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"I'm just glad to be giving the seniors another opportunity to play in front of the home crowd and possibly go back to New York. I'm just doing everything right now for the seniors, because they deserve it." –Dion Harris, after hitting the game-winning shot against Notre Dame

Still catching your breath? Still regaining your voice? You're not alone. Dion Harris' game-winning, buzzer-beating, fadeaway three in double overtime Monday night capped off a hard-fought, thrilling NIT classic, from which Michigan prevailed with an 87-84 victory over Notre Dame. It was the second time this year that Harris broke the hearts of the Irish, who had their fair share of heartbreakers all season. But the Wolverines move on, and tonight they face another team looking for revenge from earlier in the year. Back in November, U-M routed Miami (FL) 74-53 in the Big Ten/ACC Challenge, with five players scoring in double figures. The Canes are back in town after winning at Creighton, and they have their sights set on NYC. Unfortunately, so do we. In this, the final home game of the season, we salute the seniors. Let's send Daniel and co. out in style tonight, with a trip to the Big Apple!

Here is the projected starting lineup for the Miami Hurricanes (18-15, 7-9 ACC):

13	Guillermo Diaz	6'2"	G	"Superman" has a 41 inch vertical leap, which helped him become a star spiker on the Puerto Rico Junior National Volleyball team
15	Denis Clemente	6'0"	G	Freshman, also from Puerto Rico, is related to baseball's Roberto Clemente
22	Robert Hite	6'2"	G	"Flight" is considered the Most Underrated Player in the ACC by <i>The Sporting News</i> (which also picked State as the nation's preseason #1)
2	Gary Hamilton	6'10"	F	"G" may look scary out on the hardwood, but this Liberal Arts major has a softer side, writing poetry and dancing in his spare time
50	Anthony King	6'9"	F	ACC All-Defensive selection loves eating lasagna and surfing the internet
Coach	Frank Haith			Finalist for the Naismith Coach of the Year last season (his first at Miami)

**Who are you?:** Junior guard Anthony Harris (#12), who started 28 of 29 games last year as the Canes' point guard, is the one "excuse" Miami has for getting embarrassed by U-M four months ago. Harris missed the game with a broken foot. He will be in action tonight, despite having trouble holding onto his spot in the starting lineup (to the freshman Clemente, no less).

**Butlers getting served:** U of M has not been very kind to Butlers in the past year. One Butler, the Bulldog basketball team, was defeated 78-74 by the Michigan basketball team in November. The Wolverines face another Butler tonight in Miami senior guard Lee Butler (#3). Lee's brother, Deon (also a #3), is a star freshman wideout for the Penn State football team. In October, Deon, who had 36 catches and 9 TDs for the Nittany Lions on the year, was completely shut down by Leon Hall and the Michigan secondary, mustering only one catch for 6 yards in the Maize and Blue's 27-25 triumph over JoePa and Orange Bowl Champion PSU.

**What's in a name?:** We all know real names are overrated these days. When these Hurricanes are "partying in the city where the heat is on," they go by a variety of entertaining nicknames. In addition to those listed in the starting lineup info, freshman forward Jimmy Graham (#00) is known as "Big Red", sophomore forward Raymond Hicks (#42) goes by "Big Tex", freshman guard Jonathan Stratton (#21) prefers "J-Strat", senior guard Eric Wilkins (#11) goes by "E", freshman guard Brian Asbury (#32) is also known as "B-Smooth", and sophomore guard Jack McClinton (#33) is known as "Apples". Use these nicknames at will, vocal Ragers.

**THE REST OF THE MIAMI ROSTER:** #44 Keaton Copeland, #30 Adrian Thomas

**Thanks, seniors:** This is it, folks... the final time that you'll be able to see the departing seniors play on the friendly floor of Crisler Arena. These guys played their hearts out Monday to extend their careers; be sure to show Daniel Horton, (Lester Abram), Chris Hunter, Graham Brown, Sherrod Harrell, Hayes Grooms, Troy Sanchez, and Amadou Ba the appreciation they deserve tonight!

## NIT in NYC schedule:

Tuesday, March 28	NIT Semifinals	7pm	Madison Square Garden, NYC	ESPN2
Thursday, March 30	NIT Final	7pm	Madison Square Garden, NYC	ESPN

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**Histo's Corner:** Michigan is 3-0 all-time against Miami, including a 2-0 mark in games played at Crisler Arena. In addition to the win earlier this year, U-M defeated the Hurricanes 76-63 here in the 1<sup>st</sup> round of the 1997 NIT.

The last time Michigan played on March 22<sup>nd</sup> was in 2004, when the Wolverines beat Hawaii 88-73 here in Crisler to go to the NIT semifinals.

Michigan is 5-0 this year in games with one-sided issues of the Full Court Press.

**HISTO'S "BY THE NUMBERS":**

**22.3:** Michigan's average margin of victory vs. Miami (U-M is 3-0).