

# Rattler Basketball 2003-04

## 2004 FAMU Men's Scorecard

Overall 0-0 • MEAC • 0-0

### November

23	Sun.	@Illinois State	3:15
25	Tues.	Cleveland State	7:30
28	Fri.	@North Carolina State	7:30

### December

2	Tues.	@Florida	7:00
5	Fri.	@Georgia	7:00
13	Sat.	@Alabama State	6:30
17	Wed	Wofford	7:30
20	Sat	Southern	3:00
22	Mon.	@Marquette	6:30

### January

3	Sat.	@Coppin State*	7:30
5	Mon.	@ Morgan State*	7:30
10	Sat	Hampton*	4:00
12	Mon.	Norfolk State*	7:30
17	Sat.	Delaware State*	4:00
19	Mon	Howard*	7:30
24	Sat.	@North Carolina A&T*	7:30
26	Mon.	@South Carolina State*	6:00
31	Sat.	Md. Eastern Shore*	4:00

### February

7	Sat.	Coppin State*	4:00
9	Mon.	Morgan State*	7:30
14	Sat.	@Hampton*	4:00
16	Mon.	@Norfolk State*	8:00
21	Sat.	@Delaware State*	4:00
23	Mon.	@Howard*	7:00
28	Sat.	North Carolina A&T*	4:00

### March

1	Mon	South Carolina State*	7:30
4	Thu.	@Bethune-Cookman*	8:00
8-13	Mo-Sa	MEAC Tournament	TBA

\*Denotes Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference Games

## Game 1

Florida A&M University

**Rattlers**

**0-0**

**VS.**

Illinois State University

**Redbirds**

**0-0**

**Sunday, November 23, 2003**

**Redbird Arena**

**Normal, Illinois • 3:05 p.m.**

### Rattlers Open 2003-04 Campaign Sunday at Illinois State Redbirds

The Florida A&M Rattlers, which had its' first winning season in a decade a year ago (17-12), open a year of high expectations on the road Sunday at Illinois State.

Armed with a senior backcourt, led by 2003 NCAA three-point shooting king **Terrence Woods** (139 treys; 45.6 percent from beyond the arc; 20.5 points per game), plus a trio of talented newcomers, the Rattlers have been tabbed favorites in the *Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference*.

Head coach **Mike Gillespie, Sr.**, a Joliet native, who was an All-America at DePaul (1974), brings home three Illinois natives in Chicago sophomore forward **Richard Russell** (Westinghouse HS/Pratt CC); Aurora junior guard **Jeremy Henderson** (Aurora Christian HS) and new assistant coach **Chrys Cornelius**, of Joliet.

# 2003-04 Men's Fast Facts

## General Information

**Name:** Florida Agricultural & Mechanical University  
**Location :** Tallahassee, Fla. 32307  
**Founded :** 1887  
**Enrollment:** 13,527  
**Colors :** Orange and Green  
**Conference:** Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference  
**Nickname:** Lady Rattlers  
**Arena (Capacity):** Gaither Gym (3,365)  
**President:** Dr. Fred Gainous  
**Athletics Director:** Dr. JRE "Bobby" Lee III  
**NCAA Faculty Representative:** Dr. Ebenezer Oriaku

## Program History

**First Year of Men's Basketball:** 1932  
**All-Time Record:** 800-615 (.565) 1949-'50 to Present  
**Years in NCAA Tourney:** 2 (1991, 1999 )

## Team Information

**Head Coach:** Mike Gillespie Sr., 3rd Year (DePaul University '74)  
**Overall Record:** 52-59 (5 years)  
**FAMU Record:** 26-31 (3 years)  
**Assistant Coaches:** Mike Gillespie Jr., 2nd Year (Morehead State '95), Morris Scott, 1st Year (Florida A&M '02); Director of Basketball Operations: Bobby Washington, 1st Year ( Eastern Kentucky)  
**Men's Basketball Phone:** (850) 561-2882  
**Men's Basketball Fax:** (850) 599-3206  
**2002-03 Record :** 17-12  
**Home/Away/Neutral:** 9-4/7-7/ 1-1  
**2002-03 Conference :** 11-7 / Tied 5th  
**Letterwinners Returning/ Lost:** 8/4  
**Starter Returning / Lost :** 4/1

