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Canes look to avenge earlier loss to Duke

As Duke enters the BUC tonight, the Canes will have one thing on their minds: revenge. The Blue Devils defeated Miami a few weeks ago up at Cameron Indoor, by 15 points in a sloppy game where both teams were plagued by foul trouble. The Canes hope to reverse that outcome tonight and get the biggest win of their season.



Coach K may be a great coach, but his face still resembles that of a ferret.

Miami is riding a two-game win streak after defeating Virginia Tech and Georgia Tech on the road, while Duke lost to Wake Forest on Sunday by 13 in a game where all five starters fouled out (a rarity for Duke, to say the least). Coach **Mike Krzyzewski** (pronounced "Coach K") was not happy with that loss, so look for the Devils to be ready to play tonight. The Canes will have to bring their best effort to knock off the #4 team in the country.

Duke has five players who average double digits in scoring: G **DeMarcus Nelson**, F **Kyle Singler**, G **Gerald Henderson**, G **Greg Paulus** (who was elbowed in the face by **Lance Hurdle** in their last meeting), and G **Jon Scheyer**. **Nelson** leads the way with his 15.5 points per game average, while



shooting 50% from the field and 41% from downtown. Overall, Duke relies heavily on the three-pointer, having taken over 200 more threes than their opponents this season. **Nelson** (41%), **Paulus** (43%), **Singler** (39%), **Scheyer** (39%), and freshman F **Taylor King** (41%) all are long-range threats. Leaving any of them open on the perimeter is dangerous. Inside, the Devils have F **Lance Thomas** and 7'1" C **Brian Zoubek** ("The Zoo") as credible options.



Duke's Greg Paulus (#3) gets embarrassed by VT. Let's give him a Miami welcome.

The Blue Devils have defeated Miami each time the teams have played in the ACC. Let's end that streak tonight -- make some noise and cheer your Canes on to victory!



- Defend the perimeter. Don't give Duke open looks, as they will torch us from outside if we do.
- Rebound! Giving up second chances to a team as talented as Duke is just asking for trouble.
- Pound the ball inside. Duke's main weakness is their interior defense.

Tale of the Tape



VS



22-2 (10-1) RECORD 17-7 (4-6)

#4 / #5 RANKING NR
(Coaches/AP Polls)

ACC CONFERENCE ACC

48% SHOOTING % 44%

40.5 REBOUNDS/GAME 39.7

68% FT % 73%

39% 3 PT % 39%

Duke leads the series, 10-1.

Next Home Game

MARYLAND TERRAPINS

Saturday, 2/23/08 2:00 PM

WEAR ORANGE!

Upcoming Schedule

2/23 vs. Maryland

2/27 @ Clemson

3/1 vs. Virginia

3/5 vs. Boston College



The Lineups



#	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	Hometown	#	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	Hometown
2	Nolan Smith	G	6-2	FR	Upper Marlboro, MD	00	Jimmy Graham	F	6-8	JR	Goldsboro, NC
3	Greg Paulus*	G	6-1	JR	Syracuse, NY	1	Lance Hurdle*	G	6-2	JR	San Diego, CA
5	Martynas Pocius	F	6-5	JR	Vilnius, Lithuania	5	Eddie Rios	G	6-0	FR	Miami, FL
12	Kyle Singler*	F	6-8	FR	Medford, OR	10	Landon Glover	G	6-2	SR	Montclair, NJ
14	David McClure	F	6-6	JR	Ridgefield, CT	20	Cyrus McGowan	F	6-9	JR	Brooksville, MS
15	Gerald Henderson*	G	6-4	SO	Merion, PA	21	Dwayne Collins*	F	6-8	SO	Miami, FL
20	Taylor King	F	6-6	FR	Huntington Bch, CA	22	Fabio Nass	F	6-11	SR	Santa Catarina, Brazil
21	DeMarcus Nelson*	G	6-4	SR	Elk Grove, CA	23	James Dews*	G	6-3	SO	Westchester, OH
30	Jon Scheyer	G	6-5	SO	Northbrook, IL	25	Jonathan Stratton	G	6-3	SR	Sandusky, OH
41	Jordan Davidson	G	6-1	JR	Melbourne, AR	30	Adrian Thomas	F	6-7	SO	Pembroke Pines, FL
42	Lance Thomas*	F	6-8	SO	Scotch Plains, NJ	32	Brian Asbury	F	6-7	JR	Miami, FL
51	Steve Johnson	F	6-5	SO	Colorado Springs, CO	33	Jack McClinton*	G	6-1	JR	Baltimore, MD
55	Brian Zoubek	C	7-1	SO	Haddonfield, NJ	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: Mike Krzyzewski (28th year at Duke)

Assistants: Johnny Dawkins, Chris Collins, Steve Wojciechowski

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Head Coach: Frank Haith (4th year at the U)

Assistants: Jorge Fernandez, Jake Morton, Michael Schwartz



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As the conference season winds to a close, talk turns to the post-season, namely the **NCAA Tournament**. The Canes haven't gone to the Tourney since the 2001-02 season, where **John Salmons**, **James Jones**, and **Darius Rice** led the team to a 24-8 record. Un-

fortunately, that team was upset in the 1st round by Memphis.

With an **RPI currently at 36th** in the nation, the Canes find themselves "**on the bubble**" this year. The NCAA Tournament takes 65 teams each year; once the automatic bids are handed out to the winners of each conference tournament, the at-large bids available are extremely limited. The ACC looks to only get about five teams into the tournament this year, and the Canes are hoping to be one of those teams.

The vast majority of ACC teams who have finished above .500 in the conference have made it to the NCAA Tournament. **Finishing right at 8-8** would put a team on the bubble, while a 7-9 record probably won't cut it. The Canes need to finish at least 4-2, putting us at 21-9 (8-8), for a legitimate shot at the Tourney. A win or two in the ACC Tournament would help our resumé as well. It won't be easy, but if this team can continue its two-game winning streak, **it can happen!**

ACC Standings

(AS OF MONDAY)

TEAM	CONF	TOTAL
1 Duke	10-1	22-2
2 UNC	9-2	24-2
3 Clemson	7-4	19-6
4 Maryland	7-4	17-9
5 WF	6-5	16-8
6 VT	5-6	14-11
7 Miami	4-6	17-7
8 GT	4-6	11-13
9 N.C. State	4-7	15-10
10 BC	4-7	13-11
11 FSU	3-8	14-12
12 Virginia	2-9	12-12

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."

