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Buccaneer Basketball Game Notes - Game #8 James Madison (3-2) at East Tennessee State (4-3) December 15, 2001 • 4:00 p.m. • Freedom Hall (6,219) • Johnson City, Tenn.

Schedule and Results

Date	Opponent	Time/Score
11/16	GUILFORD!	W, 90-61
11/18	at #11 Virginia	L, 62-85
11/20	at Va. Commonwealth	L, 71-79
11/26	at South Carolina	L, 66-83
11/28	at UNC Asheville	W, 77-71
12/4	at Coastal Carolina	W, 85-71
12/8	RADFORD	W, 79-54
12/15	JAMES MADISON^	4:00 p.m.
12/17	SHENANDOAH	7:30 p.m.
12/19	VIRGINIA-WISE	7:30 p.m.
12/22	at Vanderbilt	2:00 p.m.
1/2	APPALACHIAN STATE*	7:30 p.m.
1/5	at The Citadel*	1:00 p.m.
1/7	at Coll. of Charleston*	7:00 p.m.
1/12	VMI*	4:00 p.m.
1/14	at UNC Greensboro*	7:30 p.m.
1/19	at Davidson*	7:00 p.m.
1/23	WOFFORD*	7:30 p.m.
1/26	CHATTANOOGA*	4:00 p.m.
1/30	at VMI*	7:00 p.m.
2/2	GEORGIA SOUTHERN*	4:00 p.m.
2/4	at Western Carolina*	7:00 p.m.
2/9	DAVIDSON*	4:00 p.m.
2/12	UNC GREENSBORO*	7:30 p.m.
2/16	WESTERN CAROLINA*	4:00 p.m.
2/18	at Furman*	7:00 p.m.
2/23	at Appalachian State*	1:00 p.m.
2/28-3/3	at SoCon Tour.	

Home games in **BOLD CAPS**

* Southern Conference game

! Game at Brooks Gym

^ Game at Freedom Hall

Probable Starters

East Tennessee State

No.	Name	Pos.	Cl.	Ht.	Wt.	G/GS	PPG	RPG	APG	Min/G
1	Jerald Fields	F	So.	6-6	240	7/7	12.7	6.7	1.0	28.7
44	Zakee Wadood	F	So.	6-6	210	7/1	14.9	8.0	0.6	22.9
3	Ryan Lawson	G	Jr.	6-3	175	7/7	5.1	2.7	1.6	23.0
5	Cliff Decoster	G	Sr.	6-2	190	7/7	5.4	3.7	3.4	24.7
4	Dimeco Childress	G	Sr.	6-1	180	7/7	14.0	3.3	2.4	30.9

Reserves

10	Keeton Brooks	G	Fr.	6-4	180	4/0	0.5	0.5	0.3	3.2
20	James Anthony	G	Fr.	6-3	165	7/0	1.1	0.6	0.6	4.3
23	Michael Tolliver	G	Fr.	6-3	200	7/0	3.7	0.9	1.1	16.0
33	Tiras Wade	G	Fr.	6-7	190	7/0	10.7	3.1	1.7	18.9
34	Shannon Huffstetler	F	Jr.	6-7	235	7/0	1.9	2.6	0.1	6.1
40	Isaac Potter	F	Jr.	6-6	220	7/0	4.3	2.6	0.3	11.9
55	Corey Seels (out)	C/F	So.	6-9	265	6/6	1.8	1.0	0.5	12.2

James Madison

30	Dwayne Broyles	F	So.	6-4	185	5/4	12.2	4.2	0.8	30.8
42	Pat Mitchell	F	Jr.	6-7	250	5/3	8.2	8.4	0.8	23.5
51	Ian Caskill	C	Jr.	6-10	245	5/2	3.8	5.2	0.8	14.0
12	David Fanning	G	Jr.	6-0	190	5/5	22.0	4.6	1.4	34.2
32	Chris Williams	G	So.	6-2	185	5/5	9.2	5.4	4.2	34.0

Officials: Ray Natili (R), William Humes (U), John Corio (U)

About the Buccaneers

After taking a week off for final exams, East Tennessee State will play the second home game of its longest home stretch of the year (four games) when the Bucs host James Madison at Freedom Hall. It will be the second time this season that ETSU has faced a team from the Colonial Athletic Association. The Bucs will be looking to make it four in a row after defeating Radford last Saturday, 79-54, completing a three-game sweep of Big South schools. Senior **Dimeco Childress** scored 20 points to lead ETSU to the win over the Highlanders. Sophomore **Zakee Wadood** continues to lead ETSU in scoring and rebounding, averaging 14.9 points and 8.0 boards a game.

