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FLORIDA STATE SEMINOLES (1-0, 0-0 ACC)
VS.

FORDHAM RAMS (1-1, 0-0 ATLANTIC 10)
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2017; 6:00 P.M.

INAUGURAL JAMAICA CLASSIC
SMG / MONTEGO BAY CONVENTION CENTRE
MONTEGO BAY, JAMAICA

SEMINOLE IMG RADIO NETWORK (ERIC LUAllen)
CBS SPORTS NETWORK (BILL ROTH, DAYMEON FISHBACK)

“A word to the wise: Do not sleep on the Seminoles in the ACC.”

Jon Rothstein
CBSSports

2017-18 Florida State Schedule/Results

O26	1	Central Missouri	W, 116-68
N7	1	Thomas University	W, 122-52
N14		George Washington	W, 87-67
N17	2	Fordham	6:00 p.m.
N19	2	Colorado State	5:00 p.m.
N22		Kennesaw State	2:00 p.m.
N24	3	The Citadel	8:00 p.m.
N28	4	at Rutgers	7:00 p.m.
D4		at Florida	9:00 p.m.
D6		Loyola (Md.)	7:00 p.m.
D10	5	Tulane	12 Noon
D16	6	Oklahoma State	2:00 p.m.
D18		Charleston Southern	7:00 p.m.
D21		Southern Miss	7:00 p.m.
D30	*	at Duke	2:00 p.m.
J3	*	North Carolina	7:00 p.m.
J7	*	at Miami	6:00 p.m.
J10	*	Louisville	9:00 p.m.
J13	*	Syracuse	2:00 p.m.
J15	*	at Boston College	7:00 p.m.
J20	*	at Virginia Tech	12 Noon
J24	*	Georgia Tech	7:00 p.m.
J27	*	Miami	4:00 p.m.
J31	*	at Wake Forest	8:00 p.m.
F3	*	at Louisville	4:00 p.m.
F7	*	Virginia	7:00 p.m.
F10	*	at Notre Dame	4:00 p.m.
F14	*	Clemson	7:00 p.m.
F18	*	Pitt	6:00 p.m.
F25	*	at NC State	6:00 p.m.
F28	*	at Clemson	9:00 p.m.
M3	*	Boston College	2:00 p.m.
M6-10	7	at ACC Tournament	TBD

1- Exhibition game at Donald L. Tucker Center; 2- Jamaica Classic at Montego Bay, Jamaica. 3- Jamaica Classic at Tallahassee, Fla.; 4- ACC/Big Ten Challenge at Piscataway, N.J.; 5- Heritage Insurance Classic Tampa, Fla.; 6- Orange Bowl Classic at Sunrise, Fla.; 7- ACC Tournament at Brooklyn, N.Y.

2016-17 ACC Standings

Team	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
N. Carolina	14	4	.778	31	7	.816
Florida State	12	6	.667	26	9	.743
Notre Dame	12	6	.667	26	10	.722
Louisville	12	6	.667	25	9	.735
Duke	11	7	.611	28	9	.757
Virginia	11	7	.611	23	10	.697
Virginia Tech	10	8	.556	22	11	.667
Syracuse	10	8	.556	19	15	.559
Miami	10	8	.556	21	12	.636
Wake Forest	9	9	.500	19	14	.576
Ga. Tech	8	10	.444	21	16	.568
Clemson	6	12	.333	17	16	.515
NC State	4	14	.222	15	17	.469
Pittsburgh	4	14	.222	16	17	.485
Boston College	2	16	.111	9	23	.281

Leonard Hamilton's Career Record

	W	L	Pct.	Years
Career	483	406	.543	1987-Pr.
at Okla. State	56	63	.471	1987-90
at Miami	144	147	.495	1991-00
at Florida State	283	196	.591	2002-Pr.

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FLORIDA STATE FACES FORDHAM TO BEGIN PLAY IN JAMAICA CLASSIC

Florida State, which defeated George Washington 87-67 on Tuesday night in its season-opener, begins play in the Inaugural Jamaica Classic against Fordham at the SMG / Montego Bay Convention Centre on Friday, Nov. 17, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. The Seminoles game against the Rams marks the first time the two teams will meet in their histories in the sport of men's basketball. Junior Terance Mann led the Seminoles with 17 points in the Seminoles' win over the Colonials. He was one of five Seminoles in double figure scoring with senior Phil Cofer adding 15 and junior Chris Koumadje tying his career-high with 14. The Seminoles led or were tied with the Colonials for 39 of the 40 minutes played and led by 20 points in winning their season-opener for the 15th time in 16 years under Head Coach Leonard Hamilton. Following Friday's game against Fordham, the Seminoles will face Colorado State in the Jamaica Classic on Sunday, Nov. 19, at 5:00 p.m.

FLORIDA STATE VS. FORDHAM - A SERIES HISTORY

Florida State will face Fordham, which is located in the Bronx, N.Y., in the first round of the Jamaica Classic in the Jamaica Coliseum. The meeting between the Seminoles and the Rams is the first between the two schools in the sport of basketball. The Rams are coached by Jeff Neubauer who will face the Seminoles for the first time in both his coaching and collegiate playing career. Jaden Uken, the Director of Basketball Operations at Fordham, was a graduate assistant at Nebraska when the Seminoles defeated the Cornhuskers, 74-60, in the Orange Bowl Classic on December 31, 2005. Florida State's game against Fordham is its first against a non-ACC team from the state of New York since defeating Manhattan College, 83-67, in the Orange Bowl Classic on Dec. 17, 2016.

HOW TO WATCH AND LISTEN TO FRIDAY'S GAME AGAINST FORDHAM

Both of Florida State's games in the Jamaica Classic on Friday and Sunday will be broadcast on the CBS Sports Network. The game can be viewed on Direct TV channel 221, on Xfinity Comcast Cable channel 743, CenturyLink Cable channel 643 and on Dish Network Channel 158. The game can also be heard on the Seminole/IMG Sports Radio Network with Eric Luallen on the call.

SEMINOLES TO HONOR NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE AGAINST FORDHAM

The Florida State men's basketball team will wear turquoise Nike N7 uniforms against Fordham on Friday in the Jamaica Classic to raise awareness for bringing sport to Native American and Aboriginal youth. It marks the ninth time (and first of two times this season) the Seminoles will wear the special uniforms. It also marks the fifth consecutive season the Seminoles will wear the turquoise uniforms. Florida State makes a distinct departure from its traditional school colors to don turquoise Nike N7 uniforms to stand for the importance of bringing sport and physical activity to Native American and Aboriginal youth. "The Seminole Tribe of Florida approached us about this program and we are honored and excited to wear these unique uniforms," said head coach Leonard Hamilton. "The color is significant as it is deeply symbolic of friendship and community in the Native American culture." Florida State's game against Fordham marks the ninth time in the last five seasons the Seminoles will have worn the very special uniforms. The Seminoles first wore the turquoise uniforms in their 89-61 win over UT-Martin in Tallahassee on November 17, 2013.

