

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	1:00 p.m.
N15	Western Carolina	7:00 p.m.
N20	Chattanooga	6:30 p.m.
N23	Saint Francis (Pa.)	2:00 p.m.
N25	Chicago State	7:00 p.m.
N29	vs. Tennessee	7:00 p.m.
N30	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	534	427	.556	1987-Pr.
at Okla. State	56	63	.471	1987-90
at Miami	144	147	.495	1991-00
at Florida State	334	217	.606	2002-Pr.

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

NO. 6/6 FLORIDA GATORS (1-0, 0-0 SEC)
FRESH FROM FLORIDA SUNSHINE SHOWDOWN
EXACTECH ARENA AT THE O'CONNELL CENTER (10,133)
GAINESVILLE, FLORIDA
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2019; 1:00 P.M.
SEMINOLE IMG RADIO NETWORK (TOM BLOCK, KEITH JONES)
ESPN (KARL RAVECH, DICK VITALE)

"Trent Forrest is the coach on the floor. He's extremely confident and knowledgeable, and he has an awareness that separates him from a lot of players. He does all the dirty work. He does all the little things. He makes all the right comments. He looks at the game through a coach's eyes. There's no question about it: He's the consummate leader. He works as hard as anyone I've ever been around. His character, his leadership, his focus and his discipline give him a position on our team that I think affects us in so many different ways. In other words, his presence always gives us a chance."

Leonard Hamilton
Florida State Basketball

SEMINOLES LOOK FOR RECORD SIXTH CONSECUTIVE WIN AT FLORIDA

Florida State, which has won a school-record five consecutive games against Florida, travels to Gainesville to face the Gators in its second true road game of the season on Sunday, November 10, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. The Seminoles' five-game winning streak against the Gators began with a 65-63 win in Tallahassee on December 30, 2014. Florida State enters Sunday's game in the Fresh from Florida Sunshine Showdown after losing its season-opener for only the second time in the Leonard Hamilton era at Florida State. Hamilton is 16-2 in season opener at Florida State after the Seminoles fell at Pitt, 63-61, at the Petersen Evens Center in Pittsburgh. Florida State opens its 2019 home schedule as it plays the first of four consecutive games at the Donald L. Tucker Center on Friday, November 15 against Western Carolina at 7:00 p.m.

Florida State vs. Florida – The Seminoles' Current Five-Game Winning Streak

Date	Score	Site	Notes
Dec. 30, 2014	at Florida State 65, Florida 63	Tallahassee	FSU wins on UF own basket with 0.4 left
Dec. 29, 2015	Florida State 73, at Florida 71	Gainesville	FSU wins on Bacon jumper with 4.6 left
Dec. 11, 2016	at Florida State 83, Florida 78	Tallahassee	FSU wins on Dwayne Bacon's 24 points
Dec. 4, 2017	Florida State 83, at Florida 66	Gainesville	FSU wins on Terance Mann's 25 points
Nov. 6, 2018	at Florida State 81, Florida 60	Tallahassee	FSU leads by 35 in winning at home

FLORIDA STATE VS. FLORIDA – A SERIES HISTORY

Florida State enters its' annual game against Florida looking to extend their winning streak over the Gators to a series-record six straight victories. The Seminoles have defeated the Gators in each game played between the two teams since a 65-63 win in Tallahassee on December 30, 2014 and includes last season's 81-60 Seminole victory in Tallahassee. The Seminoles have won both of the last two games played between the two teams in Gainesville (73-71 on December 30, 2015 and 83-66 on December 4, 2017) and enter Sunday's game looking for their first three-game winning streak in Gainesville in school history. With the Seminoles' 81-60 win over the Gators in Tallahassee in 2018, Seminole head coach Leonard Hamilton has won a school-record nine games against Florida. The Gators are coached by Mike White, who is in his fifth season at Florida. White is 1-5 against Florida State during his career with a 1-2 record against the Seminoles while he was at Louisiana Tech (two NIT games) and an 0-3 record as the head coach at Florida. Jordan Mincy, who is in his third season as an assistant coach at Florida, has coached against Florida State five times – four with the Gators and once at Louisiana Tech during the 2014-15 season and is 0-5 against the Seminoles. Al Pinkins, who is in his second season as Florida's associate head coach, played for two seasons at NC State (1996 and 1997) against Florida State in the ACC. The Wolfpack and Pinkins were 3-2 against the Seminoles during his playing career. Darris Nichols, also an assistant coach on the Florida staff, has faced Florida State four times (all while at Florida) and is 0-4 against the Seminoles.

