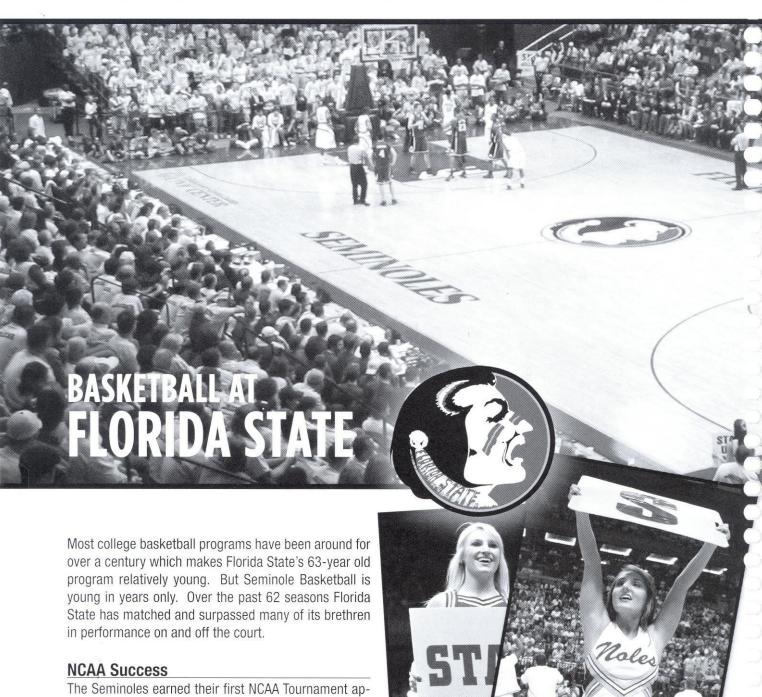


#### BASKETBALL AT FLORIDA STATE



pearance in 1968 and have been to the NCAA Tournament 11 times including 2009 when Florida State traveled to play in Boise, Idaho in the NCAA East Regional. Seminole basketball has fought their way into the 1972 National Championship game, the Elite Eight in 1993 and the Sweet 16 in 1992.

#### The ACC

This season marks the 19th year that Florida State will play in the Atlantic Coast Conference – the best conference in **BASKETBALL AT FLORIDA STATE** 



college basketball. From the Seminoles' first ACC win — an 86-74 upset at No. 5 North Carolina in 1991 — to their last — a 73-70 victory over the top ranked Tar Heels in the ACC Tournament Semifinals — Florida State has made their mark at the college game's highest level. In 2009, the Seminoles achieved a top-four seed and first round bye in the ACC Tournament before advancing to the ACC Championship game for the first time in program history.

#### Players in the Pros

Florida State has had at least one player drafted in five of the last six NBA drafts, making the Seminoles one of only two teams in the ACC to have at least one player drafted during that period. Toney Douglas, the fifth leading scorer in school history, became the ninth Seminole selected in the first round of the NBA Draft when he was taken No. 29 overall by the Los Angeles Lakers in 2009. Al Thornton became the second Draft Lottery selection in school history when he was drafted

No. 14 overall by the Los Angeles Clippers in 2007. He was named to the NBA All-Rookie Team in 2008.

Thornton was the fourth Seminole to be drafted in consecutive seasons, joining Tim Pickett (New Orleans Hornets, 2004), Von Wafer (Los Angeles Lakers, 2005) and Alexander Johnson (Indiana Pacers, 2006).

Seminole great Sam Cassell won the 2008 NBA Championship with the Boston Celtics. It was Cassell's third World Championship during his All-Star NBA career.

A total of 36 Seminoles have been selected in the NBA Draft including nine in the first round. Among those first round selections are Dave Cowens, one of the 50 greatest players in NBA history, and George McCloud, the first Draft Lottery selection in school history in 1989. Today, two Seminoles are on NBA rosters and 17 have played in the league in the last 20 years.

