



The Rage Page



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A little less than 72 hours ago, the Wolverines walked off the court in Crisler after a tough 67-60 overtime loss to the undefeated and third ranked team in the country, the Kansas Jayhawks. Tonight, another undefeated team comes to Ann Arbor; the #2 Ohio State Buckeyes make the trip up US 23 for this rivalry matchup that has heated up in the past year. Both teams won their home game in the series during the regular season and were set to play in the second round of the Big Ten Tournament. Long story short, the now Philadelphia 76er Evan Turner hit a three at the buzzer to beat the Wolverines 69-68. This game is our chance for revenge. The Buckeyes may be undefeated, but they haven't faced much (if any) competition. Let's show the scarlet and grey that Michigan wins are an annual event here at Crisler Arena! Go Blue, Beat OSU!

Here is the projected starting lineup for the Ohio State Buckeyes (16-0, 3-0 Big Ten):

44	William Buford	6'5"	G	After fouling out at PSU last year, Buford made an obscene gesture to his midsection and pointed to the scoreboard in an attempt to taunt the students.
33	Jon Diebler	6'6"	G	Jon just recently became engaged to his girlfriend, who watches games from the sidelines as an OSU cheerleader.
23	David Lighty*	6'5"	G/F	David didn't play a lot his freshman year, but stole a bit of the spotlight when he got in some trouble after firing BBs at a jogger.
0	Jared Sullinger	6'9"	F	A national Player of the Year candidate; his high school point guard was Trey Burke, a Michigan commitment coming to campus next year.
52	Dallas Lauderdale	6'8"	F	In 117 games for the Buckeyes, the tale of two cities has a grand total of one double-double... Zack Novak has 4 in 16 games this season.
Coach	Thad Matta			Thad will always be known as the coach who picked up his gum off the floor and popped it back into his mouth, which was all caught on national television

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

One-and-Done State University: With the rule that a player must have at least one year of college before heading to the NBA, Ohio State knows exactly how it feels to have an underclassmen go to the NBA. Since the 06-07 season, OSU has had 4 freshman declare for the draft early (Mike Conley, Greg Oden, Kosta Koufos and B.J. Mullens), and while nothing is sure yet, freshman **Jared Sullinger** will continue the trend and bail on the Bucks after this year. It seems like passing on education for the big leagues is a norm for OSU players recently, but fellow freshman and Indiana Mr. Basketball **Deshaun Thomas (#1)** will have to wait for his opportunity.

Golden Boy: With nothing besides the information from before college, the Ohio State Athletic website's bio of freshman **Jordan Sibert (#2)** shows a little bit of a conceited description of the young player. Jordan was named as the 2010 Gatorade Player of the Year in Ohio. While maintaining a "B" average in the classroom, Sibert was an active member of his church community, as well as volunteering as a peer mentor, a summer camp counselor, and a youth basketball coach. Jordan enjoys drawing, and in his spare time he mentors elementary school children and visits with elderly community members. Jordan has seen the court this year, but mostly playing the "human victory cigar" role.

Briefly: Former walk-on and star benchwarmer **Eddie Days (#10)** is the nephew of Los Angeles Lakers Assistant Coach Jim Cleamons... freshman **Lenzelle Smith Jr. (#32)** was a High School Academic All-American and a member of the Nation Honor Society at Zion-Benton HS... the investigation of Tennessee's illegal recruiting practices heated up after a picture of **Aaron Craft (#4)** at Bruce Pearl's home was found, a violation of NCAA rules of off-campus player-coach interaction... **Evan Ravenel (#30)** returns to Crisler for the second year after transferring from Boston College (he played 1 minute and recorded 1 rebound last year)

THE REST OF THE BUCKEYES: #24 Nikola Kecman

- OSU'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 one of college basketball's premiere student sections, 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 (11-5, 1-2 Big Ten):

4	Darius Morris	6'4"	G	D-Mo has been struggling lately with 4 turnovers in each of last three games, but has shot well going 15-30 from the field and 13-14 from the stripe.
0	Zack Novak	6'4"	G	Novak has the hot hand on the team as of recently, shooting 52% from the field (7-14 3-pt) in the past two games.
10	Tim Hardaway Jr.	6'5"	G	Tim continues to show improvement in his first year, adding 19 points and 7 rebounds against Kansas over the weekend.
23	Evan Smotrycz	6'9"	F	Evan has been seen playing in the 5 spot recently a la former Beilein player Kevin Pittsnogle; look for this when the other big men struggle.
52	Jordan Morgan	6'8"	F	Jordan was recently listed as one of the top-25 freshman (#24) in college basketball by basketballprospectus.com.
Coach	John Beilein			JB showed confidence in his 1-3-1 zone going to it on the majority of the defensive possessions down the stretch on Sunday.

MSU Home Game: Good News! If you forgot to buy a ticket for the game vs Michigan State on March 5th, you have another chance! The ticket is not included in your student ticket package because it is on the Saturday before classes resume after spring break. Unfortunately, the tickets for sale are student tickets in the blue or gold, but the doesn't necessarily mean you wont be in the bleachers for the game (if there is room, you will be moved to the bleachers). If you are going to be in town, we **STRONGLY** encourage you to buy a ticket because with every ticket not bought by a Michigan fan will be bought by sparty, and we really don't want that.

Big Ten Tourney: With the start of the new semester, plans have begun for the Maize Rage trip to the Big Ten Tourney! We are looking to take somewhere around 70 of you down to Indianapolis to take over Conseco Fieldhouse. With the tournament being two months away, there are no official plans as of yet, so stay tuned for more information later on if you are interested. If you are really interested, join the Maize Rage email list (look at the bottom left corner) and get all of your Maize Rage news.

The MAIZE RAGE: If you plan on watching the game from the bleachers, it is important that you wear MAIZE in the MAIZE RAGE. It is ok to wear some other colors, but you are not allowed to wear the opposing team's colors under ANY circumstances. Tonight, if you are wearing scarlet (or any kind of red) you will be promptly escorted out of the bleachers.

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:

January 15	at Indiana	8:00pm	Michigan will try to extend IU's losing streak to 7
January 18	at Northwestern	9:00pm	The Wildcats are the last team to increase IU's losing streak
January 22	vs Minnesota	7:00pm	The Wolverines are 4-2 against the Gophers under Beilein



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The Histo and Bacari Corner

Did you know...

- Michigan is 15-10 all-time on January 12, with the last game being a 78-68 victory over Northwestern in 2008.
- The Wolverines have played Ohio State three times on this date; we have a record of 2-1 against the Buckeyes.

Coach BA's Tweet of the Week!

Jan. 10 – "Sometimes you have to decide to get up or lay down. Time to awake this sleeping giant! Grow with us! John Beilein for president!!!!"