Seminole In Special N7 Turquoise Uniforms

Opponent	Date	Outcome	Notes
UT-Martin	Nov. 17, 2013	W, 89-61	Devon Bookert scored 13 points in victory
UMass	Dec. 21, 2013	W, 60-55	Montay Brandon scored 8 points in victory
UMass	Nov. 23, 2014	L, 69-75	Xavier Rathan-Mayes scored 22 points
USF	Dec. 20, 2014	W, 75-62	Devon Bookert scored 22 points in win
Jacksonville	Nov. 17, 2015	W, 98-79	Dwayne Bacon scored 27 points in win
Florida Atlantic	Dec. 19, 2015	W, 64-59	Dwayne Bacon scored 23 points in win
Minnesota	Nov. 28, 2016	W, 75-67	Dwayne Bacon scores 18 points in win
Manhattan	Dec. 17, 2016	W, 83-67	Dwayne Bacon scores 16 points in win

SEMINOLES BACK IN JAMAICA AFTER SUMMER FOREIGN TOUR

Florida State played three games in Jamaica during the summer of 2017 as part of a foreign trip the Seminoles enjoyed. The Seminoles won each of the three games they played as part of the trip which is allowed every four years by the NCAA. The Seminoles won two games in Kingston and one in Montego Bay. The interesting aspect of each of the three games was each was played utilizing international rules which included playing each game with four quarters. Seminole head coach Leonard Hamilton played a different lineup to start each quarter of all three victories.

**Florida State Men's Basketball
In the National Polls**

Associated Press

Rk.	Team (FPV)	16-17 Rec
1.	Duke (34)	2-0
2.	Michigan State (13)	1-0
3.	Arizona (16)	2-0
4.	Kansas (2)	1-0
5.	Villanova	1-0
6.	Wichita State	1-0
7.	Kentucky	2-0
8.	Florida	0-0
9.	North Carolina	1-0
10.	Southern Cal.	1-0
11.	Miami (Fla.)	2-0
12.	Cincinnati	1-0
13.	Notre Dame	1-0
14.	Minnesota	1-0
15.	Xavier	1-0
16.	Texas A&M	1-0
17.	Gonzaga	1-0
18.	Louisville	1-0
19.	Purdue	2-0
20.	Northwestern	1-0
21.	Saint Mary's	1-0
22.	Seton Hall	2-0
23.	UCLA	1-0
24.	West Virginia	0-1
25.	Baylor	1-0

USA Today Coaches Poll

Rk.	Team (FPV)	Points
1.	Duke (20)	774
2.	Michigan State (9)	747
3.	Kansas	723
4.	Kentucky	678
5.	Arizona (2)	654
6.	Villanova	623
7.	Florida (1)	549
8.	Wichita State	543
9.	North Carolina	515
10.	West Virginia	458
11.	Southern Cal.	396
12.	Miami (Fla.)	383
13.	Cincinnati	349
14.	Notre Dame	305
15.	Minnesota	303
16.	Louisville	295
17.	Xavier	284
18.	UCLA	275
19.	Gonzaga	242
20.	Northwestern	208
21.	Purdue	167
22.	Saint Mary's	152
23.	Seton Hall	139
24.	Baylor	107
25.	Alabama	82

ACC Operation Basketball

Projected order of Finish

Place	Team (FPV)	Points
1.	Duke (57)	1,020
2.	North Carolina (7)	921
3.	Notre Dame (4)	852
4.	Miami (1)	809
5.	Louisville	733
6.	Virginia	690
7.	Virginia Tech	549
8.	FLORIDA STATE	519
9.	Georgia Tech	468
10.	Syracuse	420
11.	Wake Forest	378
12.	NC State	310
13.	Clemson	289
14.	Boston College	181
15.	Pittsburgh	141

FLORIDA STATE'S WIN TOTAL IN THE LAST 12 YEARS

Florida State is the third winningest program in the ACC in the last 12 years (since the start of the 2005-06 season) in total games played as a member of the ACC with 254 wins. The Seminoles average 21.2 wins per season with records of 20-10 (2005-06), 22-13 (2006-07), 19-15 (2007-08), 25-10 (2008-09), 22-10 (2009-10), 23-11 (2010-11), 25-10 (2011-12), 18-16 (2012-13), 22-14 (2013-14), 17-16 (2014-15), 20-14 (2015-16) and 26-9 (2016-17).

ACC Standings Since The 2005-06 Season (as of April 5, 2017)

Team	05-06	06-07	07-08	08-09	09-10	10-11	11-12	12-13	13-14	14-15	15-16	16-17	Totals
Duke	32-4	22-11	28-6	30-7	29-5	32-5	27-7	30-6	26-9	35-4	25-11	28-9	345-84
N. Carolina	23-8	31-7	36-3	34-4	20-17	29-8	32-6	25-12	24-10	26-12	33-7	33-7	345-101
Fla. State	20-10	22-13	19-15	25-10	22-10	23-11	25-10	18-16	22-14	17-16	20-14	26-9	260-148
Miami	18-16	12-20	23-11	19-13	20-13	21-15	20-13	29-7	17-16	25-13	27-8	21-12	252-157
Virginia	15-15	21-11	17-16	10-18	15-16	16-15	22-10	23-12	30-7	30-4	29-8	23-11	251-142
Clemson	16-16	25-11	24-10	23-9	21-10	22-12	16-15	13-18	23-13	16-15	17-14	17-16	233-159
NC State	22-10	20-16	15-16	16-14	19-15	15-16	24-13	24-11	22-14	22-14	16-17	15-17	230-173
Va. Tech	14-16	22-12	21-14	19-15	23-8	22-12	16-17	13-19	9-22	11-22	20-15	22-11	212-183
Ga. Tech	11-17	20-12	15-17	12-19	22-12	13-18	11-20	16-15	16-17	12-19	21-15	21-16	190-197
Wake	17-17	15-16	17-13	24-7	19-10	8-24	13-18	13-18	17-16	13-19	11-20	19-14	186-192
Boston Col.	23-8	21-12	14-17	22-12	15-16	21-13	9-22	16-17	8-24	13-19	7-25	9-23	178-208

LOOK FOR FLORIDA STATE TO...

...Defeat Fordham and win its second game to begin the 2017-18 season. It would mark the third consecutive season and the 13th time in the 16-year tenure of Leonard Hamilton that Florida State would have won its first two games of a given season;

...Defeat Fordham and win its second consecutive game (this season) against a team from the Atlantic-10 Conference. The Seminoles opened their season with an 87-67 win over A-10 member George Washington.

