

### 2019-20 Florida State Schedule/Results

<b>O22</b>	<b>1 Barry University</b>	<b>W, 95-66</b>
<b>N1</b>	<b>1 Columbus State</b>	<b>W, 84-54</b>
<b>N6</b>	<b>* at Pittsburgh</b>	<b>L, 61-63</b>
<b>N10</b>	<b>at Florida</b>	<b>W, 63-51</b>
<b>N15</b>	<b>Western Carolina</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>
<b>N20</b>	<b>Chattanooga</b>	<b>6:30 p.m.</b>
<b>N23</b>	<b>Saint Francis (Pa.)</b>	<b>2:00 p.m.</b>
<b>N25</b>	<b>Chicago State</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>
<b>N29</b>	<b>vs. Tennessee</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>
<b>N30</b>	<b>vs. Purdue/VCU</b>	<b>TBA</b>
<b>D3</b>	<b>at Indiana</b>	<b>9:00 p.m.</b>
<b>D8</b>	<b>* Clemson</b>	<b>2:00 p.m.</b>
<b>D17</b>	<b>North Florida</b>	<b>8:30 p.m.</b>
<b>D21</b>	<b>USF</b>	<b>12 Noon</b>
<b>D28</b>	<b>North Alabama</b>	<b>2:00 p.m.</b>
<b>D31</b>	<b>* Georgia Tech</b>	<b>12 Noon</b>
<b>J4</b>	<b>* at Louisville</b>	<b>2:00 p.m.</b>
<b>J8</b>	<b>* at Wake Forest</b>	<b>7:30 p.m.</b>
<b>J15</b>	<b>* Virginia</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>
<b>J18</b>	<b>* at Miami</b>	<b>12 Noon</b>
<b>J25</b>	<b>* Notre Dame</b>	<b>8:00 p.m.</b>
<b>J28</b>	<b>* at Virginia</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>
<b>F1</b>	<b>* at Virginia Tech</b>	<b>4:00 p.m.</b>
<b>F3</b>	<b>* North Carolina</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>
<b>F8</b>	<b>* Miami</b>	<b>12 Noon</b>
<b>F10</b>	<b>* at Duke</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>
<b>F15</b>	<b>* Syracuse</b>	<b>12 Noon</b>
<b>F18</b>	<b>* Pittsburgh</b>	<b>8:00 p.m.</b>
<b>F22</b>	<b>* at NC State</b>	<b>4:00 p.m.</b>
<b>F24</b>	<b>* Louisville</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>
<b>F29</b>	<b>* at Clemson</b>	<b>2:00 p.m.</b>
<b>M4</b>	<b>* at Notre Dame</b>	<b>9:00 p.m.</b>
<b>M7</b>	<b>* Boston College</b>	<b>4:30 p.m.</b>
<b>M</b>	<b>ACC Tournament</b>	<b>TBA</b>
	<b>Greensboro, N.C.</b>	

\*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
<b>Florida State</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>.722</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>.784</b>
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	535	427	.556	1987-Pr.
at Okla. State	56	63	.471	1987-90
at Miami	144	147	.495	1991-00
<b>at Florida State</b>	<b>335</b>	<b>217</b>	<b>.607</b>	<b>2002-Pr.</b>

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

VS

### WESTERN CAROLINA CATAMOUNTS (2-1, 0-0 SOUTHERN CONFERENCE)

DONALD L. TUCKER CENTER (11,500)

TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2019; 7:00 P.M.

SEMINOLE IMG RADIO NETWORK (GENE DECKERHOFF, KEITH JONES)

FOX SPORTS (CHIP CAREY, MIKE GMINSKI)

*"They're (Florida State) a very aggressive team; it's a high character group. Those guys play hard all the time, they made it tough on us."*

*Kerry Blackshear*

*Florida Basketball*

*SEC Preseason Player of the Year*

### SEMINOLES OPEN HOME SEASON AS THEY PLAY HOST TO WESTERN CAROLINA FRIDAY

Florida State plays host to Western Carolina on November 15, 2019 at the Donald L. Tucker Center in Tallahassee in the home opener for the Seminoles. The Seminoles began the season as the only Power 5 team to play two true road games against Power 5 opponents and will play Western Carolina in their first of four consecutive home games. Florida State plays host to Western Carolina, Chattanooga in Game 1 of the Emerald Coast Classic (November 20 at 6:30 p.m.), Saint Francis of Pennsylvania (November 23) and Chicago State in Game 2 of the Emerald Coast Classic (November 25) before playing away from home on November 29 against Tennessee in Niceville, Fla., at the Semifinal Round of the Emerald Coast Classic.

