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2008 Schedule/Results ACC: 0-0 Overall: 0-0

Century Tel Premier - San Marcos, Texas Aug. 29 vs. Sacramento State 3:30 pm 7:30 pm at Texas State Aug. 30 vs. Texas-Pan Am 10 a.m. vs. Louisiana-Monroe 2 p.m.

Hurricane Invitational - Coral Gables, Fla. Sept. 4 South Dakota State 6 p.m. Sept. 6 Alabama 11 a.m. Virginia Commonwealth 6 p.m. San Francisco Tournament - San Francisco, Calif.

Sept. 12 vs. Villanova 7:30 pm Sept. 13 vs. Sacramento State 4 p.m. at San Francisco 10 p.m. Sept. 19 Florida State* 7 p.m. Sept. 20 at Florida Atlantic 7 p.m. Sept. 25 at Duke* 7 p.m.

Sept. 26 at Wake Forest* 7 p.m. Oct. 3 at Clemson* 7 p.m. Oct. 4 at Georgia Tech* 7 p.m. Oct. 7 Florida Atlantic* 7 p.m. Oct. 10 Boston College* 7 p.m. Oct. 12 Maryland* 1 p.m. Oct. 17 N.C. State* 7 p.m. Oct. 18 North Carolina* **TBD**

Oct. 25 at Virginia Tech* 6 p.m. Oct. 31 Duke* 7 p.m. Nov. 2 Wake Forest* 1 p.m. Nov. 7 at Maryland* 7 p.m. Nov. 9 at Boston College* Noon Nov. 14 Georgia Tech* 7 p.m. Nov. 16 Clemson* 1 p.m.

Nov. 20 at North Carolina* 5 p.m. Nov. 21 at N.C. State* 7 p.m. Nov. 26 at Florida State* 2 p.m.

NCAA Championships

Oct. 24 at Virginia*

Dec. 4-6 NCAA First/Second Rounds TBD Dec. 12-14 NCAA RegionalS **TBD** Dec. 18 **NCAA Semifinals TBD** Dec. 20 NCAA Final **TBD**

* - Atlantic Coast Conference match All times are Eastern Standard Time (EST) **BOLD** indicates home matches

Rankings according to AVCA/CBS poll at time of match

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Miami Hurricanes Open 2008 Season with Trip to Century Tel Premier Tournament in San Marcos, Texas



UPCOMING MATCHES

Century Tel Premier Tournament - San Marcos, Texas



vs. Sacramento State Aug. 29 3:30 pm at Texas State 7:30 pm

Aug. 30

vs. Texas-Pan American 10 a.m.



vs. Louisiana-Monroe

2 p.m.



7 p.m.

The Century Tel Premier Tournament is hosted by Texas State University in San Marcos, Texas. Live stats will be available at the official TSU website through...

www.txstatebobcats.com.

All UM results of matches on Hurricanesports.com

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No.	Name	Yr.	Pos.	Ht.	kpg	pct.	dpg	bpg	ppg
2	Lane Carico	Fr.	OH	5-11	FRESH	MAN			
7	Bridget Bomhack	Sr.	OH/S	6-0	2.57	.169	2.83	0.57	3.16
8	Angelica Ellis	Sr.	MB	6-0	1.47	.194	0.44	0.62	2.09
9	Katie Gallagher	So.	S	5-11	0.77	.271	2.54	0.29	1.54
11	Genny Mayhew	Jr.	OH	5-11	3.86	.172	2.02	0.39	4.19
32	Lici McGee	R-So.	MB	6-3	MEDICA	AL REDS	SHIRT IN	2007	
36	Cassie Loessberg	Jr.	LIB	5-7	0.00	462	4.88	0.00	0.53
* stat	s listed from 2007 se	eason							

