



The Rage Page



“We’ve been in a little bit of a slump but I was proud of the guys who stepped up tonight and took on another challenge.” ... *Senior wing Ron Coleman after Michigan beat Oakland, 103-87*

Nothing like taking out a little pent up aggression on an unsuspecting opponent. Michigan not only ended their four-game losing streak on Wednesday, but they did it with authority, scoring over 100 points for the first time in nine years. Perhaps the dynamic offense that John Beilein promised when he took the Michigan job has finally taken hold, and not a moment too soon. The Maize and Blue gets one more chance to work out all the kinks this afternoon before testing themselves against #8 UCLA. As tough as it was to break that losing streak last week, we’ll need to build all the momentum we can today to take down the Bruins next week. Go Blue!

Here is the projected starting lineup for the Central Michigan Chippewas (3-5, 0-0 MAC):

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| 11 | Giordan Watson | 5’10” | G | Lists hometown as “Thanksgiving Day, Turkey” (it’s actually Southfield, MI); says his best non-athletic talent is “dressing and having great fashion sense” |
| 20 | Robbie Harman | 5’11” | G | Sophomore has made just one field goal in his last 81 minutes |
| 3 | Jeremy Allen | 6’2” | G | His mother recently commented on the freshman’s Facebook wall: “Hey mama’s grown man, u look so handsome on ur team photo! I see u getting ur grown man look on, mommy loves u!!!” [sic]; 19 th birthday is tomorrow |
| 21 | Chris Kellermann | 6’8” | F | CMU fans say the junior resembles former Chippewa great Dan Majerle |
| 10* | Marko Spica | 6’9” | C | Belgrade, Serbia native’s high school was named “School of Sport” |
| Coach | Ernie Zeigler | | | Longtime Ben Howland assistant led Chinese Basketball Alliance’s Henin Wildcats to the playoffs and the Saudi Arabian Al-Halil Club to the Final Four |

***Bum of the Game: #10 Marko Spica** – Whenever Marko touches the ball, chant “Darko’s better.”

More Marko polo: If sophomore Marko Spica looks like he doesn’t want to be here tonight, he probably doesn’t. He originally signed with perennial contender UCLA, but when he couldn’t qualify academically, he was out of luck. Forced to give up the glamour of Los Angeles, he settled for the next best place: Mount Pleasant. Wrote Spica after just one semester at CMU: “I hate Mount Pleasant.” He later called it “the biggest sheat whol in the world” [sic] because the club scene did not compare to that in Belgrade. To give you some idea of how he passed the time in Mt. Pleasant, he claims to be “as good as anyone” at ping pong, so maybe he’s been practicing.

Friends forever: If two Chippewas had been here a few weeks ago, they could have caught up with some old buddies. Freshman Chase Simon (#1) (nicknamed “Chicken”) is best friends with Boston College freshman Josh Southern, who played at Crisler on November 28; senior Eddie Spencer (#5) still keeps up with Ferris State senior Jessie York, whose team played at Crisler in an exhibition on November 1. Neither player saw game action; in fact, York failed to even make the trip.

Jevohn wannabe: Sophomore Brandon Ford (#13) needs to stop talking about how he’s from Canada. In his Facebook profile, the word “Canada” or “Canadian” appears ten separate times. He also includes an ode to Canada, in which he writes, in part: “I’m not a lumberjack, or a fur trader...I don’t live in an igloo or eat blubber, or own a dogsled.” So...wait a second...before he said that, I thought he was Canadian! He even talks about his girlfriend, Gwen, and asks “how did I get so lucky??? It’s because I’m from Canada!”

Briefly: Senior Reynold Walters’s (#4) favorite foods are “rice, oxtail, [and] flyingfish.” ... William Eddie III (#33), whose father is a Chippewa assistant, says that his game resembles that of Kenny Anderson, who is currently the head coach of the CBA’s Atlanta Krunk.

