

NO. 20/21 FLORIDA STATE SEMINOLES (2-0 OVERALL, 0-0 ACC)  
VS.

NO. 25 FLORIDA GATORS (3-0 OVERALL, 0-0 SEC)  
FRESH FROM FLORIDA SUNSHINE SHOWDOWN  
SATURDAY DECEMBER 12, 2020; 11:00 A.M.

DONALD L. TUCKER CENTER (2,600)  
TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

LEARFIELD IMG RADIO NETWORK (GENE DECKERHOFF, ADRIAN CRAWFORD)  
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### 2020-21 Florida State Schedule

D2	North Florida	W, 86-58
D9	1 Indiana	W, 69-67 (ot)
D12	Florida	11:00 a.m.
D15	* Georgia Tech	8:30 p.m.
D19	UCF	TBD
D21	Gardner-Webb	8:00 p.m.
D29	* at Clemson	7:00 p.m.
J2	* Duke	6/8:00 p.m.
J6	* at Syracuse	7:00 p.m.
J9	* at Pittsburgh	2:00 p.m.
J13	* NC State	7:00 p.m.
J16	* North Carolina	12 Noon
J18	* at Louisville	7:00 p.m.
J23	* Clemson	3:00 p.m.
J27	* Miami	6:00 p.m.
J30	* at Georgia Tech	4:00 p.m.
F2	* at Boston College	9:00 p.m.
F9	* at Virginia Tech	8:30 p.m.
F13	* Wake Forest	12 Noon
F15	* Virginia	7:00 p.m.
F20	* Virginia Tech	12 Noon
F24	* at Miami	8:30 p.m.
F27	* at North Carolina	4:00 p.m.
M3	* Boston College	9:00 p.m.
M9-13	2 at ACC Tournament	TBD

\*ACC Game. 1 ACC/Big Ten Challenge at Tallahassee, Fla.; 2 ACC Tournament Greensboro Coliseum, Greensboro, N.C.

### 2019-20 ACC Standings

Team	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
Florida State	16	4	.800	26	5	.839
Virginia	15	5	.750	23	7	.767
Louisville	15	5	.750	24	7	.774
Duke	15	5	.750	25	6	.806
Georgia Tech	10	9	.500	17	14	.548
NC State	10	10	.500	19	12	.613
Syracuse	10	10	.500	17	14	.548
Notre Dame	10	10	.474	18	12	.600
Clemson	9	11	.450	15	15	.500
Miami	7	13	.350	15	15	.500
Boston College	7	13	.368	13	18	.419
Virginia Tech	7	13	.368	16	15	.516
Wake Forest	6	14	.316	13	17	.433
Pittsburgh	6	14	.300	15	16	.484
N. Carolina	6	14	.300	13	18	.419

### Leonard Hamilton's Career Record

	W	L	Pct.	Years
Career	562	431	.566	1987-Pr.
at Okla. State	56	63	.471	1987-90
at Miami	144	147	.495	1991-00
at Florida State	362	221	.621	2002-Pr.

### ACC Operation Basketball Predicted Order of Finish

1. Virginia	9.	Georgia Tech
2. Duke	10.	Clemson
3. FLORIDA STATE	11.	Virginia Tech
4. North Carolina	12.	Notre Dame
5. Louisville	13.	Pitt
6. Syracuse	14.	Boston College
7. Miami	15.	Wake Forest
8. NC State		

"Scottie Barnes, how do you do!"

Mitchell Gladstone  
The Field of 68

### NO. 20/21 SEMINOLES PLAY HOST TO NO. 25 GATORS IN SATURDAY MATINEE IN TALLAHASSEE

Florida State, which defeated Indiana 69-67 in overtime in the ACC/Big Ten Challenge on Wednesday night in Tallahassee, plays host to No. 25 Florida in the Fresh From Florida Sunshine Showdown on Saturday, December 12, 2020 at 11:00 a.m. at the Donald L. Tucker Center in Tallahassee. The Seminoles have won a school-record six consecutive games in the series (each game between the two teams since 2014) and are looking to tie the series record for consecutive wins by either team in the series with a victory on Saturday. In hosting the cross-state rival Gators, the Seminoles are playing their third of six consecutive home games to begin the 2020-21 season. The schedule includes a game on December 21 against Gardner-Webb – which was rescheduled from November 27 in Tallahassee. Following Saturday's game against Florida, the Seminoles begin ACC play against Georgia Tech on Tuesday, December 15 at 8:30 p.m. at the Donald L. Tucker Center.

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

Date	Score	Site	Notes
Dec. 30, 2014	at Florida State 65, Florida 63	Tallahassee	FSU wins on UF own basket with 0.4 left
Dec. 29, 2015	Florida State 73, at Florida 71	Gainesville	FSU wins on Bacon jumper with 4.6 left
Dec. 11, 2016	at Florida State 83, Florida 78	Tallahassee	FSU wins on Dwayne Bacon's 24 points
Dec. 4, 2017	Florida State 83, at Florida 66	Gainesville	FSU wins on Terance Mann's 25 points
Nov. 6, 2018	at Florida State 81, Florida 60	Tallahassee	FSU leads by 35 in winning at home
Nov. 10, 2019	Florida State 63, at Florida 51	Gainesville	FSU wins on Devin Vassell's 13 points

### FLORIDA STATE SINCE THE START OF THE 2018-19 SEASON

Florida State is 57-13 (.814 winning percentage) since the start of the 2018-19 season. The Seminoles finished 29-8 in 2018-19, 26-5 in 2019-20 and are 2-0 this season. Since defeating Clemson on December 8, 2019, the Seminoles have won nearly 90 percent of their games with a record of 21-3.

### FLORIDA STATE VS. FLORIDA – CONNECTIONS

The Seminoles have won a school record six consecutive games against the Gators a streak that includes a win in each game in the series since December 30, 2014. During their current six-game winning streak (which began in Tallahassee in 2014), the Seminoles have won three games in Tallahassee and three games in Gainesville. With the Seminoles' 63-51 win over the Gators in Gainesville in 2019, Seminole head coach Leonard Hamilton has won a school-record 10 games against Florida. The Gators are coached by Mike White, who is in his sixth season at Florida. White is 1-6 against Florida State during his career with a 1-2 record against the Seminoles while he was at Louisiana Tech (two NIT games) and an 0-4 record as the head coach at Florida. Jordan Mincy, who is in his fourth season as an assistant coach at Florida, has coached against Florida State six times – five with the Gators and once at Louisiana Tech during the 2014-15 season and is 0-6 against the Seminoles. Al Pinkins, who is in his third season as Florida's associate head coach is 0-2 as a member of the Gators' staff against Florida State. Pinkins played for two seasons at NC State (1996 and 1997) against Florida State in the ACC. The Wolfpack and Pinkins were 3-2 against the Seminoles during his playing career. Darris Nichols, also an assistant coach on the Florida staff, has faced Florida State five times (all while at Florida) and is 0-5 against the Seminoles.

