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NO. 18/19 FLORIDA STATE SEMINOLES (5-1 OVERALL, 1-0 ACC)

AT

CLEMSON TIGERS (6-1 OVERALL, 0-1 ACC)

TURSDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2020; 7:00 P.M.

LITTLEJOHN COLISEUM

CLEMSON, SOUTH CAROLINA

LEARFIELD IMG RADIO NETWORK (GENE DECKERHOFF, ADRIAN CRAWFORD)

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2020-21 Florida State Schedule

| | | |
|-------|---------------------|---------------|
| D2 | North Florida | W, 86-58 |
| D9 | 1 Indiana | W, 69-67 (OT) |
| D12 | Florida | W, 83-71 |
| D15 | * Georgia Tech | W, 74-61 |
| D19 | UCF | L, 74-86 |
| D21 | Gardner-Webb | W, 72-59 |
| D29 | * at Clemson | 7:00 p.m. |
| J2 | * Duke | 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 | 565 | 432 | .567 | 1987-Pr. |
| at Okla. State | 56 | 63 | .471 | 1987-90 |
| at Miami | 144 | 147 | .495 | 1991-00 |
| at Florida State | 365 | 222 | .622 | 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 | |

"Now a junior, Anthony Polite has a chance to shine as well. With Tre Jones (Duke) gone, Polite has a case as the top point of attack defender in the ACC. Polite is an absolute demon on the basketball; he picks up opposing guards full-court, with the ability to apply high degrees of pressure, while also having the hips and lateral quickness to turn ball handlers multiple times."

Bruce Geisinger
ACC Sports.com

NATIONALLY RANKED SEMINOLES GET BACK INTO ACC PLAY AT CLEMSON ON DECEMBER 29

No. 18 Florida State, which opened its ACC schedule with a 74-61 win over Georgia Tech in Tallahassee on December 15, travels to Clemson to play its first ACC road game of the season on December 29, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. The Seminoles' game against Clemson marks its first game since defeating Gardner-Webb, 72-59, on December 21 in Tallahassee. Florida State has won five of its first six games with wins over Power Five teams (Indiana, Florida and Georgia Tech). Beginning with its game at Clemson on Tuesday, the Seminoles are scheduled to play 19 consecutive ACC games – nine at home and 10 on the road. Following Tuesday's game at Clemson, the Seminoles play host to Duke on Saturday, January 2 at 8:00 p.m.

FLORIDA STATE PICKED TO FINISH THIRD IN ACC RACE

Defending ACC Champion Florida State is picked to finish third in the 2020-21 league standings and newcomer Scottie Barnes was chosen as the Preseason ACC Freshman of the Year in a vote by the attending media at ACC Operation Basketball which was held virtually for the first time. Barnes is a Preseason All-ACC First Team Selection and senior M.J. Walker is a Preseason All-ACC Second-Team selection. Florida State's preseason selection of third in the ACC standings matches the highest in school history. The Seminoles were predicted to finish third in the standings in 1993 (and finished second) and 2012 (and won the ACC Tournament Championship). Florida State was picked to finish fifth in 2020 and won its first ever Regular Season ACC Championship with a 16-4 record. The Seminoles' 16 wins set a school record for ACC regular season victories. In earning the third place selection, the Seminoles were awarded 15 first place votes – the third highest first place vote total as one of five teams to earn a first place vote in the voting of 155 media members.

HAMILTON ON BALLOT FOR NAISMITH HALL OF FAME CLASS OF 2021

Florida State's Leonard Hamilton, who has won nearly 600 games and who is the fifth all-time winningest coach in ACC history, was named as an eligible candidate for the Naismith Hall of Fame Class of 2021. Hamilton highlights the list of four first time coaching candidates including Ken Anderson (Wisconsin-Eau Claire), Lou Henson (Hardin-Simmons, New Mexico State, Illinois) and Paul Westhead (NBA and college). Hamilton has been named as the National Coach of the Year four times and by four different national governing bodies. He was named the Clarence "Big House" Gaines National Coach of the Year in 2018, the Basketball Times Coach of the Year in 2009, the BCA National Coach of the Year in 2000 and the UPI National Coach of the Year in 1995. Hamilton has also been named the ACC Coach of the Year three times (2009, 2012 and 2020) and the Big East Coach of the Year twice (1995 and 1999).

FLORIDA STATE IN THE ACC SINCE THE START OF THE 2018-19 SEASON

Florida State is 30-9 (.769 winning percentage) in ACC regular season play since the start of the 2018-19 season. The Seminoles finished 13-5 in 2019, 16-4 in 2020 and are 1-0 this season.

EIGHT SEMINOLES ON NBA OPENING DAY ROSTERS

Eight Seminoles – Dwayne Bacon (Orlando), Malik Beasley (Minnesota), Trent Forrest (Utah), Jonathan Isaac (Orlando), Mfiondu Kabengele (Los Angeles Clippers), Terance Mann (Los Angeles Clippers), Devin Vassell (San Antonio), and Patrick Williams (Chicago) – are all on 2020 NBA rosters. The eight players on NBA opening day rosters is a program record for the Seminoles. Florida State had six players on NBA opening day rosters in 1999 -- Sam Cassell (Milwaukee), Randell Jackson (Dallas), Jonathan Kerner (Orlando), George McCloud (Phoenix), Bob Sura (Cleveland) and Charlie Ward (New York).

QUOTING FLORIDA STATE'S NBA DRAFT SUCCESS UNDER LEONARD HAMILTON

"With 16 NBA Draft selections under Hamilton since 2004, the Seminoles are fourth in the ACC for the most draft picks since Hamilton was named the Seminoles' Head Coach in 2002. Florida State has had at least one player selected in the NBA Draft in 12 of the last 16 seasons." – Silver Waves Media

LOOK FOR FLORIDA STATE TO...

...Defeat Clemson and up its ACC record to 2-0 for the first time since the 2016-17 season when the Seminoles won their first four ACC games of the season;

...Defeat Clemson and raise its ACC regular season record to 22-4 (.840 winning percentage) since a 68-61 win over Notre Dame on February 25, 2019.