## Top Newcomers:

**Tony Tate, So.,** 6-0, 175, G, Jersey City, N.J.  
**Michael Harper, Jr.,** 6-9, 220, C, Alpharetta, Ga.

## Key Returnees:

**Terrence Woods, Sr.** 6-3, G (20.5 ppg, 4.0 rpg, 4.96 3ptfgpg), eld NCAA in three-pointers (139) in 2002-03; 4th highest season total in NCAA History...  
**Demarcus Wilkins, Sr.,** 6-0, G (9.2 ppg, 3.1 rpg, 2.8 apg)  
**Moses White, Sr.,** 6-0, G (7.3 ppg, 1.9 rpg, 3.5 apg)  
**Michael Ayodele, Jr.,** 6-7, F (2.7 ppg, 4.5 rpg, )

# 2003-04 Men's Team Rosters

## 2003-04 Florida A&M Numerical Men's Basketball Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Hometown
1	Moses White	G	6-0	170	Sr.	Tallahassee, Fla (Notre Dame (Mass.)/Tallahassee CC)
3	Demarcus Wilkins	G	6-0	170	Sr.	Newnan, Ga. (Newnan HS)
11	Tony Tate	G	5-11	175	Jr.	Jersey City, N.J. (Globe Tech/Pitt)
14	Jeremy Henderson	G	6-3	198	Jr.	Aurora, Ill. (Aurora Christian HS)
15	Terrence Woods	G	6-3	185	Sr.	Memphis, Tenn. (Treadwell HS/Tennessee)
21	Jonathan Kelly	G	6-6	200	So.	Tallahassee, Fla. (Chiles HS)
22	Brian Zamore	F	6-8	195	Jr.	Dominica, West Indies (Berkshire (Fla.) Prep)
23	Michael Sams	G	6-3	200	So.	Bartow, Fla. (George Jenkins HS)
25	Michael Ayodele	F	6-7	215	Jr.	Toronto, Ontario (Father Carr HS/West Virginia)
30	Michael Harper	C	6-9	220	Jr.	Alpharetta, Ga. (Chattahoochee HS/UNC Asheville)
31	Richard Russell	F	6-6	215	So.	Chicago, Ill. (Westinghouse HS/Pratt CC)
32	O.J. Sumter	F	6-7	230	Sr.	Brooklyn, NY (Redirection HS/Palm Beach CC)

**HEAD COACH:** Mike Gillespie, Sr. , 3rd Year (DePaul '74)

*@26-31 in 2 Yrs. at FAMU; 52-61 in 5 Yrs. Overall \*\**

**STAFF:** Mike Gillespie, Jr., 2nd year (Morehead State, '95), Chrys Cornelius, 1st Year (Western Illinois '95), Bobby Washington, 1st Year (Eastern Kentucky, '01), Morris Scott, 1st year (FAMU, '02)

## 2003-04 FAMU Alphabetical Men's Basketball Roster

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# Head Coach Mike Gillespie



## Mike Gillespie

**Head Men's Basketball Coach**

**DePaul '74 • 3rd Year at FAMU**

When Michael Gillespie was formally presented to the Florida A&M community in May 2001, his acceptance speech was akin to that of a grateful suitor, who had finally won the heart of his beloved.

By the time he finished, the tall, personable Midwesterner had shed his coat, snatched the microphone from the podium in storied old Gaither Gymnasium and virtually transformed into a camp meeting preacher, beginning the

first night of a revival.

For any other coach, the revival of the once-proud Florida A&M basketball would be a daunting task, but not for Gillespie, who in the miracle working style of the proverbial camp-meeting healers, has made a sterling reputation by resurrection moribund programs on every level into championship contenders.

With his impressive resume of past accomplishments in hand, his latest challenge, that of turning around a Rattlers program that has not seen a winning season since 1992, may well be his greatest miracle yet.

Gillespie had demonstrated a penchant for reviving struggling programs during his 27-year coaching career, which spans high school stints in his native Illinois to collegiate stops in Florida.

The devout Catholic began his athletic and coaching career in the same state-Illinois. As a prepster Gillespie was an All-State basketball player at Joliet Catholic High School, where he was also an all-conference basketball player.

From there, Gillespie went on to a stellar three-year playing career at Chicago's DePaul University, where under the legendary Ray Meyer, he turned in MVP performances for the Blue Demons in 1973 and 1974.

His leadership potential was evident even then, as he was tabbed team captain in 1974 and he was also honored with Outstanding College Athlete in America honors in 1974 as well.

