

FLORIDA STATE

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2019-20 Florida State Schedule/Results

O22	1 Barry University	W, 95-66
N1	1 Columbus State	W, 84-54
N6	* at Pittsburgh	L, 61-63
N10	at Florida	W, 63-51
N15	Western Carolina	W, 79-74
N20	Chattanooga	W, 89-53
N23	Saint Francis (Pa.)	W, 80-65
N25	Chicago State	7:00 p.m.
N29	3 vs. Tennessee	7:00 p.m.
N30	3 vs. Purdue/VCU	TBA
D3	at Indiana	9:00 p.m.
D8	* Clemson	2:00 p.m.
D17	North Florida	8:30 p.m.
D21	USF	12 Noon
D28	North Alabama	2:00 p.m.
D31	* Georgia Tech	12 Noon
J4	* at Louisville	2:00 p.m.
J8	* at Wake Forest	7:30 p.m.
J15	* Virginia	7:00 p.m.
J18	* at Miami	12 Noon
J25	* Notre Dame	8:00 p.m.
J28	* at Virginia	7:00 p.m.
F1	* at Virginia Tech	4:00 p.m.
F3	* North Carolina	7:00 p.m.
F8	* Miami	12 Noon
F10	* at Duke	7:00 p.m.
F15	* Syracuse	12 Noon
F18	* Pittsburgh	8:00 p.m.
F22	* at NC State	4:00 p.m.
F24	* Louisville	7:00 p.m.
F29	* at Clemson	2:00 p.m.
M4	* at Notre Dame	9:00 p.m.
M7	* Boston College	4:30 p.m.
M	ACC Tournament	TBA
	Greensboro, N.C.	

*ACC Game 1 Exhibition Game; 2 Emerald Coast Classic at Tallahassee, Fla.; 3 Emerald Coast Classic at Northwest Florida State College, Niceville, Fla.; 4 ACC/Big Ten Challenge at Bloomington, Ind.; 5 Metro by T-Mobile Orange Bowl Basketball Classic at BB&T Center, Sunrise, Fla.; 6 ACC Tournament at Greensboro Coliseum, Greensboro, N.C.

2018-19 ACC Standings

Team	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
Virginia	16	2	.889	34	3	.919
N. Carolina	16	2	.889	29	7	.806
Duke	14	4	.778	32	6	.842
Florida State	13	5	.722	29	8	.784
Virginia Tech	12	6	.667	27	9	.750
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

Leonard Hamilton's Career Record

	W	L	Pct.	Years
Career	537	427	.557	1987-Pr.
at Okla. State	56	63	.471	1987-90
at Miami	144	147	.495	1991-00
at Florida State	337	217	.608	2002-Pr.

FLORIDA STATE SEMINOLES (4-1, 0-1 ACC)

VS

CHICAGO STATE COUGARS (3-3, 0-0 WESTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE)

SECOND ROUND / EMERALD COAST CLASSIC

DONALD L. TUCKER CENTER (11,500)

TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2019; 7:00 P.M.

SEMINOLE IMG RADIO NETWORK (TOM BLOCK, KEITH JONES)

ACC NETWORK EXTRA (SHAWN DAVISON, ADRIAN CRAWFORD, ARIYA MASSOUDI)

"Wyatt Wilkes comes in as probably our best perimeter shooter. Anytime you can shoot three's as well as he can shoot it, there's always a place for a shooter. He's a good athlete. He's extremely knowledgeable. I think he's more than capable of being a guy who can give us those consistent perimeter jump shots."

Leonard Hamilton
Florida State Basketball

SEMINOLES PLAY HOST TO CHICAGO STATE IN SECOND ROUND OF EMERALD COAST CLASSIC

Florida State, which has won four consecutive games, plays host to Chicago State of the Western Athletic Conference in a second round campus site game of the Emerald Coast Classic on Monday, November 25, 2019 at the Donald L. Tucker Center in Tallahassee, Fla. The Seminoles defeated Chattanooga, 89-53, on November 20 in Tallahassee in the first round of the Emerald Coast Classic and will face No. 17/20 Tennessee in the third round of the event on Friday, November 29 at 7:00 ET at The Arena at Northwest Florida State College. Florida State enters Monday's game against Chicago State having won four consecutive games with victories over then No. 6 Florida (63-51), Western Carolina (79-74), Chattanooga (89-53) and most recently Saint Francis (80-65) on Saturday at home. Following Monday's game against Chicago State, the Seminoles will play three consecutive games away from Tallahassee as they face Tennessee (November 29 in Niceville, Fla.), either Purdue or VCU in the final round of the Emerald Coast Classic (November 30 in Niceville, Fla.) and Indiana in the ACC/ Big Ten Challenge (December 3 in Bloomington, Ind.) before returning home to play host to Clemson in their first ACC home game of the season (December 8).

HISTORY OF THE EMERALD COAST CLASSIC

Florida State plays its second game of the 2019 Emerald Coast Classic as it plays host to Chicago State on Monday night. The Seminoles are playing in the event for the first time in its six-year history in 2019. Ole Miss won the Emerald Coast Classic in 2014. The Rebels took the first Emerald Coast Classic Championship and have been followed by Iowa State (2015), Virginia (2016), TCU (2017) and Cincinnati (2018) in claiming the team championships in one of the most attractive of the Thanksgiving tournaments spaced among the college basketball landscape. Florida State becomes the third ACC team to play in the event with Virginia (champions in 2016) and Virginia Tech (third place finish in 2015).

FLORIDA STATE VS. CHICAGO STATE – CONNECTIONS

Florida State plays its second game in the Emerald Coast Classic with a home contest against Chicago State at the Donald L. Tucker Center on November 25, 2019. The Seminoles' game against the Cougars is the second game in the series with Florida State leading the series by a 1-0 margin. The first game between the two teams – a 47-42 Seminole victory – came in the third round of the University of Pittsburgh Holiday Hoops Classic at the Peterson Events Center in Pittsburgh, Pa., on December 20, 2003. The Cougars are coached by Lance Irvin, who is in his second season with the Cougars. He has coached against Florida State twice as an assistant and both times while he was at DePaul. He helped guide the Blue Demons past Florida State, 85-75, on February 23, 1992 at the Suncoast Dome in St. Petersburg. The Seminoles then defeated the Blue Demons, 85-80, on December 9, 1995 in the ThunderDome in St. Petersburg, Fla.

FLORIDA STATE HAS MADE THE TUCKER CENTER A TOUGH PLACE FOR OPPONENTS TO PLAY

Florida State is 52-3 (.945 winning percentage in its last 55 home games) since the tail end of the 2015-16 season. The Seminoles earned a 15-1 record home record at home during the 2018-19 season. The Seminoles enter Monday's game against the Cougars having won .945 percent of their games (52-3) and .897 percent of their ACC games (26-3) at home since the tail end of the 2015-16 season. Florida State's streak began with a 77-56 win over No. 23 Notre Dame on February 27, 2015. The Seminoles were 18-0 at home (including 9-0 in the ACC) during the 2016-17 season.

LOOK FOR FLORIDA STATE TO...

...Defeat Chicago State and win its 36th consecutive non-conference home game. The Seminoles' current streak against non-conference opponents began December 6, 2014 with a 96-73 victory over UCF;

...Defeat Chicago State and raise its record to 53-3 at home in the Donald L. Tucker Center since the end of the 2015-16 season (a perfect 18-0 record in 16-17; 13-2 in 2017-18, 15-1 in 2018-19 and 2-0 in 2019-20);

...Defeat Chicago State and win its 10th consecutive home game. The Seminoles won their final six home games of the 2018-19 season and their first three of the 2019-20 season;

...Defeat Chicago State and gain a win over a team from the state of Illinois for the first time since November 25, 2015 when the Seminoles defeated Illinois, 72-61, in the final game of the NIT Season Tip Off at the Barclays Center in Brooklyn, N.Y.

