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NO. 19/19 FLORIDA STATE SEMINOLES (9-0, 0-0 ACC)
VS.

OKLAHOMA STATE COWBOYS (7-2, 0-0 BIG 12)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2017; 2:00 P.M.

METROPCS ORANGE BOWL BASKETBALL CLASSIC

BB&T CENTER (20,737)

SUNRISE, FLORIDA

SEMINOLE IMG RADIO NETWORK (GENE DECKERHOFF, KEITH JONES)

FOX SPORTS 2 (JUSTIN KUTCHER, BOB WENZEL, JESSICA BLAYLOCK)

"Florida State freshman Ike Obiagu is already one of the best shot blockers in the sport. The 7-footer has blocked a combined 24 shots in his first nine college games and has had six games already with three or more rejections. When 7-4 junior Christ Koumadje returns, the Seminoles will have as good a shot-blocking duo as there is in college basketball."

Jon Rothstein
CBS Sports Network

SEMINOLES PLAY OKLAHOMA STATE IN ORANGE BOWL CLASSIC SATURDAY IN SUNRISE

No. 19/19 Florida State, one of six remaining undefeated teams in college basketball, travels to the BB&T Center in Sunrise, Fla. to face Oklahoma State in the 24th Annual Orange Bowl Classic on Saturday, Dec. 16, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. Florida State enters Saturday's game looking to improve to 10-0 for just the second time in school history. The Seminole opened the 2003-04 season with 10 consecutive victories. Florida State's game against Oklahoma State is just the second in school history against the Cowboys. Florida State's game against Oklahoma State marks Seminole Head Coach Leonard Hamilton's first game against the school that gave him his start as a head coach in 1987. Following Saturday's game against Oklahoma State, the Seminoles return home to Tallahassee to face Charleston Southern on Monday, Dec. 18, at 7:00 p.m. at the Donald L. Tucker Center. The game between the Seminoles and the Buccaneers will be televised by ESPN.

PERFECT 9-0 START BRINGS NATIONAL RANKINGS FOR SEMINOLES

Florida State's perfect 9-0 start in men's basketball has vaulted the Seminoles into the national rankings as they were voted as the 19th best team in college basketball in the Associated Press and USA Today Coaches Poll in both of this week's polls. The Seminoles are one of six undefeated teams rearing in college basketball and one of six teams in the ACC in both national rankings. Florida State earned its way into the rankings with three wins last week including a decisive 83-66 victory over then No. 5 Florida on the road in Gainesville. The Seminoles also defeated Loyola (Md.) by a 96-71 score and beat Tulane in a neutral site game in Tampa by a 72-53 margin. Florida State is 9-0 and is one win shy of tying the school record for the best start to a season. The Seminoles began the 2003-04 season with a perfect 10-0 record. The Seminoles' nine game-winning streak marks the second consecutive season they have earned a winning streak of nine games or more; they won 12 consecutive games during the 2016-17 season on their way to a 15-1 start to the season and a 26-9 overall record. Florida State is one of just six undefeated teams left in college basketball – Florida State, Miami, Georgetown, Arizona State, TCU, and Villanova – and will look to tie the school record for best start to a season when it faces Oklahoma State on Saturday at 2:00 p.m. in the Orange Bowl Classic in Sunrise, Fla.

BEST STARTS IN SCHOOL HISTORY

Florida State's 9-0 start to the 2017-18 season matches the best nine-game start in school history. The Seminoles have started only one other season with a 9-0 record – 2003-04 – and improved to 10-0 before losing their first game. The Seminoles' 10-0 start to the 2003-04 season is the best start in school history.

SEMINOLES TO HONOR NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE AGAINST OKLAHOMA STATE

The Florida State men's basketball team will wear turquoise Nike N7 uniforms against Oklahoma State on Saturday in the Orange Bowl Classic to raise awareness for bringing sport to Native American and Aboriginal youth. It marks the 10th time (and second of two times this season) the Seminoles will wear the special uniforms. It also marks the fifth consecutive season the Seminoles will wear the turquoise uniforms. Florida State makes a distinct departure from its traditional school colors to don turquoise Nike N7 uniforms to stand for the importance of bringing sport and physical activity to Native American and Aboriginal youth. "The Seminole Tribe of Florida approached us about this program, and we are honored and excited to wear these unique uniforms," said head coach Leonard Hamilton. The Seminoles first wore the turquoise uniforms in their 89-61 win over UT-Martin in Tallahassee on November 17, 2013.

Seminole In Special N7 Turquoise Uniforms

Opponent	Date	Outcome	Notes
UT-Martin	Nov. 17, 2013	W, 89-61	Devon Bookert scored 13 points in victory
UMass	Dec. 21, 2013	W, 60-55	Montay Brandon scored 8 points in victory
UMass	Nov. 23, 2014	L, 69-75	Xavier Rathan-Mayes scored 22 points
USF	Dec. 20, 2014	W, 75-62	Devon Bookert scored 22 points in win
Jacksonville	Nov. 17, 2015	W, 98-79	Dwayne Bacon scored 27 points in win
Florida Atlantic	Dec. 19, 2015	W, 64-59	Dwayne Bacon scored 23 points in win
Minnesota	Nov. 28, 2016	W, 75-67	Dwayne Bacon scored 18 points in win
Manhattan	Dec. 17, 2016	W, 83-67	Dwayne Bacon scored 16 points in win
Fordham	Nov. 17, 2017	W, 67-43	Mfiondu Kabengele scored 15 points in win

2017-18 Florida State Schedule/Results

O26	1	Central Missouri	W, 116-68
N7	1	Thomas University	W, 122-52
N14		George Washington	W, 87-67
N17	2	Fordham	W, 67-43
N19	2	Colorado State	W, 90-73
N22		Kennesaw State	W, 98-79
N24	3	The Citadel	W, 113-78
N28	4	at Rutgers	W, 78-73
D4		at Florida	W, 83-66
D6		Loyola (Md.)	W, 96-71
D10	5	Tulane	W, 72-53
D16	6	Oklahoma State	2:00 p.m.
D18		Charleston Southern	7:00 p.m.
D21		Southern Miss	2:00 p.m.
D30	*	at Duke	2:00 p.m.
J3	*	North Carolina	7:00 p.m.
J7	*	at Miami	6:00 p.m.
J10	*	Louisville	9:00 p.m.
J13	*	Syracuse	2:00 p.m.
J15	*	at Boston College	7:00 p.m.
J20	*	at Virginia Tech	12 Noon
J24	*	Georgia Tech	7:00 p.m.
J27	*	Miami	4:00 p.m.
J31	*	at Wake Forest	8:00 p.m.
F3	*	at Louisville	4:00 p.m.
F7	*	Virginia	7:00 p.m.
F10	*	at Notre Dame	4:00 p.m.
F14	*	Clemson	7:00 p.m.
F18	*	Pitt	6:00 p.m.
F25	*	at NC State	6:00 p.m.
F28	*	at Clemson	9:00 p.m.
M3	*	Boston College	2:00 p.m.
M6-10	7	at ACC Tournament	TBD

1– Exhibition game at Donald L. Tucker Center; 2– Jamaica Classic at Montego Bay, Jamaica. 3–Jamaica Classic at Tallahassee, Fla.; 4– ACC/Big Ten Challenge at Piscataway, N.J.; 5-Heritage Insurance Classic Tampa, Fla.; 6-Orange Bowl Classic at Sunrise, Fla.; 7–ACC Tournament at Brooklyn, N.Y.

2016-17 ACC Standings

Team	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
N. Carolina	14	4	.778	31	7	.816
Florida State	12	6	.667	26	9	.743
Notre Dame	12	6	.667	26	10	.722
Louisville	12	6	.667	25	9	.735
Duke	11	7	.611	28	9	.757
Virginia	11	7	.611	23	10	.697
Virginia Tech	10	8	.556	22	11	.667
Syracuse	10	8	.556	19	15	.559
Miami	10	8	.556	21	12	.636
Wake Forest	9	9	.500	19	14	.576
Ga. Tech	8	10	.444	21	16	.568
Clemson	6	12	.333	17	16	.515
NC State	4	14	.222	15	17	.469
Pittsburgh	4	14	.222	16	17	.485
Boston College	2	16	.111	9	23	.281

Leonard Hamilton's Career Record

	W	L	Pct.	Years
Career	491	406	.547	1987-Pr.
at Okla. State	56	63	.471	1987-90
at Miami	144	147	.495	1991-00
at Florida State	291	196	.598	2002-Pr.

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Florida State Men's Basketball In the National Polls

Associated Press

Rk.	Team (FPV)	17-18 Rec
1.	Villanova (41)	10-0
2.	Michigan State (19)	9-1
3.	Wichita State	8-1
4.	Duke	11-1
5.	Arizona State (5)	9-0
6.	Miami (Fla.)	8-0
7.	North Carolina	9-1
8.	Kentucky	8-1
9.	Texas A&M	8-1
10.	Xavier	9-1
11.	West Virginia	9-1
12.	Gonzaga	8-2
13.	Kansas	7-2
14.	TCU	10-0
15.	Seton Hall	8-1
16.	Virginia	8-1
17.	Purdue	10-2
18.	Notre Dame	8-2
19.	FLORIDA STATE	9-0
20.	Tennessee	7-1
21.	Baylor	7-2
22.	Florida	6-3
23.	Arizona	7-3
24.	Texas Tech	7-1
25.	Cincinnati	7-2

USA Today Coaches Poll

Rk.	Team (FPV)	Points
1.	Villanova (22)	790
2.	Michigan State (10)	768
3.	Wichita State	675
4.	Duke	667
5.	Kentucky	609
6.	Arizona State	604
7.	North Carolina	593
8.	Miami (Fla.)	569
9.	Xavier	529
10.	Texas A&M	495
11.	West Virginia	477
12.	Kansas	378
13.	Gonzaga	374
14.	TCU	373
15.	Seton Hall	360
16.	Virginia	355
17.	Purdue	303
18.	Notre Dame	247
19.	FLORIDA STATE	209
20.	Tennessee	153
21.	Baylor	150
22.	Florida	111
23.	Arizona	106
24.	Oklahoma	86
25.	Creighton	75

ACC Operation Basketball Projected order of Finish

Place	Team (FPV)	Points
1.	Duke (57)	1,020
2.	North Carolina (7)	921
3.	Notre Dame (4)	852
4.	Miami (1)	809
5.	Louisville	733
6.	Virginia	690
7.	Virginia Tech	549
8.	FLORIDA STATE	519
9.	Georgia Tech	468
10.	Syracuse	420
11.	Wake Forest	378
12.	NC State	310
13.	Clemson	289
14.	Boston College	181
15.	Pittsburgh	141

FLORIDA STATE'S WIN TOTAL IN THE LAST 12 YEARS

Florida State is the third winningest program in the ACC in the last 12 years (since the start of the 2005-06 season) in total games played as a member of the ACC with 254 wins. The Seminoles average 21.2 wins per season with records of 20-10 (2005-06), 22-13 (2006-07), 19-15 (2007-08), 25-10 (2008-09), 22-10 (2009-10), 23-11 (2010-11), 25-10 (2011-12), 18-16 (2012-13), 22-14 (2013-14), 17-16 (2014-15), 20-14 (2015-16), 26-9 (2016-17) and 9-0 (2017-18).

ACC Standings Since The 2005-06 Season (as of Dec. 14, 2017)

Team	05-06	06-07	07-08	08-09	09-10	10-11	11-12	12-13	13-14	14-15	15-16	16-17	Totals
Duke	32-4	22-11	28-6	30-7	29-5	32-5	27-7	30-6	26-9	35-4	25-11	28-9	357-85
N. Carolina	23-8	31-7	36-3	34-4	20-17	29-8	32-6	25-12	24-10	26-12	33-7	33-7	354-102
Fla. State	20-10	22-13	19-15	25-10	22-10	23-11	25-10	18-16	22-14	17-16	20-14	26-9	268-148
Miami	18-16	12-20	23-11	19-13	20-13	21-15	20-13	29-7	17-16	25-13	27-8	21-12	262-157
Virginia	15-15	21-11	17-16	10-18	15-16	16-15	22-10	23-12	30-7	30-4	29-8	23-11	260-143
Clemson	16-16	25-11	24-10	23-9	21-10	22-12	16-15	13-18	23-13	16-15	17-14	17-16	243-160
NC State	22-10	20-16	15-16	16-14	19-15	15-16	24-13	24-11	22-14	22-14	16-17	15-17	240-175
Va. Tech	14-16	22-12	21-14	19-15	23-8	22-12	16-17	13-19	9-22	11-22	20-15	22-11	223-184
Ga. Tech	11-17	20-12	15-17	12-19	22-12	13-18	11-20	16-15	16-17	12-19	21-15	21-16	194-202
Wake	17-17	15-16	17-13	24-7	19-10	8-24	13-18	13-18	17-16	13-19	11-20	19-14	192-197
Boston Col.	23-8	21-12	14-17	22-12	15-16	21-13	9-22	16-17	8-24	13-19	7-25	9-23	188-211

LOOK FOR FLORIDA STATE TO...

...Defeat Oklahoma State and improve to 10-0. It would tie the Seminoles' best start to any season in program history;
 ...Defeat Oklahoma State and gain a win over a team from the Big 12 Conference since topping Baylor, 68-61, in the Diamond Head Classic in Honolulu, Hawaii on Dec. 25, 2010;
 ...Defeat Oklahoma State and win its fourth neutral site game of the season. The Seminoles are 3-0 in neutral site games this season after finishing the 2-16-17 season with a 4-3 record in neutral site games.

FLORIDA STATE'S HISTORY IN THE ORANGE BOWL CLASSIC

No. 19/19 Florida State owns a 7-1 record in eight previous Orange Bowl Classic appearances and enters the 2017 Classic having won seven consecutive games with wins over Nebraska (in 2005), Western Kentucky (in 2008), Tulsa (in 2012), UMass (in 2013), USF (in 2014), Florida Atlantic (in 2016) and Manhattan (in 2017)

Seminoles Play Well In Orange Bowl Classic

Date	Opponent	Outcome	Notes
Dec. 18, 1999	Massachusetts	L, 69-60	Ron Hale leads Seminoles with 22 points
Dec. 31, 2005	Nebraska	W, 74-60	Andrew Wilson named MVP with 15 points
Dec. 28, 2008	Western Kentucky	W, 82-69	Toney Douglas named MVP with 27 points
Dec. 29, 2012	Tulsa	W, 82-63	Michael Snaer named MVP with 19 points
Dec. 21, 2013	UMass	W, 60-55	Aaron Thomas named MVP with 18 points
Dec. 20, 2014	USF	W, 75-62	Devon Bookert named MVP with 22 points
Dec. 19, 2015	Florida Atlantic	W, 64-59	Dwayne Bacon named MVP with 23 points
Dec. 17, 2016	Manhattan	W, 83-67	Dwayne Bacon named MVP with 16 points

FLORIDA STATE'S HAMILTON GOT HIS HEAD COACHING START AT OKLAHOMA STATE

Florida State's Leonard Hamilton, the winningest coach in Seminole basketball history, began his head coaching career at Oklahoma State in 1987. Hamilton spent three years rebuilding the Cowboys' program. He led them to consecutive appearances in the NIT, the first back-to-back postseason appearances for Oklahoma State since the 1953 and 1954 seasons. While he was at Oklahoma State, he coached two All-Big 12 Defensive team selections (Richard Dumas in 1989 and Byron Houston in 1990 and one member of the All Newcomer Team (John Starks in 1998). Starks enjoyed a 13-year NBA career. Hamilton is a member of Mr. Henry Iba's coaching tree. Hamilton's staffs at Oklahoma State included current Seminole video coordinator Dickey Nutt, former Seminole Assistant Tim Carter and current Kansas Head Coach Bill Self.

FLORIDA STATE VS. OKLAHOMA STATE – A SERIES HISTORY

Florida State will play Oklahoma State in the 24th Annual Orange Bowl Classic at the BB&T Center in Sunrise, Fla., The game will mark the first meeting between the two teams since a 60-56 win by the Cowboys over the Seminoles on December 18, 1964, in the first round of the Vanderbilt Invitational. The Seminoles' game against Oklahoma State will be its only game of the season against a team from the Big 12. In facing Oklahoma State, Seminole head coach Leonard Hamilton will play the Cowboys for the first time in his coaching career. Hamilton began his head coaching career at Oklahoma State in 1986 and coached the Cowboys for four seasons (1987-90) before moving to the University of Miami. Mike Boynton, Jr., is in his first season as the Cowboys' head coach and will make his second appearance against Florida State after facing the Seminoles as an assistant coach at Coastal Carolina on December 21, 2006 (a 76-65 Seminole win in Tallahassee). Lance Troester, the Assistant Athletics Director of Basketball at Oklahoma State spent two seasons as the Assistant Director of Basketball Operations on Hamilton's staff at Florida State. He also earned his Master's Degree in Sport Management and served as a graduate assistant in Florida State's compliance office.

NOTING FLORIDA STATE'S FIRST NINE WINS BY POINTS...

...Florida State is ranked third in the ACC with a +20.1 average margin of victory. The Seminoles' average ranks third in the ACC – behind only Virginia Tech (+25.5) and Miami (+22.1);
 ...Florida State is ranked fourth in the ACC in scoring offense (87.1 ppg). The Seminoles are one of only four teams in the ACC to average 87 points or more per game;
 ...Florida State has won eight of their nine games by at least 17 points. The Seminoles have won four games by 17-19 points, three games by 20-25 points and earned their largest margin of victory (+35 points) in a 113-78 win over the Citadel in Tallahassee (Nov. 24);
 ...Florida State has outscored its opponent in each its first 18 halves of basketball played this season.
 ...Florida State has led by at least 25 points during six of their nine victories – +41 vs. the Citadel (Nov. 24), +28 vs. Fordham (Nov. 17), +26 vs. Loyola (Md.) (Dec. 6), +26 vs. Tulane (Dec. 10), +25 vs. Kennesaw State (Nov. 22) and +20 vs. George Washington (Nov. 14);
 ...Florida State has not trailed in four of its nine games: vs. Kennesaw State (game was tied for 38 seconds), vs. the Citadel (game was tied for 1:25), vs. Loyola (game was tied for 15 seconds) and vs. Tulane (game was tied for 32 seconds);
 ...Florida State has trailed by no more than four points in its first nine games. The Seminoles trailed George Washington (by two points), Fordham (by one), Colorado State (by three), Rutgers (by four, twice) and Florida (by one).

**Florida State Men's Basketball
Upcoming Milestones**

**Leonard Hamilton
Victories as an ACC Coach**

291 (Career at Florida State)

+36 (Needs)

327

To Become the 7th Winningest Coach in
ACC History (all victories)

**Leonard Hamilton
ACC Victories
(Regular Season + ACC Tourn.)**

126 (career at Florida State)

+3 (Needs)

129

To Become the 8th Winningest Coach in
ACC history (ACC games) – surpassing
Vic Bubas of Duke

**Leonard Hamilton
Wins vs. AP No. 1 In Career**

3 (career at Florida State)

+3 (Needs)

To move into a tie for first place in ACC
history with Mike Krzyzewski (Duke) and
Gary Williams (Maryland) for all-time wins
vs. the nation's No. 1 ranked team

**Christ Koumadje
Career Blocked Shots**

70 (career at Florida State)

+2 (Needs)

72

To move into 22nd place in school history for
career blocked shots passing Kirk Luchman
(1994-97) and Ryan Reid (2007-10)

**PJ Savoy
Career-3-Point Shots Made**

51 (career at Florida State)

+38 (needs)

89

To move into a tie for 25th place at Florida
State for career 3-point shots made with
Ralph Mims (2005-08) and Dwayne Bacon
(2016-17)

**PJ Savoy
Career-3-Point Shots Attempted**

136 (career at Florida State)

+120 (Needs)

256

To move into a tie for 25th place in school
history with Todd Galloway (2003-06)

**Terance Mann
Career Steals**

65 (career at Florida State)

+58 (Needs)

123

To move into a tie for 25th place for career
steals with Douglas Edwards (1991-93) and
Michael Joiner (2001-04)

**Brandon Allen Named to
NABC Honors Court**

Florida State senior Brandon Allen, who
holds a 3.356 grade point average in electrical
engineering, has been named to the Academic
Honors Court by the National Association of
Basketball Coaches. He is the first Florida
State player to be named to the NABC
Honors Court since the inception of the award
in 2007. The award for Allen continues to
extoll his academic achievements not only for
this past year but for his entire career as a
Seminole. He has been named to the 2014,
2015 and 2017 ACC Academic Honor Roll.

