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2012 Schedule/Results

Overall: 0-0 ACC: 0-0

August

Sat. 18 **ORANGE/GREEN&** Coral Gables, Fla. W, 4-1  
*Hurricane Invitational - Coral Gables, Fla.*

Fri. 24 **WOFFORD**<sup>^</sup> Coral Gables, Fla. 12:30 p.m.

Fri. 24 **MISSISSIPPI**<sup>^</sup> Coral Gables, Fla. 7 p.m.

Sat. 25 **RUTGERS**<sup>^</sup> Coral Gables, Fla. 1 p.m.

Sat. 25 **SAMFORD**<sup>^</sup> Coral Gables, Fla. 7 p.m.

*Redbird Classic - Normal, Ill.*

Fri. 31 vs. Oregon State# Normal, Ill. 4:30 p.m.

September

Sat. 1 at Illinois State# Normal, Ill. 11 a.m.

Sat. 1 vs. Presbyterian# Normal, Ill. 5:30 p.m.

Fri. 7 **FLORIDA STATE**\* Coral Gables, Fla. 7:30 p.m.

*Louisville Tournament - Louisville, Ky.*

Fri. 14 vs. UNLV! Louisville, Ky. 5 p.m.

Sat. 15 vs. Middle Tenn. St.! Louisville, Ky. 1 p.m.

Sat. 15 at Louisville! Louisville, Ky. 7 p.m.

Fri. 21 at Virginia\* Charlottesville, Va. 7 p.m.

Sun. 23 at Virginia Tech\* Blacksburg, Va. 1 p.m.

Fri. 28 **DUKE**\* Coral Gables, Fla. 7 p.m.

Sun. 30 **WAKE FOREST**\* Coral Gables, Fla. 1 p.m.

October

Fri. 5 **NC STATE**\* Coral Gables, Fla. 7 p.m.

Sun. 7 **NORTH CAROLINA**\* Coral Gables, Fla. 1 p.m.

Fri. 12 at Maryland\* College Park, Md. 7 p.m.

Sun. 14 at Boston College\* Chestnut Hill, Mass. Noon

Fri. 19 at Clemson\* Clemson, S.C. 7 p.m.

Sun. 21 at Georgia Tech\* Atlanta, Ga. 1 p.m.

Fri. 26 **VIRGINIA TECH**\* Coral Gables, Fla. 6 p.m.

Sun. 28 **VIRGINIA**\* Coral Gables, Fla. 1 p.m.

November

Fri. 2 at North Carolina\* Chapel Hill, N.C. 7 p.m.

Sun. 4 at NC State\* Raleigh, N.C. 1 p.m.

Fri. 9 at Wake Forest\* Winston-Salem, N.C. 6:30 p.m.

Sat. 10 at Duke\* Durham, N.C. 7 p.m.

Fri. 16 **BOSTON COLLEGE**\* Coral Gables, Fla. 7 p.m.

Sun. 18 **MARYLAND**\* Coral Gables, Fla. 1 p.m.

Fri. 23 at Florida State\* Tallahassee, Fla. 1 p.m.

December

TBD NCAA Tournament TBD

All Times Eastern

BOLD CAPS indicates home matches

\* - ACC Match

& - Exhibition

<sup>^</sup> - Hurricane Invitational





# - Redbird Classic

! - Louisville Tournament

Rankings according to AVCA/CBS poll at time of match

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Miami Opens 2012 Campaign with  
Hurricane Invitational

	<p><b>Match #1</b> Wofford 0-0, 0-0 SoCon Friday, Aug. 24 12:30 p.m. ET Knight Complex Coral Gables, Fla.</p>		<p><b>Match #2</b> Ole Miss 0-0, 0-0 SEC Friday, Aug. 24 7 p.m. ET Knight Complex Coral Gables, Fla.</p>
<p><u>Series History</u> UM leads 1-0 <u>Last Meeting</u> Sept. 7, 2001 Coral Gables, Fla. (Hurricane Invitational) UM 3, WC 0</p>		<p><u>Series History</u> UM leads 8-2 <u>Last Meeting</u> Oct. 9, 1981 Tallahassee, Fla. UM 2, Ole Miss 1</p>	
	<p><b>Match #3</b> Rutgers 0-0, 0-0 BIG EAST Saturday, Aug. 25 1 p.m. ET Knight Complex Coral Gables, Fla.</p>		<p><b>Match #4</b> Samford 0-0, 0-0 SoCon Saturday, Aug. 25 7 p.m. ET Knight Complex Coral Gables, Fla.</p>
<p><u>Series History</u> UM leads 3-1 <u>Last Meeting</u> Sept. 28, 2003 New Brunswick, N.J. UM 3, RU 1</p>		<p><u>Series History</u> 0-0 <u>Last Meeting</u> N/A</p>	

