



# RED HAWKS

2009-10 PREVIEW





# NUMERICAL ROSTER

# MIAMI HOCKEY

NO.	NAME	POS.	YR.	HT.	WT.	S/C	BORN	HOMETOWN/PREVIOUS TEAM
3	Dane Hetland	F	Sr.	5-10	195	R	7-6-87	Pittsburgh, Pa. - Bay State (EJHL)
4	Will Weber	D	So.	6-4	220	L	10-28-88	Gaylord, Mich. - Chicago (USHL)
5	Cameron Schilling	D	So.	6-2	194	L	10-7-88	Carmel, Ind. - Indiana (USHL)
6	Chris Wideman	D	So.	5-10	185	R	1-7-90	St. Louis, Mo. - Cedar Rapids (USHL)
8	Brandon Smith	F	Sr.	6-0	208	R	9-3-86	Pepper Pike, Ohio - Bridgewater (EJHL)
9	Tommy Wingels (C)	F	Jr.	6-0	194	R	4-12-88	Wilmette, Ill. - Cedar Rapids (USHL)
10	Devin Mantha	F	Fr.	6-1	195	R	3-8-89	Ann Arbor, Mich. - Orangeville (OPJHL)
11	Carter Camper	F	Jr.	5-9	177	R	7-6-88	Rocky River, Ohio/ Lincoln (USHL)
12	Gary Steffes	F	Sr.	6-2	197	R	5-20-87	Grand Blanc, Mich. - Cedar Rapids (USHL)
13	Trent Vogelhuber	F	So.	6-2	200	R	7-13-88	Dublin, Ohio - Des Moines (USHL)
14	Vincent LoVerde	D	Jr.	5-11	198	R	4-14-89	Chicago, Ill. - Waterloo (USHL)
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16	Curtis McKenzie	F	Fr.	6-1	194	L	2-22-91	Golden, B.C - Penticton (BCHL)
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18	Reilly Smith	F	Fr.	6-0	161	L	4-1-91	Mimico, Ont. - St. Michael's (OJHL)
19	Jarod Palmer	F	Sr.	6-0	195	R	2-10-86	Fridley, Minn. - Tri-City (USHL)
20	Pat Cannone	F	Jr.	5-11	203	R	8-9-86	Bayport, N.Y. - Cedar Rapids (USHL)
21	Steve Mason	F	Fr.	5-11	170	L	1-13-88	Tilburg, Netherlands - Nipawin (SJHL)
22	Justin Vaive	F	Jr.	6-6	218	L	7-8-89	Toronto, Ont. - USNDTP-18
23	Alden Hirschfeld	F	So.	6-1	203	R	1-26-88	Sylvania, Ohio - Mahoning Valley (NAHL)
24	Garrett Kennedy	D	Fr.	5-11	185	L	7-22-89	Brighton, Mich. - Indiana (USHL)
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27	Matt Tomassoni	D	So.	5-10	168	R	7-30-89	Carol Stream, Ill. - Cedar Rapids (USHL)
30	Cody Reichard	G	So.	5-11	171	L	2-18-87	Celina, Ohio - Fairbanks (NAHL)
31	Connor Knapp	G	So.	6-5	210	L	5-1-90	York, N.Y. - Boston (EJHL)
32	Ben Saks	G	Jr.	5-11	195	L	9-9-88	St. Clairsville, Ohio - Miami Club
44	Steven Spinell	D	Fr.	6-1	214	R	9-9-90	Vernon Hills, Ill. - Fargo (USHL)

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### The Staff

**Head Coach:** Enrico Blasi (Miami '94)  
**Assistant Coach:** Chris Bergeron (Miami '93)  
**Assistant Coach:** Brent Brekke (Western Michigan '94)  
**Dir. of Hockey Operations:** Nick Petraglia (Miami '04)  
**Assistant Athletic Director:** Josh Fenton (Iowa State '01)  
**Equipment Manager:** Andy Geshan (Miami '88)  
**Athletic Trainer:** Jason Eckerle (Ball State '02)

### Geographic Distribution of the RedHawks

Ohio ..... Six  
Michigan ..... Five  
Illinois ..... Four  
Canada ..... Three  
Minnesota, Indiana, Minnesota, New York ..... Two  
Indiana, Missouri, Netherlands, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin ..... One

### Pronunciation Guide

Enrico Blasi ..... N-ree-ko BLAH-zee  
Nick Petraglia ..... puh-TRAG-lee-a  
Chris Bergeron ..... BURR-jeh-ron  
Brent Brekke ..... BRECK-ee  
Pat Cannone ..... CAH-no-knee  
Andy Miele ..... MEE-lee  
Steven Spinell ..... SPIN-ell  
Ben Saks ..... SAHK-sa  
Gary Steffes ..... STEF-is  
Matt Tomassoni ..... TOM-uh-so-knee  
Justin Vaive ..... rhymes with drive

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## Breakdown By Class

Freshmen.....7  
 Sophomores.....8  
 Juniors.....8  
 Seniors.....4

Average Height: 6-0  
 Average Weight: 191.5  
 Average Age: 20 yrs. 7 mths.

