

## The Rage Page



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Manny Harris on Northeastern ... "They are a pretty good team. We have got to bring it. Just like any other team, we are going to have to bring it."

Coming off of a 22-point win over Michigan Tech last night, the Wolverines know that tonight's game won't exactly be a walk in the park. Michigan squares off with the Northeastern Huskies for a trip to Madison Square Garden and a semifinal game with UCLA (barring a Prairie View A&M upset). The Huskies battled four NCAA tournament teams last season, and weren't easily intimidated on the road, playing a whopping 21 away games. Although the rest of Crisler didn't reach capacity last night, the bleachers were pretty crammed and the energy was high. Let's bring even more noise tonight and send our squad out to the Big Apple! Finish your Jimmy John's sandwich and help cheer the Wolverines on to victory!

Here is the projected starting lineup for the Northeastern Huskies (1-0, 0-0 Colonial Athletic Association):

3	Chaisson Allen	6'4"	G	Brother, Mikki, played defensive back at Tennessee, then couldn't cut it with
				the San Francisco 49ers or the Amsterdam Admirals (he's now a Tennessee
				pharmaceutical rep); let's hope Chaisson's NBA dreams are more successful
23	Matt Janning*	6'4"	$\mathbf{G}$	Junior captain was described as having "the looks of a high schooler" by a
				news reporter and "choirboy good looks" by the Boston Globe
24	Eugene Spates	6'8"	F	Dallas Collin County Community College (DCCCC) transfer
32	Manny Adako	6'8"	F	Junior hit the first three-pointer of his career last year at a convenient time—it
	•			sent a game at Maryland into overtime (which the Huskies lost anyway)
54	Nkem Ojougboh	6'9"	C	Nigeria-native's full first name is Nkem-Nkechukwu; nickname is "Ink"
Coach	Bill Coen			Al Skinner's top assistant for nine years at Boston College; led Hamilton
				College to a national ranking as a player

**Lima bean:** Forward **Vinny Lima (#11)** (whose real first name is Aldevino) competed this summer for the Cape Verde national team at the FIBA Olympic Qualifying Tournament. How did that work out for the 22-year-old (!) sophomore? The mighty competitors from the small archipelago off the Western Africa coast lost both games, by a combined score of 181-118 (a deficit of 31.5 points per game!).

We don't blame him: Senior forward Chris Alvarez (#2) knows firsthand something that the Rage has contended for a long time: Ohio is the worst state ever. Alvarez spent his first two years at Dayton, where he received an award commending his "courage, desire and integrity." Good thing loyalty is not on the list, as Alvarez promptly packed up and transferred to Northeastern.

**Don't mess with Texas:** Northeastern's website boasts that the basketball team's roster features three players from foreign countries: **Baptiste Bataille** (#25) (France), **Ben Felix** (#33) (Canada) and Lima (Cape Verde). But perhaps Eugene Spates should also be on that list. The senior forward competed in the 2005 Global Games—not for Team USA (which Spates's team lost to in the finals)—but for Team Texas.

**Briefly:** Spates's goal is to become a police officer if pro basketball does not work out ... Alvarez played high school ball with Luol Deng and Charlie Villaneuva ... Matt Janning's favorite non-basketball sports are volleyball and softball; no word on if he likes any *men's* sports ... **Brian McDonald (#15)** was a Connecticut state champion in the high jump, setting a school record of 6'4"

THE REST OF THE HUSKY ROSTER: #1 Erik Etherly, #20 Matt Smith, #31 Allen Aragbaye

NU 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 (1-0, 0-0 Big Ten):							
15	David Merritt	5'10" G	Made the team at open tryouts two years ago; now, the fifth-year senior is one				
			of Michigan's leaders; played in 20 games last year despite a meniscus tear				
1	Stu Douglass	6'3" G	True freshman from Carmel, IN has a sweet shooter's touch and excellent				
			range, which he displayed in the exhibition, going 3-for-5 from beyond the arc				
3	Manny Harris	6'5" G	Preseason All-Big Ten team selection only scored 30 points last night on 10-				
			of-15 shooting; he also chipped in with seven rebounds and a pair of assists				
12	Anthony Wright	6'6" F	Michigan's Most Improved Player last year, Ant sparked the Wolverines last				
			night by hitting two quick threes—the team's first buckets of the game				
32	Zack Gibson	6'10" F	Transfer from Rutgers started eight games for the Maize and Blue last year;				
			led the team in FG percentage (48.2%), and has developed a nice outside shot				
Coach	John Beilein		His second year at Michigan, Beilein has a career record of 561-340 and has				
			earned a winning record in 26 of 30 years, including 14 20-win seasons				

So Manny points: The big headline from yesterday's game has to be Manny Harris's eye-popping 30 points—a career high for the star sophomore. Harris recovered from a forced three-ball in the first few minutes to post the first 30 point night for a Michigan player since Daniel Horton scored 34 against Indiana in 2006. But Harris didn't just look for his own shot. He also notched two assists and grabbed seven rebounds. What was his secret? Said Harris: "It is the new position I guess. I just feel a lot more comfortable. I have got a year under my belt and...I am just feeling more comfortable." Manny played the 2 position last year but has switched to the 3 for this season. And if last night's result was typical of what we'll see this year, it was a pretty successful move.

See you next time: For future games this year, get here and get here early. There will be food in the bleachers for Maize Ragers before each weekday game. Be sure not to miss a game (give your ticket to a friend if you must), as you will receive a \$20 M-Den gift card for attending all non-break non-conference games and a \$10 M-Den gift card for attending all non-break Big Ten games. Attending all non-break games gets you a Maize Rage hooded sweatshirt. If your friends don't have tickets, bring them along anyway. They can get a free non-bleacher ticket with their M-Card.

**Player Intros:** We will chant the name of the Michigan player about to be introduced even while the opposing team's names are read. Check with the center section beforehand to determine the order in which our players will be introduced.

Stu: When Stu Douglass enters the game, chant "Go, Stu, Go! (clap clap clap)" as if it is "Go, Blue, Go."

**H-BOMB:** When Manny Harris hits a three, drop back in your seats as if a bomb has violently shaken Crisler Arena. At the same time, 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:	<u>Defense:</u>
-Here we go Michigan, here we go! (clap clap)	-De-fense! (clap clap)
-Let's Go Michigan! (clap, clap, clap clap clap)	-D-D-Defense! D-D-Defense!
-Go, Blue, Go! (clap clap clap)	-Popcorn (Jump up and down while screaming OHHHH!!)
-Let's Go Blue! (clap)	-Bounce! Bounce! Pass! (Yell "bounce" when the opposition
-Go Blue! (clap clap)	dribbles, and "pass" when they pass)
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<u>Bum of the Game goes to the bench:</u> -NaNaNaNa! NaNaNaNa! Hey Hey, You Suck!

<b>Upcoming events:</b>				
Tues, November 25	vs. Norfolk State	8:30pm	BTN	Free food in the bleachers if you get to Crisler early



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## **Histo's Corner:**

Michigan is 1-0 in the last 24 hours against teams nicknamed the "Huskies."

Northeastern and Michigan have never met, but Northeastern has a losing record against all Big Ten teams that they have played except Ohio State (1-0) and Penn State (1-1).

John Beilein won the CAA regular season in 2001 and tournament in 1998 with Richmond.

## Histo's 'Did You Know?'

Reggie Lewis, a Boston Celtics great from 1987-1993, went to Northeastern. Lewis, whose number 35 was retired by the Celtics, died suddenly during a Celtics practice due to a heart defect at the age of 27.