



The Rage Page



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Welcome to another fantastic night for basketball here at Crisler Arena at the Crisler Center! The last time we were here our Michigan Wolverines dominated the Wisconsin Badgers in every facet of the game to improve to 3-1 in the Big Ten and 10-0 at home, moving up to #13 in the country. Tonight the Northwestern Wildcats make the trip from Evanston, IL to try to blemish this home record, but we are here to make sure that doesn't happen. The team has consistently preached protecting the home court, especially in Big Ten season, in order to have a chance at a conference championship, and tonight's game is another vastly important battle. It's time to show Northwestern what Michigan and the Maize Rage are all about, so tighten your tie, get on your feet, and make some noise! Go Blue!

Here is the *projected* starting lineup for the Northwestern Wildcats (11-4, 1-2 Big Ten):

3	Dave Sobolewski	6'1" G	True freshman from Naperville, IL sports a remarkable 4.2 assist-to-turnover ratio and was a Spanish National Honor Society at Benet Academy.
11	Reggie Hearn	6'4" G	Junior from Fort Wayne played a total of 72 minutes his first two years at Northwestern. Father Crane played basketball at Carthage College.
1	Drew Crawford	6'5" G/F	Former Big Ten Freshman of the Year from Naperville shoots 43% from downtown; son of NBA ref Danny Crawford.
24	John Shurna	6'9" F	The senior leads the team in scoring with 18.7 ppg and is majoring in sociology and learning and organizational change. Played volleyball in HS.
12	Luka Mirkovic	6'11" C	The newly-bald senior from La Lumiere High School by way of Serbia is the son of Aleksandar and Dragana Mirkovic.
Coach	Bill Carmody		Former Princeton head coach refuses to wear a tie on the sideline because he is superstitious that it causes his 'Cats to lose big games. We think he is just a bad coach, as do the creators of FireBillCarmody.com.

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

Foreign Connection: For as long as we can remember, and for whatever reason, Northwestern has always seemed to be home to at least one player from overseas, and this year is no different. In addition to Luka, junior **Nikola Cerina (#45)** also hails from Serbia, where he played for Nikola Tesla S.S. in Topola Oplenac. Cerina is a transfer from TCU, where he played in 62 games in two seasons. Assistant coach and former Valparaiso player Ivan Vujic is also a European product from Split, Croatia. In addition to the foreigners, Northwestern also has two native Michiganders. Despite their foreign-sounding names, senior **Davide Curletti (#30)** and junior **Alex Marcotullio (#4)** are from Farmington Hills and Warren, respectively. Curletti claims to have chosen Northwestern over a scholarship offer from Michigan (which happened in his dreams) while Marcotullio is a little more honest, saying he chose NU over Oakland.

Wrong Career Path? Sophomore **James Montgomery III (#13)** from Santa Monica High School in Los Angeles may have messed up somewhere along the way. You see, famous actors Rob Lowe, Sean Penn, and Holly Robinson Peete all also attended Santa Monica and now make lots of money. Montgomery III, on the other hand, decided to attend Northwestern, where in his freshman season he was a member of the women's team as a practice player. Like Shurna, Montgomery III also dabbled in volleyball in high school and is the "distant cousin" of former NBA great Wes Unseld. We wish you the best of luck James, but basketball doesn't look like your thing.

Father's Better? Senior **Nick Freundt's (#15)** dad played basketball at Illinois Wesleyan while freshman **Tre Demps's (#14)** played in the NBA for three years with the San Antonio Spurs, Golden State Warriors, and Orlando Magic and is now the Hornets's GM.

Briefly: Shurna is still afraid he will miss every time he attempts a dunk...Mirkovic's childhood hero was Arnold Schwarzenegger...freshman **Omar Jimenez's (#2)** grandma played tennis and basketball at Spelman College

THE REST OF THE WILDCATS: #0 Mike Turner, #23 JerShon Cobb

- NU'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 (13-3, 3-1 Big Ten):

3	Trey Burke	5'11" G	Trey is 3 rd in the Big Ten in assists with 5 per game to go along with his 13.8 points per game.
0	Zack Novak	6'4" G	Look for a special on Big Ten Network's <i>The Journey</i> in the near future focusing on the college life of Zack, Stu, and J-Bart living together.
10	Tim Hardaway, Jr.	6'5" G	He recorded his 2 nd career double-double against Wisconsin; his first came against Northwestern last year in a 75-66 victory.
23	Evan Smotrycz	6'9" F	Since grabbing 3 straight double-doubles, Evan has averaged only 4.3 points with 5 rebounds per game.
52	Jordan Morgan	6'8" F	Last year against Northwestern, J-Mo lit the wildcats up for 27 points on 11-13 shooting.
Coach	John Beilein		Through five seasons at the helm for Michigan, Coach Beilein is 4-4 against Northwestern.

Horford Update: Sophomore big man Jon Horford received an X-ray on Monday regarding his injured foot that has kept him out of the last 7 games. Coach Beilein reported on Tuesday that there is improvement and that Jon will start shooting on his own. Beilein also said that it would be at least one more week before Horford can go full speed, and will then be reevaluated for game time.

Ticket Exchange: With Big Ten season upon us and big games coming up on a weekly basis, some Maize Ragers decided that it would be a good idea to create a Facebook group called "Michigan Basketball Student Ticket Exchange" to help facilitate the process of exchanging tickets for games. If you are ever looking for tickets to a game or having to sell your ticket because of a class, please join this group and post your communication here. We'd rather not spam the entire Maize Rage email group if an easier method is available.

Maize Rage Social Media: To keep up to date with the digital world, the Maize Rage continues to grow in the Internet world. Be sure to become a fan of the Maize Rage on Facebook to keep track of all Maize Rage news and to follow on Twitter at @UMMaizeRage.

Quick Reminders: This is the *MAIZE* Rage; please make a conscious effort to wear maize (or a costume or jersey) to all games. Also, we thank you for coming to each and every game, but we ask that even if you are a late arriver and don't get a bleacher seat to please stay standing and to participate as much as possible to help make the Maize Rage one of the premier student sections in the country.

***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:

January 14	at Iowa	12:00pm	Iowa has lost their last two games by an average of 32 points.
January 17	vs Michigan State	7:00pm	Extend a warm welcome to Little Brother and Angry Midget.
January 21	at Arkansas	2:00pm	Michigan last played Arkansas in the 1997 NIT Tournament.



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The Bacari Corner

A Tribute to coach Bacari Alexander and his Tweets:

January 8: "The @UMMaizeRage "JortOut" was Epic! HALOF!!!! #jortout"

January 9: "Seems like it's a great time to be a sports fan in the State of Michigan these days. #justsayin"

January 9: "@UMMaizeRage @lavall_jordan @jbart20 u conscious! #HALOF"

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