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Welcome, Michigan basketball fans, to the start of the glorious regular season of college basketball! Tonight, our Wolverines look to continue their good National Invitational Tournament fortune as they face the Binghamton Bearcats in the first round of the 2004 Preseason NIT. Binghamton, the former school of Wolverine guard Dani Wohl and PTI's Tony Kornheiser, is picked to finish fifth in this year's America East Conference. The Wolverines are, of course, the defending champions of the Postseason NIT and they look to keep their good name in the tournament circle with a win tonight. In their last action, Michigan defeated Wayne State 67-54 in an exhibition behind 17 Daniel Horton points and a 15-rebound performance from Brent Petway. It is our obligation this evening to be the official support section for Michigan and to return Crisler to the intensity that it saw in the NIT just eight months ago. We all remember how crazy it was in this building, and there's no reason we can't do more of the same. Let's take Michigan to victory!

Here is the starting lineup for the Binghamton Bearcats (0-0, 0-0 America East Conference):

22	Troy Hailey	6'1"	G	This dreadlocked sophomore's prep teammates went on to St. John's, NC State, Georgia Tech, and Georgetown; ol' Troy got the short end
23	Andre Heard	6'3"	G	Averaged 8.1 ppg in community college ball last year
24	Billy Williams	6'3"	F	At 25, he's the oldest on the Binghamton roster
32	Joe White	6'9"	F	This grad student went for a big 0 points in Binghamton's most recent exhibition against Brockport
50	Nick Billings	7'0"	C	The Alaskan ranks 10 th in NCAA history in career blocks; rumored to be a prospect for the 2005 NBA Draft
Coach	Al Walker			A former professional player in Israel

Embarrassed?: Senior forward Alex Adediran (#33) doesn't like going by Aleksey, the name that his own parents gave him.

Big ol' mouth of chaw: On the Internet, Jordan Fithian (#44), a freshman forward, lists some of his interests. Notables: "chewing" and "spitting". Sounds like beleaguered Purdue signalcaller Kyle Orton. "Looking at internet porn" also made the cut.

Home Depot...maybe Bed, Bath, and Beyond: Schafer Jackson (#2), a junior guard, is 23 years old and is married to Madison. Twenty-three years old? A junior? Can anyone say Chris Weinke?

Yeah, volleyball: He's redshirting, but so what? Ian Milne (#14), a forward, was once considered one of the top five prep volleyball players in the province of Manitoba. If you see him around, tell him he'd be no match for the Michigan spikers.

You said it: After Binghamton's 82-76 loss to Division II St. Rose on November 3, head coach Al Walker said, "I think Michigan can rest easy now." Walker went on to say, "I do have a concern about our leadership, toughness." "It's pathetic that this is what we showed the crowd," added star Alaskan center Nick Billings. Special thanks to the Binghamton Press & Sun-Bulletin.

H-BOMB: If Daniel hits a three, drop back in your seats as if a bomb has violently shaken Crisler Arena. It's the H-BOMB!

Player-specific chants:

- When Brent Petway comes into the game or performs some of his gravity-defying action, chant "Air Georgia!" This one has picked up a lot of steam on a national level and many broadcasters refer to us using this chant when they talk about BP. Get it going.
- If Dion Harris comes into the game, greet him with "Di-on Harr-is!" (clap clap clap-clap-clap)
- Greet Lester Abram with a rousing chorus of "Show-time! Show-time! Show-time!"

Chants: It's the beginning of the 2004-2005 regular season. This is a great opportunity for the Maize Rage to sharpen its spirit and chanting abilities. Listen in for the rhythm of these chants, and try to keep them at a steady pace. **Don't speed up.**

Offense:
-Here we go, Michigan, here we go! (clap clap)
-Go, Blue, Go! (clap clap clap)
-Let's Go Blue! (clap)

Defense:
-De-fense! (clap clap)
-D-D-D-Defense! D-D-D-Defense!
-Popcorn (Jump up and down while screaming OHHHH!! at the tip or when Michigan is on defense)
-Bounce! Bounce! Pass! (Yell "bounce" when the opposition dribbles, and "pass" when they pass)

Chants (Cont.):

Turnovers: -You! You! You! (while pointing finger at the player)

Fouls: -It's all your fault! It's all your fault! It's all your fault! (while pointing finger at the player)

Our Free Throws:

-Wave fingers in the air and upon a made shot, throw your hands down with force and say "BLUUUE!"

Binghamton'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!")
- General noise (Popcorn without the jumping)
- Chanting a player's name
- Upon a made free throw, listen for the "It doesn't matter!" prompt and yell "You still suck!"

These are all things that will come to us as the season starts to pick up. Be steady, and don't speed up.

Around the NIT: Here's a look at the matchups in the Preseason NIT:

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| November 15: | 1: George Washington at Wake Forest, 7:00 | 2: American at Virginia Commonwealth, 7:30 |
| | 7: Binghamton at MICHIGAN, 7:00 | 8: Charleston at Colorado, 9:00 |
| November 16: | 3: Niagara at Providence, 7:00 | 4: Quinnipiac at Pennsylvania, 7:00 |
| | 5: San Diego at Arizona, 9:00 | 6: Wright State at Tulsa, 8:05 |
| November 17: | 12: Winner 7 vs. Winner 8 | |
| November 18: | 9: Winner 1 vs. Winner 2 | 10: Winner 3 vs. Winner 4 |
| | | 11: Winner 5 vs. Winner 6 |
| November 24: | Semifinal 1: Winner 9 vs. Winner 10 | Semifinal 2: Winner 11 vs. Winner 12 |
| November 26: | Third Place Game, 4:30 PM, ESPN2 | Championship Game, 7:00 PM, ESPN 2 |

Semifinal games and the championship will be held at Madison Square Garden in New York City.

Nick Billings – The Rock of Binghamton Basketball:

The feared Alaskan NBA prospect decided to go with a smug look for this year's mugshot on the Binghamton website. Maybe he thinks the mean, chin-in-the-air thing will make him look more attractive to the Bulls and Magic of the world. Dwayne's not impressed, Nick, he's not impressed.



Check out our website: After the game, make sure you check out **MaizeRage.org** for all of the latest Maize Rage news about upcoming meetings and the Rager of the Game. Check out new Maize Rage pictures and archived issues of the Full Court Press. MaizeRage.org...it's just a click away!

Correction: In the last issue of the FCP, it was stated that Ashanti did the "Always On Time" duet with Jay-Z. Ashanti actually performed with Ja Rule. Special thanks to "Rook" for his fact-checking.

Histo's Corner: Michigan is 5-1 all-time against teams from the America East Conference, with the lone blemish coming in last year's 61-60 loss to Boston University at Crisler Arena, a loss which shall be avenged on December 14 of this year.

Michigan is 20-15 all-time and 7-2 at home against teams from the state of New York.

This is the first meeting between Michigan and Binghamton.

After winning the Postseason NIT in 1984, Michigan won the Big Ten championship in 1985. After its other NIT title in 1997, Michigan won the Big Ten Tournament in 1998. For those of you who don't know, Michigan is again the defending champion of the Postseason NIT.