#### 62 YEARS OF SEMINOLE TRAIDTION (1947-2009)



#### 1947 **FAST OUT OF THE BLOCKS**

FSU spots the competition 50 years, then starts a basketball program. It doesn't take the young Seminoles long to attract national attention, going 22-4 only seven years later.

#### 1959-62 **DAVE FEDOR**

One of the first legitimate Florida State stars, Dave Fedor was drafted by the NBA in 1962 and played for the San Francisco Warriors. Fedor still stands second in the Seminole record book for career scoring average and ranks third in single-game scoring

#### 1967-70 **DAVE COWENS**

NBA Hall of Famer Dave Cowens still holds nearly every Seminole rebounding record. He is the program's all-time leader with 1,340 and anchored the squad that went 23-3 in 1969-70. Cowens earned two world championship rings in 10 years with the Boston Celtics.



#### 1967-78 THE SEMINOLES EMERGE ON THE NATIONAL STAGE

Harry Davis played during the Hugh Durham coaching years in 1967-78, which saw Florida State amass a .708 winning percentage, make three trips to the NCAA Tournament and play for



#### 1954-55 **BEST OF THE EARLY YEARS**

The 1954-55 squad that went 22-4 served notice of the Seminoles' intention to play on a national stage, notching five wins in six games against opponents from the Southeastern Conference.





NATIONAL FINALISTS

the Bruins' own home court.

1972

## FIRST TRIP TO THE BIG DANCE

Led by Dave Cowens, the Seminoles made their debut appearance in the NCAA Tournament. It was to be the first of many.



#### 1986-89 **GEORGE MCCLOUD**

In 1987, George McCloud was a seldom-used, overweight forward riding the Seminole bench. By 1989 he had become one of the most prolific scorers in FSU history (third highest single season, sixth-highest all-time) and the first round pick of the Indiana Pacers. McCloud retired in 2002 after playing 12 seasons in the NBA.





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#### 62 YEARS OF SEMINOLE TRAIDTION (1947-2009)

#### 1991 LEAVING THE METRO AS TOURNAMENT CHAMPS

In their final season prior to joining the ACC, the Seminoles celebrated their upcoming move by rolling over Louisville to win the Metro Conference Tournament, then advanced to the NCAA Midwest Regional second round.



## 1992 & '93 NEWCOMER FSU STUNS THE ACC ... TWICE

Florida State joins the ACC, the nation's premier basketball conference. The Seminoles shock the nation by finishing second in the conference (to national champion Duke). To prove it was no fluke, they did it again the next year.



#### 1993 ELITE EIGHT

The Seminoles move through the NCAA Tournament and meet Kentucky in the Southeast Regional Championship game. Florida State falls 40 minutes shy of the Final Four.

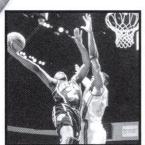


After winning their way to the championship game of the NIT the previous year, the 1997-98 Seminoles return to the NCAA Tourney, advancing past TCU to the second round.



#### 1992-93 SAM CASSELL

Though he only played at FSU for two years, Sam Cassell checks in at #22 on the all-time FSU scoring list with 1,211 points and helped drive the Seminoles to the NCAA Sweet 16 in 1992 and the Elite Eight in 1993. Cassell was the first round pick of the Houston Rockets in 1993 and plays today for the World Champion Boston Celtics.

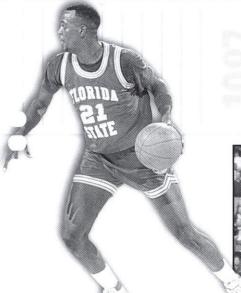


#### 2003-07 AL THORNTON

Al Thornton played on three national postseason teams and finished his career as the seventh-highest scoring player in school history. He was runner-up for the ACC Player of the Year award and earned All-America Third-Team honors in 2007.