### FLORIDA STATE HAS WON MORE THAN 95 PERCENT OF ITS HOME GAMES SINCE FEBRUARY 27, 2015

Florida State is 67-3 (.957 winning percentage) in its last 70 home games since the tail end of the 2015-16 season. The Seminoles enter Saturday's game against No. 25 Florida having won .957 percent of their games (67-3) and .923 percent of their ACC games (36-3) 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 are 2-0 at home this season, were 16-0 at home last season (including 10-0 in ACC play), were 15-1 at home (including 8-1 in the ACC) during the 2018-19 season and were 18-0 at home (including 9-0 in the ACC) in the 2016-17 season.

### LOOK FOR FLORIDA STATE TO...

...Defeat Florida and win its 32<sup>nd</sup> consecutive game that has been played in the state of Florida – each game since a 77-68 win at home over Clemson on January 22, 2019;

...Defeat Florida and win its 11<sup>th</sup> consecutive games against a team from the state of Florida. The Seminoles were 5-0 against Sunshine State teams in 2019-20, 4-0 against teams from the state in 2018-19 and began their current 10-game winning streak with a 103-94 overtime win over Miami on January 27, 2018 in Tallahassee;

...Defeat Florida and up its record to 16-1 against teams from the state of Florida since defeating Miami, 103-94, in overtime at the Donald L. Tucker Center.

## Florida State Basketball / National Polls

### ASSOCIATED PRESS POLL

Rk.	Team	20-21 Rec.
1.	Gonzaga (54)	3-0
2.	Baylor (7)	3-0
3.	Iowa	3-0
4.	Michigan State	5-0
5.	Kansas	4-1
6.	Illinois	3-1
7.	Houston	4-0
8.	Creighton	3-0
9.	Villanova	4-1
10.	<b>Duke</b>	<b>2-1</b>
11.	West Virginia	4-1
12.	Tennessee	0-0
13.	Wisconsin	3-1
	Texas	4-1
15.	<b>Virginia Tech</b>	<b>4-0</b>
16.	<b>North Carolina</b>	<b>3-1</b>
17.	Texas Tech	4-1
18.	<b>Virginia</b>	<b>3-1</b>
19.	Richmond	2-0
20.	<b>FLORIDA STATE</b>	<b>1-0</b>
21.	Rutgers	3-0
22.	Ohio State	3-0
23.	Arizona State	3-1
24.	San Diego State	4-0
25.	<b>Louisville</b>	<b>4-0</b>

### USA TODAY POLL

Rk.	Team	Points
1.	Gonzaga (23)	788
2.	Baylor (8)	774
3.	Iowa (1)	717
4.	Michigan State	679
5.	Kansas	585
6.	Villanova	581
7.	Kansas	585
8.	Houston	581
9.	Illinois	525
10.	West Virginia	471
11.	<b>Duke</b>	<b>458</b>
12.	Texas	407
13.	Wisconsin	361
14.	<b>North Carolina</b>	<b>331</b>
15.	<b>Virginia Tech</b>	<b>315</b>
16.	Tennessee	311
17.	Texas Tech	310
18.	<b>Virginia</b>	<b>268</b>
19.	Richmond	198
20.	Ohio State	176
21.	<b>FLORIDA STATE</b>	<b>167</b>
22.	Rutgers	161
23.	Arizona State	121
24.	Louisville	95
25.	<b>Florida</b>	<b>83</b>

### Florida State's 2020-21 Poll History

Week	AP	Coaches
Preseason	21	18
Week 1	22	NP
Week 2	20	21

### What's In A Name

My full name is RayQuan Ethan Evans. My dad took the name of one of the singers, Raekwon, from the 1990's band Wu Tang Clan, and put his own spin on the spelling for my first name. Ethan, from the Bible, came from my mom. The name Ethan means strong, firm and long-lived.

My full name is Scott Williams Barnes, Jr. I was named after my dad. People have called me Scottie as long as I can remember; I guess because it's catchy.

### SEMINOLES' NEARLY UNHEARD OF OVERTIME WINNING STREAK

Florida State defeated Indiana, 69-67, in overtime on Wednesday in Tallahassee for its 10<sup>th</sup> consecutive overtime victory. The Seminoles have won each of the their overtime decisions since a 101-90 double overtime win over Syracuse on January 13, 2018 in a game played at the Donald L. Tucker Center in Tallahassee. The all-time national record for consecutive overtime victories is 11 by Louisville (1968-75), UMass (1991-96) and Virginia (1991-96)

### Florida State's Overtime Streak

No.	Date	Opponent	Location	Score
1.	January 13, 2018	Syracuse	Tallahassee, Fla.	101-90 (2 OT)
2.	January 27, 2018	Miami	Tallahassee, Fla.	103-94 (OT)
3.	February 14, 2018	Clemson	Tallahassee, Fla.	81-79 (OT)
4.	November 23, 2018	LSU	Lake Buena Vista, Fla.	79-76 (OT)
5.	February 9, 2019	Louisville	Tallahassee, Fla.	80-75 (OT)
6.	March 5, 2019	Virginia Tech	Tallahassee, Fla.	73-64 (OT)
7.	March 14, 2019	Virginia Tech	Charlotte, N.C.	65-63 (OT)
8.	November 30, 2019	Purdue	Destin, Fla.	63-60 (OT)
9.	January 18, 2020	Miami	Coral Gables, Fla.	83-79 (OT)
10.	December 9, 2020	Indiana	Tallahassee, Fla.	69-67 (OT)

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

Florida State enters Saturday's game against Florida having won 40 consecutive non-conference home games – the second longest active streak in the nation. Butler, at 59 straight home wins, has the longest streak in the nation.

### Longest Active Non-Conference Home Winning Streaks

Rank	No.	Team	Next Home Game
1.	59	Butler	December 12, 2020 vs. St. John's
2.	40	<b>Florida State</b>	<b>December 12, 2020 vs. Florida</b>

### FLORIDA STATE HAS WON 25 CONSECUTIVE HOME GAMES

Florida State enters Saturday's game against Florida having won 25 consecutive games at the Donald L. Tucker Center in Tallahassee. The Seminoles' winning streak in their home building began with a 77-68 win over Clemson on January 22, 2019. Their most recent victory in Tallahassee came as a 69-67 overtime win over Indiana on December 9, 2020. Florida State has won 17 consecutive ACC home games.

### HAMILTON WITH 73 WINS OVER RANKED TEAMS

Florida State's Leonard Hamilton enters Saturday's game against No. 25 Florida looking for his 74<sup>th</sup> career win over a nationally ranked team. He earned two wins over ranked teams at Oklahoma State, 17 at Miami and 55 at Florida State. He has earned four wins over No. 1 ranked teams: against No. 1 Oklahoma (February 4, 1989 while at Oklahoma State); against No. 1 Duke (March 1, 2006 while at Florida State); against No. 1 North Carolina (March 4, 2009 while at Florida State) and against No. 1 Duke (January 12, 2011 while at Florida State). The Seminoles have seven wins over nationally ranked Florida teams – including six under Head Coach Leonard Hamilton. Florida State has won six consecutive games against Florida – three of those wins have come when Florida has been ranked.

### FLORIDA STATE WITH SEVEN WINS OVER NATIONALLY RANKED FLORIDA TEAMS

Including wins over top-10 ranked Florida teams in 2006, 2017 and 2019, the Seminoles have seven wins over nationally ranked Florida teams in the history of the Florida State/Florida rivalry. The Seminoles have four wins over nationally ranked Florida teams including a 70-66 win over the No. 4 Gators on December 3, 2006 – in games played in Tallahassee.

