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FIU AT MARSHALL

Saturday, Jan. 9, 2016 • 7 p.m. • Cam Henderson Center • Huntington, W.Va.

2015-16 SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent (TV)	Time/Result
N13	Trinity Baptist (C-USA-DN)	W, 71-39
N16	Florida Memorial (C-USA-DN)	W, 67-51

JMU MEN AGAINST BREAST CANCER CLASSIC HARRISONBURG, VA.

N20	at JMU	L, 64-61
N21	vs. UT Martin	W, 69-62
N22	vs. Oral Roberts	L, 76-70 (ot)

N25	LIU Brooklyn (ASN)	W, 80-72
N30	Stetson (C-USA DN)	L, 81-75

D4	Elon (C-USA DN)	L, 77-71
D6	Florida Gulf Coast (ASN)	L, 84-76 (ot)
D14	at North Florida (ESPN3)	L, 94-72
D19	at Northern Illinois	L, 78-75 (2ot)
D22	at Binghamton	W, 66-49
D29	Florida A&M	W, 64-45

J3	Florida Atlantic* (FSN)	W, 76-59
J7	at WKU* (FCS)	W, 75-72
J9	at Marshall* (C-USA DN)	7 p.m.
J14	Louisiana Tech* (C-USA DN)	7 p.m.
J16	Southern Miss* (C-USA DN)	7 p.m.
J21	at UTSA* (C-USA DN)	8 p.m.
J23	at UTEP* (C-USA DN)	9:05 p.m.
J28	Charlotte* (ASN)	7 p.m.
J30	Old Dominion* (C-USA DN)	7 p.m.

F4	at UAB* (ASN)	7 p.m.
F6	at Middle Tennessee* (C-USA DN)	7 p.m.
F11	UTEP* (C-USA DN)	7 p.m.
F13	UTSA* (C-USA DN)	7 p.m.
F18	at North Texas* (C-USA DN)	8 p.m.
F20	at Rice* (ASN)	2 p.m.
F27	at Florida Atlantic* (ASN)	2 p.m.

M3	UAB* (C-USA DN)	7 p.m.
M5	Middle Tennessee* (ASN)	6 p.m.

CONFERENCE USA TOURNAMENT BIRMINGHAM, ALA.

M8	C-USA First Round	TBD
M9	C-USA Second Round	TBD
M10	C-USA Quarterfinals	TBD
M11	C-USA Semifinals	TBD
M12	C-USA Championship	TBD

* Conference USA Game

\$ Conference USA Tournament, Birmingham, Ala.

C-USA DN - Conference USA Digital Network;

ASN - American Sports Network; FSN - Fox Sports Net;

FCS - Fox College Sports

GAME NO. 16

FIU PANTHERS



Record 8-7, 2-0 C-USA
Last Game W, 75-72 at WKU
January 7, 2016

Head Coach Anthony Evans
Alma Mater St. Thomas Aquinas, 1994
Career Record 138-134/ninth season
Record at FIU 39-40/third season

Top Players

Adrian Diaz (15.7 ppg, 9.7 rpg, 3.6 bpg)
Donte McGill (15.4 ppg, 5.3 rpg)

MARSHALL THUNDERING HERD



Record 6-9, 2-0 C-USA
Last Game W, 90-67 vs. Florida Atlantic
January 7, 2016

Head Coach Dan D'Antoni
Alma Mater Marshall, 1970
Career Record 17-30/second season
Record at school Same

Top Players

James Kelly (17.9 ppg, 9.7 rpg)
Ryan Taylor (14.5 ppg, 6.4 apg)

GAMEDAY INFORMATION

TV/Video HerdZone.com
Steve Cotton (Play-by-play)
Woody Woodrum (Color)
Radio/Audio None
Live Stats HerdZone.com
Series Marshall leads, 3-1
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Tickets Call the Marshall Athletics
Ticket Office at 1-800-THE-HERD

QUICK HITS

■ FIU continues its two-game Conference USA road trip when it travels to Huntington, W.Va., to face Marshall on Saturday, Jan. 9 at 7 p.m. ... The Panthers are looking to extend its winning streak to five games ... FIU's current four-game winning streak is its longest since the 2013-14 campaign - Anthony Evans' first season - when it had a 6-0 stretch.

■ FIU looks to start undefeated in league play for the first time since the 2010-11 season when it began Sun Belt play 3-0.

■ FIU is coming off a thrilling 75-72 come-from-behind win at WKU on Thursday night ... Daviyon Draper tied his career-high with 21 points, while Donte McGill and Adrian Diaz each added 16 points ... Eric Nottage had 14 points.

■ Diaz, the reigning Conference USA Co-Player of the Week, and McGill continue to lead FIU in scoring, netting 15.7 and 15.4 points-per-game, respectively ... Diaz also leads in rebounding, grabbing 9.1 per-outing.

■ McGill continues to be the hottest player on the team, averaging 19.0 points-per-game in his last five outings ... He has scored 20-plus points in three of his last five games.

■ Diaz leads Conference USA, and is No. 1 in NCAA Division I (through games of Jan. 7), in blocked shots-per-game, averaging 3.8 rejections-per-outing ... He is also tops in the nation in total blocked shots (54).

FIU PROBABLE STARTERS



G • 2 • Jr.	G • 4 • Fr.	G • 1 • Jr.	F • 20 • Sr.	F • 32 • Sr.
DONTE MCGILL	KIMAR WILLIAMS	JASON BOSWELL	ADRIAN DIAZ	DAVIYON DRAPER
Points/Gm 15.4	Points/Gm 4.9	Points/Gm 6.7	Points/Gm 15.7	Points/Gm 13.6
Rebounds/Gm 5.3	Rebounds/Gm 2.5	Rebounds/Gm 2.6	Rebounds/Gm 9.1	Rebounds/Gm 6.8
Assists/Gm 1.1	Assists/Gm 3.1	Assists/Gm 2.3	Assists/Gm 0.9	Assists/Gm 1.6
Steals/Gm 0.9	Steals/Gm 1.0	Steals/Gm 0.7	Blocks/Gm 3.6	Steals/Gm 0.9

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THE FIU PANTHERS

QUICK FACTS

The University

Name of School	FIU
City/Zip Code	Miami, Fla. 33199
Founded/Opened	1965/1972
Enrollment	54,000
Nickname	Panthers
Arena	Lime Court at FIU Arena
Capacity	5,000
Affiliation	NCAA Division I
Conference	Conference USA
President	Dr. Mark B. Rosenberg
Faculty Representative	Dr. Pete E.C. Markowitz
Exec. Dir. of Sports & Entertainment	Pete Garcia
Senior Woman Administrator	Julie Berg
Ticket Office Phone	305-FIU-GAME (348-4263)

Basketball History

First Year	1981-82
All-Time Record*	383-581/.397 (35 years)
Actual On-Court Record	399-564/.414
All-Time C-USA Record	17-19/.472 (third season)
All-Time Sun Belt Record**	71-160/.307 ('98-'99 - '12-'13)
Actual On-Court Sun Belt	80-160/.333
All-Time TAAC Record	58-48/.547 ('91-'92 - '97-'98)
All-Time Post-Season	18-21 (.420)***
C-USA Tournament	1-1
Sun Belt Tournament	9-14 (.614)***
TAAC Tournament	8-5
TAAC Champions	1995
NCAA Tournament	0-1
Years in NCAA Tourn./Last	1/1995
Last NCAA opponent	UCLA
Result	Lost, 92-56, NCAA First Round
Post-Season NIT	N/A
All-Time Division I Record	325-497/.395 (292-497/.370)*
All-Time Division II Record	84-77/.522 ('81-'82 - '86-'87)

* Vacated 32 wins from 2002-03 to 2005-06 due to NCAA sanctions.

** Vacated nine conference wins from 2003-04 to 2005-06 due to NCAA sanctions.

*** Vacated three conference tourney wins due to NCAA sanctions.

Coaching Staff

Head Coach	Anthony Evans
Alma Mater, Year	St. Thomas Aquinas '94
Record at FIU (Years)	39-40 (third season)
Career Record	138-134 (ninth seasons)
C-USA Record	17-19 (third season)
Assistant Coaches	Mike Gillian Chris Capko Spencer Wright
Director of Basketball Operations	Jarrett Lockhart
Assist. Dir. of Basketball Ops.	Mike Oliva
Assist Strength & Conditioning	Thomas Carroll
Certified Athletic Trainer	Ben McGrath

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HEAD COACH ANTHONY EVANS



- **Head Coach • St. Thomas Aquinas (N.Y.) (1994)**
- **138-134 (.507) Overall (Ninth Season) • 39-40 (.494) at FIU (Third Season)**
- **Family • Wife, Kisha; Son, Anthony**
- **Date of Birth • March 25, 1970 in Brooklyn, N.Y.**

■ Named the eighth head basketball coach at FIU on April 16, 2013.

■ Picked up his first win as the head coach at FIU with a 66-58 victory over Kennesaw State on Nov. 10, 2013. The win also marked the 100th-career victory for Evans.

■ In his first season at the helm, led FIU to a 15-win season. FIU picked up a big 72-61 victory over cross-state rival and 2012 Sweet Sixteen squad Florida Gulf Coast on Dec. 7 at FIU Arena. FIU earned seven Conference USA wins in its inaugural season in the league, including two victories over rival Florida Atlantic.

■ During the 2014-15 campaign, Evans saw two of his players earn All-Conference USA honors. Dennis Mavin earned second team honors while Adrian Diaz was named to the All-C-USA Defensive Team. Diaz finished the year as the league leader in blocked shots per game (3.0 bpg), and was sixth in NCAA Division I in total blocked shots (99) and seventh in blocked shots per game.

■ Coached Tymell Murphy to a Second-Team All-C-USA honor for his play during the 2013-14 season. Murphy finished the year averaging 16.6 points-per-game (No. 4 in the conference) on 58.6 percent shooting from the floor (No. 4 in the conference; No. 18 nationally).

■ During his time with the Spartans, Evans amassed a 99-94 record, including back-to-back, 20-win seasons (26-10 in 2011-12 & 21-12 in 2012-13).

■ During the 2012-13 season, led Norfolk State to an undefeated Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference regular season mark (16-0) en route to being named the MEAC Coach of the Year and the team's second-straight post-season berth with an automatic bid to the 2013 National Invitation Tournament (NIT).

■ Was finalist for the Ben Jobe Award for the 2012-13 campaign, presented to the top minority coach in Division I basketball. He was also named a finalist for the Hugh Durham Award, presented to the top mid-major coach in Division I, and the Jim Phelan Award, presented to the top Division I coach.