Shot:  
 Left (11), Right (16)

Nationality:  
 American (23), Canadian (4)



The 2008-09 Miami RedHawks enjoyed their best finish in school history, but everyone associated with the program believes that much more is possible.

On the heels of its national championship game appearance a year ago, Miami is poised to make another run at a national title. Sure, the RedHawks have some key components to replace, but the majority of the team is back. The RedHawks have 17 letterwinners from a year ago on this season's roster.

Offensively, five of the top six scorers from a year ago are back, including the top three. At the head of the list is Hobey Baker candidate junior **Carter Camper** (Rocky River, Ohio), who led the 2008-09 team in points (42) and goal (20). He also had 12 game-winning goals and was named the team Most Valuable Player.

**Pat Cannone** (Bayport, N.Y.) registered 35 points (11 goals, 24 assists), while Andy Miele (Grosse Point Woods, Mich.) chipped in 30 (15g/15a)

All four seniors this season play up front. **Jared Palmer** (Fridley, Minn.) finished fourth on the team in assists last year with 19, while adding eight goals -- seven on the power play. **Gary Steffes** (Grand Blanc, Mich.) registered 11

goals and 12 assists for his 23 points, while **Brandon Smith** (Pepper Pike, Ohio) and **Dane Hetland** (Pittsburgh, Pa.) will provide depth and experience. Smith tallied two goals and five assists in his first season of action, while Hetland sat out last year after limited action during his first two campaigns.

**Tommy Wingels** (Willmette, Ill.) was elected captain this summer after assuming a leadership role last year during the NCAA Tournament. On the game's biggest stage, he tallied five points, scoring twice and dishing out an assist against Bemidji State and recording a pair of assists vs. Denver.

Junior **Justin Vaive** (Toronto, Ontario) and sophomore **Alden Hirschfeld** (Sylvania, Ohio) will look to expand their roles after serving as vital pieces of last year's RedHawk edition.

Miami added four freshmen up front who can all make an immediate impact. Canadians **Curtis McKenzie** (Golden, B.C.) and **Reilly Smith** (Mimico, Ont.) were both selected by Dallas in the NHL Amateur Draft this summer and will be counted on heavily as the lines shake out, while **Devin Mantha** (Ann Arbor, Mich.) and **Steve Mason** (Tilburg, Netherlands) should also contribute.

"Overall, we like what we have in the locker room," Head Coach Rico Blasi said. "Up front, we have good chemistry and we have the right guys in the right spots. This is a good veteran group and we added some quality freshmen. It is just a matter of getting the right line combinations and getting everyone working together."

"We added some guys with both skill and size."

On the other end of the ice, the entire defensive corps is back, headlined by CCHA All-Rookie Team selection **Chris Wideman** (St. Louis, Mo.). The sophomore also led the RedHawks in assists last year, dishing out 26.

**Cameron Schilling** (Carmel, Ind.) was an all-tournament selection at the NCAA West Regional last year, while **Vincent LoVerde** (Chicago, Ill.) played in 38 games as a freshman. **Will Weber** (Gaylord, Mich.) and **Matt Tomasoni** (Carol Stream, Ill.) return for their sophomore campaigns with valuable experience under their belts.

Three freshmen will try to crack the lineup on the back line this season. **Garrett Kennedy** (Brighton, Mich.), and **Joe Hartman** (St. Cloud, Minn.) were junior teammates at Indiana, while **Steven Spinell** (Vernon Hills, Ill.) also played in the USHL as a member of the Fargo Force.

"As far as the defense goes, we have almost everybody back," Blasi continued. "We had a very young group last year and they gained some valuable experience last year. The new guys are gonna fight and have the talent to play at this level."

Any questions about inexperience in goal last year were quickly answered by the freshmen tandem of **Connor Knapp** (York, N.Y.) and **Cody Reichard** (Celina, Ohio). The duo recorded goals against averages of 2.09 and 2.11, respectively, and Knapp was named to the CCHA All-Rookie Team. Reichard enjoyed his best success during the NCAA run, setting a school record with his third postseason win. He was named to the NCAA West Regional All-Tournament Team.

"In goal, we had two freshmen in Connor and Cody who saw some things that will help them this year."



