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There is still hope yet! Only three home games remain, and coming off back-to-back victories, this game is huge against a team that has been in the cellar of the Big Ten since the conference season began. After ending their 12-game losing streak last week, it appears that Penn State has figured out how to win (one game, that is). But today we must keep them in the basement and send a message to the rest of the conference – we are not going down easy and we are going to give it all we have as the season winds down. So get pumped up and GO BLUE!

Here is the *projected* starting lineup for the Penn State Nittany Lions (9-16, 1-12 Big Ten):

12	Talor Battle	6'0" G	Big Ten Network's Mike Hall claimed that he was the best scorer in the
			conference. Mike Hall has clearly never heard of Manny Harris.
10	Chris Babb	6'5" G	Born on Valentine's Day, he was the third option on his AAU team which
			included Willie Warren (understandable) and Rotnei Clarke (who?)
15	David Jackson	6'7" F	Comes from a very, very athletic family (see below)
25	Jeff Brooks	6'8" F	Apparently loves Harry Potter, so let's cast a spell on him tonight
22	Andrew Jones*	6'10" F	Has only played organized basketball since he was in 9 th grade
Coach	Ed DeChellis		Has had some trouble getting Penn State to the NCAA tournament – 2001 was
			their last appearance

*BUM OF THE GAME: Andrew Jones shouldn't be here, but since he is 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 Jones?" respond: "He's a bum. Bum-bum-bum-bum-bum-bum!"

Tweet of the Week: Babb has a nice little "Q&A" on his Twitter account where he answers questions from fans and then posts them on his page. One question asked him if he was a good dancer, to which he replied: "nah, I just hit 'em wit that flex." I guess whatever the "flex" is, it isn't a very popular move.

Tweets Part II: It's been a LONG time since Brooks has updated his Twitter, but maybe he just never wanted to post anything again after his last post, which is from October 14, 2009. It simply reads: "Get your swag up".

It's in his blood: Yeah he may have sports in his blood, but Jackson definitely is missing something that the rest of his family has. His brother, Amir Johnson, was drafted by the Detroit Pistons in the second round of the 2006 NBA Draft straight out of high school. His dad played college ball at Long Beach State and professionally, as well. His mom even played on the 1980 Olympic volleyball team. Without any real future in basketball, it is safe to say David is the outcast of the family.

More family: Freshman Bill Edwards' (#11) dad played for the Philadelphia 76ers, where he got the nickname "Dollar Bill"...Tim Frazier's (#23) sister was an All-American cheerleader...Sasa Borovnjak (#21) has a brother who has been playing professional basketball for five years in Europe... Jermaine Marshall (#3) is related to former Penn State football standout Ahmad Collins.

You're better than that: 5'11" freshman Ryan Harro (#33) made the team as a walk-on earlier this year, but he did not believe he had a chance going into the tryouts. Harro said that at first he just wanted to play intramurals, and then he tried out for the women's basketball team practice squad. He then decided to aim higher after a week of destroying the competition, and now he gets to ride the Nittany Lion bench. Having said that, he can probably take down Ohio State walk-on and Rage Page hater Mark Titus in a little game of 1-on-1 (and the game of life, for that matter).

THE REST OF THE NITTANY LIONS: # 2 Justin Hamilton, #13 Joe Silko, #14 Adam Highberger, #24 Cammeron Woodyard, #35 Billy Oliver, #41 Steve Kirkpatrick, #54 Andrew Ott

PSU'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 (13-12, 6-7 Big Ten):

4	Darius Morris	6'3"	G	Did not score in the win at Iowa on Tuesday, but played one of his best games
				as a Wolverines at Minnesota last Thursday
1	Stu Douglass	6'3"	G	Played a team-high 42 minutes in the overtime thriller at Iowa, hitting 3-6
				3-pointers en route to 9 points.
3	Manny Harris	6'6" \	W	Scored 20 points to go along with 10 rebounds and 7 assists in the win at Iowa
0	Zack Novak	6'5" F	F	Had a similar stat line to Douglass, playing over 40 minutes and tallying 9 pts
34	DeShawn Sims	6'8" F	F	Went to work against Iowa, scoring 27 points and hitting clutch shots
Coach	John Beilein			His team is starting to hit shots, and just like he has said before, "if we're
				knocking down our shots we can play with anyone!"

Big Ten Hoops on Campus! Thanks to everybody who came out to the IMSB on Thursday night for the filming of Big Ten Network's Big Ten Hoops on Campus. The show originally aired last night at 10pm on BTN, but will be aired again numerous times in the coming week. Not only were there interviews with coach Beilein, Peedi, and Zack Novak, but there was also a student slam dunk contest and 3-point shootout. It was a great time and we all looked fantastic on television!

Two left... It seems like only yesterday that we were just beginning the season and we had the #15 team in the nation. It's been four months since then, and while the team has not sustained their ranking, they sure are playing like it now. There are only two more home games after tonight, one of which is during Spring Break (against Minnesota). So be sure to keep up the wild atmosphere for these final few games as our team tries to make one last push for that NCAA tournament berth.

L-L-P: He sure was clutch early on at Iowa, and it is worth mentioning that he scored 13 points off the bench to help lead our team to victory at Carver-Hawkeye Arena on Tuesday night. His 5 rebounds and 2 assists finished off a well-rounded stat line, so hopefully he can replicate that performance tonight against a Penn State team with a weak bench (and starting lineup, for that matter).

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 Illinois 7:00pm Sadly, Alex Legion has transferred... again

February 27 at Ohio State 12:00pm The Buckeyes are hot, but we can sweep them this year with a win February 2 Minnesota 8:00pm It's Spring Break, but if you are in town, you need to be here!



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Webber's Wisdom

Some facts about Chris Webber

- If you watched any of NBA All-Star Saturday night last weekend, you saw Chris Webber with Team Sacramento in the Shooting Stars competition. He hit a 3-pointer from the top of the key but sadly his teammates did not keep up with him - they did not win the competition.