

2007-08 Florida State Schedule/Results

O31	*	West Florida	W, 78-59
N6	*	Valdosta State	W, 87-66
N9		Nicholls State	W, 81-58
N12	1	Georgia Southern	W, 92-67
N16	2	UAB	W, 78-70
N17	2	Cleveland State	L, 66-69 ot
N18	2	USF	L, 67-68
N20		Georgia State	W, 78-48
N23		at Florida	W, 65-51
N27	3	Minnesota	W, 75-61
N30		Stetson	W, 72-59
D2		Samford	W, 61-45
D8		Maine	W, 95-55
D15	4	vs. Butler	L, 68-79
D18		College of Charleston	W, 66-61
D22		at Providence	4:00 p.m.
D30	^	at Georgia Tech	5:30 p.m.
J5		La Salle	7:00 p.m.
J12	^	at Clemson	7:00 p.m.
J16	^	Duke	7:00 p.m.
J20	^	at Wake Forest	1:00 p.m.
J23	^	Virginia	7:00 p.m.
J26	^	NC State	1:30 p.m.
J29	^	at Virginia Tech	9:00 p.m.
F3	^	North Carolina	2:00 p.m.
F6	^	at Miami	7:30 p.m.
F14	^	Wake Forest	9:00 p.m.
F16	^	at Maryland	3:00 p.m.
F19	^	Clemson	7:00 p.m.
F23	^	Boston College	12 Noon
F27	^	at NC State	7:00 p.m.
M4	^	at North Carolina	8:00 p.m.
M8	^	Miami	12 Noon
M13-16	5	at ACC Tournament	TBA

\* -- exhibition game at Donald L. Tucker Center; ^ -- ACC Game; 1 – Glenn Wilkes Classic at Tallahassee, Fla.; 2 – Glenn Wilkes Classic at Daytona Beach, Fla.; 3 – ACC/Big Ten Challenge at Tallahassee, Fla. 4 – Wooden Tradition at Indianapolis, Ind.; 5 – ACC Tournament at Charlotte, N.C. Games listed in bold are played at the Donald L. Tucker Center in Tallahassee

2007-08 ACC Standings

Team	ACC			Overall		
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
Boston Col.	1	0	1.000	7	2	.778
Duke	0	0	.000	10	0	1.000
Miami	0	0	.000	10	0	1.000
North Carolina	0	0	.000	10	0	1.000
Clemson	0	0	.000	8	0	1.000
Virginia	0	0	.000	8	2	.800
<b>Florida State</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>.000</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>.769</b>
W. Forest	0	0	.000	7	3	.700
NC State	0	0	.000	5	3	.625
Virginia Tech	0	0	.000	6	4	.600
Ga. Tech	0	0	.000	4	5	.444
Maryland	0	1	.000	6	5	.545

Leonard Hamilton's Career Record

School	W	L	Pct.	Years
Career	297	284	.511	1987-Pr.
at Okla. State	56	63	.471	1987-90
at Miami	144	147	.495	1991-00
<b>at Florida State</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>.571</b>	<b>2002-Pr.</b>

FLORIDA STATE SEMINOLES (10-3, 0-0 ACC)

AT

PROVIDENCE COLLEGE FRIARS (7-3, 0-0 BIG EAST)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2007; 4:00 P.M.

DUNKIN' DONUTS CENTER (10,800)

PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND

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"I'm just trying to make my teammates better. Whatever I have to do for us to be successful, I'm going to do."

Toney Douglas

Florida State Seminoles

Nov. 28, 2007

FLORIDA STATE TRAVELS TO PROVIDENCE FOR ACC/BIG EAST MATCH-UP

Florida State, which defeated then No. 24 ranked Florida on Nov. 23 in its first true road game of the season, travels to play Providence at the Dunkin' Donuts Center in Rhode Island on Saturday at 4:00 p.m. The Seminoles are making their first trip to the state of Rhode Island to play a men's basketball game and are playing the Friars for the second consecutive season after earning a 92-62 victory on Dec. 29, 2006 in the first meeting between the two teams. Florida State enters Saturday's game having won seven of its last eight games with its latest victory coming against the College of Charleston (66-61) on Tuesday night in Tallahassee. Seminole head coach Leonard Hamilton knows Providence well from his career in the Big East as the head coach at the University of Miami (1991-2000) when he earned a 7-8 record against the Friars. Following Saturday's game against Providence, the Seminoles will take three days off for the holiday before opening its ACC schedule at Georgia Tech on Dec. 30. Florida State returns home for its final non-conference game of the regular season against La Salle on Jan. 5.

SEMINOLES LEAD ACC; RANKED SECOND NATIONALLY IN FREE THROW PCT.

Florida State, which has shot at least 80 percent from the free throw line in five of its first 13 games of the season, **IS RANKED FIRST IN THE ACC AND SECOND IN THE NATION** with a .791 team free throw shooting percentage entering Saturday's game against Providence. Florida State led the ACC in free throw shooting percentage with a school-record .758 mark during the 2006-07 season.

HAMILTON ONLY THREE WINS FOR 300 FOR HIS CAREER

Florida State head coach Leonard Hamilton enters Saturday's game against Providence with 297 career wins and needs only three to reach the 300 wins plateau for his career. With a 97-73 record at Florida State, he is also only three victories from 100 during his career at Florida State.

LOOK FOR FLORIDA STATE TO...

