

“You have to **play hard**, try to **execute** what we’ve been learning in practice, and make sure we **mesh as one unit**.” ... *Senior Wing Ron Coleman*

Tonight, another season of Michigan basketball begins. But this promises to be anything but another typical year. The conversation has to begin with John Beilein, the innovative and passionate head coach who debuts at the end of the Michigan bench tonight. But there are more reasons for optimism this year. A talented freshman class features Manny Harris, the Mr. Basketball award winner who wowed the Maize Rage with his offensive moves and high-flying rebounds in the exhibition game last week. Zack Gibson and K’Len Morris, former high school teammates, join the team after sitting out last year. The future looks bright, and it begins now.

Here is the projected starting lineup for the Radford Highlanders (0-0, 0-0 Big South):

11	Amir Johnson	5’9”	G	Sophomore is a full foot shorter than the Pistons forward of the same name
24	Kenny Thomas	6’3”	G	Middle name is Laverrall; favorite midnight snack is ‘just ice cold water’; only four inches shorter than the Kings forward of the same name
4	Martell McDuffy	6’4”	G	Enjoys reading about relationships and cooking in funny hats (see below)
40	Joey Lynch-Flohr	6’8”	F	JoJo, as he’s called by teammates, is majoring in Geography and, when no one is looking, he likes to ‘pretend that someone is’
31	Duane Ricks* ^BUM OF THE GAME^^	6’9”	C	Aspiring rapper calls himself Lil Ricks and throws down such tracks as ‘Who Am I’; he also works as a cashier at Family Dollar and was once caught by his former coach falling asleep at halftime of a game
Coach	Brad Greenberg			First-year head coach was the 76ers GM in ’96-’97; during that season, he drafted Allen Iverson with the first overall pick and then lost 60 games

***BUM OF THE GAME:** Give Duane Ricks an especially difficult time, as he’s our Bum of the Game. Boo whenever he touches the ball and if the center section asks “What’s the matter with Duane?” respond: “He’s a bum. Bum-bum-bum-bum-bum-bum!”

Breakfast with Martell: Junior Martell McDuffy (#4) apparently likes to make chocolate chip pancakes in the morning while wearing a sombrero. Has he been feeding them to Colby Trent? (See below) →



If the Name Fits...: The Highlanders call senior Colby Trent (#54) a few different things, all centering around a single theme: the man is large. Big C, Fat Rock, or Fats, whichever you prefer, is currently listed at 278 pounds and 6’9” tall. That’s actually down from last season, when he tipped the scales at 294 pounds (if you believe the RU Media Guide—many observers thought he was easily 300 pounds). Fats lived up to his nicknames so well that he faced an ultimatum from his new coach last spring: lose 35 pounds in the offseason. Sadly, he didn’t quite meet his goal. (We blame too many of McDuffy’s pancakes).

King Kleck?: It might come as no surprise that Tyler Kleckner (#22), a senior forward, is not as good as LeBron James. But TKleck, also known as “6’8n,” really feels inadequate compared to King James: “He’s 22 years old. He is only eight months older than me, and he is a *man!* I’m just a boy,” Kleckner lamented.

The Doctor is In: Eric Hall (#33) calls Colby Trent “Radford University’s Dr. Phil” because “he will fix any problem you come to him with or don’t come to him with.”

Briefly: Ironically, Tyler Kleckner’s favorite movie is “White Men Can’t Jump.” ... Chris McEachin’s (#1) favorite movies include an odd combination: “Katt Williams Pimp Chronicles” and “The Lion King.” ... The Rage Page has received an unconfirmed report that freshman forward Nick McFarlin (#12) tripped and fell down Monday night at a Radford-area Wendy’s.

THE REST OF THE RADFORD ROSTER: #3 Alex Gynes, #10 Cole Wilder, #23 Jamar Jenkins, #30 Phillip Martin

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.

Radford’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!”

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