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# The Longest 15 Feet

**"You'll find your best athletes are generally your best free throw shooters." Memphis State coach Dana Kirk**

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Sometimes it can look like the longest 15 feet in basketball. Like a cavity in the Grand Canyon. NCAA championships have been lost by the only unguarded shot in basketball.

No one ever said a free throw came easy, except maybe Tulane's Daryl Moreau.

A check with Metro Conference coaches prove that all practice methods are similar but results at the free throw line vary. Tulane, for example, has a player in the Guinness Book of World Records for sinking 126 straight free throws under game competition, yet as a team, it's not uncommon for the Wave to shoot 55 percent from the free throw line in a game.

Virginia Tech went from the cellar in the beginning of the year at the charity line to the top by the end of the 1978-79 season. Coach Charles Moir had no explanation for the change, except that his club may have spent a little more time at the line during practice.

Moreau's technique hasn't had time to rub off on the rest of his Tulane teammates. Meanwhile, one Metro coach said he wouldn't want to see any of his players run off a long string of free throws.

"I think it puts too much pressure on a player," said Memphis State coach Dana Kirk. "I believe I'd rather see him miss one along the way. But I can tell you that I look at the bottom of the net every time one of my players go to the line because that's where I want to see the ball fall. I'll add a couple of Hail Marys to help it along.

"You'll find your best athletes are generally your best free throw shooters. I don't think we do anything differently at practice than other teams. We work on a player's concentration. We'll give them a certain number of free throws they have to make in succession before they can leave the court after our workout. This is one way to improve concentration."

Moir couldn't figure out the rollercoaster ride his team took at the charity stripe last season. "We were awful at the line in the beginning of the season. Even though we couldn't compete for the conference championship, the Metro News kept our

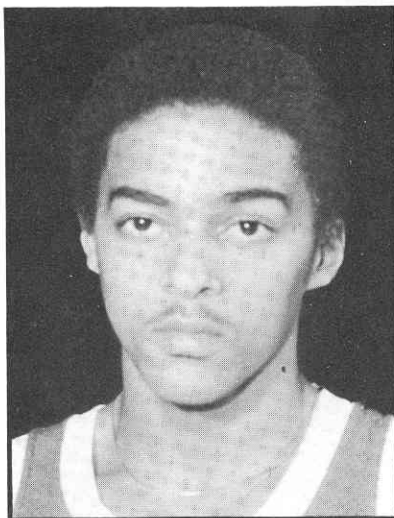
statistics with the other clubs and we were last at the line as far as percentages go early and at the end of the year we were No. 1," said the Hokie coach.

"Maybe it's our nature to get a slow start because we're doing the same thing this season. Free throw shooting, naturally, depends a lot on personnel.

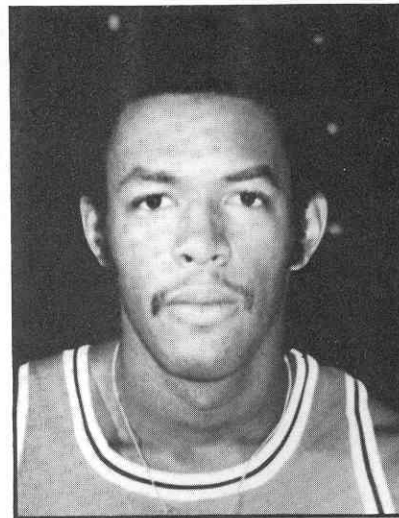
Some kids just have a better touch than others.

