

NO. 10/11 FLORIDA STATE SEMINOLES (29-7, 13-5 ACC)  
VS.

NO. 4/3 GONZAGA BULLDOGS (32-3, 16-0 WEST COAST CONFERENCE)  
NCAA MEN'S BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

THIRD ROUND / SWEET 16

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*"Leonard Hamilton has a program at Florida State. He doesn't have a team. It's built on great kids, a lot of kids, and playing good defense. They accept their roles and they play so hard. Because they can play good defense, they'll have a shot at anybody. We had a real difficult time winning tonight. There were a number of guys deserving of coach of the year, and I'm not knocking Tony (Bennett of Virginia) because his team is so good, but what Leonard did being 1-4 (in ACC play) and (now) being 27-7 - you've got to be kidding me. To keep his team together and go through the ACC to finish fourth; outstanding, outstanding job."*

Mike Krzyzewski  
March 16, 2019

#### NO. 4 SEED FLORIDA STATE FACES NO. 1 SEED GONZAGA IN NCAA TOURNAMENT SWEET 16

No. 4 seeded Florida State, which has won 16 of its last 18 games including victories over Vermont and Murray State in the first two rounds of the NCAA Tournament, travels to the Honda Center in Anaheim, California to face No. 1 seeded Gonzaga in the Sweet 16 round of the 2019 NCAA men's Basketball Tournament on Thursday, March 28, 2019 at 7:09 p.m. ET. The Seminoles have advanced to the Sweet 16 (third round) of the NCAA Tournament for the second consecutive season – marking the second time in school history (also 1992 and 1993) – they will play in the Sweet 16 in consecutive seasons. It also marks the second consecutive season the Seminoles will face Gonzaga in the Sweet 16 round of the NCAA Tournament. Florida State defeated Gonzaga, 75-60, in the Sweet 16 at the Staples Center in Los Angeles to advance to the Elite Eight in 2018. The winner of Thursday's game between Florida State and Gonzaga will meet the winner of a second game on Thursday in Anaheim – Michigan and Texas Tech – on Saturday, March 30 in Anaheim with the winner of that game advancing the NCAA Tournament Final Four.

#### FLORIDA STATE VS. GONZAGA

Florida State and Gonzaga will meet for the third time on Thursday – will all three meetings coming in the NCAA Tournament. The series is tied at 1-1, with the last meeting coming in the Sweet 16 at the Staples Center in Los Angeles 2018. Tallahassee (the capital city of the state of Florida) and Spokane (the second most populous city in the state of Washington) are separated by 2,615 miles.

#### Florida State vs. Gonzaga – All Games In The NCAA Tournament

Date	Round	Site	Outcome
March 18, 2010	West Region First Round	Buffalo, N.Y.	No. 8 Gonzaga 67, No. 9 Florida State 60
March 22, 2018	West Region Semifinals	Los Angeles, Calif.	No. 9 Florida State 75, No. 4 Gonzaga 60
March 28, 2019	West Region Semifinals	Anaheim, Calif.	No. 4 Florida State vs. No. 1 Gonzaga

#### FLORIDA STATE IN THE SWEET 16

Florida State marks its fifth Sweet 16 appearance in school history when it faces Gonzaga at the Honda Center on Thursday in Anaheim. The Seminoles are 2-2 in its four previous Sweet 16 appearances with victories over Western Kentucky during the 1993 NCAA Tournament and Gonzaga in the 2018 NCAA Tournament. Florida State made its first regional semifinal appearance (before the Sweet 16 term was coined) on its way to playing in the NCAA Tournament National Championship game in 1972. The Seminoles defeated Minnesota in the Mideast Regional semifinals by a 70-56 margin. Florida State defeated Kentucky, 73-54, in the regional finals to advance to the first Final Four in school history. The Seminoles defeated North Carolina, 78-75 in the national semifinals before falling to UCLA, 81-76, in the national championship game.

#### Florida State's Sweet 16 Appearances

Date	Opponent	Site	Outcome
March 26, 1992	Indiana	Albuquerque, N.M.	No. 2 Indiana 85, No. 3 Florida State 74
March 25, 1993	W. Kentucky	Charlotte, N.C.	No. 3 Florida State 81, No. 7 W. Kentucky 78 OT
March 25, 2011	VCU	San Antonio, Tex.	No. 11 VCU, 72, No. 10 Florida State 71 (OT)
March 22, 2018	Gonzaga	Los Angeles, Calif.	No. 9 Florida State 75, No. 4 Gonzaga 60
March 28, 2019	Gonzaga	Anaheim, Calif.	No. 4 Florida State vs. No. 1 Gonzaga

#### 29 WINS IN A SINGLE SEASON BEST FOR LEONARD HAMILTON

Seminole head coach Leonard Hamilton has led Florida State to 29 wins – a personal best for one of the nation's top coaches. His previous career best for wins in a single season was 26 during the 2016-17 season at FSU.

#### 2018-19 Florida State Schedule/Results

N6	Florida	W, 81-60
N11	at Tulane	W, 80-69
N19	Canisius	W, 93-61
N22	2 vs. UAB	W, 81-63
N23	2 vs. LSU	W, 79-76 (ot)
N25	2 vs. Villanova	L, 60-66
N28	3 Purdue	W, 73-72
D3	Troy	W, 83-67
D8	4 vs. UConn	W, 79-71
D17	Southeast Missouri State	W, 85-68
D19	North Florida	W, 95-81
D22	5 St. Louis	W, 81-59
J1	Winthrop	W, 87-76
J5	* at Virginia	L, 52-65
J9	* Miami	W, 68-62
J12	* Duke	L, 78-80
J14	* at Pitt	L, 62-75
J20	* at Boston College	L, 82-87
J22	* Clemson	W, 77-68
J27	* at Miami	W, 78-66
F2	* Georgia Tech	W, 59-49
F5	* at Syracuse	W, 80-62
F9	* Louisville	W, 80-75 (ot)
F13	* Wake Forest	W, 88-66
F16	* at Georgia Tech	W, 69-47
F19	* at Clemson	W, 77-64
F23	* at North Carolina	L, 59-77
F25	* Notre Dame	W, 68-61
M2	* NC State	W, 78-73
M5	* Virginia Tech	W, 73-64 (ot)
M9	* at Wake Forest	W, 65-57
M14	6 Virginia Tech	W, 65-63 (ot)
M15	6 Virginia	W, 69-59
M16	6 Duke	L, 63-73
M21	7 Vermont	W, 76-69
M23	7 Murray State	W, 90-62
M28	8 Gonzaga	7:09 p.m. ET

1 – Exhibition Game and Donald L. Tucker Center, Tallahassee, Fla.; 2 – AdvoCare Invitational, HP Field House, Lake Buena Vista, Fla.; 3 – ACC / Big Ten Challenge, Donald L. Tucker Center, Tallahassee, Fla.; 4 – Never Forget Tribute Classic, Prudential Center, Newark, N.J.; 5 – Metro PCS Orange Bowl Basketball Classic, BB&T Center, Sunrise, Fla.; 6 – ACC Tournament, Spectrum Center, Charlotte, N.C. 7 – NCAA Tournament, XL Center, Hartford, Conn. 8 – NCAA West Regional Semifinals, Honda Center, Anaheim, Calif.

#### 2018-19 ACC Standings

Team	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
Virginia	16	2	.889	30	3	.909
N. Carolina	16	2	.889	29	6	.829
Duke	14	4	.778	30	5	.857
<b>Florida State</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>.722</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>.806</b>
Virginia Tech	12	6	.667	27	8	.771
Louisville	10	8	.556	20	14	.588
Syracuse	10	8	.556	20	14	.588
NC State	9	9	.500	24	11	.686
Clemson	9	9	.500	20	14	.588
Georgia Tech	6	12	.333	14	18	.438
Boston College	5	13	.278	14	17	.452
Miami	5	13	.278	14	19	.424
Wake Forest	4	14	.222	11	20	.355
Pittsburgh	3	15	.167	14	19	.424
Notre Dame	3	15	.167	14	19	.424

**Florida State Basketball / National Polls  
ASSOCIATED PRESS POLL**

Rk.	Team	18-19 Rec.
1.	Duke (58)	29-5
2.	Virginia (5)	29-3
3.	North Carolina	27-6
4.	Gonzaga (1)	30-3
5.	Michigan State	28-6
6.	Tennessee	29-5
7.	Kentucky	27-6
8.	Michigan	28-6
9.	Texas Tech	26-6
10.	<b>FLORID STATE</b>	<b>27-7</b>
11.	Houston	31-3
12.	LSU	26-6
13.	Purdue	23-9
14.	Auburn	26-9
15.	Buffalo	31-3
16.	Virginia Tech	24-8
17.	Kansas	25-9
18.	Kansas State	25-8
19.	Wofford	29-4
20.	Nevada	29-4
21.	Wisconsin	23-10
22.	Cincinnati	28-6
23.	Villanova	25-9
24.	Iowa State	23-11
25.	Utah State	28-6

**USA TODAY POLL**

Rk.	Team	Points
1.	Duke (25)	744
2.	Virginia	701
3.	Gonzaga	667
4.	North Carolina	666
5.	Tennessee	636
6.	Michigan State	598
7.	Kentucky	565
8.	Michigan	538
9.	Houston	494
10.	Texas Tech	454
11.	<b>FLORIDA STATE</b>	<b>453</b>
12.	LSU	370
13.	Purdue	356
14.	Kansas State	297
15.	Virginia Tech	285
16.	Buffalo	278
17.	Kansas	273
18.	Auburn	213
19.	Wofford	191
20.	Nevada	182
21.	Wisconsin	170
22.	Villanova	151
23.	Iowa State	141
24.	Cincinnati	134
25.	Utah State/Marquette	48

Week	AP	USA Today
Preseason	17	15
Week 2	14	NP
Week 3	14	13
Week 4	15	14
Week 5	11	11
Week 6	10	10
Week 7	11	12
Week 8	9	9
Week 9	9	9
Week 10	13	13
Week 11	11	11
Week 12	(26)	23
Week 13	25	(27)
Week 14	22	24
Week 15	17	19
Week 16	16	17
Week 17	18	17
Week 18	14	13
Week 19	12	13
Week 20	10	11

**FLORIDA STATE'S NCAA TOURNAMENT HISTORY**

Led by sophomore center Dave Cowens, Florida State made its first NCAA Tournament appearance during the 1967-68 season. Cowens averaged a double-double of 18.8 points and 17.0 rebounds for the 19-8 Seminoles who fell to East Tennessee State, 79-69, in their first ever NCAA Tournament game. The Seminoles have a 19-15 overall record in NCAA Tournament play, played UCLA for the 1972 National Championship, have played in one Final Four (1972), two Elite Eights (1972 and 2018) and in the Sweet 16 five times (1972, 1992, 1993, 2011 and 2018).

**FLORIDA STATE HAS PLAYED IN THE NCAA TOURNAMENT IN SEVEN OF THE LAST 11 YEARS**

With its participation in the 2019 NCAA Tournament, Florida State has now played in seven of the last 11 NCAA Tournaments – marking the most successful run of playing in the NCAA Tournament over an 11-year period in school history. The Seminoles have now appeared in seven of the last 11 NCAA tournaments in the last decade (plus) beginning with their selection into the 2009 NCAA Men's Basketball Championship. The Seminoles have recently played in the NCAA Tournament in 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2017, 2018 and 2019.

**SEMINOLES ESTABLISH SCHOOL RECORD FOR WINS WITH WIN OVER VERMONT**

With its 76-69 win over Vermont in the first round of the 2019 NCAA Tournament, Florida State won its school record 28<sup>th</sup> game of the 2018-19 season. The Seminoles then defeated Murray State to win its 29<sup>th</sup> games of the season. The Seminoles have won 29 games (2019), 26 games (2017) and 23 games (2018) and average 26.0 wins per season in the last three years – the winningest three-year period in school history.

**Seminole Set School Record For Victories**

Season	Record	Pct.	Notes
2018-19	29-7	.806	Playing Gonzaga in the Sweet 16 of the NCAA Tournament, March 28, 2019
1971-72	27-6	.818	Played UCLA in NCAA Tournament National Championship game, March 25, 1972

**FLORIDA STATE OVERALL AND CONFERENCE WIN RECORDS**

Florida State enters Thursday's game against Gonzaga with a school-record 29 wins and a school-record 13 wins during ACC regular season play – both single season records for the Seminoles. The Seminoles won two games in the ACC Tournament in advancing to the Championship Game (for the third time in school history) and tied their single-season school record of 15 overall ACC wins.

**FLORIDA STATE WITH SIX WINS OVER CONFERENCE CHAMPIONS**

With its victories over Vermont and Murray State in the first two rounds of the 2019 NCAA Tournament, the Seminoles have now defeated six conference champions this season. Florida State has defeated the regular season champions of the ACC (Virginia), the SEC (LSU), the Big Ten (Purdue) and the tournament champions from the Atlantic 10 (Saint Louis), the America East (Vermont) and the Ohio Valley Conference (Murray State).

**FLORIDA STATE'S 2019 CLASS IS THE WINNINGEST IN SCHOOL HISTORY**

Florida State's current senior class of Phil Cofer, Christ Koumadje and Terance Mann – the three players who have been on the Seminoles' roster during the 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019 season – became the winningest class in school history in leading the Seminoles to the ACC Tournament championship round with its victory over Virginia on March 15 in Charlotte. The group has now won a school-record 98 games entering Saturday's game against Gonzaga in the Sweet 16 of the 2019 NCAA Tournament.

**FLORIDA STATE RANKED NO. 10 IN FINAL ASSOCIATED PRESS POLL**

Florida State is ranked No. 10 in the final Associated Press poll of the 2018-19 season. The final AP poll of the college basketball season is published following the end of all of the conference tournaments and after the NCAA Tournament field is announced. It marks the second time since 2012, second time under head coach Leonard Hamilton and fourth time in school history the Seminoles have been ranked in the final top-10 of the season. It also marks the first time the Seminoles have been ranked in the top-20 of three consecutive season-ending AP polls. Florida State finished tied for 16<sup>th</sup> in 2017 and 18<sup>th</sup> in 2018.

**Seminole Final Rankings Under Leonard Hamilton**

Season	Ranking	Record	Notes
2008-09	22	25-10	ACC Championship Game / NCAA Tournament
2010-11	19	23-11	ACC Quarterfinals / NCAA Tournament Sweet 16
2011-12	10	25-10	ACC Champions / NCAA Tournament
2016-17	T16	26-9	ACC Semifinals / NCAA Tournament
2017-18	18	23-12	ACC Second Round / NCAA Tournament Elite 8
<b>2018-19</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>27-7</b>	<b>ACC Championship Game / NCAA Tournament</b>

**HAMILTON RANKED AMONG ALL-TIME ACC WINNINGEST COACHES**

Florida State Head Coach Leonard Hamilton is ranked as the seventh all-time winningest coach (for total wins, 334) in ACC history and is the sixth all-time winningest coach (for ACC regular season and tournament wins, 151) in Atlantic Coast Conference history. Hamilton enters Thursday's game in the Sweet 16 of the NCAA Tournament against Gonzaga with a 334-215 record (.608 winning percentage) at Florida State in 17 seasons – he is the winningest coach in Florida State history.

**HAMILTON IN THE NCAA TOURNAMENT**

Florida State's Leonard Hamilton has taken seven Seminole teams to the NCAA Tournament. Including last season's Elite Eight run (with wins over No. 8 seed Missouri, No. 1 seed Xavier and No. 4 seed Gonzaga), he has an NCAA Tournament record at Florida State of 8-6 (.571) and an all-time NCAA Tournament record of 12-9 (.571).

**HAMILTON A FINALIST FOR THE BEN JOBE AWARD**

Seminole Head Coach Leonard Hamilton has been announced as a finalist for the 2019 Ben Jobe Award. The Ben Jobe Award is presented annually to the top minority coach in division I men's basketball. An icon in the history of basketball at Historically Black Colleges and Universities, Jobe is best known as the head coach of the Southern University, a position he held for 12 seasons. His record at Southern was 209-141 and included four NCAA Tournament appearances.

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

**Leonard Hamilton**

**Victories as an ACC Coach**

334 (Career at Florida State)

+15 (Needs)

349

To Become the 6<sup>th</sup> Winningest Coach in ACC History (all victories)

**Leonard Hamilton**

**ACC Victories at Florida State**

(Regular Season + ACC Tourn.)

151 (career at Florida State)

+10 (Needs)

161

To Become the 5<sup>th</sup> Winningest Coach in ACC history (ACC games) – surpassing

Frank McGuire of North Carolina and South Carolina

**Leonard Hamilton**

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

4 (career at Florida State)

+4 (Needs)

To move into a tie for first place college basketball history with Roy Williams for all-time wins vs. the nation's No. 1 ranked team

**Christ Koumadje**

**Career Blocked Shots**

146 (career at Florida State)

+14 (Needs)

160

To move into 6<sup>th</sup> place in school history for career blocked shots passing Solomon Alabi (2008-10)

**PJ Savoy**

**Career-3-Point Shots Made**

140 (career at Florida State)

+6 (needs)

146

To move into 10<sup>th</sup> place in school history with 146 career 3-point shots made passing Ian Miller (2011-14)

**PJ Savoy**

**Career-3-Point Shots Attempted**

386 (career at Florida State)

+24 (Needs)

410

To move into 11<sup>th</sup> place in school history with 410 career 3-point shots attempted passing Ian Miller (2011-14)

**Trent Forrest**

**Career Steals**

162 (career at Florida State)

+3 (Needs)

165

To move into 10<sup>th</sup> place for career steals in school history passing Tim Pickett (2003-04)

**Terance Mann**

**Career Points**

1,317 (career at Florida State)

+21 (needs)

1,338

To move into 19<sup>th</sup> place on Florida State's all-time scoring list passing Chuck Graham (1990--94)

**POSSIBLE STARTING LINEUP FOR FLORIDA STATE...**

C	#21	Christ Koumadje (6.6 rpg, 1.4 bpg; 2 pts and 1 blk vs. Gonzaga, march 22, 2018)
F	#1	RaiQuan Gray (4.2 ppg; 2.4 rpg; First career game against Gonzaga)
G	#3	Trent Forrest (9.0 ppg, 3.7 apg; 7 pts and 6 asts vs. Gonzaga, March 22, 2018)
G	#14	Terance Mann (11.6 ppg, 6.5 rpg; 18 pts and 5 rebs vs. Gonzaga, March 22, 2018)
G	#23	M.J. Walker (7.5 ppg, 2.2 rpg; 4 pts and 3 asts vs. Gonzaga, March 22, 2018)

**...AND TOP RESERVES**

F	#0	Phil Cofer (7.6 ppg, 3.6 rpg; 7 pts and 1 reb vs. Gonzaga, March 22, 2018)
F	#25	Mfiondu Kabengele (13.4 ppg, 5.9 rpg; 7 pts and 2 rebs vs. Gonzaga, March 22, 2018)
G	#5	PJ Savoy (5.9 ppg, 1.2 rpg; 6 pts and 4 rebs vs. Gonzaga, March 22, 2018)
G	#13	Anthony Polite (2.8 ppg, 1.7 rpg; First career game vs. Gonzaga)
G	#31	Wyatt Wilkes (1.5 ppg, 0.7 rpg; First career game vs. Gonzaga)
G	#10	David Nichols (6.4 ppg, 1.7 apg; First career game vs. Gonzaga)
G	#24	Devin Vassell (4.5 ppg, 1.6 rpg; First career game vs Gonzaga)

**POSSIBLE STARTING LINEUP FOR GONZAGA**

F	#15	Brandon Clarke (17.0 ppg, 8.4 rpg; First career game vs. Florida State)
F	#21	Rui Hachimura (19.7 ppg, 6.6 rpg; 16 pts and 9 rebs vs. Florida State, March 22, 2018)
F	#24	Corey Kispert (8.3 ppg, 4.1 rpg; 6 pts and 2 stls vs. Florida State, March 22, 2018)
G	#13	Josh Perkins (10.8 ppg, 6.4 apg; 9 pts and 4 asts vs. Florida State, March 22, 2018)
G	#23	Zach Norvell, Jr. (15.1 ppg, 4.3 rpg; 14 pts and 4 rebs vs. Florida State, March 22, 2018)

**FLORIDA STATE VS. GONZAGA -- A SERIES HISTORY**

The Series:	The Series is tied, 1-1
First Game:	March 19, 2010; Gonzaga 67, Florida State 60
Last Game:	March 22, 2018; Florida State 74, Gonzaga 60
Last Florida State Win:	March 22, 2018; Florida State 74, Gonzaga 60
Last Gonzaga Win:	March 19, 2010; Gonzaga 67, Florida State 60
Last Florida State Win In The NCAA Tournament:	March 22, 2018; Florida State 74, Gonzaga 60
Last Gonzaga Win In The NCAA Tournament:	March 19, 2010; Gonzaga 67, Florida State 60
Current Streak:	Florida State has won 1
Current Streak In The NCAA Tournament:	Florida State has won 1

**FLORIDA STATE VS. GONZAGA -- THE LAST TWO GAMES**

<u>March 19, 2010</u>	<u>March 22, 2018</u>
Florida State 60	Florida State 75
Gonzaga 67	Gonzaga, 60
At Buffalo, N.Y.	at Los Angeles, Calif.

**FLORIDA STATE VS. GONZAGA -- THE LAST GAME**

Terance Mann scored 18 points and ninth-seeded Florida State advanced to the Elite Eight of the NCAA Tournament for just the third time in school history with a 75-60 victory over fourth-seeded Gonzaga in the West Region semifinal at the Staples Center on March 22, 2018. Mann was the only double-digit scorer for the Seminoles as they coolly knocked off a third straight higher-seeded opponent in the NCAA Tournament — one with a 16-game winning streak. Florida State advanced to the Elite Eight for the first time since 1993. Trent Forrest and Mfiondu Kabengele scored seven points for the Seminoles.

**2018-19 FLORIDA STATE ROSTER**

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Hometown
0	Phil Cofer	F	6-8	230	RSr.	Fayetteville, Ga./Whitewater
1	RaiQuan Gray	F	6-8	260	RFr.	Ft. Lauderdale, Fla./Dillard
3	Trent Forrest	G	6-5	210	Jr.	Chipley, Fla./Chipley
4	Ty Hands	G	6-5	180	Fr.	West Palm Beach, Fla./Palm Beach Lakes
5	PJ Savoy	G	6-4	210	Sr.	Las Vegas, Nev./Sheridan College
10	Malik Osborne	F	6-9	215	So.	Matteson. III./Bosco Institute/Rice
13	Anthony Polite	G	6-6	215	RFr.	Lugano, Switzerland/St. Andrews Christian School (Fla.)
14	Terance Mann	G	6-7	215	Sr.	Lowell, Mass./Tilton (N.H.) School
15	Justin Lindner	G	6-1	180	RSo.	Memphis, Tenn./Christian Brothers
20	Travis Light	G	6-5	175	RSo.	Vienna, Va./IMG Academy
21	Christ Koumadje	C	7-4	268	Sr.	N'Djamena, Chad/Montverde Academy
23	M.J. Walker	G/F	6-5	213	So.	Jonesboro, Ga./Jonesboro
24	Devin Vassell	G	6-6	180	Fr.	Suwanee, Ga./Peachtree Ridge
25	Mfiondu Kabengele	F	6-10	250	RSo.	Burlington, Ontario, Canada/Bosco Institute
31	Wyatt Wilkes	F	6-8	220	So.	Orlando, Fla./Winter Park
33	Will Miles	G	6-6	220	RSo.	Orlando, Fla./Trinity Prep
35	Harrison Prieto	F	6-8	230	RSo.	Mandeville, La./St. Paul's School

**PRONUNCIATION GUIDE:** RaiQuan Gray (RAY-Qwan); Christ Koumadje (Chris with a T Koo-MA-Gee); Mfiondu Kabengele (Fee-On-DU CAB-en-Gelly with a hard G); Devin Vassell (Dev-in Vuh-SELL)

**SEMINOLES ON QUITE A WINNING ROLL**

Florida State enters Thursday's game in the Sweet 16 of the NCAA Tournament against Gonzaga having won 16 of its last 18 games since a 77-68 victory over Clemson in Tallahassee on January 22. The Seminoles won 12 of their first 13 games of the season during its non-conference schedule, began its ACC season with a 1-4 record and won a school-record eight consecutive ACC games (January 22 vs. Clemson through February 19 at Clemson) and won its final four ACC games.

**FLORIDA STATE AT HALFTIME**

Florida State is 25-3 when leading or tied at halftime this season.

## Florida State Men's Basketball By The Numbers

**.625** Redshirt freshman RaiQuan Gray made a career-high three 3-point shots in Florida State's victory over Murray State. He is shooting .625 from the 3-point line (five of eight) in the last nine games.

**.769** Senior Christ Koumadje is shooting .769 from the field (10 of 13) in the last four games.

**.900** Redshirt freshmen RaiQuan Gray is shooting .900 percent (nine of 10) from the free throw line in the last five games.

**.855** Florida State was seven of nine from the free throw line in its victory over Murray State. The Seminoles are shooting .855 from the free throw line (53 of 62) in the last three games.

**9** Senior Christ Koumadje pulled down nine rebounds in Florida State's victory over Murray State. He has recorded at least nine rebounds in five of his last 13 games as compared to four of the first 26 games of the season for the Seminoles.

**9** Florida State made 11 3-point shots in its victory over Murray State on Saturday in the NCAA Tournament. The Seminoles are 9-1 this season when they make 10 or more 3-point shots in a game.

**10** Florida State earned 11 steals in its win over Murray State and is averaging 10.0 steals per game in its first two games of the 2019 NCAA Tournament.

**18** Terance Mann scored 18 points, pulled down eight rebounds and made seven of 11 field goals in Florida State's victory over Murray State. In two NCAA tournament games this season, Mann is averaging 18.5 points and 8.0 rebound while shooting .684 percent from the floor (13 of 19) and .846 percent from the free throw line (11 of 13).

**24** Mfiondu Kabengele scored 22 points in Florida State's victory over Murray State – the career-high 24<sup>th</sup> time this season he has scored in double figures.

**28** Florida State outscored Murray State by +28 (90-62) in its victory over the Racers. That margin is the largest margin of victory since +31 against Tulane in the second round of 1993 and the second largest margin of victory in an NCAA tournament game in school history.

**29** Florida State is undefeated, 29-0, when its outscored its opponent.

**90** Florida State scored 90 points in its victory over Murray State on Saturday. The point total is the fifth highest in an NCAA tournament game in school history.

**166** Florida State's bench players have outscored its opponents' bench players by a 166-28 margin (+138 points) in five postseason games.

### SEMINOLES AGAINST THE SWEET 16

With victories over LSU (November 23), Purdue (November 28), Virginia (March 15), Virginia Tech (March 5 and March 14), Florida State has five wins over the teams making up the Sweet 16 of the 2019 NCAA Tournament. Duke, with eight victories over the teams in the Sweet 16, has more wins than both the Seminoles and North Carolina (five each). The 2019 Sweet 16 (with wins over each other): Duke, 8; **Florida State, 5**; North Carolina, 5; Virginia 4; Michigan State, 4; Kentucky, 4; LSU, 3; Tennessee, 3; Michigan, 2; Virginia Tech, 2; Auburn, 2; Houston, 1; Gonzaga, 1; Purdue, 1; Oregon, 0; Texas Tech, 0. Florida State's game against Gonzaga will make it the only team in the country to play all four No. 1 seeds (Duke, Virginia, North Carolina and Gonzaga).

### LATE GAME HEROICS FOR THE SEMINOLES

It's the way 17<sup>th</sup>-year Head Coach Leonard Hamilton has built this team. With 10 players averaging more than 11 minutes played per game and eight players averaging 6.3 points or more scored per game, the Seminoles are constructed to win by committee. Take for example, Florida State's late game heroics this season including Terance Mann's game-winning shot with 1.8 seconds remaining to lift the Seminoles over Virginia Tech in the quarterfinals of the ACC Tournament.

### Florida State's Game Winning Shots in 2019

Opponent	Player	Time Left	Shot	Result
LSU	Mfiondu Kabengele	0:05 (OT)	3-Point Shot	Florida State wins, 79-76
Purdue	Trent Forrest	4.8	Floater	Florida State wins, 73-72
Va. Tech	Terance Mann	1.8 (OT)	Fade-Away	Florida State wins, 65-63

### HAMILTON WITH 69 WINS OVER RANKED TEAMS

Florida State's Leonard Hamilton has amassed 69 wins over nationally ranked teams during his career as a head coach – two at Oklahoma State, 17 at Miami and 50 at Florida State. He has earned four wins over No. 1 ranked teams: against No. 1 Oklahoma (February 4, 1989 while at Oklahoma State); against No. 1 Duke (March 1, 2006 while at Florida State); against No. 1 North Carolina (March 4, 2009 while at Florida State) and against No. 1 Duke (January 12, 2011 while at Florida State). Nearly 13 percent of Hamilton's total of 532 wins have come against nationally ranked teams (69 of 534, .129 percent).

### FLORIDA STATE WITH THREE VICTORIES OVER AP TOP 25 TEAMS

Florida State enters its game against No. 4/3 Gonzaga with a near school-record six victories over nationally ranked opponents this season. The Seminoles won a school-record seven nationally ranked opponents during the 2016-17 season and have defeated 50 nationally ranked opponents under head coach Leonard Hamilton.

### Florida State's Win's Over Nationally Ranked Opponents in 2018-19

Date	Opponent	Ranking	Final Score
November 23, 2018	LSU	No. 19/21	Florida State, 79-76 (OT)
November 28, 2018	Purdue	No. 18/19	Florida State, 73-72
January 5, 2019	Virginia	No. 2/4	Virginia, 65-52
January 12, 2019	Duke	No. 1/2	Duke, 80-78
February 9, 2019	Louisville	No. 16/17	Florida State, 80-75 (OT)
February 23, 2019	North Carolina	No. 8/9	North Carolina, 77-59
March 5, 2019	Virginia Tech	No. 15/16	Florida State, 73-64 (OT)
March 14, 2019	Virginia Tech	No. 16/15	Florida State, 65-63 (OT)
March 15, 2019	Virginia	No. 2/4	Florida State, 69-59
March 16, 2019	Duke	No. 5/5	Duke, 73-63

### SEMINOLES AND HAMILTON AGAINST TOP 5 NATIONALLY RANKED TEAMS

Florida State enters Thursday's game against No. 4/3 Gonzaga with 50 wins over ranked teams during the 17-year tenure of Leonard Hamilton at Florida State. Included in those 50 wins over ranked teams are 14 wins over teams ranked in the top five, including a victory over No. 3 ranked Xavier in the second round of the 2018 NCAA Tournament. The Seminoles defeated Gonzaga during the 2018 NCAA Tournament when the Bulldogs were ranked No. 8 nationally.

### Florida State's Victories Over Nationally Ranked Duke Teams Under Leonard Hamilton

Date	Opponent	Ranking	Final Score
February 2, 2003	Duke	No. 5	at Florida State 75, Duke 70
January 18, 2005	Wake Forest	No. 4	at Florida State 91, Wake Forest 83 (OT)
March 1, 2006	Duke	No. 1	at Florida State 79, Duke 74
December 3, 2006	Florida	No. 4	at Florida State 70, Florida 66
March 14, 2009	North Carolina	No. 1	Florida State 73, North Carolina 70
January 12, 2011	Duke	No. 1	at Florida State 66, Duke 61
January 21, 2012	Duke	No. 4	Florida State 76, Duke 73
March 20, 2011	Notre Dame	No. 5	Florida State 71, Notre Dame 57
January 14, 2012	North Carolina	No. 3	Florida State 90, North Carolina 57
January 21, 2012	Duke	No. 4	Florida State 76, at Duke 73
March 11, 2012	North Carolina	No. 4	Florida State 85, North Carolina 82
December 14, 2017	Florida	No. 5	Florida State 83, at Florida 66
March 18, 2018	Xavier	No. 3	Florida State 75, Xavier 70
March 15, 2019	Virginia	No. 2	Florida State 69, Virginia 59

### FLORIDA STATE HAS LOST ONLY TWICE SINCE JANUARY 22

Florida State has lost only twice (February 23 at North Carolina and March 16 vs. Duke in the ACC Championship game) since defeating Clemson in Tallahassee on January 22.

### FLORIDA STATE AGAINST THE WEST COAST CONFERENCE

Florida State has an 8-4 record against teams currently in the West Coast Conference. The Seminoles are 3-0 against Pepperdine, 2-0 against Loyola Marymount, 1-1 against BYU, 1-1 against Gonzaga and 1-1 against Santa Clara. The Seminoles' most recent WCC opponent was Gonzaga in the 2018 NCAA Tournament.

### Quoting Florida State Men's Basketball

"Coach Hamilton is one of the most underrated coaches in the history of the game. He's a Hall of Fame coach. He's won for a number of years. They got a great, great team."

Matt McMahon  
Murray State Basketball

"If they shoot the ball consistently that well, they're going to be a tough out in this tournament. Some of them were some breakdowns on our part certainly, but they don't have many weaknesses."

Matt McMahon  
Murray State Basketball

"How do you prepare to stop Florida State? Seminoles have so many different guys who can be the assassin. Balanced offensively and super athletic defensively. Back to the Sweet 16 for the second consecutive season."

Jon Rothstein  
CBS Sports

"A reminder that Florida State has lost two games in the last two months, to North Carolina and Duke. 'Noles are a problem.'"

Jeff Borzello  
ESPN

"How good is Florida State's, ACC-best defense inside the arc? Ja Morant started 2-14 on his 2-pointers, the worst mark of his career, per ESPN Stats and Info."

Myron Medcalf  
ESPN

"Leonard Hamilton does not get enough credit for building a hoops program at a school that has a long proud football tradition."

Dick Vitale  
ESPN

"I've heard NBA coaches talk about how prepared Florida State players are defensively when they reach the pros. Leonard Hamilton is a fine teacher and this is one of his better teams."

Rick Bonnell  
Charlotte Observer

"The turnaround for 24-6 FSU has been egregiously overlooked. Check this note from the ACC: There have been 163 teams in the conference's history to start 1-4 or 0-5 in league play. FSU (now 12-5 in the ACC) is only the fourth team to ever rally from that to finish above .500. It's currently in fourth place in the standings."

Matt Norlander  
CBSSports.com/March 7, 2019

"This is a Florida State team that was inches away from going to the Final Four last year. The depth and the balance of this team is something a lot of people could have a problem with in the NCAA Tournament. The depth of Florida State is something to watch moving forward into March."

Jon Rothstein  
CBS Sports

### SEMINOLES FINISH FOURTH IN ACC STANDINGS

With its 73-64 overtime victory over Virginia Tech on March 5 in Tallahassee, Florida State secured a fourth place finish in the 2018-19 ACC standings. Florida State was chosen to finish in seventh place in the ACC standings at ACC Operation Basketball on October 24, 2018. It marks the second time in the three years the Seminoles have finished in the top four of the ACC standings after finishing in second place with a 12-6 record during the 2016-17 season. Under head coach Leonard Hamilton, the Seminoles finished in fourth place in 2009, in third place in 2011, in third place in 2012, second place in 2017 and now in fourth place in 2019.

### FLORIDA STATE HAS WON A SCHOOL-RECORD SEVEN CONSECUTIVE OVERTIME DECISIONS

With its 65-63 overtime win over Virginia Tech on March 14 in the quarterfinals of the ACC Tournament, the Seminoles have won four overtime games this season (against LSU, Louisville and Virginia Tech twice) and has won each of its last seven overtime games in the last two seasons (with ACC wins over Syracuse, Miami, Clemson, Louisville and Virginia Tech). The Seminoles have won eight of their last nine overtime games dating to their 82-76 double overtime win over Wake Forest on December 28, 2015. Florida State's overtime win over Virginia Tech on March 14, 2019 gave it a school-record seven consecutive overtime wins – the previous record was four with all four coming during the 1992-93 season.

### Seminole's Overtime Wins in 2018-19

Opponent	Score	Notes
LSU	79-76	Mfiondu Kabengele with game-winning 3-point shot at buzzer
Louisville	85-80	Mfiondu Kabengele with team-leading 22 points
Virginia Tech	74-63	Mfiondu Kabengele with a team-leading 17 points
Virginia Tech	65-63	Terance Mann with a game-winning jumper with 1.8 seconds left

### KABENGELE NAMED AS SIXTH MAN OF THE YEAR IN ACC; KABENGELE AND MANN HONORED

Redshirt sophomore Mfiondu Kabengele was named the ACC's Sixth Man of the Year while Kabengele and senior Terance Mann earned All-ACC Honorable Mention honors as the ACC announced its award winners for the 2019 season. Kabengele easily out-distanced the competition to earn the first ACC Sixth Man of Year Award by a Florida State player. He has come off the bench in all 31 games to lead the Seminoles in scoring (13.4 ppg) while pulling down 5.9 rebounds per contest. Mann, who ranks second on the Seminoles in scoring (11.6 ppg) and is the Seminoles' leader in rebounds (6.5 rpg) earned All-ACC Honorable Mentions Honors for the second consecutive season.

### SEMINOLES' FORREST AND NICHOLS NAMED TO ALL-ACC ACADEMIC BASKETBALL TEAM

Florida State's Trent Forrest and David Nichols have been named to the 2019 All-ACC Academic Men's Basketball Team as announced by the conference office on the eve of the Seminoles' final conference game of the season at Wake Forest. Forrest (ChIPLEY, Fla.) holds a 3.52 grade point average as he works towards his degree in Sport Management. He has been named to the All-ACC Academic Basketball team three times (2017, 2018, 2019) and has been named to the ACC Academic Honor Roll twice during his career (2017-18). Nichols (Chicago, Ill.) is playing his first season at Florida State as a graduate transfer. He earned his undergraduate degree from the University of Albany in Communications with a minor in Business. While at Albany, Nichols was one of 11 student-athletes to earn a Presidential Scholar-Athlete Award for the 2017-18 academic year as presented by the America East Conference. He was honored as the America East Scholar-Athlete of the Year as a sophomore in 2017 and named to the America East All-Academic Team in 2017.

### SEMINOLES HAVE HAD NINE DIFFERENT LEADING SCORERS

Freshman Devin Vassell led the Seminoles in scoring with 16 points in Florida State's 68-61 win over Notre Dame (February 25). It marked the NINTH different leading scorer for the Seminoles this season. The Seminoles have been led in scoring by redshirt sophomore Mfiondu Kabengele (13 times), senior Terance Mann (six times), senior David Nichols (four times), junior Trent Forrest (three times), sophomore M.J Walker (three times), senior PJ Savoy (two times), Vassell (three times) senior Phil Cofer (one time) and senior Christ Koumadje (one time).

### TERANCE MANN IN FLORIDA STATE'S RECORD BOOK...

...He is tied for first in school history with 139 career games played;  
...He is tied for ninth in school history with 100 career games started;  
...He is ranked T14<sup>th</sup> in school history with a career field goal shooting percentage of .556;  
...He is ranked 16<sup>th</sup> in school history with 667 career rebounds for a 5.0 rebounds per game average;

### MANN AMONG ALL-TIME SEMINOLES

Senior Terance Mann enters Thursday's game in the 2019 NCAA Tournament with 1,317 career points, 703 career rebounds, 266 career assists and 110 career steals. One of college basketball's ultimate "Stat Sheet Stuffers", Mann is only the third Seminole player with at least 1,300 points, 700 rebounds, 200 assists and 100 steals.

### Legendary Statistical Club

Player	Years	Points	Rebounds	Assists	Steals
Bob Sura	1992-95	2,130	714	435	209
Douglas Edwards	1991-93	1,604	788	232	123
<b>Terance Mann</b>	<b>2016-Pr.</b>	<b>1,317</b>	<b>703</b>	<b>266</b>	<b>110</b>

### MANN TO SET SCHOOL RECORD FOR GAMES PLAYED AGAINST GONZAGA

Senior Terance Mann will play in his school-record 140<sup>th</sup> career game against Gonzaga – giving him the school record for games played in a career by a Seminole. He will have played in one more game than Okaro White (2011-14) – a member of the Seminoles 2012 ACC Tournament Championship team.

### MANN AMONG TOP 10 IN SCHOOL HISTORY FOR CAREER STARTS

Senior Terance Mann started the 100<sup>th</sup> game of his career in Florida State's 90-62 win over Murray State in the second round of the 2019 NCAA Tournament. He became just the ninth player in school history to start 100 or more career games. The school record for career starts by a Florida State player is 122 by Montay Brandon (2013-16).

### Quoting Florida State Men's Basketball

"Regardless how far they (Florida State) go in March Madness, one characteristic of his teams are the kids respect him and they play hard. That doesn't mean their shots are going to go in and they're going to win the ACC or they're even going to qualify for the tournament. But when you watch Leonard Hamilton's teams play, they play with discipline, they play hard and they respect their coach."

Sam Bowie  
Kentucky Basketball

"Florida State is really, really, really good. They're physical and did a good job of taking us out of our offense and forcing us into either committing turnovers or taking tough shots. Defensively, the numbers are horrific for what we usually do. They're really, really good from all positions, and they just keep running guys at you."

Travis Ford  
Head Coach, Saint Louis

"When I think of Florida State, I think of 10 deep. When I think of Florida State, I think of Terance Mann, at 6-7 a point guard that can see over the defense. When I think of Florida State, I think of a relentless offensive rebounding team. I think of Phil Cofer coming back and getting healthy, giving them a versatile front-court player."

Seth Greenberg  
ESPN

"I have never seen Florida State this connected before. It is amazing how well this team plays amongst each other and it shows."

