

NO. 17/17 FLORIDA STATE SEMINOLES (10-2, 1-1 ACC)

VS.

NORTH ALABAMA LIONS (5-7, 0-0 A SUN)

DONALD L. TUCKER CENTER (11,500)

TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2019; 2:00 P.M. (ET)

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2019-20 Florida State Schedule/Results

O22	1 Barry University	W, 95-66
N1	1 Columbus State	W, 84-54
N6	* at Pittsburgh	L, 61-63
N10	at Florida	W, 63-51
N15	Western Carolina	W, 79-74
N20	2 Chattanooga	W, 89-53
N23	Saint Francis (Pa.)	W, 80-65
N25	2 Chicago State	W, 113-56
N29	3 vs. Tennessee	W, 60-57
N30	3 vs. Purdue	W, 63-60 (ot)
D3	at Indiana	L, 64-80
D8	* Clemson	W, 72-53
D17	North Florida	W, 98-81
D21	USF	W, 66-60
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.
M10-14	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	544	428	.560	1987-Pr.
at Okla. State	56	63	.471	1987-90
at Miami	144	147	.495	1991-00
at Florida State	344	218	.612	2002-Pr.

"The job Leonard Hamilton has done at Florida State this year has been nothing short of masterful. He's taken a dynamic roster, infused fresh faces such as Patrick Williams and Malik Osborne, and hasn't missed a beat. While the Seminoles are certainly still a work in progress, their early season success is a testament to Hamilton's coaching acumen. Not surprisingly, this Florida State team looks to be NCAA Tournament contenders yet again."

Kevin Keane

WCTV / Tallahassee

NO. 17 SEMINOLES CLOSE OUT NON-CONFERENCE SCHEDULE AGAINST NORTH ALABAMA SATURDAY

Florida State, which has won three consecutive and 10 of its last 11 games, closes out its regular season non-conference schedule as it plays host to North Alabama on Saturday, December 28, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. at the Donald L. Tucker Center. The Seminoles' game against the Lions marks the first time the two teams will meet in the sport of basketball. The game is also the Seminoles' final contest of their 11 non-ACC game regular season schedule as they look to improve to 10-1 before finishing their schedule with 18 consecutive ACC games leading up to the 2020 ACC Tournament at the Greensboro Coliseum (March 10-14, 2020). Florida State enters its game against North Alabama with three straight wins over Clemson (72-53, December 8), North Florida (98-81, December 17) and USF (66-60, December 21) and only one loss since defeating No. 6 Florida (63-51, November 10) in the second game of the season. Following Saturday's game against North Alabama, the Seminoles continue their 20-game ACC schedule as they play host to Georgia Tech on December 31, 2019 in a conference game that begins at 12 Noon.

FLORIDA STATE VS. NORTH ALABAMA – CONNECTIONS

Florida State closes out its' non-conference schedule as it plays host to North Alabama in the first event meeting between the two teams. Tony Pujol is in his second season at North Alabama after leading the Lions through the beginning of its transition to NCAA Division I basketball in the 2018-19 season as a member of the ASUN Conference. Ahmad Smith, an assistant coach at North Alabama, was an assistant coach at Charleston Southern when the Seminoles defeated the Buccaneers in 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017 – with all five games coming in Tallahassee.

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

Florida State is 55-3 (.948 winning percentage in its last 58 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 Saturday's game against the Lions having won .948 percent of their games (55-3) and .900 percent of their ACC games (27-3) 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, 15-1 at home during the 2018-10 season and are 6 -0 at home this season (2019-20).

SEMINOLES NON-CONFERENCE HOME WINNING STREAK IS NATION'S THIRD LONGEST

Florida State enters Saturday's game against North Alabama having won 37 consecutive non-conference home games – the third longest active streak in the nation. Butler, which has won 57 straight non-conference home games, has the longest streak in the nation. The Bulldogs are followed by Texas Tech which has won 53 consecutive non-Big 12 games at home.

Longest Active Non-Conference Home Winning Streaks

Rank	No.	Team	Next Home Game
1.	57	Butler	December 28, 2019 vs. Louisiana Monroe
2.	53	Texas Tech	December 29, 2019 vs. Cal State Bakersfield
3.	37	Florida State	December 28, 2019 vs. North Alabama

FLORIDA STATE IN THE LAST TWO SEASONS

Florida State enters Saturday's game with a 39-10 record (.796 winning percentage) in the last two seasons. The Seminoles are 10-2 this season (.833 winning percentage) and were 29-8 in advancing to the Sweet 16 of the 2019 NCAA Tournament (.784 winning percentage).

LOOK FOR FLORIDA STATE TO...

...Defeat North Alabama and win its 38th 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 North Alabama and raise its record to 56-3 at home in the Donald L. Tucker Center since the end of the 2015-16 season (a perfect 18-0 record in 16-17; 13-2 in 2017-18, 15-1 in 2018-19 and 6-0 in 2019-20).

...Defeat North Alabama and win its 13th consecutive home game. The Seminoles won their final six home games of the 2018-19 season and have won their first six of the 2019-20 season.

Florida State Basketball / National Polls

ASSOCIATED PRESS POLL

Rk.	Team	19-20 Rec.
1.	Gonzaga (54)	13-1
2.	Ohio State (9)	11-1
3.	Louisville (1)	11-1
4.	Duke (1)	10-1
5.	Kansas	9-2
6.	Oregon	10-2
7.	Baylor	9-1
8.	Auburn	11-0
9.	Memphis	10-1
10.	Villanova	9-2
11.	Michigan	9-3
12.	Butler	11-1
13.	Maryland	10-2
14.	Michigan State	9-3
15.	San Diego State	12-0
16.	Virginia	9-2
17.	FLORIDA STATE	10-2
18.	Dayton	9-2
19.	Kentucky	8-3
20.	Penn State	10-2
21.	Washington	9-2
22.	West Virginia	10-1
23.	Texas Tech	8-3
24.	Arizona	10-3
25.	Iowa	9-3

USA TODAY POLL

Rk.	Team	Points
1.	Gonzaga (23)	785
2.	Ohio State (7)	754
3.	Duke	717
4.	Louisville (2)	701
5.	Kansas	676
6.	Baylor	594
7.	Oregon	588
8.	Auburn	579
9.	Villanova	502
10.	Memphis	462
11.	Butler	432
12.	Maryland	386
13.	Virginia	362
14.	San Diego State	356
15.	Michigan	338
16.	Michigan State	311
17.	FLORIDA STATE	298
18.	Dayton	281
19.	Kentucky	220
20.	Washington	158
21.	Penn State	146
22.	Texas Tech	105
23.	West Virginia	88
24.	Arizona	85
25.	Wichita State	70

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

HAMILTON MOVES CLOSER TO SIXTH WINNINGEST COACH IN ACC HISTORY

With 344 career victories during his tenure at Florida State, 18th-year Head Coach Leonard Hamilton enters the Seminoles' game against North Alabama on Saturday as the seventh all-time winningest coach in ACC history. He needs only five wins to move into sixth place in ACC history (passing Maryland's Lefty Driesell) and only seven wins to become just the sixth coach in the illustrious history of the nation's best basketball conference to win 350 career games.

Hamilton In ACC History

Rank	Coach, School	Career Wins
1.	Mike Krzyzewski, Duke	1,068
2.	Dean Smith, North Carolina	879
3.	Gary Williams, Maryland	461
5.	Bobby Cremins, Georgia Tech	354
6.	Lefty Driesell, Maryland	348
7.	Leonard Hamilton, Florida State	344

ANATOMY OF FLORIDA STATE'S COME FROM BEHIND VICTORY OVER USF

Florida State outscored USF, 19-3, in the final 6:13 of its game on Saturday to take a come from behind 66-60 victory over the Bulls at the Orange Bowl Classic in Sunrise, Fla. In snatching their third consecutive victory, the Seminoles blocked four shots, earned four steals, had five different players score points (M.J. Walker, 6; Devin Vassell, 5; Patrick Williams, 4; RaiQuan Gray, 2; Trent Forrest, 2), outrebounded the Bulls by a 7-4 margin and limited USF to one field goal made and one free throw made. The Seminoles earned a 9-0 scoring run (between the 6:13 and the 3:05 marks) and an 8-0 scoring run (between the 2:19 mark and the 0:03 mark) and closed the game on a 9-2 run in the final 2:19 of the game. After taking a 10-point lead at the 6:32 mark on a dunk by Michael Durr, USF scored only one field goal and only one free throw for the remainder of the game.

QUOTING ORANGE BOWL MVP ANTHONY POLITE ON THE SEMINOLES' LATE RALLY TO DEFEAT USF

"We had a plan to trap the ball screens. That led to a few steals that gave us energy, and we were able to get some easy baskets in transition. That gave us momentum."

ANOTHER NOTE ON THE SEMINOLES' RALLY FOR VICTORY OVER USF IN THE ORANGE BOWL CLASSIC

Florida State outscored USF by a 62-43 margin in the final 32:06 of its win over the Bulls in the Orange Bowl Classic on December 21. The Seminoles made 21 of their final 44 field goal attempts (.477 percent). Comparatively, the Bulls made only 17 of the final 45 field goal attempts (17 of 45), and after leading by 13 (17-4, 13:11 left in the first half) fell behind by six (64-58, 0:15 left in the game) – a swing of 19 points in the Seminoles' favor.

