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After 15 days and 10,058 miles of round trip travel, the Wolverines finally return to the friendly confines of Crisler Arena where they welcome the Cyclones of Iowa State. Michigan enters today on the tails of a disappointing loss to Virginia in the ACC/Big Ten Challenge, one that may have killed some of the momentum from a strong showing in the Maui Invitational. Solid shooting and fantastic performances from Tim Hardaway Jr. and Trey Burke were the keys to a 2-1 record and a 3rd place finish. Coach Beilein and Co. definitely made a splash on the national scene with which made last Tuesday's loss to Virginia that much more disappointing. The stingy defense of the Cavaliers that prides itself on keeping teams out of the lane did exactly that and many key concepts of Michigan's offense were held at bay. The Maize and Blue look to bounce back against the Cyclones who also enter today following a loss. This is the first weekend home game of the season which along with the attention gained in Maui should have "The Fritz" filled. It's also the first non-internet exclusive broadcast of a home game, which serves as prime opportunity for the Maize Rage to show it's might.

Here is the *projected* starting lineup for the Iowa State Cyclones (5-2, 0-0 Big 12):

11	Scott Christopherson	6'3"	G	Was involved in the only tie in the history of the Wisconsin Mr. Basketball Award. Only 3 of 31 players to receive the award have ever been drafted.
4	Chris Allen	6'3"	G	A former MSU Spartan, transferred after starting 27 games his junior year in East Lansing. Specifics on why he left are unknown.
2	Chris Babb	6'5"	G	Facebook profile reads: "I shoot 3's" a stat which he leads his team in (48 FGA). He also makes them, shooting an impressive .520 from deep.
3	Melvin Ejim	6'6"	F	He's a native of Toronto and attended Brewster Academy, the high school of Michigan signee Mitch McGary. Last name is pronounced EDGE-em.
30	Royce White	6'8"	F	Went to Hopkins High School in Minnetonka, Minn which is the same high school as Kim K's former hubby Kris Humphries
Coach	Fred Hoiberg			His college nickname, "The Mayor" has stayed with him through the years.

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

Once A Sparty Always A Sparty: Korie Lucious (#34) is the other former Spartan on the roster along with Allen. Lucious, who is not playing this year due to transfer rules, was suspended one game for missing class and two games the next season for a reckless driving charge while at MSU. He was suspended for the rest of the season in January 2011 after only 18 games, which eventually led to his transfer. The details of his digressions are also unknown but Izzo cited "Conduct detrimental to the team." Allen and Lucious will both serve as a tune up for Jan 17 when Sparty comes to town because a combined six years in Green and White is plenty affiliation for us.

Taking Their Talents To Ames: Allen and Lucious are 2 of 9 members of the cyclone roster that are transfers. Along with the two former Spartans, Chris Babb (Penn State) and Royce White (Minnesota) account together for 4,938 total minutes played for a Big Ten team. This total is more than Penn State (2,136), Illinois (4,425), and Michigan State (4,798) had on their rosters at the start of the season. Other Cyclone transfers include **Anthony Booker (#22)** (Southern Illinois), **Scott Christopherson** (Marquette), **Will Clyburn (#21)** (Marshalltown C.C./Utah), **Austin McBeth (#12)** (Iowa Western), and **Tyrus McGee (#25)** (Cowley County C.C).

Pic-a-nic Basket: A native of Ames, sophomore guard **Bubu Palo's (#1)** given name is Yempabou Kevin Palo. His nickname "Bubu" comes from Yogi Bear's sidekick Boo Boo Bear. If he called himself Yogi we'd think he was "Smarter than the average Bear."

In Brief: Will "The Thrill" Clyburn makes a return visit to Crisler after playing on Utah last year, he and Korie Lucious both have themselves marked as "Favorite Athletes" on Facebook...**Jordan Railey (#0)** made the Spring 2011 Dean's List...**Tavon Sledge (#5)** has a "NO LOSSES" tattoo across his back... Austin McBeth played QB for both Iowa Western's and Iowa State's football teams.

THE REST OF THE CYCLONES: #24 Percy Gibson, #10 Aaron Law

- ISU'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 (5-2, 0-0 Big Ten):

3	Trey Burke	5'11"	G	Earned B1G Freshman of the Week honors for his performance in Maui.
0	Zack Novak	6'4"	G	Has added a mid-range jumper to complement his already deadly 3-point shot.
10	Tim Hardaway, Jr.	6'5"	G	Looks to bounce back after sitting on the bench for large portions of the Virginia game in foul trouble.
23	Evan Smotrycz	6'9"	F	He is starting to both score and foul more prolifically than last year.
52	Jordan Morgan	6'8"	F	Showed against Virginia that he can still has that knack for throwing down crowd-silencing dunks when the team needs some momentum.
Coach	John Beilein			Says that playing two high-major teams in a row feels like B1G season.

Trip to Auburn Hills: The Maize Rage asked the athletic department to send us on an all-expenses-paid trip to Maui, but somehow the logistics never worked out. Instead, Dave Brandon is offering to send us to the next best place: Auburn Hills! For a low, one-time deposit of \$5.00 (which you'll get back upon boarding our luxurious charter buses), you can join the Maize Rage on a trip to see Michigan take on Oakland University on Saturday, December 10th at 4pm. The number of spots is limited to 200 (first-come, first-served), so come find an officer (we'll be in the bleachers, likely center) either before or after the game if you want to sign up.

Austin Hatch Update: Most of you have probably heard the tragic story of 2013 commit Austin Hatch. Austin, his father, and his step-mother were involved in a deadly plane crash shortly after he committed to wear the Maize and Blue last July. Though the crash claimed the lives of both of his parents, Austin miraculously survived and has been slowly recovering over the past few months. Though he still has a ways to go in his rehabilitation and won't be playing basketball for the entirety of the season, he has returned to his hometown and is attending high school again. We wish him the best of luck as he continues his recovery and look forward to the day that he sets foot in Crisler regardless of whether he is a player or a student.

Chants: The Maize Rage is trying something a little different when we have the ball this game. The offense chants will cycle in the order that they are listed below. That way, even if you can't hear those of us in the central section of the bleachers right away, you will still know which chant we are on. Here's another hint if you are still having trouble: All of the chants have different clapping rhythms, so you can watch the hands of the people chanting if you get lost. On defense, it'll be mostly Popcorn-ing, so be ready to jump!

Quick Reminder: This is the *MAIZE* Rage, please make a conscious effort to wear maize (or a costume or jersey) to all games.

***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 "Timmy" (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:

December 10	vs Oakland	4:00pm	We'll be filling the Palace with its first basketball of the season.
December 13	vs Arkansas-Pine Bluff	7:00pm	The Golden Lions lost in the SWAC championship game last year.
December 17	vs Alabama A&M	12:00pm	They beat Ark-PB in the SWAC championship game last year.



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The Bacari Corner

A Tribute to coach Bacari Alexander and his Tweets:

November 30: "Can't wait to see Crisler on Saturday afternoon. It will be electric as we rally the troops and protect home. Grow Blue! #filltheFritz"

December 2: "Iowa State Is a very talented team who loves to score. First team to 100? That would be a headache for a defensive minded guy like me. HALOL"

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