■ In 2011-12, took the Spartans to new heights with the program's first-ever Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC) title and perhaps the biggest upset in NCAA Tournament history. In the 2012 NCAA Tournament, the Evans-led Spartans knocked off the No. 2 seed Missouri Tigers, 86-84, becoming the fifth No. 15 seed (at the time) to defeat a No. 2 seed.



Click to view Anthony Evans' complete bio at FIUSports.com

Anthony Evans Career Coaching Record

Year	School	Over.	Conf.	Postseason
2007-08	Norfolk State (MEAC)	16-15	11-5	
2008-09	Norfolk State (MEAC)	13-18	9-7	
2009-10	Norfolk State (MEAC)	11-19	9-7	
2010-11	Norfolk State (MEAC)	12-20	8-8	
2011-12	Norfolk State (MEAC)	26-10	13-3	NCAA 2nd Rd.
2012-13	Norfolk State (MEAC)	21-12	16-0	NIT 1st Rd.
2013-14	FIU (C-USA)	15-16	7-9	
2014-15	FIU (C-USA)	16-17	8-10	
2015-16	FIU (C-USA)	8-7	2-0	
Totals		138-134	83-49	



THE PANTHERS AT A GLANCE

No.	Name	Ppg.	Rpg.	App.	Noteable
1	Jason Boswell	6.7	2.6	2.3	Had a career-high 14 pts. vs. ORU shooting 57.1 FG%; 13 pts. vs. FGCU
2	Donte McGill	15.4	5.3	1.1	Career-high 25 pts.; 8 rbs. vs. Elon; 19.0 ppg in last 5 GP
4	Kimar Williams	4.9	2.5	3.1	Career-high 13 pts., 9 rbs., 7 asts. at Northern Illinois; 11 pts. vs. Oral Roberts
5	Elmo Stephen	7.8	1.5	0.3	Career-high 18 pts. vs. FAMU on 6-of-10 3 pt. shooting; 15 pts., 3 rbs. at NIU
10	Hassan Hussein	4.5	2.5	0.5	Had 6 pts. on 3-3 from the field; Grabbed 4 rbs. in 14 minutes played vs. TBC
11	Ray Rodriguez	4.4	1.3	1.4	Season-high 10 pts. vs. UT Martin; Started in 4 games this season
12	Eric Nottage	5.5	3.3	2.6	Career-high 15 pts. vs. LIU; 14 pts. at WKU; Started in 9-of-15 GP this year
20	Adrian Diaz	15.7	9.1	0.9	24 pts., 9 rbs., 6 blks. vs. Stetson; FIU all-time blocked shot leader (153)
24	Cameron Smith	4.4	4.3	0.3	Career-high 14 pts., 9 rbs. vs. ORU; Career-best 12 rbs. vs. UNF
31	Michael Douglas	0.7	1.3	0.2	Career-high 7 rbs. vs. JMU in 14 MP; 5 pts., 2 rbs. vs. FMU
32	Daviyon Draper	13.6	6.8	1.6	15 pts. and 15 rbs. vs. FAU; Double-double in 3 of last 5 GP
34	Nate Brown Bull	0.0	0.5	0.0	1 rbd. in 3 minutes vs. FMU; 17 ppg, 12 rpg, 7.1 bpg at Little Wound H.S.

GAMEDAY INFO

THE MATCHUP

FOR TICKET INFO ...

■ For ticket information for the FIU-Marshall game, call the Marshall Athletics Ticket Office at 1-800-THE-HERD.

■ For ticket information on FIU men's basketball games call 305-FIU-GAME (348-4263) ... Single game tickets are \$10 in advance and \$12 on game day.

UP NEXT FOR FIU

■ FIU will return home to Lime Court at FIU Arena on Jan. 14 at 7 p.m. to take on Louisiana Tech, and then Southern Miss on Jan. 16 at 7 p.m.

SCOUTING THE THUNDERING HERD

■ Marshall comes into Saturday's game against FIU with a 6-9 record, and a 2-0 record Conference USA play ... The Thundering Herd are coming off a commanding 90-67 win over Florida Atlantic at home on Thursday night.

■ Thursday's win against FAU is Marshall's third in the last five games ... The Thundering Herd is 6-3 in its last nine games, after starting the season 0-6.

■ James Kelly leads five players in double-figures, averaging 17.9 points-per-game, while Ryan Taylor is second on the team in scoring, netting 14.5 points-per-outing ... Kelly also leads the team in rebounding, grabbing 9.7 rebounds-per-game ... Stevie Browning and Austin Loop are

dropping in 12.1 and 10.7 points-per-game, respectively ... Jon Elmore rounds out the double-digit scorers netting 10.1 points-per-game.

THE SERIES AGAINST MARSHALL

■ Marshall leads the all-time series against FIU, 3-1, however, the series is tied at one-game apiece with both schools as members of Conference USA.

FIU all-time against Marshall:

Nov. 29, 2010	A	L, 79-88
Jan. 30, 2014	A	L, 60-68 (C-USA)
Jan. 15, 2015	H	W, 66-62 (ot) (C-USA)
Feb. 16, 2015	A	L, 69-87 (C-USA)

LAST TIME OUT FOR THE PANTHERS

■ FIU is coming off a thrilling 75-72 come-from-behind win over WKU on Jan. 7 in Bowling Green, Ky. ... Donte McGill hit a three-point shot with 38 seconds left, and Eric Nottage made two free-throws with six seconds remaining, to cap a 13-2 run over the final 3:26.

■ Daviyon Draper led the way with a career-high-tying 21 points to go along with a team-high six rebounds ... McGill and Diaz added 16 points apiece in the win, while Nottage chipped in with 14 points.

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No.	Name	P	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Hometown/Previous School/High School
1	Jason Boswell	G	6-6	205	Jr.	Bronx, N.Y./Patrick School
2	Donte McGill	G	6-3	185	Jr.	Newark, Del./Vincennes/Mont Clare Academy
4	Kimari Williams	G	6-1	170	Fr.	Philadelphia, Pa./Constitution
5	Elmo Stephen	F	6-7	200	Jr.	Auburndale, Fla./Tallahassee CC/Auburndale
10	Hassan Hussein	F	6-9	205	So.	Lorton, Va./Mt. Zion Prep
11	Ray Rodriguez	G	6-2	195	Jr.	Miami, Fla./North Florida/Hialeah Gardens
12	Eric Nottage	G	6-2	180	So.	Miami, Fla./Tallahassee CC/Miami Northwestern
20	Adrian Diaz	F	6-11	230	Sr.	Miami, Fla./Kansas State/Hialeah-Miami Lakes
24	Cameron Smith	F	6-7	210	So.	Tallahassee, Fla./Tallahassee CC/Leon
31	Michael Douglas	F	6-5	190	Fr.	Sachse, Texas/Sachse
32	Daviyon Draper	F	6-7	217	Sr.	Los Angeles, Calif./Antelope Valley College/Locke
34	Nate Brown Bull	C	7-1	215	Fr.	Kyle, S.D./Little Wound

Head Coach: Anthony Evans (St. Thomas Aquinas '94) - Third Season

Assistant Coach: Chris Capko (USF '07) - First Season

Assistant Coach: Mike Gillian (North Adams State '89) - Third Season

Assistant Coach: Spencer Wright (Oklahoma Baptist '94) - First Season

Director of Basketball Operations: Jarrett Lockhart (Pitt '00)

Assistant Director Of Basketball Ops: Mike Oliva (FIU '12)

Assistant Strength & Conditioning Coach: Thomas Carroll (Miami '05)

Certified Athletic Trainer: Ben McGrath (Capitol '10, UConn '12)

Pro-Nun-See-A-Shuns

Jason Boswell	BOZ-well
Daviyon Draper	DAY-vee-on
Hassan Hussein	HAH-sahn WHO-sane
Donte McGill	DON-tay
Kimari Williams	Ka-MAR

TALE OF THE TAPE

The Marshall Series

Series Record	Marshall leads 3-1
FIU at home	FIU leads 1-0
FIU at Marshall	Marshall leads 3-0
FIU at neutral site	0-0
First meeting	Nov. 29, 2010 (L, 88-79)
Last meeting	Feb. 16, 2015 (L, 87-69)
Last FIU win	Feb. 15, 2015 (66-62, ot)
Last Marshall win	Feb. 28, 2015 (77-61)
Current streak	Marshall one win

Statistical Comparison

FIU		MAR
8-7	Overall Record	6-9
.469	Field Goal%	.435
.368	3-Pt. Field Goal%	.291
.633	Free Throw%	.688
.383	Oppt. Field Goal%	.470
.295	Oppt. 3-Pt. Field Goal%	.372
.656	Oppt. Free Throw%	.685
39.1	Rebounding Avg.	37.1
+3.0	Rebounding Margin	-4.3
13.1	Assists/Gm.	15.7
13.3	Turnovers/Gm.	13.5
5.3	Blocks/Gm.	2.9
5.4	Steals/Gm.	8.6
71.3	Points/Gm.	79.3
66.9	Points Allowed/Gm.	81.9

FIU Career Stats vs. Marshall

No.	Name	G	Ppg	Rpg	App
1	Jason Boswell	3	0.7	0.0	0.3
2	Donte McGill	0	0.0	0.0	0.0
4	Kimari Williams	0	0.0	0.0	0.0
5	Elmo Stephen	0	0.0	0.0	0.0
10	Hassan Hussein	1	8.0	3.0	0.0
11	Ray Rodriguez	2	4.0	1.0	1.0
12	Eric Nottage	0	0.0	0.0	0.0
20	Adrian Diaz	2	15.5	7.5	3.0
24	Cameron Smith	0	0.0	0.0	0.0
31	Michael Douglas	0	0.0	0.0	0.0
32	Daviyon Draper	2	11.0	5.0	5.0
34	Nate Brown Bull	0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Panthers' Career Starts

No.	Name	11-12	12-13	13-14	14-15	15-16	Tot	GP
1	Boswell	-	-	11	3	15	29	75
2	McGill	-	-	-	-	11	10	14
4	Williams	-	-	-	-	6	6	15
5	Stephen	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
10	Hussein	-	-	-	1	-	1	12
11	Rodriguez	-	0	-	7	4	11	76*
12	Nottage	-	-	-	-	9	9	15
20	Diaz	0	0	-	33	15	48	96*
24	Smith	-	-	-	-	1	1	12
31	Douglas	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
32	Draper	-	-	-	22	14	36	45
34	Brown Bull	-	-	-	-	-	-	4

* Includes games played at a previous Division I school

FIU Streaks/Records

2015-16 Overall Record	8-7
FIU at home	5-3
FIU on the Road	2-3
Neutral Site	1-1
Won/Loss Streak	Won four games
2014-15 Overall Record	16-17
2014-15 after 15 games	8-7
2014-15 after 16 games	8-8
2014-15 after 17 games	9-8

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MON.	4	TUE.	5	WED.	6	THURS.	7	FRI.	8	SAT.	9	SUN.	10
Off		Practice, 4:30 p.m.		Travel to WKU Practice, 5 p.m.		at WKU 8 p.m.		Travel to W.Va. Practice, Time TBA		at Marshall 7 p.m.		Travel to Miami	
MON.	11	TUE.	12	WED.	13	THURS.	14	FRI.	15	SAT.	16	SUN.	17
Practice, Time TBA		Practice, 4:30 p.m.		Practice, 4:30 p.m.		vs. La. Tech 7 p.m.		Practice, 4:30 p.m.		vs. Southern Miss, 7 p.m.		Off	

TEAM NOTABLES

FIU WHEN ...

