ..... Assistant Athletic Director/Senior Women's Administrator	262-8266
Joe DePalo ..... Head Men's Soccer Coach	262-8255
Patrick Feely ..... Assistant Athletic Director/Business Manager	262-8267
Mike Goodrich ..... Director of Operations	262-8270
Robyn Handler ..... Head Softball Coach	262-8258
Sonny Hansley ..... Head Baseball Coach	262-8259
Corey Johnson ..... Director of Athletics	262-8252
Mike Laderman ..... Sports Information Director	262-8261
Gale Lang ..... Academic Coordinator	262-1599
Tony McAndrews ..... Head Men's Basketball Coach	262-8263
Charyl Morgan ..... Head Women's Volleyball Coach	262-8264
Dustin Phillips ..... Head Golf Coach	262-8268
Marilyn Rule ..... Head Women's Basketball Coach	262-8078
Ken Ward ..... Head Cross Country Coach	262-8250
Beverly Welker ..... Assistant to the Director	262-8252



THE 1997-98 DEPARTMENT OF ATHLETICS' STAFF (BOTTOM ROW, L-R): Women's volleyball coach Charyl Morgan, softball coach Robyn Handler, trainer Theresa Belesky, women's soccer coach Rebecca Utter, director of athletics Corey Johnson, assistant to the athletic director Beverly Welker, men's soccer coach Frankie Delgado, assistant athletic director/business manager Patrick Feely. (TOP ROW L-R): Sports information director Mike Laderman, assistant volleyball coach Max Resomardono, assistant baseball coach Kevin Peyton, trainer Brian Anderson, men's golf coach Dustin Phillips, assistant men's soccer coach Rich Barnard, assistant baseball coach Rob Perez, baseball coach Sonny Hansley, men's basketball coach Tony McAndrews, assistant baseball coach Tom Hysell.

**SOFTBALL 1998-99...**



Nova Southeastern University's Jennifer Ridenoure

# SOFTBALL 1998-99...

## KNIGHTS WOMEN'S SOFTBALL

First year of women's softball: 1994-95

All-time record: 127-56

Championships/years won: 2 Florida Sun Conference championships/1996-97, 1997-98

1997-98 record: 49-7

FSC record/finish: 12-0/First

Last year's playoff record: 2-2 (fell in NAIA SE Region semifinals, 1-0, to University of Mobile)

Last year's final ranking: NAIA No. 12

Starters returning: 3

Starters lost: 5

## COACHING STAFF

Head coach: Robyn Handler (5<sup>th</sup> season)

Alma mater/year: State University of New York, College at Cortland/1988

Record at NSU: 127-56 in 4 seasons

Career record: same

Office phone: (954) 262-8258

Best time to reach Coach Handler: 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

Assistant coaches: Miguel "Bookie" Nunez (2<sup>nd</sup> season), Heidi Wickham (1<sup>st</sup> season)

## RETURNING POSITION PLAYERS 1997-98 STATISTICS

- Julie Levy (SR, RF): 55 GP, 55 GS, .311 BA, .342 OB%, .981 FLD%
- Shannon Sawyer (SR, 2B): 55 GP, 55 GS, .335 BA, .390 OB%, .954 FLD%
- Sherri Waddell (SR, CF): 53 GP, 53 GS, .336 BA, .429 OB%, .878 FLD%
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## RETURNING PITCHERS 1997-98 STATISTICS

- Cameran Morgan (JR): 15-4, 1.53 ERA, 80 SO
- Shannon Sawyer (SR): 11-0, 0.46 ERA, 25 SO
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## NEWCOMERS/POSITION PLAYERS

- Lisa Marcinkoski: OF, 5-3, FR, Montgomery Village, MD/Watkins Mill High
- Dana Deis: UT, 5-8, FR, Naples, FL/Barron Collier High
- Alison Balkan: UT, 5-7, FR, Chino Hills, CA/Ayala High
- Stephanie Gleicher: 1B, 5-6, FR, Davie, FL/Nova High
- Cheryl Bond: C/IF, 5-6, FR, Pembroke Pines, FL/McArthur High
- Jaime Sawyer: 3B, 5-11, FR, Pembroke Pines, FL/Cooper City High
- Amanda Hutchison: C, 5-10, SO, Cape Coral, FL/University of Tampa/Mariner High
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## NEWCOMERS/PITCHERS

- Jennifer Ridenoure: 5-6, FR, Jacksonville, FL/Cardinal Gibbons High

## KEY LOSSES

- Melissa Carriere, 3B: 54 GP, 53 GS, .382 BA, .396 OB%,

.917 FLD%

- Kim Eason, 1B: 54 GP, 54 GS, .440 BA, .497 OB%, .991 FLD%
- Lenore Gurecki, SS: 54 GP, 54 GS, .325 BA, .381 OB%, .947 FLD%
- Mercedes Orozco, C: 53 GP, 51 GS, .316 BA, .383 OB%, .988 FLD%
- Heidi Wickham, LF: 55 GP, 55 GS, .377 BA, .438 OB%, .964 FLD%

## DIRECTIONS TO A.D. GRIFFIN SOFTBALL COMPLEX

(From the north or south) Take I-95 or the Florida turnpike to I-595 west. Exit at University Drive, turn left(south). Go approximately 1 1/2 miles to SW 30 St., turn left(east). Make first right turn into NSU Parking Garage for fan parking. For team buses, continue on 30<sup>th</sup> to just past Miami Dolphins Training Facility, which is 75<sup>th</sup> Ave.; turn right(south). After one speed bump, turn right, driving alongside Miami Dolphins' fence. Park in lot alongside Parking Garage. Field is west side of Dolphins' Complex. Field entrance is on southwest corner of Dolphins' Complex.



Senior infielder/pitcher Shannon Sawyer

# SOFTBALL 1998-99...



Freshman Alison Balkan

## Knights' roster...

NO	NAME	POS	HT	CL	B/T	HOMETOWN/PREVIOUS SCHOOLS
1	Lisa Marcinkoski	OF	5-3	FR	R/R	Montgomery Village, MD/Watkins Mill High
2	Dana Deis	UT	5-8	FR	R/R	Naples, FL/Barron Collier High
3	Alison Balkan	UT	5-7	FR	R/R	Chino Hills, CA /Ayala High
4	Jennifer Ridenoure	P	5-6	FR	R/R	Jacksonville, FL/Cardinal Gibbons High
6	Angie Hill	2B, OF	5-4	JR	R/R	Tooele, UT/Tooele High
8	Kerri Phagan	C, OF	5-4	JR	R/R	Pompano Beach, FL/Cardinal Gibbons High
9	Shannon Sawyer	P, IF	5-5	SR	R/R	Pembroke Pines, FL/Cooper City High
10	Nikki Hyatt	IF	5-5	SO	R/R	Coral Springs, FL/St. Thomas Aquinas High
12	Sherri Waddell	1B, OF	5-11	SR	R/R	Cooper City, FL/St. Thomas Aquinas High
13	Stephanie Gleicher	1B	5-6	FR	R/R	Davie, FL/Nova High
15	Salina Vavia	UT	5-5	SO	R/R	Mission Viejo, CA/Alisio Niguel High
16	Julie Levy	OF	5-7	SR	R/R	Davie, FL/Hollywood Christian School
18	Cheryl Bond	C, IF	5-6	FR	R/R	Pembroke Pines, FL/McArthur High
19	Jaime Sawyer	3B	5-11	FR	R/R	Pembroke Pines, FL/Cooper City High
21	Diane Ocampo	OF	5-3	SO	R/R	Davie, FL/St. Thomas Aquinas High
23	Amanda Hutchison	C	5-10	SO	R/R	Cape Coral, FL/University of Tampa/Mariner High
24	Cameron Morgan	P	5-8	JR	R/R	Naples, FL/Barron Collier High

Head coach: Robyn Handler (5<sup>th</sup> season)

Assistants: Miguel "Bookie" Nunez (2<sup>nd</sup> season), Heidi Wickham (1<sup>st</sup> season)

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## Schedule...

