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"I aspire to be an aggressive player. I come out **not fearing anything**, rebound, and attack the basket." ... *Sophomore Forward DeShawn Sims, on his game against Radford*

Two nights ago, in this very place, everything went right. DeShawn Sims had a standout performance—23 points in 27 minutes. Manny Harris and Kelvin Grady both excelled in their Michigan debuts, scoring a combined 24 points and contributing eight assists to just one turnover between them. But don't let Friday night get us overconfident—Brown is coming off a blowout win themselves. The Bears beat Eastern Michigan in Ypsilanti on Friday, 74-55, led by Damon Huffman's lights-out three-point shooting. Help bring Brown back down to Earth. Besides the New York native C.J. Lee, there's nothing Eastern about this Michigan team.

Here is the projected starting lineup for the Brown Bears (1-0, 0-0 Ivy League):

20	Damon Huffman	6'2"	G	Senior says his claim to fame is that his brother plays professionally, but his bro' Trevor plays for Aalstar, in Belgium, so Damon's more famous himself
14	Mark McAndrew	6'2"	G	Senior's aspiration is to play in Europe; does Aalstar have any openings?
22	Chris Skrelja*	6'6"	F	Has 48 first cousins—might inbreeding explain his goofy appearance?
5	Scott Friske	6'7"	F	Readily admits that "The Notebook" is one of his favorite movies
35	Mark MacDonald	6'9"	F	Claims to have performed a life-saving ocean rescue of a Brown teammate
Coach	Craig Robinson			Second-year head coach's sister, Michelle, is married to Barack Obama, so pro-Hillary chants are, for once, welcome

***BUM OF THE GAME:** Give Chris Skrelja an especially difficult time, as he's our Bum of the Game. Boo whenever he touches the ball and if the center section asks "What's the matter with Chris?" respond: "He's a bum. Bum-bum-bum-bum-bum-bum!"

Fathers Know Best: We've all heard that in order to get into an Ivy League school like Brown, it helps if your daddy is well-connected with the school. But apparently all it takes to get on the basketball team is that he at one time was a professional athlete. Though neither played basketball, two Brown players boast fathers who played a sport in the pros (albeit with varying levels of success). Colin Aldridge's (#34) father, William Aldridge, was a pitcher who was the Braves' 15th round pick in 1978. He never saw major league action. Perhaps this explains why Colin's biggest athletic thrill is baseball-, not basketball-related. On the other hand, Adrian Williams (#11) is the son of Doug Williams, the Redskins quarterback who is best known as the first African-American quarterback to play in the Super Bowl. Doug was named Super Bowl XXII MVP.

Small Fish, Big Pond: Typically, Division I basketball players have to adjust in college to, for the first time in their lives, not being the best player on their team. Fortunately (or unfortunately?) for freshman Garrett Leffelman (#31), he doesn't have that problem. At St. Joseph's High School in Naperville, Illinois, Leffelman was teammates with two Big Ten recruits: Demetri McCamey, now a freshman at Illinois, was a four-star recruit and the 10th best point guard in the country, and Evan Turner, who entered Ohio State this fall, was a four-star recruit and the 13th best small forward in the nation. As for Leffelman? Despite becoming the first freshman at his high school to score 40 points in a game, he was classified as a one-star player and received interest only from Brown, which does not offer athletic scholarships.

Breslin Banter: Scott Friske lists his most thrilling athletic moment as playing at MSU, but not last season when Brown held the Spartans to 45 points on their way to a narrow 11-point loss. Rather, Friske was referring to a high school game he played at Breslin as a Charlevoix High Rayder (One who... rayds???)

Briefly: Mark MacDonald says his favorite gym is Cameron Indoor Stadium, home of the Duke Blue Devils, which Michigan will visit on December 8. ... Today's featured media guide lie: Steve Gruber (#10), who is listed at 5'11" but is more like 5'8" (on tiptoes).

THE REST OF THE BROWN ROSTER: #1 Chris Taylor, #15 Sean Kane, #21 Morgan Kelly, #25 Peter Sullivan, #30 Jelani Floyd, #45 Matt Mullery

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.

