

MIAMI VS. SOUTH CAROLINA

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2023 VOLLEYBALL

MIAMI HURRICANES

ALL-TIME

Series: 3-2
at Miami: 0-1
at South Carolina: 0-0
Neutral: 3-1
Last Meeting: 3-2, South Carolina (9/16/22)

THE MATCHUP

Miami Hurricanes (3-0, 0-0 ACC)

Head Coach: Jose "Keno" Gandara
Season at UM: 11th
Miami Record: 177-105 (.628)
Career Record: 177-105 (.628)



South Carolina Gamecocks (1-1, 0-0 SEC)

Head Coach: Tom Mendoza
Season at SC: 6th
Record at SC: 79-62 (.560)
Career Record: 126-80 (.612)



QUICK HITS

LAST TIME OUT

- Miami closed out its first homestand of the season going undefeated, with victories over Maryland, FIU and FAU. Most recently, the Canes grabbed the 3-1 win against FAU and showed out individually.
- Fifth year Savannah Vach tallied 55 assists, sophomore Flormarie Heredia Colon (13) and redshirt senior Angela Grieve (12) led the team in kills and graduate student Abby Casiano notched four blocks.

GETTING INTO THE SWING OF THINGS

- The Hurricanes dominated their opponents across the board. They led in kills (166 to 118), attack percentage (.305 to .187), assists (153 to 103), aces (23-14), digs (150-120) and blocks (24-18).

IN THE RANKINGS

- In the ACC, Miami ranks second in assists per set (13.91), kills per set (15.09), team assists (153), team kills (166) and total blocks (87). The squad
- Vach leads the ACC and ranks sixth in the NCAA in total assists (132) and assists per set (12.00), as well as ranking 12th in the NCAA.
- Grieve and Yaidaliz Rosado are tied for second in the conference with six service aces, while Grieve places third in points per set with 4.94.
- Graduate students Janice Leao (.576) and Abby Casiano (.575) adds on to the Canes' impressive start by claiming the second and third spot in hitting percentage in the ACC. Leao also holds the No. 2 spot in total blocks with 12.

HEAD-TO-HEAD

Miami		SC
.305	Attack %	.180
166	Kills	85
15.09	Kills/Set	12.14
153	Assists	81
13.91	Assists/Set	11.57
150	Digs	98
13.64	Digs/Set	14.00
24	Blocks	11
2.18	Blocks/Set	1.57
23	Service Aces	7

STAT LEADERS

Kills	Peyman Yardimci	37
	Angela Grieve	37
	Flormarie Heredia Colon	29
Assists	Savannah Vach	132
Digs	Savannah Vach	30
	Angela Grieve	23
Blocks	Janice Leao	12
	Peyman Yardimci	7
Service Aces	Angela Grieve	6
	Yaidaliz Rosado	6

SCHEDULE (H: 3-0, A: 0-0, N: 0-0)

*all times eastern

Date	OPPONENT	TV	TIME/RESULT	Date	OPPONENT	TV	TIME/RESULT
08/25	MARYLAND ^A	ACCNX	W, 3-1	10/04	FLORIDA STATE*	ACCN	7 p.m.
08/26	FIU ^A	ACCNX	W, 3-0	10/06	NC STATE*	ACCNX	7 p.m.
08/28	FAU	ACCNX	W, 3-1	10/13	at Clemson*	ACCNX	7 p.m.
09/01	at South Carolina%	SECN+	7 p.m.	10/15	at Georgia Tech*	ACCNX	1 p.m.
09/02	vs. Troy%		12:30 p.m.	10/20	SYRACUSE*	ACCNX	7 p.m.
09/08	at Wisconsin\$		8 p.m.	10/22	BOSTON COLLEGE*	ACCNX	1 p.m.
09/09	vs. Arizona\$		8 p.m.	10/27	at Notre Dame*	ACCNX	6:30 p.m.
09/15	INDIANA#	ACCNX	7 p.m.	10/29	at Louisville*	ACCNX	1 p.m.
09/16	STETSON#	ACCNX	11 a.m.	11/03	VIRGINIA*	ACCNX	7 p.m.
09/16	JACKSONVILLE#	ACCNX	7 p.m.	11/05	PITTSBURGH*	ACCNX	1 p.m.
09/22	at Wake Forest*	ACCNX	7 p.m.	11/12	at Florida State*	ACCNX	1 p.m.
09/24	at Virginia Tech*	ACCNX	12 p.m.	11/17	GEORGIA TECH*	ACCNX	7 p.m.
09/29	DUKE*	ACCNX	7 p.m.	11/22	at Pittsburgh*	ACCNX	7 p.m.
10/01	UNC*	ACCNX	1 p.m.	11/25	at Boston College*	ACCNX	1 p.m.