Leading at halftime	7-4
Trailing at halftime	0-3
Tied at halftime	1-0
Overtime	0-0
FIU shoots 50% or better from field	4-2
FIU shoots 40-49% from field	4-4
FIU shoots under 40% from field	0-1
Opp. shoots 50% or better from field	0-1
Opp. shoots 40-49% from field	2-4
Opp. shoots under 40% from field	6-2
FIU outrebounds opponent	4-3
Opp. outrebounds FIU	4-2
Tied in rebounds	0-2
FIU records 10 or more steals	0-0
FIU records 15 or more assists	3-1
FIU commits less than 15 turnovers	4-4
FIU commits 15 or more turnovers	4-3
FIU commits less turnovers than opp.	4-0
FIU commits more turnovers than opp.	4-7
FIU shoots 70% or better from the line	3-1
FIU shoots under 70% from the line	5-6
FIU scores 59 points or less	0-0
FIU scores between 60-69 points	4-1
FIU scores between 70-79 points	3-4
FIU scores between 80-89 points	1-0
FIU scores between 90-99 points	0-0
FIU scores more than 100 points	0-0
Two or less Panthers score in double figures	0-1
Three Panthers score in double figures	7-0
Four or more Panthers score in double figures	1-6
FIU plays at Lime Court at FIU Arena	5-3
FIU plays on the road	2-3
FIU plays at a neutral site	1-1
Playing in November	4-3
Playing in December	2-4
Playing in January	2-0
Playing in February	0-0
Playing in March	0-0
Playing on Saturday	1-1
Playing on Sunday	1-2
Playing on Monday	1-2
Playing on Tuesday	2-0
Playing on Wednesday	1-0
Playing on Thursday	1-0
Playing on Friday	1-2
Playing during the afternoon	1-4
Playing during the evening	7-3
On television	3-1
In-season tournament/classic games	1-2
Postseason tournament games	0-0
Games decided by three points or less	1-2
Games decided by four to 10 points	2-4
Games decided by 11-20 points	4-0
Games decided by more than 20 points	1-1
Wearing white uniforms	4-2
Wearing blue uniforms	2-4
Wearing gold uniforms	2-1

SCORING MARGINS

Points: Margin of victory

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10+
0	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	5

Points: Margin of defeat

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10+
0	0	2	0	0	3	0	1	0	1

■ The Panthers shot 50.0 percent (26-of-52) from the field on the night, including 53.6 percent (15-of-28) in the first half ... It was FIU's performance from the free-throw line that was the story, however, as the Panthers shot 94.4 percent (17-of-18) from the charity stripe.

DEFENDERS OF THE ARC

■ The Panthers have been pretty stingy in allowing their opponents to get open looks at the basket from behind the three-point arc ... In its 15 games this season, FIU's opposition has hit better than 35 percent just five times on the year.

■ FIU has also held its opposition to less than 19.2 percent from behind the three-point arc in six of its 15 games, including three of the last five, against Northern Illinois (3-of-16, 18.8 percent), Binghamton on Dec. 22 (4-of-28, 14.3 percent) and Florida A&M on Dec. 29 (3-of-21, 14.3 percent).

■ In addition, the Panthers' foes are averaging 7.1 made three-point shots-per-game on 23.9 attempts-per-outing.

2015-16 FIU opponents' three-point field goal percentages:

vs. Trinity Baptist (Nov. 13)	7-of-23 (30.4 percent)
vs. Florida Memorial (Nov. 16)	5-of-26 (19.2 percent)
at James Madison (Nov. 20)	8-of-26 (30.8 percent)
vs. UT Martin (Nov. 21)	9-of-26 (34.6 percent)
vs. Oral Roberts (Nov. 22)	2-of-13 (15.4 percent)
vs. LIU Brooklyn (Nov. 25)	3-of-23 (13.0 percent)
vs. Stetson (Nov. 30)	9-of-22 (40.9 percent)
vs. Elon (Dec. 4)	12-of-36 (33.3 percent)
vs. FGCU (Dec. 6)	8-of-14 (57.1 percent)
at North Florida (Dec. 14)	16-of-39 (41.0 percent)
at Northern Illinois (Dec. 19)	3-of-16 (18.8 percent)
Binghamton (Dec. 22)	4-of-28 (14.3 percent)
Florida A&M (Dec. 29)	3-of-21 (14.3 percent)
Florida Atlantic (Jan. 3)	8-of-20 (40.0 percent)
Western Kentucky (Jan. 7)	9-of-25 (36.0 percent)
Total	106-of-359 (29.5 percent)

IN THE ZONE

■ The Panthers have been in the zone from the field this season, shooting 50 percent or better six times - including in five of their last nine games ... FIU has also shot better than 45 percent nine times during the season.

■ FIU is shooting 49.5 percent (106-of-214) in its last three.

2015-16 FIU games of 50 percent FG shooting or better:

vs. Trinity Baptist (Nov. 13)	27-of-53 (50.9 percent)
vs. Stetson (Nov. 30)	34-of-67 (50.7 percent)
vs. Elon (Dec. 4)	29-of-57 (50.9 percent)
at Binghamton (Dec. 22)	27-of-52 (51.9 percent)
vs. Florida Atlantic (Jan. 3)	26-of-52 (50.0 percent)
at Western Kentucky (Jan. 7)	26-of-52 (50.0 percent)

FIU HAS BEEN TREY-MENDOUS

■ The Panthers have been pretty impressive so far this season from behind the three-point arc, shooting 36.8 percent (92-of-250) from long-range which is third in C-USA (through games of Jan. 7) ... FIU has hit eight or more three-point shots six times this season, and in six of its last 13 games, including a season-high-tying nine treys against Florida A&M on Dec. 29.

■ The Panthers have hit less than five treys just three times this year, with those coming in the season opener against Trinity Baptist (3) on Nov. 13, against North Florida (4) on Dec. 14, and at Binghamton (3) on Dec. 22.

THE BLOCK PARTY RETURNS

■ The Panthers are currently third in Conference USA (through games of Jan. 7) in blocked shots-per-game averaging 5.3 rejections-per-contest.

■ FIU has rejected six or more shots in a game seven times this season, including a season-high 10 against FGCU on Dec. 6 ... The Panthers' previous season-high was eight blocked shots against Stetson on Nov. 30 ... FIU has also blocked seven shots, four times, against Trinity Baptist (Nov. 13), Oral Roberts (Nov. 22), LIU Brooklyn (Nov. 25) and Florida A&M (Dec. 29).

■ During the 2014-15 season FIU continued its defensive dominance in the paint recording a school single season record 190 blocked shots, surpassing the old mark of 138 rejected during the 1999-2000 campaign.

■ The Panthers finished third in C-USA, last year, averaging 4.55 blocks-per-contest, and were 49th in Division I in blocked shots-per-game and 54th in total blocks (150).

■ FIU set a single game record for blocked shots with 14 vs. UAB on March 7, 2015 ... The Panthers tied the previous mark of 10 earlier in the year against UTSA on Feb. 5, 2015.

INCREASED PRESENCE ON THE BOARDS

■ In five of its last six games, FIU has either outrebounded or tied its opponent on the glass, after only outrebounding - or tying - the opposition three times in the first nine games.

■ The Panthers have also recorded a positive double-digit rebounding margin in two of its last four games, and in three of the last six, including a season-high +21 (46-25) against Florida Atlantic on Jan. 3 ... In the first nine games of the year, FIU had no better than a +5 rebounding margin (vs. Florida Memorial, Nov. 16, 44-39).

■ FIU has recorded double-digit offensive rebounds in four of the last six games, after accomplishing the feat just four times in the first nine games of the year ... The Panthers pulled down a season-high 19 offensive rebounds at North Florida on Dec. 14, 2015.

@FIUHOOPS STARTING LINEUPS (W-L)

Forward	Forward	Forward/Guard	Guard	Guard	W-L
Diaz	Draper	Boswell / Guard	Rodriguez	Nottage	2-1
Diaz	Draper	Boswell / Guard	Mcgill	Nottage	2-3
Diaz	Smith	Boswell / Guard	Rodriguez	Nottage	0-1
Diaz	Draper	Boswell / Guard	Mcgill	Williams	4-2

TEAM NOTABLES

PANTHERS PICKED 10th IN C-USA PRESEASON POLL

■ The FIU Panthers were picked to finish 10th in the Conference USA preseason poll which was selected by the leagues 14 head coaches.

■ Defending Conference USA Tournament champion UAB picked up 11-of-14 first place votes claiming the top spot ... Old Dominion, who received three first place votes was picked second, while Middle Tennessee, UTEP and Louisiana Tech were slated third through fifth, respectively ... WKU, Rice, North Texas, Marshall and the Panthers round out the top 10 ... The rest of the C-USA coaches poll is as follows: 11. Charlotte, 12. Florida Atlantic, 13. UTSA, 14. Southern Miss.

DIAZ NAMED TO PRESEASON ALL-C-USA TEAM

■ Senior forward Adrian Diaz was named to the preseason All-Conference USA first team as selected by the league's 14 head coaches.

■ Diaz averaged 13.0 points- and 6.9 rebounds-per-game last season, to go along with a C-USA best 3.0 blocked shots per game ... His blocked shot average was also good enough for seventh in NCAA Division I ... For his efforts on the defensive end of the floor, last season, Diaz was named to the C-USA All-Defensive Team at the conclusion of the season.

JUST FOR OPENERS

■ With its 71-39 season-opening win over Trinity Baptist on Nov. 13, FIU improved its record in lid lifters to 19-14 (two wins - the season opener in 2004-05 vs. Florida Atlantic, and in 2003-04 vs. Morris Brown were vacated due to NCAA sanctions) ... The win was the Panthers' second straight season opening victory, and their third in the past five years.