### FLORIDA STATE VS. WESTERN CAROLINA – CONNECTIONS

Florida State plays host to Western Carolina on November 15, 2019 at the Donald L Tucker Center. The game between the Seminoles and the Catamounts is the third in the series that dates back to December 7, 1985 (a 91-83 Florida State win) and is the first between the two teams since December 8, 2001. Mark Prosser is in his second season as the Catamounts' Head Coach. He came to Western Carolina for the 2018-19 season after six seasons at Winthrop – a common opponent for the Seminoles. Prosser was 0-1 against the Seminoles on the Eagles bench – the only game was a 100-86 win by the Seminoles in the Donald L. Tucker Center on November 18, 2016. Tony Rack, an assistant coach on Western Carolina's staff, was also an assistant coach at Winthrop – and coached against Florida State in Tallahassee on Jan. 1, 2019 – an 87-76 Florida State victory. Brett Ferguson, the Director of Operations at Western Carolina, was a student manager at Michigan State when the Seminoles faced the Spartans in the 2011 ACC / Big Ten Challenge.

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

Florida State is 49-3 (.942 winning percentage in its last 52 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 Friday's game against the Catamounts having won .942 percent of their games (49-3) 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.

### FLORIDA STATE IN NON-CONFERENCE GAMES AT THE TUCKER CENTER

Florida State enters Friday's game against Western Carolina having won 32 consecutive non-conference home games at the Donald L. Tucker Center. The Seminoles' streak began with a 96-73 win over UCF on Dec. 6, 2015. Included in the streak are three victories over Florida (Dec. 30, 2014, 65-63; Dec. 11, 2016, 83-78; Nov. 6, 2018, 81-60), a win over Minnesota in the ACC Big Ten Challenge (Nov. 28, 2016, 83-78) and a win over Purdue in the ACC Big Ten Challenge (Nov. 28 2018; 73-72).

### Seminole Out Of Conference At Home In Last Six Years

Season	Record	Winning Percentage
2018-19	7-0	1.000
2017-18	6-0	1.000
2016-17	9-0	1.000
2015-16	6-0	1.000
2014-15	8-1	.888
2013-14	<u>5-0</u>	<u>1.000</u>
Totals	41-1	.976

### LOOK FOR FLORIDA STATE TO...

...Defeat Western Carolina and win its 33<sup>rd</sup> 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 Western Carolina and raise its record to 50-3 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 and 15-1 in 2018-19);

...Defeat Western Carolina and win its home opener for the seventh consecutive season and for the 17<sup>th</sup> time in 18 seasons under 18<sup>th</sup>-year Head Leonard Hamilton.

## Florida State Basketball / National Polls

### ASSOCIATED PRESS POLL

Rk.	Team	19-20 Rec.
1.	Kentucky (54)	2-0
2.	Duke	2-0
3.	Michigan State	1-1
4.	Louisville (1)	2-0
5.	Kansas	1-1
6.	North Carolina	2-0
7.	Maryland	2-0
8.	Gonzaga	2-0
9.	Virginia	2-0
10.	Villanova	1-0
11.	Texas Tech	2-0
12.	Seton Hall	2-0
13.	Memphis	2-0
14.	Oregon	2-0
15.	Florida	1-1
16.	Ohio State	2-0
17.	Utah State	2-0
18.	Saint Mary's	1-0
19.	Arizona	2-0
20.	Washington	1-0
21.	Xavier	2-0
22.	Auburn	2-0
23.	LSU	1-0
24.	Baylor	1-1
25.	Colorado	1-0

ARV – Florida State (27<sup>th</sup> 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 (29<sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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 SEVENTH WINNINGEST COACH IN ACC HISTORY

With 335 career victories during his tenure at Florida State, 18<sup>th</sup>-year Head Coach Leonard Hamilton enters the Seminoles' game against Western Carolina on Friday as the seventh all-time winningest coach in ACC history. He needs only 14 wins to move into sixth place in ACC history (passing Maryland's Lefty Driesell) and only 15 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	335

### NOTING FLORIDA STATE'S VICTORY OVER NO. 6 FLORIDA

Florida State's 63-51 victory over No. 6 Florida on Sunday in Gainesville marked the fourth consecutive season the Seminoles have defeated at least one top 10 ranked team. The Seminoles' victory over No. 6 Florida was the sixth consecutive win over the Gators and sixth over a top-10 team in the last four seasons. Florida State's average margin of victory in those six wins is +12.5 points per game with five of the six wins coming by double figures.

