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**2013-14 MEN'S BASKETBALL**

# MEDIA INFORMATION

**Welcome to Florida State University. Head Coach Leonard Hamilton, his staff and players welcome your interest and hope you enjoy your visit to Tallahassee, the capital city of the Sunshine State.**

## COVERING THE 2013-14 SEMINOLES

The 2013-14 Florida State basketball almanac has been produced to assist the media in the coverage of the Seminole men's basketball team. Additional information, including press releases, game notes, photographs, Photo CDs, video footage and recent news clips are available upon request to all members of the media. Any questions not covered in this publication may be directed to the Sports Information Office.

## Before Your Visit

Credentials for Florida State home games are issued to accredited members of the media only. Working space along press row at the Tucker Center is limited and seats are expressly reserved to those working on deadline, with no exceptions. Children and other non-workers are not allowed in the press area. Requests for credentials should be made to Chuck Walsh, Deputy Director of Sports Information. If it is convenient to FAX your request, you are welcome to do so. The FAX number in the Sports Information office is (850) 644-3820. If you would rather e-mail your request, please do so. The e-mail address is [cwalsh@fsu.edu](mailto:cwalsh@fsu.edu). These requests are accepted from sports editors and sports directors only. Credential requests are carefully screened to insure proper working conditions in the press area. When time permits, a working press pass and a parking pass will be mailed. When mailing is not possible, they will be left at the Media Will Call entrance near the bottom level at the Elephant Doors located in the southwest corner of the Tucker Center. The Media Will Call is located near the television trucks and directly opposite the Florida State Basketball Training Center. Media Will Call is located at this entrance and is open 90 minutes prior to tip-off.

## Procedures

All media who wish to cover Florida State athletics will be expected to comply with all of the procedures of Florida State University, The NCAA, The ACC and the FSU Sports Information Office in order to be credentialed.

## Photography Credentials

Photographers, too, should make their credential requests at least one week in advance. Strobe lights may be installed in the Tucker Center; arrangements must be made through the Tucker Center at least two weeks prior to gameday. Space for strobe lights is available on a first come, first served basis. Arrangements may be made by calling Roger Englert at (850) 487-1691. The NCAA has an established policy to control congestion within photography areas on the basketball court. Only photographers on assignment will be issued photo passes along with members of the working television media. Admission to the court and photo baseline is by photo pass only. Photographers, both still and electronic, must

shoot from the baselines at the Northeast (visiting bench) or Southeast (Florida State bench) corners of the court.

Photographer's floor access is governed by Atlantic Coast Conference and NCAA policy. Please note, only game photographers, no runners, assistants, or producers will have access to the photography areas. Photographer positions are at the complete discretion of the basketball game officials and the Sports Information office at ALL TIMES.

## Photographers

Florida State reserves the right to admit only those photographers deemed to be on the premises for legitimate media purposes. All photographers working Florida State games should be prepared to show a media ID card and equipment designed to photograph major college basketball. Still photographers will have access to the court only. Any secondary or commercial use of any picture taken by the accredited organization or photographer to whom the credential has been issued (including, but not limited to delayed editorial, advertising sales promotion or merchandise) is prohibited without prior specific, written approval of Florida State University.

## Video Services

Florida State's Sports Information Office has the ability to assist networks and television stations by providing video services through Seminole Productions, Inc. (SPI). Please call general manager Mark Rodin at (850) 644-6275 to arrange for the services.

## Social Media

The Florida State Sports Information Office is making an effort in 2013-14 to utilize social media as another way of passing information to our fans and those who cover our programs. Media can utilize twitter by following [@chuckwalshfsu](https://twitter.com/chuckwalshfsu). Fan feeds for the department of athletics ([@seminoles\\_com](https://twitter.com/seminoles_com)) and the basketball program ([@FSU\\_basketball](https://twitter.com/FSU_basketball)) are available as well. Our Facebook home is located at <http://www.facebook.com/fsuseminoles>.

## Parking

Parking for media covering the Seminoles at the Tucker Center is available on a very limited basis. The media parking lot is located in the main Tucker Center parking lot. Access is via media parking pass only. Vehicles should enter the Tucker Center lot from Pensacola Street. They will then be directed to the appropriate area. Please contact the Sports Information in plenty of time to request a parking pass to be mailed or left at your hotel.

## Media Services

Weekly Interview Schedule: The Sports Information office will, in conjunction with head coach Leonard

Hamilton, establish a weekly interview schedule throughout the 2013-14 season. The schedule, which will vary in accordance with the Seminoles' practice and game schedule, is established to assist the media in their coverage of the Seminoles. The interviews will take place in the Florida State Basketball Training Center and will provide the media with an opportunity to speak with Coach Hamilton as well as various Seminole players. All interview requests must be made in advance and must be made with at least a 24 hour notice. Player's individual phone numbers will not be given to the media and game day interviews will not be granted until the end of each game. Players will return phone calls at a mutually convenient day and time. Media requests for specific players to be made available should be made to Deputy Director of Sports Information Chuck Walsh.

