



# The Rage Page



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Welcome to another edition of Michigan Basketball! Tonight's game against the Illinois Fighting Illini marks the second to last home game of the season, and unfortunately, the last in your student ticket package. The season may be winding down, but excitement is in the future. The Illini come to Crisler tonight on a two game losing skid, dropping tough games against Ohio State and Purdue, after huge upset wins over the Michigan State and the Badgers in Wisconsin. This has been said a lot recently, but the season is not over, and we must stay hungry. Confidence is crucial to have when entering the Big Ten Tournament, and a few wins in the last four games would do wonders for this team. It's one game at a time, and this game is important, so cheer loud, be hype, and GO BLUE!

Here is the *projected* starting lineup for the Illinois Fighting Illini (17-10, 9-5 Big Ten):

1	D.J. Richardson	6'3" G	Full name is Dietrich James (but goes by DJ); his entire starting line at Findlay Prep earned Division-I scholarships.
32	Demetri McCamey	6'3" G	Nicknamed "Meechi", he celebrated his 21 <sup>st</sup> birthday on Sunday.
<b>30</b>	<b>Bill Cole*</b>	<b>6'9" F</b>	<b>Bruce Weber claims he has emerged as the leader of the Illini. Unfortunately, he is last among starters in scoring with 4.1 ppg</b>
24	Mike Davis	6'9" F	Some of his hobbies include playing video games, hanging out with friends, reading, talking on the phone...
54	Mike Tisdale	7'1" C	His older brother, Ronnie, is a student manager for the Illini.
Coach	Bruce Weber		It may seem like Bruce has his own website, www.coachbruceweber.com, but It's actually just the team website for Illinois Basketball.

**\*BUM OF THE GAME:** Let's do our best to welcome Bill Cole to Crisler 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 Bill?" respond: "He's a bum. Bum-bum-bum-bum-bum-bum-bum!"

**Alternate Bum of the Game?:** It's story time, Ragers! Once upon a time, or actually, twice upon a time, Michigan got a commitment from a recruit named Alex Legion. Interestingly enough, there is also a former Kentucky player named Alex Legion. A lot of you may already know this, but there once was an Illinois player by the name Alex Legion. And recently, Florida International landed a huge transfer by the name of... yep, you guessed it... Alex Legion. The moral of this story is that there is nothing wrong with changing your mind about anything, especially when you're choosing which university you want to play basketball for. Actually, almost everything is wrong with that, and that's why Alex Legion will never be as good at basketball as his mom thinks he is.

**Air Jordan:** It's always hard to live up to hype and expectations, especially for Illinois Junior **Jeff Jordan (#13)**. If you haven't figured it out already, Jeff is the oldest son of Michael Jordan. When your dad is arguably one of the best NBA players of all time, it's expected that you are supposed to be amazing a basketball, but unfortunately, Jeff isn't that gifted. He received offers from a few lower-tier D-I schools, but elected to accept an academic scholarship to Illinois. In fact, Jeff said last June that he was going to leave the team to focus on "life after basketball", but rejoined the team in October. No matter what you do, Jeff, your dad's greatness will always be difficult to overcome

**Tweet of the Day:** During their game against on Saturday, IlliniHoops (Illinois twitter account) tweeted "up at Purdue 56-54 with 7:33 left. McCamey now with 14 assists, 2 shy of school record" What happened in those last seven and a half minutes? Purdue closed out the game with a 21-9 run to win 75-65. Whoever is tweeting for Illinois may have jinxed the team out of another big upset and tournament resume builder, but at least McCamey got the 16 assists to tie the school record!

**THE REST OF THE ILLINI:** #2 Joseph Bertrand, #3 Brandon Paul, #15 Bubba Chisholm, #21 Stan Simpson, #23 Dominique Keller, #42 Tyler Griffey, #50 Richard Semrau

- Illinois' 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 (13-13, 6-8 Big Ten):

4	Darius Morris	6'3"	G	Has emerged as the floor general late in games this season and is showing a flair for the dramatic, as he had several no-look passes Saturday against PSU
1	Stu Douglass	6'3"	G	Along with Zack Novak, only made 1-6 from beyond the arc Saturday
3	Manny Harris	6'5"	W	Exploded from beyond the arc in Saturday's loss against Penn State, hitting four 3-pointers en route to 20 points; he also played all 40 minutes
0	Zack Novak	6'5"	F	Like Manny, he also played every minute of the game on Saturday
34	DeShawn Sims	6'8"	F	Only scored 10 points and collected eight rebounds in the loss on Saturday
Coach	John Beilein			In his conference after the loss to Penn State, he said that the Nittany Lions did to us what we did to Iowa and Minnesota – they brought it for 40 minutes

**Good-bye Peedi and Zack:** Most of the students in attendance tonight will not be at the final home game against Minnesota next week (spring break) so this will be their last chance to see both DeShawn Sims and Zack Gibson in action. Be sure to salute them both tonight – they both will leave with solid legacies as members of Michigan's first NCAA Tournament team in over a decade. While Peedi will leave as one of the greatest post players to don the maize and blue, Zack will be sorely missed too. He was a solid post option off the bench, and had some memorable games like last season against the Illini.

**And what about Manny?** Obviously, we won't know for a little while what Manny Harris decides to do next season, whether he leaves or stays for his senior year. Either way, the three years we have spent with Manny has been magical, as he is surely one of the great scorers in the Michigan history. However, if he stays he has a great chance to be the program's all-time leading scorer and he will get one last shot at the Big Dance next year...

**When it's all said and done:** For all you senior Maize Ragers, a huge THANK YOU for enduring one of the greatest rollercoaster rides in Michigan history. You watched the downfall of Tommy Amaker, the rise and growing pains of John Beilein, and a high point last season when we received an at-large bid to the NCAA Tournament. While we can still win the Big Ten Tournament, it looks as if this season is going to end in the next few weeks, so thank you for your dedication over the last four years. You will be very proud of your team in the coming years, as this team is only going to get better as time goes on.

**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-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)

**Upcoming games:**

February 27	at Ohio State	8:00pm	They are a one-man wrecking crew with Evan Turner
March 2	vs Minnesota	7:00pm	Senior night for DeShawn Sims and Zack Gibson
March 7	at Michigan State	4:00pm	Final and biggest game of the season...



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**Webber's Wisdom**  
Some facts about Chris Webber

- Did you know Chris has a list of enemies? It is called the "extinct species list"
- C-Webb can set ants on fire with a magnifying glass.  
At night.
- Chris Webber's smile once brought a puppy back to life.