...Defeat Providence and earn a victory on the home court of a Big East team for the first time since March 12, 1997 when the Seminoles earned an 82-67 victory at Syracuse in the first round of the post-season NIT;

...Defeat Providence and win its 11<sup>th</sup> game of the season during the month of December for the second consecutive season. The Seminoles enter Saturday's game against Providence with a 10-3 record; they finished the month of December in 2006 with a 12-2 mark;

...Defeat Providence and gain a victory over a Big East team for the second consecutive season after their victory over the Friars last season;

...Defeat Providence and win their final game before the Christmas holiday for the fourth consecutive season. The Seminoles earned early presents with victories over Stetson (Dec. 23, 2004), Campbell (Dec. 22, 2005) and Saint Peters (Dec. 23, 2006) in the last three seasons.

**Florida State Men's Basketball  
In The National Polls**

**Associated Press  
Dec. 17, 2007**

Rk.	Team	07-08 Rec.
1.	<b>North Carolina (48)</b>	<b>9-0</b>
2.	Memphis (19)	8-0
3.	Kansas (2)	10-0
4.	Texas (2)	10-0
5.	Georgetown (1)	8-0
6.	<b>Duke</b>	<b>9-0</b>
7.	Washington State	9-0
8.	UCLA	9-1
9.	Michigan State	9-1
10.	Marquette	7-1
11.	Pittsburgh	10-0
12.	Tennessee	9-1
13.	Indiana	9-1
14.	Texas A&M	9-1
15.	<b>Clemson</b>	<b>9-0</b>
16.	<b>Butler</b>	<b>9-1</b>
17.	Vanderbilt	10-0
18.	Gonzaga	8-2
19.	Arizona	7-2
20.	Villanova	8-1
21.	Brigham Young	9-2
22.	<b>Miami (Fla.)</b>	<b>9-0</b>
23.	Oregon	8-2
24.	West Virginia	8-1
25.	USC	6-3

**ESPN/USA Today  
Dec. 17, 2007**

Rk.	Team	Points
1.	<b>North Carolina (24)</b>	<b>759</b>
2.	Memphis (4)	742
3.	Kansas (1)	713
4.	Georgetown (1)	668
5.	Texas (1)	611
6.	Washington State	599
7.	<b>Duke</b>	<b>584</b>
8.	UCLA	584
9.	Pittsburgh	507
10.	Michigan State	480
11.	Texas A&M	429
12.	Tennessee	428
13.	Marquette	414
14.	Indiana	389
15.	<b>Clemson</b>	<b>333</b>
16.	Villanova	257
17.	Vanderbilt	249
18.	<b>Butler</b>	<b>241</b>
19.	Arizona	212
20.	Gonzaga	191
21.	Oregon	121
22.	<b>Miami (Fla.)</b>	<b>98</b>
23.	Brigham Young	86
24.	Xavier	76
25.	Stanford	56

**Florida State Basketball Did You Know**

Senior Jason Rich enters Saturday's game against Providence with 961 career points. He needs only 39 points to become the 39<sup>th</sup> player in school history to score 1,000 or more career points. Rich is looking to join fellow Pensacola, Fla., native Lawrence McCray on the Seminoles' 1000-point scoring list. McCray scored 1,111 career points (13.2 points per game) and played in the Seminoles' 1972 national championship runner-up team.

**FLORIDA STATE AGAINST PROVIDENCE – NOTE I**

Florida State will travel to play at Providence on Dec. 22 at the Dunkin Donuts Center on the Providence College campus. The Seminoles' game against the Friars is the return of a home-and-home series which saw Florida State defeat Providence, 92-62, on Dec. 29, 2006 at the St. Pete Times Forum in Tampa, Fla. The game marks the second ever game between Florida State and Providence in the sport of men's basketball.

**FLORIDA STATE AGAINST PROVIDENCE – NOTE II**

Florida State's game against Providence will mark the second consecutive season the Seminoles' will play on the home floor of a Big East team. The Seminoles traveled to play at Pittsburgh on Nov. 24, 2006 and have played on the Panthers' home court twice during the Leonard Hamilton era at Florida State. Recently, the Seminoles have won at Syracuse (March 12, 1997) and at Seton Hall (Jan. 18, 1997) while playing twice at Pitt (in 200 and 2006) and at Connecticut (Feb. 6, 1993).

**FLORIDA STATE AGAINST PROVIDENCE – NOTE III**

Florida State's game against Providence will mark the second game during which the Seminoles will face former FSU assistants during the season. In Providence, the Seminoles will face Tim Welsh, the Friars current head coach, who was a Seminole assistant from 1986-88 and Vince Cautero, a current Friar assistant coach, who was an assistant coach at Florida State from 1988-1992. The 44-year old head coach got his start in college coaching at Iona where he served as a volunteer assistant to Pat Kennedy in 1985. Following that season, he became an assistant on Kennedy's staff at Florida State for two years before moving on to Syracuse. Cautero got his start in college coaching at Florida State University where he spent eight years, four as an assistant to Pat Kennedy from 1988-92. During that time, he helped the Seminoles' program as they made four trips to the NCAA Tournament and one to the NIT. In 1991-92, Florida State advanced to the Sweet 16. He coached Seminole greats and future NBA stars Sam Cassell, Charlie Ward, Doug Edwards, George McCloud and Bob Sura. A 1988 graduate of Florida State University, Cautero served as the Seminole's team manager as an undergrad before earning a place on Kennedy's staff. The Seminoles defeated for Seminole assistant Donnie Marsh and UAB on Dec. 16 (78-70).

**SEMINOLES IN THE NATIONAL FREE THROW PERCENTAGE STATISTICS**

Florida State enters Saturday's game against Providence ranked second in the nation with a .791 team free throw shooting percentage. The Seminoles have grown accustomed to ranking among the nation's top free throw shooting teams in the last two seasons after ranking ninth during the 2006-07 season and ranking first during the first three weeks of the 2007-08 season.

