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Nine in a row. It's easy to automatically get discouraged with the team. Some of us have seen this before with the six-game losing streak that occurred two seasons ago, but this streak is longer, so this must absolutely be the end of Michigan basketball, right? No. Realize this: brighter days are ahead. Our team matches up with Indiana this afternoon, and then there are two more home games and a matchup with Northwestern in Welsh-Ryan Arena, otherwise known as Crisler West, before we head to the Big Ten Tournament. A big crowd will be in Crisler this afternoon to see Michigan great Glen Rice have his jersey retired to the rafters. Our team is due for a victory, and as the Maize Rage, we need to lead this crowd in helping to deliver a win to the Maize and Blue.

Here is the starting lineup for the Indiana Hoosiers (11-11, 6-5 Big Ten Conference):

3	D.J. White	6'9"	F	A freshman tied for the team lead in foul-outs this season
4	Bracey Wright	6'3"	G	Just replaced his old sport utility vehicle with a beefed up BMW; might someone be enjoying the benefits of a professional salary?
20	A.J. Ratliff	6'2"	G	Scored 0 in a loss to Ohio State on Tuesday night
22	Marshall Strickland	6'2"	G	Claimed that this year's IU squad is "his team"; has responded by averaging 7.1 ppg and being 4 <sup>th</sup> on the team in scoring
24	Robert Vaden	6'5"	F	May shed his basketball career to enter politics on the IU campus; see below
Coach	Mike Davis			Has had the Indiana alumni looking for his head recently

**Two-sport threat:** James Hardy (#2), a freshman forward, signed a letter of intent to play football for the Hoosiers. Even in a season in which the Hoosiers went 3-8 and got smoked by three touchdowns against our Wolverines, James saw no action. Perhaps when James finally gets on the gridiron, the football Hoosiers will finally have the push to get over the hump and beat the "powerful" men of Illinois, who also went 3-8 this year and bested Hardy's Boys 26-22 on November 6.

**Daddy!:** Pat Ewing, Jr. (#3), a 6'8" forward from Georgia, has discussed his inability to get out of the shadow of his famous father. Sure, it must really be tough. He's known for being a big-time dunker with a lot of flash, but he wasn't even really the best high school dunker to come out of the Georgia Class of 2003. The man on top? A certain #23 in the Maize and Blue. Take that, Pat.

**Longing for home:** Roderick Wilmont (#10), a redshirt sophomore guard, lists his favorite movie as "He Got Game." Don't get confused, though, Ragers; Rod averages just 2.7 points a game. One can probably attribute this low scoring total to Rod's longing for his old home of Alaska, a place which he claims to miss for its "kayaking, and the fishing and hunting." He's just a lonely man who needs his home.

**What's the deal with that?:** Errek Suhr (#11) is a sophomore guard from Bloomington who has played in eight games and averages just a single point per game. What's so significant about him? First of all, he's 5'8". Second, who spells their name like that? A quick search of the University of Michigan directory shows that this spelling does not occur here and is indeed very odd.

**Bad boys:** Lucas Steijn (#14), a freshman center, was cited for illegal consumption of alcohol in September. Not to be outdone by a fellow rookie, Adam Ahlfeld (#32), a first-year guard, left a half-gallon of rum sitting on the floor of his room and was also nabbed for illegal consumption in January.

**"Mighty" Mark:** Mark Johnson (#21), a senior guard from Wisconsin, sports a very ugly Mighty Mouse tattoo on his left arm. His big-time ink job has led him to five total points this season in five games played. Yes, indeed...here comes Mark to save the day!

**Not well-liked:** Sean Kline (#23), a 6'8" junior forward, is regularly booed during home games at Assembly Hall. He averages just 1.6 points, which is down from his hot 4.0 ppg last season, so perhaps the hometown hate is justified.

**He just might turn into dust:** Mike Roberts (#33), a senior forward from Oregon who is nicknamed "Shrek", is the second oldest player in the Big Ten, trailing only behind Wisconsin's Andreas Helmigk. Roberts will celebrate his 25<sup>th</sup> birthday on May 22 of this year.

