

2002-2003 Florida State Results

N24	Savannah State	W, 79-46
N27	Mercer	W, 83-47
D2	\$ Iowa	W, 80-67
D6	Florida	L, 57-58
D8	Miami	W, 72-55
D15	Birm. Southern	W, 56-47
D18	Stetson	W, 93-76
D22	* North Carolina	L, 48-69
D28	! vs. Boston Univ.	L, 69-84
D30	! vs. Davidson	W, 82-66
J4	at Virginia Tech	W, 76-69
J6	* Texas A&M CC	W, 72-56
J11	* at Maryland	L, 62-89
J14	* at Georgia Tech	L, 74-81
J18	* NC State	L, 63-70
J21	* Clemson	W, 60-59
J26	* at Wake Forest	L, 60-71
J29	* at Virginia	L, 72-85
F2	* Duke	W, 75-70
F8	* at North Carolina	L, 60-61
F12	* Maryland	L, 72-74
F15	* Georgia Tech	W, 71-64
F18	* at NC State	L, 60-71
F22	* at Clemson	L, 60-74
F26	* Wake Forest	L, 56-60
M1	* Virginia	W, 74-59
M6	* at Duke	L, 56-72
M13	^ Clemson	W, 72-61
M14	^ Wake Forest	L, 61-69

\$ ACC/Big Ten Challenge at Tallahassee, Fla.
 * ACC Game, ! Fiesta Bowl Classic Honoring
 Bobbi Olson ^ ACC Tournament at
 Greensboro, N.C.

Final 2002-03 ACC Standings

Team	ACC			Overall		
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
W. Forest	13	3	.813	25	6	.806
Maryland	11	5	.688	21	10	.677
Duke	11	5	.688	26	7	.813
NC State	9	7	.563	18	13	.581
Ga. Tech	7	9	.438	16	15	.516
Virginia	6	10	.375	16	16	.500
N. Carolina	6	10	.375	19	16	.543
Clemson	5	11	.313	15	13	.536
Fla. State	4	12	.250	14	15	.483

Leonard Hamilton's Career Record

School	W	L	Pct.	Years
Career	214	225	.487	1987-00
at Okla. State	56	63	.471	1987-90
at Miami	144	147	.495	1991-00
at Florida St.	14	15	.483	2002-Pr.

FLORIDA STATE FINISHES 2002-03 SEASON AS ONE OF THE
 NATION'S MOST IMPROVED TEAMS
 SEMINOLES AMONG NATIONAL AND ACC LEADERS
 IN SEVERAL CATEGORIES

"Florida State, in Leonard Hamilton's second season as coach, has the most potential to move up quickly (in the ACC). The lineup of Anthony Richardson, Michael Joiner, Tim Pickett, Todd Galloway and Nate Johnson appears set. The Seminoles will be quicker and better organized."

Caulton Tudor
 Raleigh News and Observer
 March 31, 2003

PICKETT EARNS ALL-ACC SECOND TEAM HONORS

Junior guard Tim Pickett earned All-ACC second team honors as named by the Atlantic Coast Sports Media Association. It marked the first honor of its kind for Pickett who was playing his first season in the ACC as a member of the Seminoles. Pickett finished the 2002-03 season as the league leader in steals (2.83 spg) and was second in 3-point field goals made per game (2.90 3FGM/Game) as well as ranking in the top 15 in six other conference statistical categories. Pickett became the first Florida State player to earn All-ACC honors (above honorable mention) since the 1999-00 season when Ron Hale and Damous Anderson earned All-ACC third team honors. Pickett is the second Seminole junior college player in two years to earn All-ACC honors. Guard Monte Cummings earned All-ACC honorable mention honors last season. Sam Cassell, another junior college transfer to star for the Seminoles, earned All-ACC second team honors in 1992 and 1993.

PICKETT NAMED TO ACC ALL-DEFENSIVE TEAM

Junior Tim Pickett was named to the ACC All-Defensive team by both the Atlantic Coast Sports Media Association and the Fan's Guide to ACC Basketball. Pickett, who finished the season with 82 steals, became the first Seminole to lead the league in steals since Charlie Ward in 1993. Pickett also became the first non-Duke or Maryland player to lead the league in steals since Ward in 1993. Pickett, Ward and Sam Cassell (in 1992) are the only three Florida State players to lead the league in steals since the Seminoles entered the league in 1992.

SEMINOLES LEAD ATLANTIC COAST CONFERENCE IN SCORING DEFENSE

Florida State led the ACC in scoring defense with a stingy 66.6 points per game allowed. The Seminoles finished ahead of Maryland by one-tenth of a point as the Terps allowed 66.7 points per game. It marks the first time the Seminoles have led the ACC in a statistical category since the 1994-95 season when they led the league in blocked shots and is the fourth time the Seminoles have led the ACC in a statistical category. The Seminoles' 66.6 points allowed marked the fewest points allowed in a single season by a Seminole men's basketball team since the 1963-64 season when the Seminoles held their opponents to a scant 65.6 points per game.

Florida State Leading The ACC

Year	Category	Mark	Notes
2003	Scoring Defense	66.6	Lowest scoring defense mark since the 1950-51 season
1995	Blocked Shots	6.2	Corey Louis ranked 20 th nationally in blocked shots
1993	Blocked Shots	6.0	Seminoles advanced to NCAA Tournament Elite 8
1992	Steals	9.4	Florida State finishes 2 nd in first year in ACC

PICKETT LEADS ACC IN STEALS

Tim Pickett, an All-ACC second team selection, led the ACC with a 2.8 steals per game average. He recorded 82 steals – a total that ranks as the second highest single-season total in school history. Pickett became only the fourth Seminole to lead the ACC in a statistical category since Florida State joined the ACC to begin the 1991-92 season.

Seminoles Leading The ACC

Year	Player	Category	Mark	Notes
2003	Tim Pickett	Steals	2.8	82 steals/2 nd highest total in school history
1994	Bob Sura	Scoring	21.2	10 th highest scoring total in school history
1993	Sam Cassell	Steals	2.8	97 steals/Highest total in school history
1992	Charlie Ward	Steals	2.7	75 steals/4 th highest total in school history

**Florida State Men's Basketball
By The Numbers**

769 Florida State won more than 75 percent of their home games as it compiled a 10-3 record in the Leon County Civic Center during the 2002-03 season.

1 All-ACC second-team selection Tim Pickett was the first Seminole to earn All-ACC second-team honors since James Collins in 1997.

1 Florida State led the ACC in scoring defense as it allowed its opponents to score a league-low 66.1 points per game.

2 Junior Tim Pickett, a second-team All-ACC selection, was named to the ACC All-Defensive team in a vote by the league's nine head coaches. He is the second Seminole to earn the honor after Terrell Baker was named by the coaches during to 1998-99 season.

2 Junior All-ACC second-team selection Tim Pickett and junior guard Nate Johnson were the only two Seminoles who started all 29 games for the Seminoles during the 2002-03 season.

4 Florida State defeated four teams who played in the postseason this year-- Duke, Georgia Tech, Virginia and Iowa.

9 Nine of the Seminoles' opponents this season played in either the NCAA Tournament (Florida, Maryland, Wake Forest and Duke) or the NIT (Iowa, Georgia Tech and Virginia). All seven of those teams won at least one postseason game.

13 Florida State defeated No. 5 Duke, 75-70 Feb. 2, to mark the 13th consecutive season the Seminoles have defeated at least one ranked team.