BOLD CAPS - home games

ACC*

Canes Classic^A

Gamecock Challenge%

Wisconsin Tournament\$

305 Challenge#



MIAMI HURRICANES ROSTER

NUMERICAL

#	NAME	POS.	HT.	CL.	HOMETOWN/HS/LAST SCHOOL
1	Savannah Vach	S	5-10	Sr.	Winter Springs, Fla. / Oviedo
2	Naylani Feliciano	L	5-7	So.	Plano, Texas / Plano Senior
3	Cianna Tejada	OH	6-1	Fr.	Fort Lauderdale, Fla. / Pine Crest School
4	Ashley Carr	MB	6-0	Jr.	Glenview, Ill. / Glenview South
6	Shannon Knight	MB	6-1	So.	Manhattan Beach, Calif. / Mira Costa
7	Yaidaliz Rosado	DS	5-8	Jr.	Morovis, P.R. / Piaget Bilingual Academy
8	Milana Moisis	L	5-5	So.	Waukegan, Ill. / Carmel Catholic
9	Bianka Lulic	MH	6-5	Fr.	San Diego, Calif. / La Jolla Country Day High School
10	Flormarie Heredia Colon	OH	6-0	So.	Santo Domingo, D.R. / Central Pointe Christian Academy (Fla.)
11	Alanys Viera	S	5-5	Jr.	Longwood, Fla. / Lyman
12	Taylor Polivka	S	5-11	Fr.	Keller, Texas / Keller High School
13	Ariana Rodriguez	S	5-10	Fr.	New York, NY / Poly Prep Country Day School
14	Angela Grieve	OH	6-0	RSr.	Jupiter, Fla. / South Fork
15	Nyah Anderson	OH	6-0	Jr.	San Antonio, Texas / Ronald Reagan
16	Abby Casiano	MB	6-2	Gr.	Riverview, Fla. / Syracuse / Tampa United Volleyball Academy
17	Janice Leao	MB	6-3	Gr.	New Bedford, Mass. / New Bedford
18	Anna Ross	OH	6-2	So.	Malibu, Calif. / Santa Monica
19	Peyman Yardimci	OH	6-0	Jr.	Istanbul, Turkey / TED Istanbul Koleji
20	Semrit Nijjar	OH	6-3	So.	Vancouver, British Columbia / Mount St. Mary Academy (N.J.)
23	Grace Lopez	OH	6-1	Fr.	Aguada, P.R. / Froebel Bilingual School

COACHING STAFF

Head Coach: Jose "Keno" Gandara (UC Santa Barbara '90, 11th season)

Assistant Coach: Jillian Hadder (UMass Lowell '11, Eighth season)

Assistant Coach: Eric Johnson (Springfield College '16, First season)

Director of Operations: Natalia Gaby Huaroto-Luque (SMU '18, Fourth season)

Volunteer Technical Coordinator: Luis Serra

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

NO.	NAME	FIRST	LAST
	Jose "Keno" Gandara	Ho-ZAY KEH-No	GAHN-Duh-Ruh
	Natalia Gaby Huaroto-Loque		WAHR-oh-toe LOO-kay
1	Savannah Vach		VOCK
2	Naylani Feliciano		Feh-LEE-cee-AHNO
7	Yaidaliz Rosado	Yie-DAH-Leez	Roe-SAH-Do
8	Milana Moisis	Mee-LAH-nuh	MOY-see-oh
9	Bianka Lulic		LOO-lick
11	Alanys Viera	Uh-LAH-Nis	Vee-AIR-Uh
13	Cianna Tejada	See-AH-nuh	Tay-HAH-duh
14	Angela Grieve		GREEVE
16	Nyah Anderson	NYE-uh	
17	Janice Leao		LAY-Ow
19	Peyman Yardimci	PAY-Min	Yar-DIM-Chi
20	Semrit Nijjar	SEM-rit	Nuh-HEER