...Defeat Fordham and win its second consecutive non-conference games against a team from the state of New York. The Seminoles defeated Manhattan, 83-67, on Dec. 17, 2016 in the Orange Bowl Classic in Sunrise, Fla.;

...Defeat Fordham and extend its regular season, non-conference winning streak to 10 games. The Seminoles won their final eight regular season non-conference games of the 2016-17 season and defeated George Washington on Tuesday night to extend their streak to nine straight wins.

SEMINOLES WIN TWO EXHIBITION GAMES TO OPEN SEASON

Florida State defeated Central Missouri (116-68 on Oct. 26) and Thomas University (122-52 on Nov. 7) as it won both of its exhibition games to begin the 2017-18 season.

FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY AND JAMAICA

Florida State University hosted 12 students from the University of the West Indies (UWI) in Jamaica during the fall of 2017 as part of FSU's Center for Global Engagement's Beyond Borders program. Next spring, the FSU students participating in the program will travel to Jamaica and experience cultural immersion with the same international students in their home country where they will visit local museums and historical sites, hike and make daytrips to nearby towns.

SEMINOLES' M.J. WALKER NAMED TO JERRY WEST AWARD WATCH LIST

Florida State freshman guard M.J. Walker, a consensus top-25 high school player in 2017, has been named to the 2018 Jerry West Shooting Guard of the Year award watch list by the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame. Walker averaged 27.8 points and 6.5 rebounds as a senior at Jonesboro (Ga.) High School and became the 12th McDonald's All-American in Florida State history when he signed to play for Seminole head coach Leonard Hamilton in May of 2017. Walker (Jonesboro, Ga.) is one of two true freshmen and one of five players from the ACC on the 2018 Jerry West Award watch list. By mid-February, the watch list of 20 players for the 2018 Jerry West Shooting Guard of the Year Award will be narrowed to just 10. In March, five finalists will be presented to Mr. West and the Hall of Fame's selection committee. The winner of the award will be presented on April 6, 2018. Previous winners of the Jerry West Shooting Guard of the Year Award include Malik Monk of Kentucky (2017), Buddy Hield of Oklahoma (2016) and D'Angelo Russell of Ohio State (2015).

MANN ON TARGET AGAINST GWU; NOW RANKED FOURTH IN CAREER FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE

Junior Terance Mann, who led the Seminoles with 17 points against George Washington, begins Friday's game against Fordham ranked fourth in school history with a career field goal shooting percentage of .5856. He made his first seven shots of the game against the Colonials and finished the game on an .800 percent clip (eight of 10) from the field in leading the Seminoles in scoring for the third time in the last two seasons. Mann is one of only seven players in school history to shoot better than .585 percent from the field for his career.

Florida State's Best From The Field – Career Field Goal Shooting

Rank	Player	Years	FGM-A	Pct.
1.	Murray Brown	1977-80	566-847	.66824
2.	Bernard James	2011-12	274-437	.62700
3.	Kris Anderson	1977-79, 81	371-633	.58609
4.	Terance Mann	2016-Pr.	195-333	.58558
5.	Rodney Dobard	1990-93	456-779	.58536

FIRST TIME STARTERS AGAINST GEORGE WASHINGTON

Three Seminoles – junior Christ Koumadje (14 points, rebounds and 5 blocked shots), junior PJ Savoy (two points and two assists) and sophomore CJ Walker (seven points and five rebounds) all made their first career starts against George Washington on Tuesday in Tallahassee. Senior Phil Cofer made his 30th career start and junior Terance Mann (team-high 35 career starts) were also in the starting lineup for the Seminoles against the Colonials.

FIRST TIME PLAYERS FOR FLORIDA STATE AGAINST GEORGE WASHINGTON

Five players made their Seminole debuts in Florida State's victory over George Washington. This players (Ike Obiagu – three rebounds in seven minutes of playing time; Anthony Polite – one rebound and one assist in four minutes; M.J. Walker – 12 points and three rebounds in 18 minutes; Mfiondu Kabengele – 10 points and 2 rebounds in 17 minutes and Wyatt Wilkes – two points in three minutes) combined for 24 points, nine rebounds, three blocked shots and four assists in 49 minutes of playing time in the Seminoles' season opener.

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

Leonard Hamilton
Victories as an ACC Coach
283 (Career at Florida State)
+44 (Needs)
327

To Become the 7th Winningest Coach in
ACC History (all victories)

Leonard Hamilton
ACC Victories
(Regular Season + ACC Tourn.)
126 (career at Florida State)

+3 (Needs)
129
To Become the 8th Winningest Coach in
ACC history (ACC games) – surpassing
Vic Bubas of Duke

Leonard Hamilton
Wins vs. AP No. 1 In Career
3 (career at Florida State)
+3 (needs)
To move into a tie for first place in ACC
history with Mike Krzyzewski (Duke) and
Gary Williams (Maryland) for all-time wins
vs. the nation's No. 1 ranked team

Christ Koumadje
Career Blocked Shots
64 (career at Florida State)
+2 (needs)
66

To move into a tie for 25th place in school
history for career blocked shots with
Alexander Johnson (2004-06) and Kiel
Turpin (2013, 2015)

PJ Savoy
Career-3-Point Shots Made
40 (career at Florida State)
+49 (needs)
89

To move into a tie for 25th place at Florida
State for career 3-point shots made with
Ralph Mims (2005-08) and Dwayne Bacon
(2016-17)

PJ Savoy
Career-3-Point Shots Attempted
104 (career at Florida State)
+160 (needs)
256

To move into a tie for 25th place in school
history with Todd Galloway (2003-06)

Terance Mann
Career Steals
56 (career at Florida State)
+67 (needs)

To move into a tie for 25th place for career
steals with Douglas Edwards (1991-93) and
Michael Joiner (2001-04)

**Brandon Allen Named to
NABC Honors Court**
Florida State senior Brandon Allen, who
holds a 3.356 grade point average in electrical
engineering, has been named to the Academic
Honors Court by the National Association of
Basketball Coaches. He is the first Florida
State player to be named to the NABC
Honors Court since the inception of the award
in 2007. The award for Allen continues to
extoll his academic achievements not only for
this past year but for his entire career as a
Seminole. He has been named to the 2014,
2015 and 2017 ACC Academic Honor Roll.

POSSIBLE STARTING LINE-UP FOR FLORIDA STATE...