## ACC Coaches' Teleconference

Media members wishing to speak with Head Coach Leonard Hamilton are encouraged to call the Atlantic Coast Conference's weekly coaches' teleconference. Each of the 15 ACC coaches will be featured each Monday from 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. beginning January 6 and concluding March 10. Each coach will be available for comments and the field questions for 10 minutes beginning with Brad Brownell of Clemson and concluding with Mark Turgeon of Maryland. Florida State's Leonard Hamilton is available from 11:30 a.m. - 11:40 a.m. (11:20 a.m.-11:30 a.m. on Jan. 13). The weekly press conference can be accessed by calling (913) 312-0641.

## ACC Basketball Coaches Teleconference

Brad Brownell, Clemson	10:30 a.m.
Brian Gregory, Georgia Tech	10:40 a.m.
James Johnson, Virginia Tech	10:50 a.m.
Jeff Bzdelik, Wake Forest	11:00 a.m.
Steve Donahue, Boston College	11:10 a.m.
Jim Larranaga, Miami	11:20 a.m.
Leonard Hamilton, Florida State	11:30 a.m.
	(Jan. 6; 11:20 a.m.)
Mike Krzyzewski, Duke	11:40 a.m.
Mark Gottfried, NC State	11:50 a.m.
Mike Brey, Notre Dame	12:00 p.m.
Roy Williams, North Carolina	12:10 p.m.
Jamie Dixon, Pittsburgh	12:20 p.m.
Jim Boeheim, Syracuse	12:30 p.m.
Tony Bennett, Virginia	12:40 p.m.
Mark Turgeon, Maryland	12:50 p.m.

## Covering Practice

Florida State practices are generally closed. However, a select number of practices will be open to the media. Please contact Chuck Walsh for a schedule of open practices.

## Website: [www.seminoles.com](http://www.seminoles.com)

All of Florida State's news releases and statistics, as well as other information pertaining to the athletic department may be accessed via the World Wide Web at [www.seminoles.com](http://www.seminoles.com).

## XOS Digital Exchange

The Florida State Sports Information Office has partnered with XOS Digital in order to provide over-the-air television stations with instantaneous access to video content. The partnership involves the use of



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the company's Digital Media Xchange Server that will allow television stations to pull down video content year round. The data transfer is much faster than a traditional FTP service allowing very large files to be downloaded in just minutes. The password protected video FTP site will host weekly interviews and video from home game. Please contact Chuck Walsh (cwalsh@fsu.edu) if you are interested in creating an account that gives you access to video clips.

## Tap Stats

Florida State has joined with TapStats to release an app that will allow Apple users to follow live stats directly from the scoring computer for home Florida State basketball games. The app is \$4.99 and is available for use on the iPad and iPhone. To download the app go to the iTunes Store and search TapStatsFSU.

## GAME DAY SERVICES

### Media Room

The media room at the Tucker Center is located beneath the west side of the arena in Meeting Room B.

### Phones

A limited number of phones are available in the Tucker Center press room (calling card or reversed charges required). Members of the media may order their own phone lines for the media room or at courtside through Sprint of Tallahassee. Call Sprint at (866) 366-2500 to arrange for service.

### Visiting Radio

Phone lines are reversed for both the Florida State and visiting radio network on the court level of press row. The broadcast rights to the game are granted to visiting radio stations on a reciprocal basis. Phone lines are available through an ACC agreement. Please contact Chuck Walsh of the Sports Information Office for the details.

### Press Meals

A buffet dinner is available in the Seminole Spirit Room to members of the media with a meal ticket attached to their credential. Television crews may be provided with meal tickets to accommodate talent and producers. Any catering needs for television crews should be addressed to Roger Englert of the Tucker Center (850) 487-1691.

### Postgame Press Conference

Postgame interviews with the respective head coaches are held in the media room (Meeting Room B) at the conclusion of the game. The head coach of the visiting team will be brought to the interview room immediately after the game. He will be followed by Seminole head coach Leonard Hamilton. The Florida State locker room is open to credentialed media for a brief period after Coach Hamilton concludes his comments to the team. This is in accordance with ACC rules. The visiting team's locker room access policy is determined by officials of that school. On the road, the Florida State players will be available in the locker room after Coach Hamilton concludes his remarks to the team and has left for the interview room. No live television shots, except those by the network televising the game live, will be allowed until after Coach Hamilton and the players

have fulfilled their usual postgame interview responsibilities.

### Postgame Statistics

Statistical packets, including running play-by-play, first half and final box scores and postgame quotes, are compiled and available to the media at press row and in the press room following each game.