Florida State Basketball / National Polls

ASSOCIATED PRESS POLL

| Rk. | Team | 20-21 Rec. |
|------------|----------------------|------------|
| 1. | Gonzaga (62) | 7-0 |
| 2. | Baylor (2) | 6-0 |
| 3. | Kansas | 8-1 |
| 4. | Villanova | 8-1 |
| 5. | Houston | 7-0 |
| 6. | Wisconsin | 8-1 |
| 7. | Tennessee | 6-0 |
| 8. | Texas | 7-1 |
| 9. | West Virginia | 7-2 |
| 10. | Iowa | 7-2 |
| 11. | Creighton | 7-2 |
| 12. | Missouri | 6-0 |
| 13. | Texas Tech | 7-2 |
| 14. | Rutgers | 6-1 |
| 15. | Illinois | 7-3 |
| 16. | Michigan | 7-0 |
| 17. | Michigan State | 6-2 |
| 18. | FLORIDA STATE | 5-1 |
| 19. | Northwestern | 6-1 |
| 20. | Duke | 3-2 |
| 21. | Oregon | 6-1 |
| 22. | Minnesota | 8-1 |
| 23. | Virginia | 4-2 |
| 24. | Virginia Tech | 7-1 |
| 25. | Ohio State | 7-2 |

USA TODAY POLL

| Rk. | Team | Points |
|------------|----------------------|------------|
| 1. | Gonzaga (29) | 797 |
| 2. | Baylor (30) | 771 |
| 3. | Villanova | 698 |
| 4. | Kansas | 674 |
| 5. | Houston | 636 |
| 6. | Tennessee | 612 |
| 7. | Wisconsin | 576 |
| 8. | West Virginia | 543 |
| 9. | Texas | 526 |
| 10. | Creighton | 462 |
| 11. | Iowa | 442 |
| 12. | Missouri | 407 |
| 13. | Rutgers | 359 |
| 14. | Texas Tech | 347 |
| 15. | Michigan | 338 |
| 16. | Illinois | 320 |
| 17. | Oregon | 194 |
| 18. | Michigan State | 182 |
| 19. | FLORIDA STATE | 178 |
| 20. | Xavier | 164 |
| | Ohio State | 164 |
| 22. | Northwestern | 117 |
| 23. | San Diego State | 112 |
| 24. | Virginia | 107 |
| | Minnesota | 107 |

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 |
| Week 4 | 21 | 21 |
| Week 5 | 18 | 19 |

Florida State's Defensive Players Of the Game

| | |
|---------------|-----------------|
| North Florida | RayQuan Evans |
| Indiana | Wyatt Wilkes |
| Florida | Balsa Koprivica |
| Georgia Tech | Nathanael Jack |
| UCF | Harrison Prieto |
| Gardner-Webb | Tanor Ngom |

HAMILTON AMONG ALL-TIME GREATEST COACHES IN ACC

Florida State Head Coach Leonard Hamilton enters Tuesday's game at Clemson as the fifth winningest coach in ACC history with 365 career wins at Florida State. Hamilton became only the sixth coach in the illustrious history of the nation's best basketball conference to win 350 career games with the Seminoles' victory over Miami on January 18, 2020.

Hamilton In ACC History

| Rank | Coach, School | Career Wins |
|------|--|-------------|
| 1. | Mike Krzyzewski, Duke | 1,087 |
| 2. | Dean Smith, North Carolina | 879 |
| 3. | Roy Williams, North Carolina | 471 |
| 4. | Gary Williams, Maryland | 461 |
| 5. | Leonard Hamilton, Florida State | 365 |

SEMINOLES IN THE ACC SINCE THE START OF THE 2019-20 SEASON

Florida State, the defending ACC Champion, is the winningest team in ACC play since the start of the 2019-20 season and is the only conference team to win 30 or more games since the start of last season. The Seminoles won the ACC championship with a 16-4 ACC record in 2020 as they set a school-record for conference wins in a regular season.

| Team | ACC Play | | | Overall Play | | |
|---------------|----------|---|------|--------------|---|------|
| | W | L | Pct. | W | L | Pct. |
| Florida State | 17 | 4 | .810 | 31 | 6 | .838 |
| Duke | 16 | 5 | .762 | 28 | 8 | .778 |
| Louisville | 16 | 5 | .762 | 29 | 8 | .784 |
| Virginia | 15 | 5 | .750 | 26 | 9 | .743 |

SEMINOLES' NEARLY UNHEARD OF OVERTIME WINNING STREAK

Florida State defeated Indiana, 69-67, in overtime on December 9 in the ACC/Big Ten Challenge for its 10th consecutive overtime victory. The Seminoles have won each of their overtime decisions since a 101-90 double overtime win over Syracuse on January 13, 2018 in a game played at the Donald L. Tucker Center in Tallahassee. The all-time national record for consecutive overtime victories is 11 by Louisville (1968-75), UMass (1991-96) and Virginia (1991-96)

Florida State's Overtime Streak

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

FLORIDA STATE ENTERS TUESDAY'S GAME AGAINST CLEMSON WITH...

...Four players averaging in double figure scoring (M.J. Walker, 16.0 ppg; Anthony Polite, 11.5 ppg; Scottie Barnes, 10.7 ppg; Balsa Koprivica, 10.2 ppg);
 ...Nine players averaging in double figure minutes played per game and four players averaging more than 25 minutes played per game;
 ...A strong defensive start to the season with 10 steals more (7.5 steals per game) and seven blocked shots more (4.3 blocked shots per game) than its opponents through the first six games of the season.

FLORIDA STATE DEFENSIVELY...

...Has at least five steals in each of its first six games of the season with its season-high of 12 steals coming in its season-opening victory over North Florida on December 2;
 ...Has at least three blocked shots in five of its first six games of the season with its season-high of eight blocked shots coming in its victory over Gardner-Webb on December 21.

FLORIDA STATE FROM THE FREE THROW LINE

Led by Balsa Koprivica's perfect six of six outing from the free throw line in the Seminoles' victory over Gardner-Webb, Florida State made a season-high 24 free throws in their win over the Runnin' Bulldogs. It marked the second time this season that Florida State made at least 23 free throws in a game after making 23 from the line in its victory over Florida on December 12 in Tallahassee.

Seminoles From The Free Throw Line In The Last Four Games

| Opponent | FTM | FTA | Pct. | Notes |
|--------------|-----|-----|------|--|
| Florida | 23 | 30 | .767 | M.J. Walker a perfect 12-12 from FT in win over Gators |
| Georgia Tech | 12 | 16 | .750 | |
| UCF | 16 | 26 | .615 | |
| Gardner-Webb | 24 | 32 | .750 | Balsa Koprivica a perfect 6-6 from FT in win over Bulldogs |
| Totals | 75 | 104 | .721 | FSU above 70 percent from FT in wins over UNF, UF, GT, GW |

FLORIDA STATE FROM THE 3-POINT LINE

Florida State made a season-high of 10 3-point shots against UCF on December 19 and enters Tuesday's game against Clemson averaging 7.8 3-point field goals made per game. The Seminoles have made at least six 3-point shots in each of its first six games with eight or more coming against Indiana (eight), Florida (eight), Georgia Tech (eight) and UCF (10).