AVCA RANKING

Rank	School	Record
1	Wisconsin (50)	2-0
2	Stanford (11)	2-0
3	Louisville (2)	3-0
4	Nebraska	3-0
5	Minnesota	2-0
6	Oregon	3-0
7	Texas	1-1
8	Florida	2-0
9	BYU	3-0
10	Pittsburgh	2-1
11	Georgia Tech	2-0
12	Ohio State	3-0
13	Houston	3-0
14	Penn State	0-2
15	Kentucky	1-1
16	Baylor	0-2
17	Washington State	2-1
18	Rice	2-0
19	Marquette	2-1
20	Creighton	2-1
21	Arkansas	2-0
22	Western Kentucky	2-1
23	Kansas	2-0
24	Tennessee	3-0
25	Purdue	1-2

Received Votes: Hawaii 162; Colorado State 82; San Diego 82; Auburn 56; **Florida State 56**; **Miami (FL)** 49; Dayton 34; UCF 32; Long Beach State 29; Iowa State 25; Loyola (Ill.) 23; Loyola Marymount 20; LSU 13; Southern California 13; Washington 6; **Duke 3**

BOLD is ACC team

ACC RANKING

Rank	School	Record
1	Boston College	0-0
2	Clemson	0-0
3	Duke	0-0
4	Florida State	0-0
5	Georgia Tech	0-0
6	Louisville	0-0
7	Miami	0-0
8	NC State	0-0
9	Notre Dame	0-0
10	UNC	0-0
11	Pittsburgh	0-0
12	Syracuse	0-0
13	Virginia	0-0
14	Virginia Tech	0-0
15	Wake Forest	0-0



HEAD COACH JOSE "KENO" GANDARA

11TH SEASON | UC SANTA BARBARA, 1990

Career Record: 177-105 | UM Record: 177-105 | ACC Record: 115-71

GANDARA'S CAREER

Assistant Coach (Men's team)	
1992-1994	UCSB
Assistant Coach (Women's team)	
1994-	UCSB
Associate Coach	
--	UNLV
Assistant Coach	
2005-2013	Washington
Head Coach	
2013-Pres.	Miami

EDUCATION

UC Santa Barbara, 1990

NCAA APPEARANCES

- 2005 - Washington - Champions
- 2006 - Washington - Final Four
- 2013 - Miami - First Round
- 2014 - Miami - Second Round
- 2015 - Miami - First Round
- 2017 - Miami - Second Round
- 2021 - Miami - Second Round
- 2022 - Miami - First Round

PLAYING CAREER

UC Santa Barbara, 1987-90

PLAYING ACCOLDADES

- First Team All-American, 1989
- Second Team All-American, 1988
- Two-time All-Conference Selection
- Played in 1988 National Championship
- Inducted into UCSB Hall of Fame
- Has represented the U.S. and Puerto Rico international teams

Jose "Keno" Gandara accepted the position of head volleyball coach at the University of Miami on March 20, 2013, becoming the second head coach since the program returned in 2001.

Gandara wrapped his first decade with the Hurricanes by making a back-to-back NCAA tournament appearance. The team notched a 19-11 record, highlighted by a top-10 victory over Georgia Tech at home and 10 sweeps. Miami concluded the season with a 12-6 conference record for fourth place, as well as claiming three individual All-Region honors in Angela Grieve, Janice Leao and Savannah Vach and four All-ACC accolades; Leao (First Team), Vach and Grieve (Second Team) and Flormarie Heredia Colon (Freshman Team).