Florida State Basketball / National Polls

ASSOCIATED PRESS POLL

Rk.	Team	19-20 Rec.
1.	Duke (52)	4-0
2.	Louisville (8)	4-0
3.	Michigan State (4)	2-1
4.	Kansas	2-1
5.	North Carolina	3-0
6.	Maryland	3-0
7.	Virginia (1)	3-0
8.	Gonzaga	4-0
9.	Kentucky	2-1
10.	Ohio State	3-0
11.	Oregon	4-0
12.	Texas Tech	3-0
13.	Seton Hall	3-1
14.	Arizona	4-0
15.	Utah State	4-0
16.	Memphis	3-1
17.	Villanova	2-1
18.	Xavier	4-0
19.	Auburn	4-0
20.	Tennessee	3-0
21.	VCU	4-0
22.	Texas	4-0
23.	Colorado	2-0
24.	Baylor	2-1
25.	Washington	2-1

ARV – Florida State (26th place)

USA TODAY POLL

Rk.	Team	Points
1.	Duke (25)	786
2.	Louisville (1)	744
3.	Michigan State (4)	705
4.	North Carolina	644
5.	Kansas (1)	634
6.	Virginia	625
7.	Maryland (1)	619
8.	Gonzaga	588
9.	Ohio State	502
10.	Kentucky	498
11.	Oregon	484
12.	Texas Tech	466
13.	Seton Hall	403
14.	Arizona	382
15.	Villanova	276
16.	Utah State	248
17.	Tennessee	247
18.	Auburn	242
19.	VCU	210
20.	Memphis	194
21.	Xavier	187
22.	Texas	118
23.	Baylor	111
24.	Washington	102
25.	Colorado	51

ARV – Florida State (30^h place)

ACC Operation Basketball (Oct. 8, 2019)

1.	Duke (51)	1564
2.	North Carolina (19)	1493
3.	Louisville (29)	1448
4.	Virginia (12)	1405
5.	Florida State	1157
6.	NC State	1038
7.	Notre Dame	915
8.	Syracuse	910
9.	Miami	768
10.	Pitt	577
11.	Clemson	564
12.	Georgia Tech	437
13.	Boston College	382
14.	Virginia Tech	334
15.	Wake Forest	328

A QUICK REVIEW OF THE 2018-29 SEASON

Florida State enjoyed one of the greatest seasons in school history in 2018-19 as it played in its third consecutive NCAA Tournament, advanced to the Sweet 16 of the NCAA Tournament for the school-record tying second consecutive season, finished the season ranked 10th nationally, advanced to the championship game of the ACC Tournament, finished fourth in the ACC standings and defeated six nationally ranked teams. Florida State won a program record 29 games and earned a school-record 13 ACC wins, finishing fourth in the best conference for college basketball in the country. The Seminoles defeated Virginia, who won the National Championship, in the semifinals of the ACC Tournament to reach the championship game of the ACC Tournament for the third time in school history.

FLORIDA STATE NATIONALLY IN THE LAST TWO SEASONS

The Seminoles are one of seven teams in the nation (Florida State, Duke, Gonzaga, Kentucky, Michigan, Purdue and Texas Tech) who have advanced at least as far as the Sweet 16 of the NCAA Tournament in both of the last two seasons. The Seminoles advanced to the Elite Eight in 2018 and to the Sweet 16 in 2019.

HAMILTON MOVES CLOSER TO SIXTH WINNINGEST COACH IN ACC HISTORY

With 337 career victories during his tenure at Florida State, 18th-year Head Coach Leonard Hamilton enters the Seminoles' game against Saint Francis on Saturday as the seventh all-time winningest coach in ACC history. He needs only 12 wins to move into sixth place in ACC history (passing Maryland's Lefty Driesell) and only 13 wins to become just the sixth coach in the illustrious history of the nation's best basketball conference to win 350 career games.

Hamilton In ACC History

Rank	Coach, School	Career Wins
1.	Mike Krzyzewski, Duke	1,059
2.	Dean Smith, North Carolina	879
3.	Gary Williams, Maryland	461
5.	Bobby Cremins, Georgia Tech	354
6.	Lefty Driesell, Maryland	348
7.	Leonard Hamilton, Florida State	337

SEMINOLES CONTINUE TO LEAD THE ACC IN FREE THROW SHOOTING

Florida State enters Monday's game in the second round of the Emerald Coast Classic against Chicago State shooting an ACC-leading .800 from the free throw line through its first five games of the season. The Seminoles are the only team in the ACC that is shooting better than .750 from the line and have made more free throws than six other ACC teams entering play on Monday night. Florida State is looking to shoot .800 percent or better from the free throw line in a single season for the first time in school history. The single-season record for best team free throw shooting percentage is .773 during the 2007-08 season. During the history of the Seminole men's basketball program, four of the top five single-season free throw shooting marks have come under current Head Coach Leonard Hamilton.

Seminole Rank As The ACC Free Throw Leaders

Rank	Team	FTM	FTA	Pct.	Notes
1.	Florida State	65	83	.800	FSU averages 13 made free throws per game
2.	Louisville	61	82	.744	Louisville averages 12.2 free throws made per game
3.	NC State	91	125	.728	NC State averages 15.2 free throws made per game
4.	Boston College	88	122	.721	BC averages 14.7 free throws made per game
5.	Virginia Tech	40	57	.702	VT averages 7.0 free throws made per game

FLORIDA STATE SHOOTS A SEASON-HIGH 88 PERCENT FROM THE FREE THROW LINE IN WIN OVER SAINT FRANCIS

Florida State shot a season-high .882 percent from the free throw line (15 of 17) in their victory over Saint Francis on Saturday in Tallahassee. The Seminoles made 13 of 14 free throws in the first half as the shot better than 80 percent from the free throw line for the third time in their first five games of the season (.867 at Pitt, .821 vs. Western Carolina, .882 against Saint Francis).

SEMINOLES' LENGTH BOTHERS ITS OPPONENTS ON DEFENSE

After earning 10 steals on Wednesday in their 89-53 victory over Chattanooga and 11 on Saturday in their 80-65 win over Saint Francis, the Seminoles enter Monday's game against Chicago State averaging 7.4 steals per game. Redshirt sophomore Anthony Polite earned his career-high of five steals in Florida State's 80-65 victory over Saint Francis as the Seminoles won the points off turnover battle by a 21-14 margin against the Red Flash.

Breaking Down Florida State's Steals Totals

Games	Steals	SPG	PPG	Notes
Games 1-3	16	5.3	66.0	Trent Forrest with 2 steals in season-opener at Pitt
Games 4-5	21	10.5	84.5	RayQuan Evans with 5 steals in win over Saint Francis
Totals	37	7.4	74.4	Anthony Polite leads Seminoles with 9 steals (1.8 spg)

WILKES LEADS AERIAL ASSAULT AGAINST SAINT FRANCIS

Redshirt sophomore Wyatt Wilkes made three of Florida State's nine 3-point field goals in Saturday's victory over Saint Francis on Saturday in Tallahassee. It marked the second consecutive game the Seminoles had made nine of more 3-point shots after making a season-high 10 shots from the bonusphere in their win over Chattanooga on Wednesday. Florida State is shooting more than eight percentage points higher from the 3-point line and averaging nearly 17 points scored per game more as they have made more 3-point shots in their last two games as compared to their totals from the first three games of the season.

Breaking Down The Seminoles From The Bonusphere

Games	3FGM	3FGA	PPG	Notes
Games 4-5	19	50	.380	Seminole averaging 84.5 points scored per game
Games 1-3	17	57	.298	Seminole averaged 67.7 points scored per game
Improvement			+.082	Seminole have increased their scoring average by 16.8 ppg

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

Leonard Hamilton

Victories as an ACC Coach
337 (Career at Florida State)

+11 (Needs)

349

To Become the 6th 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 5th 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

Trent Forrest

Career Steals

172 (career at Florida State)

+9 (Needs)

181

To move into 8th place for career steals in
school history passing Chris Singleton
(2009-11)

Trent Forrest

Career Assists

353 (career at Florida State)

+9 (Needs)

362

To move into 10th place in school history for
career assists passing LaMarr Greer
(1995-98)

Trent Forrest

Career Points

844 (career at Florida State)

+156 (needs)

1,000

To become the 49th player in school history
to school 1,000 or more career points

M.J. Walker

Career 3-Point Field Goals Made

89 (career at Florida State)

+11 (needs)

100

To become the 23rd player at Florida State
with 100 or more career 3-point field goals
made

M.J. Walker

Career 3-Point Field Goals Made

89 (career at Florida State)

+5 (needs)

To move into 23rd place in school in school
history with 94 career 3-point field goals
made passing Aubrey Boyd (1988-91),
Michael Joiner (2001-04) and Todd
Galloway (2003-06)

POSSIBLE STARTING LINEUP FOR FLORIDA STATE...

F	#10	Malik Osborne (7.0 ppg and 6.3 rpg; 10 pts and 4 rebs at Florida, November 10, 2019)
G	#2	Anthony Polite (4.8 ppg and 2.3 rpg; 7 pts and 2 rebs vs. Florida, November 10, 2019)
G	#3	Trent Forrest (12.0 ppg and 4.5 apg; 19 pts and 2 asts at Pitt, November 6, 2019)
G	#24	Devin Vassell (13.5 ppg and 5.3 rpg; 17 pts and 8 rebs vs. Chattanooga, November 20, 2019)
G	#31	Wyatt Wilkes (0.0 ppg and 0.7 rpg; 5 pts and 2 rebs vs. Chattanooga, November 20, 2019)

...AND TOP RESERVES

F	#1	RaiQuan Gray (6.0 ppg and 3.3 rpg; 7 pts and 5 rebs in ACC season opener at Pitt, November 6, 2019)
G	#23	M.J. Walker (11.3 ppg and 4.0 rpg; 18 pts and 4 rebs vs. Western Carolina, November 15, 2019)
F	#4	Patrick Williams (10.8 ppg and 3.8 rpg; 18 pts and 4 rebs vs. Western Carolina, November 15, 2019)
G	#11	Nathanael Jack (3.0 ppg and 2.0 rpg; 6 pts and 5 rebs vs. Chattanooga, November 20, 2019)
F	#30	Harrison Prieto (1.0 ppg and 1.0 rpg; 2 pts and 1 reb vs. Chattanooga, November 20, 2019)
C	#15	Dominik Olejniczak (3.3 ppg and 1.7 rpg; 10 pts and 3 rebs vs. Chattanooga, November 20, 2019)
G	#0	RayQuan Evans (2.0 ppg and 1.0 rpg; 4 pts and 4 stls vs. Chattanooga, November 20, 2019)
C	#5	Balsa Koprivica (4.5 ppg, 2.5 rpg; 10 pts and 7 rebs vs. Chattanooga, November 20, 2019)