**Carter Camper led the RedHawks in scoring last season with 20 goals and 42 points.**



The 2009-10 schedule is one of the toughest on record. In addition to a rigorous slate in the CCHA, Miami visits perennial powers North Dakota and New Hampshire, while also hosting WCHA member St. Cloud State. However, the most intriguing pairing might be a rematch of the semifinal game vs. Bemidji State, set to take place in the Subway Holiday Classic in Grand Forks, N.D.

Notre Dame highlights the 18-game home slate on Dec. 4-5. The weekend will feature a bicentennial reunion of former players, coaches and team personnel.

"This is a really tough schedule," Blasi admitted. "We wanted to make sure that we were playing top teams in the country. St. Cloud, New Hampshire, North Dakota and Bemidji are all top teams and Robert Morris is at the head of their conference. It is probably one of the toughest in the country and will make us better.

"Obviously, the CCHA schedule is always what it is. The schedule will be a challenge and should be fun."



**Junior Tommy Wingels was voted team captain for the 2009-10 season.**



**Miami returns 17 letterwinners from last year's National Runner-up team.**

## NOTING THE 2009-10 CAMPAIGN

**200 and Counting:** Miami University is celebrating its Bicentennial this year as the school was founded in 1809. The year-long celebration started on charter day – Feb. 16, 2009 – but the 2009-10 hockey season will be featured. A reunion will take place during the weekend of the Notre Dame series (Dec. 4-5) and the team will wear a special fourth jersey for certain games.

**Camper for Hobey:** Junior Carter Camper enters the season as a leading candidate for the Hobey Baker Award. As a sophomore, the Rocky River, Ohio, native led the RedHawks with 42 points (20-22) on 122 shots. He also recorded a +5 rating. Camper was among the top 10 finalists for the Hobey Baker in 2008-09.

**Top Team:** Since 2005-06, Miami's ice hockey team has the best winning percentage among all 58 Division I teams. Over the last four seasons, the RedHawks have compiled a record of 105-44-14 (.6871), just ahead of Michigan, which has a record of 109-47-10 (.6867) since 2005-06.

**Special Teams:** Special-teams play was a big factor in the RedHawks' success in 2008-09. Miami led the nation in penalty kills, turning in a success rate of 89.7 percent (208/232), while finishing third in the CCHA in power plays (18.4 percent – 45/244).

Carter Camper and Pat Cannone finished first and tied for second, respectively, in power play points. Camper tallied 23 points (12 goals, 11 assists), while Cannone (five goals, 16 assists) matched Western Michigan's Patrick Galivan with 21 points.

**In the Rankings:** Miami finished second in the final USCHO/ CBS College Sports Division I men's hockey poll. The RedHawks moved up and down in the Top 10 during the season, but extended their streak of 46 consecutive weeks. During this run, the RedHawks have been ranked as the nation's No. 1 team for ten weeks. Miami has also been ranked in the Top 10 for 81 of the last 89 weeks and has been ranked No. 1 11 times.



2008-09 CCHA All-Rookie Team selection Chris Wideman returns to anchor the defense for Miami.

RETURNING STATISTICAL LEADERS	
<b>Goals</b>	
Carter Camper.....	20
<b>Assists</b>	
Chris Wideman.....	26
<b>Points</b>	
Carter Camper.....	42
<b>Power-Play Goals</b>	
Carter Camper.....	12
<b>Penalty Minutes</b>	
Will Weber.....	75
<b>Game-Winning Goals</b>	
Carter Camper.....	7
<b>Plus-Minus</b>	
Chris Wideman.....	+11

## PERSONNEL BREAKDOWN

### Top Returners:

Carter Camper, F, Jr. ....	20-22-42
Tommy Wingels, F, Jr.....	11-17-28
Pat Cannone, F, Jr.....	11-24-35
Andy Miele, F, Jr.....	15-15-30
Chris Wideman, D, So. ....	0-26-26
Connor Knapp, G, So. ....	13-5-3, 2.09 GAA
Cody Reichard, G, So. ....	10-8-2, 2.11 GAA

### Key Departures:

Justin Mercier, F .....	14-15-29
Brian Kaufmann, F .....	10-12-22
Kevin Roeder, D.....	2-4-6

### Impact Freshmen:

Reilly Smith, F.....	St. Michael's (OJHL)
Curtis McKenzie, F .....	Penticton (BCHL)
Joe Hartman, D.....	Indiana (USHL)

### NHL Draft Picks:

Justin Vaive .....	Anaheim (2007/4th/92nd)
Trent Vogelhuber.....	Columbus (2007/7th/211th)
Will Weber .....	Columbus (2007/2nd/53rd)
Tommy Wingels.....	San Jose (2008/6th/177th)
Chris Wideman .....	Ottawa (2009/4th/100th)
Connor Knapp .....	Buffalo (2009/6th/164)
Reilly Smith.....	Dallas (2009/3rd/69th)
Curtis McKenzie .....	Dallas (2009 /6th/159th)

