Miami Overcomes Hot VPI Start In 14-7 Win

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MIAMI — Bruce Arians and a handful of his Virginia Tech teammates were doing a lot of shuffling, dealing and waiting in a card game on their chartered plane ride down to the Fun City.

However, it was the University of Miami's shuffling and dealing Friday night which sent the Gobblers to the sixth loss in eight games this season.

Arians and quarterback Ariane struck early against the Hurricanes, 3-1, Miami shuffled its defense into an eight-man front to conquer the invaders.

The dealing involved pre-shopping, Gates Carter, the Hurricanes' senior nose guard, he injured an ankle early in the second quarter and sophomore Ralph Tansick played brilliantly in Carter's place.

"They played a lot more of that stuff yardage eight-man scheme on easy plays, there wasn't much they wouldn't," Tech Coach Jimmy Smith remarked. I thought they were going to win the game before we got out there. I thought, certainly, when it was 7-7 at halftime, and up until that last I thought we could come back.

The Gobblers seized the lead when Ariane faked a 28-yard strike to Ricky Scales. The touchdown play sparked tech's new alert football season mark of 16 receptions.

The Canes changed their defense to stop the Virginia Tech first-half possession, then launched a tying drive of 76 yards when culminated in Don Martin's two-yard scoring burst at the 14 of the second period.

Wayne Lamar accounted three long field goals in the second half, of which had the distance but were lost to the side.

It was his first miss, from 49 yards, which began Miami's winning march to pay dirt.

The hosts seemed stopped to their 19 when Larry Baker (bared 10 yards to Steve Marcantoni on third down. An sideline penalty moved the ball to the Miami 41, but two more play netted minus yards. Baker threw complete, but short of a first down on the next call. Tech defensive end Keith McCarter was called for roughing the passer, however, and the hosts were in business again.

Baker completed to Witt Beckman for 23 yards, and...

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