Quick Shots

Sophomore **Cory Seels** will miss his second straight game due to his separated shoulder against James Madison ... ETSU is undefeated at home this season with two wins ... In the Mini-Dome the Bucs have won their last 11 contests, one of the top home court winning streaks in the nation ... ETSU finished 11-2 at home last season and have won 12 straight at home including the Brooks Gym game ... ETSU has won each game in which it has outrebounded its opponent ... ETSU lost its only other game against a CAA school, falling at VCU earlier this season ... ETSU is 11-18 all-time against the current members of the CAA ... The Bucs have had a player hit the 20-point mark in the last two games, the first time that has happened since **Dimeco Childress** had 20 against VCU and 30 at Vanderbilt at the end of November last season ... ETSU has had more steals than its opponent in every game but the first of the season, averaging 9.3 a game ... ETSU's leading scorer has come off the bench in four games this season ... The Bucs have scored at least 20 points from the free throw line in the

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Last Box Score

	fg	3fg	ft	reb											
	m-a	m-a	m-a	o-t	pf	tp	a	b	s	m					
Radford (4-6)															
Watkins f	6-9	0-0	3-5	0-10	3	15	2	6	0	0	28				
Savtchenko c	1-10	0-0	2-2	4-11	2	4	1	2	0	0	31				
Arrington g	3-17	3-7	0-0	0-0	1	9	0	4	0	1	35				
Popoola g	4-11	1-5	0-0	0-2	2	9	1	6	1	1	29				
Cornute g	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	2	0	1	3	0	1	8				
Haigler	3-4	0-1	0-1	0-2	1	6	3	3	0	2	18				
Brown	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1				
Gill	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	2	0	0	6				
Noiles	1-4	0-2	0-0	0-2	1	2	1	2	0	1	22				
Johnson	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1				
Obasuyi	1-2	0-0	5-6	1-6	4	7	2	0	5	0	19				
Zaharias	1-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2				
TEAM				7-7											
Totals	20-58	4-15	10-14	12-41	17	54	11	28	6	6	300				

East Tennessee State (4-3)															
Fields f	5-7	1-2	1-4	3-9	4	12	0	2	1	5	28				
Wadood f	7-14	0-2	4-4	2-7	2	18	1	1	1	2	33				
Lawson g	3-10	0-2	2-2	0-2	3	8	4	5	0	2	29				
Childress g	4-10	2-5	10-10	1-3	1	20	3	3	0	0	34				
Decoster g	0-6	0-0	0-0	1-6	2	0	1	5	0	2	20				
Brooks	1-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2				
Perry	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1				
Anthony	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2				
Tolliver	3-7	0-1	0-0	0-1	1	6	1	1	0	0	19				
Wade	1-6	0-0	2-2	0-2	2	4	2	0	0	1	13				
Huffstetler	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	6				
Potter	4-6	0-0	1-2	0-4	1	9	0	3	0	0	13				
TEAM				7-9							1				
Totals	28-68	3-12	20-24	14-44	16	79	13	21	2	12	300				
Halftime: ETSU 27-26. FG%: RU .345, ETSU .412. 3FG%: RU .267, ETSU .250. FT%: RU .714, ETSU .833. Officials: Keith Maxwell, William Humes, Carlos Reyes. Att: 2,190.															

last three games ... Opponents have made more three-pointers than the Bucs in every game but one, the first of the season ... ETSU has had at least three players in double figures in scoring in every game.

Series Against The Dukes

This will be the 10th meeting between East Tennessee State and James Madison in a series that began in 1974. ETSU has won three of the last five meetings, including a 73-63 win last season on the Dukes' home court. **Jerald Fields** scored a career-high 18 points and grabbed eight rebounds to lead the Bucs to the win. JMU won the last meeting in Johnson City in 1999, taking a 68-66 overtime decision. That was the only win JMU has had in Johnson City, with ETSU winning the other three meetings there.

Last Time Out

After a sluggish first half, East Tennessee State poured in 52 points in the second half to break open a close game, as the Buccaneers cruised to a 79-54 win over Radford in men's basketball action this afternoon. The win was the third in a row for ETSU and broke a three-game losing streak to the Highlanders.