2008 UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI HURRICANES ROSTER							
<u>#</u>	<u>Name</u>	Pos.	Ht.	<u>CI.</u>	Hometown/Previous School		
2	Lane Carico	ОН	5-11	Fr.	Manhattan Beach, Calif./Mira Costa HS		
3	Tatiana Alvarez	DS	5-1	So.	Miami, Fla./Florida Christian School		
4	Ariell Cooke	MB	6-0	So.	Oakland, Calif./Bishop O'Dowd HS		
6	Maria Andersson	OH	5-10	So.	Angelholm, Sweden/Allebergsgymnasiet		
7	Bridget Bomhack	OH/S	6-0	Sr.	Waukesha, Wis./Catholic Memorial HS		
8	Angelica Ellis	MB	6-0	Sr.	Houston, Texas/Alief Taylor HS		
9	Katie Gallagher	S	5-11	So.	Winter Park, Fla./Lake Highland HS		
11	Genny Mayhew	OH	5-11	Jr.	Clovis, Calif./Clovis HS		
16	Griffin Udelson	DS	5-7	Jr.	Attleboro, Mass./Bishop Feehan HS		
17	Christine Williamson	OH	5-11	R-Fr.	Tampa, Fla./Plant HS		
21	Ali Becker	MB	6-1	Fr.	Katy, Texas/Cinco Ranch HS		
32	Lici McGee	MB	6-3	R-So.	Warr Acres, Okla./Putnam City Original HS		
36	Cassie Loessberg	LIB	5-7	Jr.	Sacramento, Calif./St. Francis HS		
77	Ashley Woods	RS	6-2	R-Sr.	Round Rock, Texas/Stony Point HS		
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Head Coach – Nicole Lantagne Welch (Maryland, 1994), Eighth Season

Asst. Coach - Felix Hou (Shanghai Physical Education Institute, 1986), First Season

Asst. Coach - Laura Kuhn (Georgia Tech, 2005), First Season

Student Manager - Kelley Schoonover Trainer - Kelly Donahue

THE FACTS

The University of Miami Hurricanes are looking to start the new year off right as they participate in the *2008 Century Tel Premier Tournament* in San Marcos, Texas. Other participating schools include Louisiana-Monroe, Texas-Pan American, Sacramento State and host Texas State. The two-day tournament begins on Friday (Aug. 29) with the 'Canes taking on Sacramento State at 3:30 pm, followed by a nightcap affair with Texas State. On Saturday, UM squares off against Texas-Pan American at 10 a.m., followed by their final contest against Louisiana-Monroe at 2 p.m.

ON THE NET

All Miami home matches this year will feature live stats through Gametracker on www.hurricanesports.com. A select number of games will feature radio broadcast through WVUM...the official student radio station for the University of Miami.

SCOUTING SACRAMENTO STATE [Hornets]

The Hornets of Sacramento State lead the all-time series against the Hurricanes by a count of 1-0 having won the only other meeting 3-0 back on Sept. 16, 2005. The match took place at the Knight Sports Center in Coral Gables as part of the annual Orange and Green Challenge. Sacramento State returns two starters from last season, but have a total of seven letterwinners coming back to the program. The Hornet are led by first-year head coach Ruben Volta. Senior setter Rose Burke led the Hornet last season with 12.61 apg while the only other starter returning is junior outside hitter Desiree Hoyum who had 0.97 kpg and 0.49 dpg in 2007. SSU went 29-8 last year while winning the Big Sky Tournament and advancing to the second round of the NCAA Tournament.

SCOUTING TEXAS STATE [Bobcats]

Last year's Southland Conference champion Texas State University returns six starters from a year ago. In fact, Texas State has won three of the last four SLC titles, and is predicted as the preseason favorite heading into the 2008 campaign. They are preseason number one for the entire SLC, as well as the West Division. Head coach Karen Chisum is entering into her 29th season at the helm of the Bobcats program. She returns key players senior outside hitter Lawrencia Brown who led the Bobcats with 378 kills from a year ago, as well as top SLC setters sophomore Shelbi Irvin and junior Brittany Collins. Irvin collected 822 assists last season, while Collins added another 642.

SCOUTING TEXAS-PAN AMERICAN [Broncs]

Second-year head coach Angela Hubbard and the Broncs are finally in a conference from this past spring in the Great West Conference. They also have a decent amount of players back from a 2007 team that went 15-18 under a first-year coach. The Broncs have senior middle blocker Deanna Schneyer back who was second on the squad in kills (307), first in blocks (97) and second in points (372). That leads to top returning senior starter Kellie Phillips who topped the Broncs a year ago in kills with 405, but had a hitting percentage of just .164 altogether. Behind her is returning libero Rebecca Toddy who was amongst the best in Independent action in NCAA Division I volleyball with 533 digs.

