

Florida State's Mann Joins 1,000 Point Club

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TALLAHASSEE, Fla. – Terance Mann prides himself on doing a little bit of everything for the Florida State men's basketball team.

A look at the Seminoles' stat book shows Mann at the top in both points (12.1) and rebounds per game (7.4), and among the team leaders in shooting percentage, free-throw percentage and assists. He's also chipped in a handful of blocks and steals, and maybe an uncountable number of opponents' plays disrupted by his defensive intensity.

And it's Mann's commitment to versatility that makes his latest milestone just a little bit sweeter.

Mann scored 20 points during Florida State's 79-71 victory over Connecticut last week. Along the way, he permanently etched his name into FSU basketball history by becoming just the 47th Seminole to score 1,000 points in his career.

The senior guard now sits 1,009 career points, good for 46th on FSU's all-time list and within range of the top 25. (A spot that Mann's friend and former teammate, Xavier Rathan-Mayes, holds with 1,236 points.)

"It's definitely cool to be a part of that group," Mann said. "Just to see everything come together, I'm so thankful. God really blessed me with this opportunity."

Mann is the third Seminole of his era to reach the 1,000-point mark, joining Rathan-Mayes, Dwayne Bacon (1,139, 32nd) and Devon Bookert (1,120, 34th).

Bacon is currently in his second year with the NBA's Charlotte Hornets, while Rathan-Mayes and Bookert have each play professional basketball overseas.

While Mann isn't the first of his peers to reach 1,000 points, he might be the first to have done it his way.

Bacon was no surprise, a former McDonald's All-American who was pegged for NBA stardom before he ever set foot on campus. Rathan-Mayes was one of FSU's most sought-after prospects of the last decade, and captivated the college hoops world when he scored 30 points in four minutes, 38 seconds during a game at Miami.

And Bookert was a sharp-shooting 3-point specialist, whose .419 percentage from the perimeter ranks fifth in school history.

Mann, though, arrived at Florida State as a relatively under-the-radar recruit, the son of a basketball coach who as a middle schooler met FSU assistant Charlton Young and kept Young's Seminoles in mind when it came time to play college basketball.

"I grew up dreaming about this," Mann said.

In recent years, FSU coach Leonard Hamilton has preached that the Seminoles strength lies in the quality of their overall depth, and that if 11 players all buy into playing as hard and as selflessly as they can, they'll find success. Mann has perhaps been the greatest embodiment of that philosophy.

On some nights, like his most recent outing against UConn, Mann might stuff the basket and lead the Seminoles in scoring.

On others, like FSU's game against Troy a few nights before, he might have a quiet night on the offensive end, but still manage to contribute on defense and on the glass.

No matter the game, the end result has been largely the same – with Mann leading the way, the Seminoles have amassed an 8-1 record and a No. 10 national ranking.

“It really just goes back to the type of guy Terance is,” junior guard Trent Forrest said. “He focuses on things other than scoring. And when you look up he has 15 and 10, and you're like ‘Where did that come from?’”

Mann is proud of the feat – he'd like to one day have the game ball from his 1,000th point on display – but, in the midst of his senior season, he also has his sights set on a much bigger prize.

The Seminoles last season embarked on a stunning NCAA tournament run that ended just a few points short of their first Final Four since 1972.

Come March, FSU's newest member of the 1,000-point club plans to take that next step to the Final Four. And he has no intention of stopping there, either.

“We have one goal in mind,” Mann said, “and that's to get to the Final Four and win the national championship.”

Do that, and Mann will be remembered for far more than just scoring 1,000 points.