In Gandara's ninth season at the helm in 2021, Miami returned to the postseason for the first time since 2017 and fifth time under his direction. The Canes advance to the second round of the tournament in the Gainesville Region, ultimately falling to site host Florida. UM finished the season 25-5 overall, with 15 wins coming by way of sweep, and 15-3 in conference play on its way to a second-place finish in the ACC, all program bests under Gandara and the most wins in a season since 2012 when the team posted 26. The Hurricanes finished the year ranked 14th in the RPI and 25th in the AVCA Division I Coaches Poll.

Individually, the Canes saw success with Gandara's leadership as Savannah Vach, Janice Leao and Angela Grieve earned regional recognition. Vach and Leao earned AVCA East All-Region, while Grieve was an all-region honorable mention. Leao also garnered AVCA All-American Honorable Mention. Vach added to her resume with All-ACC First Team, while teammates Grieve, Leao and Priscilla Hernandez were tabbed All-ACC Second Team. Peyman Yardimci tallied a strong freshman campaign to earn a spot on the All-ACC Freshman Team. The trio of Grieve, Yardimci and Hernandez rounded out the Canes awards as all three garnered ACC All-Academic Team honors.

The Hurricanes returned the NCAA Championship in 2017 for the fourth time in five seasons under Gandara's leadership. Miami won its first postseason match since 2014, defeating the College of Charleston in the opening round of the tournament in a Gainesville, Fla. The Canes fell to No. 2 Florida in four sets in an exciting second round matchup to close the season 22-6 and finish with their best winning percentage since 2012.

Senior outside hitter Olga Strantzali was named ACC Player of the Year and AVCA East Coast Region Player of the Year. Strantzali was joined by redshirt junior setter Haley Templeton on the All-ACC First Team and AVCA All-East Coast Region team. Strantzali and Templeton topped off a memorable season with AVCA All-America Honorable Mention recognition. The Canes both started and finished the campaign strong, winning the first nine matches and the seven contests prior to falling to second-seeded Florida. Miami topped the ACC in service aces with 1.71 per set and finished the season in the top three of two additional categories – hitting percentage (second with .246) and kills (tied for third with 13.64 per set).

In 2016, Gandara led a resilient Miami squad that proved to rise to the occasion when it stepped into an opponent's gym. The 2016 Hurricanes won 11 matches away from Coral Gables, picking up big road wins at Notre Dame and Louisville. Junior outside hitter Olga Strantzali developed into one of the best players in the country, receiving AVCA All-America honorable mention and earned AVCA All-East Coast Region and First Team All-ACC honors. Strantzali and freshman setter Hannah Sorensen were named to the All-ACC Academic Team in recognition of their success on the court and in the classroom.

Gandara led the Hurricanes to three straight NCAA Tournaments in his first three seasons at the helm of the Miami volleyball program. The Canes were selected to the 2015 NCAA Tournament, where they faced Iowa State in a first round match in Madison, Wis. The Canes finished the season 21-10 and 14-6 in the ACC, while Miami's 21 wins marked the second consecutive 20-win season under Gandara's leadership. The Hurricanes saw seniors Alexis Mourning and Taylor Scott, as well as sophomores Olga Strantzali and Haley Templeton, named to the 2015 All-ACC Second Team with Strantzali and Templeton also earning AVCA All-East Coast Region Honorable Mention.

Miami reached the NCAA Tournament for the sixth consecutive season in 2014 and seventh time in program history. The Hurricanes, who finished the season 22-9, defeated UCF in five sets in the first round of the NCAA Tournament. The victory was Gandara's first NCAA Tournament win as a head coach. Miami's 22 wins also gave Gandara his first 20-win season at the helm of the program.

The Canes reached the second round of the NCAA Tournament before falling to No. 8 Florida in four sets. But Gandara helped develop several players to reach unprecedented levels of success.

Senior outside hitter Savannah Leaf was named 2014 ACC Player of the Year and a second team AVCA All-American, while freshman Haley Templeton earned ACC Freshman of the Year honors. Leaf was joined by senior middle blocker Emani Sims on the All-ACC First Team, while Templeton was picked for the All-ACC Second Team and the All-ACC Freshman Team. The accolades continued for the trio as Leaf and Sims were named AVCA East Coast All-Region selections and Templeton was tabbed as the AVCA East Coast Region Freshman of the Year.

