



# The Rage Page



With every game, the Wolverines seem to be turning more doubters into believers, and last Saturday's 69-51 victory over fearsome Oakland was no different. With each game, Michigan seems to be maturing right before our eyes. Let's hope tonight is no different and let's help these (still) young Wolverines give us an early Christmas present against a struggling squad from Bryant (Rhode Island) University. As Coach Beilein will tell anyone, every Division I basketball team is full of very good players and none can be overlooked. While Bryant has just one win on the season and Purdue looms large with the start of Big Ten season just around the corner, we need to help our team focus on winning the battle at hand and maintaining our momentum as we look to show the Big Ten we aren't going to be an easy out. Have a safe and happy holiday season and Let's Go Blue!

Here is the projected starting lineup for the Bryant Bulldogs (1-9, 0-1 Northeast Conference):

11	Matthew Lee	6'2"	G	True freshman from Bloomfield, NJ was a three-year varsity letter-winner at Westtown School, where he played in the All-Friends League.
5	<b>Frankie Dobbs</b>	<b>6'3"</b>	<b>G</b>	<b>Transfer from Ohio University is majoring in "Management" and is the son of former Villanova basketball player Frank Dobbs.</b>
33	Cecil Gresham	6'5"	G/F	Redshirt senior led team in scoring with 13.4 ppg his junior season before missing all but eight games last year to a season-ending injury.
23	Alex Francis	6'6"	F	Another true freshman, Francis reigns from Harlem, NY; Has scored in double digits in all but three games this season.
15	Vladyslav Kondratyev	6'8"	F	The sophomore from Ukraine led team with 259 points last season; hails from The Rock School (Florida); named to the NEC All-Rookie Team last year.
Coach	Tim O'Shea			The school seems to be very content with O'Shea, the former Ohio head man, at the helm despite his one win this year equaling last season's win total. Lost 93-77 to alma mater Boston College on Sunday.

*To comply with the new Big Ten Sportsmanship code, the Bum of the Game has been removed from the Rage Page. Instead, **Frankie Dobbs** is now the "Player to Watch".*

**They've got his back:** To quote Bryant University's basketball webpage: "Entering his third season as the head coach of the Bryant University men's basketball team, one thing is perfectly clear: the Bulldogs have without a doubt found the right coach to lead their program into Division I in Tim O'Shea." Perhaps one needs to accept low standards when one's team is just three seasons into Division I basketball play, but a 10-59 record through two and a half seasons is tough to swallow. O'Shea did enjoy success at Ohio University, compiling a 120-95 record in his seven seasons as head coach of the Bobcats, even leading them to the NCAA Tournament in 2005 before resigning to get closer to home. If Bryant's record continues to slip, though, he may be wishing he would have never left Ohio.

**Two-Sport Star:** It is a rare occurrence these days that we see a Deion Sanders or a Jim Brown, who excel in multiple sports, but Bryant appears to have one on their own campus. Tonight we welcome in the second two-sport star into Crisler Arena; joining freshman Matt Brown from Harvard is freshman **Jordan Harris (#55)**, who does double duty as a wide receiver on the Bulldogs' football team, where he recorded 25 receptions for 467 yards and 2 touchdowns.

**All-Name Team:** Kondratyev is not the only one who makes Bryant the best-named team to play in Crisler Arena this year. Joining Vlad are redshirt junior center **Papa Lo (#1)** from Senegal and sophomore forward **Claybrin McMath (#32)** from Australia. Big Papa is already married, to Mourny Diop, and has a brother named Mamadou. Papa came to the United States in 2005 to play for The Winchendon School. McMath is a 2008 graduate from Lake Ginninderra in the capital city of Canberra, Australia and was selected to attend the Australia Institute of Sport, from which all 12 of his teammates went on to play Division I basketball in the U.S.

**Son of a Star:** Sophomore guard **Daniel Calandrillo's (#4)** father led the nation in scoring at Seton Hall in the 1981-82 season.

