

CoSIDA Sports Information Sheet

Basketball, 2018-19

GENERAL

Name of School Florida State University
 City/Zip Tallahassee, Florida, 32316
 Founded 1851
 Enrollment 41,900
 Symbol Seminoles
 School colors Garnet (195C) and Gold (7502C)
 Arena/Gym Name Donald L. Tucker Center
 Capacity 11,500
 Affiliation NCAA Division I
 Conference Atlantic Coast
 President Dr. John Thrasher
 Alma Mater, Yr. Florida State (1965, 1972)
 Athletics Director Stan Wilcox
 Alma Mater, Yr. Notre Dame (1981)
 Athletic Dept. Phone (850) 644-1403
 Ticket Office Phone (850) 644-1830

HISTORY

First Yr. Of Basketball 1948
 Overall all-time record 1190-847 (.584 winning percentage)
 No. Yrs. In NCAA Tourn./last 16/2018
 No. Yrs. In NIT/last 10/2016
 Last Post-season opponent Michigan (NCAA Elite Eight/2018)
 Result L, 54-58

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COACHING STAFF

Head Coach Leonard Hamilton
 Alma Mater/Year Tennessee-Martin/1971
 Record at school (yrs) 305-208 (.595) (Entering 17th)
 Career record (yrs) 505-418 (.548) (Entering 31st)
 Basketball office phone (850) 644-1461
 Best time/day to reach coach Through Sports Information
 Assistant Coaches/Alma Mater/Year
Stan Jones/Memphis, 1984/Associate Head Coach
Dennis Gates/California, 2002
Charlton C.Y. Young/Georgia Southern/1994
Jacob Ridenhour/Auburn, 1995 (Director of Operations)
 Athletic Trainer/Alma Mater/Year
Amanda Robinson/UCF, 2012/Florida State, 2014, 2016

TEAM INFORMATION

	Total	Home	Away	Neut
Overall record last year	<u>23-12</u>	<u>13-2</u>	<u>4-8</u>	<u>6-2</u>
Conference record/finish	<u>9-9</u>	<u>7-2</u>	<u>2-7</u>	<u>0-0</u>
Final ranking last year (poll)	<u>No. 18 (USA Today) / NR (AP)</u>			
Starters returning/lost	<u>3/2 (Cofer, Mann, Koumadje)</u>			
Letterwinners returning/lost	<u>12/4</u>			

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R/L		Ht	Wt	Cl	Pos	GP/GS	PPG	RPG	other
Starters Returning (R) and Lost (L)									
R/L									
(R)	Terance Mann	6-7	215	Sr.	G	34-31	12.6	5.4	2.6 APG
(R)	Phil Cofer	6-8	230	RSr.	F	35-35	12.8	5.1	48 3FGM
(R)	Christ Koumadje	7-4	230	Sr.	C	24-12	6.5	4.1	1.5 BPG
(L)	Braian Angola	6-6	195	Sr.	G	35-31	12.5	3.9	3.0 APG
(L)	CJ Walker	6-1	185	So.	G	35-34	8.0	2.5	2.4 APG
Other Key Returnees									
	PJ Savoy	6-4	210	Sr.	G	27-4	6.7	1.4	50 3FGM
	Trent Forrest	6-4	210	Jr.	G	34-2	7.9	4.9	1.6 SPG
	Mfiondu Kabengele	6-10	250	RSr.	F	34-0	7.2	4.6	0.9 BPG
	M.J. Walker	6-5	213	So.	G	35-1	7.0	1.7	41 3FGM
Other Key Losses									
	Ike Obiagu	7-0	240	Fr.	C	34-14	2.3	2.6	2.1 BPG
Key Newcomers									
	Raiquan Gray	6-8	250	RFr.	F	16.0	12.0	4.0 apg	Dillard H.S.
	Anthony Polite	6-6	210	RFr.	G	19.1	11.7	4.6 apg	St. Andrew's
	David Nichols	6-0	190	RSr.	G	14.6	4.3	57 3FGM	University Albany
	Devin Vassell	6-5	170	Fr.	G	20.3	6.8	2.3 APG	Peachtree Ridge Suwanee, Ga.

