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On the crowd... "They were our sixth man. They really helped us out. If it wasn't for them, I don't know. They really gave Illinois a tough time, and they really pumped us up, so it was great for them to be there." -Courtney Sims, 2/8/05

Maize Ragers, welcome back to Crisler for some post-Thanksgiving Michigan basketball! Today, the Maize and Blue return home from their first road trip of the young season. And it was a successful one, as Lester Abram and Daniel Horton led the Wolverines to a 51-46 victory over our nemesis Boston University. The importance of this win cannot be overlooked – it may have come against a mid-major team that we were supposed to beat, but it is still a big non-conference road win that should boost the team's confidence. Boston U. could very well end up in the NCAA Tournament when all is said and done. Meanwhile, as Michigan was putting the finishing touches on the Terriers, Butler and Ohio State were dueling it out in overtime in Columbus. Butler ended up falling 79-69 to the Buckeyes, but they showed that they can play with anyone in the Big Ten, even on the road. Let's be sure to show the team all the support we can today, even though most students are gone on break. Have fun today, enjoy the rest of break, and Go Blue!

Here is the projected starting lineup for the Butler Bulldogs (2-2, 0-0 Horizon League):

21	Avery Sheets	6'0"	G	Mechanical Engineering/Economics double major is a big Seinfeld fan
4	A.J. Graves	6'1"	G	Double major in Mech. Engineering/Math leads the team with 10 turnovers
3	Bruce Horan	6'3"	G	Epitome of "one-dimensional" has hit 214 career three pointers, needing 4 more to become Butler's all-time leader... see below for details
33	Brandon Crone	6'6"	F	Junior loves watching "Hogan Knows Best", Hulk's reality show, on VH1
20	Brandon Polk	6'6"	F	First team All-Horizon League selection leads an exciting life consisting of the facebook, eating, and sleeping... amazing that he has time for basketball
Coach	Todd Lickliter			53-12 record in first two years (2001-03) ranks third best in NCAA history

Oh, Dear: Don't be surprised if Butler doesn't make it here on time. The Student Collegian, Butler's award-winning campus newspaper, ran a Bulldog basketball season preview which stated that the team would "face their second Big Ten opponent in *Dearborn, Mich.* as they take on the Wolverines." No word yet on whether there are any plans for a "Crisler East" in Dearborn, nor for a "Crisler North" in Flint.

Bruce Almighty: "Home Run!" is the phrase that Butler's PA announcer uses each time the Bulldogs knock down a trifecta at home. Senior guard Bruce Horan, then, is essentially the Barry Bonds of Butler basketball, having made 214 career threes, just 4 short of Butler's all time record. But inside the arc, it's a different story. Horan has only *attempted* 27 two-point field goals in his career, having made 10. This year, he is 13-29 from three point land and shooting an impressive 50% on two-point attempts (1-2).

Refugee All-Stars: Most college basketball programs recruit players out of high school gyms. Todd Lickliter and his staff at Butler recruit players out of college arenas. The Bulldogs' roster features five transfer students who came to Butler looking for fresh starts. The list of refugees: Senior guard Julian Betko (#1) from Clemson, sophomore forward Pete Campbell (#34) from IPFW, junior guard Mike Green (#10) from Towson, junior guard Marcus Nellems (#23) from Marshalltown C.C., and Brandon Polk from Redlands C.C.

THE REST OF THE BUTLER ROSTER: #24 Brian Ligon, #5 Ben Slaton, #32 Drew Streicher.

Keep it classy, Rage: As we work toward becoming a great student section, it's important that we refrain from swearing and making other negative slurs throughout the game. The University of Michigan is an institution of class, and as a collective representative of the University, we need to uphold this standard. It's cool to razz the opposition, but keep it clean, Ragers.

Butler'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 (Popcorn without the jumping)
 - Chanting a player's name
 - Absolute quietness, and then scream just as the player shoots
 - Upon a made free throw, listen for the "It doesn't matter!" prompt and yell "You still suck!"