FLORIDA STATE MOVES INTO ACC STEALS LEAD

With 13 steals in its 66-60 victory over USF on December 21 in the Orange Bowl Classic, the Seminoles moved into the ACC team lead with a 9.7 steals per game average. Florida State's 13 steals in its win over the Bulls marked the seventh time this season it has earned 10 or more steals in a game with its season-high of 16 coming against Purdue in the championship game of the Emerald Coast Classic on November 30, 2019.

Breaking Down The Seminoles' Top 5 Games of Steal

Rank	Steals	Opponent	Points/Turnovers	Notes
1.	16	Purdue	21	Seminoles win championship of Emerald Coast Classic in overtime
2.	13	USF	21	Seminoles outscore USF 19-3 in final 6:13 of win
	13	Tennessee	23	Seminoles with 5 second half steals in win over No. 17 Vols
4	11	Saint Francis	21	Seminoles allow only 29 second half points in home victory
	11	North Florida	14	Seminoles outscore Ospreys, 50-42, in second half of win

FLORIDA STATE LEADS THE ACC IN...

...Steals with a 9.7 steals per game average. It is one of three teams in the ACC (Boston College and Duke) averaging 9.0 or more steals per game;

...Turnover Margin with a +5.2 of turnovers per game as compared to its first 12 opponents. The Seminoles have forced their opponents into 223 turnovers for an ACC leading average of 18.6 turnovers forced per game. The Seminoles are one of only three teams in the ACC (Boston College and Duke) who are forcing 17 or more turnover per game.

FLORIDA STATE BACK AT 75 PERCENT FROM THE FREE THROW LINE

Led by six of seven made free throws by junior M.J. Walker (who enters Saturday's game against North Florida ranked fourth in the ACC in free throw shooting percentage at .824), the Seminoles are ranked second in the conference with a .750 team free throw shooting percentage. One of the top team in the ACC from the free throw line, the Seminoles have not ranked lower than fourth in ACC during the first two months of the season.

Breaking Down Florida State's Free Throw Percentage

Games	FTM	FTA	Pct.	Notes
First 6	107	131	.817	Seminoles lead ACC in Free Throw Shooting Percentage
Middle 4	51	80	.638	Seminoles ranked fourth in ACC in Free Throw Shooting Percentage
Last 2	25	33	.758	Seminoles ranked second in ACC in Free Throw Shooting Percentage
Totals	183	244	.750	Ranked second in the ACC in team FT percentage

SEVEN SEMINOLES IN DOUBLE FIGURES IN VICTORY OVER NORTH FLORIDA

Led by freshman Balsa Koprivica's 15 points, a total of seven Seminoles scored in double figures in their 98-81 victory on December 17, 2019. It marked the first time since December 8, 2016 against Nicholls State that seven Seminoles' scored in double figures. Sharpshooters PJ Savoy and Xavier Rathan-Mayes led the Seminoles with 18 points against Nicholls State. The pair was followed by Dwayne Bacon (16 points), Braian Angola-Rodas (14 points), Trent Forrest (13 points), Brandon Allen (11 points) and Michael Ojo (10 points) in the scoring column during the victory.

**Florida State Basketball
Upcoming Milestones**

Leonard Hamilton

Victories as an ACC Coach

344 (Career at Florida State)

+5 (Needs)

349

To Become the 6th Winningest Coach in ACC History (all victories)

Leonard Hamilton

ACC Victories at Florida State

(Regular Season + ACC Tourn.)

152 (career at Florida State)

+9 (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

183 (career at Florida State)

+6 (Needs)

189

To move into 7th place for career steals in school history passing Toney Douglas (2007-09)

Trent Forrest

Career Assists

374 (career at Florida State)

+19 (Needs)

391

To move into 9th place in school history for career assists passing Luke Loucks (2009-12)

Trent Forrest

Career Points

927 (career at Florida State)

+73 (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

98 (career at Florida State)

+2 (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

98 (career at Florida State)

+7 (needs)

105

To move into 22nd place in school in school history with 105 career 3-point field goals made passing Chris Singleton (2009-11)

POSSIBLE STARTING LINEUP FOR FLORIDA STATE...

F	#1	RaiQuan Gray (6.9 ppg and 3.9 rpg; 11 pts and 7 rebs vs. USF, December 21, 2019)
C	#15	Dominik Olejniczak (3.9 ppg and 2.4 rpg; 10 pts and 3 rebs vs. Chattanooga, November 20, 2019)
G	#3	Trent Forrest (11.9 ppg and 3.6 apg; 19 pts and 2 stls at Pitt, November 6, 2019)
G	#23	M.J. Walker (10.6 ppg and 2.3 rpg; 18 pts and 4 rebs vs. Western Carolina, November 15, 2019)
G	#24	Devin Vassell (11.9 ppg and 4.4 rpg; 17 pts and 8 rebs vs. Chattanooga, November 20, 2019)

...AND TOP RESERVES

G	#2	Anthony Polite (6.2 ppg and 3.0 rpg; 12 pts and 3 rebs vs. Clemson, December 8, 2019)
F	#10	Malik Osborne (5.4 ppg and 5.1 rpg; 10 pts and 4 rebs vs. Florida, November 6, 2019)
G	#31	Wyatt Wilkes (2.9 ppg and 1.3 rpg; 14 pts and 2 rebs vs. Saint Francis, November 23, 2019)
F	#4	Patrick Williams (9.0 ppg and 3.3 rpg; 18 pts and 4 rebs vs. Western Carolina, November 15, 2019)
G	#11	Nathanael Jack (5.6 ppg and 1.6 rpg; 14 pts and 2 asts vs. Chicago State, November 25, 2019)
G	#0	RayQuan Evans (2.6 ppg and 1.3 apg; 6 pts and 2 rebs vs. Saint Francis, November 23, 2019)
C	#5	Balsa Koprivica (5.7 ppg, 2.6 rpg; 15 pts and 3 rebs vs. North Florida, December 17, 2019)

POSSIBLE STARTING LINEUP FOR NORH ALABAMA

F	#5	Mervin James (5.3 ppg, 9.1 rpg; 20 pts and 10 rebs vs. Mississippi Valley, November 27, 2019)
G	#11	C.J. Brim (8.8 ppg, 4.0 rpg; 12 pts and 4 asts vs. Samford, November 16, 2019)
G	#2	Christian Agnew (11.0 ppg, 4.0 rpg; 17 pts and 8 rebs vs. Morehead State, November 30, 2019)
G	#3	Jamari Blackmon (13.0 ppg, 2.4 rpg; 26 pts and 3 rebs vs. Louisiana Tech, November 22, 2019)
G	#15	Cameron Diggs (2.8 ppg, 3.6 rpg; 6 pts and 7 rebs vs. South Carolina, December 6, 2019)

FLORIDA STATE VS. NORTH ALABAMA -- A SERIES HISTORY

The Series:	First Meeting
First Game:	First Meeting
Last Game:	First Meeting
Last Florida State Win:	First Meeting
Last North Alabama Win:	First Meeting
Last Florida State Win in Tallahassee:	First Meeting
Last North Alabama Win in Tallahassee:	First Meeting
Current Streak:	First Meeting
Current Streak in Tallahassee:	First Meeting
Leonard Hamilton vs. North Alabama:	First Meeting

TODAY'S OFFICIALS

Today's referee is Lee Cassell and the umpires are Tony Greene and Jeff Pon

2018-19 FLORIDA STATE ROSTER

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

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE: RayQuan Evans (RAY-Qwan); RaiQuan Gray (RAY-Qwan); Balsa Koprivica (Ball-Sha Ko-Pra-Vizza); Dominik Olejniczak (DOM-a-nick O-Lynn-A-Chuck); Devin Vassell (Dev-in Vuh-SELL - like Sam Cassell with a V).

FLORIDA STATE WITH SEASON-HIGH 10 BLOCKED SHOTS IN WIN OVER USF

Led by a career-high four blocked shots by sophomore Devin Vassell, Florida State blocked a season-high 10 shots in its victory over USF on December 21. The Seminoles' 10 blocked shots amounted to blocking nearly 20 percent of the shots (.178, 10 of 56) the Bulls took during the game. Florida State's 10 blocked shots were the most in a single game since the Seminoles' also blocked 10 shots in a 113-78 win over The Citadel on November 24, 2017. The Seminoles enter Saturday's game against North Alabama ranked third in the ACC with a 5.3 blocked shots per game average.

SEMINOLES RECORD DOUBLE DOUBLE IN STEALS AND BLOCKED SHOTS IN WIN OVER USF

Florida State earned a team double double of 13 steals and 10 blocked shots in its victory over USF – the first team defensive double double since blocking 13 shots and earning 10 steals in a 65-62 win over Maryland on January 9, 2013.

FLORIDA STATE IN THE GIVING MOOD

Led by Anthony Polite's four assists, Florida State earned 16 assists (on 22 baskets) in its victory over USF on December 21. It marked the third consecutive game (52 assists / 17.3 assists per game) and eight game this season the Seminoles have been credited with 10 or more assists. Florida State has earned a season-high 20 assists in its victories over Chattanooga on November 20 and North Florida on December 17.

**Florida State Basketball
By The Numbers**

.400 Redshirt sophomore Anthony Polite is shooting .400 from the 3-point line (6 of 15) in the last three games. He made his career-high of four 3-point field goals in Florida State's 72-53 win over Clemson.