### Florida State's Wins Over Nationally Ranked Florida Teams

Date	Site	UF Ranking	Final Score
Dec. 3, 1988	Tallahassee, Fla.	No. 19	Florida State, 104-86
Dec. 3, 2006	Tallahassee, Fla.	No. 4	Florida State, 70-66
Nov. 23, 2007	Gainesville, Fla.	No. 25	Florida State, 65-51
Dec. 7, 2008	Tallahassee, Fla.	No. 23	Florida State, 57-55
Dec. 11, 2016	Tallahassee, Fla.	No. 21	Florida State, 83-78
Dec. 4, 2017	Gainesville, Fla.	No. 5	Florida State, 83-66
Nov. 6, 2019	Gainesville, Fla.	No. 6	Florida State, 63-51

### LONGEST WINING STREAK BY A FLORIDA STATE TEAM AGAINST FLORIDA

The Florida State Women's Volleyball team holds the all-time Seminole record with a 13-game winning streak against the Gators. The current six-game winning streak by the Seminole men's basketball team of is the sixth longest winning streak by any Florida State team against any Florida team in the history of the competition between the two school which are separated by roughly 152 miles.

### Florida State's All-Time Winning Streaks Against Florida

Sport	Streak	Years
W. Volleyball	13	1974-84
M. Track and Field	9	1977-82
Baseball	8	1989-91
M. Swimming	8	1958-62
W. Basketball	7	1978-80
<b>M. Basketball</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2014-Pr.</b>

### HAMILTON AMONG ALL-TIME GREATEST COACHES IN ACC

Florida State Head Coach Leonard Hamilton enters Saturday's game against Florida as the fifth winningest coach in ACC history with 362 career wins at Florida State. Hamilton became only the sixth coach in the illustrious history of the nation's best basketball conference to win 350 career games with the Seminoles' victory over Miami on January 18, 2020.

**Florida State Basketball  
Upcoming Milestones**

**Leonard Hamilton**

**Victories as an ACC Coach**

361 (Career at Florida State)

+102 (Needs)

463

To Become the 4<sup>th</sup> Winningest Coach in ACC History (all victories) (surpassing Gary Williams of Maryland)

**Leonard Hamilton**

**ACC Victories at Florida State**

(Regular Season + ACC Tourn.)

170 (career at Florida State)

+41 (Needs)

211

To become the 4<sup>th</sup> Winningest Coach in ACC History (ACC games) – surpassing Gary Williams of Maryland

**Leonard Hamilton**

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

4 (career at Florida State)

+4 (Needs)

8

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

**Florida State**

**All-Time Victories**

1247 (current)

+3 (needs)

1,250

Florida State enters the 2020-21 season with an all-time record of 1,245-860 for a winning percentage of .591.

**M.J. Walker**

**Career Points Scores**

820 (career at Florida State)

+ 180 (needs)

1,000

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

**M.J. Walker**

**Career 3-Point Field Goals Made**

134 (career at Florida State)

+2 (needs)

136

To move into 12<sup>th</sup> place in school history with 136 career 3-point field goals made – surpassing Adrian Crawford (1999-01)

**M.J. Walker**

**Career 3-Point Field Goals Made**

134 (career at Florida State)

+16 (needs)

150

To become the 10<sup>th</sup> player in school history with 150 or more career 3-point field goals made

**M.J. Walker**

**Career 3-Point Field Goals Attempted**

386 (career at Florida State)

+14 (needs)

400

To become the 12<sup>th</sup> player in school history with 400 or more career 3-point shots attempted.

**STARTING LINEUP FOR FLORIDA STATE...**

F #1 RaiQuan Gray (10.0 ppg and 7.0 rpg; 7 pts and 5 rebs vs. Florida, November 10, 2019)  
C #5 Balsa Koprivica (12.5 ppg, 6.5 rpg; 0 pts and 0 rebs vs. Florida, November 10, 2019)  
G #2 Anthony Polite (8.0 ppg and 5.5 rpg; 7 pts and 2 rebs vs. Florida, November 10, 2019)  
G #4 Scottie Barnes (11.5 ppg, 5.5 rpg; First career appearance against Florida)  
G #23 M.J. Walker (18.0 ppg and 2.5 rpg; 12 pts and 3 rebs vs. Florida, November 10, 2019)

**...AND TOP RESERVES**

G #0 RayQuan Evans (4.0 ppg and 1.0 apg; First career game against Florida)  
F #10 Malik Osborne (5.5 ppg and 6.0 rpg; 10 pts and 4 rebs vs. Florida, November 10, 2019)  
G #31 Wyatt Wilkes (2.0 ppg and 3.0 rpg; 2 pts and 3 rebs vs. Florida, November 6, 2018)  
C #15 Quincy Ballard (1.0 ppg, 0.5 rpg; First career game against Florida)  
G #24 Sardaar Calhoun (5.5 ppg, 2.0 rpg; First career game against Florida)  
G #11 Nathanael Jack (6.0 ppg and 1.0 apg; First career game against Florida)  
C #34 Tanor Ngom (1.5 ppg, 1.5 rpg; First career game against Florida)

**POSSIBLE STARTING LINEUP FOR FLORIDA**

F #11 Keyontae Johnson (19.7 ppg, 6.0 rpg; 19 pts and 4 rebs vs. Florida, November 10, 2019)  
F #12 Colin Castleton (6.3 ppg, 3.7 rpg; First career game against Florida State)  
G #1 Tre Mann (15.3 ppg, 4.0 rpg; 5 pts and 2 rebs vs. Florida State, November 10, 2019)  
G #10 Noah Locke (11.3 ppg, 2.3 rpg; 2 pts and 3 rebs vs. Florida State, November 10, 2019)  
G #23 Scottie Lewis (10.7 ppg, 5.7 rpg; 4 pts and 1 reb vs. Florida State, November 10, 2019)

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

The Series: Florida leads the series, 43-28  
First Game: December 29, 1951; Florida 61, Florida State 51  
Last Game: November 10, 2019; Florida State 63, at Florida 51  
Last Florida State Win: November 10, 2019; Florida State 63, at Florida 51  
Last Florida Win: November 29, 2013; at Florida 67, Florida State 66  
Last Florida State Win in Tallahassee: November 6, 2018; at Florida State 81, Florida 60  
Last Florida Win in Tallahassee: December 5, 2012; Florida 72, at Florida State 47  
Current Streak: Florida State has won 7  
Current Streak in Tallahassee: Florida State has won 3

**FLORIDA STATE VS. FLORIDA – THE LAST FIVE GAMES**

<u>Nov. 10, 2019</u>	<u>Nov. 6, 2018</u>	<u>Nov. 6, 2017</u>	<u>Dec. 4, 2016</u>	<u>Dec. 11, 2015</u>
Florida State 63	at Florida State 81	Florida State 83	at Florida State 83	Florida State 73
at Florida 51	Florida 60	at Florida 66	Florida 78	at Florida 71

**FLORIDA STATE VS. FLORIDA – THE LAST GAME**

Devin Vassell scored 13 points, M.J. Walker added 12 and Florida State upset No. 6 Florida 63-51, extending its series winning streak to six on November 10, 2019 in Gainesville, Fla. The Seminoles avoided their first 0-2 start since 2000 thanks to a suffocating defense that forced the rival Gators into 16 turnovers and a woeful shooting performance. Florida was 14 of 50 from the field, including 4 of 22 from 3-point range. A sellout crowd witnessed FSU take over late in the first half and really seize control after the break. The Gators went 10 minutes with just one field goal -- a dunk on an inbound play -- as Florida State pulled ahead 38-25 in the opening minutes of the second half. The 'Noles went up by 14 on Anthony Polite's 3-pointer with 9:31 to play. The Seminoles made 11 of their first 20 shots in the second half. They also finished with five blocked shots and eight steals.