DATE	DAY	OPPONENT	TIME
January 13	Wednesday	vs. NSU Baseball Team (exhibition at NSU Baseball Complex)	7 p.m.
January 23	Saturday	NSU Alumni Game	1 p.m.
January 30	Saturday	TRINITY INTERNATIONAL	1 p.m.
February 6	Saturday	EDWARD WATERS COLLEGE	1 p.m.
February 13	Saturday	ST. LEO COLLEGE	1 p.m.
February 17	Wednesday	at Barry University	2:45 p.m.
February 20	Saturday	at Lynn University	1 p.m.
February 24	Wednesday	at Florida International University	6 p.m.
March 2-6	Tuesday-Saturday	<i>at Spring Fling Tournament (Columbus, GA)</i>	TBA
March 12	Friday	LYNN UNIVERSITY	5:30 p.m.
March 17	Wednesday	WEST LIBERTY STATE	5:30 p.m.
March 20	Saturday	vs. University of Hartford (in Ft. Pierce, FL)	1 p.m.
March 24	Wednesday	*PALM BEACH ATLANTIC COLLEGE	5:30 p.m.
March 25	Thursday	MILLERSVILLE UNIVERSITY	5:30 p.m.
March 27	Saturday	*WEBBER COLLEGE	1 p.m.
March 29	Monday	THOMAS COLLEGE	5:30 p.m.
March 31	Wednesday	MERCY COLLEGE	5:30 p.m.
April 2	Friday	*at Palm Beach Atlantic College	1 p.m.
April 7	Wednesday	*at St. Thomas University	2:30 p.m.
April 8	Thursday	MOLLOY COLLEGE	5:30 p.m.
April 10	Saturday	*at Webber College	1 p.m.
April 14	Wednesday	*ST. THOMAS UNIVERSITY	5:30 p.m.
April 17	Saturday	*at Northwood University	1 p.m.
April 21	Wednesday	*NORTHWOOD UNIVERSITY	5:30 p.m.
May 12	Monday	<i>SE Region Tourney begins in Decatur, AL</i>	TBA
May 25	Sunday	<i>NAIA National Tourney begins in West Palm Beach, FL</i>	TBA

NOTE: All game dates are double-headers

\*Denotes Florida Sun Conference match

Italics indicates tournament game

HOME GAMES played at A.D. Griffin Sports Complex

# SOFTBALL 1998-99...

## 1998-99 outlook...Robyn Handler previews the season...

"I think our expectations have always been to go one step farther each year, and we still have room to do that. This year is a good year for us to win the region, I think we have a good chance at doing that. With Mobile and Spring Hill not in the Southeast Region anymore, it leaves room for somebody else to take it.

"We also have the potential to have our second consecutive 40-win season. We also have the potential to win the Florida Sun Conference again. Last year we went undefeated in league play, and we'd like to uphold that. We've lost only one conference game in two years, I'd like to extend that to losing only one conference game in three years. Although, some of the other teams in the conference have improved a lot, which means the competition's going to be a lot tougher."

### Looking back at last year... success or set back?

"Last year we went up there and, I don't know if [the team] didn't believe me that we had to win to go somewhere (to nationals), I don't know if they thought that we were going to go in the back door, but we just didn't play as well as we could have. And, of course, we finished one ranking short (at No. 12 in the nation), because the No. 11 team was the team that went out and won the national tournament. Four votes separated us from them, so four points was the difference. But we could have done a lot better at that regional tournament.

"It was very disappointing... and I think we were in shock at what happened, first losing at regionals and then not getting the at-large bid. The way our season was going, everybody assumed that we'd get in. The year before, we made it to regionals for the first time. The year before that, we finished second at the sub-regional. So we've always been just like climbing stairs, one step

at a time. We assumed that we made it to regionals, we finished third the previous year, we surprised everybody when we went up there and finished third, and I think last year we had it in our heads that we had the ability to win that tournament. But it stayed in our heads, because it just didn't come out on the field. We didn't play as sharp as we could, and it just kind of collapsed on us. By not making it past regionals, by not winning that tournament, and by not getting that bid to nationals, we were all in shock because we were on such a roll, and it was just like the bottom dropped out. All the teams that we beat or all the teams that we came close to and lost to were all at national tournaments somewhere, and we were sitting there looking up on the internet who was winning that day. It was disappointing, to say the least, and it was shocking, and I think everybody had felt like the bottom had just dropped out.

"And being that we graduated seven seniors last year, that was it for them, there was no next season, there was no tomorrow. It seemed like a shocking end to the collegiate careers of the talented athletes that we graduated last year. They all had their hearts set on playing in the national tournament, and some of them went through this program for four years, from the leanest times we had through the better times we had. One of the greatest things that could have happened was for those people that went through this program from the beginning to the end to have brought us to a national tournament and ended their careers at a national tournament. It would have been a fairly tale ending. Instead, it turned midnight at the ball. And now it's going to be up to these younger players to bring this program to that tournament now."

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Senior right fielder Julie Levy

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## **A veteran team to a young team...**

"Wait until they see us. We'll be strong. Now, whether we'll be focused and whether we'll have longevity and maturity, that's still yet to be seen. But as far as the players that we have coming in, we're going to be strong. We're not going to be the same team that we were last year, as we played a different game last year. We played a short game, a bunting game, with stolen bases. We had over 100 stolen bases last year. We just bunt and ran, bunt and ran, bunt and ran. This year, we have more of a power team. We have a team that hits the long ball quite a bit more than what we graduated. So we'll be strong, but we're not going to be strong in the same places that we were last year. We'll probably be stronger in the areas we were missing last year. But we'll be okay.

"One of the big indicators for us as far as where we fit in the region will be that mid-season tournament in Columbus, GA. If we can go in there and just have a good showing and beat some of those top teams that are in that tournament, then I think they will recognize that we still are a top-10 team. And we weren't in the top-10 last year, but we were a top-10 team, and we could quite possibly be one this year."

## **Heavy hitters... the offense being a major strength this year**

"I think it will be. And it's not that our defense is weak. We are stronger in some areas on our defense. But we just didn't have a lot of long ball hitters. We had lots of contact hitters and lots of finesse and we'd base hit, base hit, base hit, but this year we have some people that have the capacity to take the ball out of the park. We have that potential now. We have people that will have higher slugging percentages, where, when they get a hit, it's not going to be a single, it's going to be a double, triple or home run. The change between last year and this year is just the power, we're going to have a lot more.

"Jaime Sawyer coming in is going to be a force. Sherri Waddell, this is the first year that she's had a Fall season with us, she's always been with volleyball, just usually joining us in January and that was all she had. She's going to be our number four hitter this year, she's always had power, but this year I'm expecting her to be more consistent because she's had an entire Fall, she's had another season under her belt to come out here and finish up her career. Shannon Sawyer's always been a power hitter for us, she's a good contact hitter. We're hoping for some big things out of Nikki Hyatt, she had our only home run over the fence that was hit in the Fall. And Amanda Hutchison, a transfer in from Tampa, who's been hitting consistently. Plus, Stephanie Gleicher, too. And that doesn't mean other people can't hit for power, either, because yesterday Diane Ocampo took one out of the park, and Cheryl Bond has the capability to do that. We've got some long ball, some power hitters.