The following are FIU's results in season openers under

Head Coach Anthony Evans:

Nov. 13, 2015	vs. Trinity Baptist	W, 71-39
Nov. 14, 2014	vs. Florida College	W, 65-58
Nov. 8, 2013	vs. Eastern Kentucky	L, 83-61

■ FIU Head Coach Anthony Evans also improved his career coaching record in season openers to 6-4 ... Evans was 3-3 in openers at Norfolk State, with two of the three losses coming at Marquette (99-68), to tip off the 2011-12 campaign, and at Baylor (86-58) to start the 2009-10 season.

■ FIU Arena has been very kind to the Panthers in season openers through the years ... With the victory over Trinity Baptist, the Panthers hold a 16-5 record (two wins - the season opener in 2004-05 vs. Florida Atlantic, and in 2003-04 vs. Morris Brown were vacated due to NCAA sanctions) all-time in season openers on their home floor ... The Panthers are 5-1 in its last six home-opening games with the only loss coming to Miami (73-50) on Nov. 11, 2006.

C-USA STANDINGS

(standings through Jan. 7, 2016)

	C-USA	Pct.	Over.	Pct.
UAB	2-0	1.000	12-3	.800
Old Dominion	2-0	1.000	9-6	.600
FIU	2-0	1.000	8-7	.533
Marshall	2-0	1.000	6-9	.400
UTEP	2-1	.667	10-6	.625
Louisiana Tech	1-1	.500	12-3	.800
Middle Tennessee	1-1	.500	9-5	.643
North Texas	1-1	.500	6-9	.400
Charlotte	1-1	.500	4-10	.286
UTSA	1-2	.333	13-13	.188
WKU	0-2	.000	8-7	.533
Rice	0-2	.000	5-10	.333
Southern Miss	0-2	.000	3-10	.231
Florida International	0-2	.000	2-13	.133

PRESEASON POLL

1. UAB (11)	8. North Texas
2. Old Dominion (3)	9. Marshall
3. Middle Tennessee	10. FIU
4. UTEP	11. Charlotte
5. Louisiana Tech	12. Florida Atlantic
6. WKU	13. UTSA
7. Rice	14. Southern Miss

C-USA SCHEDULE

January 9

Rice at North Texas (ASN)	2 p.m.
UTEP at UAB (CBS SN)	2 p.m.
Florida Atlantic at WKU (FCS)	3 p.m.
UTSA at Middle Tennessee (ASN)	4 p.m.
Charlotte at Louisiana Tech	7 p.m.
FIU at Marshall	7 p.m.
Old Dominion at Southern Miss	8 p.m.

January 14

Middle Tennessee at Charlotte	7 p.m.
Louisiana Tech at FIU	7 p.m.
Southern Miss at Florida Atlantic (ASN)	7 p.m.
UAB at Old Dominion (CBS SN)	7 p.m.
Marshall at North Texas	8 p.m.
WKU at Rice (ASN)	9 p.m.

January 16

Middle Tennessee at Old Dominion (FSN)	4 p.m.
UTEP at UTSA (ASN)	4 p.m.
UAB at Charlotte	7 p.m.
Louisiana Tech at Florida Atlantic	7 p.m.
Southern Miss at FIU	7 p.m.
Marshall at Rice (ASN)	8 p.m.
WKU at North Texas	8 p.m.

January 21

WKU at Old Dominion (ASN)	7 p.m.
Marshall at Charlotte	7 p.m.
North Texas at Middle Tennessee	7:30 p.m.
FIU at UTSA	7 p.m.
Rice at UAB (CBS SN)	9 p.m.
Florida Atlantic at UTEP	9:05 p.m.

January 23

Florida Atlantic at UTSA	2 p.m.
Marshall at Old Dominion (ASN)	2 p.m.
Rice at Middle Tennessee	6 p.m.
WKU at Charlotte (FCS)	6 p.m.
Louisiana Tech at Southern Miss	8 p.m.
North Texas at UAB	8 p.m.
FIU at UTEP	9 p.m.

All times are Eastern

THE LAST TIME FIU ...

Beat a Top 25 Team	Never
Beat a Top 10 Team	Never
Beat a Top 5 Team	Never
Beat a C-USA Team by +20	3/02/14 vs Tulane (73-47)
Won in overtime	2/12/15 at Southern Miss (73-71)
Lost in overtime	12/19/15 at Northern Illinois (75-78, 2ot)
Played Double overtime	12/19/15 at Northern Illinois (75-78, 2ot)
Came from +10 down to win	1/7/16 at WKU (75-72, -11)
Won non-conf road/neut game	12/22/15 at Binghamton (66-49)
Won C-USA road game	1/7/16 at WKU (75-72)
Lost at home	12/6/15 vs. FGCU (76-84)
Lost non-conf home	12/6/15 vs. FGCU (76-84)
Scored 100+	1/30/05 vs ULAR (118-114) (5ot)
Allowed 100+	1/30/05 vs ULAR (118-114) (5ot)
Scored 90+	11/12/13 at Warren Wilson (93-56)
Allowed 90+	12/14/15 at North Florida (72-94)
Scored 80+	11/30/15 vs. LIU Brooklyn (80-72)
Scored 80+ in C-USA	2/13/14 at UTSA (80-72)
Scored under 50	2/14/15 at Louisiana Tech (42-75)
Scored under 40	1/16/14 vs ODU (36-52)
Scored 60+ in a half	Never
Scored 50+ in a half	Never
Bench scored 50+ points	Never
OPP scored 45 or less	12/29/15 vs. FAMU (65-45)
Consecutive OPP below 45	Never
OPP scored 40 or less	11/13/15 vs. Trinity Baptist (39)
Consecutive OPP below 40	Never
OPP scored 10 or less in a half	Never
OPP shot below 30%	11/13/15 vs. Florida Memorial (26.2) (17-65)
Shot 60%+ FG	11/29/12 vs Arkansas State (60.4%)(32-53)
Shot 60%+ FG in C-USA	Never
Shot 50%+ FG in C-USA	1/7/16 at WKU (50.0 %) (26-52)
OPP shot 60%+	12/28/13 at Georgetown (60.7%) (34-56)
Shot 70%+ in a half	Never

Shot under 30%	2/14/15 at Louisiana Tech (27.8%)
Shot 60%+ from 3PT	1/31/15 at Charlotte (61.9%) (13-21)
Shot 50%+ from 3PT	2/12/15 at Southern Miss (50%) (10-20)
Shot 95%+ from FT	Never
Shot 85%+ from FT	1/7/16 at WKU (94.4%) (17-18)
Shot 50% or less from FT	12/29/15 vs. FAMU (33.3%)
50+ rebounds	Never
45+ rebounds	1/3/16 vs. Florida Atlantic (46)
20+ offensive rebounds	Never
20 or less rebounds	Never
OPP less than 20 rebounds	Never
15+ steals	Never
10+ steals	2/14/2015 at Louisiana Tech (12)
30+ assists	Never
20+ assists	11/14/14 vs. Florida College (21)
5 or less turnovers	11/13/15 vs. Trinity Baptist (5)
20+ turnovers	2/14/15 at Louisiana Tech (28)
OPP 25+ turnovers	2/12/13 vs ULM (25)
Player 40+ points	Never
Player 35+ points	2/25/12 vs. South Alabama (DeJuan Wright, 35)
Player 30+ points	2/20/14 vs North Texas (Tymell Murphy, 31)
3 players 20+ points	Never
2 players 20+ points	1/3/16 vs Florida Atlantic (Adrian Diaz, 23; Donte McGill 22)
6+ players 10+ points	01/12/13 at UALR
5+ players 10+ points	02/13/14 at UTSA (5)
10 players 10+ minutes	11/29/12 vs Arkansas State
Player 20+ rebounds	Never
Player 15+ rebounds	11/14/11 at George Mason (Dom. Ferguson)
Player 10+ assists	Never
Player 5+ steals	03/06/14 at FAU (Tymell Murphy) (5)
Player 5+ blocks	3/7/15 vs UAB (Adrian Diaz) (13)
Player Triple-Double	3/7/15 vs UAB (Adrian Diaz) (14 pts., 12, rbs, 13, blks.)

TEAM NOTES

FIU ALL-TIME IN OT

■ Overall Record: 24-35 (.407)

■ Home: 11-14 (FIU Arena: 9-12)

■ Away: 9-16, Neutral: 4-4

Date	W/L	Opponent
Nov. 20, 1981	L	at Augusta 67, FIU 66 (2 OT)
Jan. 18, 1982	W	FIU 81, at Florida Memorial 77
Feb. 18, 1982	W	at FIU 81, Florida Tech 73
Jan. 15, 1983	L	at Florida Memorial 114, FIU 107
Dec. 18, 1984	L	Fla. Southern 87, at FIU 84 (2 OT)
Dec. 23, 1985	L	Cheyney 54, at FIU 53
Jan. 21, 1986	W	at FIU 79, St. Thomas 78
Dec. 18, 1986	W	at FIU 94, Dartmouth 89
Jan. 16, 1987	W	at FIU 95, UMES 93 (2 OT)
Jan. 9, 1989	L	Arkansas State 88, at FIU 77
Feb. 7, 1989	W	FIU 105, at UCF 103 (2 OT)
Feb. 25, 1989	L	at Nicholls State 91, FIU 81
Dec. 30, 1991	L	at Louisiana 104, FIU 93 (2 OT)
Jan. 23, 1992	L	at SE Louisiana 81, FIU 79
Feb. 8, 1992	W	FIU 68, at Stetson 65
Jan. 14, 1993	W	FIU 69, at Georgia State 68
Feb. 20, 1993	L	at Centenary 84, FIU 81
March 3, 1994	L	Centenary 69, FIU 67
Dec. 10, 1994	L	VCU 76, at FIU 67
Jan. 21, 1995	L	Mercer 86, at FIU 76
March 3, 1995	W	FIU 65, SE La. 64
Feb. 5, 1996	W	at FIU 90, Jacksonville State 88
Feb. 29, 1996	W	FIU 58, Samford 55
Dec. 17, 1998	L	at Illinois-Chicago 78, FIU 70
Feb. 6, 1999	W	at FIU 73, Louisiana Tech 65
Nov. 20, 1999	L	Northern Illinois 98, at FIU 92
Dec. 18, 1999	L	St. Bonaventure 78, FIU 70
Dec. 23, 1999	L	Brigham Young 83, at FIU 75
Dec. 30, 2000	L	at North Texas 70, FIU 68
Jan. 16, 2001	L	at Arkansas State 57, FIU 56
Jan. 10, 2002	W	FIU 79, at North Texas 78
Nov. 26, 2002	W	FIU 68, at Princeton 65
Dec. 28, 2002	L	Duquesne 71, at FIU 68
Jan. 5, 2003	L	North Texas 94, at FIU 91
March 21, 2004	W	at FIU 63, New Orleans 58
Dec. 28, 2004	W	at FIU 74, Ohio 73
Jan. 11, 2005	L	at La Salle 74, FIU 72
Jan. 30, 2005	W	at FIU 118, UALR 114 (5 OT)
Nov. 29, 2005	W	at FIU 69, USF 64 (2 OT)
Dec. 20, 2005	L	at La Salle 70, FIU 61
Dec. 27, 2005	L	St. Bonaventure 69, FIU 65
Feb. 11, 2006	L	at Arkansas State 85, FIU 84
Feb. 28, 2007	L	at Florida Atlantic 91, FIU 88
Dec. 20, 2008	L	Tennessee-Martin 77, at FIU 76
Feb. 7, 2009	W	at FIU 80, Arkansas State 76
Dec. 20, 2009	W	FIU 80, at North Texas 70
Feb. 11, 2010	L	at South Alabama 69, FIU 65
Jan. 15, 2011	L	at Denver 79, FIU 70
Feb. 3, 2011	W	FIU 81, at Troy 80
Feb. 19, 2011	L	Florida Atlantic 80, at FIU 78
Nov. 14, 2011	W	FIU 79, George Mason
Jan. 14, 2012	L	at Louisiana 87, FIU 81
Feb. 23, 2012	L	Troy 75, FIU 70
Nov. 19, 2013	L	vs. Youngstown State 74, FIU 72
Jan. 2, 2014	L	at Florida A&M 93, FIU 88
Nov. 28, 2014	W	FIU 61, Wright State 59
Jan. 15, 2015	W	FIU 66, Marshall 62
Feb. 12, 2015	W	FIU 73, at Southern Miss 71
Nov. 22, 2015	L	vs. Oral Roberts 76, FIU 70
Dec. 6, 2015	L	vs. FGCU 84, FIU 76
Dec. 19, 2015	L	at Northern Illinois 78, FIU 75 (2 OT)