SCOUTING LOUISIANA-MONROE [Warhawks]

Johhn Schmidt is set to begin his third year leading the Warhawks volley-ball program at the University of Louisiana-Monroe, and he can already feel the excitement buzzing the program. They have a large freshman class for 2008, but lost some key personnel from last season's team that registered just a 1-31 overall mark. Departed outside hitter Stephanie Hall is gone as she posted a team-best 210 kills and 29 service aces last season. Beside her is junior middle blocker Mari O'Neal who had 176 kills and 36 blocks last season. Last year's setter Ilima Sam Fong is gone after collecting 488 assists last season.

Atlantic Coast Conference

2008 ACC STANDINGS		
School	<u>ACC</u>	<u>Overall</u>
Clemson	0-0	0-0
Georgia Tech	0-0	0-0
Duke	0-0	0-0
North Carolina	0-0	0-0
Florida State	0-0	0-0
Virginia	0-0	0-0
Maryland	0-0	0-0
Virginia Tech	0-0	0-0
Miami	0-0	0-0
Wake Forest	0-0	0-0
Boston College	0-0	0-0
North Carolina State	0-0	0-0

UPCOMING ACC SCHEDULE

Friday, August 29	
N.C. State @ VCU	Noon
Central Michigan vs. Maryland	1 p.m.
Boston College vs. West Virginia	4:30 pm
N.C. State vs. Liberty	4:30 pm
Virginia vs. Murray State	5 p.m.
Florida A&M @ Florida State	6 p.m.
Davidson @ Wake Forest	7 p.m.
Duke @ Purdue	7 p.m.
Georgia Tech @ Georgia	7 p.m.
Md. Eastern Shore @ Virginia Tech	7 p.m.
Syracuse @ Clemson	7 p.m.

North Carolina @ Illinois8 p.m.

Saturday, August 30

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Virginia vs. New Hampshire	10 a.m.
Boston College vs. Kent State	11 a.m.
N.C. State vs. Kansas	11 a.m.
Charleston Southern @ Clemson	Noon
Duke @ Kansas State	Noon
Winston-Salem State @ Virginia Tech	Noon
Norfolk State @ Wake Forest	12:30 pm
Bowling Green @ Florida State	
North Carolina vs. Oregon	
Maryland vs. Liberty	
Georgia Tech vs. Furman	
N.C. State vs. Central Michigan	4:30 pm
Duke vs. Tennessee State	5 p.m.
Florida International @ Clemson	6 p.m.
North Carolina vs. New Mexico State .	6 p.m.
Boston College @ Colgate	7 p.m.
Coastal Carolina @ Virginia Tech	7 p.m.
Maryland @ VCU	7 p.m.
Stetson @ Florida State	7 p.m.
Virginia @ James Madison	
Winthrop @ Wake Forest	
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Sunday, August 31

Georgia State vs. Georgia Tech.....10 a.m.

^{*} all games exclude Miami contests which are on the schedule/results front page.

Head Coach ... Nicole Lantagne Welch



Nicole Lantagne Welch enters her eighth season at the helm of the University of Miami women's volleyball program. Under her guidance since 2001, the team has posted winning records in five of the last seven seasons, including a second-place finish in the team's first year in ACC play in 2004.

In the 2006 season-opener, Lantagne Welch recorded her 100th career win with a 3-2 victory over Alabama. In 2007, UM finished 14-17 overall and 8-14 in ACC play, pushing Lantagne Welch's career

record to 125-81 overall in seven seasons as a head coach, all at Miami.

Her career at UM is highlighted by two consecutive seasons with at least 20 wins (2003 & 2004) and a trip to the Sweet 16 in the Hurricanes' first-ever appearance at the NCAA Tournament in 2002. In her seven seasons at the helm, the Hurricanes have averaged 17.8 wins per season.

Lantagne Welch played at the University of Maryland from 1990-1993. As a four-year starting setter, she guided the Terrapins to their first-ever Atlantic Coast Conference Championship 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 1993, and earned second-team honors in 1991. She was also named AVCA National Player of the Week (Oct. 12, 1993) following an upset victory over Florida State.

As team captain 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 at Maryland, 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. 7th, 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.