POSSIBLE STARTING LINE-UP FOR FLORIDA STATE...

F	#0	Phil Cofer (12.3 ppg, 5.8 rpg; 9 pts and 1 reb vs. Manhattan in Orange Bowl Classic, Dec. 17, 2016)
C	#12	Ike Obiagu (3.6 ppg, 2.7 bpg; First career game in Orange Bowl Classic)
G	#2	CJ Walker (11.2 ppg, 3.2 apg; First career game in Orange Bowl Classic)
G	#11	Braian Angola (12.7 ppg 3.6 apg; 6 pts and 2 asts vs. Manhattan I Orange Bowl Classic, Dec. 17, 2016)
G	#14	Terance Mann (15.6 ppg, 5.6 rpg; 9 pts and 5 asts vs. Manhattan in Orange Bowl Classic, Dec. 17, 2016)
...AND TOP RESERVES		
G	#3	Trent Forrest (7.1 ppg, 4.9 rpg; 10 pts and 3 rebs vs. Manhattan in Orange Bowl Classic, Dec. 17, 2016)
G	#5	PJ Savoy (5.1 ppg, 1.5 rpg; 5 pts and 1 reb vs. Manhattan in Orange Bowl Classic, Dec. 17, 2016)
F	#25	Mfiondu Kabengale (9.0 ppg, 5.0 rpg; First career game in Orange Bowl Classic)
G	#23	M.J. Walker (8.3 ppg, 1.7 rpg; First career game in Orange Bowl Classic)
G	#40	Brandon Allen (1.1 rpg, 0.4 rpg; 0 pts and 0 rebs vs. USF in Orange Bowl Classic, Dec. 20, 2014)
F	#31	Wyatt Wilkes (0.4 ppg, 1.2 rpg; First career game in Orange Bowl Classic)

POSSIBLE STARTING UP FOR OKLAHOMA STATE

F	#5	Tavarius Shine (11.0 ppg, 4.2 rpg; 20 pts and 3 asts vs. Wichita State, Dec. 9, 2017)
F	#12	Cameron McGriff (8.2 ppg 5.7 rpg; 11 pts and 9 rebs vs. Mississippi Valley State, Dec. 3, 2017)
C	#41	Mitchell Solomon (8.2 ppg, 6.2 rpg; 17 pts and 8 rebs vs. Wichita State, Dec. 9, 2017)
G	#1	Kendall Smith (10.2 ppg, 3.9 apg; 16 pts and 5 asts vs. Houston Baptist, Nov. 26, 2017)
G	#21	Lindy Waters (7.4 ppg, 4.2 rpg; 10 pts and 2 rebs vs. Wichita State, Dec. 9, 2017)

FLORIDA STATE VS. OKLAHOMA STATE -- A SERIES HISTORY

The Series:	Oklahoma State leads, 1-0
First Game:	Dec. 18, 1964; Oklahoma State 60, Florida State 56
Last Game:	Dec. 18, 1964; Oklahoma State 60, Florida State 56
Last Florida State Win:	None
Last Oklahoma State Win:	Dec. 18, 1964; Oklahoma State 60, Florida State 56
Last Florida State Win On A Neutral Court:	None
Last Oklahoma State Win On A Neutral Court:	Dec. 18, 1964; Oklahoma State 60, Florida State 56
Current Streak:	Oklahoma State has won 1
Current Streak On A Neutral Court:	Oklahoma State has won 1

FLORIDA STATE VS. OKLAHOMA STATE – THE LAST GAME

Dec. 18, 1964

Florida State 56

Oklahoma State 60

FLORIDA STATE VS. OKLAHOMA STATE – THE LAST GAME

Oklahoma State overcame a seven-point first half deficit and rallied to defeat Florida State, 60-56, in the first round of the Vanderbilt Invitational on Dec. 18, 1964. Freddie Moluder led three Cowboys in double figures with 13 points in the victory. Also in double figures for Oklahoma State were James King with 13 and Gene Johnson with 11. Florida State was led by Ron Malmen's game-high 16 points and by Gary Schull who scored 12 points. Florida State made more field goals than Oklahoma State (21-19) but the Cowboys outscored the Seminoles by a 22-14 margin at the free throw line. Florida State pulled to within two points at 56-54 just over 30 seconds remaining but were outscored by a 4-2 margin in the final 30 seconds. Skip Iba, the son of legendary Oklahoma State head coach and college basketball icon, Hank Iba, made three free throws in the final five minutes of the game for the Cowboys. Florida State defeated Baylor, 82-64, in the second round to finish the tournament with a 1-1 record. The Seminoles, under head coach J.K. Kennedy, finished with a 16-10 record during the 1964-65 season.

TODAY'S OFFICIALS

Today's referee is Jeff Clark and the umpires are Keith Kimble and Jeb Hartness

2017-18 FLORIDA STATE ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Hometown
0	Phil Cofer	F	6-8	218	Sr.	Fayetteville, Ga./Whitewater
1	RaiQuan Gray	F	6-8	250	Fr.	Ft. Lauderdale, Fla./Dillard
2	CJ Walker	G	6-1	195	So.	Indianapolis, Ind./Arsenal Tech
3	Trent Forrest	G	6-5	215	So.	Chipley, Fla./Chipley
5	PJ Savoy	G	6-4	200	Jr.	Las Vegas, Nev./Sheridan College
11	Braian Angola	G	6-6	195	Sr.	Villanueva, Castanare/Colombia/North Idaho College
12	Ike Obiagu	C	7-0	240	Fr.	Abuja, Nigeria/Greenforest Christian Academy (Ga.)
13	Anthony Polite	G	6-6	210	Fr.	Lugano, Switzerland/St. Andrews Christian School (Fla.)
14	Terance Mann	G	6-6	204	Jr.	Lowell, Mass./Tilton (N.H.) School
15	Justin Lindner	G	6-1	175	So.	Memphis, Tenn./Christian Brothers
20	Travis Light	G	6-5	165	RFr.	Vienna, Va./IMG Academy
21	Christ Koumadje	C	7-4	233	Jr.	N'Djamena, Chad/Montverde Academy
23	M.J. Walker	G	6-6	205	Fr.	Jonesboro, Ga./Jonesboro
25	Mfiondu Kabengele	F	6-8	245	RFr.	Burlington, Ontario, Canada/Don Bosco Prep (Ind.)
31	Wyatt Wilkes	F	6-8	210	Fr.	Orlando, Fla./Winter Park
33	Will Miles	F	6-6	220	RFr.	Orlando, Fla./Trinity Prep
35	Harrison Prieto	F	6-8	215	So.	Mandeville, La./St. Paul's School
40	Brandon Allen	F	6-6	209	Sr.	Milton, Fla./Milton

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE: RaiQuan Gray (RAY-Qwan); Braian Angola (Brian); Ike Obiagu (I-Key OH-BEE-ah-GOO); Christ Koumadje (Chris with a T Koo-MA-Gee); Mfiondu Kabengele (Fee-On-DU CAB-en-Gelly)

THE JAM WITH HAM WINNERS

Florida State head coach Leonard Hamilton unveiled the 2017-18 team to the adoring Seminole crowd at the ninth annual Jam with Ham at Tully Gymnasium – complete with a 1980's themed program that included 80's music and Hamilton himself dressed in his best throwback suit blended with a kaleidoscope of colors that certainly drew the loudest cheers of the night. The night was highlighted by a dunk and 3-point shooting contests which were won by junior Terance Mann and senior Brian Angola.

Florida State Men's Basketball By The Numbers

.800 Sophomore Trent Forrest is shooting .800 from the field (eight of 10) in the last two games. He was a near perfect five of six from the field (.833 percent) in scoring his season-high of 12 points in Florida State's victory over Tulane on Sunday at Amalie Arena.

2 Florida State will play its second consecutive game in an arena also utilized by the NHL as they travel to the BB&T Center to play Oklahoma State on Saturday. The Seminoles defeated Tulane, 72-53, at the Amalie Arena in Tampa on Sunday. The Florida Panthers of the NHL play in the BB&T Center while the Tampa Bay Lightning play in the Amalie Arena.

3 Entering Florida State's game against Oklahoma State, senior Braian Angola and junior Terance Mann have scored in double figures in a team-best three consecutive games. Angola is averaging 15.3 points and Mann is averaging 16.0 points since both scoring in double figures in the Seminoles' statement victory over No. 5 Florida in Gainesville (Dec. 4).

3 Senior Braian Angola (against the Citadel, Loyola (Md.) and Tulane) and junior Terance Mann (against George Washington, the Citadel and at Florida) have both led the Seminoles in scoring in three of the first nine games of the season.

6 Six different Seminoles (Terance Mann, Mfiondu Kabengele, M.J. Walker, Phil Cofer, CJ Walker and Braian Angola) have led the Seminoles in scoring through the first nine games of the 2017-18 season.

6 Senior Braian Angola has made six straight and 11 of his last 12 (.917) free throws entering Saturday's game against Oklahoma State. He has missed only one free throw since the start of Florida State's victory over Kennesaw State (Nov. 22).

6.3 Sophomore CJ Walker has more than doubled his scoring average from his freshman season (4.9 ppg in 33 games) through the first nine games of the 2017-18 season (11.2 ppg).

7 Junior PJ Savoy has as many assists this season in eight games (seven) as he did in 28 games as a sophomore (seven).

9 Florida State is undefeated, 9-0, when it outscores its opponent.

17 Freshman Ike Obiagu has 17 blocked shots in six games as a starter (2.8 bpg). He moved in to the Seminoles' starting lineup on Nov. 22 against Kennesaw State.

21 Senior Braian Angola has already made as many 3-point shots this season in nine games (21) as he did in 34 games as a junior for the Seminoles (21). He's made his 21 3-point field goals in fewer attempts this season (49) than he took him to reach 21 during the 2017-18 season (50).

24 Freshman Ike Obiagu has more blocked shots by himself (24) than all of Florida State's opponents combined (19) through the first nine games of the season.

FORREST CALLED THE MOST COMPLETE DEFENDER BY SEMINOLE COACHING STAFF

Sophomore Trent Forrest, who led the Seminoles in steals with 43 in 2016-17, has been called Florida State's most complete defender by the coaching staff. The staff has called Brian Angola the Seminoles' best on-ball defender, Phil Cofer the best off-ball defender, Christ Koumadje the best rim protector and Forrest to the most complete defender on the Seminoles' roster.

FLORIDA STATE'S BLOCKED SHOTS BY THE NUMBERS

Florida State has blocked nearly three times as many shots (55-19), have blocked more shots in the last five games (22) than their opponents have all season (19) and have blocked nearly 10 percent of their opponents' shots (55 of 568, .097 percent) in winning their first nine games of the season.

FLORIDA STATE GUARDING THE 3-POINT LINE

Florida State enters Saturday's game against Oklahoma State ranked third in the ACC with a .286 3-point field goal defense mark. The Seminoles have held six of their nine opponents below 40 percent shooting from long range with only Loyola (Md.) shooting better than 45 percent from the bonusphere against the Seminoles (.458). Florida State held Fordham to a .208 mark from beyond the 3-point arc (5-24) in defeating the Rams, 67-43, in the Jamaica Classic (Nov. 17). To illustrate its improvement while defending the 3-point line, the Seminoles ranked ninth in the ACC with a defensive mark of .349 from beyond the arc in finishing with a 26-9 record and in second place in the ACC standings with a .349 mark. The Seminoles' first nine opponents are scoring an average of 20 points from the 3-point line in 2016-17 after their 35 opponents scored an average of 22.2 points per game last season. The school record for best 3-point field goal percentage defense is .306 during the 2010-11 season.

Seminole Improved 3-Point Field Goal Defense

Season	3FGM	3FGA	Pct.	Pct. of Opponents Points From The 3-point Line
2017-18	60	210	.286	29.3 percent (180 of 603 total points)
2016-17	259	743	.349	.308 percent (777 of 2,523 total points)
2015-16	265	733	.362	.314 percent (789 of 2,516 total points)
2014-15	193	594	.325	.261 percent (579 of 2,210 total points)
2013-14	228	694	.329	.286 percent (684 of 2,392 total points)

NOTING FLORIDA STATE'S FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE DEFENSE

Florida State is third in the ACC in 3-point field goal defense and fourth in the league in overall field goal percentage defense. With the field goal percentage defense ranking as head coach Lenard Hamilton's favorite statistic, the Seminole led the ACC and the nation in both 2009-10 (.373) and 2010-11 (.363) in the all-important defensive category.

FLORIDA STATE FROM THE FREE THROW LINE

Florida State is shooting .735 from the free throw line in the last three games after shooting better than 83 percent from the line in victories over both No. 5 Florida (20 of 24, .833 percent) and Loyola (Md.) (17 of 20, season-high .850 percent). The Seminoles are shooting more than 11 percentage points better from the free throw line in their last three games as compared to their first six games of the season.

Breaking Down the Seminoles From the Free Throw Line

Games	FTM	FTA	Pct.	Notes
Last 3	56	68	.735	Season-high .850 percent in Florida State's victory over Loyola (Md.)
First 6	76	122	.623	Shot .750 in victories over George Washington and Kennesaw State
Improvement			+11.2	Florida State above 80 percent from FT in 2 of last 3 games

MANN IS FLORIDA STATE'S LEADING SCORER

Junior Terance Mann enters Saturday's game as Florida State's leading scorer with a career-high 15.6 points per game scoring average, has more than double his scoring average this season. He entered his junior season averaging 6.8 points in the first 69 games of his career and has improved his scoring average by nearly nine points per game. Mann is shooting a career-high .645 from the field and a career-high .667 from the free throw line.

Mann's Scoring Progression

Season	Games	Points	PPG	Notes
2015-16	34	177	5.2	Season-high 18 points vs. Georgia Tech (Feb. 17, 2016)
2016-17	35	294	8.4	Season-high 22 points vs. Virginia Tech (Jan. 7, 2017)
2017-18	9	140	15.6	Career-high 25 points vs. Florida (Dec. 4, 2017)
Totals	78	611	7.8	Double figure scoring in 8 of 9 games as a junior
This Season	9	140	15.6	20+ points in 3 games (Colorado State, the Citadel, Florida)
First Two Seasons	69	471	6.8	20+ points in 1 games (Virginia Tech as a sophomore)
Improvement			+8.8	Has scored 20+ points in 4 career games

TERANCE MANN IN HIS LAST THREE GAMES...

...Has scored 48 points and is averaging 16.0 points per game. He scored his career-high of 25 points in Florida State's statement victory over No. 5 Florida, 83-66, in Gainesville (Dec. 4);
 ...Is shooting .606 percent from the field (20 of 33). He made is career-high of 11 field goals in Florida State's victory over No. 5 Florida in Gainesville;
 ...Is shooting .727 from the free throw line (eight of 11). He was a near perfect three of four from the free throw line in the Seminoles' win over No. 5 Florida;
 ...Has pulled down an average of 6.3 rebounds per game (19 total rebounds). He earned eight rebounds in the Seminoles' victory over Florida and seven in Florida State's win over Loyola (Md.).

MANN COMES THROUGH IN THE SECOND HALF AGAINST TULANE

Junior Terance Mann scored all 12 of his points against Tulane in the second half of the Seminoles' victory over the Green Wave on Sunday at Amalie Arena in Tampa. His 12 second half points against Tulane marked is tied for his third highest scoring half of the season. Mann totaled 14 second half points in scoring his career-high of 25 in Florida State's in over Florida (Dec. 4), scored 13 first half points in totaling 21 against the Citadel, scored 12 first half points in scoring 20 against Colorado State and opened the season with 10 first half points as he totaled 17 points against George Washington.

Quoting Florida State Men's Basketball

"The Seminoles dominated Tulane from the opening tip Sunday to complete quite a week with wins over Florida on the road and over Loyola (Md.). The victory over the Gators should send a strong signal that the Seminoles should be taken seriously in the ACC this season. Leonard Hamilton teams is at its best when it defends and it was stingy against Florida and Tulane. Taking on Oklahoma State later in the week, a team that Hamilton used to coach, could give the Seminoles another reason to think this season will turn out quite well."

Andy Katz
NCAA.com

"Florida State freshman Ike Obiagu is already one of CBB's top shot blockers. Has blocked three or more shots in six of his first nine college games. Elite rim protector."

Jon Rothstein
CBS Sports Network

"It may be the case that FSU's 17-point win in Gainesville really is a big deal, in which case it will be time to call Leonard Hamilton's bunch the surprise team (in a good direction) of 2017-18 so far. More specifically, this could turn out to be the best shooting team that Hamilton's yet had in Tallahassee. No one, to my knowledge, saw that coming the season after onetime mainstays Jonathan Isaac, Dwayne Bacon and Xavier Rathan-Mayes had all made their departures. Well done, Terrance Mann & Co. (I see you, M.J. Walker)."

John Gasaway
ESPN.com

"The week's highest-ranked newcomer, Florida State won at Florida to start the week, and then picked up a couple more wins to move to 9-0. Terance Mann has taken on a much bigger scoring load -- and is shooting 65 percent from the field. He had 25 against Florida."

Jeff Borzello
ESPN.com

"Already with one of the country's most notable wins of the season on their resume -- a dominating 83-66 road victory at then-No. 5 Florida on Dec. 5 -- the Seminoles are one win away from matching the best start in school history."

Tyler Waddell
Springfield News Sun

"We felt all along that we were a lot better than what people had predicted. I understand why everyone is somewhat surprised. We lost four starters that were pretty good players off a team that won 26 games. We lost five players, including Jarquez (Smith). Even though he wasn't a starter, he was very instrumental in every game that we played. So I'm not sure people really understood the value that our returning players had on the success of our team last year."

Leonard Hamilton
Florida State Basketball

"Unlike each of the past two seasons, when five-star freshmen were asked to carry much of the load offensively, this squad has been propelled mostly by second-, third- and fourth-year players."

Ira Schöffel
Warchant

COFER BACK IN THE STARTING LINEUP

Senior Phil Cofer, who is in his fourth year as a member of the Seminoles, has worked his way back into the starting lineup. He has started each of Florida State's first nine games of the season and should earn the 39th starting assignment of his career against Oklahoma State on Saturday in the Orange Bowl Classic. He is averaging a career-high 26.0 minutes played per game, a career-high 12.3 points scored per game and a career-high 5.8 rebounds per game through the first nine games of the 2017-18 season.

NOTING GUARD CJ WALKER...

...He has made 14 3-point field goals through the first nine games of the season. He made a total of 17 3-point field goals in 33 games as a freshman;

...He has 17 steals and is averaging 1.9 steals per game through the first nine games of the season. He totaled 20 steals in 33 games for a 0.6 steals per game average as a freshman;

...He has two blocked shots (one each against the Citadel and Tulane) through the first nine game of the season. He blocked a total of two shots in 33 games as a freshman.

WALKER EARNING MAJOR IMPROVEMENT FROM THE FREE THROW LINE

Sophomore CJ Walker, the Seminoles' starting point guard, enters Saturday's game against Oklahoma State shooting a career-high .771 from the free throw line. As important, and maybe more importantly, he has increased his free throw attempts by more than two per game through the first nine games of the season. Walker has scored nearly 27 percent of his points total (27 of 101) from the free throw line this season as compared to 22 percent of his points total (36 of 101) coming from the free throw line as a freshman.