**Florida State Basketball
Upcoming Milestones**

Leonard Hamilton

Victories as an ACC Coach

365 (Career at Florida State)

+98 (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

1250 (current)

+50 (needs)

1,300

Florida State has an all-time record of 1,250-860 for a winning percentage of .592.

M.J. Walker

Career Points Scores

880 (career at Florida State)

+120 (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

142 (career at Florida State)

+1 (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

142 (career at Florida State)

+8 (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

406 (career at Florida State)

+44 (needs)

450

To become the 10th player in school history with 450 or more career 3-point field goals attempted.

STARTING LINEUP FOR FLORIDA STATE...

| | | |
|---|-----|---|
| F | #1 | RaiQuan Gray (7.8 ppg, 6.5 rpg; 7 pts and 2 rebs vs. Clemson, December 8, 2019) |
| C | #5 | Balsa Koprivica (10.2 ppg, 5.3 rpg; 2 pts and 0 rebs vs. Clemson, December 8, 2019) |
| G | #2 | Anthony Polite (11.5 ppg, 5.5 rpg; 12 pts and 3 rebs vs. Clemson, December 8, 2019) |
| G | #4 | Scottie Barnes (10.7 ppg, 4.2 rpg; First career game vs. Clemson) |
| G | #23 | M.J. Walker (16.0 ppg, 2.7 rpg; 11 pts and 1 ast vs. Clemson, December 8, 2019) |

...AND TOP RESERVES

| | | |
|---|-----|--|
| G | #0 | RayQuan Evans (3.8 ppg, 1.2 rpg; 4 pts and 1 reb vs. Clemson, February 29, 2020) |
| F | #10 | Malik Osborne (3.8 ppg, 4.7 rpg; 11 pts and 8 rebs vs. Clemson, February 29, 2020) |
| G | #31 | Wyatt Wilkes (3.7 ppg, 1.7 rpg; 0 pts and 1 reb vs. Clemson, February 29, 2020) |
| C | #15 | Quincy Ballard (1.2 ppg, 0.4 rpg; First career game vs. Clemson) |
| G | #24 | Sardaar Calhoun (3.7 ppg, 1.0 rpg; First career game vs. Clemson) |
| G | #11 | Nathanael Jack (4.3 ppg, 0.3 rpg; First career game vs. Clemson) |
| C | #34 | Tanor Ngom (2.0 ppg, 1.6 rpg; First career game vs. Clemson) |

POSSIBLE STARTING LINEUP FOR CLEMSON

| | | |
|---|-----|---|
| F | #10 | Olivier-Maxence Prosper (2.6 ppg, 2.3 rpg; First career games vs. Florida State) |
| F | #25 | Aamir Simms (12.1 ppg, 4.7 rpg; 8 pts and 4 rebs vs. Florida State, December 8, 2019) |
| G | #0 | Clyde Trapp (6.0 ppg, 4.7 rpg; 8 pts and 5 rebs vs. Florida State, February 29, 2020) |
| G | #2 | Al-Amir Dawes (11.0 ppg, 2.6 rpg; 18 pts and 4 asts vs. Florida State, February 29, 2020) |
| G | #3 | Chase Hunter (2.3 ppg, 1.9 rpg; First career game vs. Florida State) |

FLORIDA STATE VS. CLEMSON -- A SERIES HISTORY

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|------------------------------------|--|
| The Series: | Florida State leads, 44-33 |
| First Game: | December 28, 1951, Clemson 62, Florida State 56 |
| Last Game: | February 29, 2020; at Clemson 70, Florida State 69 |
| Last Florida State Win: | December 8, 2019; at Florida State 72, Clemson 53 |
| Last Clemson Win: | February 29, 2020; at Clemson 70, Florida State 69 |
| Last Florida State Win in Clemson: | February 19, 2019; Florida State 77, at Clemson 64 |
| Last Clemson Win in Florida: | February 29, 2020; at Clemson 70, Florida State 69 |
| Current Streak: | Clemson has won 1 |
| Current Streak in Clemson: | Clemson has won 1 |
| Leonard Hamilton vs. Clemson: | 19-18 (19-16 at Florida State) |

FLORIDA STATE VS. CLEMSON – THE LAST FOUR GAMES

| | | | |
|----------------------|---------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| <u>Feb. 29, 2020</u> | <u>Dec. 8, 2019</u> | <u>Feb. 19, 2019</u> | <u>Jan. 22, 2019</u> |
| Florida State 69 | at Florida State 72 | Florida State 77 | at Florida State 77 |
| at Clemson 70 | Clemson 53 | at Clemson 64 | Clemson 68 |

FLORIDA STATE VS. CLEMSON – THE LAST GAME

CLEMSON, S.C. – Al-Amir Dawes finished a three-quarter court-length drive that ended with a left-handed flip with a second to go as Clemson defeated No. 6 Florida State 70-69 at Littlejohn Coliseum on February 29, 2020. Clemson seemingly made almost all the plays it had to down the stretch after falling behind 42-32 on Forrest's 3-pointer to start the second half. The Tigers used a 17-5 run over the next eight minutes to get back in it. When Florida State built back a 56-51 lead, Khavon Moore had two baskets and Clyde Trapp a foul shot to tie things once more. After M.J. Walker's basket with 2:29 left put the Seminoles up 63-60, John Newman III hit a jumper and Tevin Mack nailed a 3-pointer to send Clemson in front. After Forrest hit a short jumper with 8.4 seconds left for Florida State's last lead, Dawes' basket gave Clemson the win.

TONIGHT'S OFFICIALS

Tonight's referee is Ted Valentine and the umpires are Lee Cassell and Bert Smith

2020-21 FLORIDA STATE ROSTER

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

EVANS AGAINST GARDNER WEBB

Senior RayQuan Evans tied his career-high with eight points and four rebounds in Florida State's win over Gardner-Webb.

Florida State Basketball By The Numbers

.600 Redshirt junior Anthony Polite is shooting .600 from the 3-point line in the last four games (nine of 15) and is averaging 2.3 3-point field goals made per game since making three from long range in Florida State's victory over Florida on December 12.

.818 Sophomore Balsa Koprivica is shooting .818 from the field (nine of 11) and averaging 10.0 points scored per game in the last three games.

.833 Senior RayQuan Evans is shooting .833 from the free throw line (five of six) in the last three games. He was a perfect three of three in the Seminoles' victory over Florida on December 12.

.833 Sophomore Balsa Koprivica is shooting .833 from the free throw line (10 of 12) in the last two games. He was a perfect six of six from the line in scoring 14 points in Florida State's victory over Gardner-Webb on December 21.

.842 Senior M.J. Walker is shooting .842 from the free throw line (96 of 114) in the last two seasons.

.921 Senior M.J. Walker, who made 18 consecutive free throws early this season, enters Tuesday's game against Clemson shooting a career-high .921 from the free throw line (35 of 38).

