



The Rage Page



Welcome to the first of three Winter Break games Wolverines! Most of your fellow students will be scattered across the country until January, so we say thanks to those of you who are still in town to provide some support for our team. For those of you tired of watching Michigan dismantle “cupcakes” and eager for some competition, we have two pieces of good news. First, the Big Ten season is right around the corner, with Michigan starting the conference season with a match against Penn State in Crisler on December 29th. Second, the Bradley Braves can put up a fight. Though they may have a sub-.500 record, three of their games have been decided by only 1 point. Let’s hope John Beilein and Co. can find a way to keep this one from being that close, and keep that perfect Crisler record intact through Christmas. Go Blue!

Here is the projected starting lineup for the Bradley Braves (5-6, 0-0 MVC):

1	Dyricus Simms-Edwards	6’3”	G	Dye-REE-kiss averages 10.6 fewer points in road games than he does in home games.
25	Walt Lemon Jr.	6’3”	G	Won one of Bradley’s academic awards for his outstanding 3.00 G.P.A.
3	Taylor Brown	6’6”	F	Missed all of the 2010-11 season due to “cardiac evaluation”, but this season has as many double-doubles (4) as Creighton superstar Doug McDermitt.
23	Shayok Shayok	6’8”	F	The Canadian pronounces his first name, and his last name, SHEE-yok.
44	Jordan Prosser	6’9”	C	Has more career rebounds (267) than points (264).
Coach	Geno Ford			This will be his 200 th career game coaching, but only his 12 th at Bradley.

**To comply with the new Big Ten Sportsmanship code, the Bum of the Game has been removed from the Rage Page. Instead Shayok Shayok is now the “Player to Watch”.*

The Coaches’ Sons: From 2008-2010, John Beilein could carpool to work every day with his son, Patrick, who was a grad student assistant with the team. Patrick eventually graduated, and took a job as Bradley’s Head of Basketball Operations. Being on the opposite end of the court will be a new experience for Patrick, who spent 4 years as a player under his dad when he coached for West Virginia. Another coach’s son on the Bradley bench is sixth-man **Jake Eastman (#4)**, whose father Kevin is an assistant for the Boston Celtics and former head coach of the Washington State Cougars.

Road Woes: Bradley comes into tonight’s matchup looking for its first win on a Big Ten court in its last 11 attempts. What’s their most recent win over a Big Ten team? That would be a 4-point thriller over Minnesota on December 1st, 1960. In the 51 years between then and now, the Braves once beat Penn State, but it was before they joined the conference. In Crisler Arena, they are winless in four career attempts, including a 115-107 barn-burner in 1986.

Key Departure: The Bradley guard making the most headlines this year may be one who isn’t even on the team anymore. Sam Maniscalco, a 23-year-old fifth-year senior who sat out most of last season after having multiple ankle surgeries, transferred to Illinois last March. Due to an obscure NCAA loophole, he was able to play without sitting out the usual transfer year. Maniscalco averages over 10 points a game and has brought a gritty, veteran presence to the Illinois backcourt reminiscent of recently graduated and undrafted guard Demetri McCamey. In the few games of his first senior season, he led the Braves in almost every significant statistical category.

Briefly: Freshman **Jalen Crawford (#3)** is one of three Braves majoring in the “Academic Exploration Program”... Backup Center and 5th-year senior **Anthony Thompson (#41)** likes to be called “Sticks”... Ford previously led Kent State to two regular season championships but failed to make the NCAA tournament both years... Croatian-born forward **Milos Knezevic** has been a US citizen for all of 20 days now after being sworn in on Dec. 2nd

THE REST OF THE BRAVES: #0 Charonn Woods, #21 Will Egolf, #32 Donivine Stewart, #34 Devon Hodges, #52 Nate Wells

- BU’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)
 - 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 one of college basketball’s premiere student sections, 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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Here is the *projected* starting lineup for YOUR Michigan Wolverines (9-2, 0-0 Big Ten):

3	Trey Burke	5'11"	G	Named a candidate for the 2012 Bob Cousy Point Guard of the Year
0	Zack Novak	6'4"	G	You can take the player out of the post but you can't take the post out of the player. Zack routinely displays his ability to take a charge.
10	Tim Hardaway, Jr.	6'5"	G	His 30 assists are second most on the team behind Trey Burke's 52.
23	Evan Smotrycz	6'9"	F	Tallied his first career double-double last Saturday against Alabama A&M.
52	Jordan Morgan	6'8"	F	J-Mo's quality minutes are even more important with Jon Horford hurt.
Coach	John Beilein			Is expecting everyone on the roster to pass all of their classes this semester and be eligible for next semester.

Hobbled Horford: Sophomore forward Jon Horford has missed the last two games due to what Coach Beilein calls a "stress area." Horford is not expected to dress for today's matchup and there are concerns that the injury is going to take longer to heal than originally thought. Injuries are always tough to deal with, especially for a player like Horford who made tremendous strides in the offseason. His absence could have an even bigger impact once conference play begins and will put even more pressure on fellow forwards, especially Blake McLimans, to play added minutes.

Akunne Matata: Reserve guard Eso Akunne has provided quality minutes in relief of freshman Trey Burke. The ability to rest Burke will be even more important in conference play as the talent and speed of defenders increases. Burke is also one of the leaders in minutes played which could become an issue as the freshman adjusts to a longer season. Eso has showed the ability to handle the ball and initiate the offense, he's also only missed one shot all year (7-8 FGA, 4-5 3FGA).

JORT OUT: Remember to mark your calendars for the first ever theme night as we "Jort Out" Wisconsin on Jan 8. The concept is simple, take an old pair of jeans, cut off the bottom 80% of the leg, wear to the game. The game against Wiscy will be broadcast on CBS and is a great opportunity of the Maize Rage to show the nation what it's made of. Remember that if you can't the the bottom of the pockets your shorts are too long. If you have ideas for future theme nights contact President Sam Sedlecky at sedlecky@umich.edu.

Quick Reminder: This is the MAIZE Rage, please make a conscious effort to wear maize (or a costume or jersey) to all games.

***H-BOMB:** When Tim Hardaway Jr. hits a three, drop back in your seats as if a bomb has violently shaken Crisler Arena. Simultaneously, yell "Timmay" (Like Timmy from South Park).

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)

Upcoming games:

December 29	vs Penn State	7:30pm	Nittany Lions visits Ann Arbor to start conference play
January 1	vs Minnesota	4:00pm	Michigan battles NFL games in a New Year's Day matchup
January 5	at Indiana	9:00pm	Assembly Hall has proven to be one of the toughest B10 road wins

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The Bacari Corner

A Tribute to coach Bacari Alexander and his Tweets:

December 20: Have you seen Zack Novak and Stu Douglass dunk live? You won't if you don't get down to Crisler soon.
#theyhavemadbounce"

December 21: "HA HAAAA!!!!!! (Gus Johnson Voice) let's fill the Fritz! The energy will be brewing at Crisler Center!
#watchJModunkonsomebody"

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