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We're back in Crisler this afternoon for the third installment of our current four-game homestand. This afternoon, our Wolverines face the mighty South Florida Bulls, winners of 6 NBA titles in the — oh, wrong Bulls. These Bulls are no slouches though, having achieved a 5-2 record so far this season on the strength of wins over teams like Stetson and Grand Canyon. They're coming off of a season in which they finished a hot 1-15 in Conference USA. We're without Daniel (4 weeks), Graham (4-6 weeks), and Lester (season), but there's no reason our team is going to roll over here in December. We need to stay right with them as their official support group and help them play a solid forty minutes of basketball in every game. Let's make Crisler move this afternoon, Rage.

Here is the starting lineup for the South Florida Bulls (5-2, 0-0 Conference USA):

1	Marlyn Bryant	6'3"	G	Nicknamed "The Energizer Bunny" by his former coach; has torn an ACL each of the past two Januarys so he won't be "Energizing" for much longer
3	Brian Swift	5'10"	G	Short; a member of USF's Student-Athlete Advisory Committee
21	Terrence Leather	6'9"	F	Again, last name is Leather; USF's leading scorer and rebounder in 2003-04
25	James Holmes	6'2"	G	A native of nearby Ypsilanti; career ambitions include acting
44	Solomon Jones	6'10"	C	This transfer from Daytona Beach CC stays truly active by fishing and playing video games
Coach	Robert McCullum			Coached at WMU when they knocked us off in 2001 and 2002; get revenge

Boston Bandwagon: Chris Capko (#10), a standout baseball player in high school in Lakeland, Fla., professes that he is "an avid fan of the Boston Red Sox and Boston Celtics" and lists Paul Pierce as his favorite NBA player. Let's get warmed up for our showdown with Boston U. on Tuesday with some Boston heckling today, especially since he is probably just another one of the million bandwagon Red Sox fans who repeat the phrase "Reverse the Curse" over and over in their sleep.

Yeah, Alaska: Stevie Moss (#11), whose actual first name is "Loren", hails from Anchorage, Alaska, making him the second Alaskan to roll through Crisler this year. In case you've forgotten, the last Alaskan was Binghamton's star center Nick Billings, who couldn't muster a single point against the Wolverines before fouling out. Don't hesitate to remind Loren of this fact.

The rest of the roster: 4 – Brandon Bridgman, 5 – Marcus Prekevicius, 12 – Bradley Mosley, 13 – Brandyn Flowers, 23 – Collin Dennis, 24 – Melvin Buckley, 33 – Konimba Diarra

Ladies and gentlemen, your USF Lady Bulls: For USF's Midnight Mania to kick off the season, the USF men cross-dressed as the women's team and performed a workout routine. Rage, it's up to you to decide which team (men or women) is at Crisler today.

Dance Team (clap clap): The Michigan Dance Team, #1 of all of the world's dance teams in this week's Maize Rage Championship Series (MRCS), will perform its "Summer in the City" routine at halftime this afternoon. Come back Tuesday for the MDT's Holiday Special during the Boston U. game. The MDT can be visited on the Web at <http://www.umich.edu/~umdance>.

Things to Remember: We hate Boston University.

Mix in some other defensive chants with popcorning this afternoon.

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Watch the band so we don't speed up during the a cappella Victors.

Keep chants at a steady pace.

We hate Boston University.

Be here Tuesday night. Doors open at 5:30.

Histo's Corner: Michigan is 1-0 all-time against South Florida, having defeated the Bulls 92-56 on December 29, 1987.

Michigan is 7-2 all-time against teams from Florida, and 14-2 all-time at home against teams from Conference USA.

Michigan is 12-3 all-time on December 11.

Michigan's 83-57 win over Bowling Green on this day in 2002 marked the end of the infamous 6-game losing streak that kicked off the 2002-2003 season. Daniel Horton scored 26 points.

Michigan is 11-3 all-time against "South"- or "Southern"-named teams.

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