"I feel like we should be a good free throw shooting team although we aren't at the moment. We shoot after practice and during our tougher drills. We'll stop early in practice when the kids are tired and make them go to the line. We try to

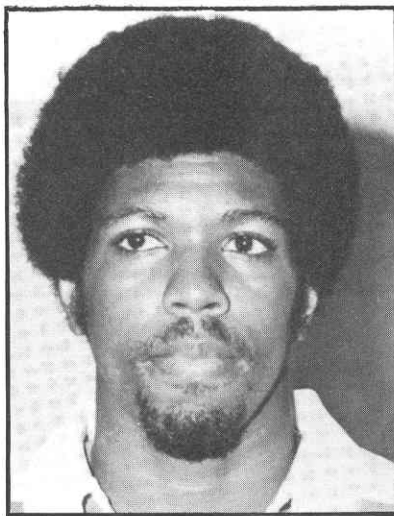
## Top Metro Foul Shooters



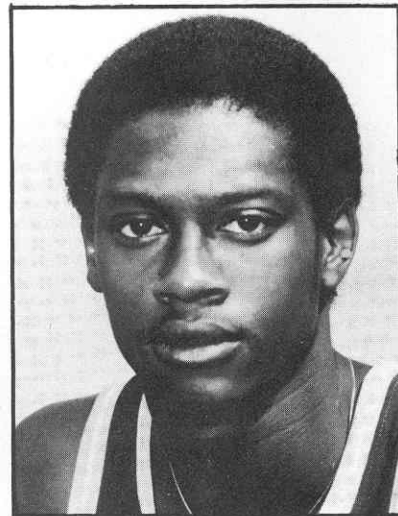
Cincinnati's Bobby Austin



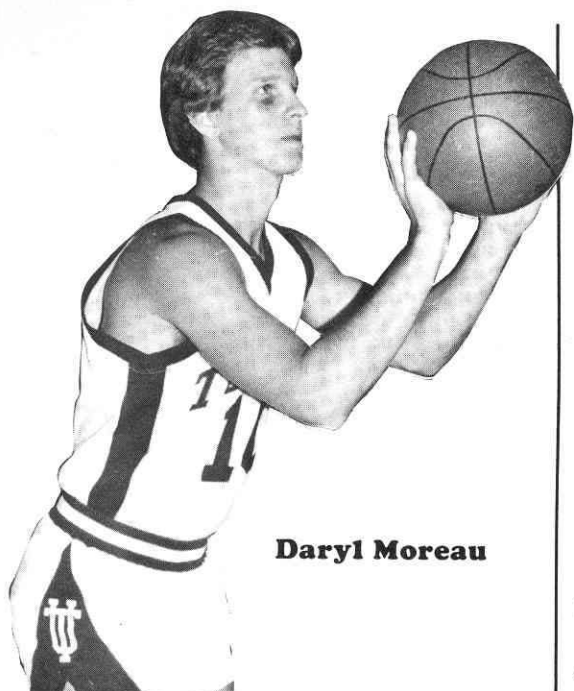
Virginia Tech's Wayne Robinson



St. Louis' Jim Glass



Florida State's Mickey Dillard



**Daryl Moreau**

make it like game conditions, if that's possible in practice. You want a kid at the line when he's tired so that it makes him concentrate more."

That's more or less the same technique Florida State's Joe Williams employs.

"We like our kids to shoot free throws when they are tired," he said. "We have them shoot one shot and then step back and shoot another one. We believe it takes more concentration to make a free throw when you are tired. We preach consistency."

"It's an important phase of the game. We'll check a player's body to make sure he's standing properly but if he's making his shots, we certainly don't try to change his style."

Whatever St. Louis is doing this year coach Ron Ekker isn't about to make any changes. His club is 76.1 percent from the line and he's perfectly happy with that performance.

"We figure 72 percent is pretty good," he said. "We don't minimize the importance of free throw shooting, but we spend more time on other phases of the game. We'll take our share of shots from the line at practice but our feeling is that if a boy is a good shooter, he's a good free throw shooter. They go hand-in-hand."

Louisville knows the importance of experiencing a hot season from the line.

"The year we went to the Final Four with Roy Danforth's Syracuse team we had our best season shooting fouls," said Cardinal coach Denny Crum. "Maybe that tells us something, because we haven't shot that well since and we haven't gone to the Final Four since."