.594 Graduate Student Dominik Olejniczak has made six of his last eight field goal attempts (.750 percent) and enters Saturday's game against North Florida shooting .594 from the field for the season.

.900 Junior M.J. Walker is shooting .900 percent from the free throw line (nine of 10) in the last three games.

2 Two Seminoles – Devin Vassell and Trent Forrest -- have started each of the first 12 games of the season for Florida State.

2 Florida State has defeated both nationally ranked teams it has played so far this season – No. 6 Florida (63-51, November 10 at Gainesville, Fla.) and No. 17 Tennessee (60-57, November 29 at Niceville, Fla.)

3 Head Coach Leonard Hamilton has named three captains for the 2019-20 season – Trent Forrest, M.J. Walker and Harrison Prieto.

4 Junior M.J. Walker has scored in double figures in a career-high four consecutive games and is averaging 11.0 points per game since scoring 10 points at Indiana on December 3.

5 Freshman Patrick Williams enters Saturday's game against North Florida having made five consecutive free throw attempts and shooting .852 from the free throw line.

7 Florida State totaled seven blocked shots in the second half of its victory over USF in the Orange Bowl Classic – with four coming during its decisive 19-3 game ending run which propelled the Seminoles to the 66-60 victory.

7 Florida State has won seven consecutive games against teams from the state of Florida.

10 Florida State is undefeated, 10-0, when it outscores its opponent.

17 Redshirt sophomore Anthony Polite totaled two steals in Florida State's victory over USF on December 21. He has nearly as many steals in 12 game this season (17) as he did in 30 games last season (18).

19 Sophomore Devin Vassell has 19 steals in 12 games this season – a career-high of 1.6 steals. He totaled 18 steals in 33 games as a freshman.

73 Senior Trent Forrest enters Saturday's game against North Alabama with 927 career points scored. He needs only 73 points to become just the 48th Seminole in school history to score 1,000 or more career points.

POLITE NAMED MOST OUTSTANDING PLAYER OF SEMINOLES' ORANGE BOWL CLASSIC VICTORY

Redshirt sophomore Anthony Polite was named the Most Outstanding Player of the Seminoles' victory over USF in the Orange Bowl Classic on December 21. He totaled 11 points, five rebounds, four assists, two steals and one blocked shot in the Seminoles' 10th victory of the season. Of his 11 points, six came in the second half – on two well timed 3-point shots. He also totaled three second half assists and one second half steal to lead the Seminoles to the win.

Polite's 2nd Half 3-Point Shots Against USF

Time	Made Score	Notes
16:55	USF, 37-34	-3 / Smallest Florida State deficit since 0-2 at 19:40 of First half
11:07	USF, 46-45	-1 / Began a 20-15 game-ending run that game Florida State the victory

POLITE FROM THE 3-POINT LINE

Redshirt sophomore Anthony Polite has made seven 3-point shots in the last four games (seven of 18, .389 percent) and has already made more shots from the bonusphere (14) in 12 games this season than he did in 30 games as a redshirt freshman (11). He has made at least one 3-point shot in eight of Florida State's first 12 games of the season.

Breaking Down Polite from the 3-Point Line

Season	3FGM	3FGA	Pct.	Notes
2019-20	14	41	.341	Career-high 4 3FGM in victory over Clemson, December 8, 2019
2018-19	<u>11</u>	46	<u>.239</u>	Season-high 2 3FGM in win over Murray State and LSU
Totals	25	87	.287	Multiple 3FGM in 4 of 12 games in 2019-20

RAIQUAN GRAY IN THE LAST TWO GAMES...

...He is averaging 11.0 points per game (22 total points scored), 5.0 rebounds (10 total rebounds), 3.0 steals (six total steals), 3.0 assists (six total assists) and he is shooting .563 from the field (nine of 16);

...He has scored in double figures in consecutive games (11 points against both North Florida and USF) for the first time in his career, totaled his career-high of five assists in the Seminoles' victory over North Florida on December 17 and totaled three steals in Florida State's victories over North Florida and South Florida.

FORREST FROM THE 3-POINT LINE

Senior Trent Forrest, who has made a single-season career-high eight 3-point field goals in the first 12 games of the season, made one of his most important long range shots in the Seminoles' 66-60 victory over USF in the Orange Bowl Classic on December 21. His 3-point shot at the 15:09 mark of the second half brought the Seminoles to a 37-37 tied – the first time the game had been tied since before the Bulls scored the first basket of the game. Forrest's 3-point shot against the Bulls began a 29-23 game-ending run that helped the Seminoles earn their 10th win of the season.

FORREST'S BLOCKS HELPED SAVE THE SEMINOLES' DAY AGAINST USF

Senior Trent Forrest blocked his career-high of three shots in Florida State's victory over USF on December 21 – with all three blocked shots coming in the second half. Of his three blocked shots – two came within one second of each other in the second half (at the 9:44 and 9:43 marks) as Florida State began its comeback in defeating the Bulls for the second consecutive time.

Breaking Down Forrest's Blocked Shots

Half	Time	Notes
2 nd	9:44	Block on a 2-point field goal attempt kept USF from taking a 48-45 lead with under 10 minutes remaining
2 nd	9:43	Block on a 3-point shot attempt kept USF from taking a 49-45 lead with less than 10 minutes remaining
2 nd	0:30	Block on a 2-point shot attempt helped FSU hold a 62-58 lead to secure 66-60 win

WALKER RANKED FOURTH IN ACC IN FREE THROW SHOOTING PERCENTAGE

Junior M.J. Walker, who made his season-high of six free throws in Florida State's victory over USF, enters Saturday's game against North Alabama ranked fourth in the ACC with a .824 free throw shooting percentage. He is averaging 3.1 free throws made per game and shooting his career-high of .824 from the throw line this season. Walker is ranked 20th in school history with his career free throw shooting percentage of .779.

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	a career-high 49 FTM in 35 games – 1.3 FTM/Game
2019-20	<u>28</u>	<u>34</u>	<u>.824</u>	<u>Averaging career-high 3.1 FTM/Game</u>
Totals	120	154	.779	Ranks 4 th in the ACC and 1 of 6 in ACC above 80 percent FT Pct.

VASSELL EARNS CAREER-HIGH FOUR BLOCKED SHOTS IN VICTORY OVER USF

Sophomore Devin Vassell blocked his career-high of four shots – including three in the decisive second half – in helping lead the Seminoles to their 66-60 victory over USF in the Orange Bowl Classic. He has 13 blocked shots in the first 12 games of the season after blocking a total of 10 shots in 33 games as a freshman. Vassell blocked three shots in the final 4:33 of the game – as Florida State recovered from a 57-51 deficit to defeat the Bulls and improved to 10-2.

Breaking Down Vassell's Blocked Shots

Half	Time	Notes
1 st	18:03	First of Florida State's three first half blocked shots
2 nd	4:33	Blocked shot helped the Seminoles move from 6 down to 3 down on a Vassell 3-pointing field goal
2 nd	3:09	Blocked shot kept USF from taking a 58-56 lead with under 3 minutes remaining to be played
2 nd	2:52	Blocked shot was second within 17 seconds and started 10-3 game-ending and winning run

SEMINOLES' BLOCKED SHOTS IN THE FINAL 4:33 AGAINST USF

In the final 4:33 of Florida State's victory over USF, the Bulls attempted five field goals. The Seminoles (three by Devin Vassell and one by Trent Forrest) blocked four of those shots and outscored USF 15-3 to win the game 66-60.



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All games**

Game Records

Record	Overall	Home	Away	Neutral
ALL GAMES	10-2	6-0	1-2	3-0
CONFERENCE	1-1	1-0	0-1	0-0
NON-CONFERENCE	9-1	5-0	1-1	3-0