### BASKETBALL HISTORY

<b>First Year of Basketball</b>	1948
<b>All-Time Record</b>	1,079-766 (.588)
<b>Years in NCAA Tournament</b>	14
<b>All-Time NCAA Postseason Record</b>	15-14 (.517)
<b>Years in NIT Tournament</b>	8
<b>All-Time NIT Postseason Record</b>	10-8 (.556)
<b>Last NCAA Appearance</b>	2012/Round of 32
<b>Opponent/Result</b>	Florida State def. Saint Bonaventure, 66-63
	Cincinnati def. Florida State, 62-56
<b>Last NIT Appearance</b>	2008/First Round
<b>Opponent/Result</b>	Akron Def. Florida State, 65-60 (OT)

### BASKETBALL COACHING STAFF

<b>Head Coach/Alma Mater/Year</b>	Leonard Hamilton/Tennessee Martin/1971
<b>Record at School/Years</b>	197-143 (.579)/12 Years
<b>Career Record/Years</b>	397-353 (.529)/26 Years
<b>Basketball Office Phone</b>	(850) 644-1461
<b>Best Time To Reach Coach</b>	Through Sports Information
<b>Associate Head Coach</b>	Stan Jones/Memphis/1984
<b>Assistant Coach</b>	Dennis Gates/Cal/2002
<b>Assistant Coach</b>	Charlton Young/Georgia Southern/1993
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<b>Coaches' Secretary</b>	Nell Belue
<b>Basketball Trainer</b>	Sam Lunt
<b>Strength Coach</b>	Mike Bradley
<b>Video Coordinator</b>	Kyle Cregan
<b>Basketball Equipment Manager</b>	Erick Casto

### TEAM INFORMATION

<b>2012-13 Overall Record</b>	18-16
<b>2012-13 Conference Record/Place</b>	9-9/6th
<b>2012-13 Overall Record: Home/Away/Neutral</b>	10-8/4-7/4-1
<b>2012-13 Conference Record: Home/Away</b>	6-3/3-6/0-0
<b>Letterwinners Returning/Lost:</b>	4/1
<b>Starters Returning/Lost:</b>	9/5

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# SEASON PREVIEW



After winning the 2012 Atlantic Coast Conference championship and appearing in four of the last five NCAA Tournaments, the Florida State men's basketball team is out to prove that last season was simply an anomaly and not the norm in Tallahassee. The Seminoles have cemented themselves as the third winningest program in the ACC in the last eight seasons and enter the brand new ACC -- with the additions of national powers Notre Dame, Pitt and Syracuse -- looking to continue their tradition of success under Head Coach Leonard Hamilton.

That tradition includes competing for the ACC Championship, finishing in the upper division of the conference standings, deep runs in the ACC Tournament, annual appearances in the NCAA Tournament and the reputation as one of the nation's top defensive teams. The Seminoles have earned their place among the ACC's elite teams and enter the 2013-14 season intent on continuing that success in both the ACC and national championship races.

"The ACC is the best conference in the history of college basketball," said Hamilton. "We intend to be among the teams competing for the ACC Championship and earning a spot in the NCAA Tournament once again this season."

Florida State's nucleus of Ian Miller, All-American and All-ACC candidate Okaro White, Devon Bookert, Aaron Thomas, Montay Brandon and a trio of seven-footers are one of the most experienced teams in the ACC with nearly 400 combined games played including 19 in the NCAA and NIT tournaments. Miller and White were starters on Florida State's 2012 ACC Championship team and have not forgotten what it takes to win championships.

"As seniors, we know what it takes to win championships," said Miller. "Okaro and I know the work and dedication it took from every player on our team to win the ACC championship when we were sophomores and we have worked hard to install that work ethic in our younger players. They have all responded in a very positive manner and that has all of us excited."

Miller knows it's not just the players on the roster who believe in the two senior leaders.

"Our coaches believe in us and now it's just time for us to take it upon ourselves to step up and lead this team," Miller said.

White is one of the top players in the ACC and certainly one of the most athletic in all of America and enters his final year in Tallahassee with the opportunity to expand his on-court repertoire. As the Seminoles' leading returning scorer (12.4 ppg as a junior) White will earn increased opportunities on the wing as a small forward. It's on the outside where White will provide a spark that the Seminoles' lost when three-time All-ACC selection Michael Snaer graduated.

"I must say that I was very pleasantly surprised that Okaro is a lot further along when you put him on the perimeter -- offensively and

defensively," said Hamilton. "His ball handling has gotten so much better."

White and Miller became Seminoles together in 2010 and have the opportunity to leave Florida State as members of the winningest senior class in school history.

Opponents may be surprised by what they see out of Miller -- and more than anything, that surprise may come from his physical change.

Miller has slimmed down and worked on being better conditioned in preparation for his final season as a Seminole. In addition to being built a little different, he's also healthy -- something he wasn't last season when he missed six games and quite a bit of valuable practice time.

"I feel good and I know the coaches are pleased with the progress I have made," Miller said. "It's just a blessing to be back and I want to make the most of my last year."

Miller will be counted on to be one of the Seminoles' consistent scorers and will be a primary ball handler behind Bookert, who is coming off a breakout freshman season in which the 6-foot-3, 185-pounder seized control of the Seminoles' starting point guard position in mid-February and never looked back.