**TODAY'S OFFICIALS**

Today's referee is Ted Valentine and the umpires are Lee Cassell and Doug Shows

**2020-21 FLORIDA STATE ROSTER**

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Hometown
0	RayQuan Evans	G	6-4	210	Sr.	Billings, Mont./North Idaho College
1	RaiQuan Gray	F	6-8	260	RJr.	Ft. Lauderdale, Fla./Dillard
2	Anthony Polite	G	6-6	215	RJr.	Lugano, Switzerland/St. Andrews Christian School (Fla.)
4	Scottie Barnes	G/F	6-9	227	Fr.	West Palm Beach, Fla./Montverde Academy (Fla.)
5	Balsa Koprivica	C	7-1	240	So.	Belgrade, Serbia/Montverde Academy
10	Malik Osborne	F	6-9	225	RJr.	Matteson. Ill./Bosco Institute/Rice
11	Nathanael Jack	G	6-5	195	Sr.	Mississauga, Ontario, Canada/Eastern Florida State
12	Justin Lindner	G	6-1	180	RSr.	Memphis, Tenn./Christian Brothers
15	Quincy Ballard	C	6-11	240	Fr.	Syracuse, N.Y./Quality Education Academy (N.C.)
20	Travis Light	G	6-6	190	RSr.	Vienna, Va./IMG Academy
23	M.J. Walker	G/F	6-5	213	Sr.	Riverdale, Ga./Jonesboro
24	Sardaar Calhoun	G	6-6	220	Jr.	Tappahannock, Va./Missouri University West Plains
30	Harrison Prieto	F	6-8	230	RSr.	Mandeville, La./St. Paul's School
31	Wyatt Wilkes	F	6-8	220	RJr.	Orlando, Fla./Winter Park
33	Will Miles	G	6-6	220	RSr.	Orlando, Fla./Trinity Prep
34	Tanor Ngom	C	7-2	236	Sr.	Dakar, Senegal/Rysonson University (Canada)
40	Isaac Spainhour	G	6-3	180	Fr.	King, N.C./West Stokes
42	Cleveland Yates	G	6-3	200	So.	Memphis, Tenn./Briarcrest Christian School
44	Max Thorpe	G	6-3	160	Fr.	Clearwater, Fla./Clearwater Countryside

**PRONUNCIATION GUIDE:** RayQuan Evans (RAY-Qwan); RaiQuan Gray (RAY-Qwan); Balsa Koprivica (Ball-Sha Ko-Pra-Vizza); Sardaar Calhoun (Suh-DAR Cal-Hoon); Tanor Ngom (Tuh-NOR en-GOM)

**Florida State Basketball  
By The Numbers**

**2** Florida State is undefeated, 2-0, when it outscores its opponent.

**2:1** With 12 steals in its win over North Florida and eight in its overtime win over Indiana, the Seminoles have twice as many steals (20) than their first two opponents (10).

**2.8** Freshman Scottie Barnes has a 2.8:1 assist:turnover ratio (11 assists and only four turnovers) in the first two games of his career. He had only two turnovers in 30 minutes of play in Florida State's victory over Indiana on Wednesday.

**5** Florida State has earned a school record five consecutive 20+ win seasons (26 wins in 2020, 29 wins in 2019, 23 wins in 2018, 26 wins in 2017 and 20 wins in 2016).

**5** Freshman Scottie Barnes scored five of Florida State's seven overtime points (including the game-winning basket with 1.8 seconds remaining) in Florida State's 69-67 win over Indiana in the ACC/Big Ten Challenge. He scored five of his nine points in the overtime period and scored as many points as the Hoosiers (five) in the final five minutes of the Seminoles' victory.

**5** Freshman Scottie Barnes scored as many points (five) as Indiana did during the overtime period (five) and outscored the Hoosiers' leading scorer (Trayce Jackson-Davis by a 5-4 margin in the extra session. Jackson-Davis totaled a game-high 25 points for Indiana.

**7** Florida State has seven players in its rotation (RaiQuan Gray, Balsa Koprivica, Anthony Polite, Scottie Barnes, M.J. Walker, Wyatt Wilkes and Malik Osborne) who all have experience as starters during their careers as Seminoles.

**7** Florida State outscored Indiana, 7-5, in overtime during its victory over the Hoosiers. After surrendering an old-fashioned three-point play to open the scoring in the extra period, the Seminoles outscored the Hoosiers, 7-2, in the final 4:38 of the game.

**12** Seminole Head Coach Leonard Hamilton has utilized 12 players in both of the first two games of the 2020-21 season.

**17** M.J. Walker has scored in double figures in 17 of the last 33 games and is averaging 11.1 points scored per game since the beginning of the 2019-20 season.

**19** Led by Anthony Polite and Malik Osborne, who totaled four offensive rebounds each against Indiana, Florida State totaled 19 offensive rebounds in its overtime victory over the Hoosiers.

**99** Senior M.J. Walker will play in his 99<sup>th</sup> career game against Florida on Saturday morning.

**WALKER ENJOYING BEST START TO A SEASON IN HIS CAREER**

Florida State senior M.J. Walker enters Saturday's game against Florida – the fourth against the Gators in his career – averaging a career-high 18.0 points and shooting .917 from the free throw line. He totaled a team-high 19 points in Florida State's overtime victory over Indiana on December 9 and scored a team-high 17 points in the Seminoles' season-opening win over North Florida on December 2.

**Walker's Best Two-Game Starts**

2021	2020	2019	2018
18.0 ppg	8.0 ppg	7.5 ppg	6.0 ppg
2.5 rpg	2.0 rpg	3.0 rpg	4.0 rpg

**WALKER CLOSING IN ON 1,000 CAREER POINTS**

Senior M.J. Walker has scored 36 points (18.0 ppg) in the Seminoles' first two games of the season and enters Saturday's game against Florida with 820 career points. He needs only 180 points to become the 48<sup>th</sup> player in school history to score 1,000 or more career points. Walker is averaging 11.1 points in 28 games in the last two seasons as compared to averaging 7.3 points per game in the first two seasons of his career.