HURRICANES RECORD VS. CONFERENCES

Atlantic Coast	0-0
Big East	0-0
Big Sky	0-0
Colonial Athletic Association	0-0
Great Sky	0-0
Southeastern	0-0
Southland	0-0
The Summit League	0-0
Sun Belt	0-0
West Coast	0-0

CBS College Sports Network/CSTV TOP 25 POLL

<u>#</u>	School	Record	Previous
1.	Penn State (59)	34-2	1
2.	Stanford	32-3	2
3.	Texas	24-7	6
4.	Southern California	29-5	3
5.	California	26-8	4
6.	UCLA	23-11	7
7.	Nebraska (1)	30-2	5
8.	Florida	29-3	8
9.	Washington	27-4	10
10.	Cal Poly	23-8	11
11.	Oregon	22-11	9
12.	Hawai'i	27-6	18
13.	Wisconsin	26-5	14
14.	Kansas State	23-9	16
15.	Middle Tennessee	35-3	15
16.	Minnesota	18-13	NR
17.	Colorado State	23-8	NR
18.	Iowa State	19-14	17
19.	Clemson	29-4	22
20.	BYU	24-8	12
21.	LSU	25-8	NR
22.	San Diego	21-8	25
23.	New Mexico State	26-6	21
24.	Long Beach State	26-7	23
25.	Purdue	19-14	NR

^{*} Records and Previous Rank based on 2007 final stats

UM Muscle Milk Player of the Week

Student-Athlete	<u>Sport</u>	<u>Date</u>
None		

ACC PLAYER OF THE WEEK

<u>September</u>

None



INDIVIDUAL MARKS

MIAMI DOUBLE-DOUBLES None

boston college **EAGLES**



clemson university **TIGERS**



duke university **BLUE DEVILS**



florida state university **SEMINOLES**



georgia tech **YELLOW JACKETS**



university of maryland **TERRAPINS**



university of miami **HURRICANES**



university of north carolina **TAR HEELS**



north carolina state university **WOLFPACK**



university of virginia **CAVALIERS**



virginia tech **HOKIES**



wake forest university **DEMON DEACONS**



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When Playing on the Road	0-0
On a Neutral Floor	0-0
In night matches	0-0
In day matches	0-0
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In the Atlantic Coast Conference	
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HURRICANES VB MEDIA POLICY

KNIGHT SPORTS COMPLEX

Press row for University of Miami volleyball matches is located on the north side of the court at the James L. Knight Sports Complex, across from the team benches. The media entrance to the arena is from the southwest corner of the Complex, and the southwest entrance is also used for Will Call pick-up of credentials. Parkins is located in either the lot for Mark Light Field, or Cobb Stadium directly adjacent to the Knight Sports Complex.

MEDIA & PHOTO PASSES

Credentials for Hurricanes home matches are issued for working media only and must be requested through the sports media relations office at least 24 hours prior to the selected home event you wish to attend. Credentials are issued on a match-by-match basis and a formal request must be issued to the Miami Sports Media Relations Office. Only photographers on assignment from an accredited media agency will be issued credentials. Photographers are required to abide by the guidelines set forth by the NCAA on shooting limitations from the sidelines. Those not compying with the guidelines may be removed.

MEDIA SERVICES

Pregame media suplements including notes, statistics, media guides and gameday programs will be available prior to the start of the first set. Betweengame and final statistics, plus a running play-by-play and post game notes will be provided. Final statistics will be emailed and/or faxed via Miami's broadcast system following the conclusion of the match. In-game questions or concerns can be addressed on press row by Assistant Sports Information Director Bryan J. Harvey.

WEBSITES

As a general rule, fan-based web sites containing at least one or more of the following: chat rooms, message boards, recruiting information, scouting reports and links to news sites, as well as other fan-based features shall not be issued credentials to Miami volley-ball matches. Local and national organizations that maintain a news-based Web site in connection with their regular newspaper or magazine, as well as radio or television broadcast, shall be issued credentials on a match-by-match basis. Live, real-time updates will not be permitted. Fan-based web sites wishing to discuss coverage and credential options should contact the Miami Sports Media Relations office at (305) 284-3244.