F	#0	Phil Cofer (15.0 ppg, 4.0 rpg; 8.5 ppg, 2.5 rpg in two exhibition games in 17-18)
C	#21	Christ Koumadje (14.0 ppg, 5.0 bpg; 11.5 ppg, 2.0 bpg in two exhibition games in 17-18)
G	#2	CJ Walker (7.0 ppg, 4.0 apg; 9.5 ppg, 3.0 spg in two exhibition games in 17-18)
G	#5	PJ Savoy (2.0 ppg, 2.0 apg; 12.5 ppg, 1.5 apg in two exhibition games in 17-18)
G	#14	Terance Mann (17.0 ppg, 8.0 rpg; 10.0 ppg, 4.5 rpg in two exhibition games in 17-18)

...AND TOP RESERVES

F	#11	Braian Angola (8.0 ppg 5.0 apg; 5 pts and 5 asts in one exhibition game in 17-18)
G	#1	RaiQuan Gray (8.5 ppg, 4.5 rpg in two exhibition games in 17-18)
G	#12	Ike Obiagu (3.0 rpg, 3.0 rpg; 8.0 ppg, 4.0 bpg in two exhibition games in 17-18)
F	#25	Mfiondu Kabengale (10.0 ppg, 2.0 rpg; 8.0 ppg, 6.6 rpg in two exhibition games in 17-18)
G	#13	Anthony Polite (0.0 ppf, 1.0 rpg; (6.0 ppg, 3.5 apg in two exhibition games in 17-18)
C	#23	MJ Walker (10.0 ppg, 1.0 rpg; (13.5 ppg, 1.0 rpg in two exhibition games in 17-18)
G	#40	Brandon Allen (0.0 rpg, 2.0 apg; 9.0 ppg 3.0 rpg in two exhibition games in 17-18)

POSSIBLE STARTING UP FOR FORDHAM

F	#1	Chuba Ohams (2.0 ppg, 2.0 ppg; 4 pts and 2blks vs. Miami (Ohio), Nov. 10, 2017)
G	#0	Will Tavares (14.0 ppg, 7.0 rpg; 15 pts and 7 rebs vs. Miami (Ohio), Nov. 10, 2017)
G	#5	Tre Evans (5.5 ppg, 4.0 rpg; 6 pts and 3 asts vs. LIU Brooklyn, Nov. 13, 2017)
G	#12	Joseph Chartouny (14.5 ppg, 6.0 rpg; 14 pts and 5 steals vs. Miami (Ohio), Nov. 10, 2017)
G	#20	Ivan Raut (14.0 ppg, 4.0 rpg; 7 pt and 4 rebs vs. Miami (Ohio), Nov 10, 2017)

FLORIDA STATE VS. FORDHAM -- A SERIES HISTORY

The Series:	First Game
First Game:	First Game
Last Game:	First Game
Last Florida State Win:	First Game
Last George Fordham Win:	First Game
Last Florida State Win At A Neutral Site:	First Game
Last Fordham Win At A Neutral Site:	First Game
Current Streak:	First Game
Current Streak At A Neutral Site:	First Game

TONIGHT'S OFFICIALS

Tonight's officials will be announced at game time.

2017-18 FLORIDA STATE ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Hometown
0	Phil Cofer	F	6-8	218	Sr.	Fayetteville, Ga./Whitewater
1	RaiQuan Gray	F	6-8	250	Fr.	Ft. Lauderdale, Fla./Dillard
2	CJ Walker	G	6-1	195	So.	Indianapolis, Ind./Arsenal Tech
3	Trent Forrest	G	6-5	215	So.	Chipley, Fla./Chipley
5	PJ Savoy	G	6-4	200	Jr.	Las Vegas, Nev./Sheridan College
11	Braian Angola	G	6-6	195	Sr.	Villanueva, Casanare/Colombia/North Idaho College
12	Ike Obiagu	C	7-0	240	Fr.	Abuja, Nigeria/Greenforest Christian Academy (Ga.)
13	Anthony Polite	G	6-6	210	Fr.	Lugano, Switzerland/St. Andrews Christian School (Fla.)
14	Terance Mann	G	6-6	204	Jr.	Lowell, Mass./Tilton (N.H.) School
15	Justin Lindner	G	6-1	175	So.	Memphis, Tenn./Christian Brothers
20	Travis Light	G	6-5	165	RFr.	Vienna, Va./IMG Academy
21	Christ Koumadje	C	7-4	233	Jr.	N'Djamena, Chad/Montverde Academy
23	M.J. Walker	G	6-6	205	Fr.	Jonesboro, Ga./Jonesboro
25	Mfiondu Kabegnele	F	6-8	245	RFr.	Burlington, Ontario, Canada/Don Bosco Prep (Ind.)
31	Wyatt Wilkes	F	6-8	210	Fr.	Orlando, Fla./Winter Park
33	Will Miles	F	6-6	220	RFr.	Orlando, Fla./Trinity Prep
35	Harrison Prieto	F	6-8	215	So.	Mandeville, La./St. Paul's School
40	Brandon Allen	F	6-6	209	Sr.	Milton, Fla./Milton

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE: RaiQuan Gray (RAY-Qwan); Braian Angola (Brian); Ike Obiagu (I-Key OH-BEE-ah-GOO); Christ Koumadje (Chris with a T Koo-MA-Gee); Mfiondu Kabegnele (Fi-On-DU KAB-en-Golly)

THE JAM WITH HAM WINNERS

Florida State head coach Leonard Hamilton unveiled the 2017-18 team to the adoring Seminole crowd at the ninth annual Jam with Ham at Tully Gymnasium – complete with a 1980's themed program that included 80's music and Hamilton himself dressed in his best throwback suit blended with a kaleidoscope of colors that certainly drew the loudest cheers of the night. The night was highlighted by a dunk and 3-point shooting contests which were won by junior Terance Mann and senior Brian Angola.

M.J. WALKER WITH A SOLID DEBUT AGAINST GEORGE WASHINGTON

Freshman M.J. Walker totaled 12 points, three rebounds, two assists and one steal in his Seminole debut against George Washington. The fifth McDonald's All-American to sign with Head Coach Leonard Hamilton and Florida State, Walker made five of his nine field goal attempts (.556 percent) and was one of five Seminoles to score in double figures against the Colonials. Walker led the Seminoles with three made 3-point field goals in his 18 minutes played.

WALKER WAS IMPRESSIVE ON THE DEFENSIVE END AGAINST GEORGE WASHINGTON

Maybe more impressive than M.J. Walker's 12 points and three rebounds against George Washington were the two charges he drew in the second half of the Seminoles' season-opening victory over the Colonials.

COFER BACK IN FLORIDA STATE'S STARTING LINEUP

Florida State senior Phil Cofer scored 15 points and pulled down four rebounds in 24 minutes as a starter against George Washington. He enters Friday's game against George Washington having started 30 career games with starts coming during each of the four seasons in his career. Cofer started a career-high 24 games as a freshman during the 2014-15 season when he averaged a career-high 6.9 points and 22.3 minutes played.

Quoiting Florida State Men's Basketball

"That's a huge asset (Florida State's depth) to their team, he (Head Coach Leonard Hamilton) was quoted saying he feels like he has nine starters and that was very evident tonight. He has a bunch of guys he can throw in there and having depth is a tremendous asset to any team. They played a bunch of guys tonight, significant minutes and that's a good team right there. They lost a bunch of really good players, but I think they did a tremendous job of replacing those guys."

Maurice Joseph
George Washington Basketball

"Terance Mann is a heck of a player, a tremendous rebounder, and has a great nose for the ball."