Score by Periods

Team	1st	2nd	OT	TOT
Florida St.	429	474	5	908
Opponents	375	376	2	753

Team Box Score

No.	Player	Total			3-Point		F-Throw		Rebounds				PF	DQ	A	TO	BLK	STL	PTS	AVG		
		GP-GS	MIN	AVG	FG-FGA	FG%	3FG-FGA	3FG%	FT-FTA	FT%	OFF	DEF									TOT	AVG
03	FORREST, Trent	12-12	374:11	31.2	51-117	.436	8-25	.320	33-42	.786	11	31	42	3.5	18	0	43	38	7	18	143	11.9
24	VASSELL, Devin	12-12	307:55	25.7	52-104	.500	15-37	.405	24-36	.667	15	38	53	4.4	24	0	14	8	13	19	143	11.9
23	WALKER, M.J.	9-9	214:35	23.8	27-76	.355	13-41	.317	28-34	.824	2	19	21	2.3	18	1	13	15	2	5	95	10.6
4	WILLIAMS, Patrick	12-0	261:15	21.8	39-76	.513	7-21	.333	23-27	.852	12	28	40	3.3	15	0	16	20	9	12	108	9.0
01	GRAY, RaiQuan	10-5	219:55	22.0	23-59	.390	3-20	.150	20-27	.741	9	30	39	3.9	21	1	17	17	6	14	69	6.9
2	POLITE, Anthony	12-3	254:48	21.2	25-64	.391	14-41	.341	10-14	.714	7	29	36	3.0	14	0	14	16	5	17	74	6.2
5	KOPRIVICA, Balsa	12-0	143:45	12.0	27-34	.794	0-0	.000	14-21	.667	13	18	31	2.6	28	1	2	11	6	6	68	5.7
11	JACK, Nathanael	5-0	47:06	9.4	9-20	.450	8-19	.421	2-2	1.000	1	7	8	1.6	7	0	5	3	0	1	28	5.6
10	OSBORNE, Malik	12-10	235:22	19.6	25-53	.472	7-20	.350	8-12	.667	21	40	61	5.1	24	1	8	7	10	8	65	5.4
15	OLEJNICZAK, Dominik	11-8	113:47	10.3	19-32	.594	0-0	.000	5-8	.625	15	11	26	2.4	20	0	1	8	3	5	43	3.9
31	WILKES, Wyatt	11-1	100:21	9.1	11-27	.407	7-23	.304	3-3	1.000	5	9	14	1.3	8	0	7	2	1	4	32	2.9
0	EVANS, RayQuan	10-0	103:29	10.3	7-19	.368	1-4	.250	11-14	.786	2	5	7	0.7	8	0	13	10	1	7	26	2.6
12	LINDNER, Justin	4-0	11:00	2.8	2-2	1.000	1-1	1.000	2-2	1.000	0	3	3	0.8	2	0	2	3	0	0	7	1.8
20	LIGHT, Travis	4-0	08:46	2.2	1-2	.500	1-2	.500	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0.8
30	PRIETO, Harrison	4-0	15:10	3.8	1-3	.333	0-1	.000	0-2	.000	1	3	4	1.0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0.5
33	MILES, Will	4-0	08:46	2.2	1-3	.333	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	1	0	1	0.3	2	0	1	1	0	0	2	0.5
44	HANDS, Ty	1-0	00:39	0.7	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
42	YATES, Cleveland	4-0	04:10	1.0	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Team											12	18	30				2					
Total		12	2425		320-692	.462	85-255	.333	183-244	.750	127	289	416	34.7	212	4	156	161	63	116	908	75.7
Opponents		12	2425		248-640	.388	81-268	.302	176-246	.715	134	267	401	33.4	222	5	101	223	31	66	753	62.8

Team Statistics

	FSU	OPP
Scoring	908	753
Points per game	75.7	62.8
Scoring margin	+12.9	-
Field goals-att	320-692	248-640
Field goal pct	.462	.388
3 point fg-att	85-255	81-268
3-point FG pct	.333	.302
3-pt FG made per game	7.1	6.8
Free throws-att	183-244	176-246
Free throw pct	.750	.715
F-Throws made per game	15.3	14.7
Rebounds	416	401
Rebounds per game	34.7	33.4
Rebounding margin	+1.3	-
Assists	156	101
Assists per game	13.0	8.4
Turnovers	161	223
Turnovers per game	13.4	18.6
Turnover margin	+5.2	-
Assist/turnover ratio	1.0	0.5
Steals	116	66
Steals per game	9.7	5.5
Blocks	63	31
Blocks per game	5.3	2.6
Winning streak	3	-
Home win streak	6	-
Attendance	44135	37089
Home games-Avg/Game	6-7356	3-12363
Neutral site-Avg/Game	-	3-1667

Team Results

Date	Opponent		Score	Att.
11/06/2019	at Pittsburgh	L	61-63	9016
11/10/2019	at Florida	W	63-51	10851
11/15/2019	Western Caro.	W	79-74	9490
11/20/2019	Chattanooga	W	89-53	7572
11/23/2019	Saint Francis (PA)	W	80-65	7595
11/25/2019	Chicago St.	W	113-56	6102
11/29/2019	vs Tennessee	W	60-57	2500
11/30/2019	vs Purdue	W	63-60	2500
12/03/2019	at Indiana	L	64-80	17222
12/08/2019	Clemson	W	72-53	7834
12/17/2019	North Florida	W	98-81	5542
12/21/2019	vs South Fla.	W	66-60	0



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Opponent	Date	Score		Total		3-Pointers		Free throws		Rebounds										
				FG-FGA	PCT	3FG-FGA	PCT	FT-FTA	PCT	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG	PF	A	TO	BLK	STL	PTS	AVG
at Pittsburgh	11/06/2019	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
at Florida	11/10/2019	63-51	W	20-55	.364	5-17	.294	18-23	.783	11	26	37	36.0	17	11	9	5	8	63	62.0
Western Caro.	11/15/2019	79-74	W	25-55	.455	6-20	.300	23-28	.821	9	23	32	34.7	18	10	14	6	3	79	67.7
Chattanooga	11/20/2019	89-53	W	34-65	.523	10-25	.400	11-17	.647	11	30	41	36.3	7	20	11	5	10	89	73.0
Saint Francis (PA)	11/23/2019	80-65	W	28-60	.467	9-25	.360	15-17	.882	15	23	38	36.6	15	15	19	5	11	80	74.4
Chicago St.	11/25/2019	113-56	W	38-58	.655	10-23	.435	27-31	.871	14	29	43	37.7	23	21	16	3	13	113	80.8
vs Tennessee	11/29/2019	60-57	W	19-54	.352	3-11	.273	19-29	.655	8	23	31	36.7	21	7	13	2	13	60	77.9
vs Purdue	11/30/2019	63-60	Wot	22-58	.379	1-17	.059	18-25	.720	10	23	33	36.3	16	7	13	6	16	63	76.0
at Indiana	12/03/2019	64-80	L	25-53	.472	7-19	.368	7-16	.438	7	18	25	35.0	24	7	14	2	8	64	74.7
Clemson	12/08/2019	72-53	W	25-54	.463	15-32	.469	7-10	.700	9	25	34	34.9	14	16	13	9	6	72	74.4
North Florida	12/17/2019	98-81	W	41-72	.569	6-19	.316	10-14	.714	15	24	39	35.3	13	20	11	4	11	98	76.5
vs South Fla.	12/21/2019	66-60	W	22-55	.400	7-27	.259	15-19	.789	8	20	28	34.7	17	16	14	10	13	66	75.7
Total		908		320-692	.462	85-255	.333	183-244	.750	127	289	416	34.7	212	156	161	63	116	908	75.7
Opponents		753		248-640	.388	81-268	.302	176-246	.715	134	267	401	33.4	222	101	223	31	66	753	62.8

Florida St. Averages

Games Played	Points/game	FG Pct	3FG Pct	FT Pct	Rebounds/game	Assists/game	Turnovers/game	Assist/Turnover ratio	Steals/game	Blocks/game
12	75.7	46.2	33.3	75.0	34.7	13.0	13.4	1.0	9.7	5.3



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Opponents Game-by-Game
All games**

Opponent	Date	Score	L	Total		3-Pointers		Free throws		Rebounds										
				FG-FGA	PCT	3FG-FGA	PCT	FT-FTA	PCT	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG	PF	A	TO	BLK	STL	PTS	AVG
at Pittsburgh	11/06/2019	61-63	L	16-51	.314	9-26	.346	22-31	.710	13	24	37	37.0	16	11	13	1	5	63	63.0
at Florida	11/10/2019	63-51	W	14-50	.280	4-22	.182	19-24	.792	13	26	39	38.0	19	6	16	4	3	51	57.0
Western Caro.	11/15/2019	79-74	W	27-60	.450	9-23	.391	11-14	.786	10	21	31	35.7	22	10	14	1	5	74	62.7
Chattanooga	11/20/2019	89-53	W	23-59	.390	5-24	.208	2-6	.333	8	22	30	34.3	17	8	16	5	4	53	60.3
Saint Francis (PA)	11/23/2019	80-65	W	20-54	.370	9-22	.409	16-17	.941	10	17	27	32.8	19	9	21	3	8	65	61.2
Chicago St.	11/25/2019	113-56	W	19-52	.365	3-14	.214	15-26	.577	11	9	20	30.7	21	3	22	0	9	56	60.3
vs Tennessee	11/29/2019	60-57	W	14-42	.333	5-22	.227	24-29	.828	7	26	33	31.0	20	5	21	7	4	57	59.9
vs Purdue	11/30/2019	63-60	Wot	21-62	.339	5-24	.208	13-17	.765	18	30	48	33.1	24	10	24	3	6	60	59.9
at Indiana	12/03/2019	64-80	L	25-45	.556	7-15	.467	23-38	.605	10	25	35	33.3	19	10	18	4	5	80	62.1
Clemson	12/08/2019	72-53	W	19-53	.358	9-27	.333	6-10	.600	11	21	32	33.2	14	8	18	0	5	53	61.2
North Florida	12/17/2019	98-81	W	26-56	.464	13-34	.382	16-19	.842	7	20	27	32.6	14	16	16	2	4	81	63.0
vs South Fla.	12/21/2019	66-60	W	24-56	.429	3-15	.200	9-15	.600	16	26	42	33.4	17	5	24	1	8	60	62.8
Total		753		248-640	.388	81-268	.302	176-246	.715	134	267	401	33.4	222	101	223	31	66	753	62.8
Florida St.		908		320-692	.462	85-255	.333	183-244	.750	127	289	416	34.7	212	156	161	63	116	908	75.7

Opponents Averages

Games Played	Points/game	FG Pct	3FG Pct	FT Pct	Rebounds/game	Assists/game	Turnovers/game	Assist/Turnover ratio	Steals/game	Blocks/game
12	62.8	38.8	30.2	71.5	33.4	8.4	18.6	0.5	5.5	2.6



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Points-rebounds-assists
All games**

