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Canes face Eagles in key ACC matchup

Welcome back to school for the spring semester, and welcome to the ACC part of the schedule! The Canes tip off tonight against the Boston College Eagles in an ACC matchup that is critical to both teams' seasons. UM is coming off rough losses on the road to Virginia Tech and Virginia, while the Eagles have lost three straight ACC games, to Clemson, Duke, and Maryland. BC defeated Miami last month up in Chestnut Hill by one point, so the Canes will be looking for revenge tonight.

UM is currently 1-3 in the ACC, with its lone win coming at home against Wake Forest ten days ago. In its last two games, Miami has dug itself into a big hole to start the contests, and if it wishes to win tonight, it needs to come out of the gates strong.

Though Boston College has a win over Miami already this year, it has been quite inconsistent so far. The Eagles have lost to Harvard, Rhode Island, and Maine this year, but they've also beaten Michigan, Providence, and the same South Carolina team that UM defeated earlier in the season.

Coach **Al Skinner's** team always plays the Hurricanes tough, and tonight will be no different.

BC has a balanced offensive attack, as they have four players who score in double-figures. Leading the way is junior F **Joe Trapani**, who scores 14.3 points per game and also pulls down 6.8 boards per game, good for 2nd on the team. Sophomore guard **Reggie Jackson** (no relation to the baseball player), junior F **Corey Raji**, and junior G **Rakim Sanders** average 13.4, 12.1, and 10.8 ppg, respectively. **Jackson** and **Raji** are also good on the boards, grabbing 6.1 and 7.1 rebounds per game.

For UM to win tonight, it needs big games from its seniors, including **James Dews**.

Boston College is a hard-nosed, tough, scrappy team that rebounds well and likes to play physically, but the Eagles are not great shooters. Only one player shoots above 40% from three-point range (senior F **Tyler Roche** at 41%), and the Eagles don't have a single player who shoots over 80% from the FT line, though their overall team percentage is much higher than that of the Canes. With seven juniors on the roster, the Eagles are an experienced and dangerous team; be extra loud tonight and root your Canes onto victory!



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- Rebound the basketball; the Canes were crushed on the boards against BC last month, leading to a 1 point loss.

- Get the ball inside. When the 3-point shot isn't falling, it's time to feed the ball to Collins or drive it inside.

- Start with energy! UM has had rough starts in its last two games.



Tale of the Tape



VS



10-8 (1-3) RECORD 15-3 (1-3)

NR RANKING NR
(Coaches/AP Polls)

ACC CONFERENCE ACC

44% SHOOTING % 48%

39.1 REBOUNDS/GAME 38.9

70% FT % 63%

31% 3 PT % 38%

Boston College leads the series, 23-11.

Next Home Game

VIRGINIA TECH HOKIES

Sunday,
1/31/10

1:00 PM

WEAR ORANGE!

Upcoming Schedule

1/26 @ Maryland

1/31 vs. Virginia Tech

2/2 @ Wake Forest

2/6 @ Florida State



The Lineups



#	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	Hometown
0	Reggie Jackson	G	6-3	SO	Colorado Springs, CO
4	Brady Heslip	G	6-1	FR	Burlington, Ontario
5	Biko Paris*	G	6-1	JR	New Orleans, LA
11	Corey Raji*	F	6-6	JR	Wash. Township, NJ
12	Joe Trapani*	F	6-8	JR	Madison, CT
14	Nick Mosakowski	G	6-1	JR	Swampscott, MA
15	Rakim Sanders*	G	6-5	JR	Pawtucket, RI
21	Tyler Roche	F	6-7	SR	Hooksett, NH
24	Evan Ravenel	C	6-8	SO	Tampa, FL
25	Peter Rehnquist	G	6-4	SO	Sharon, MA
30	Dallas Elmore	G	6-5	SO	Fort Collins, CO
52	Josh Southern*	C	6-10	JR	Saginaw, MI
55	Cortney Dunn	F	6-8	JR	Dallas, TX

* DENOTES LIKELY STARTERS

#	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	Hometown
1	Durand Scott	G	6-3	FR	New York, NY
3	Malcolm Grant*	G	6-1	SO	Brooklyn, NY
11	Ryan Quiglar	G	5-11	SO	Skyway, WA
12	Antoine Allen	G	6-1	FR	Baltimore, MD
20	Cyrus McGowan	F	6-9	SR	Brooksville, MS
21	Dwayne Collins*	F	6-8	SR	Miami, FL
22	Donnavan Kirk	F	6-9	FR	Pontiac, MI
23	James Dews*	G	6-4	SR	Cincinnati, OH
25	Garrius Adams	G/F	6-6	FR	Apex, NC
30	Adrian Thomas	F	6-7	SR	Pembroke Pines, FL
31	DeQuan Jones*	F	6-6	SO	Stone Mountain, GA
42	Reggie Johnson*	C	6-10	FR	Winston-Salem, NC
45	Julian Gamble	C	6-9	SO	Durham, NC

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Head Coach: Al Skinner (13th year at BC)
Assistants: Pat Duquette, Bonzie Colson, Mo Cassara

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



SEBASTIAN'S CORNER

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As the focal point of the offense and one of the leaders of the team this year, senior forward **Dwayne Collins** has drawn plenty of attention from fans, scouts, and opposing defenses. **Collins** currently leads the team in scoring and rebounding, averaging 12.6 points per game to go with 8.6 boards per game. **Collins** stands at 6'8," but **Collins** has a wingspan of 7'4" and is extremely strong and athletic. Though he hasn't broken his career high of 26 points against Duke in 2008, he has been dominant at times, most recently against Wake Forest ten days ago. In that game, **Collins** had 23 points on 9 of 12 shooting, along with 11 rebounds and 3 blocked shots, thoroughly outplaying the Demon Deacon's **Al-Farouq Aminu**, who will probably be playing in the NBA soon.

A native of Miami, **Collins**, nicknamed "DC," went to high school at Miami High, where he won a state championship with ex-Cane Eddie Rios. An all-state selection both his junior and senior years in high school, **Dwayne** came to UM as an extremely athletic but raw recruit, and he has improved every year he's been here. While consistency has always been an issue with **Collins**, he has gotten much better in this area as he chases his dream of playing in the NBA next year.

DC is a liberal arts major who admits to loving cartoons and Disney movies. His favorite athlete is Kevin Garnett, and he described himself in two words as "nice and quiet."

PLAYER PROFILE: DWAYNE COLLINS



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."

