

Sophomore forward DeShawn Sims on the crowd at the Penn State game ... "It helped us out and let us know that people are still behind us. Everyone was standing on their feet and we wanted to give them a win for Michigan."

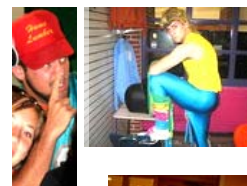
When is the last time the Michigan basketball team came in to a game riding a wave of momentum? Yeah, it's been awhile. But that's the situation we find ourselves in today. After gutting out wins over Penn State and Iowa, Michigan carries a two-game win streak into today's matchup. When the Wolverines sparred with the Buckeyes in Columbus earlier this month, they nearly pulled off the upset, holding a four-point lead midway through the second half before allowing a 17-3 Buckeye run to close the game. This is not the same OSU squad that made it to the national title game before losing (like they usually do) to Florida; they've lost a good portion of their roster. Still, if John Beilein can pick up his first rivalry win today, it will clearly be Michigan's biggest of the season. Get ready, Rage – this could be the most memorable game of the year.

Here is the projected starting lineup for the Ohio State Buckeyes (17-8, 8-4 Big Ten):

14	Jamar Butler	6'1"	G	When asked if he would kidnap Mike Conley to keep him from leaving, said he'd "do whatever it takes to keep him here," then nearly went pro himself
23	David Lighty	6'5"	G	At one point the #2-ranked WR in Ohio in his class, received football offers from Michigan and OSU, but hung up the cleats just before his junior season
21	Evan Turner*	6'6"	G	Interests include playing golf, writing poetry, "and just straight doin' ill shit"
45	Othello Hunter	6'8"	F	Real first name is Tegba; siblings' names are Pleasant and Nigerain
31	Kosta Koufos	7'0"	C	Greek freshman says he "dreamed of being a point guard" since he was little (too bad he's 7'0"); call him a "malaka" ("wanker" in Greek) frequently
Coach	Thad Matta			Played high school basketball for the Hoopston-East Lynn <i>Cornjerkers</i> ; check out the YouTube video of when his gum flew out of his mouth onto the court...the coach instantly picked it up and popped it back into his mouth

***Bum of the Game: #21 Evan Turner** – Whenever Evan Turner touches the ball, we'll do a "Tur-ner... Bum!" chant (like "Goalie... Sieve!" at a hockey game). Four medium, four short, then one long.

A challenge from Titus: On sophomore guard **Mark Titus's** (#34) Facebook profile, he writes: "If you are some cheer section leader of an opposing team, please realize that nothing on my Facebook page embarrasses me and your attempts to use Facebook to dig up embarrassing stuff about me are grotesquely ineffective. Plus, I never play so don't waste your time." Fortunately, the Rage Page has too much time on its hands, so here a couple of photos of Mr. Titus for your viewing pleasure. On the left, the walk-on shamelessly picks his nose; on the right, he sports multi-colored spandex. No, nothing embarrassing here. →



Nose knows: While we're on the subject of nose-picking, here's one more for the road: junior guard **Danny Peters** (#13). The walk-on, whose dad is OSU's Associate Director of Basketball Operations, rarely sees game action and has said that he considers this year "kind of an internship more than playing." →



Space Jam: Sophomore guard **P.J. Hill** (#4) says that his hobbies include reading about space. In fact, he wants to be the spokesperson for NASA when he gets out of school. He's in the right place, as Ohio has produced 24 astronauts, more than any other state.

Briefly: Freshman guard **Eric Wallace** (#2) is the cousin of New Jersey Nets forward Stromile Swift. ... Titus says that his life goal is "to talk like T-Pain sings" and that he is interested in Flintstones Vitamins. ... Freshman forward **Dallas Lauderdale** (#52) is actually the third Dallas Lauderdale in his family. You'd think two would have been enough.

THE REST OF THE OSU ROSTER: #15 Kyle Madsen, #33 Jon Diebler, #42 Matt Terwilliger

- Ohio State'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
 - 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 (7-17, 3-9 Big Ten):

44	Kelvin Grady	5'11" G	The freshman led the Wolverines in scoring the last time he faced OSU with 11 points; notched nine assists and scored seven in the win at Iowa
3	Manny Harris	6'5" G	Star "Fresh"-man leads the team in scoring (15.8 ppg), assists (2.9 apg), steals (1.6), minutes (32.7), and free throw percentage (81.3)
24	Ron Coleman	6'6" W	Senior has made 111 career three-pointers, making him tenth in U-M history in that category; picked up just 15 fouls in 22 games this season
34	DeShawn Sims	6'8" F	Sophomore is averaging a career-best 12.7 points per game and has scored in double-figures in 19 games (including two 20-plus point performances)
22	Ekpe Udoh	6'10" F	Big Ten shot block leader had six vs. Penn State; he has 20 multi-block games this year and is on pace to set the U-M single-season record for blocks
Coach	John Beilein		First-year UM coach has won 558 games during his 30 seasons as a head coach spanning the JuCo, NAIA, NCAA D-II, and D-I levels

Welcome R² to A²: Michigan football coach Rich Rodriguez will speak at halftime of today's game. In case he wants to make a Tressel-like guarantee, next year's Michigan-OSU football game is exactly 278 days from today.

Corn maize: Michigan pulled out what Ron Coleman described as one of the best road wins of his Michigan career at Iowa on Thursday night. After a terrible first half in which Michigan scored only 16 points and Manny Harris was held scoreless, the Maize and Blue bounced back in a big way in the second stanza. Harris scored the first five points of the half on his way to 15 in the game; an 18-2 Wolverine run gave Michigan a 47-40 lead with just under seven minutes remaining—it was Michigan's first lead since the score was 1-0. Finally, clutch free throw shooting from Harris and Kelvin Grady iced the game to seal the two-game winning streak.

Students, we want to hear you: What do you think of the Maize Rage? What can we do better? What do we do well? We want to know what you think! Come to a meeting of the Maize Rage Core Committee. We meet each Monday night at 7:00 p.m. For the location of next week's meeting, e-mail wolters@umich.edu. Whether you just want to share a few thoughts or you want to get involved long-term, we'd like to hear what you have to say.

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.

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!

Band Chants: Try to follow along with what the band is doing. In particular, listen for "Mi-chi-gan, Let's Go," "Blue," and "Go Blue." Also, pay attention to any signs the band might hold up.

Upcoming home games:

Sat, February 23	vs. Illinois	4:00pm	If you'll be in town, come show the Blue Rage how it's done
Tues, February 26	vs. Northwestern	9:00pm	

Help with the Rage Page

Interested in helping make this fine publication? Send an e-mail to craigjoh@umich.edu or come to a Monday evening Maize Rage meeting.

Special thanks to **Eric Szuch** for his contribution to today's Rage Page.

Histo's Corner:

Michigan's all-time home record against Ohio State is 43-34.

The Wolverines are 13-6 at home when both U-M and OSU are unranked.

In years ending in the number 8, Michigan holds a 7-2 advantage over the Buckeyes.

Histo's "By the Numbers"

5: Michigan's national ranking the last time it faced an OSU coach in his fourth season. Michigan beat the Randy Ayers-led Buckeyes, 72-62, in 1993.

Histo's RPI Update: Michigan - #157, Ohio State - #36