

Senior shortstop Billy (Cooter) Mills, Florida State University's four-year baseball veteran from Tallahassee, won the 1954 Seminole team batting championship.

A candidate for All-America baseball honors, Mills finished with a .368 batting average, collecting 32 hits in 87 trips to the plate. The .368 performance, best in his four-year college career, gave Mills a .313 lifetime batting mark as a Seminole.

Mills rewrote three FSU diamond records while leading the Indians to a 14-9 finish this spring. The diminutive (5-7, 144) infielder's 32 hits tied ex-Seminole Lee Bailey's 1951 crop and his 75 assists easily produced a new record in the fielding department.

Mills played his 70th consecutive college game when FSU closed its 23-game campaign with a 16-1 rout of Florida Southern.

FRESHMAN STAR

First baseman Fred Twomey, a freshman surprise from Gloucester, Mass., was runner-up to

Mills in the batting derby with a .347 average. Twomey led the club in doubles (7) and runs batted in (19).

Billy Campbell, three-year letterman from Panama City, was third with a .318 effort, thanks to a late-season rush. Second-sacker Campbell tied Mills in runs scored (23) and was the stolen-base leader with five.

Team Captain Bob Hudson of Sarasota won the slugging crown—with 14 singles, five doubles, four triples and a pair of home runs. Rightfielder Hudson batted .313.

Leftfielder Lee Corso, a quarterback who didn't join the squad until after spring football practice, hit .400 in the Seminoles' last 10 games.

Sophomore Max Long of Jacksonville was the leading FSU pitcher with six wins against three defeats. Jim Atwood, a sophomore from Hollywood, allowed only 12 earned runs in 52 innings to win the ERA crown with a 2.7 average. Atwood, who also led in strikeouts with 45, won three games and lost four.

| | AB | R | H | 2B | 3B | rbi | Ave. |
|----------------|----|----|----|----|----|-----|------|
| Jansen, 1B | 3 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .667 |
| Schafer, cf | 5 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 1 | .600 |
| Corso, lf | 25 | 6 | 10 | 1 | 0 | 6 | .400 |
| Miller, ss | 37 | 23 | 32 | 3 | 2 | 15 | .368 |
| Twomey, 1b | 75 | 18 | 25 | 7 | 3 | 19 | .347 |
| Campbell, 2b | 85 | 26 | 27 | 1 | 2 | 12 | .318 |
| Hudson, rf | 80 | 19 | 25 | 5 | 4 | 18 | .313 |
| Long, p | 27 | 6 | 8 | 0 | 1 | 2 | .296 |
| Mann, cf | 18 | 2 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 1 | .278 |
| Wynn, c | 30 | 7 | 7 | 2 | 0 | 2 | .233 |
| Boyce, cf | 53 | 12 | 12 | 1 | 2 | 4 | .226 |
| Moore, rf | 42 | 4 | 9 | 1 | 0 | 7 | .214 |
| Ashley, c | 47 | 5 | 10 | 2 | 0 | 9 | .213 |
| Waltz, p | 15 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 2 | .200 |
| Bondi, Util. | 32 | 7 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 4 | .184 |
| Hendrix, 3b | 64 | 12 | 10 | 1 | 0 | 6 | .152 |
| Brown, p | 3 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | .125 |
| Wernke, p | 9 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | .111 |
| Atwood, p | 24 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 3 | .083 |
| Hehemann, p | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .000 |
| Sullivan, p | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .000 |
| Swenney, Util. | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .000 |
| Avitable, p | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .000 |
| Ash, p | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .000 |
| Fraser, p | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .000 |

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PITCHING

| | G | IP | H | SO | BB | W | L | Ave. |
|----------|----|--------|----|----|----|---|---|-------|
| Long | 10 | 83 1/3 | 59 | 33 | 25 | 6 | 3 | .667 |
| Atwood | 10 | 52 | 53 | 45 | 24 | 3 | 4 | .429 |
| Wernke | 7 | 27 1/3 | 26 | 15 | 18 | 1 | 0 | 1.000 |
| Brown | 4 | 18 | 16 | 15 | 7 | 2 | 1 | .667 |
| Hehemann | 3 | 18 | 17 | 7 | 8 | 2 | 0 | 1.000 |
| Waltz | 4 | 2 1/3 | 9 | 6 | 3 | 0 | 0 | .000 |
| Sullivan | 2 | 3 1/3 | 1 | 3 | 6 | 0 | 0 | .000 |
| Fraser | 1 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | .000 |
| Ash | 1 | 1/3 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 1 | .000 |