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Winter has fully arrived here in Ann Arbor! With the temperatures falling below sub-freezing outside, college basketball action starts heating up inside Crisler. This so-called “young and inexperienced” Michigan team come in to tonight on a four game winning streak, and must have learned a lot from the Legends Classic. Since the loss to UTEP, the Wolverines have won tough games at Clemson and against Harvard, followed by a blowout against Concordia and a solid victory over the Utes last Saturday. You all showed up to the game tonight despite the weather and finals, and the team greatly appreciates it. Now, let’s show our appreciation for these youngsters by being loud and cheering your head off! Let’s help this team continue their winning streak! Let’s Go Blue!

Here is the *projected* starting lineup for the North Carolina Central Eagles (4-4, 0-0 Independents):

5	Justin Leemow	6’1”	G	Transfer from South Florida where he played 17 minutes as a sophomore, this now junior gives the ball away at an average of 3 times per game.
3	Landon Clement	6’2”	G	Expect Landon to take more shots from behind the arc rather than inside of it.
12	CJ Wilkerson	6’3”	G	CJ likes to keep his eyes on the prize, listing his only interests as “Basketball and Money.”
35	Nick Chasten*	6’7”	F	Nick doesn’t like to use the term “away game”, instead he calls the time he spends away from NC Central for away games “business trips”.
42	Dijon Manns	6’8”	F	Not to be confused with the mustard, Dijon plays the least amount of minutes out of all of the starters.
Coach	LeVelle Moton			Moton enters his fourth season as the Head Coach of NC Central, where he was a standout guard from 1992-1996.

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

How tall is he? Do you want to play a game? Don’t worry, it’s nothing like the games from the Saw movies. Let’s play... How tall is he? Look at the Eagles on the court and find the shortest player on the team. He is senior guard **Michael Glasker (#1)** and you have to guess his height. Think about it... have you come up with a guess yet? Well, if you guessed 5’10” you’re wrong. Michael measures up to 5’7”... the shortest player to play at Crisler so far this year.

It’s a Girl: Senior **Dwayne Sims (#22)** is a very noteworthy player. On the court, he is a guard who can shoot the three well, can zoom right by you with a 40-yard dash of 4.4 seconds, and has the ability to improve with every practice. Off of the court, Dwayne is celebrating a recent birth. A little more than a month ago, he announced the birth of a beautiful baby girl. Let’s join his friend in wishing the best for new daddy Dwayne and his new family.

Almost All-Everything: Entering his last year of eligibility, Paul **“PJ” Taylor (#21)** has accomplished a lot throughout his basketball career. While playing football and baseball, Taylor earned All-Conference, All-Area, and was an All-State and a McDonald’s All-American Nominee. After transferring from Blinn College (yes, the same Blinn College where Cam Newton destroyed records) to Fullerton College, he won a Conference Championship. His highlight of the season last year, he came in to relieve the injured Michael Glasker in the last minute vs. Savannah St and made 4 straight free throws to secure the 65-60 win over the Tigers.

Briefly: Sophomore big man **David Best (#13)** is a big body inside at 250 pounds, you can imagine how his strength “scared” opponents while at Cape Fear Community College... You have to wonder how NCCUs big signing for this year, **Emmanuel Chapman (#32)**, got his nickname (Poobie).

THE REST OF THE EAGLES: #2 Michael Wynn, #10 Marcus Graham, #14 Jeremy Ingram, #15 Tramar Beaman, #20 Jonathan Nicely, #23 Dominique Sutton, #24 Tim Hobbs, #24 Marvin Fitzgerald, #43 Tracy O’Neal

- NCCU’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 premier 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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MAIZE RAGE NEWS AND INFO ON YOUR MICHIGAN WOLVERINES ON THE FLIP SIDE →

Here is the *projected* starting lineup for YOUR Michigan Wolverines (7-2, 0-0 Big Ten):

4	Darius Morris	6'4"	G	Recorded his second straight double-double with 19 points and 10 assists and third this year; sixth Wolverine ever to record four 10+ assist games in career.
0	Zack Novak	6'4"	G	Averaging 11.7 points and 11.3 rebounds over the past three games.
10	Tim Hardaway Jr.	6'5"	G	Broke out of a short slump by exploding for 17 points against Utah on 3-6 shooting from downtown.
23	Evan Smotrycz	6'9"	F	Averaging just .7 points per game since his 18-point outburst at Clemson, but did not even attempt a shot in his 10 minutes against the Utes.
52	Jordan Morgan	6'8"	F	Continues to impress on the offensive side, shooting at a 61.4% clip from the field; also proving to be a great post defender when it comes to taking charges
Coach	John Beilein			Stressed after the Utah win that no alley-oop passes would be allowed this season for his young team. He will look to down the Eagles for the second time at Michigan.

Hello Horford! After not playing in the past two games amid speculation of a possible redshirt season, Horford eliminated any doubt of his abilities by recording five points on a thunderous dunk and a smooth 3-pointer. He also managed to grab five defensive rebounds against the much taller Ute front line but missed an alley-oop opportunity near the end of the game, stressing that Coach does not allow them and was therefore not expecting it. He maintains that if another alley-oop pass comes his way, though, "it's going in." Horford, while undersized at just 220 pounds, is beginning to realize his potential in coming from a family of NBA talent. His father, Tito, played in the NBA for three seasons and his brother, Al, was drafted in 2007 after winning two National Championships at Florida and went on to be a member of the All-Rookie Team and the 2010 All Star Team.

Bench Time: While Coach Beilein usually likes to stick to an eight man rotation, he has been much more open to giving more players court time this season. In the win over Utah, six players came off the bench to play a combined 71 minutes, recording 17 points, 11 rebounds, and four blocks. While Stu Douglass is clearly the sixth man, Matt Vogrich has been hot of late, shooting 5-6 from three point land over the past three games; Ann Arbor native Eso Akunne also saw the floor for the sixth time this season in recording six minutes.

Maize Rage Pancake Breakfast! On Saturday, December 18, your Michigan Wolverines host the Oakland Golden Grizzlies at noon. Starting at 10:30am, all Maize Ragers are invited to a pancake breakfast in the Jung Center, located between Crisler and the Big House. There will be breakfast and juice for all students going to the game. Keep in mind that this will be the last game before the semester break included in the student season ticket package.

***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 "Timmy" (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 18	vs Oakland	12:00pm	The Grizzlies make the short trip to Crisler for last non-break game.
December 23	vs Bryant	6:00pm	Michigan looks to down the Bulldogs for early Christmas present.
December 28	vs Purdue	2:00pm	The Boilermakers come to Crisler for first conference game of year.



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The Histo and Bacari Corner

Did you know...

- Michigan is 259-198 in seasons when the World Cup had taken place the summer before.

Coach BA's tweets of the week!

Dec. 11: "Let's get 10,000 fans into Crisler next week! Bring a friend! Fans have to work their cheers before Big Ten play right? LOL!!"

Dec. 10: "I love the Maize Rage! They are so passionate about this team and Michigan basketball. Happy holidays gang!"