Matthew Driscoll  
Head Coach, North Florida

"25 is a beast. A beast. And he (Mfiondu Kabengele) is from the old school. He ain't from the new school. And praise God he ain't listening to anybody and praise God he doesn't get caught up in all that minutiae on Twitter and all that. Because he is old school. I told him after the game, 'If you stay this way, you are going to make as much as you ever want to make. If you stay and do what you do.'"

Matt Driscoll  
Head Coach, North Florida

"(Mfiondu) Kabengele is a pro. He's a tremendous player. He's as good as any player in the league. Any player. His numbers are phenomenal numbers. (Trent) Forrest, (Terance) Mann, they're all good players. (Phil) Cofer – veteran guys, they're big, they're physical. They're strong. They're a really, really good defensive team. You have to make great efforts to get a bucket against them every play. Every play is contested. If it wasn't for the press, we would have lost by 30, 35 points. They're (Florida State) really good."

Jim Boeheim  
Syracuse Basketball

### KABENGELE AS FLORIDA STATE'S LEADING SCORER COMING OFF OF THE BENCH

With a team-leading and career-high 13.4 points per game scoring average, ACC Sixth Man of the Year Mfiondu Kabengele is the only player in the ACC who has not started ANY games and is leading his team in scoring. The last Division I player to lead his team in scoring without having started a game was Reginal Johnson of Alcorn State who averaged 15.6 points in 32 games (all off of the bench) during the 2016-17 season.

### KABENGELE EARNS FIFTH CAREER DOUBLE-DOUBLE; SECOND IN NCAA PLAY

Redshirt sophomore Mfiondu Kabengele totaled 21 points and 10 rebounds in Florida State's victory over Vermont in the first round of the NCAA Tournament to earn his fifth double-double of his career. He has earned three double-doubles this season and totaled two as a redshirt freshman, including one in the NCAA Tournament against Missouri. Kabengele has now earned double-doubles in both of Florida State's opening round games in the 2018 and 2019 NCAA Tournaments.

### Kabengele's Double-Doubles

Opponent	Date	Points	Rebounds	Notes
The Citadel	November 24, 2017	16	12	FSU, 103-78
Missouri	March 16, 2018	14	12	FSU, 67-54
Duke	January 12, 2019	24	10	Duke, 80-78
Clemson	February 19, 2019	19	11	FSU, 77-64
Vermont	March 21, 2019	21	10	FSU, 75-69

### KABENGELE IS A DOUBLE DIGIT SCORER IN NCAA TOURNAMENT PLAY

With 22 points (against Murray State) and 21 points (against Vermont) in the first two games of the 2019 NCAA Tournament, ACC Sixth Man of the Year Mfiondu Kabengele averages 21.5 points and 8.5 rebounds in two NCAA Tournament games this season. Kabengele enters Thursday's game against Gonzaga averaging 12.7 and 6.7 rebounds in six career NCAA Tournament games. He has scored in double figures three times (14 against Missouri, 21 against Vermont and 22 against Murray State) and pulled down double figure rebounds twice (12 against Missouri and 10 against Vermont) in six career NCAA Tournament games.

### NOTING KOUMADJE'S OVERALL IMPROVEMENT

Senior Christ Koumadje enters the NCAA Tournament averaging a career-high 15.6 minutes played per game, a career-high 6.6 points scored per game, a career-high 5.6 rebounds per game and a career-high 1.4 blocks per game.

### Koumadje's All-Around Incredible Improvement

Season	MPG	PPG	RPG	BPG
2015-16	6.1	1.3	1.5	0.7
2016-17	10.1	3.4	1.9	1.1
2017-18	16.0	6.5	4.1	1.4
2018-19	15.6	6.6	5.6	1.4

### KOUMADJE RANKS SEVENTH IN BLOCKED SHOTS IN SCHOOL HISTORY

Senior Christ Koumadje enters Thursday's game against Gonzaga in the 2019 NCAA Tournament ranked seventh in school history with 146 career blocked shots. He needs four blocked shots to become only the seventh player in school history with 150 or more career blocked shots.

### DAVID NICHOLS PROSPERING AS A SEMINOLE

Senior David Nichols, who played at Albany in the America East Conference for three seasons, is making quite a name for himself as a Seminole. With a 14-point scoring performance in Florida State's victory over No. 2 Virginia to send the Seminoles to the ACC Tournament championship (March 15), Nichols turned in a performance that won't soon be forgotten in Tallahassee. Nichols was six of eight from the field and was a perfect two of two from the free throw line as he scored in double figures for the eighth time this season. While the 14 points weren't his career high for points in a game as a Seminole, he may not have had a better scoring night while wearing the Garnet and Gold. Nichols scored 10 of his 14 points after halftime as the Seminoles' outscored the Cavaliers by a 34-28 margin after halftime to gain the monumental win.

### NICHOLS MOVES ABOVE 1,300 POINTS FOR HIS CAREER

Senior David Nichols scored seven points against Vermont in his first career NCAA Tournament game and enters Thursday's 2019 NCAA Tournament against Vermont with 1,355 career points – making him one of two current Seminoles (also Terance Mann with 1,317 career points) who have scored at least 1,300 career points.

### FORREST IS A VERY CONSISTENT SCORER

Junior Trent Forrest, who led the Seminoles in scoring with 11 points in their win at Wake Forest on March 9, enters the Thursday's game in the 2019 NCAA Tournament with a career-high 9.0 points per game scoring average. He has proven to be one of Florida State's most consistent scorers and is currently ranked third on the team in scoring. With a career-high 14 double figure scoring games this season, his scoring cumulative average has not dipped below 8.9 points per game at any time this season. Forrest scored 3,103 career points in his four varsity seasons at Chipley High School in Florida.

### Breaking Down Forrest's Scoring Average

Season	Games	Points	PPG	Notes
2016-17	34	171	4.9	ACC season-high 12 points vs. Notre Dame
2017-18	34	269	7.9	ACC season-high 21 points vs. Boston College
2018-19	36	324	9.0	ACC season-high 19 points at Pitt
Totals	103	748	7.3	Double figure scoring in 12 career ACC games

### FORREST AS FLORIDA STATE'S LEADER

Junior Trent Forrest enters Thursday's game in the NCAA Tournament as the Seminoles' leader in steals (career-high 66 / career-high 1.8 spg) and assists (134 / 3.7 apg). He is looking to lead the Seminoles in steals for the third consecutive season and for assists in the second consecutive season. His 66 steals are the most by a Seminole since Chris Singleton totaled 71 for during the 2009-10 season. Singleton was a two-time ACC Defensive Player of the Year (2010 and 2011).

THE STAT CREW SYSTEM  
 Florida State Combined Team Statistics (as of Mar 23, 2019)  
 All games

Overall record: 29-7 Conf: 13-5 Home: 15-1 Away: 6-4 Neutral: 8-2

#	Player	gp-gs	min	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									
25	Kabengele, Mfiondu	36-0	771	21.4	160-316	.506	24-63	.381	137-179	.765	77	135	212	5.9	92	5	11	47	54	21	481	13.4
14	Mann, Terance	36-35	1134	31.5	146-283	.516	30-73	.411	95-120	.792	90	143	233	6.5	79	1	91	65	10	23	417	11.6
03	Forrest, Trent	36-35	1070	29.7	104-244	.426	7-30	.233	109-139	.784	29	131	160	4.4	60	0	134	72	8	66	324	9.0
23	Walker, MJ	34-33	878	25.8	82-241	.340	43-130	.331	49-63	.778	14	60	74	2.2	89	2	56	66	6	27	256	7.5
00	Cofer, Phil	22-19	575	26.1	61-156	.391	29-83	.349	12-21	.571	13	63	76	3.5	30	0	18	31	2	3	163	7.4
21	Koumadje, Christ	36-36	562	15.6	102-165	.618	0-1	.000	32-55	.582	73	130	203	5.6	70	0	8	41	52	8	236	6.6
11	Nichols, David	35-1	608	17.4	77-199	.387	35-110	.318	34-49	.694	9	50	59	1.7	77	1	59	49	2	23	223	6.4
05	Savoy, PJ	36-18	524	14.6	66-179	.369	50-151	.331	32-39	.821	7	37	44	1.2	44	0	18	29	4	17	214	5.9
24	Vassell, Devin	32-0	341	10.7	50-112	.446	26-61	.426	19-28	.679	13	37	50	1.6	29	0	19	11	10	18	145	4.5
01	Gray, RaiQuan	35-3	421	12.0	50-113	.442	10-31	.323	31-43	.721	23	54	77	2.2	60	0	26	30	5	27	141	4.0
13	Polite, Anthony	29-0	316	10.9	26-67	.388	11-45	.244	17-22	.773	16	32	48	1.7	37	0	19	16	1	18	80	2.8
31	Wilkes, Wyatt	15-0	57	3.8	8-21	.381	4-15	.267	2-3	.667	4	7	11	0.7	9	0	2	5	1	3	22	1.5
35	Prieto, Harrison	9-0	17	1.9	4-6	.667	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	3	5	8	0.9	5	0	0	2	0	0	8	0.9
15	Lindner, Justin	7-0	10	1.4	0-1	.000	0-1	.000	2-4	.500	1	2	3	0.4	1	0	4	2	0	1	2	0.3
33	Miles, Will	6-0	7	1.2	0-3	.000	0-1	.000	1-2	.500	0	1	1	0.2	3	0	0	2	0	1	1	0.2
20	Light, Travis	6-0	9	1.5	0-4	.000	0-4	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0.0
Team										44	52	96	10									
Total.....		36	7300		936-2110	.444	269-799	.337	572-767	.746	416	939	1355	37.6	685	9	465	478	155	257	2713	75.4
Opponents.....		36	7300		817-2005	.407	262-784	.334	517-717	.721	345	833	1178	32.7	666	-	358	514	107	197	2413	67.0

TEAM STATISTICS	FS	OPP	Date	Opponent	Score	Att.		
SCORING	2713	2413	11/06/18	FLORIDA	w 81-60	11103		
Points per game	75.4	67.0	11/11/18	at Tulane	w 80-69	2351		
Scoring margin	+8.3	-	11/19/18	CANISIUS	w 93-61	7457		
FIELD GOALS-ATT	936-2110	817-2005	11/22/18	vs UAB	w 81-63	2226		
Field goal pct	.444	.407	11/23/18	vs LSU	Wot 79-76	2185		
3 POINT FG-ATT	269-799	262-784	11/25/18	vs Villanova	L 60-66	3127		
3-point FG pct	.337	.334	11/28/18	PURDUE	w 73-72	9978		
3-pt FG made per game	7.5	7.3	12/03/18	TROY	w 83-67	7838		
FREE THROWS-ATT	572-767	517-717	12/08/18	vs UConn	w 79-71	7142		
Free throw pct	.746	.721	12/17/18	NORTH FLORIDA	w 85-68	5726		
F-Throws made per game	15.9	14.4	12/19/18	NORTH FLORIDA	w 95-81	6209		
REBOUNDS	1355	1178	12/22/18	vs St Louis	w 81-59	8914		
Rebounds per game	37.6	32.7	01/01/19	WINTHROP	w 87-76	7237		
Rebounding margin	+4.9	-	* 01/05/19	at Virginia	L 52-65	14623		
ASSISTS	465	358	* 01/09/19	MIAMI	w 68-62	10531		
Assists per game	12.9	9.9	* 01/12/19	DUKE	L 78-80	11675		
TURNOVERS	478	514	* 01/14/19	at Pitt	L 62-75	6780		
Turnovers per game	13.3	14.3	* 01/20/19	at Boston College	L 82-87	5533		
Turnover margin	+1.0	-	* 01/22/19	CLEMSON	w 77-68	8502		
Assist/turnover ratio	1.0	0.7	* 01/27/19	at Miami	w 78-66	7122		
STEALS	257	197	* 02/02/19	GEORGIA TECH	w 59-49	10181		
Steals per game	7.1	5.5	* 2/5/19	at Syracuse	w 80-62	21553		
BLOCKS	155	107	* 02/09/19	LOUISVILLE	Wot 80-75	11675		
Blocks per game	4.3	3.0	* 02/13/19	WAKE FOREST	w 88-66	7806		
ATTENDANCE	146036	187596	* 02/16/19	at Georgia Tech	w 69-47	8600		
Home games-Avg/Game	16-9127	10-10450	* 02/19/19	at Clemson	w 77-64	7549		
Neutral site-Avg/Game	-	10-8309	* 02/23/19	at North Carolina	L 59-77	21520		
Score by Periods	1st	2nd	OT	Totals	* 02/25/19	NOTRE DAME	w 68-61	9519
Florida State	1282	1384	47	2713	* 03/02/19	NC STATE	w 78-73	9988
Opponents	1127	1258	28	2413	* 03/05/19	VIRGINIA TECH	Wot 73-64	10611
					* 03/09/19	at Wake Forest	w 65-57	8873
					03/14/19	vs Virginia Tech	Wot 65-63	19691
					03/15/19	vs Virginia	w 69-59	20116
					03/16/19	vs Duke	L 63-73	19691
					03/21/19	vs Vermont	w 76-69	0
					03/23/19	vs Murray St.	w 90-62	0

\* - Conference game

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#	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										
25	Kabengele, Mfiondu	18-0	413	22.9	84-165	.509	14-37	.378	71-94	.755	42	77	119	6.6	41	2	5	20	31	11	253	14.1		
14	Mann, Terance	18-17	568	31.6	61-130	.469	18-41	.439	46-57	.807	41	68	109	6.1	46	1	51	27	4	14	186	10.3		
03	Forrest, Trent	18-17	533	29.6	45-119	.378	2-12	.167	51-68	.750	16	68	84	4.7	31	0	71	27	5	27	143	7.9		
23	Walker, MJ	18-17	458	25.4	43-130	.331	23-75	.307	33-38	.868	6	28	34	1.9	50	1	31	38	6	10	142	7.9		
00	Cofer, Phil	16-15	437	27.3	45-117	.385	19-61	.311	9-17	.529	13	52	65	4.1	20	0	13	25	2	2	118	7.4		
21	Koumadje, Christ	18-18	270	15.0	49-78	.628	0-1	.000	14-28	.500	30	68	98	5.4	34	0	4	20	29	4	112	6.2		
11	Nichols, David	18-1	302	16.8	33-96	.344	17-62	.274	16-26	.615	3	25	28	1.6	43	1	35	18	0	11	99	5.5		
05	Savoy, PJ	18-5	218	12.1	30-85	.353	24-74	.324	13-15	.867	3	14	17	0.9	21	0	5	11	1	9	97	5.4		
24	Vassell, Devin	16-0	142	8.9	19-41	.463	12-27	.444	8-12	.667	3	13	16	1.0	13	0	8	5	4	4	58	3.6		
01	Gray, RaiQuan	17-0	189	11.1	23-46	.500	4-16	.250	6-11	.545	10	33	43	2.5	27	0	13	13	4	11	56	3.3		
13	Polite, Anthony	13-0	88	6.8	5-14	.357	2-8	.250	4-6	.667	2	14	16	1.2	10	0	2	7	1	3	16	1.2		
35	Prieto, Harrison	5-0	9	1.8	3-4	.750	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	1	2	3	0.6	2	0	0	1	0	0	6	1.2		
31	Wilkes, Wyatt	5-0	13	2.6	1-2	.500	0-1	.000	2-3	.667	2	1	3	0.6	2	0	1	1	0	2	4	0.8		
15	Lindner, Justin	3-0	4	1.3	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	2-4	.500	1	0	1	0.3	1	0	2	1	0	1	2	0.7		
33	Miles, Will	3-0	3	1.0	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	1-2	.500	0	1	1	0.3	1	0	0	1	0	1	1	0.3		
20	Light, Travis	3-0	3	1.0	0-3	.000	0-3	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0.0		
Team											18	23	41											
Total.....		18	3650	441-1031		.428	135-418	.323	276-381	.724	191	487	678	37.7	342	5	241	218	87	111	1293	71.8		
Opponents.....		18	3650	397-1014		.392	134-386	.347	270-362	.746	175	445	620	34.4	325	-	183	227	47	90	1198	66.6		

TEAM STATISTICS	FS	OPP	Date	Opponent	Score	Att.
SCORING	1293	1198	* 01/05/19	at Virginia	L 52-65	14623
Points per game	71.8	66.6	* 01/09/19	MIAMI	w 68-62	10531
Scoring margin	+5.3	-	* 01/12/19	DUKE	L 78-80	11675
FIELD GOALS-ATT	441-1031	397-1014	* 01/14/19	at Pitt	L 62-75	6780
Field goal pct	.428	.392	* 01/20/19	at Boston College	L 82-87	5533
3 POINT FG-ATT	135-418	134-386	* 01/22/19	CLEMSON	w 77-68	8502
3-point FG pct	.323	.347	* 01/27/19	at Miami	w 78-66	7122
3-pt FG made per game	7.5	7.4	* 02/02/19	GEORGIA TECH	w 59-49	10181
FREE THROWS-ATT	276-381	270-362	* 2/5/19	at Syracuse	w 80-62	21553
Free throw pct	.724	.746	* 02/09/19	LOUISVILLE	Wot 80-75	11675
F-Throws made per game	15.3	15.0	* 02/13/19	WAKE FOREST	w 88-66	7806
REBOUNDS	678	620	* 02/16/19	at Georgia Tech	w 69-47	8600
Rebounds per game	37.7	34.4	* 02/19/19	at Clemson	w 77-64	7549
Rebounding margin	+3.2	-	* 02/23/19	at North Carolina	L 59-77	21520
ASSISTS	241	183	* 02/25/19	NOTRE DAME	w 68-61	9519
Assists per game	13.4	10.2	* 03/02/19	NC STATE	w 78-73	9988
TURNOVERS	218	227	* 03/05/19	VIRGINIA TECH	Wot 73-64	10611
Turnovers per game	12.1	12.6	* 03/09/19	at Wake Forest	w 65-57	8873
Turnover margin	+0.5	-	* - Conference game			
Assist/turnover ratio	1.1	0.8				
STEALS	111	90				
Steals per game	6.2	5.0				
BLOCKS	87	47				
Blocks per game	4.8	2.6				
ATTENDANCE	90488	102153				
Home games-Avg/Game	9-10054	9-11350				
Neutral site-Avg/Game	-	0-0				

Score by Periods	1st	2nd	OT	Totals
Florida State	607	659	27	1293
Opponents	580	605	13	1198

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Overall record: 4-1 Conf: 0-0 Home: 0-0 Away: 0-0 Neutral: 4-1

#	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								
25	Kabengele, Mfiondu	5-0	123	24.6	26-50	.520	7-14	.500	15-19	.789	12	22	34	6.8	15	0	0	9	12	2	74	14.8
14	Mann, Terance	5-5	163	32.6	22-40	.550	2-9	.222	15-17	.882	11	25	36	7.2	10	0	14	9	1	2	61	12.2
03	Forrest, Trent	5-5	156	31.2	12-32	.375	2-2	1.000	16-19	.842	3	14	17	3.4	6	0	16	12	1	8	42	8.4
00	Cofer, Phil	3-3	88	29.3	9-21	.429	6-15	.400	0-1	.000	0	8	8	2.7	3	0	2	2	0	0	24	8.0
01	Gray, RaiQuan	5-2	79	15.8	9-27	.333	3-6	.500	9-10	.900	6	5	11	2.2	9	0	4	5	1	9	30	6.0
11	Nichols, David	4-0	63	15.8	9-23	.391	2-10	.200	3-4	.750	3	9	12	3.0	7	0	7	4	0	3	23	5.8
21	Koumadje, Christ	5-5	69	13.8	11-16	.688	0-0	.000	6-7	.857	11	18	29	5.8	10	0	0	6	2	1	28	5.6
24	Vassell, Devin	5-0	85	17.0	8-24	.333	7-15	.467	2-2	1.000	2	11	13	2.6	4	0	3	2	3	3	25	5.0
23	Walker, MJ	5-5	128	25.6	8-32	.250	3-15	.200	4-5	.800	1	11	12	2.4	9	0	7	5	0	3	23	4.6
05	Savoy, PJ	5-0	30	6.0	6-13	.462	6-12	.500	2-2	1.000	0	0	0	0.0	4	0	2	2	0	0	20	4.0
13	Polite, Anthony	3-0	23	7.7	3-5	.600	2-3	.667	1-2	.500	2	3	5	1.7	3	0	3	0	0	1	9	3.0
31	Wilkes, Wyatt	1-0	10	10.0	1-3	.333	0-2	.000	0-0	.000	0	1	1	1.0	1	0	0	0	1	1	2	2.0
35	Prieto, Harrison	1-0	2	2.0	1-2	.500	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	2	2	4	4.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2.0
20	Light, Travis	1-0	2	2.0	0-1	.000	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
15	Lindner, Justin	1-0	2	2.0	0-1	.000	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0.0
33	Miles, Will	1-0	2	2.0	0-2	.000	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Team											6	7	13				5					
Total.....		5	1025		125-292	.428	40-106	.377	73-88	.830	59	136	195	39.0	83	0	59	61	21	33	363	72.6
Opponents.....		5	1025		118-281	.420	34-107	.318	56-81	.691	43	112	155	31.0	81	-	46	59	16	30	326	65.2

TEAM STATISTICS	FS	OPP	Date	Opponent	Score	Att.
SCORING	363	326	03/14/19	vs Virginia Tech	Wot 65-63	19691
Points per game	72.6	65.2	03/15/19	vs Virginia	W 69-59	20116
Scoring margin	+7.4	-	03/16/19	vs Duke	L 63-73	19691
FIELD GOALS-ATT	125-292	118-281	03/21/19	vs Vermont	W 76-69	0
Field goal pct	.428	.420	03/23/19	vs Murray St.	W 90-62	0
3 POINT FG-ATT	40-106	34-107	* - Conference game			
3-point FG pct	.377	.318				
3-pt FG made per game	8.0	6.8				
FREE THROWS-ATT	73-88	56-81				
Free throw pct	.830	.691				
F-Throws made per game	14.6	11.2				
REBOUNDS	195	155				
Rebounds per game	39.0	31.0				
Rebounding margin	+8.0	-				
ASSISTS	59	46				
Assists per game	11.8	9.2				
TURNOVERS	61	59				
Turnovers per game	12.2	11.8				
Turnover margin	-0.4	-				
Assist/turnover ratio	1.0	0.8				
STEALS	33	30				
Steals per game	6.6	6.0				
BLOCKS	21	16				
Blocks per game	4.2	3.2				
ATTENDANCE	0	59498				
Home games-Avg/Game	0-0	0-0				
Neutral site-Avg/Game	-	5-11900				

Score by Periods	1st	2nd	OT	Totals
Florida State	174	180	9	363
Opponents	152	167	7	326

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RECORD:	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
ALL GAMES	2-0	0-0	0-0	2-0
CONFERENCE	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
NON-CONFERENCE	2-0	0-0	0-0	2-0

##	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-fta	ft%	off	def	tot	avg								
25	Kabengele, Mfiondu	2-0	52	26.0	16-25	.640	2-3	.667	9-12	.750	6	11	17	8.5	5	0	0	3	4	2	43	21.5
14	Mann, Terance	2-2	61	30.5	13-19	.684	0-2	.000	11-13	.846	4	12	16	8.0	5	0	7	2	1	1	37	18.5
01	Gray, RaiQuan	2-2	45	22.5	5-16	.313	3-5	.600	6-7	.857	3	3	6	3.0	4	0	2	3	1	7	19	9.5
03	Forrest, Trent	2-2	67	33.5	5-12	.417	0-0	.000	6-6	1.000	1	4	5	2.5	1	0	6	5	1	3	16	8.0
11	Nichols, David	1-0	13	13.0	2-5	.400	2-4	.500	1-2	.500	1	2	3	3.0	3	0	1	0	0	1	7	7.0
21	Koumadje, Christ	2-2	27	13.5	5-8	.625	0-0	.000	2-2	1.000	4	8	12	6.0	3	0	0	2	1	1	12	6.0
05	Savoy, PJ	2-0	15	7.5	3-9	.333	3-8	.375	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	1	0	0	0	0	0	9	4.5
13	Polite, Anthony	2-0	23	11.5	3-5	.600	2-3	.667	1-2	.500	2	3	5	2.5	3	0	3	0	0	1	9	4.5
23	Walker, MJ	2-2	45	22.5	2-11	.182	1-5	.200	0-0	.000	1	6	7	3.5	6	0	5	4	0	2	5	2.5
24	Vassell, Devin	2-0	34	17.0	1-7	.143	1-4	.250	2-2	1.000	0	5	5	2.5	0	0	2	0	1	1	5	2.5
35	Prieto, Harrison	1-0	2	2.0	1-2	.500	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	2	2	4	4.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2.0
31	Wilkes, Wyatt	1-0	10	10.0	1-3	.333	0-2	.000	0-0	.000	0	1	1	1.0	1	0	0	0	1	1	2	2.0
20	Light, Travis	1-0	2	2.0	0-1	.000	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
15	Lindner, Justin	1-0	2	2.0	0-1	.000	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0.0
33	Miles, Will	1-0	2	2.0	0-2	.000	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Team											3	0	3									
Total.....		2	400		57-126	.452	14-39	.359	38-46	.826	27	57	84	42.0	34	0	27	19	10	20	166	83.0
Opponents.....		2	400		43-114	.377	23-50	.460	22-34	.647	20	46	66	33.0	35	-	16	29	5	10	131	65.5

TEAM STATISTICS	FS	OPP	Date	Opponent	Score	Att.
SCORING	166	131	03/21/19	vs Vermont	w 76-69	0
Points per game	83.0	65.5	03/23/19	vs Murray St.	w 90-62	0
Scoring margin	+17.5	-				
FIELD GOALS-ATT	57-126	43-114	* - Conference game			
Field goal pct	.452	.377				
3 POINT FG-ATT	14-39	23-50				
3-point FG pct	.359	.460				
3-pt FG made per game	7.0	11.5				
FREE THROWS-ATT	38-46	22-34				
Free throw pct	.826	.647				
F-Throws made per game	19.0	11.0				
REBOUNDS	84	66				
Rebounds per game	42.0	33.0				
Rebounding margin	+9.0	-				
ASSISTS	27	16				
Assists per game	13.5	8.0				
TURNOVERS	19	29				
Turnovers per game	9.5	14.5				
Turnover margin	+5.0	-				
Assist/turnover ratio	1.4	0.6				
STEALS	20	10				
Steals per game	10.0	5.0				
BLOCKS	10	5				
Blocks per game	5.0	2.5				
ATTENDANCE	0	0				
Home games-Avg/Game	0-0	0-0				
Neutral site-Avg/Game	-	2-0				

Score by Periods	1st	2nd	Totals
Florida State	77	89	166
Opponents	61	70	131

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RECORD:	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
ALL GAMES	2-1	0-0	0-0	2-1
CONFERENCE	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
NON-CONFERENCE	2-1	0-0	0-0	2-1

##	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-fta	ft%	off	def	tot	avg								
25	Kabengele, Mfiondu	3-0	71	23.7	10-25	.400	5-11	.455	6-7	.857	6	11	17	5.7	10	0	0	6	8	0	31	10.3
03	Forrest, Trent	3-3	89	29.7	7-20	.350	2-2	1.000	10-13	.769	2	10	12	4.0	5	0	10	7	0	5	26	8.7
00	Cofer, Phil	3-3	88	29.3	9-21	.429	6-15	.400	0-1	.000	0	8	8	2.7	3	0	2	2	0	0	24	8.0
14	Mann, Terance	3-3	102	34.0	9-21	.429	2-7	.286	4-4	1.000	7	13	20	6.7	5	0	7	7	0	1	24	8.0
24	Vassell, Devin	3-0	51	17.0	7-17	.412	6-11	.545	0-0	.000	2	6	8	2.7	4	0	1	2	2	2	20	6.7
23	Walker, MJ	3-3	83	27.7	6-21	.286	2-10	.200	4-5	.800	0	5	5	1.7	3	0	2	1	0	1	18	6.0
11	Nichols, David	3-0	50	16.7	7-18	.389	0-6	.000	2-2	1.000	2	7	9	3.0	4	0	6	4	0	2	16	5.3
21	Koumadje, Christ	3-3	42	14.0	6-8	.750	0-0	.000	4-5	.800	7	10	17	5.7	7	0	0	4	1	0	16	5.3
05	Savoy, PJ	3-0	15	5.0	3-4	.750	3-4	.750	2-2	1.000	0	0	0	0.0	3	0	2	2	0	0	11	3.7
01	Gray, RaiQuan	3-0	34	11.3	4-11	.364	0-1	.000	3-3	1.000	3	2	5	1.7	5	0	2	2	0	2	11	3.7
13	Polite, Anthony	1-0	0	0.0	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Team											3	7	10				5					
Total.....		3	625		68-166	.410	26-67	.388	35-42	.833	32	79	111	37.0	49	0	32	42	11	13	197	65.7
Opponents.....		3	625		75-167	.449	11-57	.193	34-47	.723	23	66	89	29.7	46	-	30	30	11	20	195	65.0

TEAM STATISTICS	FS	OPP	Date	Opponent	Score	Att.
SCORING	197	195	03/14/19	vs Virginia Tech	Wot 65-63	19691
Points per game	65.7	65.0	03/15/19	vs Virginia	W 69-59	20116
Scoring margin	+0.7	-	03/16/19	vs Duke	L 63-73	19691
FIELD GOALS-ATT	68-166	75-167	* - Conference game			
Field goal pct	.410	.449				
3 POINT FG-ATT	26-67	11-57				
3-point FG pct	.388	.193				
3-pt FG made per game	8.7	3.7				
FREE THROWS-ATT	35-42	34-47				
Free throw pct	.833	.723				
F-Throws made per game	11.7	11.3				
REBOUNDS	111	89				
Rebounds per game	37.0	29.7				
Rebounding margin	+7.3	-				
ASSISTS	32	30				
Assists per game	10.7	10.0				
TURNOVERS	42	30				
Turnovers per game	14.0	10.0				
Turnover margin	-4.0	-				
Assist/turnover ratio	0.8	1.0				
STEALS	13	20				
Steals per game	4.3	6.7				
BLOCKS	11	11				
Blocks per game	3.7	3.7				
ATTENDANCE	0	59498				
Home games-Avg/Game	0-0	0-0				
Neutral site-Avg/Game	-	3-19833				

Score by Periods	1st	2nd	OT	Totals
Florida State	97	91	9	197
Opponents	91	97	7	195

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Florida State Team Game-by-Game (as of Mar 23, 2019)  
All games

TEAM STATISTICS

Opponent	Date	Score		Total		3-Pointers		Free throws		Rebounds				pf	a	t/o	blk	stl	pts	avg
				fg-fga	pct	3fg-fga	pct	ft-fa	pct	off	def	tot	avg							
FLORIDA	11/06/18	81-60	W	23-48	.479	11-23	.478	24-34	.706	7	26	33	33.0	22	10	16	2	9	81	81.0
at Tulane	11/11/18	80-69	W	29-60	.483	6-19	.316	16-24	.667	13	24	37	35.0	21	14	14	4	8	80	80.5
CANISIUS	11/19/18	93-61	W	31-59	.525	7-14	.500	24-30	.800	14	26	40	36.7	15	19	15	3	9	93	84.7
vs UAB	11/22/18	81-63	W	26-53	.491	6-18	.333	23-26	.885	9	29	38	37.0	22	12	18	5	7	81	83.8
vs LSU	11/23/18	79-76	Wot	29-76	.382	9-26	.346	12-17	.706	22	21	43	38.2	15	15	12	1	11	79	82.8
vs Villanova	11/25/18	60-66	L	22-51	.431	3-12	.250	13-17	.765	13	15	28	36.5	23	7	16	2	3	60	79.0
PURDUE	11/28/18	73-72	W	24-55	.436	8-28	.286	17-20	.850	8	21	29	35.4	24	12	17	3	6	73	78.1
TROY	12/03/18	83-67	W	29-69	.420	10-29	.345	15-20	.750	16	26	42	36.2	18	14	17	3	9	83	78.8
vs UConn	12/08/18	79-71	W	25-55	.455	6-17	.353	23-32	.719	13	25	38	36.4	27	6	22	5	11	79	78.8
SOUTHEAST MISSOURI	12/17/18	85-68	W	31-62	.500	7-26	.269	16-25	.640	17	29	46	37.4	13	15	15	5	6	85	79.4
NORTH FLORIDA	12/19/18	95-81	W	40-79	.506	3-23	.130	12-13	.923	14	20	34	37.1	20	17	6	3	11	95	80.8
vs St Louis	12/22/18	81-59	W	31-56	.554	10-18	.556	9-11	.818	9	28	37	37.1	21	13	20	3	10	81	80.8
WINTHROP	01/01/19	87-76	W	30-64	.469	8-22	.364	19-29	.655	11	26	37	37.1	19	11	11	8	13	87	81.3
at Virginia	01/05/19	52-65	L	15-44	.341	6-23	.261	16-27	.593	8	24	32	36.7	19	8	15	6	9	52	79.2
MIAMI	01/09/19	68-62	W	27-64	.422	6-26	.231	8-13	.615	11	27	38	36.8	20	15	9	3	7	68	78.5
DUKE	01/12/19	78-80	L	25-62	.403	8-25	.320	20-24	.833	17	22	39	36.9	14	16	17	7	8	78	78.4
at Pitt	01/14/19	62-75	L	20-58	.345	2-22	.091	20-27	.741	15	24	39	37.1	31	8	12	8	7	62	77.5
at Boston College	01/20/19	82-87	L	28-67	.418	8-25	.320	18-24	.750	16	22	38	37.1	25	12	9	4	4	82	77.7
CLEMSON	01/22/19	77-68	W	25-55	.455	10-22	.455	17-21	.810	6	25	31	36.8	15	14	8	1	1	77	77.7
at Miami	01/27/19	78-66	W	28-50	.560	12-20	.600	10-14	.714	6	28	34	36.7	17	20	14	4	5	78	77.7
GEORGIA TECH	02/02/19	59-49	W	16-46	.348	4-16	.250	23-30	.767	8	31	39	36.8	19	10	14	5	5	59	76.8
at Syracuse	2/5/19	80-62	W	30-55	.545	11-22	.500	9-12	.750	9	24	33	36.6	21	25	21	3	11	80	77.0
LOUISVILLE	02/09/19	80-75	Wot	23-61	.377	7-23	.304	27-36	.750	14	20	34	36.5	21	6	8	2	11	80	77.1
WAKE FOREST	02/13/19	88-66	W	35-62	.565	10-26	.385	8-16	.500	12	31	43	36.8	16	21	9	6	7	88	77.5
at Georgia Tech	02/16/19	69-47	W	25-64	.391	9-30	.300	10-14	.714	10	40	50	37.3	17	17	14	6	7	69	77.2
at Clemson	02/19/19	77-64	W	29-60	.483	7-18	.389	12-17	.706	10	33	43	37.5	21	12	12	4	4	77	77.2
at North Carolina	02/23/19	59-77	L	18-59	.305	10-31	.323	13-16	.813	6	26	32	37.3	18	13	10	8	6	59	76.5
NOTRE DAME	02/25/19	68-61	W	25-56	.446	6-19	.316	12-17	.706	13	27	40	37.4	12	12	14	4	3	68	76.2
NC STATE	03/02/19	78-73	W	26-54	.481	3-13	.231	23-30	.767	11	26	37	37.4	18	9	16	9	4	78	76.3
VIRGINIA TECH	03/05/19	73-64	Wot	22-58	.379	10-36	.278	19-22	.864	8	24	32	37.2	15	12	7	1	6	73	76.2
at Wake Forest	03/09/19	65-57	W	24-56	.429	6-21	.286	11-21	.524	11	33	44	37.4	23	11	9	6	6	65	75.8
vs Virginia Tech	03/14/19	65-63	Wot	22-57	.386	12-31	.387	9-11	.818	11	32	43	37.6	17	14	17	3	5	65	75.5
vs Virginia	03/15/19	69-59	W	26-46	.565	6-16	.375	11-15	.733	9	26	35	37.5	16	10	13	3	3	69	75.3
vs Duke	03/16/19	63-73	L	20-63	.317	8-20	.400	15-16	.938	12	21	33	37.4	16	8	12	5	5	63	74.9
vs Vermont	03/21/19	76-69	W	21-55	.382	3-12	.250	31-37	.838	12	27	39	37.4	18	6	7	4	9	76	74.9
vs Murray St.	03/23/19	90-62	W	36-71	.507	11-27	.407	7-9	.778	15	30	45	37.6	16	21	12	6	11	90	75.4
Florida State		2713		936-2110	.444	269-799	.337	572-767	.746	416	939	1355	37.6	685	465	478	155	257	2713	75.4
Opponents		2413		817-2005	.407	262-784	.334	517-717	.721	345	833	1178	32.7	666	358	514	107	197	2413	67.0

Games played: 36  
Points/game: 75.4  
FG Pct: 44.4  
3FG Pct: 33.7  
FT Pct: 74.6

Rebounds/game: 37.6  
Assists/game: 12.9  
Turnovers/game: 13.3  
Assist/turnover ratio: 1.0  
Steals/game: 7.1  
Blocks/game: 4.3

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Opponent	1st	2nd	Score	Mar	Total FG	FG Pct	3-Pointers	3FG Pct	Free Throws	FT Pct	Rebounds	Assist	T/Over	Block	Steal	Fouls
FLORIDA	31/20	50/40	81-60	+21	23-48/20-54	.479/.370	11-23/6-24	.478/.250	24-34/14-21	.706/.667	33/30 +3	10/9	16/16	2/3	9/5	22/26
Tulane	39/35	41/34	80-69	+11	29-60/23-52	.483/.442	6-19/8-23	.316/.348	16-24/15-24	.667/.625	37/29 +8	14/16	14/18	4/4	8/4	21/22
CANISIUS	42/27	51/34	93-61	+32	31-59/22-52	.525/.423	7-14/8-21	.500/.381	24-30/9-15	.800/.600	40/25 +15	19/10	15/19	3/6	9/4	15/23
UAB	42/31	39/32	81-63	+18	26-53/19-58	.491/.328	6-18/2-14	.333/.143	23-26/23-28	.885/.821	38/30 +8	12/6	18/15	5/1	7/9	22/21
LSU	30/29	38/39	79-76	+3	29-76/27-52	.382/.519	9-26/11-26	.346/.423	12-17/11-13	.706/.846	43/30 +13	15/16	12/18	1/7	11/6	15/20
Villanova	25/26	35/40	60-66	(6)	22-51/23-43	.431/.535	3-12/3-14	.250/.214	13-17/17-24	.765/.708	28/25 +3	7/6	16/12	2/2	3/8	23/15
PURDUE	44/32	29/40	73-72	+1	24-55/22-51	.436/.431	8-28/11-30	.286/.367	17-20/17-25	.850/.680	29/32 (3)	12/11	17/20	3/0	6/5	24/19
TROY	37/28	46/39	83-67	+16	29-69/23-52	.420/.442	10-29/5-19	.345/.263	15-20/16-18	.750/.889	42/31 +11	14/10	17/22	3/5	9/8	18/17
UConn	39/33	40/38	79-71	+8	25-55/23-61	.455/.377	6-17/7-21	.353/.333	23-32/18-26	.719/.692	38/37 +1	6/7	22/19	5/5	11/7	27/28
SOUTHEAST MISSOURI	34/34	51/34	85-68	+17	31-62/25-59	.500/.424	7-26/14-37	.269/.378	16-25/4-10	.640/.400	46/28 +18	15/14	15/11	5/1	6/6	13/21
NORTH FLORIDA	46/39	49/42	95-81	+14	40-79/27-54	.506/.500	3-23/10-25	.130/.400	12-13/17-26	.923/.654	34/32 +2	17/12	6/19	3/1	11/2	20/15
St Louis	40/25	41/34	81-59	+22	31-56/19-63	.554/.302	10-18/3-14	.556/.214	9-11/18-25	.818/.720	37/38 (1)	13/5	20/18	3/4	10/12	21/11
WINTHROP	52/36	35/40	87-76	+11	30-64/29-59	.469/.492	8-22/6-23	.364/.261	19-29/12-19	.655/.632	37/36 +1	11/7	11/21	8/5	13/1	19/22
Virginia	23/42	29/23	52-65	(13)	15-44/21-52	.341/.404	6-23/7-16	.261/.438	16-27/16-18	.593/.889	32/36 (4)	8/12	15/11	6/2	9/4	19/16
MIAMI	33/29	35/33	68-62	+6	27-64/20-54	.422/.370	6-26/4-18	.231/.222	8-13/18-22	.615/.818	38/31 +7	15/10	9/12	3/0	7/3	20/15
DUKE	39/38	39/42	78-80	(2)	25-62/30-65	.403/.462	8-25/11-24	.320/.458	20-24/9-15	.833/.600	39/34 +5	16/14	17/14	7/3	8/7	14/15
Pitt	34/36	28/39	62-75	(13)	20-58/16-46	.345/.348	2-22/5-17	.091/.294	20-27/38-46	.741/.826	39/38 +1	8/8	12/12	8/6	7/7	31/19
Boston College	46/36	36/51	82-87	(5)	28-67/27-55	.418/.491	8-25/13-21	.320/.619	18-24/20-28	.750/.714	38/39 (1)	12/16	9/14	4/4	4/6	25/20
CLEMSON	35/41	42/27	77-68	+9	25-55/26-58	.455/.448	10-22/5-17	.455/.294	17-21/11-14	.810/.786	31/33 (2)	14/13	8/11	1/1	1/1	15/17
Miami	45/28	33/38	78-66	+12	28-50/23-55	.560/.418	12-20/7-29	.600/.241	10-14/13-18	.714/.722	34/26 +8	20/11	14/10	4/3	5/5	17/17
GEORGIA TECH	33/27	26/22	59-49	+10	16-46/17-60	.348/.283	4-16/3-21	.250/.143	23-30/12-14	.767/.857	39/37 +2	10/5	14/14	5/2	5/3	19/23
Syracuse	39/31	41/31	80-62	+18	30-55/21-51	.545/.412	11-22/5-20	.500/.250	9-12/15-24	.750/.625	33/28 +5	25/7	21/19	3/7	11/9	21/14
LOUISVILLE	25/31	40/34	80-75	+5	23-61/25-52	.377/.481	7-23/12-28	.304/.429	27-36/13-16	.750/.813	34/36 (2)	6/12	8/23	2/1	11/1	21/28
WAKE FOREST	38/31	50/35	88-66	+22	35-62/22-57	.565/.386	10-26/11-25	.385/.440	8-16/11-17	.500/.647	43/27 +16	21/13	9/9	6/3	7/3	16/16
Georgia Tech	34/23	35/24	69-47	+22	25-64/16-59	.391/.271	9-30/8-23	.300/.348	10-14/7-11	.714/.636	50/38 +12	17/9	14/14	6/3	7/7	17/10
Clemson	38/23	39/41	77-64	+13	29-60/23-60	.483/.383	7-18/8-23	.389/.348	12-17/10-16	.706/.625	43/32 +11	12/11	12/11	4/4	4/5	21/18
North Carolina	34/37	25/40	59-77	(18)	18-59/26-61	.305/.426	10-31/7-20	.323/.350	13-16/18-25	.813/.720	32/47 (15)	13/11	10/10	8/3	6/3	18/15
NOTRE DAME	33/33	35/28	68-61	+7	25-56/22-56	.446/.393	6-19/8-21	.316/.381	12-17/9-13	.706/.692	40/26 +14	12/9	14/9	4/4	3/10	12/14
NC STATE	35/30	43/43	78-73	+5	26-54/24-59	.481/.407	3-13/9-19	.231/.474	23-30/16-21	.767/.762	37/30 +7	9/7	16/12	9/1	4/9	18/26
VIRGINIA TECH	19/33	42/28	73-64	+9	22-58/22-53	.379/.415	10-36/8-27	.278/.296	19-22/12-15	.864/.800	32/37 (5)	12/11	7/14	1/0	6/3	15/21
Wake Forest	24/31	41/26	65-57	+8	24-56/16-61	.429/.262	6-21/3-17	.286/.176	11-21/22-29	.524/.759	44/45 (1)	11/4	9/8	6/0	6/4	23/21
Virginia Tech	26/24	30/32	65-63	+2	22-57/26-59	.386/.441	12-31/4-19	.387/.211	9-11/7-13	.818/.538	43/30 +13	14/11	17/9	3/3	5/7	17/12
Virginia	35/31	34/28	69-59	+10	26-46/22-53	.565/.415	6-16/5-24	.375/.208	11-15/10-13	.733/.769	35/20 +15	10/8	13/8	3/2	3/5	16/17
Duke	36/36	27/37	63-73	(10)	20-63/27-55	.317/.491	8-20/2-14	.400/.143	15-16/17-21	.938/.810	33/39 (6)	8/11	12/13	5/6	5/8	16/17
Vermont	27/27	49/42	76-69	+7	21-55/23-53	.382/.434	3-12/16-32	.250/.500	31-37/7-13	.838/.538	39/33 +6	6/9	7/16	4/3	9/2	18/27
Murray St.	50/34	40/28	90-62	+28	36-71/20-61	.507/.328	11-27/7-18	.407/.389	7-9/15-21	.778/.714	45/33 +12	21/7	12/13	6/2	11/8	16/8