#### 1994 HEISMAN TROPHY POINT GUARD

After leading the Seminoles within one game of the Final Four in 1993, FSU guard Charlie Ward becomes a New York Knick in the first round. To keep busy in the offseason, Ward quarterbacks the Seminole football team to the national championship and, for good measure, wins the Heisman Trophy.



#### 2002-04 TIM PICKETT

Tim Pickett led the Seminole resurgence back to prominence and the postseason in 2003-04. The versatile All-ACC First-Team guard scored 1,038 points in two years, and his play at both ends of the floor earned him All-America Honorable Mention. He went on to become FSU's 37th NBA draftee.

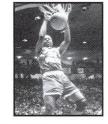


#### NCAA TOURNAMENT

Florida State played in the NCAA Tournament, the ACC Tournament championship game for the first time in school history and finished with a 25-10 record. Head Coach Leonard Hamilton was named the Naational Coach of the Year by *Basketball Times* and the ACC Coach of the Year by the Atlantic Coast Sports Media Association and senior guard Toney Douglas was named a Third Team All-American, the ACC Defensive Player of the Year and was the runner up in the voting for ACC Player of the Year honors.



The Seminoles' all-time leading scorer, Bob Sura, amassed 2,130 points during his four-year collegiate career. He was Florida State's first player to earn All-ACC First-Team honors, and was the first round pick of the NBA Cleveland Cavaliers.



#### 1993 DOUG EDWARDS

Doug Edwards was the first in a phenomenal run of first-round FSU NBA draft picks between 1993 and 1995 that would see five Seminoles go in the first round in three years.

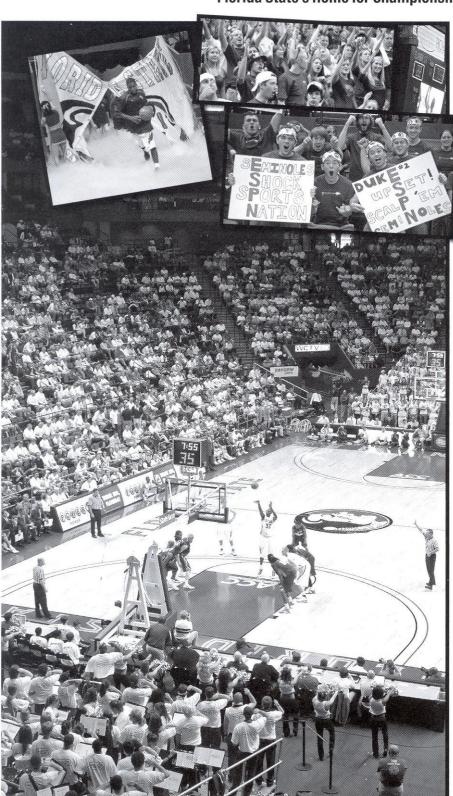


### 2002 THE HAMILTON ERA BEGINS

Leonard Hamilton becomes Florida State's seventh basketball head coach. Within two years, he returns a program that hasn't seen a winning season in six years to 19 wins, an appearance in the top 25 and the second round of the NIT.

### THE DONALD L. TUCKER CENTER

Florida State's Home for Championship Basketball



Few environments in college basketball are as intense as the game day experience at the Donald L. Tucker Center when the Seminoles are in town. Florida State fans have grown accustomed to exciting basketball and cheering for their Seminoles as they welcome the nation's top competition to one of the top arenas in the ACC.

The Tucker Center is a multi-purpose facility which is home to the Seminole basketball team – a facility that is jam-packed with rabid fans when the Seminoles make their entrance onto the court.

In October of 1999, the Donald L. Tucker Center completed a \$21 million luxury and club seat expansion project which began in March of 1998, adding 34 luxury suites and 468 club-level seats at the mid-level in the arena. In addition, the upper-level seating area was reconfigured to offer better viewing to the thousands of Seminoles fans that support Florida State basketball each season.