"We're like everyone else, we find that your better shooters are going to do well at the line and the guys who have a poor field goal percentage will also be poor at

the line. We stress free throws. We'll make 'em take their shots after practice, before and during. Sometimes, you never think we saw the free throw line."

That was never the case with Ted St. Martin or Tulane's Moreau.

St. Martin is listed in the Guinness Book for having made 2,036 consecutive free throws with no game pressure while Moreau holds the record with 126 straight under game conditions.

For Moreau, a freshman guard at Tulane this fall, they came during his junior and senior seasons at De La Salle High School in New Orleans. He finished his junior year with 34 straight and topped off his senior season with 92 in a row.

"I never paid much attention until one day during the summer I told my brother (David) that I didn't miss a free throw my junior year, and I was going to try and go through my senior year without a miss."

Moreau wasn't aware of how long his string was until one night when the announcer at a game announced that Moreau had just made his 86 straight free throw.

"After that," he recalled, "everytime I went to the free throw line, the crowd began to chant . . . 87 . . . 88 . . . 89. My streak started against Jesuit and ended against Jesuit. I never had any dream I was going to miss that night. I went to line and the ball didn't go in. It would be foolish to say I was glad it was over. I wished it had gone the rest of my high school career."

"Moreau was the best free throw shooter I ever had," said his coach Milton Clavier. "I'm not saying that because of the record. Look at his entire high school career. He missed just 32 of 379 attempts as a prep. His last two seasons he was off target on nine of 229 free throws."

"Everyone would have to make 20 straight before they left practice in the evening but you could keep going if you wanted. One day Moreau rattled off 102 in a row. He could cause an energy crisis on his own, keeping you after practice every day."

A lot of coaches may not agree with Moreau's slight jump from the line which he developed in eighth grade because he wasn't strong enough to reach the goal.

"My brother and dad tried to change my style," he said. "They said I had too much movement to be consistent. But I stuck with it and it hasn't hurt me."

"I don't see why a team can't shoot 80 percent from the line but I guess that's easy for me to say because I don't find it difficult. I don't care if you shoot 100 free throws a day, it's not going to make you a good shooter unless you shoot 'em in the right frame of mind."

Danforth has used Moreau as his "designated free throw shooter" this season.

"When a technical is called on the other team we'll get Moreau in to shoot the free throw," said the Wave coach. "He came off the bench and made four straight against LSU."

"You're cold coming off the bench so the conditions aren't ideal," he said. "But it gives me a chance to play. I'm a player first and a free throw shooter second."

But Moreau always likes to hear the sound of the whistle --- and a technical foul.





## FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY

Head Coach — Joe Williams  
Assistants — Bob Dotson, John Jones,  
Frank Gilmore

Trainer — John Mooney  
Aides — Jim Towey

### Alphabetical Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	Hometown
10	Rodney Arnold	G	6-4	195	So.	Kingsport, Tenn.
34	Murray Brown	F	6-8	205	Sr.	Tampa, Fla.
24	Greg Collinsworth	F	6-5	195	So.	Titusville, Fla.
35	Jerry Cox	G	6-4	180	Sr.	Indianapolis, Ind.
22	Mickey Dillard	G	6-3	170	Jr.	Dania, Fla.
3	Marvin Haynes	G	6-2	180	Fr.	Lake Placid, Fla.
23	Tony Jackson	G	6-0	165	Sr.	Lexington, Ky.
32	Scott Matchett	G	6-3	185	Jr.	Jacksonville, Fla.
11	Bobby Parks	G	5-11	160	Jr.	Clearwater, Fla.
42	Elvis Rolle	C	6-10	216	Jr.	Ft. Pierce, Fla.
54	Pernell Tookes	F	6-6	185	So.	Orlando, Fla.
12	Ed Young	G	6-3	172	Fr.	Houston, Tex.