**Seminole Ranked Second Nationally**

Rank	Team	FTM	FTA	Pct.	League
1.	IUPUI	160	197	.812	Summit League
2.	<b>Florida State</b>	<b>189</b>	<b>239</b>	<b>.791</b>	<b>Atlantic Coast</b>
3.	Utah State	182	232	.784	Western Athletic
4.	UNC Wilmington	147	188	.782	Colonial Athletic
5.	UC Santa Barbara	148	190	.779	Big West

**FLORIDA STATE FROM THE FREE THROW LINE**

As Seminole head coach Leonard Hamilton continues to search for a set rotation, the players who have earned starting roles are shooting a combined .804 from the free throw line. The four players who have started the majority of the Seminoles' first 13 games (Isaiah Swann and Uche Echefu, 13 starts; Toney Douglas, 12 starts and Jason Rich, 11 starts) are all shooting better than 80 percent from the line and are shooting a combined .863 percent (133 of 154).

**Players Who Have Earned Starts From The Free Throw Line**

Player	GS	FTM	FTA	Pct.	Notes
Isaiah Swann	13	29	30	.967	Made first 27 FT of 2007-08 season
Toney Douglas	12	29	36	.806	Made 12 of last 14 FT attempts - .857
Jason Rich	11	23	27	.852	Made 5 straight FT entering Providence game
Uche Echefu	13	52	61	.852	Made 11 of last 13 FT attempts - .846
Ralph Mims	4	29	40	.725	Season-high 5-of-6 in win over Minnesota
Ryan Reid	5	12	18	.667	FT pct. up from .463 I 35 games in 2006-07
Julian Vaughn	6	14	19	.737	Season-high 6-of-6 in win over Ga. South.
Solomon Alabi	1	5	9	.556	Has made 3 of last 5 FT attempts
Totals		193	240	.804	Seminole lead ACC with .791 FT pct.

**FLORIDA STATE AMONG ACC STEALS LEADERS**

Florida State enters Saturday's game against Providence ranked fourth in the ACC and tied for 32<sup>nd</sup> nationally with a 9.0 steals per game average. The Seminoles were held to a season-low three steals in their victory over the College of Charleston – but were credited with two of those steals (one by Toney Douglas and one by Isaiah Swann) in the last 48 seconds of the game. The steals led directly to four points and the 66-61 victory.

**Florida State Men's Basketball  
Upcoming Milestones**

**Toney Douglas**  
**Career Points**  
1,070 (current)

**Jason Rich**  
**Career Points**  
961 (current)  
+39 (needs)  
1,000

To become the 39<sup>th</sup> player in school history to score 1,000 or more career points

**Isaiah Swann**  
**Career Points**  
945 (current)  
+55 (needs)  
1,000

To become the 40<sup>th</sup> player in school history to score 1,000 or more career points

**Isaiah Swann**  
**Career 3-Point Field Goals Made**  
151 (current)  
+49 (needs)  
200

To become the fourth player in school history to make 200 or more 3-point field goals

**Isaiah Swann**  
**Career 3-Point Field Goals Made**  
151 (current)  
+105 (needs)  
256

To surpass James Collins and become Florida State's all-time leader in the 3-point field goals made category

**Isaiah Swann**  
**Career 3-Point Field Goals Attempted**  
393 (current)  
+76 (needs)  
469

To surpass George McCloud and move into fourth place on Florida State's 3-point field goals attempted list

**Isaiah Swann**  
**Career Assists**  
309 (current)  
+9 (needs)  
318

To surpass Dean Shaffer and move into 12<sup>th</sup> place on Florida State's all-time career assists list

**Isaiah Swann**  
**Career Assists**  
309 (current)  
+41 (needs)  
350

To become the 11<sup>th</sup> player in school history with 350 or more career assists

**Isaiah Swann**  
**Career Steals**  
127 (current)  
+3 (needs)  
130

To surpass Todd Galloway and move into 15<sup>th</sup> place on Florida State's all-time career steals list

**PROBABLE STARTERS FOR FLORIDA STATE**

- F #21 Julian Vaughn (4.2 ppg, 2.4 rpg; First career game vs. Providence)
- F #41 Uche Echefu (10.5 ppg, 6.7 rpg; 6 pts and 4 rebs vs. Providence, 12/29/06)
- G #3 Isaiah Swann (13.4 ppg, 3.8 apg; 14 pts and 4 asts vs. Providence, 12/29/06)
- G #23 Toney Douglas (12.7 ppg, 3.0 apg; 8 pts and 5 rebs vs. Providence, 12/29/06)
- G #25 Jason Rich (10.6 ppg, 4.8 rpg; 17 pts and 5 rebs vs. Providence, 12/29/06)

**...AND TOP RESERVES**

- G #10 Ralph Mims (9.9 ppg, 0.7 apg; 9 pts and 7 asts vs. Providence, 12/29/06)
- C #32 Solomon Alabi (3.9 ppg, 2.5 rpg; First career game against Providence)
- F #2 Jordan DeMercy (1.6 ppg, 1.3 rpg; First career game vs. Providence)
- F #15 Casaan Breeden (4.7 ppg, 2.4 rpg; 8 pts and 3 asts vs. Providence, 12/29/06)
- F #42 Ryan Reid (5.3 ppg, 4.4 rpg; 7 pts and 7 rebs vs. Providence, 12/29/06)

**PROBABLE STARTERS FOR PROVIDENCE**

- F #34 Jonathan Kale (5.6 ppg, 3.4 rpg; 10 pts and 7 rebs vs. Florida State, 12/29/06)
- G #1 Jeff Xavier (10.7 ppg, 3.9 rpg; First career game against Florida State)
- G #5 Dwain Williams (9.9 ppg, 2.5 rpg; 15 pts and 4 asts vs. Florida State, 12/29/06)
- G #11 Geoffrey McDermott (11.5ppg, 7.9 rpg; 11 pts and 7 rebs vs. Florida State, 12/29/06)
- G #23 Brian McKenzie (12.2 ppg, 4.6 rpg; 6 pts and 1 reb vs. Florida State, 12/29/06)