- Brown'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")
 - Gooooo!! Bluuuuuuue!! (with the rest of the crowd)
 - Absolute silence, and then scream just as the player shoots
 - Sing The Victors (listen for the "1, 2, you know what to do!")
 - 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 (1-0, 0-0 Big Ten):

1	Jerret Smith	6'3"	G	Makes his debut today after serving a one-game academic suspension
3	Manny Harris	6'5"	G	Freshman scored 13 on Friday, but we're still waiting for our first H-Bomb
24	Ron Coleman	6'6"	W	Rockin' the headband, R.C. is one of only two seniors on the roster
34	DeShawn Sims	6'8"	F	Peedi dominated Radford for 23 points and seven rebounds in 27 minutes
32	Zack Gibson	6'10"	F	Transfer from Rutgers will surprise this year, Beilein says
Coach	John Beilein			Took West Virginia to the Elite Eight, looks to take Michigan even further

And the rest of the 2007-2008 Wolverines:

20	Adam Block	6'1"	G	Walk-on from Allentown, PA, shot 91% from the FT line in high school
44	Kelvin Grady	5'11"	G	Speedy freshman started his first game Friday and scored 11 points
2	C.J. Lee	6'0"	G	Transfer from Manhattan can shoot three-pointers with the best
11	David Merritt	5'10"	G	Senior from West Bloomfield made the team last year at open tryouts
5	K'Len Morris	6'4"	W	After a shoulder injury ended his freshman campaign, Special K is back
30	Eric Puls	6'10"	F	Freshman Alpena-native is a typical Beilein recruit: a big man with range
15	Jevohn Shepherd	6'5"	W	Look for 'Air Canada' to be used much more extensively than in past years
22	Ekpe Udoh	6'10"	F	Scored 10 points off the bench against Radford; also had two blocks
12	Anthony Wright	6'6"	F	Redshirt freshman played 21 minutes vs. Radford Friday night

Road Trippin': After today's game, Michigan will hit the road. They won't play another home game until November 28. First, there's a trip to Washington, D.C. on Thursday to take on #5 Georgetown, which made the Final Four last season. The following week, the team will head all the way to Anchorage for the Great Alaskan Shootout. They open the tournament against Butler, followed by either Eastern Washington or Virginia Tech. Catch the Butler game on Wed, November 21 on ESPN2 (if you can't make the trip).

PLAYER INTROS: When the Brown starting lineup is introduced, stand up and face backwards, waving your hat in the air and yelling as if it were a kickoff at a football game. Then, when the announcer says each player's name, turn around, point at them, and yell: "YOU SUCK!"

H-BOMB: When Manny Harris, our new H-Bomber, hits a three, drop back in your seats as if a bomb has violently shaken Crisler Arena. Simultaneously, yell "Fresh" (Manny's nickname), holding the -SH at the end.

Chants: Be steady and don't speed up, or the chants will become disorganized and ineffective...

Offense:

-Here we go Michigan, here we go! (clap clap)
-Let's Go Michigan! (clap, clap, 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!!)
-Bounce! Bounce! Pass! (Yell "bounce" when the opposition dribbles, and "pass" when they pass)

Turnovers: -To the Bench! (while pointing finger at the player and the bench)

Fouls: -Bonehead! Bonehead! Bonehead! (while pointing finger at the player)

Foul Out: -Kick Him Out! Kick Him Out! Kick Him Out!

Bum of the Game goes to the bench: -NaNaNaNaN! NaNaNaNaN! Hey Hey, You Suck!

Upcoming home games:

Wed, November 28	vs. Boston College	7:15pm	FREE with voucher (mgoblue.com/studentvoucher)
Wed, December 12	vs. Oakland	7:00pm	Gates open one hour before game time



STUDENTS! E-MAIL LIST: To sign up for weekly newsletters and important Rage tidbits, go to MaizeRage.org and click the link on the left side of the page, or send an email to vinnyc@umich.edu requesting that your name be added.

Histo's Corner:

Michigan is 1-0 all-time against Brown, having beaten the Bears, 74-56, in the 1960-61 season.

Michigan is also 1-0 all-time in games played on November 11. That lone victory occurred just last year, when the Wolverines beat Davidson, 78-68, in the John Thompson Challenge.

On today's date last year, Ron Coleman notched his 20th career double-digit scoring game.

When John Beilein-coached teams have led at halftime, they are 83-17 since the 2002-03 season.