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“The sun will come up and we will say, ‘How much better can we get from that one?’ We’re going to learn and we’re going to get better from it.” ... *Coach John Beilein, after the 62-60 loss to Northwestern*

For four years, Ron Coleman has suited up for the Maize and Blue and run out onto the Crisler Arena floor with the Maize Rage cheering and the band playing The Victors. For four years, he has endured narrow NCAA Tournament misses, late-season heartbreak, and a coaching change. Last year, he watched four seniors make that trip onto the Crisler floor for the last time. They lost a heartbreaking game to a #1-ranked Ohio State squad. Coleman doesn’t deserve the same fate. Neither does David Merritt, the walk-on guard who no one gave a chance to get meaningful playing time. But when the roster got thin at guard midway through the year, Merritt stepped up and evolved into an important contributor before injuring his knee against Ohio State in a victory Michigan fans—and David—will remember for years. These guys have been through a lot. Winning today won’t undo all that. But it’s a start.

Here is the projected starting lineup for the #15 Purdue Boilermakers (23-7, 14-3 Big Ten):

33	E’Twaun Moore	6’3”	G	All four of his family members’ names also begin with E, but the freshman boasts the only apostrophe; says he “likes tattoos,” but has just one visible one
3	Chris Kramer	6’3”	G	According to one newspaper writer, the sophomore “looks like a blacksmith who could make a horseshoe from a rod of iron without the aid of a tool”
5	Keaton Grant	6’4”	G	Sophomore says that if he could change one thing about himself, he “would be even more loving to people”; arrested for underage drinking last fall
4	Robbie Hummel	6’8”	F	His answer to the change one thing about yourself question? His big feet
21	Nemanja Calasan*	6’9”	F	Bosnia & Herzegovina native lists Interests as, among others, sex, ping pong, Bacardi, and Burek (not Pete Burak), which is a type of meat-filled pie
Coach	Matt Painter			Bruce Weber assistant and Purdue guard desperately wanted to play at Indiana

***Bum of the Game: #21 Nemanja Calasan** – Whenever Nemanja Calasan touches the ball, we’ll do a “Ne-man-ja... Bum!” chant (like “Goalie... Sieve!” at a hockey game). Four medium, four short, then one long.

Calasagna: Now that you’re familiar with junior forward Nemanja Calasan’s Interests, let’s take a look at his equally eclectic Activities. They include: “Talking to old peoples, discover the campus, walking outside in the cold, play with my piranhas, walk my pig outside.” He transferred from Midland Junior College after previously attending Ekononomsko-Ugostiteliska Skola (I’d like to see them fit that on the front of a jersey). He claims to not own a television because “watching TV make people stupid” and, when asked with whom he would like to switch places for one day, he identified U-M’s own Chris Webber.

Never fear, Smooge is here!: One quirky question that the Purdue media guide asked of most players was “If you were a comic book character, what would your name be?” Here are their responses: Calasan – “Zaba” (which, according to an online translator, means Frog in Bosnian but Reject in Serbian); **Marcus Green (#20)** – “Green Thing”; Robbie Hummel – “Rockin’ Rob”; **JaJuan Johnson (#25)** – “Elastic Man”; **Scott Martin (#14)** – “Scott the Rock”; E’Twaun Moore – “Smooge”; **Chris Reid (#55)** – “The San Francisco Treat” (just call him “Rice-A-Roni”); and **Bobby Riddell (#11)** – “Robert Buckets.”

Briefly: Fifth-year senior guard **Tarrance Crump (#12)** says his best friend goes by the name “Toe-Toe” ... Next to ESPN, Green’s favorite TV channel is the Big Ten Network. (So, by Marcus being here and not in front of his television set, BTN is losing, like, a tenth of its viewership today) ... Green says that his dream vacation destination would be Queens, NY ... Freshman forward **Chad Sutor (#2)** went to the same high school (Bloomington (IN) South) as Chicago Bears quarterback Rex Grossman ... Riddell enjoys reading Harry Potter books and won the Indiana State Free Throw Championship.