Walker From The Line

Season	Games	FTM	FTA	Pct.	Notes
2017-18	9	27	35	.771	Averages 3.0 FTM / 3.8 FTA per game as a sophomore
2016-17	33	36	55	.655	Averaged 1.1 FTM / 1.7 FTA as a freshman
Improvement				+11.6	Averages +1.9 FTM / +2.1 FTA this season

ANGOLA IS A 3-POINT SPECIALIST – AMONG OTHER SPECIALTIES

Senior Braian Angola is ranked 10th in the ACC with a career-high .429 shooting percentage from beyond the 3-point arc. He made his career-high of seven 3-point field goals (tied for the fifth best single game effort in school history) in scoring his career-high of 21 points in Florida State's 113-78 victory over the Citadel. Angola has been red-hot from the bonusphere this season with an average of 2.3 made 3-point shots per in the first nine games of the season. He got a jumpstart from the 3-point line as a junior as he made a season-high four shots from distance against Notre Dame in the semifinals of the ACC Tournament at the Barclays Center in Brooklyn on March 10, 2017.

Angola From Deep In His Last 12 Games

Games	3FGM	3FGA	Pct.	Notes
Last 12	26	60	.433	Averages 2.2 3FGM since making four vs. Notre Dame on March 10, 2017
First 31	16	39	.410	Averaged 0.5 3FGM per game in the first 31 games of his FSU career
Improvement			+0.023	Has made at least 2 3FGM in seven of nine games as a senior

BRAIAN ANGOLA IN HIS LAST THREE GAMES...

...Has scored 46 points and is averaging 15.3 points scored per game. He has scored 18 points in both of his last two games against Loyola (Md.) and Tulane;

...Is shooting .517 from the field (15 of 29), .471 from the 3-point line (eight of 17) and is a perfect 1.000 from the free throw line (eight of eight);

...He has four steals and is averaging 1.3 steals per game. He totaled three steals in Florida State's victory Tulane.

FORREST HAS INCREASED HIS STEALS TOTAL FROM HIS FRESHMAN SEASON

Sophomore Trent Forrest, who enters Saturday's game against Oklahoma State tied for seventh in the ACC in steals, has increased his defensive production as a sophomore as compared to his stellar freshman season. He led the Seminoles with 43 steals and a 1.3 steals per game average in 35 games. Forrest has increased his steals total from last season and is averaging 1.9 steals per game through the first nine games of the 2017-18 season.

Forrest Stealing

Season	Games	Steals	SPG	Notes
2017-18	9	15	1.9	Career-high tying four steals in win over Tulane (Dec. 10, 2017)
2016-17	35	43	1.3	Career-high tying four steals vs. Detroit, Illinois, Georgia Tech
Improvement			+0.6	Multiple steals in 18 of 44 career games

SAVOY AMONG FLORIDA STATE'S ALL-TIME TOP 3-POINT SHOOTERS

Junior PJ Savoy enters Saturday's game against Oklahoma State ranked 11th in school history with a career 3-point shooting percentage of .375 percent. He is currently one of 14 players in school history to be shooting .370 or better from the bonusphere. The school-record for career best 3-point field goal percentage is .457 by LaRae Davis (1986-87).

IKE OBIAGU ON THE BLOCKS...

...Has at least one blocked shot in six consecutive games;

...He has at least two blocked shots in five of the last six games;

...He has at least three blocked shots in four of the last six games;

...He blocked a career-high five blocked shots in Florida State's victory over Rutgers in the ACC/Big Ten Challenge.

M.J. WALKER ENJOYING FABULOUS START TO FLORIDA STATE CAREER

Freshman M.J. Walker enters Saturday's game against Oklahoma State ranked first among his Seminole teammates, fifth in the ACC, and tops among all ACC freshmen with his .486 shooting percentage from beyond the 3-point line. He has made at least one 3-point shot in six of his first nine career games and made five in scoring his career-high of 22 points in the Seminoles' victory over Colorado State in the championship-clinching game of the Jamaica Classic. Walker is second on the team with 18 3-point field goals made.

M.J. WALKER FROM THE FREE THROW LINE

Freshman M.J. walker is shooting .786 from the free throw line entering Saturday's game. After missing his first career free throw attempt, he made 10 consecutive free throws before missing against Tulane on Sunday.

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Florida State Seminoles Combined Team Statistics (as of Dec 10, 2017)
All games

Overall record: 9-0 Conf: 0-0 Home: 4-0 Away: 2-0 Neutral: 3-0

##	Player	gp-gs	min	avg	Total		3-Point		F-Throw		Rebounds				pf	dq	a	to	blk	stl	pts	avg
					fg-fga	fg%	3fg-fga	3fg%	ft-fa	ft%	off	def	tot	avg								
14	Mann, Terance	9-9	252	28.0	60-93	.645	4-18	.222	16-24	.667	21	29	50	5.6	12	0	25	15	2	9	140	15.6
11	Angola, Braian	9-6	248	27.6	39-78	.500	21-49	.429	15-19	.789	6	35	41	4.6	16	0	32	21	3	13	114	12.7
00	Cofer, Phil	9-9	234	26.0	44-80	.550	6-15	.400	17-24	.708	20	32	52	5.8	9	0	7	11	2	2	111	12.3
02	Walker, CJ	9-9	237	26.3	30-73	.411	14-38	.368	27-35	.771	2	21	23	2.6	22	0	29	14	2	17	101	11.2
25	Kabengele, Mfiondu	9-0	129	14.3	30-57	.526	2-5	.400	19-29	.655	22	23	45	5.0	21	0	4	9	6	4	81	9.0
23	Walker, M.J.	9-0	172	19.1	23-56	.411	18-37	.486	11-14	.786	2	13	15	1.7	27	2	10	10	1	7	75	8.3
03	Forrest, Trent	8-0	186	23.3	20-35	.571	1-4	.250	16-24	.667	14	25	39	4.9	12	1	29	14	3	15	57	7.1
21	Koumadje, Christ	3-3	51	17.0	10-17	.588	0-0	.000	1-2	.500	3	10	13	4.3	8	0	1	4	11	0	21	7.0
05	Savoy, PJ	8-3	82	10.3	15-45	.333	11-36	.306	0-0	.000	2	10	12	1.5	9	0	7	4	0	4	41	5.1
12	Obiagu, Ike	9-6	118	13.1	14-28	.500	0-0	.000	4-18	.222	14	19	33	3.7	22	0	0	6	24	4	32	3.6
40	Allen, Brandon	8-0	45	5.6	4-9	.444	1-6	.167	0-0	.000	0	3	3	0.4	7	0	4	3	0	2	9	1.1
31	Wilkes, Wyatt	5-0	31	6.2	1-6	.167	0-5	.000	0-1	.000	1	5	6	1.2	1	0	2	5	1	1	2	0.4
33	Miles, Will	2-0	3	1.5	0-1	.000	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
20	Light, Travis	2-0	3	1.5	0-2	.000	0-2	.000	0-0	.000	0	1	1	0.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
15	Lindner, Justin	2-0	3	1.5	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	1	1	0.5	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0.0
35	Prieto, Harrison	1-0	2	2.0	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
13	Polite, Anthony	1-0	4	4.0	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	1	1	1.0	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0.0
Team											13	19	32					1				
Total.....		9	1800		290-580	.500	78-216	.361	126-190	.663	120	247	367	40.8	167	3	151	120	55	79	784	87.1
Opponents.....		9	1800		213-568	.375	60-210	.286	117-161	.727	121	198	319	35.4	168	-	93	154	19	53	603	67.0

TEAM STATISTICS	FS	OPP	Date	Opponent	Score	Att.
SCORING	784	603	11/14/17	GEORGE WASHINGTON	w 87-67	7455
Points per game	87.1	67.0	11/17/17	vs FORDHAM	w 67-43	1431
Scoring margin	+20.1	-	11/19/17	vs Colorado State	w 90-73	1951
FIELD GOALS-ATT	290-580	213-568	11/22/17	KENNESAW STATE	w 98-79	5284
Field goal pct	.500	.375	11/24/17	CITADEL	w 113-78	6021
3 POINT FG-ATT	78-216	60-210	11/28/17	at Rutgers	w 78-73	4853
3-point FG pct	.361	.286	12/4/17	at Florida	w 83-66	10425
3-pt FG made per game	8.7	6.7	12/06/17	LOYOLA MARYLAND	w 96-71	7323
FREE THROWS-ATT	126-190	117-161	12/10/17	vs Tulane	w 72-53	3975
Free throw pct	.663	.727	* - Conference game			
F-Throws made per game	14.0	13.0				
REBOUNDS	367	319				
Rebounds per game	40.8	35.4				
Rebounding margin	+5.3	-				
ASSISTS	151	93				
Assists per game	16.8	10.3				
TURNOVERS	120	154				
Turnovers per game	13.3	17.1				
Turnover margin	+3.8	-				
Assist/turnover ratio	1.3	0.6				
STEALS	79	53				
Steals per game	8.8	5.9				
BLOCKS	55	19				
Blocks per game	6.1	2.1				
ATTENDANCE	26083	22635				
Home games-Avg/Game	4-6521	2-7639				
Neutral site-Avg/Game	-	3-2452				

Score by Periods	1st	2nd	Totals
Florida State Seminole	391	393	784
Opponents	281	322	603

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Florida State Seminoles Team Game-by-Game Comparison (as of Dec 10, 2017)
All games

Opponent	1st	2nd	Score	Mar	Total FG	FG Pct	3-Pointers	3FG Pct	Free Throws	FT Pct	Rebounds	Assist	T/Over	Block	Steal	Fouls
GEORGE WASHINGTON	50/32	37/35	87-67	+20	38-68/24-63	.559/.381	8-21/7-26	.381/.269	3-4/12-14	.750/.857	37/31 +6	19/6	16/19	8/0	8/7	16/11
FORDHAM	35/18	32/25	67-43	+24	25-52/12-52	.481/.231	5-24/1-22	.208/.045	12-25/18-25	.480/.720	40/37 +3	17/3	18/23	9/2	12/8	22/19
Colorado State	47/36	43/37	90-73	+17	32-62/26-60	.516/.433	9-23/9-24	.391/.375	17-27/12-16	.630/.750	34/37 (3)	20/18	14/22	2/4	10/6	19/23
KENNESAW STATE	54/42	44/37	98-79	+19	39-71/28-62	.549/.452	11-26/9-18	.423/.500	9-12/14-17	.750/.824	36/27 +9	19/15	10/13	4/1	7/6	17/13
CITADEL	52/35	61/43	113-78	+35	42-80/26-78	.525/.333	14-38/13-38	.368/.342	15-22/13-21	.682/.619	53/39 +14	23/17	14/17	10/2	7/8	20/18
Rutgers	36/35	42/38	78-73	+5	26-58/26-64	.448/.406	6-16/5-17	.375/.294	20-32/16-20	.625/.800	36/41 (5)	14/7	9/14	5/2	12/3	24/24
Florida	42/35	41/31	83-66	+17	28-72/21-58	.389/.362	7-23/6-25	.304/.240	20-24/18-25	.833/.720	51/34 +17	9/7	12/17	3/6	8/3	19/20
LOYOLA MARYLAND	46/31	50/40	96-71	+25	34-59/29-72	.576/.403	11-24/3-18	.458/.167	17-20/10-15	.850/.667	36/35 +1	19/8	14/10	9/2	6/8	16/20
Tulane	29/17	43/36	72-53	+19	26-58/21-59	.448/.356	7-21/7-22	.333/.318	13-24/4-8	.542/.500	44/38 +6	11/12	13/19	5/0	9/4	14/20

Note: Game totals are displayed in the format TEAM/OPPONENT for each category

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Florida State Seminoles Team Game-by-Game (as of Dec 10, 2017)
All games

TEAM STATISTICS

Opponent	Date	Score		Total		3-Pointers		Free throws		Rebounds											
				fg-fga	pct	3fg-fga	pct	ft-fta	pct	off	def	tot	avg	pf	a	t/o	blk	stl	pts	avg	
GEORGE WASHINGTON	11/14/17	87-67	W	38-68	.559	8-21	.381	3-4	.750	13	24	37	37.0	16	19	16	8	8	87	87.0	
vs FORDHAM	11/17/17	67-43	W	25-52	.481	5-24	.208	12-25	.480	13	27	40	38.5	22	17	18	9	12	67	77.0	
vs Colorado State	11/19/17	90-73	W	32-62	.516	9-23	.391	17-27	.630	9	25	34	37.0	19	20	14	2	10	90	81.3	
KENNESAW STATE	11/22/17	98-79	W	39-71	.549	11-26	.423	9-12	.750	17	19	36	36.8	17	19	10	4	7	98	85.5	
CITADEL	11/24/17	113-78	W	42-80	.525	14-38	.368	15-22	.682	16	37	53	40.0	20	23	14	10	7	113	91.0	
at Rutgers	11/28/17	78-73	W	26-58	.448	6-16	.375	20-32	.625	13	23	36	39.3	24	14	9	5	12	78	88.8	
at Florida	12/4/17	83-66	W	28-72	.389	7-23	.304	20-24	.833	23	28	51	41.0	19	9	12	3	8	83	88.0	
LOYOLA MARYLAND	12/06/17	96-71	W	34-59	.576	11-24	.458	17-20	.850	6	30	36	40.4	16	19	14	9	6	96	89.0	
vs Tulane	12/10/17	72-53	W	26-58	.448	7-21	.333	13-24	.542	10	34	44	40.8	14	11	13	5	9	72	87.1	
Florida State Seminoles		784		290-580	.500	78-216	.361	126-190	.663	120	247	367	40.8	167	151	120	55	79	784	87.1	
Opponents		603		213-568	.375	60-210	.286	117-161	.727	121	198	319	35.4	168	93	154	19	53	603	67.0	

Games played: 9
Points/game: 87.1
FG Pct: 50.0
3FG Pct: 36.1
FT Pct: 66.3

Rebounds/game: 40.8
Assists/game: 16.8
Turnovers/game: 13.3
Assist/turnover ratio: 1.3
Steals/game: 8.8
Blocks/game: 6.1

THE STAT CREW SYSTEM
Florida State Seminoles Points-Rebounds-Assists (as of Dec 10, 2017)
All games

Opponent	Date	Score		00 COFER,PHIL	02 WALKER,CJ	03 FORREST,TR	05 SAVOY,PJ	11 ANGOLA,BRA	12 OBIAGU,IKE	13 POLITE,ANT
GEORGE WASHINGTON	11/14/17	87-67	w	15-4-0	7-5-4	DNP	2-1-2	8-0-5	0-3-0	0-1-1
vs FORDHAM	11/17/17	67-43	w	9-2-0	3-3-3	2-6-5	6-1-0	7-4-3	0-2-0	DNP
vs Colorado State	11/19/17	90-73	w	6-6-0	11-2-1	0-4-6	7-0-0	9-5-8	3-2-0	DNP
KENNESAW STATE	11/22/17	98-79	w	21-9-2	12-1-3	8-6-6	6-0-2	17-7-4	4-4-0	DNP
CITADEL	11/24/17	113-78	w	15-3-1	9-1-4	10-2-3	14-7-2	21-6-3	5-3-0	DNP
at Rutgers	11/28/17	78-73	w	19-4-1	24-0-3	8-4-0	0-0-1	6-2-4	5-10-0	DNP
at Florida	12/4/17	83-66	w	10-12-0	17-5-4	9-6-1	0-1-0	10-5-2	4-2-0	DNP
LOYOLA MARYLAND	12/06/17	96-71	w	12-4-1	15-3-6	8-5-4	DNP	18-4-1	9-3-0	DNP
vs Tulane	12/10/17	72-53	w	4-8-2	3-3-1	12-6-4	6-2-0	18-8-2	2-4-0	DNP

Opponent	Date	Score		14 MANN,TERAN	15 LINDNER,JU	20 LIGHT,TRAV	21 KOUMADJE,C	23 WALKER,MJ	25 KABENGELE,	31 WILKES,WYA
GEORGE WASHINGTON	11/14/17	87-67	w	17-8-2	DNP	DNP	14-7-0	12-3-2	10-2-1	2-0-0
vs FORDHAM	11/17/17	67-43	w	14-5-1	0-0-0	0-0-0	7-6-1	0-1-1	15-9-2	DNP
vs Colorado State	11/19/17	90-73	w	20-9-4	DNP	DNP	0-0-0	22-1-0	12-4-1	DNP
KENNESAW STATE	11/22/17	98-79	w	13-0-2	DNP	DNP	DNP	11-2-0	4-4-0	0-0-0
CITADEL	11/24/17	113-78	w	21-6-8	0-1-0	0-1-0	DNP	2-2-1	16-12-0	0-4-0
at Rutgers	11/28/17	78-73	w	7-3-4	DNP	DNP	DNP	0-0-1	9-5-0	DNP
at Florida	12/4/17	83-66	w	25-8-1	DNP	DNP	DNP	8-1-1	0-2-0	DNP
LOYOLA MARYLAND	12/06/17	96-71	w	11-7-2	DNP	DNP	DNP	14-1-3	6-3-0	0-2-2
vs Tulane	12/10/17	72-53	w	12-4-1	DNP	DNP	DNP	6-4-1	9-4-0	0-0-0

Opponent	Date	Score		33 MILES,WILL	35 PRIETO,HAR	40 ALLEN,BRAN
GEORGE WASHINGTON	11/14/17	87-67	w	DNP	DNP	0-1-2
vs FORDHAM	11/17/17	67-43	w	0-0-0	DNP	4-0-1
vs Colorado State	11/19/17	90-73	w	DNP	DNP	DNP
KENNESAW STATE	11/22/17	98-79	w	DNP	DNP	2-1-0
CITADEL	11/24/17	113-78	w	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-1
at Rutgers	11/28/17	78-73	w	DNP	DNP	0-0-0
at Florida	12/4/17	83-66	w	DNP	DNP	0-0-0
LOYOLA MARYLAND	12/06/17	96-71	w	DNP	DNP	3-1-0
vs Tulane	12/10/17	72-53	w	DNP	DNP	0-0-0

THE STAT CREW SYSTEM
Florida State Seminoles Game-by-Game Highs (as of Dec 10, 2017)
All games

Opponent	Date	Score	Points	Rebounds	Assists	Steals	Blocked shots
GEORGE WASHINGTON	11/14/17	87-67	17-Mann, Terance	8-Mann, Terance	5-Angola, Braian	3-Walker, CJ	5-Koumadje, Christ
vs FORDHAM	11/17/17	67-43	15-Kabengele, Mfiondu	9-Kabengele, Mfiondu	5-Forrest, Trent	3-Forrest, Trent	4-Obiagu, Ike Koumadje, Christ
vs Colorado State	11/19/17	90-73	22-Walker, M.J.	9-Mann, Terance	8-Angola, Braian	4-Angola, Braian	2-Koumadje, Christ
KENNESAW STATE	11/22/17	98-79	21-Cofer, Phil	9-Cofer, Phil	6-Forrest, Trent	2-Mann, Terance Walker, CJ	2-Obiagu, Ike
CITADEL	11/24/17	113-78	21-Angola, Braian Mann, Terance	12-Kabengele, Mfiondu	8-Mann, Terance	2-Mann, Terance	3-Obiagu, Ike
at Rutgers	11/28/17	78-73	24-Walker, CJ	10-Obiagu, Ike	4-Angola, Braian Mann, Terance	4-Walker, CJ	5-Obiagu, Ike
at Florida	12/4/17	83-66	25-Mann, Terance	12-Cofer, Phil	4-Walker, CJ	3-Walker, CJ	1-Obiagu, Ike Kabengele, Mfiondu Walker, M.J.
LOYOLA MARYLAND	12/06/17	96-71	18-Angola, Braian	7-Mann, Terance	6-Walker, CJ	3-Walker, CJ	3-Kabengele, Mfiondu Obiagu, Ike
vs Tulane	12/10/17	72-53	18-Angola, Braian	8-Cofer, Phil Angola, Braian	4-Forrest, Trent	4-Forrest, Trent	3-Obiagu, Ike

6-8, 218, Senior, Fayetteville, Ga.