14 Florida State's 14 wins during the 2002-03 season were the most by a Leonard Hamilton coached team in Hamilton's first year at his three coaching stops. His first Oklahoma State team won eight games and his first University of Miami team won nine games.

14 Florida State was undefeated, 14-0, when it outscored its opponent during the 2002-03 season.

18 Florida State's defense held 18 of its 29 opponents under .400 percent shooting from the field in finishing seventh in the nation and second in the ACC in field goal percentage defense.

6,384 Florida State averaged 6,384 fans in 16 home games this season. The Seminoles averaged 1,442 more in attendance this season as compared to last season when they averaged 4,942 in 16 home games.

102,146 Florida State played in front of more Seminole fans in 16 home games this season (102,146) than it did in 16 games at home last season (79,071).

SEMINOLES PLAY ONE OF NATION'S TOUGHEST SCHEDULES

Florida State played the nation's 35th toughest schedule according to the College Basketball News Service. The Seminoles played the third toughest schedule in the ACC (behind only North Carolina and Duke) and played a tougher schedule than Wake Forest (regular season ACC champions), Florida (no. 2 in the south region of the NCAA Tournament) and Maryland (NCAA Sweet 16 appearance). The Seminoles also had three wins over teams in the top-75 in the RPI ranking of all of the nation's Division I teams.

SEMINOLES FINISH SECOND IN ACC IN FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE DEFENSE

Florida State finished second in the ACC and seventh in the nation in field goal percentage defense with a .391 mark. The 2002-03 Seminoles became the first Florida State team to hold its opponents under .400 shooting from the field since the 1956-57 season when J.K. "Bud" Kennedy's ninth team held its opponents to .396 shooting from the field. During the last 44 years, the Seminoles have shot above .400 each season, included at or above .500 percent four times. Seminole head coach Leonard Hamilton led Miami to the nation's No. 1 ranking in field goal percentage defense during the 1998 season. The Seminoles have been ranked in the nation's top 10 throughout the season and were the nation's toughest team to shoot against during the first four weeks of the season. During the Seminoles 16-game ACC season, they held seven of the eight ACC teams below their season field goal percentage average. Only NC State and Clemson shot above their season average against the Seminoles defense.

Seminole's ACC Field Goal Percentage Defense Rankings

Year	Rank	Mark	Year	Rank	Mark
1992	5 th	.446	1998	2 nd	.407
1993	8 th	.450	1999	9 th	.461
1994	8 th	.435	2000	8 th	.427
1995	5 th	.438	2001	8 th	.453
1996	7 th	.442	2002	4 th	.441
1997	2 nd	.400	2003	2	.391

SEMINOLES STEALING

With All-ACC second-team selection Tim Pickett leading the way, Florida State averaged 9.4 steals per game in 2003. The Seminoles per game average ranked 16th in the nation and second in the ACC. It was also one for the Seminole record book as the 9.4 steals per game average ranks second in school history. The school record is 9.5 steals per game.

Top Steals Seasons In Seminole History

Rank	Season	Steals	Steals/Game	Notes
1.	1977-78	276	9.5	Tony Jackson leads team with 2.5 spg
2.	2002-03	273	9.4	Tim Pickett leads team with 2.8 spg
3.	1992-93	322	9.2	Sam Cassell leads team with 2.7 spg
4.	1991-92	290	9.1	Charlie Ward leads team with 2.3 spg

SEMINOLE FREE THROW SHOOTING MOVING UP IN THE ACC STATISTICS

Junior Tim Pickett finished second in the ACC in free throw shooting (.865) and sophomore Anthony Richardson finished eighth in the same category in the league statistics (.788). Florida State was one of only three teams to place multiple players among the league's top 10 in free throw shooting. It also marked the first time since the 1997-98 season and only the third time in school history that two Seminoles have finished in the top-10 in the ACC in free throw shooting.

COMPARING THE 2002-03 SEASON TO THE 2001-02 SEASON

In addition to earning more wins during the 2002-03 (14) than they had during the 2001-02 season (12), the Seminoles were much improved in most of their statistical categories. The Seminoles were arguably the most improved team in the ACC during the 2002-03 season.

Seminole Overall Improvement

Category	02-03	01-02	Notes
3-Field Goals Made	186	169	Seminole averaged 6.4 in 2002-03 / 5.8 in 2001-02
Assists	404	382	Seminole averaged 13.9 in 2002-03 / 13.2 in 2001-02
Blocks	130	102	Seminole averaged 4.5 in 2002-03 / 2.5 in 2001-02
Steals	273	222	Seminole averaged 9.4 in 2002-03 / 7.6 in 2001-02
Field Goal % Defense	.391	.441	Seminole held 18 opponents under 40 pct. from field
TO Forced	473	426	Seminole forced 16.3 in 2002-03 / 14.7 in 2001-02
Steals Allowed	200	247	Seminole allowed 6.9 in 2002-03 / 8.5 in 2002-03

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8 Junior All-ACC second team selection Tim Pickett averaged in double figures against all eight of Florida State's ACC opponents during the 2002-03 season. He averaged a high of 26.5 points in two games against Virginia and averaged 13.5 points in two games against Duke, which was ranked in the nation's top five throughout the season.

18 Junior second team All-ACC selection Tim Pickett led the Seminoles in scoring an amazing 18 times in 29 games during the 2002-03 season. It was the most times one player had led the team in scoring since James Collins led the team in scoring also an incredible 18 times during the 1996-97 season.

20 Junior All-ACC second-team selection Tim Pickett averaged 20.0 points per game in three games against ACC regular season champion and NCAA Tournament participant Wake Forest during the 2-2-03 season. He scored 27 points against Wake in Winston-Salem and totaled 17 as the Seminoles nearly upset the No. 1 seeded Demon Deacons in the ACC Tournament.

26.5 Junior All-ACC second-team selection Tim Pickett averaged 26.5 points in two games against Virginia during the 2003-04 season. He scored 21 as the Seminoles played Virginia on the road and tied his career-high with 32 against Virginia as the Seminoles defeated the Cavaliers in the Civic Center. He made 12 of 24 3-point shot attempts against the Cavaliers in two games.

32 Junior All-ACC second-team selection Tim Pickett scored his career-high of 32 points against Davidson in the University of Arizona Tournament and against Virginia in the Civic Center during his first season as a Seminole. He became the first player since Bob Sura in 1995 to score 30 points or more in multiple games during a single season.

39.1 Florida State ranked second in the ACC in field goal percentage defense as it allowed its opponents to make only 39.1 percent of their shots from the field during the entire 2002-03 season. The Seminoles held their opponents below 40 percent shooting from the field in 18 of their 29 games and held three opponents under 30 percent shooting from the field.

82.4 Tim Pickett and Anthony Richardson, who both finished in the ACC's top-10 in free throw shooting, shot a combined 82.4 percent from the free throw line during the 2002-03 season. Pickett missed only 12 times in 89 attempts during the entire season while Richardson had single game streaks of six, seven and 10 free throws made as a sophomore.

FLORIDA STATE'S IMPROVED FREE THROW SHOOTING

Florida State finished sixth in the ACC in free throw shooting percentage with a .672 mark during the 2002-03 season. It marked the first time the Seminoles had finished above seventh in the ACC statistics in free throw shooting percentage since the 1992-93 season. Florida State finished fifth in the ACC during the 1992-93 season and sixth during the 1991-92 season. The Seminoles' .672 mark from the free throw line was their highest since the 1999-00 season (a span of four years) when Florida State shot .684 from the line and the third highest mark since joining the ACC to begin the 1991-92 season.