In a sloppy first half of action neither team could seem to get their offenses on track. Both squads shot 33.3 percent from the floor and combined to commit 25 turnovers. There were four lead changes and two ties during the first 20 minutes, with the largest lead a seven-point advantage for ETSU at the 6:01 mark on a layup by **Ryan Lawson**. Radford hung with the Bucs and tied the game on a dunk by Andrey Savtchenko with one minute to play in the half, but a free throw by **Isaac Potter** gave ETSU a 27-26 lead when the buzzer sounded.

A technical foul called on the Radford bench at the half gave ETSU a pair of free throws to start the second half. **Dimeco Childress** sank both of the opportunities for the first of what would be 17 points for him in the half, and the Bucs when on to score the first five points of the half, never surrendering the lead to the Highlanders for the rest of the game.

Radford trailed by only one with 14:29 left when B.J. Haigler put in a layup to make the score 36-35. Leading by three with 13:04 to play, East Tennessee State went on 14-0 over the next three and a half minutes that put the game out of reach. Childress scored eight of the points during the spurt, and with 9:30 left in the game the Bucs had a 54-37 lead.

Radford could not get ETSU's lead back under 10 points the rest of the way, and the Bucs outscored the Highlanders 10-0 with five minutes left to ice the win.

Childress ended up with 20 points, including hitting all 10 of his free throw attempts, to lead all scorers. It was the second straight game in which the Bucs have had a 20-point scorer. **Zakee Wadood** added 18 points, while **Jerald Fields** had 12 points, nine rebounds and five steals for the Bucs. Radford had only one player in double figures, with Correy Watkins coming up with a double-double of 15 points and 10 rebounds. Savtchenko led all rebounders with 11 boards for the Highlanders.

Defense Does It

After setting a school record for field goal percentage defense last season (.399), ETSU's defense is starting to pick up the pace again this season. Against Radford the Bucs held a team that had been shooting 46 percent to just 35 percent shooting and forced the Highlanders into 28 turnovers, both season-best marks. With the young team gaining some needed experience, the defense has been one of the primary reasons that the Bucs have won three straight. During that span the defense has held opponents to .392 shooting and has had at least 11 steals in each of the games.

Experienced Perimeter

A key to East Tennessee State's season this year could be the play of its

SoCon Standings

(through 12/12)	SoCon	Pct.	Ov.	Pct.
<i>North</i>				
UNC Greensboro	0-0	.000	5-2	.714
Western Carolina	0-0	.000	5-3	.625
E. Tennessee St.	0-0	.000	4-3	.571
Appalachian St.	0-0	.000	3-4	.429
VMI	0-0	.000	2-3	.400
Davidson	0-1	.000	4-2	.667
<i>South</i>				
The Citadel	1-0	1.000	6-2	.750
Furman	0-0	.000	6-1	.857
Coll. of Charleston	0-0	.000	5-1	.833
Georgia Southern	0-0	.000	5-4	.556
Wofford	0-0	.000	4-5	.444
Chattanooga	0-0	.000	2-5	.286

Today's Games (Dec. 15)

Illinois St. at Chattonooga	2:00 p.m.
Virginia Intermont at Wofford	2:00 p.m.
Washington & Jefferson at Davidson	3:00 p.m.
James Madison at East Tenn. St.	4:00 p.m.
Furman at Wisconsin	4:00 p.m.
Eastern Mennonite at VMI	7:00 p.m.
Coll. of Char. at UNC Wilmington	7:00 p.m.

ETSU in the SoCon

(through Dec. 9)

Team

Scoring Offense:	6th (75.7)
Scoring Defense:	9th (72.0)
Scoring Margin:	t-8th (+3.7)
Rebounding:	t-5th (39.0)
Rebounding Margin:	9th(-0.9)
Field Goal Percentage:	10th (.434)
Field Goal Pct. Defense:	6th (.415)
3-Point FG Percentage:	10th (.299)
3-Point FG Pct. Defense:	11th (.358)
Free Throw Percentage:	6th (.691)
Assists:	9th (13.43)
Blocked Shots:	5th (4.14)
Steals:	6th (9.29)