1 Senior Nathanael Jack has made one 3-point field goal in each of the four games he has played in this season.

2.2 Freshman Scottie Barnes has 11 steals in the last five games (2.2 spg) including two each in wins over Georgia Tech and Gardner-Webb. He totaled four steals (and scored the game-winning basket in overtime in Florida State's 69-67 win over Indiana in the ACC/Big Ten Challenge.

5 Florida State is undefeated, 5-0, when it outscores its opponent.

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).

6 Redshirt junior RaiQuan Gray has made six consecutive free throws entering Tuesday's game against Clemson. He was a perfect two of two from the free throw line against Georgia Tech, UCF and Gardner-Webb.

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.

8 Senior M.J. Walker has made at least one 3-point field goal in each of the Seminoles' six games this season and in eight consecutive games dating back to Florida State's victory at Notre Dame on March 4, 2020.

RAIQUAN GRAY BY THE NUMBERS...

...He enters Tuesday's game against Clemson averaging a career-high 7.8 points scored per game. He has scored in double figures twice – his career-high of 14 against UCF and 12 in the Seminoles' victory over Indiana in the ACC/Big Ten Challenge;

...He enters Tuesday's game against Clemson averaging a career-high 6.5 rebounds per game. He has pulled down at least eight rebounds in three of Florida State's six games – nine in the Seminoles' victory over Indiana and eight each in wins over Florida and Gardner-Webb;

...He has four blocked shots in the last four games with two coming against UCF. He is tied for Florida State's team-lead with six blocked shots as he totaled two each against both Florida and Gardner-Webb;

...He is averaging 9.0 points and 5.5 rebounds in the last two games. He scored his career-high of 14 points against UCF on December 19;

...He is ranked second on the team in assists with 13 for a 1.4 assists per game average. He has earned at least one assist in each of the Seminoles' six games and totaled four in Florida State's win over Indiana in the ACC/Big Ten Challenge on December 9 in Tallahassee.

POLITE PLAYING HIS BEST BASKETBALL AS A SEMINOLE

Redshirt junior Anthony Polite scored his career-high of 15 points and pulled down his career-high of nine rebounds as he came one rebound shy of his first career double-double in Florida State's win over Gardner-Webb on December 21. He enters Tuesday's game against Clemson having scored in double figures in a career-best four consecutive games (53 points/13.3 ppg). In Polite's last four games, he is averaging 13.3 points and 5.5 rebounds while shooting .600 from BOTH the field and the 3-point line.

Polite In His Last Four Games

| Opponent | Pts | FG Pct. | 3FG Pct. | Rebs | Steals | Assists |
|--------------|-----------|--------------|-------------|----------|---------|---------|
| Florida | 14 | 4-7 | 3-4 | 5 | 1 | 2 |
| Georgia Tech | 10 | 4-7 | 2-4 | 2 | 3 | 3 |
| UCF | 14 | 5-8 | 3-4 | 6 | 0 | 1 |
| Gardner-Webb | 15 | 5-8 | 1-3 | 9 | 2 | 1 |
| Totals | 53 (13.3) | 18-30 (.600) | 9-15 (.600) | 22 (5.5) | 6 (1.5) | 7 (1.8) |

POLITE'S SHOOTING A SCORING PROGRESSION

Redshirt junior Anthony Polite enters Tuesday's game against Clemson averaging a career-high 11.5 points per game and shooting a career-high .533 from the field and career-high .522 from the 3-point line. Polite has nearly tripled his scoring average from 4.1 points per game and more than double his rebounding average from 2.3 rebounds per game this season as compared to the first 62 games of his career.

Polite's Improved Statistics

| Season | PPG | RPG | FG Pct. | 3FG Pct. | 3FGM/Game |
|-----------------|------|------|---------|----------|-----------|
| This Season | 11.5 | 5.5 | .533 | .522 | 2.0 |
| First 3 Seasons | 4.1 | 2.3 | .399 | .317 | 0.7 |
| Improvement | +7.4 | +3.2 | +.134% | +.205% | +1.3 |

SCOTTIE BARNES IN HIS LAST FOUR GAMES...

...is averaging 11.8 points (47 total points) and 3.5 assists (14 total assists). He totaled his career-high of 17 points in Florida State's victory over Florida on December 12 and totaled five assists in the Seminoles' victories over Florida and Gardner-Webb on December 21.

SCOTTIE BARNES IN HIS FIRST ACC GAME AGAINST GEORGIA TECH

Freshman Scottie Barnes totaled 16 points – a double figure scoring performance – in his first career ACC game against Georgia Tech.

KOPRIVICA IS A TOP SEMINOLE SHOOTER

Sophomore Balsa Koprivica, who shot .699 from the field as a freshman, continues to exhibit his outstanding shooting stroke as he enters Tuesday's game at Clemson shooting .579 from the field through the first six games of the season. He is shooting .818 percent from the field in the last three games (nine of 11) and has shot better than .500 percent from the field in five of the first six games of the season.

Koprivica From The Field

| Season | FGM | FGA | Pct. | Notes |
|---------|-----|-----|------|---|
| 2019-20 | 51 | 73 | .699 | Averaged 4.7 points in 27 games as a freshman |
| 2020-21 | 23 | 38 | .579 | <u>Averaging a career-high 10.2 ppg</u> |
| Totals | 76 | 111 | .685 | Averages 57 points in 33 career games |

OSBORNE GOING TO THE OFFENSIVE GLASS – AGAIN THIS SEASON

Redshirt junior Malik Osborne led the Seminoles with 59 offensive rebounds during the 2019-20 season (59 / 1.9 orgp) and is the Seminoles' leader in offensive rebounds again this season (16 / 2.7 orgp). He totaled six offensive rebounds in Florida State's victory over Gardner-Webb on December 21. In his two seasons as a Seminole (37 games) he has a total of 187 rebounds – 75 of which are offensive rebounds (.414 percent)

WALKER FROM THE 3-POINT LINE

Senior M.J. Walker made his season-high of four 3-point field goals in scoring his season-high of 22 points against UCF on December 19 in Tallahassee. He has now made at least four 3-point field goals in 10 different games including his career-high of six made 3-point field goals in scoring 22 points at Miami on January 27, 2019.

WALKER HAS MORE THAN DOUBLED HIS SCORING AVERAGE

Senior M.J. Walker enters Tuesday's game against Clemson averaging a career-high 16.0 points scored per game with double figure scoring in five of the Seminoles' six games. He averaged 8.2 points scored per game in his first three seasons and has nearly doubled his career-average in the first six games of the 200-21 season.