"I worry about our speed and I worry about some of our decision making, but that's because of youth on the team. But in the Fall, we came to some pretty tight spots in some games where we needed a hit to win or we were behind by two runs

in the bottom of the seventh, and it was always a freshman that came up in that situation, and the freshmen did the job and drove those runs in and won some ballgames for us. At any given game that we played, we seemed to be behind by the seventh inning, but a freshman came up and did their job. In the past, in the last two years, it always seemed to come down to where we just couldn't seem to get the hit when we needed it. I'm hoping that we're finally past that point and when we need that hit, we're going to get it."

## **Looking at the defense, compared to last year's unit**

"If I went player for player, we might, in some spots, have stepped down just a little bit, and in some spots might have picked up a little bit. I think that it all evens out. There's some people that can do things better than the people from last year, and there's some people that just can't do what some people did last year. They have good attitudes, they've worked hard, and they're learning. I see 100 percent improvement over what they came in with in the Fall. They've all improved, and they're all learning to play the quick game, and that every ball is catchable, and that every effort must be made to get that ball, that it's not okay to let it go. I think we've gotten past that, and I think we'll be strong.

"We'll be very good defensively. Cheryl Bond will be our primary catcher; Sherri Waddell at first base; Shannon Sawyer and Angie Hill will split time at second base; shortstop is Nikki Hyatt with Cheryl Bond also playing there from time to time; right now, with Salani Vavia's injury, Jaime Sawyer's going to have third base; Diana Ocampo will be our left fielder; Alison Balkan will be our center fielder; and Julie Levy in right field. But we've got some people that are close behind all them, so this all could change. Nothing's set in stone."

## **Hitting looks good... fielding looks good... now what about the youth?**

"If we do have a question mark, that's it. If they can keep their heads on straight, and they can stay focused, and they can stay within themselves in every given game, and they can keep up with the intensity that is needed for every game, and they can come in and do the job when it's needed, then we'll be fine. But, yes, they're young, and they're untested. And everybody's going to look at that and say 'she's got a young team, they're going to make freshman mistakes and make mistakes that seasoned veterans wouldn't make,' and that's yet to be seen. From what I've seen in the Fall and what I've seen in practices, I think that we're coming in a lot higher than is going to be anticipated. The key is going to be longevity, if we can stay at that level.

"We have young kids, but they're talented. We have talent. Our success is going to depend on all of them. But I have faith in them. I'm optimistic right now. Starting off the year I was somewhat pessimistic, starting off the year in September I really didn't know what we would have, but I think that we'll be all right. We're going to shock some people, because they all expect us to be young and they all expect us to be inexperienced. I think we're going to do some damage."





**NSU fifth-year head coach Robyn Handler**

# SOFTBALL 1998-99...THE COACHES



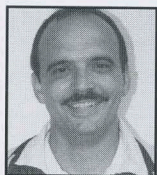
## ROBYN HANDLER Head Coach

The first coach in the short history of the Nova Southeastern University women's softball program, Robyn Handler finishes up her first half-decade at the helm of the Knights with a new crop of young recruits and a new shot at capturing the NAIA Southeast Regional Championship Tournament.

Handler heads into her fifth season at Nova Southeastern University almost as she had her first season—with a rejuvenated look on the upcoming season. But that's because she begins this season just as she did her first—with a large incoming class of freshmen (7). It's that contingent of players that Handler will be looking towards with hopes of getting the Knights back atop the NAIA national rankings, as they had last year (finishing No. 12, and just missing out on a berth in the NAIA National Tournament).

A converted New Yorker, Handler has had the Knights on an upswing since she first arrived at the school in time for the 1994-95 season. It was then that she took a core of college freshmen and took them to an impressive 18-16 mark that first year. The following season saw the Knights reach their goal of 20 wins by going 27-20, and finishing second in the Southeast Region Sub-Regional. She took NSU to a stellar 33-13 record in 1996-97, capturing the Florida Sun Conference championship with an 11-1 record and being named the FSC's Coach of the Year. She also took the Knights to their first appearance in the NAIA Southeast Region Championship Tournament in Alabama, finishing third that season, falling just one run shy of the championship game. Then, last year, she led NSU to the nation's second-best record at 49-7, a Top-20 ranking, and another FSC title.

Handler first began making her name in South Florida as an assistant coach at Boca Raton High School in 1992. One year later, she started the fast-pitch program at Piper High School in Sunrise, FL, and brought them to a respectable .500 record and a berth in the district semifinals. While growing up in New York, Handler attended state powerhouse Ardsley High and helped lead the softball team to a 37-2 record over two years while being named All-County catcher both times. She continued her education at The State University of New York, College at Cortland. There, she played four years of intercollegiate softball for the NCAA Division III school, helping the team to three conference titles and a berth in the Division III College World Series. In addition to softball, she also managed the volleyball team for three years. She graduated cum laude with a B.S.E. degree in Physical Education in 1988 and was awarded the Presidential Scholarship and the Alumni General Scholarship. She returned to SUNY Cortland as a graduate assistant/assistant softball coach in 1988-89, and was then offered a Graduate Assistantship at Indiana University and graduated in 1990 with an M.S. in Adaptive Physical Education. She also helped coach the softball program at Bloomington North High School.



## MIGUEL "BOOKIE" NUNEZ Assistant Coach

Coming back for his second year as a Nova Southeastern University assistant coach, Miguel "Bookie" Nunez would like nothing more than for his Knights to get to the NAIA National Tournament. Nunez played a crucial role in the Knights' success last year, helping the team to a 49-7 overall mark. This year, the outfielders coach has his work cut out for him, as the majority of his unit will be made out of freshmen and sophomores. That'll be okay with Nunez, though, as he has the experience to do it. Nunez was the head

coach at FSC rival St. Thomas University in 1996-97 (taking them to a second place finish behind NSU), and was an assistant coach for the Bobcats' baseball team from 1992-96. He also was an assistant coach for the Columbus High School baseball program from 1989-92, and assisted American High from 1985-89. He helped set the high school record in Dade County for winning three consecutive championship titles at the junior varsity level, and won many awards for fund-raising. Nunez graduated from California College in Fountain Valley, CA, in 1986 with a degree in Private Respiratory Therapy.



## HEIDI WICKHAM Assistant Coach

One of the top players to ever wear a Nova Southeastern University softball uniform is back with the Knights. Heidi Wickham, the past two years an All-Conference left fielder at NSU, joins the Knights for her first season as an assistant coach. Enrolled in NSU's graduate school, Wickham was an NAIA All-American athletically in 1996-97, and a Scholar All-American in 1996-97 and 1997-98. She was the league's Player of the Year as a junior, and led the Knights last year with 54 runs scored and five triples.

# SOFTBALL 1998-99... THE PLAYERS



Senior first baseman Sherri Waddell

# SOFTBALL 1998-99...



## ALISON BALKAN

Freshman, 5-7, OF, R/R

Chino Hills, CA/Ayala High, 1998

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PRE-COLLEGE: Member of Ayala's varsity volleyball and softball teams last year... Team captain... Voted First-Team All League as a right fielder... Helped team advance to semi-finals... Voted First-Team All League in 1995 and 1996... Captured Coaches Award in 1996... Top Rookie Player in 1995 as a freshman... Started every game in high school... Participated in ASA Nationals in Tennessee in 1996... Participated in AAU and ISA National Tournaments in 1998... AFA nationals in Kansas in 1997. PERSONAL: Born October 13, 1980, in Whittier, CA... Life Science major... Enjoys swimming, biking, rollerblading, tanning, reading.