**Breaking Down M.J. Walker's Scoring Totals**

Season	Games	Points	PPG	DF Scoring Games
2017-18	35	246	7.0	10
2018-19	35	263	7.5	11
2019-20	26	275	10.6	15
2020-21	<u>2</u>	<u>36</u>	<u>18.0</u>	<u>2</u>
Totals	98	820	8.4	38

**SCOTTIE BARNES STUFFING THE STATISTICS SHEET**

In the first two games of his collegiate career, freshman Scottie Barnes has totaled 17 points (8.5 points per game), a team-leading 11 assists (six coming in his debut against North Florida), four steals (all against Indiana with three of the four coming after halftime and in overtime) and 10 rebounds. Oh, yeah, and the game-winning basket with 1.8 seconds remaining in overtime of his first career game against a Power 5 opponent.

**KOPRIVICA WITH DOUBLE FIGURE SCORING IN FIRST TWO GAMES**

Sophomore Balsa Koprivica, who scored 13 points in Florida State's season-opening win over North Florida, has scored in double figures in the first two games of the season. He enters Saturday's game against Florida averaging a career-high 12.5 points scored per game. Koprivica has scored in double figures in both of Florida State's games this season and scored in double figures in six of 27 games as a freshman. He has more than doubled his scoring average this season as compared to his first season in the Garnet and Gold.

**Koprivica's Hot Start**

Season	Games	Points	PPG	Notes
2020-21	2	25	12.5	Season-high 13 points in win over North Florida, Dec. 2, 2020
2019-20	<u>27</u>	<u>127</u>	<u>4.7</u>	<u>Career-high 15 points vs. North Florida and Boston College</u>
Improvement			+7.8	Double figure scoring in 6 career games

**GRAY NEARLY RECORDS HIS FIRST CAREER DOUBLE DOUBLE**

Redshirt junior RaiQuan Gray totaled 12 points and nine rebounds in Florida State's victory over Indiana in the ACC/Big Ten Challenge as he came up just one rebound shy of earning the first double double of his career. He came within one point of tying his career-high for points in a game (13 in a victory over Notre Dame on January 25, 2020) and came within one rebound of tying his career-high for rebounds in a game (10 in a victory over Syracuse on February 15, 2020).

**MALIK OSBORNE IN THE FINAL 5:00 OF THE SECOND HALF OF FLORIDA STATE'S WIN OVER INDIANA...**

...Scored five points including a 3-point shot with 4:12 remaining in regulation to put Florida State ahead by one at 55-54;  
 ...Was a perfect two of two from the free throw line with 3:00 remaining to help Florida State tie the score at 59-59;  
 ...Blocked one shot at the 1:15 mark which helped the Seminoles keep the game score tied at 59-59;  
 ...Grabbed one offensive rebound which allowed Florida State to elongate a possession by earning a jump ball possession and allowing Florida State to set up for a game-winning play at the end of regulation.

**OSBORNE A PERFECT FOUR OF FOUR FROM THE FREE THROW LINE**

Redshirt junior Malik Osborne is a perfect four of four from the free throw line – with all four coming in the second half of the first two games of the season. He was two of two in the second half of Florida State's victory over North Florida and an identical two of two in the second half of Florida State's victory over Indiana. His two free throw shots against Indiana came with three minutes left in regulation of the 69-67 overtime victory.

**POLITE CONTINUES TO INCREASE CAREER SCORING AVERAGE**

Redshirt junior Anthony Polite, who has started both of the Seminoles' first two games of the 2020-21 season, totaled nine points and eight rebounds in Florida State's overtime victory over Indiana on Wednesday in Tallahassee. He enters Saturday's game against Florida averaging a career-high 8.0 points scored per game and has increased his scoring average during each of his four seasons as a Seminole.

**Breaking Down Anthony Polite's Scoring Totals**

Season	Games	Starts	Points	PPG
2017-18	1	0	0	0.0
2018-19	30	0	80	2.7
2019-20	31	8	173	5.6
2020-21	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>8.0</u>
Totals	64	10	269	4.2



**2020-21 Florida St. Men's Basketball  
Combined Team Statistics  
All games**

**Game Records**

Record	Overall	Home	Away	Neutral
ALL GAMES	2-0	2-0	0-0	0-0
CONFERENCE	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
NON-CONFERENCE	2-0	2-0	0-0	0-0

**Score by Periods**

Team	1st	2nd	OT	TOT
Florida St.	69	79	7	155
Opponents	52	68	5	125

**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
23	WALKER, M.J.	2-2	67:42	33.9	10-23	.435	5-11	.455	11-12	.917	3	2	5	2.5	6	0	3	5	0	0	36	18.0
5	KOPRIVICA, Balsa	2-2	38:52	19.4	10-20	.500	0-0	.000	5-7	.714	5	8	13	6.5	8	1	1	2	2	1	25	12.5
1	GRAY, RaiQuan	2-2	48:46	24.4	9-18	.500	1-4	.250	1-4	.250	2	12	14	7.0	5	0	5	2	2	5	20	10.0
4	BARNES, Scottie	2-2	53:58	27.0	7-21	.333	1-4	.250	2-7	.286	5	5	10	5.0	3	0	11	4	0	4	17	8.5
2	POLITE, Anthony	2-2	56:47	28.4	6-15	.400	3-8	.375	1-4	.250	5	6	11	5.5	5	0	2	1	2	1	16	8.0
11	JACK, Nathanael	1-0	10:31	10.5	2-4	.500	1-3	.333	1-2	.500	0	0	0	0.0	1	0	1	2	0	0	6	6.0
24	CALHOUN, Sardaar	2-0	28:46	14.4	4-10	.400	3-6	.500	0-0	.000	1	3	4	2.0	1	0	0	0	0	1	11	5.5
10	OSBORNE, Malik	2-0	48:13	24.1	3-7	.429	1-3	.333	4-4	1.000	7	5	12	6.0	4	0	1	1	1	4	11	5.5
31	WILKES, Wyatt	2-0	24:07	12.1	2-8	.250	0-4	.000	0-0	.000	3	3	6	3.0	0	0	6	1	1	2	4	2.0
0	EVANS, RayQuan	2-0	29:03	14.5	2-9	.222	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	1	2	3	1.5	1	0	2	0	0	1	4	2.0
34	NGOM, Tanor	2-0	09:01	4.5	1-3	.333	0-0	.000	1-2	.500	1	2	3	1.5	3	0	0	0	1	1	3	1.5
15	BALLARD, Quincy	2-0	08:19	4.2	1-1	1.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	1	1	0.5	1	0	0	1	1	0	2	1.0
30	PRIETO, Harrison	1-0	00:55	0.9	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Team											3	1	4					1				
<b>Total</b>		<b>2</b>	<b>425</b>		<b>57-139</b>	<b>.410</b>	<b>15-44</b>	<b>.341</b>	<b>26-42</b>	<b>.619</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>43.0</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>77.5</b>
<b>Opponents</b>		<b>2</b>	<b>425</b>		<b>40-107</b>	<b>.374</b>	<b>15-42</b>	<b>.357</b>	<b>30-40</b>	<b>.750</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>35.5</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>62.5</b>