Upon graduating from DePaul in 1974, Gillespie began his slow, but gradual rise to coaching greatness with the first of three prep mentoring assignments, at Aurora (Ill.) Central High (1974-75). There, he posted two winning seasons, capturing the regional championship in 1975.

From there, he returned to his roots - Joliet Catholic High - where during an eight year-year run (1976-83), he shattered school records with three 20-win seasons and four regional titles (1978, 1979, 1980, 1982).

Gillespie finished his coaching "apprenticeship" on the high school level at United Township High in East Moline, Ill. (1984-87), before making the leap to the next level by heading south like all snowbirds, to Florida.

# Head Coach Mike Gillespie

He landed his first college job at St. Leo College, where he brought a struggling programs back to life during his two-stint (1998-00), posting a 15-12 mark his first year in the always tough Sunshine State Conference. It was St. Leo's first winning campaign in six years.

Then Gillespie flew north to Tallahassee, that is - where he engineered his most recent "miracle" at nearby Tallahassee Community College. He started the program from scratch in 1991 en route to fashioning a 258-56 record in 10 seasons at the helm for an .822 winning percentage.

The Eagles were ranked #1 in the state of Florida among junior colleges all 10 years under Gillespie, also garnering national Top 25 ranking during that span as well.

While TCC rolled up 10 straight season of 20-plus wins, perhaps Gillespie's finest hour came in 1996-97, when the 35-2 Eagles took a number one national ranking into the national junior college tournament, reaching the Final Four.

He followed up the scintillating run with a number one national ranking in the next year (25-6) in 1997-98.

The last two years of his tenure, Gillespie put together a 54-7 record, a Panhandle Conference Title (2001) and a pair of number two national ranking (2000, 2001).

The 52-year old Gillespie, who also served as director of TCC, was comfortable at the junior college level. He had developed relationships with some of the biggest names in Division I basketball and had transformed the lives of numerous student-athletes by helping them earn scholarships to top institutions.

Yet, there was something missing.

Despite his success at TCC, he had still not achieved the goal of running his own Division One program. From Time to time, his name would surface as a candidate for job opening, but some

doubted he could transfer his penchant for success from the junior college level to the Division One realm. Gillespie refused to listen to the nay sayers and continued to overseas the flourishing program at TCC.

In March 2001, the FAMU job was vacated. Again, Gillespie named was tossed around by FAMU officials and alumni, his supporter at TCC, in the community and the media as well. Despite an impressive contenders for the job in the end, it became clear that Gillespie was the right man for the job.

So on May 12, 2001, officials knighted Gillespie the new men's basketball coach at Florida A&M.

In short order, he began the long, pain fill process of revival in June 2001, signing three players with Division One experience, including transfer from such noted college programs like Tennessee and West Virginia.

That process has paid dividends, as the Rattlers won nine (9) games his first season, then exceeded even the most optimistic fan by posting a 17-12 mark - the school's first winning season since 1991-92.

FAMU finished fifth in the league standings and parlayed that hand into a semifinal berth where they took on eventual champion South Carolina State, pushing the Bulldogs to the limit before bowing out.

So now the stage is set for Act Three of the Gillespie Era as the once down-trodden Rattlers are actually favorites to win the whole MEAC enchilada in 2004.

## **Gillespie Personal:**

The highly personable Gillespie and his lovely wife of 32 years, Connie, are the proud parents of two children, son Michael and daughter Kristen, both of whom followed dad into the "family business" - coaching basketball.

Son Michael Jr. is in his second season on the Rattler coaching staff.

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## **3 • Demarcus Wilkins**

**6-0 • 170 • Senior • Newnan, Ga. • Newnan HS**

Wilkins has been one of the most exciting players in Rattler history. He is very quick and can find numerous ways to score. Wilkins has been a clutch performer for the Rattlers in his three year career at FAMU. He is expected to fight for the starting shooting guard position this season.

**@ 2002-03:** Wilkins started in 27 of the Rattlers 29 games last season. He finished the season as the Rattlers third leading scorer averaging 9.2 points per game. Wilkins scored a season high of 20 points against Alabama A&M (12-16-02-), and poured in 16 points in the semifinals of the MEAC Tournament against South Carolina State ( 3-14-03).