## CHERYL BOND

Freshman, 5-6, IF, R/R

Pembroke Pines, FL/McArthur High, 1998

# 18

PRE-COLLEGE: A First-Team All-County shortstop selection last year for the *Sun-Sentinel*, *Miami Herald*, *Hallandale Digest*... All-Digest Player of the Year in 1997... Team batting champion with .631 average in 1997... First-Team All State infielder in 1997... All-County *Sun-Sentinel* and *Miami Herald* every year in high school... McArthur's Most Valuable Player in 1996... Set Broward County record for highest fast-pitch batting average in 1996 (.636)... Helped club teams capture numerous national slow-pitch and fast-pitch championships, including Mighty Midgets (1989, 1990), Pines Pacers (1992), Davie Dolphins (1993), Pembroke Lakes Sharks (1994). PERSONAL: Born March 20, 1980, in Hollywood, FL... Psychology major... Enjoys watching movies, sporting events.



## DANA DEIS

Freshman, 5-8, OF/IF, R/R

Naples, FL/Barron Collier High, 1998

# 2

PRE-COLLEGE: A four-year varsity standout at Barron Collier, helping prep squad to 1995 state championship, 1997 Final Four berth, and 1998 state second place finish... Named team's Most Valuable Player in 1998, Best Defensive Player in 1997... All-County selection last year. PERSONAL: Born October 11, 1979, in Naples, FL... Sports and Wellness major... Enjoys racquetball, tennis.



## STEPHANIE GLEICHER

Freshman, 5-5, IB, R/R

Davie, FL/Nova High, 1998

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PRE-COLLEGE: Named Second Team All-County *Miami Herald* as a first baseman, Second Team All-County *Sun-Sentinel* as designated hitter last season... Helped Pembroke Lakes Sharks capture NSA and ASA championships in 1994. PERSONAL: Born October 3, 1979, in Hollywood, FL... Psychology major... Enjoys soccer, volleyball, rollerblading.



## ANGIE HILL

Junior, 5-4, 2B/OF, R/R

Tooele, UT/Tooele High, 1996

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1997-98: Appeared in 20 games last year for the Knights as a sophomore... Hit .316 last year with 4 runs batted in. CAREER: Played in 16 games during freshman season... A member of the only two NSU teams to appear in NAIA Region Tournament. PRE-COLLEGE: One of the top players to come out of Tooele High School, being named All-State, Region Most Valuable Player and Tooele MVP during senior prep season in which she led Tooele to region title (No. 4 ranking in Utah 4A) with .522 batting average, 15 RBI... Academic All-State selection with 3.98 grade point average... A four-year starter at Tooele, named All-Region three years... Career prep batting average of .417... Leading hitter on Tooele as sophomore,

junior and senior... Academic All-State in volleyball. PERSONAL: Born August 22, 1978, in Camp Pendleton, CA... Life Science/Optomtery major... Enjoys snow boarding, hiking, rock climbing, camping, water skiing, snow skiing.

YEAR	AVG	GP/GS	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	TB	SLG%	BB	HBP	SO	OB%
1997	.063	16-6	16	5	1	0	0	0	0	1	.063	1	0	2	.118
1998	.316	20-5	19	6	6	1	0	0	4	7	.368	0	0	2	.316
TOTAL	.189	36-11	35	11	7	1	0	0	4	8	.215	1	0	4	.217

# SOFTBALL 1998-99...



## AMANDA HUTCHISON

Sophomore, 5-10, C, R/R

Cape Coral, FL/University of Tampa, 1998/

Mariner High, 1997

PRE-COLLEGE: A Lee County All-Conference selection for three years... Offensive Player of the Year as prep senior... Led Lee County in fast-pitch home runs. PERSONAL: Born August 18, 1979, in Naples, FL... Legal Studies major.

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## NIKKI HYATT

Sophomore, 5-5, IF, R/R

Coral Springs, FL/St. Thomas Aquinas High, 1997

1997-98: Appeared in 7 games last season as a freshman for the Knights, getting 3 hits with 2 runs batted in with 1 triple. CAREER: Honorable Mention All-County selection as a prep senior while helping St. Thomas Aquinas advance to regional finals... Played softball for eight years, including stints with the Coral Springs Panthers and Lake Worth Raiders. PERSONAL: Born August 24, 1979, in Ft. Lauderdale, FL... Accounting major... Enjoys hanging out.

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YEAR	AVG	GP/GS	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	TB	SLG%	BB	HBP	SO	OB%
1998	.429	7-1	7	2	3	0	1	0	2	5	.714	1	0	1	.444



## JULIE LEVY

Senior, 5-7, RF, R/R

Davie, FL/Hollywood Christian School, 1995

1997-98: Named to the FSC's All-Conference Team last year, batting .311 with a .342 on-base percentage. CAREER: Named the Knights' Most Improved Player in 1997, batting .298 in 43 games played with 4 doubles and 21 RBI... Played in 47 games as a sophomore in 1996, hitting .333 with 6 doubles, .441 on-base percentage. PRE-COLLEGE: Helped lead Hollywood Christian School to Class 2A state championship in 1995... All-County player as prep sophomore, junior, senior. PERSONAL: Born December 28, 1976, in Hollywood, FL... Psychology major... Enjoys line dancing.

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YEAR	AVG	GP/GS	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	TB	SLG%	BB	HBP	SO	OB%
1996	.333	47-NA	141	24	47	6	1	0	40	NA	.390	8	1	11	.441
1997	.298	43-40	114	16	34	4	1	0	21	40	.351	6	1	10	.331
1998	.311	55-55	151	17	47	6	4	2	35	67	.444	4	4	21	.342
TOTAL	.314	145-95	406	57	128	16	6	2	96	107	.395	18	6	42	.371



## LISA MARCINKOSKI

Freshman, 5-3, OF, R/R

Montgomery Village, MD/Watkins Mill High, 1998

CAREER: Captain and center fielder of regional champion Watkins Mill High... First Team All-Metropolitan D.C. area... First Team All-County Montgomery County as junior and senior... Senior All-Star Team... Captured Sportsmanship Award as senior... Played last summer for Marylanders J.O. softball team... Helped prep squad to state semifinals sophomore year. Named to three First Team All-County softball teams each prep year (Coaches, Journal Newspaper, Gazette Newspaper)... Also a four-year varsity swimmer and four-year varsity cheerleader. PERSONAL: Born February 12, 1980, in Silver Spring, MD... Pre-Med major.

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# SOFTBALL 1998-99...



## CAMERAN MORGAN

Junior, 5-8, P, R/R

Naples, FL/Barron Collier, 1996

1997-98: Twice named the Florida Sun Conference's Pitcher of the Week last year... Pitched the program's first-ever perfect game, her second no-hitter in as many years. CAREER: One of the top pitchers to play at Nova Southeastern... Went 13-8 as a freshman, with a team-best 72 strikeouts. PRE-COLLEGE: Went 14-5 as All-County player senior year with Barron Collier High, helping team to state semifinals... Helped teams capture two state prep championships in 1994, 1995... All-County player in 1996, All-State in 1995. PERSONAL: Born April 21, 1978, in Naples, FL... Sports and Wellness major... Enjoys boating.

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YEAR	ERA	W-L	APP	GS	CG	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	WP	HB	BK
1997	2.70	13-8	22	21	14	0	126.2	104	56	38	76	72	25	5	1
1998	1.53	15-4	20	19	13	0	110.0	74	33	24	51	80	15	2	0
TOTALS	2.11	28-12	42	40	27	0	236.2	178	89	62	127	152	40	7	1



## DIANE OCAMPO

Sophomore, 5-3, OF, R/R

Davie, FL/St. Thomas Aquinas High, 1997

1997-98: Appeared in 38 games for the Knights last year as a freshman, starting 32 of them... Batted a solid .381 with 3 doubles and 5 triples, as well as a .515 slugging percentage... Stole 15 bases out of 19 attempts. PRE-COLLEGE: Played for St. Thomas Aquinas Raiders, named All-Tournament Team selection at Slam Fest as senior... Recorded most stolen bases from 1995-96 for Coral Springs Panthers... Had most stolen bases, highest batting average in 1997 for Lake Worth Raiders. PERSONAL: Born January 17, 1979, in New York... Psychology major... Enjoys beach volleyball, aerobics.