Individuals

Scoring:	10th, Zakee Wadood (14.9)
	12th, Dimeco Childress (14.0)
	18th, Jerald Fields (12.7)
Rebounding:	4th, Zakee Wadood (8.0)
	t-10th, Jerald Fields (6.7)
Blocks:	3rd, Jerald Fields (2.29)
Def. Reb.:	7th, Jerald Fields (5.14)
	t-10th, Zakee Wadood (4.71)
Off. Reb.:	t-2nd, Zakee Wadood (3.29)

perimeter players. All three of the starters, **Dimeco Childress**, **Cliff Decoster** and **Ryan Lawson** also started last season for the Bucs and are the only returning players to average 20 minutes a game last year. The three proved what their experience can mean to the team in the game at Coastal Carolina. When the Chants had cut the ETSU lead to four points in the second half, the three scored the next 14 points in the game before Coastal could score again to erase the threat.

Thieves In The Night

ETSU's three returning guards are also more than just offensive threats. The three accounted for nearly 46 percent of last season's steal total as well. The trio is back at it again this season, accounting for 28 of the team's 65 (43 percent) thefts so far.

Home Sweet Dome

The Bucs have won 11 consecutive games in the Memorial Center, the longest home court winning streak in the Southern Conference. The streak ranks as the 21st longest in the nation. ETSU was 11-2 at home during the 2000-01 season. Including the game at Brooks Gym to start the season, the Bucs have won 12 straight at home.

Which Way To The Gym?

In its third home game of the season against James Madison, ETSU will be playing in its third home venue of the season. It is the first time that the Bucs have ever had a different home floor in its first three home games of the season. Today's game against the Dukes was moved to Freedom Hall due to ETSU's winter graduation being held in the Mini-Dome. ETSU has actually played twice before at Freedom Hall, going 1-1 there. The Bucs lost to Georgia Southern in the 1995-96 season, 70-68, and defeated Lees-McRae, 73-56, in the 1996-97 season. Both games were played during the 1996 calendar year.

Newcomer Power

At the beginning of the season ETSU had very little experience other than its three returning guards. If the first seven games are any indication, experience might not be that much of a factor. Led by **Tiras Wade**, the team's group of six newcomers have had an immediate impact in the scoring column so far this season. Wade has led the team in scoring twice and is averaging in double figures. He is making a mark for himself with some flashy play, highlighted by his UNC Asheville game in which he scored 12 points of a 14-0 run that brought the Bucs back from a 12-point halftime deficit. For good measure, he also added a career-high four steals. He is among the team leaders in scoring, rebounding, steals and assists.

The 'Z' Factor

While he is not one of the newcomers that are making impacts, sophomore **Zakee Wadood** has also been making his presence felt so far this season, adding some much needed punch to the Bucs inside game. He has been one of the most consistent players for ETSU, leading the team in scoring and rebounding; all while averaging less than 23 minutes a game. Now in a starting role for the injured **Cory Seels**, he responded in his first collegiate start with an 18-point, seven-rebound performance. After shooting under 40 percent and averaging three points as a freshman, Wadood has become one of the team's biggest threats this season, shooting at a 53 percent clip. His 24-point, 15-rebound game at Coastal Carolina was the most points by a Buc player since **Dimeco Childress** scored 30 last season at Vanderbilt, and the most boards in a contest since Leo Murray had 15 against Western Carolina on Feb. 2, 2000.

Off The Bench

With the strong play of the newcomers this season, East Tennessee State's

Starters

Consecutive Starts

Cliff Decoster	64
Dimeco Childress	35
Ryan Lawson	8
Jerald Fields	7
Zakee Wadood	1

Career Starts

Cliff Decoster	65
Dimeco Childress	50
Ryan Lawson	28
Jerald Fields	7
Cory Seels	7
Zakee Wadood	1

20-Pt. Games/Double-Doubles

Career 20-Point Games

Dimeco Childress	5
Cliff Decoster	3
Ryan Lawson	1
Zakee Wadood	1

Career Double-Doubles

Dimeco Childress	1
Jerald Fields	1
Zakee Wadood	1

1,000-Point Watch

Dimeco Childress	894
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Dunks

Jerald Fields	3
Zakee Wadood	2
Dimeco Childress	1
Isaac Potter`	1
Tiras Wade	1

Career Assists

5. Kyle Keeton (1995-99)	240
6. Wes Stallings (1983-86)	239
7. Cliff Decoster (1998-)	216
Robert Doggett (1994-95)	216
Jason Niblett (1992-93)	216

Career Steals

6. D.J. McDuffie (1998-01)	117
7. Robert Doggett (1994-95)	110
8. Cliff Decoster (1998-)	103
Justin McClellan (1993-96)	103

bench has played a large part in each of the Bucs games this season. **Tiras Wade** and **Zakee Wadood** are both averaging in double figures as subs to lead the group. So far this season the Bucs' bench has outscored the opponents reserves in each game but one (South Carolina) and outrebounded them in every game but one (Radford) as well. ETSU's bench is averaging 34.0 points and 17.0 rebounds a game compared to the opponents 20.1 points and 12.6 boards.

