

“With **two of our forwards out** at the same time, it didn’t help.” ... *Coach John Beilein on the loss at Purdue*

Throughout a non-conference schedule that went about as well as it possibly could have, John Beilein warned us that the season would be, in his words, “a roller coaster.” Wait, coach, aren’t roller coasters supposed to be fun? The conference season has been much tougher for the Maize and Blue, and now they stand at 4-6 in the Big Ten having lost five of their last six games. Penn State’s season has been much the opposite. After a pretty light non-conference schedule, they catapulted into a tie for second in the conference after a big win at MSU. For Michigan, protecting home court today could be the beginning of another trip to the top in this roller coaster of a season. See the back of this page for information about a Free Maize Rage road trip to Northwestern next weekend!

Here is the projected starting lineup for the Penn State Nittany Lions (17-5, 6-3 Big Ten):

12	Talor Battle	5’11”	G	When he visited PSU, he asked the coaches which member of the team got the most girls, and requested to be hosted by that player (it was Cornley)
11	Stanley Pringle*	6’1”	G	Accepted “punishment without a verdict” following charges that he, uhh, enjoyed his own company, in the library in front of a female student; Pringle denied it, saying he just has “a bad habit of putting his hand down his pants”
2	Jamelle Cornley	6’5”	F	Columbus-native’s father is a unit manager with the Ohio Dept. of Corrections
25	Jeff Brooks	6’8”	F	Facebook profile pic features the sophomore in a shirt that says “Party Naked”
22	Andrew Jones	6’9”	F	Redshirt sophomore is in just his sixth year of organized basketball; supposedly put on 30 pounds during his redshirt year
Coach	Ed DeChellis			Has never had a winning record in his five years as PSU’s head coach

***BUM OF THE GAME:** Stanley Pringle is tonight’s Bum of the Game. Chant “BUM” whenever he touches the ball and if the center section asks “What’s the matter with Pringle?” respond: “He’s a bum. Bum-bum-bum-bum-bum-bum-bum!”

Battle of words: It’s not unusual for an outstanding young athlete like Talor Battle to talk a little smack to an opponent, but how about to his own teammates? “He would always talk trash,” Jamelle Cornley recalled of his interactions with Battle while Battle was still a committed high school player. The most jarring incident occurred after former PSU guard Mike Walker missed a potential game-winning three-pointer against #2 OSU in 2007. Said Walker: “I had countless voicemails and texts from people supporting me that night. Then, I got to the one from Talor: ‘How could you miss the game-winner at home against the #2 team in the nation?! C’mon! I thought you were clutch!’” So much for encouraging a future teammate.

We hope this is an impression: So, is Jeff Brooks doing a Joe Paterno or a Steve Urkel impression in this photo? →



Family values: Redshirt sophomore forward **David Jackson (#15)** is Pistons forward Amir Johnson’s brother. His father also played basketball professionally and his mother was a member of the 1980 U.S. Olympic volleyball team. Unfortunately, that team did not actually compete in the Olympics, boycotting the 1980 games in Moscow.

Perfect isn’t good enough: Penn State’s website claims that sophomore guard **Adam Highberger (#14)**, who was named Math Student of the Year in high school, finished second in his HS class with a 4.0 GPA. Now, I’m no Math Student of the Year, but how is that possible?

Is that you, Lloyd?: Are we confident that Penn State assistant coach Kurt Kanaskie is not Lloyd Carr’s long lost twin?

THE REST OF THE NITTANY LION ROSTER: #10 Chris Babb, #13 Will Leiner, #24 Cammeron Woodyard, #33 Danny Morrissey, #41 Steve Kirkpatrick, #42 Billy Oliver, #54 Andrew Ott

- PSU’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 (14-8, 4-6 Big Ten):

44	Kelvin Grady	5'11" G	Along with teammate Stu Douglass, KG dished out game-high 4 assists in loss at Purdue Saturday afternoon.
31	Laval Lucas-Perry	6'3" G	Has not scored in double figures since his 18-point outburst at Indiana
3	Manny Harris	6'5" G	Only scored 5 points in loss at Purdue before being tossed for pivoting and clearing space; allegedly gave Chris Kramer "the hardest hit he's ever gotten"
0	Zack Novak	6'5" F	Returns to action after serving one-game suspension for intentional hit on Ohio State forward Evan Turner; still third on the team in points with 140
34	DeShawn Sims	6'8" F	One of two Wolverines in double figures in Saturday's loss at Purdue
Coach	John Beilein		ESPN's Jay Bilas claims that coach has "lost control of his team"

More like Aaron Burr: Referee Jim Burr, who tossed Manny Harris for Saturday's apparent flagrant foul on Purdue point guard and flopping extraordinaire Chris Kramer, is not helping his case for the Rage's favorite referee award. It was just last year that Burr reportedly called the Maize Rage "the worst student section in the country" after officiating a Michigan game against Central Michigan. Then last weekend, Burr threw out the Wolverines' leading scorer/rebounder/free throw shooter for an inadvertent elbow that hit Kramer's face. But Burr did NOT call a foul on Illinois' Alex Legion when he connected with Zack Novak's face earlier this year, causing him to bleed just as profusely as Kramer did Saturday night. (Burr also officiated a game between Wisconsin and Purdue where Badger forward Joe Krabbenhoft hit Lewis Jackson with a forearm and forced him to miss a game with a concussion – no foul was called on the play).

FREE Maize Rage Road Trip: The Maize Rage is taking the show on the road to Evanston, Illinois on Sunday, February 15 to support the team at Northwestern. Spots on the trip are going fast, so sign up today with Maize Rage representatives in the first row of the center bleacher section. The trip is FREE for student season ticketholders and includes transportation and a ticket, but you will be required to put down a \$5 deposit to save your spot, which will be refunded as soon as you get on the bus. Tentatively, plan for the bus to leave at approximately 9:30 a.m. and return to Ann Arbor at approximately 10:00 p.m. All the final details will be e-mailed to you prior to the trip.

Player Intros: We will chant the name of the Michigan player about to be introduced even while the opposing team's names are read. Check with the center section beforehand to determine the order in which our players will be introduced. They will be posted up on a whiteboard and shared with everybody before the introductions.

PEEDI: Instead of chanting "De-Shawn Si-ims" when he is introduced, chant "PEE-DI" (his nickname) instead.

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:

-NaNaNaNaN! NaNaNaN! 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, Jan. 7	at #1 UConn	6:00pm	ESPN
Tuesday, Jan. 10	vs. #14 Michigan St.	7:00pm	ESPN



STUDENTS! E-MAIL LIST: To sign up for weekly newsletters and important Rage tidbits, go to MaizeRage.org and click the link on the left side of the page, or send an email to nmattar@umich.edu requesting that your name be added.

Histo's Corner:

Michigan is 13-1 all-time at home against Penn State, the one loss coming on Feb. 24, 1999.

In a Michigan head coach's second season with the team, Michigan is 0-1 against Penn State at home, losing in Brian Ellerbe's second season.

Against current Penn State coach Ed DeChellis, Michigan is a perfect 4-0 at home.

Michigan is 21-10 all-time against Penn State.

Histo's RPI Update:

Michigan - #54, Penn State - #66

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