

MIAMI HURRICANES

MEN'S BASKETBALL

QUICK FACTS

UNIVERSITY INFORMATION

Location	Coral Gables, Fla.
Enrollment	19,593
Founded	1925
Nickname	Hurricanes
Colors	Orange (PMS 1665), Green (PMS 3435) and White
CEO & Acting President	Joe Echevarria
Vice President / Director of Athletics	Dan Radakovich
Faculty Athletics Representative	Dr. Marvin Dawkins
Conference	Atlantic Coast Conference
Arena / Capacity	Watsco Center / 7,972
Ticket Office Phone	1-800-GO-CANES
Website	MiamiHurricanes.com
Mailing Address	5821 San Amaro Drive, Coral Gables, FL 33146
Flagship Radio Station	AM 560 Sports WQAM
Radio Play-by-Play Voice	Joe Zagacki

BASKETBALL STAFF

Head Coach	Jim Larrañaga (Providence, 1971)
Record at Miami	270-166, 126-115 ACC (14th season)
Career Record	740-500 (41st season)
Associate Head Coach	Bill Courtney (Bucknell '92, sixth season, third as AHC)
Assistant Coach	DJ Irving (Boston University '14, fourth season)
Assistant Coach	Kotie Kimble (Coastal Carolina '07, third season)
Assistant Coach / Head Video Director	Joe Gimbel (Temple '18, fourth season)
Director of Basketball Ops.	Jeff Dyer (Delaware '14, eighth season total)
Director of Player Develop.	Chris Alvarez (Northeastern '09, second season)
Director of Recruiting	Pete Matthews (Robert Morris '22, first season)
Assistant Director of Basketball Ops.	Jacob Klee (Miami '20, second season)
Strength & Conditioning Coach	Brandon Kuhn (Angelo State '06, second season)
Athletic Trainer	Sam Johnson (Grand Valley State [Mich.] '14, fourth season)
Physical Therapist	Tommy Otley (Asbury [Ky.] '17, third season)

PROGRAM HISTORY

First Year of Basketball	1926-27 (no team from 1971-72 to 1984-85)
All-Time Record	1,118-834 (.573)
ACC Record	169-184 (.489) 106-71 H (.599) 63-113 A (.358)
NCAA Tournament Appearances	12 (1960, '98, '99, 2000, '02, '08, '13, '16, '17, '18, '22, '23)
Last NCAA Tournament Opponent	Connecticut, 2023 (L, 72-59, Final Four)
NIT Appearances	12 (1961, '63, '64, '95, '97, 2001, '05, '06, '09, '11, '12, '15)
Last NIT Opponent	Stanford, 2015 (L, 66-64 [OT], Final)

ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS

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MBB / Miami Athletics Social Media

Official Twitter	@CanesHoops @MiamiHurricanes
Official Instagram	@CanesHoops @MiamiHurricanes
Official Facebook	/CanesHoops /MiamiHurricanes

Coaching Staff Social Media

Coach Jim Larrañaga	@CanesCoachL
Coach Bill Courtney	N/A
Coach DJ Irving	@CoachDJIrving
Coach Kotie Kimble	@kotiekimble

2024-25 SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	TV
OCT. 30	ST. LEO (EXHIBITION)	7 P.M.	ACCNX
NOV. 4	FAIRLEIGH DICKINSON	7 P.M.	ACCNX
NOV. 10	BINGHAMTON	2 P.M.	ACCNX
NOV. 17	COPPIN STATE	2 P.M.	ACCNX
Nov. 21	vs. Drake+	12 p.m.	ESPN/2/U
Nov. 22	vs. TBD+	TBA	ESPN/2/U
Nov. 24	vs. TBD+	TBA	ESPN/2
NOV. 30	CHARLESTON SOUTHERN	2 P.M.	ACCNX
DEC. 3	ARKANSAS^	7/7:30 P.M.	ESPN/2
DEC. 7	CLEMSON*	12 P.M.	ESPN2
Dec. 10	vs. Tennessee&	6:30 p.m.	ESPN
DEC. 15	PRESBYTERIAN	2 P.M.	ACCNX
DEC. 21	MOUNT ST. MARY'S	2 P.M.	ACCNX
Jan. 1	at Boston College*	TBA	ACCN
Jan. 4	at Virginia Tech*	2 p.m.	ACCN
JAN. 8	FLORIDA STATE*	7 P.M.	ACCN
JAN. 11	WAKE FOREST*	5:15 P.M.	THE CW
Jan. 14	at Duke*	9 p.m.	ESPN
JAN. 18	SMU*	TBA	ESPN2/U
Jan. 22	at Stanford*	11 p.m.	ESPN2/U
Jan. 25	at Cal*	TBA	ESPN2/U
JAN. 29	VIRGINIA*	7 P.M.	ESPN2/U
FEB. 1	NOTRE DAME*	8 P.M.	ESPN2
Feb. 8	at Louisville*	TBA	ESPN/2/U
FEB. 11	SYRACUSE*	7 P.M.	ACCN
Feb. 15	at Pittsburgh*	12 p.m.	ESPN/2
Feb. 19	at Florida State*	9 p.m.	ACCN
FEB. 22	VIRGINIA TECH*	6 P.M.	ACCN
FEB. 25	DUKE*	7 P.M.	ESPN
Mar 1	at North Carolina*	TBA	ESPN
Mar 4	at Georgia Tech*	7 p.m.	ACCN
MAR. 8	NC STATE*	2:15 P.M.	THE CW
March 11-15	ACC Tournament		