POSSIBLE STARTING LINEUP FOR CHICAGO STATE

F	#00	Rajeir Jones (4.8 ppg, 3.8 rpg; 8 pts and 5 rebs vs. Purdue, November 16, 2019)
F	#4	Ke'Sean Davis (6.7 ppg, 5.2 rpg; 12 pts and 5 rebs vs. Purdue Northwest, November 19, 2019)
F	#23	Jace Colley (10.2 ppg, 6.5 rpg; 22 points and 13 rebs vs. North Park, November 20, 2019)
G	#1	Andrew Lewis (12.8 ppg, 4.7 rpg; 15 pts and 5 rebs vs. Judson, November 5, 2019)
G	#5	Xavier Johnson (17.7 ppg, 4.5 apg; 37 points and 5 assists vs. Judson, November 5, 2019)

FLORIDA STATE VS. CHICAGO STATE -- A SERIES HISTORY

The Series:	Florida State leads, 1-0
First Game:	December 20, 2003; Florida State 47, Chicago State 42
Last Game:	December 20, 2003; Florida State 47, Chicago State 42
Last Florida State Win:	December 20, 2003; Florida State 47, Chicago State 42
Last Chicago State Win:	None
Last Florida State Win in Tallahassee:	None
Last Chicago State Win in Tallahassee:	None
Current Streak:	Florida State has won 1
Current Streak in Tallahassee:	First game in Tallahassee

FLORIDA STATE VS. CHICAGO STATE – THE LAST GAMES

Dec. 20, 2003

Florida State 47

Chicago State 42

FLORIDA STATE VS. CHICAGO STATE – THE LAST GAME

Anthony Richardson made two free throws with 13 seconds left, the only scoring in the final four minutes, and unbeaten Florida State gained a 47-42 victory over Chicago State on December 20, 2003 in the final game of the Pittsburgh Holiday Hoops Classic at the Peterson Events Center on the campus of the University of Pittsburgh. The Seminoles held the Cougars defensively, limiting them to a .167 shooting percentage in the second half (4-of-24). The Cougars turned the ball over in the backcourt and Chicago State's Tony Weeden had the ball knocked out of his hand as he tried to get off a shot in the lane with a minute left and the Cougars in position to tie it with a 3-pointer. Florida State had nine players score, but none reached double figures as Tim Pickett was held to five points, 10 below his average, and Richardson was held to eight, nearly five points below his 12.9 average. Adam Waleskowski had nine points and Nate Johnson had eight points and eight rebounds for the Seminoles, who shot only 30 percent in a second half as the teams combined to make only 10 of 44 shots.

TONIGHT'S OFFICIALS

Tonight's referee is Bert Smith and the umpires are Raymie Styons and Clarence Armstrong

2018-19 FLORIDA STATE ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Hometown
0	RayQuan Evans	G	6-4	210	Jr.	Billings, Mont./North Idaho College
1	RaiQuan Gray	F	6-8	260	RSo.	Ft. Lauderdale, Fla./Dillard
2	Anthony Polite	G	6-6	215	RSo.	Lugano, Switzerland/St. Andrews Christian School (Fla.)
3	Trent Forrest	G	6-5	210	Jr.	Chipley, Fla./Chipley
4	Patrick Williams	F	6-8	225	Fr.	Charlotte, N.C./West Charlotte
5	Balsa Koprivica	C	7-1	260	Fr.	Belgrade, Serbia/Montverde Academy
10	Malik Osborne	F	6-9	215	So.	Matteson. Ill./Bosco Institute/Rice
11	Nathanael Jack	G	6-5	195	Jr.	Mississauga, Ontario, Canada/Eastern Florida State
12	Justin Lindner	G	6-1	180	RJr.	Memphis, Tenn./Christian Brothers
15	Dominik Olejniczak	C	7-0	260	Gr.	Tourn, Poland/Ole Miss/Drake
20	Travis Light	G	6-5	175	RJr.	Vienna, Va./IMG Academy
23	M.J. Walker	G/F	6-5	213	Jr.	Riverdale, Ga./Jonesboro
24	Devin Vassell	G	6-6	180	So.	Suwanee, Ga./Peachtree Ridge
30	Harrison Prieto	F	6-8	230	RJr.	Mandeville, La./St. Paul's School
31	Wyatt Wilkes	F	6-8	220	RSo.	Orlando, Fla./Winter Park
33	Will Miles	G	6-6	220	RJr.	Orlando, Fla./Trinity Prep
42	Cleveland Yates	G	6-2	214	Fr.	Memphis, Tenn./Briarcrest Christian School
44	Ty Hands	G	6-5	180	RFr.	West Palm Beach, Fla./Palm Beach Lakes

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE: RayQuan Evans (RAY-Qwan); RaiQuan Gray (RAY-Qwan); Balsa Koprivica (Ball-Sha KA-Pre-Vizza); Dominik Olejniczak (DOM-a-nick Ole'-knee-CHUCK); Devin Vassell (Dev-in Vuh-SELL - like Sam Cassell with a V).

Florida State Men's Basketball By The Numbers

.833 Freshman Balsa Koprivica is shooting .833 from the field in the last two games. He made five of six shots from the field in the Seminoles' wins over Chattanooga (five of six) and Saint Francis (five of six).

3 Three Seminoles – Devin Vassell, Trent Forrest and Malik Osborne have started each of the first five games of the season for Florida State.

4 Florida State is undefeated, 4-0, when it outscores its opponent.

5 Redshirt sophomore Anthony Polite earned his career-high of five steals in Florida State's victory over Saint Francis. He became the first Seminole with five steals in a game since current senior Trent Forrest totaled five steals in a Florida State victory over Louisville on February 9, 2019.

7 Florida State has won a school-record seven consecutive overtime games entering the 2019-20 season. The Seminoles won three of three overtime games during the 2017-18 season and four of four overtime games during the 2018-19 season. Florida State's overtime winning streak began with a double overtime victory over Syracuse, 101-90, on January 13, 2018.

8 Eight different Seminoles have started at least one game for the Seminoles in the first five contests of the 2018-19 season.

9 Senior Trent Forrest enters Monday's game against Chicago State ranked ninth in school history with 172 career steals. He averages 1.5 steals per game in each of his 111 career games.

11.5 Freshman Balsa Koprivica is averaging 11.5 points per game in the last two games (21 total points). He scored 10 points in Florida State's victory over Chattanooga and his career-high of 11 in the Seminoles' win over Saint Francis. He totaled eight points in the first three games of his career.

20 Since defeating Clemson on January 22, 2019 in Tallahassee, the Seminoles have won 20 of their last 24 games (.833 winning percentage) with 12 of those victories coming at the Donald L. Tucker Center.

100 Graduate transfer Dominik Olejniczak will play in his 100th career game against Chicago State on Monday night. He played in 30 games at Drake (2015-16), 65 at Ole Miss (2017-18, 2018-19) and will play in his fifth game as a Seminole against the Cougars.

155 Senior Trent Forrest enters Monday's game against Chicago State with 845 career points – he needs only 155 points to become just the 48th player in school history to score 1,000 or more career points.

82 Senior Trent Forrest has been a part of 82 Seminole victories during his career – including a school-record 29 wins during the 2018-19 season.

WILKES ENJOYS CAREER DAY IN VICTORY OVER SAINT FRANCIS

Redshirt sophomore Wyatt Wilkes scored his career-high of 14 points as he made his career-high of three 3-point field goals in 16 minutes of play in Florida State's victory over Saint Francis on Saturday. He scored 14 points against the Red Flash after scoring a total of 31 points in the first 25 games of his career. Wilkes' three 3-point shots made against Saint Francis were also nearly as he had made (five) in the first two years of his career.

OSBORNE TAKES HIS GAME OUTSIDE OF THE 3-POINT LINE

Redshirt sophomore Malik Osborne scored nine points – on a career-high tying three 3-point shots made – in the Seminoles' victory over Saint Francis on Saturday. He had four times previously (during his one season at Rice in 2017-18) made three 3-point shots in a single game.

Breaking Down Osborne's Career-High 3 Shots Made From the Bonusphere

Opponent	3FGM	Points	Result
Texas Rio Grande Valley	3-5	14	UTRGV, 69-67
Florida International	3-5	16	Rice, 73-65
Marshall	3-9	22	Marshall, 93-80
Western Kentucky	3-4	15	WKU, 85-66
Saint Francis	3-5	9	FSU, 80-65

OSBORNE ENTERS MONDAY'S GAME AS SEMINOLES' LEADER IN BLOCKED SHOTS

Redshirt sophomore Malik Osborne, who blocked a game-high and team-leading two shots in Florida State's victory over Saint Francis, enters Monday's game against Chicago State with a team-leading seven blocked shots and a team-leading 1.4 blocked shots per game average. He blocked his career-high of four shots in his first career game as a Seminole (and first career ACC game) at Pitt on November 6, 2019. Osborne led Rice as a freshman with 24 blocked shots and a 0.8 blocked shots average as a freshman during the 2017-18 season.

