

FLORIDA STATE

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2020-21 Florida State Schedule

D2	North Florida	W, 86-58
D9	1 Indiana	W, 69-67 (ot)
D12	Florida	W, 83-71
D15	* Georgia Tech	W, 74-61
D19	UCF	9:00 p.m.
D21	Gardner-Webb	7:00 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	563	431	.566	1987-Pr.
at Okla. State	56	63	.471	1987-90
at Miami	144	147	.495	1991-00
at Florida State	363	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. Pittsburgh
6. Syracuse	14. Boston College
7. Miami	15. Wake Forest
8. NC State	

NO. 15/15 FLORIDA STATE SEMINOLES (4-0 OVERALL, 1-0 ACC)
VS.

UCF KNIGHTS (1-1 OVERALL, 0-0 AMERICAN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2020; 9:00 P.M.

DONALD L. TUCKER CENTER (2,800)

TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

LEARFIELD IMG RADIO NETWORK (GENE DECKERHOFF, ADRIAN CRAWFORD)

ACC NETWORK (MIKE MONACO, CHRIS SPATOLA)

"Leonard Hamilton has been one of the great coaches in our country. He's touched every aspect as an assistant coach, a pro coach. He's been at a number of colleges, he's started programs up. He's really built the program at Florida State to be one of the top programs in the country. He's made our conference better and a lot tougher. And you know what -- he's done it in a great way."

Mike Krzyzewski
Duke Basketball

NO. 15 SEMINOLES PLAY HOST TO UCF AT DONALD L. TUCKER CENTER SATURDAY AT 9 P.M.

No. 15/15 Florida State, which is 4-0 for the 10th time under 19th-year Head Coach Leonard Hamilton, plays host to UCF at the Donald L. Tucker Center on Saturday, December 19, 2020 at 9:00 p.m. The Seminoles have won each of their first four games including their ACC opener over Georgia Tech on Tuesday night in Tallahassee. Florida State will play two more non-conference home games (including its game against UCF) before closing out the regular season with 19 consecutive ACC games. Following Saturday's game against UCF, Florida State will play host to Gardner-Webb on Monday night at 7 p.m. in a game rescheduled from Nov. 27 in what was supposed to be the Seminoles' season-opener.

SEMINOLES TO HONOR NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE AGAINST UCF

The Florida State men's basketball team will wear turquoise Nike N7 uniforms against UCF in Saturday's game to raise awareness for bringing sport to Native American and Aboriginal youth. It marks the 16th time (and first time this season) the Seminoles will wear the special uniforms. The Seminoles last wore the special uniforms in their 82-67 win over Pittsburgh in Tallahassee on February 18, 2020. This season (2020-21) marks the eighth 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 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 win
UMass	Dec. 21, 2013	W, 60-55	Montay Brandon scored 8 points in win
UMass	Nov. 23, 2014	L, 69-75	Xavier Rathen-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 scored 18 points in win
Manhattan	Dec. 17, 2016	W, 83-67	Dwayne Bacon scored 16 points in win
Fordham	Nov. 17, 2017	W, 67-43	Mfiondu Kabengele scored 15 points in win
Oklahoma State	Dec. 16, 2017	L, 70-71	Phil Cofer leads Seminoles with 21 points
Purdue	Nov. 28, 2018	W, 73-72	Trent Forrest basket with 5.2 seconds wins it for FSU
Saint Louis	Dec. 22, 2018	W, 81-59	David Nichols scored 19 points in win
Saint Francis	Nov. 15, 2019	W, 80-65	Wyatt Wilkes scored 14 points in win
USF	Dec. 21, 2019	W, 66-60	Gray, Forrest, Walker and Polite all score 11 in win
Pittsburgh	Feb. 17, 2020	W, 82-67	Patrick Williams scored 16 points in win

SEMINOLES' BARNES NAMED ACC FRESHMAN OF THE WEEK

Florida State freshman guard Scottie Barnes, who scored the first game-winning basket of his career in the Seminoles' overtime win over Indiana in the ACC/Big Ten Challenge and scored a team-high tying 17 points as he led Florida State past No. 25 Florida for the Seminoles' seventh consecutive victory over their cross-state rivals, has been named the ACC Rookie of the Week for the first time in his career. In the No. 15 Seminoles' two wins last week, Barnes averaged 13.0 points, 5.0 assists, 3.0 rebounds and shot 50 percent (10 of 20) from the field. He totaled a career-high four steals in Florida State's victory over Indiana and added one steal in the Seminoles' win over the nationally ranked Gators.

LOOK FOR FLORIDA STATE TO...