Seminole From The Line

Season	FTM	FTA	Pct.	ACC Ranking
2003-03	352	524	.672	Finished sixth in the ACC
2001-02	395	602	.656	Finished eighth in the ACC
2000-01	453	675	.671	Finished eighth in the ACC
1999-00	387	566	.684	Finished eighth in the ACC
1998-99	410	621	.660	Finished seventh in the ACC
1997-98	486	731	.665	Finished seventh in the ACC
1996-97	421	656	.642	Finished ninth in the ACC
1995-96	404	620	.652	Finished ninth in the ACC
1994-95	326	486	.671	Finished eighth in the ACC
1993-94	392	598	.656	Finished seventh in the ACC
1992-93	543	807	.673	Finished fifth in the ACC
1991-92	487	734	.664	Finished sixth in the ACC

SEMINOLES TIE SCHOOL RECORD FOR PERFECTION IN ACC TOURNAMENT

Florida State tied a school record as it was perfect from the free throw line (11-of-11) against Wake Forest in the quarterfinal round of the ACC Tournament. It marked the second time the Seminoles had not missed a free throw in a single game during the 2002-03 season. Florida State was a perfect five-of-five from the line against North Carolina Feb. 8 in Chapel Hill. The Seminoles closed the season well from the line as they shot .829 (24-of-29) in two games during the ACC Tournament.

Seminole Top Free Throw Shooting Games

FT Pct.	FTM-A	Opponent	Date	Notes
1.000	11-11	vs. Wake Forest	March 14	Richardson (6-6), Harvey (5-5)
1.000	5-5	at North Carolina	Feb. 8	Richardson (3-3), Joiner (2-2)
.929	13-14	vs. Georgia Tech	Feb. 15	Richardson (10-10), Joiner (3-4)
.917	11-12	at Virginia Tech	Jan. 4	Pickett (5-5), Richardson (2-2)

COMPARING HAMILTON'S FIRST SEASONS

Head coach Leonard Hamilton and the Seminoles' outstanding coaching staff led Florida State to 14 wins during the 2002-03 season an improvement of two more wins from the 2001-02 season and five from the 2000-01 season in Tallahassee. It marked the most wins by a Hamilton-coached team in his first year at his first three coaching stops. Hamilton's first Oklahoma State team won eight games and his first Miami team won nine. Hamilton and the Seminoles nearly reached the .500 mark with a 14-15 record during the 2002-03 season. He had a combined 17-39 record for a 30.4 winning percentage in his initial seasons at Oklahoma State and Miami.

HAMILTON AND THE SEMINOLES IN THE NATIONAL RANKINGS

Head coach Leonard Hamilton led the Seminoles into the national statistical rankings as Florida State ranked seventh nationally in field goal percentage defense. It marked the fifth consecutive season a Hamilton-coached team ranked nationally in field goal percentage defense. Hamilton's 1997-98 Miami team ranked first in the nation in the category.

HAMILTON AGAINST RANKED TEAMS

Seminole head coach Leonard Hamilton defeated a ranked team for the 20th time during his head-coaching career when he led the Seminoles past No. 5 ranked Duke in the Civic Center Feb. 2. It was the third time during his career he has led one of his teams past a top-five nationally ranked team.

PICKETT AMONG THE NATIONAL STEALS LEADERS

Junior All-ACC second team selection Tim Pickett finished the 2002-03 season tied for fourth among all Division I players with 82 steals and tied for fifth with a 2.83 steals per game average.

2002-03 NCAA Division I Steals Leaders

Rank	Player	School	Games	Steals	SPG
1.	Alexis McMillan	Stetson	22	87	3.95
2.	Eric Bush	Alabama Birmingham	31	97	3.13
3.	Marcus Banks	UNLV	31	88	2.84
4.	Tim Pickett	Florida State	29	82	2.83
	Zakee Wadood	East Tennessee State	27	82	3.03
	Robert Collum	Western Michigan	29	82	2.83
	Marcus Hatten	St. John's	29	80	2.76

Quoting Florida State Men's Basketball

"What Leonard Hamilton has done with Florida State so far is nothing short of remarkable. He has turned the Seminoles into an 9-3 team with credible victories over Iowa and Miami. Considering how he revitalized Oklahoma State in the late 1980s and established tradition at Miami in the 1990s, it should really come as no surprise. Hamilton's no-nonsense personality and his team's defensive style have branded an identity in Tallahassee. And more help is definitely on the way. They've signed two top junior college players, 6-6 slasher Antonio Griffin and 6-10 center Diego Romero, to beef up the frontline. But the recruiting class gem comes from 6-5 Von Wafer, a late-blooming wing from Louisiana who has emerged as one of the nation's top 10 players."

Pete Thamel
ESPN.Com

"Individually, junior guard Tim Pickett has emerged as an All-ACC candidate largely on the strength of his defense. With 3.83 steals per game, Pickett leads the league in that category and is third in the nation. He's also scoring at a 16.7 ppg clip."

USA Today Sports
On Florida State Basketball

"The basketball gods were smiling on us when Tim Pickett saw we needed him more than South Carolina did."

Leonard Hamilton
Head Coach
Florida State University

"The Seminoles' only loss was a one-point defeat to Florida. In the meanwhile, Florida State has beaten Iowa and crushed Miami. The source of the early success? The Seminoles are playing tremendous defense, holding Miami and Florida under 60 points, and their first five foes to an average of 54.6 points -- fifth-best in the country. The architect of this defensive attitude is Leonard Hamilton and he can thank some of the success to the steal he got when Tim Pickett signed late in the season. Pickett is leading the Seminoles in scoring (16.2 ppg) and is second on the team in assists (5.4 apg). Combine all this and Florida State becomes a tough out for anyone in the ACC, especially on its home court. Expect Hamilton to make the Seminoles a top-five team in the ACC soon. If not this season, then definitely next."

Andy Katz
ESPN.Com
Dec. 20, 2002

"Leonard Hamilton ought to be given the key to the city - he's done a great job."
Ronnie Arrow, Head Coach
Texas A&M Corpus Christi

PICKETT NAMED TO 2002-03 ALL-JUCO TRANSFER TEAM

Junior All-ACC second-team selection Tim Pickett was named to the 21-player All-Junior College Transfer Team by *CollegeHoopsInsider.com*. A panel of Division I coaches and the editors of *CollegeHoopsInsider.com* selected the team that consists of players from 12 different conferences.

TIM PICKETT NAMED TO ACC ALL DEFENSIVE TEAM

Tim Pickett became only the second player in the Seminole men's basketball history to be named to the All-ACC defensive team this past season. Pickett, who led the ACC in steals with 82, joined Terrell Baker in 1999 as the only two Seminoles voted among the conference's top defenders in a season.

