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“While the Notre Dame fight song echoed loudly around the quickly emptying Joyce Center, the bulk of the noise was coming from a band of about 70 maize-and-blue-clad Michigan fans in the upper tier of the arena.” -*Chicago Tribune*, 12/3/05

That was the scene. And those weren't any maize-and-blue-clad Michigan fans; those were proud Maize Ragers, fresh off of a huge 71-67 Wolverine triumph over the Fighting Irish in South Bend. The win boosted the Michigan's record to 5-0, and proved to many naysayers that this is a different team this year. Graham Brown's everlasting hard work and hustle showed that this is a tough team. Daniel Horton's second half heroics showed that this is a determined team. And Dion Harris' smooth game-winning baseline jumper showed that this is a confident team. The Maize and Blue return home tonight to face a Delaware State team which won the MEAC last year and gave Duke a surprising run for their money in the NCAA Tournament. The Hornets have been here each of the last two years and have played solidly. But both of these games were during Winter Break; that's right, Delaware State has yet to witness the Rage. Let's show them what we're all about tonight, Ragers, and help our boys stay undefeated! Get loud, and Go Blue!

Here is the projected starting lineup for the Delaware State Hornets (2-5, 0-0 MEAC):

33	Jahsha Blunt	6'6"	G	Star junior guard was named Most Outstanding Player of the MEAC Tournament, then went on to shoot just 3 for 10 against Duke
0	Darrin Shine	5'9"	G	Little guy has a head start on the holiday season, giving plenty of gifts to opponents – 5 turnovers in each of the last two games
13	Caheem Broadus	6'3"	G	“Hard-nosed” player failed to score in the MEAC Tournament
35	Joe Dickens	6'7"	F	Transfer from Western Oklahoma State CC resembles rapper Ludacris
34	Aaron Fleetwood	6'9"	F	Finished with 4 steals and 2 blocks here last year
Coach	Greg Jackson			Sixth-year head coach became the first to ever lead DSU to the NCAAs

Putting up their Dukes: As great as it was for the Hornets to win the MEAC Championship and advance to the NCAA Tournament for the first time in school history, many people consider a 57-46 loss to be the greatest moment of their 2004-05 season. That's because the loss came in the NCAA first round to #1 seed Duke, in a game in which Delaware State was a 26-point underdog. Sophomore guard Tracey Worley (#23), who was held scoreless by Michigan earlier in the year, came off the bench to lead DSU with 13 points on 6 for 6 shooting. The Hornets actually led the game 16-13, and it was tied 28-28 with 4:59 left in the first half before Duke went on a 19-2 run. Nonetheless, Greg Jackson and his team received loads of national media credit for hanging with the Devils.

All in the family: Junior forward Elyon Bush (#5), who transferred to Delaware State from Frederick Community College, may not be the best baller in his family. His sister, Ashley, was a four-year basketball letterwinner at Seton Hall. Ashley led the Pirates in both scoring and rebounding her senior year. Be sure to let Elyon know that “Ashley's better” if he comes into the game.

On the road to success: The Hornets are racking up frequent flyer miles this year, as tonight's game is the 8th of 11 straight road games to begin the season. And their tour isn't exclusive to the eastern part of the country – DSU has already traveled to UCLA and South Padre Island, Texas. They come here today after visiting Florida on Monday, where they beat Jacksonville State 73-62. You could tell them to “go home”, but they might not even know where home is.

THE REST OF THE DELAWARE STATE ROSTER: #4 Phillip Brown, #21 Marcus Johnson, #32 Quincy Marshall, #44 Rocky Miji, #42 Troy Roundtree, #55 Frisco Sandige, #11 Melvin Smith, #20 Alain Walker.

Keep it classy, Rage: As we work toward becoming a great student section, it's important that we refrain from swearing and making other negative slurs throughout the game. The University of Michigan is an institution of class, and as a collective representative of the University, we need to uphold this standard. It's cool to razz the opposition, but keep it clean, Ragers.

TONIGHT'S OFFICIALS: Jim Burr, Donnee Gray, Mark Whitehead; *Treat the officials fairly, Maize Ragers, and hopefully they will do the same for our team.*

DSU's Free Throws: Listen in to the center of the Rage where the chant will be started, and follow along with one of these:

- You Will Miss! You Will Miss! You Will Miss! (And upon a miss, yell “Thank you!”)
- General noise (Popcorning without the jumping)
- Chanting a player's name
- Absolute quietness, and then scream just as the player shoots
- Sing “The Victors” (listen for the “1, 2, you know what to do!”)
- Upon a made free throw, listen for the “It doesn't matter!” prompt and yell “You still suck!”