Breaking Down Osborne's Blocked Shots

Season	Games	Blocks	BPG	Notes
2018-19	31	24	0.8	Season-high 3 blocked shots vs. Florida Atlantic and Charlotte
2019-20	5	7	1.4	Career-high 4 blocked shots at Pitt
Totals	36	31	0.8	Multiple blocked shots in 8 career games

POLITE LEADS WAY WITH CAREER-HIGH FIVE STEALS IN VICTORY OVER SAINT FRANCIS

Redshirt sophomore Anthony Polite earned five steals in Florida State's victory over Saint Francis – the second time in his career that he had earned four or more steals in a single game. He earned four steals in Florida State's victory over Saint Louis on December 22, 2018 in the Orange Bowl Classic. Polite has seven steals in the last three games – all victories for the Seminoles and has totaled multiple steals in five career games.

Breaking Down Polite As Florida State's Chief Thief

Season	Games	Steals	SPG	Notes
2017-18	1	1	1.0	1 steal in first career game against George Washington
2018-19	30	18	0.6	4 steals in victory over Saint Louis in Orange Bowl Classic
2019-20	5	9	1.8	5 steals in victory over Saint Francis on November 23, 2019
Totals	36	28	0.8	At least one steal in 4 of 5 games to begin 2018-19 season

FRESHMAN WILLIAMS RANKED AS TOP FREE THROW SHOOTER IN ACC

Freshman Patrick Williams enters Monday's game against Chicago State as the top-ranked free throw shooter in the ACC. He has been perfect (13 of 13) from the line in the first five games of his collegiate career. Williams was a career-best and perfect seven of seven from the free throw in Florida State's victory over Western Carolina in the Seminoles' home opener on November 15. He has made each of his first 11 free throw attempts at the Donald L. Tucker Center as Florida State has won each of its first three home games of the 2018-19 season.

Breaking Down Williams From The Free Throw Line

Opponent	FTM	FTA	Pct.	Notes
at Pitt	2	2	1.000	2 second half FT's pull Florida State to 62-61 with 8 seconds left
at Florida	0	0	.000	Scored all four of his points from the field
Western Carolina	7	7	1.000	2 of 2 FT with 16 seconds left to lift Florida State over Catamounts
Chattanooga	2	2	1.000	2 first half FT's help Florida State a 41-29 halftime lead
Saint Francis	2	2	1.000	2 of 2 FT's in first half lead Florida State to 38-36 intermission lead

FORREST SCORES IN DOUBLE FIGURES AGAINST SAINT FRANCIS

Senior Trent Forrest scored 13 points in Florida State's victory over Saint Francis – a scoring total that included a perfect seven of seven performance from the free throw line. He was a perfect six of six from the line in the first half of the game as he raised his free throw shooting percentage to .870 in the first five games of the season. Forrest enters Monday's game against Chicago State tied for sixth in the ACC with his .870 mark from the line. Forrest has improved his free throw percentage in each of his years at Florida State, and maybe more importantly, he has increased his free throws made per game average to its current career-best average of 4.0 through the first five games of the 2018-19 season.

Breaking Down Forrest From The Free Throw Line

Season	FTM	FTA	Pct.	Notes
2016-17	48	71	.676	Averaged 1.4 FTM/Game
2017-18	92	132	.697	Averaged 2.7 FTM/Game
2018-19	113	145	.779	Averaged 3.3 FTM/Game
2019-20	20	23	.879	Averages 4.0 FTM/Game
Totals	273	371	.736	Averages 2.5 FTM/Game for the 111-game career



**2019-20 Florida St. Men's Basketball
Combined Team Statistics
All games**

Game Records

Record	Overall	Home	Away	Neutral
ALL GAMES	4-1	3-0	1-1	0-0
CONFERENCE	0-1	0-0	0-1	0-0
NON-CONFERENCE	4-0	3-0	1-0	0-0

Score by Periods

Team	1st	2nd	OT	TOT
Florida St.	175	197	0	372
Opponents	154	152	0	306

Team Box Score

No.	Player				Total		3-Point		F-Throw		Rebounds											
		GP-GS	MIN	AVG	FG-FGA	FG%	3FG-FGA	3FG%	FT-FTA	FT%	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG	PF	DQ	A	TO	BLK	STL	PTS	AVG
03	FORREST, Trent	5-5	157:03	31.4	19-49	.388	3-11	.273	20-23	.870	5	16	21	4.2	9	0	22	17	3	7	61	12.2
24	VASELL, Devin	5-5	130:27	26.1	24-45	.533	6-13	.462	4-7	.571	8	14	22	4.4	10	0	5	3	4	4	58	11.6
23	WALKER, M.J.	3-3	75:14	25.1	8-25	.320	4-13	.308	14-17	.824	0	12	12	4.0	8	0	3	3	1	1	34	11.3
4	WILLIAMS, Patrick	5-0	108:03	21.6	16-32	.500	4-10	.400	13-13	1.000	5	15	20	4.0	4	0	5	9	5	4	49	9.8
10	OSBORNE, Malik	5-5	119:06	23.8	14-30	.467	4-10	.400	5-6	.833	9	20	29	5.8	14	1	3	4	7	1	37	7.4
01	GRAY, RaiQuan	3-3	67:33	22.5	5-15	.333	1-6	.167	7-10	.700	3	7	10	3.3	7	1	5	4	1	1	18	6.0
5	KOPRIVICA, Balsa	5-0	55:06	11.0	13-16	.813	0-0	.000	3-7	.429	7	6	13	2.6	12	1	1	4	2	2	29	5.8
13	POLITE, Anthony	5-2	121:51	24.4	8-27	.296	6-18	.333	5-6	.833	1	15	16	3.2	5	0	3	13	3	9	27	5.4
31	WILKES, Wyatt	5-1	47:12	9.4	7-15	.467	4-12	.333	1-1	1.000	3	3	6	1.2	3	0	2	2	0	2	19	3.8
15	OLEJNICZAK, Dominik	4-1	32:12	8.0	6-10	.600	0-0	.000	2-2	1.000	7	2	9	2.3	7	0	0	3	1	0	14	3.5
0	EVANS, RayQuan	3-0	33:46	11.3	2-6	.333	0-1	.000	6-8	.750	1	1	2	0.7	1	0	7	1	0	4	10	3.3
11	JACK, Nathanael	3-0	26:04	8.7	3-10	.300	3-10	.300	0-0	.000	1	6	7	2.3	2	0	3	3	0	1	9	3.0
20	LIGHT, Travis	2-0	04:00	2.0	1-2	.500	1-2	.500	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	1.5
33	MILES, Will	2-0	04:00	2.0	1-3	.333	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	1	0	1	0.5	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	1.0
30	PRIETO, Harrison	3-0	09:33	3.2	1-3	.333	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0	2	2	0.7	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	0.7
12	LINDNER, Justin	2-0	06:14	3.1	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	1	1	0.5	1	0	2	1	0	0	0	0.0
42	YATES, Cleveland	2-0	02:35	1.3	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Team											5	7	12									
Total		5	1000		128-288	.444	36-107	.336	80-100	.800	56	127	183	36.6	84	3	62	67	27	36	372	74.4
Opponents		5	1000		100-274	.365	36-117	.308	70-92	.761	54	110	164	32.8	93	-	44	80	14	25	306	61.2

Team Statistics

	FSU	OPP
Scoring	372	306
Points per game	74.4	61.2
Scoring margin	+13.2	-
Field goals-att	128-288	100-274
Field goal pct	.444	.365
3 point fg-att	36-107	36-117
3-point FG pct	.336	.308
3-pt FG made per game	7.2	7.2
Free throws-att	80-100	70-92
Free throw pct	.800	.761
F-Throws made per game	16.0	14.0
Rebounds	183	164
Rebounds per game	36.6	32.8
Rebounding margin	+3.8	-
Assists	62	44
Assists per game	12.4	8.8
Turnovers	67	80
Turnovers per game	13.4	16.0
Turnover margin	+2.6	-
Assist/turnover ratio	0.9	0.6
Steals	36	25
Steals per game	7.2	5.0
Blocks	27	14
Blocks per game	5.4	2.8
Winning streak	4	-
Home win streak	3	-
Attendance	24657	19867
Home games-Avg/Game	3-8219	2-9934
Neutral site-Avg/Game	-	0-0

Team Results

Date	Opponent		Score	Att.
11/06/2019	at Pittsburgh	L	61-63	9016
11/10/2019	at Florida	W	63-51	10851
11/15/2019	Western Caro.	W	79-74	9490
11/20/2019	Chattanooga	W	89-53	7572
11/23/2019	Saint Francis (PA)	W	80-65	7595

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

2019-20 Season

- * On the Watch List for the Bob Cousy Award presented to the nation's top point guard.
- * A pre-season All-ACC Second-Team selection by the voting media at Operation ACC Basketball.
- * A team captain as named by Head Coach Leonard Hamilton and his staff.
- * Florida State's undisputed team leader and starting point guard for the second consecutive season.
- * Scored a game-high 19 points in Florida State's season opener at Pitt
- * Totaled 8 points and a game-high 7 rebounds in Florida State's victory at No. 6 Florida in Gainesville
- * Scored 16 points to go along with 2 rebounds, 2 assists and 1 steal in Florida State's win over Western Carolina

