

# The Rage Page



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"You are disappointed, but **pain is not an issue** here. What you have to do is say 'okay, here is where we are and here are the things we have to do to get better." ... Coach John Beilein on the loss at #1 UConn

Throughout his first two seasons, Coach Beilein has been careful not to get caught up in the emotion of big wins or become pessimistic in the wake of a losing streak. Well, after a string of four straight Big Ten road losses, each by at least 15 points, a visit to the #1 Huskies of Connecticut was not exactly what the doctor ordered. But the Wolverines held their own against the top team in the land and their 7'3" monster Hasheem Thabeet. Michigan was up one heading into halftime and led by as many as eight on the Huskies' home floor. More importantly, the 1-3-1 was able to force turnovers and the offense showed versatility scoring inside and out. Both will be key tonight as we welcome the Spartans to town for our only meeting this season. The importance of this in-state rivalry speaks for itself...GO BLUE!

Here is the projected starting lineup for the #9 Michigan State Spartans (19-4, 9-2 Big Ten):

1	Kalin Lucas	6'0"	G	Sophomore from Sterling Heights is the self-proclaimed "fastest player in
				college basketball;" also gives himself the nickname "Too Easy"
5	Travis Walton	6'2"	G	The Ohio native's pre-game playlist includes "slow jams like Luther Vandross
				and Marvin Gaye;" favorite team meal is spaghetti; calls class "really boring"
15	Durrell Summers	6'4"	G	Has dropped in 31 three-pointers this season, good for second on the team
10	Delvon Roe	6'8"	F	The highly touted freshman injured his knee in the first game as a high school
				senior; Roe was "thrilled" to learn that one of his dunks had made Sportscenter
				Top Ten, but as for missing his senior season, he was "kinda disappointed"
14	Goran Suton*	6'10"	C	Learned English from his high school basketball coach after moving from
				Bosnia before high school; they're still working on the word "BUM," which
				translates to "guza" in Bosniandon't worry, Goran, we'll help you out
Coach	Tom Izzo			Won't admit his temper tantrums with officials are due to a Napoleon Complex
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\*BUM OF THE GAME: Goran Suton is tonight's Bum of the Game. Chant "BUM" whenever he touches the ball and if the center section asks "What's the matter with Goran?" respond: "He's a bum. Bum-bum-bum-bum-bum-bum!"

**Paparazzi:** When redshirt freshman guard **Austin Thornton** (#13) isn't playing basketball, he can be found spiking and digging for his mud volleyball team (left). Their home court: a mud pit in the middle of an East Lansing cornfield. His other hobbies include dancing shirtless (right) with fellow teammates **Chris Allen** (#3), **Kalin Lucas** (#1), and **Mike Kebler** (#20).





**Spoiled Spartans:** To "enhance the student-athlete experience," MSU recently spent \$1.3 million on a locker room renovation. The locker room has been said to put NBA locker rooms to shame and the player lounge includes theater-style leather recliners, flat screen TVs, video game systems, ping-pong and pool tables, and a kitchen. But after an embarrassing home exhibition loss to Grand Valley State in double-overtime last season, Izzo kicked the team out because they "didn't deserve such a nice place." Explained Travis Walton, "this isn't about the wins and losses." Funny, because they quickly regained access with a win over Michigan Tech.

**Briefly:** Junior forward **Raymar Morgan** (#2) has been MIA the past two games with an upper respiratory infection and walking pneumonia; it is unclear whether he will be ready for tonight's game...Redshirt sophomore **Tom Herzog** (#40) is approximately 27 inches taller than his girlfriend (measurement unofficial).

**THE REST OF THE SPARTAN ROSTER:** #00 Idong Ibok, #22 Isaiah Dahlman, #23 Draymond Green, #25 Jon Crandell, #34 Korie Lucious, #41 Marquise Gray

MSU'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)
- Absolute silence, and then scream just as the player shoots
- 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 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.