All-star candidates (names only) Terance Mann (All-ACC/All-American), Phil Cofer (All-ACC/All-American), M.J. Walker (All-ACC)

NOTES/CLARIFICATIONS

Florida State returns nearly 75 percent of its scoring and more than 76 percent of its rebounding from its NCAA Elite Eight team...the Seminoles return three starters (Phil Cofer, Terance Mann, Christ Koumadje) from its NCAA Tournament Elite Eight Team...the Seminoles were one of two ACC teams to advance to the Elite Eight of the NCAA Tournament in 2018...Cofer (12.8 ppg / 5.1 rpg) and Mann (12.6 ppg / 5.4 rpg) return as Florida State's top two returning scorers and top two returning rebounders from the Seminoles' 2018 team that finished third in the ACC in scoring (80.2 ppg)...Cofer and Mann were both named to the NCAA Tournament All-West Region Team as they led the Seminoles to wins over No. 8 seeded Missouri, No. 1 seeded Xavier and No. 4 seeded Gonzaga to advance within one game of the Final Four...Cofer (111 career games played) and Mann (103 career games played) are two of the most experienced returning players in the ACC...Cofer needs only 186 points to reach 1,000 for his career while Mann begins his senior season only 100 points from the coveted 1,000 career point mark...Trent Forrest, who led the Seminoles in both assists and steals and who averaged 7.9 points per game, averages 20.5 minutes played per game in the first two seasons and 69 games of his career...PJ Savoy, who made 50 3-point shots as a junior is ranked 25th in school history with 90 made career 3-point shots and needs only 10 to become the 22nd player in school history with 100 or more made 3-point shots as a Seminole...Christ Koumadje, who averaged a career-high 17.8 minutes played as a junior, enters his sophomore season ranked 16th in school history in blocked shots with 94...he needs only six blocked shots to become the 16th player in school history with 100 or more career blocked shots...David Nichols, who averaged 14.6 points and 4.3 rebounds in 2017-18, joins Florida State's roster as a graduate transfer from the University of Albany...Nichols is immediately eligible to play for the Seminoles.



2018-19 FLORIDA STATE MEN'S BASKETBALL ROSTERS

2018-19 NUMERICAL ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Hgt.	Wgt.	Yr.	Hometown
0	Phil Cofer	F	6-8	230	RSr.	Atlanta, Ga./Whitewater
1	RaiQuan Gray	F	6-8	260	RFr.	Ft. Lauderdale, Fla./Dillard
3	Trent Forrest	G	6-4	210	Jr.	Chipley, Fla./Chipley
5	PJ Savoy	G	6-4	210	Sr.	Las Vegas, Nev./Sheridan College
4	Ty Hands	F	6-5	180	Fr.	West Palm Beach, Fla./Palm Beach Lakes
11	David Nichols	G	6-0	185	RSr.	Chicago, Ill./Albany/Mount Carmel
13	Anthony Polite	G	6-6	215	RFr.	Lugano, Switzerland/St. Andrew's Christian School (Fla.)
14	Terance Mann	G	6-7	215	Sr.	Lowell, Mass./Tilton School
15	Justin Lindner	G	6-1	180	Jr.	Memphis, Tenn./Christian Brothers
20	Travis Light	G	6-5	175	RSo.	Vienna, Va./IMG Academy
21	Christ Koumadje	C	7-4	230	Sr.	N'Djamena, Chad/Montverde Academy (Fla.)
23	M.J. Walker	G	6-5	213	So.	Jonesboro, Ga./Jonesboro
24	Devin Vassell	G	6-6	180	Fr.	Suwanee, Ga./Peachtree Ridge
25	Mfiondu Kabengele	F	6-10	250	RSo.	Burlington, Ontario, Canada/Don Bosco Prep (Ind.)
31	Wyatt Wilkes	F	6-8	220	So.	Orlando, Fla./Winter Park
33	Will Miles	F	6-6	220	RSo.	Orlando, Fla./Trinity Prep
35	Harrison Prieto	F	6-8	230	RSo.	Mandeville, La./St. Paul's School
	Malik Osborne *	F	6-9	215	So.	Matteson, Ill./Rice University/Don Bosco Prep (Ind.)