BOLD CAPS = Home game, played at the Watsco Center (Coral Gables, Fla.)

* ACC game

^ SEC/ACC Challenge

+ Shriners Children's Hospital Charleston Classic (Charleston, S.C.)

& Jimmy V Classic (New York, N.Y.)

All times Eastern and subject to change

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TEAM INFORMATION

2023-24 Overall Record	15-17 (11-6 H, 2-9 A, 2-2 N)
ACC Record / Finish	6-14 / 14th
Letter Winners Returning / Lost	3 / 10
Starters Returning / Lost	3 / 2
Newcomers	12

RET. STARTERS	CL	POS	GP-GS	PPG	RPG	APG
Nijel Pack	Gr.	G	35-35	13.6	2.7	2.2
Matthew Cleveland	Sr.	G	37-36	8.4	3.3	1.5

NEWCOMERS	POS	HT	WT	CL
Xander Alarie	F	6-8	195	Fr.
Yussif Basa-Ama	F	6-9	213	Gr.
Jalil Bethea	G	6-5	190	Fr.
Jalen Blackmon	G	6-2	180	Sr.
Kiree Huie	F	6-9	228	Sr.
Brandon Johnson	F	6-8	223	Sr.
Isaiah Johnson-Arigo	F	6-7	220	Fr.
Lynn Kidd	C	6-10	241	Gr.
AJ Staton-McCray	G	6-4	196	Sr.
Austin Swartz	G	6-4	200	Fr.
Divine Ugochukwu	G	6-3	190	Fr.

NUMERICAL ROSTER

NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	CL.	HOMETOWN / HIGH SCHOOL / LAST SCHOOL	MAJOR
0	Matthew Cleveland	G	6-7	210	Sr.	Atlanta, Ga. / Pace Academy / Florida State	Criminology
1	Lynn Kidd	C	6-10	241	Gr.*	Gainesville, Fla. / IMG Academy / Virginia Tech	Master's / Sport Administration
2	Brandon Johnson	F	6-8	223	Sr.	Raleigh, N.C. / Rolesville / East Carolina	Master's / Sport Administration
3	Jalil Bethea	G	6-5	190	Fr.	Philadelphia, Pa. / Archbishop Wood	Exercise Physiology
4	Isaiah Johnson-Arigu	F	6-7	220	Fr.	Minneapolis, Minn. / Totino-Grace	Community & Applied Psych
5	Jalen Blackmon	G	6-2	180	Sr.	Marion, Ind. / Marion / Stetson	Master's / Sport Administration
8	Xander Alarie	F	6-8	195	Fr.	Potomac, Md. / St. Andrew's Episcopal School	Entrepreneurship
10	Paul Djobet	G	6-7	209	So.	Lille, France / West Oaks Academy (Fla.)	Exercise Physiology
11	AJ Staton-McCray	G	6-4	196	R-Jr.	Delray Beach, Fla. / West Oaks Academy (Fla.) / Samford	Master's / Sport Administration
15	Kiree Huie	F	6-9	228	Sr.	Grayson, Ga. / Grayson / Idaho State	American Studies
23	Austin Swartz	G	6-4	200	Fr.	Concord, N.C. / Cannon School	Communications
24	Nijel Pack	G	6-0	185	Gr.*	Indianapolis, Ind. / Lawrence Central / Kansas State	Master's / Sport Administration
35	Yussif Basa-Ama	F	6-9	213	Gr.*	Bolgatanga, Ghana / Saint Andrew's School (Fla.) / Yale	Master's / Int'l Administration
99	Divine Ugochukwu	G	6-3	190	Fr.	Sugar Land, Texas / Clements	Business

