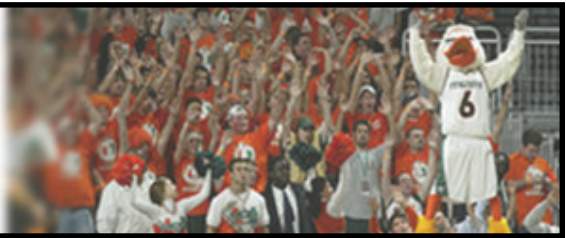


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## Hurricanes face Eagles in must-win game



Senior guard Tyrese Rice is one of the best guards in the ACC and has torched the Canes many times in the past.

UM's side for four years. He leads the team in scoring, averaging 18 points per game, and he is the best 3-point shooter on the team at 37%. He's the Eagles' unquestioned leader and always comes up big in crunch time. BC has three other players who average double-digits in scoring; F **Joe Trapani** (13.8 ppg), G **Rakim Sanders** (12.5 ppg), and F **Corey Raji** (10.3 ppg) are all dangerous players, and both **Trapani** and **Sanders** are good shooters from downtown. **Trapani** leads the team in rebounding and blocks and is a force down low.

The Eagles have a very young team, with only one senior and one junior on the roster. They start four sophomores, but this young team has grown up very quickly, beating the likes of Duke and UNC this year. However, they have also lost to St. Louis and Harvard (in Harvard's first ever victory over a ranked team in its long history), so they have been somewhat inconsistent this season. The Eagles also aren't great at free throw shooting, with only **Rice**, **Trapani**, and backup sophomore G **Biko Paris** shooting over 70% from the line.

To win today, the Canes must do the little things well. Boxing out on rebounds, taking good shots, and playing with 40 minutes of effort are all things that UM needs to do in order to keep its tournament hopes alive. So make some noise today and root your Canes onto victory!

Coming off a tough loss to Florida State, the Hurricanes have hit crunch time in their season. To make the NCAA Tournament for the 2nd year in a row, the Canes will likely need to win all of their remaining four games, starting today against the Boston College Eagles.

Miami faced BC at the Conte Forum in January and defeated them, 77-71. However, Boston College is coming off an 80-74 win at home over the Duke Blue Devils last Sunday and are playing well as a team, having a great shot at making the NCAA Tourney. Today's game won't be easy for the Canes.

Boston College is led by senior G **Tyrese Rice**, one of the best guards in the country and a thorn in



## Tale of the Tape



VS



19-8 (7-5) RECORD 15-10 (4-8)

NR RANKING NR

(Coaches/AP Polls)

ACC CONFERENCE ACC

45% SHOOTING % 44%

37.7 REBOUNDS/GAME 41.7

72% FT % 68%

34% 3 PT % 38%

Boston College leads the series, 22-10.

## Next Home Game

NC STATE WOLFPACK

Saturday,  
3/7/09

12:00 PM

WEAR ORANGE!

## Upcoming Schedule

2/26 @ Virginia

3/4 @ Georgia Tech

3/7 vs. NC State

3/12 ACC Tournament



- Try to slow down Tyrese Rice. He's lethal from downtown and a great scorer, but he's also the key to their offense.

- Get Jack the ball. McClinton had trouble getting good looks against FSU; that can't happen again if the Canes want to win.

- Play efficiently. No turnovers, no bad shots, no bad fouls, no wasted possessions.



# The Lineups



#	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	Hometown	#	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	Hometown
0	Reggie Jackson	G	6-3	FR	Colorado Springs, CO	00	Jimmy Graham*	F	6-8	SR	Goldboro, NC
4	Tyrese Rice*	G	6-1	SR	Richmond, VA	1	Lance Hurdle	G	6-2	SR	San Diego, CA
5	Biko Paris	G	6-1	SO	New Orleans, LA	3	Malcolm Grant#	G	6-1	SO	Brooklyn, NY
11	Corey Raji*	F	6-6	SO	Wash. Township, NJ	10	Mark Warren	F	6-5	JR	Pensacola, FL
12	Joe Trapani*	F	6-8	SO	Madison, CT	20	Cyrus McGowan	F	6-9	JR	Brooksville, MS
14	Nick Mosakowski	G	6-1	SO	Swampscott, MA	21	Dwayne Collins*	F	6-8	JR	Miami, FL
15	Rakim Sanders*	G	6-5	SO	Pawtucket, RI	23	James Dews*	G	6-3	JR	Cincinnati, OH
21	Tyler Roche	F	6-7	JR	Hooksett, NH	25	Ryan Quiglar	G	5-11	FR	Skyway, WA
24	Evan Ravenel	C	6-8	FR	Tampa, FL	30	Adrian Thomas	F	6-7	JR	Pembroke Pines, FL
30	Dallas Elmore	G	6-5	FR	Fort Collins, CO	31	DeQuan Jones	F	6-6	FR	Stone Mountain, GA
52	Josh Southern*	C	6-10	SO	Saginaw, MI	32	Brian Asbury*	F	6-7	SR	Miami, FL
55	Cortney Dunn	F	6-8	SO	Dallas, TX	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

# DENOTES LIKELY STARTERS #REDSHIRTING THIS YEAR

**Head Coach:** Al Skinner (12th year at BC)  
**Assistants:** Pat Duquette, Bonzie Colson, Mo Cassara

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



## SEBASTIAN'S CORNER

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After a disappointing loss to FSU on Wednesday night, the Canes find themselves in dire straights if they wish to make the NCAA Tournament. To get to 8-8 in the conference, Miami would need to win its last four games, which would give us a pretty good chance of making the Tour-

ney. A win or two in the ACC Tournament would improve those odds. With anything less, it will be tough for the Hurricanes to go dancin', though with UM's strong strength-of-schedule, it might be possible to make the field of 65 teams with a 7-9 conference record, if the Canes have a good showing in the ACC Tourney.

The conference tourney may not be the Big Dance, but it is still quite the exciting tournament. Held from March 12-15 at the Georgia Dome in Atlanta, GA, the ACC Tournament has been the site of many buzzer-beating finishes and thrilling games over the past 55 years.

The seeding for the tournament is typical of other conference tourneys. The top 4 teams get byes in the 1st round. On Thursday, #5 would play #12, #6 would play #11, and so forth. Then on Friday, the winner of the #5-#12 game plays #4, the #6-#11 winner plays #3, and so forth. Saturday is the semifinals and then Sunday is the ACC Championship Game to determine who walks away with the conference championship.

### ACC Standings

(AS OF THIS MORNING)

TEAM	CONF	TOTAL
1 UNC	10-2	24-2
2 Clemson	7-4	21-4
3 WF	7-4	20-4
4 Duke	7-4	21-5
5 FSU	7-4	20-6
6 BC	7-5	19-8
7 VT	6-5	16-9
8 Maryland	5-6	16-9
9 NC State	4-7	14-10
10 Miami	4-8	15-10
11 Virginia	3-8	9-13
12 GT	1-11	10-15

## 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."

