



The Rage Page



Coming off undoubtedly its biggest win of the season, our Michigan basketball team returns to Crisler Arena this afternoon in hopes of starting a different kind of streak against the Big Ten cellar-dwelling Iowa Hawkeyes – one involving wins. On Thursday night, Michigan traveled to East Lansing and picked up a rare victory against in-state rival Michigan State, 61-57. Today, Michigan has a chance to get this season back on the right track with a huge victory. We cannot take any team for granted. We can help propel this team to a much-needed win by being loud and supporting this team 100%. So today, cheer until you can cheer no more – be loud, be proud, and lead this team on to a Big Ten winning streak going. Let’s Go Blue!

Here is the projected starting lineup for the Iowa Hawkeyes (8-12, 1-7 Big Ten):

24	Bryce Cartwright	6’1”	G	The junior from Compton transferred from Fresno State and junior college; was once a finalist in the Christian Schools Math Olympics and Spelling Bee.
5	Matt Gatens	6’5”	G	Junior from Iowa City leads team with 13.1 ppg. Committed to Iowa as a freshman in high school; dad played for Iowa while mom cheered there.
25	Eric May	6’5”	G	Sophomore from Dubuque leads team in shooting 47.8% from behind the arc.
1	Melsahn Besabe	6’7”	F	True freshman from St. Mark’s Academy averages 9.9 points per game and a team-leading 6.8 rebounds per game.
50	Jarryd Cole	6’7”	F	The senior from Kansas City, MO is a three-time captain, averaging 6.5 points and 5.8 rebounds per game this season.
Coach	Fran McCaffery			This is Fran’s first season at Iowa after leading Siena to the past three NCAA tournaments (out of five years there). Was once the youngest head coach in the country, at Lehigh, at 26 years of age.

To comply with the new Big Ten Sportsmanship code, the Bum of the Game has been removed from the Rage Page. Instead, Melsahn Besabe is now the “Player to Watch”.

Home Cooking: Given Iowa’s recent struggles on the basketball court, it’s no surprise that they aren’t a very big threat on the national recruiting scene. Of the 15 players listed on Iowa’s roster, eight of them are from Iowa while four are from the bordering states of Minnesota, Indiana, and Illinois. Including the starters mentioned above, freshman **#11 Cody Cox**, freshman **#15 Zach McCabe**, senior **#13 T.J. Sayre**, junior **#2 Jordan Stoermer**, freshman **#34 Darius Stokes**, and freshman **#32 Branden Stubbs** all hail from the corn-loving, middle-of-nowhere state.

Like Father, Like Son? While Iowa certainly can’t boast of having three sons of former NBA players on their squad as Michigan can, they do have two players on their current roster whose fathers suited up in the black and yellow for Iowa. Freshman **#4 Roy Devyn Marble**’s dad was a three-time All Big Ten selection and still holds the record for most career points at Iowa. Incidentally, Devyn, which he goes by to distinguish himself from his father, whom he was not close to in high school, is from nearby Southfield and attended Southfield-Lathrup High. Marble’s lead recruiter at Iowa is now-Michigan assistant LaVall Jordan. Marble was recruited by Michigan, who he always was a fan of, but never garnered a scholarship offer from the Wolverines. Stokes, from Cedar Rapids, also has a past Iowa great for a father. Greg Stokes was a three time All Big Ten selection and currently ranks second in Iowa history in blocked shots and third in scoring, having played from 1982-1985. Neither of these freshmen is expected to live up to their fathers’ great play.

New Coach, New Style: As we all know here at Michigan, many coaching changes result in a period of transition. For Iowa, it will be no different. While McCaffery has been a winner everywhere he has coached, he brings a highly unfamiliar style of play to Iowa City. While Iowa is used to Todd Lickliter’s deliberate style of offense in which most of the shot clock would tick away before Iowa forced up a bad shot, Lickliter wants his teams to run up and down the court, scoring as many transition points as possible. So far, the change has brought mostly negative results to the young team. Despite this new up-tempo style, Iowa has only managed to score 68 points per game in the Big Ten, while turning the ball over 15 times per game. This has resulted in losses to the likes of South Dakota State, Long Beach State, Iowa State, and a host of Big Ten opponents. McCaffery clearly has his work cut out for him.

THE REST OF THE HAWKEYES: #35 Devon Archie, #20 Andrew Brommer, #3 Cully Payne

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)
- 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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Here is the *projected* starting lineup for YOUR Michigan Wolverines (12-9, 2-6 Big Ten):

4	Darius Morris	6'4"	G	D-Mo's assist to Stu for the game clinching 3-pointer allowed for the shot heard around the state (of Michigan)
0	Zack Novak	6'4"	G	Zack's amazing 6-8 performance vs MSU put him into the top 10 in Michigan basketball for career 3-pointers
10	Tim Hardaway Jr.	6'5"	G	Tim showed he can hang with the big dogs by playing 37 minutes in a win in East Lansing
23	Evan Smotrycz	6'9"	F	If Evan finds his shooting rhythm early, he can have a big game vs Iowa.
52	Jordan Morgan	6'8"	F	J-Mo had a quiet 4-point game against the Spartans after finding himself in foul trouble; he leads the team with 3.2 fouls per game
Coach	John Beilein			Supposedly Coach Beilein didn't hear us at the Breslin Center... he must have been the only one there to not hear us from the nosebleeds.

Breslin Takeover: As you all mostly likely know, we went on a little road trip up to East Lansing on Thursday expecting to come back to Ann Arbor with nothing but some harsh treatment from MSU fans. Instead, Michigan stunned the Spartans. From the moment we walked off the bus into Breslin, the Maize Rage, at 50 strong, made our presence known throughout the entire arena. From the first chant we yelled, we left most of the 1500 Izzoners mystified, and for most of the game those students only got excited for a chance to get on TV or a free mini basketball shot out of a cannon. When it was all over with Breslin almost cleared out, a chant started with "Go" from one end of the empty Izzone wasn't followed with green, but with an exuberant "Blue!" from the across the court to leave our final mark.

Future Wolverines: The Michigan 2011 recruiting class already consists of two top 100 seniors in high school right now, Carlton Brundidge and Trey Burke. While Carlton is tearing up the nets for Southfield HS, Trey Burke is making a name for himself as a possible Mr. Basketball frontrunner for Ohio. Burke, who is averaging 23 points per game, is leading Northland HS to an undefeated 13-0 record. Hopefully both youngsters can find their way to Crisler for a game this year to see how they fit into this young, but resilient Michigan basketball squad.

***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:

February 3	at Ohio State	7:00pm	The #1 team is on a roll, but we know to expect the unexpected
February 6	at Penn State	12:00pm	Let the owning of Penn State continue
February 9	vs Northwestern	6:30pm	John Shurna comes to town with the ugliest jump shot in the NCAA



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The Histo and Bacari Corner

Did you know...

- Michigan has played Iowa the last two seasons in the Big Ten Tournament, with both being victories for the Maize and Blue.

Coach BA's Tweets of the Week!

Jan. 28: "I love the student sections throughout this conference, but if you think they can compete with the Maize Rage you must be ill. Go Blue!"

Jan. 27: "The Maize Rage asked us at their first meeting to beat the team up I-96 for once in our lives. Mission accomplished! C u at Crisler!!!"