Wilkins had two clutch performances for the Rattlers last season, both against Coppin State. In the second meeting of the season, Wilkins hit the game tying three-pointer to send the game into overtime. The Rattlers went on to win the game 73-69. In the third meeting of season in the quarterfinal round of the MEAC Tournament, Wilkins drove the length of the floor with five seconds remaining in the game to score the winning basketball to give the Rattlers a 55-53 win.

Wilkins finished second on the team in assists with 81 averaging 2.8 assists per game. Wilkins dished out 10 assists against Howard University (1-13-03) and a nine assists performance against Bethune-Cookman (12-3-02).

Wilkins finished the season tied for third on the team in steals with 39 averaging 1.4 steals per contest. He recorded four steals against Alabama State University (11-30-02), three steals performances against University of Cincinnati (11-26-02), University of Central Florida (12-7-02), South Carolina State (2-3-03) and Morgan State (3-3-03).

**@2001-02:** Wilkins played in 28 games for the Rattlers, while starting 26 of them. He finished the season averaging 12.6 points, 3.0 rebounds, 2.6 assists and 2.4 steals per game. He led the Rattlers in steals with 67.

Wilkins finished the season as the team's second leading scorer with 352 points and shot 79 percent from the free-throw line. He scored a career high of 30 points in an overtime win against Coppin State (2-3-02), and had a 23 points performance against Georgia Tech (11-16-01).

Wilkins led the team in scoring on eight different occasion including game high against South Carolina State (1-7-02) and Morgan State (3-4-02) . He finished the season dishing out 74 assists to lead the Rattlers that season.

**@2000-01:** Wilkins played in 20 games for the Rattlers for the 2000-01 season. He had to sit out for the eight games due to an wrist injury suffered in preseason. Wilkins led the team in scoring averaging 13.6 points per game. Wilkins finished the season with 45 steals,

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second only to Morris Scott (54) to finished second on the team in steals. He finished the season averaging 2.4 rebounds, 2.8 assists and 2.2 steals per game. Wilkins reaped 2001 MEAC All-Rookie Team honors.

Wilkins scored a season high of 29 points against North Carolina A&T (3-5-01), and had a 24 point effort against Bethune-Cookman (3-2-01), and a garnered two 23 point games performances against Troy State (2-14-01) and Howard (1-13-01). He dished out nine assists against Howard (1-13-01).

**@ High School:** Wilkins was a two-time All-Region player for Newnan High School in Newnan, Ga., as a junior and senior. He finished his high school career scoring 1,500 career points. In his senior season, Wilkins averaged 20 points and seven assists per game.

**@ Personal:** Demarcus Antwaun Wilkins was born on February 11, 1981 in Newnan, Ga., to Joseph and Linda Latham. Wilkins has three sisters and lists his mother as his favorite non-sport figure. After graduation from FAMU, Wilkins hopes to continue his basketball career. He is currently majoring in criminal justice.

## **15 • Terrence Woods** **6-3 • 185 • Senior • Memphis, Tenn.** **Treadwell HS • University of Tennessee**

Woods brings a wealth of experience to the Rattler's backcourt. This First Team All-Conference performer has displayed exceptional range with his ability to shoot the long trey. Woods a team player, that get his teammates involved and raises their level of play.

**@2002-03:** Woods hit 139 three-pointers, the fourth-highest single season total in NCAA history... finished the season ranked first in the MEAC and the NCAA in three points field goals per game with 5.0 three points field goal per game; ranked first in the MEAC and third in NCAA in three-point field goal percentage at 45.7 percent; rank second in the MEAC and 17th in NCAA in free-throw percentage at 88.7 percent and rank third in scoring and 30th in NCAA in point per game averaging 20.5 points per game. Woods tied the NCAA record with (11-16) three- pointers in one game against North Carolina A&T (2-1-03) in a 86-61 win and broke the record against Coppin State (3-1-03) with (12-18) three-pointers in a 73-69 overtime win. Woods a went (8-15) against Morgan State (1-25-02) in a 85-65 win; went ( 8-10) from behind the three point arc in a 97-77 win over Delaware State (2-8-03).

Woods finished the season with five 30 plus-point game performances.... He had a 38 point performance against North Carolina A&T (2-1-03); a 36 point performance against Coppin State (3-1-03); a 34 point performance against Delaware State (2-8-03); a 32 point performance against Alabama A&M (12-16-02) and a 31 point performance against Morgan State (1-25-03).