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Here is the p	projected starting lineup for Y	OUR Mi	ichigan	Wolverines (15-9, 5-6 Big Ten):
2	C.J. Lee	6'0"	G	Senior co-captain is U-M's leader on and off the court; he boasts 19 assists to
				just six turnovers in the last seven games
31	Laval Lucas-Perry	6'3"	G	Transfer from Arizona scored in double figures in each of his first six games,
				shooting 21-for-48 (43.8%); since, he has shot just 12-for-47 (25.5%)
3	Manny Harris	6'5"	G	Sophomore is second in the Big Ten in points per game (17.5), and sixth in
				rebounds per game (7.3) and assists per game (4.4)
0	Zack Novak	6'5"	G	Left-handed freshman from Chesterton, IN, has played both in the post and as an
				off-guard; he is averaging 6.5 ppg, 3.3 rpg, and 1.2 apg
32	Zack Gibson	6'10"	F	Junior provides much-needed size to the lineup, but also has the range to hit the
				outside shot; has led U-M in blocks 11 times this season
Coach	John Beilein			Check out the second-year head coach's radio show every Monday evening at
				7pm at Pizza House in Ann Arbor or on 1050 WTKA/1270 WXYT

**FREE Maize Rage Road Trip:** The Maize Rage is taking the show on the road to Evanston, Illinois this Sunday, February 15 to support the team at Northwestern. There are only a few more spots left, so sign up now with Maize Rage representatives in the first row of the center bleacher section. The trip is FREE for student season ticketholders and includes transportation and a ticket, but you will be required to put down a \$5 deposit to save your spot, which will be refunded as soon as you get on the bus. Tentatively, plan for the bus to leave at approximately 9:30 a.m. and return to Ann Arbor at approximately 10:00 p.m. All the final details will be e-mailed to you prior to the trip.

StuConn: You may have noticed that Michigan has had a little bit of success this year against top five teams, earning big upsets against two #4s: UCLA and Duke. But they couldn't quite finish the deal at #1 UConn on Saturday, losing, 69-61. U-M was led by freshman guard Stu Douglass, who scored a career-high 20 points on 7-of-10 shooting, including 6-of-8 from three-point range. Said John Beilein: "Without [Stu] tonight, it would have been a 15- or 18-point game." And Douglass said: "It's the best it's felt all year....You focus when you know the stakes are that high." With the stakes high every game from here on, let's hope Stu can keep his big performances coming.

Player Intros: We will chant the name of the Michigan player about to be introduced even while the opposing team's names are read. Look for the whiteboard in the center section to determine the order in which our players will be introduced.

H-BOMB: When Manny Harris hits a three, drop back in your seats as if a bomb has violently shaken Crisler Arena. At the same time, yell "Fresh" (Manny's nickname), holding the -SH at the end.

### Chants: Be steady and don't speed up, or the chants will become disorganized and ineffective...

Offense:
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-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)

Bum of the Game goes to the bench:

#### Defense:

-De-fense! (clap clap)

-D-D-Defense! 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)

-NaNaNa! NaNaNaNa! Hey Hey, You Suck!

Upcoming events:									
Sunday, Feb. 15	at Northwestern	2:00pm CST	BTN	Free Maize Rage Road Trip (see above)					
Monday, Feb. 16	John Beilein Radio Show	7:00pm	1050 WTKA	Pizza House – 618 Church St.					
Thursday, Feb. 19	vs. Minnesota	7:00pm	BTN						



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## **Histo's Corner:**

Michigan is 4-10 all-time on February 10, but 4-3 in odd-numbered years and 1-0 in years ending in the number 9.

Michigan is 4-1 on this date since Crisler Arena opened in 1967.

Michigan is 91-71 all-time against MSU, but 12-5 against "Michigan Agricultural College," which was MSU's name until 1925.

# Histo's "By The Numbers":

**4-3:** Michigan's record in games immediately following a loss this season.

### **Histo's RPI Update:**

Michigan #48, Michigan State #7