Opponent	Date	Score		0	01	2	03	4	5	10	11
				EVANS,RAYQ	GRAY,RAIQU	POLITE,ANT	FORREST,TR	WILLIAMS,P	KOPRIVICA,	OSBORNE,MA	JACK,NATHA
at Pitt	11/06/2019	61-63	L	DNP	7-3-2	8-3-0	19-2-2	5-3-0	2-1-0	2-9-0	0-1-0
at UF	11/10/2019	63-51	W	DNP	7-5-2	7-2-0	8-8-7	4-5-0	2-0-0	10-4-0	DNP
WCU	11/15/2019	79-74	W	0-0-0	4-2-1	3-2-1	16-2-2	18-4-1	4-2-0	6-9-1	DNP
UTC	11/20/2019	89-53	W	4-0-2	DNP	1-2-0	5-4-7	16-3-3	10-7-1	10-3-2	6-5-1
SF-PA	11/23/2019	80-65	W	6-2-5	DNP	8-7-2	13-5-4	6-5-1	11-3-0	9-4-0	3-1-2
CSU	11/25/2019	113-56	W	6-0-2	6-7-1	9-4-5	12-2-6	16-3-1	10-7-0	4-5-1	14-1-2
vs UT	11/29/2019	60-57	W	2-0-0	2-0-0	2-1-0	9-4-4	8-2-1	8-3-0	4-6-0	
vs Purdue	11/30/2019	63-60	Wot	4-1-0	6-7-2	2-0-0	17-4-0	4-1-2	4-2-0	4-6-0	
at IND	12/03/2019	64-80	L	0-0-0	8-3-2	7-3-0	13-4-2	5-1-2	0-1-0	7-3-1	DNP
Clem	12/08/2019	72-53	W	0-1-2	7-2-1	12-3-2	9-3-5	9-4-0	2-0-0	5-6-1	DNP
UNF	12/17/2019	98-81	W	0-1-0	11-3-5	4-4-0	11-3-1	11-4-3	15-3-1	2-5-1	5-0-0
vs USF	12/21/2019	66-60	W	4-2-2	11-7-1	11-5-4	11-1-3	6-5-2	0-2-0	2-1-1	DNP

Opponent	Date	Score		23	24	30	31	33	42	44
				WALKER,M,J	VASELL,DE	PRIETO,HAR	WILKES,WYA	MILES,WILL	YATES,CLEV	HANDS,TY
at Pitt	11/06/2019	61-63	L	4-5-0	14-2-1	0-1-0	0-2-1	DNP	DNP	DNP
at UF	11/10/2019	63-51	W	12-3-1	13-6-0	DNP	0-0-1	DNP	DNP	DNP
WCU	11/15/2019	79-74	W	18-4-2	10-5-2	DNP	0-0-0	DNP	DNP	DNP
UTC	11/20/2019	89-53	W	DNP	17-8-1	2-1-0	5-2-0	0-0-1	0-0-0	DNP
SF-PA	11/23/2019	80-65	W	DNP	4-1-1	0-0-0	14-2-0	2-1-0	0-0-0	DNP
CSU	11/25/2019	113-56	W	DNP	16-2-1	0-2-0	8-3-2	0-0-0	0-0-0	DNP
vs UT	11/29/2019	60-57	W	10-3-2	13-5-0		0-0-0			
vs Purdue	11/30/2019	63-60	Wot	7-0-2	13-6-1		0-1-0			
at IND	12/03/2019	64-80	L	10-4-0	10-4-0	DNP	0-0-0	DNP	DNP	DNP
Clem	12/08/2019	72-53	W	11-0-2	14-9-2	DNP	DNP	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0
UNF	12/17/2019	98-81	W	12-1-3	11-4-3	DNP	5-4-3	DNP	DNP	DNP
vs USF	12/21/2019	66-60	W	11-1-1	8-1-2	DNP	0-0-0	DNP	DNP	DNP

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

2019-20 Season

- * On the Watch List for the Bob Cousy Award presented to the nation's top point guard.
- * A pre-season All-ACC Second-Team selection by the voting media at Operation ACC Basketball.
- * Named to the Emerald Coast Classic All-Tournament Team as the Seminoles won the championship
- * A team captain as named by Head Coach Leonard Hamilton and his staff.
- * Scored a game-high 19 points in Florida State's season opener at Pitt
- * Scored 16 points to go along with 2 rebounds, 2 assists and 1 steal in Florida State's win over Western Carolina
- * Totaled 17 points, 4 rebound and 3 steals in Florida State's win over Purdue to win the Emerald Coast Classic
- * Scored a team-high 13 points with 4 rebounds in Florida State's game against Indiana in the ACC / Big Ten Challenge

2018-19 Season

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

2017-18 Season

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

2016-17 Season

- * Averaged 4.9 points (tied for seventh), 2.7 rebounds (seventh) and 1.2 steals (first) as he played in all 35 games
- * Named to the 2017 ACC All-Academic Men's Basketball Team
- * Totaled his season-high of 13 points and 6 rebounds in Florida State's victory over Nicholls State on Dec. 8
- * Double figures for the first time in his career with 10 points and 3 rebounds in Florida State's win over Iona

On Forrest

- * A consensus top 50 prep player who was ranked 45th among all prep players by ESPN.com entering college with the class of 2016
- * Ranked as the seventh best player in the state of Florida, the 11th best shooting guard in the nation, the 48th best player in the country and was a four-star player by Sports Illustrated
- * Ranked as the 62nd best high school player in the nation by Scout.com
- * A strong athlete on the wing who is an outstanding athlete and a stellar defender

2019-20 Game-By-Game Statistics -- Trent Forrest

Date	Opponent	G-GS	Min	FG-A	Pct.	3FG-A	Pct.	FT-A	Pct.	O-D	Rebs	PF	A	TO	B	S	Pts
N6	* at Pittsburgh	1-1	39	8-16	.500	1-3	.333	2-3	.667	0-2	2	2	2	5	1	2	19
N10	at Florida	2-2	31	1-7	.143	1-3	.333	5-6	.833	3-5	8	1	7	4	0	1	8
N15	Western Carolina	3-3	32	5-14	.357	1-3	.333	5-5	1.000	1-1	2	4	2	1	0	1	16
N20	Chattanooga	4-4	30	2-4	.500	0-1	.000	1-2	.500	0-4	4	1	7	4	2	1	5
N23	St. Francis (Pa.)	5-5	26	3-7	.429	0-1	.000	7-7	1.000	1-4	5	1	4	3	0	2	13
N25	Chicago State	6-6	15	5-8	.625	2-2	1.000	0-0	.000	0-2	2	0	6	2	0	3	12
N29	vs. Tennessee	7-7	34	3-11	.273	0-0	.000	3-5	.600	0-4	4	2	4	8	1	1	9
N30	vs. Purdue	8-8	39	6-13	.462	0-3	.000	5-6	.833	2-2	4	0	0	2	0	3	17
D3	at Indiana	9-9	35	5-9	.556	0-0	.000	3-6	.500	4-0	4	2	2	4	0	1	13
D8	* Clemson	10-10	30	4-8	.500	1-3	.333	0-0	.000	0-3	3	2	5	2	0	1	9
D17	North Florida	11-11	26	4-9	.444	1-4	.250	2-2	1.000	0-3	3	1	1	1	0	0	11
D21	vs. USF	12-12	28	5-10	.500	1-2	.500	0-0	.000	0-1	1	2	3	2	3	2	11
D28	North Alabama																
D31	* Georgia Tech																
J4	* at Louisville																
J8	* at Wake Forest																
J15	* Virginia																
J18	* at Miami																
J25	* Notre Dame																
J28	* at Virginia																
F1	* at Virginia Tech																
F3	* North Carolina																
F8	* Miami																
F10	* at Duke																
F15	* Syracuse																
F18	* Pittsburgh																
F22	* at NC State																
F24	* Louisville																
F29	* at Clemson																
M4	* at Notre Dame																
M7	* Boston College																

Trent Forrest's Career Highs

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

FGM8 at Pitt (11-6-19)

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

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

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

FGA16 at Pitt (11-6-19)

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

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

3FGM2 vs. Chicago State (11-25-19)

3FGA4 vs. North Florida (12-17-19)

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

3FG %1.000 vs. Chicago State (11-25-19)

.....1.000 vs. Nicholls State (12-8-16)

FTM11 at Pitt (11-14-19)

FTA12 at Pitt (11-14-19)

FT%1.000 vs. 14 Teams

.....Last vs. North Florida (12-17-19)

OR6 at Duke (2-28-17)

DR11 vs. UAB (11-22-18)

REBS11 vs. UAB (11-22-18)

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

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

BLK3 vs. USF (12-21-19)

STL5 vs. Louisville (2-9-19)

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

MIN40 vs. Syracuse (1-13-18)

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

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

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

2019-20 Season (at Florida State)

- * Playing his final season of eligibility after transferring to Florida State from Ole Miss as a graduate transfer.
- * Only the third graduate transfer at Florida State following the footsteps of Jeff Peterson (2012) and David Nichols (2019). Both Peterson and Nichols helped lead the Seminoles to the NCAA Tournament.
- * Comes to Florida State after one season at Drake (2015-16) and two seasons at Ole Miss (2017-18 and 2018-19)
- * Made his Florida State debut with 2 rebounds in 7 minutes of play in Florida State's win at Florida in Gainesville
- * Scored 10 points in the Seminoles' victory over Chattanooga in Tallahassee
- * Scored his Florida State high of 11 points on 5 made field goals in Florida State's victory over North Florida

2018-19 Season (At Ole Miss)

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

2017-18 Season (At Ole Miss)

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

2016-17 (at Ole Miss)

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

2015-16 Season

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

On Olejniczak

- * Olejniczak is working towards earning his Master's degree in International Affairs at Florida State.
- * Named to the National Team of Poland for competition in the FIBA World Cup of Basketball in China on August 30, 2019.
- * Poland advanced to the quarterfinals and earned an eighth place standing with a 5-3 record.