2015-16 SCHEDULE

■ FIU's 31-game schedule will feature 16 homes games on Lime Court at FIU Arena, with six of those games being against non-conference foes ... In addition, FIU will once again take on in-state rivals Stetson, Florida Gulf Coast, North Florida and Florida A&M. and will play in the James Madison University Men Against Breast Cancer Classic in Harrisonburg, Va.

■ FIU's schedule features nine opponents that reached post-season competition last season including: James Madison (CIT), Oral Roberts (CBI), Florida Gulf Coast (CIT) and North Florida (NCAA), and Conference USA foes: Louisiana Tech (NIT), UTEP (NIT), Old Dominion (NIT), UAB (NCAA) and Middle Tennessee (CIT).

WRIGHT AND CAPKO JOIN FIU STAFF

■ FIU Head Coach Anthony Evans added two veteran coaches to his staff during the offseason in Spencer Wright and Chris Capko.

■ Wright spent the last seven seasons as an assistant at Mercer, where he joined the staff in 2008-09 ... He worked in that capacity for two seasons before being promoted to associate head coach in July 2010.

■ Wright was side-by-side with Head Coach Bob Hoffman as the pair presided over the most successful seven-year stretch in program history ... Since his arrival at Mercer, the Bears produced a 146-98 record, including a 27-9 season in 2013-14, highlighted by the NCAA Tournament second round upset of No. 6 Duke ... The win over Duke was the latest in a series of high-major victories claimed by Wright's Mercer teams ... In addition to the Blue Devils, the Bears also topped Ole Miss, Seton Hall, Tennessee, Alabama (twice), Florida State, Georgia Tech and Auburn during his time ... In his final four years at Mercer, Wright was on the sidelines for March wins in the NCAA, NIT, CIT and CBI tournaments.

■ At his previous position with the Rio Grande Vipers of the NBA D-League, Wright worked with NBA first-round draft picks Aaron Brooks, Shannon Brown, C.J. Watson, Steve Novak and Desmon Farmer, as well as second-round pick Cedric Simmons.

■ Capko comes to FIU after spending two seasons as the Director of Basketball Operations for the USC men's basketball program ... During his two seasons at USC, Capko played an integral role in helping guard Jordan McLaughlin earn a spot on the All-Pac 12 Rookie Team ... In addition, he helped oversee the team's academic success in 2014-15 as they set a program record for highest team GPA ... Capko also assisted the rest of the USC staff in establishing strong recruiting classes during his two seasons ... USC's 2015 class was ranked 20th nationally by Rivals, 22nd by Scout and 30th by ESPN. In 2014, the Trojan class was ranked 12th by Scout, 16th by ESPN and 23rd by Rivals.

■ Before his time at USC, Capko spent the previous two seasons as an assistant men's basketball coach at Georgia Southern, and prior to that at he served as assistant coach at Stetson for two seasons (2010 and 2011) ... During the 2010-11 season, Stetson recorded victories over Wake Forest and Atlantic Sun Conference Champion East Tennessee State.

■ As a player, Capko spent his first semester in the basketball program at the University of Florida under former Gator Head Coach Billy Donovan, before transferring to USF in Tampa where he played for three years ... As a junior he was fifth in the Big East in assists and as a senior he was the Bulls' team captain.

For more on Wright and Capko, visit FIUSports.com.

35 YEARS OF ROUND BALL ON THE WEST SIDE

■ The 2015-16 men's basketball season marks the program's 35th year ... FIU began men's basketball during the 1981-82 season ... That year, led by Head Coach Rich Walker, the Panthers finished 11-16 ... Including Walker, the program has had eight head coaches including Bob Weltlich (1990-95), Shakey Rodriguez (1995-00), Donnie Marsh (2000-04), Sergio Rouco (2004-09), Isiah Thomas (2009-12), Richard Pitino (2012-13) and Anthony Evans (2013-present).

PANTHERS TO APPEAR ON TV EIGHT TIMES

■ The Panthers will appear nine times during the 2015-16 campaign on television with seven being televised live on the American Sports Network (ASN), one by way of Fox Sports Network (FSN), ad one on Fox College Sports (FCS).

The following are FIU's 2015-16 TV games (all times are ET):

Nov. 25	7 p.m.	ASN	vs. LIU Brooklyn
Dec. 6	3:30 p.m.	ASN	vs. Florida Gulf Coast
Jan. 3	3 p.m.	FSN	vs. Florida Atlantic
Jan. 7	8 p.m.	FCS	at Western Kentucky
Jan. 28	7 p.m.	ASN	vs. Charlotte
Feb. 4	7 p.m.	ASN	at UAB
Feb. 20	2 p.m.	ASN	at Rice
Feb. 27	2 p.m.	ASN	at Florida Atlantic
March 5	6 p.m.	ASN	Middle Tennessee

FIU's Largest in 2015-16

Lead	32 vs. Trinity Baptist (71-39)
Deficit	25 vs. North Florida (94-69)
Margin of victory	32 vs. Trinity Baptist
Margin of defeat	22 vs. North Florida (94-72)
Halftime lead	19 vs. UT Martin (42-23)
Halftime deficit	9 vs. North Florida (45-36)
Deficit in win	11 at Western Kentucky (2X)
Halftime deficit in win	0
Lead in loss	18 vs. Stetson (81-75)
Halftime lead in loss	7 vs. Oral Roberts (71-62)

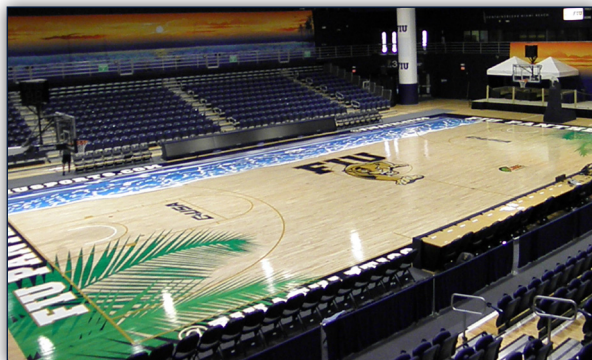
FIU: Home, Road & Neutral

Category	Home	Road	Neutral
Record	5-3	2-3	1-1
Field Goal%	48.6%	45.2%	44.0
3-Pt. Field Goal%	36.2%	33.3%	47.2
Free Throw%	60.7%	66.7%	66.7
Oppt. Field Goal%	37.5%	39.1%	39.7
Oppt. 3-Pt. Field Goal%	29.7%	29.6%	28.2
Oppt. Free Throw%	63.4%	66.4%	70.5
Rebounding Avg.	39.6	40.6	33.0
Rebounding Margin	+3.9	+4.4	-4.0
Assists/Gm.	14.5	11.6	11.5
Turnovers/Gm.	13.5	12.2	15.5
Blocks/Gm.	6.6	2.8	6.5
Steals/Gm.	7.0	2.8	5.5
Points/Gm.	72.6	69.8	69.5
Points Allowed/Gm.	63.5	74.1	69.0

TEAM NOTES

THE BEACH IS BACK!

■ FIU gained lots of national attention during the 2013-14 season after Lime Court at FIU Arena floor was resurfaced with a one-of-a-kind beach themed look ... Due to structural damage to the floor that occurred during the offseason, FIU used a temporary floor during the 2014-15 season covering up the beach themed court ... The floor came from the Honda Center in Anaheim, Calif., which was used for the 2014 NCAA Tournament ... Following the 2014-15 season, the floor was replaced and the beach-themed court has returned, along with brand new lower level seating.