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**@2001-02:** Woods sat out after transferring from the University of Tennessee.

**@2000-01:** Woods' first 48 of 61 field goals were from behind the three-point line. He hit a three-pointer as time expired to force an overtime with South Carolina (2-27-01) to give Tennessee and 68-67 win. Woods scored 14 of his career high 21 points against Middle Tennessee State (12-15-00). He scored nine points and pulled down four rebounds and dished out three assists in 14 minutes of work in Tennessee's first round action against UNC-Charlotte (3-16-01). Woods scored 11 points in only 19 minutes of work at the SEC Tournament. He went 5-of -6 from the three-point line en route to 16 points in only 12 minutes of playing time versus Florida (2-18-01). Also, Woods converted a three point play against the gators. Woods drilled a three-pointer with 32.7 seconds remaining at West Virginia (12-2-00) to give Tennessee the lead and eventually a 79-78 win.

**1999-00:** Woods played in 32 games in his freshman year at the University of Tennessee. He had proven to a dependable long-range threat, who finished the season shooting 47.1 percent from the field and 40.6 percent from behind the three-point arc. Woods averaged 3.4 points and 1.0 rebound per game with 26 of his 40 field goals were from behind the three-point line. He finished the season ranked fourth on the team in three-point field goals. In the first two round of the NCAA Tournament, Woods saw seven minute of action against Louisiana Lafayette and Connecticut. He scored 11 points against Memphis and Georgia, hitting three trey in each contest. Woods was perfect 4-for-4 from the field against Georgia. He scored nine pooints in season-opener vs. Elon with three-pointers. He had a six points performance and pulled down a season high four rebounds against Mississippi. Woods scored 10 points, while posting a perfect game from the field a 4-for-4 night, including two treys, at Vanderbilt. Against Arkansas and South Carolina in the SEC Tournament, Woods pulled down three rebounds. Against Georgia, Woods scored seven points and garnered three steals.

**@High School:** Woods reaped first all-state honors in 1999. He was named the Player of the Year in Memphis by the Commercial Appeal. Woods averaged 27 points, 12 rebounds and two assists during his senior campaign in leading Treadwell High School to a 25-9 record. Woods led the city in scoring as a senior, while connecting on 90 percent of free-throws. In his junior season of play, Woods averaged 20 points per game to lead Treadwell High School to finish fifth in the metro Memphis scoring race. After his senior season of competition, Woods participated in the Tennessee-Georgia All-Star game. During the summer months, Woods was a member of the Alabama AAU team, where hit 11-of-13 three point shots.

**@Personal:** Terrence Jemar Woods was born on September 10, 1981 to Bennie and Sharon Woods in Florence, Ala.... Woods lists Michael Jordan as his favorite sports figure. He came to FAMU after leaving Tennessee because of the basketball program showed strong interest in him and he believed he contribute to the team. Woods is currently majoring in sports management with aspiration of owning a business, upon graduation from FAMU.



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## **25 • Michael Ayodele**

**6-7 • 215 • Junior • Toronto, Ontario**

**Father Henry Carr HS • West Virginia University**

Ayodele is a power forward that has the ability to be an outside threat for the Rattlers. He has a good work ethic and plays with a lot of drive and determination. Ayodele is expected to fight for the starting power forward position.

**@2002-03:** Ayodele played in all 29 of the Rattlers games, while starting in four of them. He finished the season averaging 2.7 points and 4.5 rebounds per game. Ayodele scored a season high of eight points against Morgan State (1-25-03). Ayodele has led the Rattlers in rebounds on four occasions. He had two 10 rebound performances on the season against Morgan State (1-25-03) and South Carolina State (2-3-03). Ayodele pulled down nine rebounds against Howard University (2-18-03) and had a seven rebound performance against Bethune-Cookman (3-6-03).

**@2001-02:** Ayodele had to sit out the 2001-2002 season after transferring from West Virginia.

**@AT WEST VIRGINIA:** Ayodele played one year at West Virginia. He played in 14 games for the Mountaineers.

**@High School:** Ayodele lettered in basketball at Father Henry Carr in Toronto. He averaged 28 points and 15 rebounds per game in his senior season of competition. Ayodele was named to the Toronto Metro All-Stars and the Toronto Academic All-Star Team. He played for the AAU for Team Toronto, where he averaged 19 points and 10 rebounds.