2018-19 Season

- * Averaged a career-high 9.3 points (third on the team), 4.5 rebounds (fourth), 3.7 assists (first) and a career-high 1.9 steals (first) as Florida State's starting point guard.
- * Named to the NCAA Tournament All-West Regional Tournament team in leading FSU to the NCAA Sweet 16
- * Career-high 23 points with 8 rebounds, 4 assists and 3 steals in Florida State's victory over Southeast Missouri
- * Totaled 10 points, 6 rebounds and 3 assists in Florida State's victory over No. 2 Virginia in the ACC Tournament
- * Totaled 20 points, 5 rebounds, 4 assists and 3 steals in Florida State's Sweet 16 game against Gonzaga in the NCAA 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

2019-20 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	* at Pittsburgh	1-1	39	8-16	.500	1-3	.333	2-3	.667	0-2	2	2	2	5	1	2	19
N10	at Florida	2-2	31	1-7	.143	1-3	.333	5-6	.833	3-5	8	1	7	4	0	1	8
N15	Western Carolina	3-3	32	5-14	.357	1-3	.333	5-5	1.000	1-1	2	4	2	1	0	1	16
N20	Chattanooga	4-4	30	2-4	.500	0-1	.000	1-2	.500	0-4	4	1	7	4	2	1	5
N23	St. Francis (Pa.)	5-5	26	3-7	.429	0-1	.000	7-7	1.000	1-4	5	1	4	3	0	2	13
N25	Chicago State																
N29	vs. Tennessee																
N30	vs. Purdue/VCU																
D3	at Indiana																
D8	* Clemson																
D17	North Florida																
D21	vs. USF																
D28	North Alabama																
D31	* Georgia Tech																
J4	* at Louisville																
J8	* at Wake Forest																
J15	* Virginia																
J18	* at Miami																
J25	* Notre Dame																
J28	* at Virginia																
F1	* at Virginia Tech																
F3	* North Carolina																
F8	* Miami																
F10	* at Duke																
F15	* Syracuse																
F18	* Pittsburgh																
F22	* at NC State																
F24	* Louisville																
F29	* at Clemson																
M4	* at Notre Dame																
M7	* Boston College																

Trent Forrest's Career Highs

PTS23 vs. Southeast Missouri (12-17-18)

FGM8 at Pitt (11-6-19)

.....8 vs. Gonzaga (3-28-19)

.....8 vs. Southeast Missouri (12-17-18)

.....8 vs. Boston College (3-3-18)

FGA16 at Pitt (11-6-19)

FG%857 vs. Nicholls State (12-8-16)

.....857 vs. Detroit Mercy (11-20-16)

3FGM1 vs. 9 Teams

.....Last at Florida (11-10-19)

3FGA4 vs. Southeast Missouri (12-17-18)

3FG %1.000 vs. Nicholls State (12-8-16)

FTM11 at Pitt (1-14-19)

FTA12 at Pitt (1-14-19)

FT%1.000 vs. 13 Teams

.....Last vs. Saint Francis (11-23-19)

OR6 at Duke (2-28-17)

DR11 vs. UAB (11-22-18)

REBS11 vs. UAB (11-22-18)

.....11 vs. Syracuse (1-13-18)

AST12 vs. Southern Miss (12-21-17)

BLK2 vs. 4 teams

.....Last vs. Chattanooga (11-20-19)

STL5 vs. Louisville (2-9-19)

.....5 vs. UConn (12-8-18)

MIN40 vs. Syracuse (1-13-18)

underlined denotes career high established or tied during 2019-20 season

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Trent Forrest became just the third player in FSU history to be named to the NCAA All-Region Team in 2019. Phil Cofer and Terance Mann were named to the All-West Regional Team in 2018.

7-0, Graduate, Torun, Poland (Pronounced: DOM-A-Nick Ole'-knee-Chuck)

2019-20 Season (at Florida State)

- * Playing his final season of eligibility after transferring to Florida State from Ole Miss as a graduate transfer.
- * Only the third graduate transfer at Florida State following the footsteps of Jeff Peterson (2012) and David Nichols (2019). Both Peterson and Nichols helped lead the Seminoles to the NCAA Tournament.
- * Comes to Florida State after one season at Drake (2015-16) and two seasons at Ole Miss (2017-18 and 2018-19)
- * Made his Florida State debut with 2 rebounds in 7 minutes of play in Florida State's win at Florida in Gainesville
- * Scored his Florida State high of 10 points in the Seminoles' victory over Chattanooga in Tallahassee

2018-19 Season (At Ole Miss)

- * Averaged 5.3 points (seventh on the team), 3.0 rebounds (fifth), a career-high and team-leading 0.9 blocked shots (first) and shot a team leading .575 from the field as he played in all 33 games at Ole Miss.
- * Established career-highs for games played (33), games started (22), assists (23), blocked shots (30), steals (17), minutes played (603) and average minutes played per game (16.3).
- * Led the Rebels to the NCAA Tournament with a 20-13 overall record and a 10-8 record in SEC play.

2017-18 Season (At Ole Miss)

- * Averaged 4.3 points (eighth on the team), 2.6 rebounds (sixth) and 0.6 blocked shots (fourth) while playing in all 32 games for the Rebels.
- * Started 11 games for the Rebels in his first season of eligibility in Oxford.
- * Shot .531 from the field as he continued to display his field goal shooting prowess.

2016-17 (at Ole Miss)

- * Sat out the season at Ole Miss as a redshirt due to NCAA transfer regulations...practiced but did not travel with the Rebels during the season.

2015-16 Season

- * Averaged a career-high 6.5 points (fourth on the team), a career-high 4.1 rebounds (third) and 0.7 blocked shots (first) in helping Drake to a 7-24 overall record.
- * Drake is a member of the Missouri Valley Conference.
- * Played in 30 of the Bulldogs 31 games and averaged 16.4 minutes played per game.
- * Shot a career-high .722 from the field and was only 18 field goals made short of establishing the Drake school record for best field goal percentage in a single season.

On Olejniczak

- * Olejniczak is working towards earning his Master's degree in International Affairs at Florida State.
- * Named to the National Team of Poland for competition in the FIBA World Cup of Basketball in China on August 30, 2019.
- * Poland advanced to the quarterfinals and earned an eighth place standing with a 5-3 record.
- * Averaged 1.6 points, 1.4 rebounds and 0.2 assists as he played in six of Poland's eight games in the tournament.

2019-20 Game-By-Game Statistics -- Dominik Olejniczak

Date	Opponent	G-GS	Min	FG-A	Pct.	3FG-A	Pct.	FT-A	Pct.	O-D	Rebs	PF	A	TO	B	S	Pts
N6	* at Pittsburgh	DNP															
N10	at Florida	1-0	7	0-1	.000	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	1-1	2	2	0	0	0	0	0
N15	Western Carolina	2-0	4	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
N20	Chattanooga	3-0	8	5-6	.833	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	2-1	3	1	0	0	0	0	10
N23	St. Francis (Pa.)	4-1	13	1-3	.333	0-0	.000	2-2	1.000	4-0	4	2	0	2	1	0	4
N25	Chicago State																
N29	vs. Tennessee																
N30	vs. Purdue/VCU																
D3	at Indiana																
D8	* Clemson																
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F22	* at NC State																
F24	* Louisville																
F29	* at Clemson																
M4	* at Notre Dame																
M7	* Boston College																

Dominik Olejniczak's Career Highs

PTS 19 vs. Loyola (2-17-16)*
 FGM 9 vs. Missouri State (3-3-16)*
 FGA 13 at Texas (1-27-18)**
 13 vs. Missouri State (3-3-16)*
 FG% 1.000 vs. 13 Teams
 Last vs. Oklahoma (3-22-19)**
 3FGM
 3FGA
 3FG%
 FTM 9 vs. Auburn (1-9-19)**
 FTA 12 vs. Auburn (1-9-19)**
 FT% 1.000 vs. 15 Teams
 Last vs. Saint Francis (11-23-19)***
 OR 6 at Auburn (1-9-19)**
 DR 11 vs. Simpson College (11-13-15)*
 REBS 12 vs. Simpson College (11-13-15)*
 AST 3 vs. Oklahoma (3-22-19)**
 BLK 6 vs. Loyola (2-17-16)*
 STL 3 vs. Chattanooga (12-16-18)**
 3 at Auburn (1-9-18)**
 MIN 34 vs. Loyola (2-27-16)*
 underlined denotes career high established or tied during 2019-20 season
 * - Denotes at Drake (2015-16)
 ** - Denotes at Ole Miss (2017-18, 2018-19)
 *** - Denotes at Florida State (2019-20)

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Dominik Olejniczak helped lead Poland to an 8th place finish in the 2019 FIBA World Championships. It was his first time playing his national team from Poland in competition

Exhibition 1 -- Florida State 95, Barry 66

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. -- Florida State's exhibition opener provided a glimpse of what lies ahead for the Seminoles -- both in the upcoming season and beyond. It also showed coach Leonard Hamilton a few things he'd like for his team to tighten up between now and the Seminoles' season opener on November 6. So, in that sense, it was a near-perfect evening for FSU, which got 19 points and five assists from senior Trent Forrest in a 95-66 victory over Barry University at the Donald L. Tucker Center. Forrest, the central figure for an FSU team that lost its top two scorers from a year ago, was one of six Seminoles to finish in double-figures. Anthony Polite added 18 -- including 16 in the second half -- while RaiQuan Gray (10 points) and newcomers Patrick Williams (12, nine rebounds), Nathanael Jack (10), Dominik Olejniczak (10 points, seven rebounds) and Malik Osborne (seven points, seven boards) all enjoyed productive outings.