IN THE C-USA STATS

Overall Team Statistics (thru Jan. 7)

Category	Leader	FIU
Scoring Offense	LA Tech (79.7)	10th (71.3)
Scoring Defense	ODU (58.9)	3rd (66.9)
Scoring Margin	LA Tech (+13.3)	5th (+4.4)
Free Throw %	UAB (.724)	12th (.633)
Field Goal %	UAB (.501)	4th (.469)
Field Goal % Def.	ODU (.381)	2nd (.383)
3-pt FG %	UAB (.373)	3rd (.368)
3-pt FG% Def.	FIU (.295)	1st (.295)
3-pt FG Made	MAR (8.6)	12th (6.1)
Rebounding Offense	LA Tech (39.7)	3rd (39.1)
Rebounding Defense	UAB (32.7)	8th (36.1)
Rebounding Margin	UAB (+5.4)	3rd (+3.0)
Blocked Shots	UAB (6.5)	3rd (5.3)
Assists	UAB (19.7)	7th (13.1)
Steals	LA Tech (9.0)	12th (5.4)
Turnover Margin	LA Tech (+3.9)	13th (-3.4)
Assist/TO Ratio	UAB (1.5)	13th (-3.1)
Offensive Rebounds	CHAR (12.6)	7th (10.6)
Defensive Rebounds	MTSU (28.5)	2nd (28.5)

Individual Statistics (thru Jan. 7)

Category	Player, Rank (Avg./Pct.)
Scoring	Adrian Diaz, 9th (15.7)
	Donte McGill, 11th (15.4)
	Daviyon Draper, 18th (13.6)
Rebounding	Adrian Diaz, 3rd (9.1)
	Daviyon Draper, 11th (6.8)
	Adrian Diaz, 2nd (.659)
Field Goal %	None
Assists	None
Free Throw %	None
Steals	None
3-pt FG %	Eric Nottage, 9th (.413)
	Donte McGill, 11th (.405)
3-pt FG Made	None
Blocked Shots	Adrian Diaz, 1st (3.6)
Assist/TO Ratio	Kimar Williams, 8th (2.0)
Offensive Rebounds	Adrian Diaz, 3rd (3.2)
	Donte McGill, 12th (1.9)
Defensive Rebounds	Adrian Diaz, 3rd (5.9)
	Daviyon Draper, T5th (5.6)
	Daviyon Draper, 2nd (33.9)
Minutes Played	

2015-16 HONORS & AWARDS

Adrian Diaz

- Preseason All-Conference USA
- All-Tournament, JMU Men Against Breast Cancer Classic
- Conference USA Player of the Week (Nov. 16-22)
- Conference USA Player of the Week (Nov. 30-Dec. 6)

- HoopsHD Preseason All-Conference USA
- Conference USA Co-Player of the Week (Dec. 28-Jan. 3)

2015-16 @ FIUHOOPS PANTHERS



(L-R): Kimar Williams, Eric Nottage, Jason Bpswell, Elmo Stephen, Cameron Smith, Hassan Hussein, Adrian Diaz, Nate Brown Bull, Mike Douglas, Daviyon Draper, Donte McGill, Ray Rodriguez

IN THE NCAA STATS

Overall Team Statistics (thru Jan. 7)

Category	Rank
Scoring Offense	225th (71.3)
Scoring Defense	87th (66.9)
Scoring Margin	150th (4.4)
Rebound Margin	126th (3.0)
Assists Per Game	196th (13.1)
Blocked Shots Per Game	32nd (5.3)
Steals Per Game	272nd (5.4)
Turnovers Per Game	225th (13.6)
Turnover Margin	325th (-3.1)
Assist Turnover Ratio	213th (0.99)
Field-Goal Percentage	61st (.469)
Field-Goal Percentage Defense	22nd (.383)
Three-Point Field Goals Per Game	251st (6.1)
Three-Point Field-Goal Percentage	81st (.368)
Three-Point Field-Goal Percentage Defense	19th (.295)
Free-Throw Percentage	315th (.633)
Won-Lost Percentage	195th (.500)

Individual Statistics (Players approx. in the top 50 thru Jan. 7)

Category	Player, Rank (Pct./Avg.)
Field Goal Percentage	Adrian Diaz, 10th (.659)
Rebounds Per Game	Adrian Diaz, 44th (9.1)
Blocked Shots Per Game	Adrian Diaz, 1st (3.6)
Total Rebounds	Adrian Diaz, 44th (137)
Double-Doubles	Adrian Diaz, 32nd (6)
Total Blocked Shots	Adrian Diaz, 1st (54)
Free-Throw Attempts	Adrian Diaz, 46th (100)
Offensive Rebounds Per Game	Adrian Diaz, 56th (3.2)

TEAM NOTES

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JASON BOSWELL
6-6, 205, Junior
Bronx, N.Y.



DONTÉ MCGILL
6-3, 185, Junior
Newark, Del.



KIMAR WILLIAMS
6-1, 170, Freshman
Brooklyn, N.Y.



ELMO STEPHEN
6-7, 200, Junior
Brooklyn, N.Y.



HASSAN HUSSEIN
6-9, 205, Sophomore
Lorton, Va.



RAY RODRIGUEZ
6-2, 195 Junior
Miami, Fla.



ERIC NOTTAGE
6-2, 180, Sophomore
Miami, Fla.



ADRIAN DIAZ
6-10, 230, Senior
Miami, Fla.



CAMERON SMITH
6-7, 210, Sophomore
Tallahassee, Fla.



MICHAEL DOUGLAS
6-5, 190, Freshman
Sachse, Texas



DAVIYON DRAPER
6-7, 217, Senior
Los Angeles, Calif.



Nate Brown Bull
7-1, 215, Freshman
Kyle, S.D.



ANTHONY EVANS
Head Coach
Third Season



MIKE GILLIAN
Assistant Coach
Second Season



SPENCER WRIGHT
Assistant Coach
First Season



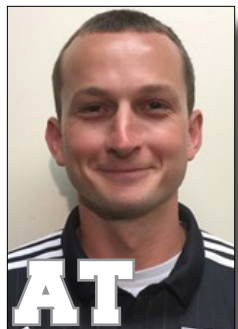
CHRIS CAPKO
Assistant Coach
First Season



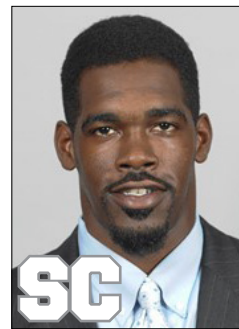
JARRETT LOCKHART
Director of Operations
Second Season



MIKE OLIVA
Assistant Director of Operations
Fourth Season



BEN MCGRATH
Athletic Trainer
Third Season



THOMAS CARROLL
Strength and Conditioning Coach
Fourth Season

PLAYER NOTES

ONCE AGAIN, DIAZ NAMED C-USA PLAYER OF THE WEEK

■ Adrian Diaz became the league's first three-time recipient, this season, of the Conference USA Player of the Week honor (shared the honor), when he was recognized for the week ending Jan. 3 ... Diaz averaged 18.0 points, 10.0 rebounds and 3.0 blocked shots per game in helping FIU to a 2-0 record during the week ... This is the third C-USA Player of the Week honor of the season for Diaz and the fourth of his career (March 9, 2015, Nov. 23, 2015 and Dec. 2, 2015).



■ Diaz earned his second C-USA Player of the Week honor, when he was recognized for the week ending Dec. 6 ... Diaz averaged 19.3 points per game, 8.3 rebounds, 5.0 blocked shots and 35.0 minutes-per-game this past week.

■ Diaz earned his first honor of the year, when he was tabbed C-USA Player of the Week for the week ending Nov. 22 ... The Miami native averaged 15 points, 11 rebounds and 4.3 blocks per game in four games during the week, as the Panthers logged a 2-2 record.

DIAZ BECOMES ALL-TIME BLOCKED SHOT LEADER AT FIU

■ Just 40 seconds into the second half against Stetson, on Nov. 30, Adrian Diaz blocked a Brian Pegg layup and in doing so became FIU's all-time leader in blocked shots, surpassing Dwight Stewart (1988-93) and his 126 career rejections ... Diaz had, a then, season-high six blocks against the Hatters to go along with a season-best 24 points.

■ Diaz recorded a season-high seven blocked shots against FGCU on Dec. 6 ... He currently has 153 rejections for his career.

FIU Career Shot Block Leaders

1. Adrian Diaz (2014-15)	153
2. Dwight Stewart (1988-93)	126
3. Russell Hicks (2007-08)	90
4. Tymell Murphy (2012-14)	83
5. Taurance Johnson (2001-04)	74

DIAZ REACHES TWO CAREER MILESTONES

■ Adrian Diaz reached another career scoring milestone against Western Kentucky on Jan. 7 ... With his 16 points, against the Hilltoppers, Diaz recorded his 800th career-point ... He finished the game with 809 career points, 665 of which came at FIU.

■ On Dec. 6 against FGCU, Diaz pulled down his 400th career-rebound with a nine-rebound performance ... He currently has 459 career rebounds, 365 with FIU.

■ Both of these milestones encompass his time at both Kansas State and FIU.

ADRIAN DIAZ NOTES

■ Adrian Diaz' play this season has proven that he is one of the top players in Conference USA this year ... The Miami native currently leads the team in scoring, netting 15.7 points-per-game, and on the glass grabbing 9.1 rebounds-per-contest ... He is also shooting an impressive 65.9 percent (91-of-138) from the floor, while also logging 30.3 minutes-per-game.



ADRIAN DIAZ "THE HIALEAH HAMMER"

2015-16 NCAA LEADERS (THRU JAN. 7): BLOCKED SHOTS PER GAME

1. ADRIAN DIAZ, FIU	3.6
2. Jameel Warney, Stony Brook	3.50
3. Cameron Ridley, Texas	3.36
4. Chris Boucher, Oregon	3.31
5. Yankuba Sima, St. John's (N.Y.)	3.29



■ The Hialeah Hammer: Diaz Among the Nation's Best

After recording just 15 blocked shots total in two seasons at Kansas State, Adrian Diaz elevated himself into the upper echelon of the nation's top shot blockers during the 2014-15 campaign. Now he looks to take advantage of his senior season to continue his upward trajectory.

2015-16 NCAA LEADERS (THRU JAN. 7): TOTAL BLOCKED SHOTS

1. ADRIAN DIAZ, FIU	54
2. Yankuba Sima, St. John's (N.Y.)	46
3. Chris Boucher, Oregon	43
4. Mamadou Ndiaye, UC Irvine	42
Jameel Warney, Stony Brook	42



PLAYER NOTES

■ Diaz' 65.9 percent from the field is good enough for 10th in the nation (through games of Jan. 7).

■ Diaz also finds himself in the top 10, in Conference USA, in several statistical categories (through games of Jan. 7) listed below:

Diaz's Top 10 ranking in Conference USA in 2015-16

1. Blocked Shots	3.6 bpg
2. Field Goal Percentage	65.9 percent
3. Rebounding	9.1 rpg
3. Offensive Rebounds	3.2 orpg
3. Defensive Rebounds	5.9 drpg
9. Scoring	15.7 ppg

■ Diaz's presence on the floor is felt in many ways, but not the least of which is on the defensive end of the floor ... Diaz has recorded 54 blocked shots this season for an average of 3.6 blocks per game ... That not only leads C-USA, but is also tops in NCAA Division I ... Diaz's 54 total blocks on the year also leads the nation (through games of Jan. 7).

■ Diaz has recorded three or more blocks in 11 of the Panthers' 15 games this season, and 26 times in 48 career games played at FIU ... In addition, Diaz has blocked at least one shot in 19 straight games, dating back to last season, and in 30-of-32 games dating back to last year.

■ Last year Diaz set a FIU single-season record for blocked shots with 99 ... His blocked shot average (3.0 bpg) led C-USA, and was good enough for seventh in Division I.