Bookert's ability to hit 3-pointers -- he shot 52.5 percent from long range as a rookie -- gives the Seminoles a legitimate playmaker in the backcourt. As his game continues to evolve and he becomes more improved at facilitating the basketball, he'll not only have Miller and White to look for but he also has Thomas and Brandon, who are both rising sophomores with tremendous upsides and ability at the shooting guard position.

"Once Devon became healthy by the mid-point of the ACC schedule last season, he displayed his potential and showed the rest of the league what he could do," said Hamilton. "It's not often that a freshman comes into this league and is a star right away. We are confident that Devon is going to continue to improve and lead our team from the point guard position. " Thomas, who may be the Seminoles' toughest player, displayed the overwhelming promise that he will be an impact player throughout his career as he constantly showed the skills and desire to develop into an outstanding basketball player during his freshman season. Thomas is one of four returning starters who started 12 games as a freshman as he seized every opportunity presented to him during his freshman season.

Thomas finished fifth on the team in scoring and rebounding as a freshman -- and will be expected to earn increased statistics if the Seminoles are to reach their postseason goals.

"Aaron Thomas is such a talented player," said Hamilton. "So talented that we barely saw anything that he really can do and how

important he is to this team. He has worked hard in the gym and we feel that he is in for a breakout season as a sophomore." Brandon, who started 22 games as a freshman, is another player who was at his best at the end of the 2013 season. His extensive playing time as a freshman has made him a very valuable player for the Seminoles. Brandon's size (6-7) and diverse abilities creates match-up problems in the Seminoles' favor on both the offensive and defensive ends of the court.

"Montay learned so much during his freshman season because that's the type of player he is," said Hamilton. "He played well for us and has an incredible desire to play even better during the remainder of his career."

With White as the anchor in the frontcourt, Florida State will have the luxury of utilizing him at both small and strong forward positions because of the athleticism and maturation of rising senior Robert Gilchrist and the anticipated quick maturation of true freshman Jarquez Smith.

While Gilchrist used last season to grow and learn within the system as a junior-college transfer, Smith comes to FSU as an underrated but supremely talented youngster.

"Robert is such a good athlete and he runs the floor so well and he has a good standing jump shot," Hamilton said. "Robert gives us a lot by just running the floor and sucking the defense in and can help open outside shots. The fact that he's an inside player with a pretty good jump shot kind of stretches the floor a little bit, which gives us an opportunity."

Says Hamilton of Smith who averaged a near triple double (points, rebounds and blocked shots) as a senior in high school: "I think you'll be plenty surprised."

Two players -- Brandon Allen and Joell Hopkins -- will both add depth to the roster at the forward position. Allen was an All-State Third-Team selection in the state of Florida as a senior in high school while Hopkins is in his second season with the Seminoles after playing one year at Tallahassee Community College.

Down low, Florida State boasts one of the most impressive three-man center rotations in all of college basketball with Michael Ojo (7-foot-1), Boris Bojanovsky (7-foot-3) and Kiel Turpin (7-0) who all play above the rim.

"I must say that all three of our big guys are making tremendous improvements, said Hamilton. "Kiel Turpin has made a tremendous improvement in his aggressiveness and toughness and understanding now so he's calling for the ball. Ojo has gotten to the point now of having a clear understanding of what we need from him. Even when he's not scoring, he's creating opportunities because he's locking people up with his body and Boris has really good moments so I am pleased with our center position."





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Turpin is the most experienced of the Seminoles' big men after playing in all 34 games and earning 25 starts. He is an outstanding pick and pop shooter and has a very soft touch on his perimeter shots and is one of the top shot blockers in the ACC. Turpin ranked eighth in the ACC in blocked shots as a junior and blocked a season high four shots in wins over Clemson and Wake Forest. In addition to leading the Seminoles in blocked shots, he was among the Seminoles' leaders in scoring and rebounding.

Ojo has developed into an integral piece of Florida State's game plan with his continued improvement each time he steps onto the court. He has improved as much as any player ever has under Seminoles head coach Leonard Hamilton and his continued development is crucial to the overall success of the Florida State program.

Ojo played in 27 games and earned nine starting assignments as a freshman and his playing time is expected to increase during his sophomore season.

Bojanovsky is destined to become one of the all-time great shot blockers and defenders in the history of the Seminole program. He enjoyed his first season playing in the United States as a freshman at Florida State during the 2012-13 season and made quite an impact on the Seminoles' roster as he finished third on the team in blocked shots with 25 and sixth on the team in rebounds despite averaging just over 11 minutes played.

Bojanovsky's biggest improvement has come in the transformation of his body as he added nearly 20 pounds of pure muscle and is working to add another 20-25 pounds during the 2013-14 season. His added weight will allow him to be more competitive under the basket and increase both his blocked shots and rebound totals.

"We have a lot of pieces in place – a lot of experienced pieces in place – that will allow us a great deal of flexibility when it comes to line-up combinations," said Hamilton. "Our experience is going to help us with the teams we are going to play and the level of competition we are going to face in each game we play."