FLORIDA STATE IS THE ONLY TEAM IN THE NATION

Florida State is the only Power Five team in the nation to start the 2018-19 season with two true road games against Power Five teams. The Seminoles opened their season at Pitt on Wednesday.

LOOK FOR FLORIDA STATE TO...

...Defeat Florida and win its sixth consecutive game against the Gators. A win by the Seminoles would double their previous longest winning streak against Florida (three straight wins 1969-78-79; 95-96-97; 06-07-08);
 ...Defeat Florida and give Seminole Head Coach Leonard Hamilton his 10th victory over Florida – his record against the Gators as Florida State's head coach is 9-8;
 ...Defeat Florida and win its fifth consecutive game against a team from the state of Florida. The Seminoles earned two wins over Miami and one against Florida during the 2018-19 season and its last game against Miami during the 2017-18 season.

Florida State Basketball / National Polls

ASSOCIATED PRESS POLL

Rk.	Team	18-19 Rec.
1.	Michigan State (60)	32-7
2.	Kentucky (2)	30-7
3.	Kansas (3)	26-10
4.	Duke	32-6
5.	Louisville	20-14
6.	Florida	26-10
7.	Maryland	23-11
8.	Gonzaga	33-4
9.	North Carolina	29-7
10.	Villanova	26-10
11.	Virginia	35-3
12.	Seton Hall	20-14
13.	Texas Tech	31-7
14.	Memphis	22-14
15.	Oregon	25-13
16.	Baylor	20-14
17.	Utah State	28-7
18.	Ohio State	20-15
19.	Xavier	19-16
20.	Saint Mary's	22-12
21.	Arizona	23-11
22.	LSU	28-7
23.	Purdue	26-10
24.	Auburn	30-10
25.	VCU	25-8

ARV – Florida State (30th place)

USA TODAY POLL

Rk.	Team	Points
1.	Michigan State (30)	792
2.	Kentucky	734
3.	Kansas (1)	687
4.	Duke (1)	683
5.	Louisville	670
6.	Florida	619
7.	Gonzaga	544
8.	Maryland	536
9.	Virginia	532
10.	Villanova	531
11.	North Carolina	503
12.	Texas Tech	417
13.	Seton Hall	403
14.	Oregon	344
15.	Memphis	331
16.	Ohio State	280
17.	Arizona	229
18.	Baylor	228
19.	Utah State	218
20.	Saint Mary's	163
21.	Xavier	149
22.	Purdue	123
23.	Auburn	105
24.	LSU	86
25.	Tennessee	74

ARV – Florida State (29th 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 WITH 69 WINS OVER RANKED TEAMS

Florida State's Leonard Hamilton enters Sunday's game at No. 6/6 Florida with looking for his 70th career win over a nationally ranked team. He earned two wins over ranked teams 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 534 wins have come against nationally ranked teams (69 of 534, .129 percent).

FLORIDA STATE WITH SIX VICTORIES OVER AP TOP 25 TEAMS IN 2018-19

Florida State enters its game against No. 6/6 Florida after defeating six nationally ranked opponents during the 2018-19 season. The Seminoles won a school-record seven games against nationally ranked opponents during the 2016-17 season and have defeated 50 nationally ranked opponents under head coach Leonard Hamilton.

Florida State's Wins 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
February 9, 2019	Louisville	No. 16/17	Florida State, 80-75 (OT)
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

FLORIDA STATE WITH SIX WINS OVER NATIONALLY RANKED FLORIDA TEAMS

Including wins over top-10 ranked Florida teams in 2006 and 2017, the Seminoles have six wins over nationally ranked Florida teams in the history of the Florida State/Florida rivalry. The Seminoles have two wins over nationally ranked teams including an 83-66 win over the No. 5 Gators on December 4, 2017 -- the last time the two teams met in Gainesville.

