

The Rage Page



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This is what Michigan students have been waiting for. A 2009 Final Four participant is in Crisler tonight, and though they look vastly different than last season (peace out, Hasheem Thabeet and AJ Price) your Wolverines are still taking on a very good Big East opponent this afternoon. Coming off of an impressive victory Thursday night against Indiana, our guys need this win more than ever if they hope to make a late-season push for an NCAA tournament berth. Alternating wins for the better part of the season, it is time for this team to run off a string of signature victories, and it begins NOW. So be loud, be proud, do the Chinese Fire Drill (see back), and GO BLUE!

Here is the *projected* starting lineup for the Connecticut Huskies (11-5, 2-3 Big East):

15	Kemba Walker	6'1" G	Was blamed for their current struggles by Jim Calhoun when he was asked
			about the team's poor offensive execution in the half-court.
11	Jerome Dyson	6'4" G	Leads the Huskies with 19 ppg and 5.3 apg.
21	Stanley Robinson*	6'9" F	Nicknamed "Sticks"; he is currently trying to support two daughters, a 4
			year old and a 2 year old.
34	Alex Oriakhi	6'9" F	Named Big East Rookie of the Week for last week.
5	Ater Majok	6'11" F	Contrary from where you might believe he is from, his hometown is actually
			Sydney, Australia.
Coach	Jim Calhoun		Currently the state of Connecticut's highest-paid employee, which Governor
			Jodi Rell thought was "embarrassing".

*BUM OF THE GAME: Let's make sure to salute Stanley Robinson 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 Stanley?" respond: "He's a bum. Bum-bum-bum-bum-bum-bum!"

Thanks for the info: When you take a look at freshman Jamal Coombs-McDaniel's (#4) info page on Facebook, you can't help but be amused. It start with his favorite TV show, in which he responded with "drake n josh". He is supposedly attending UConn but is graduating two different years – it says UConn '11 AND UConn '13. The only thing he put in the 'about me' section was "I play ball... and got a full ride 2 UCONN".

Coomb's Tat: Freshman Alex Oriakhi recently added a video of a nice team bonding trip. Where to, you ask? You guessed it, the tattoo parlor. The video consists of Jamal Coombs-McDaniel getting a huge tattoo of "Hard Boy" in flames on his chest. Periodically you hear Jamal say a few expletives followed by a couple different ways of saying how much it hurt. Who joined in on this team field trip? A couple of freshman, Jamaal Trice (#13) and Darius Smith (#24), decided to tag along to see their teammate get all inked up.

Birthday Bros: February 21 should be a very joyful day in the Connecticut locker room because it's a birthday bash! Junior **Kyle Baily** (#55) and Senior **Alex Hornat** (#22) both share the same birthday, but obviously, Alex is exactly one year older than Kyle. Making February 21, 2010 even more special, Kyle is turning 21, which means he will definitely be partying 'til the wee hours. Or will he? UConn has a very important game on the 22nd at home against #9 West Virginia, so maybe he shouldn't go crazy before a game like that, right? If I were him, I wouldn't even worry about it considering he has only played 2 minutes this season in a blow out win against Boston University, so party on Kyle!

Briefly: Not only does junior guard Donnell Beverly (#2) show his game on the court, but he also shows a love for the rap game. In late 2007, Donnell was actually affiliated with a rap group called "The Jung Bosses", in which he appears on a few tracks. So if/when he doesn't get drafted to the NBA, we could be hearing him rapping all over the radio, but probably not.

THE REST OF THE HUSKIES: #32 Jonathan Mandeldove, #33 Gavin Edwards, #35 Charles Okwandu

UConn'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)
- 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	e projected starting lineup for	YOUR	K Michigan	Wolverines (9-7, 3-2 Big Ten):
	31	Laval Lucas-Perry	6'3"	G	Had a huge basket in crunch time against Indiana
	1	Stu Douglass	6'3"	G	Only played 20 minutes in Thursday's game, but had 3 steals while leading
					the team on defense
	3	Manny Harris	6'6"	W	A typical night for Manny, scoring 21, including 17 in the second half
(0	Zack Novak	6'5"	F	Had several key drives to the basket en route to 6 hard-fought points Thursday
	34	DeShawn Sims	6'8"	F	Peedi had 20 points and 8 rebounds in the victory against Indiana
(Coach	John Beilein			His team finished off Indiana in convincing fashion, outscoring the Hoosiers
					21-2 in the final five minutes

Back and forth: It's been an up and down year for this team, only being able to pull of consecutive victories on two different occasions. But a win today would be HUGE for the ol' RPI and tournament resume, as UConn is a ranked opponent that plays in the very difficult Big East Conference. A win today would also give us victories in 4 of our last 5 games, but let's not get ahead of ourselves here. UConn is ranked for a reason, and they did reach the Final Four a year ago in Detroit.

A history of bums: Those of us writing the Rage Page this season would like to address an issue that many students have with our publication. That is, the "Bum of the Game" is often playing extremely well in his role as a bum. Guys like Corey Raji (24 points), Xavier Keeling (18 points), and Drew Crawford (25 points) have all scored a tremendous amount of points in their time here as the designated bums. So that just means one thing: more bum calling! Every time Stanley Robinson (or whoever the bum is in future games) touches that ball, STOP popcorning and chant BUM as loud as you can. We can get into his head and disrupt his game. We have succeeded in the past, with the likes of Verdell Jones III simply playing terribly in their term as a bum. So call out that bum!

The Chinese Fire Drill is BACK: Here's the situation: When the bum (Stanley Robinson) first goes to the free throw line, we will commence with the fire drill. Listen for the signal, and then let the chaos begin! If the bum does not get to free throw line by the 4-minute mark of the first half, we will then do the drill automatically during UConn's next possession (we won't do it when we are on offense). Once again, listen for the signal and/or the countdown. This has worked wonders in the past, so make it work again today!

H-BOMB: When Manny Harris 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.

THE FISH: At halftime, be sure to sit down and start swaying back and forth. You will see random Maize Ragers jump up and flop like a fish. If you feel so inclined, go ahead and try it out, too!

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)

Upcoming games:						
January 20	at Wisconsin	8:30pm	Do-everything big man Jon Leuer is out, but this will still be tough			
January 23	at Purdue	4:00pm	If Jim Burr isn't at this game, you gotta like our chances			
January 26	vs Michigan State	7:00pm	Game of the year. If you aren't pumped for this, leave now.			



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Webber's Wisdom

Some facts about Chris Webber

- Did you know that C-Webb's ban at the University of Michigan will be lifted in 2012? But did you also know that the Mayans AND John Cusack have claimed the world is going to end in that same year? Hmmm....