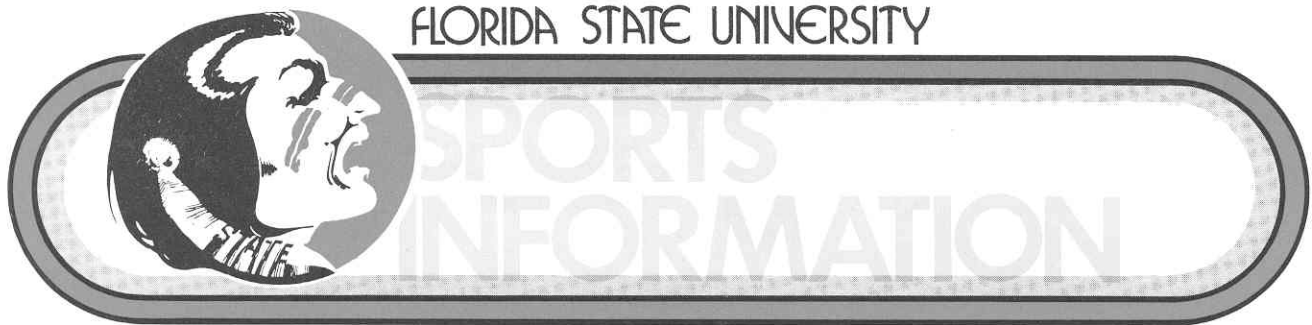
## ALABAMA — BIRMINGHAM

Head Coach: Gene Bartow  
Assistants: Lee Hunt, Oscar Catlin

### Alphabetical Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	Hometown
32	Tim Almquist	F	6-6	185	Jr.	Forest Lake, Minn.
24	Raymond Gause	F	6-4	200	So.	Memphis, Tenn.
40	Chris Giles	F	6-6	195	So.	Birmingham, Ala.
15	George Jones	F	6-1	170	Sr.	Memphis, Tenn.
22	Greg Leet	F	6-3	175	Sr.	Flat River, Mo.
10	Tony Mabrey	G	6-3	180	Fr.	Albertville, Ala.
34	Glenn Marcus	G	5-10	155	Jr.	Alabaster, Ala.
30	Keith McCord	C	6-7	210	Sr.	Birmingham, Ala.
20	Oliver Robinson	F	6-4	175	So.	Birmingham, Ala.
44	Stan Scales	C	6-7	205	Sr.	Chicago, Ill.
52	Donnie Speer	C	6-8	225	So.	Sylacauga, Ala.
42	Larry Spicer	F	6-8	190	Sr.	Memphis, Tenn.





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FLORIDA STATE (18-5) vs. ALABAMA-BIRMINGHAM (16-9)  
February 20, 1980, 7:30 P.M.  
Tully Gym, Tallahassee, Fla.

THE GAME--Florida State (18-5) entertains Alabama-Birmingham (16-9) in the Seminoles' final non-conference game of the 1979-80 season.

THE STARTERS--FLORIDA STATE			POS	ALABAMA-BIRMINGHAM		
22	Mickey Dillard	(6-3 , 20.2/4.0)	F	30	Keith McCord	(6-7, 18.8/7.5)
34	Murray Brown	(6-8 , 18.7/7.6)	F	42	Larry Spicer	(6-8, 16.0/6.9)
42	Elvis Rolle	(6-10, 15.3/7.5)	C	52	Donnie Speer	(6-8, 4.7/2.5)
11	Bobby Parks	(5-11, 9.0/2.3)	G	22	Greg Leet	(6-3, 8.6/2.0)
23	Tony Jackson	(6-0 , 5.4/2.0)	G	20	Oliver Robinson	(6-4, 6.5/2.6)

THE OFFICIALS--Assigned from the Metro Conference office are:

REFEREE--Reggie Copeland, Mobile, Ala.  
UMPIRE --Paul Housman, Roanoke, Va.  
UMPIRE ---Charley Vacca, Nashville, Tn.