### Seminoles' Victories Over Top 10 Teams In The Last Four Seasons

Opponent	Rank	Date	Score	Margin	Season
Duke	No. 7	January 7, 2017	FSU, 88-72	+16	2016-17
Florida	No. 5	December 4, 2017	FSU, 83-66	+17	2017-18
Xavier	No. 3	March 18, 2018	FSU, 75-70	+5	2017-18
Gonzaga	No. 8	March 22, 2018	FSU, 75-60	+15	2017-18
Virginia	No. 2	March 15, 2019	FSU, 69-59	+10	2018-19
Florida	No. 6	November 10, 2018	FSU, 63-51	+12	2018-19

### FORREST WITH A PERFECT 4-0 RECORD AGAINST FLORIDA

Senior guard Trent Forrest has played four games against Florida in his career and is 4-0 against the Gators in his career. Forrest has helped the Seminoles to four wins over ranked Gator teams – three when they have been nationally ranked.

### SEMINOLES SHOOTING THE BALL WELL FROM THE FREE THROW LINE

Florida State enters Friday's game against Western Carolina ranked second in the ACC with a .816 team free throw shooting percentage. The Seminoles shot .867 from the free throw line (13 of 15) in their season opener against Pitt and .783 from the line (18 of 23) in their win over No. 6 Florida. Junior M.J. Walker, who has made five consecutive free throws, leads the Seminoles with nine free throws made and 10 free throws attempted (.900 percent). A total of four Seminoles – Balsa Koprivica Anthony Polite, Malik Osborne and Patrick Williams – are perfect from the line in the first two games of the season. The Seminoles made their first eight free throws of the season lead against Pitt before missing. They were 12 of 16 (.750) from the line in the first half against Florida in taking a 25-21 lead at the intermission in defeating the Gators.

### Florida State From The Free Throw Line In The Last 5 Seasons

Season	FTM	FTA	PCT.	Notes
2015-16	536	771	.695	Seminoles finish season with 20-14 overall record
2016-17	568	824	.689	Seminoles finish season with 26-9 overall record
2017-18	543	786	.691	Seminoles finish season with 23-12 overall record
2018-19	579	778	.744	Seminoles finish season with 29-8 overall record
2019-20	31	38	.816	Seminoles enter Friday's game with a 1-1 record

### FLORIDA STATE AMONG ACC LEADERS IN BLOCKED SHOTS

Led by four blocked shots each by redshirt freshman Malik Osborne and freshman Patrick Williams, Florida State enters Friday's game against Western Carolina ranked second in the ACC in blocked shots with 11 and a 5.5 blocked shots per game average. Osborne totaled his career-high of four blocked shots in his first career game as a Seminole against Pitt while

### Breaking Down Florida State's Blocked Shots

Season	Blocks	BPG	Notes
2019-20	11	5.5	Malik Osborne, Patrick Williams with 4 blocked shots in each in first 2 games
2018-19	161	4.3	Mfiondu Kabengele leads Seminoles with 56 blocks and 1/5 bpg average
Improvement		+0.8	Five different Seminoles have at least one blocked shot in first two games

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

**Leonard Hamilton**

**Victories as an ACC Coach**

335 (Career at Florida State)

+14 (Needs)

349

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

**Leonard Hamilton**

**ACC Victories at Florida State**

(Regular Season + ACC Tourn.)