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

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Opponent	Date	Score		00	01	03	05	11	13	14
				COFER,PHIL	GRAY,RAIQU	FORREST,TR	SAVOY,PJ	NICHOLS,DA	POLITE,ANT	MANN,TERAN
FLORIDA	11/06/18	81-60	w	DNP	2-2-0	13-1-5	20-3-1	3-1-1	5-1-0	9-9-0
at Tulane	11/11/18	80-69	w	DNP	2-0-2	13-7-5	14-1-0	0-1-1	5-1-1	21-10-3
CANISIUS	11/19/18	93-61	w	DNP	4-3-2	8-5-6	2-1-0	4-0-2	9-2-2	12-5-4
vs UAB	11/22/18	81-63	w	DNP	6-0-0	5-11-3	10-3-1	5-2-1	0-1-0	17-1-3
vs LSU	11/23/18	79-76	w	DNP	8-4-2	10-7-5	2-1-1	2-0-0	6-1-3	9-12-2
vs Villanova	11/25/18	60-66	L	DNP	7-2-0	11-2-1	3-1-0	6-0-0	5-1-2	9-5-1
PURDUE	11/28/18	73-72	w	DNP	7-2-1	9-1-3	9-3-0	9-3-3	0-0-1	9-8-1
TROY	12/03/18	83-67	w	DNP	5-3-0	13-5-1	16-5-3	9-1-2	4-4-1	3-8-3
vs UConn	12/08/18	79-71	w	DNP	4-1-0	8-2-1	2-2-0	16-3-2	5-1-0	20-9-1
SOUTHEAST MISSOURI	12/17/18	85-68	w	0-0-0	2-2-0	23-8-4	0-0-1	13-4-2	2-4-2	5-6-2
NORTH FLORIDA	12/19/18	95-81	w	DNP	2-2-1	10-4-7	11-3-1	5-1-1	4-3-0	17-1-2
vs St Louis	12/22/18	81-59	w	7-1-0	3-1-1	10-5-5	8-2-2	19-2-1	2-3-1	17-7-2
WINTHROP	01/01/19	87-76	w	14-2-3	3-1-0	6-1-1	0-2-1	10-1-1	8-5-1	22-7-2
at Virginia	01/05/19	52-65	L	9-4-1	2-4-0	1-4-2	8-1-0	5-1-1	5-2-0	0-2-0
MIAMI	01/09/19	68-62	w	7-6-2	6-3-3	6-6-1	10-1-0	13-1-3	0-0-0	7-6-2
DUKE	01/12/19	78-80	L	21-7-0	0-2-0	5-3-6	10-3-1	0-1-0	0-0-0	9-5-4
at Pitt	01/14/19	62-75	L	5-3-0	4-4-1	19-9-3	5-0-0	2-2-1	0-1-0	9-5-1
at Boston College	01/20/19	82-87	L	DNP	5-1-1	9-8-6	8-4-0	6-2-2	2-1-0	14-8-2
CLEMSON	01/22/19	77-68	w	DNP	7-2-0	7-5-3	4-2-1	16-1-4	0-0-0	9-8-5
at Miami	01/27/19	78-66	w	4-1-1	2-2-0	4-4-6	7-2-1	1-1-2	2-0-1	10-10-4
GEORGIA TECH	02/02/19	59-49	w	5-3-1	4-2-0	9-6-3	6-2-0	0-0-3	0-4-1	12-7-1
at Syracuse	2/5/19	80-62	w	11-3-3	3-2-1	2-4-10	7-0-1	2-3-5	DNP	22-9-3
LOUISVILLE	02/09/19	80-75	w	0-2-0	7-2-0	15-6-4	0-1-0	5-2-1	DNP	20-4-0
WAKE FOREST	02/13/19	88-66	w	13-5-3	1-1-1	7-1-4	11-0-0	2-1-5	5-2-0	7-5-6
at Georgia Tech	02/16/19	69-47	w	8-7-1	0-3-2	0-3-3	3-0-1	9-1-2	0-1-0	7-8-1
at Clemson	02/19/19	77-64	w	5-4-1	2-2-2	14-8-3	6-0-0	3-2-0	DNP	9-5-4
at North Carolina	02/23/19	59-77	L	2-4-0	6-3-0	6-4-1	0-0-0	16-1-2	0-3-0	10-4-6
NOTRE DAME	02/25/19	68-61	w	0-4-0	DNP	8-0-4	3-1-0	5-1-2	0-2-0	8-6-3
NC STATE	03/02/19	78-73	w	8-5-0	1-4-2	13-6-3	0-0-0	6-3-0	DNP	11-4-3
VIRGINIA TECH	03/05/19	73-64	w	11-3-0	2-5-0	7-3-4	6-0-0	5-2-2	DNP	14-6-4
at Wake Forest	03/09/19	65-57	w	9-4-0	4-1-0	11-4-5	3-0-0	3-3-0	2-0-0	8-7-2
vs Virginia Tech	03/14/19	65-63	w	9-5-1	4-3-0	7-4-4	6-0-2	2-2-2	DNP	10-9-4
vs Virginia	03/15/19	69-59	w	11-2-1	4-1-0	10-6-3	0-0-0	14-5-3	DNP	2-3-2
vs Duke	03/16/19	63-73	L	4-1-0	3-1-2	9-2-3	5-0-0	0-2-1	0-0-0	12-8-1
vs Vermont	03/21/19	76-69	w	DNP	8-3-1	8-3-1	0-0-0	7-3-1	0-1-0	19-8-1
vs Murray St.	03/23/19	90-62	w	DNP	11-3-1	8-2-5	9-0-0	DNP	9-4-3	18-8-6

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Opponent	Date	Score		15	20	21	23	24	25	31
				LINDNER,JU	LIGHT,TRAV	KOUMADJE,C	WALKER,MJ	VASSELL,DE	KABENGELE,	WILKES,WYA
FLORIDA	11/06/18	81-60	w	0-0-0	0-0-0	9-5-0	10-2-3	3-0-0	5-1-0	2-3-0
at Tulane	11/11/18	80-69	w	0-1-0	DNP	8-4-0	5-4-1	DNP	12-4-1	0-0-0
CANISIUS	11/19/18	93-61	w	DNP	DNP	8-9-0	12-4-2	10-1-0	18-6-1	6-1-0
vs UAB	11/22/18	81-63	w	DNP	DNP	12-9-0	5-3-3	9-3-1	10-3-0	2-1-0
vs LSU	11/23/18	79-76	w	DNP	DNP	6-4-0	21-5-1	0-0-1	15-4-0	DNP
vs Villanova	11/25/18	60-66	L	DNP	DNP	2-3-0	2-4-2	4-1-1	11-7-0	DNP
PURDUE	11/28/18	73-72	w	DNP	DNP	7-3-1	13-2-1	3-1-0	7-2-1	0-0-0
TROY	12/03/18	83-67	w	DNP	DNP	6-4-0	14-2-2	0-2-0	10-7-2	3-0-0
vs UConn	12/08/18	79-71	w	DNP	DNP	7-11-1	2-1-1	DNP	15-3-0	DNP
SOUTHEAST MISSOURI	12/17/18	85-68	w	0-1-1	0-0-0	12-7-1	DNP	16-4-1	9-6-0	3-1-1
NORTH FLORIDA	12/19/18	95-81	w	DNP	DNP	10-5-0	7-1-2	5-6-3	24-7-0	0-1-0
vs St Louis	12/22/18	81-59	w	DNP	DNP	3-4-0	0-0-0	4-1-1	8-7-0	0-0-0
WINTHROP	01/01/19	87-76	w	DNP	DNP	6-8-1	DNP	8-2-0	10-2-1	DNP
at Virginia	01/05/19	52-65	L	DNP	DNP	2-2-0	7-1-2	6-0-1	5-7-0	2-0-1
MIAMI	01/09/19	68-62	w	DNP	DNP	1-5-2	6-3-2	3-0-0	9-7-0	DNP
DUKE	01/12/19	78-80	L	DNP	DNP	7-4-0	2-1-5	0-0-0	24-10-0	DNP
at Pitt	01/14/19	62-75	L	DNP	DNP	7-11-1	2-2-1	0-0-0	9-1-0	DNP
at Boston College	01/20/19	82-87	L	DNP	DNP	0-1-0	12-2-1	0-0-0	26-9-0	0-0-0
CLEMSON	01/22/19	77-68	w	DNP	DNP	6-2-0	6-2-1	5-1-0	17-5-0	DNP
at Miami	01/27/19	78-66	w	DNP	DNP	9-4-0	22-2-5	0-0-0	17-6-0	DNP
GEORGIA TECH	02/02/19	59-49	w	DNP	DNP	6-8-0	2-1-0	3-0-1	12-2-0	DNP
at Syracuse	2/5/19	80-62	w	0-0-0	0-0-0	2-0-0	11-2-2	DNP	18-8-0	DNP
LOUISVILLE	02/09/19	80-75	w	DNP	DNP	0-6-0	11-1-1	DNP	22-7-0	DNP
WAKE FOREST	02/13/19	88-66	w	0-1-1	0-0-0	20-12-0	0-1-1	8-2-0	9-7-0	2-1-0
at Georgia Tech	02/16/19	69-47	w	2-0-1	0-0-0	10-12-1	9-1-2	11-3-1	8-6-2	0-2-0
at Clemson	02/19/19	77-64	w	DNP	DNP	10-7-0	9-1-2	0-0-0	19-11-0	DNP
at North Carolina	02/23/19	59-77	L	DNP	DNP	6-4-0	2-1-2	3-1-2	8-6-0	0-0-0
NOTRE DAME	02/25/19	68-61	w	DNP	DNP	12-5-0	9-4-1	13-7-1	10-4-1	DNP
NC STATE	03/02/19	78-73	w	DNP	DNP	6-5-0	15-2-1	2-1-0	16-5-0	DNP
VIRGINIA TECH	03/05/19	73-64	w	DNP	DNP	0-0-0	11-3-0	0-0-0	17-9-2	DNP
at Wake Forest	03/09/19	65-57	w	DNP	DNP	8-10-0	6-4-2	4-1-2	7-9-0	DNP
vs Virginia Tech	03/14/19	65-63	w	DNP	DNP	3-5-0	3-2-0	14-0-1	7-8-0	DNP
vs Virginia	03/15/19	69-59	w	DNP	DNP	9-9-0	9-0-1	0-1-0	10-6-0	DNP
vs Duke	03/16/19	63-73	L	DNP	DNP	4-3-0	6-3-1	6-7-0	14-3-0	DNP
vs Vermont	03/21/19	76-69	w	DNP	DNP	6-3-0	5-1-2	2-4-0	21-10-0	DNP
vs Murray St.	03/23/19	90-62	w	0-0-1	0-0-0	6-9-0	0-6-3	3-1-2	22-7-0	2-1-0

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 Florida State Points-Rebounds-Assists (as of Mar 23, 2019)  
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Opponent	Date	Score		33	35
				MILES,WILL	PRIETO,HAR
FLORIDA	11/06/18	81-60	w	0-0-0	0-0-0
at Tulane	11/11/18	80-69	w	DNP	0-1-0
CANISIUS	11/19/18	93-61	w	DNP	DNP
vs UAB	11/22/18	81-63	w	DNP	DNP
vs LSU	11/23/18	79-76	w	DNP	DNP
vs Villanova	11/25/18	60-66	L	DNP	DNP
PURDUE	11/28/18	73-72	w	DNP	DNP
TROY	12/03/18	83-67	w	DNP	DNP
vs UConn	12/08/18	79-71	w	DNP	DNP
SOUTHEAST MISSOURI	12/17/18	85-68	w	0-0-0	0-0-0
NORTH FLORIDA	12/19/18	95-81	w	DNP	DNP
vs St Louis	12/22/18	81-59	w	DNP	DNP
WINTHROP	01/01/19	87-76	w	DNP	DNP
at Virginia	01/05/19	52-65	L	DNP	0-1-0
MIAMI	01/09/19	68-62	w	DNP	DNP
DUKE	01/12/19	78-80	L	DNP	DNP
at Pitt	01/14/19	62-75	L	DNP	DNP
at Boston College	01/20/19	82-87	L	DNP	DNP
CLEMSON	01/22/19	77-68	w	DNP	DNP
at Miami	01/27/19	78-66	w	DNP	DNP
GEORGIA TECH	02/02/19	59-49	w	DNP	DNP
at Syracuse	2/5/19	80-62	w	0-0-0	2-0-0
LOUISVILLE	02/09/19	80-75	w	DNP	DNP
WAKE FOREST	02/13/19	88-66	w	1-0-0	2-2-0
at Georgia Tech	02/16/19	69-47	w	0-1-0	2-0-0
at Clemson	02/19/19	77-64	w	DNP	DNP
at North Carolina	02/23/19	59-77	L	DNP	0-0-0
NOTRE DAME	02/25/19	68-61	w	DNP	DNP
NC STATE	03/02/19	78-73	w	DNP	DNP
VIRGINIA TECH	03/05/19	73-64	w	DNP	DNP
at Wake Forest	03/09/19	65-57	w	DNP	DNP
vs Virginia Tech	03/14/19	65-63	w	DNP	DNP
vs Virginia	03/15/19	69-59	w	DNP	DNP
vs Duke	03/16/19	63-73	L	DNP	DNP
vs Vermont	03/21/19	76-69	w	DNP	DNP
vs Murray St.	03/23/19	90-62	w	0-0-0	2-4-0

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Opponent	Date	Score	Points	Rebounds	Assists	Steals	Blocked shots
FLORIDA	11/06/18	81-60	20-Savoy, PJ	9-Mann, Terance	5-Forrest, Trent	2-Walker, MJ Nichols, David	1-Savoy, PJ Koumadje, Christ
at Tulane	11/11/18	80-69	21-Mann, Terance	10-Mann, Terance	5-Forrest, Trent	3-Forrest, Trent	2-Forrest, Trent
CANISIUS	11/19/18	93-61	18-Kabengele, Mfiond	9-Koumadje, Christ	6-Forrest, Trent	3-Vassell, Devin	1-Koumadje, Christ Nichols, David Vassell, Devin
vs UAB	11/22/18	81-63	17-Mann, Terance	11-Forrest, Trent	3-Walker, MJ Forrest, Trent Mann, Terance	2-Vassell, Devin Nichols, David	3-Koumadje, Christ
vs LSU	11/23/18	79-76	21-Walker, MJ	12-Mann, Terance	5-Forrest, Trent	4-Forrest, Trent	1-Mann, Terance
vs Villanova	11/25/18	60-66	11-Kabengele, Mfiond Forrest, Trent	7-Kabengele, Mfiondu	2-Polite, Anthony Walker, MJ	1-Walker, MJ Savoy, PJ Koumadje, Christ	2-Koumadje, Christ
PURDUE	11/28/18	73-72	13-Walker, MJ	8-Mann, Terance	3-Forrest, Trent Nichols, David	3-Forrest, Trent	2-Mann, Terance
TROY	12/03/18	83-67	16-Savoy, PJ	8-Mann, Terance	3-Savoy, PJ Mann, Terance	2-Walker, MJ	3-Kabengele, Mfiondu
vs UConn	12/08/18	79-71	20-Terance Mann	11-Koumadje, Christ	2-Nichols, David	5-Forrest, Trent	4-Koumadje, Christ
SOUTHEAST MISSOURI	12/17/18	85-68	23-Forrest, Trent	8-Forrest, Trent	4-Forrest, Trent	3-Forrest, Trent	4-Koumadje, Christ
NORTH FLORIDA	12/19/18	95-81	24-Kabengele, Mfiond	7-Kabengele, Mfiondu	7-Forrest, Trent	4-Forrest, Trent	3-Koumadje, Christ
vs St Louis	12/22/18	81-59	19-Nichols, David	7-Kabengele, Mfiondu Mann, Terance	5-Forrest, Trent	4-Polite, Anthony	1-Vassell, Devin Kabengele, Mfiondu Koumadje, Christ
WINTHROP	01/01/19	87-76	22-Mann, Terance	8-Koumadje, Christ	3-Cofer, Phil	3-Polite, Anthony	4-Kabengele, Mfiondu
at Virginia	01/05/19	52-65	9-Cofer, Phil	7-Kabengele, Mfiondu	2-Forrest, Trent Walker, MJ	5-Savoy, PJ	2-Kabengele, Mfiondu
MIAMI	01/09/19	68-62	13-Nichols, David	7-Kabengele, Mfiondu	3-Gray, RaiQuan Nichols, David	2-Forrest, Trent Walker, MJ	1-Kabengele, Mfiondu Walker, MJ Forrest, Trent
DUKE	01/12/19	78-80	24-Kabengele, Mfiond	10-Kabengele, Mfiond	6-Forrest, Trent	2-Kabengele, Mfiondu Forrest, Trent	3-Kabengele, Mfiondu
at Pitt	01/14/19	62-75	19-Forrest, Trent	11-Koumadje, Christ	3-Forrest, Trent	2-Forrest, Trent Gray, RaiQuan	5-Koumadje, Christ
at Boston College	01/20/19	82-87	26-Kabengele, Mfiond	9-Kabengele, Mfiondu	6-Forrest, Trent	2-Koumadje, Christ	2-Koumadje, Christ Walker, MJ
CLEMSON	01/22/19	77-68	17-Kabengele, Mfiond	8-Mann, Terance	5-Mann, Terance	1-Gray, RaiQuan	1-Kabengele, Mfiondu
at Miami	01/27/19	78-66	22-Walker, MJ	10-Mann, Terance	6-Forrest, Trent	3-Forrest, Trent	2-Kabengele, Mfiondu
GEORGIA TECH	02/02/19	59-49	12-Mann, Terance Kabengele, Mfiondu	8-Koumadje, Christ	3-Forrest, Trent Nichols, David	3-Forrest, Trent	2-Koumadje, Christ Kabengele, Mfiondu
at Syracuse	2/5/19	80-62	22-Mann, Terance	9-Mann, Terance	10-Forrest, Trent	3-Forrest, Trent	2-Kabengele, Mfiondu
LOUISVILLE	02/09/19	80-75	22-Kabengele, Mfiond	7-Kabengele, Mfiondu	4-Forrest, Trent	5-Forrest, Trent	1-Kabengele, Mfiondu Gray, RaiQuan
WAKE FOREST	02/13/19	88-66	20-Koumadje, Christ	12-Koumadje, Christ	6-Mann, Terance	2-Nichols, David	2-Koumadje, Christ
at Georgia Tech	02/16/19	69-47	11-Vassell, Devin	12-Koumadje, Christ	3-Forrest, Trent	2-Vassell, Devin Mann, Terance	3-Koumadje, Christ
at Clemson	02/19/19	77-64	19-Kabengele, Mfiond	11-Kabengele, Mfiond	4-Mann, Terance	1-Kabengele, Mfiondu Nichols, David Forrest, Trent Mann, Terance	2-Koumadje, Christ Kabengele, Mfiondu
at North Carolina	02/23/19	59-77	16-Nichols, David	6-Kabengele, Mfiondu	6-Mann, Terance	2-Forrest, Trent	3-Kabengele, Mfiondu
NOTRE DAME	02/25/19	68-61	13-Vassell, Devin	7-Vassell, Devin	4-Forrest, Trent	2-Walker, MJ	2-Kabengele, Mfiondu
NC STATE	03/02/19	78-73	16-Kabengele, Mfiond	6-Forrest, Trent	3-Forrest, Trent Mann, Terance	2-Forrest, Trent	4-Kabengele, Mfiondu

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Opponent	Date	Score	Points	Rebounds	Assists	Steals	Blocked shots
VIRGINIA TECH	03/05/19	73-64	17-Kabengele, Mfiond	9-Kabengele, Mfiondu	4-Forrest, Trent Mann, Terance	2-Kabengele, Mfiondu Mann, Terance	1-Vassell, Devin
at Wake Forest	03/09/19	65-57	11-Forrest, Trent	10-Koumadje, Christ	5-Forrest, Trent	2-Walker, MJ	3-Koumadje, Christ Kabengele, Mfiondu
vs Virginia Tech	03/14/19	65-63	14-Vassell, Devin	9-Mann, Terance	4-Mann, Terance Forrest, Trent	3-Forrest, Trent	3-Kabengele, Mfiondu
vs Virginia	03/15/19	69-59	14-Nichols, David	9-Koumadje, Christ	3-Forrest, Trent Nichols, David	2-Nichols, David	2-Kabengele, Mfiondu
vs Duke	03/16/19	63-73	14-Kabengele, Mfiond	8-Mann, Terance	3-Forrest, Trent	2-Forrest, Trent	3-Kabengele, Mfiondu
vs Vermont	03/21/19	76-69	21-Kabengele, Mfiond	10-Kabengele, Mfiond	2-Walker, MJ	2-Gray, RaiQuan	1-Forrest, Trent Gray, RaiQuan Kabengele, Mfiondu Mann, Terance
vs Murray St.	03/23/19	90-62	22-Kabengele, Mfiond	9-Koumadje, Christ	6-Mann, Terance	5-Gray, RaiQuan	3-Kabengele, Mfiondu

6-8, 230, Redshirt-Senior, Fayetteville, Ga.

**2018-19 Season**

- \* Missed both of Florida State's exhibition wins with a foot injury
- \* Missed Florida State's first nine games of the season with a foot injury
- \* Returned to the lineup with 5 minutes of playing time in the Seminoles' victory over Southeast Missouri
- \* Totaled 14 points in 28 minutes of play in Florida State's victory over Winthrop on Jan. 1 in Tallahassee
- \* Season-high 21 points and 7 rebounds in Florida State's game against No. 1 Duke in Tallahassee

**2017-18 Season**

- \* Averaged 12.8 points (first on the team) and 5.1 rebounds (second) as the only Seminole to start all 35 games
- \* Scored his career-high of 28 points in Florida State's game at Duke in Cameron Indoor Stadium on Dec. 30
- \* Totaled 22 points, 4 rebounds and 3 steals against Oklahoma State in the Orange Bowl Classic
- \* Game-high 23 points and 4 rebounds in Florida State's game at Wake Forest on Jan. 31

**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

**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
- \* 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

**2018-19 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
N6	Florida	DNP															
N11	at Tulane	DNP															
N19	Canisius	DNP															
N22	UAB (AdvoCare)	DNP															
N23	LSU (AdvoCare)	DNP															
N25	Villanova (Advo)	DNP															
N28	Purdue	DNP															
D3	Troy	DNP															
D8	vs. UConn	DNP															
D17	SE Missouri	1-0	5	0-4	.000	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0
D19	North Florida	DNP															
D22	vs. Saint Louis	2-0	17	3-6	.500	1-1	1.000	0-0	.000	0-1	1	2	0	0	0	0	7
J1	Winthrop	3-0	28	4-8	.500	3-5	.600	3-3	1.000	0-2	2	4	3	3	0	1	14
J5	* at Virginia	4-1	26	3-8	.375	2-6	.333	1-3	.333	1-3	4	2	1	0	0	0	9
J9	* Miami	5-2	29	3-8	.375	1-4	.250	0-0	.000	2-4	6	1	2	1	0	0	7
J12	* Duke	6-3	34	8-13	.615	5-8	.625	0-0	.000	4-3	7	1	0	5	0	0	21
J14	* at Pitt	7-4	34	2-7	.286	1-5	.200	0-0	.000	0-3	3	2	0	2	1	0	5
J20	* at Boston Col.	DNP															
J22	* Clemson	DNP															
J27	* at Miami	8-4	18	1-3	.333	1-2	.500	1-2	.500	0-1	1	1	1	1	0	0	4
F2	* Georgia Tech	9-5	20	2-6	.333	1-2	.500	0-0	.000	0-3	3	2	1	1	0	0	5
F5	* at Syracuse	10-6	33	4-9	.444	0-3	.000	3-5	.600	1-2	3	1	3	3	0	1	11
F9	* Louisville	11-7	30	0-5	.000	0-3	.000	0-0	.000	1-1	2	3	0	2	0	0	0
F13	* Wake Forest	12-8	24	5-8	.625	3-6	.500	0-1	.000	0-5	5	1	3	0	1	1	13
F16	* at Georgia Tech	13-9	26	3-9	.333	2-4	.500	0-0	.000	0-7	7	0	1	0	0	0	8
F19	* at Clemson	14-10	30	2-6	.333	1-4	.250	0-0	.000	0-4	4	3	1	2	0	0	5
F23	* at N. Carolina	15-11	29	1-6	.167	0-3	.000	0-0	.000	0-4	4	1	0	0	0	0	2
F25	* Notre Dame	16-12	15	0-4	.000	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0-4	4	0	0	2	0	0	0
M2	* NC State	17-13	27	3-7	.429	0-2	.000	2-2	1.000	1-4	5	1	0	3	0	0	8
M5	* Virginia Tech	18-14	36	4-9	.444	2-5	.400	1-2	.500	1-2	3	1	0	1	0	0	11
M9	* at Wake Forest	19-15	26	4-9	.444	0-3	.000	1-2	.500	2-2	4	0	0	2	0	0	9
M14	Va. Tech (ACC)	20-16	37	3-7	.429	3-5	.600	0-0	.000	0-5	5	2	1	0	0	0	9
M15	Virginia (ACC)	21-17	32	4-11	.364	3-9	.333	0-1	.000	0-2	2	1	1	0	0	0	11
M16	Duke (ACC)	22-18	20	2-3	.667	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0-1	1	0	0	2	0	0	4
M21	Vermont (NCAA)	DNP															
M23	Murray St (NCAA)	DNP															
M28	Gonzaga (NCAA)																

Phil Cofer's Career Highs	
PTS	28 at Duke (12-30-17)
FGM	11 at Duke (12-30-17)
FGA	16 at Wake Forest (1-31-18)
	16 at Duke (12-30-17)
FG%	1.000 vs. Stetson (12-22-14)
	1.000 vs. DePaul (11-21-15)
3FGM	6 at Duke (12-30-17)
3FGA	10 at Duke (12-30-17)
3FG%	1.000 vs. 3 teams
	Last vs. NC State (2-8-17)
FTM	7 vs. Miami (1-27-18)
FTA	10 vs. Miami (1-27-18)
	10 at Pitt (1-14-15)
FT%	1.000 vs. 0 teams
	Last vs. NC State (3-2-19)
OR	6 at Florida (12-4-17)
DR	10 vs. Michigan (3-24-18)
REBS	12 vs. Michigan (3-24-18)
	12 at Florida (12-4-17)
	12 vs. UMass (22-23-14)
AST	3 vs. 3 Teams
	Last at Syracuse (2-7-19)
BLK	2 vs. 6 teams
	Last vs. Southern Miss (12-21-17)
STL	3 vs. Oklahoma State (12-16-17)
	3 vs. NC State (1-17-15)
MIN	45 vs. Syracuse (1-13-18)

underlined denotes career high established or tied during the 2018-19 season

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Phil Cofer scored his third-career double-double with 16 points and 12 rebounds in Florida State's game against Michigan in the Elite Eight of the 2018 NCAA Tournament



6-4, 210, Junior, Chipley, Fla.

2018-19

- \* Florida State's starting point guard for the first season in his three-year career
- \* Averaged 11.5 points and 3.5 assists in Florida State's two exhibition game victories to open the season
- \* Career-high 23 points with 8 rebounds, 4 assists and 3 steals in Florida State's victory over Southeast Missouri
- \* 13 points and 5 assists as the Seminoles' starting point guard in their 81-60 win over Florida in Tallahassee
- \* Totaled 13 points, 7 rebounds, 5 assists, 3 steals and 2 blocked shots in Florida State's 80-69 win at Tulane
- \* Complete game of 8 points, 5 rebounds, 6 assists and 2 steals in Florida State's victory over Canisius
- \* Tied his career high with 11 rebounds with 5 points and 3 assists in Florida State's win over UAB
- \* Totaled 10 points, 7 rebounds, five assists and a career-high 4 steals in Florida State's win over LSU
- \* Scored 11 points against Villanova in the championship game of the AdvoCare Invitational
- \* Scored the game winning basket with 5.2 seconds remaining in Florida State's 73-72 win over Purdue
- \* Scored 13 points and totaled 5 rebounds, 1 assist and 1 steal in Florida State's win over Troy
- \* Scored a team-high 19 points on a career-high 11 of 12 free throws in Florida State's game at Pitt
- \* Totaled 14 points, 8 rebounds, 3 assists and 1 steal in Florida State's win on the road at Clemson
- \* Totaled 13 points, 6 rebounds, 3 assists, 2 steals and 1 blocked shot in Florida State's home win over NC State
- \* Scored a team-high 11 points in Florida State's win on the road at Wake Forest on March 9
- \* Totaled 10 points, 6 rebounds and 3 assists in Florida State's victory over No. 2 Virginia in the ACC Tournament

2017-18 Season

- \* Averaged 7.9 points (fifth) and 3.9 assists (first) as he played in 34 games with two starts
- \* Named to the 2018 All-ACC Academic Men's Basketball Team and the 2018 ACC Honor Roll
- \* Career-high 21 points and first career double-double of 21 points and 10 rebounds against Boston Col. on March 3
- \* Totaled 16 points and 4 assists came in Florida State's overtime win over Clemson on Feb. 14
- \* Totaled 16 points to go along with 7 assists and 3 steals in 32 minutes against NC State
- \* Totaled 14 points, 5 rebounds, 4 steals and 3 assists in Florida State's victory over Xavier in the NCAA Tournament

2016-17 Season

- \* Averaged 4.9 points (tied for seventh), 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 season-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

2018-19 Game-By-Game Statistics -- Trent Forrest

Date	Opponent	G-GS	Min	FG-A	Pct.	3FG-A	Pct.	FT-A	Pct.	O-D	Rebs	PF	A	TO	B	S	Pts
N6	Florida	1-1	25	3-4	.740	1-1	1.000	6-6	1.000	0-1	1	3	5	2	0	1	13
N11	at Tulane	2-2	33	4-7	.571	0-1	.000	5-6	.833	2-5	7	1	5	2	2	3	13
N19	Canisius	3-3	29	3-7	.429	0-0	.000	2-2	1.000	0-5	5	1	6	1	0	2	8
N22	UAB (AdvoCare)	4-4	30	1-2	.500	0-0	.000	3-3	1.000	0-11	11	1	3	6	0	0	5
N23	LSU (AdvoCare)	5-5	37	4-13	.308	0-2	.000	2-3	.667	3-4	7	1	5	2	0	4	10
N25	Villanova (Advo)	6-6	26	4-6	.667	0-0	.000	3-3	1.000	1-1	2	4	1	4	0	0	11
N28	Purdue	7-7	14	4-8	.500	0-3	.000	1-1	1.000	1-0	1	3	3	4	0	3	9
D3	Troy	8-8	29	5-8	.625	0-2	.000	3-4	.750	0-5	5	0	1	0	0	1	13
D8	vs. UConn	9-9	33	1-7	.143	0-1	.000	6-8	.750	0-2	2	2	1	4	0	5	8
D17	SE Missouri	10-10	34	8-12	.750	1-4	.250	6-8	.750	1-7	8	1	4	2	0	3	23
D19	North Florida	11-11	24	5-9	.556	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	1-3	4	1	7	0	0	4	10
D22	vs. Saint Louis	12-12	30	3-5	.600	1-1	1.000	3-4	.750	0-5	5	3	5	4	0	3	10
J1	Winthrop	13-13	24	2-5	.400	0-0	.000	2-4	.500	0-1	1	2	1	2	0	2	6
J5	* at Virginia	14-14	28	0-2	.000	0-0	.000	1-2	.500	0-4	4	1	2	0	1	0	1
J9	* Miami	15-15	27	2-8	.250	0-3	.000	2-4	.500	1-5	6	0	1	2	1	2	6
J12	* Duke	16-16	31	11-3	.333	0-0	.000	3-4	.750	0-3	3	3	6	2	0	2	5
J14	* at Pitt	17-17	34	4-13	.308	0-1	.000	11-12	.917	5-4	9	4	3	1	0	2	19
J20	* at Boston Col.	18-18	35	4-8	.500	1-1	1.000	0-0	.000	2-6	8	1	6	1	0	0	9
J22	* Clemson	19-19	27	2-5	.400	0-1	.000	3-4	.750	1-4	5	3	3	1	0	0	7
J27	* at Miami	20-20	32	2-4	.500	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	1-3	4	1	6	2	0	3	6
F2	* Georgia Tech	21-21	36	3-7	.429	0-0	.000	3-6	.500	1-5	6	2	3	3	1	3	9
F5	* at Syracuse	22-22	31	1-6	.167	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-4	4	3	10	2	0	3	2
F9	* Louisville	23-23	39	5-14	.357	0-0	.000	5-7	.714	3-3	6	3	4	0	0	5	15
F13	* Wake Forest	24-24	28	3-4	.750	0-1	.000	1-1	1.000	0-1	1	1	4	1	0	0	7
F16	* at Georgia Tech	25-25	20	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-3	3	0	3	0	0	0	0
F19	* at Clemson	26-26	27	5-8	.625	0-0	.000	4-6	.667	0-8	8	1	3	2	0	1	14
F23	* at N. Carolina	27-27	22	2-9	.222	0-2	.000	2-2	1.000	0-4	4	2	1	3	1	2	6
F25	* Notre Dame	28-28	27	2-3	.667	0-0	.000	4-6	.667	0-0	0	0	4	2	0	1	8
M2	* NC State	29-29	31	5-10	.500	0-0	.000	3-3	1.000	1-5	6	1	3	3	1	2	13
M5	* Virginia Tech	30-29	27	1-5	.200	0-1	.000	5-5	1.000	0-3	3	2	4	2	0	1	7
M9	* at Wake Forest	31-30	31	3-9	.333	1-1	1.000	4-6	.667	1-3	4	3	5	0	0	0	11
M14	Va. Tech (ACC)	32-31	34	1-3	.333	1-1	1.000	4-6	.667	1-3	4	1	4	3	3	0	7
M15	Virginia (ACC)	33-32	25	4-7	.571	1-1	1.000	1-2	.500	1-5	6	2	3	3	0	0	10
M16	Duke (ACC)	34-33	28	2-10	.200	0-0	.000	5-5	1.000	0-2	2	2	3	1	0	2	9
M21	Vermont (NCAA)	35-34	32	1-6	.167	0-0	.000	6-6	1.000	1-2	3	1	1	2	1	1	8
M23	Murray St (NCAA)	36-25	26	4-6	.667	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-2	2	0	5	3	0	2	8
M28	Gonzaga (NCAA)																

Trent Forrest's Career Highs

PTS	.....23 vs. Southeast Missouri (12-17-18)
FGM	.....8 vs. Southeast Missouri (12-17-18)
	.....8 vs. Boston College (3-3-18)
FGA	.....13 at Pitt (1-14-19)
	.....13 vs. LSU (11-23-18)
FG%	.....857 vs. Nicholls State (12-8-16)
	.....857 vs. Detroit Mercy (11-20-16)
3FGM	.....1 vs. 7 Teams
	.....Last vs. Virginia (3-15-19)
3FGA	.....4 vs. Southeast Missouri (12-17-18)
3FG%	.....1.000 vs. Nicholls State (12-8-16)
FTM	.....11 at Pitt (1-14-19)
FTA	.....12 at Pitt (1-14-19)
FT%	.....1.000 vs. 11 Teams
	.....Last vs. Vermont (3-21-19)
OR	.....6 at Duke (2-28-17)
DR	.....11 vs. UAB (11-22-18)
REBS	.....11 vs. UAB (11-22-18)
	.....11 vs. Syracuse (1-13-18)
AST	.....12 vs. Southern Miss (12-21-17)
BLK	.....2 at Tulane (11-11-18)
	.....2 vs. Missouri (3-16-18)
	.....2 at Notre Dame (2-10-18)
STL	.....5 vs. Louisville (2-9-19)
	.....5 vs. UConn (12-8-18)
MIN	.....40 vs. Syracuse (1-13-18)

underlined denotes career high established or tied during 2018-19 season

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Trent Forrest led FSU in both steals (1.6 spg) and assists (4.1 apg) as a sophomore. He led the Seminoles in steals in both of his first two seasons at Florida State

















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**2018-19**

- \* Flourishing as Florida State's starting center for the second consecutive season
- \* Ranked 7th in school history with 146 career blocks during his four-year career as a Seminole
- \* Totaled 9 points, 5 rebounds and 1 blocked shot in the Seminoles' 81-60 win over Florida in Tallahassee
- \* Scored 8 points to go along with 4 rebounds in Florida State's victory over Tulane in New Orleans
- \* Scored 8 points and tied his career high with 9 rebounds in Florida State's victory over Canisius
- \* A near double-double of 12 points and 9 rebounds in Florida State's win over UAB in the AdvoCare Invitational
- \* First career double-double with 20 points and a career-high 12 rebounds in Florida State's victory over Wake Forest
- \* Second career double-double of 10 points and 12 rebounds in Florida State's win in Atlanta against Georgia Tech
- \* Double figure scoring with 10 points and 7 rebounds in Florida State's victory at Clemson
- \* Double figure scoring with 12 points and 5 rebounds in Florida State's victory over Notre Dame
- \* Totaled 9 points, 9 rebounds and 1 blocked shot in Florida State's victory over Virginia in the ACC Tournament
- \* Totaled 6 points and 9 rebounds in Florida State's victory over Murray State in the NCAA Tournament

**2017-18 Season**

- \* Averaged 6.5 points (ninth on the team) and 1.5 blocked shots (second) as he played in 24 of Florida State's 35 games
- \* Career-high 23 points, 8 rebounds and 4 blocked shots in Florida State's victory over Syracuse on Jan. 13
- \* Totaled 14 points and a career-high 5 blocked shots in Florida State's victory over George Washington
- \* Scored 13 points, pulled down 2 rebounds and blocked 1 shot in Florida State's victory over Miami on Jan. 27
- \* Totaled 11 points, 8 rebounds and 3 blocked shots in Florida State's ACC road victory at Louisville on Feb. 3
- \* Totaled 12 points on a perfect 6 of 6 shooting from the field against NC State on Feb. 25

