



The Rage Page



After an unsuccessful trip to Utah, the Wolverines are back at .500 with a 4-4 record. Despite falling to the Utes, Manny Harris found his jump shot (remember the **H-BOMB**) and Eso Akunne played a career-high 17 minutes filling in for the sickly Zack Novak. The team may not be off to a start like last season, but the season is **STILL YOUNG**. Big non-conference games such as Kansas and Connecticut loom, but the biggest game so far is **TODAY**. For the second time this season, we welcome in a team whose campus is located off of Woodward Avenue in Detroit. But this is not Division-II Wayne State. This is the Horizon League's own Detroit Titans, who are coming off of a heartbreaking loss against Tennessee State, 70-69. Let's make sure this game does not go down to the final buzzer, as we are in need of a big win!

Here is the *projected* starting lineup for the Detroit Titans (6-3, 2-0 Horizon):

3	Lamar Lee	6'0"	G	Transfer from Indiana State and then Highland CC did not play basketball his senior year of high school because of a high school transfer
1	Chase Simon	6'6"	G	For one reason or another, we love playing against transfers. This guy transferred from Central Michigan after his freshman year
30	Eugene Blue	6'8"	F	This one came from Pensacola CC, but is originally from Flint
15	Thomas Kennedy	6'7"	F	After leading Mott CC to their second NJCAA Championship in 2008, he transferred (shockingly) to Detroit, where he led the team in scoring last year
00	Xavier Keeling*	6'7"	F	On Facebook, lists his favorite book as "ME READ YEAH RIGHT" (oh and he played at Wallace State CC before going to UDM)
Coach	Ray McCallum			Son by the same name is a consensus 4-star point guard at Detroit Country Day and is looking at several schools, including both Detroit and Michigan.

***BUM OF THE GAME:** Let's make Xavier Keeling's stay in Ann Arbor one to remember, as he's our Bum of the Game. Chant "BUM" whenever he touches the ball and if the center section asks "What's the matter with Xavier?" respond: "He's a bum. Bum-bum-bum-bum-bum-bum-bum!"

Tonight's Theme: Transfers! Of the 14 players on the Detroit roster, 10 of them have played college basketball somewhere else in the past. Most played at a community college (hence the "CC"), but a few really gifted ones played at other Division I schools.

A Bit Slow: When senior **Woody Payne (#11)** was asked "what would it take to make **Xavier Keeling** run a marathon?" Payne answered quite honestly: "Life or death situation, and he still might not do it." Let's hope Xavier can make it up and down the court a few times tonight.

Magic Number: Sophomore **LaMarcus Lowe (#20/#42)** is listed on the UDM website as wearing number 42, but his Facebook photos show him wearing number 20. He also has a giant tattoo across his shoulders that reads "Blessself". Maybe he has a calf-tat to go along with it? Unfortunately, we probably won't get answers to either of those burning questions tonight, since he has not seen the floor this season.

VIVA SPAIN! This past summer, the Titans took a little trip to Spain, where they played five games against some pretty sub-par Spanish competition (they went 5-0 on the trip). The team blogged during the trip, highlighting such events as a pre-game meal at TGI Friday's and, as Chase Simon put it, "saw walruses that looked like Eugene Blue and penguins that looked like Woody Payne." They also watched 18-year-old phenom and one-time Timberwolf Ricky Rubio (and the Spanish national team) play Poland.

THE REST OF THE TITANS: #4 Curtis Eatmon, #5 Donovan Foster, #24 Eulis Stephens, #25 Jordan Fee, #32 Eli Holman, #33 John Hoskins, #35 Jason Calliste

- UDM'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 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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Here is the projected starting lineup for YOUR Michigan Wolverines (4-4, 0-0 Big Ten):

4	Darius Morris	6'4"	G	Saw a career-high 33 minutes in the loss at Utah on Wednesday night
1	Laval Lucas-Perry	6'3"	G	Michigan's leading 3-point shooter only had two attempts in game at Utah
3	Manny Harris	6'6"	W	May have found his stroke, shooting 75% from 3-point land in last two games
0	Zack Novak	6'5"	F	Missed game at Utah because of the flu
34	DeShawn Sims	6'8"	F	Had to guard 7'3" David Foster for a good portion of the game at Utah, but still mustered 10 points, good for second highest on the team
Coach	John Beilein			In his third season at West Virginia, started in similar fashion but ended up rallying late in the season and making it all the way to the Elite Eight.

Eso! When it was announced that Zack Novak would miss the game at Utah back on Wednesday night, there were suddenly a lot of minutes available for somebody to try and make an impact. That guy was Eso Akunne, the former walk-on who saw a career-high in minutes and points. The tough-nosed freshman, who played mostly power forward in high school, has been playing every position for the Wolverines, and has brought more toughness to this young team.

Back on track: As said above, it appears that Manny Harris has found his stroke from downtown, going 3-4 from beyond the arc in the victory against Arkansas-Pine Bluff and then again in the loss at Utah. Harris scored 25 points in the latter, which has boosted his average up to 21.6 per game (14th in the nation, 1st in the Big Ten). He is also averaging 8.5 rebounds per game, and nearly 5 assists, as well. But that's not all – he also steals 2.3 per game, good for 3rd in the Big Ten.

Peedi: Remember DeShawn Sims goes by "Peedi", so be sure to chant "Peedi" when the starting lineups are being announced.

Kansas looms large, among others: After today's game, the team will head down to Lawrence where the #1 team in the country will be waiting. A lot of pessimists have already written the Wolverines out of the tournament picture, but if they can pull off a victory today and then another on Dec. 19, they will be back in the national picture. Don't forget that games against powerhouses Connecticut, Michigan State, and Purdue are also on the schedule, so by NO MEANS is this team automatically bound for the NIT. This is a team that will show resilience and moxie, and ultimately return to national prominence.

H-BOMB: When Manny Harris hits a three, drop back in your seats as if a bomb has violently shaken Crisler Arena. Simultaneously, yell "Fresh" (Manny's nickname), holding the –SH at the end.

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:

December 19	at #1 Kansas	12:00pm	Beating a title contender would look great on the tourney resume
December 22	vs. Coppin State	7:00pm	Not part of the student ticket package, but still an important game
December 31	at Indiana	12:00pm	First game of the Big Ten season



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Webber's Wisdom
Some facts about Chris Webber

- Did you know that the Sacramento Kings retired C-Webb's #4 in February, 2009?
- He also recently opened a new restaurant in Sacramento, aptly called Center Court with C-Webb. Not only is he a basketball player, but a great businessman too!

