



# The Rage Page



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“It just shows that we are right there. We can beat the UCLAs and all the other big-name schools....  
**We’ll have our chance.**” ... *Sophomore forward Ekpe Udoh on Michigan’s strong first half vs. UCLA*

When UCLA coach Ben Howland called Michigan “the best 4-8 team in the country,” it was a bit of a backhanded compliment. But after the way the Wolverines played the Bruins—building an eight-point lead at one point in the second half—it became clear that this team’s record does not reflect the progress it has made. With the New Year upon us and the Big Ten season beginning today, never has the Maize and Blue had a better opportunity for a fresh start. The Badgers knocked off Texas in Austin last weekend and will likely be without Trevon Hughes, their leading scorer, today due to an ankle injury. The first big upset of the Beilein era could be today. Go Blue!

Here is the projected starting lineup for the #24 Wisconsin Badgers (10-2, 0-0 Big Ten):

12	Jason Bohannon	6’2”	G	As a child, scored a basket each New Year’s at midnight so that he could be the first in the nation to do so. It worked well until the Iowa native found out that New York was an hour ahead of him
22	Michael Flowers	6’2”	G	“Boochie” lists activities as “jacking cars” and interests as “texting in class”
45	Joe Krabbenhoft	6’7”	F	Self-professed best Halo player on the team calls parents before each game
1	<b>Marcus Landry*</b>	6’7”	F	Brother of former Purdue standout Carl Landry; Marcus’s wife, Efueko, played basketball at rival Marquette; glasses look ridiculous (see below)
32	Brian Butch	6’11”	C	Nicknamed “Polar Bear;” some say it came about when analyst Steve Lavin saw him scowl ferociously, others say a radio announcer compared his clumsy play to that of a “polar bear on roller skates”
Coach	Bo Ryan			“Soulja Bo” performed dance to “Crank That” at UW’s midnight madness

**\*Bum of the Game: #1 Marcus Landry** – Whenever Marcus Landry touches the ball, chant “Mar-cus” and, if the center section asks: “What’s the matter with Landry?” reply “He’s a bum! Bum-bum-bum-bum-bum-bum-bum.”

**Landry lookalikes:** Junior Marcus Landry clearly draws some attention to himself due to his trademark glasses, but that attention doesn’t just come from opposing fans. His teammates also join in on the fun. We caught junior **Morris Cain (#21)** and senior Michael Flowers doing their best Landry impressions. Cain, in the picture on the left, calls these his “stunna shades.” Flowers, on the right, is a bit more ambitious with his costume, adding a more realistic pair of glasses, fake teeth, and a basketball to the ensemble.



**Most valuable linen:** With Alando Tucker and Kamron Taylor gone, who is Wisconsin’s MVP? One Wisconsin Facebook group has an unconventional answer: Redshirt freshman center **J.P. Gavinski’s (#44)** towel. The group notes the correlation between when the little-used Gavinski waves his towel over his head from the bench and when good things happen for the Badgers on the court.

**Briefly:** Junior forward **Kevin Gullikson’s (#43)** cell phone ring tone is not a song or a ring, but a “train noise” ... On Facebook, Flowers lists his address as “469 Pimp Blvd., Mac Town, 53703.” Please, no solicitors ... Redshirt freshman **Brett Valentyne (#15)**, who had a 3.99 GPA in high school, built a “study fort” out of bed sheets last April to aid him in studying for a psychology exam ... Valentyne claims to do an excellent Sean Connery impression ... Senior guard **Tanner Bronson (#14)** spent his freshman year as a student manager for the Badgers

**THE REST OF THE UW ROSTER:** #2 Wquinton Smith, #3 Trevon Hughes, #24 Tim Jarmusz, #30 Jon Leuer, #34 Greg Stiemsma, #52 Keaton Nankivil

- Wisconsin’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!”