* Malik Osborne will redshirt the 2018-19 season after transferring from Rice

2018-19 ALPHABETICAL ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Hgt.	Wgt.	Yr.	Hometown
0	Phil Cofer	F	6-8	230	RSr.	Atlanta, Ga./Whitewater
3	Trent Forrest	G	6-4	210	Jr.	Chipley, Fla./Chipley
1	RaiQuan Gray	F	6-8	260	RFr.	Ft. Lauderdale, Fla./Dillard
4	Ty Hands	F	6-5	180	Fr.	West Palm Beach, Fla./Palm Beach Lakes
25	Mfiondu Kabengele	F	6-10	250	RSo.	Burlington, Ontario, Canada/Don Bosco Prep (Ind.)
21	Christ Koumadje	C	7-4	230	Sr.	N'Djamena, Chad/Montverde Academy (Fla.)
20	Travis Light	G	6-5	175	RSo.	Vienna, Va./IMG Academy
15	Justin Lindner	G	6-1	180	Jr.	Memphis, Tenn./Christian Brothers
14	Terance Mann	G	6-7	215	Sr.	Lowell, Mass./Tilton School
33	Will Miles	F	6-6	220	RSo.	Orlando, Fla./Trinity Prep
11	David Nichols	G	6-0	185	RSr.	Chicago, Ill./Albany/Mount Carmel
	Malik Osborne *	F	6-9	215	So.	Matteson, Ill./Rice University/Don Bosco Prep (Ind.)
13	Anthony Polite	G	6-6	215	RFr.	Lugano, Switzerland/St. Andrew's Christian School (Fla.)
35	Harrison Prieto	F	6-8	230	RSo.	Mandeville, La./St. Paul's School
5	PJ Savoy	G	6-4	210	Sr.	Las Vegas, Nev./Sheridan College
24	Devin Vassell	G	6-6	180	Fr.	Suwanee, Ga./Peachtree Ridge
23	M.J. Walker	G	6-5	213	So.	Jonesboro, Ga./Jonesboro
31	Wyatt Wilkes	F	6-8	220	So.	Orlando, Fla./Winter Park

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Head Coach:	Leonard Hamilton (17 th Season at Florida State)
Associate Head Coach:	Stan Jones (17 th Season at Florida State)
Assistant Coach:	Dennis Gates (Eighth season at Florida State)
Assistant Coach:	Charlton Young (Sixth Season at Florida State)
Director of Operations:	Jacob Ridenhour
Strength and Conditioning:	Michael Bradley
Basketball Trainer:	Amanda Robinson

By Class

Freshman

Ty Hands, RaiQuan Gray, Anthony Polite, Devin Vassell,

Sophomore

Mfiondu Kabengele, Travis Light, Will Miles, Malik Osborne, Harrison Prieto, M.J. Walker, Wyatt Wilkes,

Junior

Trent Forrest, Justin Lindner,

Senior

Phil Cofer, Christ Koumadje, Terance Mann, David Nichols, PJ Savoy,

By State/Country

Canada	Mfiondu Kabengele
Chad	Christ Koumadje
Florida	Trent Forrest, RaiQuan Gray, Ty Hands, Will Miles, Anthony Polite, Wyatt Wilkes
Georgia	Phil Cofer, Devin Vassell, M.J. Walker
Illinois	David Nichols, Malik Osborne
Louisiana	Harrison Prieto
Massachusetts	Terance Mann
Nevada	PJ Savoy
Tennessee	Justin Lindner
Virginia	Travis Light