Digging A Hole

The first half of games has proved to be somewhat troublesome this season for ETSU. Opponents have scored 35 or more points in the first 20 minutes of action in five of the seven games this season compared to three times for the Bucs. Three times ETSU has trailed at the half, with an average deficit of 15.7. In the four games the Bucs have had the lead at the half, it has only been by an average of 6.8 points. The Bucs have come back from a halftime deficit once in three tries, overcoming a 12-point UNC Asheville lead.

North Division Champions

East Tennessee State earned its first-ever Southern Conference North Division championship in 2000-01. The Bucs finished the SoCon slate with a 13-3 record, the best mark of any SoCon member.

Coach of the Year

For the first time in his career, head coach **Ed DeChellis** earned the 2001 Southern Conference Coach of the Year after leading the Bucs to the best record of any SoCon member. The last ETSU coach to earn the honor was Les Robinson in 1990.

Helping Hand/Quick Hand

In his third season as ETSU's starter at points guard, senior **Cliff Decoster** is seeing his name climb the Buccaneer charts in terms of assists and steals. He has led the team in assists in each of the last two seasons and tops the squad with 24 this year. His quick hands have also led to him being one of the top players on the team in steals as well. He led the squad with 52 thefts last season and is second on the team with 10 so far this year. At Coastal Carolina he became the eighth player in ETSU history with 100 steals. In both categories he is now among ETSU's all-time top-10.

Kings Of Swat

East Tennessee State is off to a record-setting pace this season in the blocked shots department. So far the team has recorded 29 blocks, an average of 4.1 per game. At that rate the Bucs would come close to the school record of 118 set in the 1991-92 season. Sophomore **Jerald Fields** has been leading the way, with his six blocked shots against Guilford tying the school record set by ETSU all-time leading scorer, Greg Dennis. Dennis set the mark against Western Carolina on Feb. 17, 1992. Fields has recorded at least one block in every game this season and totals 16 for the season, just one short of his 17 rejections during all of last year.

Slow Start

Senior **Cliff Decoster** has been plagued by a slow start so far in the 2001-02 season in the scoring department. He has started every game and leads the team with 24 assists, but has averaged only 6.3 points. Against both Virginia and Radford he did not score a point; only the second and third times that has happened since he became the Bucs starter at the point in his sophomore season.

Deadeye

ETSU is getting the job done at the free throw line this season, hitting on 69 percent of its attempts compared to 62 percent last season. The Bucs have scored 20 or more points from the line four times, including doing it in each of the last three games, pouring in a total of 71 points in those contests. ETSU has not shot below 61 percent this season and had its shooting eye working at the free throw line at Virginia, hitting 12-of-13 attempts (.923); one of the best marks in school history. The record is a 12-of-12 performance against N.C. State in 1992.

The Last Time ETSU ...