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YEAR	AVG	GP/GS	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	TB	SLG%	BB	HBP	SO	OB%
1998	.381	38-32	97	24	37	3	5	0	15	50	.515	10	1	22	.440



## KERRI PHAGAN

Junior, 5-4, C/OF, R/R

Pompano Beach, FL/Florida State University, 1997/

Cardinal Gibbons High, 1996

1997-98: Played in only six games for the Knights last year—starting four of them—before a knee injury caused her to sit out the remainder of the season. CAREER: Also sat out her freshman year at FSU due to torn ligament in knee. PRE-COLLEGE: As prep senior had .417 batting average with 3 home runs... As junior hit .435 with 3 home runs... Varsity all four high school years, captain as junior and senior, All-County selection as sophomore, junior and senior... Best Defensive on Team as junior... 1996 Scholar Athlete...

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All-Conference as junior and senior. PERSONAL: Born July 26, 1978, in Miami, FL... Business Administration major... Enjoys coaching softball, music, drawing, working out.

YEAR	AVG	GP/GS	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	TB	SLG%	BB	HBP	SO	OB%
1998	.286	6-4	7	3	2	0	0	0	1	2	.286	2	0	1	.444



## JENNIFER RIDENOURE

FR, 5-6, P, R/R

Jacksonville, FL/Cardinal Gibbons High, 1998

PRE-COLLEGE: Most Valuable Player of Redskins last season... Named the *Miami Herald's* Player of the Year in 1998... First Team All-County, FACA All-Star, Scholar-Athlete... A First-Team All County selection all four prep seasons for both the *Miami Herald* and *Sun-Sentinel*... Played at Miami Pace as freshman, being named MVP and batting champion... Was Gibbons' MVP as sophomore, junior, senior... Named to Cardinal Gibbons All-Tournament Team as junior, senior. PERSONAL: Born December 16, 1979, in Hialeah, FL... Life Sciences major.

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# SOFTBALL 1998-99...



**JAIME SAWYER**  
Freshman, 5-11, 3B, R/R

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**Pembroke Pines, FL/Cooper City High, 1998**

PRE-COLLEGE: As senior at Cooper City, named First Team All-County for both the *Miami Herald* and *Sun-Sentinel* while being named the Cowboys' Most Valuable Player... Had .453 batting average with 26 runs batted in, 16 runs scored... In 1997, named First Team *Herald* and *Sentinel*, All-State 6A, Cooper City MVP, in leading the Cowboys to a third place finish at the 6A state championships... *Herald* and *Sentinel* All-County Honorable Mention as sophomore... Started on Cowboys' varsity basketball team as freshman, sophomore, junior, helping CCTY to 1995 Final Four appearance... *Herald* and *Sentinel* All-County Honorable Mention basketball player in 1996, 1997... Member of varsity volleyball squad as freshman,

sophomore and junior, helping Cowboys to 1996 state runner-up... Named *Herald* and *Sentinel* All-County Honorable Mention in 1996 and 1997. PERSONAL: Born June 21, 1980, in Hollywood, FL... Education major... On team with sister, Shannon.



**SHANNON SAWYER**  
Senior, 5-5, P/IF, R/R

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**Pembroke Pines, FL/Cooper City High, 1995**

1997-98: Named to the Florida Sun Conference All-Conference Team after an amazing season, going 11-0 from the pitchers mound with a sensational 0.46 earned run average, and hitting .335 from the plate with 13 doubles, 2 home runs and 42 runs batted in. CAREER: A three-time FSC All-Conference selection, being named to the All-Region Team as a freshman and sophomore. PRE-COLLEGE: Helped Cooper City High capture consecutive slow-pitch state championships in 1992 and 1993, and finish as state runner-up its first year of fast-pitch in 1994... As prep senior went 22-4 with 1.13 ERA and 112 strikeouts, while hitting .369 with 30 RBI and 2 HR... Cooper City's Most Valuable Player in 1994 and 1996... First Team All-

County for *Miami Herald* and *Sun-Sentinel* as sophomore, junior and senior... *Miami Herald* and *Sun-Sentinel* Player of the Year in 1994... Cooper City's Female Athlete of the Year in 1995... CCTY Scholar Athlete in 1995... Second Team All-State in 1993. PERSONAL: Born May 24, 1977, in Hollywood, FL... Accounting major.

YEAR	AVG	GP/GS	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	TB	SLG%	BB	HBP	SO	OB%
1996	.343	47-NA	134	31	46	3	1	3	35	NA	.448	14	3	13	.468
1997	.284	46-46	134	26	38	11	0	0	26	49	.366	18	2	12	.374
1998	.335	55-55	155	32	52	13	0	2	42	71	.458	16	1	20	.390
TOTAL	.320	148-101	423	89	136	27	1	5	103	120	.424	48	6	45	.410

YEAR	ERA	W-L	APP	GS	CG	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	WP	HB	BK
1996	2.29	16-11	NA	NA	NA	NA	177	182	121	58	51	73	5	3	0
1997	2.03	19-2	25	23	20	0	150.2	147	53	34	17	52	2	1	0
1998	0.46	11-0	13	13	10	0	76.0	53	10	5	8	25	1	1	0
TOTAL	1.59	46-13	38	36	30	0	403.2	382	184	97	76	150	8	5	0



**SALINA YAVIA**  
Sophomore, 5-5, UT, R/R

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**Mission Viejo, CA/Alisio Niguel High**

1997-98: Appeared in 12 games last year as a freshman for the Knights, recording 3 hits (1 being a home run) and 3 runs batted in. PRE-COLLEGE: Hit .308 from the right side, .360 from the left as a senior at Alisio Niguel High while being co-captain... A four-year varsity player... Team's Most Inspirational Player in 1995... Has played organized softball for 13 years... Sports editor of NSU's student newspaper... Played volleyball as freshman and sophomore... JV basketball in 1996... Was member of Associated Student Body... Student of the Year in 1996... 1997 U.S. National Journalism Award winner... 1996 Junior Achievement Vice President... Three-year Business Honors Program, Business Academy Vice President 1995, 1996,

1997... American Field Study... Publicity Director, Junior Statesmen of America... 1996 Alternate Delegate, National Conference on Social Responsibility. PERSONAL: Born February 20, 1979, in Hamilton, New Zealand... Business major... Enjoys writing, music, outdoors.

YEAR	AVG	GP/GS	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	TB	SLG%	BB	HBP	SO	OB%
1998	.231	12-3	13	2	3	0	0	1	3	6	.462	0	0	0	.231

# SOFTBALL 1998-99...



**SHERRI WADDELL**  
**Senior, 5-II, 1B/OF, R/R**

**Cooper City, FL/St. Thomas Aquinas High, 1994**

1997-98: Named to the FSC's All-Conference Team after hitting .336 with 10 doubles and 35 runs batted in... Recorded 8 assists from her center field position. CAREER: Twice named to the All-Conference Team... Named All-Region Second Team as a junior... Considered one of the top defensive players in the NAIA Southeast Region... Began her fast-pitch softball career in 1995, joining the Knights midway through the season and finishing with a .298 batting average... Played slow-pitch softball through her junior prep season, helping St. Thomas Aquinas become one of the state's best teams... Team Most Valuable Player as sophomore... Named First Team All-County as sophomore, junior... One of the top volleyball players

to come out of NSU, playing for the Knights from 1994-97... Named NAIA Southeast Region Volleyball Player of the Year in 1996. PERSONAL: Born April 12, 1976, in Plantation, FL... Education major... Enjoys water sports, mountain biking.