151 (career at Florida State)

+10 (Needs)

161

To Become the 5<sup>th</sup> Winningest Coach in ACC history (ACC games) – surpassing Frank McGuire of North Carolina and South Carolina

**Leonard Hamilton**

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

4 (career at Florida State)

+4 (Needs)

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

**Trent Forrest**

**Career Steals**

168 (career at Florida State)

+13 (Needs)

181

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

**Trent Forrest**

**Career Assists**

340 (career at Florida State)

+22 (Needs)

362

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

**Trent Forrest**

**Career Points**

805 (career at Florida State)

+195 (needs)

1,000

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

**M.J. Walker**

**Career 3-Point Field Goals Made**

86 (career at Florida State)

+14 (needs)

100

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

**M.J. Walker**

**Career 3-Point Field Goals Made**

86 (career at Florida State)

+8 (needs)

To move into 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 4.0 rpg; Averaged 3.5 pts and 2.4 rebs in 16 homes game in 2018-19)
F	#10	Malik Osborne (6.0 ppg and 6.5 rpg; First career game at the Donald L. Tucker Center)
G	#3	Trent Forrest (13.5 ppg and 4.5 apg; Averaged 9.9 pts and 3.7 apg in 16 home games in 2018-19)
G	#23	M.J. Walker (8.0 ppg and 4.0 rpg; averaged 8.4 pts and 2.1 rebs in 14 homes games in 2018-19)
G	#24	Devin Vassell (13.5 ppg and 4.0 rpg; averaged 5.3 pts and 1.8 rebs in 15 homes games in 2018-19)

**...AND TOP RESERVES**

G	#2	Anthony Polite (8.5 ppg and 2.5 rpg; Averaged 2.8 pts and 2.1 rebs in 13 homes games in 2018-19)
F	#4	Patrick Williams (4.5 ppg and 4.0 rpg; First career game at the Donald L. Tucker Center)
G	#11	Nathanael Jack (0.0 ppg and 1.0 rpg; First career game at the Donald L. Tucker Center)
F	#30	Harrison Prieto (0.0 ppg and 1.0 rpg; Averaged 0.7 pts and 0.7 rebs in 3 homes games in 2018-19())
G	#31	Wyatt Wilkes (0.0 ppg and 1.0 rpg; Averaged 2.3 pts and 1.0 reb in seven homes games in 2018-19)
C	#15	Dominik Olejniczak (0.0 ppg and 2.0 rpg; First career game at the Donald L. Tucker Center)
G	#0	RayQuan Evans (18.2 ppg and 7.4 rpg; First career game at the Donald L. Tucker Center)

**POSSIBLE STARTING LINEUP FOR WESTERN CAROLINA**

F	#0	Carlos Dotson (16.0 ppg, 11.0 rpg; 17pts and 15 rebs vs. Georgia; November 5, 2019)
F	#33	Onno Steger (11.5 ppg, 6.5 rpg; 7 pts and 4 rebs vs. Gardner Webb; November 9, 2019)
G	#2	Matt Halvorsen (2.5 ppg, 3.5 rpg; 5 pts and 5 rebs vs. Gardner-Webb; November 9, 2019)
G	#11	Mason Faulkner (21.5 ppg, 4.5 rpg; 22 pts and 6 rebs vs. Gardner-Webb; November 9, 2019)
G	#14	Kameron Gibson (12.5 ppg, 3.5 apg; 12 pts and 2 rebs vs. Georgia; November 5, 2019)

**FLORIDA STATE VS. WESTERN CAROLINA-- A SERIES HISTORY**

The Series:	Florida State leads, 2-1
First Game:	December 7, 1985; at Florida State 91, Western Carolina 83
Last Game:	December 8, 2001; Western Carolina 79, at Florida State 69
Last Florida State Win:	December 16, 1986; at Florida State 101, Western Carolina 76
Last Western Carolina Win:	December 8, 2001; Western Carolina 79, at Florida State 69
Last Florida State Win in Tallahassee:	December 7, 1985; at Florida State 91, Western Carolina 83
Last Western Carolina Win in Tallahassee:	December 8, 2001; Western Carolina 79, at Florida State 69
Current Streak:	Western Carolina has won 1
Current Streak in Tallahassee:	Western Carolina has won 1

**FLORIDA STATE VS. WESTERN CAROLINA -- THE LAST THREE GAMES**

<u>Dec. 8, 2001</u>	<u>Dec. 16, 1986</u>	<u>Dec. 7, 1985</u>
at Florida State 91	Florida State 101	at Florida State 69
Western Carolina 83	at Western Carolina 76	Western Carolina 79