The University of Miami volleyball team will open the 2012 season with four matches in the Hurricane Invitational on Aug. 24-25 at the James L. Knight Sports Complex. A total of eight matches will be played in the event, with Ole Miss, Samford, Rutgers and Wofford taking part in the season-opening tournament.

"It is great to start at home, especially since it is the first week of classes and everyone is adjusting to a new routine on campus," said head coach Nicole Lantagne Welch, who is entering her 12th season at the helm of the program. "It is nice that we don't have to worry about traveling right away and it is great to get that excitement on campus. We hope to get a good turnout and are excited to get on the court to start the season."

UM will take on Wofford (12:30 p.m.) and Ole Miss (7 p.m.) on Friday, with matches against Rutgers (1 p.m.) and Samford (7 p.m.) on Saturday. A full schedule for the Hurricane Invitational and links to live video and stats are available at the Tournament Central at HurricaneSports.com. Additionally, WVUM will carry the Canes' matches at 90.5-FM and online at [wvum.org](http://wvum.org).

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National Poll			
AVCA Division I Coaches Top 25 (Sept. 5)			
#	School	Points	Last
1.	UCLA (54)	1485	1
2.	Texas (1)	1341	4
3.	Penn State	1302	9
4.	Nebraska (1)	1281	12
5.	Southern California (1)	1233	3
6.	Stanford (3)	1197	14
7.	Illinois	1163	2
8.	Hawai'i	989	5
9.	Purdue	935	10
10.	Iowa State	886	8
11.	Pepperdine	801	6
12.	Florida State	770	7
13.	Kentucky	724	13
14.	Washington	677	17
15.	Tennessee	652	19
16.	Minnesota	616	15
17.	California	583	16
18.	Florida	543	11
19.	San Diego	476	T-20
20.	Oregon	366	24
21.	Northern Iowa	286	18
22.	Kansas State	246	22
23.	Michigan	210	T-20
24.	Ohio State	163	23
25.	Colorado State	136	25

2012 UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI NUMERICAL ROSTER					
#	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	Hometown/HS/College
1	Alex Johnson	RS	6-0	JR	Tallahassee, Fla./Leon
3	Taylor Hollins	OH	5-9	JR	Long Beach, Calif./Lakewood
4	Alexis Mourning	MB	6-1	SO	Arlington, Texas/Martin
5	Eryn Croft	OH	5-8	R-FR	Gainesville, Fla./Gainesville
6	Julia Giampaolo	DS	5-8	JR	Torrington, Conn./Torrington
7	Mariel Schofield	DS	5-6	JR	Monrovia, Md./Urbana
8	Awele Nwaeze	MB	6-1	FR	Raleigh, N.C./Millbrook
9	Kelsie Groot	OH	6-1	FR	Irvine, Calif./Northwood
10	Ryan Shaffer	L	5-7	JR	San Jose, Calif./Archbishop Mitty
11	Blair Fuentes	S/H	6-0	SO	Ridgewood, N.J./Ridgewood
14	Misty Ma'a	OH	6-1	FR	Kaneohe, Hawaii/Kamehameha
15	Caitilin Donahoe	S	6-0	FR	Pompano Beach, Fla./Cardinal Gibbons
16	Emani Sims	MB	5-11	R-SO	Glenview, Ill./Glenbrook South
21	Savanah Leaf	OH	6-0	SO	San Anselmo, Calif./Marin Academy/San Jose St.
23	Nrithya Sundararaman	S	5-10	SR	Naperville, Ill./Naperville

**Head Coach** – Nicole Lantagne Welch (Maryland, 1994), 12th Season  
**Asst. Coach** – Kolby O'Donnell (Lees-McRae, 2006), First Season  
**Asst. Coach** – Lee Nelson (UC Santa Barbara, 1991), First Season  
**Volunteer Asst.** - Joe Cameron (Pittsburgh, 2009), First Season

