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Welcome back to Crisler, Maize Rage. We've been gone for just over two weeks, and from a lot of the attitude in the public, you'd think the Michigan basketball season was over already. Sure, we've been hurting in many places for the past several games, but we've fallen to some top-notch opponents. Those games weren't like losing to the Central Michigans and Virginia Techs of the world as we did in our 0-6 start two seasons ago. Today, the Maize and Blue returns to its home after trips to New York and Georgia, and it's absolutely important that we give them a warm welcome back to the friendly confines of Crisler Arena. Notre Dame comes in as a consensus top-20 team today, and they're 3-0 to kick off the 2004-05 campaign. This game is one that our team could really use as a win. The Irish are a big rival in any sport, we're in Ann Arbor, and Sean McDonough and Jay Bilas are broadcasting this contest to a nationwide ESPN audience. When the time comes to select teams to play in the NCAA Tournament, national perception is important. Let's help our team out today and show everyone that the Wolverines are truly on their way back.

Here is the starting lineup for the Notre Dame Fighting Irish (3-0, 0-0 Big East Conference):

1	Chris Thomas	6'1"	G	Diana's prom date and Jill's boyfriend thinks his "natural face is pretty similar to that of Zoolander"; he's still cool with his orientation pal Molly
2	Chris Quinn	6'2"	G	Took daily attendance at the 2001 Coffman HS basketball camp in Dublin, OH; went to high school with, but is not related to ND QB Brady Quinn
12	Jordan Cornette	6'10"	F	"Formal nickname" is Dru; averages 4 ppg and leads the Irish in fouls so far
34	Torin Francis	6'11"	F	Spelled his high school, Tabor Academy, wrong (Tabir) on his ND website
41	Dennis Latimore	6'9"	F	Mysteriously left Arizona with four games left in the 2002-03 season; Why?
Coach	Mike Brey			The second-best former Duke assistant-turned-head coach in Crisler today

How's your jaw?: Freshman forward Rob Kurz (#31) broke his jaw on September 11 after the Michigan-Notre Dame football game in South Bend when he got into an off-campus fight. He was forced to have surgery three days after his little rumble. Ask Robbie how he's holding up these days.

Happy Birthday: Omari Israel (#5), a sophomore forward, turns twenty years old today. Don't let him feel special, Rage.

Make 'em homesick: Today's trip to Ann Arbor marks Notre Dame's first road game of the 2004-2005 season.

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.

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!

Player-specific chants:

- When Brent Petway comes into the game or performs some of his gravity-defying action, chant "Air Georgia!" This one has picked up a lot of steam on a national level and many broadcasters refer to us using this chant when they talk about BP. Get it going.
- If Dion Harris comes into the game, greet him with "Di-on Harr-is!" (clap clap clap-clap-clap)

Chants: This is a great opportunity for the Maize Rage to sharpen its spirit and chanting abilities for a national audience. Listen in for the rhythm of these chants, and try to keep them at a steady pace. **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)

Our Free Throws:
-Wave fingers in the air and upon a made shot, throw your hands down with force and say "BLUUUE!"

Chants (Cont.):

Notre Dame'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 (Popcornning without the jumping)
 - Chanting a player's name
 - Upon a made free throw, listen for the "It doesn't matter!" prompt and yell "You still suck!"

Be steady, and don't speed up.

Honorary Captains: Today, the Maize Rage salutes its first two Honorary Captains of the 2004-05 season. First up is Margaret "Meg" Henican (#4), a New Orleans junior and the captain of the Irish volleyball team. #4 was this close to being the Big East Libero of the Year before she was edged out by some lesser player from Boston College. You're still our favorite Big East spiker, Meg! The other HC for this afternoon's matchup is Bridget, last seen partying at South Bend's Turtle Creek Apartments on September 10. Congratulations to the first crop of Maize Rage Honorary Captains!

Check out our website: After the game, make sure you check out **MaizeRage.org** for all of the latest Maize Rage news about upcoming meetings and the Rager of the Game. Check out new Maize Rage pictures and archived issues of the Full Court Press. MaizeRage.org...it's just a click away!

Upcoming Home Games:

December 7	vs. High Point	7 PM	Gates open at 5:30
December 11	vs. South Florida	Noon	Gates open at 10:30
December 14	vs. Boston University	7 PM	Gates open at 5:30

They don't look important, but it's easy to forget that BU beat us in Crisler 61-60 over winter break last year. A repeat of such a loss would be unacceptable, so come celebrate the end of classes and go nuts for Michigan! Every Michigan victory counts.

Wolverine Quote of the Day: The ferocity and power of our mascot, the Wolverine, is often overlooked. From our home offices in the University's very own Fishbowl, here's your Wolverine Quote of the Day!

"Very powerful for its size, the ferocious Wolverine can drive away even a bear or mountain lion. It eats anything it can find, including moose or elk slowed down in heavy snow, beavers, porcupines, birds, squirrels, eggs, roots, and berries."

A little science and basketball never hurt anyone. Hmmm, bears, mountain lions...too bad there's nothing about those pesky leprechauns.

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Histo's Corner: Michigan is 12-7 all-time against the Fighting Irish, and they hold a 4-2 advantage in games played in Ann Arbor.

Michigan is 15-2 in games played on December 4, having won each of its last 12 on this day.

Michigan is 39-29 all-time against current Big East teams with a 13-6 record at home.

Michigan is 9-0 against Notre Dame on even-numbered days, having won all previous meetings by a mean of 9.0 points.

This afternoon's game marks Tommy Amaker's 100th as the coach at Michigan. He is 54-45 in his first 99 contests.

Michigan is 1-0 against Notre Dame when Michigan is unranked and Notre Dame is ranked in both polls. The Wolverines defeated the #2 Irish 62-59 on March 4, 1979 at the Pontiac Silverdome.