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"I like that. Especially after the loss you kind of want to get the taste out of your mouth, so we have to practice tomorrow and get ready to play on Tuesday." – D. Horton, on the importance of bouncing back from a loss

It's always difficult to play a top-10 opponent three days after a rough game against a rival on the road, but our Wolverines have a fine advantage awaiting them this evening: the friendly confines of Crisler Arena and a boisterous Maize Rage. On Saturday, Michigan fell to Michigan State 90-71 in East Lansing. Daniel Horton led the way for Blue with 19 points as one of four double-digit scorers, and Hambone Brown notched six rebounds to add to his team-leading total. The Illini enter Ann Arbor tonight as winners of six of their last eight, including a 70-58 victory over Indiana at home on Sunday. James Augustine's 18 points, 10 rebounds, and 5 fouls (matching a career high) led all Illini hoopsters in the win. Don't forget, Rage; 'twas the Mighty Wolverine that gave Illinois a great scare last season during their undefeated run, so a #8 ranking means nary a thing in this environment. It is our duty to come out loud and energetic, which can boost Blue to a victory in their attempt to qualify for the NCAA Tournament.

Here is the projected starting lineup for the Illinois Fighting Illini (22-4, 8-4 Big Ten):

11	Dee Brown	6'0"	G	While notably adept at shooting and having a quick first step, he's also quite excellent at flower pottery: ask his professor about Dee's tough coursework
33	Rich McBride	6'3"	G	Came up just shy of knocking down mighty Penn State with a buzzer beater several weeks ago on the home floor of the Illini
40	James Augustine	6'10"	F	FightingIllini.com says he's a Sport Management major, but "Augie" cheats and lists himself as a Leisure Studies major on Facebook; either way, he's totally driven
42	Brian Randle	6'8"	F	The redshirt sophomore leads the Illini with 4 foul outs yet it's no surprise; he had to sit out with a broken hand last year after punching a chalkboard
55	Shaun Pruitt	6'10"	C	Hails from Aurora, IL, where he was a next door neighbor of Wayne Campbell and often rode in the "CAR!" that halted street hockey games
Coach	Bruce Weber			1975 called; They want their orange sports coat back

Wanted: Jamar Smith (#31) says, "I need a girl that is strong minded and knows what she wants in life. I need a girl how (sic) I can be me around." His Facebook profile states that he especially likes the girls "with booty." All others need not apply.



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THE REST OF THE ILLINOIS ROSTER: 1 – Trent Meacham, 2 – Chris Hicks, 3 – Chester Frazier, 25 – Calvin Brock, 34 – C.J. Jackson, 41 – Warren Carter, 44 – Marcus Arnold

Illinois'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 (Popcornin without the jumping)
- Chanting a player's name
- Absolute quietness, 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!"

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

Here is the projected starting lineup for YOUR Michigan Wolverines (17-7, 7-6 Big Ten):

4	Daniel Horton	6'3"	G	The H-Bomber led all Wolverines with 19 in East Lansing on Saturday
5	Dion Harris	6'3"	G	Still finding his groove after coming back from injury over the weekend
15	Jevohn Shepherd	6'5"	W	"Air Canada" leads all Michigan freshmen in total scoring
44	Courtney Sims	6'11"	F	His 63.7 FG % is tops among Big Ten cagers
25	Graham Brown	6'9"	F	Don't run into Hambone without wearing a helmet and pads first
Coach	Tommy Amaker			Looking to lead "M" to their first Tournament appearance in his tenure

96 down...: Four successful free throw attempts will give Daniel Horton 100 on the year.

Balance: Four Wolverines scored in double figures on Saturday. Daniel's 19 were followed by 15 apiece from Courtney Sims and Graham Brown and 10 from Air Georgia.

Enter Hambone: Graham Brown, who affectionately garnered the nickname "Moose" from the Rage for the last year and a half, has admitted that he prefers to be called by his childhood nickname of "Hambone", given by his father. We're all family here, Ragers, so let's make Graham feel at home with chants of "Ham-bone!"

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

Chants: Be steady and 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)
-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!! at the tip or when Michigan is on defense)
-Bounce! Bounce! Pass! (Yell "bounce" when the opposition dribbles, and "pass" when they pass)

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)

Look at me!: Tonight's game will be aired on ESPN. Call your friends and family before the game to tell them you'll be on TV so you don't have to do it while play is on, which would take away from the intensity of your chanting and the overall Crisler experience.

Final Home Game:	March 4	vs. Indiana	TBA	Gates open at (TBA)
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Michigan's seniors will be honored with a pre-game ceremony, one you surely do not want to miss! Get your tickets now!

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Histo's Corner: In Michigan's last February 21 game in a year ending in "6", Michigan defeated Purdue 92-81 here in Crisler Arena. The year was 1976. Boiler up!

HISTO'S "BY THE NUMBERS": 22
The number of Michigan wins at home in the Crisler Era to Illinois's paltry 12, good for a .647 winning percentage.



Histo ponders the great importance of basketball statistics.