**TODAY'S OFFICIALS**

Today's officials are Jamie Luckie, Bob Donato and John Cahill

**FLORIDA STATE VS. PROVIDENCE – A SERIES HISTORY**

The Series: Florida State leads the series, 1-0  
 Last Game: Nov. 29, 2006; Florida State 92, Providence 62  
 Last Florida State Win: Nov. 29, 2006; Florida State 92, Providence 62  
 Last Providence Win: None  
 Last Florida State Win At Providence: None  
 Last Providence Win At Providence: None  
 Current Streak: Florida State has won 1  
 Leonard Hamilton vs. Providence: 8-8 (1-0 at Florida State, 7-8 at Miami)

**FLORIDA STATE VS. PROVIDENCE – THE LAST GAME**

Dec. 29, 2006  
 Florida State 92  
 Providence 62  
 at Tampa, Fla.

**FLORIDA STATE VS. PROVIDENCE – THE LAST MEETING**

Jason Rich scored 17 points and Isaiah Swann added 14 as Florida State tuned up for the start of its Atlantic Coast Conference schedule with a 92-62 win over Providence on Dec. 29, 2006 at the St. Pete Times Forum in Tampa, Fla. Al Thornton scored 11 for the Seminoles. Providence missed 15 of 20 shots from the field in the second half and shot 36 percent overall. With Thornton riding the bench for 16 minutes because of foul trouble, the Seminoles overcame an early 13-2 deficit and led by as many as 13 before settling for a 45-34 halftime advantage. Rich made six of seven shots in the opening half; Swann then scored 10 during the 21-4 run Florida State put together in the first eight minutes of the second half to build the lead to 66-38. Providence was limited to one field goal during the stretch. Dwain Williams led Providence with 15 points. Geoffrey McDermott and Herbert Hill finished with 11 apiece.

**2007-08 FLORIDA STATE ROSTER**

No.	Name	Pos.	Hgt.	Wgt.	Yr.	Hometown
2	Jordan DeMercy	F	6-7	190	Fr.	Norcross, Ga.
3	Isaiah Swann	G	6-2	205	Sr.	Gaithersburg, Md.
5	Ben O'Donnell	G	5-9	171	Fr.	Largo, Fla.
10	Ralph Mims	G	6-3	211	Sr.	Pensacola, Fla.
15	Casaan Breeden	F	6-8	200	Jr.	Bennettsville, S.C.
21	Julian Vaughn	F	6-10	245	Fr.	Vienna, Va.
23	Toney Douglas	G	6-1	200	Jr.	Jonesboro, Ga.
24	Jordan Bolton	F	6-5	214	Fr.	Winter Park, Fla.
25	Jason Rich	G	6-3	205	Sr.	Pensacola, Fla.
31	Brian Hoff	G	6-6	195	Jr.	Jacksonville, Fla.
32	Solomon Alabi	C	7-1	237	Fr.	Lagos, Nigeria
33	Matt Zitani	F	6-7	228	Gr.	Port. St. Lucie, Fla.
41	Uche Echefu	F	6-9	225	Jr.	Lagos, Nigeria
42	Ryan Reid	F	6-9	230	So.	Lauderdale Lakes, Fla.

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

**1** Senior guard Isaiah Swann is ranked in the top 10 in four different ACC statistical categories. He is the ACC leader in 3-point field goals made (33), he is ranked sixth in 3-point field goal percentage (.446), eighth in assist:turnover ratio (1.92:1) and 10<sup>th</sup> in scoring (13.4 ppg).

**2** Florida State's Toney Douglas (34 steals) and Ralph Mims (26 steals) are both ranked in the ACC top five for steals. Douglas is the ACC leader and Mims is tied for fourth. Florida State is the only team in the ACC with two players ranked in the top five of the steals category.

**4** Junior Uche Echefu has led the Seminoles in scoring and rebounding four times this season. He led the Seminoles with 17 points and nine rebounds against Charleston on Dec. 18.

**8** Florida State has won eight of its 10 games by double digit margins and has a +13.3 average margin of victory through its first 13 games of the season.

**9** Junior Uche Echefu has scored in double figures nearly as many times this season (nine times in 13 games) and he did as a sophomore (ten times in 35 games). He enters Saturday's game against Providence averaging a career-high 10.5 points per game.

**10** Florida State is undefeated, 10-0, when it outscores its opponent.

**15** Junior guard Toney Douglas has scored in double figures in 15 consecutive games – all 13 games this season and the final two games of the 2006-07 season. He is averaging 14.8 points per game since the Seminoles defeated Toledo on March 13, 2007.

**18** Florida State earned a total of 18 steals in its season-opening victory over Nicholls State. The Seminoles' 18 steals against the Colonels is tied for the fifth highest single game total in school history.

**20** Florida State made a program record 20 3-point field goals in its 95-55 victory over Maine on Dec. 8. A total of six Seminoles made at least one shot from the bonusphere during the victory.

**33** Senior Isaiah Swann, who is ranked first in the ACC with a total of 33 3-point field goals made, has made nearly as many shots from the bonusphere as an individual (33) as NC State has as a team (37).

**49** Junior Uche Echefu will start his 49<sup>th</sup> consecutive game against Providence on Saturday. He is the only Seminole to start every game in the last two seasons for the Seminoles.