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YEAR	AVG	GP/GS	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	TB	SLG%	BB	HBP	SO	OB%
1996	.298	47-NA	47	8	14	2	0	0	10	NA	.340	3	0	11	.500
1997	.287	41-36	101	22	29	4	0	2	16	39	.386	19	1	13	.398
1998	.336	53-53	143	29	48	10	1	3	35	69	.483	24	0	11	.429
TOTAL	.307	141-89	291	59	91	16	1	5	61	108	.403	46	1	35	.442



NSU assistant coach Miguel "Bookie" Nunez (L) and head coach Robyn Handler (R) watch over the Knights



# 1997-98 SOFTBALL RESULTS...

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE	RECORD (FSC)	PITCHER OF RECORD
January 27	GOLDEY BEACOM	5-3 W	1-0	Sawyer (1-0)
January 27	GOLDEY BEACOM	2-0 W	2-0	Morgan (1-0)
February 7	at Lynn University	9-0 W	3-0	Sawyer (2-0)
February 7	at Lynn University	12-3 W	4-0	Morgan (2-0)
February 8	at St. Leo College	6-2 W	5-0	King (1-0)
February 8	at St. Leo College	4-2 W	6-0	King (2-0)
February 14	BARRY UNIVERSITY	0-2 L	6-1	Morgan (2-1)
February 14	BARRY UNIVERSITY	4-1 W	7-1	King (3-0)
February 21	at University of Tampa	2-0 W	8-1	Sawyer (3-0)
February 21	at University of Tampa	0-2 L	8-2	King (3-1)
February 27	vs. St. Thomas University	3-0 W	9-2	King (4-1)
February 27	vs. Lynn University	5-4 W	10-2	Morgan (3-1)
February 28	vs. Valdosta State University	4-5 L	10-3	King (4-2)
February 28	vs. University of Puerto Rico	8-0 W	11-3	Morgan (4-1)
March 5	vs. Indiana Wesleyan University (Rebel Games)	5-0 W	12-3	King (5-2)
March 5	vs. Walsh University (Rebel Games)	9-3 W	13-3	King (6-2)
March 6	vs. Bethel College (Rebel Games)	5-2 W	14-3	King (7-2)
March 6	vs. Goshen College (Rebel Games)	12-0 W	15-3	Morgan (5-1)
March 7	vs. Bridgewater State College (Rebel Games)	8-0 W	16-3	King (8-2)
March 7	vs. Montclair State University (Rebel Games)	4-2 W	17-3	Morgan (6-1)
March 8	vs. Tiffin University (Rebel Games)	5-0 W	18-3	King (9-2)
March 8	vs. St. Ambrose University (Rebel Games)	2-0 W	19-3	Morgan (7-1)
March 13	FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY	3-2 W	20-3	Sawyer (4-0)
March 13	FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY	2-0 W	21-3	King (10-2)
March 19	MOUNT SENARIO COLLEGE	8-0 W	22-3	Sawyer (5-0)
March 19	MOUNT SENARIO COLLEGE	14-0 W	23-3	Morgan (8-1)
March 21	vs. McKendree College	3-5 L	23-4	Morgan (8-2)
March 21	vs. McKendree College	4-0 W	24-4	King (11-2)
March 22	at University of North Florida	2-1 W	25-4	King (12-2)
March 22	at University of North Florida	3-2 W	26-4	Morgan (9-2)
March 25	UPPER IOWA COLLEGE	8-0 W	27-4	Sawyer (6-0)
March 25	UPPER IOWA COLLEGE	8-0 W	28-4	King (13-2)
March 26	MERCY COLLEGE	8-0 W	29-4	Sawyer (7-0)
March 26	MERCY COLLEGE	10-1 W	30-4	Morgan (10-2)
March 28	*WEBBER COLLEGE	9-0 W	31-4, 1-0	King (14-2)
March 28	*WEBBER COLLEGE	9-0 W	32-4, 2-0	Morgan (11-2)
April 1	*NORTHWOOD UNIVERSITY	2-0 W	33-4, 3-0	King (15-2)
April 1	*NORTHWOOD UNIVERSITY	8-0 W	34-4, 4-0	Morgan (12-2)
April 4	*at Webber College	6-0 W	35-4, 5-0	Sawyer (8-0)
April 4	*at Webber College	13-1 W	36-4, 6-0	King (16-2)
April 6	LYNDON STATE COLLEGE	8-0 W	37-4	Sawyer (9-0)
April 6	LYNDON STATE COLLEGE	13-0 W	38-4	Morgan (13-2)
April 8	*at St. Thomas University	4-1 W	39-4, 7-0	King (17-2)
April 8	*at St. Thomas University	6-2 W	40-4, 8-0	Morgan (14-2)
April 10	*at Northwood University	2-0 W	41-4, 9-0	Sawyer (10-0)
April 10	*at Northwood University	7-0 W (FFT)	42-4, 10-0	TEAM
April 15	*ST THOMAS UNIVERSITY	5-0 W	43-4, 11-0	King (18-2)
April 15	*ST THOMAS UNIVERSITY	5-0 W	44-4, 12-0	Morgan (15-2)
April 16	LYNN UNIVERSITY	8-0 W	45-4	Sawyer (11-0)
April 16	LYNN UNIVERSITY	8-0 W	46-4	King (19-2)
April 23	at Florida International University	6-2 W	47-4	King (20-2)
April 23	at Florida International University	3-6 L	47-5	Morgan (15-3)
May 4	vs. Limestone College (Region Tourney)	6-3 W	48-5	King (20-2)
May 5	vs. Southern Wesleyan (Region Tourney)	3-6 L	48-6	Morgan (12-3)
May 5	vs. Southern State College (Region Tourney)	3-1 W	49-6	King (22-2)
May 6	vs. University of Mobile (Region semifinals)	0-1 L	49-7	King (22-3)

\*Denotes Florida Sun Conference game  
HOME GAME

# 1997-98 SOFTBALL STATISTICS...

## HITTING

PLAYER	AVG	GP/GS	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	TB	SLG%	BB	HP	SO	OB%
Kim Eason	.440	54-54	159	45	70	19	5	1	41	102	.642	21	0	11	.497
Nikki Hyatt	.429	7-1	7	2	3	0	1	0	2	5	.714	1	0	1	.444
Melissa Carriere	.382	54-53	186	44	71	2	3	0	9	79	.425	5	0	28	.396
Diane Ocampo	.381	38-32	97	24	37	3	5	0	15	50	.515	10	1	22	.440
Heidi Wickham	.377	55-55	167	54	63	7	5	0	31	80	.479	20	1	10	.438
Sherri Waddell	.336	53-53	143	29	48	10	1	3	35	69	.483	24	0	11	.429
Shannon Sawyer	.335	55-55	155	32	52	13	0	2	42	71	.458	16	1	20	.390
Lenore Gurecki	.325	54-54	114	31	37	3	1	0	19	42	.368	11	0	11	.381
Mercedes Orozco	.316	53-51	133	14	42	5	0	1	17	50	.376	10	5	10	.383
Angie Hill	.316	20-5	19	6	6	1	0	0	4	7	.368	0	0	2	.316
Julie Levy	.311	55-55	151	17	47	6	4	2	35	67	.444	4	4	21	.342
Kerri Phagan	.286	6-4	7	3	2	0	0	0	1	2	.286	2	0	1	.444
Ingrid Perez	.231	15-12	26	4	6	2	0	0	1	8	.308	3	0	6	.310
Salina Vavia	.231	12-3	13	2	3	0	0	1	3	6	.462	0	0	0	.231
Julie King	.209	32-24	43	5	9	1	0	0	1	10	.233	7	0	11	.320
Stephanie Bauman	.143	11-4	14	2	2	0	0	0	0	2	.143	0	0	3	.143
Lauren Abrams	.000	2-1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	1	.000
Cameran Morgan	.000	16-15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	1	0	0	1.000
NSU TOTALS	.347	56-56	1436	321	498	72	25	10	256	650	.453	135	12	169	.402
OPPONENTS	.189	56-56	1256	65	237	27	2	2	47	274	.218	70	4	221	.233