2018-19 Season

- * Averaged 8.5 points and 2.5 rebounds as a starter in both of Florida State's exhibition games
- * Tied his career-high with 21 points and 9 rebounds in Florida State's victory over Kennesaw State on Nov. 22
- * Scored 15 points, pulled down 3 rebounds, added 1 assist, 1 blocked shots and 1 steal in Florida State's win over The Citadel in Tallahassee on Nov. 24
- * Totaled 19 points, 4 rebounds and 1 assist in 37 minutes in Florida State's win over Rutgers on Nov. 28
- * Second career double double of 10 points and 12 rebounds in Florida State's victory over No. 5 Florida

2017-18 Season

- * Averaged 2.9 points and 1.9 rebounds as he played in 32 of the Seminoles' 35 games
- * A starter in Florida State's victory over George Washington in the BB&T Classic at the Verizon Center in Washington, D.C. and against Notre Dame in the second round of the ACC Tournament at the Barclays Center
- * His two starting assignments as a junior gave him 29 for his career including a career-high 24 starts as a freshman in 2014-15

2016-17 Season

- * Averaged 2.9 points and 1.9 rebounds while shooting .452 from the field in 33 games
- * Totaled 13 points and 6 rebounds in 20 minutes of playing time in Florida State's win over Iona on Nov. 15

2015-16 Season

- * Averaged 3.8 points, 2.0 rebounds 0.4 steals and 0.3 blocked shots while shooting .565 from the field in limited playing time because of an ankle injury
- * Underwent surgery on his right ankle (bone spurs) on Jan. 4 and missed the remainder of the season
- * A starter in Florida State's first three games of the season against Nicholls State, Jacksonville and Hofstra

2014-15 Season

- * Averaged 6.9 points (fourth on the team), 4.5 rebounds (second) and 0.6 blocked shots (fourth) while starting 24 of 33 games – the final 24 games of his first season as a Seminole
- * Ranked sixth on the team with a .456 shooting percentage and sixth on the team with a .632 free throw shooting percentage
- * Among the ACC freshmen leaders in scoring (14th) and rebounding (eighth) and was one of only 12 freshmen in the ACC to rank in the top 15 in both scoring and rebounding

On Cofer

- * Graduated from Whitewater High School in 2014
- * Averaged a double-double of 18.0 points and 10.9 rebounds in two seasons as a member of the Whitewater varsity
- * Shot .580 from the field during his two varsity seasons
- * Averaged a double-double of 19.3 points and 12.8 rebounds along with 3.0 blocked shots in 24 games as a senior
- * Led Whitewater to an 18-10 record and a berth in the Georgia High School Scholastic Association Class 5A state tournament as a senior

2017-18 Game-By-Game Statistics – Phil Cofer

Date	Opponent	G-GS	Min	FG-A	Pct.	3FG-A	Pct.	FT-A	Pct.	O-D	Rebs	PF	A	TO	B	S	Pts
N14	Geo. Washington	1-1	24	6-9	.667	1-3	.333	2-2	1.000	2-2	4	0	0	0	0	0	15
N17	vs. Fordham	2-2	17	2-5	.400	0-2	.000	5-7	.714	0-2	2	2	0	2	0	0	9
N19	vs. Colorado St.	3-3	23	3-8	.375	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	4-2	6	1	0	2	0	0	6
N22	Kennesaw St.	4-4	28	9-11	.818	1-1	1.000	2-2	1.000	4-5	9	1	2	1	1	0	21
N24	The Citadel	5-5	22	7-9	.778	0-0	.000	1-3	.333	2-1	3	0	1	2	1	1	15
N28	at Rutgers	6-6	37	7-11	.636	4-5	.800	1-2	.500	0-4	4	2	1	0	0	0	19
D4	at Florida	7-7	29	4-12	.333	0-1	.000	2-2	1.000	6-6	12	1	0	1	0	0	10
D6	Loyola (Md.)	8-8	23	4-7	.571	0-0	.000	4-5	.800	0-4	4	0	1	1	0	1	12
D10	vs. Tulane	9-9	31	2-8	.250	0-2	.000	0-1	.000	2-6	8	2	2	2	0	0	4
D16	vs. Oklahoma St.																
D18	Charleston South																
D21	Southern Miss																
D30	* at Duke																
J3	* N. Carolina																
J7	* at Miami																
J10	* Louisville																
J13	* Syracuse																
J15	* at Boston Col.																
J20	* at Virginia Tech																
J24	* Georgia Tech																
J27	* Miami																
J31	* at Wake Forest																
F3	* at Louisville																
F7	* Virginia																
F10	* at Notre Dame																
F14	* Clemson																
F18	* Pitt																
F25	* at NC State																
F28	* at Clemson																
M3	* Boston College																
M6-10	at ACC Tourn.																

Phil Cofer's Career Highs

PTS	.....	21 vs. Kennesaw State (11-22-17)
	.....	21 at Pitt (1-14-15)
FGM	.....	9 vs. Kennesaw State (11-22-17)
	.....	9 vs. Wake Forest (1-28-15)
FGA	.....	13 vs. Wake Forest (1-28-15)
	.....	13 at Pitt (1-14-15)
FG%	.....	1.000 vs. Stetson (12-22-14)
	.....	1.000 vs. DePaul (11-21-15)
3FGM	.....	5 at Rutgers (11-18-19)
3FGA	.....	4 at Rutgers (11-18-19)
3FG%	.....	1.000 vs. 3 teams
	.....	Last vs. NC State (2-8-17)
FTM	.....	6 at Pitt (1-14-15)
FTA	.....	10 at Pitt (1-14-15)
FT%	.....	1.000 vs. 11 teams
	.....	Last at Florida (12-4-17)
OR	.....	6 at Florida (12-4-17)
DR	.....	7 vs. Clemson (3-11-1)
	.....	Last vs. Clemson (3-11-15)
REBS	.....	12 at Florida (12-4-17)
	.....	12 vs. UMass (22-23-14)
AST	.....	2 vs. 4 teams
	.....	Last vs. Tulane (12-10-17)
BLK	.....	2 vs. four teams
	.....	Last vs. Virginia (2-12-15)
STL	.....	3 vs. NC State (1-17-15)
MIN	.....	37 at Rutgers (11-18-19)
		37 vs. Wake Forest (1-28-15)

underlined denotes career high established or tied during the

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Phil Cofer scored his first career double-double with 21 points and 11 rebounds in Florida State's game against Pitt on January 14, 2015

2017-18 Season

* Averaged 8.5 points and 4.5 rebounds in Florida State's pair of exhibition games wins to begin the season

On Grav

- * Graduated from Dillard High School in 2017
- * As a senior he led Dillard to a 28-5 record overall while averaging a double-double of 16 points and 12 rebounds
- * Helped the Panthers finish 28-4 and nationally ranked 20th by MaxPreps
- * Was recognized by MaxPreps as a part of the Tour of Champions nationally ranked teams
- * Selected as a member of the 2016 and 2017 All-Broward County First-Team by the Miami Herald

RaiQuan Gray's Career Highs	
PTS	
FGM	
FGA	
FG%	
3FGM	
3FGA	
3FG%	
FTM	
FTA	
FT%	
OR.....	
DR.....	
REBS	
AST	
BLK	
STL	
MIN	

underlined denotes career high established or tied during the 2017-18 season

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RaiQuan Gray averaged 16 points and 12 rebounds as a senior at Dillard High School in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. The Panthers finished the season with a 28-5 record in 2017.

2017-18 Game-By-Game Statistics -- RaiQuan Gray

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6-1, 195, Sophomore, Indianapolis, Ind.

2017-18 Season

- * Averaged 9.5 points and 2.0 assists as a starter in both of the Seminoles' exhibition wins
- * Career-high 24 points on a career-high 10 of 11 from the free throw line in Florida State's victory over Rutgers
- * Totaled 17 points, 5 rebounds and 4 assists in Florida State's victory over No. 5 Florida in Gainesville
- * Scored 15 points and was credited with 6 assists in Florida State's victory over Loyola (Md.) on Dec. 6 in Tallahassee
- * Scored 11 points and pulled down 2 rebounds in Florida State's victory over Colorado State in the Jamaica Classic
- * Totaled 12 points, 3 assists and 2 steals in Florida State's victory over Kennesaw State on Nov. 22 in Tallahassee

2016-17 Season

- * Averaged 4.9 points (tied for sixth), 1.4 rebounds (11th) and 1.3 assists (fifth) as he played in 33 of 35 games
- * Scored 13 points to go along with 4 rebounds in 25 minutes of play in Florida State's victory over Illinois
- * Career-high tying 13 points in Florida State's victory over Wake Forest in his first career ACC games
- * Totaled 9 points on 5 made free throws in Florida State's victory over Detroit Mercy on Nov. 20
- * Totaled 4 points and 1 assist in his career debut in Florida State's victory over Charleston Southern on Nov. 12
- * Tied for team-high honors with 11 points in Florida State's victory over George Washington on Dec. 4
- * Totaled 9 points and 5 assists in Florida State's victory over Southern Miss on Dec. 4
- * Career-high 6 assists and 8 points in Florida State's victory over Clemson on Feb. 5 in Tallahassee

On Walker

- * A top-three finalist for the Mr. Basketball Award as a senior in the tradition-rich state of Indiana
- * An All-State First-Team selection by the USA Today Newspaper in 2016
- * Named the Player of the Year in 2016 by the Indianapolis Coaches Association
- * Ranked as the 82nd best overall prep player, the 14th best point guard and earned a 4-star rating by ESPN.com in 2016
- * A four-star recruit by Scout.com

CJ Walker's Career Highs

PTS.....24 at Rutgers (11-18-19)
FGM.....6 at Rutgers (11-18-19)
FGA.....11 at Rutgers (11-18-19)
FG%.....1.000 vs. Clemson (2-5-17)
3FGM.....3 vs. Loyola (Md.) (12-6-17)
.....3 at Florida (12-4-17)
.....3 vs. Wake Forest (12-28-16)
3FGA.....7 vs. Loyola (Md.) (12-6-17)
3FG %.....1.000 vs. Clemson (2-5-17)
.....1.000 vs. Illinois (11-25-16)
FTM.....10 at Rutgers (11-18-19)
FTA.....11 at Rutgers (11-18-19)
FT%.....1.000 vs 7 Teams
.....Last vs. Kennesaw State (11-22-17)
OR.....2 vs. Wake Forest (12-28-16)
DR.....5 vs. George Washington (11-14-17)
REBS.....5 vs. George Washington (11-14-17)
AST.....6 vs. Loyola (Md.) (12-6-17)
.....6 vs. Clemson (2-5-17)
STL.....4 at Rutgers (11-18-19)
BLK.....1 vs. Tulane (12-10-17)
.....1 vs. The Citadel (11-24-17)
.....1 vs. Xavier (3-18-17)
.....1 at North Carolina (1-14-17)
MIN.....34 at Florida (12-4-17)

underefered denotes career high established or tied during 2017-18 season

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CJ Walker scored in double figures (13 points) in his first ACC game as a Seminole against Wake Forest (Dec. 28, 2016). He scored in double figures three times as a freshman

2017-18 Game-Bv-Game Statistics -- CJ Walker

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6-5, 215, Sophomore, Chipley, Fla.

2017-18 Season

- * Did not play in either of Florida State's two exhibition games
- * Scored a season-high 12 points, 6 rebounds, 4 assists and 4 steals in Florida State's victory over Tulane
- * Totaled 10 points, 2 rebounds and 3 assists in Florida State's victory over The Citadel on Nov. 22
- * Totaled 2 points, 6 rebounds and a team-leading 3 steals in Florida State's win over Fordham in the Jamaica Classic
- * A career-high tying 6 assists and 3 steals in Florida State's win over Colorado State in the Jamaica Classic
- * Scored 9 points and pulled down 6 rebounds in Florida State's win over No. 5 Florida in Gainesville
- * Totaled 8 points and a career-high tying 6 assists in Florida State's victory over Kennesaw State on Nov. 24

2016-17 Season

- * Averaged 4.9 points (tied for sixth), 2.7 rebounds (seventh) and 1.2 steals (first) as he played in all 35 games
- * Named to the 2017 ACC All-Academic Men's Basketball Team
- * Totaled his career-high of 13 points and 6 rebounds in Florida State's victory over Nicholls State on Dec. 8
- * Double figures for the first time in his career with 10 points and 3 rebounds in Florida State's win over Iona

On Forrest

- * A consensus top 50 prep player who was ranked 45th among all prep players by ESPN.com entering college with the class of 2016
- * Ranked as the seventh best player in the state of Florida, the 11th best shooting guard in the nation, the 48th best player in the country and was a four-star player by Sports Illustrated
- * Ranked as the 62nd best high school player in the nation by Scout.com
- * A strong athlete on the wing who is an outstanding athlete and a stellar defender

Trent Forrest's Career Highs

Pat Forrester's Career Highs

PTS.....13 vs. Nicholls State (12-8-16)
FGM.....6 vs. Nicholls State (12-8-16)
FTM.....6 vs. Detroit Mercy (11-20-16)
FGA.....8 at Notre Dame (1-11-17)
.....8 vs. Iona (11-15-16)
FG%......857 vs. Nicholls State (12-8-16)
......857 vs. Detroit Mercy (11-20-16)
3FGM.....1 vs. Loyola (Md.) (12-6-17)
.....1 vs. Nicholls State (12-8-16)
3FGA.....2 vs. Loyola (Md.) (12-6-17)
3FG %.....1.000 vs. Nicholls State (12-8-16)
FTM.....5 vs. 4 Teams
.....Last at Florida (12-4-17)
FTA.....7 at Clemson (2-25-17)
FT%.....1.000 vs. 9 Teams
.....Last vs. The Citadel (11-24-17)
OR.....6 at Duke (2-28-17)
DR.....7 vs. Southern Miss (12-6-16)
REBS.....9 at Duke (2-28-17)
.....9 vs. Southern Miss (12-6-16)
AST.....6 vs. Kennesaw State (11-22-17)
.....6 vs. Colorado State (11-19-17)
.....6 vs. Nicholls State (12-8-16)
BLK.....1 vs. 8 Teams
.....Last vs. Loyola (Md.) (12-6-17)
STL.....4 vs. 4 Teams
.....Last vs. Tulane (12-10-17)
MIN.....29 vs. Loyola (Md.) (12-6-17)

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Trent Forrest led FSU in steals as a freshman with 43 and a 1.2 spg average. He totaled multiple steals in 14 games including Florida State's win at No. 11 Virginia on Dec. 28, 2016

2017-18 Game-By-Game Statistics -- Trent Forrest

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6-4, 200, Junior, Las Vegas, Nevada

2017-18 Season

- * Averaged 12.5 points and 1.5 assists in Florida State's two-game exhibition season. Scored 19 points in Florida State's victory over Central Missouri
- * A season-high 14 points, a career-high 7 rebounds and 2 assists in Florida State's victory over The Citadel
- * Scored two points and added two assists in his first career start in Florida State's victory over George Washington
- * Totaled 7 points and 2 steals in Florida State's victory over Colorado State in the Jamaica Classic
- * Totaled 6 points and 2 rebounds in Florida State's victory over Tulane in Tampa on Dec. 10

2016-17 Season

- * Averaged 5.5 points (fifth on the team) and 0.8 rebounds (12th) while making 40 3-point field goals (tied for second) as he played in 28 of Florida State's 35 games
- * Career best game with 27 points on 7 made 3-point field goals in Florida State's victory over Southern Miss
- * Scored 18 points on 6 made 3-point shots in Florida State's victory over Nicholls State on Dec. 8
- * His ACC career-high of 15 points came in Florida State's victory over Boston College on February 20
- * Totaled 6 points, 1 rebound and 1 assist in 12 minutes in Florida State's win over George Washington
- * Scored 11 points on three made 3-point field goals in Florida State's victory over No. 21 Virginia Tech on Jan. 7
- * Totaled 12 points on 3 made 3-point shots in the Seminoles' victory over Notre Dame on Jan. 18

On PJ Savoy

- * A top junior college transfer from Sheridan College in Wyoming
- * Averaged 16.8 points and 5.1 rebounds in his only season at Sheridan in 2015-16
- * Graduated from Las Vegas High School in 2015
- * Attended Las Vegas High School as a junior and a senior
- * Earned All-State First Team honors as a senior as he averaged 17.7 points, 7.1 rebounds, 2.1 assists, 1.6 steals and 1.1 blocked shots as a senior for the Wildcats

PJ Savoy's Career Highs

PTS.....27 vs. Southern Miss (12-6-16)
FGM.....8 vs. Southern Miss (12-6-16)
FGA.....14 vs. The Citadel (11-24-17)
.....14 vs. Nicholls State (12-8-16)
FG%.....727 vs. Southern Miss (12-6-16)
3FGM.....7 vs. Southern Miss (12-6-16)
3FGA.....14 vs. Nicholls State (12-8-16)
3FG%.....700 vs. Southern Miss (12-6-16)
FTM.....4 vs. Xavier (3-18-17)
.....4 vs. Boston College (2-20-17)
.....4 vs. Southern Miss (12-6-16)
FTA.....5 vs. Xavier (3-18-18)
FT%.....1,000 vs. 4 Teams
.....Last vs. Boston College (2-20-17)
OR.....3 at Georgia Tech (1-25-17)
DR.....5 vs. The Citadel (11-24-17)
REBS.....7 vs. The Citadel (11-24-17)
AST.....4 vs. The Citadel (11-24-17)
BLK.....1 vs. Notre Dame (1-18-17)
STL.....3 vs. Xavier (3-18-17)
.....3 vs. Boston College (2-20-17)
MIN.....23 vs. Nicholls State (12-8-16)
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PJ Savoy's career-high seven 3-point field goals made against Southern Miss on December 6, 2016 is tied for the 5th best single game effort in school history

2017-18 Game-By-Game Statistics -- PJ Savoy

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6-6, 195, Senior, Villaneuva, Casanare, Colombia

2017-18 Season

- * Scored 5 points to go along with 5 rebounds and 4 assists against Thomas University as he played in one of the Seminoles' two exhibition games
- * A career-high 21 points, 6 rebounds and 3 assists in 21 minutes in Florida State's victory over The Citadel
- * Scored a team-high 18 points to go along with 4 rebounds and 2 blocked shots in Florida State's win over Loyola
- * Scored 18 points and pulled down a career-high 8 rebounds in Florida State's victory over Tulane
- * Totaled 17 points and a career-high 7 rebounds in Florida State's 98-79 victory over Kennesaw State
- * Scored 8 points and added a team-high 5 assists in Florida State's 87-67 win over George Washington
- * Totaled 7 points, 4 rebounds, 3 assists and 2 steals in Florida State's win over Fordham in the Jamaica Classic
- * Complete game of 9 points, a career-high 8 assists and a career-high 4 steals in Florida State's victory over Colorado State in the Jamaica Classic

2016-17 Season

- * First name is pronounced Brian
- * Averaged 4.6 points (ninth on the team) and 1.6 rebounds (10th) while making 21 3-point field goals (fifth) and playing in 34 of Florida State's 35 games
- * Totaled a career-high 17 points on 4 made 3-point shots in Florida State's game against Notre Dame in the ACC Tournament

On Braian Angola

- * Earned NJCAA All-America First Team honors as he led North Idaho College to a 31-2 record and into the Sweet 16 of the National Junior College Tournament
- * Led North Idaho and finished 13th nationally with a 21.4 points per game scoring average
- * Ranked ninth nationally among all junior college players with 686 total points scored in 2016
- * Played in the National Junior College Athletic Association Coaches Association All-Star game in 2016

Braian Angola's Career Highs

Dr. Brian Angola's Career Highlights

PTS 21 vs. The Citadel (11-24-17)

FGM 7 vs. 3 Teams

 Last vs. Loyola (Md.) (12-6-17)

FGA 11 vs. 3 Teams

 Last at Florida (12-4-17)

FG% 1,000 vs. Virginia Tech (3-8-17)

