



# The Rage Page



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Welcome back to Crisler Arena for a spectacular weeknight match-up against the #12 Wisconsin Badgers. Coming off an exciting OT victory in Iowa City last Saturday, the Wolverines return home with more than just an NIT bid on their mind. With games at Minnesota and against Michigan State left, a win tonight will go a long way in determining the future of this program. Wisconsin comes to Ann Arbor tonight after a roller-coaster two weeks, which included a tough OT win at Iowa (sound familiar?), an upset of the then #1 ranked Buckeyes, a disappointing loss at Purdue, and a fairly simple win against Penn State. The truth is, the Wolverines need signature wins if they want to think about going dancing in March. Let's show the country that this young team can play some good basketball, so cheer you brains out (even if you still have mid-term exams) and Go Blue!

Here is the projected starting lineup for the Wisconsin Badgers (20-6, 10-4 Big Ten):

11	Jordan Taylor	6'1"	G	In an interview last December, Jordan claimed, "I read the Harry Potter books. That's about as extensive as my literature goes."
21	Josh Gasser*	6'3"	G	<b>Josh netted 11 points against PSU last weekend, but in five chances he has never followed a double-digit game with another.</b>
24	Tim Jarmusz	6'6"	G/F	Even though Jarmusz lacks the offensive ability, he's in the starting lineup because of his seniority and his ability to not make stupid mistakes.
52	Keaton Nankivil	6'8"	F	Watch out for Keaton around the perimeter; he's shooting 48% for the year from behind the arc, including 5-5 against Penn State.
30	Jon Leuer	6'10"	F	Leuer entered high school as a guard, but grew 10 inches before his senior year, which forced him down to the post.
Coach	Bo Ryan			Bo Ryan holds the record for best conference win percentage as a head coach with 117 wins out of 164 games (.713)

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

**Searching for the Limelight:** In early November 2007, Wisconsin held an open tryout to fill a void in squad at the guard spot, and now senior **Wqinton Smith (#2)** (pronounced with a silent W) benefitted the most from the opportunity. Four days after his first practice, Wqinton found himself sitting on the bench in full uniform in a blowout game against Florida A&M, and Bo Ryan called his number to close out the final minute. In that one minute, Smith managed to only record 1 turnover, but that's not what he was thinking about after the game while signing autographs. "It made me feel like I belonged here because some kids knew me. Some didn't but I still signed it. Hopefully they know me now," he said.

**Welcome Walk-ons:** Wisconsin Head Coach Bo Ryan isn't afraid to sign students on to the team to keep that bench nice a warm. Along with Wqinton Smith, sophomores **Dan Fahey (#10)** and **J.D. Wise (#22)** both were added onto the Badger's squad without scholarships. J.D. found his way onto the team after an open tryout in 2009 as a combo guard. Dan found his way onto the team as a third generation Badger, as his father and grandfather played basketball for Wisconsin.

**Leo, the late-bloomer:** Not only does **Ryan Evans (#5)** share the same name as the character in High School Musical, he rocks a 90s flattop donned by NBA greats like Patrick Ewing and Scottie Pippen. However, Evans wasn't so much of a basketball player early on. Starting off with being cut from his high school basketball team his sophomore year, Ryan worked his way up to All-state honors his senior year. A self-described late bloomer, he played for the Global Sports Academy team in Europe averaging 9 points in 5 games.

**THE REST OF THE BADGERS:** #1 Ben Burst, #13 Dujé Dukan, #15 Brett Valentyn, #31 Mike Bruesewitz, #32 Evan Anderson, #33 Rob Wilson, #40 Jared Berggren, #44 J.P. Gavinski

- UW'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 one of college basketball's premiere student sections, 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 (17-11, 7-8 Big Ten):

4	Darius Morris	6'4"	G	Continues to impress, dishing out nine assists to go with his 20 points and five rebounds in the overtime win at Iowa.
1	Stu Douglass	6'3"	G	A recent insert into the starting lineup, Stu has been on and off recently.
10	Tim Hardaway Jr.	6'5"	G	Named Big Ten Freshman of the Week outright for the second consecutive time after scoring a career-high 30 points on Saturday.
0	Zack Novak	6'4"	F	Zack couldn't buy a bucket on Saturday, going 0-10 from the field in regulation before making good on two free throws in the extra stanza.
52	Jordan Morgan	6'8"	F	J-Mo has been beastly of late, averaging 15 points and 7.5 rebounds in the last two outings, including two huge freebies to take the Iowa game to overtime.
Coach	John Beilein			Insists on looking at the schedule one game at a time, not worrying about the postseason yet...

**Timmy:** Although everyone is aware of it by now, it is worth noting that freshman sensation Tim Hardaway, Jr. is playing phenomenally of late. Tim is just the second freshman in the Big Ten this season to win back-to-back Big Ten Freshman of the Week awards outright. He is also the first freshman in 33 years at Michigan to reach the 30-point mark. Yes, that means that players like Glen Rice, Manny Harris, Deshawn Sims, Daniel Horton, Chris Webber, Jalen Rose, Tractor Traylor, Rumeal Robinson, and many others never did what we just witnessed Saturday. Coach Beilein has praised Tim for playing more within the system lately and letting the game come to him rather than forcing things. With that game, Hardaway has reached double digits in nine straight games and looks to continue tonight against a very good Wisconsin defense.

**The Bubble:** With Michigan's recent surge, some pundits have started to consider Michigan when coming out with their NCAA bracket predictions. At this point, it is safe to say that Michigan still has a little bit of work left if they are to make the field of 68 as an at-large bid, but with these three remaining games, the opportunity is there and our destiny is in our hands. The middle of the Big Ten is still in shambles, with at least five teams still vying for the fourth overall seed in the Big Ten Tournament. Strap in tight for the wild ride.

**Halftime Show:** Be sure to stay in your seats at halftime tonight for a very special show put on by the dance team!

**\*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).

**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 26	at Minnesota	3:30pm	Michigan looks to avenge the earlier home loss to the Gophers
March 5	vs. Michigan State	2:00pm	A win in this finale would mean a sweep of the Spartans
March 10/11	TBD	TBD	First round of Big Ten Tournament



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## The Histo and Bacari Corner

### Histo's By The Numbers:

- RPI: 58
- Strength of Schedule: 23

\*8 of 11 Big Ten schools are in the RPI top 60 as of 2/22/11

### Coach Bacari's Tweets of the Week!

*Feb. 19:* "Wisconsin could care less that we won today. The real question is do our fans care? C u Wednesday."

*Feb. 19:* "We had a couple of guys dunk in traffic today. We celebrate Happy Birthday when this happens. Blow out the candles! HALOL!!!!!"