Maurice Joseph
George Washington Basketball

"There's no doubt that his (Terance Mann's) role is going to be different (this year). Tonight (against George Washington) he was attacking the basket. Also, he's improved his perimeter shooting, so I think he's going to be a pretty good perimeter shooter more than anything else. What we need from him, and the entire team, is just to be consistent with our execution."

Leonard Hamilton
Florida State Basketball

"The sky's the limit for him (for Christ Koumadje). He has a knack for putting the ball in the basket. I thought he was extremely aggressive tonight (against George Washington). He had five blocks. He must have changed several more. I thought he went after rebounds. We've tried to encourage [him] to rebound out of his area. Right now he's rebounding in his area."

Leonard Hamilton
Florida State Basketball

"Phil's (Cofer) has been the Energizer Bunny at practice."

Leonard Hamilton
Florida State Basketball

"On an extremely deep team last year Terance Mann put up rock solid numbers while getting plenty of playing time. Mann scored double digits 15 times with his best performance coming in a 93-78 win vs Virginia Tech. The 6'5 guard scored 22 points shooting 7-11 from the floor and grabbed nine boards. A very good sign from Mann last year was the fact he played well against some of the better teams in the country (Notre Dame, Virginia Tech, Louisville, Duke, and Florida)."

Tony Patellis
All Things ACC

"Junior Terance Mann showed last year he can get to the basket and is also a strong rebounder who can play the two and three."

Michael Bradley
Lindy's College Basketball Annual

"The Seminoles will be tall and athletic, and should (M.J.) Walker, (Terance) Mann and one of the guards prove to be productive scorers, they will be dangerous because of their defensive ability."

Michael Bradley
Lindy's College Basketball Annual

FLORIDA STATE BEGINS SEASON WITH BLOCK PARTY

Florida State was credited with eight blocked shots (career-high five by Christ Koumadje and three by Ike Obiagu in his first career game) in its victory against George Washington. The Seminoles have blocked 25 shots (six against Central Missouri and 11 against Thomas University in its two exhibition games and eight against George Washington in its season opener) in its first three times on the court this season.

KOUMADJE NEARS TOP-25 FOR CAREER BLOCKED SHOTS

Junior Christ Koumadje blocked a career-high five shots in Florida State's season-opening victory over George Washington to bring his career total to 64. He has blocked 64 shots in the first 62 games of his career for a 1.03 blocked shots per game average. He is only two blocked shots from moving into a tie for 25th place on Florida State's career blocked shots list.

Koumadje Blocking His Way Up The Career Charts

Rank	Player	Years	Blocked Shots	Koumadje Needs To Pass
20.	Al Thornton	2004-07	74	+11
21.	Ron Hale	1997-00	73	+10
22.	Kirk Luchman	1994-97	71	+8
	Ryan Reid	2007-10	71	+8
24.	Uche Echefu	2006-09	68	+5
25.	Alexander Johnson	2004-06	66	+3
	Kiel Turpin	2013, 15	66	+3
27.	Christ Koumadje	2016-Pr.	64	--

KOUMADJE ALSO SHOOTS THE BALL WELL AGAINST GEORGE WASHINGTON

Junior Christ Koumadje made seven and 11 shots from the field (.636 percent) and enters Friday's game against Fordham shooting .613 (72 of 119) from the field for his career. He shot .654 percent from the field as a sophomore. Koumadje needs 56 field goal attempts to reach the 175 career field goal attempts needed to be considered to be included on the Seminoles' top-25 list for career field goal percentage success.

WALKER PLAYS WELL DEFENSIVELY AGAINST GEORGE WASHINGTON

Sophomore CJ Walker who started the first game of his career against George Washington, played well on the defensive end of the court against the Colonials. He pulled down a career high five rebounds (all on the defensive end) and tied his career high with three steals. It marked the second time in his career that he earned three steals against George Washington; he also earned three steals in Florida State's 67-48 win over the Colonials on Dec. 4, 2016 at the Verizon Center in Washington, D.C.

KEBENGELE IMPRESSES IN SEMINOLE DEBUT

Redshirt freshman Mfiondu (FI-on-Du) Kabengele (KAB-en-Golly) scored 10 points and pulled down two rebounds in Florida State's victory over George Washington on Tuesday night in Tallahassee. For Kabengele, his first career game was worth the wait after sitting out the 2016-17 season as a redshirt member of the Seminoles' 2017 NCAA Tournament team. One of the early highlights of the season was a steal near midcourt by the 6-10 forward and a dunk at the other end of the court to give Florida State a 23-11 lead with 11:17 lead.

SEMINOLES RECOGNIZED ACADEMICALLY FOR 2016-17 CLASS ROOM SUCCESS

The Florida State men's basketball team, which was ranked as high as No. 6 nationally during the 2016-17 season, earned a Team Academic Excellence award from the National Association of Basketball Coaches. The award recognizes outstanding academic achievement by college basketball teams across the nation with cumulative grade point averages of 3.0 or better. Florida State earned a team grade point average of 3.034 – the highest during Head Coach Leonard Hamilton's 15-year tenure at Florida State. The Seminoles had nine players earn a 3.0 or better GPA during the fall semester and 13 players finished with a GPA of 3.0 or better during the spring semester when they earned a team GPA of 3.222. Nine Seminoles were named to the ACC Honor Roll (Brandon Allen, Dwayne Bacon, Phil Cofer, Trent Forrest, Justin Lindner, Will Miles, Michael Ojo (graduate student), Harrison Prieto and CJ Walker) while Trent Forrest was named to the 2017 ACC All-Academic Basketball team.

FLORIDA STATE WITH FOUR PLAYERS IN THE NBA

Florida State began the 2016-17 season with four players on NBA rosters. Dwayne Bacon (Charlotte Hornets) and Jonathan Isaac (Orlando Magic), who helped the Seminoles to the 2017 NCAA Tournament are playing their first seasons in the NBA. Malik Beasley (Denver Nuggets), who played on Florida State's 2016 NIT team is in his second season with the Denver Nuggets. Okaro White, who helped lead Florida State to the 2012 ACC Championship, is in second season with the Miami Heat.

Seminoles In The NBA

Player	Team	Year	Drafted
Dwayne Bacon	Charlotte Hornets	First	2 nd Round, No 40 Overall, 2017
Malik Beasley	Denver Nuggets	Second	1 st Round, No. 19 Overall, 2016
Jonathan Isaac	Orlando Magic	First	1 st Round, No. 6 Overall, 2017
Okaro White	Miami Heat	Second	Undrafted Free Agent

HAMILTON ENTERS SEASON AS WINNINGEST AT FLORIDA STATE

Florida State Head Coach Leonard Hamilton, the winningest coach in Florida State basketball history, is the eighth winningest head coach in ACC history with 283 wins. He is chasing Terry Holland of Virginia who won 326 games during his tenure with the Cavaliers (1975-90) for seventh place in ACC history.