 1,000 vs. Clemson (2-5-17)

3FGM 7 vs. The Citadel (11-24-17)

3FGA 11 vs. The Citadel (11-24-17)

3FG% 1,000 vs. 3 Teams

 Last vs. Boston College (2-20-17)

FTM 4 vs. 3 teams

 Last at Florida (12-4-17)

FTA 5 at Rutgers (11-18-19)

FT% 1,000 vs. 9 Teams

 Last vs. Tulane (12-10-17)

OR..... 3 vs. Kennesaw State (11-22-17)

DR..... 8 vs. Tulane (12-10-17)

REBS 8 vs. Tulane (12-10-17)

AST 8 vs. Colorado State (11-19-17)

BLK 1 vs. 5 Teams

 Last vs. Kennesaw State (11-22-17)

STL 4 vs. Colorado State (11-19-17)

BLK 2 vs. Loyola (Md.) (12-6-17)

STL 4 vs. Colorado State (11-19-17)

MIN 34 vs. Tulane (12-10-17)

underlined denotes career high established or tied during 2017-18 season

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Braian Angola led Florida State with a .420 3-point field goal shooting percentage during the 2016-17 season. He made four against Notre Dame in the ACC Tournament

2017-18 Game-By-Game Statistics -- Braian Angola

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7-0, 240, Freshman, Abuja, Nigeria

2017-18 Season

- * Averaged 8.0 points and 3.5 blocked shots in Florida State's two exhibition games. Blocked 3 shots against Central Missouri and 4 against Thomas University
- * Totaled a career-high 10 rebounds and a career-high 5 blocked shots in Florida State's victory over Rutgers
- * A season-high 9 points and 3 blocked shots in Florida State's victory over Loyola in Tallahassee on Dec. 6
- * Totaled 3 rebounds and 3 blocked shots in Florida State's victory over George Washington on Nov. 14
- * Totaled 4 blocked shots and 2 rebounds in Florida State's win over Fordham in the Jamaica Classic on Nov. 17
- * Totaled 5 points, 3 rebounds and 3 blocked shots in Florida State's victory over The Citadel on Nov. 24

On Obiagu

- * Graduated from Greenforest Christian Academy in 2017
* Earned All-State First Team Honors by the Atlanta Journal Constitution for Class A in the state of Georgia as a senior in 2017

Ike Obiagu's Career Highs

Orange & Catering

PTS	<u>9 vs. Loyola (Md.) (12-6-17)</u>
FGM	<u>4 vs. Loyola (Md.) (12-6-17)</u>
.....	<u>4 at Rutgers (11-18-19)</u>
FGA	<u>8 vs. Kennesaw State (11-22-17)</u>
FC%	<u>800 vs. Loyola (Md.) (12-6-17)</u>
3FGM	
3FGA	
3FG%	
FTM	<u>1 vs. Loyola (Md.) (12-6-17)</u>
.....	<u>1 vs. The Citadel (11-24-17)</u>
.....	<u>1 vs. Colorado State (11-19-17)</u>
FTA	<u>5 at Rutgers (11-18-19)</u>
FT%	<u>500 vs. Loyola (Md.) (12-6-17)</u>
OR.....	<u>4 at Rutgers (11-18-19)</u>
DR.....	<u>6 at Rutgers (11-18-19)</u>
REBS	<u>10 at Rutgers (11-18-19)</u>
AST	
BLK	<u>5 at Rutgers (11-18-19)</u>
STL	<u>2 at Rutgers (11-18-19)</u>
MIN	<u>26 at Rutgers (11-18-19)</u>

underlined denotes career high established or tied during 2017-18 season

330

Ike Obiagu blocked 330 shots in his final two years of high school basketball -- 201 as a senior and 129 as a junior -- at Greenforest

2017-18 Game-By-Game Statistics -- Ike Obiagu

[illegible]

6-6, 210, Freshman, Lugano, Switzerland

2017-18 Season

- * Averaged 6.0 points and 3.5 assists in Florida State's two exhibition game victories to begin the season

On Polite

- * Graduated from St. Andrew's Christian School in 2017
- * Averaged a double-double of 19.1 points and 11.7 rebounds to go along with 4.6 assists and 2.4 steals in 26 games while leading St. Andrew's to a regional semifinal. Scored 24 points in the semifinal loss
- * Finished his high school career with 1,545 points
- * Shot an astounding .590 percent from the field and .390 percent from the 3-point line at St. Andrew's
- * Named the 2017 All-Palm Beach 6A-1A Basketball Player of the Year as he helped St. Andrew's win a district title
- * St. Andrew's finished the season with a 25-3 record

Anthony Polite's Career Highs

PTS.....	
FGM.....	
FGA.....	
FG%.....	
3FGM.....	
3FGA.....	
3FG%.....	
FTM.....	
FTA.....	
FT%.....	
OR.....	
DR.....	1 vs. George Washington (11-14-17)
REBS.....	1 vs. George Washington (11-14-17)
AST.....	1 vs. George Washington (11-14-17)
BLK.....	
STL.....	1 vs. George Washington (11-14-17)
MIN.....	4 vs. George Washington (11-14-17)

underlined denotes career high established or tied during 2017-18 season

19.1/11.7

Anthony Polite averaged a double double of 19.1 points and 11.7 rebounds as a senior at St. Andrew's Academy in 2017. He scored 1,545 points during his high school career

2017-18 Game-By-Game Statistics -- Anthony Polite

[illegible]

6-6, 204, Junior, Lowell, Mass.

2017-18 Season

- * Averaged 10.0 points and 4.5 rebounds in Florida State's two-game, two-win exhibition season
- * Career-high 25 points, 8 rebounds and 2 steals in Florida State's victory of No. 5 Florida in Gainesville
- * Totaled 17 points and 8 rebounds on Florida State's season-opening win over George Washington on Nov. 14
- * Scored 14 points and pulled down 5 rebounds in Florida State's victory over Fordham in Nov. 17
- * Totaled 20 points and 9 rebounds in Florida State's victory over Colorado State in Jamaica on Nov. 19
- * Scored 13 points while earning 2 steals and 2 assists in 27 minutes on Florida State's win over Kennesaw State
- * Totaled 21 points, 6 rebounds and a career-high 8 assists in Florida State's victory over The Citadel on Nov. 24

2016-17 Season

- * Averaged 8.4 points (fifth on the team) and 4.5 rebounds (second) as he started 34 of Florida State's 35 games
- * Career-high 22 points and 9 rebounds in Florida State's victory over No. 21 Virginia Tech on Jan. 7
- * First career double-double with 16 points and a career-high 10 rebounds in Florida State's victory over Florida

2015-16 Season

- * Averaged 5.2 points (sixth on the team), 3.7 rebounds (fourth) and 0.6 steals (tied for fifth) while leading the team with a .584 field goal shooting percentage
- * Scored his career high of 18 points on 6 of 7 shooting from the field against Georgia Tech on Feb. 17 in Tallahassee
- * Career debut with 15 points, 5 rebounds and a game high 4 steals in Florida State's win over Nicholls State

On Mann

- * Graduated from the Tilton School in Tilton, New Hampshire in 2015
- * Averaged 23.1 points and 7.8 rebounds while shooting 61 percent from the field as a senior
- * The Gatorade Boys Basketball Player of the Year in the state of New Hampshire in 2015
- * The Class AA Player of the Year and an All Class AA First Team selection by the New England Recruiting Report as a senior
- * A Class AA First-Team selection as a junior
- * Earned First Team honors from the New England Preparatory School Athletic Council (NEPSAC) as a senior.

Terance Mann's Career Highs

PTS..... 25 at Florida (12-4-17)
FGM..... 11 at Florida (12-4-17)
FGA..... 17 at Florida (12-4-17)
FG%..... 1.000 vs. 5 Teams
 Last vs. Clemson (2-25-17)
3FGM..... 2 vs. Virginia Tech (1-7-17)
3FGA..... 6 vs. The Citadel (11-24-17)
3FG%..... 1.000 vs. Virginia Tech (1-7-17)
 1.000 vs. Nicholls State (11-15-15)
FTM..... 6 vs. Virginia Tech (1-7-17)
FTA..... 9 vs. Louisville (1-12-17)
FT%..... 1.000 vs. 10 Teams
 Last at Pittsburgh (2-18-17)
OR..... 6 vs. George Washington (11-14-17)
 6 vs. Virginia Tech (3-9-17)
 6 vs. NC State (2-8-17)
DR..... 8 vs. Florida (12-11-16)
REBS..... 10 vs. NC State (2-8-17)
 10 vs. Florida (12-11-16)
AST..... 8 vs. The Citadel (11-24-17)
BLK..... 2 vs. The Citadel (11-24-17)
 2 vs. Louisville (1-12-17)
 2 at NC State (1-13-16)
STL..... 4 vs. Notre Dame (1-18-17)
 4 vs. Nicholls State (11-15-15)
MIN..... 34 at Florida (12-4-17)
 34 vs. Colorado State (11-19-17)
 underlined denotes career high established or tied during 2017-18 season

3

Terance Mann is shooting .594 from the field entering Saturday's game against Oklahoma State -- the 3rd best career field goal shooting percentage in school history

2017-18 Game-Bv-Game Statistics -- Terance Mann

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6-1, 175, Sophomore, Memphis, Tennessee

2017-18 Season

- * Averaged 4.0 points and 1.0 rebound in Florida State's two-game exhibition season to begin the season
- * Earned playing time in a regular season game for the first time in his career against Fordham in the Jamaica Classic
- * Totaled 1 rebound in 2 minutes of playing time in Florida State's victory over The Citadel on Nov. 24

2016-17

- * Became a member of the Seminole men's basketball team to begin the 2016-17 season
- * Practiced and traveled with the team but did not play in any games

On Lindner

- * Graduated from Christian Brothers School in Memphis, Tenn., in 2016
* A member of the varsity at Christian Brothers High School as a sophomore, junior and as a senior
* Helped Christian Brothers to a 57-3 record (.950 winning percentage) and two state championship tournament

Justin Lindner's Career Highs

PTS
FGM
FGA
FG%
3FGM
3FGA
3FG%
FTM
FTA
FT%
OR
DR..... 1 vs. The Citadel (11-24-17)
REBS..... 1 vs. The Citadel (11-24-17)
AST
BLK
STL
MIN 2 vs. The Citadel (11-24-17)
underlined denotes career high established or tied during 2017-18 season

57-3
Justin Linder helped Christian Brothers High School in Memphis to a 57-3 record and two state championship tournament appearances as a junior and senior

2017-18 Game-By-Game Statistics -- Justin Lindner

[illegible]

6-5, 175, Sophomore, Vienna, Va.

2017-18 Season

- * Averaged 1.5 points as he earned playing time in both of Florida State's exhibition games to begin the 2017-18 season
* Earned playing time in a regular season game for the first time in his career against Fordham in the Jamaica Classic

2016-17 Season

- * A redshirt season
- * Practiced and traveled with the team throughout the year
- * One of the Seminoles' top practice players who often emulates the opponent's best shooter in practice
- * Helped Florida State to a 26-9 overall record and a 12-6 record in ACC play
- * The Seminoles' 12-6 overall record allowed them to finish in second place in the ACC standings and tied the school record for ACC wins in a single season

On Travis Light

- * Averaged 10.4 points, 3.6 rebounds and 2.3 assists in 18 games played at IMG Academy in 2016
- * Graduated from Montverde Academy in 2015
- * Was a member of the Eagles' prep team coached by former North Carolina shooting guard Dante Calabria...

Travis Light's Career Highs

PTS	
FGM	
FGA	1 vs. The Citadel (11-24-17)
.....	1 vs. Fordham (11-17-17)
FG%	
3FGM	
3FGA	1 vs. The Citadel (11-24-17)
.....	1 vs. Fordham (11-17-17)
3FG%	
FTM	
FTA	
FT%	
OR	
DR	1 vs. The Citadel (11-24-17)
REBS	1 vs. The Citadel (11-24-17)
AST	
BLK	
STL	
MIN	2 vs. The Citadel (11-24-17)

underlined denotes career high established or tied in season

season

10.4

Travis Light averaged 10.4 points in his only season at IMG Academy during the 2015-16 season

2017-18 Game-By-Game Statistics -- Travis Light

[illegible]

7-4, 233, Junior, N'Djamena, Chad

2017-18 Season

- * Averaged 11.5 points and 2.0 blocked shots in two games as a starter during the Seminoles' exhibition season
- * Career-high tying 14 points and a career-high 5 blocked shots in Florida State's victory over George Washington
- * Totaled 7 points, 6 rebounds and 4 blocked shots in Florida State's victory over Fordham in the Jamaica Classic

2016-17 Season

- * Career night with a career-high 14 points, 3 rebounds and 1 blocked shot in Florida State's win over Winthrop

2015-16 Season

- * Averaged 1.3 points (12th on the team), 1.5 rebounds (10th) and 0.7 blocked shots (third) as he played in 26 games and averaged 6.1 minutes played per game in his first season as a Seminole
- * Career debut with 3 points and 4 rebounds in 10 minutes of play in the Seminoles' win over Nicholls State on Nov. 15

On Koumadje

- * Graduated from Montverde Academy in 2015
- * Was a member of the Eagle's National Championship teams as both a junior and as a senior
- * Averaged 2.9 points, 3.4 rebounds and 2.2 blocked shots as a senior in 2015
- * Defeated Oak Hill Academy and former Seminole teammate Dwayne Bacon, 70-61, in the national championship at Madison Square Garden on April 4, 2015
- * A starter in the Eagles' victory over Oak Hill in the national championship game
- * Helped Montverde to a 31-1 record during the 2015 season and was a member of Montverde's undefeated team (28-0) in 2014

Christ Koumadje's Career Highs

PTS.....14 vs. George Washington (11-14-17)
14 vs. Winthrop (11-18-16)
 FGM.....7 vs. George Washington (11-14-17)
7 vs. Winthrop (11-18-16)
 FGA.....11 vs. George Washington (11-14-17)
 FG%.....1,000 vs. 5 Teams
Last vs. Clemson (2-5-17)
 FTM.....3 vs. Virginia Tech (3-17-17)
 FTA.....6 vs. Mississippi State (12-16-15)
 FT%.....1,000 vs. DePaul (11-21-15)
 OR.....2 vs. Fordham (11-17-17)
2 vs. Louisville (1-12-17)
2 vs. Nicholls State (12-8-16)
2 vs. Detroit Mercy (11-20-16)
2 vs. Winthrop (11-18-16)
2 at Louisville (1-20-16)
 DR.....6 vs. George Washington (11-14-17)
 REBS.....7 vs. George Washington (11-14-17)
 AST.....2 vs. Southern Miss (12-6-16)
 BLK.....5 vs. George Washington (11-14-17)
 STL.....2 at Syracuse (1-28-17)
2 vs. Virginia Tech (1-7-17)
 MIN.....22 vs. Fordham (11-17-17)

underlined denotes career high established or tied during 2017-18 season

7-4

At 7-4, Christ Koumadje is the tallest athlete in the history of the Florida State basketball program and the tallest student-athlete in Florida State history

2017-18 Game-By-Game Statistics -- Christ Koumadje

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6-5, 205, Freshman, Jonesboro, Ga.

2017-18 Season

- * Averaged 13.5 ppg and 2.0 rpg in Florida State's two-game exhibition season to begin the 2017-18 season
- * Totaled 12 points, 3 rebounds and 2 assists in his career debut against George Washington on Nov. 14
- * Scored a team-high 22 points on 5 made 3-point field goals in Florida State's victory over Colorado State
- * Totaled 11 points on 3 of 5 made 3-point shots in Florida State's victory over Kennesaw State on Nov. 24
- * Totaled 14 points on 4 made 3-point shots in Florida State's win over Lovola in Tallahassee on Dec. 6

On Walker

- * Graduated from Jonesboro High School in 2017
- * Named the 6A Player of the Year in the State of Georgia by the Atlanta Journal-Constitution as he averaged 27.8 points, 6.5 rebounds and 2.4 assists as a senior
- * Led Jonesboro to a 23-6 overall record as a senior
- * Named to the USA Today All-USA Second-Team in 2016
- * Led Jonesboro to its first-ever state championship as a freshman and as a sophomore
- * Led Jonesboro back to the state championship game as a junior
- * Scored a junior season-high 39 points against Bishop Gorman in leading Jonesboro to the state championship title game for the third consecutive season
- * Averaged 22.3 points, 5.6 rebounds and 3.4 assists per game as a junior

M.J. Walker's Career Highs

PTS.....22 vs. Colorado State (11-19-17)
FGM.....7 vs. Colorado State (11-19-17)
FGA.....12 vs. Colorado State (11-19-17)
FG%......800 vs. George Washington (11-14-17)
3FGM.....5 vs. Colorado State (11-19-17)
3FGA.....8 vs. Colorado State (11-19-17)
3FG%......750 vs. George Washington (11-14-17)
FTM.....3 vs. Tulane (12-10-17)
FTA.....3 vs. Colorado State (11-19-17)
FTA%.....5 vs. Tulane (12-10-17)
FT%.....1.000 at Florida (12-4-17)
.....1.000 vs. The Citadel (11-24-17)
.....1.000 vs. Colorado State (11-19-17)
OR.....2 at Florida (12-4-17)
DR.....4 vs. Tulane (12-10-17)
REBS.....4 vs. Tulane (12-10-17)
AST.....3 vs. Loyola (Md.) (12-6-17)
STL.....2 vs. Fordham (11-17-17)
BLK.....1 at Florida (12-4-17)
MIN.....27 vs. Colorado State (11-19-17)
underrated denotes career high established or tied during 2017-18 season

3

M.J. Walker received three scholarship offers to play football at Clemson, Miami (Fla.) and Michigan. He was a free safety and a wide receiver as a high school football star.

2017-18 Game-By-Game Statistics -- M.J. Walker

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6-9, 235, R-Freshman, Burlington, Ontario, Canada

* Pronounced Fee-On-DU Cab-n-gelly

2017-18 Season

- * Averaged 8.0 points, 6.0 rebounds and 2.0 blocked shots in Florida State's two-game exhibition season to begin the 2017-18 season
- * First career double double of 16 points and 12 rebounds in 14 minutes of play in Florida State's win over The Citadel
- * Totaled 10 points, 2 rebounds and 1 steal in his career debut against George Washington on Nov. 14
- * Scored a team-high 15 points, pulled down a team-high 9 rebounds and added 2 assists in Florida State's victory over Fordham in the Jamaica Classic
- * Scored 12 points and pulled down 4 rebounds in 15 minutes in Florida State's victory over Colorado State

2016-17 Season

- * A redshirt season in 2016-17

On Mfiondu Kebengele

- * Averaged a double double of 19.0 points and 10.0 rebounds while shooting 53 percent from the field, 81 percent from the free throw line and 38 percent from the 3-point line during his one year at Don Bosco Prep in Indiana
- * Graduated from Corpus Christi High School in Burlington, Ontario, Canada in 2015
- * Averaged 14.5 points, 6.7 rebounds and 3.2 assists as a senior at Corpus Christi
- * Totaled a double double of 18 points and 14 rebounds against Vaughn High School
- * The nephew of former NBA standout Dikembe Mutombo
- * His mother is a sister of Mutombo, who entered the NBA Hall of Fame in 2015 and is widely known for his humanitarian work outside of basketball

Mfiondu Kabengele's Career Highs

PTS16 vs. The Citadel (11-24-17)

FGM6 vs. The Citadel (11-24-17)

FGA9 vs. The Citadel (11-24-17)

.....9 vs. George Washington (11-14-17)

FG%1,000 vs. Colorado State (11-19-17)

3FGM1 vs. Colorado State (11-19-17)

.....1 vs. Fordham (11-17-17)

3FGA3 vs. Fordham (11-17-17)

3FG%333 vs. Fordham (11-17-17)

FTM4 vs. Loyola (Md.) (12-6-17)

.....4 vs. The Citadel (11-24-17)

.....4 vs. Fordham (11-17-17)

FTA7 vs. Fordham (11-17-17)

FT%1,000 vs. Loyola (Md.) (12-6-17)

.....1,000 vs. The Citadel (11-24-17)

OR5 vs. The Citadel (11-24-17)

.....5 vs. Fordham (11-17-17)

DR7 vs. The Citadel (11-24-17)

REBS12 vs. The Citadel (11-24-17)

AST2 vs. Fordham (11-17-17)

BLK1 vs. Tulane (12-10-17)

.....1 at Florida (12-4-17)

.....1 vs. The Citadel (11-24-17)

STL1 vs. 5 Teams

.....Last vs. Loyola (Md.) (12-6-17)

MIN19 vs. Tulane (12-10-17)

underrated denotes career high established or tied during 2017-18 season

19/10

Mfiondu Kabengele averaged a double double of 19.0 points and 10.0 rebounds in his one season of basketball at Don Bosco Prep in Indiana

2017-18 Game-By-Game Statistics -- Mfiondu Kabengele

[illegible]

6-8, 210, Freshman, Orlando, Fla.