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All games**

Game Records

| Record | Overall | Home | Away | Neutral |
|----------------|---------|------|------|---------|
| ALL GAMES | 5-1 | 5-1 | 0-0 | 0-0 |
| CONFERENCE | 1-0 | 1-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 |
| NON-CONFERENCE | 4-1 | 4-1 | 0-0 | 0-0 |

Score by Periods

| Team | 1st | 2nd | OT | TOT |
|-------------|-----|-----|----|-----|
| Florida St. | 220 | 231 | 7 | 458 |
| Opponents | 178 | 219 | 5 | 402 |

Team Box Score

| No. | Player | | | | Total | | 3-Point | | F-Throw | | Rebounds | | | | | | | | | | | |
|------------------|------------------|----------|-------------|------|----------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|----------------|-------------|-----------|------------|------------|-------------|------------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|-------------|
| | | 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. | 6-6 | 192:23 | 32.1 | 24-59 | .407 | 13-31 | .419 | 35-38 | .921 | 5 | 11 | 16 | 2.7 | 14 | 0 | 11 | 18 | 1 | 5 | 96 | 16.0 |
| 2 | POLITE, Anthony | 6-6 | 177:41 | 29.6 | 24-45 | .533 | 12-23 | .522 | 9-17 | .529 | 13 | 20 | 33 | 5.5 | 12 | 0 | 9 | 6 | 4 | 7 | 69 | 11.5 |
| 4 | BARNES, Scottie | 6-6 | 162:45 | 27.1 | 25-56 | .446 | 4-15 | .267 | 10-24 | .417 | 7 | 16 | 23 | 3.8 | 13 | 0 | 25 | 13 | 1 | 10 | 64 | 10.7 |
| 5 | KOPRIVICA, Balsa | 6-6 | 117:55 | 19.7 | 22-38 | .579 | 0-0 | .000 | 17-24 | .708 | 9 | 23 | 32 | 5.3 | 13 | 1 | 4 | 8 | 6 | 1 | 61 | 10.2 |
| 1 | GRAY, RaiQuan | 6-6 | 153:53 | 25.6 | 18-40 | .450 | 3-11 | .273 | 8-12 | .667 | 6 | 33 | 39 | 6.5 | 18 | 0 | 13 | 9 | 6 | 9 | 47 | 7.8 |
| 11 | JACK, Nathanael | 4-0 | 29:26 | 7.4 | 5-12 | .417 | 4-11 | .364 | 3-5 | .600 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0.3 | 5 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 17 | 4.3 |
| 10 | OSBORNE, Malik | 6-0 | 117:31 | 19.6 | 8-22 | .364 | 1-6 | .167 | 6-7 | .857 | 16 | 12 | 28 | 4.7 | 17 | 0 | 2 | 8 | 2 | 5 | 23 | 3.8 |
| 0 | EVANS, RayQuan | 5-0 | 86:06 | 17.2 | 6-23 | .261 | 2-7 | .286 | 5-6 | .833 | 3 | 8 | 11 | 2.2 | 6 | 0 | 6 | 4 | 0 | 2 | 19 | 3.8 |
| 31 | WILKES, Wyatt | 6-0 | 80:20 | 13.4 | 9-30 | .300 | 4-17 | .235 | 0-0 | .000 | 4 | 6 | 10 | 1.7 | 3 | 0 | 11 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 22 | 3.7 |
| 24 | CALHOUN, Sardaar | 6-0 | 59:52 | 10.0 | 7-21 | .333 | 4-11 | .364 | 4-4 | 1.000 | 1 | 5 | 6 | 1.0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 22 | 3.7 |
| 12 | LINDNER, Justin | 1-0 | 00:31 | 0.5 | 1-1 | 1.000 | 0-0 | .000 | 0-0 | .000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2.0 |
| 34 | NGOM, Tanor | 5-0 | 22:30 | 4.5 | 3-5 | .600 | 0-0 | .000 | 4-6 | .667 | 2 | 6 | 8 | 1.6 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 10 | 2.0 |
| 15 | BALLARD, Quincy | 6-0 | 18:06 | 3.0 | 3-3 | 1.000 | 0-0 | .000 | 0-1 | .000 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0.3 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 6 | 1.0 |
| 33 | MILES, Will | 1-0 | 00:31 | 0.5 | 0-0 | .000 | 0-0 | .000 | 0-0 | .000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| 20 | LIGHT, Travis | 1-0 | 00:31 | 0.5 | 0-1 | .000 | 0-1 | .000 | 0-0 | .000 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1.0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| 30 | PRIETO, Harrison | 3-0 | 04:60 | 1.7 | 0-0 | .000 | 0-0 | .000 | 0-2 | .000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| Team | | | | | | | | | | | 8 | 8 | 16 | | | | 1 | | | | | |
| Total | | 6 | 1225 | | 155-356 | .435 | 47-133 | .353 | 101-146 | .692 | 77 | 149 | 226 | 37.7 | 112 | 1 | 84 | 79 | 26 | 45 | 458 | 76.3 |
| Opponents | | 6 | 1225 | | 132-329 | .401 | 48-137 | .350 | 90-115 | .783 | 56 | 134 | 190 | 31.7 | 119 | 2 | 70 | 97 | 19 | 35 | 402 | 67.0 |

Team Statistics

| | FSU | OPP |
|------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Scoring | 458 | 402 |
| Points per game | 76.3 | 67.0 |
| Scoring margin | +9.3 | - |
| Field goals-att | 155-356 | 132-329 |
| Field goal pct | .435 | .401 |
| 3 point fg-att | 47-133 | 48-137 |
| 3-point FG pct | .353 | .350 |
| 3-pt FG made per game | 7.8 | 8.0 |
| Free throws-att | 101-146 | 90-115 |
| Free throw pct | .692 | .783 |
| F-Throws made per game | 16.8 | 15.0 |
| Rebounds | 226 | 190 |
| Rebounds per game | 37.7 | 31.7 |
| Rebounding margin | +6.0 | - |
| Assists | 84 | 70 |
| Assists per game | 14.0 | 11.7 |
| Turnovers | 79 | 97 |
| Turnovers per game | 13.2 | 16.2 |
| Turnover margin | +3.0 | - |
| Assist/turnover ratio | 1.1 | 0.7 |
| Steals | 45 | 35 |
| Steals per game | 7.5 | 5.8 |
| Blocks | 26 | 19 |
| Blocks per game | 4.3 | 3.2 |
| Winning streak | 0 | - |
| Home win streak | 0 | - |
| Attendance | 15755 | 0 |
| Home games-Avg/Game | 6-2626 | 0-0 |
| Neutral site-Avg/Game | - | 0-0 |

Team Results

| Date | Opponent | | Score | Att. |
|------------|---------------|-----|-------|------|
| 11/27/2020 | Gardner-Webb | W | 72-59 | 2078 |
| 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 |
| 12/19/2020 | UCF | L | 74-86 | 2576 |