*PRONUNCIATION GUIDE...*

#6	Gi-amp-paul-o
#8	A-way-le Na-waz-ee
#10	Shaff-er
#11	Fu-went-ez
#14	Ma-ah      Hometown: Con-o-hey
#23	Nith-e-uh Sun-da-ra-ra-man

### SCOUTING THE HURRICANE INVITATIONAL

#### Ole Miss

**2011 Record:** 11-17, 7-13 SEC

**Head Coach:** Joe Getzin (11th year)

**Series vs. UM:** Miami leads, 8-2

**Last Time vs. UM:** Miami won, 2-1 (Oct. 9, 1981 at Tallahassee, Fla.)

**First Time vs. UM:** Ole Miss won, 2-0 (Nov. 1, 1975 at Jacksonville, Fla.)

- UM and Ole Miss will meet for the first time since 1981, the last year of Miami volleyball before a 19-year hiatus
- The team returns nine letterwinners from last season, with five true freshman on the roster
- Senior Allegra Wells led the team with 290 kills in 2011

#### Wofford

**2011 Record:** 14-19, 3-13 Southern Conference

**Head Coach:** Corey Helle (11th year)

**Series vs. UM:** Miami leads, 1-0

**Last Time vs. UM:** Miami won, 3-0 (Sept. 7, 2001 at Coral Gables, Fla.)

**First Time vs. UM:** Same

- This will be the Terriers' second appearance in the Hurricane Invitational
- The team returns its entire starting lineup from a year ago, while welcoming seven newcomers
- Junior outside hitter Amanda Liguori led the team with 305 kills in 2011

#### Rutgers

**2011 Record:** 10-21, 3-11 BIG EAST Conference

**Head Coach:** Jeff "CJ" Werneke (Fifth year)

**Series vs. UM:** Miami leads, 3-1

**Last Time vs. UM:** Miami won, 3-1 (Sept. 28, 2003 at New Brunswick, N.J.)

**First Time vs. UM:** Miami won, 2-0 (Oct. 17, 1980 at Cincinnati, Ohio)

- UM and RU met twice as members of the BIG EAST (2002, 03)
- The Scarlet Knights have 12 newcomers on the roster
- Setter Stephanie Zielinski, who ranks fourth all-time in program history in assists, is from nearby Fort Lauderdale, Fla.
- Middle blocker Alex Jones tied for the highest hitting percentage in the BIG EAST last season (.383)
- RU ended 2011 by sweeping a home weekend against Connecticut and St. John's

#### Samford

**2011 Record:** 29-5, 13-3 Southern Conference

**Head Coach:** Dex Schroeder (Fifth year)

**Series vs. UM:** 0-0

**Last Time vs. UM:** N/A

**First Time vs. UM:** N/A

- The Bulldogs are the defending SoCon Champions and advanced to the to the NCAA Tournament to play Cincinnati in the Tallahassee Regional
- The team return every starter from last year, only losing one player to graduation and adding one freshman
- Senior outside hitter Elizabeth Neisler was the 2011 SoCon Player of the Year and earned a spot earned a spot on the AVCA South All-Region Team



**Nicole Lantagne Welch** is in her 12th season as head coach of the University of Miami volleyball program. Under her guidance since 2001, the team has posted winning records in nine of the last 11 seasons, including ending the 2010 campaign

ranked No. 26 in the RPI polls and No. 28 in the Pablo rankings.

Last season Lantagne Welch guided the Hurricanes to a 26-5 overall record and a 16-4 league mark to finish second in the Atlantic Coast Conference. UM qualified for the NCAA Tournament for the third-straight year, defeating Northern Illinois to advance to the Second Round of the Ames [Iowa] Regional. At the end of the campaign, numerous players earned recognition, including Lane Carico becoming the first Hurricane to win ACC Player of the Year. The senior also earned AVCA All-America honors to cap one of the best careers in Miami history.

This past summer, Lantagne Welch traveled to Ohio to work with the A2 program as part of development for Team USA. In addition, two players associated with the program - Ciara Michel and Savannah Leaf - both competed in the Olympic Games for Team GB.