Hamilton enters the 2013-14 season knowing he has a very talented group of players who have the ability as a team to take the Seminoles back to the NCAA Tournament for the fifth time since 2009. The Seminoles' preseason trip to Greece and their renewed enthusiasm and desire to reclaim their position among the elite teams in college basketball have their 12-year head coach excited about the upcoming season.

"We have an exciting group of players who all bring different components to the court," said Hamilton. "They are a very cohesive group of players who have developed a strong sense of chemistry with one

another. That chemistry coupled with their talent and experience has me looking forward to the season."

## SEMINOLE SENIORS LOOK TO PLAY IN THIRD NCAA TOURN.

Florida State's senior class -- Okaro White, Ian Miller, Kiel Turpin and Robert Gilchrist -- enters the 2013-14 season looking to lead their team back to the NCAA Tournament -- an event the Seminoles have played in during four of the last five seasons. White and Miller, a pair of fourth-year Seminoles, along with Turpin and Gilchrist, two junior college transfers, have all played in the postseason and will look to close their careers in the NCAA Tournament. Florida State played in a school record four consecutive NCAA Tournaments (2009-2012) and won the ACC Championship in 2012 before playing in the NIT in 2013. White and Miller lead an experienced group of nine veterans into the season as Florida State looks to continue its standing as the third winningest program in the ACC since the start of the 2005-06 season.

## SEMINOLES TO PLAY IN BRAND NEW ACC IN 2014

Called by many the best conference in the history of college basketball, Florida State will play in the new look ACC with the additions of perennial national powers Notre Dame, Pitt and Syracuse to their already incredibly tough conference schedule. The Seminoles will face each of the 14 teams in the ACC at least once and will play two games each against NCAA Tournament participant Miami, NIT participants Maryland and Virginia along with Clemson in home-and-home series against those four teams. The additions of Notre Dame, Pitt and Syracuse to the league beginning with the upcoming 2013-14 season has made the ACC arguably the best college basketball conference in the nation. The Seminoles will now face the No. 3 (North Carolina), No. 4 (Duke) and No. 5 (Syracuse) winningest programs of all time annual basis. Defending national champion Louisville will join the ACC next year and be on Florida State's schedule for the 2014-15 season.

## WHITE LEADS RETURNING SEMINOLES

All-American candidate Okaro White, the only Seminole to start all 34 games for the 2012-13 season, is Florida State's leading returner in five different statistical categories including scoring, field goals made, rebounding, steals and minutes played. White led the Seminoles in both rebounding (201 rebounds / 5.4 rpg) and steals (33 steals) for the 2012-13 season. He finished in the top 20 in the 2013 ACC statistics in rebounding. Senior Kiel Turpin, Florida State's leading returning shot blocker with 43 blocks in 2013, finished in eighth place in the blocked shots category and is the fourth leading returning shot blocker in the ACC for the 2013-14 season. Sophomore Boris Bojanovsky, the Seminoles' third leading shot blocker during the 2013 season, ranked fifth among freshmen in the ACC in shots blocked last season with 25 blocks in 33 games played

## What The Seminoles Return For the 2013-14 Season

Category	Returning	Percentage	FSU Leader	Notes
FG Made	510 of 780	.654	Okaro White	4 of top 5 shooters return
Scoring	1,466 of 2,278	.644	Okaro White	4 of top 5 scorers return
Minutes	4,770 of 6,799	.702	Okaro White	4 of top 5 MP returns
Steals	137 of 210	.652	Okaro White	3 of top 5 stealers return
Assists	295 of 385	.766	Devon Bookert	4 of top 5 assists men return
Rebounding	668 of 1,052	.635	Okaro White	3 of top 5 rebounders return
Blocked Shots	142 of 172	.826	Kiel Turpin	3 of top 5 blockers return

## WHITE LEADS VETERAN GROUP OF SEMINOLES

All-American candidate Okaro White, who has played in a team high 103 career games, started 59 of the last 103 Seminoles game and has started a team high 59 games entering the 2013-14 season. The Seminoles' nine returning letter winners have played in a total of 398 games with a total of 106 career starting assignments spread out among three players -- White (59), Kiel Turpin (25) and Montay Brandon (22). The Seminoles are 66-37 overall (.641 winning percentage), 32-18 in the ACC (.640 winning percentage) and have played in two consecutive NCAA Tournaments with its current group of true senior veterans on the roster.