■ The Miami native also set a school record for shots blocked in a single game, with 13 against UAB on March 7, 2015, and tied the C-USA mark with Hassan Whiteside, of Marshall, who accomplished the feat on Feb. 27, 2010 ... For his efforts against the Blazers, Diaz was named the Conference USA Player of the Week for the week ending March 9, 2015.

■ With his two blocked shots against WKU on Jan. 7, Diaz moved into fifth on FIU's all-time single season blocked shots list with 54 ... He is one shy of tying Taurance Johnson (2001-02), and two from moving into sole possession of fourth on the single season list.

FIU Single Season Blocked Shot Leaders

1. Adrian Diaz (2014-15)	99
2. Russell Hicks (2007-08)	60
3. Jabahri Brown (1999-00)	58
4. Taurance Johnson (2001-02)	55
5. Adrian Diaz (2015-16)	54

■ Offensively, Diaz has shot better than 60 percent from the field in 11 of the Panthers' 15 games this season, including a perfect 100 percent (6-of-6) from the field against Binghamton on Dec. 22, en route to 16 points.

■ He also shot at an 83.3 percent (5-of-6) clip against James Madison (Nov. 20), 87.5 percent (12-of-14) vs. Stetson on Nov. 30, and most recently 85.7 percent (6-of-7) against Florida A&M on Dec. 29.

Diaz's games of 60 percent or better from the field:

100.0 percent (6-of-6)	at Binghamton (Dec. 22)
87.5 percent (12-of-14)	vs. Stetson (Nov. 30)
85.7 percent (6-of-7)	vs. Florida A&M (Dec. 29)
83.3 percent (5-of-6)	at James Madison (Nov. 20)
75.0 percent (6-of-8)	vs. Florida Atlantic (Jan. 3)
72.2 percent (8-of-11)	at North Florida (Dec. 16)
66.7 percent (4-of-6)	at Western Kentucky (Jan. 7)
66.7 percent (8-of-12)	vs. FGCU (Dec. 6)
66.7 percent (6-of-9)	vs. UT Martin (Nov. 21)
62.5 percent (5-of-8)	vs. Trinity Baptist (Nov. 13)
60.0 percent (6-of-10)	vs. Florida Memorial (Nov. 16)

■ Dating back to last year, Diaz has shot better than 50 percent from the field in 15 of his last 18 games, in 19 of his last 24, and 31 of his last 36 times taking the court.

■ Diaz got the 2015-16 campaign off to an impressive start against Trinity Baptist on Nov. 13 ... He recorded his seventh career double-double with a 15-point, 11-rebound effort ... He was 5-of-8 (62.5 percent) from the field and from the free-throw line ... In addition, Diaz had four blocked shots in 27 minutes.

■ Diaz followed up his season-opening performance with a 17-point, 14-rebound effort against Florida Memorial on Nov. 16 ... The output marked his second-straight double-double, and the eighth of his career ... His 14 rebounds mark a new career-high surpassing the 12 rebounds he hauled down on March 7, 2015.

Miscellaneous FIU Statistics

Double Figure Scorers

Adrian Diaz	13
Daviyon Draper	12
Donte McGill	11
Jason Boswell	5
Kimari Williams	3
Eric Nottage	3
Cameron Smith	2
Elmo Stephen	2
Ray Rodriguez	1

Double-Doubles

Ardian Diaz	6
Daviyon Draper	3
Cameron Smith	1

Games Leading (Sharing) Scoring Honors

Adrian Diaz	5 (1)
Donte McGill	4
Dayvion Draper	4
Elmo Stephen	1
Cameron Smith	(1)
Jason Boswell	(1)

Games Leading (Sharing) Rebounding Honors

Adrian Diaz	6 (3)
Donte McGill	2
Cameron Smith	2
Daviyon Draper	2 (2)
Eric Nottage	(1)

MEDIA INFORMATION

Interviews - General

ALL INTERVIEWS, both on the local and national levels with the FIU men's basketball team are coordinated by Michael Hogan, men's basketball media relations contact.

The FIU Athletic Media Relations Department has the right to refuse any interview request. Contacting student-athletes, coaches and staff without permission from the FIU Athletic Media Relations Department is not permissible and may result in revocation of credentials.

Student-Athlete Interviews

Interviews should be scheduled at least 24 hours in advance through the FIU Media Relations Department (305-348-1496). While several interviews are conducted over the phone, the FIU Athletic Media Relations Department will never give out student-athlete's cell phone numbers or private contact information. In-person interviews will take place, either in the FIU Athletic Media Relations Department (FIU Arena Room 211) or after practice. Please contact the FIU Athletic Media Relations Department for ALL interview requests. Other accommodations can be arranged through the Athletic Media Relations Department.

Coaches and Staff Interviews

Interviews with Head Coach Anthony Evans must come through the FIU Athletic Media Relations Department. Interviews should be scheduled at least 24 hours in advance. No member of the FIU staff may be interviewed without permission by the FIU Athletic Media Relations Department. Personal numbers of both coaches and staff members will not be given out.

Covering Practice

All practices are closed to the media, as are walk-throughs, at FIU Arena on the day of all home games. Head Coach Anthony Evans and selected student-athletes will be made available after practice. Media members must contact the FIU Athletic Media Relations Department (Michael Hogan - Men's Basketball Contact) if they wish to attend post-practice or to set up interviews. No interview will be granted without the permission of the FIU Athletic Media Relations Department.

Pre-Game Interviews

FIU players will not be available for any media activities on game day.

Post-Game Interviews

The athletic media relations staff at FIU is aware of the importance of media coverage and places great importance on the role of the media insofar as it interacts with their respective duties. To ensure the most workable situation for members of both entities, the following procedures must be observed:

1. The FIU men's basketball program will observe a brief NCAA-prescribed cooling off period before beginning post-game interviews.

2. A post-game press conference will be conducted in Room 272 of FIU Arena with Head Coach Anthony Evans and selected student-athletes.

3. Post-game interviews will NOT be held on the court.

Each visiting team will set its own post-game interview policies and procedures, which will be announced on game day. Check with the opposing media relations staff if you have any further questions.

PLAYER NOTES

■ Diaz has recorded 12 double-doubles during his career, with all of them coming during his time playing with FIU ... Diaz started his collegiate career at Kansas State.

Diaz's career double-double games:

23 pts./15 rbs.	Jan. 3, 2016	vs. Florida Atlantic
16 pts./18 rbs.	Dec. 22, 2015	at Binghamton
14 pts./11 rbs.	Nov. 22, 2015	vs. Oral Roberts
12 pts./10 rbs.	Nov. 20, 2015	at James Madison
17 pts./14 rbs.	Nov. 16, 2015	vs. Florida Memorial
15 pts./11 rbs.	Nov. 13, 2015	vs. Trinity Baptist
11 pts./10 rbs.	Feb. 12, 2015	at Southern Miss
12 pts./11 rbs.	Feb. 7, 2015	vs. UTEP
22 pts./10 rbs.	Feb. 5, 2015	vs. UTSA
12 pts./10 rbs.	Jan. 31, 2015	at Charlotte
27 pts./11 rbs.	Jan. 4, 2015	at FAU
10 pts./11 rbs.	Nov. 21, 2014	vs. Florida Memorial

■ In the Panthers' game against UAB on March 7, 2015, Diaz made school history recording FIU's first ever triple-double, in the 70-66 win over the eventual Conference USA Tournament champions ... Diaz scored 14 points and grabbed 12 rebounds to go along with his record breaking 13 blocked shots ... Diaz was only one of 14 players in Division I to record a triple-double last season ... Diaz also posted six double-doubles on the season.

■ Diaz recorded a career-high 18 rebounds at Binghamton on Dec. 22 ... He surpassed his previous mark of 14 rebounds, set earlier this season against Florida Memorial on Nov. 16.

■ Diaz has recorded double-figure rebounds in six games this season - including two of his last four games - and in 14 games during his collegiate career, including his time at Kansas State (13 at FIU).

■ Diaz is coming off his second highest rebounding total of his career, 15 against Florida Atlantic on Jan. 3.

■ During his first season at FIU, after transferring from Kansas State, Adrian Diaz made his presence felt on the floor and in the record books in 2014-15 ... Diaz is the Panthers top returning leader in points (13.0 ppg), rebounds (6.9 rpg) and blocked shots-per-game (3.0 bpg), from 2014-15 ... He finished last season second on the team in scoring and tied for 18th in Conference USA.

■ Diaz scored in double figures in 22 of the 33 games he played in during 2014-15, and recorded 20 or more points four times, including a career-high 33 points at Georgia Southern (Nov. 24, 2014) ... During a three-game stretch, from Dec. 21, 2014 through Jan. 4, 2015, Diaz averaged 25.0 points per game against Hartford (29), Florida A&M (19) and Florida Atlantic (27).

Diaz's 20-plus point games at FIU

33	Nov. 24, 2014	at Georgia Southern
29	Dec. 21, 2014	at Hartford
27	Jan. 4, 2015	at Florida Atlantic
24	Nov. 30, 2015	vs. Stetson
23	Jan. 3, 2016	vs. Florida Atlantic
22	Feb. 5, 2015	vs. UTSA

DAVIYON DRAPER NOTES

■ Daviyon Draper is third in the scoring column, for the Panthers, averaging 13.6 points-per-game, and second on team in rebounding, grabbing 6.8 rebounds-per-game ... He is also 18th in scoring in Conference USA (through games of Jan. 7).

■ Draper started the season scoring in double figures in six-consecutive games played (missed one game - Oral Roberts on Nov. 22 - due to injury) which is his longest such streak of his career at FIU ... That stretch came to a halt on Dec. 4 against Elon, when he netted just eight points.

■ Draper has been consistent from the field hitting 43.1 percent (75-of-174) from the floor ... He has shot better than 50 percent in seven of his 14 games played ... Including last season, Draper has shot better than 50 percent from the field in 21 of his 45 career games for FIU.

■ Draper shot a season-high 58.3 percent (7-of-12) from the field against Stetson, on Nov. 30, en route to his 15 points.

■ Draper tied his career-high with a 21-point outing - including 14 points in the first half - against Western Kentucky on Jan. 7 ... Draper was 10-of-19 (52.6 percent) from the field in helping the Panthers to the win.

■ Draper recorded his fourth-career double-double - and his third in a four-game stretch - after logging 15 points and a career-high 15 rebounds against Florida Atlantic on Jan. 3.

■ Draper posted back-to-back double-doubles when he netted 10 points and 10 rebounds against Northern Illinois on Dec. 19, and then with a 13-point, 10-rebound effort at Binghamton on Dec. 22 ... He recorded his first career double-double with a 15-point, 11-rebound outing on Jan. 17, 2015 against Western Kentucky.