**@Personal:** Tolulope Michael Ayodele was born on June 7, 1981 in Toronto. He has a brother and sister. Ayodele was also recruited by Akron, Duquesne, Georgia Southern, Illinois State and Virginia Tech. He is currently majoring in computer science with plans to become a computer programmer.

## **1 • Moses White**

**5-11 • 168 • Senior • Tallahassee, Fla. • Rickards HS/  
Notre Dame Prep. • U. of Georgia • Tallahassee CC**

White is a talented individual that brings experience and knowledge of the game to the Rattlers' backcourt. He is a floor general, that can bring the best out of his teammates. Whites displays exceptional defensive skills, that will pressurize defenders ball handlers.

**@2002-03:** White finished the season rank first on the team and third in the conference in assists with 101 assists, averaging 3.48 assists per game. White dished out a

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career high of 11 assists against North Carolina A&T (2-1-03), dished out nine assists against Coppin State (1-27-03) and had an eight assists performance against Norfolk State (2-24-03).

White finished the season scoring 211 points averaging 7.3 points per game. He recorded two 15 points performance against Coppin State (1-27-03) and Morris Brown College (2-8-03), and had a 14 points performance against Howard University (2-18-03).

**@AT TALLAHASSEE CC:** White played in 30 games, while starting in 26 of them. He averaged 13.4 points, 2.4 rebounds 3.6 assists and 2.3 steals per game at TCC.

**@AT GEORGIA:** White played in 29 games starting in 17 of them. He averaged 3.8 points and 3.5 assists per games as a freshman. White had the best assist to turnover ratio on the team (1.2/1). White became the first freshman to start at point guard for Georgia since Vern Fleming in the 1980-81 season. He scored a career high of 11 points against Kansas (11-25-99).

**@HIGH SCHOOL:** White was named to the Nike All-American during his senior season. He reaped All-Big Bend honors and was named team MVP. Also, White lettered in track and field.

**@PERSONAL:** Moses White was born on February 2, 1980 to Sandra White in Tallahassee, Fla. White list Isiah Thomas as his favorite sports figure with his favorite sports moment was playing in the Great Alaska Shootout. He has one sister and is currently majoring in physical education.

## **32 • O.J. Sumter**

**6-7 • 240 • Senior • Brooklyn, NY • Redirection HS  
• Palm Beach CC**

Sumter brings energy and excitement, when in the Rattlers' line up. He is a competitor that does not know the meaning of the word quit. Sumter has a natural knack for rebounding the basketball. He has the ability to become a dominant perimeter player and low post player, if he is able stay healthy.

**@2002-03:** Sumter played in 17 games due to an knee injury obtained in the pre-season. He finished the season averaging 2.1 point and 4.8 rebounds per game. Sumter scored a season high of 15 points against the University of Maryland at Eastern Shore (1-11-03) and had a 12 point performance against Alabama State (11-30-02).

Sumter led the team in rebounds on two occasions with an 11 rebound performance against the University of Maryland at Eastern Shore (1-11-03) and a 10 rebound performance against Morgan State (3-3-03).

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**@AT PALM BEACH CC:** Sumter averaged 14.6 points and 11.9 rebound per game for two season at Palm Beach Community College. He led the state in rebounding with (12.9) as a freshman to earn him All-Southern conference both years at Palm Beach CC. Also, he earned freshman All-American and All-State honorable mention at PBCC.

**@HIGHSCHOOL:** Sumter was a two year letter winner in basketball at Redirection High School in Brooklyn, New York. He made the Honor Roll in math his senior year.

**@PERSONAL:** Orenthal J. Sumter was born October 27, 1980 to Mary Sumter and John Edward Burch in Brooklyn, N.Y. He chose FAMU because of the coaching staff and lists Michael Jordan as his favorite sports figure. Sumter has one daughter named Taliyah and is currently majoring in criminal justice, with aspiration of owning his own business upon graduation from FAMU.

## **21 • Jonathan Kelly 6-6 • 200 • Sophomore • Tallahassee, Fla. • Lawton Chiles HS**

Kelly will play both the shooting guard and the small forward position for the Rattlers this season. He has good ball handing skills and will evolve into a good perimeter shooter. Kelly will pose good miss-match up situations for the Rattlers, when Kelly is playing the shooting guard position.