2003 ACC All-Defensive Team

Player.....	Team
Tim Pickett	Florida State
Josh Howard	Wake Forest
Dahntay Jones	Duke
Steve Blake	Maryland
Chris Bosh	Georgia Tech

PICKETT FROM THE FREE THROW LINE

Junior All-ACC second-team selection Tim Pickett, ranked second in the ACC in free throw shooting percentage with a career-high .865 mark during the 2002-03 season. He was perfect from the free throw line in 11 games during the season. He began his Seminole career as he made his first four free throw attempts and 17 of his first 19 (.895) in his first six games. In ACC play, he made the first 11 free throw attempts of his conference career. Pickett tied the school record for perfection from the free throw line in an ACC game with an eight for eight performance against Virginia in Tallahassee on March 1 as he became just the fifth player to be perfect from the free throw line on eight or more free throws in an ACC game in school history. He enjoyed four streaks of 10 or consecutive made free throws during the season with his season and career-high streak of 16 consecutive free throws made from Feb. 22 through March 6. Pickett made 40 of 44 free throws in ACC play (.909) and never missed more than one free throw in any single ACC game.

TIM PICKETT'S ACC RANKINGS

Junior All-ACC second-team selection Tim Pickett finished the 2002-03 season ranked among the ACC's top 15 in eight different categories. He led the ACC in steals (2.8 spg) and ranked second in 3-point shots made per game, second in free throw shooting percentage, sixth in scoring, sixth in defensive rebounds, 11th in 3-point field goal shooting percentage, 12th in rebounding and 12th in field goal shooting percentage

Pickett Among The ACC Leaders

Category	ACC Rank	Statistic	Category	ACC Rank	Statistic
Steals	1 st	2.8 spg	Def. Rebounds	6 th	4.6
3FG Made	2 nd	2.90 pg	3 FG Pct.	11 th	.324
Free Throw Pct.	2 nd	.865	Rebounds	12 th	5.7
Scoring	6 th	17.1	FG Pct.	12 th	.382

PICKETT TIES SCHOOL RECORD AGAINST VIRGINIA

Junior All-ACC second-team selection Tim Pickett made a school-record tying six 3-point shots against Virginia in the Seminoles' March 1 victory over the Cavaliers. He tied the record for 3-point shots made in a conference game by a Florida State player. It marked the second time this season Pickett has made six 3-point shots in an ACC game (both against Virginia). Pickett joined two-time All-ACC selection Sam Cassell as the only Seminole players to make at least six 3-point shots in multiple games during their Florida State careers.

Most 3-Point Shots Made In An ACC Game By A Florida State Player

Rank	Player	Opponent	Date	3FGM
T1.	Tim Pickett	Virginia	March 1, 2003	6
	Tim Pickett	at Virginia	Jan. 29, 2003	6
	Sam Cassell	at Clemson	Jan. 20, 2003	6
	Sam Cassell	vs. Georgia Tech	Feb. 15, 1992	6
	Sam Cassell	at Wake Forest	Jan. 11, 1992	6

TIM PICKETT IN THE SEMINOLE RECORD BOOK DURING THE 2002-03 SEASON...

...Junior All-ACC second-team selection Tim Pickett made 84 3-point field goals. His total is the second highest single season total in school history;

...Junior All-ACC second-team selection Tim Pickett had 82 steals. His total is the second highest single-season total in school history;

...Junior All-ACC second-team selection Tim Pickett attempted 259 3-point field goals. His total is the second highest single-season total in school history. The school record for 3-point shots attempted in a single season is 262 by George McCloud during the 1988-89 season.

**Pickett Has Offense, Defense To Suit
Seminole's New Makeup**

The basketball goal in the family driveway was Tim Pickett's boyhood domain. Hours were spent shooting, dribbling, pretending.

One day, however, when Pickett was a grade-school level player, his father, Leonard, provided a message his son still carries as motivation.

"You're never going to be nothing if you don't know how to play defense," he said. "Even if you're the most talented player on the team, defense will make you go a long way."

Father knows best.

While Pickett, a transfer from Indian River Community College in Fort Pierce, has become the top newcomer and leading scorer for Florida State, it's his defense that commands attention.

Pickett, a 6-foot-4 junior guard, leads the Atlantic Coast Conference in steals, is third in defensive rebounds and is a big reason why the Seminoles (9-3) are off to their best start in five years.

Now comes the difficult part.

Florida State faces No. 21 Maryland, the defending national champions, today in College Park, Md. The Seminoles' remaining 15 games are against ACC teams.

"It gives us another chance to gain respect in the ACC," said Pickett, 21, a former prep standout at Daytona Beach Mainland High. "The last couple years, Florida State hasn't gotten much respect. We're trying to change that. We're trying to make a statement."

Pickett, one of four new players, has been an exclamation point. He has scored in double-figures in all 12 games, leading the team with an 18.3 average. For a team in desperate need of outside shooting, Pickett has never been shy. He's second in the ACC in 3-pointers made.

Most importantly, Pickett plays basketball with a passion visible on every possession. He's constantly smiling, whether celebrating a play, talking to an official or scolding himself for a blown scoring chance.

This is a guy who loves the game.

"He's full of excitement and energy all the time," said teammate and fellow newcomer Nate Johnson. "When everybody is down, Tim is always the one trying to pick everybody up."

When he's not defending, Pickett thrives on shooting. He fears no shot, but that can be a detriment as his last two games (14- for-44 from the floor) would attest.

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...Junior All-ACC second-team selection Tim Pickett shot .865 from the free throw line. His shooting percentage ranked as the third highest single-season percentage in school history.

PICKETT AS FLORIDA STATE SCORING, REBOUNDING AND STEALS LEADER

Junior All-ACC candidate Tim Pickett became only the second player in school history to lead the Seminoles in scoring (17.1 ppg), rebounding (5.7 rpg) and steals (2.8 spg) in the same season.

Winning The Seminole Triple Crown

Player	Year	Scoring	Rebounding	Steals	Notes
Tim Pickett	2003	17.1	5.7	2.8	All-ACC Second Team
Bob Sura	1994	21.1	7.9	2.4	All-ACC First-Team

RICHARDSON ENJOYS HIS BEST SEASON

Sophomore forward Anthony Richardson enjoyed the best season of his two-year career in 2003. He averaged a career-high 12.4 points per games (to rank 17th in the ACC) and pulled down a career-high 5.3 rebounds per game (to rank 11th in the ACC).

Richardson By The Numbers

Category	02-03	01-02	Improvement
Minutes/Game	29.0	17.6	+11.4
Points/Game	12.4	7/2	+5.2
Rebounds/Game	5.3	3.6	+1.7
Steals/Game	1.2	0.8	+0.4
Blocks/Game	1.1	0.5	+0.6
FG Pct.	.470	.332	+138%
FT Pct.	.788	.644	+144%

RICHARDSON AMONG THE SEMINOLES TEAM LEADERS

Seminole sophomore Anthony Richardson enjoyed the best season of his two-year career in 2002-03. He ranked in the top five of eight different team statistical categories during the 2002-03 season as he ranked first in free throws made (82) and attempted (104), second in scoring (12.4 ppg), second rebounds (5.3) and second in free throw percentage (.788).

RICHARDSON AMONG THE ACC LEADERS

Seminole sophomore Anthony Richardson ranked in the ACC's top 20 in five different categories this past season. He finished eighth in free throw shooting percentage (.788), tenth in blocked shots (1.1 bpg), 12th in offensive rebounds (2.0 orpg), 16th in rebounding (5.3 rpg) and 17th in scoring (12.4 ppg). Richardson was one of only four players in the ACC to finish in the conference's top 20 in those five categories. He was joined by only Josh Howard of Wake Forest and Julius Hodge of NC State who both earned All-ACC first-team honors and Josh Powell of NC State who recently became an early entry candidate for the upcoming NBA Draft.