Giving Thanks: Since most Maize Ragers are out of town for Thanksgiving and this game isn't part of the season ticket package, there will be a limited number of students supporting the team today. The bleachers will be filled up with the general public, who will be sitting the whole game. Don't let it get you down, dedicated Ragers; cheer hard and be loud no matter what the people around you are doing. If we're forced to sit, we will, but the team needs our noise and our presence, sitting or standing.

MAIZE RAGE NEWS AND INFO ON YOUR MICHIGAN WOLVERINES ON THE FLIP SIDE →

Here is the projected starting lineup for YOUR Michigan Wolverines (2-0, 0-0 Big Ten):

4	Daniel Horton	6'3"	G	Single handedly carried the team to a huge victory in Boston on Tuesday, scoring 21 points, including 16 in the second half
5	Dion Harris	6'3"	G	Shooting 50% from three point range but heel has been bothering him
32	Lester Abram	6'6"	W	Leading the team in scoring at 14.5 ppg while shooting 83% from the line
44	Courtney Sims	6'11"	F	Started off the season efficiently, scoring 20 points on 9-10 shooting in the opener last Friday versus Central Michigan
25	Graham Brown	6'9"	F	Hambone pulled down 11 rebounds in the game against CMU
Coach	Tommy Amaker			Has responded well this season to our chants for more Amadou Ba

A win is a win: It wasn't pretty, but the Wolverines held off Boston University on Tuesday night for an important early season victory on the road. The 51-46 win finally allowed Michigan to get some revenge on the Terriers for the two home losses in the last two years at Crisler, and it was the Wolverines' first win in a road opener since 1999 (not including the neutral site victory over Butler in 2003). Daniel Horton had 21 points and 4 steals to lead the way.

Yeah, new guys: Jerret Smith had 9 assists against CMU, and Jevohn Shepherd had 5 points, a block, and a steal against Boston U.

Enter Hambone: Graham Brown, who affectionately garnered the nickname "Moose" from the Rage for the last year and a half, has admitted that he prefers to be called by his childhood nickname of "Hambone", given by his father. We're all family here, Ragers, so let's make Graham feel at home this season with chants of "Ham-bone!"

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!

Chants: Be steady and don't speed up.

Offense:
-Here we go, Michigan, here we go! (clap clap)
-Go, Blue, Go! (clap clap clap)
-Let's Go Blue! (clap)
-Go Blue! (clap clap)

Defense:
-De-fense! (clap clap)
-D-D-D-Defense! D-D-D-Defense!
-Popcorn (Jump up and down while screaming OHHHH!! at the tip or when Michigan is on defense)
-Bounce! Bounce! Pass! (Yell "bounce" when the opposition dribbles, and "pass" when they pass)

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)

Straight (road) trippin': All 100 spots for the free road trip to Notre Dame on December 3rd have been filled, but you can add your name to the waiting list by emailing Griff Hickman, Superfan VI (ghickman@umich.edu). PLEASE NOTE that the Notre Dame game time has been changed from noon to 2pm next Saturday. Look here for info on future road trips!

Upcoming Home Games:

November 29 vs. Miami (FL) 9:30PM Gates open at 8:00 **Big Ten / ACC Challenge**

The athletic department has announced that the game against Miami will be FREE for all students. Students can print out a voucher at MGoBlue.com/voucher.html and present the voucher, along with M-Card, at Gate E for a free ticket (while they last)

Let's fill up Crisler with students for Michigan Basketball on ESPN2!

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Histo's Corner: Michigan is 16-12 all-time against Butler, including a 61-60 overtime win in their last matchup at Consecro Field House in 2003.

The last time Michigan lost to Butler at home was in the 1962-63 season.

HISTO'S "BY THE NUMBERS":

2: The number of seasons in which Michigan has gone undefeated in Crisler Arena. In both seasons, the team captured the Big Ten title and reached the NCAA Elite 8.