## FIELDING

PLAYER	C	PO	A	E	FLD%	DP	SBA	CSB	SB%	PB	CI
Kerri Phagan	26	26	0	0	1.000	0	2	0	1.000	0	0
Angie Hill	8	4	4	0	1.000	0	0	0	—	0	0
Stephanie Bauman	4	4	0	0	1.000	0	0	0	—	0	0
Diane Ocampo	2	2	0	0	1.000	0	0	0	—	0	0
Salina Vavia	2	2	0	0	1.000	0	0	0	—	0	0
Kim Eason	466	426	36	4	.991	11	0	0	—	0	0
Mercedes Orozco	248	213	32	3	.988	2	30	14	.682	3	0
Julie Levy	52	43	8	1	.981	0	0	0	—	0	0
Shannon Sawyer	197	103	85	9	.954	9	3	2	.600	0	0
Lenore Gurecki	228	87	129	12	.947	6	0	0	—	0	0
Cameran Morgan	37	5	30	2	.946	0	11	5	.688	0	0
Melissa Carriere	156	34	109	13	.917	1	0	0	—	0	0
Nikki Hyatt	12	3	8	1	.917	0	0	0	—	0	0
Sherri Waddell	49	35	8	6	.878	0	0	0	—	0	0
Lauren Abrams	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	—	0	0
NSU TOTALS	1641	1059	525	57	.965	13	32	15	.681	3	0
OPPONENTS	1541	996	432	113	.927	4	113	18	.863	20	0

## PITCHING

PLAYER	ERA	W-L	APP	GS	CG	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	WP	HB	BK
Shannon Sawyer	0.46	11-0	13	13	10	0	76.0	53	10	5	8	25	1	1	0
Julie King	0.59	22-3	30	23	23	2	167.0	110	22	14	11	116	3	1	0
Cameran Morgan	1.53	15-4	20	19	13	0	110.0	74	33	24	51	80	15	2	0
NSU TOTALS	0.85	49-7	56	56	47	2	353.0	237	65	43	70	221	19	4	0
OPPONENTS	4.60	7-49	56	56	40	1	332.0	498	320	218	135	169	54	12	0

# SOFTBALL RECORDS...

## ALL-TIME ROSTER

Abrams, Lauren	1998
Bauman, Stephanie	1995-98
Carriere, Melissa	1995-98
Carroll, Denise	1997
Cohen, Rachel	1996
Donaldson, Tara	1995
Eason, Kim	1995-98
Gurecki, Lenore	1995-98
Hawley, Christy	1997
Hill, Angie	1997-
Holbrook, Makesha	1995
Hyatt, Nikki	1998-
Ignasiak, Lisa	1995-96
King, Julie	1998
Levy, Julie	1996-
Llerena, Marisol	1995
Merriman, Ann	1995
Morgan, Cameran	1997-
Ocampo, Diane	1998-
Orozco, Mercedes	1997-98
Perez, Ingrid	1996-98
Phagan, Kerri	1998-
Sawyer, Shannon	1996-
Vavia, Salina	1998-
Waddell, Sherri	1996-
Wickham, Heidi	1997-98
White, Thelma	1995-96
Weigel, Darice	1995
Wood, Tenecea	1995

## YEAR-BY-YEAR RESULTS

YEAR	W-L	COACH
1995	18-16	Robyn Handler
1996	27-20	Robyn Handler
1997	33-13	Robyn Handler
1998	49-7	Robyn Handler
TOTAL	127-56	

## COACH RECORDS

YEAR	COACH	W-L
1995-	Handler	127-56

## POST-SEASON SUCCESSES

YEAR	EVENT
1996	SE Sub-Region, runner-up
1997	FSC champs, SE Region 3 <sup>rd</sup>
1998	FSC champs, SE Region 4 <sup>th</sup>

## INDIVIDUAL RECORDS/HITTING

AT-BATS	
Career	606, Melissa Carriere, 1995-98
Season	186, Melissa Carriere, 1998

## BATTING AVERAGE

Career	.398, Kim Eason, 1995-98
Season	.440, Kim Eason, 1998

## GAMES PLAYED

Career	181, Melissa Carriere, 1995-98
Season	181, Kim Eason, 1995-98
Season	55, Julie Levy, 1998

Season	55, Shannon Sawyer, 1998
Season	55, Heidi Wickham, 1998

## HITS

Career	210, Melissa Carriere, 1995-98
Season	71, Melissa Carriere, 1998

## DOUBLES

Career	35, Kim Eason, 1995-98
Season	19, Kim Eason, 1998

## TRIPLES

Career	7, Kim Eason, 1995-98
Season	6, Ann Merriman, 1995

## HOME RUNS

Career	17, Lisa Ignasiak, 1995-96
Season	11, Lisa Ignasiak, 1995

## RUNS BATTED IN

Career	109, Kim Eason, 1995-98
Season	42, Shannon Sawyer, 1998

## RUNS SCORED

Career	147, Melissa Carriere, 1995-98
Season	54, Heidi Wickham, 1998

## SLUGGING PERCENTAGE

Career	.680, Lisa Ignasiak, 1995-96
Season	.775, Lisa Ignasiak, 1996

## STOLEN BASES

Career	128, Melissa Carriere, 1995-98
Season	39, Melissa Carriere, 1998, 1997

## TOTAL BASES

Career	163, Kim Eason, 1995-98
Season	102, Kim Eason, 1998

## HIT BY PITCH

Career	10, Mercedes Orozco, 1997-98
Season	5, Mercedes Orozco, 1997, 1998

## WALKS

Career	102, Kim Eason, 1995-98
Season	29, Darice Weigel, 1995

## STRIKEOUTS

Career	98, Melissa Carriere, 1995-98
Season	31, Tara Donaldson, 1995

## SACRIFICE HITS

Career	31, Melissa Carriere, 1995-98
Season	17, Lenore Gurecki, 1998

## INDIVIDUAL RECORDS/FIELDING

PUTOUTS	
Career	1199, Kim Eason, 1995-98
Season	426, Kim Eason, 1998

## ASSISTS

Career	444, Lenore Gurecki, 1995-98
Season	171, Lenore Gurecki, 1995

## ERRORS

Career	61, Melissa Carriere, 1995-98
Season	34, Ann Merriman, 1995

# SOFTBALL RECORDS CONTINUED...

## INDIVIDUAL RECORDS/PITCHING

### APPEARANCES

Career ..... 65, Shannon Sawyer, 1996-  
Season ..... 30, Julie King, 1998

### STARTS

Career ..... 63, Shannon Sawyer, 1996-  
Season ..... 27, Shannon Sawyer, 1996

### COMPLETE GAMES

Career ..... 30, Shannon Sawyer, 1996-  
Season ..... 23, Julie King, 1998

### VICTORIES

Career ..... 51, Shannon Sawyer, 1996-  
Season ..... 22, Julie King, 1998

### LOSSES

Career ..... 14, Kim Eason, 1995-98  
..... 14, Lenore Gurecki, 1995-98

Season ..... 11, Shannon Sawyer, 1996

### SHUTOUTS

Career ..... 14, Shannon Sawyer, 1996-  
Season ..... 11, Julie King, 1998

### INNINGS PITCHED

Career ..... 403.2, Shannon Sawyer, 1996-  
Season ..... 177.0, Shannon Sawyer, 1996