...Defeat UCF and raise its record to 5-0. The Seminoles most recently began the 2017-18 and 2018-19 seasons at 5-0 and have been 5-0 under Head Coach Leonard Hamilton seven times;

...Defeat UCF and improve its record to 59-13 (.819 winning percentage) since the start of the 2018-19 season.

Florida State Basketball / National Polls

ASSOCIATED PRESS POLL

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

USA TODAY POLL

Rk.	Team	Points
1.	Gonzaga (24)	790
2.	Baylor (6)	772
3.	Iowa (2)	729
4.	Michigan State	679
5.	Kansas	618
6.	Villanova	606
7.	West Virginia	562
8.	Houston	546
9.	Creighton	537
10.	Tennessee	434
11.	Texas	422
12.	Wisconsin	420
13.	Illinois	388
14.	Texas Tech	356
15.	FLORIDA STATE	334
16.	Virginia	243
17.	Rutgers	231
18.	Missouri	221
19.	Ohio State	215
20.	San Diego State	209
21.	North Carolina	195
22.	Louisville	168
23.	Duke	220
24.	Michigan	101
25.	Richmond	73

Florida State's 2020-21 Poll History

Week	AP	Coaches
Preseason	21	18
Week 1	22	NP
Week 2	20	21
Week 3	15	15

Which Is Your Favorite Florida State Uniform Color

Scottie Barnes	Turquoise
Sardaar Calhoun	White
RayQuan Evans	Black
Nathanael Jack	Turquoise
Balsa Koprivica	White
Tanor Ngom	Black
Malik Osborne	Black
Wyatt Wilkes	Black

FLORIDA STATE VS. UCF – CONNECTIONS

Florida State will play UCF on December 19, 2020 at the Donald L. Tucker Center in Tallahassee. The Knights are coached by Johnny Dawkins who will face Florida State and Leonard Hamilton for the first time as a head coach. Dawkins faced the Seminoles 17 times as an assistant coach (1998-99) and then the associate head coach (1999-08) at Duke. Dawkins did not face the Seminoles as a player at Duke (1983-86) nor as the head coach at Stanford (2009-16). Kevin Norris who is in his sixth season at UCF, played for Seminole head coach Leonard Hamilton and Seminole Associate Head Coach Stan Jones at Miami (1995-98). Norris led the Hurricanes to the 1998 NCAA Tournament. Florida State's game against UCF marks the first time Norris will coach against Hamilton and Jones. Robbie Laing, who is in his fifth season as an assistant coach, will coach against the Seminoles for the eighth time at four different schools. The Seminoles are 6-1 against Laing all-time: 1-0 as the head coach at Campbell (December 22, 2005, 108-73), 1-0 against Florida Atlantic in the Orange Bowl Classic (December 19, 2015, 64-59) and 4-1 against Clemson (1992-93 and 1993-94) in ACC play. Florida State has faced UCF assistant coach Vince Taylor twice (at Minnesota) and are 1-1 against the former Duke player. Taylor was an assistant coach at Pitt in 1998 and lost his only game of the season to Hamilton, Jones and Miami.

FLORIDA STATE NAMED NATIONAL TEAM OF THE WEEK BY ESPN

Following victories last week over both Indiana in the ACC/Big Ten Challenge and Florida, the Seminoles were chosen as the National Team of the Week by ESPN.com. Said Jeff Borzello of ESPN: "We didn't have much to go on with Florida State entering last week; the Seminoles had played only one game, and it was at home against North Florida. Well, the Seminoles have answered the bell after impressive home wins against borderline top-25 teams Indiana and Florida. This week was something of a coming-out party for top-10 freshman and potential lottery pick Scottie Barnes. Barnes shook off an iffy performance against Indiana to hit the winning shot in overtime, then went for 17 points and five assists against Florida. Here's another interesting angle, one that nobody expected entering the season. Is Florida State not the favorite to repeat as ACC champions? Virginia, the preseason favorite, has struggled; Duke, a staple near the top of the standings, has a ton to figure out; and North Carolina lost its two toughest games, to Texas and Iowa. Who's to say the Seminoles can't do this again? Never doubt Leonard Hamilton."

FLORIDA STATE SINCE THE START OF THE 2018-19 SEASON

Florida State is 59-13 (.819 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 4-0 this season. Since defeating Clemson on December 8, 2019, the Seminoles have won nearly 90 percent of their games with a record of 23-3 (.885 winning percentage)

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

Florida State is 69-3 (.958 winning percentage) in its last 72 home games since the tail end of the 2015-16 season. The Seminoles enter Tuesday's game against Georgia Tech having won .958 percent of their games (69-3) and .925 percent of their ACC games (37-3) 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 4-0 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.