Florida State's Wins Over Nationally Ranked Florida Teams

Date	Site	UF Ranking	Final Score
Dec. 3, 1988	Tallahassee, Fla.	No. 19	Florida State, 104-86
Dec. 3, 2006	Tallahassee, Fla.	No. 4	Florida State, 70-66
Nov. 23, 2007	Gainesville, Fla.	No. 25	Florida State, 65-51
Dec. 7, 2008	Tallahassee, Fla.	No. 23	Florida State, 57-55
Dec. 11, 2016	Tallahassee, Fla.	No. 21	Florida State, 83-78
Dec. 4, 2017	Gainesville, Fla.	No. 5	Florida State, 83-66

HAMILTON BEGINS SEASON AS SEVENTH WINNINGEST COACH IN ACC HISTORY

With 334 career victories during his tenure at Florida State, 18th-year Head Coach Leonard Hamilton enters the Seminoles' game at Florida on Sunday as the seventh all-time winningest coach in ACC history. He needs only 15 wins to move into sixth place in ACC history (passing Maryland's Lefty Driesell) and only 16 wins to become just the sixth coach in the illustrious history of the nation's best basketball conference to win 350 career ACC 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
4.	Roy Williams, North Carolina	453
5.	Bobby Cremins, Georgia Tech	354
6.	Lefty Driesell, Maryland	348
7.	Leonard Hamilton, Florida State	334

SEMINOLES WITH SIX BLOCKED SHOTS IN ACC OPENER AGAINST PITT

Redshirt sophomore Malik Osborne blocked a career-high four shots and the Seminoles blocked a total of six shots in its ACC opener against Pitt. It marked the third straight game (also in the 2019 NCAA Tournament against Murray State and in the Sweet 16 against Gonzaga) that Florida State's players combined to block six shots. It marked the 11th time their last 38 games that the Seminoles had blocked six or more shots in a game.

SEMINOLES START HOT FROM THE FREE THROW LINE

Led by junior M.J. Walker's four of four performance from the line against Pitt, the Seminoles made 13 of 15 free throws for a shooting percentage of .867 in their ACC season opener against Pitt on Tuesday night. The Seminoles made their first eight free throws of the game before missing.

**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 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

167 (career at Florida State)

+14 (Needs)

181

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

Trent Forrest

Career Assists

333 (career at Florida State)

+29 (Needs)

362

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

Trent Forrest

Career Points

797 (career at Florida State)

+203 (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

85 (career at Florida State)

+15 (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

85 (career at Florida State)

+9 (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	#1	RaiQuan Gray (7.0 ppg and 3.0 rpg; 2 pts and 0 rebs vs. Florida, November 6, 2018)
F	#10	Malik Osborne (2.0 ppg and 9.0 rpg; First career game against Florida)
G	#3	Trent Forrest (19.0 ppg and 2.0 apg; 13 pts and 1 steal vs. Florida, November 6, 2018)
G	#23	M.J. Walker (4.0 ppg and 4.5 rpg; 10 pts and 3 asts vs. Florida, November 6, 2018)
G	#24	Devin Vassell (14.0 ppg and 2.0 rpg; 3 pts and 1 stl vs. Florida, November 6, 2018)

...AND TOP RESERVES

G	#0	RayQuan Evans (18.2 ppg and 7.4 rpg; First career game against Florida)
G	#2	Anthony Polite (8.0 ppg and 3.3 rpg; 5 pts and 1 reb vs. Florida, November 6, 2018)
F	#4	Patrick Williams (5.0 ppg and 3.0 rpg; First career game against Florida)
G	#11	Nathanael Jack (0.0 ppg and 1.0 rpg; First career game against Florida)
F	#30	Harrison Prieto (0.0 ppg and 1.0 rpg; 0 pts and 0 rebs vs. Florida, November 6, 2018)
G	#31	Wyatt Wilkes (0.0 ppg and 2.0 rpg; 2 pts and 3 asts vs. Florida, November 6, 2018)
C	#15	Dominik Olejniczak (0.0 ppg and 0.0 rpg; 6 pts and 2 rebs vs. Florida, January 30, 2018)

POSSIBLE STARTING LINEUP FOR FLORIDA

F	#11	Keyontae Johnson (7.0 ppg, 7.0 rpg; 4 pts and 3 rebs vs. Florida State, November 6, 2019)
F	#24	Kerry Blackshear (20.0 ppg, 10.0 rpg;
G	#1	Tre Mann (11.0 ppg, 4.0 rpg; First career game against Florida State)
G	#2	Andrew Nembhard (2.0 ppg, 4.0 rpg; 12 pts and 4 asts vs. Florida State, November 6, 2019)
G	#10	Noah Locke (14.0 ppg, 2.0 rpg; 4 pts and 1 reb vs. Florida State, November 6, 2019)