**2016-17 Season**

- \* Averaged 3.4 points (11th on the team), 1.9 rebounds (tied for eighth) and 1.1 blocks (second) as he played in all 35 of the Seminoles' games as a sophomore
- \* 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

**2018-19 Game-By-Game Statistics -- Chris Koumadje**

Date	Opponent	G-GS	Min	FG-A	Pct.	3FG-A	Pct.	FT-A	Pct.	O-D	Rebs	PF	A	TO	B	S	Pts
N6	Florida	1-1	21	4-8	.500	0-0	.000	1-2	.500	1-4	5	1	0	0	1	1	9
N11	at Tulane	2-2	11	4-5	.800	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	2-2	4	3	0	2	1	0	8
N19	Canisius	3-3	17	4-6	.667	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	2-7	9	3	0	1	1	0	8
N22	UAB (AdvoCare)	4-4	22	6-8	.750	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	3-6	9	2	0	3	3	9	12
N23	LSU (AdvoCare)	5-5	19	2-5	.400	0-0	.000	2-4	.500	3-1	4	1	0	1	0	0	6
N25	Villanova (Advo)	6-6	14	1-5	.200	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	2-1	3	1	0	2	2	1	2
N28	Purdue	7-7	18	2-2	1.000	0-0	.000	3-4	.750	2-1	3	2	1	0	0	0	7
D3	Troy	8-8	17	3-6	.500	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	3-1	4	1	0	0	0	0	6
D8	vs. UConn	9-9	17	2-6	.333	0-0	.000	3-4	.750	4-7	11	4	1	3	4	0	7
D17	SE Missouri	10-10	19	6-6	1.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	4-3	7	1	1	1	4	1	12
D19	North Florida	11-11	18	5-5	1.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	3-2	5	3	0	1	3	0	10
D22	vs. Saint Louis	12-12	17	1-4	.250	0-0	.000	1-2	.500	0-4	4	3	0	0	1	0	3
J1	Winthrop	13-13	14	2-5	.400	0-0	.000	2-4	.500	3-5	8	1	1	1	1	0	6
J5	* at Virginia	14-14	13	1-2	.500	0-0	.000	0-2	.000	1-1	2	2	0	0	1	0	2
J9	* Miami	15-15	14	0-6	.000	0-0	.000	1-2	.500	3-2	5	3	2	0	0	0	1
J12	* Duke	16-16	15	3-3	1.000	0-0	.000	1-2	.500	1-3	4	0	0	2	2	0	7
J14	* at Pitt	17-17	20	2-4	.750	0-0	.000	1-3	.333	3-8	11	3	1	3	5	0	7
J20	* at Boston Col.	18-18	12	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-1	1	2	0	0	2	2	0
J22	* Clemson	19-19	15	2-3	.667	0-0	.000	2-2	1.000	0-2	2	1	0	1	0	0	6
J27	* at Miami	20-20	11	4-5	.800	0-0	.000	1-2	.500	0-4	4	4	0	1	1	0	9
F2	* Georgia Tech	21-21	19	2-2	1.000	0-0	.000	2-2	1.000	0-8	8	3	0	2	2	0	6
F5	* at Syracuse	22-22	11	1-1	1.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	1-0	0	1	0	2	0	0	2
F9	* Louisville	23-23	6	0-2	.000	0-0	.000	0-2	.000	4-2	6	0	0	0	0	1	0
F13	* Wake Forest	24-24	24	10-12	.833	0-0	.000	0-1	.000	5-7	12	1	0	0	2	0	20
F16	* at Georgia Tech	25-25	22	5-7	.714	0-0	.000	0-2	.000	3-9	12	3	1	6	3	0	10
F19	* at Clemson	26-26	14	4-6	.667	0-0	.000	2-2	1.000	2-5	7	2	0	1	2	0	10
F23	* at N. Carolina	27-27	14	2-5	.400	0-0	.000	2-2	1.000	3-1	4	3	0	0	2	1	6
F25	* Notre Dame	28-28	12	5-7	.714	0-0	.000	2-2	1.000	1-4	5	1	0	0	1	0	12
M2	* NC State	29-29	21	3-4	.750	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	1-4	5	1	0	2	3	0	6
M5	* Virginia Tech	30-30	7	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0
M9	* at Wake Forest	31-31	20	4-8	.500	0-0	.000	0-2	.000	3-7	10	1	0	0	3	0	8
M14	Va. Tech (ACC)	32-32	14	1-3	.333	0-0	.000	1-1	1.000	1-4	5	2	0	2	0	0	3
M15	Virginia (ACC)	33-33	20	3-3	1.000	0-0	.000	3-4	1.000	3-6	9	3	0	2	0	1	9
M16	Duke (ACC)	34-34	9	2-2	1.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	3-0	3	2	0	0	0	0	4
M211	Vermont (NCAA)	35-35	11	2-3	.667	0-0	.000	2-2	1.000	0-3	3	0	0	0	0	1	6
M23	Murray St (NCAA)	36-236	16	3-5	.600	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	4-5	9	3	5	3	0	2	6
M28	Gonzaga (NCAA)																

**Christ Koumadje's Career Highs**

PTS	..... 23 vs. Syracuse (1-13-18)
FGM	..... 10 vs. Wake Forest (2-13-19)
FGA	..... 14 vs. Syracuse (1-13-18)
FG%	..... 1.000 vs. 11 Teams
	..... Last vs. Virginia (3-15-19)
FTM	..... 5 vs. Syracuse (1-13-18)
FTA	..... 10 vs. Syracuse (1-13-18)
FT%	..... 1.000 vs. Duke (3-16-19)
	..... 1.000 vs. Notre Dame (2-15-19)
	..... 1.000 at North Carolina (2-23-19)
	..... 1.000 at Clemson (2-19-19)
	..... 1.000 vs. Georgia Tech (2-2-19)
	..... 1.000 vs. Xavier (3-18-18)
	..... 1.000 vs. DePaul (11-21-15)
OR	..... 6 vs. Syracuse (1-13-18)
	..... 6 at Miami (1-7-18)
DR	..... 9 at Georgia Tech (2-16-19)
REBS	..... 12 at Georgia Tech (2-16-19)
	..... 12 vs. Wake Forest (2-13-19)
AST	..... 2 vs. Miami (1-9-19)
	..... 2 vs. Southern Miss (12-6-16)
BLK	..... 5 at Pitt (1-14-19)
	..... 5 vs. George Washington (11-14-17)
STL	..... 2 at Boston College (1-20-19)
	..... 2 at Syracuse (1-28-17)
	..... 2 vs. Virginia Tech (1-7-17)
MIN	..... 35 vs. Syracuse (1-13-18)

underlined denotes career high established or tied during 2018-19 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





6-10, 250, R-Sophomore, Burlington, Ontario, Canada

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

**2018-19 Season**

- \* Named as the 2019 ACC Sixth Man of the Year
- \* Earned All ACC Tournament First Team Honors in leading the Seminoles to the ACC Tournament Finals
- \* Averaged 7.5 points and 4.5 rebounds in Florida State's two exhibition games to open the season
- \* Totaled 5 points and 1 rebound in 15 minutes of playing time in the Seminoles' 81-60 win over Florida
- \* Scored 18 points and 6 rebounds in Florida State's win over Canisius in Tallahassee
- \* Scored 15 points including a buzzer-beating, game-winning 3-point shot with 0.5 seconds remaining in overtime to left Florida State to a 79-76 win over LSU in the semifinals of the AdvoCare Invitational
- \* Scored 24 points and a perfect 10 of 10 made free throws in Florida State's 95-81 win over North Florida
- \* Third career double double with a 24 points and 10 rebounds in Florida State's game against Duke
- \* A career-high 26 points ad 9 rebounds in Florida State's game at Boston College
- \* Totaled 22 points, seven rebounds, 2 steals and 1 blocked shot in Florida State's overtime win over Louisville
- \* Fourth career double-double with 19 points and 11 rebounds in Florida State's victory at Clemson
- \* Florida State's leading scorer with 16 points and a career-high tying 4 blocks in Florida State's win over NC State
- \* Florida State's leading scorer with 17 points and 9 rebound in Florida State's Senior Night victory over Virginia Tech
- \* Fifth career double-double with 21 points and 10 rebounds in Florida State's NCAA Tournament win over Vermont
- \* Team-high 22 points, 7 rebounds and 3 blocked shots in Florida State's victory over Murray State in teh NCAA Tourn.

**2017-18 Season**

- \* Averaged 7.2 points (sixth) and 4.6 rebounds (fourth) in 14.8 minutes (eight) while playing in 34 games
- \* First career double-double of 16 points and 12 rebounds in 14 minutes of play in Florida State's win over The Citadel
- \* Second career double-double of 14 points and 12 rebounds in 27 minutes of play against Missouri on March 16
- \* Scored 13 points and pulled down 6 rebounds in Florida State's 88-75 win over Pitt on Feb. 18
- \* 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

**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 the Bosco Institute 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

**2018-19 Game-By-Game Statistics – Mfiondu Kabengele**

Date	Opponent	G-GS	Min	FG-A	Pct.	3FG-A	Pct.	FT-A	Pct.	O-D	Rebs	PF	A	TO	B	S	Pts
N6	Florida	1-0	15	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	5-6	.833	0-1	1	2	0	2	0	1	5
N11	at Tulane	2-0	21	4-8	.500	0-1	.000	4-7	.571	0-5	5	4	1	2	1	1	12
N19	Canisius	3-0	10	6-12	.500	0-1	.000	6-10	.600	3-3	6	2	1	1	0	0	18
N22	UAB (AdvoCare)	4-0	18	3-8	.375	0-0	.000	4-4	1.000	2-1	3	1	1	0	0	2	10
N23	LSU (AdvoCare)	5-0	18	5-12	.417	2-4	.500	3-3	1.000	2-2	4	2	0	0	0	0	15
N25	Villanova (Advo)	6-0	21	3-8	.375	0-1	.000	5-7	.714	3-4	7	1	1	0	0	0	11
N28	Purdue	7-0	12	3-5	.600	0-0	.000	1-1	1.000	1-1	2	5	1	3	0	1	7
D3	Troy	8-0	23	4-7	.571	0-0	.000	2-3	.667	3-4	7	3	2	3	3	1	10
D8	vs. UConn	9-0	20	5-10	.500	1-3	.333	4-5	.800	2-1	3	5	0	2	1	1	15
D17	SE Missouri	10-0	18	3-5	.600	0-1	.000	3-5	.600	2-4	6	0	0	0	1	0	9
D19	North Florida	11-0	19	7-12	.583	0-1	.000	10-10	1.000	4-3	7	1	0	0	0	0	24
D22	vs. Saint Louis	12-0	11	4-6	.667	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	1-6	7	4	0	1	1	0	8
J1	Winthrop	13-0	20	4-7	.429	0-0	.000	4-5	.800	0-2	2	5	1	2	4	2	10
J5	* at Virginia	14-0	19	2-7	.286	0-2	.000	1-4	.250	2-5	7	4	0	2	2	0	5
J9	* Miami	15-0	17	4-7	.571	0-0	.000	1-2	.500	2-5	7	5	0	1	1	0	9
J12	* Duke	16-0	25	7-13	.538	2-3	.667	8-9	.889	6-4	10	0	0	1	3	2	24
J14	* at Pitt	17-0	11	3-6	.500	0-1	.000	3-4	.750	1-0	1	5	0	0	1	1	9
J20	* at Boston Col.	18-0	28	9-16	.563	0-1	.000	8-11	.727	4-5	9	3	0	1	0	0	26
J22	* Clemson	19-0	25	6-10	.600	1-2	.500	4-4	1.000	1-4	5	2	0	0	1	0	17
J27	* at Miami	20-0	25	6-9	.667	1-2	.500	4-5	.800	1-5	6	2	0	2	2	0	17
F2	* Georgia Tech	21-0	21	2-6	.333	1-1	1.000	7-9	.778	1-1	2	0	0	0	2	0	12
F5	* at Syracuse	22-0	28	7-10	.700	4-4	1.000	0-0	.000	4-4	8	3	0	1	2	1	18
F9	* Louisville	23-0	36	7-12	.583	2-6	.333	6-6	1.000	3-4	7	2	0	1	1	2	22
F13	* Wake Forest	24-0	13	4-8	.500	0-1	.000	1-2	.500	3-4	7	1	0	1	1	0	9
F16	* at Georgia Tech	25-0	16	2-5	.400	0-2	.000	4-4	1.000	2-4	6	2	2	0	1	0	8
F19	* at Clemson	26-0	26	9-13	.692	1-1	1.000	0-1	.000	3-8	11	2	0	2	2	1	19
F23	* at N. Carolina	27-0	19	2-5	.400	1-1	1.000	3-4	.750	1-5	6	4	0	0	3	1	8
F25	* Notre Dame	28-0	28	3-11	.273	0-2	.000	4-7	.571	2-2	4	1	1	1	2	0	10
M2	* NC State	29-0	19	4-9	.444	1-2	.500	7-8	.875	1-4	5	2	0	2	4	1	16
M5	* Virginia Tech	30-0	38	4-13	.308	0-5	.000	9-11	.818	3-6	9	1	2	1	0	2	17
M9	* at Wake Forest	31-0	20	3-5	.600	0-1	.000	1-3	.333	2-7	9	2	0	3	3	0	7
M14	Va. Tech (ACC)	32-0	29	2-10	.200	1-4	.250	2-2	1.000	2-6	8	4	0	4	3	0	7
M15	Virginia (ACC)	33-0	16	3-4	.750	1-2	.500	3-4	.750	3-3	6	3	0	0	2	0	10
M16	Duke (ACC)	34-0	25	5-11	.455	3-5	.600	1-1	1.000	1-2	3	3	0	2	3	0	14
M21	Vermont (NCAA)	35-0	29	6-13	.462	0-1	.000	9-12	.750	4-6	10	3	0	3	1	1	21
M23	Murray St (NCAA)	36-0	23	10-12	.833	2-2	1.000	0-0	.000	2-5	7	2	0	0	3	1	22
M28	Gonzaga (NCAA)																

**Mfiondu Kabengele's Career Highs**

PTS .....26 at Boston College (1-20-19)

FGM .....12 vs. Murray State (3-23-19)

FGA .....16 at Boston College (1-20-19)

FG% .....1.000 vs. Southern Miss (12-21-17)

.....1.000 vs. Colorado State (11-19-17)

3FGM .....4 at Syracuse (2-5-19)

3FGA .....6 vs. Louisville (2-9-19)

3FG% .....1.000 vs. Murray State (3-23-19)

.....1.000 at Syracuse (2-5-19)

.....1.000 vs. Southern Miss (12-21-17)

FTM .....10 vs. North Florida (12-19-18)

FTA .....12 vs. Vermont (3-21-19)

FT% .....1.000 vs. 12 Teams

.....Last vs. Virginia Tech (3-14-19)

OR.....8 at Miami (1-7-18)

DR.....11 vs. Missouri (3-16-18)

REBS.....12 vs. 3 Teams

.....Last vs. Missouri (3-16-18)

AST.....2 vs. 4 teams

.....Last vs. Virginia Tech (3-5-19)

BLK .....4 vs. NC State (3-2-19)

.....4 vs. Winthrop (1-1-19)

.....4 vs. Gonzaga (3-22-18)

STL .....2 vs. 6 Teams

.....Last vs. Virginia Tech (3-5-19)

MIN .....38 vs. Virginia Tech (3-5-19)

underlined denotes career high established or tied during 2018-19 season

**14/12**

Mfiondu Kabengele totaled his second career double double of 14 points and 12 rebounds in the Seminoles' victory over Missouri in the 2018 NCAA Tournament







### Exhibition 1 -- Florida State 96, West Florida 56

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. -- As basketball season officially tipped-off in Tallahassee, Florida State breezed past West Florida 96-56 in its first exhibition of the year. The Seminoles wasted little time jumping out to a big lead over the visiting Argonauts and led 11-3 with 16:34 left in the first half after a PJ Savoy triple. A pair Christ Koumadje free throws built the Florida State lead to double digits at 25-12 with 9:30 left in the half. Koumadje had a strong game and finished the night with 20 points, eight rebounds, and four blocks as his size was far too much for the Argonauts to handle inside. Trent Forrest had a big night driving to the rim, using his trademarked ability to finish through contact to extend the lead to 28-16 with 8:01 left in the half. The Seminoles got into transition all contest with 28 points off turnovers during the game. A Devin Vassell steal and lay-in gave FSU a 33-16 lead with 6:30 left in the half. Against West Florida, FSU forced 19 turnovers with eight steals and five blocks.

### Florida State 96, West Florida 56 Donald L. Tucker Center

Oct. 26, 2018

West Fla.	Min	FG	3FG	FT	O-D	Reb	F	A	T	B	S	Pts.
Henderson	30	2-10	0-0	1-2	3-5	8	2	0	2	1	0	5
Ventoniemi	28	4-6	0-0	0-0	5-1	6	4	2	1	0	0	8
Brown	27	3-12	1-3	2-2	3-0	3	2	2	3	0	1	9
Benson	27	6-11	3-7	2-5	1-0	1	2	2	4	0	1	17
Carter, Jr.	28	0-6	0-4	1-3	0-2	2	1	2	1	0	0	1
Cox	12	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Chalfoux	17	2-3	2-3	0-0	0-2	2	1	0	3	0	0	6
Greene	5	0-0	0-0	1-0	1-0	1	2	1	3	0	0	0
Kah	14	2-7	1-1	0-0	1-3	4	4	0	1	0	0	4
Gomes	12	1-2	0-2	3-4	0-2	2	0	0	1	0	0	6
<b>Team</b>					<b>2-1</b>	<b>3</b>						
<b>Totals</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>20-58</b>	<b>7-20</b>	<b>9-16</b>	<b>16-16</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>56</b>

Fl. State	Min	FG	3FG	FT	O-D	Reb	F	A	T	B	S	Pts.
Kabengele	14	1-3	0-0	0-0	2-3	5	2	0	1	0	0	2
Koumadje	19	7-8	0-0	6-8	4-4	8	1	1	2	0	20	
Forrest	17	3-5	0-0	2-2	1-6	7	1	2	1	0	2	8
Mann	19	3-4	1-2	0-0	1-3	4	1	1	2	1	1	7
Walker	21	4-6	3-5	0-0	0-1	1	3	1	3	1	0	11
Gray	15	1-4	0-0	0-0	1-1	2	2	2	1	0	0	2
Savoy	22	5-11	3-8	3-3	0-1	1	0	2	0	1	1	16
Nichols	20	4-8	2-4	0-0	0-0	0	1	3	0	0	1	10
Polite	13	1-3	0-2	0-0	1-2	3	0	2	1	0	1	2
Lindner	3	1-2	0-1	0-1	0-0	0	0	1	0	0	1	2
Light	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Vassell	15	5-7	3-4	1-3	2-2	4	3	4	0	0	1	14
Wilkes	13	0-1	0-1	2-2	0-1	1	3	4	1	0	0	2
Miles	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
Prieto	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Team</b>					<b>0-0</b>	<b>0</b>						
<b>Tot-als</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>35-62</b>	<b>12-27</b>	<b>14-19</b>	<b>12-24</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>96</b>

FG% - West Florida, .345, Florida State, .565. 3FG% - West Florida, .350, Florida State, .444. FT% - West Florida, .563, Florida State, .737. Technical Fouls: West Florida -- None. Florida State -- None. Referees - Ron Groover, Anthony Franklin, Jeremy Mosier

West Florida	27	29	-	56
Florida State	9	47	-	96

### Exhibition 2 -- Florida State 99, Valdosta State 77

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. -- Florida State defeated Valdosta State, 99-77, in its second and final exhibition game to open the 2018-19 season. Redshirt freshman RaiQuan Gray scored the first seven points of the game for the Seminoles on a pair of smooth driving lay-ins and a three-point bomb from the wing. A quick 7-0 run gave FSU a 21-13 lead at the 12:06 mark after a short jumper from freshman Devin Vassell. Later in the half an 8-0 run, spurred by strong defense and attacking the basket, gave the Seminoles a 29-16 lead with 9:22 left. Trent Forrest's driving and-one lay-up capped the run for Florida State. On the night, the Seminoles scored 64 points in the paint. A Christ Koumadje dunk with 2:26 left before the break gave FSU its largest lead of the half at 45-26 and the Seminoles went into the locker room at halftime leading 47-35. The Seminoles shot 62 percent from the floor (40-65) on the night, including 7 of 16 from beyond the arc. Forrest led FSU with 15 points, six rebounds, and five assists in the win.

### Florida State 99, Valdosta State 77 Donald L. Tucker Center Nov. 1, 2018

Valdosta	Min	FG	3FG	FT	O-D	Reb	F	A	T	B	S	Pts.
Jones	28	1-6	0-1	0-0	1-3	4	4	2	2	0	1	2
Zuppas	25	3-4	0-1	0-0	3-6	9	4	3	4	0	0	6
Morgan	24	2-7	2-6	0-0	0-2	2	2	1	5	1	0	6
Guillozet	30	9-13	5-7	5-7	1-2	3	1	3	3	0	1	28
Justice	30	6-18	4-12	2-3	1-0	1	3	2	4	0	0	18
Johnson	12	3-7	3-7	0-0	0-2	2	0	0	0	0	0	9
DeRamus	19	2-3	1-1	0-0	0-1	1	1	5	3	0	1	5
Ingram	11	0-1	0-1	0-0	2-0	2	0	1	2	0	1	0
Smith	12	1-4	0-1	1-1	1-1	2	2	0	2	0	0	3
Williams	7	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	1	1	1	0	1	0	0
Venable	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Team</b>					<b>1-0</b>	<b>1</b>						
<b>Totals</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>27-63</b>	<b>15-37</b>	<b>8-12</b>	<b>10-19</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>77</b>

Fl. State	Min	FG	3FG	FT	O-D	Reb	F	A	T	B	S	Pts.
Gray	11	4-7	1-4	0-0	0-1	1	2	1	3	0	0	9
Forrest	26	7-10	0-1	1-1	1-5	6	2	5	3	1	1	15
Koumadje	20	2-5	0-0	0-2	0-5	5	2	0	2	1	0	4
Mann	29	6-10	0-3	2-3	0-2	2	2	2	1	0	1	14
Walker	26	1-5	0-1	2-2	0-0	0	3	5	2	0	3	4
Nichols	17	4-7	1-1	1-2	0-0	0	2	2	3	0	3	10
Polite	18	3-3	2-2	3-4	0-2	2	1	2	0	0	0	11
Lindner	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Light	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Vassell	17	6-7	1-1	0-0	1-2	3	2	0	1	0	2	13
Kabengele	17	5-8	0-0	3-3	4-3	7	2	1	3	0	0	13
Wilkes	17	2-3	2-3	0-1	0-5	5	0	1	1	0	2	6
<b>Team</b>					<b>1-3</b>	<b>4</b>						
<b>Totals</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>40-65</b>	<b>7-16</b>	<b>12-18</b>	<b>7-28</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>99</b>

FG% - Valdosta, .429, Florida State, .615. 3FG% - Valdosta, .405, Florida State, .438. FT% - Valdosta, .667, Florida State, .667. Technical Fouls: Valdosta -- None. Florida State -- None. Referees - Tony Henderson, Jeff Pon, Tommy Morrissey

Valdosta State	35	42	-	77
Florida State	47	52	-	99

### Game 1 -- Florida State 81, Florida 60

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. -- P.J. Savoy scored 20 points with five 3-pointers, Trent Forrest added 13 points and five assists, and No. 17 Florida State opened with an 81-60 win over Florida at the Donald L. Tucker Center in Tallahassee. Terance Mann had nine points and a team-high nine rebounds for the Seminoles, who won their fifth straight game against Florida. They led 31-20 at the half and never looked back, leading by as many as 35 points and using an aggressive defense to stifle the Gators. Florida State dominated by making 23 of 48 shots from the floor and 11 of 23 3-pointers. But the Seminoles also had nine steals and held Florida to just 19 of 53 from the floor. Florida State has won 32 of its last 34 home games. The Seminoles have been tough to beat at the home, with one of their two losses in 2017-18 coming to No. 1 Virginia on Feb. 7.

### Florida State 81, Florida 60 Donald L. Tucker Center Nov. 6, 2018

Florida	Min	FG	3FG	FT	O-D	Reb	F	A	T	B	S	Pts.
Stone	26	2-6	1-3	1-2	2-6	8	3	0	4	0	1	6
Hayes	18	2-2	0-0	0-1	3-3	6	4	1	4	1	0	4
Nembhard	34	4-8	2-4	2-3	0-0	0	2	4	4	0	1	12
Hudson	22	3-10	1-5	4-5	1-1	2	1	0	0	0	1	11
Allen	23	0-4	0-2	0-0	0-1	1	2	2	0	0	0	0
Okauru	10	1-3	0-2	2-2	0-1	1	4	1	1	0	0	4
Locke	13	1-6	1-2	1-2	0-1	1	1	0	0	0	0	4
Johnson	15	2-3	0-0	0-0	0-3	3	3	1	2	0	1	4
Stokes	14	0-3	0-2	2-4	1-3	4	3	0	1	1	1	2
Bassett	8	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Ballard	17	5-9	1-4	2-2	0-0	0	2	0	0	1	0	13
<b>Team</b>					<b>2-1</b>	<b>3</b>						
<b>Totals</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>20-54</b>	<b>6-24</b>	<b>14-21</b>	<b>9-21</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>60</b>

Fl. State	Min	FG	3FG	FT	O-D	Reb	F	A	T	B	S	Pts.
Koumadje	21	4-8	0-0	1-2	1-4	5	1	0	0	1	1	9
Forrest	25	3-4	1-1	6-6	0-1	1	3	5	2	0	1	13
Savoy	27	5-7	5-7	5-8	0-3	3	2	1	2	1	0	20
Mann	27	3-5	1-1	2-3	3-6	9	1	0	2	0	1	9
Walker	31	3-7	2-4	2-3	0-2	2	3	3	1	0	2	10
Gray	13	1-3	0-1	0-0	1-1	2	4	0	1	0	0	2
Nichols	17	1-5	0-3	1-2	0-1	1	2	1	3	0	2	3
Polite	9	1-2	1-2	2-4	0-1	1	2	0	1	0	0	5
Lindner	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Light	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Vassell	6	1-4	1-3	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	0	1	3
Kabengele	15	0-1	0-0	5-6	0-1	1	2	0	2	0	1	5
Wilkes	5	1-2	0-1	0-0	1-2	3	1	0	1	0	0	2
Miles	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Prieto	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
<b>Team</b>					<b>1-4</b>	<b>5</b>						
<b>Totals</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>23-48</b>	<b>11-23</b>	<b>24-34</b>	<b>7-26</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>81</b>

FG% - Florida, .370, Florida State, .479. 3FG% - Florida, .250, Florida State

Fl. State	Min	FG	3FG	FT	O-D	Reb	F	A	T	B	S	Pts.
Koumadje	17	4-6	0-0	0-0	2-7	9	3	0	1	1	0	8
Forrest	29	3-7	0-0	2-2	0-5	5	1	6	1	0	2	8
Savoy	22	0-2	0-2	2-2	0-1	1	0	0	2	0	1	2
Mann	28	4-9	1-1	3-3	3-2	5	0	4	2	0	0	12
Walker	24	4-7	3-4	1-3	3-1	4	3	2	4	0	2	12
Gray	12	0-0	0-0	4-4	1-2	3	0	2	1	0	0	4
Nichols	17	2-4	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	2	2	1	1	0	4
Polite	13	2-3	1-2	4-4	0-2	2	2	2	0	0	1	9
Vassell	14	4-7	0-1	2-2	1-0	1	1	0	1	1	3	10
Kabengele	19	6-12	0-1	6-10	3-3	6	2	1	1	0	0	18
Wilkes	5	2-2	2-2	0-0	0-1	1	1	0	1	0	0	6
<b>Team</b>					<b>1-2</b>	<b>3</b>						
<b>Totals</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>31-59</b>	<b>7-14</b>	<b>24-30</b>	<b>14-26</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>93</b>

FG% - Canisius, .423, Florida State, .525. 3FG% - Canisius, .381, Florida State, .500. FT% - Canisius, .600, Florida State, .800. Technical Fouls: Canisius -- Scott Hitchon (Ejected). Florida State -- None. Referees - Mike Eades, Chance Moore, Jeff Clark. Attendance: 7,457

Canisius	27	34	-	61
Florida State	42	51	-	93

### Game 4 -- Florida State 81, UAB 63

LAKE BUENA VISTA, Fla. -- Bolstered by a 5-for-5 night from the field and a 6-of-7 effort at the free-throw line, guard Terance Mann scored a game-high 17 points to lead Florida State past UAB, 81-63, to earn a spot in the semifinals of the AdvoCare Invitational. The Seminoles relied upon their signature stingy defense to blow past the Blazers, holding UAB to 19 of 58 from the field (33 percent) and 2-14 (14 percent) from the 3-point line. Both marks were a season-bests for the Seminoles, and their two 3-point shots allowed were the least by an FSU team since Fordham made just one on Nov. 17, 2018. After a slow start that saw scoreless basketball for the first 2:30, FSU senior P.J. Savoy found his stride, connecting on back-to-back 3-point baskets to earn the game's first points. With the game tied 8-8 five minutes into the first half, senior Christ Koumadje catapulted an 11-1 run that held UAB without a field goal for 6:18. Off an inbound lob, Koumadje threw down a heavy dunk that put the Noles up 14-11. A few possessions later, he had yet another slam that extended the lead to five. Koumadje used his size and strength to dominate the paint all night. He finished with 12 points, a career-high tying nine rebounds and three blocks. His three blocks put him at 100 blocks for his career. Florida State ran through the first half off of a balanced scoring attack that saw nine different Seminoles score at least one basket. Fresh off a 10-point showing against Canisius, freshman Devin Vassell hit a corner 3-point shot to put FSU up 27-15 at the 7:01 mark.

### Florida State 81, UAB 63

#### HP Field House

Nov. 22, 2018

UAB	Min	FG	3FG	FT	O-D	Reb	F	A	T	B	S	Pts.
Butler	23	1-1	0-0	4-4	0-3	3	4	0	0	0	0	6
Sullivan	23	2-4	0-0	4-4	2-0	2	1	1	0	0	0	8
Bryant	34	3-13	0-3	3-5	1-3	4	2	4	6	0	2	9
Lovan	18	2-7	0-0	2-3	3-6	4	0	2	0	2	1	6
Perry	20	1-9	0-4	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	1	0	0	2
Scott-Grayson	25	5-11	2-4	4-5	1-1	2	3	0	2	0	4	16
Bell	20	3-8	0-2	2-3	1-0	1	1	1	2	0	1	8
McCoy	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gueye	23	2-3	0-0	2-2	1-2	3	5	0	1	1	0	6
Hurtado	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pearson	8	0-2	0-1	2-2	0-1	1	0	0	0	0	0	2
<b>Team</b>					<b>3-4</b>	<b>7</b>				<b>1</b>		
<b>Totals</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>19-58</b>	<b>2-14</b>	<b>23-28</b>	<b>12-18</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>63</b>

Fl. State	Min	FG	3FG	FT	O-D	Reb	F	A	T	B	S	Pts.
Koumadje	22	6-8	0-0	0-0	0-6	9	2	0	3	3	0	12
Forrest	30	1-2	0-0	3-3	0-11	11	1	3	6	0	0	5
Savoy	19	3-7	2-6	2-2	0-3	3	4	1	2	1	1	10
Mann	26	5-5	1-1	6-7	1-0	1	1	3	2	0	0	17
Walker	23	1-6	1-3	2-2	0-3	3	3	3	2	0	0	5
Gray	8	2-3	0-0	2-3	0-0	0	2	0	0	0	1	6
Nichols	22	1-5	0-3	3-3	0-2	2	3	1	2	1	2	5
Polite	11	0-2	0-2	0-0	0-1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0
Vassell	15	3-5	2-2	1-2	1-2	3	1	1	0	0	2	9
Kabengele	18	3-8	0-0	4-4	2-1	3	2	0	1	0	1	10
Wilkes	6	1-2	0-1	0-0	1-0	1	1	0	0	0	0	2
<b>Team</b>					<b>1-0</b>	<b>1</b>						
<b>Totals</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>26-53</b>	<b>6-18</b>	<b>23-26</b>	<b>9-29</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>81</b>

FG% - UAB, .328, Florida State, .491. 3FG% - UAB, .143, Florida State, .333. FT% - UAB, .821, Florida State, .885. Technical Fouls: UAB -- None. Florida State -- None. Referees - Ray Natili, Mike Scyphers, Olandis Poole. Attendance: 2,226

UAB	31	32	-	63
Florida State	42	39	-	81

### Game 5 -- Florida State 79, LSU 76 (OT)

LAKE BUENA VISTA, Fla. -- Mfiondu Kabengele hit a deep 3-point jumper with a half-second left in overtime, and No. 14 Florida State advanced to the AdvoCare Invitational championship game with a 79-76 win over No. 19 LSU. Tremont Waters made three free throws to pull LSU even at 76 with 11.5 seconds to go in overtime before Kabengele's shot bounced off the rim and into the basket. "It just dropped right

in and I was in shock," said Kabengele. "I'm just happy it went in." After trailing by nine, Florida State forced overtime when Trent Forrest tied it at 68-68 on a layup with 2.8 seconds left. Naz Reid's 3-pointer at the buzzer hit off the rim for LSU, who got 19 points from Skylar Mays. Reid hit a 3 and Emmitt Williams had a fast-break dunk as LSU went up 59-52 with 7 1/2 minutes left. Reid, slowed recently by an ankle injury, scored 12 points in 41 minutes. M.J. Walker had 13 of his game-high 21 points during the first half as Florida State took a 30-29 lead at the break.

### Florida State 79, LSU 76 (OT)

#### HP Field House

Nov. 23, 2018

LSU	Min	FG	3FG	FT	O-D	Reb	F	A	T	B	S	Pts.
Reid	41	4-10	2-5	2-2	0-2	2	3	0	3	1	0	12
Williams	22	2-2	0-0	0-0	1-4	5	2	0	1	2	0	4
Smart	39	6-13	2-7	2-2	0-5	5	3	8	2	0	1	16
Waters	37	3-7	1-3	4-5	0-3	3	2	3	6	0	4	11
Mays	36	7-9	4-5	1-2	1-4	5	2	4	2	1	1	19
Edwards	16	3-5	2-4	0-0	0-1	1	0	1	2	1	0	8
Bigby-Williams	8	1-1	0-0	0-0	0-1	1	4	0	2	0	2	2
Reese	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Taylor	9	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0
Days	16	1-4	0-1	2-2	2-4	6	1	0	1	0	0	4
<b>Team</b>					<b>0-2</b>	<b>2</b>				<b>1</b>		
<b>Totals</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>27-52</b>	<b>11-26</b>	<b>11-13</b>	<b>4-26</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>76</b>

Fl. State	Min	FG	3FG	FT	O-D	Reb	F	A	T	B	S	Pts.
Koumadje	19	2-5	0-0	2-4	3-1	4	1	0	1	0	0	6
Forrest	37	4-13	0-2	2-3	4-3	7	1	5	2	0	4	10
Savoy	20	1-3	0-2	0-0	0-1	1	1	1	0	0	0	2
Mann	36	3-10	0-1	3-4	7-5	12	3	2	2	1	0	9
Walker	42	8-16	5-9	0-0	2-3	5	2	1	5	0	3	21
Gray	16	3-6	0-1	2-3	0-4	4	1	2	0	0	1	8
Nichols	12	1-4	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	1	0	0	2
Polite	21	2-6	2-6	0-0	1-0	1	3	3	1	0	2	6
Vassell	4	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0
Kabengele	18	5-12	2-4	3-3	2-2	4	2	0	0	0	0	15
<b>Team</b>					<b>3-2</b>	<b>5</b>						
<b>Totals</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>29-76</b>	<b>9-26</b>	<b>12-17</b>	<b>22-21</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>79</b>

FG% - LSU, .519, Florida State, .382. 3FG% - LSU, .423, Florida State, .346. FT% - LSU, .846, Florida State, .706. Technical Fouls: LSU -- None. Florida State -- None. Referees - Ray Natili, Bo Boroski, Brent Hampton. Attendance: 2,185

LSU	29	39	-	76
Florida State	30	38	-	79

### Game 6 -- Villanova 66, Florida State 60

LAKE BUENA VISTA, Fla. -- Collin Gillespie had a game-high 17 points, including two key late free throws, and the Wildcats won the AdvoCare Invitational by beating No. 14 Florida State 66-60. Gillespie made it 64-60 by connecting on a pair of free throws with 11.2 seconds to play in what was a tight second half. Eric Paschall had 15 points and Phil Booth chipped in 12 for the defending national champions. Dhamir Cosby-Roundtree had 11 points and eight rebounds. Florida State got 11 points from both Mfiondu Kabengele and Trent Forrest.

### Villanova 66, Florida State 60

#### HP Field House

Nov. 25, 2018

Villanova	Min	FG	3FG	FT	O-D	Reb	F	A	T	B	S	Pts.
Paschall	37	4-9	0-2	7-10	0-1	1	2	0	3	0	1	15
Bey	32	2-5	1-3	2-2	0-3	3	1	0	0	0	1	7
Cosby-Roundtree	26	5-5	0-0	1-2	4-4	8	5	1	2	2	2	11
Gillespie	33	7-11	1-3	2-2	0-1	1	4	2	1	0	1	17
Booth	35	3-7	1-3	5-8	0-4	4	1	2	3	0	2	12
Swider	15	0-1	0-1	0-0	1-1	2	1	1	2	0	0	0
Samuels	6	1-1	0-0	0-0	0-2	2	0	0	1	0	0	2
Cremo	16	1-4	0-2	0-0	0-1	1	1	0	0	0	1	2
<b>Team</b>					<b>2-1</b>	<b>3</b>						
<b>Totals</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>23-43</b>	<b>3-14</b>	<b>17-24</b>	<b>7-18</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>66</b>

Fl. State	Min	FG	3FG	FT	O-D	Reb	F	A	T	B	S	Pts.
Koumadje	14	1-5	0-0	0-0	2-1	3	1	0	2	2	1	2
Forrest	26	4-6	0-0	3-3	1-1	2	4	1	4	0	0	11
Savoy	12	1-3	1-3	0-0	0-1	1	1	0	1	0	1	3
Mann	31	3-5	1-2	2-2	4-1	5	3	1	3	0	0	9
Walker	31	1-5	0-1	0-0	0-4	4	5	2	0	0	1	2
Gray	14	3-4	0-0	1-1	1-1	2	1	0	2	0	0	7
Nichols	18	2-6	0-0	2-4	0-0							

FG% - Troy, .442, Florida State, .420. 3FG% - Troy, .263, Florida State, .345. FT% - Troy, .889, Florida State, .750. Technical Fouls: Troy -- None. Florida State -- None. Referees - Ron Groover, Jamie Luckie, Mark Schnur. Attendance: 7,838

Troy	28	39	-	67
Florida State	37	46	-	83

### Game 9 -- Florida State 79, UConn 71

NEWARK, N.J. -- Terance Mann scored 20 points, reserve David Nichols had 16 and the 11th-ranked Seminoles beat Connecticut 79-71 in the second game of the Never Forget Tribute Classic. Mfondu Kabengele added 15 points for Florida State, and Christ Koumadje finished with seven points and a career-high 11 rebounds. Alterique Gilbert led UConn with 24 points. Jalen Adams had 15, and Tain Smith finished with 12 points. The Seminoles opened the second half with a 10-1 run to increase their lead to 49-34 with 17:26 to play. Mann contributed seven of those points. The Huskies scored five straight points to close to 72-67 with a 1:17 to play, but Florida State went 7 for 9 at the line in the final minute.