FLORIDA STATE HAS WON 27 CONSECUTIVE HOME GAMES

Florida State enters Saturday's game against UCF having won 27 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 74-61 win over Georgia Tech on December 15, 2020. Florida State has won 18 consecutive ACC home games.

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

Florida State enters Saturday's game against UCF having won 41 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 19, 2020 vs. Indiana
2.	41	Florida State	December 19, 2020 vs. UCF

FLORIDA STATE WINNING GAMES AGAINST TEAMS IN GAMES PLAYED IN THE SUNSHINE STATE

Florida State enters Saturday's game against UCF having won 31 consecutive games that have been played in the state of Florida. The streak includes 18 victories against ACC teams, three against SEC teams, two against Big Ten teams and three (the most wins over any team) against Georgia Tech. The Seminoles winning streak against games played in the state of Florida began with a 77-68 win at home over Clemson on January 22, 2019. The streak includes victories over Clemson (77-68, Jan. 22, 2019), at Miami (78-66, Jan. 27, 2019), Georgia Tech (59-49, Feb. 2, 2019), Louisville (80-75 in OT, Feb. 9, 2019), Wake Forest (88-66, Feb. 13, 2019), Notre Dame (68-61, Feb. 25, 2019), NC State (78-73, March 2, 2019), Virginia Tech (73-64 in OT, March 5, 2019), Florida (63-51, Nov. 10, 2019), Western Carolina (79-74, Nov. 15, 2019), Chattanooga (89-53, Nov. 20, 2019), Saint Francis (80-65, Nov. 23, 2019), Chicago State (113-56, Nov. 25, 2019), Tennessee (60-57, Nov. 29, 2019), Purdue (63-60 in OT, Nov. 30, 2019), Clemson (72-53, Dec. 8, 2019), North Florida (98-81, Dec. 17, 2019), vs. USF (66-60, Dec. 21, 2019), North Alabama (88-71, Dec. 28, 2019), Georgia Tech (70-58, Dec. 31, 2019), Virginia (54-50, Jan. 15, 2020), at Miami (83-79 in OT, Jan. 18, 2020), Notre Dame (85-84, Jan. 25, 2020), North Carolina (65-59, Feb. 3, 2020), Syracuse (80-77, Feb. 15, 2020), Louisville (82-67, Feb. 24, 2020), Boston College (80-62, March 7, 2020), North Florida (86-58, Dec. 20, 2020), Indiana (69-67 in OT, Dec. 9, 2020), Florida (83-71, Dec. 12, 2020) and Georgia Tech (74-61, Dec. 15, 2000).

FLORIDA STATE ALSO BEATING TEAMS FROM THE STATE OF FLORIDA

Florida State has won 12 consecutive games against teams from the state of Florida including the Seminoles' wins over both North Florida and Florida this season. The Seminoles' streak includes victories over Miami (103-94, Jan. 27, 2018), Florida (81-60, Nov. 6, 2018), North Florida (95-81, Dec. 19, 2018), Miami (68-62, Jan. 9, 2019), at Miami (78-66, Jan. 27, 2019), at Florida (63-51, Nov. 10, 2019), North Florida (98-81, Dec. 18, 2019), USF (66-60, Dec. 21, 2019), at Miami (83-79, Jan. 18, 2020), Miami (99-81, Feb. 8, 2020), North Florida (86-58, Dec. 2, 2020) and Florida (83-71, Dec. 12, 2020). The Seminoles have won 17 of their last 18 games against teams from the state entering Saturday's game against UCF.

**Florida State Basketball
Upcoming Milestones**

Leonard Hamilton

Victories as an ACC Coach
364 (Career at Florida State)

+99 (Needs)
463

To become the 4th Winningest Coach in ACC History (all victories) (surpassing Gary Williams of Maryland)

Leonard Hamilton

ACC Victories at Florida State
(Regular Season + ACC Tourn.)
171 (career at Florida State)

+40 (needs)
211

To become the 4th 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
1249 (current)

+1 (needs)
1,250

Florida State enters the 2020-21 season with an all-time record of 1,249-860 for a winning percentage of .592.

M.J. Walker

Career Points Scores

851 (career at Florida State)
+149 (needs)
1,000

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

M.J. Walker

Career 3-Point Field Goals Made
137 (career at Florida State)

+6 (needs)
143

To move into 11th place in school history with 142 career 3-point field goals made – surpassing P.J. Savoy (2017-19)

M.J. Walker

Career 3-Point Field Goals Made
137 (career at Florida State)

+13 (needs)
150

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

M.J. Walker

Career 3-Point Field Goals Attempted
392 (career at Florida State)

+8 (needs)
400

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

STARTING LINEUP FOR FLORIDA STATE...

