

Canes Pitch to Lead the ACC

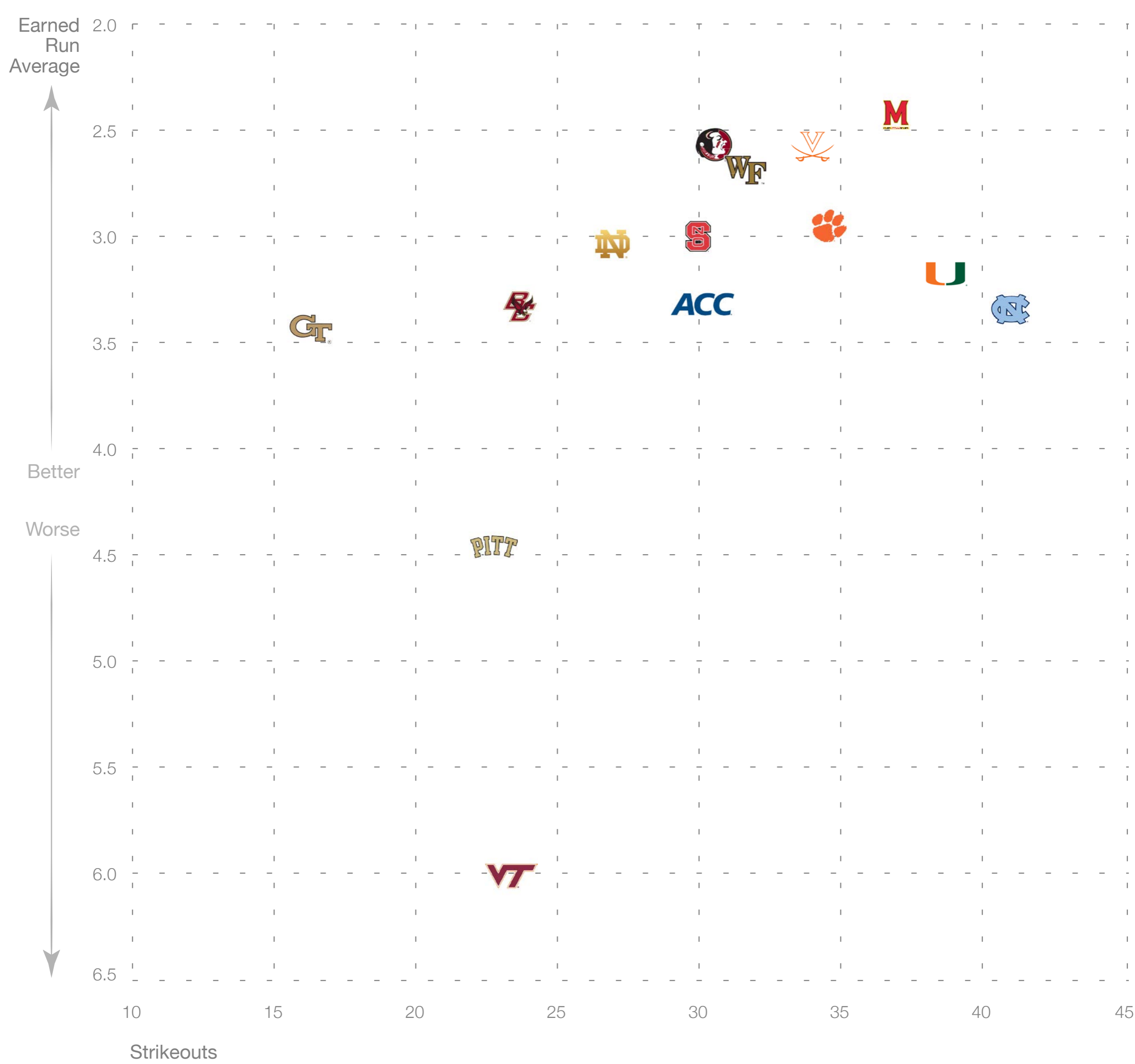
After a hard season last year the University of Miami baseball team has improved greatly for the 2014 season. Much of this years early success is contributed to the pitchers improved techniques. The starting pitchers **Chris Diaz**, **Andrew Suarez**, and **Bryan Radziewski** are among the best in the ACC league. Each of them has perfected their

pitching speed by 3 mph since last season. Diaz, Suarez and Radziewski continue to lead their team versus the heavy ACC competition. The season has begun with the teams competing neck-in-neck. but the Hurricanes have high hopes about their chances this season.

Strength of Pitching Staff of the ACC

Pitchers have varying pitching techniques and arm speed, so it hard to compare these players to one another. Earned run average (ERA) is the best statistic to measure a pitcher's overall accuracy and talent. The lower the ERA the better the pitcher.