### FEWEST RUNS ALLOWED

Season ..... 10 R (76.0 IP), Shannon Sawyer, 1998

### MOST RUNS ALLOWED

Season ..... 121 R (177 IP), Shannon Sawyer, 1996

### STRIKEOUTS

Career ..... 152, Cameran Morgan, 1997-  
Season ..... 116, Julie King, 1998

### FEWEST WALKS ALLOWED

Season ..... 8 (76.0 IP), Shannon Sawyer, 1998

### HITS ALLOWED

Career ..... 409, Shannon Sawyer, 1996-  
Season ..... 182, Shannon Sawyer, 1996

### HIT BATTERS

Career ..... 7, Cameran Morgan, 1997-  
Season ..... 5, Cameran Morgan, 1997

### WILD PITCHES

Career ..... 40, Cameran Morgan, 1997-  
Season ..... 25, Cameran Morgan, 1997

### LOWEST EARNED RUN AVERAGE

Career ..... 1.61, Shannon Sawyer, 1996-  
Season ..... 0.46, Shannon Sawyer, 1998

## TEAM OVERALL RECORDS

**MOST VICTORIES** ..... 49, 1998

**MOST LOSSES** ..... 20, 1996

**BEST WON-LOSS RECORD** ..... 49-7, 1998

**MOST GAMES** ..... 56, 1998

**TEAM BATTING AVERAGE** ..... .347, 1998 (56 games)

**HITS** ..... 498 (56 games), 1998

**DOUBLES** ..... 72 (56 games), 1998

**TRIPLES** ..... 25 (56 games), 1998

**HOME RUNS** ..... 15 (34 games), 1995

**RUNS BATTED IN** ..... 256 (56 games), 1998

**TOTAL BASES** ..... 650 (56 games), 1998

**SLUGGING PERCENTAGE** ..... .453, 1998

**STOLEN BASES** ..... 113/131, 1998

**SACRIFICE HITS** ..... 20 SF (56 games), 1998

**HIT BATSMEN** ..... 17, 1995

## TEAM PITCHING

**COMPLETE GAMES** ..... 47, 1998

**INNINGS PITCHED** ..... 353, 1998

**RUNS ALLOWED-FEWEST** ..... 65, 1998

**RUNS ALLOWED-MOST** ..... 211, 1996

**EARNED RUNS-FEWEST** ..... 43, 1998

**STRIKEOUTS** ..... 221, 1998

**FEWEST WALKS ALLOWED** ..... 70, 1998

**MOST WALKS ALLOWED** ..... 112, 1996

**FEWEST HITS ALLOWED** ..... 237, 1998

**MOST HITS ALLOWED** ..... 300, 1996

**WILD PITCHES** ..... 28, 1997

**SHUTOUTS** ..... 30, 1998

**LOWEST EARNED RUN AVERAGE** ..... 0.85, 1998

## TEAM FIELDING

**PUTOUTS** ..... 1059/51, 1998

**ASSISTS** ..... 633, 1995

**ERRORS** ..... 148, 1995

**DOUBLE PLAYS** ..... 16, 1997

**FIELDING AVERAGE** ..... .965, 1998

# SOFTBALL RECORDS CONTINUED...

## TEAM GAME RECORDS

### BATTING

#### MOST AT-BATS

..... 41, vs. Florida Tech (March 16, 1997)

#### MOST RUNS SCORED

..... 16, vs. Northwood University (April 24, 1997)

#### MOST HITS

..... 16, vs. Upper Iowa College (March 25, 1998)

#### MOST RUNS BATTED IN

..... 12, vs. Lyndon State College (April 6, 1998)

..... 12, vs. Northwood University (April 24, 1997)

#### MOST DOUBLES

..... 4, vs. Goshen College (March 6, 1998)

..... 4, vs. Upper Iowa College (March 25, 1998)

..... 4, vs. Mercy College (March 26, 1998)

#### MOST TRIPLES

..... 3, vs. Lynn University (February 7, 1998)

..... 3, vs. Walsh University (March 5, 1998)

#### HOME RUNS

..... 2, vs. St. Leo College (February 20, 1997)

#### TOTAL BASES

..... 24, vs. Lynn University (February 7, 1998)

#### WALKS

..... 9, vs. Lynn University (April 16, 1998)

..... 9, vs. Northwood University (March 26, 1997)

#### STRIKEOUTS

..... 11, vs. Valdosta State (February 28, 1998)

..... 11, vs. Florida International University (March 13, 1998)

#### SACRIFICE HITS

..... 4, vs. St. Thomas University (April 9, 1997)

..... 4, vs. Northwood University (April 24, 1997)

#### SACRIFICE FLIES

..... 3, vs. Mt. Senario College (March 19, 1998)

..... 3, vs. Mercy College (March 27, 1998)

#### STOLEN BASES

..... 7, vs. University of Puerto Rico (February 28, 1998)

..... 7, vs. Florida Tech (February 15, 1997)

..... 7, vs. St. Thomas University (April 23, 1997)

#### HIT BY PITCH

..... 3, vs. Webber College (March 22, 1997)

#### CAUGHT STEALING

..... 2, vs. St. Thomas University (February 27, 1998)

..... 2, vs. Bridgewater State (March 7, 1998)

#### RUNNERS LEFT ON BASE

..... 15, vs. University of North Florida (March 22, 1998)

#### HIT INTO DOUBLE PLAY

..... 2, vs. St. Thomas University (April 7, 1997)

## FIELDING

### MOST PUTOUTS

..... 30, vs. University of North Florida (March 22, 1998)

..... 30, vs. Goldey Beacom College (January 28, 1997)

### MOST ASSISTS

..... 16, vs. University of North Florida (March 22, 1998)

..... 16, vs. Goldey Beacom College (January 28, 1998)

### MOST ERRORS

..... 4, vs. Heidelberg (March 7, 1998)

..... 4, vs. Webber College (March 16, 1997)

..... 4, vs. Lyndon State College (April 3, 1997)

..... 4, vs. Webber College (April 5, 1997)

### PASSED BALLS

..... 2, vs. Florida Tech (February 15, 1998)

..... 2, vs. Florida Tech (March 16, 1997)

### DOUBLE PLAYS TURNED

..... 2, vs. Florida International University (March 13, 1998)

..... 2, vs. Wittenburg (March 6, 1997)

..... 2, vs. St. Thomas University (April 7, 1997)

..... 2, vs. University of Mobile (May 8, 1997)

## PITCHING

### INNINGS PITCHED

..... 10.0, vs. University of North Florida (March 22, 1998)

..... 10.0, vs. Goldey Beacom (January 28, 1997)

### RUNS ALLOWED

..... 12, vs. Webber College (March 16, 1997)

### EARNED RUNS

..... 7, vs. Webber College (March 15, 1997)

..... 7, vs. St. Thomas Aquinas (March 24, 1997)

### WALKS ALLOWED

..... 9, vs. Florida Tech (March 16, 1997)

### STRIKEOUTS

..... 10, vs. St. Thomas University (April 8, 1998)

### HITS ALLOWED

..... 15, vs. Webber College (March 22, 1998)

### DOUBLES ALLOWED

..... 3, vs. St. Leo College (February 8, 1998)

..... 3, vs. McKendree College (March 21, 1998)

..... 3, vs. Limestone College (May 4, 1998)

### TRIPLES ALLOWED

..... 1, vs. Valdosta State (February 28, 1998)

..... 1, vs. tiffin University (March 8, 1998)

### HOMERS ALLOWED

..... 2, vs. Webber College (March 16, 1997)

### MOST WILD PITCHES

..... 4, vs. Northwood University (March 26, 1997)

### MOST HIT BATTERS

..... 2, vs. Florida Tech (February 15, 1997)

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The Florida Sun Conference is comprised of Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Flagler College, Florida Memorial College, Northwood University, Nova Southeastern University, Palm Beach Atlantic College, St. Thomas University, Warner Southern College and Webber College.

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