The 2013 season was filled with firsts for Gandara. He secured his first win as a NCAA head coach on Aug. 30, when Miami defeated Austin Peay, 3-1. Gandara collected his first home win when Miami beat LSU in five sets on Sept. 14. The first-year head coach tallied his first ACC win when the Canes defeated Boston College in five sets on Sept. 28. Gandara also guided the Canes to their fifth straight NCAA Tournament appearance and first under his tutelage.

The Hurricanes dropped their first-round match against Oregon in three sets, but 2013 was still a successful first season under Gandara. Miami had four players earn All-ACC distinction, including Savannah Leaf and Emani Sims (first team), Alexis Mourning (second team) and Ryan Shaffer (third team). The Canes defeated No. 12 North Carolina at home and earned one of the coveted 64 spots in the NCAA Tournament.

Gandara came to Miami after spending eight years as an assistant at the University of Washington. He previously served as an assistant at UNLV and his alma mater, UC Santa Barbara.

Gandara is a highly respected teacher who has played and coached at the top levels of college and professional volleyball. Keno assisted former Washington head coach Jim McLaughlin with all aspects of coaching, including opponent scouting and contributing to the Huskies' defensive package. The Huskies won a National Championship in Keno's first year on staff, 2005, and reached the 2006 Final Four.

Gandara began his coaching career at UCSB in 1992 as an assistant with the men's team and was an assistant with the women's team in 1994. He also spent one season as a head coach/player with the San Juan Volleyball club in the Puerto Rico Professional League.

A San Juan, Puerto Rico, native, Gandara graduated from UC Santa Barbara in 1990 after a successful volleyball career with the Gauchos as a middle blocker. Gandara was a first team All-America selection in 1989 and second team selection in 1988 after leading UCSB to the national title match. He was also a two-time all-conference honoree. Gandara has also been inducted into the UCSB Hall of Fame. He also represented both the United States and Puerto Rico in international competition as a member of their respective national volleyball teams.

Gandara is married to Stephanie Cox who was a standout setter at UCSB and played on the AVP Tour. The couple welcomed their first child, a son named Lucas, in April 2011.



2023-24 OVERALL STATS



2023-24 Miami (FL) Women's Volleyball Combined Team Statistics All games

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Game Records

Overall	Conference	Home	Away	Neutral
3 - 0	0 - 0	3 - 0	0 - 0	0 - 0

Team Box Score

#	Player	SP	Attack				Set		Serve			Dig		Blocking					PTS			
			K	K/S	E	TA	PCT	A	A/S	SA	SE	SA/S	RE	DIG	DIG/S	BS	BA	TOT/S		BLK/S	BE	BHE
1	Vach, Savannah	11	3	0.27	2	8	.125	132	12.00	1	4	0.09	0	30	2.73	0	5	5	0.45	0	2	6.5
2	Feliciano, Naylani	6	0	0.00	0	0	.000	3	0.50	1	1	0.17	0	8	1.33	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	1.0
3	Tejada, Cianna	2	5	2.50	1	9	.444	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	5.0
4	Carr, Ashley	2	2	1.00	2	7	.000	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	3	3	1.50	0	0	3.5
7	Rosado, Yaidaliz	10	0	0.00	0	0	.000	3	0.30	6	3	0.60	0	11	1.10	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	6.0
8	Moisio, Milana	9	0	0.00	0	0	.000	6	0.67	4	4	0.44	3	22	2.44	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	4.0
10	Heredia Colon, Flormarie	10	29	2.90	14	70	.214	3	0.30	3	11	0.30	1	15	1.50	0	3	3	0.30	0	0	33.5
11	Viera, Alanys	2	0	0.00	0	1	.000	4	2.00	0	0	0.00	0	3	1.50	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.0
14	Grieve, Angela	9	37	4.11	21	98	.163	0	0.00	6	3	0.67	4	23	2.56	0	3	3	0.33	1	0	44.5
15	Anderson, Nyah	4	4	1.00	4	10	.000	0	0.00	1	1	0.25	0	5	1.25	0	3	3	0.75	0	0	6.5
16	Casiano, Abby	10	23	2.30	0	40	.575	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	2	0.20	1	7	8	0.80	1	0	27.5
17	Leao, Janice	10	20	2.00	1	33	.576	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	1	0.10	0	12	12	1.20	0	0	26.0
19	Yardimci, Peyman	11	37	3.36	7	75	.400	2	0.18	0	1	0.00	0	20	1.82	0	7	7	0.64	0	0	40.5
23	Lopez, Grace	3	6	2.00	2	16	.250	0	0.00	1	4	0.33	2	10	3.33	1	1	2	0.67	0	0	8.5
MIAMI (FL)		11	166	15.09	54	367	.305	153	13.91	23	32	2.09	14	150	13.64	2	44	24	2.18	2	2	213.0
Opponents		11	118	10.73	54	342	.187	103	9.36	14	25	1.27	23	120	10.91	2	32	18	1.64	7	2	150.0