2017-18 Season

- * Scored 8 points and pulled down 4 rebounds against Thomas University during the exhibition season to begin the 2017-18 season
- * Totaled 2 points in his career debut against George Washington on Nov. 14
- * Totaled 4 rebounds and 1 blocked shot in 8 minutes of play in Florida State's victory over The Citadel on Nov. 24

On Wilkes

- * Graduated from Winter Park High School in 2017
- * Earned All-State Class 8A Second Team honors as a senior
- * All-Area First Team selection in 2015 and 2016 by the Orlando Sentinel
- * Averaged 17.4 points, 9.5 rebounds and 4.5 assists per game in his senior season
- * Led Winter Park to the 8A state Championship Final Four with a 20-11 record
- * Scored in double figures in 17 of his 31 games as a senior while scoring a season high 31 points in a win over Timber Creek

Wyatt Wilkes' Career Highs

PTS.....	2 vs. George Washington (11-14-17)
FGM.....	1 vs. George Washington (11-14-17)
FGA.....	2 vs. Loyola (Md.) (12-6-17)
	2 vs. Kennesaw State (11-22-17)
FG%.....	1,000 vs. George Washington (11-14-17)
3FGM.....	
3FGA.....	2 vs. Loyola (Md.) (12-6-17)
	2 vs. Kennesaw State (11-22-17)
3FG%.....	
FTM.....	
FTA.....	1 vs. Kennesaw State (11-22-17)
FT%.....	
OR.....	1 vs. The Citadel (11-24-17)
DR.....	3 vs. The Citadel (11-24-17)
REBS.....	4 vs. The Citadel (11-24-17)
AST.....	2 vs. Loyola (Md.) (12-6-17)
BLK.....	1 vs. The Citadel (11-24-17)
STL.....	1 vs. Kennesaw State (11-22-17)
MIN.....	13 vs. Loyola (Md.) (12-6-17)

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1,474

Wyatt Wilkes scored 1,474 career points, was a member of the Winter Park varsity for four seasons and averaged in double figure scoring in three of his four seasons on the varsity

2017-18 Game-By-Game Statistics -- Wyatt Wilkes

[illegible]

6-6, 220, R-Freshman, Orlando, Fla.

2017-18 Season

- * Earned playing time in a regular season game for the first time in his career against Fordham in the Jamaica Classic

2016-17 Season

- * Joined the Seminole men's basketball team for the 2016-17 season
- * A redshirt season in 2016-17

On Will Miles

- * A third generation family member who is the fourth member of his family to play basketball at Florida State
* His father, an uncle and his grandfather all played basketball at Florida State

Will Miles' Career Highs

PTS
FGM
FGA 1 vs. The Citadel (11-24-17)
FG%
3FGM
3FGA 1 vs. The Citadel (11-24-17)
3FG%
FTM
FTA
FT%
OR
DR
REBS
STL
MIN 2 vs. The Citadel (11-24-17)
underlined denotes career high established or tied
season

13.7

Will Miles averaged 13.7 points in 30 games as a senior at Trinity Prep as a senior in 2016. He led the Saints to a 24-6 record and to the Class 4A regional finals

2017-18 Game-By-Game Statistics -- Will Miles

[illegible]

6-8, 214, Sophomore, Mandeville, La.

2017-18

- * Did not play in either of Florida State's two exhibition game with an elbow injury
* Earned playing time for the first time in his career in Florida State's victory over The Citadel on Nov. 24

2016-17 Season

- * Practiced and traveled with the team throughout the year
- * One of the Seminoles' top practice players who often emulates the opponent's best shooter in practice
- * Helped Florida State to a 26-9 overall record and a 12-6 record in ACC play
- * The Seminoles' 12-6 overall record allowed them to finish in second place in the ACC standings and tied the school record for ACC wins in a single season

On Prieto

- * Graduated from St. Paul's School in Covington, La., in 2016
- * Totaled 1,178 career points, 736 career rebounds and 206 career blocked shots as a four-year member of the St. Paul's varsity
- * Team captain and St. Paul's Player of the Year as a senior
- * Earned the Jimmy Dunn award in 2016 as Most Outstanding Athlete
- * Highly decorated as a senior as he averaged a career-high 13.4 pints, 8.5 rebounds and a career-high 3.3 blocked shots per game
- * Named the District 6-5A Most Valuable Player and played in the Louisiana High School Coaches Association All-Star game

Harrison Prieto's Career Highs

PTS
FGM
FGA
FG%
FTM
FTA
FT%
OR
DR
REBS
AST
BLK
STL
MIN 2 vs. The Citadel (11-24-17)
underlined denotes career high established or tied during 2017-18 season

206

Harrison Prieto blocked 206 shots during his four-year varsity career at St. Paul's High School in Covington, La.

2017-18 Game-By-Game Statistics -- Harrison Prieto

[illegible]

6-6, 209, R-Senior, Milton, Fla.

2017-18 Season

- * Averaged 9.0 points and 3.0 rebounds as he earned playing time in both of Florida State's exhibition wins to begin the 2017-18 season

2016-17 Season

- * Averaged a career-high 3.0 points (12th on the team) and 0.4 rebounds (13th) while playing in 14 games
- * A career-high 11 points on a career-high three 3-point field goals made in Florida State's victory over Nicholls State
- * Totaled 10 points in 10 minutes played in Florida State's victory over Southern Miss on Dec. 6 in Tallahassee
- * Made his 2016-17 debut with 0 points in 5 minutes played in Florida State's victory over Detroit Mercy on Nov. 20
- * Totaled 3 points and 2 rebounds in 14 minutes of playing time in Florida State's win over George Washington

2015-16 Season

- * Missed the entire 2015-16 season with an injury
- * Suffered a severe bone bruise in his left ankle joint on April 23, 2015 in an offseason workout

2014-15 Season

- * Averaged 0.6 points (12th on the team) and 0.6 rebounds (11th) as he played in 24 of the Seminoles' 33 games
- * His 24 games played as a career high as were his 14 ACC games played
- * Averaged 0.0 points in 2.6 minutes played per game as he earned playing time in eight of the first 11 games of the season. Averaged 0.9 points in 5.9 minutes played per game as he played in the Seminoles' final 16 games of the season – 14 ACC regular season games and both of the Seminoles' games in the ACC Tournament

2013-14 Season

- * Averaged 0.7 points (10th on the team) and 0.3 rebounds (10th) while playing in 14 games during his first season as a Seminole
- * Helped lead Florida State to the semifinals of the NIT marking only the second time in school history the Seminoles had advanced at least as far as the fourth round of in nine NIT appearances in school history
- * Earned playing time for the first time in his career with 2 points in 7 minutes of play against Jacksonville on Nov. 8, 2013

On Allen

- * Graduated from Milton High School in 2010
- * Earned All-State Second Team honors in 2009 and All-State Third Team honors in 2010 in basketball.
- * Joined the Seminoles in 2013 after playing professional baseball as a pitcher in the San Francisco Giants organization for three seasons (2010-12)
- * The right-handed pitcher was the Giants 18th round selection in the 2010 Major League Baseball Draft
- * Elected to pursue a baseball career and forgo a collegiate baseball career at Auburn

2017-18 Game-By-Game Statistics -- Brandon Allen

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Brandon Allen's Career Highs

PTS11 vs. Nicholls State (12-8-16)
FGM4 vs. Nicholls State (12-8-16)
.....4 vs. Southern Miss (12-6-16)
FGA7 vs. Nicholls State (12-8-16)
FG%1,000 vs. Fordham (11-17-17)
.....1,000 vs. Maryland (1-12-14)
3FGM3 vs. Clemson (2-5-17)
.....3 vs. Nicholls State (12-8-16)
3FGA5 vs. Nicholls State (12-8-16)
3FG%1,000 vs. Clemson (2-5-17)
.....1,000 vs. Maryland (1-12-14)
.....1,000 vs. Charlotte (12-17-13)
FTM2 vs. 3 teams
.....Last vs. Boston College (2-20-17)
FTA2 vs. 3 teams
.....Last vs. Boston College (2-20-17)
FT%1,000 vs. 3 teams
.....Last vs. Boston College (2-20-17)
OR2 vs. NC State (1-17-15)
.....2 vs. Jacksonville (11-8-13)
DR3 at Virginia Tech (2-7-15)
REBS4 at Virginia Tech (2-7-15)
AST3 vs. Nicholls State (12-8-16)
BLK1 vs. 4 Teams
.....Last vs. Xavier (2-16-17)
STL1 vs. 8 teams
.....Last vs. Loyola (Md.) (12-6-17)
MIN17 vs. Nicholls State (12-8-16)

undlined denotes career high established or tied during season

underlined denotes career high established or tied during the 2017-18

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Brandon Allen was selected in the 18th round of the 2010 Major League Baseball Draft and played in the San Francisco Giants organization for three years as a right handed pitcher

Exhibition 1 -- Florida State 116, Central Missouri 68

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. – Behind a hot night from beyond arc, Florida State rolled to a 116-68 win over Central Missouri in its first exhibition of the season. Terance Mann scored 12 points and added six rebounds, but the story of the night was the Seminoles’ ability from deep, knocking down 13 shots from behind the 3-point line. Junior PJ Savoy, the team’s top marksman from a year ago made four on the night, on the way 19 points in the contest. Seven different Seminoles hit a three on the night, a stark contrast from a season ago when the team ranked near the bottom of the ACC in three-point shooting and percentage. The depth on the roster, especially of those with shooting capabilities provides FSU with more versatility on the offensive end than it had last year. The game also provided a first glimpse of some new faces for the Seminoles, including the debut of highly recruited M.J.Walker. The true freshman dropped 17 points in his first game dawning the Garnet and Gold. Flashes of the athleticism that made him a five-star recruit appeared against the Mules, while the Jonesboro, Ga., native also showed some ability from the 3-point line.

Florida State 116, Central Missouri 68
Donald L. Tucker Center
Oct. 26, 2017

CMU	Min	FG	3FG	FT	O-D	Reb	F	A	T	B	S	Pts.
Lowrance	19	1-6	0-3	1-3	0-2	2	3	0	0	0	1	3
Spellman	30	1-5	1-5	4-4	0-0	0	1	2	1	0	0	7
Winston	5	0-2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Winger	23	1-5	1-5	4-6	1-0	1	3	1	1	0	0	7
Reaves	30	6-14	2-8	12-12	0-4	4	3	2	1	0	0	26
Joseph	14	1-2	0-0	1-1	2-0	2	3	0	0	0	1	3
Smith	29	5-9	2-5	3-5	0-0	0	2	1	3	0	2	15
Farris	17	0-3	0-0	0-1	0-2	2	3	0	5	0	1	0
Anderson	2	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wilkinson	10	1-2	1-2	0-0	1-2	3	5	1	1	0	0	3
Emmert	18	2-3	0-1	0-0	1-4	5	4	0	2	0	0	4
Jones	3	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Team					2-0	2						
Totals	200	18-53	7-30	25-32	7-14	21	28	8	13	0	5	68

Fl. State	Min	FG	3FG	FT	O-D	Reb	F	A	T	B	S	Pts.
Cofer	19	2-5	0-2	3-3	1-3	4	2	2	0	0	0	7
Koumadje	17	4-4	0-0	5-6	1-2	3	5	0	1	1	0	13
Walker, CJ	25	3-6	2-4	4-5	0-3	3	1	2	0	0	3	12
Savoy	18	6-11	4-9	3-4	0-1	1	2	2	1	0	1	19
Mann	23	4-6	2-2	2-2	1-5	6	2	3	3	0	2	12
Gray	12	2-3	0-0	1-2	3-1	4	3	0	2	0	1	5
Obiagu	12	2-3	0-0	0-1	1-2	3	3	1	0	3	0	4
Polite	17	2-5	1-2	1-2	1-2	3	3	4	1	0	0	6
Lindner	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
Light	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Walker, M.J.	22	6-12	1-4	4-5	0-2	2	2	4	4	1	0	17
Kabengele	17	5-8	1-3	0-2	3-6	9	2	3	0	1	0	11
Miles	2	1-2	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2
Allen	12	3-4	2-2	0-0	1-2	3	1	1	0	0	0	8
Team					3-3	6						
Totals	200	40-69	13-29	23-32	16-32	48	27	20	13	6	8	116

FG% - Central Missouri, .340, Florida State, .580. 3FG% - Central Missouri, .233, Florida State, .448. FT% - Central Missouri, .781, Florida State, .719. Technical Fouls: Central Missouri -- None. Florida State -- None. Referees - Bert Smith, Tim Comer, AJ Desai

Central Missouri	36	32	-	68
Florida State	56	60	-	116

Exhibition 2 -- Florida State 122, Thomas University 52

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. – Christ Koumadje scored 10 points, pulled down five rebounds and blocked three shots in Florida State’s 122-52 win over Thomas in its second of two exhibition games to open the 2017-18 season. The Seminoles recorded 87 possessions, a blistering number for any contest. Florida State turned 31 Thomas turnovers into 42 points, a result of quickly getting into transition and finishing layups and dunks at the rim. The team also made 12 3-pointers, many coming as open shots with defenders scrambling to find the shooters in transition.

Florida State 122, Thomas University 52
Donald L. Tucker Center
Nov. 7, 2017

TU	Min	FG	3FG	FT	O-D	Reb	F	A	T	B	S	Pts.
Ginnie	17	5-9	0-1	2-2	1-1	2	2	1	3	0	0	12
Holloway	9	0-0	0-0	1-2	0-2	2	4	0	1	0	1	1
Cooks	16	0-3	0-3	0-0	0-2	2	1	0	6	0	0	0
Roulhac	21	0-3	0-3	1-2	1-1	2	0	0	1	0	1	1
Peoples	13	1-4	1-1	0-0	0-2	1	3	1	3	0	0	3
Johnson	8	0-0	0-0	5-6	0-1	0	3	0	2	0	0	5
Bush	19	2-5	0-1	0-1	2-1	3	4	3	7	0	1	4
Blount	11	1-6	0-1	0-0	1-6	7	0	0	1	0	0	2
Swift	11	1-8	1-4	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	0	1	3
Goodwin	21	3-6	1-2	2-3	0-1	1	1	0	3	0	0	9
Tomic	17	1-4	0-0	2-2	1-0	1	2	0	3	0	1	4
Bonds	18	3-6	0-0	0-0	1-3	4	3	0	0	0	0	6
Freeland	11	1-2	0-0	0-1	1-1	2	4	0	0	0	0	2
Goss	8	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0
Team					3-1	4						
Totals	200	18-56	3-16	13-19	11-21	32	29	5	31	0	5	52

Fl. State	Min	FG	3FG	FT	O-D	Reb	F	A	T	B	S	Pts.
Cofer	14	4-7	1-4	1-2	1-0	1	2	0	1	0	2	10
Koumadje	12	5-7	0-0	0-1	0-5	5	0	0	0	3	2	10
Walker, CJ	15	2-2	1-1	2-3	0-0	0	2	2	3	0	3	7
Savoy	15	3-5	0-2	0-0	0-1	1	1	1	2	0	0	6
Mann	13	2-3	2-2	2-2	2-1	3	0	2	0	0	0	8
Gray	13	5-6	2-3	0-0	1-4	5	2	2	1	0	2	12
Angola	14	2-4	1-2	0-0	1-4	5	1	4	0	0	2	5
Obiagu	15	5-6	0-0	2-6	1-6	7	1	0	1	4	0	12
Polite	14	1-4	0-2	4-6	1-1	2	1	3	0	0	2	6
Lindner	4	2-2	1-1	3-4	1-0	1	1	1	0	0	0	8
Light	4	1-2	1-2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Walker, M.J.	17	3-5	1-2	3-7	0-0	0	2	2	1	0	0	10
Kabengele	16	2-4	0-1	1-2	0-3	3	4	1	2	4	1	5
Wilkes	17	2-5	0-3	4-5	1-3	4	2	1	0	0	0	8
Miles	4	1-2	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Allen	13	4-6	2-2	0-0	1-2	3	0	1	0	0	3	10
Team					2-0	2						
Totals	200	44-70	12-28	22-38	12-30	42	19	20	11	11	17	122

FG% - Thomas, .321, Florida State, .629. 3FG% - Thomas, .188, Florida State, .429. FT% - Thomas, .684, Florida State, .579. Technical Fouls: Thomas -- Goss. Florida State - None. Referees - Raymond Siyons, Mark Schnur, Sean Hull

Thomas University	23	29	-	52
Florida State	59	63	-	122

Game 1 -- Florida State 87, George Washington 67

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. – Terance Mann scored 17 points and pulled down eight rebounds, and the Seminoles had five players score in double-figures on its way to an 87-67, season-opening victory over George Washington. Christ Koumadje, the 7-foot-4 center, added a career-high 14 points, seven rebounds and five blocks, and senior Phil Cofer scored 15 for Florida State. The Seminoles shot better than 62 percent in the first 20 minutes, and they went into the break with 50 points despite not attempting a single free throw. Florida State finished with advantages in rebounding (37-31), points in the paint (52-20) and fast-break points (14-2). The Seminoles forced the Colonials into 19 turnovers. Heralded freshman M.J. Walker made a fine first impression with 12 points on 4 of 5 shooting, including a 3-for-4 mark from 3-point range. Redshirt freshman Mfiondu Kabengele scored 10 in his debut and 7-foot freshman center Ike Obiagu made the most of his time on the floor with three blocks in just seven minutes.