### Florida State 79, UConn 71 Prudential Center Dec. 8, 2018

Fl. State	Min	FG	3FG	FT	O-D	Reb	F	A	T	B	S	Pts.
Koumadje	16	2-6	0-0	3-4	4-7	11	4	1	3	4	0	7
Forrest	33	1-7	0-1	6-8	0-2	2	2	1	4	0	5	8
Savoy	21	1-4	0-2	0-0	1-2	1	1	0	1	0	0	2
Walker	23	1-2	0-1	0-0	0-1	1	4	1	1	0	1	2
Mann	34	7-13	1-4	5-7	2-7	9	2	1	6	0	1	20
Gray	18	2-5	0-1	0-2	0-1	1	1	0	1	0	2	4
Nichols	21	5-7	3-4	3-4	0-3	3	4	2	3	0	1	16
Polite	14	1-1	1-1	2-2	0-1	1	4	0	0	0	1	5
Kabengele	20	5-10	1-3	4-5	2-1	3	5	0	2	1	1	15
<b>Team</b>					<b>4-1</b>	<b>5</b>					<b>1</b>	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>25-55</b>	<b>6-17</b>	<b>23-32</b>	<b>13-25</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>79</b>

UConn	Min	FG	3FG	FT	O-D	Reb	F	A	T	B	S	Pts.
Polley	20	2-5	1-3	0-0	2-0	2	4	0	2	0	0	5
Carlton	5	0-2	0-0	2-2	1-2	3	3	0	0	1	0	2
Vital	17	1-4	0-3	0-0	1-2	3	4	0	2	0	1	2
Gilbert	36	8-15	4-6	4-6	0-0	0	1	3	4	0	5	24
Adams, J.	37	4-13	2-6	5-5	1-4	5	4	3	4	1	0	15
Cobb	13	1-4	0-0	1-5	2-2	4	2	0	0	0	0	3
Smith	29	4-10	0-1	4-4	1-4	5	3	1	1	0	1	12
Adams, B.	8	0-0	0-0	2-2	0-0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2
Yakwe	20	2-3	0-0	0-0	4-2	6	2	0	3	2	0	4
Wilson	15	1-5	0-2	0-2	1-3	4	3	0	3	1	0	2
<b>Team</b>					<b>3-2</b>	<b>5</b>						
<b>Totals</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>23-61</b>	<b>7-21</b>	<b>18-26</b>	<b>16-21</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>71</b>

FG% - Florida State, .455. UConn, .377. 3FG% - Florida State, .353. UConn, .333. FT% - Florida State, .719. UConn, .692. Technical Fouls: Florida State -- Walker. UConn -- Vital. Team. Referees - William Covington, Vladimir Voyard-Tadal, Chuck Jones. Attendance: 7,142

Florida State	39	40	-	79
UConn	33	38	-	71

### Game 10 -- Florida State 85, Southeast Missouri 68

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. -- Trent Forrest scored a career-high 23 points and freshman Devin Vassell added 16 points as No. 11 Florida State overcame a sluggish first half and beat Southeast Missouri 85-68. Florida State secured its 30th straight non-conference home win. Nebraska is the last non-conference team to defeat the Seminoles, 70-65 on Dec. 1, 2014. Ledarius Brewer scored 16 points and Skyler Hogan added 14 points, knocking down four 3-pointers, for Southeast Missouri. Christ Koumadje added seven rebounds as Florida State outrebounded the undersized Redhawks 46-28. The Seminoles shot 50 percent (31 for 62). They were just 1 for 12 on 3-pointers in the first half before finishing 6 for 24. Southeast Missouri shot 25 of 59 (42.4 percent) from the floor. The Redhawks made 14 3-pointers but couldn't withstand Florida State's second-half run. Senior forward Phil Cofer, who led the team by averaging 12.8 points last season, returned to the court against SEMO after missing Florida State's first nine games with a foot injury. Cofer played five minutes in the first half, going 0 for 4 from the floor.

### Florida State 85, Southeast Missouri 68 Donald L. Tucker Center Dec. 17, 2018

SEMO	Min	FG	3FG	FT	O-D	Reb	F	A	T	B	S	Pts.
Gable	27	3-6	2-5	0-0	0-1	1	4	1	0	0	0	8
Tolbert	26	1-3	0-0	1-5	0-5	5	4	0	1	1	1	3
Hogan	28	5-9	4-7	0-0	1-1	2	0	0	3	0	2	14
Dalton	32	2-6	1-4	1-1	0-3	3	2	5	4	0	0	6
Brewer	23	6-13	2-7	2-2	0-4	4	3	3	0	0	2	16
Caldwell	17	2-8	1-5	0-0	1-1	2	3	3	0	0	0	5
Cuffee	2	2-3	2-3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
Kao	3	1-1	1-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	1	0	0	0	3
Russell	13	0-1	0-2	0-0	0-3	3	0	0	3	0	0	0
Lewis	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
McGlothan	16	3-5	1-2	0-0	1-2	3	3	0	0	0	1	7
Laros	10	0-2	0-1	0-2	1-1	2	2	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Team</b>					<b>3-0</b>	<b>3</b>						
<b>Totals</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>25-59</b>	<b>14-37</b>	<b>4-10</b>	<b>7-21</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>68</b>

Fl. State	Min	FG	3FG	FT	O-D	Reb	F	A	T	B	S	Pts.
Gray	7	1-2	0-0	0-0	1-1	2	1	0	1	0	0	2
Koumadje	19	6-6	0-0	0-0	4-3	7	1	1	4	1	1	12
Forrest	34	8-12	1-4	6-8	1-7	8	1	4	2	0	3	23
Savoy	15	0-5	0-5	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0
Mann	30	1-5	0-1	3-6	4-2	6	2	2	2	0	0	5
Cofer	5	0-4	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0
Nichols	21	5-8	3-4	0-0	0-4	4	4	2	2	0	0	13
Polite	18	1-4	0-3	0-0	3-1	4	2	2	1	0	1	2
Lindner	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	1	0	1	1	0	0	0
Light	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Vassell	19	5-7	2-3	4-6	0-4	4	0	1	1	0	1	16
Kabengele	18	3-5	0-1	3-5	2-4	6	0	0	0	1	0	9
Wilkes	6	1-4	1-4	0-0	0-1	1	0	1	1	0	0	3
Miles	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Prieto	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Team</b>					<b>2-1</b>	<b>3</b>						
<b>Totals</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>31-62</b>	<b>7-26</b>	<b>16-25</b>	<b>17-29</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>85</b>

FG% - SEMO, .424, Florida State, .500. 3FG% - SEMO, .378, Florida State, .269. FT% - SEMO, .400. Florida State, .640. Technical Fouls: SEMO -- None. Florida State -- Mann. Referees - Brian Dorsey, Roger Ayers, Bill Covington, Jr. Attendance: 5,726

Southeast Missouri	34	34	-	68
Florida State	34	51	-	85

### Game 11 -- Florida State 95, North Florida 81

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. -- Mfondu Kabengele scored a career-high 24 points and No. 11 Florida State pulled away for a 95-81 win against North Florida. Kabengele made 7 of 12 shots from the floor, 10 of 10 free throws and pulled down seven rebounds as Florida State earned its fifth straight victory. Terance Mann had 17 points, including several alley-oop dunks, as the Seminoles dominated inside. They finished with 64 points in the paint. J.T. Escobar, who played at Maclay School and Florida A&M High in Tallahassee, had 27 points for North Florida. He went 6 for 6 from 3-point range. Florida State led 46-39 at the break and opened the second half with a 12-2 run. The Seminoles led by as many as 24 points. Florida State's Christ Koumadje scored 10 points on 5-for-5 shooting. The Seminoles shot 50.6 percent (40 for 79) from the floor. North Florida shot 50 percent (27 of 54). The Seminoles had 10 players make at least one basket and hit the 90-point mark for the second time this season.

### Florida State 95, North Florida 81 Donald L. Tucker Center Dec. 19, 2018

N. Florida	Min	FG	3FG	FT	O-D	Reb	F	A	T	B	S	Pts.
Horchler	31	6-9	0-1	1-2	2-4	6	2	0	3	0	1	13
Aminu	24	3-5	0-1	2-4	1-3	4	3	2	2	1	0	8
Escobar	30	8-9	6-6	5-7	0-1	1	1	2	2	0	0	27
Gandia-Rosa	21	2-6	1-3	0-0	0-1	1	0	1	3	0	0	5
Sams	20	2-6	1-3	2-2	0-1	1	1	2	5	0	0	7
Balogun	8	1-3	0-1	0-2	1-2	3	0	0	0	0	0	2
Burkhardt	11	1-3	1-3	0-0	1-1	2	0	0	0	0	0	3
Coffey II	20	1-4	0-2	0-0	1-1	2	2	3	1	0	0	2
Day	15	3-4	1-1	3-4	3-3	6	4	2	3	0	1	10
Hendricksen	17	0-3	0-3	4-5	0-1	1	2	0	0	0	0	4
Copeland	3	0-2	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Team</b>					<b>2-3</b>	<b>5</b>						
<b>Totals</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>27-54</b>	<b>10-25</b>	<b>17-26</b>	<b>11-21</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>81</b>

Fl. State	Min	FG	3FG	FT	O-D	Reb	F	A	T	B	S	Pts.
Koumadje	18	5-5	0-0	0-0	3-2	5	3	0	1	3	0	10
Forrest	24	5-9	0-1	0-0	1-3	4	1	7	0	0	4	10
Savoy	20	5-11	1-5	0-0	2-1	3	1	1	0	0	3	11
Mann	26	8-12	0-2	1-1	0-1	1	4	2	2	0	1	17
Walker	24	3-8	1-5	0-0	0-1	1	3	2	0	0	2	7
Gray	15	1-3	0-0	0-0	0-2	2	2	1	1	0	0	2
Nichols	20	2-5	1-2	0-0	0-1	1	1	1	1	0	0	5
Polite	15	2-4	0-2	0-0	2-1	3	1	0	1	0	1	4
Vassell	13	2-6	0-3	1-2	2-4	6	1	3	0	0	0	5
Kabengele	19	7-12	0-1	10-10	4-3	7	1	0	0	0	0	24
Wilkes	6	0-4	0-2	0-0	0-1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Team</b>					<b>0-0</b>	<b>0</b>						
<b>Totals</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>40-79</b>	<b>3-23</b>	<b>12-13</b>	<b>14-20</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>95</b>

FG% - North Florida, .500, Florida State, .506. 3FG% - North Florida, .400, Florida State, .130. FT% - North Florida, .654, Florida State, .923. Technical Fouls: North Florida-- None. Florida State -- None. Referees - Jeff Anderson, Tim Clougherty, Ray Styons. Attendance: 6,209

North Florida	39	42	-	81
Florida State	46	49	-	95

### Game 12 -- Florida State 81, Saint Louis 59

SUNRISE, Fla. -- The 11th-ranked Seminoles made a season-best 55 percent, including 10 of 18 from 3-point range, and beat Saint Louis 81-59 in the one-day Orange Bowl Classic. The Seminoles won their sixth game in a row and matched the best 12-game start in school history. Nichols led the Seminoles from beyond the arc by going 4 for 7. Saint Louis suffered its most lopsided loss of the season.

an undisclosed injury.

**Florida State 87, Winthrop 76**

**Donald L. Tucker Center**

**Jan. 1, 2019**

Winthrop	Min	FG	3FG	FT	O-D	Reb	F	A	T	B	S	Pts.
Zunic	28	4-10	1-5	4-6	1-2	3	4	3	5	0	0	13
Ferguson	28	0-2	0-2	1-2	1-3	4	1	0	4	1	1	1
Anumba	24	4-7	0-1	2-4	2-3	5	4	0	3	0	0	10
Broman	14	3-4	1-2	1-1	0-0	1	2	1	0	0	0	8
Pickett	32	8-15	0-2	3-4	0-1	1	2	2	6	2	0	19
Falden	27	6-12	3-5	0-0	1-6	7	4	1	2	0	0	15
Ukaegbu	21	2-2	0-0	1-2	2-1	3	3	1	0	1	0	5
Awad	18	2-7	1-6	0-0	0-6	6	3	0	0	1	0	5
Scoerbinskis	8	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Team</b>					<b>3-4</b>	<b>7</b>						
<b>Totals</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>29-59</b>	<b>6-23</b>	<b>12-19</b>	<b>10-26</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>76</b>

Fl. State	Min	FG	3FG	FT	O-D	Reb	F	A	T	B	S	Pts.
Cofer	28	4-8	3-5	3-3	0-2	2	4	3	3	0	1	14
Koumadje	14	2-5	0-0	2-4	3-5	8	1	1	1	1	0	6
Forrest	24	2-5	0-0	2-4	0-1	1	2	1	2	0	2	6
Savoy	10	0-4	0-3	0-0	1-1	2	2	1	0	0	0	0
Mann	35	10-11	2-3	0-3	4-3	7	2	2	2	2	1	22
Gray	8	0-0	0-0	3-4	0-1	1	0	0	0	0	1	3
Nichols	29	3-10	2-5	2-2	0-1	1	0	1	1	0	2	10
Polite	21	3-7	0-2	2-2	1-4	5	0	1	0	0	3	8
Vassell	11	3-7	1-4	1-2	1-1	2	3	0	0	1	1	8
Kabengele	20	3-7	0-0	4-5	0-2	2	5	1	2	4	2	10
<b>Team</b>					<b>1-5</b>	<b>6</b>						
<b>Totals</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>30-64</b>	<b>8-22</b>	<b>19-29</b>	<b>11-26</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>87</b>

FG% - Winthrop, .492, Florida State, .469 3FG% - Winthrop, .261, Florida State, .364. FT% - Winthrop, .632, Florida State, .655. Technical Fouls: Winthrop -- None. Florida State -- None. Referees - Bert Smith, Jeb Hartness, Tony Henderson. Attendance: 7,237

Winthrop	36	40	-	76
Florida State	52	35	-	87

**Game 14 -- Virginia 65, Florida State 52**

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. -- Kyle Guy scored 21 points and Braxton Key had 20 as the No. 4 Cavaliers beat the Seminoles 65-52. Guy scored 18 points in the first half and Key added 12 before the break. The Cavaliers closed the first half on a 15-2 run to lead 42-23 and led by as many as 29 before the Seminoles rallied late. Phil Cofer scored nine points to lead the Seminoles.

**Virginia 65, Florida State 52**

**John Paul Jones Arena**

**Jan. 5, 2019**

Fl. State	Min	FG	3FG	FT	O-D	Reb	F	A	T	B	S	Pts.
Cofer	26	3-8	2-6	1-3	1-3	4	2	1	0	0	0	9
Koumadje	13	1-2	0-0	0-2	1-1	2	2	0	0	1	0	2
Forrest	28	0-2	0-0	1-2	0-4	4	1	2	0	1	0	1
Savoy	12	3-5	2-4	0-0	0-1	1	2	0	2	0	5	8
Walker	26	1-4	1-3	4-4	0-1	1	1	2	3	1	0	7
Prieto	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Polite	16	1-2	1-2	2-2	0-2	2	0	0	1	0	0	5
Mann	18	0-3	0-1	0-0	0-2	2	3	0	1	1	1	9
Gray	14	1-5	0-3	0-0	1-3	4	2	0	2	0	0	2
Kabengele	19	2-7	0-2	1-4	2-5	7	4	0	2	2	0	5
Nichols	19	2-5	0-2	1-1	0-1	1	2	1	2	0	2	5
Vassell	5	1-1	0-0	4-6	0-0	0	0	1	0	0	0	6
Wilkes	2	0-0	0-0	2-3	0-0	0	0	1	0	0	1	2
<b>Team</b>					<b>2-1</b>	<b>3</b>						
<b>Totals</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>15-44</b>	<b>6-23</b>	<b>16-27</b>	<b>8-24</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>52</b>

Virginia	Min	FG	3FG	FT	O-D	Reb	F	A	T	B	S	Pts.
Diakite	25	2-6	0-0	2-3	1-3	4	2	0	1	1	1	6
Salt	22	0-2	0-0	2-2	2-3	5	2	1	0	0	0	2
Guy	34	7-11	5-6	2-2	0-5	5	1	3	1	0	1	21
Jerone	30	2-11	0-4	2-2	1-3	4	0	6	1	0	0	6
Hunter	27	2-8	0-1	2-2	1-5	6	3	1	0	0	0	6
Key	26	7-11	2-5	4-4	0-6	6	1	0	0	1	0	20
Clark	19	0-2	0-0	0-0	1-1	1	0	1	1	0	1	0
Huff	5	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	2	0	0	1	0	0
Stattmann	3	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-1	1	2	0	2	0	0	0
Anthony	3	0-0	0-0	2-2	0-0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2
Badocchi	3	1-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Nixon	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0
Kersey	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Katsira	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Team</b>					<b>3-1</b>	<b>4</b>						
<b>Totals</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>21-52</b>	<b>7-16</b>	<b>16-18</b>	<b>9-27</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>65</b>

FG% - Florida State, .341, Virginia, .404 3FG% - Florida State, .261, Virginia, .438. FT% - Florida State, .693, Virginia, .889. Technical Fouls: Florida State-- Cofer. Virginia -- Salt. Referees - Ron Groover, Brian O'Connell, Tim Comer. Attendance: 14,623

Florida State	23	29	-	52
Virginia	42	23	-	65

**Game 15 -- Florida State 68, Miami 62**

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. -- David Nichols had 13 points and PJ Savoy scored eight of his 10 in the second half as the bench players helped No. 13 Florida State hold off Miami 68-62. The Hurricanes used an 8-0 run late to close the gap to 64-62 with 46.4 seconds left, but Terance Mann's putback with 29 seconds remaining gave the Seminoles breathing room. Mann finished with nine points and seven rebounds. Phil Cofer added seven points and six rebounds for the Seminoles. Chris Lykes scored 17 points and Anthony Lawrence II added 14 for Miami. Ebuka Izundu had 13 points and nine rebounds.

Florida State adjusted its rotation frequently on a night when it was called for 20 fouls, including 12 in the first half. Florida State shot 42 percent (27 of 64) from the floor and made 23 percent (6 of 26) of its 3-pointers. Miami shot 38 percent (20 of 53) from the field and hit just 22 percent (4 of 18) of its 3s. Dejan Vasilijevic was averaging 44 percent from 3-point range but was held to just a pair of 3s in 29 minutes.

**Florida State 68, Miami 62**

**Donald L. Tucker Center**

**Jan. 9, 2019**

Miami	Min	FG	3FG	FT	O-D	Reb	F	A	T	B	S	Pts.
Izundu	27	6-10	0-0	1-1	5-4	9	4	1	1	0	0	13
Lykes	35	5-12	1-3	6-6	0-3	3	3	2	2	0	1	17
Lawrence	32	4-9	1-3	5-6	0-4	4	3	2	4	0	0	14
Johnson	34	2-11	0-3	2-4	1-5	6	3	0	5	0	2	6
Mack	26	1-6	0-3	0-0	0-2	2	0	4	0	0	0	2
Vasilijevic	29	2-6	2-6	0-1	2-3	5	2	1	0	0	0	6
Herenton	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wardenburg	14	0-0	0-0	4-4	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
<b>Team</b>					<b>0-2</b>	<b>2</b>						
<b>Totals</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>20-54</b>	<b>4-18</b>	<b>18-22</b>	<b>8-23</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>62</b>

Fl. State	Min	FG	3FG	FT	O-D	Reb	F	A	T	B	S	Pts.
Cofer	29	3-8	1-4	0-0	2-4	6	1	2	1	0	0	7
Koumadje	14	0-6	0-0	1-2	3-2	5	3	2	0	0	0	1
Forrest	27	2-8	0-3	2-4	1-5	6	0	1	2	1	2	6
Mann	28	3-5	1-1	0-0	2-4	6	2	2	2	0	1	7
Walker	20	2-6	0-4	2-2	0-3	3	1	2	1	1	2	6
Gray	17	3-4	0-1	0-0	1-2	3	1	3	1	0	1	6
Savoy	17	4-10	2-8	0-0	0-1	1	1	0	0	0	1	10
Nichols	22	5-8	1-3	2-3	0-1	1	3	3	1	0	0	13
Polite	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
Vassell	7	1-2	1-2	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0	0	0	3
Kabengele	17	4-7	0-0	1-2	2-5	7	5	0	1	1	0	9
<b>Team</b>					<b>0-0</b>	<b>0</b>						
<b>Totals</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>27-64</b>	<b>6-26</b>	<b>8-13</b>	<b>11-27</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>68</b>

FG% - Miami, .370, Florida State, .422 3FG% - Miami, .222, Florida State, .231. FT% - Miami, .818, Florida State, .615. Technical Fouls: Miami -- None. Florida State -- None. Referees - Mike Eades, Pat Driscoll, Tim Clougherty. Attendance: 10,531

Miami	29	33	-	62
Florida State	33	35	-	68

**Game 16 -- Duke 80, Florida State 78**

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. -- Cam Reddish hit a 3-pointer with 0.8 seconds left to lead No. 1 Duke past No. 13 Florida State, 80-78. Reddish caught the ball on the wing off the inbound pass and made a wide-open 3-pointer to ensure that Duke would win its ninth straight game. Two freshmen carried the load for Duke as RJ Barrett scored 32 points on 10 of 19 shooting and Reddish finished with 23 points on 9 of 15 shooting. Florida State's P.J. Savoy made a pair of free throws with 15.8 seconds left, just seconds after forcing a turnover, to put Florida State ahead 78-76. Barrett, who had 19 second-half points, then hit the first of two free throws with five seconds left. He missed the second, but the Blue Devils retained possession after a review overruled a call on the floor that the ball had gone out of bounds of a Duke player setting up Reddish's shot. Mfondu Kabengele came off the bench to record his third career double-double, tying a career-high with 24 points and 10 rebounds for Florida State. Phil Cofer made five 3-pointers and had a season-high 21 points.

**Duke 80, Florida State 78**

**Donald L. Tucker Center**

**Jan. 12, 2019**

Duke	Min	FG	3FG	FT	O-D	Reb	F	A	T	B	S	Pts.
Williamson	17	5-10	1-3	0-0	5-3	8	1	2	3	0	0	11
Reddish	32	9-15	5-8	0-4	1-2	3	2	3	3	1	1	23
Barrett	40	10-19	4-7	8-9	0-3	3	0	0				



**Florida State 80, Louisville 75 (OT)**

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**Feb. 9, 2019**

Louisville	Min	FG	3FG	FT	O-D	Reb	F	A	T	B	S	Pts.
Sutton	44	5-8	4-7	0-0	1-5	6	4	4	6	0	1	14
Nwora	44	3-13	0-6	7-8	0-5	5	3	0	3	1	0	13
Williams	25	2-5	2-5	1-2	0-7	7	5	0	3	0	0	7
Cunningham	43	6-13	3-6	5-5	2-7	2	2	6	5	0	0	20
Fore	25	3-5	0-0	0-0	0-2	2	3	0	0	0	0	6
Agau	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-2	2	1	0	0	0	0	0
Perry	8	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	2	2	2	0	0	0
King	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
Enoch	14	3-4	0-0	1-1	4-0	4	5	0	0	0	0	6
McMahon	17	3-4	3-4	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	4	0	0	9
<b>Team</b>					<b>2-1</b>	<b>3</b>						
<b>Totals</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>25-52</b>	<b>12-28</b>	<b>13-16</b>	<b>9-27</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>75</b>

Fl. State	Min	FG	3FG	FT	O-D	Reb	F	A	T	B	S	Pts.
Cofer	30	0-5	0-3	0-0	1-1	2	3	0	2	0	0	0
Koumadje	6	0-2	0-0	0-2	4-2	6	0	0	0	0	1	0
Forrest	39	5-14	0-0	5-7	3-3	6	3	4	0	0	5	15
Mann	40	4-6	3-4	9-11	1-3	4	2	0	0	0	0	20
Walker	33	4-11	1-3	2-2	0-1	1	4	1	3	0	1	11
Gray	18	2-6	1-3	2-4	0-2	2	1	0	0	1	2	7
Savoy	12	0-2	0-2	0-0	0-1	1	1	0	1	0	0	0
Nichols	11	1-3	0-2	3-4	0-2	2	5	1	1	0	0	5
Kabengele	36	7-12	2-6	6-6	3-4	7	2	0	1	1	2	22
<b>Team</b>					<b>2-1</b>	<b>3</b>						
<b>Totals</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>23-61</b>	<b>7-23</b>	<b>27-36</b>	<b>14-20</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>80</b>

FG% - Louisville, .481, Florida State, .377 3FG% - Louisville, .429, Florida State, .304. FT% - Louisville, .813, Florida State, .750. Technical Fouls: Louisville -- Enoch. Florida State -- None. Referees - Bryan Dorsey, AJ Desai, Jerry Heater. Attendance: 11,675

Louisville	31	34	10	-	75
Florida State	25	40	15	-	80

**Game 24 -- Florida State 88, Wake Forest 66**

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. -- Christ Koumadje recorded his first career double-double, with a season-high 20 points and a career-high 12 rebounds, to help No. 17 Florida State rout Wake Forest 88-66. Koumadje played just 24 minutes but was efficient from start to finish. He made 10 of 12 shots from the floor as the Seminoles won their sixth straight game. While he has been an effective rebounder this season, Koumadje was a significant part of the game plan from the start against Wake Forest, scoring 12 points and pulling down eight rebounds as the Seminoles took a 38-31 halftime lead. Phil Cofer scored 13 points and Mfondu Kabengele had nine points and seven rebounds for Florida State, which enjoyed its most lopsided win against an ACC team this season. Chaundee Brown scored 20 points on 7 of 12 shooting and Brandon Childress had 11 points for Wake Forest. Wake Forest shot 38.6 percent (22 of 57) from the floor. Cofer and P.J. Savoy each made three 3-pointers as the Seminoles shot 38.5 percent (10 for 26) from beyond the arc. The Seminoles shot 56.5 percent (35 of 62) from the floor. They had 13 players score in the game as Florida State's bench produced 41 points. Florida State outrebounded Wake Forest 43-27. Koumadje had five of the Seminoles' 12 offensive rebounds.

**Florida State 88, Wake Forest 66**

**Donald L. Tucker Center**

**Feb. 13, 2019**

Wake	Min	FG	3FG	FT	O-D	Reb	F	A	T	B	S	Pts.
Hoard	24	3-11	1-2	0-0	4-2	6	2	2	1	1	0	7
Sarr	23	1-4	0-1	3-4	1-4	5	1	0	1	1	5	5
Childress	35	4-10	3-7	0-2	0-3	3	2	4	2	0	0	11
Wright, Jr.	18	3-7	1-3	0-0	0-1	1	2	1	1	0	0	7
Brown	32	8-12	3-5	3-3	0-1	1	1	0	0	0	1	20
Mucius	18	2-5	1-2	2-4	0-3	3	1	3	1	0	0	7
Johnson	23	1-6	1-3	2-2	0-1	1	1	2	3	0	0	5
Wynn	7	1-2	1-2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3
Buchanan	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Okeke	2	0-0	0-0	1-2	0-1	1	0	0	1	0	0	1
Smart	15	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-3	3	4	0	0	0	0	0
Bilas	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0
Spivey	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
<b>Team</b>					<b>1-2</b>	<b>2</b>						
<b>Totals</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>22-57</b>	<b>11-25</b>	<b>11-17</b>	<b>6-21</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>66</b>

Fl. State	Min	FG	3FG	FT	O-D	Reb	F	A	T	B	S	Pts.
Cofer	24	5-8	3-6	0-1	0-5	5	1	3	0	1	1	13
Koumadje	24	10-12	0-0	0-1	5-7	12	1	0	0	2	0	20
Forrest	28	3-4	0-1	1-1	0-1	1	1	4	1	0	0	7
Mann	25	3-4	1-1	0-0	2-3	5	3	6	1	1	0	7
Walker	19	0-4	0-2	0-0	0-1	1	2	1	1	0	0	0
Gray	13	0-2	0-2	1-2	0-1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1
Savoy	10	4-6	3-4	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	1	0	0	11
Nichols	11	0-5	0-3	2-2	0-1	1	0	5	1	0	2	2
Polite	11	2-2	1-1	0-1	0-2	2	1	0	0	0	1	5
Lindner	1	0-0	0-0	0-2	1-0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
Light	1	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Vassell	12	2-4	2-4	2-2	0-2	2	1	0	0	0	1	8
Kabengele	13	4-8	0-1	1-2	3-4	7	1	0	1	1	0	9
Wilkes	4	1-1	0-0	0-0	1-0	1	0	0	0	0	1	2
Miles	1	0-0	0-0	1-2	0-0	0	1	0	1	0	1	1
Prieto	3	1-1	0-0	0-0	0-2	2	2	0	1	0	0	2
<b>Team</b>					<b>0-2</b>	<b>2</b>						
<b>Totals</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>35-62</b>	<b>10-26</b>	<b>8-16</b>	<b>12-31</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>88</b>

FG% - Wake Forest, .386, Florida State, .565 3FG% - Wake Forest, .440, Florida State, .385. FT% - Wake Forest, .647, Florida State, .500. Technical Fouls: Wake Forest -- None. Florida State -- Mann. Referees - Roger Ayers, Lee Cassell, Bill Covington, Jr. Attendance: 7,806

Wake Forest	31	35	-	66
Florida State	38	50	-	88

**Game 25 -- Florida State 69, Georgia Tech 47**

ATLANTA, Ga. -- Christ Koumadje had 10 points and 12 rebounds as the Seminoles tied a school record with their seventh straight ACC win, 69-47, over Georgia Tech. Freshman Devin Vassell came off the bench to score a team-high 11 while playing in his hometown for the Seminoles. Seven Florida State players scored between seven and 11 points. Georgia Tech lost its seventh straight ACC game with another offensive struggle. Jose Alvarado broke out of a lengthy slump with 17 points, but the Yellow Jackets made just 8 of 36 shots from inside the 3-point arc. They're averaging 53.1 points in their skid after their seventh and eighth halves scoring 25 or fewer points. The 7-foot-4 Koumadje took just seven shots, making five. He was even more of a factor on the defensive end as he blocked three shots as Tech made just 6 of 28 in the paint. The Jackets' big men, James Banks III (two points) and Abdoulaye Gueye (five) made a combined 3 of 16 field goals. The teams were tied at 10 early before the Jackets fell into the first of multiple shooting freezes, and Florida State stretched the lead to 31-15 on a layup by Terance Mann with 4:27 left. Phil Cofer, David Nichols and Vassell each a pair of 3-pointers in the first half for FSU before Banks finally got loose for a dunk shortly before halftime to pull Tech within 34-23. The first time the Seminoles put together a seven-game ACC winning streak, in the 2011-12 season, they went on to win the ACC Tournament. This also cemented a fourth consecutive season with 20 or more wins overall, matching a run from 2009-'12 that also was under Hamilton.

**Florida State 69, Georgia Tech 47**

**McCamish Pavilion**

**Feb. 16, 2019**

Fl. State	Min	FG	3FG	FT	O-D	Reb	F	A	T	B	S	Pts.
Cofer	26	3-9	2-4	0-0	0-7	7	0	1	0	0	0	8
Koumadje	22	5-7	0-0	0-2	3-9	12	3	1	6	3	0	10
Forrest	20	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-3	3	0	3	0	0	0	0
Mann	23	2-5	0-0	3-4	2-6	8	1	1	0	0	2	7
Walker	18	4-9	1-6	0-0	0-1	1	3	2	3	1	0	9
Gray	12	0-3	0-1	0-0	1-2	3	1	2	1	0	0	0
Nichols	18	3-6	3-5	0-0	0-1	1	2	2	0	0	0	9
Vassell	16	4-7	2-3	1-2	0-3	3	1	1	1	1	2	11
Kabengele	16	2-5	0-2	4-4	2-4	6	2	2	0	1	0	8
Savoy	11	1-6	1-6	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	1	0	1	3
Polite	7	0-1	0-1	0-0	1-0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0
Wilkes	5	0-1	0-1	0-0	1-1	2	1	0	1	0	0	0
Lindner	2	0-0	0-0	2-2	0-0	0	1	1	1	0	1	2
Light	2	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Miles	2	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Prieto	2	1-2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
<b>Team</b>					<b>0-2</b>	<b>2</b>						
<b>Totals</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>25-64</b>	<b>9-30</b>	<b>10-14</b>	<b>10-40</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>69</b>

Ga. Tech	Min	FG	3FG	FT	O-D	Reb	F	A	T	B	S	Pts.
Wright	6	1-4	0-1	0-0	0-1	1	0	0	1	0	0	2
Sjolund	28	3-8	3-7	2-2	0-5	5	3	0	1	1	0	11
Banks III	33	1-9	0-0	2-3	1-9	10	3	1	1	2	2	4
Devoe	33	2-11	1-4	1-2	1-6	7	0	1	4	0	1	6
Alvarado	39	6-11	3-7	2-2	1-4	5	2	3	2	0	2	17
Alston	17	1-5	0-1	0-0	0-2	2	1	2	1	0	0	2
Moore	22	0-1	0-0	0-2	0-1	1	1	2	2	0	1	0
Gueye	17	2-7	1-1	0-0	3-3	6	0	0	1	0	1	5
Haywood II	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Phillips	5	0-3	0-2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Team</b>					<b>0-1</b>	<b>1</b>						
<b>Totals</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>16-59</b>	<b>8-23</b>	<b>7-11</b>	<b>6-32</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>9</b>				

FG% - Florida State, .305, North Carolina, .426 3FG% - Florida State, .323, North Carolina, .350. FT% - Florida State, .812, North Carolina, .720. Technical Fouls: Florida State -- None. North Carolina -- None. Referees - Bert Smith, Michael Stephens, Brent Hampton. Attendance: 21,520

Florida State	34	25	-	59
North Carolina	37	40	-	77

### Game 28 -- Florida State 68, Notre Dame 61

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. -- Devin Vassell scored 13 points, sparking Florida State's second-half charge with a dunk and a 3-pointer on consecutive possessions, and the 18th-ranked Seminoles defeated Notre Dame 68-61. Florida State trailed for most of the second half but took a 57-55 lead with 6:35 to go after Vassell dunked and made a 3-pointer on back-to-back possessions. Notre Dame was able to tie the game but never led after that. The Seminoles have had nine players lead the team in scoring this season. The bench has been critical nearly every night, with Florida State's reserves scoring 31 points against Notre Dame. Trent Forrest made 4 of 6 free-throw attempts in the final minute to help the Seminoles win the game. Christ Koumadje added 12 points, the fourth time in the last five games he has scored in double figures. D.J. Harvey scored 18 points and Prentiss Hubb had 17 for Notre Dame which has dropped four straight games. The Fighting Irish went scoreless for nearly five minutes late in the game and made just one of their final 10 field-goal attempts.

### Florida State 68, Notre Dame 61 Donald L. Tucker Center Feb. 25, 2019

N. Dame	Min	FG	3FG	FT	O-D	Reb	F	A	T	B	S	Pts.
Durham	24	1-1	0-0	0-0	0-4	4	4	0	0	2	0	2
Mooney	32	5-9	1-3	3-5	1-7	8	4	0	0	1	3	14
Hubb	39	6-15	3-6	2-4	2-5	7	0	3	2	0	1	17
Harvey	37	6-14	2-3	4-4	0-2	2	2	1	3	1	1	18
Gibbs	37	2-9	0-5	0-0	0-0	2	5	4	0	4	4	4
Laszewski	14	1-3	1-2	0-0	1-0	1	2	0	0	0	1	3
Goodwin	17	1-5	1-2	0-0	1-1	1	0	0	0	0	0	3
<b>Team</b>					<b>2-1</b>	<b>3</b>						
<b>Totals</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>22-56</b>	<b>8-21</b>	<b>9-13</b>	<b>6-20</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>61</b>

Fl. State	Min	FG	3FG	FT	O-D	Reb	F	A	T	B	S	Pts.
Cofor	15	0-4	0-1	0-0	0-4	4	0	0	2	0	0	0
Koumadje	12	5-7	0-0	2-2	1-4	5	1	0	0	1	0	12
Forrest	27	2-3	0-0	4-6	0-0	0	0	4	2	0	1	8
Mann	35	4-8	0-2	0-0	4-2	6	3	3	2	0	1	8
Walker	28	4-8	1-4	0-0	1-3	4	3	1	3	0	2	9
Savoy	7	1-2	1-2	0-0	1-1	1	0	0	0	0	0	3
Nichols	21	1-6	1-5	2-2	0-1	1	1	2	2	0	0	5
Polite	5	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Vassell	22	5-6	3-3	0-0	1-6	7	3	1	2	1	0	13
Kabengele	28	3-11	0-2	4-7	2-2	4	1	1	1	2	0	10
<b>Team</b>					<b>4-2</b>	<b>6</b>						
<b>Totals</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>25-56</b>	<b>6-19</b>	<b>12-17</b>	<b>13-27</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>68</b>

FG% - Notre Dame, .393, Florida State, .446 3FG% - Notre Dame, .381, Florida State, .316. FT% - Notre Dame, .692, Florida State, .706. Technical Fouls: Notre Dame -- None. Florida State -- None. Referees - Lee Cassell, Ted Valentine, Don Daily. Attendance: 9,519

Notre Dame	33	28	-	61
Florida State	33	35	-	68

### Game 29 -- Florida State 78, NC State 73

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. -- Mfondu Kabengele scored 16 points, Trent Forrest added 11 of his 13 points in the second half and the No. 18 Seminoles defeated NC State 78-73. Forrest was quiet early but drove to the basket with ease in the second half, helping Florida State gain its 23rd win. He shot 5 of 10 from the floor with a team-leading six rebounds, three assists and two steals. The Wolfpack gave the Seminoles some adversity to deal with. While Florida State never trailed, NC State kept clawing back and had a chance to win in the final minute. Devon Daniels blocked Kabengele and Torin Dorn grabbed it with 24 seconds left and the Seminoles leading 76-73. After a timeout, Braxton Beverly dribbled the ball beyond the 3-point arc but was fouled. He missed the front end of a 1-and-1, and Kabengele rebounded. He was quickly fouled, making two free-throw attempts to seal it. M.J. Walker scored 11 of his 15 points in the first half, putting him in double figures for the first time since Feb. 9. Kabengele shot 7 of 8 from the free-throw line while adding five rebounds and four of the Seminoles' season-high nine blocks. It was the 19th time in 29 games he has scored in double figures, with all of them coming as a reserve. The Wolfpack shot just 26.7 percent (8 of 30) in the first half but hit 55.2 percent (16 of 29) in the second half. NC State stayed in the game behind consistent 3-point shooting, making 47.4 percent (9 of 19).

### Florida State 78, NC State 73 Donald L. Tucker Center March 2, 2019

NC State	Min	FG	3FG	FT	O-D	Reb	F	A	T	B	S	Pts.
Walker	12	0-1	0-0	0-0	1-3	4	2	1	1	0	1	0
Dorn	26	6-13	0-1	0-0	3-3	6	3	0	1	0	0	12
Beverly	34	2-7	2-5	0-1	0-0	0	0	1	0	0	1	6
Johnson	29	5-12	1-7	1-2	0-3	3	4	2	3	0	1	14
Bryce	34	3-10	1-3	0-0	0-1	1	4	2	5	0	2	7
Funderburk	26	4-7	1-1	9-10	3-6	9	5	0	0	0	0	18
Hellems	17	1-3	1-1	5-6	2-2	4	1	0	0	0	0	8
Daniels	12	1-2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	4	0	2	1	1	2
Harris	10	2-4	1-1	1-2	0-0	0	3	1	0	0	3	6
<b>Team</b>					<b>2-1</b>	<b>3</b>						
<b>Totals</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>24-59</b>	<b>9-19</b>	<b>16-21</b>	<b>11-19</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>73</b>

Fl. State	Min	FG	3FG	FT	O-D	Reb	F	A	T	B	S	Pts.
Cofor	27	3-7	0-2	2-2	1-4	5	1	0	3	0	0	8
Koumadje	21	3-4	0-1	0-0	1-4	5	1	0	2	3	0	6
Forrest	31	5-10	0-0	3-3	1-5	6	1	3	3	1	2	13
Mann	29	3-9	1-1	4-6	3-1	4	3	3	0	0	0	11
Walker	27	4-6	1-2	6-6	1-1	2	3	1	3	0	0	15
Gray	12	0-0	0-0	1-2	1-3	4	3	2	1	0	0	1
Savoy	5	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nichols	17	3-5	0-2	0-3	0-3	3	3	0	1	0	1	6
Vassell	12	1-3	0-2	0-0	1-0	1	1	0	1	0	2	2
Kabengele	19	4-9	1-2	7-8	1-4	5	2	0	2	4	1	16
<b>Team</b>					<b>1-1</b>	<b>2</b>						
<b>Totals</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>26-54</b>	<b>3-13</b>	<b>23-30</b>	<b>11-26</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>78</b>

FG% - NC State, .407, Florida State, .481 3FG% - NC State, .474, Florida State, .231. FT% - NC State, .762, Florida State, .767. Technical Fouls: NC State -- Johnson, Florida State -- None. Referees - Brian Dorsey, John Gaffney, Tony Henderson. Attendance: 9,988

NC State	30	43	-	73
Florida State	35	43	-	78

### Game 30 -- Florida State 73, Virginia Tech 64 (OT)

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. -- M.J. Walker scored nine of his 11 points after halftime, including a critical 3-pointer in overtime, and Florida State rallied to top No. 15 Virginia Tech 73-64. Mfondu Kabengele scored 13 of his 17 points in the second half and overtime, while Terance Mann added 14 points as Florida State improved to 15-1 at home this season and tied the program record with 12 Atlantic Coast Conference wins. The Seminoles rallied after trailing 35-22 with 18:08 left in regulation. Six minutes later, Florida State tied the game and Mann's 3-pointer with 11:26 remaining put the Seminoles ahead. Virginia Tech was short-handed playing without guard Justin Robinson (foot) and forward Kerry Blackshear (fouled out), but the Hokies kept the game close. Ahmed Hill hit a 3-pointer with 14 seconds left in regulation to tie the game at 61. After a timeout, Mann missed a 3-pointer at the buzzer and the teams went to overtime. Florida State outscored Virginia Tech 12-3 in the extra period, making seven of eight free-throw attempts as the Seminoles improved to 3-0 in overtime games this season. They shot 86.4 percent (19 of 22) from the free-throw line for the game. With the win, Florida State clinched the No. 4 seed in next week's conference tournament and a double bye. Virginia Tech is locked into the No. 5 seed.