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Game Records

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

Score by Periods

| Team | 1st | 2nd | OT | TOT |
|-------------|-----|-----|----|-----|
| Florida St. | 36 | 38 | 0 | 74 |
| Opponents | 29 | 32 | 0 | 61 |

Team Box Score

| No. | Player | Total | | | 3-Point | | F-Throw | | Rebounds | | | | Other | | | | | | | | | |
|------------------|------------------|----------|------------|------|--------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|----------|-----------|-----------|-------------|-----------|----------|-----------|-----------|----------|----------|-----------|-------------|
| | | 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 |
| 4 | BARNES, Scottie | 1-1 | 30:05 | 30.1 | 6-10 | .600 | 0-3 | .000 | 4-6 | .667 | 0 | 6 | 6 | 6.0 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 16 | 16.0 |
| 23 | WALKER, M.J. | 1-1 | 34:47 | 34.8 | 4-9 | .444 | 2-4 | .500 | 4-4 | 1.000 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 4.0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 14 | 14.0 |
| 31 | WILKES, Wyatt | 1-0 | 11:17 | 11.3 | 4-7 | .571 | 3-3 | 1.000 | 0-0 | .000 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1.0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 11 | 11.0 |
| 2 | POLITE, Anthony | 1-1 | 34:19 | 34.3 | 4-7 | .571 | 2-4 | .500 | 0-0 | .000 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 2.0 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 10 | 10.0 |
| 5 | KOPRIVICA, Balsa | 1-1 | 25:44 | 25.7 | 4-5 | .800 | 0-0 | .000 | 2-4 | .500 | 2 | 5 | 7 | 7.0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 10.0 |
| 1 | GRAY, RaiQuan | 1-1 | 30:09 | 30.2 | 1-5 | .200 | 0-1 | .000 | 2-2 | 1.000 | 2 | 4 | 6 | 6.0 | 4 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 4.0 |
| 11 | JACK, Nathanael | 1-0 | 04:46 | 4.8 | 1-2 | .500 | 1-2 | .500 | 0-0 | .000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 3.0 |
| 24 | CALHOUN, Sardaar | 1-0 | 05:46 | 5.8 | 1-2 | .500 | 0-0 | .000 | 0-0 | .000 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1.0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2.0 |
| 10 | OSBORNE, Malik | 1-0 | 19:00 | 19.0 | 1-3 | .333 | 0-0 | .000 | 0-0 | .000 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1.0 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2.0 |
| 15 | BALLARD, Quincy | 1-0 | 04:06 | 4.1 | 1-1 | 1.000 | 0-0 | .000 | 0-0 | .000 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1.0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2.0 |
| Team | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Total | | 1 | 200 | | 27-51 | .529 | 8-17 | .471 | 12-16 | .750 | 7 | 22 | 29 | 29.0 | 15 | 0 | 13 | 13 | 1 | 6 | 74 | 74.0 |
| Opponents | | 1 | 200 | | 22-51 | .431 | 5-20 | .250 | 12-15 | .800 | 6 | 17 | 23 | 23.0 | 17 | 1 | 11 | 12 | 2 | 7 | 61 | 61.0 |

Team Statistics

| | FSU | OPP |
|------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Scoring | 74 | 61 |
| Points per game | 74.0 | 61.0 |
| Scoring margin | +13.0 | - |
| Field goals-att | 27-51 | 22-51 |
| Field goal pct | .529 | .431 |
| 3 point fg-att | 8-17 | 5-20 |
| 3-point FG pct | .471 | .250 |
| 3-pt FG made per game | 8.0 | 5.0 |
| Free throws-att | 12-16 | 12-15 |
| Free throw pct | .750 | .800 |
| F-Throws made per game | 12.0 | 12.0 |
| Rebounds | 29 | 23 |
| Rebounds per game | 29.0 | 23.0 |
| Rebounding margin | +6.0 | - |
| Assists | 13 | 11 |
| Assists per game | 13.0 | 11.0 |
| Turnovers | 13 | 12 |
| Turnovers per game | 13.0 | 12.0 |
| Turnover margin | -1.0 | - |
| Assist/turnover ratio | 1.0 | 0.9 |
| Steals | 6 | 7 |
| Steals per game | 6.0 | 7.0 |
| Blocks | 1 | 2 |
| Blocks per game | 1.0 | 2.0 |
| Winning streak | 1 | - |
| Home win streak | 1 | - |
| Attendance | 2664 | 0 |
| Home games-Avg/Game | 1-2664 | 0-0 |
| Neutral site-Avg/Game | - | 0-0 |

Team Results

| Date | Opponent | Score | Att. |
|------------|--------------|---------|------|
| 12/15/2020 | Georgia Tech | W 74-61 | 2664 |

Polite Shows Further Progress, Helps Lead 'Noles To Victory

By Jake Mossing

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."

Florida State Guard M.J. Walker Has Finally Embraced Being A Leader

By Antwan Staley

Tallahassee Democrat

November 20, 2020

During M.J. Walker's time at Florida State, there have been a few established leaders he deferred to because he was an underclassman.

Now in his senior season, Walker has become the leader of the Seminoles roster.

Players and coaches have said Walker has always been a leader without having an official title. Walker is often seen talking to players during practices and giving them advice on what they could be working on.

Now, Walker has fully embraced a leadership role in his senior season by being more vocal and not being afraid to call out players during practices in front of his teammates. Walker says it has been a process trying to adapt to a more vocal leadership role.

"Not just when I need to be but at all the time," Walker told the Democrat. "So, I think that's the biggest thing I'm focusing on. And just being that leader on the court. Trent (Forrest) was that guy, and we could depend on him during games to just calm everything down.

"Get us in the right formation or whatever the situation may be. He was just that guy to calm things down, and we can depend on that. So, I've been working on that in and practicing those habits and being that everyday guy."

Walker has taken pride in mentoring players on the team including junior guard Nathanael Jack, who transferred to FSU from Eastern Florida State College last year. Walker has been seen hanging around Johnson as the two have formed a tight-knit relationship.

In just his short time with the Seminoles, Jack says he has seen a difference in Walker's leadership skills.

"The main thing where I've seen M.J. grow is definitely his voice," Jack said. "Last year, I felt like he was a leader, and a lot of us did. Just because he never had that actual title as being a leader of a captain, I felt like he was reserved. I felt like he knew a lot of what was going on and wanted to help and wanted to be more vocal, but he just wasn't.

"He would be more of a person where he would pull a player to the side and talk to them instead of trying to motivate a group as a whole. And I think that's where he took his biggest steps. He stepped out of his comfort zone of being more verbal and kind of addressing the entire team instead of pulling players to the side one by one. Just trying to use his voice and being more demanding. This year he is embracing the leadership role as a whole."

