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Once again, the team has fallen on some tough times in losing to Boston University and UCLA, but hopefully an 11-day break has given our guys the rest and strength necessary to close out the non-conference slate with a few wins. Today, we face off against the Delaware State Hornets, a team that we defeated by just five in Crisler Arena last year. They're a solid team that gave Michigan State a run for its money in the first half at Breslin a week and a half ago, and they're hungry after the tight loss to the Maize and Blue last season. The Crisler crowd will be down a little bit today with the onset of winter vacation, but let's work with what we have and get everyone in the arena on their feet and cheering for another Michigan victory. Our team deserves our support.

Here is the starting lineup for the Delaware State Hornets (3-8, 1-0 Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference):

0	Darrin Shine	5'9"	G	This little guy could only muster one basket in his other game in Michigan
				this year, a 63-45 loss to MSU
2	Aaron Williams	6'2"	G	DSU's second-leading scorer here last December with 10 points
5	Terrance Hunter	6'7"	F	Scored 22 points at Crisler last year to lead the Hornets
33	Jahsha Bluntt	6'6"	G/F	Posted a whopping four points in 15 minutes here last season
44	Troy Roundtree	6'5"	F	Did almost nothing (one foul) in last season's loss to Michigan at Crisler
Coach	Greg Jackson			This former footballer for North Carolina Central is in his fifth season on
	-			the Delaware State bench

The rest of the roster: 4 – Phillip Brown, 11 – Bruce Davis, 13 – Caheem Broadus, 20 – Alain Walker, 22 – Chris Slade, 23 – Tracey Worley, 32 – Quincy Marshall, 34 – Aaron Fleetwood, 35 – Anthony Fair, 44 – Brandon Coles, 55 – Josh Grier

IMPORTANT: DO NOT SPEED UP WHEN CHANTING. Chants can get out of control and become ineffective. Be steady.

WATCH THE BAND: The Victors is the greatest fight song in the history of the world, and we should treat it that way by all being in sync with each other and especially with the band while singing it. When the band stops playing the music and it's time to sing a cappella, watch them and their fist pumping to make sure you keep the time.

Player-specific chants:

- When Brent Petway comes into the game or performs some of his gravity-defying action, chant "Air Georgia!" This one has picked up a lot of steam on a national level and many broadcasters refer to us using this chant when they talk about BP. Get it going. If Dion Harris comes into the game, greet him with "Di-on Harris!" (clap clap clap-clap-clap)
- **Check out our website:** After the game, make sure you check out **MaizeRage.org** for all of the latest Maize Rage news about upcoming meetings and the Rager of the Game. Check out new Maize Rage pictures and archived issues of the Full Court Press. MaizeRage.org...it's just a click away!

New Year's Eve Party at Crisler: The Wolverines are back in action to finish up 2004 at 1 PM on Friday afternoon when they take on North Carolina-Asheville. Tickets are still available so come back to Crisler and close another year with a Wolverine win!

Other Upcoming Home Games:	Saturday, January 8 vs. Fairfield	8:00	Doors open at 6:30
	Wednesday, January 12 vs. Northwestern	7:00	Doors open at 5:30

Taking this one seriously: Sure, Delaware State doesn't seem like such a marquee opponent, but here's what Tommy Amaker had to say after the Wolverines-Hornets matchup last season:

"Sometimes you win the games you don't deserve to win. I certainly thought Delaware State deserved to win tonight. We were fortunate to come out with a victory. I have to give Coach (Greg) Jackson and his team credit; they had a tremendous game plan to shorten the game."

Histo's Corner: Michigan and Delaware State have met just once, which was a 55-50 Wolverine win on December 22, 2003 at Crisler.

Michigan's last home game on December 29 was in 1985. Michigan defeated Cleveland State 105-85.

Michigan is 3-0 all-time against teams from the First State.

Michigan is 4-0 all-time and 4-0 at home against teams from the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference.