



# The Rage Page



“Everything looks good in practice for the most part. I really don’t know what the problem is. We just have to make shots in the game.” ... *Freshman guard Manny Harris*

Not even Manny Harris can say exactly what the problem has been so far with this team. All we know is that progress is coming slower than many expected. At Purdue on Saturday, the Wolverines hung right with the Boilermakers for most of the first half before Purdue got hot from long-range and built a 14-point halftime lead. But Michigan battled back and went on a run of their own, cutting the deficit to just two in the second half before falling short, 65-58. Indiana had a tough time with a hot-shooting Iowa team in their Big Ten opener, squeaking by, 79-76. If Michigan shoots the ball like Manny says they’ve been doing in practice, the upset is not out of reach.

Here is the projected starting lineup for the #11 Indiana Hoosiers (12-1, 1-0 Big Ten):

1	Armon Bassett	6’1”	G	Shot 1-for-9 in IU’s loss at Crisler last year; claims he’s Sebastian Telfair’s “biggest fan,” and says IU is “probably not right now” a title contender
23	Eric Gordon	6’4”	G	ESPN reported that he played Michael Jordan’s son in <i>Space Jam</i> , but actually it was just an actor of the same name (not Kirk Herbstreit’s fault this time)
13	Jamarcus Ellis	6’5”	G	Nicknames include “Tom Tom” and “Tone Tone;” remains tied at the hip to junior DeAndre Thomas (#2), his high school, JuCo, and college teammate
<b>30</b>	<b>Mike White*</b>	6’6”	F	Planned to redshirt this year (despite being a senior!), reversed course in Nov.
3	D.J. White	6’9”	F	Flirted with the NBA, then spent his offseason leading Team USA at the Pan Am games to embarrassing losses to Uruguay and Panama
Coach	Kelvin Sampson			At Oklahoma, made more than 550 illegal phone calls to recruits; after NCAA revoked his phone privileges, he came to IU, made ten illegal conference calls and had an assistant illegally place over 100 recruiting calls

**\*Bum of the Game: #30 Mike White** – Whenever Mike White touches the ball, repeatedly chant “Bum” and, if the center section asks: “What’s the matter with Mike?” reply “He’s a bum! Bum-bum-bum-bum-bum-bum.”

**Filling the lane... literally:** When the cheerleaders and dance team pass out pizza tonight, make sure to grab yours before **DeAndre Thomas (#2)** does. Thomas, who is currently listed at 295 pounds, is said to have lost 59 pounds this offseason. That would put him at a whopping 354 pounds last season. Talk about the Biggest Loser.

**Low rider:** Besides his Mangino-like obesity, Thomas is also known for his baggy shorts (copied from the Fab Five, of course). They are so big on him that Kelvin Sampson once said: “You can house a small family in those.”

**Dogbook:** So this is what benchwarmers do with their time. Little-used senior guard **Adam Ahlfeld (#34)** recently made a Facebook profile for his family dog, Murphy, a seven month-old Golden-doodle. Murphy’s activities include “peeing when I get excited, playing with the neighborhood dogs, [and] terrifying smaller dogs.” His About Me section proclaims: “I have big paws, and you know what they say about dogs with big paws....”

**Briefly:** Freshman center **Eli Holman’s (#32)** Facebook profile includes an application called “Define Me,” where others anonymously list words that define the individual. The two words used to describe Holman are “malnourished” and “smelly.” ... Armon Bassett is a member of the Facebook group “Colts fans are unsophisticated rednecks.” Ahlfeld is a huge Colts fan and, thus, a redneck. ... Redshirt freshman guard **Brett Finkelmeier (#4)** is a former high school teammate of Michigan commit Stu Douglass.

**THE REST OF THE IU ROSTER:** #5 Jordan Crawford, #20 A.J. Ratliff, #22 Lance Stemler, #24 Brandon McGee, #44 Kyle Taber

- Indiana’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!”

**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.

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Here is the projected starting lineup for YOUR Michigan Wolverines (4-10, 0-2 Big Ten):

2	C.J. Lee	6'0"	G	Junior who transferred from Manhattan was recently rewarded with a scholarship and got his first career start at Purdue
3	Manny Harris	6'5"	G	Manny leads the team in scoring with 16.4 ppg, including 25 points at Purdue; scored in double-digits in 13 of his 14 career games
24	Ron Coleman	6'6"	W	One of just two seniors on the roster; averaging a career best in rebounds (4.4) and assists (1.7); also averages only 0.83 fouls per game over his career
34	DeShawn Sims	6'8"	F	Fueled the run that got UM back in the game at Purdue with a pair of threes and 15 points; has scored in double-digits in each of the last nine games
22	Ekpe Udoh	6'10"	F	Leads the Big Ten with 2.92 blocks per game; snatched nine boards against the Boilermakers; first name means "Lion" and middle name is Friday
Coach	John Beilein			First-year UM coach set the trend for West Virginia coaches coming to A <sup>2</sup>

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
32	Zack Gibson	6'10"	F	Started eight games this year after transferring from Rutgers
44	Kelvin Grady	5'11"	G	Freshman's 2.8 assist-to-turnover ratio leads the team
31	Laval Lucas-Perry	6'3"	G	Transfer from Arizona averaged 4.0 points and 1.6 rebounds for the Wildcats
11	David Merritt	5'10"	G	Senior from West Bloomfield made the team last year at open tryouts
30	Eric Puls	6'10"	F	Freshman Alpena-native will redshirt this year
15	Jevohn Shepherd	6'5"	W	Air Canada scored seven points and made three steals in 15 min. vs. UCLA
12	Anthony Wright	6'6"	F	Ant has only committed two fouls this year in 179 minutes

**Welcome LLP:** Laval Lucas-Perry, a 6'3" freshman guard at Arizona, has transferred to Michigan. Lucas-Perry, who was ranked the #20 point guard by Rivals.com, averaged 26 points, seven rebounds, and six assists as a senior at Flint Powers Catholic High School. He will be eligible to play for the Maize and Blue starting in January 2009.

**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 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)

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

**Women's Basketball vs. MSU:** Want to beat the Spartans even though the men's team doesn't have a home game against them this year? This **Sunday**, 1/13, at **Noon** come watch the women's basketball team (9-4, 2-1 Big Ten) take on MSU right here at Crisler. Admission is free with your MCard, parking is free, and students can enter a raffle to win a \$100 Visa cash card at the game.

**Upcoming home games:**

Sun, January 13	Women's Basketball vs. MSU	Noon	
Sat, January 19	vs. Iowa	7:00pm	Doors open one hour before tip-off



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**Histo's Corner:**

Michigan's all-time record against Indiana at home is 39-35.

On years ending in the number 8, Michigan is 5-1, including a 112-64 victory in 1998.

Kelvin Sampson is 0-2 at Crisler Arena as a head coach. His Hoosiers lost last year, 58-55, and his Oklahoma Sooners lost in the second round of the 2004 NIT, 63-52.

Michigan is 0-3 when Histo does the Twist.

**Histo's RPI Update:**

Michigan - #170, Indiana - #42

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