



The Rage Page



The Wolverines return to Crisler for their first game over semester break as they take on the Eagles from Coppin State. With a .500 record coming into tonight's game, this Michigan squad has not performed up to the national media's expectations. But we still have a long way to go this season. Tonight is the final non-conference game until the big contest against Connecticut, so it is vital that we show the team a lot of energy. It is also important that we have a winning record and some momentum going into the Big Ten season opener at Indiana on New Years Eve. Even though there won't be many students in Crisler tonight, there is no reason for the Maize Rage to be as loud as ever! Go Blue and beat the Eagles!!!

Here is the *projected* starting lineup for the Coppin State Eagles (5-4, 0-1 MEAC):

24	Kareem Brown	6'2"	G	Majoring in "Interdisciplinary Studies" – the Coppin State equivalent of "General Studies" here at Michigan
10	Lenny Young	6'2"	G	In high school his team won the Friends League Championship his senior year
11	Vince Goldsberry	6'0"	F	Bow Wow clone is the team's second-leading scorer at 10.3 points per game
34	Branden Doughty*	6'8"	F	Dad James played basketball for that sorry school in Columbus and then had an illustrious career with the Harlem Globetrotters
50	Ceslovas Kucinskas	6'8"	F	Averaged a whopping 6.7 points per game his senior year of high school and was named "Unsung Hero" of the team – now flourishing at CSU with 7 ppg
Coach	Ron Mitchell			Nicknamed "Fang", he is best known for leading 15-seed Coppin State to a huge upset of 2-seed South Carolina in the 1997 NCAA Tournament

***BUM OF THE GAME:** Don't back off Branden Doughty for even a second, 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 Xavier?" respond: "He's a bum. Bum-bum-bum-bum-bum-bum-bum!"

Tweet of the Game: After losing to USC by 31 points back in November, Doughty was NOT in a good mood, expressing his anger through his Twitter account: "We got our heads smacked... and the bad part is they put LIL ROMEO in the game... AND HE SCORED!" Keep in mind that "Lil Romeo" is the son of former hip-hop mogul Master P and had a few hits when he was in middle school (he disappeared from the spotlight in high school to chase his dream of playing college and pro basketball). Apparently he is good enough to hang with the Coppin State kids, even though he's the last man off the bench for the Trojans.

Tweets Part II: Junior **Mike Buckley (#23)** is a big fan of Twitter, as well. He also is a big fan of pool, tweeting "sittin' in the pool hall bussin' every competitor that comes close..." Unless there is another meaning for that tweet, it looks like he is as much into pool as he is basketball, since he does not appear on the team's statistics page on ESPN.com.

Too Many Transfers: Throughout this season, many of our opponents' rosters have been littered with players who transferred from another school. While Coppin State does not have as many as Detroit or Houston Baptist, they still have four players with prior college basketball experience. The best community college name belongs to center **Sam Coleman (#33)**, who transferred from Lackawanna Community College.

Glory Days: Freshman **Jonathan Landry (#32)** played on a great high school basketball team. San Antonio's James Madison high school ranked as high as fifth in the nation during Landry's senior year, and three players from that team were listed on Rivals.com. However, none of them were awarded "stars", and only two of those players ended up playing for Division I schools. Landry remains the most successful, averaging 6 points per game at good ol' Coppin State.

THE REST OF THE EAGLES: #5 Michael Harper, #15 George Jackson, #20 Quinston Reggins, #31 Eddie Hayden

- CSU'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 (5-5, 0-0 Big Ten):

31	Laval Lucas-Perry	6'3"	G	With his ability to shoot the three and drive to the basket, LLP needs to assert himself as a possible third scorer.
1	Stu Douglass	6'3"	G	Earned his first start last Saturday against Kansas; played 36 minutes and racked up 8 points, 4 rebounds, and 2 assists.
3	Manny Harris	6'6"	W	After a less than average game for Manny Fresh at Kansas, he is going to need to be a little more consistent once Big Ten season rolls around.
0	Zack Novak	6'5"	F	Zack continues to struggle shooting from behind the arc, shooting just 4-25 in his last 6 games and 25% for the season.
34	DeShawn Sims	6'8"	F	Peedi brought his "A" game against last Saturday, leading Michigan with 19 points and 7 rebounds.
Coach	John Beilein			His famed 1-3-1 zone defense was back with authority in Lawrence.

Struggles continue: Michigan went into Lawrence, Kansas last Saturday not expecting much against the top ranked team in the country. However, instead of shooting well, the team just shot themselves in the foot. The Wolverines, as a team, shot only 24-67 (35.8%) from the field and just 5-28 (17.9%) from behind the arc. That means the team is shooting 28% for the season, which is good enough for 311th in the country. If Michigan wants to make a run in the Big Ten season, improving the 3-point shot is a must.

Stuuuuu: Stu Douglass started his first game of the season on Saturday at Kansas, and the sophomore guard did not disappoint. He hit two 3-pointers en route to a total of 8 points in 36 minutes. Do not be surprised if Stu starts to get some more playing time as he is beginning to find his shot again.

Cole Who? The Wolverines may have left Lawrence with a loss, but one thing they did well was shut down preseason All-American center Cole Aldrich. Thanks in part to the tough man-to-man defense of DeShawn Sims and the 1-3-1 zone, Aldrich only scored 5 points in 27 minutes. He was also 0-3 from the field (5-8 from the charity stripe).

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:

December 31	at Indiana	12:00pm	Start celebrating New Years early with the Big Ten season opener
January 3	vs. Ohio State	4:30pm	Even though it's a break game, you have to be here
January 7	at Penn State	7:00pm	Our first chance to claim we still own Penn State

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Webber's Wisdom

Some facts about Chris Webber

- Did you know that C-Webb owns and makes a comic book called "Webber's World"? How creative!

- Chris has been collecting African American artifacts since 1994, and in 2007, he unveiled his collection at the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History in Detroit.