**55** Led by Julian Vaughn's 10 blocked shots, Florida State has blocked more than twice as many shots (54) as its opponents (27) through the first 13 games of the season.

**FLORIDA STATE NOT ALLOWING MANY OPEN LOOKS AT THE BASKET**

Florida State is ranked first in the ACC in 3-point field goal percentage defense (.279 percent) and fifth in the ACC in overall field goal percentage defense (.399). The Seminoles' tenacity in not allowing their opponents many open looks has helped the Seminoles to a fourth place ranking in the ACC in scoring defense (60.8 points per game allowed). In winning seven of their last eight games, the Seminoles have limited their opponents to a cumulative field goal percentage of .381(172-of-452), a cumulative 3-point field goal percentage of .269 (44-of-167) and an average of 57.4 points per game.

**Seminole On The Defensive**

Games	FG Pct. Def.	3FG Pct. Def	Pts. Allowed	Result
Georgia State	.327	.200	48	W, 78-48
Florida	.389	.174	51	W, 65-51
Minnesota	.338	.174	61	W, 75-61
Stetson	.431	.250	59	W, 72-59
Samford	.327	.214	45	W, 61-45
Maine	.377	.200	55	W, 95-55
Butler	.522	.423	79	L, 68-79
Charleston	.371	.286	61	W, 66-61

**FLORIDA STATE'S TEAM STREAKS...**

...Florida State has made at least one 3-point field goal in 50 consecutive games entering Saturday's game at Providence. The last time the Seminoles did not make a shot from the bonusphere was on Jan. 4, 2005 at Clemson;

...Florida State has blocked at least one shot in 26 consecutive games entering Saturday's game against Providence. The last time the Seminoles did not block a shot was in a 96-79 victory over Maryland on Feb. 30, 2007;

...Florida State has not allowed an opponent to score 100 or more points in a game during the first five plus years of the Leonard Hamilton era. The last time a Seminole opponent reached the century mark was on Feb. 4, 2001 – a span of 195 games. The last team to score at least 100 points against Florida State was Duke in a 100-58 win over the Seminoles.

**FLORIDA STATE HAS...**

...Made at least 100 3-point field goals as a team in each season since the 1986-87 season when the NCAA adopted the 3-point line as a rule. The Seminoles enter Saturday's game against Providence with 92 3-point shots made as a team this season and need only eight to reach the century mark. Led by Isaiah Swann's 2.6 3-point field goals made per game, Florida State averages 7.1 3-point field goals made per game this season;

...Earned at least 200 steals per season in each of the first five seasons of the Leonard Hamilton era at Florida State. The Seminoles enter Saturday's game against Providence with a total of 117 steals while averaging 9.0 steals per game. The Seminoles ranked fifth in the ACC last season as they averaged 7.9 steals per game;

...Outrebounded each of its four opponents and holds a +4.2 rebounding margin through the first 13 games of the season. The Seminoles have outrebounded six of their 13 opponents by at least 10 rebounds;

...Made more free throws (204) than its opponents have attempted (187) through the first 13 games of the 2007-08 season. The Seminoles have made more free throws than their opponents have attempted in six different games so far this season.

**SEMINOLES STAGE COMBACK TO EARN VICTORY OVER CHARLESTON**

Florida State outscored the College of Charleston 34-17 over the final 16 minutes of its win over the Cougars on Tuesday night to earn a hard fought 66-61 victory. The Seminoles trailed by 12 after a 3-point shot by Marcus Hammond gave Charleston a 44-32 lead with 16:05 left in the game. Junior guard Toney Douglas began the Seminoles' comeback with a 3-point shot at the 15:34 mark and they went onto record their second largest comeback of the last two seasons. Florida State's largest comeback in the last two seasons came in Cameron Indoor Stadium on Feb. 4, 2007 as it rallied from a 17-point deficit to defeat No. 8 ranked Duke, 68-67. The victory was the first for the Florida State program in Cameron. The Seminoles trailed Providence by 11 points (13-2) with 15:44 left in the first half of last season's game between these two teams before rallying to win 92-62, in the St. Pete Times Forum.

**Florida State's Double-Digit Comebacks In The Last Two Seasons**

Rank	Opponent	Deficit	Date	Outcome
1.	Duke	17	Feb. 4, 2007	W, 68-67
2.	Charleston	12	Dec. 18, 2007	W, 66-61
T3.	Providence	11	Nov. 29, 2006	W, 92-62
T3.	McNeese State	11	Nov. 12, 2006	W, 85-65
5.	Illinois State	10	Nov. 13, 2007	W, 73-59

## Jason Rich Leaves Fresh Footprints For Future Generations To Follow

While growing up in Pensacola, Fla. as the youngest of nine children, Jason Rich picked up the game of basketball from his brothers, not knowing that it would eventually earn him a scholarship to the college of his choice.

"I started playing basketball when I was about six years old," said Rich. "I've got three older brothers and that kind of helped me. They taught me in the backyard, so that's where I was able to pick it up."

While in middle school, he led his middle school team to the championship game twice, both times facing current teammate Ralph Mims.

As Rich says with a smile, "Ralph and I lived on different sides of town, but we played on the same teams and sometimes against each other. His middle school team beat us in the championship game two years in a row; I wasn't too happy about that, but we've known each other for a long time and have always had a good relationship"

Rich not only "picked-up" the sport, but excelled immensely.

Rich went on to play at Dr. Phillips High School, a top-notch basketball school that has done very well over the past decade.

"Playing at DP was a big difference for me because that was a big-time basketball program," said the Florida State senior. "They were one of the only schools in the state of Florida with at least I think thirteen consecutive years of 20-game seasons. They're a great academic school and they took care of me mostly."