Not only has Walker taken steps in his leadership growth, but also his play on the court. Walker is the Seminoles' leading returning scorer from the 2019-20 season as he averaged 10.6 points and 1.7 rebounds per game. He also tied a career-high last year with 44 three-pointers as a junior as he helped FSU to a 26-5 record and the ACC Championship.

Expectations are high this season for Walker as he not only was named to the Second-Team All-ACC team, but he also finished third in the ACC Preseason Player of the Year voting.

FSU head coach Leonard Hamilton has seen the growth in Walker's play on both sides of the court.

"We have a symbol, and it is a picture of a junkyard dog," Hamilton said. "A guy who you relate to with all of those broken down cars and people go in and buy spare parts. And they have those mean dogs that protect the yard, we call our defense, junkyard defense. And we have this emblem of this mean-looking bulldog. And M.J. represents that.

"He's a hard nose, tough junkyard dog mentality that will bite you if come into his territory. But he is equally effective on the offensive end as he is on the defensive end. He leads by example. He's not a real talkative guy, but he's an energetic, confident person who leads by example. And when he speaks, everybody listens. I expect him to have an unbelievable year."

During the summer, Walker worked on his game by watching a lot of himself. While he did put in work on the court, watching film of his past games repeatedly was the biggest difference in this offseason compared to others. The main reason Walker watched a lot of film was to better understand the different coverages and plays teams use against him and the rest of Seminoles players. Walker also wanted to know how teams scouted him and the rest of his teammates.

Walker said by watching film, he learned a lot about his game and what he needed to improve on.

"I play in spurts," Walker said. "But I think the biggest thing for me is when I'm not hot or not shooting the ball well to just continue doing other things as far as steals, rebounds, energy generates hoops, just things that would continue to bring energy to the game without necessarily the ball in my hands.

"I was always a scorer my whole life, so just trying to find different ways to affect the game and keep my teammates involved at all times."

Despite FSU losing three top players in Forrest, Devin Vassell, and Patrick Williams from last year's team, the Seminoles are expected to be in the mix for the ACC Championship once again this season. A major reason why along with Walker, is the addition of freshman Scottie Barnes.

Last week, Barnes was named as the 2020-21 Preseason ACC Freshman of the Year. Barnes, the highest-rated recruit under Hamilton and his staff, was also selected to the Preseason All-ACC First Team.

Walker says he has been building a relationship with Barnes since he stepped on campus as he is expected a huge season from the freshman.

"Scottie, he's is going to shock the world," Walker said. "But just being in that system that we've been in an NBA system. With his athleticism and the way he plays, he is just going to shock the world.

"His talent alone, but his dog mentality and the energy he brings is really going to separate him because a lot of people have that talent but don't necessarily bring that dog every day. But he has that energy and everything. So that's what I like about him the most. And just his willingness to learn and get better every day. So as long as he keeps that and continues to push, he will be fine."

When he isn't on the court and working on his game, Walker is a devoted fan of music, especially R&B. Walker even has a small studio set up in his room where he makes beats and raps as well.

Music is a hobby for Walker, but he hasn't ruled it out as something he would focus on in the future.

"I don't know if I would make a career out of it. It is just something that I love doing," Walker said. "It is just something that takes away maybe if I'm stressed out or I just want to have fun or whatever. Something that I do to bring other people along when I bring my teammates around, rap and stuff like that. This kind of thing, I just have fun with it.

But at the same time, I love doing it."

Game 1 -- Florida State 86, North Florida 58

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

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

December 2, 2020

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

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

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

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

Game 2 -- Florida State 69, Indiana 67

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

Florida State 69, Indiana 67 (OT) Donald L. Tucker Center

December 9, 2020

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

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

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

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

Game 3 -- Florida State 83, Florida 71

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. – Highly touted freshman Scottie Barnes scored 17 points and No. 20 Florida State extended its dominance against the Gators with an 83-71 victory that came after Florida suddenly lost its best player. The Seminoles led by as many as 18 in the second half. They ended up extending their winning streak against Florida to seven games, tying the longest by either team in the series. They also stretched their winning streak against nonconference opponents at home to 41 and won their 26th straight at home. Barnes, Anthony Polite and M.J. Walker made this one look easy most of the day. Barnes, the top-rated recruit of Hamilton's tenure in Tallahassee, had two thunderous dunks and was 7-of-10 shooting. It was a breakout game for the 6-foot-9 point guard many expect to be an NBA lottery pick.

Florida State 83, Florida 71 Donald L. Tucker Center

December 12, 2020

| Florida | Min | FG | 3FG | FT | O-D | Reb | F | A | T | B | S | Pts. |
|---------------|------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------|----------|-----------|
| Johnson | 4 | 2-3 | 0-1 | 1-1 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 |
| Castleton | 21 | 3-4 | 0-0 | 1-3 | 4-3 | 7 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 7 |
| Mann | 29 | 7-17 | 2-7 | 1-1 | 0-8 | 8 | 4 | 7 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 17 |
| Locke | 24 | 2-16 | 2-5 | 2-2 | 0-0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 8 |
| Lewis | 38 | 6-13 | 4-5 | 3-5 | 2-2 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 5 | 3 | 2 | 19 |
| Appleby | 23 | 2-7 | 2-4 | 0-0 | 0-2 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 5 | 0 | 1 | 6 |
| Payne | 16 | 1-2 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 1-1 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 2 |
| Glover | 12 | 2-4 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| Duruji | 13 | 0-1 | 0-0 | 1-2 | 0-1 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Lane | 2 | 0-1 | 0-1 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Osifo | 15 | 0-1 | 0-0 | 2-2 | 1-2 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| Team | | | | | 2-3 | 5 | | | | 0 | | |
| Totals | 200 | 26-59 | 10-23 | 11-16 | 10-24 | 34 | 24 | 14 | 20 | 8 | 6 | 71 |

| Fl. State | Min | FG | 3FG | FT | O-D | Reb | F | A | T | B | S | Pts. |
|---------------|------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------|----------|-----------|
| Gray | 24 | 2-5 | 0-0 | 1-2 | 2-6 | 8 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 5 |
| Koprivica | 16 | 3-7 | 0-0 | 0-1 | 0-3 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 6 |
| Polite | 28 | 4-7 | 3-4 | 3-4 | 2-3 | 5 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 14 |
| Barnes | 28 | 7-10 | 1-2 | 2-6 | 0-2 | 2 | 3 | 5 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 17 |
| Walker | 30 | 2-5 | 1-2 | 12-12 | 0-2 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 0 | 3 | 17 |
| Osborne | 21 | 1-5 | 0-1 | 0-0 | 1-1 | 2 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| Evans | 18 | 1-4 | 0-1 | 3-3 | 0-3 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 5 |
| Wilkes | 17 | 2-5 | 1-4 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 |
| Calhoun | 7 | 1-3 | 1-1 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3 |
| Ngom | 6 | 2-2 | 0-0 | 2-2 | 0-1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 |
| Ballard | 1 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Jack | 3 | 1-1 | 1-1 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| Team | | | | | 3-4 | 7 | | | | | | |
| Totals | 200 | 26-54 | 8-16 | 23-30 | 8-25 | 33 | 18 | 17 | 16 | 4 | 8 | 83 |