FLORIDA STATE VS. FLORIDA-- A SERIES HISTORY

The Series:	Florida leads, 43-27
First Game:	December 29, 1951; Florida 61, Florida State 51
Last Game:	November 6, 2018; at Florida State 81, Florida 60
Last Florida State Win:	November 6, 2018; at Florida State 81, Florida 60
Last Florida Win:	November 29, 2013; at Florida 67, Florida State 66
Last Florida State Win in Gainesville:	December 4, 2017; Florida State 83, at Florida 66
Last Florida Win in Gainesville:	November 29, 2013; at Florida 67, Florida State 66
Current Streak:	Florida State has won 5
Current Streak in Gainesville:	Florida State has won 2

FLORIDA STATE VS. FLORIDA – THE LAST FOUR GAMES

<u>Nov. 6, 2018</u>	<u>Dec. 4, 2017</u>	<u>Dec. 11, 2016</u>	<u>Dec. 29, 2015</u>
at Florida State 81	Florida State 83	at Florida State 83	Florida State 73
Florida 60	at Florida 66	Florida 78	at Florida 71

FLORIDA STATE VS. FLORIDA – THE LAST GAME

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 on November 6, 2018 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. The Seminoles also had nine steals and held Florida to just 19 of 53 from the floor.

TODAY'S OFFICIALS

Today's referee is Doug Shows and the umpires are Mike Eades and Tony Greene

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.	Tourna, 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)

11 SEMINOLES EARN PLAYING TIME IN SEASON OPENER AT PITT

A total of 11 Seminoles earned playing time for the Seminoles in their season opener at Pitt on Wednesday night. The Seminoles had four players on the court for the first time as Seminoles (Malik Osborne, Patrick Williams, Balsa Koprivica and Nathanael Jack) with Devin Vassell earning the first start of his career in a Florida State uniform.

Quoting Florida State Men's Basketball

"Trent Forrest returns to Tallahassee for his fourth and final season as one of the most physically-imposing guards in America. A downhill driver of the basketball, Forrest really stands out on the other end of the floor, though; he's a dogged defender who can check multiple positions and disrupt."

Brian Geisinger
ACCSports.com

"Trent Forrest is a wickedly physical and intelligent player."

Brian Geisinger
ACCSports.com

"Under-The-Radar Freshman: Florida State's Patrick Williams. Well embedded moles in Tallahassee feel the 6-8 SF is potentially as talented a first year wing as both Dwayne Bacon and Malik Beasley. The ACC has been put on notice."

Jon Rothstein
CBSSports

"Leonard Hamilton always has players."

Rick Bozic
WDRB.Com

"The cast changes but the show goes on for the ageless Leonard Hamilton. FSU will be big, deep and athletic again."

Joe Giglio
Raleigh News and Observer

"Not only is he (Nathanael Jack) a Trent Forrest-type leader on the floor, he has the level of confidence offensively to be a major contributor in ways that are similar to what David (Nichols) gave us last year. That confidence of being a little older, more mature guy who's not overwhelmed by the moment — we expect that level of maturity from him."

Leonard Hamilton
Florida State Basketball

"Devin Vassell is fearless. He plays with an extreme amount of confidence. He's one of those youngsters that seems to not be affected by the pressures of the moment. He seems to relish that. He has this tremendous desire to improve."

Leonard Hamilton
Florida State Basketball

"I think he (Patrick Williams) comes to us with a skill set that allows him to be a major contributor immediately. We're going to allow his skills and ability to contribute wherever we feel that he's most comfortable. From a physical standpoint, he's right at 6-8 with ball-handling and passing skills. He has a tremendously high basketball IQ. He's a very good student. Coming from West Charlotte, he's played in a lot of big games."

Leonard Hamilton
Florida State Basketball

"I think he (Patrick Williams) has a complete skill set. He's as advertised."

Leonard Hamilton
Florida State Basketball

TWO FLORIDIANS IN FLORIDA STATE'S STARTING LINEUP

A pair of Floridians – redshirt sophomore RaiQuan Gray (Ft. Lauderdale) and senior Trent Forrest (Chipley) will be in Florida State's starting lineup when they face Florida in the Fresh from Florida Sunshine Showdown in Gainesville on Sunday. A pair of Seminole reserves – Wyatt Wilkes and Will Miles – call Orlando their home while redshirt junior Travis Light (IMG Academy in Bradenton) and freshman Balsa Kaprivica (Montverde Academy in Montverde, Fla) attended high school in the state of Florida.

