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“We're not into moral victories, but certainly as a coach and a teacher you have to find things to build on regardless of the situation and the outcome.” –Tommy Amaker, after the Illinois game

They gave it all they had. They hung with the #6 team in the nation from start to finish in an environment which many consider to be the toughest in all of college basketball. But the Wolverines fell just short of a huge victory, losing 79-74 to Illinois on Saturday. While the team and many of us fans may be disappointed, the season moves along, and the focus must turn back on defending our home floor against a formidable conference foe. The Northwestern Wildcats are here tonight, coming off back-to-back losses to Penn State and Wisconsin. Bill Carmody and the 'Cats would love to ride their Princeton offense to a Big Ten road win and an end to their losing streak. But Ragers, we won't let them. This is our house, and we need to show it. As long as we come out every game and give our team the boost they need, there's no reason why we can't go 8-0 in Big Ten home games. Keep it up tonight, Rage!

Here is the projected starting lineup for the Northwestern Wildcats (9-6, 2-2 Big Ten):

20	Craig Moore	6'4"	G	Freshman from (Tim) Doylestown, PA beat the likes of J.R. Smith, Luol Deng, and Charlie Villanueva while in high school at Lawrenceville Prep
32	Sterling Williams	6'4"	G	Call him by his real name – he's the fourth in a family line of Josephs
00	Tim Doyle	6'5"	F	23-year-old junior (wha?) transfer from St. John's befriended the Rage before last year's game, agreeing with us that Mike Jarvis is very obnoxious
12	Bernard Coté	6'8"	F	Kentucky transfer is reunited with high school buddy Mo Hachad
11	Vedran Vukusic	6'8"	C	Big Ten's leading scorer at 21.3 ppg failed to defeat a group of regular NU students in a three-point shootout two years ago at NU's Halloween Hoop-la
Coach	Bill Carmody			Sports Illustrated has called him the best offensive coach in college hoops

**Good old high school signs:** Tim Doyle was harassed in high school by opposing fans who held up signs saying “grandpa” and “Doyle, you're old enough to buy us beer”, in reference to his age. He graduated at over 19 years, 7 months. Doyle up, Tim, Doyle up.

**Mr. Irrelevant:** Senior guard Mohamed Hachad (#14) was named “Mr. Quebec” after his senior year in high school at Champlain St-Lambert with Bernard Coté, and chose to attend Northwestern over the likes of Kansas, Boston College, and Marquette. As a Wildcat, he came out strong, putting together a streak of 61 consecutive starts. However, in each of his two starts here at Crisler, Mo was held scoreless. Last February, he was finally relegated to the bench, and now watches his second-hand man in high school start over him.

**Fire up, 5'9”:** Here's an interesting testament to how short 5<sup>th</sup> year senior guard Michael Jenkins (#5) is:

“Asked whether he was contested on any of his 3-point attempts, (Dee) Brown said NU guard Michael Jenkins may have had a hand up for one of his shots. ‘I shot it...and said to Jenkins, ‘I didn't see you right there.’ I came down and he was just so little. I thought *I* was little,’ Brown said. ‘He maybe got a hand in my chest area. That counts.’” (from the *Daily Northwestern* after NU's 84-48 loss at Illinois last year)

**Briefly:** Senior guard Justin Hoeverler (#21), a former NU tennis player, walked on the team this year... Last year, Northwestern dismissed former player Brandon Lee (before he was arrested Aug. 1)... “Rising sophomore” Gary Lee was declared academically ineligible in the fall and immediately left NU for Olney Central College... Former guard T.J. Parker chose to forego his senior season to play professionally in France for the Paris Basket Racing team, his brother Tony's team prior to the Spurs.

**No timeouts in Crisler:** The Rage is one of the few student sections in the country with a major presence behind the opposing team's bench. Just like we did during the final timeout of the Purdue game, let's take advantage of where we are. Get loud, make odd (but clean) gestures, hold up signs, or do whatever and direct it at the Northwestern huddle during timeouts. They'll be rattled in no time.

