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Things are again looking good for the Men of the Maize and Blue after Wednesday's 65-63 win at top-15 Iowa. The win marked the 4<sup>th</sup> conference-opening victory in four years for the Wolverines. Before that, the Wolverines dropped a tight decision at UCLA over break, but then bounced back with two important home wins while the Rage was gone on vacation. Our guys are now a solid 9-5 as they go back to the non-conference slate to take on the Fairfield Stags. It's important that we pick up our support now. This game may not sound so marquee, but it is important on many levels. A win here will keep the momentum alive as we proceed into the rest of our Big Ten schedule. Get loud, and make sure you're back with a dozen friends in tow on Wednesday for some Big Ten action. The excuse of studying for exams? Not anymore. Too cold? Take the bus. The Rage must be a force for all remaining games.

## Here is the starting lineup for the Fairfield Stags (6-6, 3-1 Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference):

1	DeWitt Maxwell	6'5"	F	Named after a mid-Michigan town, he leads the Stags with three foul-outs this season
2	Michael Bell	6'4"	G	The Iowa native torched the Yale defense for TWO points three nights ago
3	Terrence Todd	6'0"	G	More turnovers than any other Stag this season
5	Tyquawn Goode	5'5"	G	Was the tallest kid in his 5th grade class and then forgot to grow after 1994; last name pronounced "Goody"
35	Deng Gai	6'9"	C	Backed out of last season's NBA Draft after averaging 3.3 points on the same pre-draft camp team as Michigan's Bernard Robinson, Jr.
Coach	Tim O' Toole			A former Stag player and Amaker assistant at Seton Hall

**They just don't care:** To celebrate his so-far insignificant season in which he is averaging 2.6 ppg, the Fairfield basketball web staff chose to misspell Michael Van Schaick's (#12) name wrong in several places on the team website. Who needs points and a correctly spelled name anyways when you're the defending 5<sup>th</sup> place finisher in the Glens Falls (NY) Memorial Mile race?

**Good line:** Marty O' Sullivan (#14), a dopey sophomore forward, has been in and out of the Stags' starting lineup this season. Why? Here's his line from a 60-57 loss to Yale on Wednesday night, and yes, he started this game:

	TOT-FG	3-PT	REBOUNDS											
	FG-FGA	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	OF	DE	TOT	PF	TP	A	TO	BLK	S	MIN	
14 O'Sullivan, Marty F	0-4	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	25	

**The rest of the roster:** 4 – Zach Drescher, 13 – Danny Oglesby, 15 – Chris Greco, 20 – Kudjo Sogadzi, 21 – Mike DiStefano, 22 – Bryan Cambria, 24 – Charles Bentley, 31 – Tim Birge, 33 – Alvin Carter, 34 – Geoff Middleton, 42 – Brad Feleccia

**IMPORTANT: DO NOT SPEED UP WHEN CHANTING. Chants can get out of control and become ineffective. Be steady.**

**Check out our website:** After the game, make sure you check out [MaizeRage.org](http://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](http://MaizeRage.org)...it's just a click away!

**Next Home Game:** Wednesday, January 12 vs. Northwestern 7:00 Doors open at 5:30

**Milestones:** Daniel Horton is 33 points away from reaching the 1000-point mark in his Michigan career.

Fan favorite Amadou Ba scored for the first time as a Wolverine with a basket against UNC-Asheville on New Year's Eve.

**Coach's Advice:** In an open letter to the Fairfield community, Tim O' Toole preached the avoidance of procrastination: "Finish it properly. Don't wait to the last moment to do all your papers and studying. Finish this semester off on the right note." Amazing; he just does it all.

**Histo's Corner:** This is the third meeting between Michigan and Fairfield, and in the first two, the Stags weren't so Fair: Michigan won 88-53 in Ann Arbor in 2001, and also 66-43 last January at Madison Square Garden.

Michigan is 6-0 all-time against teams from Connecticut.

Michigan is 17-6 all-time in games played on January 8.

Michigan's last action on this day happened in 2003, when a 22-6 scoring run over the final 5:36 erased a 15-point Wisconsin lead on the way to a 66-65 Wolverine win. Daniel Horton scored 25.