**THE REST OF THE BULLDOGS:** #2 Troy Robinson, #3 Michael Chroney, #10 Raphael Jordan, #12 Corey Maynard, #14 Erick Smith, #22 Barry Latham, #54 Alex Herzing

- Bryant'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)
  - Upon a made free throw, listen for the "It doesn't matter!" prompt and yell "You still suck!"

**Keep it classy, Rage:** As one of the premiere student sections in the country, 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 (9-2, 0-0 Big Ten):

4	Darius Morris	6'4"	G	Led the Wolverines with 18 points and 5 assists in Sunday's win over Oakland
0	Zack Novak	6'4"	G	Double-doubles are becoming a normal thing for Zack, as he scored 13 points to go with 12 rebounds while playing a team-high 38 minutes on Sunday
10	Tim Hardaway Jr.	6'5"	G	Continues to struggle early but play well late in games, scoring all 10 of his points in the second half against the Golden Grizzlies
23	Evan Smotrycz	6'9"	F	Showed his mean streak when he received his first technical foul on Sunday
52	Jordan Morgan	6'8"	F	Anchored a team effort in stopping Oakland superstar center Keith Benson
Coach	John Beilein			His team is off to their best start in his four seasons at Michigan with only two Losses so far in this young season

**Defense By Committee:** This past weekend, the Wolverines big men faced their toughest test of the season when NBA prospect Keith Benson came into Crisler, riding high after a 28-point, 12-rebound effort in an upset against then-#7 Tennessee. But big men Jordan Morgan, Jon Horford, and Blake McLimans all answered the call as they limited Benson to 11 points and 7 rebounds in a game where he was never able to get into a rhythm offensively. In addition to the big men, however, the guards also helped out tremendously on Benson by consistently helping out on double teams and forcing him to either pass the ball or turn it over.

**The Real Test Looms:** After tonight, the always difficult Big Ten conference schedule will commence, with three of the next five games against ranked opponents. Purdue, Ohio State, and Big 12 juggernaut Kansas will all come to Crisler in the next two weeks, and our team will play at the relentless Kohl Center against the Wisconsin Badgers, as well. If the Wolverines can escape this upcoming stretch of games unscathed, the bandwagon will surely begin to load up again...

**Top 10:** With mailless than two minutes remaining in the game against Oakland on Sunday, Darius Morris threw a fantastic no-look pass to a cutting Stu Douglass for a lay-up that put the Wolverines ahead by a convincing 66-51 margin. That play was named the #4 top play of the day on Saturday, which is the first time the Wolverines have appeared on the countdown this season.

**\*H-BOMB:** When Tim Hardaway Jr. hits a three, drop back in your seats as if a bomb has violently shaken Crisler Arena. Simultaneously, yell "Timmay" (Like Timmy from South Park).

**THE BIRD:** If Blake McLimans hits a 3-pointer, be sure to flap your wings like a bird. If he dunks, it is important you not only flap your wings, but you "caw" as if he is taking flight.

**Chants: Be steady and DO NOT 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 28	vs Purdue	2:00pm	Start the Big Ten season with our first victory against a ranked opp.
January 2	vs Penn State	4:00pm	The day after the Gator Bowl, don't forget about Talor Battle's boys
January 5	@ Wisconsin	8:30pm	The Kohl Center is always a tough place to win, much like Crisler



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## The Histo and Bacari Corner

### Did you know...

- John Beilein's teams are 128-39 (.767) when leading or tied at halftime, dating back to his first season at West Virginia

### Coach BA's tweets of the week!

*Dec 22:* "When asked what I wanted for Christmas I said that I wanted a packed Crisler Arena tomorrow. Don't BAH HUMBUG ME!  
HALOL!!!

*Dec. 22:* Christmas just ain't Christmas without the Wolverines!!!!  
HALOL!