THE REST OF THE PURDUE ROSTER: #1 Garrett Mocas, #30 Mark Wohlford

- 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”)
 - 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 (9-20, 5-12 Big Ten):

44	Kelvin Grady	5'11"	G	Freshman started 22 of this year's 29 games and boasts a 2.4 assist-to-turnover ratio, having posted 80 assists to just 34 turnovers; scored 11 at Penn State
3	Manny Harris	6'5"	G	Star 'Fresh'-man leads U-M in points (16.7), assists (2.9), steals (1.5), minutes (33.1), and free throw percentage (82.1%); scored career-high 29 at Penn State
24	Ron Coleman	6'6"	W	R.C. has played in 126 games for U-M (14 th all-time) and has 115 career three-pointers (10 th all-time); today, give the senior the send-off he deserves!
34	DeShawn Sims	6'8"	F	Sophomore has transformed his offensive game into an inside and outside threat; it has paid off with a career-high 12.3 ppg and three 20+ point games
22	Ekpe Udoh	6'10"	F	Big Ten shot block leader has 83 rejections on the year (2.86 bpg); only the fifth U-M player in history to record 150 career blocks
Coach	John Beilein			First-year UM coach set the trend for West Virginia coaches coming to A ² ; has been a head coach for his entire 30-year tenure in college coaching

Thank you, seniors: Today marks the last home game for seniors Ron Coleman and David Merritt. Here are the essential facts on Michigan's two seniors:

R.C.: Ron Coleman, a Romulus native, has been a durable, consistent contributor since his freshman year. He first committed to the Wolverines as a sophomore in high school. Now, he leaves Michigan ranking in the U-M record books in games played (14th) and three-pointers made (10th). If not for his ankle injury earlier this season, Coleman would have played in every Michigan game during his four years in Ann Arbor. This year, Coleman struggled, at times, with his shooting stroke, but made up for it with other aspects of his game, posting career-highs in rebounds (3.1 rpg) and assists (1.3 apg). He also provided invaluable leadership to an extremely young team.

Merritt-ocracy: David Merritt, a guard from West Bloomfield, joined the team last season after earning a spot through open tryouts. Though he only began receiving consistent minutes toward the latter portions of this year, John Beilein and others often commented on his work-ethic and hustle in practice. After the departure of guards Jerret Smith and K'Len Morris, Merritt bolstered U-M's thin backcourt. Those efforts culminated in Michigan's big win against Ohio State, when Merritt had a breakout game, notching a career-high seven points and four assists and sparking U-M in the first half before going down with a left knee injury that ended his career.

U-M vs. Purdue Part I: Back in January, when these teams faced off in West Lafayette, Purdue got off to a very hot start, taking a 14-point lead into the locker room at halftime. Michigan, however, proved resilient, beginning the second half with a 14-2 run over the first four minutes of the half that cut the deficit to two points. Though U-M lost, 65-58, Manny Harris scored 25 points—the fourth 20+ point game of his career—and DeShawn Sims scored 15 points, 11 of which came in the second half.

H-BOMB: When Manny Harris 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.

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!

Band Chants: Try to follow along with what the band is doing. In particular, listen for "Mi-chi-gan, Let's Go," "Blue," and "Go Blue." Also, pay attention to any signs the band might hold up.



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Histo's Corner:

When Michigan is unranked and Purdue is ranked, U-M is 2-0 against Purdue at home on odd-numbered days.

In years ending in the number eight, Michigan is 2-5 against Purdue. U-M's last win was in 1968.

Histo By The Numbers:

10: The number of times Michigan and Purdue have met in Purdue's last regular season game at Michigan. The teams have split those games, 5-5.

Histo's RPI Update:

Michigan - #180, Purdue - #33