While at Dr. Phillips, Rich earned All-State First-Team honors as a senior, was named All-State First-Team by Florida Sports Writer's Association as a junior and senior, was an All-Central Florida selection by *Orlando Sentinel*, and earned All-Metro First-Team honors as a senior. Rich led Dr. Phillips to the No. 1 ranking in the state during senior season; it finished season as the No. 7 ranked team in the state.

With all of the accolades he received it's was no surprise that Rich was offered numerous Division 1 scholarships.

"I got offered by plenty of schools, but my top five were Indiana, Kentucky, Southern Cal, Georgia Tech, and Florida State," he said. "It came down to Florida State and Kentucky, but the reason I chose to be here was that Kentucky has already established itself as Kentucky. I felt like Coach Hamilton and his staff and the players he was getting were going to be able to turn this place around put it in the right direction and I wanted to be part of that."

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## SWANN AMONG ACC LEADERS IN ASSISTS AND ASSIST:TURNOVER RATIO

Senior guard Isaiah Swann, who is looking to lead the Seminoles in assists for the second consecutive season, enters Saturday's game against Providence ranked 10<sup>th</sup> in the ACC with a 3.8 assists per game average. He has been credited with a team-high 50 assists in the first 13 games of the 2007-08 season. Swann's ability to build up his assists total throughout his career has helped him improve on his assist:turnover ratio throughout his career. He has gone from a negative ratio as a freshman to a ratio of nearly 2:1 as a senior.

### Swann Finding His Teammates

Season	A	T	A:TO Ratio
2004-05	62	80	0.8:1
2005-06	87	62	1.4:1
2006-07	110	72	1.5:1
2007-08	50	26	1.9:1
Totals	309	240	1.3:1

### THE INSIDE STORY OF SWANN'S ASSIST:TURNOVER RATIO

Senior guard Isaiah Swann, who is currently ranked eighth in the ACC in assist:turnover ratio has shown his ability to improve as a passer throughout his career. His skills are on display this season as he brings a ratio of nearly 2:1 into Saturday's game against Providence. After a slow start to his career with a negative ratio through his first two seasons, Swann has been one of the top guards in the ACC in the last two seasons. Through his first two seasons, Swann has nearly as many turnovers (142) as he did assists (149) for a ratio of just over 1:1. He has improved his ratio in the last two seasons with 60 assists more (160) than he has turnovers (98) and a ratio of 1.6:1.

### SWANN ON THE VERGE OF MOVING INTO FLOIRDA STATE'S TOP 15 FOR STEALS

Senior guard Isaiah Swann, who has 127 career steals in 109 career games (1.2 career steals per game), needs only three steals to move into the Seminoles' all-time top 15 for career steals. He has 13 steals this season and enters Saturday's game against Providence with at least one steal in five consecutive games. Swann had one of the Seminoles' three steals against the College of Charleston on Tuesday night – it came with 46 seconds remaining in the game and helped send teammate Uche Echefu to the free throw line. Echefu made two free throws to put the Seminoles up 64-61 and put the game virtually out of reach for the Cougars.

### THE TONEY DOUGLAS STEALS STORY...

...He leads the ACC with 34 steals and a career-high 2.6 steals per game average;  
 ...He has at least one steal in each of the Seminoles' last 10 games and in 11 of the Seminoles' 13 games this season;  
 ...His 34 steals are only one less than his season total from a year ago when he had 35 steals in 30 games (1.2 spg) and only nine fewer than his single-season career-high of 43 in 31 games during his freshman season at Auburn (1.4 spg).

### DOUGLAS FINDING HIS WAY FROM THE 3-POINT LINE

Senior guard Toney Douglas, who has made 109 3-point field goals during his 74-game collegiate career (1.5 3FGM/Game), has regained his stroke from long range and is becoming another dangerous threat for the Seminoles from the bonusphere. After getting off to a slow start to begin the season, he has now made at last one 3-point field goal in each of the last six games and is shooting .444 from long range since the Seminoles' victory over Minnesota in the ACC/Big Ten Challenge on Nov. 27.

### Douglas From The Bonusphere

Games	3FGM	3FGA	Pct.	Notes
Last 6	12	27	.444	Three 3-point FGM vs. Stetson and Charleston
First 7	4	25	.160	Two 3-point FGM vs. Ga. Southern and USF
Improv.	+8	+2	+.284	Ranked third on the team with 16 3FGM

### DOUGLAS IS ONE OF THE SEMINOLES TOP FREE THROW SHOOTERS

Senior guard Toney Douglas, who is shooting a single-season career-high .806 from the free throw line, is one of Florida State's top free throw shooters and one of the top free throw shooters in college basketball. He enters Saturday's game against Providence with a career free throw shooting percentage of .791 in 74 games and nearly 250 trips to the free throw line. Douglas, whose free throw shooting percentage has increased in each of his three seasons as a collegian, needs only three free throws made to reach the 200 plateau for his career.

## Jason Rich – Leaving Fresh Footprints

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Rich has been one of the Seminoles' most consistent players throughout his career at Florida State. He hopes that he will be able to use his talents, as well as those of his teammates to win an ACC Championship and get to the NCAA Tournament.

"I think this is by far one of the best teams since I've been here," said Rich. "We're very balanced and we've never had both 6'10" and 7' kids out there capable of putting up good numbers at the same time."

However, amidst Rich's achievements on the court, it is his off-court life that is even more incredible.

"I have four older brothers and four older sisters; I'm the baby if nine and I'm the only one to play college ball and I'll be the first one to graduate from college."

On the court, he strives to emulate Kobe Bryant and his dedication.