F	#1	RaiQuan Gray (8.3 ppg, 7.3 rpg; Season-high 12 points in Florida State's win over Indiana)
C	#5	Balsa Koprivica (10.3 ppg, 5.3 rpg; Season-high 13 points in Florida State's win over North Florida)
G	#2	Anthony Polite (10.0 ppg, 5.3 rpg; Season-high 14 points in Florida State's win over Florida)
G	#4	Scottie Barnes (11.3 ppg, 5.3 rpg; Season-high 17 points in Florida State's win over Florida)
G	#23	M.J. Walker (17.7 ppg, 2.3 rpg; Season-high 19 points in Florida State's overtime win over Indiana)

...AND TOP RESERVES

G	#0	RayQuan Evans (3.0 ppg, 1.3 apg; Season-high 5 points in Florida State's win over Florida)
F	#10	Malik Osborne (4.3 ppg, 4.7 rpg; Season-high 6 points in Florida State's win over North Florida)
G	#31	Wyatt Wilkes (3.0 ppg, 2.0 rpg; Season-high 11 points in Florida State's win over Georgia Tech)
C	#15	Quincy Ballard (1.0 ppg, 0.5 rpg; Season-high 2 points in wins over North Florida and Georgia Tech)
G	#24	Sardaar Calhoun (4.7 ppg, 1.3 rpg; Season-high 8 points in Florida State's win over North Florida)
G	#11	Nathanael Jack (4.5 ppg, 0.3 apg; Season-high 6 points in Florida State's win over North Florida)
C	#34	Tanor Ngom (3.0 ppg, 1.3 rpg; Season-high 6 points in Florida State's win over Florida)

POSSIBLE STARTING LINEUP FOR UCF

F	#4	Jamille Reynolds (3.0 ppg, 1.5 rpg; 2 pts and 1 reb vs. Auburn, November 30, 2020)
F	# 21	C.J. Walker (5.5 ppg, 5.0 rpg; 9 pts and 8 rebs vs. Auburn, November 30, 2020)
G	# 13	Brandon Mahan (16.5 ppg, 3.5 rpg; 21 pts and 5 rebs vs. Michigan, December 6, 2020)
G	# 22	Darin Green, Jr. (9.5 ppg, 2.0 rpg; 10 pts and 3 rebs vs. Auburn, November 30, 2020)
G	# 24	Dre Fuller (8.5 ppg, 4.0 rpg; 13 pts and 7 rebs vs. Auburn, November 30, 2020)

FLORIDA STATE VS. UCF -- A SERIES HISTORY

The Series:	Florida State leads, 11-0
First Game:	November 28, 1980; at Florida State 57, UCF 41
Last Game:	December 6, 2014; at Florida State 96, UCF 73
Last Florida State Win:	December 6, 2014; at Florida State 96, UCF 73
Last UCF Win:	None
Last Florida State Win in Tallahassee:	December 6, 2014; at Florida State 96, UCF 73
Last UCF Win in Tallahassee:	None
Current Streak:	Florida State has won 11
Current Streak in Tallahassee:	Florida State has won 8

FLORIDA STATE VS. UCF -- THE LAST FIVE GAMES

<u>Dec. 6, 2014</u>	<u>Nov. 13, 2013</u>	<u>Nov. 14, 2011</u>	<u>Dec. 28, 1989</u>	<u>Nov. 25, 1989</u>
at Florida State 96	Florida State 80	at Florida State 73	Florida State 97	at Florida State 133
UCF 73	at UCF 68	UCF 50	at UCF 64	UCF 79

FLORIDA STATE VS. UCF -- THE LAST GAME

Montay Brandon scored 23 points and fellow junior Aaron Thomas added 22 as the Seminoles rolled to a 96-73 win over UCF at the Donald L. Tucker Center in Tallahassee on December 6, 2014. Brandon hit 10 of 12 field-goal tries and also led the Seminoles with six rebounds. Thomas knocked down 10 of his 17 shots as Florida State finished with a 62.1 shooting percentage. Seminole sophomore Jarquez Smith scored a career-high 16 points and 7-foot Kiel Turpin added 10, all in the first half. Two other 7-footers, Michael Ojo and Boris Bojanovsky, combined for another nine points and seven rebounds. Dayshawn Watkins dished out a game-high six assists for the Seminoles. UCF also got good play from a quartet of guards. Brandon Goodwin led UCF with 16 points, making six of his eight shots. B.J. Taylor and Adonys Henriquez each added 14 while Daiquan Walker finished with 12. Florida State took control of the game early and led by as many as 13 in the opening half and held a 47-37 lead at the break. Its biggest lead came with 4:17 left at 87-62. The Seminoles had a 42-25 rebound advantage over the Knights.

