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Our Wolverines sit at 12-6 overall and 3-1 in the Big Ten after Wednesday's 62-53 setback at the hands of the Indiana Hoosiers in Bloomington. It's never fun to lose, but looking at the bright side of things, our team's home conference record is still intact. That goal of going 8-0 in the Big Ten at Crisler faces a substantial obstacle this afternoon as the Wisconsin Badgers roll into town. They're hot after a 3-point win against MSU in which they scored the final 11 points of the game, and they're aching to win one in Ann Arbor, a place in which they haven't been victorious since 2001. This is a huge game for us, so let's bring it from all over the arena this afternoon. Anything less than the top Rage effort of the year would be disappointing. Let's fire up and help our team win.

Here is the starting lineup for the Wisconsin Badgers (12-3, 3-1 Big Ten Conference):

1	Sharif Chambliss	6'1"	G	The Racine native transferred from Penn State after three years as a Nittany Lion because he was homesick and was tired of then-coach Jerry Dunn bearing down on him; past Lion players don't recall Dunn singling SC out
13	Clayton Hanson	6'5"	G	Spent his first three seasons as a walk-on and really likes chick flicks; 5 career points at Crisler Arena
42	Alando Tucker	6'5"	F	Wisconsin's school record holder in the vertical leap (38"), but doesn't hold a candle to a certain Georgia native on today's home team
44	Zach Morley	6'8"	F	Was told by Coach Ryan to "cut his f***ing hair" last season, as featured on ESPN's "The Season: Wisconsin Basketball"
54	Mike Wilkinson	6'8"	F	Engaged to marry Alexis but is reported to like his dog, Maverick, even more: "Don't forget my itty-bitty dog, Maverick. He's a beast!"
Coach	Bo Ryan			His teams are 0-3 against Michigan in Crisler Arena

**Go get 'em:** Ray Nixon (#4), a junior forward, says his dream job is to be an oil guy for swimsuit models. That's apparently representative of what a Wisconsin degree will work for these days.

**Working his way up:** Tanner Bronson (#14) acted as a team manager last year, and now he's on the roster, where he's averaging 0.3 ppg. It's a big jump for the guy who stood just 4'9" as a high school freshman. His idol? Flava Flav.

**Isn't it Bridge Night at the retirement home?:** Andreas "Smooth" Helmigk (#21) turned 25 on December 10, 2004, making him the oldest player in the Big Ten by 6 months and 12 days. He's also a former flute player.

**Cute:** Freshman guard Michael Flowers (#22) carries the nickname "Tulip" around the Madison campus.

**Air Kammron:** Kammron Taylor (#23) chose his number as a way to Be Like Mike, but his 6.9 ppg probably isn't quite up to MJ's standards. The famed Bull and Wizard would likely be impressed by his 77-point performance though...way back in 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Can you say "ball hog"?

**Not quite up to KT's standard:** Jason Chappell (#5), who has amassed 31 career minutes of playing time, thinks that the mini-skirt is the best invention of the past 100 years. His highest scoring total? 69 in 8<sup>th</sup> grade. 8 less than Kammron. That's no good.

**Identity crisis:** Greg Stiemsma (#34), a freshman center, claims that his best pickup line is, "Hi, I'm Brian Butch," referring to his more talented frontcourt teammate. Meanwhile, Butch (#32) claims that he doesn't even need a pickup line to get girls.

**Also not Petway:** DeAaron Williams (#33), a freshman known more for his past violin career than for logging any minutes on the Badger hardwood this season, won the Illinois high school dunk competition as a senior. Big deal.

**More Alando:** Not only is Alando Tucker a big fan of the music of Britney Spears, but he's also ashamed of his "very hairy knees and elbows."

**H-BOMB:** If Daniel hits a three, drop back in your seats as if a bomb has violently shaken Crisler Arena. It's the H-BOMB!

## 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 Harr-is!" (clap clap clap-clap-clap)

**Chants:** Wisconsin is always a big opponent, so it's important that the Maize Rage is sharp with spirit and chanting this afternoon. Listen in for the rhythm of these specialized chants, and try to keep them at a steady pace. **Don't speed up.**

**Turnovers:** -You! You! You! (while pointing finger at the player)

**Fouls:** -It's all your fault! It's all your fault! It's all your fault! (while pointing finger at the player)

**Our Free Throws:**

-Wave fingers in the air and upon a made shot, throw your hands down with force and say "BLUUUE!"

**Wisconsin's Free Throws:**

-Listen in to the center of the Rage where the chant will be started, and follow along with one of these:

- You Will Miss! You Will Miss! You Will Miss! (And upon a miss, yell "Thank you!")
- General noise
- Chanting a player's name
- Upon a made free throw, listen for the "It doesn't matter!" prompt and yell "You still suck!"

**\*\*Be steady, and don't speed up.\*\***

**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.

**Mix it up:** There's been discussion around the Rage about "excessive popcorning", or bouncing and yelling on defense. Let's mix in some chants like DE-FENSE (clap clap), for example, when we're on D. It's good if we popcorn for the first several minutes of the game and after baskets (especially huge BP dunks), but if we turn the ball over or miss a shot, try to go into a different chant.

**Honorary Captain:** Today's honorary captain is Wisconsin senior Alexis Schrubbe of Waukesha, Wisconsin. When not acting as a euphonium rank leader in the UW Marching Band, she's the fiancée of Wisconsin forward Mike Wilkinson. According to Steve Lavin of ESPN, Wilk "outkicked his coverage" with this gal. She's become a media darling lately, being featured singing the national anthem for the Ohio State game on ESPN and praying that Mikey would hit his free throws against MSU on CBS. Before all of that though, she was a dear friend of the Rage, having met all of us at last year's game. For her overwhelming charm and friendliness, she is today's captain. Congratulations, Alexis, on being named the Maize Rage Honorary Captain of the Game!

**Going to Columbus:** The Maize Rage is gearing up for its first ever FREE road trip to Columbus, Ohio on Saturday, February 5 to watch Michigan take on the Ohio State Buckeyes in an important road contest. Supporting our team on the road is crucial. The game will start at 12:17 PM, so the buses will leave early that morning. If you're a hard-core student fan and you're interested, bring a \$10 deposit and your MCard to the Maize Rage table on the concourse today, and e-mail any questions to [rshinska@umich.edu](mailto:rshinska@umich.edu). Deposits will be returned during the trip to Columbus on game day. The time has come to take over Value City Arena!

**Some new stuff:** - Try doing "Bounce, Bounce, Pass" on free throws, starting when the referee passes the ball to the UW shooter.  
- Instead of just doing "OOOOHHHH" during defensive popcorning, try "EEEEEE." We'll start with that today.



**Mike Wilkinson, as "Biggie the Dwarf", and his fiancée Alexis, as Snow White, enjoy Halloween.**

**Histo's Corner:** Michigan is 61-17 all-time at home against teams from the Badger State, including a 53-16 record against UW.

Michigan is 30-14 overall and 4-1 against Wisconsin in home games televised on ESPN-Plus.

Michigan has won 27 of its last 30 home games with Wisconsin, and is 3-0 against Wisconsin in years ending in "5" during the Crisler Arena era.

Michigan is 10-6 in games played on January 22, with the last game being a 75-63 win over Minnesota in 2003.

Michigan is 4-1 at Crisler Arena in games played on the fourth Saturday of January since 1980.