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## Tennessee hopes to run past FSU

*The Volunteers take their running game to the Fiesta Bowl, hoping to race past the Seminoles*

By Tom Sharp  
The Associated Press

TEMPE, Ariz. — For top-ranked Tennessee, the Fiesta Bowl battle for the national championship might come to this: Can the Vols run the ball?

The answer to that question will be critical Monday night, because second-ranked Florida State designs its defense to stop the run first. And the Seminoles are good at it.

Tennessee (12-0) set out this season to lead the Southeastern Conference in rushing, and did so despite losing starting tailback Jamal Lewis to injury in the fourth game.

The biggest reason for that success is sophomore Travis Henry,

a stocky, powerful runner who gained 970 yards on 176 carries.

"That's what's been so special about this team," said senior co-captain and kicker Jeff Hall. "It hasn't been so much the people who have been pegged to be successful who have gotten it done, but the people who have risen to the occasion and maximized their potential."

Henry nearly wasn't around to maximize anything. He arrived on campus 18 months ago with torn cartilage in his right knee. Then Lewis emerged as one of the top freshman runners in the country last season, and Henry contemplated a transfer.

But Henry stuck it out, and is glad he did.

"It was an opportunity to step up and show my talent," he said of Lewis's injury. "I prepared myself for a chance like that."

The Vols are in the big game

largely because of Henry's production. The running game has carried the brunt of the load as quarterback Tee Martin felt his way through his first season as a starter.

And even though Florida State (11-1) has the nation's second-best rushing defense — allowing just 80 yards per game — the Vols say they don't have any choice in their game plan.

"We're 12-0 doing what we do," said new offensive coordinator Randy Sanders. "We won't change anything drastically."

Henry says he's ready.

"I'm the type of player who runs hard down after down," he said. "I'll go in with the mindset that I'm going to get the tough yardage."

Asked if the Vols can run against FSU, Martin smiled.

"We haven't been stopped running this year," he said. "I'll leave it at that."

## Duke prolongs streak against Maryland

By David Ginsburg  
The Associated Press

COLLEGE PARK, Md. — This was supposed to be the year that Maryland finally made a stand at home against Duke.

The fourth-ranked Terrapins managed to stay even with their Atlantic Coast Conference rivals for 20 minutes Sunday. Then No. 2 Duke pulled away to a surprisingly easy 82-64 victory before a stunned sellout crowd.

The addition of stellar guard Steve Francis to an already solid frontcourt had the Terrapins thinking that they could end a skid of 11 losses in 13 home games

against Duke.

Instead, Duke reeled off 13 straight points early in the second half to dispel any hopes Maryland had.

"To be honest I didn't think we were going to lose. A loss like that is a shock to me," said Francis.

Except for the timing, Duke's recipe for success was virtually identical to the formula that worked so well last year at Maryland, when the Blue Devils made their first four 3-pointers and turned an early 14-point lead into a rout.

This time, Duke waited until the start of the second half. Brand had 19 points and 13 rebounds for the

Blue Devils (13-1, 2-0) and sparked the run that all but finished the Terrapins (13-2, 1-1).

Maryland, meanwhile, missed nine of its first 10 shots and committed eight turnovers in the opening eight minutes.

By that time, Duke was all but assured its eighth straight win. After the margin reached 20 points with 3:36 left, fans who paid up to \$500 a ticket began heading toward the exits.

Morris scored 16 points and Francis had 11. The Terrapins, whose only previous loss this season came at Kentucky, fell to 7-1 at home.

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