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Miami looks to upset #5 Duke, continue streak

Miami enters tonight's game having won its first ACC road game since Feb. 2009 and is riding its first three-game conference winning streak since Feb. 2008. The Canes have a tough task this evening, as they face defending national champion Duke, currently ranked #5 in the nation. This is the second matchup this year between the two, with Duke defeating the Canes, 74-63, on Jan. 2nd at Cameron Indoor. Duke is coached by Mike Krzyzewski, who has led Duke to four national titles and also coached the USA to a gold medal in the Olympics. "Coach K" has Duke fourth in the NCAA in scoring (84.4 points per game) and top 50 in field goal percentage, rebounding, and assists.

Duke is led by 6'2" senior guard Nolan Smith, a likely 1st Team All-American and National Player of the Year candidate. Smith, whose late father Derek spent nine years in the NBA, is 11th in America in scoring at 21.5 points per game, which is tops in the ACC. In addition to leading the conference in scoring, he is also first in the ACC in assists (5.5). Smith is the lone leader for Duke in steals (1.5) and free throw shooting (82.7%). If Smith has a weakness, it is 3-point shooting, as he is at just 35.8% from deep. He did, though, go 5/8 beyond the arc in his last two games, which includes a career-high 34 points in a comeback win over archrival UNC.

Not to be overlooked is 6'8" senior forward Kyle Singler, the leading vote getter for the AP Preseason All-American Team. Singler has not quite had the year many expected, but he is still a 1st Team All-ACC lock. He leads Duke in minutes (34.1) and is second in both scoring (17.6) and rebounding (6.3). Singler also adds 1.5 assists and 1.1 steals an outing, but he has struggled shooting the ball at just 43.3% from the field, including 36.6% on 3-pointers. Duke is without 6'2" freshman guard Kyrie Irving, who suffered a toe injury in December. Prior to that, Irving was arguably the best player in America.

Although Duke does not have Irving, it does have two other standout guards along with Smith. Andre Dawkins, a 6'4" sophomore, averages 9.7 points, 2.1 rebounds, and 1.3 steals per game. He is shooting 50.3% from the field and 43.6% on 3-pointers, tops on the Blue Devils. Red-shirt sophomore Seth Curry, a 6'2" transfer from Liberty and the younger brother of ex-Davidson superstar Stephen Curry, is coming off a career-high 22 points against UNC. He averages 8.8 points, 2.0 assists, 1.7 rebounds, and 1.3 steals.

Duke's top big man is 6'10" Mason Plumlee, who leads the team in rebounding (8.8), blocks (1.7), and field-goal percentage (56%). He adds 6.9 points, 1.2 assists, and 1.0 steal per game, but shoots just 38.8% at the line. His 6'10" older brother, Miles, is another key post player for Duke. He averages 5.0 points and 4.7 rebounds, while shooting 51.6% from the field. Ryan Kelly has had his role increase dramatically since last season. He shoots 51.4% from the field, 81.5% at the line, and 40% from deep, while averaging 6.3 points, 3.8 rebounds, and 1.6 blocks. Freshman Tyler Thornton has seen much more playing time the past three weeks, and the 6'1" guard is the other Blue Devil to watch.



- Don't let Nolan Smith beat you! Smith went off on the Canes last month, scoring 28 points.
- Watch the perimeter. Duke is deadly from downtown, and UM can't let them get wide open shots.
- Feed Reggie! Johnson had 22 against Duke last month as they struggled to guard him.

Tale of the Tape



VS



22-2 (9-1) RECORD 15-9 (4-6)

#5/#5 RANKING NR
(Coaches/AP Polls)

ACC CONFERENCE ACC

48% SHOOTING % 45%

37 REBOUNDS/GAME 37

74% FT % 73%

40% 3 PT % 38%

Duke leads the series, 14-2.

Next Home Game

CLEMSON TIGERS

Sunday,
2/20/11

3:30 PM

WEAR ORANGE!

