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On having the Maize Rage student group travel on the road ... "It's uplifting to have fan support on the road. We worked with the administration to get two buses to bring the students out here and we heard them throughout the game. They certainly helped us today." - T. Amaker, after the Northwestern game on 1/18/03

"Experience that Joyce Center magic." - J. Reid, everyday

We may be grossly outnumbered by fans of the Fighting Irish this afternoon in northern Indiana, but such a difference in fan quantity does not necessarily equate to a similar difference in fan quality. Our Michigan Wolverines enter today's contest against Notre Dame with a 4-0 record, having just finished a 74-53 victory over the Miami Hurricanes in the Big Ten/ACC Challenge. Dion Harris scored 16 points and contributed six assists, while Graham Brown pulled down 11 rebounds for the Victors. The host Fighting Irish enter the game with a 2-1 record after dropping their last contest 61-48 to North Carolina State at Consecro Fieldhouse. Torin Francis led the Irish with 13 points and 11 rebounds. Notre Dame looks to avenge last season's 61-60 Michigan victory in Crisler Arena with a win on their floor. There's just one problem: We're the Road Rage, and we're taking over this town.

Here is the projected starting lineup for the Notre Dame Fighting Irish (2-1, 0-0 Big East):

2	Chris Quinn	6'2"	G	The second most notable Quinn on campus behind high school classmate Brady is a regular fixture at Irish volleyball matches
15	Colin Falls	6'5"	G	Stanford Hall's top sharpshooter managed just three points against NC State on 1-for-8 shooting from beyond the arc
43	Russell Carter	6'4"	G	Playing basketball for the Irish was a second choice behind his childhood dream of playing across the street in Notre Dame Stadium
31	Rob Kurz	6'9"	F	Failed to control himself following ND's football victory over Michigan in 2004, resulting in a fight and a broken jaw
34	Torin Francis	6'11"	F	Couldn't cut it at an '05 Draft camp, causing a personal "Return to Glory"
Coach	Mike Brey			Like Coach Amaker, a former Duke assistant

Daaaaaaaddy!!!: Ryan Ayers (#42) is the son of former Ohio State head coach Randy Ayers.

Dru Warier: Rick Cornett (#11) is also referred to with the nickname "Dru."

The new Rudy: Kieran Piller (#35) was added to the Notre Dame roster as a walk-on just before the start of the season.

Enigmatic ballhog: Freshman guard Kyle McAlarney (#23) once scored 50 points in a 69-64 high school game that went to overtime. The only problem? His team lost. Maybe shooting the ball every time you touch it doesn't work after all. However, this is the same guy who failed to score in an all-star game in which 345 total points were scored and 21 players scored in double digits. Maybe he does know how to pass...

Mr. Big Shot: Luke Zeller (#40) reached national prominence as a high school senior when he sank a half-court shot at the buzzer to win the Indiana state championship for Washington High School.

THE REST OF THE NOTRE DAME ROSTER: #33 Zach Hillesland, #24 Chris Murphy

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.

Notre Dame fans are generally one of the more respected fan bases in terms of politeness, but don't be surprised if a green shirt-wearing student comes up to you today to heckle you about this fall's football game or if Jeremy starts talking up the Irish volleyball team. As always, we will stick by our policy of respect (well, except with Jeremy). Anything else is unacceptable.

Notre Dame'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!"

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

Here is the projected starting lineup for YOUR Michigan Wolverines (4-0, 0-0 Big Ten):

4	Daniel Horton	6'3"	G	While delivering on his personal "mission" to better the Wolverines, he leads all scorers with 16.3 ppg and has 10 steals to boot
5	Dion Harris	6'3"	G	The man with a newly shaved head won't let a foot injury slow him; he led all Michigan scorers on Tuesday night
32	Lester Abram	6'6"	W	A silent assassin over each of the season's four games, having been the lone Wolverine to score double figures in each contest
44	Courtney Sims	6'11"	F	Averaging 13.5 first half points over his last two games
25	Graham Brown	6'9"	F	Drew not one, not two, not three, but FOUR offensive fouls on Tuesday
Coach	Tommy Amaker			Gracious enough to provide the transportation for today's Rage journey

No word on whether he gets the radio job as well: Graham Brown needs just nine points to match Dugan Fife as Michigan's 101st all-time greatest scorer at 472 career points.

A balanced attack: Five Wolverines scored in double figures on Tuesday. Dion Harris led with 16, followed by Lester Abram (14), Daniel Horton (13), Courtney Sims (12), and Chris Hunter (11).

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 the 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)

Can you see me?: Today's contest is Michigan's second consecutive on ESPN2. The broadcast crew includes Sean McDonough, Bill Raftery, and Jay Bilas. Let's show the nation that it's great to be a Michigan Wolverine, at home AND on the road!

Upcoming Home Games:

December 7 vs. Delaware St. 7pm Gates open at 5:30pm

December 17 vs. UCLA Noon Gates open at 10:30am

**Season ticket holders: If you can't make the UCLA game, please try to find someone to use your ticket! Dick Vitale will be here to call the huge non-conference game on ESPN, and we want the Rage to look as strong as ever.

**Non-season ticket holders: Tickets are still available for the UCLA game! Get yours ASAP and be here to help your Michigan Wolverines get a big victory over the nationally-ranked Bruins.

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Histo's Corner: Michigan is 13-7 all-time against Notre Dame, and has won 10 of the last 12 games against the Fighting Irish.

Tommy Amaker is 3-0 all-time in games coached against Notre Dame head coach Mike Brey.

Notre Dame is coming off of its lowest point total (48) in the Mike Brey era after last Saturday's loss to North Carolina State.

Michigan has won its last three December matchups against Notre Dame.