By Height

6-0	David Nichols
6-1	Justin Lindner
6-4	Trent Forrest, PJ Savoy
6-5	Ty Hands, Travis Light, M.J. Walker
6-6	Will Miles, Anthony Polite, Devin Vassell
6-7	Terance Mann
6-8	Phil Cofer, RaiQuan Gray, Harrison Prieto, Wyatt Wilkes
6-9	Malik Osborne
6-10	Mfiondu Kabengele
7-4	Christ Koumadje

By Birthday

Jan. 19, 1996	Phil Cofer
March 26, 1996	David Nichols
March 28, 1998	M.J. Walker
April 7, 1999	RaiQuan Gray
April 9, 2998	Malik Osborne
April 9, 1999	Wyatt Wilkes
April 13, 1998	Harrison Prieto
May 22, 2000	Ty Hands
June 12, 1998	Trent Forrest
June 14, 1996	Travis Light
June 21, 1997	Anthony Polite
July 7, 1996	Christ Koumadje
August 14, 1997	Mfiondu Kabengele
August 23, 2000	Devin Vassell
August 25, 1997	Justin Lindner
Oct. 6, 1996	PJ Savoy
Oct. 18, 1996	Terance Mann
Oct. 27, 1997	Will Miles

By Major

Sociology
Sport Management
Social Science
Exercise Physiology
International Affairs
International Affairs:
Business Management
Math Education
Social Science
Finance
Sport Management
Exploratory
Finance
Meteorology
Social Science
Management
Social Science
Media/Communications:

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THE STAT CREW SYSTEM
 Florida State Seminoles Combined Team Statistics (as of Apr 02, 2018)
 Conference games

RECORD:	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
ALL GAMES	9-9	7-2	2-7	0-0
CONFERENCE	9-9	7-2	2-7	0-0
NON-CONFERENCE	0-0	0-0	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-fta	ft%	off	def	tot	avg												
11	Angola, Braian	18-17	514	28.6	76-192	.396	32-96	.333	66-75	.880	18	49	67	3.7	50	0	47	35	2	22	250	13.9				
00	Cofer, Phil	18-18	555	30.8	88-190	.463	29-79	.367	29-46	.630	28	61	89	4.9	29	0	12	18	2	8	234	13.0				
14	Mann, Terance	17-15	524	30.8	74-148	.500	8-29	.276	50-72	.694	31	61	92	5.4	33	0	43	31	4	13	206	12.1				
03	Forrest, Trent	18-2	471	26.2	45-97	.464	2-9	.222	54-71	.761	23	67	90	5.0	31	0	65	28	6	22	146	8.1				
02	Walker, CJ	18-17	424	23.6	52-115	.452	19-55	.345	23-34	.676	3	49	52	2.9	50	3	46	32	2	13	146	8.1				
23	Walker, M.J.	18-1	359	19.9	50-122	.410	18-60	.300	26-34	.765	4	27	31	1.7	41	3	19	23	2	7	144	8.0				
21	Koumadje, Christ	16-13	284	17.8	53-78	.679	0-0	.000	15-28	.536	33	44	77	4.8	41	1	2	14	18	0	121	7.6				
05	Savoy, PJ	11-1	147	13.4	20-56	.357	18-51	.353	8-11	.727	2	7	9	0.8	11	0	7	7	0	1	66	6.0				
25	Kabengele, Mfiondu	18-0	246	13.7	32-75	.427	5-16	.313	28-48	.583	31	47	78	4.3	37	1	6	15	10	10	97	5.4				
12	Obiagu, Ike	17-5	145	8.5	8-15	.533	0-0	.000	5-14	.357	8	22	30	1.8	23	1	1	10	30	2	21	1.2				
40	Allen, Brandon	11-1	31	2.8	3-7	.429	1-5	.200	0-0	.000	1	1	2	0.2	3	0	1	6	0	1	7	0.6				
Team											21	30	51					1			2			2		
Total.....		18	3700	501-1095		.458	132-400	.330	304-433	.702	203	465	668	37.1	350	9	249	221	76	99	1440	80.0				
Opponents.....		18	3700	498-1103		.451	172-426	.404	282-388	.727	182	440	622	34.6	362	-	255	217	59	99	1450	80.6				