A total of 12,100 seats and on-site parking are available for Seminole fans who take part in one of the best spectacles in college basketball. A state-of-the-art sound system and four scoreboards in the upper corners of the arena have been specially designed and strategically placed for the maximum entertainment for each Seminole fan in every seat. When there is a break in the action, the video display boards comes alive with highlights, animated games and crowd-pleasing information produced by the award-winning Seminole Productions staff.

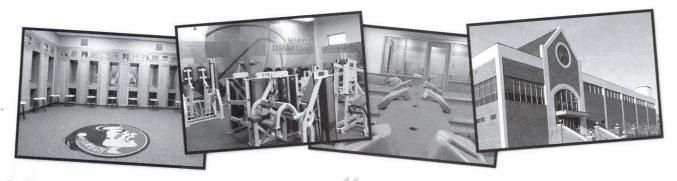
Adding even more appeal to the facility is the spectacular restaurant inside the Tucker Center. The Spotlight Grill, which opened in 1999, was recently redesigned to accommodate more Seminole fans during each game. The arena-view restaurant includes a courtside patio and ledge seating for viewing the outstanding basketball being played on the court below.

The Tucker Center covers more than 22 acres in the heart of Tallahassee's thriving downtown district. The facility is just blocks from the capitol building, adjacent to the Florida State campus and sits across the street from Florida State's nationally acclaimed College of Law.

### FLORIDA STATE BASKETBALL TRAINING CENTER

The Florida State Basketball Training Center is one of the nation's top basketball-only facilities and has quickly become a model for similar facilities around the country since it opened in 2002. The \$10 million facility is home to the Seminole men's basketball programs and is truly a first class facility for its players and coaching staff.

The Seminole basketball team moved into its new home in April of 2002. The 40,000 square foot practice area and office space is owned by the Florida State Department of Athletics and is attached to the Donald L. Tucker Center. It provides a permanent home for the Seminoles to practice, hold meetings and watch film. The Seminoles have their own practice floor, locker room, coaches' offices, meeting and film rooms, an expansive player's lounge, a tradition room and offices for support staff.



The Florida State Basketball Training Center helped me reach my goal of PLAYING IN THE NBA because it was accessible whenever my teammates and I wanted to play or work out. We could play on the specially designed courts at any time of the day or night and at any time during the year. Because the BTC is designed specifically for basketball, I was able to utilize all of its amenities to become a better basketball player. I was a lottery pick in the NBA because of the commitment to basketball by Florida State University.

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Los Angeles Clippers/NBA All-Rookie Team in 2008 Florida State University/All-America in 2007

The best thing about the Florida State Basketball Training Center is that it was built through the eyes of a basketball player. The facility gives each player the ability to reach his potential because it has everything you need to become a better basketball player in one place. From the basketball courts to the weight room, the film rooms to the specially designed video department, it houses everything a player needs to IMPROVE HIS GAME under one roof.

Jason Rich

Professional Player in Israel Florida State University/Three-Year Starter

Wow. If we had been able to practice in the Basketball Training Center at Florida State when I was in school, we would have won more games and played for more championships. The facility at Florida State is **BETTER THAN MOST** of the practice facilities in the NBA. Coupled with the coaching knowledge of Coach Hamilton and his staff, the competition you play against in the ACC and the fabulous university, a high school player would

really be missing out if he didn't choose to attend Florida State.

Sam Cassell

Washington Wizards/Assistant Coach Three-Time NBA World Champion Florida State University/Two-Time All-ACC Selection When I first stepped onto campus, I was blown away by the Florida State Basketball Training Center. I had never seen anything like it. Being able to practice in the facility every day helped me understand what it was like to BE A PART of a BIG-TIME PROGRAM like the one Coach Hamilton is building at Florida State. The facility and all of the amenities – the weight room, the special courts, the training center — made me want to practice and helped me become a better basketball player during my career at Florida State. I really believe being able to practice in the Basketball Training Center during my career at Florida State helped me improve to the point that I was able to become selected in the 2004 NBA Draft.

