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"To play four games by November 21st and two top-(ten) teams...and to be 3-1 at this point you have to be pleased.... But we have to get better, a lot better." ... *Coach John Beilein*

One game can change the outlook of a season, and that's exactly the attitude that many fans had after Michigan's upset of #4 UCLA at Madison Square Garden last week. In a year in which the players and coaches insisted that their goal was simply to improve each day, expectations have suddenly been raised. The day after the upset, the upcoming home game against Duke sold out. The basketball team—not the football team's impending matchup with Ohio State—was the talk around campus. But with consecutive home games against Norfolk State and Savannah State, the Maize and Blue cannot start thinking about turkey and stuffing just yet. NSU finished with a 16-15 record last year—its second winning record in its D-I history. Despite losing seven letterwinners from last year, the Spartans are expected to finish in the top half of their conference. On this Thanksgiving week, give our players a crowd for which they can be thankful!

Here is the projected starting lineup for the Norfolk State Spartans (1-1, 0-0 MEAC):

2	Michael Deloach	6'0"	G	MEAC steals leader, "Moe" scored 32 in last week's loss at William & Mary
1	Aleek Pauline	6'1"	G	After an eight point, six assist night vs. Longwood in which he made a game-
				clinching layup, the JUCO transfer was a harsh grader, giving himself a "D"
23	Corey Lyons	6'4"	G	Senior showers before each game because "if you feel good, you play good"
21	Brandon Monroe	6'7"	F	Middle name is Lavone; last week, the junior set his Facebook status to
				"Brandon is thinkin why am i so dirty, I think ima wash my balls today!!!!"
11	Joseph Dorsett-Jeffreys*	6'11'	, C	Transfer from North Dakota State College of Science was the tallest player in
				the MEAC last season; see below for words straight from the junior's mouth
Coach	Anthony Evans			Second-year head coach led NSU to its first winning record in D-I last year

Naughty...: Based on a Facebook exchange with your humble Rage Page editor, junior center Joseph Dorsett-Jeffreys could use a lesson on netiquette. He responded to a friend request by saying "F*** you in advance...we are gonna kick yall a**es you lil groupie." Besides the sheer lack of manners, JDJ contradicts his own statement. While at North Dakota State College of Science, he created a group called "Ndscs Basketball players Groupies," in which he lauds groupies for "feeling" the players. So is a groupie a good or a bad thing?

...And nice: It's not like Dorsett-Jeffreys doesn't know how to use proper manners. He sweet-talks the ladies on his Facebook and Myspace profiles. From Facebook: "im not on here looking for wifey or anything just really on here trynna meet new people...that may wanna get up and chill.... I hope you ladies like what you see up top.... well obviously because you are still reading...well enough about me how about yall hit me up and let me know a lil bit about yallselves.... ~GONE~ Oh yeah and if you like basketball it is a plus nah mean~GONE AGAIN~." Pretty convincing, eh? The Myspace is a little creepy though: "If you are reading this because i sent u a message I may have thought you were cute. No biggie. Not A Stalker type. I have absolutely no stalker type tendacies, don't have time...lol Enough with the jokes. Get At me."

Nothing but (Inter)net: There are at least four videos of senior **Raphael Hall (#00)** dancing alone to R&B music on YouTube, but the best is a 2 minute 43 second clip of him jumping on a trampoline. Yes, that's all the action there is. At 1:35 he becomes too tired to continue, but bravely forges on around 1:51. For a college high jumper, the amount of air that "Ralpheazy" gets is underwhelming.

THE REST OF THE SPARTAN ROSTER: #4 DominQue Johnson, #10 Kyle O'Quinn, #13 James Williams, #14 Antoine Perry, #15 Isaiah Coleman, #20 Kevin Worsley, #22 Tim Zephyr, #25 Oludele Doherty

NSU'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 (3-1, 0-0 Big Ten):							
15	David Merritt	5'10" G	Only scored two points total in the two games at Madison Square Garden, but				
			has been a leader defensively for the Wolverines				
1	Stu Douglass	6'3" G	Hit two huge 3-pointers in 2k Sports Classic semi-final victory against UCLA				
			en route to 4-5 shooting overall				
3	Manny Harris	6'5" G	Led Michigan with 25 points against Duke; he also leads the Big Ten in points				
			with 24 ppg – only one other player in the conference averages more than 20				
12	Anthony Wright	6'6" F	Had the game-sealing assist against UCLA; has also emerged as a leading				
			rebounder for a team that finished last in the Big Ten in rebounds a year ago				
32	Zack Gibson	6'10" F	Cooled off from his 11-point outing in the opener vs. Michigan Tech, but has				
			become a option offensively from everywhere on the floor				
Coach	John Beilein		Called the victory over UCLA "a good measuring stick" for where his team is				
			at so far in the rebuilding process				

Off the bench: Many have questioned why DeShawn Sims has been coming off the bench in the first four games this season. After finishing last season as the team's leading rebounder and second-leading scorer, many are perplexed as to why "Peedi" has been brought off the bench. Any speculation that he has taken a step back this season was quickly put to rest when he scored 10 points and grabbed 12 rebounds in the opener against Michigan Tech. Since then he has continued his solid production, averaging better than 14 points per game and seven rebounds per game. Despite coming off the bench, Sims is still among the team leaders in minutes played, and he had an emphatic dunk to put the Bruins away Thursday night.

Upset special: When Michigan knocked off #4 UCLA, 55-52, Thursday night, the enthusiasm across campus was palpable. The basketball team does not normally garner the attention of most students during the heart of Ohio State week, but Michigan's first victory against a top-5 opponent since 1997—an 81-73 victory over #1 Duke—was the talk of Ann Arbor Friday morning, and for good reason.

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:

-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)

<u>Defense:</u>
-De-fense! (clap clap)

-D-D-Defense! 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, You Suck!

Upcoming events:			
Saturday, Nov. 29	vs. Savannah State	2:00pm	Not included in basic ticket packages, but still free to students
Wednesday, Dec. 3	at Maryland	7:30pm	Watch on ESPNU



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 nmattar@umich.edu requesting that your name be added.

Histo's Corner:

On November 25, Michigan is 4-4 since 1959-60, including a 3-0 mark at home. On that date, the Wolverines are 1-1 in years ending in 8.

Histo's 'Did You Know?'

This is the first ever meeting between Michigan and Norfolk State, but Michigan is 8-0 against current members of the MEAC.

Histo's 'By the Numbers'

5: The number of times since 1959-60 that Michigan has started the season 3-0 and lost their fourth game of the season. The most recent time this happened was 2004-05.

Histo's RPI Update:

Michigan #8, Norfolk State #210