TEAM STATISTICS	FS	OPP	Date	Opponent	Score	Att.
SCORING	1440	1450	* 12/30/17	at Duke	L 93-100	9314
Points per game	80.0	80.6	* 01/03/18	NORTH CAROLINA	W 81-80	8931
Scoring margin	-0.6	-	* 01/07/18	at Miami	L 74-80	7647
FIELD GOALS-ATT	501-1095	498-1103	* 01/10/18	LOUISVILLE	L 69-73	10604
Field goal pct	.458	.451	* 01/13/18	SYRACUSE	Wo2 101-90	10938
3 POINT FG-ATT	132-400	172-426	* 1/15/18	at Boston College	L 75-81	5867
3-point FG pct	.330	.404	* 01/20/18	at Virginia Tech	W 91-82	9275
3-pt FG made per game	7.3	9.6	* 01/24/18	GEORGIA TECH	W 88-77	9879
FREE THROWS-ATT	304-433	282-388	* 01/27/18	MIAMI	Wot 103-94	11675
Free throw pct	.702	.727	* 01/31/18	at Wake Forest	L 72-76	7809
F-Throws made per game	16.9	15.7	* 2/3/18	at LOUISVILLE	W 80-76	18305
REBOUNDS	668	622	* 02/07/18	VIRGINIA	L 55-59	10657
Rebounds per game	37.1	34.6	* 2/10/18	at Notre Dame	L 69-84	9149
Rebounding margin	+2.6	-	* 02/14/18	CLEMSON	Wot 81-79	9131
ASSISTS	249	255	* 02/18/18	PITTSBURGH	W 88-75	9123
Assists per game	13.8	14.2	* 02/25/18	at NC State	L 72-92	17037
TURNOVERS	221	217	* 02/28/18	at Clemson	L 63-76	7242
Turnovers per game	12.3	12.1	* 03/03/18	BOSTON COLLEGE	W 85-76	9825
Turnover margin	-0.2	-	* = Conference game			
Assist/turnover ratio	1.1	1.2				
STEALS	99	99				
Steals per game	5.5	5.5				
BLOCKS	76	59				
Blocks per game	4.2	3.3				
ATTENDANCE	90763	91645				
Home games-Avg/Game	9-10085	9-10183				
Neutral site-Avg/Game	-	0-0				

Score by Periods	1st	2nd	OT	OT2	Totals
Florida State Seminole	674	708	39	19	1440
Opponents	669	745	28	8	1450

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2018-19 Florida State Basketball Quotes

"What looked like it would be a rebuilding season at Florida State turned into a surprising Elite Eight run, and while they overachieved in the tournament, they can now build on that experience in 2018-19. Braian Angola will graduate and CJ Walker has elected to transfer, but there's a lot of young talent here, including M.J. Walker, Trent Forrest and Mfiondu Kabengele, to go along with rising seniors Terance Mann and PJ Savoy.

Sports Illustrated
April 3, 2018

"The Seminoles made a deep NCAA run ahead of schedule this season and can turn to high-scoring Terance Mann."

John Marshall
Associated Press
April 3, 2018

"Leonard Hamilton had FSU one win away from the Final Four -- and his top two players from that team are back considering Phil Cofer has been granted a fifth year of eligibility. Consequently, odds are, Florida State should be in the NCAA Tournament for the third consecutive year -- and a factor in the ACC once again."