Upcoming Schedule

- 2/15 @ UNC Greensboro
- 2/20 vs. Clemson
- 2/23 @ Boston College
- 2/26 @ Florida State



The Lineups



#	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	Hometown	#	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	Hometown
1	Kyrie Irving	G	6-2	FR	West Orange, NJ	1	Durand Scott*	G	6-3	SO	New York, NY
2	Nolan Smith*	G	6-2	SR	Upper Marlboro, MD	3	Malcolm Grant*	G	6-1	JR	Brooklyn, NY
3	Tyler Thornton*	G	6-1	FR	Washington, DC	10	Raphael Akpejori	F	6-8	FR	Lagos, Nigeria
5	Mason Plumlee*	F	6-10	SO	Warsaw, IN	11	Ryan Quiglar	G	5-11	JR	Skyway, WA
12	Kyle Singler*	F	6-8	SR	Medford, OR	12	Justin Heller	G	6-2	FR	Boca Raton, FL
15	Josh Hairston	F	6-7	FR	Fredericksburg, VA	15	Rion Brown	G	6-5	FR	Hinesville, GA
20	Andre Dawkins	G	6-4	SO	Chesapeake, VA	25	Garrus Adams*	G/F	6-6	SO	Apex, NC
21	Miles Plumlee	F	6-10	JR	Warsaw, IN	30	Adrian Thomas	F	6-7	SR	Pembroke Pines, FL
30	Seth Curry	G	6-2	SO	Charlotte, NC	31	DeQuan Jones	F	6-6	JR	Stone Mountain, GA
34	Ryan Kelly*	F	6-10	SO	Raleigh, NC	32	Erik Swoope	F	6-6	FR	N. Hollywood, CA
51	David Mayer	G	6-4	FR	Durham, NC	42	Reggie Johnson*	C	6-10	SO	Winston-Salem, NC
52	Todd Zafirovski	F	6-8	SO	Lake Forest, IL	45	Julian Gamble*	C	6-9	JR	Durham, NC
53	Casey Peters	G	6-4	SR	Red Bank, NJ						

Head Coach: Mike Krzyzewski (31st year at Duke)
 Assistants: Chris Collins, Steve "Wojo" Wojciechowski, Nate James

Head Coach: Frank Haith (7th year at the U)
 Assistants: Jorge Fernandez, Jake Morton, Michael Schwartz



SEBASTIAN'S CORNER

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Coming out of New York's Rice High School in the class of 2009, 6'3" guard Durand Scott was one of the most highly ranked and highly recruited players to ever sign with the University of Miami basketball program. Scott, a Jordan Brand Classic All-American in high school, started 28 of 33 games in his first season in Coral Gables. He was named to ACC All-Rookie Team in 2010 after averaging 10.3 points, 4.0 rebounds, 3.4 assists, and 1.2 steals per game.

PLAYER PROFILE: DURAND SCOTT



As a sophomore this season, Scott is in the top two of Miami's 10 scholarship players in seven major statistical categories. The Big Apple native leads the way in minutes per game at 32.8 and is one of just two players averaging 30+ minutes. Scott is second for Frank Haith's squad in scoring (13.7), rebounding (4.3), assists (3.1), steals (1.0), free throw shooting (86.4%), and 3-point shooting (42%).

Scott has scored in double-digits in 18 of Miami's 24 games this season, going for 20-plus on five occasions. He is third in the ACC in free throw percentage, seventh in 3-point percentage, and tied for 11th in scoring. In UM's two games against Duke last year, he averaged 20 points and shot 67.9% from the field. Despite a subpar performance by his standards in a loss to Duke earlier this year, his career numbers against the defending national champions are still impressive at 16.7 points and 56.1% shooting. The Canes will need Scott to play his very best to knock off the number five ranked Blue Devils tonight.

Cheering 101

Don't be silent when the Canes are hoopin' it up! Make the BankUnited 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."

