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Maize Ragers, welcome to the 2005-06 Michigan Men's Basketball Season! The players are excited, Tommy is excited, and you should be excited as well. This afternoon's preseason contest between your Michigan Wolverines and the Grand Valley State Lakers marks the first of two exhibition games against Division II GLIAC teams. Last year, GVSU finished second in the GLIAC with an 18-10 overall record before being upset in the first round of the conference tournament. The Lakers boast a dominant big man in sophomore center Callistus Eziukwu, who led the team in scoring (13.7), rebounding (8.1), blocked shots (114), and shooting percentage (73.7) all as a freshman. Michigan comes into the season looking to stay "healthy, happy, and hungry" to rebound from a tough 13-18 record last year. The team will get a major spark from the return of Daniel Horton and Lester Abram, a promising freshman class, and a new commitment to running the floor. But remember, Rage, that this exhibition is not just for the team but also for us as a student section. No matter how many people are in the building, no matter what the score is, our boys need us to bring the energy. So get up, jump around, and get loud as a promising Michigan basketball season kicks off today!

Here is the projected starting lineup for the Grand Valley State Lakers (0-0, 0-0 GLIAC):

22	Courtney James	5'11" G	Senior guard proclaims "I don't like alcohol, I only like the taste of it" and "I could give a damn what people think about me!" – Bum of the Game
33	Jason Jamerson	6'2" G	Graduated from Burriss Laboratory High School in Muncie, Indiana
14	Jeff Grauzer	6'4" F	Pre-med major was MVP of the All-Catholic League at Warren De La Salle
40	Mike Hall	6'4" F	Enjoys watching "The Incredibles" and "really, really likes ranch dressing"
00	Callistus Eziukwu	6'10" C	Most cats call him "Bean"... favorite books include <i>The Babysitters Club</i> and <i>One Fish Two Fish Red Fish Blue</i>
Coach	Ric Wesley		Recruited the likes of Jeff Hornacek and Fred Hoiberg while at Iowa State

Who are you?: Senior forward Nate Bassett (#50) is all over the radar. When it comes to hobbies, he enjoys leaping tall buildings, but also likes to "dabble in singin and dancin". When it comes to music, he likes country tunes, the Temptations, Boyz II Men, and Metallica. When it comes to movies, his favorites include "Shrek" and "Muppet Treasure Island".

What's in a name?: In addition to "Bean" for Eziukwu, guard Joel Whymer (#10) sometimes uses the alias "Jiggity", forward Kyle Carhart (#15) goes by "K-Bird", and guard Tom Fellows (#12) prefers to be called simply "TFELLOZ". Be sure to use these nicknames, Rage, as real names are apparently overrated these days.

You would what?: Junior center Dan Redder's (#52) favorite quote is "you would". Feel free to randomly shout this through today.

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.

Here is the projected starting lineup for YOUR Michigan Wolverines (0-0, 0-0 Big Ten):

4	Daniel Horton	6'3" G	The 2002-03 Big Ten Freshman of the Year is back at the helm after a rough 2004-05. Look for the H-Bombs to start dropping again!
5	Dion Harris	6'3" G	Michigan's 2003 Mr. Basketball put up big numbers playing PG last year... now he gets to return to his natural position of SG
32	Lester Abram	6'6" W	No, that's not "Air Brooklyn" J.C. Mathis in the #32... Showtime is back! Les is ready to return to form after successful shoulder surgery
44	Courtney Sims	6'11" F	Could be coming off his true breakout game, where he tallied 25 pts, 6 rebs, and 4 blocks against Northwestern in the Big Ten Tourney
25	Graham Brown	6'9" F	Don't let his nickname fool you... "Moose" will be diving for loose balls and scoring down in the post all season
Coach	Tommy Amaker		Ready to lead a "healthy, happy, and hungry" team to 2005-06 success

Back to the future: Senior guard Lester Abram, who wore #2 during his first three years at Michigan, decided during the offseason to switch to #32. Why? Lester wore #32 in high school, where he led Pontiac Northern to back-to-back Class A state titles. Les was missed greatly last year while he sat out with an injured shoulder, but he was granted a medical redshirt, and will have one more year here after this one.

Yeah, new guys: Michigan's incoming freshman class includes: point guard Jerret Smith (#1), RC's teammate at Romulus HS; wing Jevohn Shepherd (#15), the Ontario High School Player of the Year; forward Kendric Price (#21), who we'll refer to as K-Price from now on; and forward Phillip DeVries (#40), from Shelby Township. In addition, senior guard Hayes Grooms (#10) is eligible this season after transferring last year, and senior guard Troy Sanchez (#14) is the latest addition to the team after walk-on tryouts. Welcome the new guys with enthusiasm and energy!

H-BOMB: If Daniel hits a three, drop back in your seats as if a bomb has violently shaken Crisler Arena. It's the H-BOMB!

Player-specific chants:

- When Lester Abram comes into the game or makes a play, bust out the old "Show-time" chant
- When Dion Harris comes into the game or makes a play, chant "Di-on Harr-is!" (clap clap-clap-clap)

Chants: This is a great opportunity for the Maize Rage to sharpen its chanting abilities before the real season begins. Listen in for the rhythm of these chants, and try to keep them at a steady pace. **Don't speed up.**

Offense: -Here we go, Michigan, here we go! (clap clap)

-Go, Blue, Go! (clap clap clap)

-Let's Go Blue! (clap)

Defense:

-De-fense! (clap clap)

-D-D-D-Defense! D-D-D-Defense!

-Popcorn (Jump up and down while screaming OHHHH!! at the tip or when Michigan is on defense)

-Bounce! Bounce! Pass! (Yell "bounce" when the opposition dribbles, and "pass" when they pass)

Turnovers:

-You! You! You! (while pointing finger at the player)

Fouls:

-It's all your fault! It's all your fault! It's all your fault! (while pointing finger at the player)

Our Free Throws:

-Wave fingers in the air and upon a made shot, throw your hands down with force and say "BLUUUE!"

Grand Valley'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!")

- General noise (Popcorn without the jumping)

- Chanting a player's name

- Absolute quietness, and then scream just as the player shoots

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

Be steady, and don't speed up.

Straight (road) trippin': Last year, the Maize Rage carried out its first FREE road trip to Ohio State. This year, it just gets better. The Rage would like to announce the first **FREE ROAD TRIP** of this young season: Saturday, December 3rd, Noon, at Notre Dame. Send an email to Griff Hickman, Superfan VI (ghickman@umich.edu), to reserve a spot (first come, first serve). Busing and tickets will be provided by the Rage... all you need to bring is noise! Look here for info on more road trips in the future.

Upcoming Home Games:

November 11 vs. Northern Michigan 7 PM Gates open at 5:30

November 18 vs. Central Michigan 7 PM Gates open at 5:30 ****Season Opener****

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E-MAIL LIST: Just because you have tickets does not mean you are on the official Maize Rage e-mail list. To sign up for weekly newsletters and important Rage information, go to MaizeRage.org and click the link on the left side of the page, or simply send an email to tsuchii@umich.edu requesting that your name be added.

Histo's Corner: Michigan has never played Grand Valley State.

Michigan is undefeated in preseason games under Coach Amaker.

Michigan has defeated a GLIAC team in each of the last 2 seasons.

TODAY'S HISTO NUMBER:

15 : The number of teams (including U of M) that have been to the NCAA Title Game in consecutive years.

(Look for Histo Numbers throughout the season)