Florida State 95, Barry University 66 Donald L. Tucker Center

Oct. 22, 2019

Barry	Min	FG	3FG	FT	O-D	Reb	F	A	T	B	S	Pts.
Walsh	21	0-3	0-2	6-8	0-1	1	2	0	1	0	0	6
Moya	17	2-7	1-5	0-1	0-3	3	1	2	3	0	1	5
Birts	20	1-4	1-1	4-4	3-2	5	2	0	4	1	1	7
Allende	17	0-5	0-3	0-0	0-2	2	1	1	0	0	0	0
Dolven	24	1-4	0-0	1-3	2-3	5	4	1	2	0	0	3
Perez	21	4-8	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	4	1	2	0	2	8
Sheffield	7	2-3	2-2	0-0	1-2	3	0	2	0	0	0	6
Marcinekvisius	3	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kakar	18	4-8	2-4	2-2	2-1	3	1	0	4	0	0	12
Scorbinskis	26	4-7	4-5	2-3	1-1	2	2	0	1	1	1	14
Mikyska	9	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	1	2	0	2	0	0	0
Dean	9	0-6	0-0	0-0	0-1	1	1	1	3	0	1	0
Mejia	8	1-5	1-4	2-2	0-0	0	1	0	0	0	0	5
Team				0-4	4							
Totals	200	19-60	11-27	17-24	10-20	30	21	8	22	2	6	66

Fl. State	Min	FG	3FG	FT	O-D	Reb	F	A	T	B	S	Pts.
Gray	26	4-6	2-3	0-1	0-4	4	2	4	4	0	4	10
Polite	22	7-9	3-4	1-1	0-2	2	3	0	0	1	3	18
Forrest	21	7-10	0-1	5-6	1-2	3	1	5	3	1	1	19
Williams	18	5-10	0-3	2-2	1-8	9	2	0	3	1	0	12
Olejniczak	16	5-5	0-0	0-0	2-3	5	1	0	2	0	0	10
Osborne	26	2-8	0-3	3-4	4-3	7	3	0	2	2	1	7
Jack	24	3-12	3-13	1-2	4-3	7	4	0	1	0	0	10
Lindner	16	0-0	0-0	0-2	0-1	1	2	3	2	0	0	1
Prieto	5	0-1	0-0	1-2	1-0	1	1	0	2	0	0	1
Wilkes	18	3-9	2-7	0-0	2-4	6	2	0	1	0	0	8
Light	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Miles	5	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-2	3	2	0	0	0	0	0
Team				0-3	3							
Totals	200	36-70	10-31	13-20	16-35	51	23	12	22	5	9	95

FG% - Barry, .317, Florida State, .514. 3FG% - Barry, .407, Florida State, .323. FT% - Barry, .708, Florida State, .650. Technical Fouls: Barry -- None. Florida State -- None. Referees - Ray Styns, Les Jones, Anthony Burris

Barry	21	45	-	66
Florida State	27	58	-	95

Exhibition 2 -- Florida State 84, Columbus State 54

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. -- In its final exhibition game before regular season play begins at Pittsburgh, Florida State earned an 84-54 victory over Columbus State at the Donald L. Tucker Civic Center. Sophomore Devin Vassell led three Seminoles in double figures with 18 points. Also in double figures were Anthony Polite with 16 points and freshman Patrick Williams with 10. The game saw some familiar faces returning to the court after missing Florida State's exhibition victory over Barry. Both M.J. Walker and Devin Vassell made their highly anticipated season debuts and came back with a vengeance. Walker, who started and played nine first half minutes, totaled six points on two made 3-point shots. Vassell totaled 18 points (three-of-three three-pointers) and finished with six rebounds.

Florida State 84, Columbus State Donald L. Tucker Center

Nov. 1, 2019

Columbus	Min	FG	3FG	FT	O-D	Reb	F	A	T	B	S	Pts.
Thomas	19	0-5	0-3	0-0	0-1	1	1	1	2	0	0	0
Givens	21	6-12	2-7	2-3	0-1	1	0	1	7	0	1	16
Taylor	21	2-7	0-4	0-0	0-1	1	1	2	1	0	0	4
Paulding	23	0-1	0-0	0-2	0-3	3	0	0	0	3	0	0
Moore	24	2-3	0-0	2-4	0-2	2	0	1	1	0	0	6
Horton, L	26	5-13	1-6	4-2	1-2	3	2	2	3	0	0	15
Preston	16	2-3	0-0	1-0	1-4	5	1	1	0	0	0	5
Porter-Wilson	14	1-3	0-0	0-0	1-1	2	2	2	0	0	0	2
Horton, C.	8	1-3	1-3	0-0	0-0	0	2	0	0	0	0	3
David, Jr.	6	0-3	0-2	0-0	0-1	1	0	0	2	0	0	0
Ivey	4	1-2	1-2	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0	0	0	3
Jedenski	4	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jones	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Kemp	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gaines	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Team				0-0	2							
Totals	200	20-56	5-28	9-13	3-18	21	10	10	17	3	6	54

Fl. State	Min	FG	3FG	FT	O-D	Reb	F	A	T	B	S	Pts.
Gray	20	1-4	0-0	2-2	2-6	7	0	3	3	0	3	4
Forrest	28	1-5	0-2	0-0	0-3	3	2	7	2	0	2	2
Osborne	20	3-11	0-0	1-1	2-6	10	0	0	1	0	0	7
Walker	10	2-6	2-6	0-0	1-0	1	2	0	2	0	0	6
Vassell	23	7-9	3-3	1-1	1-5	6	2	0	2	2	0	18
Williams	23	5-11	0-2	0-0	3-1	4	1	1	3	0	1	10
Koprivica	19	4-5	0-0	0-0	5-6	11	3	1	2	0	0	8
Polite	25	5-9	2-4	4-4	0-1	1	2	2	2	0	3	16
Jack	15	2-8	1-6	0-0	1-0	1	0	3	2	0	1	5
Wilkes	14	2-5	1-3	1-2	4-2	6	0	1	0	0	1	6
Lindner	2	1-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Light	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Prieto	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
Team				2-3	5							
Totals	200	33-74	9-26	9-10	22-34	56	12	18	20	2	11	84

FG% - Columbus State, .357, Florida State, .446. 3FG% - Columbus State, .179, Florida State, .346. FT% - Columbus State, .692, Florida State, .900. Technical Fouls: Columbus State -- None. Florida State -- None. Referees - Lee Cassell, Jemel Spearman, Kellen Milner

Columbus State	29	55	-	54
Florida State	41	43	-	84

Game 1 -- Pitt 63, Florida State 61

PITTSBURGH, Pa. -- Reserves Ryan Murphy and Terrell Brown scored 13 points to lead Pitt to a 63-61 win over Florida State in the season opener for both teams. The Panthers won despite shooting just 31 percent (16 of 51) from the field. Pitt survived by getting into the lane relentlessly against the bigger Seminoles, an approach that helped them outscore Florida State 22-13 at the free throw line. Senior guard Trent Forrest led Florida State with 19 points. Devin Vassell added 14 but the Seminoles couldn't survive 14 turnovers and 27 fouls. RaiQuan Gray, Malik Osborne and Balsa Koprivica all fouled out for Florida State. Florida State went up 40-31 on a layup by Osborne with 13:37 to play. The Panthers, however, responded. The Seminoles had a chance to tie it at the end of regulation but Patrick Williams missed a jumper with two seconds to go. Anthony Polite grabbed the offensive rebound but couldn't get a shot off before the buzzer. Florida State shot 40 percent (21 of 53) from the floor.

