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"We feel like we have a great team. All we have to do is **stay hungry** and go out there and show it every time out." –Dion Harris, 1/1/06

Maize Ragers, welcome back to Crisler Arena! Many of you may be down, feeling like Winter Break flew by far too fast. But there's no better way to open the semester than with a Big Ten home opener for your Michigan Wolverine basketball team! However, that's not all. At halftime today, Michigan will retire the late Bill Buntin's number 22 to the Crisler Arena rafters. Buntin led the Wolverines to back-to-back Final Fours in the 1960s, including the school's first ever appearance in a national title game. The big man also helped Michigan win two consecutive Big Ten titles. While this year's Wolverines fell just short in their Big Ten opener at Indiana Tuesday, today is the perfect chance to get back on the winning track, on the road to contending for a Big Ten title. Purdue comes into Crisler struggling mightily with injuries and suspensions, having now lost four of their five starters. First year coach Matt Painter has been able to muster a 6-6 record, but Purdue has simply lacked the personnel to hang with winning teams. Michigan has been banged up as well, with Lester Abram missing the Indiana game (sprained toe), but the 10-2 Wolverines now have their best weapon back: the Maize Rage. Let's get loud and cheer the team on to a Big Ten victory today. Go Blue!

Here is the projected starting lineup for the Purdue Boilermakers (6-6, 0-1 Big Ten):

4	Chris Lutz	6'2"	G	Freshman loves D-Wade and the Heat and lists Sir Charles Barkley as his "favorite TV announcer"; leads the team with 37 turnovers on the year
20	Marcus Green	6'4"	G	Chicago prep star from East Leyden High describes his game as "artistic"
5	Bryant Dillon	6'6"	F	This <i>National Geographic</i> fan likes to talk about how he met "Slim Thug" and says his most interesting class is "The Philosophy of Women"
23	Marcus White	6'8"	F	Junior transfer from UConn watches cartoons 24/7; when asked to describe his play in one word, he responded with "wild" (yikes)
42	Matt Kiefer	6'10"	C	Senior majors in chemical engineering and was high school valedictorian
Coach	Matt Painter			Hand-picked replacement for Gene Keady having a rough first year at PU

Sounds familiar: Purdue didn't have the greatest pre-season expectations, but with the high-scoring duo of guard David Teague (#2) and forward Carl Landry (#14) returning along with senior leader Matt Kiefer, the Boilermakers looked like a solid, experienced team. But like Michigan a year ago, Purdue was hit with a flurry of injuries and suspensions. It started with junior guard Tarrance Crump (#12), a juco transfer slated to be the starting PG. Crump was suspended for the season after being arrested for drunk driving, hitting a student, and fleeing the scene. Then, torn knee ligaments seemed to become as common as colds. First it was David Teague, then Carl Landry after five games, and to make matters worse for the Boilers, star freshman forward Nate Minnoy (#31), who was the only player to start all 12 games, went down with a torn MCL at Northwestern on Wednesday. All three are out for the rest of the season.

Bad "Painting": Purdue gives big minutes to two players named Marcus, and, fitting for Matt Painter, each has a last name which is also a color. Unfortunately, those colors happen to be Green and White. Ragers, we don't like Green. We don't like White. And we especially don't like Green and White together. Let's give them both a hard time this afternoon.

Vanity fair: For the Purdue media guide, each Boilermaker player was asked, "If you could be on the cover of any magazine, what would it be?" All but four players answered *Sports Illustrated*, *ESPN*, or *SLAM*. The exceptions? Senior forward Matt Carroll (#32), a big music fan, chose *Rolling Stone*. Junior guard Chris Hartley (#3), a wannabe celebrity, chose *People*. Sophomore guard Dwayne Pruitt (#24), a man with his mind on his money, chose *Forbes*. And then there was Matt Kiefer, who chose *Bass Pro Magazine*. Wha?

Briefly: Freshman guard Corey Spates (#11) loves watching *America's Next Top Model* and wishes he could date the 3rd winner, Eva.