TONIGHT'S OFFICIALS

Tonight's referee is Mike Roberts and the umpires are Jeffrey Anderson and John Gaffney

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. III./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/Ryerson 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**

.442 Senior M.J. Walker enters Saturday's game against UCF shooting a career-high .964 from the free throw line (27 of 28). Through the Seminoles' first four games of the season, Walker has made 44.2 percent of the Seminoles' free throws made total (27 of 61) and attempted 31.8 percent of the Seminoles' free throws attempted (28 of 88).

1 Senior Nathanael Jack has made at least one 3-point field goal in each of the three games he has played in this season and is shooting .500 percent from the 3-point line (three of six) for the season entering Saturday's game against UCF.

4 Florida State is undefeated, 4-0, when it outscores its opponent.

5 Senior M.J. Walker enters Saturday's game against UCF looking to score in double figures in the career-best fifth consecutive game. He is averaging a career-high 16.8 points scored per game in the first four games of his senior season.

5 Florida State has earned a school record of 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. Florida State has won 10 consecutive overtime decisions.

7 Redshirt junior RaiQuan Gray is Florida State's leader in steals with seven. He totaled a season-high four steals in the Seminoles' season-opening win over North Florida and has earned at least one steal in three of the first four games of the season.

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.

8 Sophomore Balsa Koprivica pulled down his career-high of eight rebounds in Florida State's victories over both Indiana and Georgia Tech. He pulled down his freshman season high of seven rebounds in three different games during the 2019-20 season.

18 Senior M.J. Walker has made 18 consecutive free throws entering Saturday's game against UCF.

61 With five steals (including three in the Seminoles' victory over Georgia Tech) in the first four games of the 2020-21 season, redshirt junior Anthony Polite has 61 steals in 65 career games.

KOPRIVICA NAMED TO ACADEMIC DEAN'S LIST FOR FALL 2020

Sophomore Balsa Koprivica, a Sport Management major, was named to the Academic Dean's List for his work in the classroom during the fall of 2020. It's the second time in his career that he has earned academic honors as he also earned Dean's List honors during the fall of 2019. Koprivica was named to the ACC Academic Honor Roll in 2020 for the first time in his career.

KOPRIVICA SCORING

Sophomore Balsa Koprivica has scored in double figures in three of Florida State's four games this season (13 vs. North Florida, 12 vs. Indiana and 10 vs. Georgia Tech) after scoring in double figures in six of 27 games as a Seminole freshman. He scored 10 points in the Seminoles' victory over Georgia Tech on Tuesday – the second time in his career that he has scored in double figures in an ACC games. Koprivica scored his career-high of 15 points in Florida State's ACC regular season championship clinching victory over Boston College on March 7, 2020.

WALKER THRIVES IN LEADERSHIP ROLE AS A SENIOR

Senior M.J. Walker enters Saturday's game against UCF as the Seminoles' leader in scoring (67 points), points scored per game (16.7), free throws made (27), 3-point field goals attempted (17) and minutes played (33.0) while tying for the team lead in 3-point field goals made (eight). Walker has played 132 of 160 possible minutes (82.5 percent of the total minutes) and played 41 minutes in Florida State's overtime victory over Indiana on December 9 in the ACC/Big 10 Challenge. He has scored 851 career points in the first 100 games of his career and needs 149 points to become the 47th player in school history to reach the 1,000 point career milestone.

Walker's Scoring Progression

Season	G	Points	PPG	Notes
2017-18	35	246	7.0	Double figure scoring in 10 of 35 games
2018-19	35	263	7.5	Double figure scoring in 11 of 35 games
2019-20	26	275	10.6	Double figure scoring in 15 of 26 games
2020-21	<u>4</u>	<u>67</u>	<u>16.8</u>	<u>Double figure scoring in 4 of 4 games</u>
Totals	100	851	8.5	Double figure scoring in in 40 of 100 career games

WALKER CONNECTING FROM THE FREE THROW LINE

Senior M.J. Walker enters Saturday's game against UCF having made a career-best 18 consecutive free throws – each of his free throw attempts since the second half of Florida State's overtime win over Indiana. He made his final two attempts against Indiana, tied a school record for free throw shooting perfection with a 12 of 12 performance in the Seminoles' victory over Florida and was a perfect four of four in Florida State's victory over Georgia Tech. Walker has made each of his last nine free throw attempts in his last three ACC games dating back to last season.