Pitt 63, Florida State 61 Petersen Events Center

Nov. 6, 2019

Fl. State	Min	FG	3FG	FT	O-D	Reb	F	A	T	B	S	Pts.
Gray	27	3-6	0-2	1-2	2-1	3	5	2	1	0	0	7
Osborne	23	1-4	0-2	0-0	2-7	9	5	0	1	4	0	2
Forrest	39	8-16	1-3	2-3	0-2	2	2	2	5	1	2	19
Walker	16	0-4	0-2	4-4	0-5	5	4	0	0	0	0	4
Vassell	21	6-7	2-2	0-0	2-0	2	2	1	1	0	0	14
Polite	25	2-10	2-6	2-2	1-3	4	3	0	3	0	1	8
Williams	27	1-5	1-2	2-2	0-2	2	1	0	1	1	0	5
Koprivica	6	0-0	0-0	2-2	1-0	1	5	0	1	0	0	2
Wilkes	8	0-1	0-0	0-0	1-1	2	0	1	0	0	1	0
Jack	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Prieto	5	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Team				1-2	3							
Totals	200	21-53	6-20	13-15	13-24	35	27	6	14	6	4	61

Pitt	Min	FG	3FG	FT	O-D	Reb	F	A	T	B	S	Pts.
Hamilton	18	2-2	0-0	2-3	3-0	3	1	0	0	0	0	6
Drumgoole, Jr.	20	0-4	0-3	0-0	0-1	1	1	1	2	0	0	0
Johnson	38	3-11	2-4	5-8	0-6	6	3	1	2	0	2	13
McGowens	34	2-6	2-5	4-6	1-6	7	4	5	6	0	1	10
Toney	13	0-7	0-3	0-0	2-0	2	1	1	0	0	1	0
Browne	22	4-5	0-0	5-6	2-1	3	2	0	0	0	0	13
Murphy	31	3-7	3-6	4-4	1-3	4	1	3	2	0	0	13
Champagnie	23	2-9	2-5	2-4	2-4	6	3	0	0	0	0	8
Team				2-3	5				1			
Totals	200	16-51	9-26	22-31	13-24	37	16	11	13	0	5	63

FG% - Florida State, .396, Pitt, .314. 3FG% - Florida State, .300, Pitt, .346. FT% - Florida State, .867, Pitt, .710. Technical Fouls: Florida State -- Walker. Pitt -- Champagnie. Referees - Ted Valentine, Mike Stephens, Tony Henderson

Florida State	25	36	-	61
Pitt	25	38	-	63

Game 2 -- Florida State 63, Florida 51

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Fl. State	Min	FG	3FG	FT	O-D	Reb	F	A	T	B	S	Pts.
Gray	17	1-4	0-1	2-2	1-1	2	1	1	2	1	0	4
Osborne	25	2-2	0-0	2-3	4-5	9	2	1	1	1	0	6
Forrest	32	5-14	1-3	5-5	1-1	2	4	2	1	0	1	16
Walker	26	5-11	3-6	5-7	0-4	4	3	2	1	1	0	18
Vassell	32	4-9	0-3	2-4	1-4	5	2	2	1	1	0	10
Evans	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Polite	24	1-4	1-4	0-0	0-2	2	0	1	2	1	2	3
Williams	22	5-8	1-2	7-7	1-3	4	0	1	2	0	0	18
Koprivica	10	2-2	0-0	0-0	1-1	2	3	0	3	1	0	4
Wilkes	2	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Oleinniczak	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0
Team				0-2	2							
Totals	200	25-55	6-20	23-28	9-23	32	18	10	14	6	3	79

FG% - Western Carolina, .450, Florida State, .455. 3FG% - Western Carolina, .391, Florida State, .300. FT% - Western Carolina, .786. Florida State, .821. Technical Fouls: Western Carolina -- None. Florida State -- None. Referees - Mark Schnur, Lamar Simpson, Jermy Mosier

Western Carolina	43	31	-	74
Florida State	36	43	-	79

Game 4 -- Florida State 89, Chattanooga 53

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. -- Devin Vassell scored a career-high 17 points and pulled down a career-high eight rebounds while Patrick Williams added 16 points as Florida State cruised to an 89-53 rout of Chattanooga. Ole Miss graduate transfer Dominik Olejniczak scored his first points at Florida State, going five for six from the floor for 10 points and grabbed three rebounds. The Seminoles shot 34 of 65 (52.3%) from the floor. David Jean-Baptiste had 15 points for Chattanooga. Rod Johnson had 11 points and six rebounds for the Mocs, who shot 23 of 59 (39%).

Florida State 89, Chattanooga 53 Donald L. Tucker Center

Nov. 20, 2019

UTC	Min	FG	3FG	FT	O-D	Reb	F	A	T	B	S	Pts.
Johnson	25	5-13	1-6	0-0	1-5	6	0	1	1	1	0	11
Vila	26	4-6	0-0	0-0	0-2	2	2	1	0	2	0	8
Ryan	25	3-6	3-6	1-2	1-1	2	4	0	2	1	1	10
Jean-Baptiste	28	7-13	0-4	1-4	0-4	4	0	1	5	0	0	15
Commander	30	1-6	0-2	0-0	0-2	2	2	3	0	0	1	2
Scott	14	0-2	0-0	0-0	1-1	2	3	1	2	0	0	0
Doomes	12	1-3	0-1	0-0	1-3	4	3	0	3	0	0	2
Caldwell	11	0-2	0-2	0-0	0-1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
Brown	11	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-3	3	0	0	0	1	1	0
Ledford	10	1-4	0-2	0-0	2-0	2	2	0	3	0	0	2
Obidiebube	4	0-3	0-0	0-0	2-0	2	1	0	0	0	1	0
Tostado	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Smith	1	1-1	1-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Team				0-0	0							
Totals	200	23-59	5-24	2-6	8-22	30	17	8	16	5	4	53

Fl. State	Min	FG	3FG	FT	O-D	Reb	F	A	T	B	S	Pts.
Osborne	20	4-10	1-3	1-1	0-3	3	1	2	1	0	0	10
Wilkes	15	2-5	1-4	0-0	1-1	2	0	0	1	0	1	5
Polite	25	0-4	0-3	1-2	0-2	2	1	0	1	0	0	1
Forrest	30	2-4	0-1	1-2	0-4	4	1	7	4	2	1	5
Vassell	26	6-10	3-5	2-2	3-5	8	1	1	1	2	1	17
Evans	14	0-1	0-0	4-6	0-0	0	0	2	1	0	4	4
Williams	20	6-10	2-3	2-2	1-2	3	0	3	0	0	2	16
Koprivica	12	5-6	0-0	0-2	3-4	7	1	1	0	1	0	10
Jack	14	2-5	2-5	0-0	1-4	5	1	1	1	0	1	6
Olejniczak	8	5-6	0-0	0-0	2-1	3	1	0	0	0	0	10
Lindner	5	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	1	0	2	1	0	0	0
Light	3	1-1	1-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Prieto	3	1-1	0-0	0-0	0-1	1	0	0	0	0	0	2
Miles	3	0-2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Yates	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Team				0-2	2							
Totals	200	34-65	10-25	11-17	11-30	41	7	20	11	5	10	89

FG% - Chattanooga, .390, Florida State, .523. 3FG% - Chattanooga, .208, Florida State, .400. FT% - Chattanooga, .333. Florida State, .647. Technical Fouls: Chattanooga -- None. Florida State -- None. Referees - Ted Valentine, Brian Dorsey, Joff Pon

Chattanooga	29	24	-	53
Florida State	41	48	-	89

Game 5 -- Florida State 80, Saint Francis 65

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. -- Wyatt Wilkes scored a career-high 14 points while Trent Forrest added 13 points and five rebounds as Florida State defeated Saint Francis (Pa.) 80-65. A redshirt sophomore, Wilkes had scored just five points in four games this season before turning in an unexpected five of seven performance from the floor against the Red Flash. Wilkes also knocked down 3-of-5 3-pointers. Myles Thompson scored a career-high 23 points, knocking down 9 of 12 shots for Saint Francis. Thompson came into the game averaging eight points. Forrest was 7 of 7 at the free-throw line as the Seminoles continued to impress by going 15 of 17 at the charity stripe. Florida State came into the game as the only ACC team shooting better than 75 percent from the free-throw line. Freshman center Balsa Koprivica has had back-to-back double-digit scoring games, finishing with 11 points on 5 of 6 shooting versus the Red Flash. Florida State won its 35th straight non-conference home game, a streak that dates nearly five years.

Florida State 80, Saint Francis (Pa.) 65 Donald L. Tucker Center

Nov. 23, 2019

SFU	Min	FG	3FG	FT	O-D	Reb	F	A	T	B	S	Pts.
Thompson	31	9-12	4-5	1-1	0-4	4	1	0	3	0	1	23
Kuzavas	19	0-2	0-0	0-0	1-1	2	4	0	1	1	0	0
Meredith	28	1-8	1-6	0-0	0-1	1	2	2	3	0	0	3
Gaskins	24	2-3	1-2	2-2	0-2	2	3	1	2	0	2	7
Braxton	35	2-9	1-4	8-8	1-4	5	2	3	5	0	1	13
Stewart	24	5-15	2-4	2-2	2-2	4	0	1	2	1	2	14
Flagg	16	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	3	0	1	1	1	0
Dixon-Conver	13	0-2	0-0	0-0	1-1	2	1	1	4	0	1	0
Laskay	4	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0
Ikediashi	2	0-0	0-0	3-4	1-1	2	1	0	0	0	0	3
Labriola	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
Henry	1	1-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Team				3-0	3							
Totals	200	20-54	9-22	16-17	10-17	27	19	9	21	3	8	65

Fl. State	Min	FG	3FG	FT	O-D	Reb	F	A	T	B	S	Pts.
Osborne	24	3-7	3-5	0-0	1-3	4	2	0	1	2	0	9
Olejniczak	13	1-3	0-0	2-2	4-0	4	2	0	2	1	0	4
Polite	29	3-6	2-4	0-0	1-6	7	0	2	5	1	5	8
Forrest	26	3-7	0-1	7-7	1-4	5	1	4	3	0	2	13
Vassell	17	2-4	0-0	0-0	0-1	1	4	1	0	0	1	4
Williams	22	2-6	0-2	2-2	1-4	5	1	1	5	1	1	6
Koprivica	22	5-6	0-0	1-3	2-1	3	0	0	0	0	2	11
Evans	17	2-5	0-1	2-2	1-1	2	1	5	0	0	0	6
Wilkes	16	5-7	3-5	1-1	1-1	2	1	0	1	0	0	14
Jack	9	1-5	1-5	0-0	0-1	1	1	2	2	0	0	3
Prieto	2	0-2	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Lindner	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Light	1	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Miles	1	1-1	0-0	0-0	1-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Yates	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Team				2-1	3							
Totals	200	28-60	9-25	15-17	15-23	38	15	15	19	5	11	80

FG% - Saint Francis, .370, Florida State, .467. 3FG% - Saint Francis, .409, Florida State, .360. FT% - Saint Francis, .941. Florida State, .862. Technical Fouls: Saint Francis -- None. Florida State -- None. Referees - Mike Roberts, Jerry Heater, Earl Walton

Saint Francis	36	29	-	65
Florida State	48	32	-	80

Florida State freshman Patrick Williams 'Scratching The Surface' Of His Potential

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Florida State's Patrick Williams isn't a typical freshman.

