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Canes look to get back on track vs. SC State

After almost a week of rest, studying, and finals, the Canes look to bounce back tonight from their first loss of the season last Sunday against Boston College. Not much went right up in Chestnut Hill, yet the Canes almost pulled off a spectacular comeback, losing by only one point. They'll get another shot at BC next month, but tonight, the Hurricanes turn their focus to the South Carolina State Bulldogs.

SC State, located in Orangeburg, SC, hails from Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference, and brings in a 5-1 record to the BUC. However, their wins are far from impressive, with three of them coming against Erskine College, Allen University, and Southern Wesleyan University, none of which are NCAA D-I schools. The Bulldogs' only loss so far is to High Point. However, the Canes cannot take SCSU lightly. The Bulldogs finished 2nd in the MEAC last season and have shown improvement in each of **Coach Tim Carter's** years at the school; Carter also spent a year as an assistant at Florida State, so he knows what it takes to beat an ACC school. Furthermore, SC State defeated UM at home in 2004 during **Coach Haith's** first season. While no current Canes remain from that squad, bet that **Coach Haith** will remind the team about that loss for some motivation.



While anything is possible, on paper, SC State appears outmatched against the Canes. Although the Bulldogs have an experienced team, with 3 seniors and 6 juniors on the roster, they lack size. They have only three players on the roster taller than 6-5, and only one of them weighs more than 220 lbs. Senior **Dwayne Collins** and the other post players for the Canes should look to take advantage of these favorable matchups and have good games tonight.

Offensively, SC State is led by junior G **Darnell Porter**, who leads the team in scoring by averaging 13.5 points per game. He also leads the team in 3-point shooting, making half of his shots from behind the arc, as well as steals and FT attempts (converting 76% of them), going to the line almost twice as much as anyone else on the team. The only other player who averages double digits in scoring is senior F **Jason Flagler**, who scores 11.8 ppg. At just 6-4, he leads the team in rebounding, pulling down 5.8 boards per game. However, according to the SC State press release for this game, he will not be playing tonight, as he is back on their campus taking part in graduation ceremonies.

The Gameday Report will be on hiatus during Winter Break and will return for the Boston College game on Tuesday, 1/19/10. For more information on the Winter Break schedule, see the back of this Gameday Report.



- Rebound! Miami had a rough performance on the glass against Boston College, so it needs to hit the boards hard tonight.
- Get Dwayne Collins involved. He only had 4 points and 1 rebound against BC; UM needs more from him to win.
- Come out with energy. It's the middle of finals, but the Canes still need that spark!

Tale of the Tape



VS



5-1 (0-0) RECORD 8-1 (0-1)

NR RANKING NR
(Coaches/AP Polls)

MEAC CONFERENCE ACC

42% SHOOTING % 49%

39.2 REBOUNDS/GAME 38.6

71% FT % 63%

31% 3 PT % 37%

S. Carolina State leads the series, 1-0.

Next Home Game

NORTH CAROLINA A&T

Monday, 7:30 PM
12/21/09

WEAR ORANGE!

Upcoming Schedule

12/16 @ Stetson

12/19 vs. FAU

12/21 vs. N. Carolina A&T

12/30 vs. Bethune Cookman



The Lineups



#	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	Hometown	#	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	Hometown
1	Khalif Toombs	G	5-9	FR	Atlantic City, NJ	1	Durand Scott*	G	6-3	FR	New York, NY
2	Devin McBride	G	6-2	JR	Philadelphia, PA	3	Malcolm Grant	G	6-1	SO	Brooklyn, NY
3	Tyvon Williams	G	6-0	JR	New York, NY	11	Ryan Quiglar	G	5-11	SO	Skyway, WA
4	Darnell Porter	G	6-4	JR	Long Beach, CA	12	Antoine Allen	G	6-1	FR	Baltimore, MD
5	Brandon Smalls	G	6-5	SR	N. Charleston, SC	20	Cyrus McGowan*	F	6-9	SR	Brooksville, MS
10	Louis Brown, III	G	6-1	JR	Bluffton, SC	21	Dwayne Collins*	F	6-8	SR	Miami, FL
12	Rio Pitt	F	6-7	SO	Amityville, NY	22	Donnavan Kirk	F	6-9	FR	Pontiac, MI
13	Joseph Wright	F	6-7	JR	Marion, SC	23	James Dews*	G	6-4	SR	Cincinnati, OH
14	Shaquil Baber	G	6-0	FR	Griffen, GA	25	Garrius Adams	G/F	6-6	FR	Apex, NC
15	Jason Flagler	G/F	6-4	SR	Woodbridge, VA	30	Adrian Thomas	F	6-7	SR	Pembroke Pines, FL
21	Arsenio Williams	F	6-4	SR	Chicago, IL	31	DeQuan Jones*	F	6-6	SO	Stone Mountain, GA
22	Carrio Bennett	G	6-1	JR	Piedmont, SC	42	Reggie Johnson	C	6-10	FR	Winston-Salem, NC
24	Westley Telfare	G	6-4	JR	Lawrenceville, GA	45	Julian Gamble	C	6-9	SO	Durham, NC
32	Jodd Maxey	F	6-7	FR	Statham, GA						

* DENOTES LIKELY STARTERS

Head Coach: Tim Carter (2nd year at SC State)

Assistants: Dwight Evans, Lorenzo Watkins

Head Coach: Frank Haith (6th year at the U)

Assistants: Jorge Fernandez, Jake Morton, Michael Schwartz



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With **Winter Break** coming up, the Canes look to keep on playing and gain some experience for this young team. Although Miami does not play any ranked teams over Winter Break, there are some interesting matchups on the schedule in the coming weeks.

After playing **South Carolina State** tonight, the Canes go on the road to DeLand, FL, to take on the **Stetson Hatters** on Wednesday the 16th. Though this is the 7th straight season where the two teams have played, this is Miami's first trip to Stetson's home court since 1971. On Saturday the 19th at 4pm, UM travels to Sunrise, FL, to take part in the annual **Orange Bowl Classic**, taking on the **FAU Owls** in part of a basketball double-header. Tickets are still on sale, so if you're in town, make the trek out to the Bank Atlantic Center and root on the Canes!

Miami returns to the BUC on Saturday the 21th, playing **North Carolina A&T**. After taking nine days off for the holidays, the Canes face off against **Bethune Cookman** at home on Wednesday the 30th. Again, if you're in the Miami area for either game, come on out and support your basketball team!

Following up that mini-homestand, the Canes travel cross-country to Malibu, CA, playing their 2nd game ever against **Pepperdine** on Sunday, January 3rd. Flying back to Miami, UM starts its home ACC schedule on Saturday, January 9th, at 6pm, going up against **Wake Forest**. This game is nationally televised on ESPN U, and the Canes need your support! After road trips to **Virginia Tech** and **Virginia**, Miami once again returns home to get its rematch against **Boston College** on Tuesday, January 19th, the first day of classes for students.

For more info on the schedule over Winter Break, go to www.hurricanesports.com.

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."