Walker's Progression From The Free Throw Line

Season	Games	FTM	FTA	Pct.	Notes
2017-18	35	43	57	.774	Averaged 1.2 FTM / 1.6 FTA as a freshman
2018-19	35	49	63	.778	Averaged 1.4 FTM / 1.8 FTA as a sophomore
2019-20	26	61	76	.803	Averaged 2.3 FTM / 2.9 FTA as a junior
2020-21	<u>4</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>.964</u>	<u>Averaging 6.7 FTM / 7.0 FTA as a senior</u>
Totals	100	180	224	.804	Ranked ninth in school history for career FT pct.

GRAY IS FLORIDA STATE'S TEAM LEADER IN REBOUNDS

Redshirt junior RaiQuan Gray, who totaled nine rebounds in Florida State's overtime win over Indiana, enters Saturday's game against UCF as Florida State's leader in rebounds with 28 and a 7.0 rebounds per game average. He has pulled down at least five rebounds in each of Florida State's first four games of the season including six in Florida State's victory over Georgia Tech on Tuesday night in Tallahassee. Gray has pulled down at least six rebounds in four of his last seven ACC games including his career-high total of 10 in Florida State's victory over Syracuse on February 15, 2020.

POLITE CONTINUES TO LIGHT UP THE SCOREBOARD FROM THE BONUSPHERE

Redshirt junior Anthony Polite enters Saturday's game against UCF shooting .500 percent from the 3-point line. He has made five of his last eight shots (.625) from long range and is off to the best start of his career in both the scoring and 3-point shooting categories.

Polite's Progression From The 3-Point Line

Season	3FGM	3GA	Pct.	Notes
2018-19	11	46	.239	Season-high 2 3FGM vs. LSU and Murray State
2019-20	34	96	.354	Career-high 4 3FGM vs. Clemson and Virginia
2020-21	<u>8</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>.500</u>	<u>Season-high three 3FGM vs. Florida</u>
Totals	53	158	.335	Has made 42 3FGM in last 35 career games

NOTING SCOTTIE BARNES...

...He has totaled 18 rebounds in the first four games of his Seminole career including six each in victories over North Florida and Georgia Tech in his first career ACC game;
 ...He is averaging 16.5 points in his last two games with his career-high of 17 points in Florida State's win over Florida and 16 in his first career ACC game against Georgia Tech;
 ...He is Florida State's team-leader in assists (17 / 4.3 apg) and steals (7 / 1.8 spg) as well as field goals made (20) and attempted (41).

WILKES CONTINUES TO PROVE LEONARD HAMILTON CORRECT

Seminoles Head Coach Leonard consistently refers to redshirt junior Wyatt Wilkes as the Seminoles' top outside shooting threat. Wilkes proved him correct on Tuesday night against Georgia Tech as he scored 11 points on a perfect three of three shooting from the 3-point line. He has made four of his last seven shots from long range (.571 percent) and has now made three or more 3-point shots in four games as a Seminole including his 19-point, five 3-point shots made game in Florida State's 85-84 win over Notre Dame on January 25, 2020.



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

Game Records

Record	Overall	Home	Away	Neutral
ALL GAMES	4-0	4-0	0-0	0-0
CONFERENCE	1-0	1-0	0-0	0-0
NON-CONFERENCE	3-0	3-0	0-0	0-0