Gary Parrish
CBS Sports

"I really like this group. They have a whole bunch of athletic, switchable wings that can score. Terance Mann, M.J. Walker and Mfiondu Kabengele returning would be key, as would finding another point guard on the transfer market to replace CJ Walker."

Rob Dauster
NBC Sports

"Relying on fast-break offense, improved defense and impressive depth, Florida State made an unexpected run to the Elite Eight. The Seminoles return enough talent from that roster that they should have a better regular season next year and return to the NCAA tournament. Florida State will once again have plenty of long, athletic wings with the slashing Terance Mann and the sharp-shooting PJ Savoy headlining the group. Mfiondu Kabengele is an emerging NBA prospect who flashed promise at both ends of the floor and former McDonald's All-American M.J. Walker could also make a leap as a sophomore. Trent Forrest is a capable defender who excels at getting to the rim and drawing fouls."

Jeff Eisenberg
Yahoo Sports

"Coach Leonard Hamilton's team overachieved by getting to the Elite Eight by using its defense to wear opponents down, and now plenty of talented pieces will be back — more seasoned — to build off that success by challenging the ACC's elite. Terance Mann (12.6 ppg) returns, and the NCAA gave Phil Cofer an extra year of eligibility since he missed most of 2015-16 with an injury."

Scott Gleeson
USA Today

"Leonard Hamilton's squad surprised everyone with its Elite Eight run. Terance Mann (12.6 PPG) was a star in his team's win over Gonzaga in the Sweet 16 (18 points). He's one of the young pieces FSU will bring back next season. Hamilton's team had only a handful of bad losses and it finished 9-9 in a strong ACC. And the NCAA gave Phil Cofer (12.8 PPG) a fifth season of eligibility after he missed the bulk of the 2015-16 season due to injury."

Myron Medcalf
ESPN.com

"Florida State looks primed to remain a viable contender in the ACC."

Tristan Freeman
Fansided

“Seven players who scored at least 6.5 ppg will be coming back (for Florida State), something few teams in D-1 can say. Players like Terance Mann and Trent Forrest will now be expected to become the lead guys, while talented freshmen M.J. Walker will continue his development.”

Tristan Freeman
Fansided

“Florida State will have an advantage with their size, length, and athleticism next season. What they need to work on is their perimeter shooting, and finding a core group of key players that the staff can rely on come crunch time. It’s great to have depth, but a go-to guy can be the difference between a win and a loss.”

Tristan Freeman
Fansided

“The Seminoles are coming off of a run to the Elite Eight as a No. 9 seed in which they upset No. 1 seed Xavier and played a brand of basketball that involved a lot of pressing, a lot of defensive versatility and enough perimeter firepower that they should enter this season as a top 20 team.”

Rob Dauster
NBC Sports

“I was not sold on Florida State at all heading into the NCAA tournament. Now I have them 14th in my preseason top 25. They have a nice combination of returning talent and players that can take a big step forward — M.J. Walker, Mfiondu Kabengele.”

Rob Dauster
NBC Sports

“Surprising postseason run as Seminoles fans excited, especially since his best two players – Terance Mann and Phil Cofer -- return.”

Jason McIntyre
The Big Lead

“The Seminoles should once again be a factor in the ACC -- this is a big, physical, athletic team who will be in the NCAA Tournament.”

Mike Goodpaster
The Grueling Truth

“The Seminoles were one of the surprise Elite Eight teams and it had a lot to do with their defense, length and ability to stay together. None of that should change. Terance Mann could have a banner season and should be in contention for ACC player of the year.”

Andy Katz
NCAA.com

“Who replaces Donte DiVincenzo next season as college basketball's best sixth man? One candidate is Florida State's Mfiondu Kabengele. Was key in Noles' Elite Eight run.”

Jon Rothstein
CBSSports Network