

The Rage Page



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After eight months of waiting, the 2010-2011 Michigan basketball season has finally arrived. Never before has the opening game been so important for the Wolverines, as they take on the Spartans right off the bat – no, not our little brother Spartans, but the Spartans of South Carolina Upstate! Michigan boasts perhaps the youngest team in college basketball, with six of our 10 scholarship players having freshman standing. We must help this young Wolverine squad grow up fast by being loud and proud and standing behind them throughout this season, but most importantly in this first game. So stand up and cheer your heart (and lungs) out as we get off on the right foot with a victory over the Spartans of South Carolina, proving that Wolverines always will be superior.

Here is the *projected* starting lineup for the South Carolina Upstate Spartans (0-0, 0-0 Atlantic Sun):

20	Josh Chavis	5'9" G	Hit 10 threes in one game against former Wolverine Reed Baker and Florida
			Gulf Coast last year but only averaged 7.9 ppg.
33	Carter Cook	6'5" G	Sophomore from Calvary Baptist Day School, he loves chicken nuggets, Lil'
			Wayne, and his dream job is to be a professional basketball player.
21	Mezie Uzochukwu	6'5" F	As of Tuesday, had 5,228 tweets and just 160 followers. To put that in
			perspective, our own Coach BA has 2,710 tweets but has 1,123 followers.
32	Chalmers Rogers	6'7" F	Boasts career highs of six points, five rebounds, and three assists.
5	Ricardo Glenn	6'7" F	Originally from Detroit, the 240-pound freshman from Augusta is expected to
			contribute immediately.
Coach	Eddie Payne		Coached at Oregon State for five seasons, compiling a 52-88 record. Has led
			the Spartans to seven, nine, and six wins over the past three seasons.

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

Freshmen Frenzy: If you thought Michigan was fielding an inexperienced team this year, look no further than South Carolina Upstate to be consoled. The Spartans will start this season with a ridiculous eight freshmen on the roster to go along with two incoming transfers after losing three seniors and three transfers from last year's team. While it isn't clear why so many people wanted out of Spartanburg, SC, perhaps those six wins last year had something to do with it. All three transfers decided to take their talents to Division II schools. Upstate is new to this whole Division I thing as well, however, as their first DI season came in 2007.

This Team is Loaded! After winning a combined 22 games over the past three seasons, one would think that the Spartans would have a great deal of motivation to start winning some more. Contrary to this common sense, however, these Spartans (unlike those from East Lansing) seem to enjoy spending their off-seasons participating in different recreational activities. Both Chavis and Cook are avid hunters, and freshman **Chandler Hash** (#4) apparently has also learned the Spartans' trade; they all can be seen on various social networks with hunting rifles in their main photos.

Briefly: Freshman **Torrey Craig** (#23) originally committed to Charleston Southern after being named 1A Player of the Year in South Carolina but losing the past two seasons in the state championship game...Sophomore **Tony Dukes** (#25) is a transfer from Atlanta Metropolitan College...Sophomore **Rob Elam** (#30) is a fan of Maya Moore, Candace Parker, and *Doug*, and transferred from East Mississippi CC...Freshman **Bruce Haynes** (#22) "jus made a 86 on my computer test lehhhgo".

THE REST OF THE SPARTANS: #1 Shane Porchea, #2 Will Saunders, #11 Marquis Sloan, #24 Jodd Maxey, #30 Rob Elam, #34 Babatunde Olomuwiya

<u>USC's Free Throws:</u> 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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4	Darius Morris	6'4"	G	Darius lead the team in scoring with 18 points vs Saginaw Valley, but expect
				him to start dishing the ball around for open shots in addition to scoring.
0	Zack Novak	6'4"	G	The pride of Chesterton, Indiana liked the Maize Rage turnout last week.
10	Tim Hardaway Jr.	6'5"	G	Tim is from Palmetto Senior High School, where he lead his team in
				scoring averaging 31.7 points per game his senior year.
23	Evan Smotrycz	6'9"	F	Smotrycz grabbed 9 boards last Friday, showing a lot of strength in the post.
52	Jordan Morgan	6'8"	F	J-Mo had a solid 9 points and 15 rebounds against SVSU while shooting 3-5
				from the field and 3-4 from the charity stripe.
Coach	John Beilein			Coach Beilein need 3 more wins to obtain 600 career wins.

Welcome Back CJ: Some of you may not know who he is, but in his last season of eligibility, CJ Lee played a huge part of Michigan's run to the second round of the NCAA tournament two years ago. On Tuesday, Coach Beilein announced the hiring of CJ as the administrative specialist for the Wolverine program. "I am thrilled to come back and formally be a part of the Michigan basketball program," CJ said, and we should be thrilled as well to have the former Big Ten Outstanding Sportsmanship Award winner officially back with Michigan Basketball.

Stunned by a D-II: Yes, the Wolverines beat Saginaw Valley St. by only 9 points in last week's exhibition game, but at least we didn't lose, right? Well, Tennessee (#20/23) walked off the court against Division-II Indianapolis with a different feeling... embarrassment. The Vols lost 79-64 to the Greyhounds in their exhibition game earlier this week after being up 40-31 at halftime. Indy went on a 22-3 run to start the second half and Tennessee couldn't find their way back into the game. "Mostly it's embarrassing," guard Melvin Goins said. "I think that's the one word that wraps it up. Just an embarrassment to ourselves and to our fans."

Same Woes: Against SVSU, we saw a lot of new faces play big minutes, but we also saw the same 3-pt shooting problems as least year. Michigan shot a whopping 14% (3-21) from behind the line in their first game after last year's shooting total of 29.9% (321st in Div-I). Look for Stu and Zack to light it up from three, as we have seen them do in the past, to get this young team going.

*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 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-Defense! 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 18 vs	s Bowling Green	7:00pm	Round One of the 2010 Legends Classic
	s Gardner-Webb	2:00pm	Round One of the 2010 Legends Classic
	s Syracuse	8:00pm	Championship Rounds 2010 Legends Classic in Atlantic City, NJ



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The Histo and Bacari Corner

Did you know...

- Michigan has played (once in the Beilein era) opponents from the Atlantic Sun Conference, twice, with the last victory coming in 2008 when they defeated Florida Gulf Coast, 75-59.

Coach BA's Tweets of the Week!

Nov. 10 – "Do you believe in the unseen? That must suggest faith has to be present. If you can't dream it you can't do it! Bleed Blue!" Nov. 7 – "If you're on your way to bed tonight make sure that you 'Think Michigan'. I know Michigan will be thinking about you."