**Team Statistics**

	FSU	OPP
<b>Scoring</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>125</b>
Points per game	77.5	62.5
Scoring margin	+15.0	-
<b>Field goals-att</b>	<b>57-139</b>	<b>40-107</b>
Field goal pct	.410	.374
<b>3 point fg-att</b>	<b>15-44</b>	<b>15-42</b>
3-point FG pct	.341	.357
3-pt FG made per game	7.5	7.5
<b>Free throws-att</b>	<b>26-42</b>	<b>30-40</b>
Free throw pct	.619	.750
F-Throws made per game	13.0	15.0
<b>Rebounds</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>71</b>
Rebounds per game	43.0	35.5
Rebounding margin	+7.5	-
<b>Assists</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>24</b>
Assists per game	16.0	12.0
<b>Turnovers</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>38</b>
Turnovers per game	10.0	19.0
Turnover margin	+9.0	-
Assist/turnover ratio	1.6	0.6
<b>Steals</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>10</b>
Steals per game	10.0	5.0
<b>Blocks</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>4</b>
Blocks per game	5.0	2.0
<b>Winning streak</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>-</b>
Home win streak	2	-
<b>Attendance</b>	<b>5676</b>	<b>0</b>
Home games-Avg/Game	2-2838	0-0
Neutral site-Avg/Game	-	0-0

**Team Results**

Date	Opponent		Score	Att.
12/02/2020	North Florida	W	86-58	2720
12/09/2020	Indiana	Wot	69-67	2956

## Leonard Hamilton's Quest For The Respect He Deserves In The College Basketball World

By Curt Weiler

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Twenty-one years ago, a Miami columnist detailed 20 questions with Miami head basketball coach Leonard Hamilton.

The first question of that 1999 interview immediately jumped out. Would Hamilton shave three years off his life in order to win a national championship?

At the time, Hamilton was in his ninth year of what would be 10 years spent atop the Hurricanes' program. He had led Miami's transition from independence into the Big East. Hamilton built the program from a 1-17 Big East record in its first year in the conference to what would be a second-place finish in the conference (15-3 record) and a spot as high as No. 9 in the Associated Press poll during the 1998-99 season.

The question wasn't especially farfetched as the Hurricanes would enter that year's NCAA Tournament as a No. 2 seed, although they made a second-round exit after being upset by No. 10 seed Purdue.

The answer Hamilton gave after a 30-second pause says a lot about the type of person he is.

"It's sad when that's a hard question," Hamilton said.

"I know I should say that I want to keep the three years of my life, but to win would mean so much to so many other people in our program that I'd have to say shave the three years off my life. It would be worth the sacrifice."

In the two decades plus since this interview, Hamilton left the Miami job for a brief stint coaching Michael Jordan and the Washington Wizards before landing at Florida State. He enters the 2020-21 basketball season leading an FSU basketball program coming off one of the best seasons in program history.

On a more personal note, he passed longtime Georgia Tech coach Bobby Cremins for fifth-most wins in ACC men's basketball history this past February. He enters this season with 582 career wins as a head coach, although the NCAA recognizes just 560 as FSU had all 22 wins from its 2006-07 season vacated due to an academic fraud scandal.

Regardless of which win total you subscribe to, he's expected to join an elite group of college basketball coaches that have amassed 600 career Division-I wins within the next few years. There are only 39 members of that club currently, although a few more coaches will beat Hamilton to the historic landmark.

"The bottom line is I don't think he's ever gotten the national publicity he deserves," ESPN college basketball analyst Dick Vitale said of Hamilton.

"When you think about the ACC, that's not cupcake city, man. You think about that league and what he's achieved, I believe he ranks in the top five all-time in wins in the conference. There are some great coaches in that league. That is an incredible achievement. Leonard just goes about his business, he works his butt off, he's a recruiting genius and he's also a very solid tactician. I don't think people give him credit for the job he does."

And if you talk to anyone who knows Hamilton well, they'll tell you he's done it the right way.

"This guy has always been a winner. He's always been successful and he's always won because of his heart," FSU assistant coach Charlton "C.Y." Young told the *Democrat*.

"First thing you learned in the Bible is the more you give, the more you receive. He has given so much to people and it comes back threefold."

## **'Wake Up, Knucklehead'**

Hamilton twice helped break the color barrier during his collegiate basketball career, arriving as one of the first Black student-athletes both at Gaston Community College and the University of Tennessee at Martin.

He parlayed his playing career into a role on the Austin Peay coaching staff, first as a graduate assistant from 1971 through 1973 and then as an assistant coach for the 1973-74 season, helping the Governors to the program's first two NCAA Tournament appearances in program history.

This success made Austin Peay head coach Lake Kelly a coaching commodity who began to attract attention from a number of larger programs. Despite having just one season as a full-time coach at that point, Hamilton channeled courage and walked into the office of the Austin Peay president, asking if he would be considered for the head coach position should Kelly go elsewhere.

The president, citing his pending retirement within the next few years, told Hamilton that he couldn't bring himself to make him the first Black coach in the history of the Ohio Valley Conference, although he personally wanted to give him the job.

After this discouraging development, Hamilton briefly left coaching before he was convinced to return when legendary Kentucky coach Joe B. Hall offered him a spot on his staff, making him the first Black coach in the program's extensive history.

Although he still had aspirations of eventually becoming the head coach of a traditional basketball power early in his time in Kentucky, he looks back now with that fateful meeting with the Austin Peay President as divine intervention which led him down the path he's paved.

"It's almost like God reached down in heaven and slapped me on both sides of the face (and said), 'Wake up, knucklehead. Those programs that are already in great shape with great facilities and great tradition don't need you,'" Hamilton told the *Democrat*.

"It was almost like I came to the realization that with the type of personality I have, I would be better served by taking jobs that were not in metropolitan areas, jobs that had consistently been challenging for other people to be consistent at winning.

"Those jobs would offer me the motivation and the challenge that I needed to go in and prove that I was capable of doing something that had not been done. Those types of opportunities really became what motivated me and I was excited and I started looking for jobs that needed to be rebuilt."

## **A Career Spent At "Football Schools"**

Hamilton spent 12 years as an assistant at Kentucky, the final six of those as the associate head coach. He helped lead the Wildcats to the program's fifth NCAA Tournament Championship in 1978, Kentucky's first national title in 20 years at the time.

When the time came for Hamilton to take his first head coaching position, however, it wasn't with nearly as prolific a basketball program. He took over the reins at Oklahoma State ahead of the 1986-87 season, inheriting a program that had made the NCAA Tournament just once in the previous 21 seasons.

In the 21 years before he arrived in Stillwater, the Cowboys had finished above .500 in Big 8 play just twice.

Hamilton never took OSU to the NCAA Tournament -- the Cowboys made the NIT in each of his final two seasons -- but his tenure laid the groundwork for the success that followed years after his departure. OSU made the NCAA Tournament each of the next five years and 13 of the ensuing 15 years after his departure.

He moved on from OSU to accept the head coach position at Miami. He arrived ahead of the program's sixth year back in existence after Miami was without a basketball team from 1971 until 1985.

Once again, he found himself coaching a basketball team at a football school. The Hurricanes' football program won its third national championship the year before Hamilton arrived and won another in Hamilton's second season at UM in 1991.

There's something about this exact situation that aligns well with Hamilton's unique self-motivation.

"He had to investigate and evaluate programs where if he didn't let anybody outwork him, which is one of his big mantras, he could go in there and people would know that if he could turn it around then it was because of his effort and his talent and his focus that other people couldn't get it done," Stan Jones, a longtime assistant coach on Hamilton's staff, told the *Democrat*.