Florida State 87, George Washington 67
Donald L. Tucker Center
Nov. 14, 2017

GWU	Min	FG	3FG	FT	O-D	Reb	F	A	T	B	S	Pts.
Steeves	28	1-1	0-0	0-0	0-3	3	2	0	4	0	1	2
Toro	28	2-8	1-5	5-6	5-2	7	3	2	2	0	1	10
Nolan Jr.	32	8-12	0-2	2-2	2-0	2	1	0	4	0	2	18
Bolden	31	6-15	4-9	2-2	1-3	4	1	3	3	0	0	18
Watanabe	36	5-17	2-7	2-2	2-6	8	3	0	3	0	1	14
Mazzulla	10	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Williams	3	1-2	0-0	0-0	3-1	4	0	0	0	0	0	2
Mitola	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jack	7	0-2	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	2	0	0	0
Langarica	2	0-2	0-2	0-0	0-1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Zeigler	22	1-4	0-0	1-2	0-0	0	0	0	1	0	0	3
Team					2-0	2						
Totals	200	24-63	7-26	12-14	15-16	31	11	6	19	0	7	67

Fl. State	Min	FG	3FG	FT	O-D	Reb	F	A	T	B	S	Pts.
Cofer	24	6-9	1-3	2-2	2-2	4	0	0	0	0	0	15
Koumadje	21	7-11	0-0	0-0	1-6	7	4	0	2	5	0	14
Walker, CJ	29	3-9	1-2	0-0	0-5	5	1	4	2	0	3	7
Savoy	13	1-5	0-4	0-0	0-1	1	1	2	0	0	0	2
Mann	32	8-10	1-2	0-0	6-2	8	1	2	4	0	0	17
Angola	23	3-6	2-5	0-0	0-0	0	2	5	2	0	2	8
Obiagu	7	0-2	0-0	0-0	2-1	3	3	0	2	3	0	0
Polite	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	1	0	1	1	0	1	0
Walker, M.J.	18	4-5	3-4	1-2	0-3	3	2	2	2	0	1	12
Kabengele	17	5-9	0-0	0-0	2-0	2	1	1	1	0	1	10
Wilkes	3	1-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Allen	9	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-1	1	1	2	0	0	0	0
Team					0-2	2						
Totals	200	38-68	8-21	3-4	13-24	37	16	19	16	8	8	87

FG% - George Washington, .381, Florida State, .559. 3FG% - George Washington, .269, Florida State, .381. FT% - George Washington, .857, Florida State, .750. Technical Fouls: George Washington -- None. Florida State -- None. Referees - Lee Cassell, James Beeding, Jeb Hartness. Attendance:

G. Washington	32	35	-	67
Florida State	50	37	-	87

Game 2 -- Florida State 63, Fordham 43

MONTEGO BAY, Jamaica – Redshirt freshman Mfiondu Kabengele scored 15 points and pulled down nine rebounds and junior Terance Mann scored 14 points and pulled down five rebounds to lead Florida State to a 67-43 victory over Fordham at the Montego Bay Convention Centre in the Jamaica Classic. Kabengele and Mann were the only two Seminoles in double figure scoring as the Seminoles utilized a suffocating defense that limited the Rams to 12 made field goals and a .231 field goal shooting percentage while blocking nine shots and recording 12 steals. Florida State’s height advantage and ball-hawking defense was on display from the opening tip as they scored took their first double digit lead

at 19-9 with 7:43 remaining in the first half. The Seminoles increased their lead to 20 at the 16:01 mark of the second half (40-20) and led by as many as 28 (50-22) with just over 10 minutes remaining. The Seminoles limited the Rams to 12 field goals in the game – six in each half while holding them to the fifth-best field goal shooting defense mark in school history. The Ram’s .231 mark from the field is tied for the fifth best in school history and is the best mark since holding George Washington to a .226 mark on Dec. 4, 2016 in a 67-48 win over the Colonials.

Florida State 67, Fordham 43
Montego Bay Convention Center
Nov. 17, 2017

Fordham	Min	FG	3FG	FT	O-D	Reb	F	A	T	B	S	Pts.
Raut	27	0-6	0-6	3-3	0-3	3	2	0	5	0	0	3
Stanina	25	3-10	0-4	2-2	5-1	6	4	0	0	1	2	8
Tavares	33	7-15	1-3	3-4	1-4	5	0	0	4	0	0	18
Evans	26	1-7	0-2	2-2	0-3	3	4	1	3	0	0	4
Chartouny	36	1-7	0-2	3-8	3-8	11	2	0	1	0	4	5
Sanchez	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Havsa	20	0-3	0-3	0-0	0-0	0	3	1	4	0	1	0
Bunting	10	0-1	0-0	2-2	1-2	3	1	0	0	1	1	2
Hicks	18	0-2	0-1	3-4	0-0	0	3	1	2	0	0	3
Pekarek	2	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Team					4-2	6						
Totals	200	12-52	1-22	18-25	14-23	37	19	3	23	2	8	43

Fl. State	Min	FG	3FG	FT	O-D	Reb	F	A	T	B	S	Pts.
Cofer	23	3-8	0-1	0-0	4-2	6	1	0	2	0	0	6
Koumadje	12	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	2	0	1	2	0	0
Walker, CJ	23	2-7	2-5	5-6	0-2	2	2	1	1	0	0	11
Savoy	8	3-5	1-3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	2	7
Mann	34	8-12	0-1	4-6	4-5	9	2	4	3	0	0	20
Forrest	20	0-2	0-0	0-0	0-4	4	1	6	2	0	3	0
Angola	31	4-10	0-4	1-3	0-5	5	3	8	2	0	4	9
Obiagu	7	1-1	0-0	1-4	0-2	2	2	0	0	0	0	3
Walker, M.J.	27	7-12	5-8	3-3	0-1	1	5	0	2	0	1	22
Kabengele	15	4-4	1-1	3-5	1-3	4	1	1	1	0	0	12
Team					0-1	1						
Totals	200	32-62	9-23	17-27	9-25	34	19	20	14	2	10	90

FG% - Colorado State, .435, Florida State, .516. 3FG% - Colorado State, .375, Florida State, .391. FT% - Colorado State, .750, Florida State, .630. Technical Fouls: Colorado State -- None. Florida State -- None. Referees - Even Burroughs, Ed Corbett, Rick Crawford. Attendance: 1,951

Colorado State	36	37	-	73
Florida State	47	43	-	90

Game 4 -- Florida State 98, Kennesaw State 79

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. -- Phil Cofer matched a career high with 21 points and fell just one rebound short of a double-double as Florida State raced past Kennesaw State, 98-79, in a Wednesday matinee. Cofer scored the game's first six points on the way to a 9-of-11 shooting effort, and his 28 minutes were the most since he logged 29 at NC State on Jan. 17, 2015. And he did it from all over the floor -- Cofer threw down a dunk and a handful of layups, was 2 for 2 from the free-throw line and even drained his only 3-point attempt. Braian Angola (17 points, seven rebounds), Terance Mann (13 points), C.J. Walker (12) and M.J. Walker all joined Cofer in double-figures, and the Seminoles shot a season-best 42.3 percent from 3-point range. That includes a 2-of-3 mark from Angola and 3-of-5 effort from M.J. Walker, the freshman who has scored at least 11 points in three of his first four games. The Seminoles needed less than five minutes to claim their first double-digit lead, and that advantage ballooned to 25 points when Angola finished off a three-point play early in the second half. Senior guard James Scott led Kennesaw State with 17 points, 15 of which came in the second half.

Florida State 98, Kennesaw State 79

Donald L. Tucker Center

Nov. 22, 2017

Kennesaw	Min	FG	3FG	FT	O-D	Reb	F	A	T	B	S	Pts.
Jones	19	2-3	0-0	2-2	1-2	3	2	1	0	0	0	6
Lockley	24	0-3	0-0	3-4	0-2	2	2	0	1	1	0	3
Clarke	6	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	2	0	1	0
Scott	33	7-18	1-5	2-2	0-4	4	2	4	3	0	1	17
Masterson	30	4-6	4-6	1-1	1-2	3	1	3	4	0	0	13
Hooker	34	6-13	1-2	3-4	2-1	3	2	4	2	0	1	16
Mbuyamba	19	1-3	0-0	0-0	0-2	2	1	0	0	0	1	2
Jarrett	17	3-9	0-2	3-4	1-0	1	2	1	1	0	2	9
Jankovic	18	5-6	3-3	0-0	5-1	6	1	2	0	0	0	13
Team					2-1	3						
Totals	200	28-62	9-18	14-17	12-15	27	13	15	13	1	6	79

Fl. State	Min	FG	3FG	FT	O-D	Reb	F	A	T	B	S	Pts.
Cofer	28	9-11	1-1	2-2	4-5	9	1	2	1	1	0	21
Obiagu	15	2-8	0-0	0-0	2-2	4	2	0	0	2	0	4
Walker, CJ	23	4-9	2-5	2-2	1-0	1	1	3	1	0	2	12
Angola	25	7-8	2-3	1-1	3-4	7	1	4	2	1	0	17
Mann	27	6-9	1-3	0-0	0-0	0	1	2	0	0	2	13
Forrest	23	3-5	0-1	2-2	2-4	6	0	6	1	0	1	8
Savoy	9	2-5	2-5	0-0	0-0	0	2	2	0	0	0	6
Walker, M.J.	20	4-10	3-5	0-0	1-1	2	4	0	1	0	0	11
Kabengele	15	1-2	0-0	2-4	2-2	4	4	0	1	0	1	4
Wilkes	6	0-2	0-2	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	3	0	1	0
Allen	9	1-2	0-1	0-0	0-1	1	1	0	0	0	0	2
Team					2-0	2						
Totals	200	39-71	11-26	9-12	17-19	36	17	19	10	4	7	98

FG% - Kennesaw State, .452, Florida State, .549. 3FG% - Kennesaw State, .500, Florida State, .423. FT% - Kennesaw State, .824, Florida State, .750. Technical Fouls: Kennesaw State -- None. Florida State -- None. Referees - Les Jones, Greg Evans, Tim Cligherty. Attendance: 5,248

Kennesaw State	42	37	-	79
Florida State	54	44	-	98

Game 5 -- Florida State 113, The Citadel 78

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. -- Mfiondu Kabengele scored 16 points and added 12 rebounds in just 14 minutes of action to lead Florida State to a 113-78 win over The Citadel to improve to 5-0. Kabengele's ability on the glass was evident as the big man with a 7-4 wingspan grabbed five offensive rebounds, often turning those into easy buckets at the rim. On the evening the Noles scored 27 second-chance points, largely contributed to by Kabengele's performance. Fellow big-man Phil Cofer continued his strong stretch of play as he added 15 points, while notching three rebounds in the win. The senior flashed his patented tenacity and ability to create scoring chances at the basket finishing 7 of 9 from the floor on the night. For the Seminoles, Braian Angola and Terance Mann each led the team with 21 points with Angola scoring all his points on shots made beyond the arc, totaling seven on the evening. Mann added a team and carer-high

high eight assists in the victory.

Florida State 113, The Citadel 78

Donald L. Tucker Center

Nov. 24, 2017

Citadel	Min	FG	3FG	FT	O-D	Reb	F	A	T	B	S	Pts.
Brown	11	1-4	1-2	0-0	1-2	3	3	0	1	1	0	3
Najdawi	12	2-7	1-2	0-0	1-0	1	1	1	1	0	1	5
Parks	29	3-12	1-7	2-2	2-3	5	1	3	4	0	1	9
Johnson	21	0-1	0-0	0-0	1-1	2	0	2	0	1	0	2
Harris	15	2-5	1-2	2-2	1-0	1	2	3	3	1	0	7
Williams	16	2-5	1-3	0-1	1-3	4	2	4	1	0	1	5
Frierson	25	5-12	5-11	3-3	0-3	3	0	2	0	0	1	18
Simmons	22	7-18	2-5	1-5	1-1	2	1	1	3	0	0	17
Johnson	14	2-3	0-0	1-2	2-1	3	5	0	0	0	0	5
Allende	11	0-3	0-1	1-2	0-1	1	0	0	2	0	0	1
Rice	3	0-2	0-2	0-0	1-0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Reed	8	1-3	1-3	0-0	2-2	4	1	0	0	0	1	3
Webster, Jr.	13	1-3	0-0	3-4	2-3	5	2	1	0	0	1	5
Team					2-2	4				1		
Totals	200	26-78	13-38	13-21	17-22	39	18	17	17	2	8	78

Fl. State	Min	FG	3FG	FT	O-D	Reb	F	A	T	B	S	Pts.
Cofer	22	7-9	0-0	1-3	2-1	3	0	1	2	1	1	15
Obiagu	15	2-3	0-0	1-4	1-2	3	3	0	0	3	0	5
Walker, CJ	23	4-7	1-4	0-0	0-1	1	3	4	3	1	1	9
Angola	21	7-11	7-11	0-0	1-5	6	2	3	1	0	1	21
Mann	31	8-14	2-6	3-5	3-3	6	1	8	2	2	2	21
Forrest	23	3-5	0-0	4-4	0-2	2	2	3	0	1	1	10
Savoy	19	5-14	4-10	0-0	2-5	7	2	2	2	0	0	14
Lindner	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	1	0	0	2	0	0	0
Light	2	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Walker, M.J.	11	0-4	0-3	2-2	0-2	2	1	1	1	0	0	2
Kabengele	14	6-9	0-0	4-4	5-7	12	2	0	2	1	0	16
Wilkes	8	0-1	0-1	0-0	1-3	4	1	0	0	1	0	0
Miles	2	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Prieto	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Allen	5	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	2	1	1	0	1	0
Team					1-4	5						
Totals	200	42-80	14-38	15-22	16-37	53	20	23	14	10	7	113

FG% - The Citadel, .333, Florida State, .525. 3FG% - The Citadel, .342, Florida State, .368. FT% - The Citadel, .619, Florida State, .682. Technical Fouls: The Citadel -- None. Florida State -- None. Referees - Tim Nestor, Louis Andrakakos, Scott Abrogast. At-attendance: 6,021

The Citadel	35	43	-	78
Florida State	52	61	-	113

Game 6 -- Florida State 78, Rutgers 73

PISCATAWAY, N.J. -- CJ Walker scored 24 points and Phil Cofer added 19 to lead unbeaten Florida State past Rutgers 78-73. Walker was 6 of 11 from the floor and made 10 of 11 free throws. Cofer was 7-of-11 shooting and made four 3-pointers. Ike Obiagu grabbed 10 rebounds and chipped in five points for Florida State. Eugene Omoruyi scored 22 points to lead Rutgers (6-1). Corey Sandersadded 20 points, and Deshawn Freeman followed up his first double-double of the season with 15 points and 16 rebounds. Freeman energized the crowd when he was fouled by Mfiondu Kabengele, raising his arms several times to get the crowd to its feet with 14:35 remaining. Rutgers went on to take a 44-41 lead after Omoruyi converted the 3-point play and Freeman made a pair of free throws. Walker then scored the next 11 points for the Seminoles, hitting 5 of 7 from the line and a pair of 3-pointers. Trent Forrest made a layup and Florida State led 53-45 with 12:28 to play. The Scarlet Knights pulled to 69-66 after Omoruyi's layup with 1:56 to go, but they didn't get closer.

Florida State 78, Rutgers 73

Rutgers Athletic Center

Nov. 28, 2017

Fl. State	Min	FG	3FG	FT	O-D	Reb	F	A	T	B	S	Pts.
Cofer	37	7-11	4-5	1-2	0-4	4	2	1	0	0	0	19
Obiagu	26	2-4	0-0	1-5	4-6	10	3	0	0	5	2	5
Walker, CJ	29	6-11	2-3	10-11	0-0	0	3	3	0	0	4	24
Angola	32	1-7	0-4	4-5	1-1	2	2	4	5	0	0	6
Mann	26	3-6	0-0	1-2	1-2	3	4	4	1	0	1	7
Forrest	24	3-6	0-0	2-5	2-2	4	2	0	3	0	3	8
Savoy	2	0-2	0-2	0-0	0-0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0
Walker, M.J.	10	0-3	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	4	1	0	0	1	0
Kabengele	13	4-8	0-1	1-2	3-2	5	4	0	0	0	0	9
Allen	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Team					2-6	8						
Totals	200	26-58	6-16	20-32	13-23	36	24	14	9	5	12	78

Rutgers	Min	FG	3FG	FT	O-D	Reb	F	A	T	B	S	Pts.
Doucoure	14	0-2	0-0	2-2	2-0	2	4	0	1	0	0	2
Freeman	31	5-18	0-1	5-5	8-8	16	2	0	0	0	2	15
Baker	22	2-8	1-4	0-0	0-2	2	5	1	2	1	0	5
Sanders	36	7-17	2-5	4-5	1-3	4	2	5	4	0	0	20
Thiam	35	1-2	1-2	0-0	0-1	1	1	0	1	0	0	3
Sa	6	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Doorson	11	0-0	0-0	1-2	0-1	1	3	0	0	0	0	1
Williams	15	2-6	1-4	0-0	0-2	2	4	0	2	0	0	5
Omoruyi	26	9-11	0-1	4-5	1-4	5	0	1	2	0	1	22
Mensah	4	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	0	2	0	1	1	0	0
Team					5-2	7				1		
Totals	200	26-64	5-17	16-20	17-24	41	24	7	14	2	3	73

FG% - Florida State, .448, Rutgers, .406. 3FG% - Florida State, .375, Rutgers, .294. FT% - Florida State, .625, Rutgers, .800. Technical Fouls: Florida State -- None. Rutgers -- None. Referees - Bo Boroski, Larry Scirotto, Lewis Garrison Attendance: 4,835

Florida State	
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Florida State 96, Loyola (Md.) 71
Donald L. Tucker Center
Dec. 6, 2017

Loyola	Min	FG	3FG	FT	O-D	Reb	F	A	T	B	S	Pts.
Gregory	24	4-6	0-0	1-2	3-5	8	4	0	0	1	2	9
Holcombe	18	1-8	0-4	0-0	0-3	3	1	0	1	1	0	2
Hart	22	6-12	0-0	3-4	0-1	1	3	3	3	0	0	15
Fives	22	0-2	0-1	0-0	0-1	1	0	0	1	0	1	0
Champion	32	6-13	0-2	3-4	2-1	3	2	2	2	0	2	15
Walker	23	3-14	1-7	1-2	1-2	3	2	1	1	0	2	8
Johnson	16	4-5	0-0	0-0	1-2	3	1	0	0	0	0	8
Provo	5	0-2	0-2	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Reed	17	1-4	0-0	2-3	4-1	5	3	1	0	0	1	4
Staubi	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0
Langendoerfer	18	4-6	2-2	0-0	3-2	5	3	0	1	0	0	10
Team					2-1	3						
Totals	200	29-72	3-18	10-15	16-19	35	20	8	10	2	8	71

Fl. State	Min	FG	3FG	FT	O-D	Reb	F	A	T	B	S	Pts.
Cofer	23	4-7	0-0	4-5	0-4	4	0	1	1	0	1	12
Obiagu	15	4-5	0-0	1-2	0-3	3	3	0	1	3	0	9
Walker, C.J	27	4-10	3-7	4-5	0-3	3	2	6	2	0	3	15
Angola	27	7-8	2-3	2-2	0-4	4	1	1	2	2	1	18
Mann	22	5-9	0-1	1-1	1-6	7	1	2	1	0	0	11
Forrest	29	3-4	1-2	1-1	0-5	5	0	4	3	1	0	8
Walker, M.J.	23	5-8	4-6	0-0	1-0	1	5	3	0	0	0	14
Kabengele	14	1-3	0-0	4-4	2-1	3	4	0	2	3	0	6
Wilkes	13	0-2	0-2	0-0	0-2	2	0	2	2	0	0	0
Allen	7	1-3	1-3	0-0	0-1	1	0	0	0	0	1	3
Team					2-1	3						
Totals	200	34-59	11-24	17-20	6-30	36	16	19	14	9	6	96

FG% - Loyola, .403, Florida State, .576. 3FG% - Loyola, .167, Florida State, .458.
 FT% - Loyola, .667, Florida State, .850. Technical Fouls: Loyola -- None. Florida State -- None. Referees - Les Jones, Mike Stuart, Patrick Harwood. Attendance: 7,323

Loyola (Md.)	31	40	-	71
Florida State	46	50	-	96

Game 9 -- Florida State 72,
Tulane 53

TAMPA, Fla. -- Braian Angola had 18 points and eight rebounds to lead Florida State to a 72-53 win over Tulane. Florida State jumped out to a 21-7 lead midway through the first half after a 10-0 run. Tulane answered with a 10-2 run to close to gap to 23-17 but the Seminoles scored the final six points of the half to take a 29-17 lead.Cameron Reynolds scored five straight for Tulane early in the second half to cut the deficit to eight but with Trent Forrest scoring back-to-back baskets, Florida State scored five straight points to put the lead into double figures for good. After a Reynolds bucket the Seminoles put the game away with 10 straight, four from Forrest, to lead 52-31 with 10:25 to play. Forrest and Terance Mann each had 12 points for the Seminoles. Reynolds led the Green Wave with 16 points and 11 rebounds. Blake Paul added 12 points and eight rebounds but got into early foul trouble in the second half. Florida State got its offense rolling in the second half, shooting 58 percent (15 for 26) from the floor, including 5 of 9 behind the arc. The Green Wave had 19 turnovers and Florida State scored 17 points off those mistakes. The Seminoles bench outscored Tulane 33-15.