RICHARDSON FROM THE FREE THROW LINE

Seminole sophomore Anthony Richardson tied a school record for free throw shooting perfection against Georgia Tech in Atlanta this past season as he made 10 free throws in 10 attempts against the Yellow Jackets. He became only the eighth Seminole in ACC history to make at least 10 free throws in a game only the seventh Seminole to be perfect on at least eight free throws in a single game.

RICHARDSON NEARLY DOUBLES HIS SCORING AVERAGE

Seminole sophomore Richardson ranked second on the team during the 2002-03 season with a 12.7 points per game average as he nearly doubled his scoring average from his freshman season (7.2). He averaged in double figures against eight of the nine ACC teams including a 19.0 scoring average against Georgia Tech. Richardson scored his career-high of 20 points against Georgia Tech in Atlanta in January.

Richardson's Scoring Averages Against ACC Teams

Team	02-03	01-02	Improvement
Clemson	13.0	5.7	+7.3
Duke	14.5	6.0	+8.5
Georgia Tech	19.0	2.5	+16.5
Maryland	11.5	7.3	+4.2
North Carolina	14.5	2.0	+12.5
NC State	11.5	12.5	-1.0
Virginia	13.0	5.0	+8.0
Wake Forest	9.3	9.5	-0.2

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"We sometimes put him in position where he has to take too many shots," Florida State coach Leonard Hamilton said. "We are trying to find ways to try and take the scoring load off him."

In the ACC, where plenty of great players exist, it seems paramount for Pickett to weigh his shot selection. The Seminoles realize opponents like Maryland are easily capable of playing a defense to negate one scorer.

"I know they're going to try and stop me from doing what I'm comfortable doing," Pickett said. "That's the time when you've got to get more of your teammates involved. That's what I've been trying to get across in my head."

"(Teams are) going to target me. It will be a challenge. But I'm not a standstill shooter. I'm just going to do whatever the defense gives me."

Pickett's entire college career has been learning to adjust. After graduating from high school in 1999, Pickett's grades weren't solid enough to secure a major-college scholarship.

He stayed at home, playing at Daytona Beach Community College. He averaged 16 points, but academics were a problem, forcing Pickett to spend the next year in school without playing basketball.

Last year, he resurfaced at Indian River, leading the team in three scoring categories. South Carolina signed him, but the Southeastern Conference denied the scholarship because of a league rule requiring junior-college players to complete three consecutive semester terms at the same school.

The rule opened the door for Hamilton to make Pickett a late signee in April, after Hamilton replaced Steve Robinson.

"Coach Ham said all the right things," Pickett said. "He opened my eyes. I followed the ACC; actually I was always a Duke fan. I used to love watching Jason Williams play. He was my favorite player last year."

Ironically, one of Pickett's former high school teammates and good friend is Tony Bobbitt, now playing at Cincinnati. Bobbitt was signed by Robinson as a prep senior, but never got into Florida State and took a long, if not problematic road, before eventually landing at a major-college team.

Imagine these two gunners on the same squad?

"No, Coach (Hamilton) said there wouldn't have been enough basketballs for us," said Pickett, laughing. "I talk to Tony at least once a week."

Pickett has been the right fit for the Seminoles. He immediately stepped into the starting lineup and won favor with teammates for his all-out play on every possession.

By Bill Vilona
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RICHARDSON AMONG ACC FREE THROW LEADERS

Seminole sophomore Anthony Richardson finished eighth in the ACC with a career-high .788 free throw percentage. He improved his free throw shooting by more than 14 percentage points (.788-.644) as he made 44 more free throws and attempted 45 more free throws as a sophomore as compared to his freshman season. Richardson finished second on the team in free throw shooting percentage this season as compared to an eighth place finish as a freshman.

RICHARDSON BECOMES A BLOCKING FORCE

Seminole sophomore Anthony Richardson finished 10th in the ACC in blocked shots with a 1.1 blocks per game average. He finished the season with a single-season career-high 34 blocked shots and had more blocks through the first 16 games of the season (17) than he had during his entire freshman season (15). In addition, he had multiple blocks in nine different games – more than twice as many as during his freshman season, four. Richardson was a sky-walker against Georgia Tech when the Seminoles defeated the Yellow Jackets in Tallahassee (Feb. 15) this past season with a career-high five blocked shots. Four of his rejections came during a two minute and 50 second span early in the first half as Georgia Tech threatened to blow the game open. They didn't and Florida State rallied to win the game, 71-64.

JOINER ON WAY TO 1,000 POINT/500 REBOUND CLUB

Junior forward Michael Joiner has scored 742 points (he needs 258 for 1,000) and has pulled down 429 rebounds (he needs 71 for 500) during his 87-game career. He is on pace to join the Seminoles' 1,000 point/500 rebound club during his final season in a Seminole uniform.

JOINER FROM THE 3-POINT ARC

Junior forward Michael Joiner made 25 3-point field goals to mark the second time during his career he had made at least 25 3-point field goals in a single season. He shot a near career-high .385 from the arc during the 2002-03 season and is among the all-time Seminole leaders from long range. He has made 70 3-point shots and is shooting .368 from the line for his 85-game career. Joiner's .368 3-point field goal shooting percentage for his career currently ranks him seventh in school history.

Joiner From Long Range

Season	3FGM	3FGA	Pct.	Notes
2002-03	25	65	.385	Second-highest single season 3FGM total
2001-02	31	77	.403	31 3FGM is single-season career-high
2000-01	14	48	.292	Named to ACC All-Freshman team
Totals	70	190	.368	Needs 6 3FGM to join FSU All-time top 15

JOINER AN ALL-AROUND SEMINOLE PLAYER

Junior Michael Joiner averaged a near-career high 8.7 points per game (career-high is 9.3 ppg during his freshman season), 4.1 rebounds, a career-high 1.9 assists per game, a career-high 1.4 steals per game, is shot a career-high .485 from the field and a near career-high .385 from the 3-point arc. He started 22 games (to bring his career total of 75) and has missed only one game since his arrival in Tallahassee as a freshman.

Joiner's Team Ranks

Category	Statistic	Team Rank	Notes
3Field Goal %	.385	2 nd	Second highest season percentage / .416 for career
Steals	1.4	2 nd	Career-high 40 steals / 97 for his career
Scoring	8.5 ppg	3 rd	Second highest career average / 8.5 for career
Field Goal %	.485	3 rd	Career-high percentage / .416 for career
Rebounding	4.1	4 th	Third highest season average / 4.9 for career
Assists	1.9	4 th	Career-high 54 assists / 136 for career

GALLOWAY ENJOYS IMPRESSIVE FRESHMAN SEASON

Freshman point guard Todd Galloway enjoyed one of the more impressive freshman seasons in Seminole men's basketball history and is one of the team's top returning players after starting only one game during the 2002-03 season. He led the Seminoles and finished 10th in the ACC in assists with a 3.3 assists per game average. He became only the third freshman in school history to lead Florida State in assists. Galloway is joined by only Delvon Arrington in 1999 and Tony William in 1982 as first-year players who led the Seminoles in assists.

Seminole's Freshman Assist Leaders

Year	Player	Assists	APG	Notes
2002-03	Todd Galloway	97	3.3	Ranked 10 th in the ACC
1998-99	Delvon Arrington	181	6.0	Ranked 3 rd in the ACC and 17 th in the nation
1981-82	Tony William	111	4.0	Led Seminoles in assists three times as a Seminole

Tim Pickett – The Head Of The Snake

Michael Joiner didn't know what to think of Tim Pickett when his new teammate first came to the Florida State campus in August.

