

The Rage Page



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After a heartbreaking defeat at the hands of the Michigan State Spartans on Tuesday night, the Wolverines return to Crisler this afternoon to battle the Iowa Hawkeyes, who are having a season to forget thus far. With three home losses already this season, it is important that the Maize Rage stay on top of its game and make sure that the Hawkeyes have a time just as difficult as the Spartans. So get loud, stay proud, and GO BLUE!

Here is the *projected* starting lineup for the Iowa Hawkeyes (8-13, 2-6 Big Ten):

3	Cully Payne	6'1"	G	Transfer from Alabama has recently had bouts with vertigo and a football
				team slightly below Crimson Tide standards
25	Eric May	6'5"	G	Played quarterback in high school but was best known for hitting a 40-foot
				shot at the buzzer to win the state title
5	Matt Gatens*	6'5"	F	Set Iowa single-season record for free throw percentage at over 90%, so
				let's make sure our bum of the game misses a few tonight.
24	Aaron Fuller	6'6"	F	Sophomore is majoring in "Informatics".
50	Jarryd Cole	6'7"	F	Team captain's middle name is Jerrod, which looks similar to his first name
Coach	Todd Lickliter			Not having the same success at Iowa that he had at Butler several years
				beforehand, despite now being at a much bigger school

*BUM OF THE GAME: Get Matt Gatens back on the bus, 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 Gatens?" respond: "He's a bum. Bum-bum-bum-bum-bum-bum-bum!"

Plenty to go around: After losing what seemed to be his entire roster to transfers in the past two seasons, coach Todd Lickliter has had to rebuild in some unconventional ways. One way, of course, was to put his own son on the team, **John Lickliter** (#34). He may look a bit out of place, but the 5'11" redshirt freshman is averaging a whopping ten minutes per game and putting up almost three points per game!

Come with us! One player that actually transferred *to* Iowa was guard **Devan Bawinkel** (#15). The West Virginia transfer played his freshman year under John Beilein and only averaged nine minutes per game, but since then has become a three-point spark off the bench and even said once that he almost came to Michigan because he loved playing under Beilein so much. I guess you cannot pass up the opportunity to play for a guy with a name like Todd Lickliter.

He could stand to lose a few pounds: Though he's no Derrick Nix (remember that *really* big guy who played for Michigan State?), Iowa freshman **Brennan Cougill** (#44) does have a few similarities with the MSU bench warmer. They both are freshmen who recently won their home state's Mr. Basketball (though Iowa's award does not sound as prestigious as Michigan's) and both are very overweight. Though Cougill is only 260lbs, at the same time all of that weight looks quite large on his 6'9" frame. He is very close to being the tallest player on the roster, though another freshman gets the nod for that award (see below).

Briefly: Sadly, the tallest player on the Iowa roster is **Andrew Brommer** (#20), who stands at *almost* 6'10". Considering Iowa is a Big Ten school which prides itself on playing physical, they should probably find some more big bodies... Preferred walk-on **Nick Neari** (#13) was scouted hard by schools like Illinois Wesleyan and Augustana, but chose to go to Iowa where he has been riding the pine his freshman year. But with so many players transferring every year, he should be seeing the floor soon... Former starter **Anthony Tucker** (#1) is still listed on the team's roster, but he may have seen his last day in a Hawkeye uniform after being arrested for a second time in his college career. His Facebook status after the incident was simply: "I'm outta here".

THE REST OF THE HAWKEYES: # 35 Devon Archie (yeah he's not that interesting)...

Iowa'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 projected starting lineup for YOUR Michigan Wolverines (10-10, 3-5 Big Ten):					
31	Laval Lucas-Perry	6'3"	G	Really struggling to find his stroke, as he did not score (0-7 from the field) in	
				the heartbreaking defeat against Michigan State.	
1	Stu Douglass	6'3"	G	Hit a few shots in Tuesday's loss to MSU, but is also struggling to get his	
				stroke back	
3	Manny Harris	6'6"	W	Back into the groove of things after scoring 16 points off the bench Tuesday	
0	Zack Novak	6'5"	F	Continues to play well for Beilein, despite not putting up the gaudy numbers	
				that you would expect a team leader to put up	
34	DeShawn Sims	6'8"	F	Played all but one minute in Tuesday's loss against MSU while scoring a	
				team-high 19 points and hitting 3-5 from downtown	
Coach	John Beilein			His team is only 10-10 this season, but if history is any indication, the rest of	
				the Big Ten should watch out come tournament time!	

Maize Rage – Dance Team Halftime Show! Today's game promises to have one of the greatest halftime shows in the history of Michigan basketball. That's because 20 members of the Maize Rage core will be dancing with the Michigan Dance Team at halftime! We have practiced non-stop for the past week, and while this has actually been in the works for several months, those of us that will be out on the floor are just looking to have some fun, get some laughs, and hopefully impress you all with our fantastic dance moves. A special thanks goes out to the entire Michigan Dance Team for putting in all the extra time to practice with us! So sit back and enjoy the show, as this is the first time this phenomenon has occurred since the 2005-2006 season.

Stay strong: The Maize Rage looked great on national television earlier this week against Michigan State, so we need to keep up the intensity for the rest of the season. Even though we lost one of the toughest games against a bitter rival, we still need to show our support and stay strong for the guys out on the court. There may not be any more huge games like UConn or MSU to attend, but that doesn't mean the team is irrelevant! Stay on top of your game and keep the Hawkeyes in the cellar of the conference!

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:

- -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-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)

	Upcoming games:			
	February 2	at Northwestern	7:00pm	Time to show that a Wolverine is fiercer than a Wildcat
	February 6	vs. Wisconsin	4:00pm	The Wolverines lost another tough one to them last week
	February 11	at Minnesota	6:00pm	We stole from them at the Barn last year; no reason we can't again
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Webber's Wisdom

Some facts about Chris Webber

- On C-Webb's lone album, 2 Much Drama, he has 21 hot beats with sick flow. Highlights include "Nuttin Ta Do" featuring Redman, and "Gangsta, Gangsta (How You Do It)" featuring Kurupt. He is truly one of the great musical artists of our time, and has been compared to Jay-Z, Nas, and Tupac Shakur, and Notorious B.I.G.