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

Date	Opponent	G-GS	Min	FG-A	Pct.	3FG-A	Pct.	FT-A	Pct.	O-D	Rebs	PF	A	TO	B	S	Pts
N6	* at Pittsburgh	DNP															
N10	at Florida	1-0	7	0-1	.000	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	1-1	2	2	0	0	0	0	0
N15	Western Carolina	2-0	4	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
N20	Chattanooga	3-0	8	5-6	.833	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	2-1	3	1	0	0	0	0	10
N23	St. Francis (Pa.)	4-1	13	1-3	.333	0-0	.000	2-2	1.000	4-0	4	2	0	2	1	0	4
N25	Chicago State	5-2	16	3-4	.750	0-0	.000	2-2	1.000	1-3	4	2	0	2	2	0	8
N29	vs. Tennessee	6-3	14	1-3	.333	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	2-2	4	4	0	0	0	2	2
N30	vs. Purdue	7-4	13	1-2	.500	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-1	1	2	0	0	0	0	2
D3	at Indiana	8-5	9	2-2	1.000	0-0	.000	0-2	.000	1-1	2	1	0	0	0	0	4
D8	* Clemson	9-6	8	0-3	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	3-0	3	2	1	1	0	1	0
D17	North Florida	10-7	16	5-7	.714	0-0	.000	1-2	.500	1-2	3	0	0	1	0	2	11
D21	vs. USF	11-8	5	1-1	1.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	0	1	0	1	0	0	2
D28	North Alabama																
D31	* Georgia Tech																
J4	* at Louisville																
J8	* at Wake Forest																
J15	* Virginia																
J18	* at Miami																
J25	* Notre Dame																
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Dominik Olejniczak's Career Highs
 PTS 19 vs. Loyola (2-17-16)*
 FGM 9 vs. Missouri State (3-3-16)*
 FGA 13 at Texas (1-27-18)**
 13 vs. Missouri State (3-3-16)*
 FG% 1.000 vs. 14 Teams
 Last at Indiana (12-3-19)***
 3FGM
 3FGA
 3FG%
 FTM 9 vs. Auburn (1-9-19)**
 FTA 12 vs. Auburn (1-9-19)**
 FT% 1.000 vs. 16 Teams
 Last vs. Chicago State (11-25-19)***
 OR 6 at Auburn (1-9-19)**
 DR 11 vs. Simpson College (11-13-15)*
 REBS 12 vs. Simpson College (11-13-15)*
 AST 3 vs. Oklahoma (3-22-19)**
 BLK 6 vs. Loyola (2-17-16)*
 STL 3 vs. Chattanooga (12-16-18)**
 3 at Auburn (1-9-18)**
 MIN 34 vs. Loyola (2-27-16)*
 underlined denotes career high established or tied during 2019-20 season
 * - Denotes at Drake (2015-16)
 ** - Denotes at Ole Miss (2017-18, 2018-19)
 *** - Denotes at Florida State (2019-20)

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

Exhibition 1 -- Florida State 95, Barry 66

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

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

Oct. 22, 2019

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

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

FG% - Barry, .317. Florida State, .514. 3FG% - Barry, .407. Florida State, .323. FT% - Barry, .708. Florida State, .650. Technical Fouls: Barry -- None. Florida State -- None. Referees - Ray 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
Lindner	2	1-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Light	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Prieto	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
Team					2-3	5						
Totals	200	33-74	9-26	9-10	22-34	56	12	18	20	2	11	84

FG% - Columbus State, .357. Florida State, .446. 3FG% - Columbus State, .179. Florida State, .346. FT% - Columbus State, .692. Florida State, .900. Technical Fouls: Columbus State -- None. Florida State -- None. Referees - Lee Cassell, Jemel Spearman, Keilen 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	2-7	3	5	2	1	0	0	7
Osborne	23	1-4	0-2	0-0	2-7	9	5	0	1	4	0	2
Forrest	39	8-16	1-3	2-3	0-2	2	2	2	5	1	2	19
Walker	16	0-4	0-2	4-4	0-5	5	4	0	0	0	0	4
Vassell	21	6-7	2-2	0-0	2-0	2	2	1	1	0	0	14
Polite	25	2-10	2-6	2-2	1-3	4	3	0	3	0	1	8
Williams	27	1-5	1-2	2-2	0-2	2	1	0	1	1	0	5
Koprivica	6	0-0	0-0	2-2	1-0	1	5	0	1	0	0	2
Wilkes	8	0-1	0-0	0-0	1-1	2	0	1	0	0	1	0
Jack	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Prieto	5	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Team					1-2	3						
Totals	200	21-53	6-20	13-15	13-24	35	27	6	14	6	4	61

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

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

Florida State	25	36	-	61
Pitt	25	38	-	63

Game 2 -- Florida State 63, Florida 51

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

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

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

Game 4 -- Florida State 89, Chattanooga 53

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

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Nov. 20, 2019

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

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

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

Chattanooga	29	24	-	53
Florida State	41	48	-	89

Game 5 -- Florida State 80, Saint Francis 65

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

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

Nov. 23, 2019

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

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

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

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

Game 6 -- Florida State 113, Chicago State 56

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. -- Devin Vassell and Patrick Williams scored 16 points apiece as Florida State had its best shooting night of the year in a 113-56 win over Chicago State. Nathanael Jack added 14 points for the Seminoles, who shot 73.3% in the first half as they took a 65-29 lead at the break. Andrew Lewis scored 18 points for Chicago State (3-4). Trent Forrest scored 12 points for Florida State, which finished 38 of 58 (65.5%) from the floor. Balsa Koprivica and RaiQuan Gray each had seven rebounds for Florida State, which won the rebounding battle 43-20. This was the first time the Seminoles scored 100 points in regulation since a 113-78 win over The Citadel on Nov. 24, 2017. Twelve Seminoles scored points in one of the more dominating victories in school history. Florida State's 57-point margin of victory was just outside the top five in school history.

Florida State 113, Chicago State 56 Donald L. Tucker Center

Nov. 25, 2019

Chi. St.	Min	FG	3FG	FT	O-D	Reb	F	A	T	B	S	Pts.
Jones	17	0-3	0-1	2-2	1-0	1	5	0	2	0	2	2
Colley	26	3-8	0-1	0-4	1-1	2	4	0	1	0	1	6
Hunt	31	5-6	0-0	0-1	2-2	5	2	0	3	0	1	10
Iewis	26	5-13	2-3	6-7	0-2	2	2	0	3	0	1	18
Johnson	27	3-10	1-5	2-2	1-2	3	2	0	7	0	2	9
Gholizadeh	25	2-7	0-2	4-0	2-1	3	2	2	2	0	0	8
Bigirumwami	21	0-1	0-0	0-0	1-1	1	3	1	2	0	2	0
Johnson	14	0-1	0-1	1-2	0-0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Whitehead	13	1-3	0-1	0-0	1-0	1	1	0	1	0	0	2
Team				1-1	2							
Totals	200	19-52	3-14	15-26	11-9	20	21	3	22	0	9	56

Fl. State	Min	FG	3FG	FT	O-D	Reb	F	A	T	B	S	Pts.
Osborne	15	2-2	0-0	0-0	2-3	5	1	1	0	0	0	4
Olejniczak	16	3-4	0-0	2-2	1-3	4	2	0	2	2	0	8
Polite	15	3-4	1-1	2-2	2-2	4	0	5	0	0	3	9
Forrest	15	5-8	2-2	0-0	0-2	2	0	6	2	0	3	12
Vassell	13	6-7	1-2	3-4	2-0	2	0	1	1	0	3	16
Evans	22	2-4	0-2	2-2	0-0	0	3	2	0	0	1	6
Gray	16	1-3	0-2	4-4	2-5	7	3	1	3	0	1	6
Williams	20	6-8	0-1	4-4	1-2	3	3	1	1	0	1	16
Koprivica	18	3-4	0-0	4-5	2-5	7	1	0	2	0	0	10
Wilkes	19	2-7	2-0	2-2	1-2	3	2	2	0	1	1	8
Jack	15	4-6	4-7	2-2	0-1							

Game 8 -- Florida State 63, Purdue 60 (OT)

NICEVILLE, Fla. – Trent Forrest scored 17 points to lead Florida State to a 63-60 overtime victory over Purdue in the Emerald Coast Classic championship game. The Seminoles outscored the Boilermakers 5-2 in the extra period by getting their points at the free-throw line including the final two with only one second left to play. Purdue, trailing by only a point, took several potentially winning shots in the last minute but was unable to score against a stifling Florida State defense. Devin Vassell was the only other Seminole scoring in double figures with 13 points. That included the final two free throws in overtime after getting fouled when he grabbed a missed Purdue shot. Matt Haarms led the Boilermakers with 16 points followed by Jahaad Proctor with 12 and Eric Hunter Jr. with 10. It was a back-and-forth game with 10 lead changes and 11 ties. Florida State never led by more than four points while the Boilermakers briefly went ahead by seven early in the second half after trailing 27-24 at the intermission.