* Yussif Basa-Ama, Lynn Kidd and Nijel Pack were all granted another year of eligibility due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

NAME	FIRST	LAST
Xander Alarie	ZAN-der	ah-LARE-ee
Yussif Basa-Ama	YOO-sif	BAHSH-yamma
Jalil Bethea	juh-LEEL	beth-EE-uh
Paul Djobet		joe-BAY
Joe Gimbel		GIMM-Bull
Kiree Huie	ky-REE	HUE-ee
Isaiah Johnson-Arigu		Ah-REE-goo
Brandon Kuhn		KOON
Jim Larrañaga		lare-uh-NAY-guh
AJ Staton-McCray		STAY-ton
Nijel Pack	NYE-juhl (like "Nigel")	
Divine Ugochukwu		oo-go-CHOOK-woo

FRESHMEN (5)

No. 3 Jalil Bethea
 No. 4 Isaiah Johnson-Arigu
 No. 8 Xander Alarie
 No. 23 Austin Swartz
 No. 99 Divine Ugochukwu

SOPHOMORE (1)

No. 10 Paul Djobet

REDSHIRT JUNIOR (1)

No. 11 AJ Staton-McCray

SENIORS (4)

No. 0 Matthew Cleveland
 No. 15 Kiree Huie
 No. 2 Brandon Johnson
 No. 5 Jalen Blackmon

GRADUATE (3)

No. 1 Lynn Kidd
 No. 24 Nijel Pack
 No. 35 Yussif Basa-Ama



#0
MATTHEW CLEVELAND
 SR. | G | 6-7 | 208
 ATLANTA, GA.
 FLORIDA STATE



#1
LYNN KIDD
 GR. | C | 6-10 | 235
 GAINESVILLE, FLA.
 VIRGINIA TECH



#2
BRANDON JOHNSON
 SR. | F | 6-8 | 210
 RALEIGH, N.C.
 EAST CAROLINA



#3
JALIL BETHEA
 FR. | G | 6-4 | 175
 PHILADELPHIA, PA.
 ARCHBISHOP WOOD



#4
ISAIAH JOHNSON-ARIGU
 FR. | F | 6-7 | 200
 MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.
 TOTINO-GRACE



#5
JALEN BLACKMON
 SR. | G | 6-3 | 180
 MARION, IND.
 STETSON



#8
XANDER ALARIE
 FR. | F | 6-8 | 195
 POTOMAC, MD.
 ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL



#10
PAUL DJOBET
 SO. | G | 6-7 | 195
 LILLE, FRANCE
 WEST OAKS ACADEMY (FLA.)



#11
A.J. STATON-MCCRAY
 R-JR. | G | 6-5 | 195
 DELRAY BEACH, FLA.
 SAMFORD



#15
KIREE HUIE
 SR. | F | 6-9 | 220
 GRAYSON, GA.
 IDAHO STATE



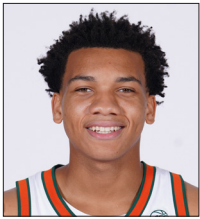
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AUSTIN SWARTZ
 FR. | G | 6-4 | 180
 CONCORD, N.C.
 CANNON SCHOOL



#24
NIJEL PACK
 GR. | G | 6-0 | 185
 INDIANAPOLIS, IND.
 KANSAS STATE



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YUSSIF BASA-AMA
 GR. | F | 6-8 | 195
 BOLGATANGA, GHANA
 YALE



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 FR. | G | 6-3 | 180
 SUGAR LAND, TEXAS
 CLEMENTS



JIM LARRAÑAGA
 HEAD COACH
 14TH SEASON



BILL COURTNEY
 ASSOCIATE HEAD COACH
 SIXTH SEASON



DJ IRVING
 ASSISTANT COACH
 FOURTH SEASON



KOTIE KIMBLE
 ASSISTANT COACH
 THIRD SEASON



JOE GIMBEL
 ASSISTANT COACH / HEAD
 VIDEO DIRECTOR
 FOURTH SEASON



JEFF DYER
 DIRECTOR OF OPS.
 EIGHTH SEASON



CHRIS ALVAREZ
 DIR. OF PLAYER DEVELOP.
 SECOND SEASON



PETE MATTHEWS
 DIRECTOR OF RECRUITING
 FIRST SEASON



JACOB KLEE
 ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF OPS.
 SECOND SEASON



BRANDON KUHN
 STRENGTH & COND. COACH
 SECOND SEASON



SAM JOHNSON
 ATHLETIC TRAINER
 FOURTH SEASON



TOMMY OTLEY
 PHYSICAL THERAPIST
 THIRD SEASON