**FLORIDA STATE VS. WESTERN CAROLINA -- THE LAST GAME**

Western Carolina's Kevin Martin scored 19 points and pulled down 11 rebounds and Willie Freeman added 11 points and 13 rebounds to lead Western Carolina to a 79-69 victory over Florida State at the Donald L. Tucker Center on December 8, 2001. The Catamounts outscored the Seminoles by a 45-34 margin the second half as they shot 48 percent from the field and made 16 of 18 free throws after the intermission. The Seminoles led, 35-34, after the first 20 minutes. Delvon Arrington led the Seminoles with 12 points, eight assists and four steals while Trevor Harvey scored 10 points and pulled down four rebounds for the Seminoles. Western Carolina outscored Florida State by a 20-8 margin from the free throw line, outrebounded the Seminoles by a 43-40 margin and held Florida State to a .360 field goal shooting percentage for the game.

**TONIGHT'S OFFICIALS**

Tonight's referee is Mark Schnur and the umpires are Lamar Simpson and Jeremy Mosier

**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); Blasa 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)

**SEMINOLES HOLD FLORIDA TO 14 FIELD GOALS**

Florida State limited then No. 6 Florida to 14 total field goals (six in the first half and eight in the second half) in its 63-51 win over the Gators and have allowed only 30 field goals in its first two games of the season.

## Quoting Florida State Men's Basketball

"In the frontcourt, Dominik Olejniczak and Malik Osborne bring experience to the roster. Olejniczak is a grad transfer from Ole Miss who brings a seven-foot frame and a load of experience to the Seminoles. Osborne spent one season at Rice and is an athletic 6-9 forward who Coach Hamilton expects to make a big impact."

Joel Welsler  
College Sports Madness

"Patrick Williams is a smart player who has the shooting range to stretch the defense."

Joel Welsler  
College Sports Madness

"Florida State's biggest asset is the guidance of coach Leonard Hamilton, who enters his 18th season in Tallahassee. That kind of experience—along with next-level improvements from guard Trent Forrest—should keep the Seminoles pushing boundaries in a wide-open year for the conference."

Ross Burkhart  
Sports Illustrated

"Leonard Hamilton is coming off the best three-year run of his career. FSU's won 26, 23 and 29 games the past three seasons. I'm big on Trent Forrest and think he's got a shot to pop and compete for All-ACC first team. Losing Mfiondu Kabengele a year ahead of schedule is a stinger, but there's enough talent -- vet M.J. Walker, freshmen Balsa Koprivica and Patrick Williams -- to keep FSU north of 20 wins by the start of the ACC Tournament."

CBSSports.com

"Coach Leonard Hamilton has enough players coming in to run his typical deep rotation. And as long as Coach Hamilton has that depth, FSU will be a dangerous team in the ACC."

Joel Welsler  
College Sports Madness

"Trent Forrest will be the senior leader of this group. He does so much for this team and will help usher in all of the new faces."

Joel Welsler  
College Sports Madness

"M.J. Walker, a 6-5 junior, will be one of the more dangerous outside shooters on the Seminoles."

Joel Welsler  
College Sports Madness

"All Leonard Hamilton does is win, and his Seminoles are at a point where they just reload. Trent Forrest will lead another deep team back to the NCAA Tournament."

Ken Cross  
College Hoops Watch

"Trent Forrest, a 3,000-point scorer in high school, had a hand in a bit of everything while leading Florida State in assists and steals and also averaging 9.3 points."

Patrick Stevens  
Street and Smith's Basketball Magazine

## VASELL IN DOUBLE FIGURES IN FIRST TWO GAMES

Sophomore Devin Vassell enters Friday's game against Western Carolina averaging a team leading 13.5 points scored per game. He totaled 14 in the season opener against Pitt and scored 13 in the Seminoles' victory over No. 6 Florida. He enters Friday's game against Western Carolina as the Seminoles' leader in field goal shooting percentage (.545), total points (27) and points per game (13.5).

### Breaking Down Devin Vassell – Shooting And Scoring

Season	FG Pct.	PPG	Notes
2019-20	.545	13.5	Double figure scoring in first two games of season
2018-19	.437	4.5	Double figure scoring in five of 33 games as a freshman
Improvement	+.108	+9.0	Double figure scoring in three of last seven games

## VASELL MAKES FIRST TWO STARTS OF CAREER TO BEGIN 2019-20 SEASON

Sophomore Devin Vassell has started Florida State's first two games of the 2019-20 season after appearing in 33 games as part of head coach Leonard Hamilton's rotation during the 2018-19 season.