Team statistics

	UM	OPP
ATTACK		
Kills	166	118
Errors	54	54
Total Attacks	367	342
Attack Pct	.305	.187
Kills/Set	15.09	10.73
SET		
Assists	153	103
Attempts	361	338
Assist Pct	.424	.305
Assists/Set	13.91	9.36
SERVE		
Aces	23	14
Errors	32	25
Attempts	267	227
Serve Pct	.880	.890
Aces/Set	2.09	1.27
SERVE RECEPTIONS		
Errors	14	23
Errors/Set	1.27	2.09
Attempts	202	235
Reception Pct	.931	.991
DEFENSE		
Digs	150	120
Digs/Set	13.64	10.91
BLOCKING		
Block solo	2	2
Block Assist	44	32
Total Blocks	24	18
Blocks/Set	2.18	1.64
Block Errors	2	7
Ball handling errors	2	2
ATTENDANCE		
Total	1535	0
Dates/Avg Per Date	3/512	0/0
Neutral Site #/Avg	0/0	-
Current win streak	0	-
Home win streak	0	-

Team Results

Date	Opponent	Score	Score-by-set	Att.
08/25/2023	Maryland	W 3-1	25-13,25-22,23-25,25-23	825
08/26/2023	FIU	W 3-0	26-24,25-17,25-14	450
08/28/2023	Fla. Atlantic	W 3-1	25-22,25-18,23-25,25-19	260



2023-24 PHOTO ROSTER



1
Savannah Vach
S | 5-10 | Sr.



2
Naylani Feliciano
L | 5-7 | So.



3
Cianna Tejada
OH | 6-1 | So.



4
Ashley Carr
MB | 6-0 | Jr.



6
Shannon Knight
MB | 6-1 | So.



7
Yaidaliz Rosado
DS | 5-8 | Jr.



8
Milana Moisio
L | 5-5 | So.



9
Bianka Lulić
MH | 6-5 | Fr.



10
Flormarie Heredia Colon
OH | 6-0 | So.



11
Alanys Viera
S | 5-5 | Jr.



12
Taylor Polivka
S | 5-11 | Fr.



13
Ariana Rodriguez
S | 5-10 | Fr.



14
Angela Grieve
OH | 6-0 | R-Sr.



15
Nyah Anderson
OH | 6-0 | Jr.



16
Abby Casiano
MB | 6-2 | Gr.



17
Janice Leao
MB | 6-3 | Gr.



18
Anna Ross
OH | 6-2 | So.



19
Peyman Yardimci
OH | 6-0 | Jr.



20
Semrit Nijjar
OH | 6-3 | So.



23
Grace Lopez
OH | 6-1 | Fr.



Head Coach
Jose "Keno" Gandara
11th Season



Associate Head Coach
Jillian Hadder
7th Season



Assistant Coach
Eric Johnson
1st Season



Director of Ops.
Gaby Huaroto-Luque
4th Season