THE SEASONS---Florida State finishes the non-league portion of its regular season schedule tonight. The Seminoles are 11-2 in non-Metro games with the only losses being administered by Jacksonville (77-76) and Marquette (74-64). FSU completes the regular portion of its schedule during the weekend when it travels to Virginia Tech (Friday) and hosts second-ranked Louisville Sunday in a 1:30 p.m. tipoff.

This is the final regular season game for Alabama-Birmingham which begins Sun Belt Conference tournament competition Saturday in Charlotte. The Blazers will be seeded second in the tournament after losing the regular season championship to South Alabama last Sunday, 66-65. The Blazers' most impressive game of the season came in a 57-54 loss to top-ranked DePaul at Birmingham. UAB has a 5-5 road record.

THE SERIES---This is just the second meeting between FSU and UAB. The first game was last season at the Birmingham Civic Center where the Tribe picked up an 85-66 victory. It is the worst defeat the Blazers have suffered in the two years the cage program has been in existence.

STREAKING SEMINOLES---Tonight the Seminoles bid for their ninth consecutive victory. A win would give the Tribe its longest win streak of the season. Earlier in the season the Seminoles also won eight straight but had the streak broken in a one-point (80-79) loss at Tulane. A win tonight would give the Tribe its longest win streak since the 1975-76 quintet won nine straight.

OFFICIAL METRO CONFERENCE  
BASKETBALL BOX SCORE

Date 2/20/80 Site Tallahassee  
Attendance 2081

No.	Florida State	FG	FGA	FT	FTA	REB			PF	TP	A	TO	BLK	S	MIN
						O	D	T							
22	Dillard	12	22	5	6	2	6	8	2	29	2	3	0	3	34
34	Brown	12	14	6	10	4	9	13	2	30	2	0	0	1	38
42	Rolle	6	12	1	5	2	9	11	4	13	0	5	1	0	35
11	Parks	2	5	0	0	0	0	0	1	4	4	1	0	0	29
23	Jackson	1	5	2	3	1	2	3	4	4	15	3	0	3	40
54	Tookes	1	3	0	0	0	1	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	7
10	Arnold	3	6	1	3	0	0	0	2	7	1	3	0	0	17
35	Cox														
24	Collinsworth														
3	Haunes														
12	Youna														
32	Matchett														

TEAM REBOUNDS (Included in Totals)

TEAM REBOUNDS (Included in Totals)					4	1	5							
TOTALS	37	67	15	27	13	28	41	16	89	24	15	1	7	200

Game FG 55% FT 56% 4 Deadball Rebounds  
PERCENTAGES: 1st Half FG 51% FT 60%  
2nd Half FG FT

No.	Ala. - Birmingham	FG	FGA	FT	FTA	REB			PF	TP	A	TO	BLK	S	MIN
						O	D	T							
42	SPICER	2	13	0	0	2	5	7	4	4	4	3	0	2	28
30	McCord	1	6	0	0	1	7	8	5	2	0	3	0	0	21
52	SPEER	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	5
20	Robinson	4	10	7	8	3	4	7	2	15	1	1	2	2	30
15	Jones	12	19	6	6	0	0	0	0	30	5	2	0	0	39
22	Leet	6	11	2	2	0	4	4	2	14	3	1	0	2	24
10	Mabrey														
24	Gause	3	5	0	0	2	0	2	2	6	2	0	0	0	12
32	Almquist														
34	Marcus	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	7
40	GILES	1	1	0	0	0	2	2	3	2	0	1	0	0	12
44	Scales	6	6	0	0	0	2	2	4	12	0	2	0	2	22

TEAM REBOUNDS (Included in Totals)

TEAM REBOUNDS (Included in Totals)										1	1	2											
TOTALS										36	73	15	16	9	25	34	22	87	17	14	2	8	200

Game FG 49% FT 94% 1 Deadball Rebounds  
PERCENTAGES: 1st Half FG 46% FT 100%  
2nd Half FG FT

OFFICIALS: Copeland; Vacca; Housman

Technical Fouls: Arnold (Fsu); Dillard (Fsu)

Notes: \_\_\_\_\_

SCORE BY PERIODS	1st H.	2nd H.	OT	OT	FINAL
Florida State	48	41			89
Ala. - Birmingham	37	50			87

## FLORIDA STATE VS. ALABAMA BIRMINGHAM

FEBRUARY 20, 1980

7:30 P.M.