MAIZE RAGE NEWS AND INFO ON YOUR MICHIGAN WOLVERINES ON THE FLIP SIDE →

Here is the projected starting lineup for YOUR Michigan Wolverines (5-0, 0-0 Big Ten):

4	Daniel Horton	6'3"	G	Leads the team in scoring at 16.8 ppg, thanks to some stellar second half performances, but don't sleep on his improving assist numbers (7 at ND)
5	Dion Harris	6'3"	G	Hit the game winner against ND, but the former Mr. Basketball is also maintaining a quality assist to turnover ratio of 3.4 to 1
32	Lester Abram	6'6"	W	Knocked down two huge free throws to secure Saturday's victory at ND
44	Courtney Sims	6'11"	F	Career high averages in points (13.8) and rebounds (7.2) per game
25	Graham Brown	6'9"	F	Quite possibly Bill Raftery's favorite player ever, Hambone's double-double (13 pts, 10 rebs) was the heart of Saturday's road win
Coach	Tommy Amaker			Gracious enough to provide Saturday's transportation for the Road Rage

Mission accomplished: Saturday morning, at 9:30am, 85 hardcore Maize Ragers set out on a mission to give our team an important boost on the road in a major non-conference game against Notre Dame. 6.5 hours later, Daniel Horton was walking off the Joyce Center floor, raising his arms to the jubilant Road Ragers in Section 106 celebrating a 71-67 Wolverine victory. As the crowd headed for the exits, the only "echoes" that could be heard in the halls were those of "It's great to be a Michigan Wolverine" and the lyrics of the greatest fight song ever written, The Victors. Don't miss out the next time the Road Rage is called upon to take over!

Enter Hambone: Graham Brown, who affectionately garnered the nickname "Moose" from the Rage for the last year and a half, has admitted that he prefers to be called by his childhood nickname of "Hambone", given by his father. We're all family here, Ragers, so let's make Graham feel at home this season with chants of "Ham-bone!"

H-BOMB: If Daniel hits a three, drop back in your seats as if a bomb has violently shaken Crisler Arena. It's the H-BOMB!

Eye of the 5th year senior: If senior guard Hayes Grooms (#10) enters the game, greet him by singing "Hayes! Hayes, Hayes, Hayes! Hayes, Hayes, Hayes, Hayes! Hayes, Hayes, Haaayeeess" to the intro tune of Survivor's "Eye of the Tiger".

TESTING, 1, 2, 3: While every game is equally important, this game is of the lower profile type. Therefore, to mix it up, we're going to be trying out a few new chants: 1) *The first defensive possession after the 16-minute timeout in the second half, try popcorning in slow motion.* 2) Ease off a little on the "You will miss" free throw chant... look for more info on free throws in the future (and possibly during this game). 3) Sing "The Victors" during selected offensive possessions and opponents' free throws. 4) Listen for vowel sound variations while popcorning (e.g. yelling "EEEEEE!!" instead of "OHHHH!!").

Chants: Be steady and don't speed up.

Offense: -Here we go, Michigan, here we go! (clap clap)

-Go, Blue, Go! (clap clap clap)

-Let's Go Blue! (clap)

-Go Blue! (clap clap)

Defense: -De-fense! (clap clap)

-D-D-D-Defense! D-D-D-Defense!

-Popcorn (Jump up and down while screaming OHHHH!! at the tip or when Michigan is on defense)

-Bounce! Bounce! Pass! (Yell "bounce" when the opposition dribbles, and "pass" when they pass)

Turnovers: -You! You! You! (while pointing finger at the player)

Fouls: -It's all your fault! It's all your fault! It's all your fault! (while pointing finger at the player)

Upcoming Home Games:

December 17 vs. UCLA Noon Gates open at 10:30am

**Season ticket holders: If you can't make the UCLA game, please try to find someone to use your ticket! Dick Vitale will be here to call the huge non-conference game on ESPN, and we need the Rage to be as strong as ever.

**Non-season ticket holders: Tickets are still available for the UCLA game! Get yours ASAP and be here to help your Michigan Wolverines get a big victory over the nationally-ranked Bruins.

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E-MAIL LIST: Just because you have tickets does not mean you are on the official Maize Rage e-mail list. To sign up for weekly newsletters and important Rage information, go to MaizeRage.org and click the link on the left side of the page, or simply send an email to tsuchii@umich.edu requesting that your name be added.

Histo's Corner: Michigan is 2-0 all-time against Delaware State, having won by an average of 11.5 points. The victories came in each of the last two seasons, both here in Crisler Arena.

Michigan is 9-1 in games played in Crisler Arena on December 7th.

HISTO'S "BY THE NUMBERS":

23: The number of seasons in which Michigan has started 5-0. Of these 23 seasons, the Wolverines won their sixth game 18 times to improve to 6-0.