



# The Rage Page



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The Big Ten season is here! While the students may still be on break, the players are in mid-season form, preparing for the grueling 18-game conference schedule. The first test comes from West Lafayette, Indiana, home of the Purdue Boilermakers. Without superstar Robbie Hummel, the Boilermakers are not the same team as they were before, but they still come in nationally ranked. This is only the second real test for the Wolverines this season (along with Syracuse back in November) and the first real test at home. The Maize Rage will not be in full force today, but you can bet the alumni are prepared. This marks the start of a difficult stretch of games that include home games against #2 Ohio State and #3 Kansas, so let's start the conference season off with a bang by getting our first signature win!

Here is the projected starting lineup for the Purdue Boilermakers (11-1, 0-0 Big Ten):

23	Lewis Jackson	5'9"	G	"Lewjack" supposedly mixes in a lot of humor when directing teammates on the court, according to a recent article in The Indianapolis Star.
33	E'Twaun Moore	6'4"	G	One Chicago Bulls message board has an entire thread dedicated to keeping an eye on Moore's senior season in anticipation of nabbing him next summer. Father was drafted in the first round of the 1986 NBA draft by the LA Lakers.
12	Kelsey Barlow	6'5"	G	<b>Was 5-5 from beyond the arc in Purdue's last game against IPFW</b>
21	<b>D.J. Byrd</b>	<b>6'5"</b>	<b>G/F</b>	Leads the team with 7.9 rebounds per game, which is .4 rebounds more than Michigan's leading rebounder, 6'4" guard Zack Novak.
25	JaJuan Johnson	6'10"	F	Played at Purdue in the early 1990s along with future first overall NBA draft pick Glenn Robinson, whose son has committed to Michigan (class of 2013).
Coach	Matt Painter			

*To comply with the new Big Ten Sportsmanship code, the Bum of the Game has been removed from the Rage Page. Instead, D.J. Byrd is now the "Player to Watch".*

**Back for more:** At the conclusion of last season, both Johnson and Moore chose to forego their remaining college eligibility and enter the NBA draft. After some time in the draft pool and sizing up the other players, both players elected to return to West Lafayette for at least one more season. Part of the reason may have been that Moore was ranked the 90<sup>th</sup> overall player compared to Johnson's respectable top-50 ranking (according to draftexpress.com).

**Why would he blog about this?** Freshman **Terone Johnson (#0)** blogged for the Indianapolis Star in high school and once wrote about an AAU tournament in which he played. However, he "took the wrong high way there" and showed up to his first game with just enough time to put on his shoes and step onto the court. Then, after winning a few games, his team lost in the championship game against the likes of "Grassroots Canada" which took home the tournament crown. Looks like the Canadians can play more than hockey, eh?

**The Sand Man:** Purdue is a skinny team. At 6'9", 257lbs, **Sandi Marcius (#55)** is 25lbs heavier than the next biggest guy on the team. He has only lived in the United States since his senior year of high school (hailing from Croatia) and while his nickname, "The Sand Man" is pretty cool, his game is not. Instead of staying in the states last summer, he chose to go to Poland and play with another team...

**Choke Artist:** Last season, Purdue slipped by Indiana and the Hoosier faithful started looking for anything to talk about other than the game. What they came up with was pretty interesting. With 11 seconds left, the camera zoomed in on Barlow, who showed a two-handed choke symbol to the Indiana crowd. But it did not stop there... for the final seconds of the game the camera continued to remain on Barlow, who maintained his choking motion throughout. The Hoosier fans went wild, claiming that he was choking himself or got a popcorn kernel stuck in his throat while watching the game from the bench (though he now starts most games).

**Briefly:** There are three Johnsons on the team: JaJuan, Terone, and **Anthony Johnson (#1)**, who is not to be confused with the overweight NBA backup point guard... **Travis Carroll (#50)**, **John Hart (#32)**, Byrd, Moore, Jackson, and all three Johnsons are majoring in "organizational leadership and supervision"... injured superstar **Robbie Hummel (#4)** has the exact same birthday as Maize Rage President and Rage Page editor Nick Mattar – March 8, 1989.

**THE REST OF THE BOILERMAKERS:** #2 Bubba Day, #14 Dru Anthrop, #24 Ryne Smith, #41 Patrick Bade

- Purdue'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)
  - Upon a made free throw, listen for the "It doesn't matter!" prompt and yell "You still suck!"

**Keep it classy, Rage:** As one of the premiere student sections in the country, 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 (10-2, 0-0 Big Ten):

4	Darius Morris	6'4"	G	D-Mo's double-double (26 points and 12 assists) against Bryant was good enough for Big Ten Player of the Week honors.
0	Zack Novak	6'4"	G	Even though he has posted higher rebounding numbers this year, he has struggled from 3-pt range at only 29%.
10	Tim Hardaway Jr.	6'5"	G	THJ was named Big Ten Co-Freshman of the Week with his 20 points, five boards, and two assists against Bryant last week.
23	Evan Smotrycz	6'9"	F	With four three-balls against Bryant, Evan helped the Maize and Blue record 16 made three-pointers, a school record (for now).
52	Jordan Morgan	6'8"	F	Who would've guessed J-Mo would be third on the team in points (9.6 ppg) and second in rebounds (6.8 rpg)?
Coach	John Beilein			A win today would give John Beilein his best start in his short tenure at Michigan.

**Holiday Bonding:** The holiday break for the team wasn't as long as most. With this game coming just a few days after Christmas, the Wolverines had to be back in Ann Arbor by Saturday night to prepare for the 11<sup>th</sup> ranked team in the country. That meant the team had a mere two days to celebrate the holidays, but the players made the most of them. The west coasters Darius Morris and Colton Christian were invited to Christmas with the Beileins, while Josh Bartelstein spent his first Christmas experience with the Novaks in Chesterton, Indiana. We hope you all and the team had a happy holiday!

**New Year, Tougher Competition:** As we all prepare for the start of the year 2011, you can't help but look ahead at the upcoming schedule for the Wolverines. Michigan starts the year with possibly their easiest test of the month of January with a game against Penn State here at Crisler. From there, the schedule starts to get interesting with games at #24 Wisconsin and games at home against #3 Kansas and #2 Ohio State. After their spell against top 5 teams, the Wolverines have tough road games at Indiana and Northwestern. On January 22, #13 Minnesota comes to Ann Arbor followed by the always-tough game in East Lansing against #19 (how the mighty have fallen) Michigan State on the 27<sup>th</sup>.

**\*H-BOMB:** When Tim Hardaway Jr. hits a three, drop back in your seats as if a bomb has violently shaken Crisler Arena. Simultaneously, yell "Timmay" (Like Timmy from South Park).

**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:**

January 2	vs Penn State	4:00pm	Celebrate the New Year with the Nittany Lions coming to town
January 5	at Wisconsin	8:00pm	The first road game since the win on Nov. 30 at Clemson
January 9	vs Kansas	TBD	It's double-header Sunday at Crisler as the women play MSU after



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## The Histo and Bacari Corner

### Did you know...

- The last time Michigan started 11-3 was the 2006-07 season, when they finished 22-13 and lost in the second round of the NIT (as a #3 seed)

### Coach BA's Tweet of the Week!

*Dec. 24:* "Back to 0-0 again. Big Ten here we come. We will need all our fans to make it difficult for our opponents. Will you be the 6<sup>th</sup> man of the yr?"