In 2010, Lantagne Welch helped guide the Canes to their second 20-win season in the last three years, and the second consecutive year in which UMiami advanced to the NCAA Tournament. Miami ended the season with a 23-9 overall mark (13-7 Atlantic Coast Conference) and finished third in the conference regular season standings. Along the way, the Hurricanes defeated NCAA Tournament participants Florida State, Middle Tennessee State, Georgia Southern, Wichita State and North Carolina. At the end of the year, Lantagne Welch saw her first-ever AVCA All-American honored in the form of Carico, collecting third team accolades following a record-breaking year. Carico became the first player in school history with 1,000 kills and 1,000 digs in a career, as well as leading the ACC in double-doubles - and later being the only player in the league to amass at least 400 kills and 400 digs on the campaign. Carico and teammate Katie Gallagher each claimed AVCA All-East Region Team honors, while freshman libero Ryan Shaffer set a new school record for digs by a freshman (539 / 4.53 per set). As for Carico, she would also earn her third consecutive All-ACC Team nod and All-East Region honor.

In 2009, Lantagne Welch helped the Hurricanes to their second NCAA Tournament appearance, competing in the Gainesville [Fla.] Regional. UM earned an at-large bid to the NCAA Tournament after holding the 33rd toughest schedule in the nation according to the end-of-year RPI rankings. Earlier in the season, Lantagne Welch guided the Hurricanes to the Hampton Inn & Suites Northern

Colorado Classic championship. She would add to her growing list of All-Atlantic Coast Conference student-athletes, as well as All-America honorable mention performers, seeing senior libero Cassie Loessberg and sophomore outside hitter Lane Carico named to both lists. Carico and Loessberg each collected AVCA All-America Honorable Mention selections, while both were tabbed to the AVCA All-East Region Team. During the 2008 campaign, Lantagne Welch led the Hurricanes to a tie for third place in the Atlantic Coast Conference (ACC) standings, and the team's best regular season record since 2002.

During the year, Lantagne Welch collected her 150th career victory when the Canes defeated NC State, 3-0, on November 21, 2008. It was just two seasons ago that she posted her 100th career victory in the 2006 season-opener for UM with a 3-2 win over Alabama. The 2008 season was special for UM as the team posted a record of 26-6 overall (14-6 ACC), finishing just one match shy of tying for an ACC Championship. Not to be overlooked was Lantagne Welch leading the Canes to three in-season tournament titles, including a tournament title at NCAA Tournament participant University of San Francisco as part of the Asics/Coca-Cola Invitational in San Francisco, Calif. For those achievements and more, Lantagne Welch was tabbed ACC Coach of the Year, as well as American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) East Region Coach of the Year. It was her first ACC coaching honor, while being the second AVCA Regional honor, collecting the award in 2002 during Miami's historic run to the Round of 16 in the NCAA Tournament.

Under her guidance, Lantagne Welch would later see freshman Lane Carico named ACC Freshman of the Year, as well as AVCA East Region Freshman of the Year. Carico would go on to be named to the All-ACC Second Team, as well as teammates Angelica Ellis and Genny Mayhew. Carico would represent the first-ever ACC Freshman of the Year coached by Lantagne Welch, while Ellis and Mayhew would become the seventh and eighth players in school history to be named to the All-ACC Volleyball Team. Overall, her career at UM is highlighted in part by four seasons with at least 20 wins (2003-04, '08, '10) and a trip to the "Sweet 16" in the Hurricanes' first-ever appearance at the NCAA Tournament in 2002. In her 10 years at the helm in Coral Gables, Lantagne Welch has averaged 19.2 wins per seasons with a career record of 192-109.

#### **PIONEERING THE FIRST SEASON**

On Feb. 28, 2000, then University of Miami Athletic Director Paul Dee proclaimed the return of women's volleyball as the Hurricanes newest fully funded varsity sport at UM. On Sept. 12, 2000, Dee took the next major step in the evolution of the program by announcing the hiring of Lantagne Welch as head coach of the Hurricanes.

#### **A WINNING HISTORY**

A native of Encinitas, Calif., Lantagne Welch grew up in a family where volleyball had been a major part of their livelihood. Her parents, Joe and JoAnn, owned and operated a highly regarded

volleyball scouting service that evaluated high school players, covering the regions of California, Nevada and Arizona. Lantagne Welch's sister, Jenelle Duvall, was an All-American at the University of Pittsburgh and served as an assistant coach at Northern Arizona and Northern Illinois. She also served as head coach at Metro State College of Denver.