**@2002-03:** Last season Kelly played in all 29 of the Rattler's games. He finished the season averaging 3.0 points per game. He scored a career high of nine points on two occasions against the University of Florida (12-30-2) and Morris Brown College (2-8-03). Kelly went a perfect 4-for-4 from the charity stripe on two occasions against Morris Brown College (1-7-03) and against Coppin State ( 3-1-03).

**@HIGH SCHOOL:** Kelly averaged 29.4 points, 11.7 rebounds and 5.8 assists per game at Chiles High School in Tallahassee, Fla., were he earned First Team All-Big Bend honors and received third team All-State in Class 4A honors. He also earned Florida All-Star and team MVP honors. During his tenor at Chiles High School, Kelly lettered in football and track and field. Kelly made the honor roll every year of his high school career to graduate with honors.

**@PERSONAL:** Jonathan Kelly was born on March 27, 1984 to Catherine and John Kelly. He chose FAMU because of the coaching staff and family. Kelly is currently majoring in Journalism.

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## **22 • Brian Zamore**

**6-8 • 195 • Junior • Dominica, W.I. • Berkshire Prep (Fla.) HS**

Zamore is considered one of the most hardest working players on the FAMU basketball team. He is a physical player that plays with a heart and enthusiasm. Zamore is an energetic post player, that is expected to fight for the starting power forward position.

**@2002-03:** Zamore started in 20 of the 27 games that he played in. He finished the season averaging 0.7 points and 2.0 rebounds per game. Zamore posted six point performance against Morris Brown College (2-10-03) and a four point game performance against Delaware State (2-8-03). He pulled down a career high of eight rebounds against North Carolina A&T (2-1-03) ...

**@HIGH SCHOOL:** Zamore lettered one year at Berkshire Academy in Homestead, Fla. Berkshire posted a 16-2 record in the 2000-01, finishing the season ranked first in the Florida and fourth in the nation..... Zamore graduated with honors from Berkshire after maintaining a 3.75 GPA.

At Dominica grammar School in the Commonwealth of Dominica, West Indies. Zamore lettered in basketball and volleyball.

**@PERSONAL:** Brian E.D. Zamore was born on September 16, 1981 in Roseau, Dominica, West Indies. He is the one of four children Franklyn and Marilyn Zamore.

## **14 • Jeremy Henderson**

**6-2 • 200 • Junior • Aurora, Ill. • Aurora Christian HS**

Henderson walked onto the team two years ago. He is a very versatile athlete, that can play from the shooting guard position to the power forward position. Henderson is a role player, that leads by example.

**@2002-03:** Played sparingly, mostly as a scout team player....

**@High School:** Henderson lettered in basketball at Aurora Christian High School in Aurora, Ill., where he averaged 23 points, 10 rebounds and one steals per game in his senior season. Also, he became the school's fifth all time leading scorer during his final season and was named the Conference Player of Year. Henderson also received the National Health Award, while attending Aurora Christian High School.

**@PERSONAL:** Jeremy Henderson was born on February 5, 1983 to Esther and Carl Henderson in Aurora, Ill. He chose FAMU because of the school of business and industry and he is currently majoring in finance.

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## **30 • Michael Harper**

**6-7 • 224 • Junior • Alpharetta, Ga. • UNC Asheville • Chattahoochee HS**

Harper is a versatile athlete, that can play both the power forward and the center position... He should get his fair share of playing time with the injury plagued- O.J. Sumter recovedring from offseason knee surgery.....

**@2002-03:** Harper sat last season due NCAA transfer rules.

**@UNC-Asheville: 2001-02 season •** Harper played in 27 games, while starting in 12 of them for the Bulldogs. He finished the season averaging 6.3 points, 2.5 rebounds and 1.03 blocks per game.... In addition, Harper shot 73.1 percent from the free throw line on 38 of 52 attempts. He scored a season high of 17 points against Coastal Carolina (1-23-03) and scored ten points against Charleston Southern (2-23-02)

**2000-01:** In his freshman season of play, Harper played in all 28 games for the Bulldogs, averaging 2.4 points per game and pulling down 47 caroms on the season.

**@Chattahoochee High School:** Harper was a four year letter winner in basketball at Chattahoochee High School in Alpharetta, Ga.... He finished his senior year averaging 17 points and six rebounds per game. Harper was named the Most Valuable Player in Milton Christmas Tourney, reaped second team All-Area honors and was named First Team North Atlanta. He recorded a season high of 38 points, 12 rebounds, five blocks against Lassiter. During his junior season, Harper averaged 11.5 points and three rebounds per games for Chattahoochee. He was named to the All-Tournament team in the South Forsyth Thanksgiving Invitational.