INTERVIEWS

Following home games, Miami head coach Nicole Lantagne Welch will return to the court to handle any media questions, and players will also be available after a brief colling-off period following the match's conclusion. Miami's locker will be closed at all times.

TELEPHONES

Telephone lines at the Knight Sports Complex are limited to home radio and the visiting teams' "official" sports administrator/Media relations contact. All media wishing to files stories should contact Bryan J. Harvey prior to the conclusion of the game in order to make arrangements to be escorted back to the Sports Media Relations Office in order to work in a work-friendly environment. Any and all questions will be addressed in this designated area.

MAYHEW NAMED TO PRESEASON ALL-ACC TEAM

Junior outside hitter Genny Mayhew was named to the Preseason All-ACC Team as voted on by head coaches around the Atlantic Coast Conference. Mayhew, a 5-foot-11 junior from Clovis, Calif. (Clovis HS), finished ninth in the conference in both kills (428) and points (465) a year ago. She also finished fourth on the squad in digs (224) and tied for fifth in blocks (43) alongside teammate Ariell Cooke while playing in 111 games for the 'Canes.

KNIGHT COMPLEX UNDERGOES RENOVATION

The Knight Sports Complex, home to Miami Hurricanes volleyball, underwent a few renovations over the off-season including new bleachers and a new playing surface. There was also extensive paint work done to the walls with green and orange added to the press row side of the arena. The lights are certainly on in the Knight for the 'Canes in 2008.

CLEMSON PREDICTED TO WIN ACC ... AGAIN

After finishing atop the league last season, the Clemson Tigers have been predicted to repeat as conference champs after collecting 11 of a possible 12 first place votes. Georgia Tech received the other first place vote while being predicted to finish second. Duke and North Carolina were third and fourth, while Florida State and Virginia tied for fifth, respectively.

WILLIAMSON AND MCGEE READY FOR ACTION

After utilizing redshirts in 2007, Christine Williamson and Lici McGee are ready for action this season. McGee used a medical hardship waiver in 2007, while Williamson redshirted. Both players are ready for action this year, and want to immediately make their presence felt on the court for the Hurricanes.

FRESHMEN READY FOR THEIR SHOT

Two incoming freshmen in Ali Becker (Katy, Texas) and Lane Carico (Manhattan Beach, Calif.) have been practicing hard and should contribute nicely in their first year for the Hurricanes. Both are expected to come right into the lineup and be a part of this year's team.

HURRICANES LOOK TO CONTINUE FROM LAST YEAR

After winning their last two matches from the 2007 season against North Carolina and North Carolina State, respectively, the Hurricanes want to carry-over that momentum heading into the new year. In fact, the 'Canes went 5-5 in their last 10 matches from a year ago.

TOURNAMENT PLAY STEADY FOR UM

For the Miami Hurricanes, tournaments have been a blessing in disguise for head coach Nicole Lantagne Welch in the past. Her teams went 6-3 in tournament play a year ago, including winning the annual Hurricane Invitational against Brown, Delaware and Loyola Chicago. The only down side was that in their only tournament on the road, the 'Canes were just 1-2. Two of UM's first first three tournaments this season are away from the Knight Sports Complex.

LOESSBERG DIGGING FOR 1,000

Libero/Defensive Specialist Cassie Loessberg is eyeing 1,000 digs at the start of the 2008 season. The junior from Sacramento, Calif. (St. Francis HS) comes into the season with 870 digs, and looks to become the first Hurricane player since Jill Robinson (2003-06) to collect 1,000 digs in a career. As of now, Loessberg sits in fifth place all-time at UM in digs, and is just eight (8) behind Ann Gallo (2003-06) for fourth place. Jamie Grass (2001-04) is the all-time leader with 1,621.

LANTAGNE WELCH ADDS TWO TO STAFF

Over the off-season, the one thing head coach Nicole Lantagne Welch did was go out and add to her coaching staff. The addition of a proven coach, as well as an up-and-coming collegiate coach is something the 8th-year head coach was looking for right from the start. She added Felix Hou to her staff, as well as Laura Kuhn. Hou has been a coach at several colleges, most recently the University of Maryland-Baltimore County. As for Kuhn, she is a recent 2005 graduate of Georgia Tech and knows the Atlantic Coast Conference what it takes to be both a student-athlete and coach on this level.