Winningest Coaches In School History (By Wins) (Overall Games)

Coach	Years	Record	Winning Percentage
Leonard Hamilton	2003-Pr.	283-196	.591
J.K. "Bud" Kennedy	1949-66	236-208	.532
Hugh Durham	1967-78	229-96	.705

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Florida State Seminoles Combined Team Statistics (as of Nov 14, 2017)
All games

RECORD:	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
ALL GAMES	1-0	1-0	0-0	0-0
CONFERENCE	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
NON-CONFERENCE	1-0	1-0	0-0	0-0

##	Player	gp-gs	min	avg	Total		3-Point		F-Throw		Rebounds				pf	dq	a	to	blk	stl	pts	avg
					fg-fga	fg%	3fg-fga	3fg%	ft-fa	ft%	off	def	tot	avg								
14	Mann, Terance	1-1	32	32.0	8-10	.800	1-2	.500	0-0	.000	6	2	8	8.0	1	0	2	4	0	0	17	17.0
00	Cofer, Phil	1-1	24	24.0	6-9	.667	1-3	.333	2-2	1.000	2	2	4	4.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	15.0
21	Koumadje, Christ	1-1	21	21.0	7-11	.636	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	1	6	7	7.0	4	0	0	2	5	0	14	14.0
23	Walker, M.J.	1-0	18	18.0	4-5	.800	3-4	.750	1-2	.500	0	3	3	3.0	2	0	2	2	0	1	12	12.0
25	Kabengele, Mfiondu	1-0	17	17.0	5-9	.556	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	2	0	2	2.0	1	0	1	1	0	1	10	10.0
11	Angola, Braian	1-0	23	23.0	3-6	.500	2-5	.400	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	2	0	5	2	0	2	8	8.0
02	Walker, CJ	1-1	29	29.0	3-9	.333	1-2	.500	0-0	.000	0	5	5	5.0	1	0	4	2	0	3	7	7.0
31	Wilkes, Wyatt	1-0	3	3.0	1-1	1.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2.0
05	Savoy, PJ	1-1	13	13.0	1-5	.200	0-4	.000	0-0	.000	0	1	1	1.0	1	0	2	0	0	0	2	2.0
13	Polite, Anthony	1-0	4	4.0	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	1	1	1.0	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0.0
12	Obiaqu, Ike	1-0	7	7.0	0-2	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	2	1	3	3.0	3	0	0	2	3	0	0	0.0
40	Allen, Brandon	1-0	9	9.0	0-1	.000	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0	1	1	1.0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0.0
Team											0	2	2									
Total.....		1	200		38-68	.559	8-21	.381	3-4	.750	13	24	37	37.0	16	0	19	16	8	8	87	87.0
Opponents.....		1	200		24-63	.381	7-26	.269	12-14	.857	15	16	31	31.0	11	-	6	19	0	7	67	67.0

TEAM STATISTICS	FS	OPP
SCORING	87	67
Points per game	87.0	67.0
Scoring margin	+20.0	-
FIELD GOALS-ATT	38-68	24-63
Field goal pct	.559	.381
3 POINT FG-ATT	8-21	7-26
3-point FG pct	.381	.269
3-pt FG made per game	8.0	7.0
FREE THROWS-ATT	3-4	12-14
Free throw pct	.750	.857
F-Throws made per game	3.0	12.0
REBOUNDS	37	31
Rebounds per game	37.0	31.0
Rebounding margin	+6.0	-
ASSISTS	19	6
Assists per game	19.0	6.0
TURNOVERS	16	19
Turnovers per game	16.0	19.0
Turnover margin	+3.0	-
Assist/turnover ratio	1.2	0.3
STEALS	8	7
Steals per game	8.0	7.0
BLOCKS	8	0
Blocks per game	8.0	0.0
ATTENDANCE	7455	0
Home games-Avg/Game	1-7455	0-0
Neutral site-Avg/Game	-	0-0

Date	Opponent	Score	Att.
11/14/17	GEORGE WASHINGTON	w 87-67	7455

* - Conference game

Score by Periods	1st	2nd	Totals
Florida State Seminole	50	37	87
Opponents	32	35	67

Exhibition 1 -- Florida State 116,
Central Missouri 68

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. -- Behind a hot night from beyond arc, Florida State rolled to a 116-68 win over Central Missouri in its first exhibition of the season. Terance Mann scored 12 points and added six rebounds, but the story of the night was the Seminoles' ability from deep, knocking down 13 shots from behind the 3-point line. Junior PJ Savoy, the team's top marksman from a year ago made four on the night, on the way 19 points in the contest. Seven different Seminoles hit a three on the night, a stark contrast from a season ago when the team ranked near the bottom of the ACC in three-point shooting and percentage. The depth on the roster, especially of those with shooting capabilities provides FSU with more versatility on the offensive end than it had last year. The game also provided a first glimpse of some new faces for the Seminoles, including the debut of highly recruited M.J.Walker. The true freshman dropped 17 points in his first game dawning the Garnet and Gold. Flashes of the athleticism that made him a five-star recruit appeared against the Mules, while the Jonesboro, Ga., native also showed some ability from the 3-point line.

Florida State 116, Central Missouri 68
Donald L. Tucker Center
Oct. 26, 2017

CMU	Min	FG	3FG	FT	O-D	Reb	F	A	T	B	S	Pts.
Lowrance	19	1-6	0-3	1-3	0-2	2	3	0	0	0	1	3
Spellman	30	1-5	1-5	4-4	0-0	0	1	2	1	0	0	7
Winston	5	0-2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Winger	23	1-5	1-5	4-6	1-0	1	3	1	1	0	0	7
Reaves	30	6-14	2-8	12-12	0-4	4	3	2	1	0	0	26
Joseph	14	1-2	0-0	1-1	2-0	2	3	0	0	0	1	3
Smith	29	5-9	2-5	3-5	0-0	0	2	1	3	0	2	15
Farris	17	0-3	0-0	0-1	0-2	2	3	0	5	0	1	0
Anderson	2	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wilkinson	10	1-2	1-2	0-0	1-2	3	5	1	1	0	0	3
Emmert	18	2-3	0-1	0-0	1-4	5	4	0	2	0	0	4
Jones	3	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Team						2-0	2					
Totals	200	18-53	7-30	25-32	7-14	21	28	8	13	0	5	68