■ Draper fell just shy of recording a new career-high for points, twice, when he netted 19 points against Florida Memorial on Nov. 16 and against UT Martin on Nov. 21 ... He was 9-of-17 from the floor on the night in 31 minutes against FMU, and 5-of-13 from the field against the Skyhawks ... Draper's career-high is 21 points, set against UTEP on Feb. 7, 2015.

■ Dating back to last year, Draper has scored in double figures in 16 of his last 20 games, which includes a 20-point outing against UAB on March 7, 2015.

DONTE MCGILL NOTES

■ Donte McGill continues to be the hottest player on the Panthers' roster over the past five games ... McGill is averaging 15.4 points-per-game, which is good enough for second on the team - and 11th in Conference USA (through games of Jan. 7) ... He is averaging 19.0 points-per-outing in his last five games, and 17.9 points-per-game in his last 10 outings ... He has poured in double-figure points in his last 10 games, and 11 of his last 12 games played.

■ McGill is, surprisingly, third on the team in rebounding grabbing 5.3 boards-per-game on the year, which includes 1.9 rebounds-per-game on the offensive glass from the guard position ... His offensive rebounds-per-game is good enough for 12th in C-USA (through Jan. 7).

■ On Jan. 7 at Western Kentucky, McGill logged 16 points, including the go-ahead - and eventually game-winning - three-point shot with 38 seconds left in the contest, putting the Panthers up 73-72 ... FIU would win the game 75-72.

■ McGill has poured in 20-plus points in three of his last five games, and in five of his last 10 outings ... McGill is coming off a 22-point effort against Florida Atlantic, on Jan. 3, shooting 8-of-15 (53.3 percent) from the field, including 1-of-3 (33.3 percent) from three-point range, and 5-of-5 (100.0 percent) from the free-throw line.

McGill's 20-plus point games at FIU

25	Dec. 4, 2015	vs. Elon
24	Nov. 25, 2015	vs. LIU
23	Dec. 19, 2015	at Northern Illinois
22	Jan. 3, 2016	vs. Florida Atlantic
22	Dec. 22, 2015	at Binghamton

■ McGill set a new career-high for points with a 25-point effort against Elon on Dec. 4 ... He shot 10-of-13 from the field (76.9 percent), including 1-of-1 from behind the three-point arc, and was 4-of-6 (66.7 percent) from the free-throw line in 30 minutes ... He also paced the team - and shared game-high rebounding honors - with eight boards.

■ Against Elon, McGill surpassed his previous career-high of 24 points originally set against LIU Brooklyn on Nov. 25, 2015 ... He was an impressive 5-of-8 from the field, including 2-of-3 from three-point range, and 12-of-13 from the free throw line ... Five of McGill's career-high nine rebounds came on the offensive glass.

■ McGill's third 20-point, or better, outing of the season came on Dec. 19, against Northern Illinois, when he posted a game-high 23 points, on 8-of-15 (53.3 percent) shooting from the field, including 4-of-5 (80.0 percent) from behind the three-point arc He was also 3-of-4 (75.0 percent) from the free-throw line ... In addition, he grabbed seven rebounds in 41 minutes during the double-overtime affair.

PLAYER NOTES

■ McGill earned his first career start for FIU on Nov. 16 against Florida Memorial, and responded with a nine-point and six-rebound effort in 27 minutes of action ... In addition, McGill also recorded three assists, one-blocked shot, and a steal in the win.

KIMAR WILLIAMS NOTES

■ Kimar Williams is currently seventh on the team in scoring, averaging 4.9 points-per-game in 15 games - including six starts - for the Panthers.

■ Like his backcourt teammate, Donte McGill, Williams has hit the glass hard this season from the guard position ... Williams is averaging 2.5 boards-per-contest, however, he is hauling down 3.8 rebounds-per-game in his last five games, including back-to-back nine- and eight-rebound outings against Northern Illinois (Dec. 19) and Binghamton (Dec. 22), respectively.

■ Williams had the best outing of his short collegiate career, on Dec. 19 against Northern Illinois, when he fell just shy of a triple-double, posting 13 points to go along with nine rebounds and seven assists - all career highs.

■ Not only did Kimar Williams get substantial minutes in his first collegiate game, but also finished the contest in double-figures ... The freshman tallied 10 points on 3-of-4 (75.0 percent) shooting from the field and 4-of-6 (66.7 percent) from the free-throw line ... In addition to his 10 points, Williams also grabbed five rebounds, handed out five assists and recorded four steals in just 19 minutes of play.

■ After three sub-par games, Williams broke out again on Nov. 22 against Oral Roberts ... The Philadelphia native scored a career-high 11 points against the Golden Eagles, including the final six points for FIU in regulation ... Williams hit a three with 51 seconds left to cut the ORU lead to one-point, 69-59 ... After the Golden Eagles pushed the lead back to three, Williams sent the game to overtime after hitting the front-end of two free throws with 17 seconds remaining in regulation ... He then got his own rebound, on the missed second attempt, and converted a driving baseline layup with 14 seconds on the clock to knot the game at 62-all.

■ Williams fell just short of double-digits when he netted eight points against Elon on Dec. 4 ... Williams was 3-of-4 (75.0 percent) from the field and 2-of-3 (66.7 percent) from the free-throw line in a career-high 26 minutes of action ... He also had eight points at Binghamton on 4-of-7 (57.1 percent) shooting from the field.

JASON BOSWELL NOTES

■ Jason Boswell is currently fifth on the team in scoring, averaging 6.7 points-per-game ... He is one of just two players - joining Adrian Diaz - to start every game this season.

■ Boswell has scored double-figure points in five of the 15 games that he has played in this year, including a career-high 14 points against Oral Roberts on Nov. 22.

■ Boswell fell just one-point shy of equaling his career-high, scoring 13 points against FGCU, on Dec. 6, on 5-of-9 shooting (55.5 percent) from the field and 3-for-5 (60.0 percent) from behind the three-point arc ... He also tied his career-high for rebounds with five against the Eagles.

■ Boswell is shooting 37.8 percent (14-of-37) from the three-point arc on the year.

■ Boswell recorded a career-high five steals on Nov. 30 against Stetson ... His five thefts against the Hatters equaled his season total coming into the contest.

ELMO STEPHEN NOTES

■ Elmo Stephen played his first career collegiate game, for FIU on Dec. 14 against North Florida, after missing the first nine games of the year with a stress fracture in his right leg ... Stephen tallied three points and grabbed two rebounds in his debut.

■ Stephen has made a big impact already for the Panthers in his five games played ... He comes into the Marshall game averaging 7.8 points-per-game - and 8.8 points-per-game in his last five outings ... Against Florida A&M, on Dec. 29, Stephen poured in a career-high 18 points, on 6-of-10 (60.0 percent) shooting from the field; all coming from behind the three-point arc ... His six treys made also marked a career-high.

■ Stephen had a huge game in just his second outing with the Panthers, dropping in a, then, career-high 15 points on 5-of-11 (45.4 percent) shooting from the field and 4-of-8 (50.0 percent) from three-point range ... Stephen hit the game-tying three-point shot at the end of regulation that put the game into overtime.

RAY RODRIGUEZ NOTES

■ Ray Rodriguez is currently 10th on the team in scoring, averaging 4.4 points-per-game on the year, and dishing out 1.4 assists-per-contest.

■ Most recently, Rodriguez scored eight points on 2-of-4 (50.0 percent) shooting from the field, including 1-of-3 (33.3 percent) from three-point range, and 3-of-4 (75.0 percent) from the charity stripe against Florida Atlantic on Jan. 3 ... Rodriguez also tied his season-high for assists with three.

■ Rodriguez scored a season-high 10 points against UT Martin, on Nov. 21, on 3-of-5 shooting; all coming from behind the three-point arc.

HASSAN HUSSEIN NOTES

■ Hassan Hussein saw 14 minutes of action in the season opener against Trinity Baptist on Nov. 13 and certainly made the most of his time ... Hussein recorded six points - on perfect 3-of-3 shooting from the field - grabbed four rebounds, and handed out one assist off the bench ... Hussein's four boards and one assist were both career-highs.

■ Hussein saw limited action during the 2014-15 season, seeing action in just 12 games, however got one start against UTEP on Feb. 7, 2015.

CAMERON SMITH NOTES

■ Cameron Smith poured in a career-high 14 points and grabbed nine rebounds in 41 minutes against Oral Roberts ... Smith also had two assists and two locked shots in the Panthers' overtime loss.

■ Smith recorded his first career double-double with an 11-point, 12-rebound effort at North Florida on Dec. 14 ... His rebound total was also a career-high ... Smith shot 66.7 percent (4-of-6) from the field and was 3-of-3 (100.0 percent) from the free throw line against UNF.

■ Smith has made his presence felt this season on the defensive end of the floor ... He is currently second on the team in blocked shots with nine on the year (0.8 bpg), with seven of the nine coming in a five game stretch ... He had two blocks in three-straight games against Oral Roberts on Nov. 22, against LIU on Nov. 25, and Stetson on Nov. 30, and one rejection against FGCU on Dec. 6 ... He rejected two shots against Florida A&M on Dec. 29.

ERIC NOTTAGE NOTES

■ Eric Nottage has posted double-figure scoring games in three games this season ... Nottage had an 11-point outing against Stetson on Nov. 30, shooting 4-of-10 (40.0 percent) from the field and 3-of-6 from three-point range (50.0 percent) ... That outing followed up a career-high 15-point effort against LIU Brooklyn on Nov. 25, shooting 4-of-4 from the field, including 3-of-3 from three-point range, and 4-of-4 from the free throw line.

■ Nottage fell just one-point shy of tying his career-high with 14 points against WKU on Jan. 7 ... Nottage was 4-of-5 (80.0 percent) from the field, including 4-of-4 from behind the three-point arc against the Hilltoppers.

■ Nottage recorded a career-high for rebounds with nine against Stetson on Nov. 30 ... Nottage is averaging 3.0 rebounds-per-game in his last six games played.

MICHAEL DOUGLAS NOTES

■ Michael Douglas played a career-high 14 minutes against James Madison, on Nov. 20, and recorded a career-high seven rebounds ... That came on the heels of a career-high five-point effort against Florida Memorial on Nov. 16.

NATE BROWN BULL NOTES

■ After sitting out the season-opener with a slight knee injury, Nate Brown Bull made his first appearance for the Panthers against Florida Memorial on Nov. 16 ... Brown Bull played three minutes pulling down one rebound ... Brown Bull has played in four games grabbing two total rebounds in six minutes played.