TULLY GYM

TALLAHASSEE, FLA.

FOR FSU: BROWN, DILLARD, JACKSON, ROLLE, PARKS  
 FOR ALA: JONES, MCCORD, ROBINSON, SPEER, SPICER

## FIRST HALF

TIME	FLORIDA STATE	SCORE	ALABAMA-BIRMINGHAM
19:50	Rolle jumper	2 0	
19:14	Rolle pfl	2 0	
18:10		2 2	Robinson jumper
17:57		2 2	Spicer pfl
17:57	Dillard makes 2 of 2	4 2	
17:32	Jackson pfl	4 2	
17:07	Brown jumper	6 2	
16:40	Parks jumper	8 2	TIME OUT
16:22		8 2	Spicer pf2
16:02	Rolle jumper	10 2	MCCord pfl
16:02	Rolle misses 1 of 1	10 2	
15:49	Rolle layup	12 2	
15:29		12 4	Speer jumper
15:20	Dillard layup	14 4	
14:18		14 6	Gause jumper
13:48		14 8	Jones 20 ft. jumper
13:20	Parks 5 ft. jumper	16 8	
13:06		16 10	Jones jumper
12:60	Brown dunk	18 10	
12:45		18 12	Jones 20 ft. jumper
12:08		18 14	Jones 20 ft. jumper
11:18	Jackson layup	20 14	
10:52	Brown tip in	22 14	
10:38	Brown layup	24 14	
10:28		24 16	Jones 20 ft. jumper
10:18	Dillard 20 ft. jumper	26 16	
9:56		26 18	Gause jumper
9:27	Tookes 10 ft. jumper	28 18	
8:57		28 18	Scales pfl
8:36	Brown jumper	30 18	
8:14		30 20	Jones 20 ft. jumper
7:55		30 20	Giles pfl
7:55	Brown makes 1 of 2	31 20	
7:47		31 22	Gause 15 ft. jumper
7:17		31 22	Gause pfl
7:17	Jackson makes 2 of 2	33 22	
7:07	Tookes pfl	33 22	
6:32		33 24	Scales jumper
6:24	Dillard pfl & jumper	35 24	TIME OUT
5:55	<del>Mixx</del> pf2 on Dillard	35 24	
5:30		35 26	Leet 10 ft. jumper
5:17	Brown jumper	37 26	
4:52		37 26	Leet pfl
4:52	Dillard makes 1 of 2	38 26	
4:33		38 28	Leet 15 ft. jumper
4:22		38 28	Gause pf2
4:22	Rolle misses 1+	38 28	
4:17	Dillard jumper	40 28	
3:35		40 30	Leet 20 ft. jumper
3:03	Brown jumper	42 30	
2:10	Arnold 10 ft. jumper	44 30	
1:57		44 30	Scales pf2
1:57	Arnold TECHNICAL	44 31	Jones makes 1 of 1
1:44		44 33	Jones 20 ft. jumper
1:36	Brown jumper	46 33	
1:27	Arnold pf2	46 33	
1:04		46 35	Scales 20 ft. jumper
:11	Jackson pf2	46 35	
:11		46 37	Jones makes 2 of 2
:03	Arnold 10 ft. jumper	48 37	
	FLORIDA STATE	48 37	ALABAMA-BIRMINGHAM

---END OF FIRST HALF---

Date 2/20/80 Site Tallahassee  
Attendance \_\_\_\_\_

	Game	FG	FT	2	Deadball Rebounds
PERCENTAGES:	1st Half	FG 51%	FT 60%		
	2nd Half	FG	FT		