FI. State	Min	FG	3FG	FT	O-D	Reb	F	A	T	B	S	Pts.
Cofer	19	2-5	0-2	3-3	1-3	4	2	2	0	0	0	7
Koumadje	17	4-4	0-0	5-6	1-2	3	5	0	1	1	0	13
Walker, CJ	25	3-6	2-4	4-5	0-3	3	1	2	0	0	3	12
Savoy	18	6-11	4-9	3-4	0-1	1	2	2	1	0	1	19
Mann	23	4-6	2-2	2-2	1-5	6	2	3	3	0	2	12
Gray	12	2-3	0-0	1-2	3-1	4	3	0	2	0	1	5
Obiagu	12	2-3	0-0	0-1	1-2	3	3	1	0	3	0	4
Polite	17	2-5	1-2	1-2	1-2	3	3	4	1	0	0	6
Lindner	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
Light	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Walker, M.J.	22	6-12	1-4	4-5	0-2	2	2	2	4	1	0	17
Kabengele	17	5-8	1-3	0-2	3-6	9	2	3	0	1	0	11
Miles	2	1-2	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2
Allen	12	3-4	2-2	0-0	1-2	3	1	1	0	0	0	8
Team						3-3	6					
Totals	200	40-69	13-29	23-32	16-32	48	27	20	13	6	8	116

FG% - Central Missouri, .340, Florida State, .580. 3FG% - Central Missouri, .233, Florida State, .448. FT% - Central Missouri, .781, Florida State, .719. Technical Fouls: Central Missouri -- None. Florida State -- None. Referees - Bert Smith, Tim Comer, AJ Desai

Central Missouri	36	32	-	68
Florida State	56	60	-	116

Exhibition 2 -- Florida State 122,
Thomas University 52

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. -- Christ Koumadje scored 10 points, pulled down five rebounds and blocked three shots in Florida State's 122-52 win over Thomas in its second of two exhibition games to open the 2017-18 season. The Seminoles recorded 87 possessions, a blistering number for any contest. Florida State turned 31 Thomas turnovers into 42 points, a result of quickly getting into transition and finishing layups and dunks at the rim. The team also made 12 3-pointers, many coming as open shots with defenders scrambling to find the shooters in transition.

Florida State 122, Thomas University 52
Donald L. Tucker Center
Nov. 7, 2017

TU	Min	FG	3FG	FT	O-D	Reb	F	A	T	B	S	Pts.
Ginnie	17	5-9	0-1	2-2	1-1	2	2	1	3	0	0	12
Holloway	9	0-0	0-0	1-2	0-2	2	4	0	1	0	1	1
Cooks	16	0-3	0-3	0-0	0-2	2	1	0	6	0	0	0
Rouillac	21	0-3	0-3	1-2	1-1	2	0	0	1	0	1	1
Peoples	13	1-4	1-1	0-0	0-2	1	3	1	3	0	0	3
Johnson	8	0-0	0-0	5-6	0-1	0	3	0	2	0	0	5
Bush	19	2-5	0-1	0-1	2-1	3	4	3	7	0	1	4
Blount	11	1-6	0-1	0-0	1-6	7	0	0	1	0	0	2
Swift	11	1-8	1-4	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	0	1	3
Goodwin	21	3-6	1-2	2-3	0-1	1	1	0	3	0	0	9
Tomic	17	1-4	0-0	2-2	1-0	1	2	0	3	0	1	4
Bonds	18	3-6	0-0	0-0	1-3	4	3	0	0	0	0	6
Freeland	11	1-2	0-0	0-1	1-1	2	4	0	0	0	0	2
Goss	8	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0
Team						3-1	4					
Totals	200	18-56	3-16	13-19	11-21	32	29	5	31	0	5	52

FI. State	Min	FG	3FG	FT	O-D	Reb	F	A	T	B	S	Pts.
Cofer	14	4-7	1-4	1-2	1-0	1	2	0	1	0	2	10
Koumadje	12	5-7	0-0	0-1	0-5	5	0	0	0	3	2	10
Walker, CJ	15	2-2	1-1	2-3	0-0	0	2	2	3	0	3	7
Savoy	15	3-5	0-2	0-0	0-1	1	1	1	2	0	0	6
Mann	13	2-3	2-2	2-2	2-1	3	0	2	0	0	0	8
Gray	13	5-6	2-3	0-0	1-4	5	2	2	1	0	2	12
Angola	14	2-4	1-2	0-0	1-4	5	1	4	0	0	2	5
Obiagu	15	5-6	0-0	2-6	1-6	7	1	0	1	4	0	12
Polite	14	1-4	0-2	4-6	1-1	2	1	3	0	0	2	6
Lindner	4	2-2	1-1	3-4	1-0	1	1	1	0	0	0	8
Light	4	1-2	1-2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Walker, M.J.	17	3-5	1-2	3-7	0-0	0	2	2	1	0	0	10
Kabengele	16	2-4	0-1	1-2	0-3	3	4	1	2	4	1	5
Wilkes	17	2-5	0-3	4-5	1-3	4	2	1	0	0	0	8
Miles	4	1-2	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Allen	13	4-6	2-2	0-0	1-2	3	0	1	0	0	3	10
Team						2-0	2					
Totals	200	44-70	12-28	22-38	12-30	42	19	20	11	11	17	122

FG% - Thomas, .321, Florida State, .629. 3FG% - Thomas, .188, Florida State, .429. FT% - Thomas, .684, Florida State, .579. Technical Fouls: Thomas -- Goss. Florida State -- None. Referees - Raymond Slyons, Mark Schnur, Sean Hull

Thomas University	23	29	-	52
Florida State	59	63	-	122

Game 1 -- Florida State 87,
George Washington 67

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. -- Terance Mann scored 17 points and pulled down eight rebounds, and the Seminoles had five players score in double-figures on its way to an 87-67, season-opening victory over George Washington. Christ Koumadje, the 7-foot-4 center, added a career-high 14 points, seven rebounds and five blocks, and senior Phil Cofer scored 15 for Florida State. The Seminoles shot better than 62 percent in the first 20 minutes, and they went into the break with 50 points despite not attempting a single free throw. Florida State finished with advantages in rebounding (37-31), points in the paint (52-20) and fast-break points (14-2). The Seminoles forced the Colonials into 19 turnovers. Heralded freshman M.J. Walker made a fine first impression with 12 points on 4 of 5 shooting, including a 3-for-4 mark from 3-point range. Redshirt freshman Mfiondu Kabengele scored 10 in his debut and 7-foot freshman center Ike Obiagu made the most of his time on the floor with three blocks in just seven minutes.