FORREST LEADS SEMINOLES IN SCORING AGAINST PITT

Senior guard Trent Forrest scored a game-high 19 points against Pitt on Wednesday – the 16th time in his last 38 games (since the start of the 2018-19 season) that he has reached double figure scoring. It marked the fifth time in Forrest's career that he had scored at least 19 points and the second consecutive game he has scored 19 points at Pitt. Forrest scored 19 points against the Panthers on January 14, 2019 and averages 13.5 points in four games with double figure scoring in three of his four career game against the Panthers.

Forrest's Top Five Career Scoring Games

Rank	Points	Opponent	Date	Outcome
1.	23	Southeast Missouri	December 17, 2018	FSU, 85-69
2.	21	Boston College	March 3, 2018	FSU, 85-76
3.	20	Gonzaga	March 28, 2019	Gonzaga, 72-58
4.	19	at Pitt	January 14, 2019	Pitt, 75-62
	19	at Pitt	November 6, 2019	Pitt, 61-53

FORREST MOVING TOWARDS ALL-TIME TOP 10 FOR STEALS AND ASSISTS

Senior Trent Forrest enters Sunday's game against Florida ranked ninth in school history with 167 career steals and 14th in school history with 333 career assists. He needs just 28 assists to move into the Seminoles' all-time career-top 10 for assists. Should Forrest move into the top 10 for both categories, he will be only the fourth player in school history (Delvon Arrington, Bob Sura and Charlies Ward) to rank in Florida State's top 10 for both steals AND assists.

VASSELL MOVES INTO THE STARTING LINEUP

Sophomore Devin Vassell earned the first starting assignment of his career against Pitt on Wednesday night and responded with 14 points, 2 rebounds and 1 assist. All of his 14 points came in the second half and he played only 1:43 of the first half after being saddled with two early first half fouls. It marked the fifth time in his career that he had scored in double figure points with his 14-point total against Pitt tying for his second-highest scoring total of his career.

VASSELL FROM THE 3-POINT LINE

Sophomore Devin Vassell was a perfect two-of-two from the 3-point line in the Seminoles' game at Pitt on Wednesday night in the Seminoles' season-opener. It marked the eighth time in his career that he had made multiple 3-point shots in a single game as he raised his career 3-point shooting percentage to .438.

Vassell Perfecting The 3-Point Shot

Season	3FGM	3FGA	Pct.	Notes
2018-19	26	62	.419	Career-high 4 3FGM in win over Va. Tech in 2019 ACC Tourn.
2019-20	2	2	1.000	Was a perfect two of two vs. Pitt in 2020 season opener
Totals	28	64	.438	Averages 0.8 3FGM/Game in 34-game career

VASSELL ENJOYS HIS BEST SHOOTING NIGHT FROM THE FIELD

In scoring 14 points against Pitt, sophomore Devin Vassell made his first six field goal attempts of the night as he enjoyed the best shooting game of his now 34-game career. His six of seven shooting night (.857 percent) helped him raise his career field goal shooting percentage to .452.

Vassell From The Field

Season	FGM	FGA	Pct.	Notes
2018-19	51	119	.437	Season-high 5 FGM vs. SE Missouri, Notre Dame, Virginia Tech
2019-20	6	7	.857	Career-high 6 FGM vs. Pitt
Totals	57	126	.452	Double figure scoring in six career games

OSBORNE ESTABLISHES CAREER-BEST FOR BLOCKED SHOTS

Redshirt sophomore Malik Osborne blocked a game-high four shots against Pitt to establish a personal best with his four blocked shots coming in his first game since March 3, 2018 as a freshman at Rice against Texas San Antonio. His four blocked shots were the most by a Seminole in a season opener since Christ Koumadje sent back five shots in Florida State's 87-67 win over George Washington on November 14, 2017. It was also the most blocks by a player making his Seminole debut since Andre Reid totaled six blocked shots in a 95-71 win over Texas Southern on November 27, 1990.

OSBORNE PULLS DOWN GAME-HIGH NINE REBOUNDS AGAINST PITT

Redshirt sophomore Malik Osborne earned a game-high nine rebounds in the Seminoles' season opener at Pitt on Wednesday night. His nine rebounds marked the sixth time in his collegiate career that he had pulled down nine rebounds or more with his career-high of 13 coming against Texas San Antonio on December 28, 2017 and against Marshall on February 15, 2018.

