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## Canes face #6 Wake Forest in huge matchup

The Miami Hurricanes return home tonight after losing two tough ACC games on the road last week. The Canes fell to NC State on a last-second shot in overtime last Tuesday, and they also lost to Maryland for only the second time since joining the ACC. It was a rough week for the Canes, but it's going to take some luck to get back on track tonight against the Wake Forest Demon Deacons.

Wake Forest comes into the BUC ranked #6 in the Coaches' Poll and #7 in the AP Poll. Ranked at #1 in both polls earlier in the year, the Deacons beat both UNC and Duke last month, but they're coming off a two-point loss to Georgia Tech last Saturday on a last-second shot in a thrilling game. Wake is a young team, but they are extremely talented and love to get up and down the court.



Greensboro News & Record

**Wake Forest's Jeff Teague has become one of the best young PGs in the country this year.**

The Deacons are led by sophomore PG **Jeff Teague**. He averages 20.6 points per game (2nd in the ACC), and he's also extremely efficient, shooting 52% from the field and an insane 54% from three. **Make sure to boo him every time he touches the ball.** Wake is also one of the tallest teams in the ACC, starting 6'9" **James Johnson** (13.6 ppg, 7.9 rebounds per game), 6'9" **Al-Farouq Aminu** (13 ppg, 8.8 rpg), and 7'0" **Chas McFarland** (9.7 ppg, 6.6 rpg). All three of them shoot over 50% from the field, and the freshman **Aminu** is one of the more dynamic young players in the country, already having some SportsCenter-type dunks this season. Wake plays very efficient defense, and all that height puts them at 2nd in the conference in blocks and rebounds and 3rd in steals.

The Deacons do have a few weaknesses, though. Other than **Teague** and senior G **Harvey Hale**, they aren't very good from beyond the three-point arc. Also, other than **Teague** (82% and by far the most attempts), no one on Wake Forest's roster shoots above 73% from the free throw line. While the Canes have had their own FT shooting woes this season, Wake Forest has been just as bad. In addition, Wake turns the ball over 16 times per game (UM is at 13 tpg), good for 3rd-most in the ACC. It's a tough task, but Wake is beatable; let's be loud tonight and cheer our Canes onto victory!



- Wake Forest likes to run, so keep the game at the Canes' pace. Playing at WF's tempo won't give UM a good result.
- Try to shut down Jeff Teague. Wake has a ton of weapons, but he's the catalyst.
- Get the ball inside. Dwayne Collins has been playing well, so keep feeding the big man and take some pressure off McClinton.

## Tale of the Tape



17-2 (4-2)	RECORD	14-7 (3-5)
# 6/# 7	RANKING <small>(Coaches/AP Polls)</small>	NR
ACC	CONFERENCE	ACC
50%	SHOOTING %	44%
42.5	REBOUNDS/GAME	42.4
70%	FT %	68%
34%	3 PT %	37%
Wake Forest leads the series, 7-1.		

## Next Home Game

UNC TAR HEELS

Sunday,  
2/15/09

7:45 PM

**WEAR ORANGE!**

## Upcoming Schedule

2/7	@ Duke
2/15	vs. North Carolina
2/18	@ Florida State
2/21	vs. Boston College



# The Lineups



#	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	Hometown
0	Jeff Teague*	G	6-2	SO	Indianapolis, IN
1	Al-Farouq Aminu*	F	6-9	FR	Norcross, GA
2	Gary Clark	G	6-4	SO	Sarasota, FL
4	Harvey Hale	G	6-3	SR	Albuquerque, NM
10	Ishmael Smith	G	6-0	JR	Concord, NC
13	Chas McFarland*	C	7-0	JR	Lovington, IL
23	James Johnson*	F	6-9	SO	Cheyenne, WY
40	Ty Walker	C	7-0	FR	Wilmington, NC
42	L.D. Williams*	G	6-4	JR	Yadkinville, NC
44	David Weaver	C	6-11	JR	Black Mountain, NC
52	Bobby Hoekstra	F	6-7	SR	Lewisville, NC
55	Tony Woods	C	6-11	FR	Rome, GA

\* DENOTES LIKELY STARTERS

**Head Coach: Dino Gaudio (2nd year at Wake Forest)**  
**Assistants: Jeff Battle, Pat Kelsey, Mike Muse**

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



## SEBASTIAN'S CORNER

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In his four years at the U, senior **Jimmy Graham** has embraced his role as the Canes' "energy" guy. Coming off the bench for most of the year, Graham has brought some much-needed interior defense and aggression to this team. While Jimmy has only started two games this year, he's usually on the court during crunch time, especially on defensive possessions. Graham knows his role (defense, rebounding, and hustle), and he does it well.

Jimmy hails from Goldsboro, NC, in the heart of ACC Country. A 4-star recruit, Graham decided to leave home and come to Miami, bringing with him **Becky Vinson**, his adoptive mother and to whom he gives much credit for his turnaround from troubled teen to hard-worker on and off the court. Graham made the All-ACC Academic Team as a freshman and has continued his hard work off the court, double-majoring in Management and Marketing.

### PLAYER PROFILE: JIMMY GRAHAM



#### Cheering Note:

Every time that Wake Forest's starting PG, #0 **Jeff Teague**, touches the ball, BOO him!!!

Graham has earned his fair share of fans, mostly due to his constant hustle and his big red 'fro that was shaved off before his freshman year for purposes of team unity. Jimmy's teammates once nicknamed him "**Liger**," a cross between a lion and a tiger, due to his spirited and aggressive play.

### 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."

