

The Rage Page



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Cornhuskers projected starting line-up:

0 James Palmer Jr. 6'6" G
Shot 17% from the field vs Purdue on Saturday

5 Glynn Watson Jr. 6'0" G

12 Thomas Allen 6'1" Chose to attend Nebraska even though he had an offer from Kansas

15 Isaiah Roby 6'8" F

Thinks Blake Bortles is an elite QB

20 Tanner Borchardt 6'8" F Looking for a Nintentdo Wii

HC Tim Miles

18 years as a Division 1 Coach, 2 NCAA tournament appearances, has never made it past the Round of 64

To comply with the Big Ten sportsmanship code, the "Burn of the Game" has been replaced by the "Player to Watch": James Palmer Jr.

Good afternoon Ragers! It's a bittersweet night for our lone senior Charles Matthews (technically a red-shirt junior) as he likely takes the court one more time in Crisler as he's honored on Senior Day against the Nebraska Cornhuskers—let's make it a memorable night for him. We need to leave the season in Crisler on a high note, so let's keep up the energy and the support for our Wolverines!

Jr. Domination: Looks like having a JR. after your name gets you far on this Nebraska team. Guards James Palmer Jr. and Glynn Watson Jr. have been dominating the court this season and especially in the last few games, contributing 40 of the Cornhuskers' 72 points in their loss to Purdue on Saturday. They are a dominant force on the offensive side of the ball, averaging 18.9 and 12.4 points per game, respectively. Shutting them down will be the key to this game.

Problems at Home: The Huskers are currently 2 games over .500, with their 3 remaining regular season games being against ranked teams, 2 of them on the road. Tim Miles only has 2 winning seasons since he became the Nebraska head coach, and the Nebraska Athletic Department had been wrestling with the decision to fire him mid-season. This clearly can't be helping the Huskers' game plan, but we'll have to see if he can work under pressure.

Dreaming of March: The dream of March Madness might be just that. The Huskers have lost 11 of their last 15 games. They have to win out the rest of their regular season games and make it far in the B1G Tournament to even make a case for their NCAA Tournament appearance. The game tonight has some high stakes, but after our loss on Sunday, it looks like we'll be taking that dream and turning it into their worst nightmare.

The Rest of the Cornhuskers: Amir Harris (#1), Johnny Trueblood (#4), Karrington Davis (#10), Dachon Burke Jr. (#11), Isaac Copeland Jr. (#14), Nana Akenten (#25), Justin Costello (#33), Thorir Thorbjarnarson (#34), Brady Heiman (#45)

Keep it classy, Rage: As one of college basketball's premiere student sections, it's important that we refrain from swearing or using other slurs throughout the game. The University of Michigan is an institution of class, and as a collective representative, we need to uphold this standard.

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A Salute to Seniority: Today likely marks the final appearance at Crisler for Charles Matthews, the lone senior on the squad. Matthews has been a warrior in Ann Arbor since his transfer from Kentucky, keying runs to the the B1G Tournament title and NCAA Championship game last year with his lockdown defense and 13 points per game. After flirting with the NBA, Matthews returned to school this year, averaging 12.8 points per game and providing veteran leadership for an extremely young team. Make sure to get loud and thank him for his contribution to Michigan basketball!

Defensive Woes: Sunday's bitter loss seemed to confirm a trend with this year's Wolverines: the inability to win a shootout. Michigan has given up 70+ points in only 4 games all season, including 3 of its 4 losses. The only team to beat Michigan while scoring under 70 was Wisconsin.

Bright Future: With one of the younger teams in the country, it is no secret that Coach Beilein's squad has vastly exceeded most preseason expectations. Hopefully everyone else besides Matthews will be back next year, such as leading scorer Ignas Brazdeikis, who is Michigan's highest scoring freshman since Trey Burke in 2011-2012.

Remember: A maize Michigan shirt, a Michigan basketball jersey, or costume is required to sit in the bleachers.



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Cheers and Chants

- Put your arms around those near you and sway to the beat during the pregame video
- Iggylggylggylggy (when Ignas Brazdeikis touches the ball or makes a play)
- Big Jon (when Jon Teske makes a play)
- During free throws, listen for the distracting noise and echo along
- Howl like a wolf when Charles Matthews has a great play
- Defense! (stomp, stomp)

The Cannonball: Every time Jordan Poole hits a three, drop back in your seat as though you are doing a cannonball in Crisler

Maize Rager of the Game



Name: Brendan Year: Junior

Major: Naval Architecture & Marine

Engineering

Favorite thing about the Maize Rage:
"Meeting new people with shared interests and becoming close with them"

If we notice you on the jumbotron, or if you tweet a picture of yourself using #LetsRage, you could be the next Maize Rager of the Game!