POLITE EARNS PLAYING TIME; SCORES EIGHT POINTS AGAINST PITT

Redshirt sophomore Anthony Polite tied his career-high with 25 minutes of playing time and totaled eight points in Florida State's season-opener against Pitt. His eight points against the Panthers ranks as his ACC career-high for points and marks the fourth time in his career that he has scored eight points or more. Polite has now scored eight points or more in two of his last three games as he totaled his career-high of nine points in the Seminoles 90-52 win over Murray State in the second round of the NCAA Tournament on March 23, 2019.



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

Game Records

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

Score by Periods

Team	1st	2nd	OT	TOT
Florida St.	25	36	0	61
Opponents	25	38	0	63

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	1	1	39	39.0	8	17	.471	1	3	.333	2	3	.667	0	2	2	2.0	2	0	2	5	1	2	19	19.0	
24	VASSELL, Devin	1	1	21	21.0	6	7	.857	2	2	1.000	0	0	.000	2	0	2	2.0	2	0	1	1	0	0	14	14.0	
13	POLITE, Anthony	1	0	25	25.0	2	10	.200	2	6	.333	2	2	1.000	0	3	3	3.0	3	0	0	4	0	1	8	8.0	
01	GRAY, RaiQuan	1	1	27	27.0	3	6	.500	0	2	.000	1	2	.500	2	1	3	3.0	5	1	2	1	0	0	7	7.0	
4	WILLIAMS, Patrick	1	0	27	27.0	1	4	.250	1	2	.500	2	2	1.000	1	2	3	3.0	1	0	0	1	1	0	5	5.0	
23	WALKER, M.J.	1	1	16	16.0	0	4	.000	0	2	.000	4	4	1.000	0	5	5	5.0	4	0	0	0	0	0	4	4.0	
10	OSBRONE, Malik	1	1	23	23.0	1	4	.250	0	2	.000	0	0	.000	2	7	9	9.0	5	1	0	1	4	0	2	2.0	
5	KOPRIVICA, Balsa	1	0	6	6.0	0	0	.000	0	0	.000	2	2	1.000	1	0	1	1.0	5	1	0	1	0	0	2	2.0	
31	WILKES, Wyatt	1	0	8	8.0	0	1	.000	0	1	.000	0	0	.000	1	1	2	2.0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0.0	
30	PRIETO, Harrison	1	0	5	5.0	0	0	.000	0	0	.000	0	0	.000	0	1	1	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	
11	JACK, Nathanael	1	0	3	3.0	0	0	.000	0	0	.000	0	0	.000	0	1	1	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	
0	EVANS, RayQuan	1	0	2	2.0	0	0	.000	0	0	.000	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.0	
Team														1	2	3					0						
Total		1				21-53	.396	6-20	.300	13-15	.867	10	25	35	35.0	27	3	6	14	6	4	61	61.0				
Opponents		1				16-51	.314	9-26	.346	22-31	.710	13	24	37	37.0	16	-	11	13	1	5	63	63.0				

Team Statistics

	FSU	OPP
Scoring	61	63
Points per game	61	63.0
Scoring margin	-2.0	-
Field goals-att	21-53	16-51
Field goal pct	.396	.314
3 point fg-att	6-20	9-26
3-point FG pct	.300	.346
3-pt FG made per game	6.0	9.0
Free throws-att	13-15	22-31
Free throw pct	.867	.710
F-Throws made per game	13.0	22.0
Rebounds	35	37
Rebounds per game	35.0	37.0
Rebounding margin	-2.0	-
Assists	6	11
Assists per game	6.0	11.0
Turnovers	14	13
Turnovers per game	14.0	13.0
Turnover margin	-1.0	-
Assist/turnover ratio	0.4	0.8
Steals	4	5
Steals per game	4.0	5.0
Blocks	6	1
Blocks per game	6.0	1.0
Winning streak	0	-
Home win streak	0	-
Attendance	0	9016
Home games-Avg/Game	0-0	1-9016
Neutral site-Avg/Game	-	0-0