Lantagne Welch played at the University of Maryland from 1990-1993. In her role as a four-year starting setter, she guided the Terrapins to their first-ever Atlantic Coast Conference Championship (ACC) title and an automatic berth to the NCAA Tournament in 1990. As a top collegiate setter, Lantagne Welch garnered First Team All-Atlantic Coast Conference honors in 1992 and '93, and earned Second Team All-ACC accolades in 1991. She would also be named AVCA National Player of the Week (Oct. 12, 1993) following an upset victory over Florida State.

Serving as a team captain through her final two seasons, Lantagne Welch finished her outstanding collegiate career as Maryland's all-time assists, digs and matches played leader. Throughout her career in College Park, Lantagne Welch accumulated various academic honors including ACC Honor Roll and district academic All-America as a senior. She graduated in 1994 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Marketing. For her accomplishments as a student-athlete, Lantagne Welch was named to the Atlantic Coast Conference 50th Anniversary Volleyball Team along with five other Terrapins from teams of the 1990s.

Lantagne Welch began her coaching career in 1994 as an assistant coach on the Maryland staff before becoming a graduate assistant coach at Ohio University in 1995. At Ohio, she developed training sessions for setters and assisted in the scouting of opponents and in the development of game plans. Lantagne Welch arrived at Miami after serving as an assistant coach at Texas A&M. During her three seasons there, the Aggies finished ranked in the top 20 and qualified for the NCAA Tournament each season (1997-99). In 1999, Texas A&M advanced to the elite eight of the NCAA Tournament, compiling a 28-6 record and a No. 9 final ranking. Under Lantagne Welch's training, Aggie setter Jenna Moscovic was named the 1999 Big 12 Conference Freshman of the Year and named to the All-American Freshman Team by Volleyball Magazine. As a sophomore, Moscovic was selected to the 2000 All-Big 12 Team and All-District 5 Team. Lantagne Welch also played a major role in bringing the Aggies back-to-back Top 10 recruiting classes. The 1999 class was ranked in the Top 10 by Student Sports Magazine and the 1998 class was ranked sixth by Volleyball Magazine.

In 2002, she married Wesley Paul Welch of Denver City, Texas, in her hometown of Encinitas, Calif. On Dec. 7, 2004, the couple celebrated the birth of their daughter, Riley Jaye and on April 8, 2007, son Ayden Fletcher was born. Lantagne Welch and her family reside in Miami.

**ACC Standings**

School	2012 ACC	2012 Overall
Boston College	0-0	0-0
Clemson	0-0	0-0
Duke	0-0	0-0
Florida State	0-0	0-0
Georgia Tech	0-0	0-0
Maryland	0-0	0-0
Miami (FL)	0-0	0-0
North Carolina	0-0	0-0
NC State	0-0	0-0
Virginia	0-0	0-0
Virginia Tech	0-0	0-0
Wake Forest	0-0	0-0

**Updated Career Records**

*Kills*

- Lane Carico (2008-11).....1,749
- Karla Johnson (2002-05).....1,884
- Valeria Tipiana (2001-04).....1,411
- Francheska Savage (2002-06).....1,325
- Genny Mayhew (2006-09).....1,018
- Elizabeth Tyson (2001-04).....1,002
- Ciara Michel (2003-07).....962
- Marcela Gamarra (2001-02).....845
- Ali Becker (2008-11).....839
- Christine Williamson (2007-11).....808

*Assists*

- Katie Gallagher (2007-11).....5,173
- Jill Robinson (2003-06).....4,937
- Mallory Jones (2001-04).....2,025
- Nrithya Sundararaman (2009-present)1,157**
- Margie Young (2002-03).....634
- Jamie Gross (2001-04).....554
- Bridget Bomhack (2005-08).....260
- Valeria Tipiana (2001-04).....254
- Cassie Loessberg (2006-09).....217
- Alex Johnson (2010 - present).....203

*Digs*

- Cassie Loessberg (2006-09).....2,008
- Lane Carico (2008-11).....1,715
- Jamie Gross (2001-04).....1,621
- Katie Gallagher (2007-11).....1,221
- Ryan Shaffer (2010-present).....1,023**
- Jill Robinson (2003-06).....1,001
- Valeria Tipiana (2001-04).....968
- Ann Gallo (2003-06).....927
- Elizabeth Tyson (2001-04).....808
- Genny Mayhew (2006-09).....727