**REST OF THE NU ROSTER:** #10 Patrick Houlihan, #2 Joe Kennedy, #25 Jean-Marc Melchior, #52 Vince Scott, #24 Evan Seacat.

**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.

Northwestern'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!”

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**NEW CHEERS – Please read closely, Ragers!**

- Hype our players:** In the pregame introductions, rather than chanting “who cares!” when an opposing player is introduced, start chanting for the Michigan player about to be introduced (i.e. before Daniel is introduced, we will start chanting “Dan-iel Hor-ton!” (clap clap clap clap clap) or “We want Daniel!” during the Northwestern player’s introduction). Listen in to the center section.
- Add H-Bomb noise:** When Daniel hits a three, yell “BOOM!” and *then* fall back in your seat as you always have for the H-Bomb.
- FT finger numbers:** (optional) When a Michigan player is at the foul line, show the player’s number with your “jazz fingers”.
- Bluuueeeee on made FTs:** Instead of saying “whoosh” when you drop your hands after a made U-M free throw, say “bluuueeee”.
- Stronger “It’s all your fault!”:** When an opposing player commits a foul, point at him (not the ref) and yell “It’s all your fault!”
- Jump on “bounce”:** When we do “bounce, bounce, pass” on defense, *jump* each time we say bounce (each opponent dribble).
- FULL shot clock countdown:** A true Rage original; in addition to the times when we count down the opponent’s shot clock late in the possession, we will now count down the ENTIRE shot clock on select opponent possessions. Start at 35 and just keep on counting. If anything, this is at least annoying to the other team. Also, watch for possible variations later in the game (i.e. starting the countdown at 30 when the shot clock actually reads 35).

**Here is the projected starting lineup for YOUR Michigan Wolverines (11-3, 1-2 Big Ten):**

4	Daniel Horton	6’3”	G	Has averaged 21.0 ppg in the three Big Ten contests
5	Dion Harris	6’3”	G	Has maintained an impressive 3 to 1 assist-to-turnover ratio all year
32	Lester Abram	6’6”	W	Hoping to get his first Big Ten start of the season (sprained right big toe)
44	Courtney Sims	6’11”	F	16 points at Illinois included a 6-6 performance from the free throw line
25	Graham Brown	6’9”	F	Conference leader in rebounding (11.5) and FG% (.733) in Big Ten play
Coach	Tommy Amaker			“Healthy” has been an issue, but he is determined to keep team “hungry”

**Tough “Dee”feat:** It took a “virtuoso performance” from Dee Brown, as ESPN’s Jay Bilas noted, to send Michigan home without a W at Illinois on Saturday. Brown played all 40 minutes and scored 26 points, hitting 5 three-pointers at key times in the second half. Daniel Horton led the Wolverines with 19 points. Don’t fret though, Rage; we get a shot at redemption here on February 21<sup>st</sup>.

**Clear for takeoff:** Brent Petway is back, and he has scored 7 and 8 points the last two games, including a perfect alley-oop against Purdue. “It was great to hear the crowd chant Air Georgia,” Brent said after. Keep up the “Air Georgia” chanting, Rage.

**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 5<sup>th</sup> 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”.

**Old Chants: Be steady and don’t speed up, or the chants will become disorganized and ineffective...**

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) ←DON’T SPEED UP!
- 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 25	vs. Michigan State	8pm	Gates open at 6:30pm	<b>**BE HERE EARLY**</b>
January 28	vs. Wisconsin	2:35pm	Gates open at 1:05pm	

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**Histo’s Corner:** Michigan is 56-17 all-time at home against Northwestern, including a 31-3 advantage at Crisler Arena (the best against any Big Ten team).

Michigan is 2-1 in games played at home on January 18<sup>th</sup> in even-ending years against teams from the state of Illinois.

**HISTO’S “BY THE NUMBERS”:**

**17:** The number of consecutive games in which Michigan beat Northwestern at Crisler Arena, from February, 1982 to January, 2000. This streak is the longest such streak for Michigan against any Big Ten team.