**@Personal:** Michael Elliot Harper was born on October 18, 1981 to Derry and Nikki Harper in Alpharetta, Ga. He has three brothers David (23), Brian (18) and Nicholas (16).... His brother Brian is currently on the basketball team at Paine College in Augusta, Ga.

## **11 • Tony Tate**

**6-1 • 179 • Sophomore • Jersey City, N.J. Globe Institute • Marist HS**

Tate brings wealth of experience and speed to the Rattlers backcourt, who will push Moses White for the starting point guard position. He is a prolific scorer with the uncanny ability to dish the basketball....

**@Globe Tech:** Tate was a stellar point guard for Globe Institute of Technology in New York, New York. He finished the season averaging 22.2 points and 8.4 assists per

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game, which ranked him 10th in the nation in scoring and eight in the nation in assists. He recalls a 13 points and 16 assists performances as one of his best games.

**@Marist High School:** Tate was a four-year letter winner in basketball at Marist High School in Bayonne, N.J. He earned first team All-State honors and scored a career high of 34 points in one game.

**@Personal:** Toney Tate was born on November 14, 1982 in Jersey City, N.J. to Ms. Jacqueline Tate. He has four siblings: Dominique ,Rashaad, Tira, and Shy.... Tate is currently majoring in business and enjoys listening to music, eating good food and playing basketball in his spare time.

## 23 • Michael Sams

**6-4 • 215 • Sophomore • Bartow, Fla. • George Jenkins HS**

Sams a talented performer, who can play both the shooting guard and small forward position for the Rattlers. He add speed and quickness to the Rattlers backcourt. Once Sams learns the office, he will become a more dominant player for the Rattlers.

**@2002-03:** Sat out the season.

**@ High School:** Sams lettered in basketball at George Jenkins High School in Lakeland, Fla., he finished senior season averaging 19.5 points, 10 rebounds, and eight assists a game for his alma mater. Sams finished his career at Jenkins as the school's fifth leading career scorer and ranked in the top 10 in career rebounding.... In addition, he was named co-captain his senior season. Sams scored a career high of 20 points, pulled down 19 rebounds and dished out seven assists for George Jenkins in one game. He finished his junior season averaging 17 points, 11 rebounds and six assister per game.

**@Personal:** Michael Sams was born to Michael and Michelle Sams on August 3, 1983 to Michael and Michelle Sams in Bartow, Fla. He is the nephew of former FAMU Rattler quarterback, head football coach and athletic director Ken Riley and the nephew of Patrick Sams a former standout basketball player for the Rattlers..... In his spare time, Sams enjoys playing video games and is currently majoring in Health Care Management.

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**31 • Richard Russell**  
**6-6 • 220 • Sophomore • Chicago, Ill.**  
**Pratt CC • Westinghouse Career Academy**

Russell, a gifted talented performer is one of the primary keys for the Rattlers to be successful this season. He runs the floor extremely well like a guard and has the ability to play the power forward and center position for the Rattlers.

**JUNIOR COLLEGE:** Russell was a standout performer for the Pratt Community College Beavers averaging 14 points and seven rebound per game for them. He scored a career high of 23 points and pulled down a season high of nine rebounds against Colby Community College.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Russell was a four year letter winner in basketball at Westinghouse Career Academy in Chicago, Ill. In his senior season of competition, Russell averaged 13 points and six rebounds per game to earned All-Section honors, All-Red-West, All-Conference honorable mentions and All-State honorable mentions. Russell scored a career high of 27 points against Marshall High School.

In junior season on play, Russell averaged 13 points, and five rebounds per games for Westinghouse Academy. He reaped All-Section honors, All-Red-West honors and conference honorable mentions.... Russell recorded his best season average as a sophomore averaging 16 points and seven rebounds per game.

**PERSONAL:** Richard Russell was born on January 12, 1984 to Tracie Thorne and Richard Yarbrough in Chicago, Ill. He has five other siblings: Rickeeta Russell (18), Charles Thorne (15), Antwone Thorne (13), Pierre Thorne (10) and Marcus Yarbrough (7). In his spare time, Russell enjoys playing cards and video games.

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