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Tigers enter into the Hurricanes' den

After a hard-fought loss against UNC, one of the best teams in the country, the Canes get no rest, taking on another good ACC team today in the Clemson Tigers. Ranked #25 in the Coaches Poll, Clemson comes into the BUC off an overtime win against Wake Forest. The Tigers are familiar with overtime games, as three of their five conference games so far have gone to overtime (losing against UNC and beating FSU).



Cliff Hammonds, a senior guard for Clemson, shoots worse than Shaq from the FT line.

Clemson is led by forwards **K.C. Rivers** and **Trevor Booker**. **Rivers** is the team's best player, averaging 15.6 points per game, just over 7 rebounds per game, and shooting 42% from downtown. **Booker**, a PF, brings down almost 9 boards per game while scoring 12.4 ppg. Clemson's top option off the bench is G **Terrence Oglesby**, who scores 11.7 ppg despite not starting. The Tigers also have some height on their team, with four players at 6'8" or taller, so they should be able to match up inside with the Canes' height.

Historically, Clemson has been a terrible FT shooting team, and this year is no different. On the season, the Tigers shoot only 62% from the line, which is awful. Only two players on the entire roster shoot over 80% from the line: **Oglesby** and G **Deontez Stitt**. In contrast, the Canes have six players shooting at an over 80% clip, with only PF **Dwayne Collins** below 50%. Of the Tigers who get decent minutes, C **James Mays** shoots 52% from the FT line, C **Raymond Sykes** shoots 50%, F **Jerai Grant** shoots 39%, and senior G **Cliff Hammonds**, who makes 41% of his 3-pointers, shoots an abysmal 37% from the line. That's worse than **Shaq**!

The Canes lost to Clemson in OT last year up in South Carolina, but shellacked the Tigers in their last trip to the BUC two years ago, 62-38. Clemson has not played well in Coral Gables, and hopefully that trend will hold up today. The Canes need **McClinton** and **Dews** to shoot well, **Hurdle**, who led the team in scoring against UNC, to continue his emergence, and the inside guys, especially **King** and **Hicks**, who scored 17 against the Heels, to give us some scoring and defense inside.



- Get the ball inside. King, Collins, Graham, and Hicks have to score on offense.
- Get Jack some shots. Run McClinton off screens to give him open looks. The Canes must shoot well from outside.
- When in doubt, foul. Clemson is a bad FT shooting team, so foul instead of giving up layups.

Tale of the Tape



VS



15-4 (3-2) RECORD 14-4 (1-3)

#25 / NR RANKING NR
(Coaches/AP Polls)

ACC CONFERENCE ACC

47% SHOOTING % 45%

40.9 REBOUNDS/GAME 40.4

62% FT % 72%

39% 3 PT % 40%

Clemson leads the series, 6-5.

Next Home Game

FSU SEMINOLES

Wednesday, 7:30 PM
2/6/08

WEAR ORANGE!

Upcoming Schedule

1/29 @ Wake Forest

2/2 @ Duke

2/6 vs. Florida State

2/9 @ Virginia Tech



The Lineups



#	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	Hometown
1	K.C. Rivers*	F	6-5	JR	Charlotte, NC
2	Demontez Stitt*	G	6-2	FR	Matthews, NC
4	Jonah Baize	F	6-6	FR	Evansville, IN
5	Zavier Anderson	G	5-9	FR	Greenville, SC
12	Raymond Sykes	C	6-9	JR	Jacksonville, FL
15	David Potter	F	6-6	SO	Severn, MD
22	Terrence Oglesby	G	6-2	FR	Cleveland, TN
24	Matt Morris	F	6-5	SR	Georgetown, SC
25	Cliff Hammonds*	G	6-3	SR	Cairo, GA
32	Sam Perry	F	6-5	SR	Greenville, SC
35	Trevor Booker*	F	6-7	SO	Whitmire, SC
40	James Mays*	C	6-9	SR	Garner, NC
44	Jesse Yanutola	F	6-4	SR	Tega Cay, SC
45	Jerai Grant	F	6-8	FR	Bowie, MD
55	Karolis Petrukonis	C	6-11	SO	Trakai, Lithuania

* DENOTES LIKELY STARTERS

#	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	Hometown
00	Jimmy Graham	F	6-8	JR	Goldsboro, NC
1	Lance Hurdle*	G	6-2	JR	San Diego, CA
5	Eddie Rios	G	6-0	FR	Miami, FL
10	Landon Glover	G	6-2	SR	Montclair, NJ
20	Cyrus McGowan	F	6-9	JR	Brooksville, MS
21	Dwayne Collins	F	6-8	SO	Miami, FL
22	Fabio Nass	F	6-11	SR	Santa Catarina, Brazil
23	James Dews*	G	6-3	SO	Westchester, OH
25	Jonathan Stratton	G	6-3	SR	Sandusky, OH
30	Adrian Thomas	F	6-7	SO	Pembroke Pines, FL
32	Brian Asbury	F	6-7	JR	Miami, FL
33	Jack McClinton*	G	6-1	JR	Baltimore, MD
42	Raymond Hicks*	F	6-7	SR	Longview, TX
45	Julian Gamble	C	6-9	FR	Durham, NC
50	Anthony King*	C	6-9	SR	Durham, NC

* DENOTES LIKELY STARTERS

Head Coach: Oliver Purnell (5th year)
Assistants: Ron Bradley, Frank Smith, Shaka Smart

Head Coach: Frank Haith (4th year)
Assistants: Jorge Fernandez, Jake Morton, Michael Schwartz



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PLAYER PROFILE: LANCE HURDLE



Lance Hurdle is a name not known to many in the ACC yet, but he is hoping to change that this year. **Hurdle**, a junior who joined the team after transferring from San Bernardino Valley Community College in California, has recently played his way into the starting lineup. He had his best game of the season on Wednesday against UNC, scoring a team-high 20 points. With **Hurdle** running the offense, **Jack McClinton** can shift over to his more natural position of shooting guard, making it easier for him to get quality shots.

Hurdle is originally from San Diego, CA, and won a state championship at Helix High School, averaging 24.1 ppg. He went to UC-Santa Barbara for his freshman year, but he did not get much playing time. Lance wanted to show his skills, so he transferred to San Bernardino Valley CC, becoming the conference player of the year and catching the eye of **Coach Haith**. With **Denis Clemente** leaving the Canes for Kansas State, Miami was in need of a point guard and turned to **Hurdle**. **Lance** can play both guard positions and is a quick defender. Often the fastest man on the court, **Hurdle's** name is apt, as he has a 44 inch vertical leap and impressive dunking skills.

Off the court, **Hurdle** is an entrepreneurship major and hopes to eventually own a business.

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."

