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On his first college road game... "It was definitely an experience. The crowd acted like a sixth man. The team feeds off their energy and one of our goals was to try and take them out of the game. **We didn't do as good a job of that as we hoped.**" –R. Roby (Colorado), 11/17/04

Ladies and gentlemen of the Rage, welcome back to Crisler Arena for the final Michigan Basketball preseason contest, between your Boys in Blue (or white) and the Northern Michigan Wildcats. The Division II Wildcats come to Ann Arbor tonight from the frozen reaches of the upper peninsula, looking to improve on a token mediocre season last year. NMU finished their 2004-05 slate with a 14-14 overall record, including a 9-9 record in the GLIAC, before losing to Ferris State in the quarterfinals of the conference tournament. This year looks to be a different story, however, as Northern was picked in the coaches poll to win the GLIAC North Division over Grand Valley State, who put up quite a fight here last weekend. The Wildcats are led by the Volcy brothers, Marco and Ricky, both all conference selections last year. After the game tonight, NMU will travel up to East Lansing for another exhibition tomorrow night against Sparty, where the Izzone is sure to give them hell. Let's show them tonight that the Rage measures up, even in preseason form – so fire up, jump around, and get loud to wrap up the exhibition season with another victory!

Here is the projected starting lineup for the Northern Michigan Wildcats (0-0, 0-0 GLIAC):

5	David Noel	6'2"	G	Shares his name with the North Carolina senior forward... ask him how it felt to win the national championship last year (where's his ring?)
13	Jake Suardini	6'3"	G	The Great Suardini hates reading and loves to watch "Gigli"
23	Marco Volcy	6'7"	F	Older of the two brothers from Montreal has to be feeling some jealousy
32	Ricky Volcy	6'8"	F	The younger Volcy was named to the All-Great Lakes Region second team last year as a sophomore, while Marco had to settle for just All-Conference
3	Nick Buck	6'7"	F	Senior majoring in "Media Production and New Technology" confesses that his favorite books of all time are "math textbooks"
Coach	Dean Ellis			20 th year coach is winningest all-time at NMU; also an excellent golfer

NMU wants YOU: Browse the Wildcat basketball site, and you'll find that it's just as easy to apply to play for the team as it is to check news and scores. The "Play for NMU" link takes you to a short questionnaire that you can submit online in which the only actual required field is "Email address". You'll have your scholarship in no time.

Brotherly love: Be sure to let Marco Volcy know that "Ricky's better!" while also letting Ricky know that "Marco's better!". This should work well, especially at the free throw line.

It's great to be a Michigan Wolverine: Not only does sophomore center Eric Serrine (#33) include Michigan Hockey's freshman sensation Jack Johnson as one of his favorite musicians, but he also apparently dreams of becoming Michigan Superfan. Check out the photographic evidence that was uncovered to support this →

Serrine (right) and friend as Superfans

Other news and notes: Freshman forward Steve Kaiser (#24) is obsessed with snakes... Sophomore guard Tyler Kazmierkoski's (#22) girlfriend Nikki is on the NMU volleyball team... Freshman guard Ehren Wren (#4) is rumored to be together with Tera Opperman of the NMU women's basketball team.

THE REST OF THE NMU ROSTER: #10 Randy Alexandre, #1 Keder Hyppolite, #15 Chris Warner, #20 Will Washington.

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.

Northern Michigan'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 (Popcorn 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 (0-0, 0-0 Big Ten):

4	Daniel Horton	6'3"	G	The 2002-03 Big Ten Freshman of the Year is back at the helm after a rough 2004-05. Look for the H-Bombs to start dropping again!
5	Dion Harris	6'3"	G	Michigan's 2003 Mr. Basketball put up big numbers playing PG last year... now he gets to return to his natural position of SG
32	Lester Abram	6'6"	W	No, that's not "Air Brooklyn" J.C. Mathis in the #32... Showtime is back! Les is ready to return to form after successful shoulder surgery
44	Courtney Sims	6'11"	F	Could be coming off his true breakout game, where he tallied 25 pts, 6 rebs, and 4 blocks against Northwestern in the Big Ten Tourney
25	Graham Brown	6'9"	F	"Hambone" enters his senior season with a new nickname but same commitment to hard work... look for more scoring this year as well
Coach	Tommy Amaker			Ready to lead a "healthy, happy, and hungry" team to 2005-06 success

Back to the future: Senior guard Lester Abram, who wore #2 during his first three years at Michigan, decided during the offseason to switch to #32. Why? Lester wore #32 in high school, where he led Pontiac Northern to back-to-back Class A state titles. Les was missed greatly last year with his injury, but he was granted a medical redshirt, and will have one more year here after this one.

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 this season with chants of "Ham-bone!"

H-BOMB: If Daniel hits a three, drop back in your seats as if a bomb has violently shaken Crisler 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)

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)

MAIZE RAGE OPEN PRACTICE / T-SHIRT PICKUP: In case you didn't get the e-mail from Tommy, there will be a Maize Rage open practice on Wednesday, November 16th at 4:30PM. Please enter on the concourse level by the northeast steps. **The new Maize Rage t-shirts will be distributed here**, as well as pizza after the practice. This practice is just for us, Rage... be there!

Straight (road) trippin': Last year, the Maize Rage carried out its first FREE road trip to Ohio State. This year, it just gets better. The Rage would like to announce the first **FREE ROAD TRIP** of this young season: Saturday, December 3rd, Noon, at Notre Dame. Send an email to Griff Hickman, Superfan VI (ghickman@umich.edu), to reserve a spot (first come, first serve). Busing and tickets will be provided by the Rage... all you need to bring is noise! Look here for info on more road trips in the future.

Upcoming Home Games:

November 18 vs. Central Michigan 7 PM Gates open at 5:30 **Season Opener**

Visit
MaizeRage.org

E-MAIL LIST: Just because you have tickets does not mean you are on the official Maize Rage e-mail list. To sign up for weekly newsletters and important Rage information, go to MaizeRage.org and click the link on the left side of the page, or simply send an email to tuchii@umich.edu requesting that your name be added.

Histo's Corner: Michigan is 11-0 all-time against teams from the Upper Peninsula.

Michigan is 9-0 against Northern Michigan, having won by an average of 25.89 points per meeting.

Michigan is undefeated in preseason games under Tommy Amaker.

TONIGHT'S HISTO NUMBER:

6: The number of NCAA Final Four appearances by Michigan.

(Look for more Histo Numbers throughout the season)