## Florida State's Games Played Chart

Player	GP	GS	Notes
Okaro White	103	59	Started all 34 games in 2012-13/ Started 12 games in 11-12
Ian Miller	75	5	Has played in five career NCAA Tournament games
Kiel Turpin	34	25	Played in 34 games as a redshirt Junior/Started 25 games in 2012-13
Aaron Thomas	34	12	Played in 34 games as a freshman / Started 12 games in 2012-13
Devon Bookert	34	11	Played in 34 games as a freshman / Started 11 games in 2012-13
Montay Brandon	33	22	Started in 22 games as a freshman / 19 of 20 ACC games
Boris Bojanovsky	33	0	Played in 33 games as a freshman / 19 of 20 ACC games
Michael Ojo	27	9	Played in 27 games as a freshman / 18 of 20 ACC games
Robert Gilchrist	25	0	Played in 25 games as a freshman/ 17 of 20 ACC games
Totals	398	143	19 combined postseason games experience (NCAA & NIT)

## HAMILTON EARNS CONTRACT EXTENSION

Leonard Hamilton, who led Florida State to the 2012 ACC Championship and cemented the Seminoles as the third winningest program in the ACC since the start of the 2005-06 season, has earned a contract extension that will keep him as the Seminoles' head basketball coach through the 2016-17 season. "I am extremely thankful to President Eric Barron and our administration for allowing us to continue to build upon the foundation that we have worked so hard to put into place in my first 11 years at Florida State," said Hamilton. "We are excited for our university and our basketball program as we enter a new era in the Atlantic Coast Conference which is now the best league in the history of college basketball." Hamilton, the two-time ACC Coach of the Year (2009 and 2012), has led Florida State to new heights since being named the Seminoles' head coach on March 19, 2002. "We are excited to have Coach Hamilton continue to lead our basketball program at Florida State through the 2016-17 season," said Barron. "Coach Hamilton has led this program to unprecedented success including the first ACC Championship in school history and eight straight postseason appearances. He is the second-longest tenured coach in the conference and under his leadership FSU is in excellent position entering the new ACC, which is the strongest basketball conference in the nation."







# SEASON PREVIEW

## FLORIDA STATE'S WIN TOTAL IN THE LAST EIGHT YEARS

Florida State is the third winningest program in the ACC in the last eight years (since the start of the 2005-06 season) in total games played with 174 wins. The Seminoles average 21.8 wins per season with records of 20-10 (2005-06), 22-13 (2006-07), 19-15 (2007-08), 25-10 (2008-09), 22-10 (2009-10), 23-11 (2010-11), 25-10 (2011-12) and 18-16 (2012-13).

## ACC Standings Since The 2005-06 Season (Through 2012-13 Season)

Team	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	Totals
Duke	32-4	22-11	28-6	30-7	29-5	32-5	27-7	30-6	230-51
North Carolina	23-8	31-7	36-3	34-4	16-16	29-8	32-6	25-22	226-63
Florida State	20-10	22-13	19-15	25-10	22-10	23-11	25-10	18-16	174-95
Maryland	19-13	25-9	19-15	21-14	23-8	19-14	17-15	25-15	168-101
Clemson	18-16	25-11	24-10	23-9	21-10	22-12	16-15	13-18	162-101
Miami	18-16	12-20	23-11	19-13	20-13	21-15	20-13	29-7	162-109
NC State	22-10	20-16	15-16	16-14	19-15	15-16	24-13	24-11	155-111
Virginia Tech	14-16	22-12	21-14	19-15	23-8	22-12	16-17	13-19	152-111
Virginia	15-15	21-11	17-16	10-18	15-16	16-15	22-10	23-12	139-113
Boston College	23-8	21-12	14-17	22-12	15-16	21-13	9-22	16-17	138-117
Wake Forest	17-17	15-16	17-13	24-7	19-10	8-24	13-18	13-18	126-123
Georgia Tech	11-17	20-12	15-17	12-19	22-12	13-18	11-20	16-15	120-130

## FLORIDA STATE IN ACC PLAY IN THE LAST FIVE SEASONS

In the last five seasons, Florida State is 52-30 (.634 winning percentage) and has finished in third place in the league standings three times in regular season ACC play. The Seminoles average 10.4 ACC regular season wins per season and have finished in the top four of the ACC standings four times in the last five seasons. Florida State is third in the ACC in conference wins with 52, third in winning percentage at .634 and tied for second (with North Carolina) with four top-four league standing finishes in the last five seasons.

## Average ACC Regular Season Wins / Average Place In ACC Standings in Last Five Seasons

Team	Won	Lost	Pct.	Avg. Finish	Highest Finish / Lowest Finish
Duke	64	18	.780	1.8	1 (2010) / 2 (2009, 2011, 2012, 2013)
North Carolina	58	24	.707	3.0	1 (2009, 2011, 2012) / 9 (2010)
Florida State	52	30	.634	3.8	3 (2010, 2011, 2012) / 6 (2013)
Maryland	41	41	.500	6.0	1 (2010) / 8 (2012)
Miami	41	41	.500	6.8	1 (2013) / 12 (2010)
Clemson	40	42	.488	6.4	4 (2011) / 11 (2013)
NC State	36	46	.439	7.4	4 (2012, 2013) / 10 (2009, 2011)
Virginia	36	36	.439	7.0	4 (2012, 2013) / 11 (2009)
Boston College	35	47	.427	6.8	4 (2011) / 9 (2012)
Virginia Tech	34	48	.415	7.0	3 (2010) / 12 (2012)
Wake Forest	31	51	.378	7.6	T2 (2009) / 12 (2011)
Georgia Tech	24	58	.293	9.4	7 (2010) / 12 (2009)