*Total Blocks*

- Ciara Michel (2003-07).....573
- Karla Johnson (2002-05).....358
- Francheska Savage (2002-06).....348
- Ali Becker (2008-11).....315
- Valeria Tipiana (2001-04).....299
- Jill Robinson (2003-06).....270
- Angelica Ellis (2005-08).....264
- Robin Lewullis (2002-03).....254
- Ashley Woods (2004-08).....238
- Lici McGee (2006-10).....234

**Miami Record vs. Conferences**

Atlantic Coast.....	0-0
BIG EAST.....	0-0
BIG SOUTH.....	0-0
Missouri Valley.....	0-0
Mountain West.....	0-0
PAC 12.....	0-0
South Eastern.....	0-0
Southern.....	0-0
Sun Belt.....	0-0

**Miami BY THE NUMBERS**

At home.....0-0  
 Away.....0-0  
 Neutral.....0-0

In night matches.....0-0  
 In day matches.....0-0  
 At a tournament.....0-0

August.....0-0  
 September.....0-0  
 October.....0-0  
 November.....0-0

In the ACC.....0-0  
 ACC home record.....0-0  
 ACC road record.....0-0  
 ACC night record.....0-0  
 ACC day record.....0-0

Against ranked opponents.....0-0  
 Top 5 opponents.....0-0  
 Top 10 opponents.....0-0  
 Against unranked opponents.....0-0

Leading in kills.....0-0  
 Trailing in kills.....0-0  
 Tied in kills.....0-0

Leading in blocks.....0-0  
 Trailing in blocks.....0-0  
 Tied in blocks.....0-0

Leading in digs.....0-0  
 Trailing in digs.....0-0  
 Tied in digs.....0-0

Leading in attack percentage.....0-0  
 Trailing in attack percentage.....0-0

Leading in service aces.....0-0  
 Trailing in service aces.....0-0  
 Tied in service aces.....0-0

Hitting .400 or better.....0-0  
 Hitting .350 to .399.....0-0  
 Hitting .300 to .349.....0-0  
 Hitting .250 to .299.....0-0  
 Hitting .200 to .249.....0-0  
 Hitting below .200.....0-0

Holding opponents below .100.....0-0  
 Holding opponents below .200.....0-0  
 Holding opponents below .250.....0-0  
 Holding opponents below .275.....0-0  
 Holding opponents below .300.....0-0  
 Opponent hitting .300 or better.....0-0

In three games.....0-0  
 In four games.....0-0  
 In five games.....0-0

When winning game one.....0-0  
 When winning game two.....0-0  
 When winning game three.....0-0  
 When winning game four.....0-0  
 When winning game five.....0-0

When losing game one.....0-0  
 When losing game two.....0-0  
 When losing game three.....0-0  
 When losing game four.....0-0  
 When losing game five.....0-0



**MIAMI SEASON PREVIEW**

The Hurricanes, who are receiving votes in the Preseason AVCA Division I Coaches Poll, return 10 letterwinners, including three starters and the libero, from a team that went 26-5 with a 16-4 mark in the Atlantic Coast Conference a season ago. Miami qualified for the NCAA Tournament for the third-straight season, defeating Northern Illinois to advance to the Second Round of the Ames Regional.

“Although many outsiders see that we have lost several starters from our team a year ago, we know that our current team is strong, has depth, and we have very capable players ready to step in and have a strong season. Every position is a battle right now and this team has a lot of depth, which will really help us.”

The Canes were predicted to finish fifth in the ACC in a preseason vote of the league’s head coaches.

The 2012 schedule is expected to be challenging once again with nine matches against teams that made last season’s NCAA Tournament and 20 contests within the ACC. After hosting the Hurricane Invitational, UM will take part in two other weekend tournaments at Illinois State and Louisville.

“Tournaments are great a great chance to showcase yourself nationally in comparison to other conferences,” Lantagne Welch continued. “It becomes an important factor in earning bids into the NCAA Tournament. We need to take care of business and treat every match with the utmost importance.”

The first home conference match will take place against Florida State in a contest that will be televised nationally on ESPNU. Overall, there will be nine home league matches and nine on the road. Lantagne Welch commented on the how the competitiveness of the ACC has risen in recent years.

