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Welcome to another season of Michigan basketball! After a tremendous '08-'09 season, the Michigan team enters 2009 with a different mindset than we are used to seeing. In fact, this season feels a little... different. Maybe it was the first NCAA tournament appearance since 1998. Maybe it's the fact that the Wolverines return two All-Big Ten selections from a year ago in Manny Harris and DeShawn Sims. Or maybe it's the #15 preseason ranking that our team has attained for their highest preseason rank since the mid-1990s. Whatever it is, they all give the team something that we are not used to: expectations. So let's start the season off right and treat this exhibition like any other game. Those guys from 6 Mile in Detroit should be in for a long night...

Here is the *projected* starting lineup for the Wayne State Warriors (0-0, 0-0 GLIAC):

3	Bryan Wright	5'10" G	Not to be confused with our kicker, this Bryan Wright is actually 40lbs less and three inches shorter.
11	Bryan Smothers	5'9" G	Played high school ball with Michigan tight end Martell Webb at Pontiac Northern
5	Larry Edwards	5'6" G	Has played many sports, but none have really panned out (see below)
22	Jerry Oden*	6'4" F	Pre-season All-GLIAC selection, he's supposedly pretty good.
?	Ike Udanoh	6'7" C	Transfer from Long Island University has no number listed...
Coach	David (Alan) Greer		Middle name is not actually Alan, but for tonight we can say he is, in fact, the host of Comedy Central's <i>Chocolate News</i> .

***BUM OF THE GAME:** Make sure to say hey to Jerry Oden, because 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 Oden?" respond: "He's a bum. Bum-bum-bum-bum-bum-bum-bum!"

He's gotta be good at something: Larry Edwards played football, basketball, and baseball at Benton Harbor High School, but chose to play baseball at Arkansas-Pine Bluff over being a point guard or quarterback elsewhere. After redshirting his freshman year, he took off for Wayne State, where he has "flourished" in his role on the Warriors squad. He is now known as a defensive stopper and had a tremendous game against California (not *that* California, but rather the California in Pennsylvania), scoring a career high 8 points.

Nicknames: Sophomore **Ian Larkin** has several nicknames, with a popular one being "Midnight Crawler". He also is not a huge fan of LeBron James: he has several links on Facebook to players dunking on King James – Jason Maxiell, Danny Granger, and Nick Young have some of his favorite dunks.

Bejeweled Blitz!: Facebook games like Farmville may be taking over the internet world, but freshman **Deon Dismuke** walks a different path: he plays Bejeweled Blitz. Some pieces of the Blitz include the PopCap Jewel Jabber... apparently it is all the rage down at Wayne State – about half of the stories on Deon's mini feed said that "Deon is playing Bejeweled Blitz".

Out and back again: Oden is one of many Warriors players who have trouble sticking to one school. After one year playing at WSU, he left the city and took off for Lansing, where he attended Lansing Community College. He would spend a year there before returning to the Warriors, where he is now, in the words of coach David (Alan) Greer, "remarkable". Yeah, "remarkable" is not the first word that comes to mind when you think of somebody who spent a year that close to East Lansing.

We'll take Carlton: Sophomore **Dale Brundidge** was considered a "huge pick up" for Wayne State when they signed him in May of 2008. He also has a younger brother by the name of Carlton who is considered a "huge pick up" for the Michigan Wolverines. Carlton is ranked a 4-star recruit on Rivals and is the first player to verbally commit from the class of 2011.

THE REST OF THE WARRIORS: #33 Justin Sample, #34 Andrew Tines, #55 Bryan Edwards, Mike Hollingsworth, Stacey Waters (no numbers listed)

- WSU'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)
 - 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 (0-0, 0-0 Big Ten):

31	Laval Lucas-Perry	6'3"	G	With a full season under his belt, LLP is back as a combo guard in the Beilein offense
1	Stu Douglass	6'3"	G	Though he will probably move over to point guard, Stu is one of the best pure shooters on the team
3	Manny Harris	6'6"	W	A preseason All-Big Ten first team selection, Manny is primed to have another outstanding season after a fantastic sophomore campaign
0	Zack Novak	6'5"	F	Air Novak set the bar high by executing a through-the-legs dunk in the final round of the dunk contest at Michigan Madness
34	DeShawn Sims	6'8"	F	An imposing post presence, "Peedi" will be called upon to be a leader on a team that is guard-oriented
Coach	John Beilein			Expectations have never been higher for a Beilein team.

Michigan Madness: Thanks to everybody who came out to Michigan Madness back on October 16. While we didn't fill the stadium, we still had a great turnout, both at Borseth's BBQ and the main event. Between the skills competition, the 3-point shootout, and the dunk contest, the excitement was tremendous. Congrats to Blake McLimans (skills competition), Manny Harris (3-point shootout), and Air Novak (dunk contest) for taking home the crowns in their respective events.

#15: It's been awhile since a Michigan basketball team has started the season in the top 25. But we aren't just in the top 25 - we're top 15! At #15 in both the AP and Coaches polls, the team finds themselves with their highest ranking since... well, it's been awhile. Let's leave it at that. Coach Beilein and DeShawn Sims both have ignored the rankings, claiming that the preseason ranks mean nothing because nobody has even played a game. But we've noticed, and it's a great thing to help elevate the excitement for Michigan basketball. With nearly 2500 season ticket packages sold, the athletic department has seen a 500% increase in student ticket sales from a year ago. Looks like Michigan basketball might be on its way back.

Chinese Fire Drill: If you are in the bleachers and don't know what this is all about, ask somebody around you. Listen for the signal.

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.

THE FISH: At halftime, be sure to sit down and start swaying back and forth. You will see random Maize Ragers jump up and flop like a fish. If you feel so inclined, go ahead and try it out, too!

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)

Upcoming games:

November 14	vs. Northern Michigan	7:00pm	Wear your Eskimo gear as we salute the yoopers
November 20	vs. Houston Baptist	7:00pm	Played Ohio State tough last year, losing 89-65 (ok not so tough)
November 26	vs. Creighton	12:00pm	First round of the Old Spice Classic in Orlando, Florida



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Webber's Wisdom

Some facts about Chris Webber

- Did you know that C-Webb averaged 15.2 points per game in his freshman year (1991-92) at Michigan?
- Not only did he lead the team in scoring that year, but he also shot a blistering 59% from the field during Year 1 of the Fab Five era. What a guy!