THE REST OF THE PURDUE ROSTER: #10 Bobby Riddell, #15 Geno Parker, #30 Gordon Watt, #33 Gary Ware.

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.

Purdue'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")
- Chanting a player's name
- General noise (Popcorn without the jumping)
- Absolute quietness, and then scream just as the player shoots
- 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 (10-2, 0-1 Big Ten):

4	Daniel Horton	6'3"	G	Over break, averaged 16.3 ppg and 7 apg, posted not one, but TWO double-doubles, and now leads the Big Ten in assists (5.83 per game)
5	Dion Harris	6'3"	G	Coming off of a three-game stretch in which he shot 53% from three-point range (including 5-7 vs. Coppin St) and averaged 17.3 ppg
24	Ron Coleman	6'6"	W	Should get the starting nod again if Lester (sprained right toe) can't go
44	Courtney Sims	6'11"	F	Nearly recorded the second triple-double in U-M history (22 pts, 13 rebs, 8 blks) vs. Chicago St; his tip-in as time expired beat Purdue here in '04
25	Graham Brown	6'9"	F	Monster 21 rebound performance at Indiana on Tuesday was the most for U-M since Loy Vaught in 1990; Hambone did it all with a sore right knee
Coach	Tommy Amaker			"Healthy" has been an issue, but he is determined to keep team "hungry"

Darth Vaden: They gave the Hoosiers a major challenge, but Michigan once again came up short against Indiana on Tuesday, losing 70-63. It's been over 10 years since the Wolverines last won at Assembly Hall in Bloomington. While the star of the game, arguably, was our own Graham Brown (his 21 boards were the most Indiana has ever given up to an opponent at home), it was Robert Vaden, the Indiana sophomore swingman, who scored 17 second-half points to lead the Hoosiers to victory. Vaden, a career 11.5 ppg scorer, has dropped 15, 18, and 17 points in his three games vs. U-M. The Wolverines have lost nine straight to Indiana.

Clear for takeoff: Brent Petway woke up at 7:30am Tuesday morning not knowing whether he would be reinstated in time to play at Indiana later that day. When the rest of the team left for Bloomington, Petway stayed behind, filling out paperwork, waiting, and making phone calls. Finally, in the early afternoon, the reinstatement was official. Petway hopped a flight to IU and arrived just in time to join the team for warm-ups. He played 8 minutes, scoring 2 points. But now, Air Georgia returns to the friendly skies of Crisler Arena. Welcome him back, enjoy his gravity-defying warm-up dunks (get here early!), and watch for in-game flights!

Loud and proud: As much as we love our pep band, Rage, we don't need them to dictate when we sing The Victors. On offense, on defense, during free throws, listen for the "1, 2, you know what to do!" and join in a rendition of the greatest fight song ever.

H-BOMB: If Daniel Horton 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 Michigan senior guard Hayes Grooms (#10) enters the game, greet him by singing "Hayes! Hayes, Hayes, Hayes! Hayes, Hayes, Hayes! Hayes, Hayes, Haaayeeess" to the intro tune of Survivor's "Eye of the Tiger".

Chants: Be steady and don't speed up

Offense:

-Here we go Michigan, here we go! (clap clap)
-Let's Go Michigan! (clap, clap, clap 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!!)
-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:

January 18	vs. Northwestern	8pm	Gates open at 6:30pm
January 25	vs. Michigan State	8pm	Gates open at 6:30pm
January 28	vs. Wisconsin	2:35pm	Gates open at 1:05pm

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Histo's Corner: Michigan is 35-30 all-time at home against Purdue, but only 16-18 at Crisler Arena (Purdue is the only Big Ten team with a winning record at Crisler).

Bill Buntin's Michigan teams (1962-65) were 4-1 against Purdue.

Michigan is 4-1 in games played at Crisler Arena on January 7th.

HISTO'S "BY THE NUMBERS":

7: The number of Michigan teams that have started the season 10-1, the most recent (prior to this year) being the 1992-93 team. These teams went on to average an overall record of 23-7, with two Final Fours and three Elite Eights.