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John Beilein on the team's performance at Penn State ... "It was disappointing from the standpoint that we are struggling in so many areas. I don't think from beginning to end it was one of our better performances."

Times are tough for the Wolverines, who are currently enduring their worst stretch of the season so far. But tonight is no time to take a break, as Northwestern comes in off two big wins against Minnesota and Michigan State. With three straight losses, we cannot afford any more bad games, so we need to be sure to come out loud and supportive of our team! For those of you who came to Crisler tonight instead of going to Yost for the hockey game against Michigan State, we salute you. Be sure to make your presence known, because this is one of the toughest tests yet; our guys must break out of their current three game slump and keep the NCAA tournament hopes alive!

Here is the projected starting lineup for the Northwestern Wildcats (10-6, 2-4 Big Ten):

22	Michael Thompson	5'10" G	Only school outside of the state of Illinois to offer him a scholarship was Middle Tennessee State; nicknamed "Juice"
20	Craig Moore	6'3" G	Hit a school-record eight three-pointers at Crisler last February
24	John Shurna	6'8" F	One look at the freshman's Facebook profile and it's obvious that his "friends" were unaware of his basketball skills; nearly every wall post has been regarding "how great he looks on television"
44	Kevin Coble*	6'8" F	Referred to as "Kevin Cole" and "Kevin Cobble" in ESPN's video highlights of the team's game against Florida State (actually pronounced "CO-bull")
54	Kyle Rowley	7'0" C	Trinidad native "is surrounded by NBA hype" according to a high school basketball website; he averages 4.8 ppg and 2.2 rpg in less than 15 mpg.
Coach	Bill Carmody		According to one blog, Carmody coached his first game without a tie in the Wildcats' victory at Michigan State Wednesday night; here's hoping he wears one tonight

***BUM OF THE GAME:** Give Kevin Coble a tough time tonight, as he's our Bum of the Game. Chant "BUM" whenever he touches the ball and if the center section asks "What's the matter with Coble?" respond: "He's a bum. Bum-bum-bum-bum-bum-bum-bum!"

Fire Carmody: As mentioned above, there is a fairly popular blog on blogspot.com that is titled "Fire Bill Carmody," which is basically the most cynical (and maybe only) blog out there about the Wildcats. The author, who enjoys finding reasons to fire the Wildcats' coach, didn't expect his team to beat Michigan State "unless the entire team got sick" in reference to Raymar Morgan being a game-time decision. Alas, even with Morgan in the lineup, the Wildcats still prevailed.

Victory cigar: Freshman **Davide Curletti (#30)** apparently considered his graduation from Orchard Lake St. Mary's (MI) a pretty big victory, since every photo on Facebook from his graduation includes him smoking a cigar. In fact, there is one photo where he has his arm wrapped around an older man (perhaps his dad or a teacher) who is smoking with him, as well. Talk about family values....

60% is nearly failing: After upsetting Michigan State on Wednesday night, Michael Wilbon of "Pardon the Interruption" on ESPN said that the Wildcats have a 60% chance of making the NCAA Tournament. What the Northwestern alum did not take into account is that his team is currently 10th in the Big Ten, and at their current pace, his prediction would mean every Big Ten team (except for Indiana) would make the tournament.

THE REST OF THE WILDCAT ROSTER: #3 Mike Capocci, #5 Jeff Ryan, #10 Patrick Houlihan, #12 Luka Mirkovic, #13 Marlon Day, #15 Nick Freundt, #21 Ivan Peljusic, #23 Jeremy Nash, #32 Sterling Williams, #33 Matt Steger

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

Here is the projected starting lineup for YOUR Michigan Wolverines (13-6, 3-4 Big Ten):

44	Kelvin Grady	5'11"	G	Speedy sophomore earned his fifth consecutive start at Penn State; his 2.94 assist-to-turnover ratio likely factors in to the expansion of his role
31	Laval Lucas-Perry	6'3"	G	Transfer from Arizona has not kept up the pace with which he began his U-M career; he has missed his last 10 three-pointers but is still averaging 9.9 ppg
3	Manny Harris	6'5"	G	Sophomore had a rough time at PSU, scoring a pedestrian 4 points—a season low—on 1-for-9 shooting, but his 18.1 ppg still ranks second in the Big Ten
0	Zack Novak	6'5"	G	Thrown into a role—the 4 position—for which he is undersized and outmatched, the freshman has responded with grit and hustle; averages 6.7 ppg and 3.1 rpg
34	DeShawn Sims	6'8"	F	Big Ten leader in rebounds per game (8.1) earned his fifth double-double of the year at PSU, passing the 400 career rebound mark with 21 points and 11 boards
Coach	John Beilein			Second-year head coach has been stuck on 499 career NCAA wins for the last three games—let's hope he gets to 500 tonight! (See below)

Halfway to 1,000: John Beilein could reach the 500 career NCAA win mark if Michigan wins tonight, which puts him in the top 20 among active D-I coaches. He has been a head coach for his entire 31 year career. In fact, he's actually got even more career wins—574, to be exact—if you include his NAIA and Junior College positions.

Practice makes perfect: The University Board of Regents on Thursday unanimously authorized the construction of a 50,000 square foot, \$23.2 million basketball practice facility—an improvement for which fans have long been clamoring. The facility, which will be connected to Crisler on the East side of the arena, will include two basketball practice courts, team locker rooms, a video theater, and spaces for strength and conditioning, athletic medicine, and coaching and staff offices. Currently, having only one court creates scheduling conflicts for the men's and women's teams. Is a full renovation of Crisler Arena next? Said Bill Martin: "Crisler is our last major project that we need to address and we're working on the information needed to get to that point." Stay tuned.

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

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)

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!

Upcoming events:

Monday, Jan. 26	John Beilein Radio Show	7-8pm	1050 WTKA	Pizza House - 618 Church St.
Wednesday, Jan. 28	at Ohio State	6:30pm	BTN	
Saturday, Jan. 31	at #18 Purdue	1:00pm	CBS	
Thursday, Feb. 5	vs. Penn State	7:00pm	BTN	



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Histo's Corner:

Michigan's all-time record on January 24 is 12-8. When both Michigan and its opponent are unranked, U-M is 4-1 on this date.

Michigan is 9-0 this season when getting at least as many rebounds as their opponent. However, when their opponent outrebounds them, they are just 4-6.

Michigan's all-time record against Northwestern is 100-53.

Histo's "By The Numbers":

3-2: Michigan's record this year in games immediately following a loss.

Histo's RPI Update:

Michigan #49, Northwestern #36