## SEMINOLES' HAMILTON LISTED AMONG TOP 30 COACHES IN COUNTRY

Florida State's Leonard Hamilton, who has led the Seminoles to four of the last five NCAA Tournaments, was named as one of the nation's top 30 coaches in a survey completed by Athlon Sports. He was rated as the sixth-best coach in the ACC and the 27th best coach in the nation by the sports publication. "Leonard Hamilton knows something about degree of difficulty. He has won a share of the Big East regular-season title at Miami and an ACC Tournament title at Florida State. After losing seasons in ACC play in five of his first six years at FSU, Hamilton has gone 52-30 in the conference in the last four seasons. The defensive-minded Hamilton turned FSU into a factor in the ACC."

## CHARLTON C.Y. YOUNG ADDED TO HAMILTON'S COACHING STAFF

Florida State basketball coach Leonard Hamilton added Charlton Young, a veteran of more than 15 years as a coach on the Division I level and most recently the head coach at Georgia Southern, to his coaching staff. Young is involved in all phases of the Seminoles' nationally respected program including game preparation, player development, recruiting and planning for the upcoming 2013-14 season. Young comes to Florida State after four seasons as the head coach at Georgia Southern (2010-2013). Young replaced Corey Williams on Hamilton's staff; Williams was named the head coach at Stetson University on June 3, 2013.

## SEMINOLES TO FACE CHALLENGING SCHEDULE

Florida State will play host to ACC newcomers Notre Dame and Syracuse for the first time in school history, host North Carolina and travel to play at Pittsburgh, Florida and Minnesota on its 2013-14 schedule. The Seminoles will play at least nine teams who played in last season's NCAA Tournament, may play two of the Final Four participants and could play as many as 20 of its 30 regular season games against teams who played in a national postseason tournament a year ago. Florida State's schedule in the new ACC with the additions of Notre Dame, Pittsburgh and Syracuse could be considered the toughest schedule the Seminoles have ever faced. A total of 15 teams that finished in the top 100 of the RPI a season ago - including No. 1 Duke, No. 4 Miami, No. 8 Florida, No. 10 Syracuse, No. 11 Michigan, No. 19 North Carolina, No. 26 VCU and No. 30 Minnesota -- are on the Seminoles' schedule.

## OKARO WHITE'S RECORD WATCH

Senior All-American candidate Okaro White, who has played in 103 consecutive games, enters his senior season looking to move up the Seminoles all-time career charts in a number of statistical categories. He has never missed a game during his career and needs only 34 games played to become Florida State's all-time leader in the games played category, is ranked sixth in school history with a .799 career free throw shooting percentage, 19th in school history with 267 career free throws made and 21st in school history with 67 career blocked shots.

## Where White Stands In Florida State's Record Book...

...Okaro White enters his senior season with 912 career points and needs only 88 points to become only the 43rd player in school history to score 1,000 or more career points;

...Okaro White enters his senior season ranked sixth in school history with a .799 career free throw shooting percentage. He is looking to become one of only six players in school history to have a free throw shooting percentage of 80 percent or better for his career;

...Okaro White enters his senior season ranked 19th in school history with 267 career free throws made. He needs only 33 made free throws to become the 14th player in school history with 300 or more career free throws made;

...Okaro White enters his senior season ranked 21st in school history with 67 career blocked shots. He needs only 33 blocked shots to become the 13th player in school history with 100 or more blocked shots and needs only 18 to move into the Seminoles' top 15 for career blocked shots.

## WHITE FROM THE 3-POINT LINE

All-American candidate Okaro White enters the 2013-14 season ranked second among the current Seminoles with 45 career 3-point field goals made. He made his career high of 25 shots from the bonusphere in 34 games as a junior - more than he made (20) in 69 games in the first two seasons of his career. White made his junior season high of three long range shots in Florida State's win over Maine on December 9, 2012 and made his career high of four 3-point field goals made in the Seminoles' win at Hawaii on Dec. 22, 2010.

## Breaking Down White From Long Range

Season	3FGM	3FGA	Pct.	Notes
2010-11	9	33	.265	Averaged 0.3 3FGM/Game
2011-12	11	34	.333	Averaged 0.3 3FGM/Game
2012-13	25	80	.313	Averaged 0.7 3FGM/Game
Totals	45	147	.306	Averages 0.4 3FGM/Game





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**TURPIN LOOKS TO CLIMB UP CAREER BLOCKED SHOTS LIST**  
Redshirt senior Kiel Turpin, who ranked eighth in the ACC in blocked shots in his first season as a Seminole, enters the 2013-14 season as one of the top shot blockers in the ACC. His contribution of blocked shots helped Florida State rank as the ACC blocked shots leader in each of the last four years. He was one of six players in the ACC who ranked in top 10 for blocked shots and shot better than .500 from the field in 2012-13. He returns as the fourth leading shot blocker in the ACC with 43 blocked shots and a 1.26 blocked shots per game average. One of Florida State's most experienced players, enters his senior season as one of the team returning leaders as he is second in field goal percentage (.511).