Florida State 72, Tulane 53
Amalie Arena
Dec 10, 2017

Tulane	Min	FG	3FG	FT	O-D	Reb	F	A	T	B	S	Pts.
Reynolds	38	5-17	4-9	2-2	2-9	11	3	4	1	0	0	16
Paul	27	5-9	0-0	2-5	3-5	8	4	0	4	0	0	12
Cornish	19	1-4	0-3	0-0	0-0	0	2	1	3	0	0	2
Slater	2	2-6	1-3	0-0	0-1	1	1	2	2	0	0	5
Frazier	25	1-9	1-4	0-0	1-3	4	3	4	1	0	3	3
One Embo	32	4-8	0-2	0-0	0-4	4	2	1	5	0	1	8
Daniels	4	0-3	0-0	0-1	0-4	4	2	0	3	0	0	0
Ajang	7	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kokoa	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sehic	12	3-3	1-1	0-0	0-2	2	3	0	0	0	0	7
Team					2-1	3						
Totals	200	21-59	7-22	4-8	8-30	38	20	12	19	0	4	53

Fl. State	Min	FG	3FG	FT	O-D	Reb	F	A	T	B	S	Pts.
Cofer	31	2-8	0-2	0-1	2-6	8	2	2	2	0	0	4
Obigu	12	1-1	0-0	0-1	1-3	4	1	0	0	3	1	2
Walker, C.J	17	1-8	0-4	1-3	0-3	3	3	1	1	1	1	3
Angola	34	6-10	4-7	2-2	0-8	8	2	2	1	0	3	18
Mann	20	4-7	0-0	4-6	2-2	4	2	1	2	0	0	12
Forrest	24	5-6	0-1	2-3	5-1	6	1	4	2	0	4	12
Savoy	11	2-5	2-4	0-0	0-2	2	1	0	1	0	0	6
Walker, M.J.	19	1-5	1-3	3-5	0-4	4	1	1	2	0	0	6
Kabengele	17	4-8	0-0	1-3	0-4	4	0	0	0	1	0	9
Wilkes	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Allen	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	2	0	0	0
Team					0-1	1						
Totals	200	26-58	7-21	13-24	10-34	44	14	11	13	5	9	72

FG% - Tulane, .356, Florida State, .448. 3FG% - Tulane, .318, Florida State, .333.
 FT% - Tulane, .500, Florida State, .542. Technical Fouls: Tulane -- None. Florida State -- C.J Walker. Referees - Tim Clougherty, Tony Greene, Chuck Jones. Attendance: 3975

Tulane	17	36	-	53
Florida State	29	43	-	72

Leonard Hamilton: The Game Changer

By Ira Schoffel

Democrat sports editor

GASTONIA, N.C. — As the ball plunged through the net and Florida State's players sprinted in the direction of shooting guard Michael Snaer, Cameron Indoor Stadium was awash with emotion.

The 9,000 Duke fans in attendance were crushed. Blue Devils point guard Austin Rivers collapsed near the spot where the winning shot landed. Florida State's players and staffers jumped up and down in a wave of elation that carried them from one side of the court to the other.

And there was no telling how many cheers erupted back here in Gastonia, a three-hour ride south on Interstate-85.

This is a town that knows its basketball. Some folks pull for Duke or North Carolina; others live for N.C. State or Wake Forest. But they find common ground when it comes to supporting their home-grown products — from James Worthy, who was practically raised at the Boys Club; to Eric "Sleepy" Floyd, Darrell "Sky" Armstrong and Leonard "Hamp" Hamilton, who honed their skills at the Erwin youth center on Pryor Street.

On this day, of course, it was Hamilton who had the locals' attention.

Powered by brilliant team defense and the grace of Snaer's game-winning 3-pointer, Hamilton's Florida State Seminoles had shocked fourth-ranked Duke that afternoon. They had ended the Blue Devils' streak of 45 consecutive home victories and won in a building that had only seen FSU secure one win in school history.

It clearly was cause for celebration.

But Hamilton never offered so much as a smile. Standing stoic in the midst of chaos, he nodded at his celebrating players, turned 90 degrees to his left and marched forward to shake hands with the defeated Blue Devils.

It was the shot of a season.

It was the snapshot of a lifetime.

Escaping 'the gas house'

A large, pale water tower stands tall above Ozark Avenue, just northeast of downtown Gastonia. In green writing on its side, it reads, "Great place. Great people. Great promise."

It is the typical, generic type of public relations message scripted on billboards and banners in cities and towns across America.

But "promise" is not exactly the image that sticks with people who were raised here 40 or 50 years ago; at least not the ones who grew up in the poor, black neighborhoods.

"Gastonia was just a tough area, especially when you talk about socioeconomics," said Larry Reid, a lifelong friend of Hamilton's who now serves as an assistant principal at Warrington Middle School in Pensacola. "When we came through, Gastonia was in the textile center of the world, and most of our relatives worked in the cotton mills. Many of the people around us didn't have the basic necessities. They might have a radio or a black-and-white TV that you could use a clothes hanger to bring in one or two stations. But not much more than that. Even a bicycle was hard to come by."

In many of the homes, there was no indoor plumbing. Leonard Hamilton and his siblings had to boil water on a stove and pour it into a tin tub if they wanted a warm bath.

To put food on the table, families often had to be resourceful.

"Everybody had a hustle," said Willie Hamilton, one of Leonard's three younger brothers.

For some, it was hunting rabbits and selling them on the street for food. For others, it was selling moonshine.

Back then, Gastonia had a brutal reputation. It was known to many as "The Gas House," in reference to the exceedingly high crime rate and the number of residents who ended up on Death Row. So the Hamilton kids, and many of their friends, turned to athletics as a safe, productive outlet.

Leonard, the oldest of the bunch, was a phenom. By the time he reached middle school, he and Reid were strong enough to play with the grown men on the basketball courts next to the youth center at Erwin Park. Reid was known for his outside shot, while "Hamp" was more of a slasher.

"Leonard was a tremendous athlete with a lot of elevation," Reid said. "He could really jump. And he had great speed and quickness. I was a better jump-shooter, but I definitely was not the athlete that he was. He also was a very good ball handler."

The rugged appearance of the Erwin Park court — one long slab of concrete, split down the middle by a tennis net and surrounded by a 12-foot, chain-link fence — was symbolic of the style of play.

With half-court games of 4-on-4 taking place on either side of the court, and dozens of other young men waiting their turn, the contests felt like high-stakes affairs. The first team to reach 15 was allowed to stay and play again, while the losers had to either hope to be picked up by someone else or wait up to two hours for another chance.

"That was a tough brand of basketball," Reid said. "You could really get hurt out there. You didn't take the ball to the basket without getting hit. They would try to take your head off if you went to the basket. And there wasn't a lot of whining or crying about fouls. What was considered a foul was getting knocked down or getting a black eye. But it made us tough."

By the time Hamilton, Reid and their friends reached high school, they were not only competing with the older players, they were crushing them.

"Hamp could jump like (former N.C. State star) David Thompson," childhood friend Bobby Murray said. "Remember how David Thompson had that vertical jump? Leonard had the same thing. He could stand under the basket and just jump and dunk it backwards. He was something to see."

"We seldom lost," Reid said. "We just dominated. And we also would go to other towns and play. When the boys rolled in from 'The Gas House,' we usually dominated them, too."

They were so good that they sometimes created problems for themselves. Like the time they went to a YMCA in a neighboring county and won games by such a large margin that they were asked to not come back. And the day when a neighborhood bully felt as if Hamilton had embarrassed him with his play.

"We were whipping some older guys; they were like three or four years out of high school," Reid recalled. "And one of the biggest bullies in town — he was like 6-4 or 6-5 — he took a swing at Leonard, and Leonard swung one time. Leonard hit this guy and knocked him out. We had never seen anything like that. Usually, when guys would fight, you would end up pulling them apart. But this guy got knocked on his back."

"He knocked the guy out. I mean out," agreed Floyd Love, another member of Hamilton's circle. "The guy's friends carried him out, and he ended up coming back in with three or four guys and a knife, and they tried to cut Leonard. That was about as bad as it ever got."

Changing the culture

"Big John" Hamilton didn't make it out of the ninth grade. His wife, Bennie Ruth, dropped out in the seventh to go work as a sharecropper. But their oldest son, Leonard, knew from an early age that wasn't an option.

Even though they lived in the heart of Dixie, where in the mid-1960s schools still were segregated and blacks weren't allowed to eat in many restaurants, Leonard's parents saw a brighter future for their children.

"My father made it clear we were going to get our education," said Hamilton, who had four younger siblings. "He told us we weren't going to get anywhere in life without an education. That was paramount in every discussion that we had."

They had to not only get an education, but also work harder and be better prepared than their classmates.

"He never allowed us to make any excuses," Hamilton said. "We couldn't come to him and complain about not being treated fairly, or someone having an advantage. He would not allow that to be part of the conversation. So there was nothing else to think about, other than, 'You need to get the job done' and that there were absolutely no excuses for failure."

"Leonard always had a goal in life — to move from where he was into a better situation," said David Moore Sr., one of Hamilton's teachers at the old all-black Highland High School. "His personality was to focus on what he wanted to do. He wasn't the kind just to hang out."

There was no time for that. Between juggling his sports and academics, and helping to care for his siblings while his parents worked, Hamilton refused to waste a waking moment.

On many occasions, when a crowded house of eight people made studying too difficult, he would grab his textbooks, head outside and create a makeshift library out of a broken-down car.

"I was the kind that needed peace and quiet to study, and I just couldn't concentrate inside," Hamilton said. "So I would grab that big flashlight and head out to the car."

As the star point guard on Highland's basketball team and the quarterback of its football team, Hamilton figured his best chance to attend college would be earning an athletic scholarship. And since very few big-time colleges in the South were offering basketball scholarships to blacks, Hamilton originally accepted an offer to play football at Livingstone College in Salisbury, N.C.

Then when that didn't work out — he missed the start of preseason practice with a skin virus — Hamilton decided his best choice would be to join the military.

It wasn't until the local two-year school, Gaston College, hired a sharp young coach from Florida named Peter Brooks did his life begin heading toward its final destination. Brooks arrived in 1966 to start a basketball program from scratch, and he immediately heard chatter about Hamilton, the hot-shot guard from Highland.

Hamilton wasn't interested at first. Part of his attraction to the military was the opportunity to leave Gastonia and seek out new opportunities; so staying at home for two more years wasn't exactly appealing. But after listening to Brooks' sales pitch, Hamilton reconsidered.

It turned out to be a blessing for everyone involved. Hamilton would go on to become a star at Gaston College for two years and then play his final two seasons at Tennessee-Martin, where he again was the first black to break the color barrier.

But the prize all along — the one that would not only please his parents but also inspire his siblings — was the bachelor's degree he received following his senior year at UT-Martin, and then later his master's degree from Austin Peay.

"I wanted my mother and father to be proud of me, but the most important thing was I realized I had to try to change the culture of my brothers' and sister's goals," Hamilton said. "Because we didn't have a lot of those types of role models in our community."

In much the same fashion that his father urged him, Hamilton pushed his siblings. His greatest fear was they would be swept up by the harsh realities of "The Gas House." So he would help them with homework, watch them closely on the streets, and make sure they didn't get mixed in with kids who weren't on the same track.

"He always called it, 'The bad crowd,'" Hamilton's mother, Bennie Ruth, said. "He used to tell his brothers and sister, 'If you stay away from the bad crowd, you'll be all right.' And I would say, 'Now, how can you tell who is the bad crowd?'"

"He said, 'You can tell. You can tell the good from the bad.' And Leonard has always been good in my eyesight. Leonard never gave me a minute of trouble."

Though she now is 97 years of age and well-cared for in a Gastonia nursing home, Bennie Ruth Hamilton's smile still lights up when the subject turns to Leonard. She doesn't follow his games as closely as she used to, but she remembers clearly how proud she and "Big John" were when Leonard earned his degree — and how he went to great lengths to make sure his siblings followed the same path.

While he was serving as a graduate assistant coach at Austin Peay in Clarksburg, Tenn., Hamilton even went so far as to ask his parents if he could take little brother Willie, who was entering his senior year of high school, to live with him.

"He was kind of a father figure because he was about six years older," Willie said. "So I went out there and graduated from Clarksburg High. He helped me out quite a bit. At home, if I had an algebra problem or a geometry problem, there was no one that could help me. But Leonard had already graduated with his bachelor's and was working on his master's, so I listened to everything he had to say."

Within a few years, Willie would become the second of the Hamilton siblings to earn his degree. He went on to a successful basketball career at Western Carolina, graduated with his bachelor's and went on to a white-collar career. Then Hamilton adopted another younger brother, Barry, and sister, Pamela, and provided the same opportunities for them.

The further he soared, the further they soared.

"He wanted us to be able to take advantage of the things he was experiencing," said Willie, who recently retired after 35 years with the same company. "It was no disrespect to my parents. He wasn't trying to run the house. It was just a knowledge thing."

And as "Big John," who passed away in 1999, figured, that "knowledge thing" was contagious.

Both of Willie's sons have now graduated from college, including one with honors from the University of Miami. Leonard and wife Claudette's two children have earned college degrees as well. In fact, there are college graduates sprinkled throughout the family.

"Leonard pretty much started it," Willie said. "He was the first one in the family to earn a degree. When we were coming up, your choices were to either get drafted or go work in the cotton mills. He didn't want that. He wanted something better."
'The big picture'

It took about two days of preseason practice before Peter Brooks realized Leonard Hamilton would be one of his key players. And it was soon after that he knew he had a potential star.

"He reminded me of Oscar Robertson," Brooks said, referring to the former college All-American and NBA All-Star. "He had the same kind of shot. Leonard was that kind of player."

Hamilton wasn't just quick; he was intelligent. He wasn't simply skilled; he was tough. In Brooks' mind, Hamilton had "the perfect body" for athletics. And on top of all that, he was an excellent teammate who refused to be out-worked.

"He dominated," Brooks said. "I don't care if we were playing North Carolina, Wake Forest or whoever."

Though Gaston College was a two-year school, Brooks was able to schedule the freshman teams from many of the top programs in the South; they played Duke, North Carolina, Clemson, Wake Forest, Louisville and others.

And Hamilton, indeed, was often the best player on the court. In one game, against Montreat-Anderson, he and backcourt mate Jim Turpin each scored more than 50 points in a 150-87 victory. Turpin finished with 53; Hamilton had 54

"Even though he was a guard, almost all of his baskets were layups or dunks," said old friend Larry Reid, who watched that game from the stands. "A lot of times they would just grab a rebound, get the ball to Leonard and he would zip up and down the court and dunk."

Everything about Hamilton impressed his new teammates. While some of them came from humble backgrounds, they had no idea what poverty was until they visited his house.

Just the fact that he made it to class each day was an accomplishment. Living four miles away from school, with no means of transportation, the team's best player would either bum a ride from a friend or coach or, most often, walk up to the highway and hitch.

"And he'd always be one of the first ones at practice," Brooks said. "He'd be dressed; he'd be out there shooting. It was obvious that, 'Hey, this guy wants to play.' He stood out from the beginning."

As one of the first black college athletes in the South, however, Hamilton stood out for other reasons.

When the team would go off to play road games, there were restaurants that wouldn't feed him, movie theaters that wouldn't allow him to sit with his white teammates (which would cause the whole squad to leave), and there were even some physical altercations.

"There were some rough places," said Robert Marziano, one of Hamilton's white teammates. "They cut off the water at our hotels. People would say things ... shameful things. One night, Coach made Leonard go back into the dressing room before the game was over because he was worried about him. But Leonard didn't want to go. He wanted to stay with his team."

Hamilton finally went to the back to let things cool down, but even that didn't help. While he was in the locker room, some students came out of the stands and attacked his teammates and even injured Coach Brooks.

But that was the exception. In most instances, when the assaults were just verbal, the young man who once shocked his friends by knocking out a bully with one punch usually played the role of peacemaker. "There were times that Leonard had to cool me down," Brooks said. "Some of the garbage we got ... Leonard would say, 'Hey, we've got more important things than to honor what they're saying or doing.' We just put that out of our minds. He was an inspiration; he really was."

Looking back on it now, Hamilton gives much of the credit to his parents and to the other families in the neighborhood. Even when times were tough economically, and their children didn't have access to the same opportunities as many white kids, the adults Hamilton knew never preached hatred.

"I always felt like you had to stay focused on the big picture," Hamilton said. "People were not that way because they chose to be that way. They were that way because of the climate and the times. It's what they had been taught. So to try to change some of those stereotypical attitudes, you had to try to be above it. I wasn't intimidated by any of it. I wasn't afraid of any of it."

"But I felt we were there to play basketball, get our education and move on."

His many blessings

One day before his Florida State men's basketball team would take on a Virginia squad that was ranked in the top 20 of both major polls, Leonard Hamilton sat in his corner office on the third floor of FSU's Basketball Training Center and laughed as he listened to the question.

It was one he had heard so many times before.

Why does a man who has been named national coach of the year two times, who as a young assistant coach helped Kentucky win a national championship and has a well-deserved reputation for being one of the top recruiters and defensive coaches in the game, always seem to find himself at programs like this?

When he left Kentucky in 1986, it was to take over a struggling Oklahoma State. After turning that program around in four years, he was lured to an even worse situation at Miami. And after taking the Hurricanes from worst to first in the Big East during his tenure there, followed by a brief stop in the NBA, he made his way to Tallahassee in 2002.

FSU had reached the NCAA Tournament just once in the previous eight seasons, and Hamilton knew it would be a struggle. But that, he said, was precisely why it was appealing.

"I had other head coaching opportunities when I was looking to leave Kentucky," said Hamilton, who is an extremely young and active 63. "But I really just felt that my skills, which I had developed over the years, were better suited where we have a chance to go in and help rebuild a program that hadn't had a lot of success in recent years. There's just a different mindset and focus you have to have when you're building, as opposed to maintaining."

In some ways, Leonard "Hamp" Hamilton was made for jobs like this.

Jobs where you have to be resourceful. "He was driven," remembered Marziano, his teammate at Gaston College. "He was inspirational. Nothing, no matter what got in his way, was going to stop him. He was going to go around it, over it or through it. He played that way, too."

Jobs where you have to recruit elite players without the amenities of the programs you are competing against. "When he was at Austin Peay, he went into New York and beat out (Jerry) Tarkanian for Fly Williams," recalled his brother Willie. "He convinced Fly Williams, who would be the top scorer in the country, to come to this little town in Clarksburg, Tennessee. Good grief."

Jobs where you, as his father told him all those years ago, would have to not only be as good as the other guys, but be better than them and work harder.

Early Saturday afternoon, Leonard Hamilton's Seminoles defeated Virginia, 58-55, to improve to 7-1 in the Atlantic Coast Conference — a mark never before achieved in school history. The Seminoles also have set a new school record by winning seven consecutive ACC games.

They have beaten preseason No. 1 North Carolina by 33 points, knocked off the conference's perennial powerhouse, Duke, for the second consecutive season, and enter the second half of the season with the inside track on a first-ever regular-season ACC championship.

This just one year after going to their first NCAA Tournament Sweet 16 appearance in nearly two decades.

It has been an amazing turnaround, indeed.

Not only for the program, but for the boy who came from next to nothing, broke numerous racial barriers, achieved incredible success, uplifted his family and inspired so many others along the way.

"You don't realize the meaningful lessons that you learn when you're going through the struggle," Hamilton said. "At the time you're going through those challenges, you really don't know that they're any different than what other people are going through. So I feel like I have been blessed on both ends. I was blessed to have the lessons that those obstacles taught me, and I was blessed to have the opportunities where I could apply what I learned."

It is that type of perspective – the maturity his parents saw during his childhood, the confidence his friends witnessed in the neighborhood, the focus Mr. Moore saw in the classroom and the wisdom Coach Brooks saw at Gaston College — that have made it possible.

"If he put his mind to it, Leonard could pretty well do whatever he wanted," Brooks said. "To me, it was just an honor and a privilege for me to have him in my life."