## FORREST NAMED TO COUSY AWARD WATCH LIST

Trent Forrest, who was named to the 2019 NCAA Tournament All-West Regional Team in 2019, has been named to the 2020 Bob Cousy Award Watch List – an award which is presented annually by the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame to the nation's top collegiate point guard. Forrest is one of four point guards from the Atlantic Coast Conference on the list of 20 which will be narrowed down to five players in March as finalists for the award. The award will be presented to the top point guard on April 10, 2020 at the College Basketball Awards Show in Los Angeles.

## FORREST HAS INCREASED HIS SCORING AVERAGE

Senior Trent Forrest enters Friday's game against Western Carolina averaging a career-high 13.5 points scored per games. He totaled 19 in the Seminoles' season-opener at Pitt and totaled 12 in Florida State's victory over No. 6 Florida.

### Breaking Down Forrest's Scoring Totals

Season	Games	Points	PPG	DF	Notes
2016-17	35	171	4.9	5	Florida State's seventh leading scorer
2017-18	34	269	7.9	11	Florida State's fifth leading scorer
2018-19	37	344	9.3	15	Florida State's third leading scorer
2019-20	2	27	13.5	2	Florida State's co-leading in scoring
Totals	108	811	7.5	33	Needs only 189 points for 1,000 in his career

## DURING TRENT FORREST'S CAREER AT FLORIDA STATE...

...Florida State has played in three NCAA Tournaments – advancing to the Elite Eight during his sophomore season and the Sweet 16 in his junior season;

...Florida State has won 80 games including a school-record 29 during the 2018-19 season;

...Florida State has won 34 ACC games and finished in the top four of the ACC standings in two of his first three seasons;

...Florida State played in the ACC Tournament Championship game in 2019;

...Florida State is undefeated (4-0) against Florida with two wins in Tallahassee and two wins in Gainesville;

...Florida State has defeated has defeated 19 nationally ranked teams.

## OSBORNE PLAYING WELL IN FIRST SEASON AS A STARTER FOR THE SEMINOLES

Redshirt sophomore Malik Osborne – who sat out last season after transferring from Rice where he played as a freshman during the 2017-18 season – has started both of Florida State's early season games against Pitt and Florida. He has now started 29 career games with 27 starts as a freshman at Rice and two this season at Florida State. Osborne pulled down a game-high nine rebounds in his first career ACC game against Pitt and totaled 10 points in helping the Seminoles to their victory over No. 6 Florida on Sunday in Gainesville.

## WALKER CONTINUES TO SHOOT WELL FROM THE FREE THROW LINE

Junior M.J. Walker, who has made nine of his first 10 free throws of the season, enters Florida State's game against Western Carolina shooting .900 from the free throw line. He was a perfect four-of-four from the line against Pittsburgh and made five of six free throw attempts from the line in the Seminoles' victory over Florida.

### Breaking Down Walker From The Free Throw Line

Season	FTM	FTA	Pct.	Notes
2017-18	43	57	.754	Career-high 7 FTM vs. Pitt, Feb. 18, 2018
2018-19	49	63	.778	Season-high 4 FTM vs. four teams
2019-20	9	10	.900	Season-high 5 FTM at Florida, Nov. 10, 2019
Totals	101	130	.777	Ranked 21 <sup>st</sup> in school history with .777 career FT pct.

## GRAY MOVES INTO STARTING LINEUP

Redshirt sophomore RaiQuan Gray has been in the Seminoles' starting lineup in both of their early season game to begin the 2019-20 season. He has now started six career games including victories over both Vermont and Murray State in the 2019 NCAA Tournament. Gray scored his career-high of 11 points in Florida State's NCAA Tournament win over Ja Morant and the Racers in the XL Center in Hatford, Conn., on March 23, 2019.