### ACC's Leading Returning Shot Blockers

Rank	Player, School	Class	2012-13
1.	K.J. McDaniels, Clemson	Jr.	2.07
2.	Daniel Miller, Georgia Tech	Sr.	2.06
3.	Devin Thomas, Wake Forest	So.	1.39
4.	Kiel Turpin, Florida State	Sr.	1.26

### TURPIN—LIKE FATHER, LIKE SON

Senior center Kiel Turpin takes after his father Mel, who played for Kentucky from 1981-84. Kiel finished the 2013 season as the Seminoles' leader and ranked eighth in the ACC with a 1.3 blocked shots per game average. Mel is second in career blocked shots at Kentucky with 123 career blocked shots and a 1.8 blocked shots per game average during his career. Mel led the Wildcats in blocked shots with 67 in 1982 and 83 in 1983. Kiel led Lincoln College in Illinois in blocked shots as a freshman (2.0 bpg) and as a sophomore (2.3 bpg). Besides the father-son relationship, both Kiel and Mel were recruited by and coached by Seminole head coach Leonard Hamilton in college.

### MILLER IS READY TO PLAY

Senior Ian Miller, who played in 30 of the Seminoles' 34 games, is ready to suit up and return to the starting lineup. Miller, who averaged 18.8 minutes a game and missed virtually the entire month of December, did not practice with the Seminoles during the final three months of the season and did not play in Florida State's final game against Louisiana Tech in the NIT due to a recurring injury to his right foot. He took the offseason to fully heal and is now ready to play for the 2013-14 season. Even with the decline in playing due to his foot injury, Miller increased his assists total by more than 20 from the 2011-12 season. A member of two NCAA Tournament teams (2011 and 2012), the Seminoles' first ACC Championship team (2012) and one NIT team, he enters his senior season ranked 25th with 81 3-point FGM and needs 19 made shots from the bonusphere to become only the 19th player in school history to reach 100 for his career. He starts the 2013-14 season as a leading returner ranked second on the team in assists (52) and steals (23), with an over .500 free throw percentage and fifth on the team in minutes played. Miller, the second most experienced player with 75 career games played, looks to increase his role as the ball handler and scorer for his final season as a Seminole.

### BOOKERT AMONG TOP YOUNG PLAYERS IN ACC

Sophomore Devon Bookert, who enters his first full season as the Seminoles' starting point guard for the 2013-14 season, enjoyed a strong first season in Tallahassee as evidenced by his statistics. He played as one of the top freshman in a league of strong freshmen and ranked in the top four in 3-point field goal shooting percentage (first, .525), free throw percentage (fourth, .818) and assists (fourth, 2.4 apg).

### Bookert Among ACC Freshman In 2012-13

Category	ACC Freshman Rank	Statistic
3-Point FG Pct.	1st	.525
Free Throw Pct.	4th	.818
Assists	4th	2.4
Scoring	16th	6.5 ppg

### BOOKERT GOES UP IN THE RECORD BOOKS

Point guard Devon Bookert makes his way in the school record book for assists and scoring. He climbed to the top of the 3-point percentage ladder for having a percentage over .500 for a season. He is ranked fifth among Seminole freshmen with his 80 assists during his rookie season, fifth in three point shots made as a freshman with 32 and is tied for eighth with Granville Arnold (1982-83) and Michael Snaer (2009-10) for free throws made as a freshman. Bookert comes back into the Seminoles' line up for the 2013-14 season as the leading returner in assists with 80 and free throw percentage (.818) and is the second leading returner in minutes played with 730 minutes played last season and the second in points (220). Look for Bookert to show off his finesse ball handling skills by improving his assist/turnover ratio in the 2013-14 season.

### BOJANOVSKY SWATS AWAY

Sophomore Boris Bojanovsky finished the 2012-13 season ranked third on the team and fifth among freshmen in the ACC in total blocked shots with 25. He ended the season ranked ninth at Florida State for most blocked shots as a freshman. He looks to climb into the Seminoles' record book for blocked shots and also looks to break the block shots record for sophomores, which is currently held by Solomon Alabi with 75 blocks. Bojanovsky played in 33 of the Seminoles' 34 games his first collegiate season and averaged 11.1 minutes of playing time. Bojanovsky's career high of four blocked shots



came in the Seminoles' victory at Maryland (January 9) with three each coming against Wake Forest (February 26) and North Carolina (March 3).

### The ACC's Top Freshman Blockers

Rank	Player, School	Blocks	BPG
1.	Devin Thomas, Wake Forest	42	1.40
2.	Justin Anderson, Virginia	32	1.20
3.	Robert Carter Jr., Georgia Tech	31	1.00
4.	Aaron Rountree, Wake Forest	28	0.96
5.	Boris Bojanovsky, Florida State	25	0.76