Tim Pickett

2004 New Orleans Hornets Draft Pick Florida State University/Two-time All-ACC First Team in 2004

The Basketball Training Center at Florida State is one of the reasons I am playing in the NBA today. The main reason is that the court is always available for you to work on your game — day and night. There is no waiting in line. You can come in before class, after class; you can stay late after practice and really come at any time. The lights are always on and the door is always open. It is a place that MAKES

**YOU WANT TO PRACTICE.** The commitment made by Florida State University to build the facility coupled with the commitment of Coach Hamilton and his staff to help you become a better player are two more great things about being a Seminole basketball player. I firmly believe that I was able to become a first round selection in the NBA Draft is because I was able to spend a lot of time in the gym working on my game.

**Toney Douglas** 

New York Knicks/2009 NBA First Round Pick Florida State University/All-ACC First Team and ACC Defensive Player of the Year/2009

#### NATIONAL MEDIA ATTENTION



Nearly all of Florida State's games will be broadcast on television during the 2009-10 season.

As the Seminole basketball program continues to strengthen its national stature, its exposure on a national level continues to grow by leaps and bounds. With each winning season, appearances in tournament championship games and in the NCAA Tournament, members of the national and local media continue to make the Seminoles one of the most thoroughly covered teams in all of college basketball. The Seminoles are one of the most popular college athletic teams in the nation and are covered by one of the largest media contingents in the country on a daily basis. In addition to receiving coverage in many of the nation's largest and most respected newspapers, the Seminoles receive

as much coverage as any team nationally and are scheduled to appear on television during nearly every game of its 2009-10 schedule. Included in those 24 television appearances are 12 scheduled for a national broadcast.

Florida State has aligned itself with some of the nation's finest academic institutions with its membership in the Atlantic Coast Conference. As members of the ACC, the nation's top collegiate conference for basketball, the Seminoles are afforded unprecedented media exposure.

- 15 newspapers cover the Seminoles on a daily basis. From the local Tallahassee Democrat to one of the nation's largest newspapers, the *Miami Herald*, the Florida State basketball program is covered like few other programs in the nation. Other large metropolitan newspapers that cover the Seminoles on a daily basis include the Florida Times-Union, Orlando Sentinel, Tampa Tribune and St. Petersburg Times.
- In addition to the in-state coverage the Seminoles merit on a daily basis, large media outlets regularly make stops in Tallahassee. The Atlanta Journal-Constitution, Charlotte Observer and Raleigh News & Observer join the leading newspapers in the South in their coverage of Florida State basketball.
- Other regulars on the Florida State Basketball beat are USA Today, Sports Illustrated and The Sporting News.
- Television coverage of the Seminole men's basketball program is unprecedented in Tallahassee as nearly 25 games are broadcast across the state of Florida, regionally and nationally.
- The ISP Florida State Radio Network is the most extensive network for college basketball in the Southeastern region of the United States. The network blankets Florida, Georgia and Alabama and reaches up the Atlantic Seaboard as far as Washington, D.C. and Maryland.
- ACC basketball teams will appear on television more than 300 times during the 2008-09 season, establishing a new record for television appearances by conference teams. The schedule also includes 179 televised games involving ACC teams and marks the fifth-straight year the ACC has had more than 250 television appearances.



The Florida State basketball program receives unprecedented national media exposure.

- The 12 teams in the ACC will be extensively watched on ABC, CBS, ESPN/ESPN2/ESPNU, Fox Sports Net and the regional sports network chains which will allow all conference games to be seen throughout the entire nation.
- ACC teams are scheduled to make 151 appearances on national television networks, including 99 appearances on ESPN, ESPN2 and ESPNU (at the time of writing, with more selections to follow), 35 on Fox Sports Net. 10 on ABC and seven on CBS.
- The extensive coverage of the Seminole basketball team is enhanced by Fox Sports Net and its incredible television package. The addition of Fox Sports Net to the ACC television package has ensured that the Seminole men's basketball team will be seen by millions of fans across the nation every time they step onto the court.
- Fox Sports Net and affiliates will televise a record-tying 19 Sunday