"I love [Bryant's] work ethic and I love his killer instinct and his drive to get better; he works so hard," said Rich. "The thing is, he's so talented, yet he still works hard and still strives to be the best. That's a great attitude to have and that's why I really look up to him."

Off the court, he attempts to return the beginnings of a basketball career to young kids by coaching and teaching basketball.

"I've done plenty of kids' camps and I've always liked that because basketball is a game that is of the time that you're in right now," said the 6'3" senior. "If you teach the fundamentals of the game, that's where you're going to end up starting from, and I like being the one to establish those so they can move forward from there."

While not coaching, practicing, or playing, Rich continues to work toward a degree in social science, although he would prefer an NBA career.

"The more I get into it, the more I've been interested in understanding gender and race, how they're different; how they affect different situations," said Rich. "As far as a career, NBA basketball would be my first choice, but I kind of hope to take my social science degree and incorporate it with sports in some way."

Although Rich has always been at the top of the basketball world he is paving new roads for his family and society: first to graduate from college and help establish new talent for others to have similar opportunities to play college and even in the NBA. Both of these are more rewarding than any trophy he will ever receive.

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## Douglas From The Free Throw Line

Season	FTM	FTA	Pct.	Notes
2004-05	105	133	.780	Single-season career-high 105 FTM
2006-07	63	80	.788	Career-high 9 FTM vs. Virginia Tech, Jan. 17, 2007
2007-08	<u>29</u>	<u>36</u>	<u>.806</u>	Season-high 5 FTM vs. CSU and Samford
Totals	197	249	.791	Has missed only 7 FTA in first 13 games of 07-08

## MIMS RETURNS CLOSE TO HIS HIGH SCHOOL STOMPING GROUNDS

Senior guard Ralph Mims, who was a high school star at Brunswick High School in Maine, returns to the northeast region of the country this weekend as the Seminoles travel to play Providence in Rhode Island. He enjoyed an outstanding prep basketball and football career while his father was stationed there as a Senior Master Chief Petty Officer at the US Naval Air Station in Brunswick.

## RALPH MIMS IN HIS LAST FIVE GAMES...

...He has scored 64 points and is averaging 12.8 points scored per game. He has scored in double figures in three of the five games and scored 16 points against Stetson (Nov. 30) and Butler (Dec. 15). Mims' 64 points in the last five games rivals his point total from his freshman season – 82 points and a 2.8 points per game scoring average in 29 games;

...He is shooting .571 from the 3-point line. Mims has made 12 of his last 21 shots from long range including three each in victories over Stetson (Nov. 30), Maine (Dec. 2) and Charleston (Dec. 18). He has made as many 3-point shots in the last five games (12) as he did during his freshman and sophomore season combined (12);

...He is shooting .514 from the field. He has made 19 of his last 37 field goal attempts to help him score in double figures three times. He has made nearly as many field goals since Nov. 30 against Stetson (19) as he did in 29 games as a freshman (24);

...He has pulled down 27 rebounds and is averaging 5.4 rebounds per game. He has 27 rebounds (5.4 rpg) in his last five games after totaling 30 rebounds in the Seminoles' first eight games of the season (3.4 rpg).

## MIMS GETTING IN THE PASSING LANES

Senior guard Ralph Mims, who is tied for fourth in the ACC with 26 steals and a career-high 2.0 steals per game average, is enjoying the best season of his career and is creating much of the Seminoles' offense from his defense. Mims and junior guard Toney Douglas are both ranked among the ACC's top five for steals so far this season and have combined for a total of 60 steals through the first 13 games of the season. Mims and Douglas have **TOGETHER** combined for more than five of the 12 teams in the ACC. Mims has 61 steals in his last 48 games for a 1.3 steals per game average during his junior and senior seasons as compared to a 0.6 steals per game average during his freshman and sophomore season (34 steals in 59 games).

## Mims' Stealing Progression

Season	S	SPG	Notes
2004-05	18	0.6	Career-high 6 steals in victory over Jacksonville, Dec. 21, 2004
2005-06	16	0.5	Season-high 2 steals against Campbell and Maryland
2006-07	35	1.0	Season-high 4 steals in victory over NC State, Feb. 24, 2007
2007-08	<u>26</u>	<u>2.0</u>	Season-high 5 steals in victories over Nicholls St and USF
Totals	95	0.9	Needs only 5 steals to reach 100 for his career

## MIMS BECOMING A GOOD SHOOTER FROM LONG RANGE

Senior guard Ralph Mims, who ranks second on the team with 18 3-point field goals, has developed into one of Florida State's top 3-point shooters. He enters Saturday's game against Providence shooting a career-high .429 from the bonusphere and averaging a 1.4 made 3-point shots per game this season. Mims has already made 18 3-point shots this season – more than he did during freshman and sophomore seasons combined (12) and nearly as many as he made during his junior season (25).

## Mims From The Bonusphere

Season	3FGM	3FGA	Pct.	Notes
2004-05	5	20	.250	18 percent of points from 3-point line
2005-06	7	23	.304	18 percent of points from 3-point line
2006-07	25	66	.379	44 percent of points from 3-point line
2007-08	<u>18</u>	<u>42</u>	<u>.429</u>	<u>42 percent of points from 3-point line</u>
Totals	55	151	.364	33 percent of points from 3-point line

**Isaiah Swann:  
Academic and Athletic Success**

Florida State senior guard Isaiah Swann entertained offers from most of the nation's top basketball programs when he was deciding where to attend college.

He and his family then hosted Jim Calhoun of the University of Connecticut in their home. The Huskies were on their way to winning the national championship while Swann was making his decision. He made an official visit to Arizona and spent time with their successful coach, Lute Olson. Other suitors also included Tubby Smith of the University of Kentucky, Bill Self of the University of Kansas and Bob Huggins of Cincinnati.