**Florida State 63, Purdue 60 (OT)
The Arena at Northwest Florida State College**

Nov. 30, 2019

Fl. State	Min	FG	3FG	FT	O-D	Reb	F	A	T	B	S	Pts.
Forrest	39	6-13	0-3	5-6	2-2	4	0	0	2	0	3	17
Osborne	18	1-3	0-1	2-2	2-4	6	2	0	0	0	0	4
Olejniczak	13	1-2	0-0	0-0	0-1	1	2	0	0	0	0	2
Walker	26	2-8	1-5	2-2	0-0	0	0	2	4	1	1	7
Vassell	36	4-9	0-1	5-6	2-4	6	4	1	1	2	2	13
Evans	6	1-2	0-0	2-2	1-0	1	1	0	1	0	0	4
Gray	25	2-10	0-4	2-4	1-6	7	1	2	3	1	4	6
Polite	21	1-2	0-1	0-2	0-0	0	1	0	0	0	1	2
Williams	17	2-6	0-1	0-1	0-1	1	1	2	1	0	3	4
Koprivica	15	2-2	0-0	0-0	0-2	2	4	0	1	2	1	4
Wilkes	9	0-1	0-1	0-0	1-0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
Team					1-3	4						
Totals	225	22-58	1-17	18-25	10-23	33	16	7	13	6	16	63

Purdue	Min	FG	3FG	FT	O-D	Reb	F	A	T	B	S	Pts.
Wheeler	27	2-12	0-7	0-0	4-4	8	5	0	3	0	1	4
Hunter, Jr.	40	4-10	1-4	1-1	2-1	3	3	4	4	0	3	10
Proctor	35	4-14	2-5	2-2	1-2	3	2	2	2	1	0	12
Thompson	33	2-7	1-3	0-0	0-2	2	0	0	1	0	1	5
Boudreaux	19	0-6	0-1	2-2	1-2	3	3	1	2	0	0	2
Eastern	14	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-7	7	5	3	3	0	0	0
Haarms	28	6-6	1-1	3-3	3-5	8	3	0	4	1	0	16
Williams	17	3-4	0-0	2-6	3-4	7	1	0	4	1	0	8
Stefanovic	12	0-2	0-2	3-3	0-2	2	2	0	1	0	1	3
Team					4-1	5						
Totals	225	21-62	5-24	13-17	18-30	48	24	10	24	3	6	60

FG% - Florida State, .379, Purdue, .339. 3FG% - Florida State, .059, Purdue, .208. FT% - Florida State, .720, Purdue, .765. Technical Fouls: Florida State -- None. Purdue -- None. Referees - John Higgins, Mike Eades, Jeff Anderson

Florida State	27	31	5	-	63
Purdue	24	34	2	-	60

Game 8 -- Indiana 80, Florida State 64

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. – Devonte Green senior scored a career-high 30 points, knocked down five 3-pointers and helped fuel a late spurt with two big shots to lead undefeated Indiana past No. 17 Florida State 80-64 in the ACC/Big Ten Challenge. Green went 10 of 15 from the field, 5 of 7 on 3s and 5 for 7 at the free throw line. He also grabbed six rebounds and finished with three assists and two steals -- not bad for someone who missed Indiana's first three games with an injured hamstring. With Green back, the Hoosiers are off to their best start since 2012-13. They earned their third straight win over a ranked team dating to last season and head into Big Ten play with a boost of confidence. It wasn't just Green, either. Freshman forward Trayce Jackson-Davis had 15 points and eight rebounds, while junior Justin Smith chipped in with 14 points and five boards. Trent Forrest scored 13 to lead the Seminoles, who had their seven-game winning streak snapped. M.J. Walker and Devin Vassell added 10 points apiece.

**Indiana 80, Florida State 64
Assembly Hall
Dec. 3, 2019**

Fl. State	Min	FG	3FG	FT	O-D	Reb	F	A	T	B	S	Pts.
Osborne	22	3-5	1-3	0-0	1-2	3	1	1	1	0	2	7
Olejniczak	8	2-2	0-0	0-2	1-1	2	1	0	0	0	0	4
Forrest	35	5-9	0-0	3-6	0-4	4	2	2	4	0	1	13
Walker	19	4-8	2-6	0-0	0-4	4	5	0	2	0	0	10
Vassell	34	3-7	3-3	1-3	0-4	4	3	0	1	0	2	10
Evans	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Gray	26	4-10	0-2	0-1	0-3	3	4	2	2	0	1	8
Polite	18	2-4	1-3	2-2	1-2	3	4	0	1	1	1	7
Koprivica	6	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0
Williams	26	2-7	0-2	1-2	0-1	1	2	2	1	1	1	5
Wilkes	2	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Team					0-0	0				1		
Totals	200	25-53	7-19	7-16	7-18	25	25	7	14	2	8	64

Indiana	Min	FG	3FG	FT	O-D	Reb	F	A	T	B	S	Pts.
Smith	35	4-7	0-1	6-9	2-3	5	1	1	2	0	0	14
Jackson-Davis	35	3-5	0-0	9-14	5-3	8	2	0	2	2	2	15
Brunk	16	2-3	0-0	0-2	1-2	3	1	0	1	1	0	4
Durham	26	2-7	0-2	1-4	0-2	2	2	4	3	0	0	5
Franklin	23	3-5	1-3	2-2	2-2	4	3	1	1	0	1	9
Green	29	10-15	5-7	5-7	0-6	6	2	3	4	0	2	30
Anderson	20	1-3	1-2	0-0	0-0	0	2	1	2	1	0	3
Thompson	9	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-3	3	2	0	0	0	0	0
Davis	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0
Hunter	7	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-2	2	2	0	2	0	0	0
Team					0-2	2						
Totals	200	25-45	7-15	23-38	10-25	35	19	10	18	4	5	80

FG% - Florida State, .472, Indiana, .556. 3FG% - Florida State, .368, Indiana, .467. FT% - Florida State, .438, Indiana, .605. Technical Fouls: Florida State -- Coach. Indiana -- None. Referees - Terry Oglesby, Courtney Green, Paul Szeic

Florida State	30	34	-	64
Indiana	41	39	-	80

Game 9 -- Florida State 72, Clemson 53

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. – Devin Vassell had 14 points and nine rebounds and No. 17 Florida State made 15 three-pointers in a 72-53 rout of Clemson. Anthony Polite had 12 points on four 3-point shots as the Seminoles bounced back following a road loss to Indiana. Tevin Mack scored 14 points and Al-Amir Dawes added 13 points for Clemson. M.J. Walker scored 11 points, including a trio of three-pointers, for Florida State. Eight Seminoles made at least one shot from beyond the arc. Florida State shot 25 of 54 (.463 percent) from the floor. Clemson cooled off in the second half, shooting just 7 of 27 (.259 percent). The Tigers shot 19 of 53 (.358 percent) for the game. The Seminoles are 20-1 at home since the start of the 2018-19 season.

**Florida State 72, Clemson 53
Donald L. Tucker Center
Dec. 8, 2019**

Clemson	Min	FG	3FG	FT	O-D	Reb	F	A	T	B	S	Pts.
Moore	20	1-5	0-2	0-0	0-1	1	1	1	1	0	1	2
Simms	27	3-7	2-3	0-0	2-2	4	4	1	2	0	1	8
Dawes	34	5-13	2-8	1-2	1-2	3	1	2	6	0	0	13
Mack	31	5-10	2-4	2-5	1-2	3	2	3	3	0	3	14
Newmann III	29	2-5	1-2	1-1	0-1	1	1	1	1	0	0	6
Scott	17	2-5	1-2	2-2	0-4	4	2	0	3	0	0	7
Jemison	11	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	3	0	1	0	0	0
Baehre	13	0-1	0-1	0-0	1-2	3	0	0	1	0	0	0
Tyson	13	1-5	1-4	0-0	1-3	4	0	0	0	0	0	3
Grinde	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fox	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
McBride	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hoag	1	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Team					4-4	8						
Totals	200	19-53	9-27	6-10	11-21	32	14	8	18	0	5	53

Fl. State	Min	FG	3FG	FT	O-D	Reb	F	A	T	B	S	Pts.
Osborne	22	2-5	1-4	0-0	1-5	6	3	1	1	2	0	5
Olejniczak	8	0-3	0-0	0-0	3-3	2	1	1	1	0	0	0
Forrest	30	4-8	1-3	0-0	0-0	3	2	5	2	0	1	9
Walker	28	3-9	3-6	2-2	0-0	0	1	2	3	0	1	11
Vassell	28	6-10	2-6	0-2	1-8	9	1	2	2	3	1	14
Gray	17	1-2	1-2	4-4	0-2	2	2	1	0	1	1	7
Koprivica	8	1-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	1	0	2
Polite	18	4-7	4-6	0-0	1-2	3	0	2	1	0	0	12
Williams	26	3-6	2-4	1-0	1-3	4	2	0	0	2	0	9
Evans	11	0-1	0-0	0-2	0-1	1	0	2	2	0	1	0
Lindner	1	1-1	1-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Light	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Miles	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Yates	1	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hands	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Team					2-1	3						
Totals	200	25-54	15-32	7-10	9-25	34	14	16	13	9	6	72

FG% - Clemson, .358, Florida State, .463. 3FG% - Clemson, .333, Florida State, .469. FT% - Clemson, .600, Florida State, .700. Technical Fouls: Clemson -- None. Florida State -- None. Referees - Roger Ayers, Pat Driscoll, Brian O'Connell

Clemson	33	20	-	53
Florida State	27	45	-	72

Game 10 -- Florida State 98, North Florida 81

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. – Balsa Koprivica scored 15 points and fellow big man Dominik Olejniczak added 11 as No. 19 Florida State defeated North Florida 98-81. The 7-footers were able

to capitalize on their height advantage, making shots in the lane and leading the Seminoles to a 39-27 rebounding edge. Koprivica was 6 of 8 from the floor, while Olejniczak went 5 for 7. M.J. Walker had 11 points, one of seven Seminoles who scored in double figures. Florida State has won 12 straight home games in a streak that dates to the 2018-19 season. Ivan Gandia-Rosa scored 23 points, knocking down four 3-pointers, for North Florida. Garrett Sams added 20 points, also making four 3s. North Florida came into the game with 149 made 3-pointers, which led Division I. The Ospreys shot 13 of 34 (38.2%) from beyond the arc.

