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Forget the turtle -- Fear the Ibis!

Wow... what a game! Phew, now that we here at the Gameday Report have caught our breath (and pinched ourselves to make sure we weren't dreaming), we can move on from that monumental win against #4 Duke to today's game against Maryland. The Terps come into the BUC off a four-point loss to the same Virginia Tech team that the Canes beat several weeks ago. The Terps have not fared well against the Canes in the past, only winning one game out of the last five against Miami. However, Maryland is a talented and dangerous team, and the Hurricanes have to move on quickly from the Duke game if they want to win today.



Dews, Stratton, and Glover celebrate with students after the huge win over Duke.

Maryland is led by 6'6" sophomore G **Greivis Vasquez**, one of the best young point guards in the ACC. **Vasquez**, the reigning ACC Co-Player of the Week, is 4th in the conference in scoring, averaging 17.6 points per game, to go with 5.6 rebounds and 6.7 assists per game. The Terrapins have three other starters who average in double-figures: G **Eric Hayes**, F **James Gist**, and F **Bambale "Boom" Osby**. Both **Osby** and **Gist** are athletic, shoot the ball well, rebound well, and block shots. "**Boom**" is one of Maryland's most popular players, due to his hustle and ample 'fro. **Hayes** is the Terps' main 3-point threat, shooting them at a 39% clip, while F **Landon Milbourne** shoots 43% from downtown but doesn't take nearly as many threes.



"Boom" Osby not only has talent and a cool name, but he's got the 'fro too.

Defensively, Maryland leads the ACC in FG percentage allowed and blocked shots. The Terps have a very tall and athletic team, but they don't shoot the ball very well from outside. Their starters play heavy minutes under Coach **Gary Williams**, the 8th-winningest coach in NCAA history and 2nd in angry scowls, only to Bobby Knight.

Though the Canes have fared well against the other UM, this game will not be easy. So make some noise and root your Canes on to victory!



- Don't have a let down game. Beating Duke was HUGE for this team, but there are still games to be played!
- Silence the Boom. Osby can control the game inside; don't let him do so.
- Keep feeding Collins. Dwayne had a breakout game against Duke (26 pts), and now he needs to build upon it.

Tale of the Tape



VS



17-10 (7-5) RECORD 18-7 (5-6)

NR RANKING NR
(Coaches/AP Polls)

ACC CONFERENCE ACC

46% SHOOTING % 44%

38.2 REBOUNDS/GAME 39.5

71% FT % 76%

34% 3 PT % 40%

Miami leads the series, 8-5.

Next Home Game

VIRGINIA CAVALIERS

Saturday,
3/1/08

2:00 PM

WEAR ORANGE!

Upcoming Schedule

2/27 @ Clemson

3/1 vs. Virginia

3/5 vs. Boston College

3/8 @ Florida State



The Lineups



#	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	Hometown
1	Landon Milbourne*	F	6-7	SO	Roswell, GA
2	Shane Walker	F	6-10	FR	Northampton, U.K.
4	Braxton Dupree	C	6-8	FR	Baltimore, MD
5	Eric Hayes*	G	6-4	SO	Woodbridge, VA
10	Jason McAlpin	F	6-6	SR	Silver Spring, MD
15	James Gist*	F	6-9	SR	Silver Spring, MD
21	Greivis Vasquez*	G	6-6	SO	Caracas, Venezuela
22	Adrian Bowie	G	6-2	FR	Greenbelt, MD
23	David Pearman	F	6-6	FR	Columbia, MD
24	Cliff Tucker	G	6-6	FR	El Paso, TX
32	Jerome Burney	F	6-9	FR	Atlanta, GA
33	Dino Gregory	F	6-7	FR	Baltimore, MD
35	Dave Neal	F	6-7	JR	McLean, VA
50	Bambale Osby*	F	6-8	SR	Richmond, VA

* 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: Gary Williams (19th year at Maryland)
Assistants: Chuck Driesell, Keith Booth, Joe Harrington

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



SEBASTIAN'S CORNER

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The Canes' win against Duke on Wednesday night was not just the talk of campus, but it definitely helped out UM's chances for the NCAA Tournament. With the upset victory, Miami moved up to **#28 in the RPI**. If the NCAA Tournament were to start today,

the Canes would likely be in. However, there are still games left to be played.

Over the years, about 80% of ACC teams who have finished with a conference record of 8-8 have gone dancing. To reach this mark, the **Canes need to win at least 3 of their last 5 games**, which is doable, though it won't be easy. A win in the ACC Tournament would also help the tournament chances, but with a 21-9 (8-8) record, the Canes would probably be on the bubble, but looking in. Anything better than 8-8 in the conference and we're most likely in the tournament.

Now is also the time to start looking at how our fellow ACC teams have fared, in order to determine seeding for the **ACC Tournament**. While our Canes knocked off #4 Duke, UNC beat NC State, VT beat Maryland in a game that was delayed 10 minutes due to a Hokie player puking on the court, and the GT-Virginia game was postponed due to rain. That's right, Alexander Memorial Coliseum sprung a leak, and none of those engineering majors at Tech could fix it.

ACC Standings

(AS OF THIS MORNING)

TEAM	CONF	TOTAL
1 UNC	10-2	25-2
2 Duke	10-2	22-3
3 Clemson	7-5	19-7
4 Maryland	7-5	17-10
5 WF	6-5	16-8
6 VT	6-6	15-11
7 Miami	5-6	18-7
8 GT	4-6	11-13
9 BC	4-7	13-11
10 NC State	4-8	15-11
11 FSU	4-8	15-12
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."

