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Canes face Wolfpack, hope to win consecutive ACC games for first time

Coming off a strong win against Virginia, the Canes find themselves going for their first winning streak in ACC play this year. Though its hopes for making the Big Dance are slim, with a strong finish to the regular season, UM can give itself momentum going into the ACC Tournament, where anything can happen.

NC State has been a perfect example of the ACC's unpredictable nature this season. The Wolfpack have only won three games in the conference, but all three of them have been against ranked teams: FSU, Duke, and Wake Forest. NCSU also played ranked Clemson and Georgia Tech teams tough, but then got blown out twice by UNC, surprisingly the worst team in the ACC this season.



NC State Coach Sidney Lowe has been known for his trademark red blazer.

NC State comes into the BUC today having lost five of its last six games, but its prior game was the win against Wake Forest. Leading the way for the Wolfpack is junior F **Tracy Smith**. Smith leads the team in scoring, averaging 17.1 points per game, and also grabs the most boards on the team, averaging 7.9 rebounds per game. He's first on the team in blocked shots and FG shooting percentage (at 54%), and he's second in steals. Senior F **Dennis Horner** is the only other NC State player who scores in double-figures, averaging 11.9 ppg, though this falls into single digits during ACC play. He's second on the team in rebounding, and though he's a 6'9" big man, he shoots 36% from three-point range. Junior G **Javier Gonzalez** runs the point for the Wolfpack, averaging 4.0 assists per game, 9.7 ppg, and shooting 39% from downtown. Freshman F **Scott Wood** is the only player to have started every game this season for NC State, and he's been an impact rookie for them. Second on the team in minutes played, he scores 8.0 ppg, and shoots 35% from downtown. Over two-thirds of his shots are from behind the arc, and almost half of **Gonzalez's** shots are as well. Along with **Horner** and senior G **Farnold Degand**, NC State has some shooters who can catch fire from downtown.



- Slow down Tracy Smith. He's a skilled big man and NC State's top scorer; the Canes can't let him beat them.
- Feed the ball inside. UM plays better when Collins, Gamble, and Johnson get the ball down low.
- Be consistent. UM had an excellent effort against UVA, and it needs to continue.

Tale of the Tape



VS



15-13 (3-10) RECORD 18-9 (4-9)

NR

RANKING

NR

(Coaches/AP Polls)

ACC

CONFERENCE

ACC

44%

SHOOTING %

47%

35.7

REBOUNDS/GAME

36.9

69%

FT %

66%

34%

3 PT %

38%

NC State leads the series, 5-4.

Next Home Game

FSU SEMINOLES

Saturday,
3/6/10

12:00 PM

WEAR ORANGE!

Upcoming Schedule

3/2

@ North Carolina

3/6

vs. Florida State

3/11

ACC Tournament



The Lineups



#	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	Hometown	#	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	Hometown
1	Richard Howell	F	6-8	FR	Marietta, GA	1	Durand Scott*	G	6-3	FR	New York, NY
4	Enrico Kufuor	G	6-1	JR	Berlin, Germany	3	Malcolm Grant	G	6-1	SO	Brooklyn, NY
5	DeShawn Painter	F	6-9	FR	Norfolk, VA	11	Ryan Quiglar	G	5-11	SO	Skyway, WA
10	Javier Gonzalez*	G	5-11	JR	Carolina, Puerto Rico	12	Antoine Allen	G	6-1	FR	Baltimore, MD
12	Farnold Degand*	G	6-3	SR	Boston, MA	20	Cyrus McGowan	F	6-9	SR	Brooksville, MS
14	Jordan Vandenberg	C	7-1	FR	Melbourne, Australia	21	Dwayne Collins*	F	6-8	SR	Miami, FL
15	Scott Wood*	F	6-7	FR	Marion, IN	22	Donnavan Kirk	F	6-9	FR	Pontiac, MI
21	C.J. Williams	F	6-5	SO	Fayetteville, NC	23	James Dews*	G	6-4	SR	Cincinnati, OH
22	Josh Davis	F	6-7	FR	Raleigh, NC	25	Garrius Adams*	G/F	6-6	FR	Apex, NC
23	Tracy Smith*	F	6-8	JR	Detroit, MI	30	Adrian Thomas	F	6-7	SR	Pembroke Pines, FL
24	Julius Mays	G	6-2	SO	Marion, IN	31	DeQuan Jones	F	6-6	SO	Stone Mountain, GA
25	Kendall Smith	F	6-8	SO	Winston-Salem, NC	42	Reggie Johnson	C	6-10	FR	Winston-Salem, NC
30	Johnny Thomas	F	6-5	SO	Morehead City, NC	45	Julian Gamble*	C	6-9	SO	Durham, NC
31	Dennis Horner*	F	6-9	SR	Linwood, NJ						

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Head Coach: Sidney Lowe (4th year at NCSU)
Assistants: Monte Towe, Larry Harris, Pete Strickland

Head Coach: Frank Haith (6th year at the U)
Assistants: Jorge Fernandez, Jake Morton, Michael Schwartz



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Though the Canes have a losing record in the conference this year, there is still much to play for. With a strong finish, UM can clinch a good seed in the NIT and perhaps even work its way onto the NCAA Tournament bubble (though that would likely require five or six straight wins). If the Canes

win their last three regular season games, they would finish at 7-9 in the conference, matching last year's record and securing a decent seed to start off the ACC Tournament.

Held from March 11-14 at the Greensboro Coliseum in Greensboro, NC, the ACC Tournament has been the site of many buzzer-beating finishes and thrilling games over the past 56 years. Duke won the tournament last year and has won 8 of the last 11 ACC Championships. Miami lost to VT in the first round last year, and it looks to do much better this time around.

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 on. Saturday is the semifinals, and then Sunday is the ACC Championship Game to determine who walks away with the conference championship and an automatic ticket to the Big Dance.

ACC Standings

(AS OF THIS MORNING)

TEAM	CONF	TOTAL
1 Duke	11-2	24-4
2 Maryland	10-3	20-7
3 VT	8-5	21-6
4 FSU	8-5	20-7
5 WF	8-5	18-7
6 Clemson	7-6	19-8
7 GT	6-7	18-9
8 Virginia	5-8	14-12
9 BC	5-8	14-13
10 Miami	4-9	18-9
11 NC State	3-10	15-13
12 UNC	3-10	14-14

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."

