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“We had a great crowd, our Maize Rage section and our fans, and we wish we could have given them the victory they came here hoping for. But I’m hopeful we have more games like this. I’m hoping we’ll have an opportunity to play games people are excited about seeing.” –Tommy Amaker, after the UCLA loss

Michigan fans, welcome back to Crisler Arena! Last Saturday, the Michigan basketball team hung with 14th-ranked UCLA from start to finish on a national stage, eventually falling short of a landmark victory, 68-61. However, Tommy Amaker stressed after the loss to the Bruins that the true test for a team is not the “big game” itself; instead, it is the game *after* the big game. That is where we find ourselves this evening, Rage. Tonight, our Wolverine hoopsters take on their second “Miami” opponent this year, this time facing the RedHawks of Miami (Ohio). You may recall the last time a Miami team came into Crisler, less than a month ago, when the Maize and Blue beat up on the ACC’s Hurricanes, winning 74-53. However, Miami (Florida) had to contend with a full and overwhelmingly fired up Maize Rage. Tonight, with finals finally over, most Ragers are home enjoying Winter Break. But that must not stop the dedicated fans here tonight from having an impact. We came here tonight to support our Michigan Wolverines in an important non-conference game against an underrated opponent. Let’s make sure our boys feel at home tonight, Rage. Go Blue!

Here is the projected starting lineup for the Miami RedHawks (4-3, 0-0 MAC):

25	William Hatcher	6’2”	G	Senior from Flint knows all the words to the Fresh Prince theme song and is a member of the facebook group “UofM Fans Stuck in Ohio”
1	Doug Penno	6’5”	G	Psych major’s brother, Jeff, is a guard for Dayton’s basketball team
24	Michael Bramos	6’5”	F	Freshman from Harper Woods lists “everything” as his favorite music
31	Nathan Peavy	6’8”	F	When he’s not worshipping Ben Roethlisberger, this Pittsburgh Steelers fanatic loves to dance to the beat of Latin reggaeton music
22	Nate VanderSluis	6’11”	C	Hates people who smoke; loves Family Guy and the Miami Dance Team
Coach	Charlie Coles			2005 MAC Coach of the Year says Crisler Arena is “kind of sacred” to him

Brotherly love: Sophomore forward Tim Pollitz (#50) redshirt freshman forward Eric Pollitz (#21) are fraternal twin brothers from Ottawa, Ohio. Although Tim is out with an injury, Eric could enter the game. If he does, fire him up with a chant of “Tim’s better!” If you see Tim on the bench, get back at him with an “Eric’s better!” chant.

Apparently a Jennie Ritter fan: Freshman forward Tyler Dierkers (#4) curiously lists his only interest as “Softball (One-Hitters)”. While the specifics behind this are unknown, he should be excited to be here at Michigan, home of the National Champs.

THE REST OF THE MIAMI ROSTER: #41 Adam Fletcher, #3 Josh Hausfeld, #5 Carl Richburg, #2 Lawrence Ross, #30 Monty St. Clair, #10 Chad Troyer.



Carl Richburg (right) – possible coverboy for an upcoming “RedHawks Gone Wild”?

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

Eye of the 5th year senior: If Michigan senior guard Hayes Grooms (#10) enters the game, greet him by singing “Hayes! Hayes, Hayes, Hayes! Hayes, Hayes, Hayes, Hayes! Hayes, Hayes, Haaayeeess” to the intro tune of Survivor’s “Eye of the Tiger”.

Upcoming Home Games:

December 28	vs. Coppin St	6pm	Gates open at 4:30pm	**They’re not part of the season ticket package, but the
December 31	vs. Chicago St	2pm	Gates open at 12:30pm	Boys in Blue need our presence at these break games!**

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Histo’s Corner: Michigan is 3-1 all-time against Miami, having won by an average margin of 11.3 points.

Michigan is 106-26 all-time against current Mid-American Conference schools.

HISTO’S “BY THE NUMBERS”

Part 2 of the Bill Buntin Countdown (“One Stat at a Time”):

9: The number of times that the late Bill Buntin scored 30-39 points in a single game. Michigan was 8-1 in these games. Buntin’s number 22 will be retired at the Purdue game next month (January 7th).