"That would be the way he would have to build his head coaching career. I think he's always looked at it that way, as I've got to take a program that needs a lot of restoration and if I do the restoration then nobody could say that it was given to me, nobody can say I didn't earn it. I think he's proven that at every stop along his journey."

It took him time to build the program up, but the gradual growth paid off when the Hurricanes made the NCAA Tournament in his eighth season in 1997-98. That snapped a skid of nearly 40 years since Miami's last NCAA Tournament appearance in 1960.

After a one-year stint coaching Michael Jordan and the Washington Wizards in the NBA, Hamilton landed back in the college game, this time at Florida State.

Taking over at FSU ahead of the 2002-03 season, Hamilton again took over a basketball program at a football powerhouse. He got to FSU just after the football program's record streak of 14 consecutive top-five finishes was snapped in 2001.

Similar to his previous stops, he again inherited a program in desperate need of strong leadership. The Seminoles, after a strong start upon their arrival in the basketball-heavy ACC, had fallen on hard times. In the nine years before his arrival, FSU had failed to win more than six ACC games in any season and finished above .500 just twice.

It again took him time to build the program his way, but he found quicker success this time. After a pair of losing seasons in his first three years at FSU, Hamilton has since led the Seminoles to winning seasons in each of the last 15 years.

He took FSU to its first Elite Eight since 1992 in 2018 and achieved perhaps the least likely accomplishment this past season, bringing home the program's first ACC regular-season championship.

"Leonard really has built programs, not just taken over programs at so-called football schools. As a result of that, especially if you're building, you don't have tradition there for basketball," Duke head coach Mike Krzyzewski told the *Democrat*.

"It's not that easy. It's not easy anywhere, but it's especially hard in those situations. Because he's a tireless worker, good guy, great coach, he's been able to do that at all these locations. His most recent success story is Florida State and it's a huge one."



Were it not for the cancellation of the NCAA Tournament this past March due to the coronavirus pandemic, Hamilton could have very well made his first Final Four as a head coach. Even better, his Seminoles were one of the trendiest picks to win the entire tournament.

The ascension of the FSU basketball program to another tier has been well-timed as the FSU football program has fallen on hard times unlike any over the last 40 years.

"He's never had an easy job. Let's face it, he's had jobs where football has been dominant. Miami, Florida State, especially the times he arrived," Vitale said.

"When he arrived, they were (football) giants. Right now, the people at Florida State are talking about, I guarantee it, when does basketball start? You've never heard that cry before."

### **Rightful Perspective**

Nolan Richardson knows what it takes to succeed as a basketball coach at a football school.

He inherited a similar situation as Hamilton at FSU and Miami when he took over the Arkansas basketball program in 1985. Nearly a decade later, he became just the second Black head coach to win an NCAA basketball championship when he led the Razorbacks to the 1993-94 title, joining Georgetown's John Thompson Jr., who became the first in 1984.

Only two more Black coaches have joined this short list since Richardson, Kentucky coach Tubby Smith in 1998 and Connecticut's Kevin Ollie in 2014. Although these four all have titles while Hamilton has never made a Final Four, he's got more career wins than all of them except for Smith.

Even though Hamilton is far older than one would believe from looking at him -- he turned 72 in August -- he remains one of the likeliest coaches to join this elite club of Black coaches who have reached the pinnacle of college basketball.

"I don't really think he gets the kind of respect that he would get if he was a white coach with those kind of victories," Richardson told the *Democrat*.

"I think that's the thing that I've always said. You have to prove yourself more than once, twice, three or four or five times and it's a constant. For him to be able to win 600 games, that's quite an accomplishment. I understand what it means simply because I was in the same arena that he's in and sometimes you don't play on a level playing field that the others are playing on."

Now entering his 33rd season as a college basketball head coach, Hamilton has been one of the bridges from the last generation of Black coaches to the next generation. A mild-mannered person, especially in public settings, it's taken Hamilton time to get used to being a mentor to that next generation like Thompson and Richardson were to him.

"I try to encourage him more that he needs to be more of a voice out there in this winter of his career because he has so much to give and he has so much knowledge and he has so much savvy on how to navigate an athletic department, dealing with the media, dealing with recruiting, dealing with all the things that go on with being a successful head coach for anybody," Jones said.

"Whether you're a minority or not, he's a guy that really understands this business and he's incredibly smart and thinks through everything at a level that a lot of people that just play off of their emotions don't realize that's the key to success is how deep you're able to think. He is that guy."

Young is one coach who has taken advantage of that mentorship. He's now in his eighth season as an assistant coach under Hamilton at FSU. Although he didn't have much of a relationship with Hamilton before joining his staff, Young now views getting him the respect he feels he's deserved in the college basketball world as one of his biggest goals.

"Everybody is always asking, 'Why's he still doing it at his age?' Because he wants to walk out letting people know (he) was the best," Young said.

"One day, they're all going to say it. If you don't want to say it, we're going to make you say it. My goal for J. Leonard Hamilton is to get him in the Hall of Fame, to win a national title...I want his name to be synonymous with winning. Winning on the court, off the court, in life."

While Hamilton may not be a household name to the average college basketball fan, he's well-respected by the major figures in the coaching world.

"He does not get the attention and the recognition that he so richly deserves. Especially in this last decade at Florida State where Florida State is one of the top programs in the United States," Krzyzewski said.

"Our conference has some of the top programs in the United States and Florida State is one of them and it's a result of Leonard and his staff doing incredible work there."

Added North Carolina head coach Roy Williams, "Leonard really cares about his players. He's not only concerned with what they do on the court. He does a great job making sure his players do well off the court, in the classroom, and he helps them get ready for life after basketball. I admire him tremendously. He is one of the people that I would be very pleased if he coached my son."

Hamilton may never reach the top of the college basketball world. He hasn't discussed how many years of coaching he may have left, but it's a number that is dwindling whatever it is.

This may prevent Hamilton from getting the respect many in the college basketball world feel he deserves while he's still coaching. But George Raveling, another mentor to Hamilton who won 337 games as the head coach at Washington State, Iowa and Southern California between 1972 and 1994, is confident that Hamilton will get his due in time.

"Many years ago in a speech, Malcolm X said that history is best situated to reward a man's deeds. My interpretation of that is that ultimately history will put things into their rightful perspective," Raveling told the *Democrat*.

"If the story's not told today, it will be told tomorrow. History will put him in his rightful context at some point be it today, tomorrow or in the distant future. His contributions to life and the profession and the race and his family, those chapters are still being written right now.

"We're probably 20 chapters into a 30-chapter book right now. But at some point, history will take over and it will put him in his rightful perspective. Even if we as human beings can't do it or accept it or want to do it, history will do it for us."













































**Game 1 -- Florida State 86,  
North Florida 58**

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. – Senior M.J. Walker scored a game-high 17 points and No. 18 Florida State (1-0) opened its 2020-21 season with an 86-58 win against North Florida (0-4) at the Donald L. Tucker Center. The Seminoles maintained a steady lead throughout the game in winning its 24th consecutive game at home. The win was the Seminoles' sixth consecutive in the series against North Florida. The win upped Florida State's record at the Tucker Center to 66-3 since a victory over Notre Dame on February 7, 2015. The Seminoles have won at home at a 95.6 percent winning percentage in the last four seasons. Reigning ACC Coach of the Year, Leonard Hamilton, has won his 24th opener in the last 26 seasons. Tonight's win also extends the Seminoles' second longest streak in the nation of 39 consecutive non-conference home games.