"I didn't know anything about him," Joiner said. "But when he came in with all the other new guys, he was so eager to play. It was a surprise. I hadn't been around that in awhile."

Joiner and the Seminoles were coming off a 12-17 season in 2001-02 and adjusting to new head coach Leonard Hamilton. Not knowing what to do with Pickett or the others, Joiner took them all to a nearby high school gym to play pickup ball.

"Coach had been telling me that this kid could flat-out play," Joiner said. "He hit some tough shots over someone and, right then, I knew what type of player he was. A confident one."

ACC opponents know it, too, having watched Pickett hit many tough shots this season. Pickett, who takes an average of 15 shots including nine 3-pointers per game, has been the focal point of the FSU offense while averaging 16.8 points.

"I've had to learn that in the ACC, I'm the marked man," Pickett said. "They see me as the head of the snake. I know they'll do anything to keep me from doing things I'm comfortable with."

FSU has been searching for people other than Pickett to score points since the loss early in the season of shooting guard Andrew Wilson, who has not played since Dec. 8 because of a torn ligament in his right wrist.

Without Wilson, Pickett ended up taking more shots than even he wanted to each game.

Through Sunday, Pickett had attempted 334 shots this season, 21 more than North Carolina's Rashad McCants at 313. He had attempted 206 3-pointers, 64 more than Virginia's Todd Billet with 162.

"It felt like when Andrew got hurt there was a lull and I was trying to do too much," Pickett said. "I was taking like five or six bad shots a game. I was frustrated myself."

But Pickett has been able to ride out his own slump with teammates Todd Galloway and Anthony Richardson picking up their own games. Besides, the Daytona Beach native has led the team in ways other than scoring.

"He'll make some hustle play like a steal or a 3," FSU guard Nate Johnson said. "He's always at the right place at the right time."

Pickett leads FSU in three categories, averaging 16.8 points (5th in the ACC), 5.7 rebounds (12th) and 3.1 steals (1st). He has a chance to be the first Seminole since Bob Sura in 1993-94 to lead the team in all three categories in a season.

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GALLOWAY ON THE SEMINOLES' 3-POINT CHARTS

Freshman point guard Todd Galloway ranked fourth on the team with 23 3-point shots made – an average of nearly one made per game during the 2002-03 season. His 23 3-point shots made is the eighth highest single-season total by a freshman in school history.

Seminole Freshman From 3-Point Range

Rank	Player, Year	3-Pt. Made	Notes
1.	Tharon Mays, 1988	46	Ranked 2 nd on team/George McCloud led with 72
2.	James Collins, 1994	39	Ranked 2 nd on team/Bob Sura led with 52
3.	Bob Sura, 1992	38	Ranked 2 nd on team/Sam Cassell led with 58
4.	Geoff Brower, 1996	27	Ranked tied for 2 nd on team/James Collins led with 69
5.	Derrick Carroll, 1993	26	Ranked 3 rd on team/Bob Sura led with 73
6.	Anthony Richardson, 2002	24	Ranked 4 th on team/Delvon Arrington led with 42
	LaMarr Greer, 1995	24	Ranked 4 th on team/James Collins led with 69
8.	Todd Galloway, 2003	23	Ranked 4 th on the team/Tim Pickett led with 84

MORE NUMBERS ON TODD GALLOWAY...

...Galloway dished out four or more assists 12 times during the season and was credited with a career-high nine assists against Duke in the final regular season game of the season. He was also credited with eight assists at Virginia and seven assists at North Carolina;

...Galloway finished fifth on the team in scoring and scored in double figures nine times. His career-high of 14 points helped Florida State defeat Iowa in the ACC/Big Ten Challenge while 13 points came in the Seminoles' victory over Duke in the Civic Center;

...Galloway ranked in the top five of five different team categories: he was first in assists, second in assist to turnover ratio, fourth in 3-point field goals made, fifth in scoring and tied for fifth in steals.

JOHNSON ENJOYS STRONG YEAR RUNNING THE SEMINOLES' POINT

Junior point guard Nate Johnson finished the 2002-03 season ranked 11th in the ACC in assists with a 2.9 apg average. Florida State was 5-0 when Johnson had five or more assists during the 2003-04 season. His five-assist games came against Mercer (five, Nov. 27), Iowa (10, Dec. 2), Miami (five, Dec. 8), Georgia Tech (five, Feb. 15) and Virginia (five, March 1).

JOHNSON HOLDS ONTO THE BALL

Junior point guard Nate Johnson had six streaks of at least 36 minutes without a turnover including an incredible 113-minute stretch over four games when he did not turn the ball over to the opposition during the 2003-03 season. He had zero turnovers in seven different games including five against ACC competition. Johnson closed the season with a spectacular outing with only one turnover in 36 minutes of played against Wake Forest in the ACC Tournament.

Johnson's Non-Turnover Streaks

Rank	Minutes	Turnovers	Opponents
1.	36	0	Wake Forest, Virginia, Duke
2.	43	0	Clemson, Wake Forest
3.	44	0	Savannah State, Mercer, Iowa
4.	51	0	Davidson, Virginia Tech, Texas A&M Corpus Christi
5.	59	0	Maryland, Georgia Tech, NC State
6.	113	0	North Carolina, Maryland, Georgia Tech, NC State

JOHNSON EARNS PLAYING TIME

Junior guard Nate Johnson ranked second on the team in minutes played during the 2002-03 season with a 30.8 minutes per game average. He one of only two Seminoles (also Tim Pickett) to average more than 30 minutes played per game as a junior. Johnson played 30 or more minutes in 20 of Florida State's 29 games with a career-high of 38 minutes coming against Wake Forest in the quarterfinal round of the ACC Tournament.

JOHNSON AGAINST CLEMSON IN THE ACC TOURNAMENT

Junior guard Nate Johnson scored his career-high of 18 points in the first round of the ACC Tournament to lead the Seminoles past Clemson and into the quarterfinal round. His career-high 18 points came on a career-high five field goals made and a career-high tying four 3-point shots made. Johnson scored 13 second-half points including six on two made 3-pointers within the first three minutes of the start of the second half to help Florida State erase an eight point first half deficit as they burst out of the locker room on a 20-1 run to take the lead in the game and the 72-61 win at the final buzzer.

HARVEY CLOSES OUT SEMINOLE CAREER

Senior center Trevor Harvey, who played two years in a Seminole uniform, closed his career ranked sixth in Seminole history in field goal percentage (.576) and 12th in school history in blocked shots (60). His 60 blocked shots came in only 57 career games for a 1.1 career blocks per game average. As a senior, he finished ninth in the ACC in blocked shots with a career-high 1.2 blocked shots per game average his senior season. Harvey led the Seminoles in blocked shots (34, 1.2 bpg) and field goal shooting percentage (.590) his senior season.

Tim Pickett – The Head Of The Snake

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Pickett takes defense as seriously as the rest. He ranks third in the nation in steals and his 69 total in 23 games is the third most in the country.

"He has great instincts," Hamilton said of Pickett's defense. "It is not necessarily easy for players to get all the rules for team defense right away. So I think his best basketball and defensive basketball is ahead of him."