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- afternoon and evening games on a national basis. This season, 14 of the 19 FSN Sunday games are conference matchups.
- Headlining the league's non-conference schedule is the 10th annual ACC/Big Ten Challenge on Dec. 1–3, pairing two of the nation's premier conferences in a regular season challenge series. Last year the ACC won the Challenge for the ninth-straight time, winning eight of the 11 games played. The ACC (.642) and the Big Ten (.615) are the two winningest conferences in NCAA Tournament history.
- Florida State is the featured team from the state of Florida on Sun Sports — the state's largest cable sports station. During the 2008–09 season, Sun Sports will carry a record number of Seminole basketball games.

2009-10 MEN'S BASKETBALL TELEVISION SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Television
Nov. 16	Jacksonville	Suns Sports
	at Mercer	
Nov. 21		Fox Sports South
Nov. 24	at Florida	Fox Sports
		South/SunSports
Dec. 2	at Ohio State	ESPN2
Dec. 6	FIU	TBA
Dec. 15	Georgia State	FSN – Florida
Dec. 17	Auburn	FSN – Florida
Dec. 20	at Georgia Tech	Fox Sportsnet
Dec. 22	UT - Martin	FSN – Florida
Jan. 10	at Maryland	Fox Sportsnet
Jan. 12	NC State	SunsSports
Jan. 16	Virginia Tech	SunsSports
Jan. 24	Georgia Tech	Raycom
Jan. 27	at Duke	ESPN
Jan. 30	at Boston College	Raycom
Feb. 4	Maryland	Raycom (split)
Feb. 6	Miami	ESPNU
Feb. 10	at Clemson	ESPN2
Feb. 14	Boston College	Fox Sportsnet
Feb. 24	at North Carolina	ESPN
Feb. 28	Clemson	Fox Sportsnet
Mar. 3	Wake Forest	ESPN2
Mar. 6	at Miami	ESPN2

 The ACC became the first conference in college basketball history to have its entire conference game package televised either regionally or nationally during the 1998–99 season.



Florida State is among the most watched and talked-about college basketball teams by local and national media.

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Basketball at Florida State University is hot. Come into the Donald L. Tucker Center and see for yourself. Soak in the electric atmosphere that makes a Seminole game one of the best shows in all of college basketball. Become part of one of the loudest arenas in the nation. Help the Florida State fans blow the roof off of the building as Leonard Hamilton and his Seminoles take the court for the most exciting two hours in the Atlantic Coast Conference.

Rise up as the nationally renowned Golden Girls get the crowd on their feet, and feel the thunder as the Seminole cheerleaders make sure that everyone is truly bleeding garnet and gold by the end of the game.

The Seminole Sound pep band turns

each Florida State home game into a raucous, unforgettable experience. Become part of the 12.100 Seminole fans who give Florida State's basketball team one of the best home court advantages in the country.

Picture this: the lights inside of the Tucker Center go black, every diehard Seminole fan gets on their feet and starts the world famous. heart-pounding warchant. Chills spread through the air and run down the spine of every fan. It's not just another sporting event. It's Seminole basketball at its best.

With the spotlight hovering from overhead, the Seminoles sprint out of their tunnel to a deafening roar. That's not your cell phone vibrating -- it's the Donald L. Tucker Center shaking.

Feel the pride as you relive the careers of the player who have had their jerseys honored, feel united with the fellow Florida State fans excitedly jumping around you and enjoy the heart-pounding action. Whether you're standing up, sitting down or watching the four large video screens -- featuring action from the court below, animated games, highlight videos, and replays of epic moments in Seminole basketball lore -you are a part of the game. You are Florida State's sixth man. In the ultracompetitive world of the ACC where hoops are king you are part of something special.

Seminole basketball at the Donald L. Tucker Center: a match made in sports heaven.