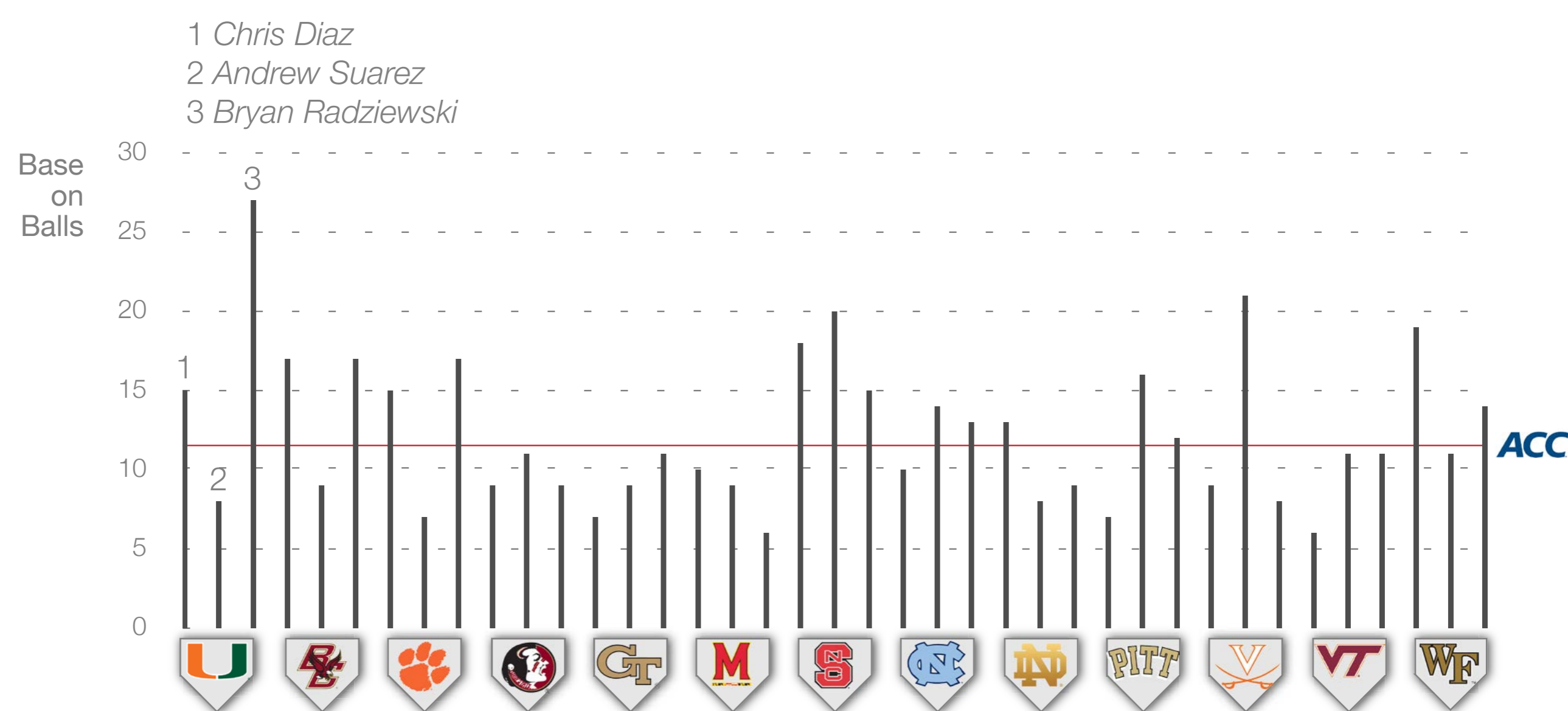
The next best comparison is strikeouts, measuring how frequent often a pitcher keeps a batter from hitting the ball. The higher the strikeout number the better the pitcher.



Accuracy of Pitching Staff of the ACC

Base on balls is a negative statistic for the accuracy of the pitcher. When a pitcher throws four pitches outside of the strike zone that the batter does not try to hit the ball. In this case, the umpire

calls the batter to "walk", allowing him to move to first base. The higher a pitcher's base on balls number, the less accurate the pitchers throw.



Hurricane's Starting Pitchers

Pitcher	Diaz, Chris	Suarez, Andrew	Radziewski, Bryan
Number	18	30	77
Height	6' 0"	6' 2"	5' 10"
Weight	195	205	195
Year	Junior	Junior	Redshirt Junior
Pitch	Sinker a type of fastball pitch that spins downward and horizontally	Fastball high velocity pitch that moves faster so the batter cannot react in time	Slider pitch that cuts downward to fool the batter
Grip			
Path			
Trajectory			