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The Wolverine hoopsters ride into Crisler tonight as the owners of a four-game winning streak, including a 70-48 win in their most recent home game over Fairfield. Dion Harris scored 20 points and Ron Coleman had 18 for Michigan. Tonight, the non-conference hullabaloo is over, as Bill Carmody's Northwestern Wildcats make their second consecutive stop in the state of Michigan with a visit to Crisler Arena. After a 21-point victory over Indiana in their Big Ten opener, the 'Cats fell 87-58 to Michigan State. The Maize and Blue, meanwhile, look to continue Northwestern's misfortune and win another Big Ten home opener. There are no excuses now, Rage. We've got 8 conference home games to help the Blue through, and the goal is simple: 8-0.

Here is the starting lineup for the Northwestern Wildcats (8-6, 1-1 Big Ten Conference):

1	T.J. Parker	6'2"	G	The brother of NBAer Tony is recovering from the flu; DNP vs. Indiana, 0 pts. @ MSU
3	Mike Thompson	6'10"	C	This Duke transfer averaged 1.4 ppg under Coach K in two seasons; scored 2 vs. Michigan in December 2002
11	Vedran Vukusic	6'8"	F	Experienced a \$50,000 fire in his apartment a month ago, likely started by a candle; shot 4-for-16 and fouled out in most recent game against Michigan
14	Mohamed Hachad	6'4"	G	Mr. Quebec couldn't buy a point in Crisler last year, which was likely the result of his ridiculously large undershirt
31	Davor Duvancic	6'8"	F	Vedran's roommate at 2201 Ridge Ave. missed the trip to MSU with the flu; was scoreless in 27 minutes in last outing against Michigan
Coach	Bill Carmody			Wanted to take his team off the floor against Utah State because the overall play was too physical and then got ejected for his outburst

Watch for flying elbows: Since receiving an elbow to the face in practice from Mike Thompson, freshman guard Brandon Lee (#22) hasn't been able to hack it in practice. "Those other guys are playing better than he is," said Coach Carmody. Maybe it's starting to become evident that Brandon coasted into D-I on the coattails of his Peoria Central High School teammate Shaun Livingston, the first-round pick of the L.A. Clippers in the 2004 NBA Draft. Ask Brandon when he plans on getting tough.

Not an Ashley Judd fan: Bernard Coté (#12), a junior forward, is ineligible to play this year after transferring from Kentucky. He averaged 0.8 ppg as a freshman and 1.4 ppg as a sophomore. Fortunately, he's reunited with his high school buddy Mo Hachad, and reports have it that he's a whole lot cooler than Ash.

Good old high school signs: Tim Doyle (#00), a transfer from St. John's, was harassed in high school by opposing fans who held up signs saying "grandpa" and "Doyle you're old enough to buy us beer", in reference to his age. Doyle graduated high school at over 19 years and 7 months old.

Way to kick it off: Vince Scott (#52) made his first collegiate start here last year, scoring four points and fouling out in 20 minutes.

The rest of the roster: 2 – Joe Kennedy, 5 – Michael Jenkins, 10 – Ivan Tolic, 21 – Gary Lee, 24 – Evan Seacat, 32 – Sterling Williams

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Mock Rock Champion: Last night, Mock Rock VI, a lip-synching competition among university athletes, was held at the Michigan Theater as a benefit for the C.S. Mott Children's Hospital. The winner? Brent Petway, known on stage as A. Gizzle, with a dance and his original rap, "Tall Tee". Judges Steve Breaston, Pierre Woods, Mike Hart, Peter Vanderkaay, Dan Ketchum, Michael Phelps, and Elise Ray all gave BP perfect scores, making him the runaway winner with 50 points. He does it on the court, and he can do it on the stage...he's Air Georgia.

Histo's Corner: Michigan is 30-3 against Northwestern in Crisler Arena, which opened for the 1967-68 season.

Michigan has won its last four matchups and 31 of its last 35 with Northwestern, dating back to January 31, 1985.

Michigan is 6-1 at home against Northwestern in games played in years ending in "5".

Michigan has won its last 7 Big Ten home openers, including a 78-54 drubbing last year in which Lester Abram scored 27 points.