Won on the road	12/4/01 at Coastal Carolina (85-71)
Won at home	12/8/01 vs. Radford (79-54)
Won on a neutral court	1999 vs. The Citadel (72-59)
Won a holiday tourny game	1993 vs. Wright St. (92-81)
Scored 100+ points	12/21/00 vs. Ferrum (109-68)
Gave up 100+ points	11/19/00 at Tennessee (76-102)
Both teams had 100+ points	1991 vs. Marshall (103-107 OT)
Scored <50 points	1998 vs. Georgia Southern (47-57)
Gave up <50 points	2/6/01 vs. Coll. of Charleston (62-47)
Went into OT	12/18/00 at Virginia Tech (75-81)
Won in OT	1997 vs. Chattanooga (70-69)
Won by 20+	12/8/01 vs. Radford (79-54)
Won by 30+	2/3/01 vs. Western Carolina (98-47)
Won by 40+	2/3/01 vs. Western Carolina (98-47)
Won by 50+	2/3/01 vs. Western Carolina (98-47)
Lost by 20+	11/19/00 at Tennessee (76-102)
Lost by 30+	1998 vs. Michigan State (53-86)
Lost by 40+	1997 at Davidson (47-97)
Lost by 50+	1997 at Davidson (47-97)
Shot 50% (FG)	2/6/01 vs. Coll. of Charleston (.500)
Shot <40%	11/20/01 at Va. Commonwealth (.393)
Opponent shot <40%	12/8/01 vs. Radford (.345)
Opponent shot <30%	2/3/01 vs. Western Carolina (.255)
Grabbed 50+ rebounds	11/16/01 vs. Guilford (50)
Tried 75+ FG	11/16/01 vs. Guilford (75)
Made 40+ FG	2/3/01 vs. Western Carolina (40)
Tried 40+ FT	12/4/01 at Coastal Carolina (43)
Made 30+ FT	2/13/01 vs. UNCG (32)
Had 10+ steals	12/8/01 vs. Radford (12)
Had 20+ assists	2/3/01 vs. Western Carolina (23)
Had 20+ TO	12/8/01 vs. Radford (21)
Made 10+ threes	12/5/00 vs. Warren Wilson (13)
Tried 20+ threes	11/16/01 vs. Guilford (25)
Opponent had three players FO	12/4/01 at Coastal Carolina
Had a player score 30+ points	11/24/00 at Vanderbilt (D. Childress, 30)

Head Coach Ed DeChellis

Year-By-Year Record

Season	School	Overall	Conference
1996-97	ETSU	7-20	2-12
1997-98	ETSU	11-16	6-9
1998-99	ETSU	17-11	9-7
1999-00	ETSU	14-15	8-8
2000-01	ETSU	18-10	13-3
2001-02	ETSU	4-3	0-0
Totals		71-75 (.486)	38-39 (.494)

DeChellis vs. 2001-02 Opponents

Opponent	Record	Opponent	Record
Appalachian State	3-7	Radford	1-3
Chattanooga	4-5	Shenandoah	0-0
The Citadel	6-1	South Carolina	0-1
Coastal Carolina	2-1	Vanderbilt	0-3
College of Charleston	1-3	Virginia	0-1
Davidson	4-6	Virginia-Wise	0-0
Furman	1-4	Virginia Commonwealth	0-2
Georgia Southern	2-7	VMI	7-4
James Madison	1-2	Western Carolina	7-2
UNC Asheville	3-3	Wofford	6-0
UNC Greensboro	4-4		

Bombs Away

Opponents have been bombing away from three-point range against the Bucs this season at an alarming rate, shooting from long-range at a 36 percent clip. They have hit 49 three-point baskets so far, nearly 30 percent of the field goals scored against ETSU. Three times opponents have shot better than 40 percent from behind the arc. Radford's .267 long-range shooting was the lowest mark of the season by an opponent. On the other hand, ETSU has struggled from three-point land, hitting less than 30 percent of its shots. Since hitting 41 percent of its treys at VCU, the Bucs have shot under 30 percent since. Opponents have made more treys than the Bucs in every game but one, averaging 7.0 treys per game compared to 4.1 for the Bucs.

Bucs Picked Third

East Tennessee State was picked to finish third in the North Division of the Southern Conference this season in a vote of members of the media at the SoCon Basketball Tip-Off earlier this year. Full results of the poll are:

North Division

Team (1st place votes)	Points
1. UNC Greensboro (22)	176
2. Davidson (7)	147
3. <i>East Tennessee State</i> (2)	121
4. Appalachian State	105
6. Western Carolina	65
6. VMI	37

South Division

Team (1st place votes)	Points
1. Georgia Southern (16)	163
2. College of Charleston (11)	156
3. Chattanooga (4)	141
4. The Citadel	83
5. Furman	62
6. Wofford	58

An All-Southern Conference Performer

ETSU's **Dimeco Childress** earned All-Southern Conference honors after a stellar junior season. His most impressive performance was at Vanderbilt where he netted a career-high 30 points, including knocking down seven three-pointers. His seven treys in that contest tied for second on ETSU's all-time single-game list.

