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We're just hours away from ringing in 2005 and watching another Michigan Rose Bowl appearance, but before that, there is business to be taken care of here in Crisler Arena. The North Carolina-Asheville Bulldogs come in today as Michigan's second Big South opponent of the season, hoping to win the admiration of their conference peers and do something that a Big South team has never done before: beat the Wolverines. Again, today's attendance will be hurting a little bit since it's winter vacation for much of the Maize Rage, so all of the diehards here in the end of December face the huge task of re-creating that "big game atmosphere." Don't be afraid to keep chanting or popcorning this afternoon; it's the Crisler New Year's Extragavanza and everyone's invited.

Here is the starting lineup for the North Carolina-Asheville Bulldogs (3-7, 0-0 Big South Conference):

2	K.J. Garland	6'1"	G	A member of last season's Big South All-Rookie Team
3	Omar Collington	6'1"	G	A former second team Class AA all-stater in Georgia
21	Chad Mohn	6'8"	F	Last name is pronounced "Moon"
22	Oliver Holmes	6'7"	G/F	Full name is Oliver Wendell Holmes II but he is not at all related to the
				famous jurist or poet
55	C.J. Walker	7'1"	C	Finished 12 th in the nation in blocks last season
Coach	Eddie Biedenbach			This Adidas spokesman is married to Barbara, a former N.C. State
				cheerleader

Blondes have more fun: Joseph Barber (#42), a 6'9" senior forward/center, received national acclaim during the 2003 NCAA Tournament when he and his bleached blond hair made ESPN.com's All-Hair First Team with the likes of Dee Brown of Illinois and Josh Childress of Stanford. Certainly, his basketball skill level must be right up there with both of those guys also.

Studying is good for you: Billy Allen (#4), a 6'5" senior forward, missed the 2002-03 season and parts of the 2003-04 season for academic reasons.

The rest of the roster: 1 – Brett Warner, 15 – Bryan McCullough, 20 – Mykail Vibbert, 23 – Steven Rush, 31 – Matt Day, 35 – Tim Ford, 44 – Joey Harrell

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)

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!

Upcoming Home Games:	Saturday, January 8 vs. Fairfield	8:00	Doors open at 6:30	1
	Wednesday, January 12 vs. Northwestern	7:00	Doors open at 5:30	į

Visit MaizeRage.org **Histo's Corner:** Michigan is 4-0 all-time and 3-0 at home against teams from the Big South Conference.

Michigan is 10-3 in games played on New Year's Eve.

Michigan has already played one Big South opponent this year, defeating High Point 67-53 in Crisler Arena on December 7.