THE REST OF THE CHIPPEWA ROSTER: #0 Jon Yeazel, #15 Jordan Bitzer, #22 Nate Minnoy, #24 Tyrone Jordan, #34 Justin Blevins, #40 Marcus Van

CMU’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”)
- Gooooo!! Bluuuuuuue!! (with the rest of the crowd)
- Absolute silence, 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!”

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.

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

Here is the projected starting lineup for YOUR Michigan Wolverines (4-6, 0-0 Big Ten):

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| 44 | Kelvin Grady | 5'11" | G | Besides KG's 2.9 assist-to-turnover ratio and team-leading three-point shooting, he is a perfect 10-for-10 from the free throw line |
| 3 | Manny Harris | 6'5" | G | Manny leads the team in scoring with 16.5 ppg; in fact, he's scored in double-digits in nine of his ten career games |
| 24 | Ron Coleman | 6'6" | W | Rockin' the headband, R.C. is one of only two seniors on the roster; he has played in all 109 games in his four years at Michigan |
| 34 | DeShawn Sims | 6'8" | F | Peedi has created turnovers all year with tenacious defense, and we've found out that he has a talent he hid from us last year: the three-point shot |
| 22 | Ekpe Udoh | 6'10" | F | After just over one year in A ² , Ekpe ranks in U-M's top ten in blocks; Beilein calls him "a major difference-maker and I love the energy that he plays with" |
| Coach | John Beilein | | | Is he available to coach football too? The 1-3-1 zone is guaranteed to befuddle opposing quarterbacks |

'Fresh' Men: Freshmen Manny "Fresh" Harris and Kelvin "Smooth" Grady have wasted no time adjusting to the college game. Both have started each game of their Wolverine careers and made an instant impact. Of Michigan's 124 assists, Harris and Grady are responsible for 57. Harris leads the team in scoring, assists, steals, and minutes played. Grady has not done so bad himself, shooting a blistering 48% from three-point range and remaining perfect on free throws.

Future looks bright: Two recruits have signed National Letters of Intent to play for Michigan in the 2008-09 season. Ben Cronin, from Syracuse, NY, is a 7-foot center with a 7'5" wingspan. Cronin averaged 12.0 points, 12.0 rebounds, 8.0 assists, and 5.0 blocks as a junior for the Henninger HS Black Knights. Gotta love a player that puts up round numbers like that. Stu Douglass, a 6'3" shooting guard from Carmel, Indiana, also signed with the Wolverines. Douglass put up 10.0 points, 3.0 rebounds, 2.0 assists, and 1.0 steals per game last season, and is a 92% free throw shooter. He has played high school games against the likes of Greg Oden, Mike Conley, and Eric Gordon.

H-BOMB: When Manny Harris, our new H-Bomber, hits a three, drop back in your seats as if a bomb has violently shaken Crisler Arena. Simultaneously, yell "Fresh" (Manny's nickname), holding the -SH at the end.

Player-Specific Chants: -When Ekpe Udoh enters the game, chant "Go, U-doh!" (clap clap clap).
-When Zack Gibson commits a foul, chant "Kill, Zack, Kill."

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)
-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)

Bum of the Game goes to the bench: -NaNaNaNa! NaNaNaNa! Hey Hey Hey, You Suck!

Upcoming home games:

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| Sat, December 22 | vs. #8 UCLA | 2:00pm | Nationally televised on CBS |
| Wed, January 2 | vs. Wisconsin | 7:00pm | Big Ten opener |



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Histo's Corner: Twisto's Corner:

Michigan is 12-5 all-time on December 15, including a 6-1 record after 1954.

In games played on December 15 in odd-numbered years, Michigan is 4-2. The most recent game was all the way back in 1979, when Michigan beat Dayton, 69-54.

The lowest-scoring Michigan game played on December 15 was a 32-19 victory at Louisville YHMA in 1923.

The highest-scoring Michigan game played on December 15 was a 96-66 loss at Illinois in 1952.

Histo's RPI Update:

Michigan - #143, Central Michigan - #93

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