“Over the last few years the ACC has really taken a step up,” she remarked. “There are a lot of strong players in our conference. There are a lot of seniors on the Preseason All-ACC Team so you can tell there are a lot of returning impact players around the league. Many freshman classes were ranked, so there is a lot of great young talent around as well. Every match matters and you have to be on top of your game each match to win in the ACC.”

UM had two players earn nods on the Preseason All-ACC team, with junior Alex Johnson and sophomore Emani Sims selected. Johnson, who has started every match of her career, led all returning players with 390 kills a season ago while also recording 108 assists and 340 digs. Sims emerged in her rookie season with 105

blocks in the middle, finishing with the ninth-best hitting percentage in the ACC (.316).

Johnson, along with senior Nrithya Sundaraman and junior Taylor Hollins, have been named team captains for the season.

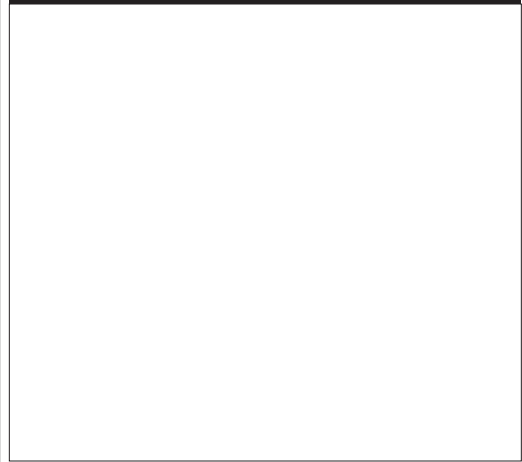
“All three are new to this role but they have been embracing it and we hope they will continue to develop and grow to help lead our team on and off the court,” Lantagne Welch said.

In addition to the experienced returning talent on the roster, the program is excited to see the impact of the five newcomers on the team. The recruiting class was ranked No. 27 in the nation according to PrepVolleyball.com and features four freshmen and one transfer. The transfer, Savannah Leaf, joins UM after spending her summer competing for Great Britain at the Olympics in London.

“The newcomers are a very hard-working group and are very serious about volleyball,” Lantagne Welch pointed out. “They all came in ready to go and are pushing for spots at all positions. We are excited about seeing what they can do this season and how they develop throughout the year.”

In addition to the home FSU match, the Hurricanes were selected for six other broadcast matches by ACC rights-holders. UM was chosen more than any other program in the league.

