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## Canes start season aiming at Tourney



Seniors Jack McClinton and Jimmy Graham hope to lead this year's team back to the NCAA Tournament.

After a long off-season, it's that time of year again. That's right, it's time for some college basketball! Welcome back to another year of the **Gameday Report**, YOUR pregame source for news, rosters, stats, and tidbits on Canes Basketball. Look for the **Gameday Report** before every home game this year, or check it out online before each game at the student section website, [www.umbeach.com](http://www.umbeach.com). You can even print out your own copy!

The Canes come into this year **ranked #17 in the nation** in the AP Poll, their highest preseason ranking EVER. Led by senior G **Jack McClinton**, Miami brings back most of their lineup from last year's team that made it to the 2nd Round of the **NCAA Tournament**, just barely losing to the 2-seed Texas Longhorns in a thrilling game. This year's team returns 83% of its scoring, 72% of its rebounding, and 98% of its three-point shooting from last season. The Canes look to not only get back to the Tourney, but to go even further. In order to make it happen, **McClinton** and the Canes will have to build upon last season, and they definitely believe they can.



Though UM only lost two players who played major minutes (**Anthony King** and **Ray Hicks**), this year's team has a good number of fresh faces on it. Look for immediate impacts from PF **Cyrus McGowan** and SF **DeQuan Jones**. **McGowan**, a transfer from Arkansas, could start at the 4 or 5 and will definitely see major minutes. He can shoot from the outside, as well as rebound, block shots, and hustle on defense. **Jones**, on the other hand, is a freshman 5-star recruit who oozes athleticism, can play the 2 or the 3, and brings a slasher mentality to the lineup that this team hasn't filled since **Guillermo Diaz** left. Look for him to get a lot of playing time off the bench. Also joining the rotation is C **Julian Gamble**, who redshirted last year. He brings a big body who can clog the lane on defense, rebound, and give us a low-post scoring option on the second team. Big **Reggie Johnson**, the other freshman recruit, could see some early minutes, but he might also redshirt.

Just like last year, the Canes face Florida Southern College in their season opener. The Moccasins, who hail from Lakeland, are a Division II school in the Sunshine State Conference. They finished first in their conference last year, with a 24-9 record. That record includes a 104-61 loss against UM. FSC did win all three of their exhibition games, however. They are led by senior G **Rob Eldridge** and junior F **John Thompson**. **Eldridge** is an efficient player who led his team in scoring in the preseason, while **Thompson** almost averaged a double-double.

After Florida Southern, UM travels to the Virgin Islands for the Paradise Jam Tournament, where they'll play Southern Miss and possibly UConn and/or Wisconsin.

## Tale of the Tape



VS



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NR RANKING #16/#17  
(Coaches/AP Polls)

SSC (D-2) CONFERENCE ACC

N/A SHOOTING % N/A

N/A REBOUNDS/GAME N/A

N/A FT % N/A

N/A 3 PT % N/A

Miami leads the series, 59-8.

## Next Home Game

STETSON HATTERS

Saturday,  
11/29/08

1:00 PM

WEAR ORANGE!

## Upcoming Schedule

11/21 vs. Southern Miss

11/22 vs. UConn OR LaSalle

11/24 vs. TBA (Paradise Jam)

11/29 vs. Stetson



# The Lineups



#	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	Hometown
1	Brandon Jenkins*	G	6-2	SO	Muncie, IN
2	Terry Jenkins	G	6-3	SO	Muncie, IN
5	Braxton Williams	G	6-4	SR	Cocoa Beach, FL
11	Jay Hubble	G	5-8	FR	Pendleton, IN
12	Eric Fernandez	G	5-9	SR	Gurabo, PR
13	John Miller	F	6-3	SR	Phippsburg, ME
15	John Thompson	F	6-5	JR	West Cola, SC
20	Rion Rayfield*	G	6-1	SO	Burlington, WI
21	Preston Fredrick	F	6-8	FR	Lakeland, FL
22	Rob Eldridge*	G	6-2	SR	Gary, IN
23	Alvin Bradley	G	6-5	JR	Lake City, FL
24	Jordan Williams	G	6-3	FR	Vista, CA
32	Zach Smith*	F	6-5	SR	Aurora, CO
40	Carlton Morrnick	G	6-3	SR	Tampa, FL
45	Rashaad Singleton*	C	7-0	SR	Cambellton, FL

\* DENOTES LIKELY STARTERS

#	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	Hometown
00	Jimmy Graham*	F	6-8	SR	Goldsboro, NC
1	Lance Hurdle	G	6-2	SR	San Diego, CA
3	Malcolm Grant#	G	6-1	SO	Brooklyn, NY
5	Eddie Rios*	G	6-0	SO	Miami, FL
10	Mark Warren	F	6-5	JR	Pensacola, FL
20	Cyrus McGowan	F	6-9	JR	Brooksville, MS
21	Dwayne Collins*	F	6-8	JR	Miami, FL
23	James Dews*	G	6-3	JR	Cincinnati, OH
25	Ryan Quigtar	G	5-11	FR	Skyway, WA
30	Adrian Thomas	F	6-7	JR	Pembroke Pines, FL
31	DeQuan Jones	F	6-6	FR	Stone Mountain, GA
32	Brian Asbury	F	6-7	SR	Miami, FL
33	Jack McClinton*	G	6-1	SR	Baltimore, MD
42	Reggie Johnson	C	6-9	FR	Winston-Salem, NC
45	Julian Gamble	C	6-9	FR	Durham, NC

\* DENOTES LIKELY STARTERS #REDSHIRTING THIS YEAR

**Head Coach:** Linc Darner (3rd year at FSC)  
**Assistant Coaches:** Dave Burkett, Blake Williams, Mike Mazur

**Head Coach:** Frank Haith (5th year at the U)  
**Assistants:** Jorge Fernandez, Jake Morton, Michael Schwartz



## SEBASTIAN'S CORNER

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Walking into the student section this year, you'll see a lot of familiar things. **The Beach** is back, complete with lifeguard chairs and palm trees. **Haith's Faithful**, the elite program for hardcore, dedicated student fans, breaks in a new season with its most members ever. We also have a new **Hurricane Frank**, the guy in the hot dog suit who acts as the unofficial leader of the student section. He's the third guy to wear the suit.



Be on the lookout for various promotions and giveaways from **Category 5** as the season progresses. Cat 5 has a lot of cool stuff planned for this year, including starting a new tradition of "the Hurricane." Follow the Cat 5 leaders in doing this new chant, where students wave their arms up, down, left, and right, almost as if they're on a rollercoaster, yelling and making "whooshing" noises to distract the opposition. We need EVERYONE to do this for it to work, so please give it a shot!



One thing Cat 5 and we here at the Gameday Report really want to promote is the concept of **One School, One Team, One Goal**. Look for green and orange wristbands promoting this theme of team spirit and support that we want the student section to embody. We're also asking everyone in the arena to **WEAR ORANGE** to all the games. So come on out to the BUC, make some noise, and root our Canes on to the Tourney!

## 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."