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PERCENTAGES:	1st Half	FG 46%	FT 100%		
	2nd Half	FG	FT		

Notes:

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Florida State	48				
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TIME	FLORIDA STATE	SCORE	ALABAMA-BIRMINGHAM
19:54		48 39	Spicer jumper
19:38	Dillard 10 ft. jumper	50 39	
19:24	Rolle pf2	50 39	
19:24		50 41	Robinson makes 2 of 2
19:11	Rolle dunk	52 41	
18:56	Rolle pf3	52 41	
18:52		52 43	Jones 20 ft. jumper
18:26		52 45	McCord jumper
18:03	Brown 5 ft. jumper	54 45	
17:48	Dillard dunk	56 45	
16:41	Brown pfl	56 47	Jones 20 ft. jumper
16:32	Jackson pf3	56 47	
16:32		56 49	Leet makes 2 of 2
16:25		56 49	McCord pf2
16:25	Brown makes 2 of 2	58 49	
15:59		58 51	Robinson layup
15:17		58 51	McCord pf3
14:57		58 53	Jones 10 ft. jumper
14:50		58 53	McCord pf4
14:50	Dillard makes 2-2 (TO)	60 53	
14:33		60 55	Jones 10 ft. jumper
14:05		60 55	Scales pf3
13:52		60 57	Scales 10 ft. jumper
13:38	Rolle dunk	62 57	
13:17		62 59	Robinson dunk
12:45		62 59	Scales pf4
12:45	Brown makes 1 of 2	63 59	
12:25		63 59	Giles pf2
12:25	Parks makes 1 of 2	64 59	
12:18	Rolle jumper	66 59	
11:58		66 61	Robinson jumper
11:48		66 61	McCord pf5
11:48	Rolle makes 1 of 2	67 61	
11:20	Parks pfl	67 61	
10:57	Arnold pf3	67 61	
10:57		67 63	Robinson makes 2 of 2
10:38		67 63	Giles pf3
10:38	Brown makes 1 (1+)	68 63	
10:20		68 65	Leet layup
9:12	Brown tip in	70 65	
8:51		70 65	Leet pf2 TIME OUT
8:51	Jackson misses 1+	70 65	
8:13		72 65	Robinson pfl
8:13	Arnold misses 1+	72 65	
8:13	Dillard TECHNICAL	72 66	Jones makes 1 shot
7:53		72 68	Giles jumper
7:34	Brown layup	74 68	Spicer pf3
7:34	Brown makes 1 of 1	75 68	
7:20		75 70	Jones 15 ft. jumper
7:01		75 72	Leet layup
6:44		75 72	Spicer pf4
6:44	Brown misses 1+	75 72	
6:25	Dillard layup	77 72	
5:55		77 74	Spicer 5 ft. jumper
5:12	Dillard dunk	79 74	TIME OUT
4:43	Dillard layup	81 74	
4:21		81 74	Robinson pf2
4:21	Rolle misses 1+	81 74	
3:52	Brown layup	83 74	
3:14	Rolle pf4	83 74	
3:14	TIME OUT	83 75	Robinson makes 1 of 2
2:52	Dillard layup	85 75	
2:40		85 77	Scales 15 ft. jumper
2:26		85 79	Leet layup
2:05	Brown pf2 TIME OUT	85 79	

TIME	FLORIDA STATE	SCORE		ALABAMA-BIRMINGHAM
2:05		85	81	Robinson makes 2 of 2
1:53	Dillard layup	87	81	
1:45	Jackson pf4	87	81	
1:45		87	83	Jones makes 2 (1+)
1:28		87	85	Scales 10 ft. jumper
:58		87	87	Scales jumper
:00	Brown jumper	89	87	
	FLORIDA STATE	89	87	ALABAMA-BIRMINGHAM

END OF GAME