Team Results

Date	Opponent	Score	Att.
11/06/19	at Pittsburgh	L 61-63	9016



**2019-20 Florida St. Men's Basketball
Team Game-by-Game
All games**

Opponent	Date	Score	Total		3-Pointers		Free throws		Rebounds										
			FG-FGA	PCT	3FG-FGA	PCT	FT-FTA	PCT	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG	PF	A	T/O	BLK	STL	PTS	AVG
at Pittsburgh	11/06/19	61-63 L	21-53	.396	6-20	.300	13-15	.867	10	25	35	35.0	27	6	14	6	4	61	61.0
Total		61	21-53	.396	6-20	.300	13-15	.867	10	25	35	35.0	27	6	14	6	4	61	61.0
Opponents		63	16-51	.314	9-26	.346	22-31	.710	13	24	37	37.0	16	11	13	1	5	63	63.0

Team Averages

Games Played	Points/game	FG Pct	3FG Pct	FT Pct	Rebounds/game	Assists/game	Turnovers/game	Assist/Turnover ratio	Steals/game	Blocks/game
1	61.0	39.6	30.0	86.7	35.0	6.0	14.0	0.4	4.0	6.0



2019-20 Florida St. Men's Basketball
Points-Rebounds-Assists
All games

Florida St. Points-Rebounds-Assists

Opponent	Date	Score	01 GRAY,RAIQU	03 FORREST,TR	4 WILLIAMS,	5 KOPRIVICA,	10 OSBRONE,MA	11 JACK,NATHA
at Pittsburgh	11/06/19	61-63 L	7-3-2	19-2-2	5-3-0	2-1-0	2-9-0	0-1-0
Opponent	Date	Score	13 POLITE,ANT	23 WALKER,M,J	24 VASSELL,DE	30 PRIETO,HAR	31 WILKES,WYA	
at Pittsburgh	11/06/19	61-63 L	8-3-0	4-5-0	14-2-1	0-1-0	0-2-1	

**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 shined 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
Scerbinskis	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
Lindhner	16	0-0	0-0	0-2	0-1	1	2	3	2	0	0	0
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
Illies	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 Stynons, 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	2	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	3	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
Lindhner	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
Peterson 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	0-2	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	10-25	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	1	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
Champagne	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 -- Champagne. Referees - Ted Valentine, Mike Stephens, Tony Henderson

Florida State	25	36	-	61
Pitt	25	38	-	63

Healthy Florida State Point Guard Trent Forrest Ready To Lead The Seminoles

By Wayne McGahee
Tallahassee Democrat
Sept. 26, 2019

There's been a changing of the guard for the Florida State men's basketball team.

Terance Mann and Phil Cofer have graduated after leading the Seminoles for the last two seasons.

Enter senior Trent Forrest.

Forrest has been a key part of FSU's rotation since he arrived at FSU before the 2016-17 season. He came off the bench his first two years as a member of the "Boom Squad" and never complained.

Last year, he dealt with a debilitating toe injury that threatened his ability to play six games in to the season. He didn't miss a single game.

He's earned this role and he's ready to fill it.

"I feel like those guys were able to kind of respect that and see what type of guy I was," Forrest said.

"I would do kind of whatever to help the team win. I feel like that definitely helped me get to where I am now with those guys being able to lead them."

Pain was something Forrest got very used to last season.

Forrest had the cartilage torn completely off the bone of his big toe on his left foot against Villanova on Nov. 25, 2018.

The Seminoles played 31 more games before their season came to an end in the Sweet 16 against Gonzaga on March 28, 2019. Forrest played in all of them and averaged 29.9 minutes per game for the season.

He put the team on his back against the Bulldogs with 20 points, five rebounds, four assists, three steals, and a block in the final game of the season trying to carry them to victory on one foot.

"It's kind of hard to just because I'm just the guy that wants to play so bad," Forrest said.

"But just kind of looking back on it, it is kind of amazing... After talking to the doctors and them telling me how severe it really was, it's definitely amazing that I was able to play."

With every step, pain flared. Every landing was excruciating. Every trip down the court took every bit of his determination.

But he kept on taking those steps, unwilling to let his team down.

"He wasn't even supposed to be walking on it, let alone be able to play on it," FSU sophomore guard Devin Vassell told the *Democrat*.

"So it's being able to see him and how he is fighting for us to show us the love of the game that he has for us because he was risking playing on that one toe. It could have really been worse for him, but he was playing for us. So, I really respect that."

Forrest was third on the team averaging 9.3 points per game for the 2018-19 season and led the team averaging 3.7 assists per game. He also added 4.5 rebounds per game.

Overall, he was one of the most important players on the court for the Seminoles despite the injury limiting what he was able to do.

He had surgery to repair his toe after the season ended, and the doctors had to remove the cartilage that was in his toe and completely replace it.