**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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**MAIZE RAGE NEWS AND INFO ON YOUR MICHIGAN WOLVERINES ON THE FLIP SIDE →**

Here is the projected starting lineup for YOUR Michigan Wolverines (4-8, 0-0 Big Ten):

44	Kelvin Grady	5'11" G	Recorded a career-high eight assists vs. CMU; his 3.3 assist-to-turnover ratio leads the team and he is a perfect 10-for-10 from the free throw line
3	Manny Harris	6'5" G	Manny leads the team in scoring with 15.7 ppg; in fact, he's scored in double-digits in 11 of his 12 career games
24	Ron Coleman	6'6" W	One of just two seniors on the roster, R.C. is averaging a career best in rebounds (4.8) and assists (1.9); has never missed a game at Michigan
34	DeShawn Sims	6'8" F	Scored 12 points against UCLA on 5-of-9 shooting and has put together a streak of double-digit scoring in each of the last seven games
22	Ekpe Udoh	6'10" F	After just over one year in A <sup>2</sup> , Ekpe ranks #9 in UM history with 105 blocks; his 7'3" wingspan has helped him record 11 multi-block games this season
Coach	John Beilein		First-year head coach set the trend for West Virginia coaches coming to UM
<u>And the rest of the 2007-2008 Wolverines:</u>			
20	Adam Block	6'1" G	Walk-on from Allentown, PA, shot 91% from the FT line in high school
32	Zack Gibson	6'10" F	Started eight games this year after transferring from Rutgers
2	C.J. Lee	6'0" G	Posted a 2.5 assist-to-turnover ratio this year in heavy minutes off the bench
11	David Merritt	5'10" G	Senior from West Bloomfield made the team last year at open tryouts
30	Eric Puls	6'10" F	Freshman Alpena-native will redshirt this year
15	Jevohn Shepherd	6'5" W	Air Canada scored seven points and made three steals in 15 min. vs. UCLA
12	Anthony Wright	6'6" F	Ant has only committed one foul this year in 155 minutes

**Future looks bright:** Two recruits have signed National Letters of Intent to play for Michigan in the 2008-09 season. Ben Cronin, from Syracuse, NY, is a 7-foot center with a 7'5" wingspan. Cronin averaged 12.0 points, 12.0 rebounds, 8.0 assists, and 5.0 blocks as a junior for the Henninger HS Black Knights. Gotta love a player that puts up round numbers like that. Stu Douglass, a 6'3" shooting guard from Carmel, Indiana, also signed with the Wolverines. Douglass put up 10.0 points, 3.0 rebounds, 2.0 assists, and 1.0 steals per game last season, and is a 92% free throw shooter. He has played high school games against the likes of Greg Oden and Eric Gordon.

**Welcome LLP:** Laval Lucas-Perry, a 6'3" freshman guard at Arizona, has transferred to Michigan. Lucas-Perry, who was ranked the #20 point guard by Rivals.com, averaged 26 points, seven rebounds, and six assists as a senior at Flint Powers Catholic High School. He will be eligible to play for the Maize and Blue starting in January 2009.

**H-BOMB:** When Manny Harris, our new H-Bomber, 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.

**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)

Bum of the Game goes to the bench: -NaNaNana! NaNaNana! Hey Hey Hey, You Suck!

**Upcoming home games:**

Tues, January 8	vs. #12 Indiana	7:00pm	Bring your cell phones to harass Kelvin Sampson
Sat, January 19	vs. Iowa	7:00pm	Doors open one hour before tip-off



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**Histo's Corner:**

Michigan is 53-17 all-time in home games against Wisconsin.

When Michigan is unranked and Wisconsin is ranked, Michigan is 3-2 against the Badgers at home. This includes a 3-0 record in even-numbered years and a 3-1 mark on even-numbered days.

In years ending in the number eight, Michigan is 6-0 vs. the Badgers.

In Michigan coaches' first year, the Wolverines are 8-4 against Wisconsin.

**Histo's RPI Update:**

Michigan - #180, Wisconsin - #15