The Florida Connection

Of the 15 players on the ETSU roster this season, five list Florida as their home state, with a sixth player, **Cory Seels**, playing high school ball in the Sunshine State. Senior **Cliff Decoster** (Miramar) is the only upperclassman from Florida, and is joined by sophomore **Jerald Fields** (Gainesville) and freshmen **James Anthony** (Brandon), **Keeton Brooks** (Tampa) and **Tiras Wade** (Tampa). Brooks and Wade were teammates at Tampa Tech High School. In addition the Bucs have the last two *Tampa Tribune* Florida Player-of-the-Year recipients - Seels (2000) and Wade (2001). As a group, the Sunshine Boys are averaging 30.3 points and 14.4 rebounds a game.

National Rankings

RPI (through Dec. 11)

North

136	E. Tennessee St.	0.5195
166	UNC Greensboro	0.4932
200	Davidson	0.4565
253	Appalachian St.	0.4109
280	VMI	0.3844
320	Western Carolina	0.2812

South

80	Coll. of Charleston	0.5643
131	Furman	0.5223
163	Georgia Southern	0.4938
180	The Citadel	0.4786
181	Wofford	0.4785
239	Chattanooga	0.4283

Sagarin (through Dec. 11)

North

105	UNC Greensboro	78.32
109	E. Tennessee St.	77.74
196	Davidson	72.83
208	Appalachian St.	72.06
254	VMI	68.83
260	Western Carolina	68.58

South

66	Coll. of Charleston	80.64
101	Furman	78.63
138	The Citadel	76.13
179	Georgia Southern	73.59
186	Chattanooga	73.22
242	Wofford	69.56

Comparing The Combatants

<u>ETSU</u>		<u>JMU</u>
75.7	Pts./G	73.8
72.0	Pts./G Allowed	71.0
39.0	Reb./G	41.8
.434	FG%	.428
.415	FG% Defense	.391
.299	3-Pt. FG%	.370
.691	FT%	.680
13.4	Asst//G	9.8
18.3	TO/G	13.6
4.1	Blk./G	3.4
9.3	Stl./G	5.0

Miscellaneous Stats

Current Streak:	Won three (11/28-current)
Longest Winning Streak:	Won three (11/28-12/8)
Longest Losing Streak:	Lost three (11/18-11/26)
Longest Home Winning Streak:	Won two (11/16-current)
Longest Home Losing Streak:	None
Longest Road Winning Streak:	Won two (11/28-12/4)
Longest Road Losing Streak:	Lost three (11/18-11/26)
Largest Margin of Victory:	29 vs. Guilford (11/16)
Largest Margin of Defeat:	23 at Virginia (11/18)
Smallest Margin of Victory:	6 at UNC Asheville (11/28)
Smallest Margin of Defeat:	8 at Virginia Commonwealth (11/20)

Record When ETSU Scores

<50 points: 0-0
50-59 points: 0-0
60-69 points: 0-2
70-79 points: 2-1
80-89 points: 1-0
90+ points: 1-0

Record When ETSU Gives Up

<50 points: 0-0
50-59 points: 1-0
60-69 points: 1-0
70-79 points: 2-1
80-89 points: 0-2
90+ points: 0-0

Win/Loss Differential

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	20+
Won						1								1							2
Loss							1										1				1

Points In A Half

Team	Most-1st	Most-2nd	Least-1st	Least-2nd
ETSU	44, twice	52 vs. RU (12/8)	25 at S. Car. (11/26)	31 at UVa (11/18)
Opp.	49 at S. Car. (11/26)	44, twice	26 by Rad. (12/8)	24 by Guil. (11/16)

Starting Lineups

Games	Lineup	Record
1-6	Fields, Seels, Childress, Decoster, Lawton	3-3
7	Fields, Wadood, Childress, Decoster, Lawton	1-0

2001-02 Double-Figure/20-Point Games

Player	Pts.	Reb.	Ast.	20+ pts.
Dimeco Childress	5			1
Cliff Decoster	3			
Jerald Fields	7	1		
Tiras Wade	4			
Zakee Wadood	6	1		1

East Tennessee State's Record When ...

