

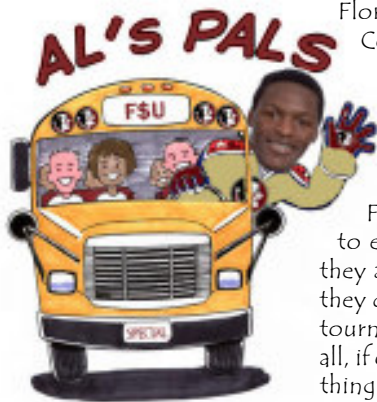
# HAITH'S FAITHFUL GAMEDAY REPORT



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## Hurricanes look to stomp out Free Shoes U in home finale



**"Al's Pals" need to learn not to rush the court before the game's over, like they did against Duke last year with 1.7 seconds left on the clock.**

Florida State comes into the BankUnited Center on the bubble for an NCAA Tournament bid. At 6-9 in conference, they're a long shot to reach the tournament, but they do have several big wins over Duke and the Gators that could sway the selection committee. FSU has lost 5 of their last 6, however, to essentially wilt down the stretch (like they always do). It's our job to make sure they don't even have an outside shot at the tourney bid by beating them today. After all, if our season can't be good, the next best thing we can do is to ruin the Noles' season.

Affectionately known as the "Criminoles" by some, FSU defeated the Canes by 19 in Tally back in January. However, FSU's fortunes have sunk since then. The Noles run a three-guard offense, with sophomore G

Toney Douglas, a transfer from Auburn, scoring 13.1 points per game and junior G Isaiah Swann being the spark plug of the team with his athleticism. Yet the Noles are led by F Al Thornton, one of the best players in the ACC. Thornton leads FSU in scoring (19.2 ppg), rebounds (7.2 rpb), minutes, steals, and blocks. He can score down low, yet he also shoots 44% from downtown. The guy is so beloved up in Trailerhassee that students started their own group at the games for him, known as "Al's Pals." We held him scoreless in a game last year, so let's see if we can do it again.



Before the season started, FSU encountered troubles with the law, as recruit Jonathan Kreft, a 7-footer, was arrested on drug charges before he even made it to FSU. I'll let you fill in your own FSU joke there.

Florida State is always a big game, not just because of our rivalry, but also because they have our old coach. Leonard Hamilton built the Canes basketball program essentially from scratch, getting us to the Sweet 16 in 2000 before leaving to coach the Washington Wizards at the request of Michael Jordan. After being let go, he returned to the college ranks and found a home at the enemy school. He's a member of the UM Sports Hall of Fame, so treat him with respect, but remember, he's a Nole now.



**FSU Head Coach Leonard Hamilton built our program.**

Let's end the season by crushing Free Shoes U!

## Tale of the Tape



VS



18-11 (6-9)	RECORD	11-18 (4-11)
NR	RANKING	NR
ACC	CONFERENCE	ACC
T-8th	CONF. STANDING	T-11th
47%	SHOOTING %	43%
32	REBOUNDS/GAME	35
77%	FT %	70%
37%	3 PT %	35%

FSU leads the series, 30-27.

## ACC Standings

TEAM	CONF W-L	(TOTAL)
1 Virginia	11-4	20-8
2 North Carolina	10-5	24-6
3 Virginia Tech	10-5	20-9
4 Boston College	10-5	19-9
5 Maryland	9-6	23-7
6 Duke	8-7	22-8
7 Georgia Tech	7-8	19-10
8 Clemson	6-9	20-9
9 Florida State	6-9	18-11
10 NC State	5-10	15-13
11 Wake Forest	4-11	13-15
12 Miami	4-11	11-18



# The Lineups



#	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	Hometown	#	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	Hometown
3	Isaiah Swann*	G	6-1	JR	Germantown, MD	00	Jimmy Graham	F	6-8	SO	Goldboro, NC
5	Josue Soto	G	6-0	FR	Jacksonville, FL	3	Omari Buncum	G	6-3	FR	Atlanta, GA
10	Ralph Mims	G	6-2	JR	Pensacola, FL	10	Landon Glover	G	6-2	JR	Montclair, NJ
11	Jerel Allen	G	6-4	SR	Detroit, MI	12	Anthony Harris*	G	6-2	SR	Chicago, IL
12	Al Thornton*	F	6-8	SR	Perry, GA	20	Lawrence Gilbert	F	6-7	FR	New Orleans, LA
15	Casean Breeden	F	6-8	SO	Bennettsville, SC	21	Dwayne Collins*	F	6-8	FR	Miami, FL
20	Toney Douglas*	G	6-1	SO	Jonesboro, GA	23	James Dews	G	6-3	FR	Westchester, OH
25	Jason Rich*	G	6-3	JR	Pensacola, FL	25	Jonathan Stratton	G	6-3	JR	Sandusky, OH
31	Brian Hoff	G	6-6	SO	Jacksonville, FL	32	Brian Asbury*	F	6-7	SO	Miami, FL
33	Matt Zitani	F	6-7	JR	Pt. St. Lucie, FL	33	Jack McClinton*	G	6-1	SO	Baltimore, MD
41	Uche Echefu*	C	6-9	SO	Lagos, Nigeria	42	Raymond Hicks	F	6-7	JR	Longview, TX
42	Ryan Reid	F	6-8	FR	Lauderdale Lakes, FL	44	Keaton Copeland*	F	6-5	SR	Miramar, FL
						50	Anthony King	C	6-9	SR	Durham, NC

\* DENOTES LIKELY STARTERS

**Head Coach: Leonard Hamilton (5th year)**  
*Assistant Coaches: Stan Jones, Andy Enfield, Tim Carter*

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**Head Coach: Frank Haith (3rd year)**  
*Assistant Coaches: Butch Estes, Jorge Fernandez, Michael Hunt*

## Cheering 101

**Don't be silent when the Canes are hoopin' it up! Make the BankUnited Center an imposing place to play with cheers like these:**



- OFFENSE:**
- "Let's Go Canes!" with claps on each word.
  - "Gooooo Miami Go!" with 3 claps afterwards.
  - "Let's Go UM!" with 5 claps after.

- DEFENSE:**
- "Ohhhhh!" while jumping up and down for the entire possession.

- FREE THROWS:**
- Hold one finger in the air for a Canes FT; if it's made, go "Whoosh! Ohhh!" and then jump and stomp. Stomp twice if he makes both FTs.

- ENEMY PLAYER INTROS:**
- Turn around, with your back to the court, and hold up the "U."



## SEBASTIAN'S CORNER

Today we honor our three seniors for their dedication, hard work, perseverance, and all the good times we've had over the past four years. Good luck, and we'll miss you. **THANK YOU SENIORS!**



**Anthony King**



**Anthony Harris**



**Keaton Copeland**



That's right, the ACC Tournament is coming up NEXT weekend. You can catch all the games on TV (check FSN or ESPN) starting at NOON on Thursday, March 8th, as the #8 seed takes on the #9 seed. The bottom 8 seeds battle it out on Thursday in 4 games, and then the survivors take on the top 4 seeds on Friday, with the semifinals on Saturday and the ACC Championship at 1pm on Sunday, March 11 on ESPN.

Go to [www.acctampabay.com](http://www.acctampabay.com) for more information.