It is ironic that Pickett has become FSU's man in the spotlight. He was signed, sealed and all but delivered to South Carolina last spring when the Southeastern Conference blasted Pickett's hopes.

The SEC requires transfers from two-year institutions to complete at least three semesters at the school from which he will transfer.

Pickett most recently attended his final two semesters at Indian River Community College, where he set a record with 133 3-pointers.

South Carolina coach Dave Odum quickly called Hamilton about Pickett and Hamilton, who had taken over at FSU in January, quickly moved to talk to him.

Pickett's truck broke down on the way from his hometown Daytona Beach to meet Hamilton in Tallahassee but Hamilton drove to Daytona two days later. Pickett signed on Aug. 1, 2002.

In Florida State's biggest win of the year, a 75-70 decision over Duke in Tallahassee on Feb. 2, Pickett fought for shots and didn't hit many. But he still made the game-winning free throws.

Pickett missed a free throw seconds earlier. So they must have been the biggest ones he has ever hit?

"Nah," he said after the game. When he paused to rethink that answer, a smile stretched his face.

"Yeah, they were," he said with a laugh.

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Pickett Among The ACC Leaders

Steals	1 st	2.8 spg
3FG Made	2 nd	82
Free Throw Pct.	2 nd	.865
Scoring	6 th	17.1
Def. Rebounds	6 th	4.6
3 FG Pct.	11 th	.324
FG Pct.	12 th	.382
Rebounds	12 th	5.7

HARVEY AS A SENIOR

Senior center Trevor Harvey established single-season career-high in nearly every statistical category during his senior season including points per game (8.4), rebounds per game (5.1), blocks per game (1.2), steals per game (1.1) and field goal shooting percentage (.590). He was the Seminoles' starting center during his final season and finished with a career-high 26 starts in 29 games. Harvey scored in double figures a career-high 10 times and led the team in scoring three times as a senior. He finished eighth in the ACC in blocked shots, tied for 12th in offensive rebounds and 19th in rebounding during the 2002-03 season.

MATHEWS HAS CAREER GAME AGAINST DUKE

Senior center Mike Mathews scored his career-high of 18 points in his season-high of 21 minutes in the Seminoles' 2002-03 regular season finale against Duke. He made a career-high tying seven field goals as he averaged nearly one point per minute played against the Blue Devils. It marked Mathews' first double figure scoring game since Dec. 22, 2001 against American – a span of 48 games. In addition, Mathews made four free throws against Duke – the most he had made in a single game since Dec. 19, 2000 when he made seven against Cleveland State.

MATHEWS REACHES CENTURY MARK

Senior center Mike Mathews earned his 100th career blocked shot and finished his third season at Florida State with 100 career blocked shots. He became only the eighth player in school history to block 100 or more shots in a career.

Florida State's Career Blocked Shots List

Rank	Player, Years	Blked Shots	Notes
1.	Rodney Dobard, 1990-93	240	Played in three NCAA Tournaments
7.	Alton Lee Gipson, 1983-85	102	Played in the 1984 NIT Tournament
8.	Mike Mathews, 2001-Pr.	100	Has played in 86 career games
12.	Trevor Harvey, 2002-Pr.	60	Played in 57 career games

WALESKOWSKI FROM THE FIELD

Sophomore forward Adam Waleskowski shot a career-high .414 from the field during the 2002-03 season. He shot more than 10 percentage points higher from the field as a sophomore than he did as a freshman and made 503 field goals during the Seminoles' 29 games this season.

Waleskowski From The Field

Season	FGM	FGA	Pct.	Notes
2002-03	53	128	.414	Multiple field goals in 15 different games
2001-02	29	94	.309	Career-high 5 FGM vs. Maryland, Feb. 27, 2002
Improvement			+105%	Averaged a career-high 4.1 ppg in 2002-03

ADAM WALESKOWSKI...

...Made a single-season career-high four 3-point shots this season. He made two in 29 games last season. He made a single-game career-high two in Florida State's victory over Georgia Tech Feb. 15;

...Was credited with a single-season career-high 28 assists during the 2002-03 season. He had 10 assists in 29 games as a freshman. He recorded a single-game career-high three assists against both Maryland (Feb. 12) and Davidson (Dec. 30) in 2002-03.

CALLIER GETTING IT DONE AGAINST ACC COMPETITION

Freshman Benson Callier, who played in 13 of Florida State's 16 ACC games, realized a dramatic increase in his playing time since the Seminoles' conference schedule began in earnest against Maryland Jan 11. Callier scored his career-high of 13 points against North Carolina Feb. 8.

The Callier Chart

Statistic	All-Games	Non-Conference	ACC Games	Pct. vs. ACC
Games Played	19	8	11	.579
Minutes Played	111	40	71	.640
Points	33	8	25	.756
Rebounds	26	8	16	.667
Field Goals Made	11	2	9	.818
3 Field Goals Made	5	0	5	1.000
Assists	3	0	3	1.000

**Anthony Richardson
Big Hops and Big Dreams**

He can easily be labeled the most exciting player on the Florida State men's basketball team. His explosive moves to the basket and thunderous dunks are enough to take over the momentum of a game and bring Seminole fans to their feet.

It is a label he has grown to accept, along with the responsibilities of being a marquee player.

Anthony Richardson is in his sophomore season as a forward on a revitalized Florida State men's basketball team. His 6-7 stature and 190-pound physique make for a powerful combination of athleticism and finesse.

Richardson gave his hometown fans of Raleigh, N.C. a reason to cheer throughout his high school career at Leesville Road High School as he was named the only player out of North Carolina to play in the prestigious McDonald's All-America basketball game his senior season. That honor, he says, is the biggest accomplishment of his basketball career to this day. He was rated the No. 1 prospect in the state of North Carolina by recruiting guru Bob Gibbons, and has since continued to prove his worth in the college ranks. He credits the experience of being a McDonald's All-American in helping him get ready for the business aspect of sports that is bound to engulf him in years to come on his intended path to the next level.

"It really prepared me because it put me right in the spotlight," said Richardson. "As a high school player, it really doesn't get any better than that. It really helped me learn to deal with the media, all the questions and all the cameras."

Richardson capped off his freshman season with the Seminoles ranking in the top five of four different statistical categories including blocked shots, assist, three-point field goals made, and steals. He put up these numbers coming off the bench and averaging only 17.6 minutes per game.

One can just imagine the impact he will make with more playing time on a team with a new coach, Leonard Hamilton, and a new game plan that stresses team unity and defensive intensity. Right now their goals are simple.

"Everything has been real team orientated, just trying to get better everyday as a team. We want to be able to reach our potential this year." The roles of the players on this team might be different from game to game in an effort to provide the team with the best opportunity to win games.

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WILSON INJURES WRIST; MISSES MOST OF SEASON

Andrew Wilson missed all but five games of the 2002-03 season after he tore the scapho-lunate ligament in his right (shooting hand) wrist during the first half of Florida State's Dec. 8 victory over Miami. An MRI was done Dec. 9. Wilson had successful surgery Dec. 12 at the Tallahassee Outpatient Surgery Center and had his wrist placed in a cast. His cast was removed Feb. 7 and he is currently undergoing rehabilitation. Dr. Christian Berg and Dr. William Thompson of the Tallahassee Orthopedic Center performed the outpatient surgery on Friday, Dec. 12, which lasted about one hour. Thompson is the orthopedic surgeon for the Florida State men's and women's basketball teams. Berg, a wrist specialist, is also a partner at TOC. Thompson said Wilson will be in a cast after surgery for three to six weeks and will require up to four weeks of rehabilitation following the removal of the cast. Wilson missed all but seven minutes of the 2001-02 season when he was injured in the season opener against Florida.

