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“We want to have a legacy here by bringing Michigan back on the map. I think we realize we can do that. We have a lot of talent on this team. We wasted it last year. **We're trying to seize it now.**” –*Courtney Sims, quoted in the Chicago Tribune*

Happy Holidays Wolverine fans! It's great to have you here for the second installment of Winter Break Michigan Basketball. Tonight, most of the attention in Ann Arbor will be directed not on Crisler, but instead on the Alamo Dome in San Antonio, where the Michigan football team takes on Nebraska in the Alamo Bowl. However, the Coppin State Eagles are in town and looking to upset the 8-1 Wolverine basketball team in the first ever meeting between the two schools. The Eagles have played perhaps the toughest schedule in the country so far (at Clemson, at Xavier, at UCLA, at Oklahoma, at Illinois, and at Pitt), and they will be at the Breslin Center on Saturday. They may be winless, but they can put up a fight. Let's take care of business tonight. Go Blue!

Here is the projected starting lineup for the Coppin State Eagles (0-9, 0-0 MEAC):

10	Darryl Roberts	5'9"	G	“Boog” lists “the air conditioning” as his favorite thing about Coppin State
22	Tywain McKee	6'2"	G	Led the team with 19 points at Oklahoma... to go along with 7 turnovers
24	Augustine Woodlin	6'2"	G	Augie was a two-year letter winner at Simon Gratz, where Rasheed Wallace played high school ball; unlike Sheed, he describes himself as “shy”
32	Darryl Proctor	6'4"	F	“D-Money” is a big fan of Boy Meets World; shot 2-10 at Pittsburgh
34	Brian Chesnut	6'7"	F	Freshman from the National Christian Academy is the tallest player on the Eagles and also leads the team in field goal percentage at 57.9%
Coach	Ronald “Fang” Mitchell			Led the 15-seed Eagles to an upset win over 2-seed South Carolina in 1997

Happy Belated Birthday: Sophomore forward Darryl Proctor (#10) celebrated his 19th birthday on Monday.

The name game: Where do the Eagles players get their nicknames? Here's a sampling...



Guard Mike Miller (#21) as “Baby LeBron”



Forward Robert Pressey (#40) as “Casper”



Guard Antwan Harrison (#33) as “Taz”

THE REST OF THE COPPIN STATE ROSTER: #11 West Otis, #12 Talmadge Bell, #20 Mike Creppy, #23 Enrico McCleary, #31 Michael Norwood, #5 Chuckie Ivey.

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, Haaayeeess” to the intro tune of Survivor's “Eye of the Tiger”.

Upcoming Home Games:

December 31	vs. Chicago St	2pm	Gates open at 12:30pm	
January 7	vs. Purdue	Noon	Gates open at 10:30pm	**Big Ten home opener, plus Bill Buntin Day!**

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Histo's Corner: Tonight marks the first ever meeting between Michigan and Coppin State.

Michigan is 6-0 all-time against the MEAC, having won by an average of 18.2 points. This year, Michigan is 1-0, having defeated the 2005 MEAC Champs, Delaware State, 69-49.

Michigan is 4-1 in home games played in Crisler Arena on December 28th.

Positive omen?: Michigan (basketball) is 2-0 all-time against Nebraska on December 28th.

PART 3 of the BILL BUNTIN COUNTDOWN (whose number 22 will be retired 1/7/06): Dave Schellhase (Purdue), Wayne Estes (Utah St), Clyde Lee (Vanderbilt), Dave Stallworth (Wichita State), and **Bill Buntin (Michigan)** made up the consensus 1964-65 All-America Second Team. That season, Buntin and the Wolverines played each of these All-Americans' teams except for Utah State. In those games, Michigan was an undefeated 4-0.