Score by Periods

Team	1st	2nd	OT	TOT
Florida St.	150	155	7	312
Opponents	116	136	5	257

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.	4-4	132:06	33.0	16-37	.432	8-17	.471	27-28	.964	4	7	11	2.8	8	0	7	11	0	4	67	16.8
4	BARNES, Scottie	4-4	111:51	28.0	20-41	.488	2-9	.222	8-19	.421	5	13	18	4.5	9	0	17	10	0	7	50	12.5
5	KOPRIVICA, Balsa	4-4	81:02	20.3	17-32	.531	0-0	.000	7-12	.583	7	17	24	6.0	9	1	4	7	3	1	41	10.3
2	POLITE, Anthony	4-4	118:42	29.7	14-29	.483	8-16	.500	4-8	.500	7	10	17	4.3	7	0	7	3	3	5	40	10.0
1	GRAY, RaiQuan	4-4	102:34	25.6	12-28	.429	1-5	.200	4-8	.500	6	22	28	7.0	12	0	9	7	4	6	29	7.3
31	WILKES, Wyatt	4-0	52:58	13.2	8-20	.400	4-11	.364	0-0	.000	4	3	7	1.8	1	0	9	1	2	2	20	5.0
24	CALHOUN, Sardaar	4-0	42:01	10.5	6-15	.400	4-7	.571	0-0	.000	1	4	5	1.3	1	0	2	1	0	2	16	4.0
11	JACK, Nathanael	3-0	18:29	6.2	4-7	.571	3-6	.500	1-2	.500	0	0	0	0.0	4	0	1	2	0	0	12	4.0
10	OSBORNE, Malik	4-0	87:46	21.9	5-15	.333	1-4	.250	4-4	1.000	8	7	15	3.8	11	0	2	3	1	5	15	3.8
0	EVANS, RayQuan	3-0	47:24	15.8	3-13	.231	0-2	.000	3-3	1.000	1	5	6	2.0	3	0	4	1	0	1	9	3.0
34	NGOM, Tanor	3-0	15:16	5.1	3-5	.600	0-0	.000	3-4	.750	1	3	4	1.3	4	0	0	0	1	1	9	3.0
15	BALLARD, Quincy	4-0	13:57	3.5	2-2	1.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	1	1	2	0.5	2	0	0	2	1	0	4	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											6	5	11				1					
Total		4	825		110-244	.451	31-77	.403	61-88	.693	51	97	148	37.0	71	1	62	49	15	34	312	78.0
Opponents		4	825		87-217	.401	30-85	.353	53-71	.746	39	89	128	32.0	73	1	49	70	14	23	257	64.3

Team Statistics

	FSU	OPP
Scoring	312	257
Points per game	78.0	64.3
Scoring margin	+13.8	-
Field goals-att	110-244	87-217
Field goal pct	.451	.401
3 point fg-att	31-77	30-85
3-point FG pct	.403	.353
3-pt FG made per game	7.8	7.5
Free throws-att	61-88	53-71
Free throw pct	.693	.746
F-Throws made per game	15.3	13.3
Rebounds	148	128
Rebounds per game	37.0	32.0
Rebounding margin	+5.0	-
Assists	62	49
Assists per game	15.5	12.3
Turnovers	49	70
Turnovers per game	12.3	17.5
Turnover margin	+5.3	-
Assist/turnover ratio	1.3	0.7
Steals	34	23
Steals per game	8.5	5.8
Blocks	15	14
Blocks per game	3.8	3.5
Winning streak	4	-
Home win streak	4	-
Attendance	11101	0
Home games-Avg/Game	4-2775	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
12/12/2020	Florida	W	83-71	2761
12/15/2020	Georgia Tech	W	74-61	2664

Polite Shows Further Progress, Helps Lead 'Noles To Victory

By Jake Mousing

FSView

December 16, 2020

Anthony Polite has had quite the development since he joined the Florida State basketball team back in 2018.

Throughout the last three seasons under head coach Leonard Hamilton, the Switzerland native grew from a player trying to find his footing at the collegiate level into a dominant, hard-working leader on the court.

In his first four games this season, Polite has shown just how much he's developed his game this offseason. Against Indiana, he tied his career-high with eight rebounds to go with nine points. Just a few days later against Florida, Polite tied his career-high in points with 14.

"Watching a lot of film was probably the best thing for me this offseason," Polite said. "Watching where to move, where to get the easiest shots, reading coming off the ball screen, and just positioning spacing. I feel like that has really helped me."

So far this season he is shooting 50% (8-16) from the three-point line while averaging exactly ten points a game. Adding onto this, he is tied for the second-most blocks (three) and the third-most steals (five) on the team.

Polite has been around the sport of basketball for almost his entire life, with his father Michael playing for the Seminoles from 1988-1991. After moving to the United States at the age of 15 for his freshman year of high school, Polite went on to score 1,545 points total at the prep level. After signing with Florida State, he sustained injuries to both of his knees during his freshman season, resulting in a redshirt season.

A year later, Polite averaged 2.7 points and 0.6 steals. However, last year he improved, averaging 5.8 points and 1.2 steals.

Polite's effectiveness with the 'Noles this year continued in their game against ACC opponent Georgia Tech. He played 34 minutes, scoring 10 points off of 4-7 shooting from the field and 2-4 from beyond the arc. The redshirt-junior also added three assists and three steals to his stat-line for the night, helping the Seminoles grab a 74-61 victory over the Yellow Jackets.

"Now you really see all his hard work paying off," Hamilton said. "We need him to be one of the leaders on our team and he's definitely given us great leadership."

Florida State has become known for its depth the past few seasons, with coach Hamilton usually rotating in 10-12 guys per game. Against Georgia Tech, however, Polite recorded another career-high by playing 34 minutes.