PICKETT EARNS TEAM-HIGH FOUR AWARDS AT MEN'S BASKETBALL BANQUET

Florida State University guard Tim Pickett, who earned All-ACC second-team honors during the 2002-03 season, earned four awards and was the big winner at the Seminoles' annual men's basketball banquet hosted by head coach Leonard Hamilton. Pickett earned the Bob Sura Outstanding Offensive Player, the Charlie Ward Outstanding Defensive Player and the Dave Cowens Chairman of the Boards Award as well as the team award for the highest free throw percentage. Senior Trevor Harvey and freshman Todd Galloway took home three awards each and nine other players earned one each at the event held at the University Center Club on the FSU campus. Pickett enjoyed an outstanding season as he led the Seminoles in 11 statistical categories including scoring (17.1 ppg), rebounding (5.7 rpg) and steals (2.8 spg). Pickett ranked sixth in the ACC in scoring and scored in double figures in 26 of Florida State's 29 games. He ranked 12th in the ACC in rebounding and became only the fourth Seminole player to lead the ACC in an individual statistical category as he led the league in steals. Pickett also ranked second in the ACC in free throw percentage with a .865 mark. His .865 free throw mark is the fifth highest single-season mark in school history.

Seminole Award Winners At 2003 Men's Basketball Banquet

Player	Award
Orenn Fells	First Year Academic Achievement Award
Todd Galloway	3-Point Field Goal Percentage Award Otto Petty Assist Award Sixth Man Award
Trevor Harvey	Most Improved Academic Achievement Award Field Goal Percentage Award
Marcell Haywood	Outstanding Academic Achievement Award
Nate Johnson	Unsung Hero Award
Michael Joiner	Community Service Award
Tim Pickett	Free Throw Percentage Award Dave Cowens Chairman of the Boards Award Bob Sura Outstanding Offensive Player Award Charlie Ward Outstanding Defensive Player Award
Anthony Richardson	Most Improved Player Award
Adam Waleskowski	Community Service Award

HAMILTON NAMED AS ONE OF CITY'S TOP 33 BY TALLAHASSEE DEMOCRAT

First-year Florida State men's basketball coach Leonard Hamilton was named as one of the top 33 people, places and events that impacted Tallahassee in 2002 by the Tallahassee Democrat. A local selection committee decided that Coach Hamilton belonged on Tallahassee's list of influential people due to his positive impact on the Florida State basketball team and widespread acceptance by the Tallahassee community. Hamilton was ranked as the sixth most influential person in the city by the committee. Hamilton was named as the sixth most influential person in the city on a list that also included Tallahassee Police Sergeant Dale Green, who was killed in the line of duty late last year. Other notables were Sandy D'Alemberte, retired president of Florida State University, Fred Gainous, current President of Florida A&M University, Scott Maddox, chairman of the Florida Democratic Party, Bobby Bowden, the Seminoles' head football coach and former Florida State football player Todd Williams.

**Lead, Follow, or Get Out of the Way:
There's No Stopping Nate Johnson**

The first two years of Nate Johnson's college career were spent at the junior college level fine-tuning his skills and traveling long hours on buses to and from games, wondering if he would ever get the chance to play at the Division I level. With one pair of shoes, limited practice gear, and only one uniform to carry him through the entire season, Johnson learned quickly that you can't take things for granted at the JUCO level.

Johnson has stopped wondering about playing on the Division I level and is prospering as the Seminoles' starting point guard this season.

Johnson has had an immediate impact on a Florida State basketball team under new head coach Leonard Hamilton.

Johnson is averaging 4.5 points and 2.9 rebounds and has started each of the Seminoles' 26 games. He is among the ACC leaders in assists and assist:turnover ratio.

The Seminoles are 13-13 heading into the final regular season game of the season against Duke and are playing with an extreme amount of confidence.

Johnson arrived in Tallahassee having to replace some mighty big shoes – namely those of the all-time assists leader in Florida State basketball history - Delvon Arrington. Ironically, both players wore the same No. 10, but Johnson feels no pressure coming in and leading the Seminoles to greatness.

"Delvon Arrington was here for five years and he played his game," said Johnson. "I am here just trying to be myself and to play my own game. I want to come in and be the best player I can be to help this team be victorious and get back to its winning ways."

In his first season, Johnson has strived to become a better leader and player on the court for the Seminoles. With a young squad, he knows the importance of getting everyone on the team involved in the system immediately.

By constantly pushing himself and encouraging his teammates in practice day after day, Johnson hopes to once again establish Florida State as a basketball powerhouse in the Atlantic Coast Conference.

"It is so important for each and every one of us to come out everyday and give 110 percent," said Johnson. "I want to be there for my teammates both on and off the court like I know they will be there for me."

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ACADEMIC AWARDS AT THE SEMINOLES ANNUAL YEAR-END BANQUET

Junior Orenn Fells earned the first-year players' academic award at the Seminoles annual year-end banquet. Fells, a transfer from Abraham Baldwin Junior College, is majoring in Sport Management. Fells had a 3.4 GPA in the fall semester. Senior Trevor Harvey earned the most improved academic achievement award at the Seminoles' annual year-end banquet. He is majoring in social sciences with emphasis in sociology and earned a 3.5 GPA last summer. His GPA went from a 2.5 last spring to a 3.5 during the summer. Harvey also won the Golden Nole for men's basketball at this year's Golden Nole Banquet. The award is given for academic excellence and outstanding contributions to community service. Marcell Haywood earned the award for Outstanding Academic Achievement at the Seminoles annual year-end banquet. He earned his undergraduate degree in information studies last April and played this past season as a graduate student. Haywood is working on his master's degree in studies and should receive that at the end of the second summer session. Including four men's basketball players, 42 percent of the Seminoles' student-athlete population were named to the ACC Honor Roll following the fall 2002 semester. Florida State was only two student-athletes away from leading the ACC.

SEMINOLE SUCCESS IN THE CLASSROOM DURING THE SPRING 2003 SEMESTER...

...Two players - forward Mike Mathews and guard Will Wightman were named to the Dean's List. It marked the first time both players have earned Dean's List honors;

...The men's basketball team finished the spring semester with the second highest grade point average among the men's athletic teams at Florida State. The Seminoles finished behind only the men's golf team;

...A total of four players earned grade point averages of 3.3 or higher during the spring semester. Mathews and Wightman were joined by junior Orenn Fells and graduate student Marcell Haywood;

...Six players - Mathews, Wightman, freshman Todd Galloway, Fells, Andrew Wilson and Haywood have been nominated for the ACC Honor Roll. It marks the highest number of Seminole men's basketball players named to the ACC Honor Roll since Florida State joined the ACC in 1991;

...Eight players - Freshmen Benson Callier and Al Thornton along with Mathews, Wightman, Galloway, Fells, Wilson, Haywood all earned grade point averages of 2.7 or better during the spring semester;

...Led by Anthony Richardson and Fells, four Seminoles recorded grade point averages of 3.0 or better during the fall 2002 semester. Richardson has earned a 3.0 or better grade point average in two of the last four full semesters;

...Hamilton's players graduated at a 90.3 rate during his tenure at Miami.