"Trent's probably one of my closest friends of the team, so I knew like kind of what he was going through, but you actually don't know until you're in his shoes," redshirt sophomore forward RaiQuan Gray told the *Democrat*.

"But when he told the dudes how they had to go in and fix everything, I was shocked. I don't know how anybody can run on that for that long of a time period. He got through that so he's tough, He's a warrior. We've got so much respect for him. That's our guy."

Since then, he's been getting back slowly into shape.

He wasn't able to run, but that didn't stop him from putting in the work in the weight room to overcome the injury. He's finally started to get back to feeling like his old self in recent weeks, and he's going to be ready to go when the Seminoles start practice for the 2019-20 season Saturday.

"For the first couple months, while I was in my boot and my cast, I could really just weight train," Forrest said.

"So I would try to make sure I went as hard as I could in the weight room, just upper body stuff. So I could get kind of quick short bursts or like conditioning with that. And then just once I was able to kind of start back running and stuff to some light jogging and getting on the bike. And it was just a lot of stuff like that..."

Forrest already had the respect of his teammates before the injury, but his determination and effort last season took it to a completely different level.

Forrest has been a FSU-first type of player from the moment he arrived on campus.

FSU coach Leonard Hamilton even went as far as calling him a "True Seminole" last season as he went through his injury but kept playing.

This is his team and everyone is ready for him to lead it.

"Trent is definitely the leader of this team," Vassell said.

"I mean, you can see it in his actions. You can see it when he speaks to us. Everybody listens and has respect for him. He comes into practice, and whenever he says something, we all do it."

FSU may have lost three starters from a season ago, but the goal hasn't changed.

After making the Elite Eight two seasons ago and the Sweet 16 last season, FSU has its eyes on more than that. They want to win a national title.

And they want to do it for their senior leader, who's laid so much on the line for them the last three years.

"We want to send him out on the right note," Gray said.

"Our common goal, our main goal is to win a national championship for him and Coach Ham. So we want to send Trent out on a high note. Let him have season that he wants to have. We want to be behind him 110%. That's our leader and we want to go with him."

Florida State Basketball Guard Devin Vassell Becoming A More All-Around Player

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Florida State guard Devin Vassell has ice in his veins.

As a freshman, the moment was never too big for him and he never backed down even during the Seminoles' run to the Sweet 16.

After playing the sharp-shooter role on last year's team, he wants to become an all-around player in his second year.

"Just play as hard as I can on defense and not really worry about offense," Vassell told the *Democrat*.

"Just try and get all the little things like the deflections, the steals, and rebounds and just all the little things to help our team win."

Despite being a freshman, Vassell was the top shooter on FSU's roster a season ago.

He knocked down 41.9% of the threes he took. No other player shot over 39% from beyond the arc last season.

Vassell connected on 26 of the 62 three-point shots he took, and all 26 were assisted. His ability to catch and shoot immediately is a valuable weapon for the FSU offense.

"It's a lot of hours I just did with coach C.Y. (Charlton Young) and coach (Stan) Jones and just with the whole coaching staff," Vassell said.

"I'll just say that credit to them to, you know, get me to where I am and I just keep working every day."

FSU needs Vassell to step up this season after losing half of last year's roster to graduation and the NBA.

With six newcomers, Vassell is one of the more experienced players on the roster, at least from a playing at FSU standpoint.

But he's not only stepped up his play on the court. He's become one of the leaders of the locker room despite being one of the youngest players on the roster.

"We expect him to continue the improvement that he showed us from the beginning of the season last year until now," FSU coach Leonard Hamilton said.

"The difference that I expect to see from Devin is his maturity, his confidence. He is a lot more vocal. He's becoming a guy who is the voice in the background who's consistently vocal enough to help guys remember exactly what he's supposed to do. He's been outspoken, as much as any sophomore that I've seen."

The system that FSU runs requires the players to be in top shape due to the effort that they have to play with when they're on the court.

The Seminoles rotate players constantly and players are supposed to give everything they have for around a four-minute stretch before coming off for the next wave of players.

The pace of the game and the effort that FSU requires was one of the things that were the hardest to adjust to last season, according to Vassell.

He's put in a lot of work this off-season to make sure he's ready for it as a sophomore.
"I probably gained about 10-15 pounds over the summer," Vassell said.

"I've just been really working on my defense to be able to guard one through four and just be able to switch it and be the match-up problem on offense and on defense."

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."