Polite fits into many lineups due to his versatility. On offense, the 6'6" guard can shoot lights out from the three-point line or help his teammates score, while his defensive intensity is unmatched.

Polite never shies away from fighting for loose balls or grabbing rebounds in key points during each game and Hamilton credits that type of mentality to his growth.

"Well you know he's been solid," Hamilton said. "He is a great teammate with an unselfish spirit. He plays great defense and he's a guy that you love to see develop."

Whenever someone has needed to step up and make a big play for the Seminoles this season, whether it's on offense or defense, Polite has proven that he can answer the call.

For example, with one minute left in overtime against Indiana and the 'Noles leading by two, he came up with a huge block to prevent a Hoosier guard from scoring and tying the game. The Seminoles would go on to win 69-67 in overtime.

If there's one thing that's clear to those who've watched Florida State basketball this season, it's that Polite's teammates trust him to make influential plays down the stretch.

"We have shooters everywhere on the floor and when they come in again we know it's going to be instant offense," freshman point guard Scottie Barnes said. "We have a lot of trust in our guys to make the right plays."

Gray Thinking Big In 2020, Beyond

By Logan Grutchfield

FSView

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In his defense, RaiQuan Gray is just saying what's on everyone else's mind around Tallahassee.

"I'm definitely a little biased. But I mean, if you ask anybody else, I think that they would have said that we would have won that [2020 NCAA basketball] championship," Gray said.

Though Florida State certainly had all the makings of a championship-caliber team, the arrival of the coronavirus in the United States shuttered their title hopes as they stood at the doorstep with an ACC title.

This past Thursday, a few key players from that 2019-20 team saw their dreams of playing professionally come true; forward Patrick Williams and shooting guard Devin Vassell were selected in the first round by the Bulls and Spurs respectively, while guard Trent Forrest signed a two-way contract with the Jazz after the draft.

The departures of those three athletes leave some big shoes to fill on head coach Leonard Hamilton's Seminoles squad, opening up an expanded role and leadership opportunity for Gray, who's preparing for his third season at FSU after redshirting the 2017-2018 campaign.

When asked if he was ready to take on that added locker-room responsibility in the new season, Gray didn't hesitate.

"Oh, yeah, most definitely," Gray said. "I've been here for a few years, so it's definitely something that I've signed up for, and I'm ready for it."

Standing at 6-foot-8, the Fort Lauderdale native has played his way into the starting lineup across the past two seasons. While he's always been durable, having played in all but one of FSU's 37 regular-season matchups in 2018-2019, Gray's career arc at FSU came full circle last year as he earned a starting spot in all but one of the Garnet and Gold's conference games.

For a player in a unique system like Hamilton's, where bench depth is utilized at a much higher rate than virtually any other NCAA team, that consistent usage speaks volumes. And as Gray's playing time has increased, so have his statistical contributions — the forward racked up career highs in points (6.0), rebounds (3.8) and steals (1.1) per game in 2019-2020, and looks to expand on those numbers with the new season fast approaching.

Gray's best outing of last season came against South Florida at the Orange Bowl Classic. The forward collected eleven points, seven rebounds and three steals on the day, totals that would prove quite decisive after the 'Noles overcame a late deficit to pull out a 66-60 victory over the Bulls.

Gray finished the season with four more double-digit performances and five more games with seven-plus rebounds; however, his game isn't one-dimensional at all, with the redshirt junior cementing himself as a robust presence on the defensive side of the ball and in creating scoring opportunities in transition for the Seminoles.

Despite the departure of Williams, Vassell and Forrest, the incoming class of players at FSU boasts plenty of blue-chip talent that should be able to replicate the trio's production.

With five-star recruit Scottie Barnes and Missouri-West Plains JUCO transfer Sardaar Calhoun headlining the new faces on campus, Gray sees a team-first approach as the name of the game for Florida State.

"Like I said, the main thing for us is to win games ... whether that's me or someone else scoring higher in the game, we just gotta play the other team and figure things out," Gray said.

Gray and the Seminoles will look to put those adages to the test very soon, with the team's season opener coming on Friday, Nov. 27 at home against Gardner-Webb. Florida State will get nearly two weeks to steel itself before jumping into the front end of a tough schedule, with a non-conference slate against Indiana and Florida.

The 'Noles will play their first six games at the friendly confines of the Tucker Center, where they've won 65 of their last 68 matchups.

Though Gray and the 'Noles had a shot for glory taken from them last season, they're hungry to pick up right where they left off. With a national title in their sights, look for Gray and his teammates to put opponents to the test up and down the court.