The 6-foot-8, 225-pound forward from Charlotte, N.C. comes to Tallahassee with enormous expectations.

Williams was ranked as a five-star prospect out of West Charlotte High by the 247Sports composite rankings in the 2019 class, and he's already been projected as a first round pick in a 2020 mock draft by ESPN.

"He has all the tools to be a very, very special player at Florida State," FSU associate head coach Stan Jones told the *Democrat*.

"He's just scratching the surface of what he's going to become. I think he's the youngest freshman we've ever had come in. He's from a great family and he's got he's got great character. I'll be shocked if he doesn't just continue to grow and grow and do some spectacular things during the course of the season."

There's usually an adjustment period for highly-ranked prospects as they transition from high school to the college level.

Being able to take plays off on the defensive end, getting the ball every time down the court, and being the vocal point for the team is something many talented high school players get used to.

When they get to the college level, those things go away for most players and it can be a tough adjustment.

But FSU's coaches and players all agree that's not the case with Williams. He's got a team-first mentality and doesn't expect anything to be given to him.

"He is very similar in humility as Jonathan Isaac was, in the fact that he doesn't think he's good enough yet, which is a great characteristic," Jones said.

"When you have that healthy fear of where you are and what you want to become, I think that escalates your growth and development. He's never come in with any premonitions of where he should be playing or how much he should be playing. He just wants to become a better player like Jonathan was.

"He lets you coach him. He responds to coaching. He accepts instructions at an extremely at a high level and can give it back to you."

Isaac wasn't the only comparison that Jones made for Williams. He also said that he's a lot like former FSU forward Chris Singleton, who was also a first-round pick by the Washington Wizards.

He compared him to Singleton because of his ability on the defensive end of the court, though he also said Williams is further along offensively than Singleton was when he arrived at FSU.

"I've put him in a category with a couple pretty good Florida State players in Chris Singleton and Jonathan Isaac and he meets all the criteria that both those guys have done while they were here," Jones said.

FSU fans got their first introduction to Williams during the Seminoles' 95-66 exhibition win over Barry University.

It took him a little time to find his rhythm, but after he threw down his first dunk of the game, he settled in nicely.

Williams finished the game with 12 points, nine rebounds, and a block in just under 18 minutes of play. All five of his baskets came on dunks and he knocked down both of his free throw attempts.

"We expect a lot from him," redshirt sophomore forward RaiQuan Gray said.

"He's a great athlete. He has a high basketball IQ. He fits right into our system. He can run, jump, and shoot. We treat him like one of the vets so he's earned a lot of respect."

His athleticism was on full display as he flew through the air on his dunks as well as his effort rebounding and blocking shots.

Williams effort on the defensive end was something else that stood out about his game, but it didn't surprise his teammates.

If a player doesn't give the same effort on the defensive end of the court as he does on the offensive end, then that player isn't going to see the court much under FSU head coach Leonard Hamilton.

Williams has worked hard to be a good defender for the Seminoles and his efforts haven't gone unnoticed.

"He does good and with his athleticism, he can you guard one through five if he had to and one through four easily," senior point guard Trent Forrest said.

"He can block shots one through five and clean up the glass like probably one of the best on the team. I'll say he's probably one of our best shot blockers that we have, even with our seven footers. So just his athleticism and his ability to kind of get around the court with quick burst like he does is going to help us a lot."

Williams does have things that he needs to work on, including being more self-assertive when he has the ball. That's something he's been working on during fall practice and he's already made progress in that regard.

FSU knows that Williams is going to make some freshman mistakes this season. That comes with the territory no matter how talented a player is.

But there's a lot of confidence that when Williams does make a mistake, he won't make it twice.

"We've always kind of prided ourselves on having those kind of guys that can cover a lot of ground quickly and can cover a lot of space up high that other people can't get to and he certainly fits the mold in all those categories," Jones said.

"He'll just grow in confidence offensively once he starts figuring his spots out a little bit more and realizing where he is okay making mistakes and where he's going to learn from his mistakes and not make that one again."

Malik Osborne's Versatility Paying Dividends Early In His Florida State Career

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Days before his Florida State debut, Malik Osborne found out it would go a little differently than expected.

The redshirt sophomore on the FSU men's basketball team had worked all preseason with the guards as he transitioned away from the center role he played in high school and in his one year at Rice before transferring to FSU.

And yet, days before the Seminoles took on Pitt last Wednesday, he discovered that a calf strain to projected starting center Dominik Olejniczak would keep him out of the game.

While he had worked with the guards for the majority of the preseason, his 6-foot-9 frame paired with the inexperience of true freshman center Balsa Koprivica caused a change of plans. Osborne would start at center in his FSU debut.

"It was probably like a couple of days before when I heard that Dom was not gonna be able to play, so that it was like, 'Okay, you played big before at Rice and you had some experience,'" Osborne told the *Democrat*.

"It was pretty much like I was a vet big even though I wasn't practicing as a big already so based on my prior experiences, a couple of days before, that's when I knew. I was like, okay, it's time to start game-planning at the five.

"I never really knew I was gonna start and then I got the nod to start for the five so I was like you know it's not about just playing the five, it's about doing what I need to do at that position for what my team needs. It really wasn't a concern for me."

Despite the late change, Osborne has found instant success in a spot he didn't expect to play for the Seminoles (1-1, 0-1 in ACC). After a pair of road games to start the season, he'll finally make his home debut Friday at 7 p.m. against Western Carolina (2-1).

While Osborne transitioned away from playing the center position during his redshirt year, he's still got plenty of experience at the position.

He played center in high school as well as in his only year at Rice, averaging 9.0 points and 6.5 rebounds as a true freshman for the Owls.

This wealth of experience helped it all come back to him quickly when he and the Seminoles needed it most.

"At this point, it's second nature. The techniques, the footwork, all that stuff, it just comes naturally at that point because I've been doing it for so long and for so many reps... Nothing really went away and I'm thankful for it because it's helped our team," Osborne said.

"I'm still working on guard stuff in practice, but I'm also focused on the bigs right now because that's where immediate help and assistance is needed right now."

In his debut in FSU's 63-61 loss to Pitt, Osborne's offensive impact was minimal. He scored two points on four shots. However, he made a significant impact at the other end, wrangling a game-high nine rebounds -- four more than any other Seminole -- and blocking four shots.

Olejniczak was able to play in FSU's second game at Florida Sunday, but he remained limited enough that Osborne was called on to start again.

In his introduction to the FSU-UF rivalry, he made his impact felt as he finished with 10 points and played a major role in keeping SEC Preseason Player of the Year Kerry Blackshear Jr. from hitting a shot from the floor. Blackshear had 10 points, but they all came from the free-throw line.

"It's just huge to show the type of upside that he has and the type of ability, the type of player that he is to be able to go in and make an impact on the position that he's never really played at Florida State," sophomore Devin Vassell told the *Democrat*.

"I'm excited for him to just keep learning the spot because I know that once he really gets it, he's going to be a dominant force."

In short time, FSU head coach Leonard Hamilton has seen significant growth from Osborne in a role no one expected him to have to play entering preseason camp.

"When you are playing in our system, you get accustomed to working on your individual improvement areas, working on your game, thinking that this is what is needed for me to fit in and help our program. All of a sudden now, you lose Dominik and he's the next choice," Hamilton said.

"That was a tremendous adjustment for him. That didn't come easy because just to get in there, draw fouls, he was challenged by that early. A few more practices, I thought he got a little more comfortable. Those are some areas we need to work on because we need everybody to be comfortable in whatever position we put them in in relation to what we need in a particular game."

It's unclear whether FSU will ask Osborne to remain at center or return to more of a perimeter role once Olejniczak is fully healthy and ready to claim the starting center role.

It doesn't much matter to Osborne. He's going to have the same approach regardless.

"Everything is pretty much the same as far as my mindset, the aggression in and just going out and being who I am and that's just like a rebounder, a hustle player and an energy guy," Osborne said.

"I knew whether I was going to be a perimeter player or play in the post, that that was going to be my mindset regardless."