But the biggest impression during Swann's entire recruiting process was made by Leonard Hamilton and the coaching staff from Florida State University. Hamilton had just finished his second season in Tallahassee and had guided the Seminoles to a total of 26 victories and a total of eight wins in Atlantic Coast Conference play.

The Seminoles' victory totals and number of postseason appearances in Hamilton's first two seasons weren't what caught Swann's attention during the recruiting process. Rather, it was the graduation rate for Hamilton's players during his coaching career and the number of players he had helped develop who are now playing at the professional level that helped Swann make one of the most important choices of his life.

"Coach Hamilton was more interested in me as a person when I was being recruited," said Swann. "I had the confidence in my game to know that I could be successful on the court wherever I chose to play college basketball. He helped me develop the confidence that I could be successful as a person no matter where I decided to go to college. I knew that he would care about me even if I hadn't decided to play for him at Florida State."

Hamilton has made the academic success of his players a priority during his coaching career; that success stands as his number one goal as a coach on the collegiate level. In his 10 seasons as the head coach at the University Miami, 28 of his 31 seniors received their degrees. In his first five seasons at Florida State, 13 of his 15 senior players have earned their degrees.

In addition, Hamilton has seen 44 of the players he has either coached or recruited achieve their dreams of playing in the NBA. Included on that list are four players in his first five seasons at Florida State including 2007 NBA Draft Lottery selection Al Thornton.

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**NOTING JORDAN DEMERCY...**

...He has played in double figure minutes in two of the last three and three of the last five games and is averaging 10.6 minutes played per game since earning 14 minutes of playing time in the Seminoles' victory over Stetson. He has made three consecutive field goal attempts and has five rebounds and three steals in the last five games.

**NOTING JULIAN VAUGHN...**

...He has started three of the last five games and six games overall in his first season as a Seminole. He has played in double figure minutes in five consecutive games and has four steals in his last three games (1.3 spg). He leads the team in blocked shots with 10.

**NOTING SOLOMON ALIBI...**

...He has played in five consecutive games and is averaging 13.0 minutes played per game during that span. He played in three of the Seminoles' first eight games of the season and averaged 5.0 mpg. He has scored 25 points in his last five games (5.0 ppg) after totaling six points in his first three games (2.0 ppg).

**RICH IS ONE OF THE SEMINOLES' SENIOR LEADERS**

Senior guard Jason Rich, who is averaging in double figure scoring for the third consecutive season, has been a leader throughout his career with that leadership quality really becoming as evident as ever this season. He is among the team leaders in scoring (third, 10.6 ppg), rebounding (second, 4.8), free throw shooting (tied for second, .852), minutes played (third, 30.9), 3-point field goal shooting percentage (third, .407) and assists (third, 24). Rich, who has started 85 games during his career is only 15 starts from becoming one of only six players in school history to start 100 or more career games at Florida State. The school record for starting assignments in a career is 117 by Delvon Arrington (1999-02).

**RICH GETS BETTER EACH YEAR FROM THE FREE THROW LINE**

Senior guard Jason Rich, who enters Saturday's game against Providence shooting a career-high .852 from the free throw, has improved from the free throw line during each of his four seasons at Florida State. He began his career shooting a stellar .707 as a freshman and has worked to keep his free throw shooting percentage on the upswing. Rich has missed a total of four free throws in the first 13 games of the 2007-08 season and only 17 in the past two seasons. He is shooting .816 from the line (93 of 144) in the last two seasons.

**Rich Continues To Improve From The Free Throw Line**

Season	FTM	FTA	Pct.	Notes
2004-05	29	41	.707	Season-high 3 FTM vs. four different teams
2005-06	42	57	.737	Season-high 4 FTM at Jacksonville, Nov. 19, 2005
2006-07	70	87	.805	Career-high 7 FTM vs. Boston College and Clemson
2007-08	<u>23</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>.852</u>	<u>Perfect 6-of-6 from FT in victory over Ga. Southern</u>
Totals	164	212	.774	Ranked 12 <sup>th</sup> in school history for FT Pct.

**ECHEFU ENJOYING BEST SEASON OF SEMINOLE CAREER**

Junior forward Uche Echefu, who is averaging a career-high 10.5 points and a career-high 6.7 rebounds per game, is enjoying the best season of his Seminole career. He is the team leader in free throws made (52) and attempted (61), offensive (24) and total rebounds (87) and has scored in double figures nine times. Echefu made eight of 10 free throws including two in the final minute of Florida State's game against Charleston on Tuesday night to solidify the Seminoles' victory over the Cougars. He is playing especially well in the last four games with a 12.0 points and an 8.5 rebounds per game average.

**ECHEFU CONTINUES FREE THROW SHOOTING IMPROVEMENT**

Junior Uche Echefu, who closed out the Seminoles' victory over Charleston as he made two free throws with 46 seconds remaining to put Florida State up 64-61, enters Saturday's game against Providence shooting a career-high .852 from the free throw line. He has improved his overall game by leaps and bounds throughout his career including from the free throw line where he is shooting .809 (110-136) in the last two seasons after shooting .545 in 29 games as a freshman.

**Echefu From The Free Throw Line**

Season	FTM	FTA	Pct.	Notes
2005-06	12	22	.545	Season-high 3 FTM vs. NC State, Feb. 15, 2006
2006-07	58	75	.773	Season-high 8 FTM vs. Stetson, Dec. 5, 2006
2007-08	<u>52</u>	<u>61</u>	<u>.852</u>	<u>Career-high 9 FTM vs. CSU, Nov. 17, 2007</u>
Totals	122	158	.772	Ranked tied for 13 <sup>th</sup> in school history for FT Pct.