



The Rage Page



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Coach John Beilein, to the team, during the overtime win at Northwestern ... "We can do this."

Please put on the purple Hawaiian lei that is on your seat in a show of support for Relay for Life. See the back of this page to find out why tonight's Rage Page is purple.

With only two home games left in the regular season, the Wolverines have found themselves on the bubble for the NCAA tournament. However, it won't be an easy road – the Golden Gophers are the only Big Ten team that has not yet faced the Maize and Blue this year, and despite starting the season 16-0 they have had their troubles in conference play, similar to your Michigan Wolverines. It's important that everybody cheers loud and proud tonight, since this may be the last chance for students to see their team at Crisler this season (a trip to the NIT would most likely warrant additional home games). Students, give these guys some momentum going into the final stretch of the season and into the Big Ten tournament!

Here is the projected starting lineup for the Minnesota Golden Gophers (19-6, 7-6 Big Ten):

0	Al Nolen*	6'1"	G	Nicknames include "Al No," "Coconut Head," and "Ding-a-ling all in yo face"
20	Lawrence Westbrook	6'0"	G	Brian's slightly less-known cousin is Arizona's all-time leading prep scorer
34	Damian Johnson	6'7"	F	Was involved in an on-court altercation with Minnesota commitment and 5-star prospect Royce White last summer which involved White chucking a basketball at Johnson's back after "words were exchanged;" chaos ensued
45	Colton Iverson	6'10"	F	Pet peeves include "nails on a chalkboard and stoplights;" there must not be too many stoplights in his hometown of Yankton, South Dakota
50	Ralph Sampson III	6'11"	C	Freshman is living in his father's shadow... literally; he is four inches shorter than his dad, who is a former #1 NBA draft pick and 3-time all-star
Coach	Tubby Smith			Compared his obscure hiring at Minnesota with meeting his wife: "How do you find your wife? Maybe she found me. Maybe it's karma, I guess."

***BUM OF THE GAME:** Al Nolen 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 Nolen?" respond: "He's a bum. Bum-bum-bum-bum-bum-bum-bum!"

Family business: When asked by a local reporter what he would save from his house if it were burning down, Colton Iverson was quick to respond by saying: "I'd want to get my parents' big screen TV out. I'd have to have that." Maybe he could call his long-lost cousin Allen and ask for one of his....

1-2 step: Sophomore forward **Paul Carter (#1)** was bored one night and "was actin a straight foo bored in the dorms." In other words, he recorded a video of himself dancing in his bathroom and put it on YouTube for all to see; in it he wore tights, high socks, and slippers as he pulled off all kinds of moves that even Soulja Boy would be embarrassed to see.

What them girls like: Junior **Devron Bostick (#22)** took an online quiz titled "How Good Are You In Bed?" Bostick scored very high, getting A++ marks, and the results claimed "people that get to sleep with you are very lucky." Bostick proudly displays his results on Facebook.

Stuck on my elevator: Many people find elevators fascinating, but junior **Travis Busch (#4)** has taken it to a whole new level. Allegedly, Busch has 1) jumped up and down, 2) stuck his keys in the door lock, 3) pressed the fire alarm button, and 4) rode up and down for several hours without getting off.

THE REST OF THE GOLDEN GOPHER ROSTER: #3 Kevin Payton, #5 Devoe Joseph, #11 Jonathon Williams, #24 Blake Hoffarber, #33 Jamal Abu-Shamala

Minnesota 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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MAIZE RAGE NEWS AND INFO ON YOUR MICHIGAN WOLVERINES ON THE FLIP SIDE →

Here is the projected starting lineup for YOUR Michigan Wolverines (16-10, 6-7 Big Ten):

2	C.J. Lee	6'0"	G	Former walk-on is now the team's emotional leader and starting point guard; played 40 minutes at NW and hit two clutch free throws near the end of OT
1	Stu Douglass	6'3"	G	True freshman played great defense on Craig Moore at NW despite an off shooting day; leads the team with 36 three-pointers on the year
3	Manny Harris	6'5"	G	Scored 25 points in the second half and OT at NW, including a 9-0 run by himself to open the second half; second in Big Ten in points per game (17.5)
0	Zack Novak	6'5"	G	Lefthanded freshman grabbed a team-high seven rebounds at NW; began the year at two-guard, and moved to the four position midway through the year
34	DeShawn Sims	6'8"	F	7.3 rebounds per game ranks fourth in the Big Ten; was the only U-M player to score in double-digits (18) against MSU
Coach	John Beilein			Check out the John Beilein Radio Show on Mondays from 7-8 p.m. at Pizza House at 618 Church St. in Ann Arbor

Purple Rage: The Rage Page was printed on purple paper for the first time tonight in honor of **Relay for Life**, a 24-hour event on April 4-5 that raises money for education, advocacy, research, and services for cancer patients. Last year, thousands of Michigan students raised over \$275,000 through Relay. Visit www.mrelay.org for more information, or to create or join a team! In addition, we ask that you wear the purple lei found on your seat throughout the game as a sign of the Maize Rage's support for this worthy cause.

Road Rage: About 50 lucky Maize Ragers participated in a free Maize Rage road trip to the Northwestern game last Sunday in Evanston, IL. And they were not disappointed with what they saw. Led by Manny Harris's 26 points, all but one of which came in the second half and overtime, Michigan downed the Wildcats in a thrilling overtime finish in a game that U-M really had to have in order to keep its NCAA tournament hopes alive. The Rage made its presence known, firing up the large numbers of U-M fans in the crowd. Look for opportunities for more road trips like this one next year.

Player Intros: We will chant the name of the Michigan player about to be introduced even while the opposing team's names are read. Check with the center section beforehand to determine the order in which our players will be introduced. They will be posted up on a whiteboard and shared with everybody before the introductions.

PEEDI: Instead of chanting "De-Shawn Si-ims" when he is introduced, chant "PEE-DI" (his nickname) instead.

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:

-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)

Bum of the Game goes to the bench: -NaNaNaNa! NaNaNaNa! Hey Hey Hey, You Suck!

Upcoming events:

Sunday, Feb. 22	at Iowa	4:00pm CST	BTN
Thursday, Feb. 26	vs. #19 Purdue	9:00pm	ESPN



STUDENTS! E-MAIL LIST: To sign up for weekly newsletters and important Rage tidbits, go to MaizeRage.org and click the link on the left side of the page, or send an email to nmattar@umich.edu requesting that your name be added.

Histo's Corner:

Michigan is 9-12 all-time on November 19, and just 3-8 in odd-numbered years. That includes a 3-3 record against Minnesota on this date.

Michigan is 78-64 all-time against Minnesota, including a 49-19 mark at home. Michigan lost both of its matchups against the Golden Gophers last season.

Histo's 'By the Numbers':

2nd: Michigan's average finish in the Big Ten in years in which they beat Minnesota on November 19.

Histo's RPI Update:

Michigan #54, Minnesota #36