Fl. State	Min	FG	3FG	FT	O-D	Reb	F	A	T	B	S	Pts.
Gray	28	4-10	1-3	2-2	3-4	7	2	1	2	1	3	11
Olejniczak	5	1-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	1	0	0	2
Forrest	38	5-10	1-2	0-0	0-1	1	2	3	2	3	2	11
Walker	23	2-9	1-6	6-7	1-0	1	0	1	2	0	2	11
Vassell	17	2-7	1-5	3-4	0-1	1	1	2	0	4	1	8
Koprivica	9	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-2	2	3	0	0	0	0	0
Williams	25	2-4	0-1	2-2	2-3	5	3	2	4	0	1	6
Osborne	14	1-2	0-1	0-0	1-0	1	2	1	1	0	2	2
Polite	24	4-9	2-7	1-2	1-4	5	1	4	0	1	2	11
Evans	12	1-1	1-1	1-2	0-2	2	1	2	1	1	0	4
Wilkes	4	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Team				0-3	3					1		
Totals	200	22-55	7-27	15-19	8-20	28	18	16	14	10	13	66

FG% - USF, .429, Florida State, .400. 3FG% - USF, .200, Florida State, .259. FT% - USF, .600, Florida State, .789. Technical Fouls: USF -- Rideau (2nd), Florida State -- Bench (2nd), Gray (2nd). Referees - Ron Groover, A.J. Desai, Vladimir Voyard-Tadal

USF	31	29	-	60
Florida State	28	38	-	66

Anthony Polite Takes Different Path To Same Destination As His Father

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Despite the garnet and gold in his gene pool, Anthony Polite didn't grow up around Florida State.

In fact, the Florida State legacy spent the first 15 years of his life on a different continent.

Polite was born in Lugano, Switzerland while his father Michael was playing basketball abroad.

That didn't stop him from following in his father's footsteps and ending up at FSU as well.

"It has been a part of his life from when he was a very small kid," Michael Polite told the *Tallahassee Democrat*.

"I'd bring my bag home with the ball in there. Him, as a child, rolling it around the house, his mom allowing him to play with the ball and him becoming familiar with that round ball and having a love for it kind of snowballs."

Michael played at FSU from 1987 through 1991. He finished his career with 1,066 points and was on teams that made the NCAA Tournament in three of his four seasons with the Seminoles.

"He has the benefit of a father who really knew something about basketball. That speaks for itself," FSU head coach Leonard Hamilton said.

After his time in Tallahassee, he went onto have a 10-year career in Europe. It was during this time that Michael's wife Maddalena gave birth to Anthony.

Even after Michael's time as a professional player ended, the Polites stayed in Switzerland.

Polite bounced back and forth between basketball and soccer before locking in on wanting to seriously play basketball when he was 12.

"He's been a student of the game," Michael said.

"He knows the history of where I started, from my high school and then obviously playing college ball and then seeing me play professionally, wanting to follow in his dad's footsteps."

A few years and a move to a different area in Switzerland later, Anthony decided he wanted to play high school basketball in the United States.

He moved to Boca Raton and enrolled at St. Andrew's School as a freshman at 15 while his mother stayed back in Switzerland, where she remains to this day.

"His mom has really been supportive of him liking the game and him actually wanting to follow in his dad's footsteps," Michael said.

Added Anthony, "I always looked up to my dad and my mom. They always wanted the best for me. My dream was always to come play college basketball.

"Once I came over here and I moved to the states, (FSU) was definitely one of my top choices."

After a prolific playing career which saw him named the 2017 Palm Beach Player of the Year as a senior, Polite chose FSU over Miami and Memphis, among others.

While his connection to FSU seemed clear on paper, Michael is adamant that his career had little impact on his son's decision to pursue basketball and to do so at FSU.

"I never really pushed him in the direction that he has to do what his dad did. He just had a love for the game and was a student of the game," Michael said.

"Growing up in Switzerland, his mom being supportive of him being a basketball player, he just followed some of the better players, better leagues and the competition in terms of college basketball as well. He decided to come here and play college basketball here and he learned the game from this perspective being here in the U.S. and just studied the collegiate game as well.

"He took a visit to Florida State and fell in love with the program in terms of how coach Hamilton runs his program, the guys showing a lot of love towards him as a player and he made his decision. It was nothing that I forced on him. It was something that he studied and decided to come play for Florida State."

While Anthony played his entire high school career in the U.S., Hamilton sees aspects of his game that developed from his time playing abroad.

"He brings that European system where I think they spend a lot of time with youngsters earlier in life fundamentally. He seems to be pretty sound when he dribbles left, dribbles right, he has good shooting form," Hamilton said.

Michael added, "Growing up in Europe, he has that European style, he has that style of play. Then, obviously, coming over to the U.S., playing high school ball, playing on the AAU circuit, he's done a tremendous job of transitioning his game from learning how to play the game and the fundamentals over in Europe and then picking up the style of play here."

After battling tendinitis in both of his knees last year while redshirting, Polite has earned his first significant playing time this season.

Averaging 14.3 minutes, Polite is seeing the most playing time out of the Seminoles' four true or redshirt freshmen.

"I'm not surprised. I've seen Anthony put in a lot of work in his first two years," FSU point guard Trent Forrest said.

"I knew he was going to be a pretty good player defensively and he was always able to shoot the ball. I feel like he's just gaining his confidence."

His intensity and ability to operate the Junkyard Dog defense Hamilton wants to see is one of the main things to which this can be attributed.

"I like him being in a stance, I like the pressure he's putting on the ball," Hamilton said.

"I envision him as some point being a good defender, a guy who can pick up the point guard for us and a guy also who can knock down jump shots."

Added Anthony, "I know I'm a good defender so that's what I do. If my shot's not falling, I have to find something else that I can produce in and that's defense, steals, rebounds, finding someone else."

All of this has Hamilton excited about the legacy Anthony may leave behind in his own right at FSU.

"The fact that he has the potential he's developed, he has the energy and the quickness and speed and the strength to defend. I think he's obviously a pretty good shooter, pretty good dribbler," Hamilton said.

"I do think that you can see the future is very bright for him and for us."

Florida State Basketball Center Balsa Koprivica Showing Signs Of Progress

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No. 19 Florida State has been one of the best college basketball programs in the country at developing big men over the last decade.

But the Seminoles (9-2, 1-1 ACC) have taken a bit of a step back this year, which is to be expected when two new centers are introduced to the program.

Ole Miss transfer Dominik Olejniczak and true freshman Balsa Koprivica are both still learning FSU's system in their first years with the program.

For a team that relies heavily on its big men, that has created some challenges.

"We've had a problem with our big guys," FSU coach Leonard Hamilton said.

"We have spots on the floor that we have to fulfill and transition. We don't have layups we got to get to what we call that checkpoints. And our guys are running to the wrong spot. Instead of running to the, what we call the halo at the front of the rim, they're running to the short corner. Or they run to the weak side, or they're stopping at the free throw line."

Both players have improved recently, but the progress that Koprivica has made has Hamilton excited for the rest of the season.

Koprivica, a native of Belgrade, Serbia, spent most of the first part of non-conference play on the bench because he was fouling at an extremely high rate. He even had as many fouls as minutes played at one point.

But Koprivica has shown flashes of his potential over the last six games, and FSU will need him to continue to do so against South Florida (6-4) in the Orange Bowl Classic Saturday at noon at the BB&T Center in Sunrise, Fla.

"I told our staff that I'm seeing something develop there," Hamilton said.

"He's responding to coaching. We've been challenging him. We've been holding them accountable been pushing. And he's eager to learn he's a sponge."

Koprivica, 7-foot-1, 260 pounds, has played the eighth most minutes per game on FSU's roster, but he's sixth in points scored. He's averaging 6.2 points and 2.6 rebounds in 12.8 minutes per game. He's shooting 81.8% from the floor this season (27-33).

He had a career-high 15 points against North Florida Tuesday with three rebounds and a block.

The other seven players in front of him in minutes played are all averaging more than 20 minutes per game. As his time on the court improves, so will his grasping of the system that FSU runs. When that happens, FSU's coaches and players are excited for what his future holds.

"It's amazing," Olejniczak said.

"I mean, where he was when he got here as far as where he is right now it's like having a really, really big strides and he's got so much more potential and his ceiling is unbelievably high. So, I'm just looking forward to seeing where this season takes him."