

"The crowd was fantastic....This was a team effort by Michigan with their coaching staff, their players and their fans. They combined to have a great afternoon." ... *Duke head coach Mike Krzyzewski*

After Michigan's 81-73 victory over #4 Duke one week ago, the praise for the crowd came from both head coaches, players from both schools, and the media. That atmosphere was, by all accounts, electric. But why should it be a one-time occurrence? Said Krzyzewski: "It's party time every time [Duke comes] to town, but [Michigan] is a great school and they deserve this level of support for every game." For once, Coach K is right. Eastern Michigan may be 2-6. They may not have beaten a D-I opponent yet this year. They may be 2-19 against Michigan. But that's no excuse not to bring it just like we did for the Blue Devils. The next few games on the schedule may seem like we can take them for granted, but for a team and a crowd that had a front row view for the Savannah State game, overlooking any team is inexcusable. EMU may not be on the level of Duke, but it's our job to make sure that the atmosphere is indistinguishable.

Here is the projected starting lineup for the Eastern Michigan Eagles (2-6, 0-0 MAC):

12	L.J. Frazier	5'10"	G	Redshirt freshman's Facebook profile pic is of he and Oprah, which looks really cool until you see it is from the album "Thanksgiving at the Wax Museum"
2	Solomon Farris	6'4"	G	In limited playing time last year, didn't show much (3-of-16 shooting and a 1:7 assist-to-turnover ratio), but somehow got the starting nod this season
33	Brandon Bowdry	6'6"	F	Apparently has the highest pain tolerance ever, missing all of last season with a broken foot, but "practicing with the team" all year according to EMU's website
10	Branden Harrison	6'8"	F	EMU says he graduated from the "Science Magneent Institution with honors"
34	Kyle Dodd*	6'11"	C	As of Wednesday, the hair gel-laden junior's Facebook status was "Kyle is a Magical Cucummberr that can walk on water with his slithering O" [sic]
Coach	Charles E. Ramsey			Suspended for three days after an "altercation" with a fan after the loss at Detroit

***BUM OF THE GAME:** Say hello to Kyle Dodd tonight, as he's our Bum of the Game. Chant "BUM" whenever he touches the ball and if the center section asks "What's the matter with Kyle?" respond: "He's a bum. Bum-bum-bum-bum-bum-bum-bum!"

TJ vs. MJ: Senior **Tyler Jones (#5)** is not short on confidence. Primarily a football player for EMU, he has played wide receiver, quarterback, and running back for the Eagles. (When Eastern played Michigan at the Big House in 2007, Jones had five rushes for six yards as a tailback). He only joined the basketball team last year, so you'd think he'd take some time to adjust to his second sport, right? Actually, he's already trash-talking Michael Jordan (or at least a picture of him).



Word of Dodd: Kyle Dodd describes himself as follows: "I'm 6'11 from Canada and just a chillin person that has no worries except to keep my scholarship and not fail." (Seems a little concerned, doesn't he?). The junior from Rockwood, Ontario, continues: "[I] want to have fun 24/7 and intend on partying with the best of them. 'I'm a bad influence when around alcohol!'"

Hangin' with Mr. Cooper: EMU's website claims that **Will Cooper (#15)** was "one of the top players in the state" in high school, but maybe what they mean is "one of the top players on his team." He played at Detroit Pershing one year ahead of DeShawn Sims, but Peedi averaged 21.4 points per game to Cooper's 11.5, and 11.0 rebounds per game to Cooper's 7.5.

My name is...: Freshman **Daniel Barnes (#4)** refers to himself as "Jesus Shuttlesworth" on his MySpace page.

THE REST OF THE EAGLE ROSTER: #3 Carlos Medlock, #13 Antonio Green, #20 Zane Gay, #21 Wendale Farrow, #22 Merlynd Ameti, #25 Justin Dobbins, #32 Alex Hamo, #54 Kamil Janton

- EMU'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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Here is the projected starting lineup for YOUR Michigan Wolverines (6-2, 0-0 Big Ten):

15	David Merritt	5'10"	G	Senior from West Bloomfield continues to be a strong leader on the floor despite not playing the most minutes
1	Stu Douglass	6'3"	G	Carmel, Indiana native has started every game for the Wolverines while playing over 20 minutes per game
3	Manny Harris	6'5"	G	Continues to lead the Big Ten in scoring at over 20 points per game, and also shoots nearly 89% from the free throw line
22	Jevohn Shepherd	6'5"	F	"Air Canada" played a season-high 32 minutes against Duke last week while continuing to contribute solid defense and rebounding
34	DeShawn Sims	6'8"	F	Played the game of his life against Duke, putting up 28 points along with 12 rebounds, tying a career high; now has three double-doubles this season.
Coach	John Beilein			Claims that his team's poise "has grown every game" this season, partially by keeping composure and thanks to the production of Zack Novak (below)

Zack attack: Freshman Zack Novak was only a *1-star recruit* on scout.com in high school, but he has proven all of his critics wrong in the past few games. He is now third on the team in scoring at 6.6 points per game, including a season high 14 against Duke. However, he was quick to deflect the credit, saying "all of it [the credit] has to go to my teammates." He also is shooting a team high 46% from beyond the arc, having made 13 three-pointers already this season.

All smiles: Senior C.J. Lee has been through a lot to get to where he is at today. The transfer from Manhattan was only awarded a scholarship this past year, and even through the past two seasons he has seen his minutes dwindle. However, the captain saw crunch-time minutes last weekend against Duke, being called on to lead his teammates in the last few minutes of the second half. Lee knocked down two big free throws to help secure the victory over the Blue Devils.

There's no place like home: Michigan is now 5-0 at home this season, and we need a lot of students out at the games over winter break to help continue that streak. So if you are in town and just sitting around with relatives, come to Crisler and support your Wolverines as they take on Florida Gulf Coast (Dec. 22), NC Central (Dec. 29), Wisconsin (Dec. 31), and Illinois (Jan. 4).

Player Intros: We will chant the name of the Michigan player about to be introduced even while the opposing team's names are read. Look for the whiteboard in the center section to determine the order in which our players will be introduced.

H-BOMB: When Manny Harris hits a three, drop back in your seats as if a bomb has violently shaken Crisler Arena. At the same time, 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)

Bum of the Game goes to the bench:

-NaNaNaNa! NaNaNaNa! Hey Hey Hey, You Suck!

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)

Upcoming events:

Saturday, Dec. 20 vs. Oakland 4:00pm Game is at The Palace of Auburn Hills, home of the Detroit Pistons



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Histo's Corner:

Michigan is 19-2 all-time against Eastern Michigan, the most recent game being November 12, 2006, when Michigan beat the Eagles, 80-51.

Michigan has beaten EMU in each of the schools' last five meetings. Michigan's most recent loss was on December 17, 1997, when the Eagles edged the Maize and Blue, 89-83, in overtime. Four days earlier, Michigan had upset #1-ranked Duke, 81-73 (the same score as this year's Duke game).

Michigan's largest margin of victory over the Eagles is 52, which occurred on December 12, 1987, when U-M triumphed, 115-63.

Histo's RPI Update:

Michigan #13, Eastern Michigan #322