### Gray As A Starter

Opponent	Date	Pts	Rebs.	Steals	Notes
Southeast Missouri	Dec. 17, 2018	2	2	0	Regular season win over SE Missouri
Vermont	March 21, 2019	8	3	2	NCAA Tournament win over Vermont
Murray State	March 23, 2019	11	3	5	NCAA Tournament win over Murray State
Gonzaga	March 28, 2019	9	6	2	NCAA Sweet 16 Game against Gonzaga
Pitt	Nov. 6, 2019	7	3	0	ACC season opener at Pitt
Florida	Nov. 10, 2019	7	5	1	Regular season win over No. 6 Florida



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

**Game Records**

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

**Score by Periods**

Team	1st	2nd	OT	TOT
Florida St.	50	74	0	124
Opponents	46	68	0	114

**Team Box Score**

No.	Player	Total			3-Point		F-Throw		Rebounds				Other Stats									
		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	2-2	70	34.9	9-24	.375	2-6	.333	7-9	.778	3	7	10	5.0	3	0	9	9	1	3	27	13.5
24	VASELL, Devin	2-2	55	27.5	12-22	.545	3-5	.600	0-1	.000	4	4	8	4.0	3	0	1	1	1	2	27	13.5
23	WALKER, M.J.	2-2	49	24.4	3-14	.214	1-7	.143	9-10	.900	0	8	8	4.0	5	0	1	2	0	1	16	8.0
13	POLITE, Anthony	2-0	43	21.5	4-13	.308	3-7	.429	4-4	1.000	0	5	5	2.5	4	0	0	5	1	2	15	7.5
01	GRAY, RaiQuan	2-2	50	25.2	4-11	.364	1-5	.200	5-8	.625	2	6	8	4.0	6	1	4	2	0	1	14	7.0
10	OSBRONE, Malik	2-2	49	24.6	5-11	.455	0-2	.000	2-2	1.000	4	9	13	6.5	9	1	0	1	4	1	12	6.0
4	WILLIAMS, Patrick	2-0	43	21.4	3-8	.375	1-3	.333	2-2	1.000	2	6	8	4.0	3	0	0	2	4	1	9	4.5
5	KOPRIVICA, Balsa	2-0	12	6.0	1-2	.500	0-0	.000	2-2	1.000	1	0	1	0.5	8	1	0	1	0	0	4	2.0
31	WILKES, Wyatt	2-0	15	7.3	0-2	.000	0-2	.000	0-0	.000	1	1	2	1.0	1	0	2	0	0	1	0	0.0
15	OLEJNICZAK, Dominik	1-0	7	6.8	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	1	1	2	2.0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
30	PRIETO, Harrison	1-0	5	4.9	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	2.8	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	1	1	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Team											3	2	5									
<b>Total</b>		<b>2</b>	<b>400</b>		<b>41-108</b>	<b>.380</b>	<b>11-37</b>	<b>.297</b>	<b>31-38</b>	<b>.816</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>36.0</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>62.0</b>
<b>Opponents</b>		<b>2</b>	<b>400</b>		<b>30-101</b>	<b>.297</b>	<b>13-48</b>	<b>.271</b>	<b>41-55</b>	<b>.745</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>38.0</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>57.0</b>

**Team Statistics**

	FSU	OPP
<b>Scoring</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>114</b>
Points per game	62.0	57.0
Scoring margin	+5.0	-
<b>Field goals-att</b>	<b>41-108</b>	<b>30-101</b>
Field goal pct	.380	.297
<b>3 point fg-att</b>	<b>11-37</b>	<b>13-48</b>
3-point FG pct	.297	.271
3-pt FG made per game	5.5	6.5
<b>Free throws-att</b>	<b>31-38</b>	<b>41-55</b>
Free throw pct	.816	.745
F-Throws made per game	15.5	20.5
<b>Rebounds</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>76</b>
Rebounds per game	36.0	38.0
Rebounding margin	-2.0	-
<b>Assists</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>17</b>
Assists per game	8.5	8.5
<b>Turnovers</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>29</b>
Turnovers per game	11.5	14.5
Turnover margin	+3.0	-
Assist/turnover ratio	0.7	0.6
<b>Steals</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>8</b>
Steals per game	6.0	4.0
<b>Blocks</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>5</b>
Blocks per game	5.5	2.5
<b>Winning streak</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>-</b>
Home win streak	0	-
<b>Attendance</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>19867</b>
Home games-Avg/Game	0-0	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













































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

By Wayne McGahee  
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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 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."

## 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."