### Florida State 73, Virginia Tech 64 Donald L. Tucker Center March 5, 2019

Va. Tech	Min	FG	3FG	FT	O-D	Reb	F	A	T	B	S	Pts.
Blackshear	23	2-6	1-2	4-4	3-2	5	5	4	4	0	0	9
Outlaw	44	3-7	3-7	1-3	0-6	6	2	0	0	0	0	10
Bede	41	3-8	0-4	0-0	0-8	8	2	3	0	0	1	6
Alexr-Walker	43	7-17	1-6	4-4	0-3	3	3	3	4	0	0	19
Hill	40	6-12	3-6	3-4	2-7	9	5	0	4	0	1	18
Wilkins	12	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-2	3	1	0	0	0	1	0
Home	22	1-3	0-2	0-0	1-2	3	3	1	2	0	0	2
<b>Team</b>					<b>0-0</b>	<b>0</b>						
<b>Totals</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>22-53</b>	<b>8-27</b>	<b>12-15</b>	<b>7-30</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>64</b>

Fl. State	Min	FG	3FG	FT	O-D	Reb	F	A	T	B	S	Pts.
Cofor	36	4-9	2-5	1-2	1-2	3	1	0	1	0	0	11
Koumadje	7	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0
Savoy	10	2-4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
Nichols	26	2-7	1-6	0-0	0-2	2	2	2	0	0	0	5
Mann	40	4-10	2-7	4-4	1-5	6	2	4	1	0	2	14
Gray	8	1-1	0-0	0-0	2-3	5	0	0	1	0	0	2
Forrest	27	1-5	0-1	5-5	0-3	3	2	4	2	0	1	7
Walker	27	4-8	3-7	0-0	1-2	3	3	0	1	0	1	11
Vassell	6	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
Kabengele	38	4-13	0-5	9-11	3-6	9	1	2	1	0	2	17
<b>Team</b>					<b>0-1</b>	<b>1</b>						
<b>Totals</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>22-58</b>	<b>10-36</b>	<b>19-22</b>	<b>8-24</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>73</b>

FG% - Virginia Tech, .415, Florida State, .379 3FG% - Virginia Tech, .296, Florida State, .278. FT% - Virginia Tech, .800, Florida State, .864. Technical Fouls: Virginia Tech -- None. Florida State -- None. Referees - Roger Ayers, Bert Smith, Doug Simmons. Attendance: 10,611

Virginia Tech	33	28	3	-	64
Florida State	19	42	12	-	73

### Game 31 -- Florida State 65, Wake Forest 57

WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. -- No. 14 Florida State staged a second-half surge -- 18 straight points -- and took a 65-57 victory over Wake Forest. Florida State won for the 12th time in 13 games to finish fourth in conference. The Seminoles never led until grabbing the lead at 47-45 on Trent Forrest's basket with 7:28 left. Phil Cofor followed with an easy basket, then M.J. Walker supplied the knockout with a 3-pointer. The Deacons frequently switched defenses, making it hard for the Seminoles to get the ball inside to 7-foot-4 Christ Koumadje and 6-10 Mfondu Kabengele. Forrest led a balanced FSU attack -- 11 players scored -- with 11 points. Koumadje had 8 points and 10 rebounds. After a cold-shooting first half by both teams, FSU shot 54 percent in the second half. Brandon Childress, who scored three baskets to spark the Deacons to their early 12-point lead, finished with 13 points and Chaundee Brown added 11 -- all in the first half. The Deacons, who shot just 26 percent, went scoreless for nearly six minutes as the Seminoles erased a 45-40 deficit with their 18-0 run. Wake Forest was 16 of 16 from the foul line en route to a 31-24 halftime lead as both teams struggled from the field. But the Deacons made only 6 of 13 from the line in the second half.

### Florida State 65, Wake Forest 57 Lawrence Joel Veterans Memorial Coliseum March 9, 2019

Fl. State	Min	FG	3FG	FT	O-D	Reb	F	A	T	B	S	Pts.
Cofor	26	4-9	0-3	1-2	2-2	4	0	0	2	0	0	9
Koumadje	20	4-8	0-0	0-2	3-7	10	1	0	0	3	0	8
Forrest	32	3-9	1-1	4-6	1-3	4	3	5	0	0	0	11
Mann	32	3-6	0-1	2-4	2-5	7	4	2	1	0	1	8
Walker	24	2-8	2-6	0-0	0-4	4	4	2	2	0	2	6
Kabengele	20	3-5	0-1	1-3	2-7	9	2	0	3	3	0	7
Savoy	11	1-3	1-3	0-0	0-0	0	2	0	0	0	0	3
Nichols	11	1-4	1-4	0-0	0-3	3	4	0	0	0	0	3
Gray	10	2-2	0-0	0-0	1-1	1						

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Va. Tech	Min	FG	3FG	FT	O-D	Reb	F	A	T	B	S	Pts.
Blackshear	42	8-16	1-5	0-3	3-6	9	3	3	1	1	1	17
Outlaw	39	0-2	0-2	0-0	2-3	5	2	1	0	0	3	0
Bede	32	1-5	0-1	0-0	0-3	3	2	2	1	0	0	2
Alexander	43	7-16	1-4	6-9	0-4	4	1	4	6	2	1	21
Hill	45	7-13	2-5	0-0	1-3	4	3	0	1	0	1	16
Wilkins	21	2-6	0-2	1-1	0-3	3	1	1	0	0	1	5
Horne	4	1-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Kabonga	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Team</b>					<b>0-2</b>	<b>2</b>						
<b>Totals</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>26-59</b>	<b>4-19</b>	<b>7-13</b>	<b>6-24</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>63</b>

Fl. State	Min	FG	3FG	FT	O-D	Reb	F	A	T	B	S	Pts.
Cofer	37	3-7	3-5	0-0	0-5	5	2	1	0	0	0	9
Koumadje	14	1-3	0-0	1-1	1-4	5	2	0	2	0	0	3
Forrest	34	1-3	1-1	4-6	1-3	4	1	4	3	0	3	7
Mann	40	5-9	0-3	0-0	2-7	9	1	4	1	0	0	10
Walker	24	1-7	1-6	0-0	0-2	2	0	0	0	0	0	3
Gray	9	1-2	0-0	2-2	1-2	2	2	0	2	0	0	4
Savoy	9	2-3	2-3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	2	1	0	6
Nichols	12	1-3	0-2	0-0	1-1	2	3	2	0	0	0	2
Vassell	16	5-10	4-7	0-0	0-0	0	2	1	0	0	2	14
Kabengele	30	2-10	1-4	2-2	2-6	8	4	0	4	3	0	7
<b>Team</b>					<b>3-2</b>	<b>5</b>				<b>4</b>		
<b>Totals</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>22-57</b>	<b>12-31</b>	<b>9-11</b>	<b>11-32</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>65</b>

FG% - Virginia Tech, .441, Florida State, .386 3FG% - Virginia Tech, .211, Florida State, .387. FT% - Virginia Tech, .538, Florida State, .818. Technical Fouls: Virginia Tech -- None. Florida State -- None. Referees - Roger Ayers, Ray Styns, Jerry Heater. Attendance: 19,691

Virginia Tech	24	32	7	-	63
Florida State	26	30	9	-	65

**Game 33 -- Florida State 69, Virginia 59**

CHARLOTTE, N.C. -- David Nichols scored 14 points to lead Florida State to the championship game of the Atlantic Coast Conference Tournament for the first time since 2012 as the Seminoles defeated top-seeded and No 2 ranked Virginia, 69-59, at the Spectrum Center. Phil Cofer had 11 points and 7-foot-4 center Christ Koumadje added nine points and nine rebounds for the Seminoles. De'Andre Hunter had 13 points for Virginia, which had its nine-game winning streak snapped and suffered its first loss to a team other than Duke. Florida State was in control from the start. The Seminoles built a 35-31 at halftime behind the inside play of Koumadje, who had seven points and nine rebounds in the first half after registering just two points and two rebounds in a 65-52 loss to Virginia earlier this season. Florida State broke open the game midway through the second half with a 13-1 run led by Nichols, a graduate transfer who scored on a drive, a low post move, and a turnaround jumper during the stretch. While Nichols was heating up, the Cavaliers couldn't score, going nearly 6 1/2 minutes without a field goal.

**Florida State 69, Virginia 59**  
**Spectrum Center**  
**March 15, 2019**

Fl. State	Min	FG	3FG	FT	O-D	Reb	F	A	T	B	S	Pts.
Cofer	32	4-11	3-9	0-1	0-2	2	1	1	0	0	0	11
Koumadje	20	3-3	0-0	3-4	3-6	9	3	0	2	1	0	9
Forrest	25	4-7	1-1	1-2	1-5	6	2	3	3	0	0	10
Mann	31	1-3	0-1	0-0	0-3	3	3	2	3	0	0	2
Walker	30	3-6	1-1	2-2	0-0	0	0	1	1	0	0	9
Nichols	22	6-8	0-1	2-2	0-5	5	1	3	2	0	2	14
Vassell	11	0-1	0-0	0-0	1-0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0
Kabengele	16	3-4	1-2	3-4	3-3	6	3	0	0	2	0	10
Gray	11	2-3	0-0	1-0	1-0	1	0	0	0	0	1	4
Savoy	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Team</b>					<b>0-2</b>	<b>2</b>				<b>1</b>		
<b>Totals</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>26-46</b>	<b>6-16</b>	<b>11-15</b>	<b>9-26</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>69</b>

Virginia	Min	FG	3FG	FT	O-D	Reb	F	A	T	B	S	Pts.
Salt	18	3-3	0-0	2-3	1-4	5	3	0	0	0	0	8
Clark	29	3-7	1-4	2-2	0-4	2	2	1	0	0	0	9
Guy	38	3-8	2-5	3-3	2-0	2	2	4	2	0	2	10
Jerome	37	4-13	2-9	0-0	0-2	2	3	2	1	0	2	11
Hunter	40	6-12	0-4	1-2	0-1	1	3	0	1	2	0	13
Key	18	2-3	0-1	0-0	3-1	4	0	1	1	0	0	4
Diakite	13	1-5	0-0	1-1	0-0	0	2	0	1	0	0	3
Hoff	7	0-2	0-1	1-2	0-0	0	2	0	1	0	0	1
<b>Team</b>					<b>1-1</b>	<b>2</b>				<b>1</b>		
<b>Totals</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>22-53</b>	<b>5-24</b>	<b>10-13</b>	<b>7-13</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>59</b>

FG% - Florida State, .565, Virginia, .415 3FG% - Florida State, .375, Virginia, .208. FT% - Florida State, .733, Virginia, .769. Technical Fouls: Florida State -- None. Virginia -- None. Referees - Brian Dorsey, Bill Covington, Lee Cassell. Attendance: 20,116

Florida State	35	34	-	69
Virginia	31	28	-	59

**Game 34 -- Duke 73, Florida State 63**

CHARLOTTE, N.C. -- Zion Williamson had 21 points in Duke's 73-63 victory over No. 12 Florida State in the ACC Championship game. Mfondu Kabengele scored 14 points for the Seminoles. The Blue Devils won their 21st tournament title. Williamson became only the sixth freshman in the event's 66-year history to win MVP honors, and the first in a

dozen years after averaging 27 points and 10 rebounds, and making 33 of 43 shots in the three games. Florida State shot just 32 percent, including 8 for 32 after halftime (25 percent).

**Duke 73, Florida State 63**  
**Spectrum Center**  
**March 16, 2019**

Fl. State	Min	FG	3FG	FT	O-D	Reb	F	A	T	B	S	Pts.
Cofer	20	2-3	0-1	0-0	0-1	1	0	0	2	0	0	4
Koumadje	9	2-2	0-0	0-0	3-0	3	2	0	0	0	0	4
Forrest	28	2-10	0-0	5-5	0-2	2	2	3	1	0	2	9
Mann	31	3-9	2-3	4-4	5-3	8	1	1	3	0	1	12
Walker	29	2-8	0-3	3-3	0-3	3	3	1	0	0	1	6
Savoy	4	1-1	1-1	2-2	0-0	0	1	0	1	0	0	5
Nichols	16	0-7	0-3	0-0	1-1	2	0	1	2	0	0	0
Kabengele	25	5-11	3-5	1-1	1-2	3	3	0	2	3	0	14
Gray	13	1-6	0-0	1-1	1-0	1	3	2	0	0	1	3
Vassell	24	2-6	2-4	0-0	1-6	7	1	0	1	2	0	6
Polite	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Team</b>					<b>0-3</b>	<b>3</b>						
<b>Totals</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>20-63</b>	<b>8-20</b>	<b>15-16</b>	<b>12-21</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>63</b>

Duke	Min	FG	3FG	FT	O-D	Reb	F	A	T	B	S	Pts.
Williamson	40	7-11	0-3	7-10	1-4	5	4	2	2	2	1	21
Reddish	37	2-8	1-5	6-6	0-4	4	1	0	0	0	0	11
Barrett	39	8-17	0-4	2-1	1-8	9	1	1	4	1	4	17
DeLaurier	23	2-4	0-0	1-2	3-4	7	4	1	1	1	2	6
Jones	39	8-14	1-3	0-2	0-4	4	3	6	3	0	1	18
White	11	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-2	2	3	0	1	2	0	0
Goldwire	8	0-1	0-0	1-0	1-0	1	1	1	1	0	0	0
O'Connell	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Team</b>					<b>4-3</b>	<b>7</b>				<b>1</b>		
<b>Totals</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>27-55</b>	<b>2-14</b>	<b>17-21</b>	<b>10-29</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>73</b>

FG% - Florida State, .317, Duke, .91 3FG% - Florida State, .400, Duke, .143. FT% - Florida State, .938, Duke, .810. Technical Fouls: Florida State -- None. Duke -- None. Referees - Ron Groover, Ted Valentine, Bert Smith. Attendance: 19,691

Florida State	36	27	-	63
Duke	36	37	-	73

**Game 35 -- Florida State 76, Vermont 69**

HARTFORD, Conn. -- Mfondu Kabengele had 21 points and 10 rebounds, and Florida State withstood a barrage of 3-pointers from 13th-seeded Vermont in a 76-69 victory in the opening round of the NCAA West Regional. Terance Mann added 19 points for the fourth-seeded Seminoles, who were tied with the Catamounts at halftime but pulled away late. Anthony Lamb had 16 points to lead a balanced, long-range attack for Vermont, which lost for the first time in seven games. Three Catamounts -- Stef Smith, Ernie Duncan and Ben Shungu -- each finished with 15 points. A dunk by Kabengele gave Florida State a 50-45 lead with nine minutes left, part of a 6-0 run that put the Seminoles ahead for good. Another by the 6-10 sophomore made it 61-53, and the cheers of Vermont fans, who made the four-hour drive south from Burlington, gave way to the tomahawk chop from behind Florida State's bench. Florida State led by 12 with just over a minute left and withstood a late run by Vermont. Vermont, which outrebanded Florida State 20-18 in the first half, was outmuscled underneath and lost the rebounding battle 21-13 in the second.

**Florida State 76, Vermont 69**  
**XL Center**  
**March 21, 2019**

Vermont	Min	FG	3FG	FT	O-D	Reb	F	A	T	B	S	Pts.
Lamb	38	4-13	3-10	5-8	3-5	8	4	3	2	2	0	16
Dingba	12	0-0	0-0	1-2	0-1	1	4	0	1	1	0	1
Smith	37	6-14	3-5	0-1	0-6	6	5	1	5	0	1	15
Er. Duncan	29	5-8	5-6	0-0	0-2	2	4	0	3	0	1	15
Shungu	23	6-8	3-3	0-0	0-3	3	4	2	3	0	0	15
Ev. Duncan	24	1-5	1-4	0-0	0-6	6	3	1	0	0	0	3
R. Duncan	16	0-2	0-1	1-2	1-1	2	1	2	1	0	0	1
Davis	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
Moll	19	1-3	1-3	0-0	0-2	2	0	0	1	0	0	3
Patella	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Team</b>					<b>3-0</b>	<b>3</b>						
<b>Totals</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>23-53</b>	<b>16-32</b>	<b>7-13</b>	<b>7-26</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>69</b>

Fl. State	Min	FG	3FG	FT	O-D	Reb	F	A	T	B	S	Pts.
Gray	21	2-9	0-1	4-5	2-1	3	3	1	1	1	2	8
Koumadje												

## The Game Is Far From Over For 70-Year-Old Leonard Hamilton

By Andrea Adelson

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TALLAHASSEE, Fla. -- He still feels the words all these decades later, so intensely, that he closes his eyes, puts his hand to his heart and pauses.

"Every time I say this, I get emotional about it," Leonard Hamilton says quietly.

It is 1974, and Austin Peay has just put together back-to-back NCAA tournament berths. Head coach Lake Kelly starts to attract attention from other schools across the country. Hamilton, then a 26-year-old assistant on staff and the lead recruiter, decides to see university president Joe Morgan with a pressing question.

Hamilton asks Morgan whether he would be the next head coach at Austin Peay if Kelly leaves. To this day, Hamilton does not know what gave him the audacity to go see Morgan and ask. But that audacity is the reason he is sitting in his Florida State office, retelling the story.

"He looked at me," Hamilton recalls. "He says, 'Leonard, nothing would make me happier than for you to be the head coach at Austin Peay. But I'm retiring in two years, and for you to be the first black head coach in the Ohio Valley Conference -- I don't think I can make that happen.'"

His eyes begin to well up.

"Whew," Hamilton says, letting out a deep, heavy sigh. "Where did I get that from? To think that I'm going to be a head coach at Austin Peay when there were no black head coaches hardly anywhere. But I hadn't even thought about being black. I felt I could get the job done.

"Every time I think about it, it does something to me. That cut my guts out."

It cut so badly, Hamilton quit coaching. But for a providential phone call from Joe B. Hall at Kentucky, Hamilton could very well be a salesman today in North Carolina. Instead, he built programs into winners at nontraditional basketball outposts, accepting this was the best avenue for him to take to maximize his impact.

He did it first at Oklahoma State and Miami. For the past 17 seasons, he has done it at Florida State, where he is the school's all-time winningest coach. Going into the No. 13 Seminoles' game against No. 1 Duke on Saturday, Florida State ranks No. 4 in the ACC in wins since the start of the 2005-06 season. Hamilton himself straddles a world uniquely his own: old enough to remember a time when black head coaches were extremely rare, but modern enough to lead an ACC program to the Elite Eight while sending a succession of players to the NBA.

After that Elite Eight run in last year's tournament quieted a growing number of critics in Tallahassee, he's arguably more relevant today than at any other point in his tenure -- with yet another team poised to make a deep tournament run.

"You're not playing against a team, you're playing against a program, and a program has certain values," says Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski. "His teams play together. They're very athletic, and they play outstanding defense, so I would anticipate we would see the same thing we've seen for a number of years from Leonard, because he's an outstanding coach."

His record says as much. To understand how Hamilton has done it, you first have to understand how his varied experiences shaped him not as a coach, but as a person.

Hamilton grew up in segregated North Carolina, poor, in a family of eight living in a four-room house with no running water, indoor plumbing or air-conditioning. "I didn't live on a street," he says. "I lived on a path between two streets." His father was a truck driver who moonlighted as a bootlegger to make ends meet. His mother was a domestic worker.

They grew up so close to their church, the Hamilton's could hear the piano playing inside their home. Hamilton sang in the choir, and his connection to the church and God remains a central part of his life. He owns a gospel music label and believes a "hand of protection" from above has guided him.

He got in trouble growing up, but always found a way out -- especially through sports. In 1969, he became the first black men's basketball player at UT-Martin. When he arrived in Martin, Tennessee, he found the bus had dropped him nearly two miles from campus. Armed with a heavy trunk and a large duffel bag, Hamilton would alternate dragging his trunk and bag along the street until he got to the dormitories.

When he met his teammates, he realized some of them had never played with a black player. His coach had never coached a black player. This was nothing new to Hamilton, who used his likability, gregarious personality and exceptional communication skills to endear himself to those around him. His high self-confidence helped, too. He also was a terrific player, known for his tenacious defense. That would soon become a hallmark of his own basketball teams.

"There were seven of us that came in as junior college transfers, and the best way to describe how Leonard handled it is in his second year he was named Mr. UTM, which was unheard of in the late 1960s for an African-American to be accepted like he was," says former UTM teammate Rick Leeper. "His personality gets him past that. Even the ones that had not played with any black athletes had no problem with him at all. Of course, that's the great thing about athletics. We're color blind."

Hamilton's first plan out of college was to join the Marines. But that changed when he landed a job as a graduate assistant at Austin Peay. That changed again when Kelly lost an assistant and decided to give Hamilton much more responsibility to help fill the void. At the time, Hamilton was married with a young child and had adopted one of his younger brothers to provide a better opportunity than what they had back home.

Hamilton gladly accepted the challenge, realizing this was his chance to prove exactly what he could do. He meticulously organized his schedule, put in long hours and developed a trademark work ethic his players still marvel at today. Soon he found himself on his first trip to New York City, staying up all night talking to the mother of a top recruit after turning the clock in her apartment back several hours to keep the conversation going.

That recruit, Fly Williams, ended up becoming the greatest player in Austin Peay history. But Hamilton had his work cut out for him beyond the recruiting trail. Only a few years older than his players, Hamilton had to approach his job differently than a more veteran assistant. On top of that, it was the first time many of the players on the team had played for a black coach.

"A lot of us black players, we didn't quite get it early," says Howard Jackson, who played for Hamilton at Austin Peay. "But the example he was setting is what we needed, and we became better people because of the exposure we had with him. He always held us accountable, and he held us accountable as much academically as he did in basketball. In coaching, it's very difficult for some to be honest with the players they're dealing with. He was always honest with me. He told me what I needed to hear, not what I wanted to hear."

Kelly also served as a guiding force for Hamilton, especially in the way he cared for and treated his players. Jackson was involved in a devastating accident in the summer of 1972 -- his career ended when he fell more than 80 feet through a skylight while working a summer job at a steam plant -- in which he broke both his legs. But Kelly cared for Jackson like a son, allowing him to stay in his home, driving him to class, pushing his wheelchair, taking him to doctor appointments. Hamilton watched with awe and vowed whenever he became a head coach, he would treat his players with the care Kelly always showed.

But when would that opportunity come?

In that office with Morgan in 1974, Hamilton felt defeated in a way he never expected. Race had played a role in his entire life, but he always found a way to break through barriers. Hearing those words from Morgan made him think maybe he couldn't break through them all.

He resigned the next day and moved to Charlotte, North Carolina, to work as a salesman for Dow Chemical. But back in Clarksville, Tennessee, Kelly had called then-Kentucky coach Joe B. Hall. "He told me Hamilton was too good of a coaching prospect to leave something that he had such a good future in," Hall said in a phone interview. So Hall called Hamilton for an interview.

Hamilton told him, point blank, "I'll be loyal to you. Nobody will outwork me, and I won't get you in trouble. But if you're not going to offer me this job, I'm going to go on back to Charlotte, and I want to be the No. 1 chemical salesman in the country."

Hall offered the job. Hamilton took it and left behind a note on his desk after a week at Dow Chemical that read, "I resign my position effective immediately. Thank you very much for the opportunity. Leonard Hamilton."

Whatever hurt he felt, he channeled into purpose. He was the first black assistant at storied Kentucky, a program that had only integrated five years earlier. Coaching here could get him a springboard to a head job, and in some ways affirmed the work he did at Austin Peay. But it would not be easy, at least at first. Both whites and blacks questioned why he was there -- whites because they were still uncomfortable with a black coach on the bench; blacks because he chose to work at a place that had never much cared for folks their color.

Hamilton did the only thing he knew: He worked, and he worked some more, recruiting high-profile players and excelling as a floor coach. The results would speak for him. Hamilton knew how to talk to people, but he also knew how to get people to trust him. Exacting and tough, but genuine and caring, Hamilton built a reputation as an indispensable part of Hall's staff. "When I hired him, I got a lot more than I expected," Hall says. "His work ethic is unequalled in the coaching profession. He never wastes a minute. He was that goal-oriented and that clear in his mind, how it would take 100 percent effort to achieve his goals. He never let an opportunity slip."

Hamilton spent 12 seasons at Kentucky, but head-coaching jobs at major programs remained elusive. In time, Hamilton realized he did not need those jobs to validate his work. Perhaps getting passed over for the Kentucky job in 1985 in favor of Eddie Sutton crystallized that for him.

Hamilton spent his career as the guy who just needed a chance. He had to find a program just like that. "As a young assistant, I wanted me a great job, I wanted to be in a job where all the players are, but after a period of time, God reached down from heaven to say, you don't need one of those good jobs," Hamilton says. "In order for you to be significant in this basketball world, you need to take jobs that nobody else has been successful at. They're not hiring that many black people in the first place. Why does a good job in a good situation with great potential need you? So I started looking for jobs that had not been successful, jobs that had potential."

So he went to Oklahoma State in 1986 and took a program with a 37-year NCAA tournament drought back to the tournament. Then he went to Miami, which did not even field a team in the 1970s and most of the 1980s. He won there.

Then he went to the Washington Wizards, signing a five-year, \$10 million contract -- more than he'd ever been paid on the collegiate level. He went 19-63 and got fired after one season. Hamilton is reticent to discuss much about that year, saying only, "I'm appreciative of the opportunity. Things have worked out for the Wizards and things have worked out for me."

When he decided to get back into college coaching, Hamilton thought Florida State provided the perfect fit. And for 17 years, he has won there too, and shows no signs of letting up at age 70.

"He's had to pave his own way," says longtime assistant Stan Jones, who has worked alongside Hamilton for 22 years. "That allows you to be the ultimate competitor, but it teaches you how to be a genuine professional because you have to connect a lot of dots other people aren't connecting for you. When you apply those lessons and you keep those connections over the course of your career, it allows you to continue to take situations from Oklahoma State to Miami to Florida State, and put your stamp on it, where other people can say he just followed this guy, or he got this because of this coaching tree he was under.

"He had to go out and compete for players. He had to compete for respect. He had to compete to show people he's the best at the job he's given. To some people, that motivates. To some people, it intimidates. For him, it's an absolute motivation."

Hamilton has done it with his relentless recruiting, following up every single phone call and tip he gets on possible prospects. He has done it with buy-in from players, who understand fully the No. 1 expectation is to play solid, tough, relentless defense.

That is especially true playing in conferences like the Big East and ACC, with traditional programs that have more advantages than his own. Hamilton has to recruit a specific player to fit his specific scheme, and though he has changed up his offense some over the years to allow for more flexibility and versatility, the commitment to defense is the standard that never changes.

"You can be a kid that can score 30 points, but if you're not going to play defense, you're not playing for him. It's that simple," says Alex Fraser, who starred for Hamilton at Miami. "Coach Ham and his staff believe defense is the benchmark where their teams are going to be."

Because Hamilton and his staff have great rapport with their players, they have maximized their potential. Hamilton is not a screamer, and he does not get in his players' faces, though he does have a glare that many who do not know Hamilton mischaracterize as anger or harshness. The glare is simply his way of showing his players he is locked in, and he expects them to be locked in the same way.

"Regardless how far they go in March Madness, one characteristic of his teams are the kids respect him and they play hard," says Sam Bowie, whom Hamilton recruited to Kentucky in the early 1980s. "That doesn't mean their shots are going to go in and they're going to win the ACC or they're even going to qualify for the tournament. But when you watch Leonard Hamilton's teams play, they play with discipline, they play hard and they respect their coach."

Hamilton likes to tell his players, "The true test is how a man fights through adversity," having lived that all his life. And there was no truer test of that than last season, when Florida State coaches truly believed they had a Final Four-caliber team but struggled thanks to various injuries that disrupted their chemistry and production.

The Seminoles went into Selection Sunday on the bubble, and there was some grumbling in town about Hamilton's long-term future -- especially after a disappointing second-round NCAA tournament exit as a No. 3 seed in 2017. Florida State made it in as a No. 9 seed and pulled one upset after another, making it to the Elite Eight against Michigan before losing 58-54. "We never stopped believing in ourselves," says guard Trent Forrest. "Once we got there, it was the most focused I've ever seen us. We all had a fear of going home, and we didn't want to get knocked out in the first round. We knew we had a good team that deserved to be in the Final Four or the Elite Eight."

In the immediate aftermath of the game, Hamilton took heavy criticism for his "the game was over" comments, dismissive of a question about failing to foul in the final minutes from CBS sideline reporter Dana Jacobson. He has not spoken much about it publicly beyond a statement in which he offered his apologies and wished he had done better. Jacobson said on Twitter that Hamilton was "nothing but professional with me," noting he answered the question rather than walking away.

Hamilton allowed his emotions in the moment to swallow him. It was the closest a Hamilton-coached team had ever gotten to the Final Four.

Expectations skyrocketed headed into the season with a veteran group returning. But Phil Cofer got hurt in the preseason and is just working his way back into form, and Terance Mann has a heel injury that hampered him in a loss to Virginia last week. Facing Duke is always tough, but the level of difficulty is even higher for any team not at full strength.

Hamilton will manage his players the way he always does. No matter what happens, he will be the same person in the locker room he always is, dispensing words of wisdom or perhaps some measure of inspiration. The goal will remain the same.

"Showing people our run last year wasn't just a fluke, that we're back and hungry again," Mann says. That comes from the top, starting with a man all too eager to keep pressing forward, to keep proving, over and over again, he can win.

"We don't stand on a ladder saying, 'We're No. 3!'" Hamilton says. "If you don't have the determination to want to be No. 1 ..."

He pauses.

"That's the fun part. It's what keeps you motivated."

## **Gospel Music Aside, Hamilton's FSU Hoops Team Also In Harmony**

By Gene Frenette  
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TALLAHASSEE – The sixth-longest tenured Division I basketball coach among Power 6 conference schools has no real hobbies. He's not an exercise freak, doesn't fish or play golf, though a set of never-used clubs has sat untouched in his garage for about 20 years.

Other than his 49-year marriage to wife Claudette, the love connection with his two adult children, and a 24/7 commitment to Florida State's hoops program for the past 17 seasons, Leonard Hamilton has just one passion: gospel music.

Growing up in Gastonia, N.C., his house was an easy wedge from Mount Zion Baptist Church. Deep inside the 70-year-old Hamilton, he still feeds the impact from the sounds inside that church to this day.

"I grew up in the church. When the organist played or a soloist performed, I could hear it from my bedroom," Hamilton said. " [Gospel music] is part of who I am."

About five years ago, Hamilton expanded that interest by acquiring a gospel music label, naming it Five Oceans.

With two artists on the label, Hamilton lets other people run the operation as he's too busy with FSU basketball to be hanging out in a recording studio.

"It's not a business venture so much as a ministry," said Hamilton. "I enjoy helping people who worship the Lord in song and have a chance to express themselves."

As for the name Five Oceans, he adds: "I wanted my music to touch all parts of the world, and five oceans touch just about every part. The ocean is one of the most consistent phenomenas. The tide comes in and goes out every day. I want my music to be consistent, refreshing in the morning and relaxing in the evening."

More than anything, his musical taste appeals to Hamilton's desire for a soothing, balanced life in a chaotic profession.

"That's his pressure-valve release," said FSU assistant coach Stan Jones. "It allows [Hamilton] to go into another element outside of coaching, recruiting and dealing with university administration. It gives him peace."

It's helped him survive an up-and-down coaching journey over 48 years, which took Hamilton to the high of a national championship as a Kentucky assistant in 1978. But he's also been through the difficult grind of trying to fix struggling programs at Oklahoma State, Miami and FSU, plus a brief failed NBA fling with the Washington Wizards.

Finally, in what figures to be his last coaching chapter, Hamilton has probably done his best work. He survived the tumultuous part of his FSU tenure during the first six years – no NCAA tournament bid, a 37-59 ACC record – and the administration's remarkable patience continues to be rewarded.

FSU has shown no sign of tailing off from its success of the past two seasons, which includes an NCAA run to the 2018 Elite Eight (lost 58-54 to Michigan in the West regional finals) and a second-place ACC finish the preceding year. With the No. 18-ranked Seminoles' 78-73 triumph Saturday over North Carolina State at Donald Tucker Civic Center, it upped their win total to 72 wins over the past three years, the best of any stretch in the program's 71-year history. "Most rebuilding programs have the potential to do what we've become, they just don't get there in two or three years," Hamilton said. "This hasn't been easy. We don't even own the facility we play in and our league has some of the top winningest programs in college basketball."

Despite being in a hoops furnace with the likes of Duke, North Carolina and Syracuse, the Seminoles have survived quite well since the 2008-09 season, going 109-79 in ACC regular-season games, the third-best league mark.

Hamilton's teams have gradually become a national player, going 7-6 in the NCAA tournament over that span and also won the ACC tournament in 2012.

But none of those accomplishments seem to truly excite Hamilton. He talks more like a life coach than a basketball coach. While others measure success by rankings and a March Madness resume, Hamilton always points to player development off the court.

"I have a lot of trophies, awards and rings, but what I enjoy most is attending [player] weddings, getting calls on Father's Day, guys seeking advice on major decisions. Those are the coaching rewards," Hamilton said. "If I only evaluate my success with NCAA trips and Coach of the Year awards, then I can't look at myself in the mirror. If I'm not impacting young men to grow with the tools I've been given, I haven't done my job.

"You're taking people at the most important part of their life – teenagers going into adulthood – and trying to develop not just basketball players, but good husbands, fathers and citizens. That part of the process goes unnoticed."

During his tenure, 61 of 63 players who became seniors have earned degrees. This year's senior class – Phil Cofer, David Nichols, Christ Koumadje, PJ Savoy, and Terrance Mann – are all on track for a diploma. No player on Hamilton's watch has ever been forced to leave the program for disciplinary reasons.

Mann, the 2015 New Hampshire Player of the Year, appreciates Hamilton's approach. With a mother, Daynia La-Force, serving as head coach at the University of Rhode Island, the 6-foot-7 guard sees value in a college experience not incessantly consumed by playing ball and game preparation.

"Coach Ham talks more to us about life than basketball definitely," said Mann. "He'll have a few things to say about the game, about practice. Other than that, it's always about how we should carry ourselves, how we should be careful. He's always telling us stories about student-athletes who were in the same position as us and didn't make it out because they made not-smart decisions. He's always coaching us on life."

Jones has been with Hamilton for 24 seasons, since his boss hired the former Mississippi high school coach to join his Miami Hurricanes staff as a non-recruiting assistant. Jones is now Hamilton's most trusted adviser, having spent more time with him than any working colleague.

While some may see Hamilton's emphasis on cultivating life skills for his players as a public relations/recruiting ploy, Jones insists the boss' nurturing side is a reflection of how he acts behind the scenes.

"From working with him day to day, I can tell you that's a genuine article human being, that's legit," Jones said. "It's not a pat line, bullet point or spin-cycle-give-to-the-media. That is legitimately his soul.

"As good as a basketball coach and mind that he is, he's a better molder of people. He helps you through situations so that you will grow, including the coaching staff. He's more concerned about your well-being after you leave him."

Still, life on the court for Hamilton – a two-time Coach of the Year recipient in both the Big East and ACC -- is pretty good. Unlike many ACC coaches, he kept his job after six mediocre years because the athletic director who hired him, former Alabama basketball player Dave Hart, felt FSU was close enough to a hoops breakthrough to warrant keeping Hamilton.

Ironically, once Hart was forced out by president T.K. Wetherell in 2009, the 'Noles started making significant gains with four consecutive top-4 ACC finishes and an NCAA Sweet 16 appearance in 2011.

"It's not like we ever became totally irrelevant or weren't competitive, we just always seemed to be one win short of making the NCAAs in those early years," said Jones.

That's no longer an issue, and Saturday's tight contest with NC State was further evidence that FSU (23-6, 11-5) should again be a tough out in March. The Wolfpack trailed by single digits virtually the whole game, tied it up 63-63 with under seven minutes left, but Hamilton's team always had an answer in critical moments.

"We've been through the Elite Eight and so many close games," said Mann. "If it's a three-point game with three minutes left and you're going against a team like us, we're very hard to beat because we know how to manage situations very well."

Part of that might well be a reflection of Hamilton. As much as he'd like to get to the Final Four as a head coach, the message to his players is always about winning in life.

Away from the college basketball pressure-cooker, Leonard Hamilton needs the joy that comes from listening to gospel music. Looking at what his team is doing on the court, the Seminoles are also striking the right chord.

## **Leonard Hamilton's Emphasis On Academics Leads To FSU's impressive Graduate Rate**

By Curt Weiler

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In a college basketball world that concerns itself with the next level and advancing ahead with the opportunity to play professionally, academics can often be pushed to the side.

The addition of the one-and-done rule in 2005 -- which required all draft-eligible players to be 19 and one year removed from high school -- unintentionally furthered the notion among these players that school is secondary to basketball.

All of this makes the hit rate with which Florida State men's basketball coach Leonard Hamilton has seen his players graduate across his tenure in Tallahassee all the more impressive.

Since Hamilton took the FSU job ahead of the 2002-03 season, 61 of the 63 players (96.8 percent) that have enrolled and played for the Seminoles for at least four seasons left with their degrees.

The only two that didn't, former FSU players Al Thornton (2003-2007) and Solomon Alabi (2007-2010), have both reached out to FSU about finishing their degrees with online coursework as their playing careers wind down.

While this may seem impressive to many, Hamilton just views it as an expectation of someone in his position.

"It's part of our responsibility to take young men when they're teenagers and usher them into young adulthood," Hamilton told the *Tallahassee Democrat*.

"When you're a teenager, 17 or 18 years old, sometimes you're not in a position to make worldly decisions even though you might think that you are. I think that what we have always done is just set certain boundaries and certain expectations, try to hold everybody accountable to the things that we believe are important in the overall development of a young man, not as a basketball player but as an individual.

"What we've always tried to do is just treat everything like we would treat it if it was our own children. That's the way we look at it and so everything that we do totally in our program -- not only in academics but in everything that we do -- we try to treat it as such."

This is a belief that traces back to Hamilton's time as an assistant coach at Kentucky, where he won a national championship in 1978.

"That was part of my responsibility as a young assistant coach at the University of Kentucky for 12 years to make sure that I stay on top of the kids' academically," Hamilton said.

"I was at an institution that really placed a lot of emphasis on making sure that the kids not only played well, but they graduated."

With all the success the No. 10 Seminoles (8-1) have found early this season -- making the program's earliest appearance in the Top 10 since 1992 -- Hamilton sees the bigger picture when reflecting on his success at FSU.

"We truly believe that when you look around in my office and you see all those NCAA rings and watches and memorabilia, trophies, coach of the year awards, if that's where you place all the emphasis -- the fact that we have won a certain number of basketball games -- then I think we're very shallow in the big picture," Hamilton said.

"The most important thing we do is take young men and try to be a part during this period of life when you're taking them from teenagers to young adults. That is by far the most important thing we do as coaches.

"Now, there's no question that we need to win. That's part of the process, that's part of the job. But if we win and fail in the development of young people, in helping them grow in developing the tools that are going to give them a chance to be successful in life, we have failed."

A significant subset of this group of graduates are people who became the first in their direct family to attend or graduate from college.

Hamilton is quite aware of the fact that athletic scholarships could be the only means of some of his players earning college degrees and doesn't take that responsibility lightly.

"A lot of them will be the first people who have gone to college in their families. This is important because they many times change the whole culture of their family by them having academic success that compliments what most people want in athletic success," Hamilton said.

"Our rewards come five, six, seven, eight years after a kid has left us and what are they doing with their lives and their families and their careers. That's when our great report comes in.

"I'm hoping that as a staff when we hang our whistles up and we look ourselves in the mirror, that we will be able to say that we have done everything possible to help the young people that have been a part of our journey to have a place in our society that's meaningful and that they're not only proud of the fact that they represented the school, Florida State, but that we had the kind of relationships that they feel helped them become who they are in the next part of their lives."

## **FSU Players Past, Present Grateful For Coach Leonard Hamilton's Support**

By Chaunte'I Powell

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More than 40 years ago, then-Austin Peay assistant coach Leonard Hamilton was told people just weren't ready for a black head coach.

While the conversation hurt him, Hamilton said the slight doesn't fuel him or come to mind often during the high points of his career.

Hamilton is now the head coach at Florida State and in the midst of another strong season. And at age 71, he continues to break down barriers.

As of 2016, just 23.8 percent of Division I basketball coaches were black.

Hamilton has thrived, amassing 325 wins as head coach at FSU. He has been named ACC Coach of the Year twice (2009,2012) and captured the ACC title during the 2011-2012 season.

He won his 144th ACC game when the Seminoles defeated Georgia Tech 69-47 on Saturday.

To Hamilton, these are more fulfilled obligations than accomplishments.

"Maybe I'm not as philosophical to say I have really arrived. Winning the ACC was what my job said I was supposed to do," he said "I'm more concerned about these kids getting degrees, what they're going to be doing five years after they leave me, what kind of husbands and fathers and citizens they're going to be."

Hamilton added the real accomplishment is the relationships he's able to build with all of his players off the court, the personal goals they achieve because of it and the milestones they achieve.

There are numbers that speak to his efficiency as a mentor. Since accepting the head coaching job at FSU before the start of the 2002-2003 season, Hamilton has seen 96 percent of his players earn degrees.

Most recently, Hamilton has prepared Jonathon Isaac, Malik Beasley, and Jeff Peterson for careers in the NBA.

Isaac is continuing to develop into a solid NBA forward with the Orlando Magic, while Beasley is having a breakout year with the Denver Nuggets.

Peterson opted to pursue a career in the front office and is currently the assistant general manager for the Atlanta Hawks. He was a part of Hamilton's ACC title-winning team and though he was only at FSU for one season as a grad transfer, Peterson said Hamilton's genuine concern for him stood him.

"His ability to get the most out of his players is something that, watching from afar, you could kind of tell that," said Peterson, who also stands out as a rare black NBA front office executive.

"But after hopping on the phone with him and talking to him and talking to other people who have been through the program, it became even more apparent."

Before he entered a field where people who look like him are equally rare, Peterson said as a player, the idea of having black male role model played a role his decision to transfer to FSU.

“It was more of a bonus,” he said. “If I didn’t trust in the human regardless of his skin color, I probably wouldn’t have come here. But just his human qualities and characteristics and then to tie it in and know that he’s a black male that’s been through the things he’s been through, that’s what was really, really intriguing to me.”

