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“It is really tough for a team to come back when they get off to a bad start.” ... *John Beilein on what happened in overtime at Iowa*

When Michigan pulled off some surprising upsets at the beginning of the year, fans’ expectations jumped from “improvement after a 10-22 season” to “NCAA Tournament or bust!” After a gut-wrenching overtime loss at Iowa that made the NCAA Tournament, in all likelihood, a longshot, it’s easy to be disappointed. But instead, let’s just be thankful that we’re in the discussion once again. Much of the thanks for that goes to the three seniors that will be honored today. C.J. Lee transferred from Manhattan as a walk-on, only to develop into the starting point guard and emotional leader; David Merritt made the team at open tryouts and also became one of this team’s leaders; Jevohn Shepherd earned the nickname “Air Canada” with his athleticism and leaping ability. Let’s send these guys out with a much-needed win.

Here is the projected starting lineup for the #16 Purdue Boilermakers (21-6, 10-4 Big Ten):

23	Lewis Jackson	5’9”	G	Sat out the first game vs. U-M with a concussion after a hit from Wisconsin’s Joe Krabbenhoft; unlike the Harris-Kramer play, no foul was called (probably because no Purdue students were in Madison to chant “Throw Him Out”)
3	<b>Chris Kramer*</b>	<b>6’3”</b>	<b>G</b>	Not sure that the masked look is working for the junior defensive specialist
33	E’Twaun Moore	6’3”	G	Played on the same AAU team as forward Robbie Hummel and former player Scott Martin (he broke up the threesome and transferred to Notre Dame)
44	Nemanja Calasan	6’9”	F	Began his basketball career at Ekonomosko-Ugostiteljska Skola in Srbinje, Bosnia & Herzegovina, then attended the easier-to-spell Midland JuCo
25	JaJuan Johnson	6’10”	C	Scored a career-high 20 points and grabbed eight rebounds vs. Arkansas-Pine Bluff in December, but was benched by Painter for poor rebounding
Coach	Matt Painter			Desperately wanted to play at Indiana as a youngster; after Bobby Knight refused to recruit him, he settled for Gene Keady’s Purdue squad instead

**\*BUM OF THE GAME:** Chris Kramer is tonight’s Bum of the Game. Chant “BUM” whenever he touches the ball and if you hear “What’s the matter with Kramer?” respond: “He’s a bum. Bum-bum-bum-bum-bum-bum-bum!”

**The nose knows:** In U-M’s first game against Purdue, the Wolverines held a halftime lead over the #16-ranked Boilermakers, and looked well on their way to the upset. That is, until Manny Harris received a pass on the wing and transferred the ball to the other side of his body. Chris Kramer had positioned his face inches away from Harris, and Harris’s elbow struck Kramer’s nose. The referees threw Harris out of the game despite those involved—Harris, John Beilein, Kramer, and Matt Painter—all insisting it was unintentional. But the controversy extends beyond just the play. Kramer said: “I *blacked out*, fell down, and then I woke up in a pool of blood on the floor.” Then, he says an assistant coach told him: “Coach [Painter] says you’ve got to come on” and re-enter the game. Typically, players who black out are held out of the game for fear of brain injury (see: Blake Griffin last week), not ordered by the coaching staff to re-enter the game.

**Happy birthday:** E’Twaun Moore’s 20<sup>th</sup> birthday was yesterday. We apologize for the belated nature of our birthday wishes.

**Don’t friend him unless you are old peoples:** According to Facebook, Nemanja Calasan’s activities include: “Talking to old peoples, Discover the campus..., Play with my piranhas, walk my pig outside.” His address? “Don’t ask me I don’t even know... I’m new here...”

**THE REST OF THE BOILERMAKER ROSTER:** #4 Robbie Hummel, #5 Keaton Grant, #11 Bobby Riddell, #20 Marcus Green, #24 Ryne Smith, #30 Mark Wohlford, #32 John Hart, #55 Chris Reid

**Upcoming events:**

Sun, March 1	at Wisconsin	1:00pm CST	BTN	
Mon, March 2	John Beilein Radio Show	7:00pm	1050 WTKA	Pizza House – 618 Church Street

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**Histo’s Corner:**

Michigan is 12-12 all-time in games played on February 26, but is 3-1 in U-M head coaches’ second season.

U-M’s all-time home record against Purdue is 37-31, including a 19-13 record in the month of February.

U-M is 4-1 in home games against a Purdue coach in his third season.

**Histo’s RPI Update:**

Michigan - #56, Purdue - #23