FG% - Florida, .424. Florida State, .481. 3FG% - Florida, .435. Florida State, .500. FT% - Florida, .688. Florida State, .767. Technical Fouls: Florida -- None. Florida State -- None. Referees - Ted Valetine, Lee Cassell, Doug Shows. Attendance: 2,761

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| Florida | 35 | 36 | - | 71 |
| Florida State | 45 | 38 | - | 83 |

Game 4 -- Florida State 74 Georgia Tech 61

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. – Freshman guard Scottie Barnes scored 14 of his 16 points after halftime and the 15th-ranked Seminoles pulled away midway through the second half to beat Georgia Tech 74-61. M.J. Walker scored 14 points and Balsa Koprivica added 10 points and eight rebounds. The

Seminoles won for the 27th straight time in Tallahassee, including all four games to open the 2020-21 season. Michael Devoe had 21 points, while Jordan Usher and Moses Wright added 12 apiece for Georgia Tech. The Yellow Jackets used a 15-0 run to get back into the game in the second half, but the Seminoles never relinquished their lead. The Yellow Jackets went 22 of 51 (43%) from the floor but just 5 of 20 (25%) on 3s. The Seminoles shot 27 of 51 (53%) from the floor and 8 for 17 (47%) from 3-point range. Florida State has won 15 of the last 17 meetings in the series.

Florida State 74, Georgia Tech 61 Donald L. Tucker Center

December 15, 2020

| Ga. Tech | Min | FG | 3FG | FT | O-D | Reb | F | A | T | B | S | Pts. |
|----------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|---|---|---|---|---|------|
| Usher | 26 | 5-9 | 2-4 | 0-0 | | | | | | | | |

**Game 6 -- Florida State 72,
Gardner-Webb 59**

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. – Anthony Polite scored a career-high 15 points and Balsa Koprivica added a season-best 14 as No. 21 Florida State pulled away late to defeat Gardner-Webb 72-59. Polite scored in double figures for the fourth straight game. The redshirt junior guard did so just six times in the 2019-20 season. The Seminoles outrebounded Gardner Webb 53-30. Polite grabbed nine boards, while Koprivica and RaiQuan Gray added eight apiece. A 7-foot-1 sophomore center, Koprivica was able to use his height advantage, shooting 4 of 5 from the floor and going 6 for 6 at the free throw line. Gray scored just four points but made an impact on the defensive end with eight rebounds, two blocks and a steal. Well-rounded efforts from Polite, Koprivica and Gray ensured the Seminoles would go into the break with positive momentum. Lance Terry had 23 points for Gardner-Webb, which did not score in the final 2:42. Terry was 8 of 19 from the floor.

**Florida State 74, Gardner-Webb 59
Donald L. Tucker Center**

December 21, 2020

| GWU | Min | FG | 3FG | FT | O-D | Reb | F | A | T | B | S | Pts. |
|---------------|------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------|----------|-----------|
| Reid | 15 | 1-1 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 1-1 | 2 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| DuFeal | 22 | 1-4 | 1-2 | 0-0 | 0-3 | 3 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| Terry | 30 | 8-19 | 3-9 | 4-4 | 0-2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 23 |
| Cornwall | 32 | 1-7 | 1-7 | 4-4 | 1-6 | 7 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 7 |
| Falki | 27 | 0-7 | 0-4 | 2-2 | 1-4 | 5 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Selden | 20 | 2-6 | 2-5 | 0-0 | 0-3 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 6 |
| Williams | 12 | 1-5 | 1-4 | 3-5 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 6 |
| Wynott | 11 | 1-1 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Mann | 14 | 1-3 | 0-1 | 0-2 | 0-1 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| Sears | 8 | 1-3 | 1-1 | 0-0 | 0-1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| Itodo | 7 | 1-2 | 0-0 | 1-1 | 1-0 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| Team | | | | | 3-1 | 4 | | | | | | |
| Totals | 200 | 18-58 | 9-33 | 14-18 | 7-23 | 30 | 25 | 10 | 14 | 2 | 6 | 59 |

| Fl. State | Min | FG | 3FG | FT | O-D | Reb | F | A | T | B | S | Pts. |
|---------------|------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------|----------|-----------|
| Gray | 25 | 1-5 | 0-4 | 2-2 | 0-8 | 8 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 4 |
| Koprivica | 23 | 4-5 | 0-0 | 6-6 | 2-6 | 8 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 14 |
| Polite | 28 | 5-8 | 1-3 | 4-7 | 2-7 | 9 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 15 |
| Barnes | 22 | 2-7 | 1-3 | 1-2 | 1-1 | 2 | 2 | 5 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 6 |
| Walker | 23 | 2-9 | 1-7 | 2-2 | 0-2 | 2 | 4 | 2 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 7 |
| Evans | 24 | 2-6 | 2-4 | 2-3 | 2-2 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 8 |
| Calhoun | 10 | 0-3 | 0-2 | 2-2 | 0-1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Wilkes | 12 | 0-4 | 0-2 | 0-0 | 0-1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Ngom | 2 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 1-2 | 1-3 | 4 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Osborne | 17 | 3-7 | 0-2 | 2-3 | 6-2 | 8 | 4 | 0 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 8 |
| Jack | 11 | 1-5 | 1-5 | 2-3 | 1-0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 |
| Ballard | 2 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Lindner | 1 | 1-1 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Light | 1 | 0-1 | 0-1 | 0-0 | 1-0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Prieto | 1 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Miles | 1 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Team | | | | | 2-2 | 4 | | | | | | |
| Totals | 200 | 21-61 | 6-33 | 24-32 | 18-35 | 53 | 20 | 11 | 16 | 8 | 6 | 72 |

FG% - Gardner-Webb, .310, Florida State, .344. 3FG% - Gardner-Webb, .273, Florida State, .182. FT% - Gardner-Webb, .778, Florida State, .750. Technical Fouls: Gardner-Webb--None. Florida State--None. Referees - BillCovington, Jr., Raymie Styons, Tim Comer. Attendance: 2,078

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| Gardner-Webb | 28 | 31 | - | 59 |
| Florida State | 31 | 41 | - | 72 |