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Canes look to keep Tourney hopes alive

Miami comes into today's home finale against the Wolfpack of NC State desperately needing a win if the Canes are to keep their tournament hopes alive. Losing to Georgia Tech on Wednesday really hurt Miami's chances. Instead of likely being in the tournament with a win today over NC State, UM must now win today and pick up at least one or two wins in the ACC Tournament next week to remain on the bubble. Anything less and it's probably an NIT berth for Miami.



Al Diaz / Miami Herald

Today is the last home game for seniors Jack McClinton and Jimmy Graham, as well as Brian Asbury and Lance Hurdle.

Before setting sights on the ACC Tournament, however, Miami must first take care of NC State. The Wolfpack defeated the Canes earlier in the year in Raleigh, winning in overtime, 84-81, on a three-pointer by freshman **Julius Mays** with 7 seconds left in the game. Miami erased a 19-point deficit in the 2nd half and took a brief lead, but the Hurricanes just didn't have enough left to win the game. If the Canes want to win today, they can't get down double-digits like they did in that game and against Georgia Tech on Wednesday.

NC State is led by a pair of 6'9" players, senior **Ben McCauley** and junior **Brandon Costner**. **Costner** leads the team in scoring at 13.6 points per game, and he also pulls down 6.1 rebounds per game. **McCauley** averages 12.6 ppg and leads the team in rebounding with 7.8 boards per game. Both frontcourt players are dangerous, but NCSU also has some quality guards. Senior **Courtney Fells** averages 11.6 ppg and leads the team in 3-point shooting, hitting 41% of his shots from behind the arc. Sophomore **Javier Gonzalez** mans the point and also shoots 40% from downtown. The Wolfpack have eight players who shoot better than 35% from three, so they can light it up from outside.



No matter what happens today, the Canes will play in the **ACC Tournament** on **Thursday**. Depending on how everyone does in their last regular season game, Miami could end up seeded anywhere from 7th to 10th; the Canes would play Thursday, and if they win, they would play again on Friday against one of the teams with a top-4 seeding (who have byes on Thursday). All games will be broadcasted by either Raycom or ESPN, so check www.hurricanesports.com for the TV listings so you can watch your Canes play.

The Canes are facing a must-win game today, but let's not forget that it's also **Senior Day**. Today we honor our four seniors for all their hard work, both on and off the court. **Brian Asbury**, **Jimmy Graham**, **Lance Hurdle**, and **Jack McClinton** -- thank you for four memorable years. And to the fans -- we here at the **Gameday Report** would like to thank you all for your support for and dedication to this team. Now let's cheer your team onto one last home victory for the season. **GO CANES!**

Tale of the Tape



16-12 (6-9) RECORD 17-11 (6-9)

NR RANKING NR
(Coaches/AP Polls)

ACC CONFERENCE ACC

48% SHOOTING % 43%

35.8 REBOUNDS/GAME 40.9

71% FT % 68%

38% 3 PT % 38%

NC State leads the series, 5-3.

ACC Standings

TEAM	CONF	TOTAL
1 North Carolina	12-3	26-3
2 Duke	11-4	25-5
3 Wake Forest	10-5	23-5
4 Clemson	9-6	23-6
5 Florida State	9-6	22-8
6 Boston College	8-7	20-10
7 Maryland	7-8	18-11
8 Virginia Tech	7-8	17-12
9 Miami	6-9	17-11
10 NC State	6-9	16-12
11 Virginia	3-12	9-17
12 Georgia Tech	2-13	11-17

Upcoming Schedule

3/12 ACC Tournament



The Lineups



#	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	Hometown	#	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	Hometown
2	Simon Harris	F	6-5	SR	Pittsburgh, PA	00	Jimmy Graham*	F	6-8	SR	Goldsboro, NC
4	Courtney Fells*	G	6-6	SR	Shannon, MS	1	Lance Hurdle	G	6-2	SR	San Diego, CA
5	Enrico Kufuor	G	6-1	SO	Berlin, Germany	3	Malcolm Grant#	G	6-1	SO	Brooklyn, NY
10	Javier Gonzalez*	G	5-11	SO	Carolina, Puerto Rico	10	Mark Warren	F	6-5	JR	Pensacola, FL
12	Farnold Degand	G	6-3	JR	Boston, MA	20	Cyrus McGowan	F	6-9	JR	Brooksville, MS
15	Trevor Ferguson	G	6-5	JR	Palm Harbor, FL	21	Dwayne Collins*	F	6-8	JR	Miami, FL
21	C.J. Williams	F	6-5	FR	Fayetteville, NC	23	James Dews*	G	6-3	JR	Cincinnati, OH
22	Kendall Smith	F	6-8	FR	Winston-Salem, NC	25	Ryan Quiglar	G	5-11	FR	Skyway, WA
23	Tracy Smith*	F	6-8	SO	Detroit, MI	30	Adrian Thomas	F	6-7	JR	Pembroke Pines, FL
24	Julius Mays	G	6-2	FR	Marion, IN	31	DeQuan Jones	F	6-6	FR	Stone Mountain, GA
30	Johnny Thomas	F	6-5	FR	Morehead City, NC	32	Brian Asbury*	F	6-7	SR	Miami, FL
31	Dennis Horner	F	6-9	JR	Linwood, NJ	33	Jack McClinton*	G	6-1	SR	Baltimore, MD
33	Brandon Costner*	F	6-9	JR	Montclair, NJ	42	Reggie Johnson#	C	6-9	FR	Winston-Salem, NC
34	Ben McCauley*	C	6-9	SR	West Newton, PA	45	Julian Gamble	C	6-9	FR	Durham, NC

* DENOTES LIKELY STARTERS

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Head Coach: Sidney Lowe (3rd year at NCSU)

Assistants: Monte Towe, Larry Harris, Pete Strickland

Head Coach: Frank Haith (5th year at the U)

Assistants: Jorge Fernandez, Jake Morton, Michael Schwartz



SEBASTIAN'S CORNER

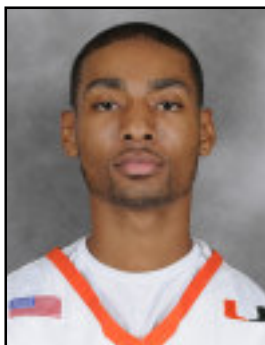
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JACK McCLINTON

We here at the Gameday Report would like to honor our four seniors for their dedication, hard work, perseverance, and all the good times we've had over the past years. You have proved to be winners, not only on the basketball court, but also in life. Good luck, and we'll miss you.

THANK YOU SENIORS!



LANCE HURDLE



JIMMY GRAHAM



BRIAN ASBURY

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."