Florida State 87, George Washington 67
Donald L. Tucker Center
Nov. 14, 2017

GWU	Min	FG	3FG	FT	O-D	Reb	F	A	T	B	S	Pts.
Steeves	28	1-1	0-0	0-0	0-3	3	2	0	4	0	1	2
Toro	28	2-8	1-5	5-6	5-2	7	3	2	2	0	1	10
Nolan	32	8-12	0-2	2-2	2-0	2	1	0	4	0	2	18
Bolden	31	6-15	4-9	2-2	1-3	4	1	3	2	0	0	18
Watanabe	36	5-17	2-7	2-2	2-6	8	3	0	2	0	1	14
Mazzulla	10	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Williams	3	1-2	0-0	0-0	3-1	4	0	0	0	0	2	2
Mitola	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jack	7	0-2	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	2	0	0	0
Langarica	2	0-2	0-2	0-0	0-1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Zeigler	22	1-4	0-0	1-2	0-0	0	0	0	1	0	0	3
Team						2-0	2					
Totals	200	24-63	7-26	12-14	15-16	31	11	6	19	0	7	67

FI. State	Min	FG	3FG	FT	O-D	Reb	F	A	T	B	S	Pts.
Cofer	24	6-9	1-3	2-2	2-2	4	0	0	0	0	0	15
Koumadje	21	7-11	0-0	0-0	1-6	7	4	0	2	5	0	14
Walker, CJ	29	3-9	1-2	0-0	0-5	5	1	4	2	0	3	7
Savoy	13	1-5	0-4	0-0	0-1	1	1	2	0	0	0	2
Mann	32	8-10	1-2	0-0	6-2	8	1	2	4	0	0	17
Angola	23	3-6	2-5	0-0	0-0	0	2	5	2	0	2	8
Obiagu	7	0-2	0-0	0-0	2-1	3	3	0	2	3	0	0
Polite	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	1	0	1	1	0	1	0
Walker, M.J.	18	4-5	3-4	1-2	0-3	3	2	2	2	0	1	12
Keibelgele	17	5-9	0-0	0-0	2-0	2	1	1	1	0	1	10
Wilkes	3	1-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Allen	9	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-1	1	1	2	0	0	0	0
Team						0-2	2					
Totals	200	38-68	8-21	3-4	13-24	37	16	19	16	8	8	87

FG% - George Washington, .381, Florida State, .559. 3FG% - George Washington, .269, Florida State, .381. FT% - George Washington, .857, Florida State, .750. Technical Fouls: George Washington -- None. Florida State -- None. Referees - Lee Cassell, James Beeding, Jeb Hartness

G. Washington	32	35	-	67
Florida State	50	37	-	87

FSU Forward Terance Mann Credits Mother For Turning Him Into Strong Leader, Floor Coach

By Safid Deen

Orlando Sentinel

Nov. 11, 2017

When Florida State forward Terance Mann roamed his mother's college basketball practices, he had one simple job he took to be extreme.

Mann's duty growing up was to just be a ball boy and give basketballs to the players when requested, but he took his work to another level.

"He would protect that ball rack like it was his life, and the girls literally had to come up to him and ask me nicely for a basketball before he would give it to them," said Daynia La-Force, Mann's mother who has who has spent 22 years as a Division I women's basketball coach.

"He felt like those were his prized possessions and he would not give them up. He thought the ball boy was supposed to protect the basketballs."

Mann added with a smile, "Yeah, I guarded that ball rack with everything. I remember those days. They were fun."

As coach Leonard Hamilton and the Florida State men's basketball team prepares for Tuesday's season opener at home against George Washington University, the Seminoles will rely heavily Mann to lead by example and from experience this season.

Behind Magic rookie forward Jonathan Isaac, Hornets rookie guard Dwayne Bacon, Knicks G-League guard Xavier Rathan-Mayes, fifth-year center Michael Ojo and Mann last season, the Seminoles (26-9) went undefeated at home, finished second in the ACC and were a win short of tying the school record for victories in a season.

While their first trip back to the NCAA Tournament in five years was spoiled by a second-round exit to Xavier at Amway Center, the Seminoles hope Mann can be a pillar on a team that will be without a clear-cut NBA prospect and depending on a cast of developing players to compete in the vaunted ACC.

FSU will need Mann to shoot more from the outside, but his gritty multi-faceted play combined with his firsthand knowledge from his mother's practices make him an ideal candidate to lead the Seminoles.

"He was pretty much born on a court, and raised on a court," La-Force said. "He's learned everything from being on a basketball court, everything about life."

After playing at Georgetown, La-Force climbed up the women's coaching ranks up and down the East Coast at Long Island University, St. John's, New Haven and Northeastern. She is now entering her fourth season at the University of Rhode Island. Mann, 21, and his younger brother Martin, 19, have been fixtures on the practice courts, learning along the way.

During quiet moments together, La-Force would ask Mann which players were wearing certain jerseys so he could learn his numbers.

As practice was underway, Mann and his brother were on the sidelines imitating the players' actions. When La-Force blew her whistle to coach up a player, Mann listened to the yelling intently until it was time for him to also resume practicing.

When it was time to head back home after road games, Mann and his brother would ask if they could go sit in the back of the bus with the girls on the team.

As they got older, they would travel with La-Force on her recruiting trips to scout for new players — something Mann surprisingly loved. More than the traveling to new places and going out to dinner, Mann enjoyed sitting in basketball gyms for high school and AAU games like a coach himself.

“Believe it or not, I like going recruiting with her,” Mann said. “Since I was younger, I would give my mom little tidbits of players I would see.”

If La-Force’s team suffered a loss on a certain day, Terance and his brother knew to keep their distance. Mann said he would often check in with his mother after the games, hear her “coaching spiel” about the unfortunate outcome and then head back to his room to play video games to let her finish stewing.

“If I lost a game, he may not have had dinner or help with his homework,” La-Force said with a laugh. “They knew to give me at least an hour after a loss to cool off.”

As Mann has gone through prep school and is now entering his third season at FSU, he and La-Force have to stay connected from afar.

Before every FSU game, La-Force loves to send Mann a special text letting him know it is game day. While they might speak briefly before tipoff, they like to save their 20-minute debriefing for after the games.

“He always listens, wants to talk, sometimes giving me his side of the story. Then I have to say, ‘No, no, no, this is what I saw,’” La-Force said.

Mann admits there may be times when he’s not ready for his mother’s honesty. But it’s more than appreciated.

“I wouldn’t say it’s like a coach and player relationship. I feel like she’s my mentor,” Mann said of his mother. “She’s my mom of course. But I feel like she’s always trying to give me life lessons like a mentor.

“Whatever happens, I’ll go to her and ask her for advice and she’ll have the right answer. Sometimes it’s not the answer that I want, but it’s always right.”

Luckily for Mann and his mother, La-Force’s schedule lined up perfectly, allowing her to visit FSU for the team’s two exhibitions. She will also be in the stands for the season opener after her first two games of the season, but she won’t be able to see Mann in person again until the ACC or NCAA tournaments later in the year.

“It just worked out that way — it’s God giving me an opportunity to watch him grow, watch him play,” La-Force said.

She said her proudest moments as Mann’s mother are when she hears how respected and valued he is as a leader in FSU’s program.

Mann hopes to make her even more proud this season, with high hopes for the Seminoles and himself this season. “I have to step it up this year, definitely, on both sides of the ball,” Mann said. “I’m trying to not only get defensive player of the year, but I’m definitely trying to get on the ACC All-Defensive Team. That’s one of my big goals.

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