

CoSIDA Sports Information Sheet

Basketball, 2007-08

GENERAL

Name of School Florida State University
 City/Zip Tallahassee, Fla. 32316
 Founded 1851
 Enrollment 39,652
 Symbol Seminoles
 School colors Garnet (202C) and Gold (7403C)
 Arena/Gym Name Donald L. Tucker Center
 Capacity 12,100
 Affiliation NCAA Division I
 Conference Atlantic Coast
 President Dr. T.K. Wetherell
 Alma Mater, Yr. Florida State University/1967
 Athletics Director Dave Hart, Jr.
 Alma Mater, Yr. University of Alabama/1971
 Athletic Dept. Phone (850) 644-1403
 Ticket office Phone (850) 644-1830

HISTORY

First Yr. Of basketball 1948
 Overall all-time record 952-710 (.573)
 No. Yrs. In NCAA Tourn./last 10/1998
 No. Yrs. In NIT/last 6/2007
 Last Post-season opponent Mississippi State/2007 NIT Quarters
 Result L, 71-86

SPORTS INFORMATION

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COACHING STAFF

Head Coach Leonard Hamilton
 Alma Mater/Year Tennessee-Martin/1971
 Record at school (yrs) 87-71 (.558) / 5 Years
 Career record (yrs) 287-281 (.505) / 19 Years
 Basketball office phone (850) 644-1461
 Best time/day to reach coach Through Sports Information
 Assistant Coaches/Alma Mater/Year
Stan Jones/Memphis, 1984/Associate Head Coach
Corey Williams/Oklahoma State, 1992
Andy Enfield/Johns Hopkins, 1991
Jacob Ridenhour/Auburn, 1995 (Director of Operations)
 Athletic Trainer/Alma Mater/Year
Sam Lunt/Miami (Fla.), 1983

TEAM INFORMATION

	Total	Home	Away	Neut
Overall record last year	<u>22-13</u>	<u>15-3</u>	<u>4-9</u>	<u>2-1</u>
Conference record/finish	<u>7-9</u>	<u>5-3</u>	<u>2-6</u>	<u>0-0</u>
Final ranking last year (poll)	<u>NA</u>			
Starters returning/lost	<u>4/1</u>			
Letterwinners returning/lost	<u>9/3</u>			

MEDIA INFORMATION

Radio Station Seminole Radio Network
 Radio contact person Ryan Pency
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R/L	Ht	Wt	Cl	Pos	GP/GS	PPG	RPG	other
Starters Returning (R) and Lost (L)								
R/L								
(R) Jason Rich	6-3	185	Sr.	G	35/34	10.3	3.5	.805 FT%
(R) Isaiah Swann	6-1	197	Sr.	G	35/34	10.3	3.0	3.1 APG
(R) Toney Douglas	6-1	176	Jr.	G	30/28	12.7	2.7	2.9 APG
(R) Uche Echefu	6-9	220	Jr.	F/C	35/35	6.9	4.3	.773 FT%
(L) Al Thornton	6-8	220	Sr.	F	35/35	19.7	7.2	.530 FG%

Other Key Returnees

Ralph Mims	6-2	200	Jr.	G	35/7	4.9	2.1	19.4 MPG
Casaan Breeden	6-8	195	So.	F	34.0	2.9	1.0	.769 FT%
Ryan Reid	6-8	232	So.	F	25.0	2.9	3.2	.563 FG%

Other Key Losses

Jerel Allen	6-4	195	Sr.	G	35/2	4/9	2.0	28 3FGM
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Key Newcomers

	Ht	Wt	Cl	Pos	PPG	RPG	Other	Last School
Solomon Alabi	7-1	230	Fr.	C	17.5	11.4	6.0 BPG	Montverde Academy
All-State First Team in 2007 / Member Nigerian National Team								Montverde, Fla.
Julian Vaughn	6-9	240	Fr.	F	20.2	10.2		Oak Hill Academy
Led Oak Hill to 2007 High School National Championship								Mouth/Wilson, Va.
Jordan DeMercy	6-6	180	Fr.	F	9.4	4.2	2.8 SPG	Norcross H.S.
Led Norcross to state title and No. 12 final national ranking								Norcross, Ga.
Chris Blake	6-4	185	Fr.	G	21.0	4.3	6.0	LeFlore H.S.
All-State First Team in 2007 / Led LeFlore to No. 14 national ranking								Mobile, Ala.

All-star candidates: Jason Rich (All-ACC); Toney Douglas (All-ACC); Isaiah Swann (All-ACC)

NOTES/CLARIFICATIONS

Florida State averages 21.0 wins and has played in the postseason in each of the last two seasons...the Seminoles defeated three ranked teams during the 2006-07 season and return four starters and four of their top five scorers from the 2006-07 season...Included in Florida State's list of returning starters are senior guards Jason Rich (10.3 ppg, .805 FT %) and Isaiah Swann (10.3 ppg, 68 3FGM) who have started a combined 174 games during their careers...Rich is an All-ACC candidate as a four-year returning starter and the Seminoles' leading returning scorer...the many abilities he has displayed during the first three years of his career on both the offensive and defensive ends of the court place him in the special class as one of the most talented all-around players in the nation's best conference for the 2007-08 season...averaged in double figures scoring in each of the last two seasons and is the Seminoles' leading scorer with 823 total points in 95 career games beginning his senior season...averages 10.2 points per game in the last two seasons... Swann is an All-ACC candidate as one of the nation's top shooters and most athletically gifted players who returns for his third consecutive season as a member of the Seminoles' starting line-up...he finished tied for sixth in the ACC in total 3-point field goals made (68) and seventh in the ACC in 3-point field goals made (1.94) per game as a junior...made an NIT and near-school-record nine 3-point field goals against Mississippi State in the quarterfinal round of the 2007 MasterCard NIT...his performance from beyond the arc allowed him to score a career-high 31 points...averaged a career-high 10.3 points per game as a junior and allows the Seminoles to return a trio of double-figure scorers for the 2007-08 season...also a returning starter is junior point guard Toney Douglas (12.7 ppg, 2.9 apg) who played in 30 of Florida State's 35 games but missed five games during the month of February with a broken right wrist...in the five games Douglas missed (Feb. 11 through Feb. 24) the Seminoles averaged 65.4 points per game on the offensive end...in the final six games of the season upon his return, the Seminoles were 4-2 and averaged 77.4 points per game...a fourth returning starter is Uche Echefu who is one of the most rapidly improving players in the ACC...saw his playing time and statistics soar during his sophomore season and should he realize that same type of improvement during his junior season he will be well on his way to achieving elite status among the players in the ACC and in the nation...his improved statistics as a sophomore began to show what his immense potential will be during his final two seasons as a Seminole...he scored nearly four times as many points as a sophomore (243/6.9 ppg) than he did as a freshman (68/2.3)...he pulled down 110 rebounds more as a sophomore (151/4.3) this season than he did as a freshman (41/1.4)...all four of Florida State's recruits led their high school teams to top national finishes: Julian Vaughn (Oak Hill, #1), Solomon Alabi (Montverde Academy, #4), Jordan DeMercy (Norcross, #14), Chris Blake (LeFlore, #14).