Hamilton’s story of humble beginnings and rise to coaching prominence has resonated with current players as well. “It was one of the main reasons why I chose to come here,” Senior PJ Savoy said. “You don’t see a lot of African-American coaches coaching at such a high level and doing a great job at it. For what it’s worth, it’s a dream come true.”

Senior Christ Koumadje echoed those sentiments and said it drives players to win.

“He’s somebody you can relate to because of his past and the struggle that he went through,” Koumadje said. “From what he had in the past and for us knowing that every time we play for home, we’ve got to fight for home and it motivates us.”

As much as Hamilton is able to get out of players, Peterson said the way in which he does is also special.

“He has a unique way of delivering his message and you better listen,” Peterson said with a laugh. “And it’s one of those things where I don’t want to disappoint him, so I’m going to try my hardest and work super hard to not do that.”

Peterson added Hamilton’s attention to detail when it comes to his players makes him “more than just a coach.”

“At the end of the day, he just wants what’s best for the kid and each individual player is different,” Peterson said. “Be it Jonathon Issac or Malik Beasley, who were both here a year, or other players who were here multiple years, he does a very good job of analyzing each player’s situation individually. Again, he has so much experience that he can say, ‘Jonathon this is what’s best of you.’ Or, ‘Malik this is what’s best for you.’ Nine times out of 10, maybe 10 times out of 10, he’ll be right.”

His players, past and present, all take heed when he says the ball will stop bouncing some day and are on building a future off the court. Koumadje said one day they’ll really be able to appreciate what it meant to be a part of Hamilton’s team.

“Ten, 20 years from now, we’re going to look back and see it was something big,” Koumadje said. “Right now, we’re young, we don’t really see it, but a couple years from now we’ll see it. It was really something big that we were part of.”

## **Lasting Legacy: Mann's Unselfish Approach Elevates FSU Basketball**

By Corey Clark

Warchant

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He came to Florida State in the same class as two of the most prized recruits in program history.

He was the "other" freshman wing that year. The one not named Bacon or Beasley.

He wasn't a McDonald's All-American, and he won't be an NBA first-round draft pick. But Terance Mann, who will be playing his last game inside the Tucker Center tonight when the No. 14 Seminoles host No. 15 Virginia Tech (7 p.m., ESPN), is leaving a legacy at FSU that far outshines the aforementioned stars from his signing class.

In fact, as his college career winds down, you could make the argument that Mann has been one of the most impactful players to ever wear garnet and gold.

"From the day he committed, he's been a guy that's been trying to make the program better," associate head coach Stan Jones said. "He's a guy that committed before his official visit, and we had not gotten commitments from Malik and Dwayne. And he started reaching out to those guys.

"His communication to them was, 'I don't care what position I play, I want to win, I want to have a good team. Come on, let's do this together.' Which is a rarity in today's generation of basketball players, because most guys have a huge jealousy problem and a huge fear of competition."

Not Terance Mann.

He struck up a friendship with Bacon and Beasley, trying to convince them to come to Tallahassee. Even though that would mean less minutes – and certainly less shots – for him at the start of his career.

In any other year, Mann might have been the jewel of Florida State's recruiting class. He was a four-star prospect and one of the top 100 players in the country. But Bacon was a five-star recruit, and Beasley wasn't far behind.

And Mann was happy to let them have the early hype.

"I mean, I just knew it would take more than just me to change this culture and change the perspective of this being a basketball school," Mann said. "I knew it would have to be a big powerhouse recruiting class, and I kind of saw that at a young age. I don't know how. I just think that's how I was. Just being unselfish, I wanted people to come with me."

Because he wanted to win.

And almost nobody in the history of the FSU men's basketball program has done that more than Terance Mann. Over these last four years, he's been a part of 91 victories. The school record is 95, set by Luke Loucks from 2009 to 2012. Mann has been a three-year starter, and each of those three years the Seminoles have earned a berth in the NCAA Tournament.

The career numbers themselves won't overwhelm you.

He's averaging 11.5 points per game this season, following 12.6 as a junior and 8.4 as a sophomore. But that's not what Mann's game is about anyway.

He's not a high-volume shooter. He just does all the little things -- all over the court, all the time -- that add up to a big difference.

Bacon and Beasley were terrific college players. Certainly better scorers than Mann. They could take over games with their offensive ability.

But Mann is the guy who finds a way to make an impact without taking a ton of shots.

“He can play all five positions,” head coach Leonard Hamilton said. “He can play point guard if you need him to. He makes good decisions with the ball, he’s a good ball-handler, has good floor vision, a good athlete, he rebounds, defends. He’s a natural basketball player.

“I dubbed him the stat-sheet stuffer when he was a freshman.”

That was back when Mann was still mostly in the shadow of his two good friends, Bacon and Beasley.

It was assistant coach Charlton Young who was Mann’s primary recruiter. He was the one who saw pro potential in the son of Rhode Island women’s basketball coach Daynia La-Force and first pointed out the versatile guard/forward to Hamilton on the recruiting trail.

“I remember being on the road, I think it might have been Sacramento at an AAU tournament,” Hamilton said. “And Coach Young brought me over to the court that Terance was playing at and said, ‘Coach, this guy right here is going to be a good player. He’s kind of under the radar. People don’t realize it, but he’s a smart, intelligent player, athletic, and he’s going to get better and better.’

“So, he recognized Terance’s potential way before a lot of people. I trusted his judgement.”

Safe to say it’s worked out for all parties.

More than four years later, Mann is one of only three players in Florida State history to have 1,200 career points, 600 rebounds, 200 assists and 100 steals. The other two? A couple of guys named Doug Edwards and Bob Sura.

But as much as Mann appreciates being mentioned in the same breath as players of that magnitude, the only stat that truly matters to him -- the only stat that has ever mattered to him -- is the one that’s on the scoreboard at the end of a game.

When his career is over, you won’t be able to say Terance Mann was the best player in FSU history. You won’t be able to say he was the best scorer or shooter or passer or rebounder or defender.

But he was really good at all of it. Which is why in a couple of weeks, you might just be able to say that he’s the all-time winningest player in FSU history.

And that would mean more to Mann than anything else.

“I don’t know if it’s right or wrong, but I was just different than a lot of people growing up,” he said. “A lot of other people worry about how much they scored, how many shots they get a game, and I just worry about winning.

“Why would I want to finish with the most points in Florida State history when I could be the winningest player of all time? That would be amazing. To go down as a winner.”

Whether that distinction comes to him or not, Mann is going to go down as one of the most impactful players in school history. A guy who called higher-rated recruits to come join him in Tallahassee. A guy who didn’t care about personal statistics. A guy who helped turn FSU back into a perennial NCAA Tournament participant. A guy who won and won and won some more.

That's Terance Mann.

That's how he'll always be remembered.

That's his legacy.

## **Lowell Native Is The Mann at Florida State**

By Barry Scanlon

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Growing up in Lowell, Terance Mann and his middle school friends envisioned playing basketball at a high level.

He attended the Bartlett School for three years and the Sullivan School for his eighth grade year.

"I remember playing in the Sullivan, the Daley," Mann said, "dreaming of being here."

Here is the NCAA Tournament.

Mann is now a Florida State University senior and a major reason the Seminoles are in the 68-team field for the third straight season.

Friends of Mann won't have to travel far to see the fourth seeded Seminoles play No. 13 Vermont in a first round game. Thursday's 2 p.m. clash is in Hartford, Conn. "I'm sure there's going to be a lot of people from Lowell there," said Mann, estimating his cheering section at 25.

A 6-foot-7, 215pound guard, Mann has had quite a career at Florida State.

He has played in 138 games, second most in program history. His .555 career field goal percentage is 15th all-time. He has scored 1,280 points, 22nd in FSU history. And he's part of the winningest class in school history.

"I feel like this year, out of all the years I've been here," he said Monday from Tallahassee, Fla., "we're playing our best basketball at the right time."

Mann is averaging 11.2 points this season, second best on the team.

Even though he's a guard, he leads the tall and athletic Seminoles in rebounding, averaging 6.4 per game. He's shooting .504 from the floor and .785 from the free throw line.

He's someone NBA teams will look to draft this June.

Mann admits he's thought about playing professionally.

Not now, however.

"I'm just lost in the moment," he said.

Florida State (27-7) has tied a program record for most wins in a season. The Seminoles reached the ACC title game, but fell 76-63 to Duke and its much heralded freshman forward Zion Williamson, who's built like a bus.

Mann said the hype surrounding Williamson is "legitimate."

"He's different. He's a different human being," Mann said.

Mann played a large role in Florida State reaching the ACC title game. In the quarterfinals, Florida State and Virginia Tech were tied in overtime when Mann hit an off-balance floater at the buzzer to lift the Seminoles to a thrilling 65-63 victory.

"I don't want to take any credit for that, because we don't really teach that," FSU head coach Leonard Hamilton told reporters after the game. "But he makes those kind of shots, and he's done it time and time again over his career."

"It's definitely one of the biggest shots of my career," said Mann. "It's more of an instinct shot. I was on the floor and I didn't get a chance to see it go in."

Ironically, another Lowell native was on the floor when Mann hit the shot heard 'round Tallahassee.

Virginia Tech sophomore guard Wabissa Bede, who grew up in Lowell before moving to North Andover, was on the court to witness Mann's heroics. (Like FSU, Virginia Tech is a No. 4 seed. The Hokies will play Saint Louis on Friday in San Jose, Calif.).

"I've known him since fourth grade," Mann said of Bede. "He's going to do well. He's young.

He got a lot of experience this year."

Mann said he's most proud of being part of Florida State's winningest basketball class.

"We're a big-time basketball school," he said.

"We play with a chip on our shoulders. A lot of people picked us to finish seventh in the ACC this year. We took that for a sign of disrespect. We finished fourth in the ACC and we started 1-4."

Thursday's game against Vermont will be Mann's seventh NCAA Tournament game. The Seminoles went 1-1 his sophomore year in the Big Dance. Last year, Florida State was one of the tournament's darlings, defeating Missouri, Xavier and Gonzaga to reach the Elite Eight. One win from making the Final Four, the Seminoles fell to Michigan.

When it came time for high school, Mann could have attended Lowell High. But at the urging of his family he went the boarding school route, attending Hillside School in Marlboro his freshman year and then Tilton School in Tilton, N.H., for his final three years.

Still, Mann continues to list Lowell as his hometown and splits time in the summer between Rhode Island and the Mill City when he's not in Florida.

Some of his teammates may be cold when they get off the bus in Hartford.

Not Mann.

He's tough. Lowell tough.

## **From Tumor To Leading Scorer: Phil Cofer's Roller Coaster Ride At Florida State**

By Wayne McGahee III

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No player on Florida State's basketball roster has had a career like Phil Cofer's.

Cofer was never supposed to be playing in Tallahassee. He was supposed to be in the orange and white in Knoxville, Tennessee. However, when Tennessee head coach Cuonzo Martin took off for California after signing day, Cofer was released from his letter of intent and signed with the Seminoles before the 2014-15 season.

His freshman year it looked like FSU had stolen a future All-ACC caliber player after he averaged 6.9 points and 4.5 rebounds per game in a reserve role.

His dunk over future No. 3 pick and 2014-15 ACC Player of the Year Jahliil Okafor against Duke was one of the highlights of FSU's season.

Then it all came crashing down.

Cofer was asked to change his playing style to more of a stretch-four role to combat the growing trend of stretch fours in the ACC and college basketball in general. Stretch fours play on the perimeter more and have to be able to shoot and handle the basketball.

"It's really just how the game is changing now," Cofer told the *Tallahassee Democrat*.

"Back then a lot of (forwards) were straight post players. That's what I was in high school so that's really all I did, but with everything changing so much, the coaches asked me to up my game... Coach C.Y. (Charlton Young) was telling me that it was going to take time and I would get towards it. I just kept working."

He struggled with the move initially averaging just 3.8 points and two rebounds per game while only playing 12 minutes per game during his sophomore season.

It didn't help that he had a recurring ankle injury that ended his season just 11 games in.

"It definitely wasn't a good feeling just from the pain," Cofer told the *Tallahassee Democrat*.

"It definitely confused me a little bit because some days were good and then some days were bad. I always felt it so it was hard to play on it. It was always on my mind. I think my family, the way they keep being strong, helped me out to keep pushing through. It definitely messed up my game because there was some stuff I couldn't do and some stuff I could do. I was kind of a liability on the court when playing ACC basketball."

### **The Injury**

The injury was far more serious than anyone expected, and the reason why he was having so many issues wasn't found until he actually had the surgery.

His surgeon found a bone tumor in his foot that had to be immediately removed.

"When you have something removed like that from your body, especially the size of the tumor that was removed, it takes your body a long time to accustom itself to literally having a bone removed," FSU men's basketball athletic trainer Amanda Robinson said.

"He actually responded pretty well once he had surgery. It was the unfortunate timing for when he had the procedure."

The growth was at least three millimeters long, which is a substantial size for a foot tumor, according to Robinson. The tumor was tested to make sure that it wasn't going to be cancerous or going to spread. It was a pretty nervous time for Cofer and the FSU staff as they waited for the results to return.

"There was some concern of course," Robinson said.

"As with all of us. It wasn't determined that it was a tumor until surgery. The doctor was in there and he saw it. When he found out it had already been removed from his foot. There's always that concern so he was a little shocked, but he trusted the doctors and they ran the tests as quickly as they could..."

"Once it was removed it becomes a scary thing because is it going to spread is it going to get bigger? That's why it immediately had to be removed. Once it was removed we ran tests and we were able to catch it in time."

## **The Recovery**

Once it was determined that the tumor wasn't cancerous and there wasn't a danger of it spreading, Cofer began his rehabilitation in the hopes of returning to the court for the 2016-17 season.

It was a tough process for him to go through because he wasn't cleared to return to practice for a full six months, but he held up as best he could.

"When I have any athlete that's out for any period of time, the psychological component of being out of the sport you love and not being able to do the things that you want every single day takes a toll on you," Robinson said.

"Phil, he endured a lot of isolation because there were certain things that he could and couldn't do. His personality, he's just such a great guy. He was just smiling his way through the whole thing even though it was a downer because it was in the middle of the season. He handled it very well. He's very charismatic. He's always the one to lift everyone else's spirits up and he was kind of able to do that for himself, which is pretty unique."

Cofer returned the following year and the struggles that he had as a sophomore continued.

He had to fight for playing time with future Top-6 pick Jonathan Isaac and he was also trying to lose a lot of bad weight that he had put on while waiting to be cleared.

He was also still transitioning into the stretch four role that he wasn't accustomed to.

"I was watching his games as a senior in high school," Junior FSU guard Terance Mann said.

"Him and Jarquez Smith started at the four position and I thought he was a great player. Real athletic, and I always looked at him as like a four man. No dribbling, no shooting, that's just how he was. He would like to shoot the mid-ranges, which always went in, but the three ball wasn't there..."

"It's just hard to come back knowing that you have to battle for your position even though you're not 100 percent yet. That probably took a toll on him, but it gave him even more time to work on his game."

Cofer averaged just 2.9 points and 1.9 rebounds per game while only playing 12.5 minutes per game during the 2016-17 season.

But he took his struggles in stride and tried to look at the positives that came from the injury and the season.

"I think it definitely helped a lot," Cofer said.

"I think my injury definitely gave me some pros and some cons. I think most of the pros is that I was able to keep working on my shot and I didn't stop working on my shot no matter how my foot felt or how my injury was.

"I think it helped me progress. Just spotting up in the corner when I was hurt that year and shoot the J. Just being on the bench and learning from coach Stan (Jones) how our offense rolls. It definitely helped me."

Cofer spent as much time as he was able to in the gym working on his shooting and ball handling, the two traits that would be required of him if he was going to transition into that role and make an impact during his senior season.

Cofer earned a starting spot on the floor during the 2017-18 season and made the most of it showing off his brand-new skills while leading the team to its first Elite Eight since 1993 and just the third time in program history. He had the second-best three-point percentage (.375) on the team behind Braian Angola (.376) and led the team in points per game (12.8). He was also second on the team in rebounds per game (5.1).

It was a complete turnaround from what he was able to do during his sophomore years as he recovered from injury and a complete 180 from the way he played as a freshman.

He's enjoying the new style of play and enjoying the success that came with it.

"The things that I'm doing now I never could have done before," Cofer said.

"I think that's just staying in the gym and keep working on your game. Four mans now are all stretching the floor and shooting jumpers. I think the way our offense now is way better than what it was before... I think the cleanup guy needs to come back a little more. Last year I got too much on the perimeter side and wasn't rebounding as much as I should have.

"I think the way the game is now and the way I've been working, I kind of deserve this, the way I'm playing now, and I think I knew that I was going to be able to do all this stuff. I just had to be patient no matter how my injury was looking."

## **The Appeal**

The injury wasn't the last battle Cofer would have to fight at FSU.

Because the injury ended his 2015-16 after just 11 games, Cofer and FSU attempted to get him a medical redshirt. The initial attempt was denied by the NCAA because he didn't fit in the criteria for a medical hardship waiver after playing in one too many games.

In order to qualify for a medical redshirt, a player must not have played in more than 30 percent of their team's games that season.

Cofer played in 32.4 percent of the Seminoles games during the 2015-16 season and fell just outside of that range. "We had to go through a process where we first submitted it to the conference office and the conference office, based on that he had played in one too many games, denied it," Assistant Athletics Director for Compliance Tasha Fisher said.

"Once you get that denial from the conference office you can appeal it to the NCAA. When you appeal it to the NCAA you have to look at the entire scope of what the process is. You have to have kind of a 'but for' analysis a lot of times. What was the reason behind him participating in too many games? What was the reason for the injury?" Despite being slightly over the limit for the waiver, FSU pushed forward to get Cofer the extra year that he deserved.

FSU head coach Leonard Hamilton never had a doubt that it would come through.

"I think the NCAA in the last couple years have worked hard to try and be more concerned about the welfare of the student-athletes," Hamilton said.

"In this case with Phil, it definitely represented their increased emphasis on the welfare of the students. In Phil's case, it was unfortunate that he had those recurring injuries that was systematic to an ankle turn because that's what it was initially.

"Had he never turned his ankle we probably would never have found out about the growth in his ankle. That was problematic and once that was resolved it made sense that Phil would fall within that category and warrant giving the kid an opportunity to at least have another year of healthy play."

Initially, Fisher was not as confident as Hamilton that his appeal would be approved because of her experience with these types of cases previously.

Once she dove deeper into Cofer's case, her confidence grew.

"I think there's always a little bit of doubt," Fisher said.

"As we were going through the process I had varying degrees of confidence in whether it would be approved. I think when I started the process we were probably at a low one because I know from experience not all of these get approved. As we started to get more information and I got to hear Phil's story and Amanda's story, I heard Coach Ham's recollections of it, that at the point I hit submit I felt pretty good about it because of all the information we had and knowing there were reasons why Phil deserved to be able to come back."

Cofer had to wait over two months to find out if he would be able to stay at FSU for one more season. He stayed in the gym trying to continue to improve and hoping for the good news that he would be able to stay in Tallahassee.

On May 25, he got the news that his appeal had been approved.

Now he's ready to make the most of his final year at FSU on the court and in the classroom. He will be graduating in December with a degree in Sociology.

On the court, he's looking to improve on last season's Elite Eight run.

"A national championship is definitely on my mind," Cofer said.

"The feeling of being in March Madness and winning. I just want to get back there and finish what we started."

## **Koumadje Reflects On His Time At FSU, His Home Away From Home**

By Chris Nee

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TALLAHASSEE -- Florida State will celebrate their senior class on Tuesday evening before they tip-off against Virginia Tech in a crucial Atlantic Coast Conference match-up.

Among the five who will be celebrated before the start of the game is center Christ Koumadje, who hails from the country of Chad, arrived at FSU after a two-year stint at Montverde Academy near Orlando, Fla. He has been in the United States since 2013, but in reflecting on his four seasons in Tallahassee stated that it is home and where he has grown as a young man.

"Just a lot of memories," Koumadje said in reflecting on his career and time as a Seminole.

Koumadje committed to FSU after visiting alongside Dwayne Bacon, an AAU teammate, and Malik Beasley. He bought into a program that has seen brighter days since his arrival alongside that duo.

"Just from my freshman year to now, just coming in with the guys that I came in with and the basketball aspect of improving as a player on and off the court. I just learned a lot," Koumadje said.

For Koumadje, FSU provided an opportunity for him to settle in. It also provided him with a second family.

"I have always moved around a lot. I was in that atmosphere already. Even back home I moved around a lot," Koumadje said of the years leading up to his arrival at FSU. "As far as being away from my mom and family, it is something I got used to. It wasn't easy at first, but with time I just got better used to it.

"I have spent more time in the last four years being around those guys than I did even with my own brothers," Koumadje said of his current and past teammates in Garnet and Gold. "They mean a lot. I get along with everybody on the team.

"The coaches, they support me on and off the court with my academics. Coach Ham is like a father figure, not only to me but with nearly everyone on the team," Koumadje added. "He treats us like his own people."

Leonard Hamilton loves all of his players. It is a common trait displayed by him over his 17 seasons with the Seminoles. He also tends to have a special place in his heart for big men. Koumadje, through the ups and downs of his career, has always known that Hamilton had his back.

That trust and relationship is paying dividends as Koumadje is playing the best ball of his career in his final stretch run with the Seminoles.

His best play has come during Atlantic Coast Conference play this season. He enters Tuesday's game against Virginia Tech averaging a career-high 6.9 points and having scored in double figures in four of the last six games and in a career-high seven games this season. He has scored a single-season career-high 200 points as a senior with his season-high of 20 points coming in Florida State's 88-66 victory over Wake Forest in Tallahassee on Feb. 13.

Over his last six games, he is averaging 10.7 points per game. In that same stretch, he has pulled 7.5 rebounds per game. He has scored in double figures in four of his last six ACC games and totaled his career-high of 12 rebounds in Florida State's victory over Wake Forest on Feb. 13 and at Georgia Tech on Feb. 16. He earned the first two double-doubles of his career against the Demon Deacons and the Yellow Jackets.

"He has done a good job improving," Hamilton said. "He is being more consistent. He is responding to coaching. He has been a pleasure to coach.

"I think he is feeling good about himself," Hamilton added. "I am expecting him as much as anyone to come on really strong here at the end of the season."

Koumadje showed flashes as a junior but a foot injury stymied his progress in the second half of the season. He has navigated the 2018-19 season with good health, and admittedly a more focused approach.

"This year I have felt healthy and took care of my body a little bit better and stuff like that," Koumadje said. "When you are healthy, you just go out and play and let the chips fall how they will."

While Koumadje's time as a Seminole will be celebrated on Tuesday evening. He, along with the other four seniors, believe they have another chapter or two to write in their storied careers.

"It is the last go-around for me and for many of the seniors," Koumadje said. "Everybody here came here for a bigger reason than just playing college basketball. We are trying to go all the way. We are not trying to underachieve; we are trying to take it all the way."

## **Koumadje's Healthy Diet Allows For Expanded Role As A Senior**

**By Kristen Smith**

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Standing at 7-foot-4, senior center Christ Koumadje knows how to command a room without having to say a word.

Koumadje has proven to be a valuable member of the Seminole men's basketball team since he stepped foot on Florida State's campus in 2015. As a freshman, he was one of the Seminoles' top rebounders and distinguished himself as an elite shot blocker. He has assisted his team with many victories in non-conference and conference play, appeared in two NCAA tournaments, and helped lead the Seminoles to an Elite Eight appearance in 2018.

Koumadje and the No. 15 Seminoles will open their 2018-19 campaign at home Tuesday against rival Florida (9 p.m., ESPN2) in the Fresh from Florida Sunshine Showdown.

During his career at Florida State, Koumadje's game has continued to evolve along with his physical stature.

When he began his Florida State basketball career Koumadje weighed 220 pounds. While his height, talent, and incredible work ethic set him apart, his weight still presented a challenge when going against the big, physical bodies that come with ACC play.

"As a center playing in the paint, you have to be prepared for people pushing you while you're trying to get rebounds," said Koumadje. "I've always had the height, but I didn't have the weight."

At the start of his senior season, things started to shift for Koumadje. He was able to put on an extra 40 pounds of muscle and now stands at a solid 270 pounds for the 2018-2019 basketball season.

"At the end of last season, Coach Hamilton wanted me to gain some weight," said Koumadje. "But no one expected for it to be like this."

This was no overnight phenomenon. The process required a combination of discipline, a healthy diet and perfect timing.

For Christ, there was no down time during this past off-season. Over the summer, he remained in Tallahassee and focused on his goals. He committed to being in the weight room at least five times a week and constantly met with the team's nutritionist to make sure that he was eating right.

Florida State's men's basketball athletic trainer, Amanda Robinson, explained that over the years Christ, a Chad native, has really learned how to properly eat American food.

"He learned what he should eat and what is actually healthy to eat, which can sometimes be difficult with American foods," said Robinson. "Once he got on the right page and found some things that he liked, that definitely helped."

Nutrition was a key component of Koumadje's weight-gain journey. His diet placed an emphasis on healthy carbohydrates and proteins. He consciously stayed away from processed foods and instead opted for cooked meals from the dining halls on campus. When he needed quick snacks, he would grab them from the snack room at the basketball training facility.

Gaining weight is not as easy as it may sound, especially for a Division I student-athlete.

"It gets hard with our lifestyle," said Koumadje. "You have to plan your days because the times that we eat have to work with when we have classes and practice."

“He also had to learn how much to eat in order to maintain all of the energy that he expends throughout practice and games,” added Robinson. “Once he grasped that concept, that was one of the main reasons he has been able to keep the weight on.”

Along with everything that Koumadje had the ability to control such as his workouts and eating habits, there was also the element of perfect timing that just worked out in his favor.

“We all have genetic dispositions where our bodies start holding mature body weight at different ages of our lives,” said FSU Associate Head Coach Stan Jones. “It took a little longer for Christ, but it came at a great time for him.”

Beyond his weight, Koumadje has been able to develop other skills that set him apart from other players on the court. Now, he expects to expand upon those skills in order to contribute to his team even more.

“Along with being able to hold people off, he’ll be able to take collisions,” said Jones.

He is now equipped with not only the physicality but also the confidence to face anyone on the court more effectively.

“I still want to continue getting my weight up,” said Koumadje. “I don’t want to get too big to the point that I hurt my knees, but I do want to have lean muscles and be toned overall.”

At the rate he’s going, there’s no doubt that Koumadje will be able to accomplish and surpass all of his goals. Things are certainly looking up for Koumadje this season – both on the court and on the scale.

Said Jones: “The nutrition, weight training, and time are all starting to work positively for him.”

## David Nichols Getting Adjusted To life In The ACC

By Pete Dougherty  
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Bus trips to Maine and New Hampshire and other America East locales are in the past these days for David Nichols.

After three basketball seasons for the University at Albany, Nichols transferred in the spring to Florida State of the Atlantic Coast Conference. Although the ACC footprint is much wider than that of the America East, the travel is a bit easier. Nichols and the Seminoles arrive at most places by charter plane.

"It's nice not having to fly commercial and being able to walk right on the plane (bypassing security checkpoints) and get where you need to be from game to game," Nichols said.

Florida State is making its first trip to Syracuse in two years for an ACC game Tuesday night.

Nichols, a first-team all-America East point guard as a UAlbany sophomore, capitalized on the NCAA's graduate transfer rule to enroll at the Tallahassee school, where he is averaging 18.3 minutes and 6.9 points per game.

I pretty much expected what it is — bigger guys, more athleticism, faster game," he said. "You have to make decisions much quicker in the game.

"The biggest adjustment in the game is how roles can change from game to game. I knew that going in with this team. It's a different guy contributing every night. You can shoot 15 shots one game and then maybe shoot two the next. That's just what's needed with the way that we play. It's a different guy stepping up every night."

Nichols is one of 10 players averaging more than 11 minutes per game for the 22nd-ranked Seminoles (16-5, 4-4 ACC), who are seventh in the highly competitive, 15-team league.

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He left UAlbany after receiving his undergraduate degree in communications, with a minor in business. Twice selected to the America East's all-academic team with a 3.88 grade-point average, Nichols said he is carrying a 3.6 GPA — "almost 3.7" — as he pursues a master's degree in sports management.

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From a basketball perspective, Nichols said he wanted to see if he could compete at a higher level than the America East.

"Just the experience I've had so far this year," he said, "the difference between a high and mid-major is something I needed to experience, and I'm glad I'm able to."

His departure from UAlbany coincided with that of backcourt mate and Scotia native Joe Cremo, now at Villanova. The two friends talk often and were on the same court Nov. 25 when the Seminoles and Wildcats met in the final of the AdvoCare Invitational in Lake Buena Vista, Fla.

Villanova won the game, 66-60. Nichols had six points in 18 minutes, Cremo two in 16.

"I was used to it," Nichols said of playing against his one-time teammate. "We played against each other all the time in practices and pick-up. It was nice. His family was down there for the game, and I got to see them, too."

"I watch what I can (of Villanova). We're always checking each other on the box scores. I'll text him or call him, he'll do the same. We'll facetime the night before we each have a game, talk about who we're playing, what to expect, stuff like that."

He said he also keeps close watch on his former team, the Great Danes, talking to Ahmad Clark — who inherited the point guard position when Nichols left — on a regular basis.

"He's doing his thing," Nichols said of Clark, who leads UAlbany in points. "I tease him all the time about his scoring. He's telling me he's going to break my scoring record and different things like that. I'm proud of what he's doing because I saw it in him in practice going against him and knowing how good he was last year. I'm not surprised at all what he's doing."

## **Florida State Guard P.J. Savoy More Than A Shooter Now**

By Wayne McGahee III

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Sharpshooter.

That's the word that initially comes to mind when senior Florida State guard P.J. Savoy's name is mentioned.

Savoy is two three-pointers away from breaking 100 threes for his career at FSU with at least 29 more games to go this season.

But he wants to be more than that.

He's spent the last two seasons coming off the bench because his defense hasn't been up to the level that the No. 15 Seminoles (2-0) are looking for from their starters.

He made sure that wasn't going to be the case in his final season.

"I think P.J. is a little more mature than other guys and he realizes that what we're asking of him is a little more than what he had to do in high school and junior college," FSU coach Leonard Hamilton said.

"He took it upon himself to get as fit as possible and he deserves all the credit for that. He was aware that he was going into his senior year and we needed him to be have a lot more input into the success of our team. He disciplined himself, worked out, watched what he's been eating, and done a great job of getting himself into the condition that it takes for us to compete."

Savoy arrived at FSU from Sheridan College in Wyoming for the 2016-17 season.

At Sheridan, Savoy made 85 of the 199 three-pointers he took that season and averaged 16.8 points per game. But he didn't play defense and was there for one reason and one reason only. To score.

"Coming in out of junior college you could tell he'd never been forced to defend the way he had to defend at this level," FSU assistant coach Charlton Young said.

"P.J., his ability to shoot the ball gave him the ability to make big time shots and not worry about playing defense. Coach Ham challenged him when he came in and he's a little bit more competitive than what people think. Him being so competitive and wanting to make every shot has carried over with his defense to shut people up that say he can't defend or won't defend."

His sophomore season -- and first season at FSU in 2016-17 -- he hit a number of big shots for the Seminoles, but he was a defensive liability on the court and was only able to play 8.1 minutes per game.

He worked on his defense during the off-season and increased his playing time to 13.1 minutes per game, but still wasn't playing at the level that he needed to play at on the defensive end of the court to get the minutes that he wanted.

FSU lost a couple starters from last year's team -- guard Braian Angola in particular -- and Savoy knew that he needed to step up to make up for that absence.

"Coming in (to this season), I knew I had to make an immediate impact," Savoy said.

"We were losing some key guys on the defensive end of the court, so I knew I had to step up my defense in order to not let us have that fall off. It was a big emphasis for me."

Savoy dropped 15 pounds during the off-season by drinking water instead of juice, running more, and eating smaller portions.

So far it's paid off.

Savoy has averaged 31 minutes per game over the first two games of the season and is leading the team with 17 points per game.

He's knocked down eight of the 13 threes he's taken so far this season, but his play on the defensive end of the court has been the most impressive thing so far.

Savoy is playing with energy, aggressiveness, and good technique, and he's been able to do it over long stretches of time.

"I take a lot of pride in it," Savoy said.

"Having someone scoring on you is kind of a pride thing. You don't want anybody scoring on you... I knew I had to be a little quicker with my feet and the only way to do that was to lose a little weight. I've been working hard this off-season just honing my skills on the defensive end and trying to be lighter on my feet."

Hamilton has been forced to play Savoy so much over the first two games because of the quality of opponents that the Seminoles have faced in Florida and Tulane.

He wants to rotate his players more, and he will as the season progresses, but his willingness to keep Savoy on the court for extended periods of time says a lot about how far the sharpshooter has come as a basketball player.

"I think what has happened with P.J. is that he's improved with the technical things we've asked him to do," Hamilton said.

"How he uses his hands, his feet, being consistent with the fundamentals, closing out with his hands contesting shots. He's been pretty consistent in those areas, but being in better condition and being strong and having much better lung capacity kind of gives him an opportunity to use his ability to stay focus and execute his techniques better, longer, and more aggressively."

## **Florida State Guard Trent Forrest: A True Seminole**

By Wayne McGahee III

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Florida State coach Leonard Hamilton isn't known for heaping praise on his players.

He only praises them when they've earned it, and even then, it's usually reserved. He's not the type of coach to overhype a player.

So when he spoke about FSU guard Trent Forrest following the No. 17 Seminoles' (23-6, 11-5 ACC) 78-73 win over North Carolina State Saturday, it caught everyone in the room off guard.

Not because Forrest doesn't deserve it, but because of how effusive it was.

"He's a competitor," Hamilton said.

"He loves basketball. He represents what the Unconquered spirit means. He's a Seminole through and through. He's a legacy guy. His relatives have played. He's Amp Lee's cousin. It means an awful lot to him."

He had 13 points with six rebounds, three assists, two steals, and a block against the Wolfpack despite being far less than healthy.

Forrest has been dealing with a debilitating toe injury that's been described as "extremely painful" by both Forrest and Hamilton this season.

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Forrest's offensive game is built on being explosive and driving to the basket, but the injury has prevented him from doing that consistently this year.

Despite the injury, he's still finding a way to impact the game on offense with his court vision and elite passing skills. On defense, he's still one of the top defenders in the conference.

"He's not 100 percent, but he gives you what he has every time he walks on the court," Hamilton said.

"That's a true measure of a person's character is how do they respond under adversity. When things are not going well how do you respond? It's easy to be happy when everything's going great. When you feel wonderful. But how do you respond when you're not quite at your best?"

Forrest leads the team averaging 3.76 assists per game and 1.97 steals per game this season. He's also third on the team averaging 9.1 points per game. He's seventh in the ACC in assist-to-turnover ratio (2-1) this season.

Forrest's doing it all while playing almost 30 minutes a game, while starting all 29 games this season.

"That just says a lot about his character and what being a basketball player at Florida State means to him because he gives us everything he has every day," Hamilton said.

"On the court and off the court and in the academic room."

**Coming Back Stronger**  
**By Trent Forrest and Tom Hager**  
**Athletes for God**

On the night Hurricane Michael hit, my teammates and I knew that we were facing a pretty powerful storm.

We were hunkered down at the basketball facility, but even when we opened the door to look outside, we could tell it was a pretty ferocious hurricane. Even though we were almost 28 miles from the coast and away from the most devastating part of the storm's path, we could see the damage here in Tallahassee.

A few times we went outside and we saw the wind had knocked over trees. Even when we went indoors, we could still feel the storm's power. We were playing video games and playing football to try and keep things light, only to have our power go out. But losing power is nothing compared to what some of the people in our state have gone through.

At least 18 Americans have lost their lives, and many more have lost their homes. The hurricane had a personal effect on me, because I grew up in Chipley, which was right near the path of the hurricane. Fortunately, Hurricane Michael had lost much of its power by the time it hit Chipley, but I knew people in Panama City Beach that had their homes destroyed.

I can only imagine how devastating that feeling must be, watching a storm wipe away what you've worked so hard for, but on some level I'll never know what that feeling is like. What I do know is that God was there as the hurricane hit, and He will still be there as we try and rebuild our state.

I also know that God gave our basketball team the talent and opportunity to give people hope.

Maybe it'll just be a distraction from everything for a few hours each week. Or maybe it will be just something positive they can look forward to, during the week. But I know that our team is going to do everything we can to help these people out.

One of my favorite Bible verses is Luke 12:48, which says "To whom much has been given, much will be required." God gave us all these talents to excel on the court, and we want to use it for the right purposes. I think this year its never been more obvious that our performance on the court can shine a light in people's lives.

It's never fun to see people go through tragedy like this, but I do know that great things can come from bad situations. All I have to do is look back at what happened last year.

As my sophomore season approached, I had the feeling it was going to be special.

I was coming off a solid freshman campaign, where I was the sixth man on our team, so I had been the first one off the bench. Now that I had a year of experience under my belt, I had a chance to be in the starting lineup.

Then just as our preseason practices were getting underway, I hyperextended my right knee. I missed most of the rest of the fall practices and even the season opener, and when I finally did return, I wasn't in the starting lineup. I was going to be the sixth man for the second straight season.

When I was coming off the bench the first season, it was already a big transition, being a two-time state champion in high school. At the same time, I knew I was a freshman and it was what the coaches wanted. It has always been my nature to do anything that will help the team win. If that meant me coming off of

the bench as a sophomore, that's exactly what I was going to do.

From a young age my parents instilled in me that being a team player means everything, and that God puts you in position to be successful; He wouldn't put me into a situation He didn't think I could handle. I was going to support my teammates because they support everything I do. They were the ones who were constantly checking in and seeing how I was doing when I was out. They wanted to see me come back just as much as I did.

With me coming off the bench, our team made it to the NCAA Tournament as a No. 9 seed, and then beat Missouri in our opener. That gave us a second round matchup against Xavier, the No. 1 seed in our region. They were 29-5 going into that game, and built a 58-46 lead midway through the second half, but I knew by this point that a little setback doesn't mean that you give up.

We slowly began to chip away at the lead, and I remember at one point during one of our timeouts, me and my teammate Mfoundu Kabengele looked at each other like let's go win.

Terance Man, a junior on our team at the time, hit a tough runner to cut the deficit to 66-59 with 5:28 to play, and moments later I was able to find a lane to pull us within 66-61. Then an errant pass found its way into my hands, and after another layup and foul, suddenly we were within 66-64.

But just like we weren't going to go down without a fight, neither was Xavier. The Musketeers still led 70-68 with a little over a minute to go and they had the ball when my teammate PJ Savoy helped strip the ball. The ball landed right in my hands, and I immediately broke towards the other end. I had PJ on my right and Terance on my left, so I knew I had a good option either way. The thing was, PJ is an awesome 3-point shooter, and a basket here would give us the lead. I threw it over to P.J. and he buried it to put us up. A few moments later, we were dancing our way into the Sweet 16.

Being the underdog, and proving everybody wrong, was an incredible feeling. We then upset Gonzaga to advance all the way to the Elite Eight, and we could see on our social media that the students and fans in Tallahassee were loving every minute of it.

We're hoping this season we can go at least one step further.

If someone were to ask me why God let this hurricane hit our state, I wouldn't necessarily have an answer. I don't know why this happened. But I think my job isn't to understand God's plan, it's just to try and do the best I can with the path He gave us.

When we spent that night at our basketball facility, one thing I made sure to do was call my mom. Not only does my mom live in Chipley, she is also a pastor at a church she helped start. I am happy to report that both my mom's home and the church are okay.

My mom is a great example of just listening to what God is asking of you. My mom didn't start out as a minister, but she took me to church when I was younger and she helped teach scripture as a youth pastor. As I grew in my faith, so did she, and when I was in high school she decided to become a pastor full time. It was a pretty late time to make a career change like that, but my mom did what the Lord had compelled her to do. I try do to the same. I don't necessarily mean that God is leading me into ministry, but I just plan on following wherever He leads me.

My mom attends all my home games to this day, and even makes it out to some of the road games when she can. I always look for her when I take the floor, and she helps keep my mind right before tipoff. Both of my parents always told me to pray the right way and just put everything in God's hands.

But even though my parents laid a great foundation for me, and visit me here pretty regularly, I have to

make decisions for myself now. My faith has grown more now than it has before, and it couldn't have come at a better time.

People are curious if things are getting back to normal for the people down here, and for many folks affected by the hurricane, the answer is not at all. Things might not be normal for a long time. But if that comeback against Xavier showed anything, all you have to do is just chip away. One day at a time, one prayer at a time, put God first and everything else will follow.

## Here's Hoping FSU Fans Love Forrest As Much As The Head Coach Does

By Corey Clark

Warchant

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I've been asking Leonard Hamilton questions for well over a decade now.

So I've gotten pretty accustomed to his responses. He doesn't want to take any bows. He doesn't ever criticize one of his own players publicly. We all know that. But he also typically shies away from being too glowing in his praise. He'll compliment a player, but he almost always follows up by talking about how much more room there is to grow.

But on Saturday, after his team held off a pesky North Carolina State team, 78-73, to improve to 23-6 overall and 11-5 in the ACC, I asked him about Trent Forrest. And how impressive it is that the junior guard continues to show up, continues to play hard at both ends, continues to make winning plays, despite a painful turf toe injury that won't be able to heal until after the season.

That's when Hamilton started heaping praise in Forrest's direction.

It was unlike anything I can recall from the longtime FSU head coach (other than maybe when discussing Toney Douglas back in the day?), and it illuminated perfectly how much he appreciates, values, respects and admires his junior point guard from Chipley, Fla.