**Florida State 86, North Florida 58  
Donald L. Tucker Center**

**December 2, 2020**

N. Florida	Min	FG	3FG	FT	O-D	Reb	F	A	T	B	S	Pts.
Endicott	23	3-6	2-2	0-1	4-2	6	3	2	2	0	0	8
James	30	4-9	0-3	5-7	1-6	7	1	2	2	0	0	13
Aybar	23	1-6	0-1	0-0	2-3	5	4	1	6	0	1	2
Adedoyin	28	1-4	1-2	2-2	0-3	3	2	4	4	0	2	5
Placer	31	4-9	3-6	0-0	0-1	1	2	2	5	0	1	11
Burkhardt	22	1-4	1-4	0-0	0-0	0	0	1	1	1	1	13
Parker	13	1-2	0-0	0-0	0-1	1	2	0	2	0	0	2
Crews	20	4-6	4-6	0-0	0-1	1	0	2	2	0	1	12
Lanier	5	0-2	0-2	2-2	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Berenbaum	4	0-2	0-1	0-0	1-0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Team</b>					<b>0-2</b>	<b>2</b>					<b>1</b>	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>19-50</b>	<b>11-27</b>	<b>9-12</b>	<b>8-19</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>58</b>

Fl. State	Min	FG	3FG	FT	O-D	Reb	F	A	T	B	S	Pts.
Gray	18	4-8	0-2	0-0	1-4	5	1	1	2	1	4	8
Koprivica	17	4-8	0-0	5-6	2-3	5	3	1	1	2	1	13
Polite	24	3-7	1-2	0-0	1-2	3	2	2	1	1	1	7
Barnes	24	4-11	0-2	0-3	3-3	6	0	6	2	0	0	8
Walker	27	4-8	3-5	6-6	2-2	4	3	2	0	0	0	17
Evans	16	2-5	0-1	0-0	1-2	3	1	1	0	0	0	4
Calhoun	15	3-6	2-4	0-0	1-2	3	1	0	0	0	1	8
Wilkes	17	2-5	0-3	0-0	2-3	5	0	5	0	0	2	4
Osborne	17	2-4	0-2	2-2	3-0	3	1	0	1	0	2	6
Ngom	7	1-3	0-0	1-2	1-2	3	3	0	0	1	1	3
Jack	11	2-4	1-3	1-2	0-0	0	1	1	2	0	0	6
Ballard	7	1-1	0-0	2-0	0-1	1	0	0	1	1	0	2
<b>Team</b>					<b>0-1</b>	<b>1</b>						
<b>Totals</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>32-70</b>	<b>32-24</b>	<b>15-21</b>	<b>17-25</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>86</b>

FG% - North Florida, .380, Florida State, .457. 3FG% - North Florida, .407, Florida State, .292. FT% - North Florida, .750, Florida State, .714. Technical Fouls: North Florida -- None. Florida State -- None. Referees - A.J. Desai, Tony Henderson, Jeff Pon. Attendance: 2,720

North Florida	21	37	-	58
Florida State	36	50	-	86

**Game 2 -- Florida State 69,  
Indiana 67**

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. – Freshman Scottie Barnes scored the game winning basket with 1.8 seconds remaining to play in overtime to lift No. 20 Florida State to a 69-67 win over Indiana at the Donald L. Tucker Center in the 22nd Annual ACC/Big Ten Challenge. Barnes was stellar in his first career overtime game as he scored his first career 3-point field goal and then hit the winner to help the Seminoles earn their 10th consecutive overtime victory. Barnes totaled nine points, five assists, four rebounds, and four steals to help the Seminoles improve to 2-0. The freshman opened and closed out the game with field goals in only his second game and second start in a Florida State uniform. Barnes is a candidate for the Bob Cousy award and has earned spots on the Naismith and Wooden Award watch lists. Indiana moved to 3-2 on the season. The win was Florida State's 67th in its last 70 games at home. The Seminoles have now won 25 consecutive home games and 40 straight non-conference games at home. Florida State turned up the defensive pressure in the overtime period. After surrendering an old-fashioned three-point play to Indiana's Trayce Jackson-Davis to open the extra session, the Seminoles outscored the Hoosiers 7-2 over the final 4:38 of the extra session. The Hoosiers were unable to score from the floor and managed on two free throws in the final 4:38 of overtime.

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**December 9, 2020**

Indiana	Min	FG	3FG	FT	O-D	Reb	F	A	T	B	S	Pts.
Jackson-Davis	41	8-15	0-0	9-12	7-10	17	2	0	3	2	0	25
Thompson	34	3-5	0-0	3-4	2-4	6	3	1	2	1	1	9
Durham	38	3-10	1-4	2-2	0-5	5	1	4	2	0	1	9
Franklin	31	3-9	0-2	3-4	3-5	8	4	1	3	0	1	9
Phinisee	39	2-10	1-5	4-6	0-0	0	2	2	1	0	1	9
Galloway	20	0-3	0-1	0-0	0-1	1	2	2	1	0	0	0
Hunter	16	2-4	2-3	0-0	1-2	3	2	0	1	0	0	6
Lander	7	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0
<b>Team</b>						<b>2-2</b>					<b>4</b>	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>21-57</b>	<b>4-15</b>	<b>21-28</b>	<b>15-29</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>67</b>

Fl. State	Min	FG	3FG	FT	O-D	Reb	F	A	T	B	S	Pts.
Gray	31	5-10	1-2	1-4	1-8	9	4	4	0	1	1	12
Koprivica	21	6-12	0-0	0-1	3-5	8	5	0	1	0	0	12
Polite	33	3-8	2-6	1-4	4-4	8	3	0	0	1	0	9
Barnes	30	3-10	1-2	2-4	2-2	4	3	5	2	0	4	9
Walker	41	6-15	2-6	5-6	1-0	1	3	1	5	0	0	19
Ngom	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Evans	13	0-4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0
Osborne	31	1-3	1-1	2-2	4-5	9	3	1	0	1	2	5
Ballard	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Calhoun	14	1-4	1-2	0-0	0-1	1	0	0	0	0	0	3
Wilkes	8	0-3	0-1	0-0	1-0	1	0	1	1	1	0	0
Prieto	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Team</b>						<b>3-0</b>					<b>1</b>	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>25-69</b>	<b>8-20</b>	<b>11-21</b>	<b>19-25</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>69</b>

FG% - Indiana, .368, Florida State, .362. 3FG% - Indiana, .267, Florida State, .400. FT% - Indiana, .750, Florida State, .524. Technical Fouls: Indiana -- None. Florida State -- None. Referees - Roger Ayers, Bill Covington, Jr., Mike Roberts. Attendance: 2,956

Indiana	31	31	5	-	67
Florida State	33	29	7	-	69