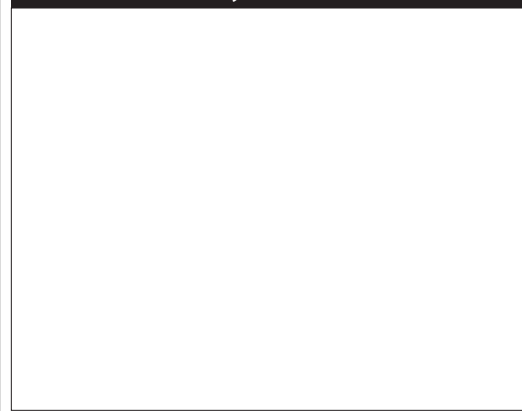
**ACC PLAYER OF THE WEEK**



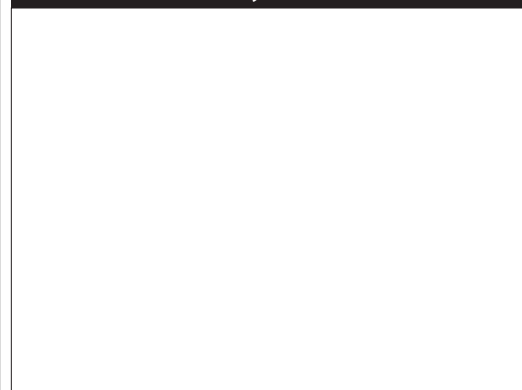
**ACC Freshman of the Week**



**AVCA Player of the Week**



**CVU.com Player of the Week**







**2011 University of Miami Volleyball  
Miami Match Results (as of Dec 09, 2011)  
All matches**



Date	Opponent	Score	Score-by-set	Overall	Conf	Time	Att.
\$ Aug 26	vs Jacksonville State	W	3-0 25-19,25-18,25-14	1-0	0-0	1:15	1209
\$ Aug 27	vs Louisiana-Lafayette	W	3-0 25-19,25-21,25-16	2-0	0-0	1:20	1055
\$ Aug 27	at LSU	W	3-2 27-25,13-25,16-25,25-22,15-8	3-0	0-0	2:13	1055
! Sep 02	vs UC Santa Barbara	W	3-0 25-19,25-23,25-22	4-0	0-0	1:33	138
! Sep 03	vs Georgia	W	3-0 25-19,25-13,27-25	5-0	0-0	1:30	112
! Sep 03	at Pepperdine	W	3-1 18-25,25-23,25-21,25-23	6-0	0-0	2:10	309
% Sep 08	FLORIDA A&M	W	3-0 25-13,25-18,25-14	7-0	0-0	1:19	321
% Sep 09	AUBURN	W	3-0 25-14,25-22,25-16	8-0	0-0	1:25	704
% Sep 10	#18 OKLAHOMA	W	3-1 17-25,25-17,26-24,25-19	9-0	0-0	1:58	805
* Sep 14	at Florida State	L	0-3 23-25,21-25,18-25	9-1	0-1	1:31	1159
* Sep 23	at Virginia Tech	W	3-0 25-23,25-20,25-20	10-1	1-1	1:28	511
* Sep 25	at Virginia	W	3-0 25-20,25-14,25-22	11-1	2-1	1:24	223
* Sep 30	WAKE FOREST	W	3-0 25-18,25-16,25-23	12-1	3-1	1:27	599
* Oct 02	DUKE	W	3-0 25-22,26-24,25-20	13-1	4-1	1:35	617
* Oct 07	at NC State	W	3-2 25-16,19-25,23-25,27-25,15-12	14-1	5-1	2:21	543
* Oct 09	at North Carolina	L	2-3 29-31,23-25,25-19,27-25,11-15	14-2	5-2	2:24	831
* Oct 14	CLEMSON	W	3-0 25-13,25-22,25-22	15-2	6-2	1:22	704
* Oct 16	GEORGIA TECH	L	1-3 25-11,22-25,20-25,21-25	15-3	6-3	1:53	617
* Oct 21	at Boston College	W	3-1 26-24,25-16,16-25,25-15	16-3	7-3	1:55	208
* Oct 23	at Maryland	W	3-1 25-20,22-25,25-13,25-23	17-3	8-3	1:54	332
* Oct 28	VIRGINIA	W	3-0 25-18,25-18,25-16	18-3	9-3	1:23	404
* Oct 30	VIRGINIA TECH	W	3-0 25-23,25-16,25-19	19-3	10-3	1:30	571
* Nov 04	NORTH CAROLINA	W	3-1 25-21,25-21,25-27,25-20	20-3	11-3	1:59	517
* Nov 06	NC STATE	W	3-0 27-25,25-19,25-20	21-3	12-3	1:36	504
* Nov 10	at Duke	W	3-0 25-12,25-16,25-15	22-3	13-3	1:19	904
* Nov 12	at Wake Forest	W	3-1 22-25,25-16,25-23,25-17	23-3	14-3	1:47	412
* Nov 18	at Georgia Tech	W	3-2 22-25,25-20,20-25,25-15,15-11	24-3	15-3	2:05	1012
* Nov 19	at Clemson	L	2-3 25-23,16-25,25-22,23-25,10-15	24-4	15-4	2:13	757
* Nov 26	#21 FLORIDA STATE	W	3-1 25-16,33-31,21-25,25-22	25-4	16-4	2:10	1071
Dec 02	vs Northern Illinois	W	3-1 25-17,21-25,25-12,26-24	26-4	16-4	1:45	2081
Dec 3	at #14 Iowa State	L	0-3 21-25,10-25,14-25	26-5	16-4	1:15	1932

\$ = Tiger Classic (Baton Rouge, La.)

! = Pepperdine Asics Classic (Malibu, Calif.)

% = Hurricane Invitational (Coral Gables, Fla.)

\* = Atlantic Coast Conference match

Team Record	W-L-T	Attend	Dates	Total	Avg.
Overall:	26-5	Total:	31	22217	717
Conference:	16-4	Home:	12	7434	620
Home:	11-1	Away:	14	10188	728
Away:	10-4	Neutral:	5	4595	919
Neutral:	5-0				
3 sets:	15-2				
4 sets:	8-1				
5 sets:	3-2				