On Sunday	0-1	ETSU attempts more free throws	3-0
On Monday	0-1	Opponent attempts more free throws	0-3
On Tuesday	1-1	ETSU makes more free throws	3-1
On Wednesday	1-0	Opponent makes more free throws	0-1
On Thursday	0-0	ETSU has a better free throw percentage	2-3
On Friday	1-0	Opponent has a better free throw percentage	1-0
On Saturday	1-0	Shooting better than 70% from the line	1-1
In November	2-3	Opponent shoots better than 70% from the line	1-1
In December	1-0	ETSU has more rebounds	4-0
In January	0-0	Opponent has more rebounds	0-3
In February	0-0	ETSU has more defensive rebounds	4-0
Ahead at halftime	3-1	Opponent has more defensive rebounds	0-2
Trailing at halftime	1-2	ETSU has more offensive rebounds	3-0
ETSU attempts more field goals	2-1	Opponent has more offensive rebounds	1-2
Opponent attempts more field goals	2-2	ETSU has more fouls	1-3
ETSU makes more field goals	4-0	Opponent has more fouls	3-0
Opponent makes more field goals	0-3	ETSU has more assists	2-1
ETSU has a better FG percentage	4-0	Opponent has more assists	1-2
Opponent has a better FG percentage	0-3	ETSU has more turnovers	0-3
Shooting better than 50%	0-0	Opponent has more turnovers	4-0
Opponent shoots better than 50%	0-1	ETSU has more blocks	2-1
ETSU makes more 3-pt. field goals	1-0	Opponent has more blocks	2-2
Opponent makes more 3-pt. field goals	3-2	ETSU has more steals	3-3
ETSU has a better 3-pt FG percentage	0-1	Opponent has more steals	1-0
Opponent has a better 3-pt. FG percentage	4-2		
Shooting better than 40% from 3-pt. range	0-1		
Opponent shoots better than 40% from 3-pt. range	1-1		

Games Leading ETSU In

SCORING - Dimeco Childress (2), Jerald Fields (2), Tiras Wade (2), Zakee Wadood (2)

REBOUNDS - Jerald Fields (4), Zakee Wadood (4), Tiras Wade (1)

ASSISTS - Cliff Decoster (4), Dimeco Childress (2), Ryan Lawson (1)

STEALS - Cliff Decoster (3), Ryan Lawson (3), Dimeco Childress (2), Jerald Fields (2), Isaac Potter (2), Tiras Wade (2), Zakee Wadood (2), Michael Tolliver (1)

BLOCKS - Jerald Fields (6), Isaac Potter (2), Cliff Decoster (1), Tiras Wade (1), Zakee Wadood (1)

In ETSU's four wins ...

ETSU's FG percentage .....	.457 (117/256)
ETSU's three-point percentage .....	.263 (15/57)
ETSU's free throw percentage .....	.678 (82/121)
ETSU's rebounds per game	43.8 (175)
ETSU's rebound margin	+6.3 (+25)
ETSU's assists per game	13.5 (54)
ETSU's turnovers per game	18.3 (73)
ETSU's steals per game	9.5 (38)
ETSU's blocks per game	4.8 (19)
ETSU's fouls per game	21.0 (84)
ETSU's points per game	82.8 (331)
Opponents' FG percentage .....	.391 (91/233)
Opponents' three-point percentage .....	.329 (23/70)
Opponents' free throw percentage .....	.634 (52/82)
Opponents' rebounds per game	37.5 (150)
Opponents' assists per game	12.3 (49)
Opponents' turnovers per game	23.3 (93)
Opponents' steals per game	6.5 (26)
Opponents' blocks per game	4.3 (17)
Opponents' fouls per game	23.3 (93)
Opponents' points per game	64.3 (257)

In ETSU's three losses ...

ETSU's FG percentage .....	.401 (71/177)
ETSU's three-point percentage .....	.350 (14/40)
ETSU's free throw percentage .....	.717 (43/60)
ETSU's rebounds per game	32.7 (98)
ETSU's rebound margin	-10.3 (-31)
ETSU's assists per game	13.3 (40)
ETSU's turnovers per game	18.3 (55)
ETSU's steals per game	9.0 (27)
ETSU's blocks per game	3.3 (10)
ETSU's fouls per game	21.4 (72)
ETSU's points per game	66.3 (199)
Opponents' FG percentage .....	.447 (80/179)
Opponents' three-point percentage .....	.388 (26/67)
Opponents' free throw percentage .....	.649 (61/94)
Opponents' rebounds per game	43.0 (129)
Opponents' assists per game	14.3 (43)
Opponents' turnovers per game	17.0 (51)
Opponents' steals per game	7.0 (21)
Opponents' blocks per game	6.3 (19)
Opponents' fouls per game	18.3 (55)
Opponents' points per game	82.3 (247)