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Happy New Year and welcome back to Ann Arbor as the Wolverines try to ring in the new decade with a victory against hated rival Ohio State. After a slow start to the conference season with a loss at Indiana earlier in the week, today is a great opportunity for the team to get their first victory against a ranked opponent, as the Buckeyes are currently ranked 15th. Our guys are not the only ones coming off of a tough first loss – OSU began the Big Ten season with a rough loss at Wisconsin on Wednesday. Let's help the Wolverines stay afloat as they try to maintain an overall record over .500. Most of the students still are not back from the semester break, so if you are here cheer loud and stay proud, because Crisler should always be rockin' when Ohio State comes to town!

Here is the projected starting lineup for the Ohio State Buckeyes (10-3, 0-1 Big Ten):

4	P.J. Hill	6'1"	G	Enjoys "reading about space" and wants to be a spokesperson for NASA
33	Jon Diebler	6'6"	G	A Google image search for him yields photos of McLovin from <i>Superbad</i>
44	William Buford	6'0"	G	One blog compares him to Eric Gordon, yet he is only averaging 12 ppg compared to Gordon's 21 ppg as a freshman at Indiana...
23	David Lighty*	6'5"	F	Missed all of the 2008-09 season with a broken foot, but is the go-to guy since Evan Turner out with an injured back
52	Dallas Lauderdale	6'8"	F	"Two Cities" had an uncle in the NBA and a cousin in the WNBA
Coach	Thad Matta			First year since 2006 without a big, ugly center who bolts for the NBA after one season.

***BUM OF THE GAME:** Stay on top of David Lighty all day, 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 David?" respond: "He's a bum. Bum-bum-bum-bum-bum-bum-bum!"

Tweet of the Game: Senior walk-on **Mark Titus (#34)** was probably being sarcastic when he tweeted "Did another taping for my NBA highlight video. I can say with absolute certainty that it will be the best thing I've ever done with my life." However, when you play a total of 14 minutes in the first 13 games of a season, an NBA highlight reel is not something to even joke about (he has one point this season when he hit 1 of 2 free throws against Presbyterian).

Club Trillion: Titus really is a dream come true for authors of publications which uncover dirt on opposing players (see: Rage Page). His blog, clubtrillion.com is a great source of information on the Ohio State basketball team. He recently talked about his freshman year when he was a manager and tried really hard to be looked at as a "great shooter". He wrote, "as my career wore on, I took on a larger role in practice and started spraying my wet jumpshot all over the faces of my teammates on a daily basis." He now serves as a role model to all un-athletic 3-point bombers who hope to one day make the varsity team... and subsequently ride the pine.

Europeans and Gila Monsters: The Buckeyes have two foreign players on their roster this season in the hopes that one will turn out to be as skilled and ugly as former big man and current Utah Jazz (go figure) center Kosta Koufos. Sophomore **Nikola Kecman (#24)** is originally from Serbia, but recently transferred to OSU from Eastern Arizona, where he played for the Gila Monsters (what?) for one season. The other is sophomore **Zisis "Big Z" Sarikopoulos (#45)** who is straight from Athens, Greece.

Student Managers: You would think that with Thad Matta's impeccable recruiting power, he could field an entire team of Division I – caliber basketball players, but no. Not only did two players, **Eddie Days (#10)** and **Dustin Reynolds (#12)**, make the team as walk-ons at open tryouts, but two student managers, Titus and **Danny Peters (#13)**, were given uniforms when injuries and the NBA cut in to the Buckeyes' roster. This practice will likely be utilized again in 2011, since Matta has five top-100 recruits coming in next season, and Ohio State is one of the top "one-and-done" basketball programs in the country.

THE REST OF THE BUCKEYES: #2 Jeremie Simmons, #15 Kyle Madsen

- 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 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 (6-6, 0-1 Big Ten):

31	Laval Lucas-Perry	6'3"	G	Started the season as the lone bright spot beyond the arc, but did not score in Wednesday's loss at Indiana.
1	Stu Douglass	6'3"	G	Has suddenly caught fire since the end of the first semester, as he is averaging 18 ppg in his last two games.
3	Manny Harris	6'5"	W	Quite the opposite of Stu, Manny is averaging only 9 ppg in his last two, bringing his average down below 20 for the season.
0	Zack Novak	6'5"	F	Played all but one minute of Wednesday's game at Indiana and scored a season-high 18 points.
34	DeShawn Sims	6'8"	F	Peedi scored only 12 points at Indiana before fouling out late in the game.
Coach	John Beilein			Will be without top assistant Jerry Dunn for an undisclosed amount of time (see below)

Bye, bye Ben: Poor Ben Cronin is the definition of a warrior. Not only did he redshirt his freshman year so he could surgically repair his hip, but he also fought all the way back to full health before the start of the 2009-10 season. But now, after struggling with his chronic injuries, he will be out for the remainder of the season. It was also mentioned that his career may be over, which is a tough, tough blow to the team.

Good luck Eric: Days before news of Cronin's season-ending injury, the team announced that big man Eric Puls would be leaving the team in order to focus on his engineering degree. Keep in mind that we have an elite engineering school, and to try and balance a varsity sport with the rigorous academics is truly a tough test. Good luck to Eric with the completion of his degree and hopefully we will see him at basketball games in the future!

The hits just keep comin': Adding to the rough holiday break that the Michigan team has had, top assistant coach Jerry Dunn has left the team for personal reasons. This is another blow to the program, as Jerry was one of the most influential people on John Beilein's staff.

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:

January 7	at Penn State	7:00pm	Our first chance to claim we still own Penn State
January 10	vs. Northwestern	2:30pm	Wildcats are doing surprisingly well without Kevin Coble
January 14	vs. Indiana	9:00pm	After losing to them earlier in the week, a home victory is necessary



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Webber's Wisdom

Some facts about Chris Webber

- Earlier this season we wrote that Chris dated Tyra Banks, but did you know that he also dated R&B star Brandy?
- C-Webb's restaurant just closed down due to the slow economy, but in its heyday the most famous dish was the "Fab 5", a burger with 44 ounces of angus beef that was sold for nearly \$30. Talk about high class!