**Perry hits the road:** Donald Perry recently left the Indiana program after playing in just two games this season. He cited a lack of desire to play for the team anymore. What went wrong, Coach Davis?

**The rest of the roster:** 00 – Lewis Monroe, 5 – Marco Killingsworth, 34 – Ryan Tapak, 44 – Kyle Taber

**Big Tommy fan:** Bracey Wright claimed to be a big Tommy Amaker lover during his high school days. Is there a chance he still feels that affection for the coach of the Blue? Might he actually like TA more than he likes his own head coach, Mike Davis? Find out, Rage.

**Hail to the Chiefs:** Robert Vaden and D.J. White have announced their bids to run for the IU Student Association Congress as candidates on the Kirkwood ticket. They were convinced to run for the spots by freshman Maggie Daniels, daughter of Indiana governor and Maize Rage Honorary Captain, Indiana Gov. Mitch Daniels. He may be better known to people who traveled through the state of Indiana during football season this year as “My Man Mitch.” Here’s to a big win for Daniels, Vaden, and White in 2005!

**Bad call, Dane:** Dane Fife snubbed Michigan, the alma mater of his father Dan (1968-71) and brother Dugan (1992-96), to go play for the Hoosiers several years ago. Let him hear it. Why does this matter? He’s on the IU bench as an administrative assistant this afternoon.

**Glen Rice:** Today, former Michigan hoopster and NCAA champion Glen Rice will have his #41 raised to the rafters of Crisler Arena. In his four seasons (1985-89) with the Wolverines, Rice became Michigan’s all-time leading scorer with 2442 career points. In Rice’s stint at Michigan, the Wolverines won 104 games, the greatest number of wins in any four-year stretch in the program’s history. On April 3, 1989, Rice completed his NCAA Championship-record scoring total of 184 points over six games as the Wolverines won the first national championship in the program’s history with an 80-79 victory over Seton Hall in Seattle. In his fifteen-year NBA career, he played exactly 1000 games with the Heat, Hornets, Lakers, Knicks, Rockets, and Clippers, averaging 18.3 points. Let’s give Glen a rousing cheer today and thank him for helping put that national championship banner in the south end of Crisler Arena!

**Rice, by the numbers:**    **184** – Points in 1989 NCAA Tourn. (1<sup>st</sup> all-time)                      **75** – Field Goals in 1989 NCAA Tourn. (1<sup>st</sup>)  
    **27** – 3-Pointers in 1989 NCAA Tourn. (1<sup>st</sup> all-time)                      **1** – National Championship

“What I try to do every day is to go out and represent Michigan the way it should be represented. To be recognized and honored is just truly special to me.” – Glen Rice, #41, 1985-89

**Northwestern Trip:** The Maize Rage is sponsoring a free road trip to Northwestern for this Saturday’s 8:00 PM tipoff against the Wildcats. Only 50 spots will be available on the basketball office-provided bus, so bring a \$10 deposit to the concourse today to reserve your spot. It’s going to be a great way to kick off your spring break!

**MSA Elections:** The Maize Rage is entering a slate of candidates into the upcoming Michigan Student Assembly elections. For information on how to help out, e-mail Carl at [cpogonch@umich.edu](mailto:cpogonch@umich.edu). Basketball, world domination...what doesn’t the Rage do?

**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.

<b>Upcoming Home Games:</b>	February 23	Penn State	8:00	Gates open at 6:30
	March 5	Iowa	12:17	Gates open at 10:47

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Use the “Glen Rice (clap clap clap-clap-clap)” chant today, or in the spirit of recent Starbucks advertising, go with “GLEN! GLEN GLEN GLEN! GLEN GLEN GLEN! GLEN GLEN GLEN.....”

**Histo’s Corner:** Michigan is 38-33 all-time against Indiana at home, and 20-14 at home in the Crisler Arena era.

A win today would be Michigan’s 150<sup>th</sup> against a team from a state starting in “I” in a game played in February.

Indiana is 1-7 on the road this season.

The average margin in home games played against Indiana during the Glen Rice era was in favor of Michigan at 14 points per game.

Michigan won its last game played on the second-to-last Sunday of February, 71-59, over Wisconsin, in 2004.