"He's a competitor," Hamilton said. "He loves basketball. He represents what the 'unconquered spirit' means. He's a Seminole through and through. He's a legacy guy. He had relatives that played here. He's Amp Lee's cousin. It means an awful lot to him.

"He's not 100 percent, but he gives you what he has every time he walks on the court. And that's the true measure of a person's character -- is how do they respond under adversity? When things are going well, how do you respond? It's easy to be happy when everything is going great, when you feel wonderful. But how do you respond when you're not quite at your best.

"That just says a lot about his character and what being a basketball player at Florida State means to him. Because he gives us everything he has every day."

I legitimately can't remember Hamilton ever talking about another Florida State player like that immediately after a game. It's not to say he hasn't, or he hasn't felt that way about other guys. I just don't remember him ever being so effusive in a press conference about one of his players.

When Hamilton started talking Saturday about an unconquered spirit and character in that way, it crystallized something for me I had already been thinking for a while: Trent Forrest is one of Leonard Hamilton's all-time favorite players.

And with what he's doing this year, with that injury, with that pain, he should be one of yours, too.

Forrest is probably never going to be an All-American. He's not going to score 20 points per game or pull down 12 rebounds a night with 11 assists. But he'll get you 13 and 6 and 4. With a couple of steals. And he'll do it in immense pain. And he'll guard the other team's best perimeter player for 94 feet. With turf toe. And never complain. Never use it as an excuse. Never let it keep him from playing as hard as he possibly can.

That's how programs are built.

I think that's why Hamilton likes him so much. He knows, better than any of us, just what kind of example Trent Forrest is giving to the other players on the team.

He knows how that can permeate a locker room, how it can have a monumental impact on the other players who see what he goes through each night to put on the uniform and play in the toughest conference in America. It matters.

And it resonates. Just read what his teammates had to say about him Saturday.

"He's everything," sophomore Mfiondu Kabengele said. "It gives guys a sense of a standard. With Trent, if he's hurt, there's no excuse for guys who are dinged up as well to not give second effort. Because he's one of our leaders. So it's important for us to continue to bring the same effort that he does, because he dedicates to this team the same way we should dedicate to the team."

"He's a dawg, man," sophomore M.J. Walker said. "He doesn't let the injury he has, or whatever is going on, affect what we have going on. Because he loves us so much, and the pride he takes in the team, it shows on the floor. We definitely love him and we definitely need him on the court."

"He's our engine. We feed off of him."

Forrest is one of those rare players who can dominate an opponent without taking shots. That's the beauty of his game. He doesn't need to score 20 to make an impact. He puts his imprint on games in every way imaginable. Even these last two months, as he has tried to fight through his foot injury (he hasn't participated fully in a practice since early January), he's managed to have an impact.

Not quite to the level he did last March when he was one of the key factors in the Seminoles' Elite Eight run. But enough to make a difference. Enough to help this team produce 23 wins with just six losses.

Because so many of us are focused on scoring, I feel like we -- and I'm including myself in this one -- take the junior from Chipley for granted. We just assume he's going to play through excruciating pain to be out there with his teammates, to play for his university.

We don't even take the injury into account at times. How sore he is during and after games. And how much stress he puts on it when he's on the floor for 30 minutes, having to chase around some of the best guards in the United States.

Because that's just what we've come to expect this year from Trent Forrest.

He just gets the job done. No matter what.

On Saturday, despite the injury, he was the Seminoles' best player in the second half. FSU doesn't win that game if not for his defense and his decision-making.

And in the postgame press conference, his head coach showed just how much he appreciated that effort.

## **From Unknown To One Of ACC's Best: The Journey Of Mfiondu Kabengele**

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Dennis Gates recalls the story with fondness.

It might sound egotistical to others. Or even delusional. But to Gates, the Florida State assistant coach who discovered, recruited and eventually signed Mfiondu Kabengele, it's the perfect illustration of how and why the FSU sophomore forward has gone from unknown recruit to one of the best players in the ACC.

Gates flashes a big smile when he starts telling the story, about that first day of school in 2016, when Kabengele strolled into his office and brought up the name of the most heralded recruit of the Seminoles' freshman class -- and one of the highest-rated recruits in school history.

"Coach, I'm better than Jonathan Isaac," he said.

Gates couldn't hide his amusement, letting out a fake laugh/cough as Kabengele began explaining his reasoning. "I've watched all of his YouTube clips," Kabengele said. "I've watched all of his stuff. I know every move he's got. I'm better than Jonathan Isaac."

"So the first open gym, he decides to guard Jonathan Isaac," Gates continued. "Afterward, Mfiondu was in the training room with a sprained ankle. From getting crossover'd. ... He came back into the office and said, 'Coach, Jonathan Isaac is pretty good.'"

Gates still laughs when telling the story. As did Kabengele when it was brought up to him last week, after he had helped lead Florida State to another ACC victory.

"At the time, I was very confident," Kabengele said with a wide smile. "Maybe a little overconfident. But I believed in my skills when I told him that. ... I was a little overconfident, but I wanted to make a statement my freshman year.

"I wanted to come in with a lot of confidence and prove I belong here."

That was important because for his entire high school career -- even as the nephew of Hall of Famer Dikembe Mutombo -- he wasn't sure he would ever get the chance to play major college basketball.

### **The Discovery**

It seems impossible now with the hindsight of what he's become. But before Mfiondu Kabengele was FSU's leading scorer as a redshirt sophomore, before he was the runaway choice for ACC Sixth Man of the Year, before his name started appearing on NBA scouts' radars, he was a 6-foot-6 unknown Canadian who didn't have a natural position. As Kabengele put it: "My handles weren't really good enough to be a wing, and I wasn't big enough to be a big." So he was recruited by exactly zero schools coming out of high school in Burlington, Ontario.

Zero. None. Not a one.

His only real option of chasing his basketball dreams was Don Bosco Prep School in Crown Point, Ind. Before he got there, though, he decided to do something he had never done before: Play AAU basketball. That summer was the first time a college scout wrote down the name Mfiondu Kabengele. His game was developing. And he continued to grow. But it wasn't as if the big-time schools were beating down his door each night.

On Sept. 9, 2015, he got his first college scholarship offer. From Binghamton.

Three months later, after being tipped off by the Don Bosco coach, FSU's Gates came to Chicago to watch Kabengele play in a weekend tournament.

The reason the assistant coach wanted to be there in person was because of who and where Bosco Prep was playing: Inner-city Chicago. Against junior college teams.

Gates had a good idea he'd know a whole lot more about Kabengele after seeing him in this setting.

"I was able to gauge his level of toughness, his level of fight, his rebounding ability and his resilience," Gates said. "I wasn't trying to figure out how fast he could get up and down the court or how high he could jump."

Over that weekend, Gates saw what the rest of us see today: An ultra-competitive, ultra-confident young man who doesn't back down from anyone or anything on the court.

His game wasn't anywhere close to what it is today, but his mindset was.

So Gates offered him a scholarship. Right there in Chicago.

"I was so shocked," Kabengele said. "I didn't make a move. I didn't make a face. I didn't show any emotion.

Everybody is clapping around me, and I didn't know what to say. Coach Gates said, 'Aren't you happy?' And I said, 'Yeah.' And then I woke up and I thanked him."

But he didn't commit to Florida State. That wouldn't come for four more months.

### **The Chase**

By now, the story has become almost apocryphal: That Florida State signed a kid whose only other offer was Binghamton, and now he's become one of the best players in the ACC.

That's not quite true.

By December of that year, other colleges had noticed the still-growing Kabengele (he was 6-foot-8 when he left Bosco Prep and is exactly 6-foot-10 today). Coaches from all over the country were watching him, scouting him and thinking about offering him.

But nobody had pulled the trigger yet. Until Gates did on Dec. 12, 2015.

On Dec. 13, Georgia offered.

Then Boston College. And St. Louis. And Clemson. Schools like Kansas State, Wisconsin and Illinois started pursuing him as well.

Even before Gates arrived on the scene, mid-majors like Binghamton were recruiting Kabengele heavily. They pushed him to commit in the early signing period because they knew what was coming as his game and body continued to develop.

"They kept saying, 'If I don't get you now, I'm not going to get you in the future,'" Kabengele recalled. "And I never got that until Coach Gates offered me."

Suddenly, the chances of Kabengele going to a place like Binghamton were non-existent.

He had a chance to play in the ACC. He had choices all over the country.

"I didn't want to commit everything right away (after the FSU offer)," Kabengele said. "I wanted to see what the landscape was. I saw Clemson. I saw Boston College. But deep down in my heart, me and my family knew it was Florida State."

Kabengele was so excited about his official visit to Tallahassee, which coincided with the Seminoles hosting Pitt, that he originally planned to wear a three-piece suit.

Gates talked him out of it.

"I wasn't going to let that happen," the assistant coach said with a laugh.

Once Kabengele arrived, the thing that stuck out most to Gates then -- and still does today -- is the way he communicates with his coaches.

The young forward wasn't in awe of Leonard Hamilton. He was respectful, and he wanted to make sure everyone at Florida State knew how appreciative he was of the opportunity. But he seemed comfortable from the jump.

"It was an ego-less recruiting visit," Gates said. "We had our priorities on an in-season game, and he wasn't trying to garner all of our attention. He was trying impress us on his official visit more than we were even trying to impress him."

Which explains the three-piece suit.

"So when you have that," Gates said, "you know you have a special kid with a unique personality."

### **The Redshirt**

College basketball wasn't an immediate success story for Kabengele. Despite believing he was better than Jonathan Isaac when he arrived in the summer of 2016, the coaches had no plans of playing him his first year.

With Isaac and Phil Cofer at the power forward spot and Michael Ojo and Christ Koumadje at the center position, there were just no minutes to be had for a 6-foot-8 project who hadn't even been on the coaches' radar the year before.

Gates and the rest of the coaching staff thought a redshirt year would be perfect for Kabengele. Even if the confident freshman didn't agree.

"I was like, 'Wait, I'm just as good as the next man,'" Kabengele said. "But then after Coach Gates gave me the bigger picture of what my game could be, with this team, I had faith in him. Because he had faith in me when I was playing in those dingy gyms."

Since he wouldn't be playing in games, Kabengele became the leader of the Seminoles' scout team. He was asked to bang with Ojo in the low post. To try to guard future NBA players Dwayne Bacon and Isaac on the wing. To switch on a screen and guard Xavier Rathan-Mayes at the top of the key. All while playing mostly with walk-ons. Welcome to college basketball.

"It was challenging," Kabengele said. "Because sometimes 'Bake' (Bacon) would make these spectacular plays in practice, and you can do nothing about it. Or with Jon's length, he would block your shot. ... So it was very challenging and sometimes frustrating because it was me and the walk-ons trying to guard these superstar talents."

"But you saw him compete and never back down," said Gates.

No one has worked more with Kabengele on improving his game than associate head coach Stan Jones.

The longtime FSU assistant has compared the Canadian's rise to that of Al Thornton, another unheralded recruit who eventually became FSU's leading scorer and an NBA lottery pick.

Jones said many of the strides Kabengele has made came during that redshirt year, when he could only practice.

"The first thing that was critical for 'Fi' (pronounced Fee) was developing consistent workout habits," Jones said.

"He had kind of a spurtability work ethic. He'd go a couple of days, go hard, and then a wall would hit him and then he'd kind of go dark on you for a week. And getting him to understand that to become the player that he said he wanted to become, it was going to take an everyday focus."

The second thing Kabengele had to improve were his skills and fundamentals.

"We had to clean up some things with his footwork," Jones said. "And the mechanics with his shot. He had grown so much in a period of time, his hands had gotten bigger, his arms had gotten longer, and sometimes that causes you to have hand-placement issues. So we tried to get him to lock in so he could make the 3-point shots he always wanted to shoot.

"So those were two of the bigger things we were working on with him."

FSU's coaches shared one more note about Kabengele's redshirt freshman year: As much as he might have been frustrated about not getting to play, when the Seminoles hit a big shot that season and the TV cameras zoomed in on the FSU bench, the guy who was always jumping the highest and celebrating the most was Mfiondu Kabengele.

"And it's sincere, too," Gates said. "Those were authentic cheers. He's not standing up clapping because he's supposed to. He's standing up and clapping because that's who he is.

"He didn't allow it to turn into a negative that he was redshirting."

### **The Arrival**

When it came to Al Thornton's development, Jones said there was never really a light-bulb-going-off sort of moment. It was more of a gradual brightening.

But with Kabengele, he thinks everything changed in Brooklyn last season.

The Seminoles lost to Louisville in the ACC Tournament, but the then-freshman came off the bench to score 10 points, grab six rebounds and block two shots in just 16 minutes. He helped spark a run that almost brought FSU all the way back from a massive deficit.

"And from that moment all the way through the NCAA Tournament, you could see that he now believed in himself," Jones said. "He believed in all the work he had put in. He always thought he could find another level, and he's been pursuing it ever since."

Kabengele is the only player in college basketball this season to lead his team in scoring without starting a game. He's currently averaging 13.1 points and 5.7 rebounds per game. He's also second on the team in blocked shots and is shooting 35 percent from 3-point range and 77 percent from the free-throw line. All while averaging less than 21 minutes per game.

NBA scouts are now showing up to watch him play.

Legendary college coaches, with names like Krzyzewski and Boeheim, are saying he's as good as anyone in the league.

All this for a guy who four years ago didn't have a single scholarship offer and who two years ago was working on the Florida State scout team.

And as he prepares to help lead the No. 12 Seminoles into an ACC quarterfinal game against Virginia Tech on Thursday (2:30 p.m., ESPN), Kabengele can't help but be grateful that Gates was willing to take a gamble on him that day in Chicago.

"To see what he saw in me, to see it kind of happening in front of his eyes, it's so gratifying," Kabengele said. "And he's always challenging me. And he says he's proud of me. So I'm very happy about it.

"Because some coaches just see you and say, 'Oh, this is the final product.' Coach Gates saw what I could be. I'm so thankful for that."

Most importantly, though, Kabengele knew what he could be.

Even when he wasn't offered a single scholarship out of high school, even when for three months his only option was Binghamton, even when he arrived at FSU a wee bit overconfident and got sent to the trainer's room by Jonathan Isaac, his self-confidence never wavered.

He never lost that absolute faith that he was going to become a great basketball player.

Said Kabengele: "This is what I've been working for my whole life."

## **From The Beginning, FSU's Mfiondu Kabengele Proved He Would Put In The Work To Be Good**

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Just to make it to practice each day, Mfiondu Kabengele had to take a bus from his home in Burlington, Ontario, then walk more than two miles to get to the International Basketball and Sports Academy training facility in Hamilton.

He'd just joined the program as a seventh-grader along with Nikola Djogo, now a guard at Notre Dame, and several other boys, so he wasn't too familiar with the expectations of Zelmir Stevanovic, the IBSA founder and president.

When Kabengele started goofing off one summer afternoon in 2010, the "military strict" Serbian made it clear no slack would be given for Kabengele's sacrifice just to make it to the gym.

"Get your ass out of here," Stevanovic told Kabengele, sending him on the two-mile walk back to the bus station in the midday sun.

"I'm thinking to myself, 'He's going to quit,'" Stevanovic recalls now. "The next day, he's there, and the day after that and the day after that. He never quit. He never, ever quit."

Kabengele would remain with the IBSA all the way through his time at Burlington's Corpus Christi High, but the notion of Kabengele's present, a redshirt sophomore who is among Florida State's more important pieces as it prepares for the NCAA Tournament, seemed out of reach. During his sophomore year of high school, he was still a 6-foot-2 guard who lacked speed and drew little interest.

"Everyone was like, 'Oh, my God, this guy's not gonna grow,'" Stevanovic says. "I'm like, 'He's gonna grow. I guarantee you. Just wait.'"

By the end of his junior year, Kabengele was 6-foot-6, the first in a series of growth spurts that now have him listed at 6-foot-10. But the first spurt was so sudden that his knees and joints started to hurt. He grew another inch before his senior year. His game, though, was slow to keep up with his body.

When he graduated in 2015, Kabengele held no Division I offers. That summer he played grassroots basketball for the first time with Canada Drive, but he still only drew interest from a couple of small schools. Stevanovic worked his connections and got in touch with Dave Maravilla, the founder of the Don Bosco Institute, a prep school in Crown Point, Ind.

Maravilla was a sports agent for 23 years before he created the program in 2013 with the goal of helping under-the-radar prospects get to college. While he was in Canada to see another player, he got a look at Kabengele.

"His body was in shambles," Maravilla says. "He looked like a baby giraffe when I first saw him. He just was all arms and legs, but he was skilled and was a reasonably good athlete. Certainly, nobody saw him evolving into what he is today."

As No. 10 Florida State (27-7) prepares to face Vermont (27-6) in the first round of the NCAA Tournament on Thursday and looks to at least repeat last year's run to the Elite Eight, much will be asked of Kabengele. He leads the Seminoles with 12.9 points per game, earned ACC Sixth Man of the Year honors and was named to the all-ACC tournament team after FSU's championship game loss to Duke.

Kabengele's immediate focus will be on the 'Noles attempt to make another deep tournament push, but the 6-foot-10, 250-pound forward's name has begun to draw some NBA buzz. His uncle, Dikembe Mutombo, had a Hall of Fame career, and he intends to follow in his footsteps.

“I understand what it takes to be there,” Kabengele says, “and I got a lot of room to grow. My ultimate goal is to be a pro in the NBA and potentially be a great player there.”

While what lies ahead for Kabengele is uncertain, his story is already a gratifying one worth being proud of.

In its short lifespan, the Bosco Institute has been immensely successful. It has produced 30 D-I athletes, and only one of those players held a D-I offer when he arrived on campus.

“We’re getting kids that nobody wanted,” Maravilla says. “They have deficiencies. In (Kabengele’s) case, he was a late bloomer. What I thought would be a good mid-major type kid turned out to be much higher based on a lot of things. He was a kid that, in Canada, nobody even paid attention to. Nobody wanted him.”

Kabengele, who arrived on campus at 6-foot-7 and 205 pounds, was determined to prove he belonged on a college basketball roster, no matter the level. So when the recruiting period began in September 2015 and Binghamton coach Tommy Dempsey visited to offer a scholarship, Kabengele was ready to accept and leave on the spot.

“He was ready to go,” Maravilla says with a laugh. “I said, ‘Listen, I understand you’re going to play a lot there, but you came all the way down here for the sole purpose of developing. I think you’re going to develop and get a lot better in two to three months than you are right now. Just have a little patience, and let’s just see how this thing plays out.’ Obviously, he developed, and it was probably a good idea he didn’t commit to Binghamton.”

In October, the Bosco Institute scrimmaged La Lumiere, which featured highly touted four-star forward Jeremiah Tilmon.

“Everybody was in the gym,” Maravilla says. “I’m talking there’s a smorgasbord of high-major coaches. (Tilmon’s) the flavor of the day, he’s going to Illinois (Tilmon ended up at Missouri), he’s one-and-done. I’m hearing all of it, and Fi’s out there balling, quietly.”

Kabengele went at Tilmon and competed without hesitation. While Tilmon played bully ball, Kabengele took him outside, drove to the rim from the perimeter, drew fouls and made a few 3s.

“He was intriguing, but people were just so locked in on Jeremiah Tilmon that they couldn’t even see what was right in front of their eyes,” Maravilla says. “At that moment, I said, ‘This kid has got it.’ Because he didn’t even care who Jeremiah Tilmon was. He probably didn’t even know who he was anyway. But everybody else knew who he was, and Fi just was doing work. He wasn’t even close to what he was going to be three months later. He was competitive, and he was not afraid.

“Until you see that in a kid, you really don’t know what he’s made of.”

The Bosco experience was Kabengele’s first time out of his comfort zone, and although the recruiting attention didn’t follow immediately, he continued to work as the staff pushed him to his limits.

Not every day was a good one. Kabengele had to grow out of his immaturity and learn how to compete every time he stepped on the court. He fought through it and developed his skill set, and while growing another two inches was out of his control and surely helped, he got to 230 pounds thanks to a regular workout routine.

Florida State assistant coach Dennis Gates was the first one to see this new version of Kabengele, in December ’15.

He offered him on the spot.

“Coach Gates just saw what I was and what I could be and had so much trust in me to point where he just offered me without Coach (Leonard Hamilton) having ever seen me,” Kabengele says. “With that kind of trust between the coaching staff, I knew I was going to be in good hands.”

Kabengele elevated his game from there and became the best player on the team, averaging 19 points and 10 rebounds on 53 percent shooting.

“He took his game to another level to the point where by the end of the year he was our most dominant player,” Maravilla says. “That wasn’t the case at first. He might have been our third- or fourth-best player at the beginning of the year. It took him some time, but once he was able to establish some consistency in his work habits and understand what it took to play at the ACC level, then I think that’s when you started to really see progress in his game.”

Plenty of other schools flooded in over the next few months. Wisconsin, Georgetown, Kansas State, Georgia and Boston College would all extend offers. Instead of jumping to a decision as he almost did when he first arrived at Bosco, however, Kabengele weighed his options.

Similar to when he decided to attend Bosco, Kabengele sought guidance from Stevanovic. Back when he played at Gulf Coast Community College and before he transferred to Pitt, Stevanovic was recruited by Hamilton and FSU assistant Stan Jones when both were at Miami.

“I’ve known Leonard Hamilton and Stan Jones for like 20 years now,” Stevanovic says. “I respect Coach Hamilton a ton. I love Stan too. For me, as I told Mfiondu, these are the guys I’ve known since I was a teenager. That was kind of an easy transition for Mfiondu to go down there, and they’ve done an awesome job with him.”

Kabengele committed to Florida State in March 2016, signed in April and enrolled in June. While he’d shown plenty of promise at the Bosco Institute, the intention was never for him to play right away.

The 2016-17 Seminoles had a mix of savvy veterans, including Michael Ojo, Marquez Smith and Xavier Rathan-Mayes, along with talented underclassmen and future NBA players Dwyane Bacon and Jonathan Isaac. There was no immediate need for Kabengele to play, and he redshirted. Instead of sulking, he took it as an opportunity to learn.

“My redshirt year, it was just more about the ins and outs of the game: how to have a good work ethic and what it takes to play at a high level,” Kabengele says. “(There were) a lot of great, talented players. I knew that my game wasn’t there yet. To see them and how they developed and how they honed their skills and how they played, I was able to get a good experience.”

When his redshirt was lifted the following year, he was excited yet nervous. “It was my first time playing and I was super anxious,” Kabengele says. “I had a lot of energy, and the coaches told me, ‘Just rebound and you’ll stay on the court.’ That was my main focus: to rebound, be a good pick-and-roll player, set good screens and just get out in transition and be the best big I could be.”

Kabengele averaged 7.2 points, 4.6 rebounds and 0.9 blocks while shooting 49.1 percent from the field and 38.5 percent from 3. He was a key reserve as the Seminoles made it to the Elite Eight before falling to Michigan.

Last summer, Kabengele worked to refine his game. He credits his breakout season to having better rhythm, learning how to avoid foul trouble and understanding more nuances of the game.

He is the only player from a power-conference program to lead his team in scoring while coming off the bench. He scored in double figures in 22 games and had 22 points or more four times.

As his profile has risen, more NBA scouts have come to see him play. To most, his rise has seemingly come out of nowhere. But for a select few, they saw it coming long before FSU even seemed like a realistic option.

"I honestly always thought — after playing professional basketball for like 20 years myself and seeing what it takes it to be a professional in this world — if anybody has the mindset, he does," Stevanovic says. "He has the ultimate confidence. A lot of these NBA guys, they'll talk to me and they'll call me and they want to discuss things like how much he produces in such a short period of time.

"That doesn't surprise me at all because he's been one of the most confident people in his own ability since he was 10 years old. He has that one thing I think all the NBA guys, at least the successful ones, do have: no conscience. To me, after 40 years of doing this, that's key."

Notwithstanding what happens in the NCAA Tournament, Kabengele has a tough decision ahead of him. He could declare for the June NBA Draft or return to Florida State in order to continue developing and improve his stock.

Kabengele is mobile and has pretty good bounce, but there are concerns over whether he is ready to play heavy minutes. (He is averaging 21.1 minutes this season.) It would serve him well to return to school, continue to tone up and improve his conditioning, then show he's capable of replicating his success with starter's minutes next season.

"He's such a talented guy and it's all just his natural skill right now," Vecenie says. "He had touch, but he's stepping out to 3 now pretty consistently. Obviously, he's physical and he can carve out position and do a great job on the glass. I think of him more as like a small-ball center at the next level as opposed to being a 4. He's kind of in between positions there.

"Is he going to be good enough as a rim protector to play center at the next level? I think that's one thing he really needs to work on. In terms of his offensive game, I think he could probably stand to improve as a ball handler a little bit. If you're going to play as a small-ball center at the next level, you need to be able to run dribble handoffs, and you need to be able to run some actions where you put the ball on the deck a couple of times away from the hoop. He has a little bit of that to the point where I think he could get to that level, but I don't know if he's quite there yet."

Kabengele's high motor and ability to switch onto smaller forwards and guards on the perimeter are two other aspects that have impressed scouts and would make him a good fit as a modern center. With additional polish and another step forward, he could go from a fringe second-round prospect in 2019 to a first-rounder in 2020.

While Kabengele will consider all of this in the coming months, he isn't getting too ahead of himself.

"Does he have NBA upside?" Maravilla says. "Of course, he does. A blind man could see that. But is he there yet? How many guys are ready these days? He's probably more ready than a lot of guys, but I don't think there's any real conclusion as to what or when anything's going to happen with him. I think that's a decision he and his family are going to make at the right time. Right now is not the right time.

"Right now is about Florida State and making a run in the tournament and duplicating what they did last year, and they have a good enough team to do so. I think he's got everything in perspective. He's not talked about it, his family's not talked about it. It's really more, 'Let's just focus on being really good.' "

## **Mfiondu Kabengele Went From Under-Recruited To A Star For Florida State**

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An hour and fifteen minutes away from Syracuse, down Interstate 81, stands the only school that offered Mfiondu Kabengele a basketball scholarship out of high school: Binghamton.

He was eager to play basketball and accept his first collegiate offer, knowing no Power five schools would contact him. But with guidance from his coach at Corpus Christi High School in Canada, Kabengele bypassed Binghamton's offer. Instead, he elected to attend the Bosco Institute in Indiana in hopes of playing for a better school.

Three years after taking a chance on himself, Kabengele's decision has paid dividends for No. 22 Florida State (16-5, 4-4 Atlantic Coast). After helping lead FSU to an Elite Eight appearance in 2018, the 6-foot-10 redshirt sophomore has become the Seminoles leading scorer (13 points per game) despite averaging under 20 minutes per contest.

With a 26-point outing against Boston College and a 24-point performance against then-No. 1 Duke, Kabengele has gained attention from professional scouts as he continues his third season with the program.

"He has worked on his body, his shooting and rebounding abilities, his ability to block shots, his knowledge of reading defenses to help on our team on offense," FSU head coach Leonard Hamilton said. "I think he has just scratched the surface of his potential."

Kabengele is the nephew of former NBA player and Hall of Famer Dikembe Mutombo, who is 7-foot-2. While some of his skills came naturally from his physique, it took a three-inch growth spurt to get recognized.

Slowly, the now 6-foot-10 forward gained attention from mid-major schools like St. Bonaventure. Soon, Florida State became the first Power five school to give him an offer. ESPN ranked him as a three-star prospect, and other schools soon followed suit.

But Florida State was the first Power five school to give him a chance. So he chose to play for the Seminoles. When he arrived, the freshman didn't expect to be a redshirt. But after some convincing, he "took it with open arms."

"I knew, when they recruited me, they were the first school to trust me," Kabengele said, "so I must go with their word because they have trust in me, and I have trust in them."

Last year, he was given a chance to play and thrived as a reliable sixth man.

In the postseason, he averaged 8.3 points in the middle, and lead the team with 5.8 rebounds and two blocks per game. He recorded his second career double-double in a 67-54 first round win over eighth-seeded Missouri and posted nine points and six rebounds over No. 1 seed Xavier to get to the Sweet Sixteen.

"He was a big part of (the Tournament run) because he came in and made sure there was no different energy, made sure that we were all on our Ps and Qs," FSU teammate PJ Savoy said. "He's kind of like the floor general cause he sees everything because he's in the back."

Kabengele came into his redshirt sophomore year playing even better. In the offseason, he focused on conditioning, citing how taxing setting ball screens, guarding the post and constantly crashing the rim is on his body. He also worked to improve his outside shot. With more playing time, his field goal percentage has increased nearly two percentage points this season. He's also shooting 33.3 percent from three and is close to eclipsing his 3-point season total from last year (10).

In a game against then-No. 1 Duke on Jan. 12, Kabengele posted 24 points and 10 rebounds, catching the eyes of NBA scouts catching the eyes of NBA scouts in attendance.

He tries not to focus on his NBA stock, instead honing in on his current role: to grab rebounds. When Kabengele attacks the glass, he feels the rest of his game will follow. He doesn't worry about proving he belongs, saying that kind of "baggage" would only detract from the game.'

"He's worked so hard for everything he has," Savoy said. "You can't let that go unnoticed."

## **Mentally-Tough M.J. Walker Ready To Build Off Miami Outburst**

By Curt Weiler  
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When a slump is finally snapped, it can happen in a big way.

That's how it was for Florida State sophomore M.J. Walker.

He entered Sunday's game at Miami having hit just four of his 22 three-point attempts (18.2 percent) in the Seminoles' first six ACC games.

All he did against the Hurricanes was hit a career-high six threes with a season-high 22 points, snapping him out of a slump he's been struggling with for over a month.

Although this was a surprise to many following FSU, it wasn't to Walker himself.

"I had a good game, but that's not shocking for me," Walker told the *Tallahassee Democrat*.

"I know what I can do."

He'll have a chance to show the UM game was the beginning of his upswing Saturday when the Seminoles (15-5, 3-4 in ACC) host Georgia Tech (11-10, 3-5 in ACC) at 12 p.m.

"I don't really trip about any bad games or anything like that," Walker said when asked about his recent struggles. "I knew it was going to come eventually, just had to stay positive in attitude, do what I can just to keep helping my team."

Arriving at FSU as a four-star prospect and McDonald's All-American, Walker was thrown into action last season as a true freshman.

He averaged 18.8 minutes per game and his 7.0 points per game were seventh-most on the team.

The departures of Braian Angola and C.J. Walker thrust Walker further into the spotlight as he's started all 18 games he's played in this season after making just one start as a freshman.

For the early portion of the season, Walker looked to have taken the next step. He scored in double-figures in five of the Seminoles' first eight games and was a well-rounded player who excelled on defense and in off-ball offensive situations.

After a hot start, Walker missed a pair of games with a foot injury and a nasty flu bug. His shot never came back from this as he had scored 10-plus points just once in his last nine games before breaking out against Miami.

Even when the shot wasn't falling, there was never a sense of worry from the FSU coaching staff.

"Normally a kid like MJ, they have a chance to come in and mature over four years. Being a McDonald's All-American and a five-star guy, I think sometimes he weighs some things on his shoulders, but we believed in him," FSU assistant Charlton "C.Y." Young told the *Tallahassee Democrat*.

"We live in a microwave generation. Everybody wants everything in 30 seconds, but the best meals take time to prepare...When it's ready, it's a hell of a meal and that's how we view M.J. He's a special talent, a big-time player."

Over that nine-game stretch, Walker averaged 4.2 points per game, shot 25 percent from the floor and 17.9 percent from three-point range.

Even when little was going right for Walker, he was able to maintain the belief that he could turn his recent tough stretch around.

"C.Y. has been telling me just to keep my confidence, not to let a missed shot rattle me," Walker said.

"Basically just try to do the little things so that when the big things come, it just comes naturally."

Added FSU head coach Leonard Hamilton, "If you can do all the things right and the ball doesn't go in, sometimes you have the tendency to doubt yourself, but more matured, experienced players that have gone through it enough, they believe in themselves and they don't allow themselves to get discouraged when they go through those patches.

"(Walker) has been positive, he hasn't been reluctant to still continue to keep taking those shots. Now that they're falling, I'm sure that he'll work his way out of it."

As anyone around the game of basketball will tell you, it only takes one game to turn that tide.

"Basketball is very fragile. It's like an egg. It's that individually and as a team," Young said.

"You have bad games, you struggle. You have one big game, you're the man now. Mentally, the light goes on. Basketball is that way. It's been like that since the beginning of time, it will always be that way. You're only as good as your last shot. You're only as good as your last win."

Young called Walker's performance against Miami "the kind of game that can propel you to a whole bunch of good games."

If that's the case, it would prove quite helpful and timely for the Seminoles.

When he's clicking, Walker is among the most consistent three-point shooters on the FSU roster.

The Seminoles have shot better than 50 percent from outside the arc in each of their last two games. A continuation of anything close to this going forward -- with Walker likely to play a role -- could go a long way towards the Seminoles further distancing themselves from their slow start to conference play.

## **Peachtree Ridge Grad Devin Vassell Turns Into Super Sub As Florida State Freshman**

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TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — Eight minutes.

That's all Florida State assistant coach Charlton "C.Y." Young said he needed to see of Devin Vassell — then just a high school junior — during a scrimmage at Peachtree Ridge before deciding that he would be a fit for the Seminoles.

"He offered me on the spot and after that I kind of knew where I wanted to go," Vassell said.

Vassell's AAU coach, Steve Bouye, had called Young a few days earlier to let him know he had a diamond in the rough. Former Peachtree Ridge head coach Keith Arrington confirmed Bouye's report and told Young he thought in two years that Vassell had the potential to be one of the best players in the state.

So Young, who was the head coach at Georgia Southern before joining Leonard Hamilton's staff at FSU in 2013, went to Suwanee to see for himself.

The first three defensive possessions he saw Vassell play, he had a deflected pass, a blocked shot and a rebound. When he finally touched the ball on offense he promptly drained a 3.

Young called him over to offer a scholarship. He also gave Vassell, then just 6-foot-4, 161 pounds, some simple instructions on how to proceed.

"I told him, 'You're going to eat some Whoppers, you're going to do some pushups, you're going to grow two inches and a half, and you're a pro. If you listen to me and stop being a Huxtable, and get a little tougher, you will play in the NBA.' He was trembling," Young said.

It was part honest assessment, part recruiting pitch. Young also had to give another passionate pitch when he returned to Tallahassee.

Vassell only held offers from Presbyterian and North Florida when Young offered him, and with a veteran roster, the FSU coaches knew they were likely to only sign one prospect for the 2018 class.

"I came back and I told (Hamilton), 'I offered a kid named Devin Vassell, I don't care what nobody says in this room. I offered,'" Young said. "They were like, 'Who is he? It says he's a two-star player.' I said, 'Don't worry about that. Listen to me. I'm telling you what I saw.'"

A few weeks after Young's visit the secret was out about Vassell. Texas Tech and Miami dropped in on Peachtree Ridge to visit. But Vassell had already made up his mind that he wanted to play for FSU.

Young's initial assessment proved correct as Vassell was the Daily Post Player of the Year last season as a senior, leading the team in scoring (21.6) and rebounding (8.9).

Initially, the plan was for Vassell to redshirt this season. FSU reached the Elite Eight last season in the NCAA Tournament and returned the bulk of its roster.

But Vassell had a growth spurt and spent the summer in the weight room. Now measuring 6-foot-6 and 187 pounds, he's played in all but four games this season as a true freshman.

"He's just continued to try to get better," Young said. "He bought in to the defensive side of the ball, he bought in being a non-ball dominant impact guy and he improved the speed of his jump shot. His shot was always pure as the driven snow, but in a short period of time he improved how quick he gets it off. So now he gets a look and his feet are going and it's gone. He's special. I think he's a pro. I really do."

Vassell took a pro's approach to playing limited minutes early in the season, routinely getting in a quick post-game workout with Young at the team facility if he didn't get much game action.

His work has paid off, as he enters this week's game against Virginia Tech having played double-digit minutes in five of the last six games for FSU and averaging 4.6 points per game in just 9.7 minutes per game.

It started with a critical second-half 3-pointer in a Jan. 22 win over Clemson. Then he scored a team-high 11 points in a win at Georgia Tech on Feb. 16.

In a 68-61 win over Notre Dame last Monday, he showed flashes of the player that the FSU coaches believe he will grow into. Vassell led FSU in scoring with 11 points and rebounds with seven as he sparked a second-half comeback.

With 7:04 left in the game, Vassell put back a thunderous dunk on an offensive rebound, collected a rebound on the other end of the floor and knocked down a 3-pointer on offense to give FSU its first lead since the game's first five minutes.

"It was special," Vassell said. "Just going out there being able to play for Florida State and just being able to help the team is always great. We just needed some energy and coach had faith in me to just go out there and play to my ability and everybody had confidence in me. Whenever I had an open shot, they told me to shoot it and it just was a good moment."

With the ACC Tournament starting next Tuesday and the NCAA Tournament after that, the freshman will continue to be a crucial weapon off the bench for the Seminoles.

"Obviously Devin plays with a tremendous amount of confidence and spirit," Hamilton said. "There's no doubt he's growing up and maturing. He's been a very positive man from Day 1. He doesn't ever have a negative moment. He's eager to learn. He's a sponge ... sometimes it's hard for a high school kid to come in, who's been a starter on his high school team to now start over again and now compete, but it's been all about learning for him and growing."

## **Freshman Vassell Emerging For FSU Men**

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**TALLAHASSEE, Fla.** – The shot is probably what stands out most.

With the Florida State men's basketball team trailing Clemson by two points midway through the second half Tuesday night at the Tucker Center, the ball found its way to the corner, where Davin Vassell, a 6-5, 170-pound freshman averaging a little more than eight minutes per game, was waiting behind the 3-point line.

Given the situation – the Seminoles had lost three straight and were behind in a game they absolutely had to win – another freshman might have passed up the shot.

And Vassell was on the floor with Terance Mann, Trent Forrest and Mfiondu Kabengele, any one of which might have been a more obvious choice to lead the charge in one of the game's key moments.

Vassell, though, didn't think twice. Given an open look and the knowledge that he'd knocked down that same shot countless times in practice, Vassell pulled up, fired toward the basket and held his follow-through as the ball passed through the net.

At that point, the Seminoles had trailed Clemson for more than 24 minutes. After Vassell's shot, which gave them a one-point lead, they never trailed again and went on to win, 77-68.

"The feeling was amazing," Vassell said. "It's something I've never felt before.

"I was just excited, and I got right back on defense."

And that's the part of Vassell's game that wasn't so immediately apparent.

Because despite a healthy showing in the stat line – five points, a rebound and a steal in a career-high 20 minutes – Vassell's biggest contribution might not have shown up in the box score.

Or maybe it did, in the form of Clemson guard Marcquise Reed's output.

A senior guard, Reed came into the contest averaging 19.7 points per game – good for fourth in the ACC and behind only future lottery picks from Duke (R.J. Barrett, Zion Williamson) and a high draft prospect from Boston College (Ky Bowman).

And with three of FSU's best defenders either out (Phil Cofer) or playing through injuries (Terance Mann, Trent Forrest), Reed seemed in line for a big evening.

Vassell, though, had other plans.

Matched up with Clemson's Reed for much of his time on the floor, Vassell helped hold Reed to just four points at halftime and 13 for the game – his lowest total in more than two months.

With Vassell on the floor, Reed scored just six points.

"We wanted some length on Reed, because he is virtually unstoppable," FSU coach Leonard Hamilton said. "He has such a unique way of making tough shots. ... Devin is long, and he did a good job."

Added Vassell: "I just accepted the challenge. I don't want to back down from nobody, and I've never backed down from anybody."

"So seeing someone that's averaging 20 points a game right in front of me, I said this is the night where I don't want that to happen to me. So I took pride in that."

Vassell also takes pride in carving out his place on a team that boasts a wealth of veterans.

A former three-star prospect who described himself as "under-recruited," Vassell hadn't attracted much interest until FSU assistant Charlton Young checked in on Vassell's AAU team near Atlanta.

A 23-year coaching veteran with deep ties to the state of Georgia, Young has become famous for turning over rocks in search of underappreciated talent. And as soon as he saw Vassell, Young knew he was on to something.

"We were playing a pickup game and I ended up playing really well," Vassell said. "And on the spot, he said he was going to offer me a scholarship to Florida State."

"This was one of my dream schools, so there was no doubt in my mind I was going to come here."

Upon his arrival, Vassell found what seemed like a long road to playing time, but also plenty of upperclassmen who were willing to help.

One by one, Vassell would ask the more experienced Seminoles to tell him the best way to make an early impact.

One by one, they all answered in the exact same fashion:

"Everybody said, 'Defense,'" Vassell said. "So, I just came in trying to prove that I'm one of the best defenders on the team."

So Vassell committed himself to learning Hamilton's defensive principles — to shrinking gaps and keeping his hands high.

And he didn't think too much about scoring.

"I really wasn't worried about offense at all," Vassell said. "I was just worried about, 'Let me stop this guy right in front of me.' And I know if I can do that then my team has a great chance to win."

With Vassell giving a strong effort at both ends of the floor, the Seminoles had a chance to win against Clemson and took it.

They rallied from a nine-point deficit and, after fighting through a three-game skid, built some positive energy in advance of Sunday's game at Miami (6 p.m., ESPNU).

"He plays hard and gives effort. He just does what he's asked to do," senior David Nichols said. "That's huge for him to come into a game like this and do what he did."

And Vassell doesn't plan on slowing down any time soon.

"To contribute however I could just felt amazing," he said. "I want to continue to do that for my team."