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Canes look for revenge against Tigers

After a 20-point non-conference victory over UNC-Greensboro on Tuesday, Miami now enters the home stretch of ACC play. The Canes will take on Clemson today in a rematch of a game played on January 8th at Littlejohn Coliseum. The Tigers are the only ACC team besides Duke to defeat UM by more than four points, winning 79-72. The Clemson forwards and centers dominated Miami, as Jerai Grant, Devin Booker, and Milton Jennings combined for 39 points and 17 rebounds, while Reggie Johnson, Julian Gamble, and Raphael Akpejori totaled just eight points and eight rebounds. Clemson currently sits on the NCAA Tournament bubble, so the Tigers will certainly be motivated to get a win to boost their resumé. It's up to the Canes to make sure that doesn't happen.

Jerai Grant, a 6'8" senior forward, is Clemson's top interior presence and top all-around player. His double-double against UM was arguably his best game of the season. Grant is Clemson's second leading scorer at 12.3 points per game, despite being just fourth on the team in minutes at 26.4. He is tops on the Tigers in rebounding (6.7 per game), blocked shots (2.4), and field goal percentage (58.3%). One of the top post defenders in the ACC, Grant is third in the conference in blocks.

Clemson's leader in scoring and minutes is 6'2" senior Demontez Stitt, who is averaging 14.0 points per game, good for 11th place in the ACC, and 33.3 minutes an outing. Stitt is not one-dimensional, though, as he is also tops for Brad Brownell's club in assists at 3.3 per game, and second in steals at 1.3, and fourth in rebounding at 4.3. In addition, he is in the top five for the Tigers in field goal percentage (43.0%), free throw percentage (71.8%), and 3-point percentage (36.4%). The third player for Clemson averaging double figures in scoring is junior Andre Young. The 5'9" guard is putting up 10.8 points per game to go along with a team-high 1.4 steals per game. The diminutive Young is second for the Tigers in both assists at 3.0 per game and 3-point shooting at 39.1%.

Former McDonald's All-American Milton Jennings, a 6'9" sophomore forward, enters tonight's game coming off two of his best showings of the season. Jennings has 25 points and 21 rebounds in the past two games, both single-digit losses. On the season, Jennings is posting 8.5 points, 5.3 rebounds, and 0.5 blocks per game while shooting 72.6% at the line. Clemson has two other players averaging 24+ minutes per game in 6'8" sophomore forward Devin Booker and 6'5" junior guard Tanner Smith. Booker is averaging 7.7 points and 5.3 rebounds while shooting 45.1% from the field and a team-high 72.7% at the stripe. Smith, who shoots 72.3% on free throws, adds 8.0 points, 3.6 rebounds, 2.5 assists, and 1.1 steals a contest.

The other three players who play 10+ minutes for Clemson are 6'6" junior forward Brian Narcisse, 5'10" freshman guard Cory Stanton, and 5'9" senior guard Xavier Anderson. Of them, Narcisse is the main one to watch for, as he is third on the team in field goal percentage (53.4%) and tops for the Tigers in 3-point percentage (40.9%).



- Slow down Jerai Grant. Clemson's Center had a double-double against the Canes in January with 18 points and 11 boards.
- When in doubt, foul. Not a single player on Clemson's roster shoots over 73% from the FT line.
- Play with pace. Run the offense, get the ball inside, and make open shots.

Tale of the Tape



VS



17-9 (6-6) RECORD 16-10 (4-7)

NR RANKING NR
(Coaches/AP Polls)

ACC CONFERENCE ACC

4.4% SHOOTING % 45%

35 REBOUNDS/GAME 37

68% FT % 74%

34% 3 PT % 39%

Clemson leads the series, 10-6.

Next Home Game

MARYLAND TERRAPINS

Wednesday, 7:00 PM
3/2/11

WEAR ORANGE!

Upcoming Schedule

2/23 @ Boston College
2/26 @ Florida State
3/2 vs. Maryland
3/6 @ Georgia Tech



The Lineups



#	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	Hometown	#	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	Hometown
2	Demontez Stitt*	G	6-2	SR	Matthews, NC	1	Durand Scott*	G	6-3	SO	New York, NY
3	Zavier Anderson	G	5-9	SR	Greenville, SC	3	Malcolm Grant*	G	6-1	JR	Brooklyn, NY
4	Jonah Baize	F	6-6	SR	Evansville, IN	10	Raphael Akpejori	F	6-8	FR	Lagos, Nigeria
5	Tanner Smith*	G	6-5	JR	Alpharetta, GA	11	Ryan Quiglar	G	5-11	JR	Skyway, WA
10	Catalin Baciu	C	7-2	JR	Cluj-Napoca, Romania	12	Justin Heller	G	6-2	FR	Boca Raton, FL
11	Andre Young*	G	5-9	JR	Albany, GA	15	Rion Brown	G	6-5	FR	Hinesville, GA
12	Cory Stanton	G	5-10	FR	Springfield, TN	25	Garrus Adams*	G/F	6-6	SO	Apex, NC
21	Bryan Narcisse	F	6-6	JR	North Augusta, SC	30	Adrian Thomas	F	6-7	SR	Pembroke Pines, FL
24	Milton Jennings	F	6-9	SO	Summerville, SC	31	DeQuan Jones	F	6-6	JR	Stone Mountain, GA
31	Devin Booker*	F	6-8	SO	Whitmire, SC	32	Erik Swoope	F	6-6	FR	N. Hollywood, CA
44	DeAndre Hopkins	G	6-2	FR	Central, SC	42	Reggie Johnson*	C	6-10	SO	Winston-Salem, NC
45	Jerai Grant*	C	6-8	SR	Bowie, MD	45	Julian Gamble*	C	6-9	JR	Durham, NC

Head Coach: Brad Brownell (1st year at Clemson)
 Assistants: Rick Ray, Earl Grant, Mike Winecki

Head Coach: Frank Haith (7th 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 so far, there is still much to play for. The Canes, sitting at 4-7 in the ACC, most likely need to win out in order to make the NCAA Tournament. Even without winning out, though, a strong finish can give

UM a good seed in both the NIT and the ACC Tournament.

Held from March 10-13 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 57 years. Duke won the tournament last year and has won 9 of the last 12 ACC Championships. Miami pulled off two upsets last year, beating Wake Forest and Virginia Tech before losing to Duke by 3 in the semifinals.

The seeding for the tournament is typical of other conference tournaments. 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	11-1	24-2
2 UNC	10-2	20-6
3 FSU	9-3	19-7
4 VT	7-5	17-8
5 Clemson	6-6	17-9
6 BC	6-6	16-10
7 Maryland	5-6	16-10
8 NC State	4-7	14-11
9 Miami	4-7	16-10
10 Virginia	4-8	13-13
11 GT	3-8	11-14
12 WF	1-11	8-19

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."

