



Canes look to start season with a win

Coming off a season last year that resulted in an NIT bid, the Hurricanes are looking to improve upon an 18-16 record. Finishing 7-9 in the ACC, the Canes had several key wins, including against UNC in the Dean Dome and against Clemson in the 1st round of the ACC Tournament.



Anthony King

The Canes lose from last year seniors Rob Hite, Gary Hamilton, Eric Wilkins, and Lee Butler, along with junior Guillermo Diaz, who left early to go to the NBA. Diaz and Hite were the team's two leading scorers, and replacing them won't be easy. Look for the young guys to step up and make a difference.

This year's team will be led by the senior Anthonys, center **Anthony King** and guard **Anthony Harris**. Look for sophomore **Jack McClinton** to shoulder some of the scoring load, and junior **Ray Hicks** and sophomores **Denis Clemente**, **Brian Asbury**, and **Jimmy Graham** will have to come up big for the Canes to go dancing this year. For the freshmen, watch **Dwayne Collins**. A powerful force down low with a tremendous wingspan, he'll likely contribute immediately off the bench.

A crosstown "rivalry"

Tonight's game pits safety school FIU against the Canes. Both schools' fans will no doubt be fired up, not only 'cause it's the first game of the season, but also due to the fight over a month ago. The brawl in the Orange Bowl led to over 30 suspensions between the two football teams. The basketball teams last played two years ago at FIU, where the Canes won 80-67. The Golden Panthers have only won once in the series, an 8 point win in 1992.

FIU comes off an 8-20 year and loses its leading scorer, Ivan Almonte. They blew out Division II Villa Julie last week in an exhibition game, 90-41 -- but don't read too much into that, it's Villa Julie ("Who?"). **Alex Galindo** and **Dejon Prejean** led the team in scoring with 18 points each. Look for Galindo, Prejean, and **Johwen Villegas** to shoulder the bulk of FIU's scoring this year.

Galindo is a sophomore transfer from Kansas who left the Jayhawks due to lack of playing time. He's a dangerous three-point threat who needs to be guarded closely. So is **Villegas**, who led the team in treys last year and is the Panthers' top returning scorer. Center **Facundo Giorgi** can shoot the three as well - our defense needs to stay in his face out on the perimeter.

FIU will play us tough, as they always do. They'll bring their share of rowdy fans, and Roary Rage might make an appearance too. Sebastian will show him who's boss, and we'll have to be loud to drown out all the FIUers. Let's make sure all the FIU fans drive home safely tonight with a loss!

Tale of the Tape



VS



0-0 (0-0)	RECORD	0-0 (0-0)
Not Ranked	RANKING	Not Ranked
Sun Belt	CONFERENCE	ACC
0%	SHOOTING %	0%
0.0	REBOUNDS/GAME	0.0
0%	FT %	0%
0%	3 PT %	0%

Miami leads the all-time series, 9-1.



Next Home Game

ALCORN ST. BRAVES

Tuesday, 11/14/06 7:30 PM

WEAR ORANGE!

Upcoming Schedule

- 11/14 vs. Alcorn State
- 11/17 @ America Youth Classic
- 11/18 @ America Youth Classic
- 11/19 @ America Youth Classic



The Lineups



#	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	Hometown
00	Chris Fuller*	G	6'5"	JR	Las Vegas, NV
2	Alex Galindo*	F	6'7"	SO	Mayaguez, P.R.
3	Michael James	G	5'9"	JR	Owensboro, KY
4	Facondo Giorgi*	F	6'8"	SR	Sanchales, Argentina
5	Elvis Lora	G	6'0"	SO	Santo Domingo, D.R.
11	Erick Nsangou*	G	6'0"	FR	Yaounde, Cameroon
20	Johwen Villegas*	G	6'4"	SR	Guaynabo, P.R.
21	Dejon Prejean	G	6'4"	JR	Compton, CA
22	Brad Larson	F	6'5"	SO	Orlando, FL
30	Nikola Gacesa	F	6'9"	FR	Belgrade, Serbia
33	Cedric Essola	F	6'8"	FR	Yaounde, Cameroon
34	Marlon Bright	F	6'5"	SO	Martin, TN

* DENOTES LIKELY STARTERS

Head Coach: Sergio Rouco (3rd year)

Assistant Coaches: Beau Archibald, Ken Huber, Billy Wuczynski

#	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	Hometown
00	Jimmy Graham*	F	6'8"	SO	Goldboro, NC
3	Omari Buncum	G	6'3"	FR	Atlanta, GA
10	London Glover	G	6'2"	JR	Montclair, NJ
12	Anthony Harris*	G	6'2"	SR	Chicago, IL
15	Denis Clemente	G	6'0"	SO	Bayamon, P.R.
20	Lawrence Gilbert	G/F	6'7"	FR	New Orleans, LA
21	Dwayne Collins	F	6'8"	FR	Miami, FL
22	Fabio Nass	F	6'11"	JR	Santa Catarina, Brazil
23	James Dews	G	6'3"	FR	Westchester, OH
25	Jonathan Stratton	G	6'3"	JR	Sandusky, OH
30	Adrian Thomas	F	6'7"	SO	Pembroke Pines, FL
32	Brian Asbury*	G/F	6'7"	SO	Miami, FL
33	Jack McClinton*	G	6'1"	SO	Baltimore, MD
42	Raymond Hicks	F	6'7"	JR	Longview, TX
44	Keaton Copeland	F	6'5"	SR	Miramar, FL
50	Anthony King*	F/C	6'9"	SR	Durham, NC

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Head Coach: Frank Haith (3rd year)

Assistant Coaches: Butch Estes, Jorge Fernandez, Michael Hunt



SEBASTIAN'S CORNER

A new year brings new excitement to the basketball program. You'll see some changes this year. First off is the student section itself. The old Hurricane Force name has blown away, and the students now lounge in **the Beach**. Look for various beach- and Miami-themed giveaways throughout the year as we try to bring a distinctly Miami flavor to the basketball games.

Starting up this year is the **Haith's Faithful** program. Expanding on the Faithful Fifty program started last year, this group will include the loudest, rowdiest, and most dedicated of student fans. Signups will be held at the first 3 games of the season. Those who wish to be a part of **Haith's Faithful** must agree to come to all the non-winter break games (you're allowed to miss one). If you're in the **Faithful**, you're also a student section leader and will be expected to help lead chants and cheers at the game - just be loud and rowdy! In return, these students will get premium seating in the student section and won't have to wait in line outside as long as other students - plus some more perks may pop up as the year progresses.

We'll be handing out **rally towels** at the games to help build spirit and atmosphere. We know these towels look good on your dorm room desk, but we ask that you **please return the towels** after each game - we want to keep them in the arena so we can use them at every game this year. We're also asking everyone in the arena to **wear orange**. Check out other arenas and how cool they are when you look up and see a sea of one color. It makes a difference. Now let's make it happen here!

Student gates open **1 hour** before tipoff for non-conference games and 1 hour, 30 minutes beforehand for ACC matchups. Be there early and have your Cane Card with you - it's your ticket into the game.

Whether you're a student, an alumnus, or just a fan, **WEAR ORANGE!!!**

Cheering 101

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

OFFENSE:

- "Let's Go Canes!" with claps on each word.
- "Goooo 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."

