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"People haven't talked about our school that much. We're trying to do everything we can do as a team so people do talk about us, and I think right now we're going with a little more confidence, **a little more of a swagger** that we haven't had in the past."—*Graham Brown, quoted in the Chicago Tribune*

Happy New Year, Maize and Blue faithful! This afternoon, the Michigan basketball team finishes up its non-conference slate with the Chicago State Cougars out of the Mid-Continent Conference. Today's contest will be Chicago State's second game in *24 hours*, not to mention their third game in five days. Last night, no more than 17 hours ago, these same Cougars were in Indianapolis, engaged in their first in-conference battle of the season with IUPUI. CSU lost the game, 87-64. On the other hand, your Michigan Wolverines are coming off a dominant second half performance in defeating Coppin State, 81-53. Dion Harris led the team with 21 points (including 5-7 from three-point land), and Daniel Horton had 11 points and 10 assists, becoming the first U-M guard to post a double-double since Jamal Crawford in 2000. With a win today, the Wolverines could head into a huge conference opening matchup Tuesday at Indiana with a 10-1 record. Let's help the team get that win, and have fun celebrating the New Year tonight! Go Blue!

Here is the projected starting lineup for the Chicago State Cougars (1-10, 0-1 Mid-Continent Conference):

11	Royce Parran	5'9"	G	Junior leads the Cougars in scoring at 20.7 ppg; apparently that's not good enough for the CSU media guide, which misspells his surname as "Parren"
00	Aaron Williams	6'3"	G	"A-Dubb" is the younger brother of former Illinois star Frank Williams
3	David Holston	5'6"	G	Short sophomore from Pontiac goes by "Little Dave" or "D-Money" and is the cousin of Piston guard Lindsey Hunter
21	Kourtney Calvin	6'8"	F	Not only is our <i>Courtney</i> better, but he also spells his name the right way
12	Michael Henderson	6'5"	F	"Ice Mike" played high school ball with teammate Royce Parran
Coach	Kevin Jones			Listed as questionable for Sunday's game at the Steelers (elbow injury)

Back to the future (revisited): By now, you may know that Michigan wing Lester Abram changed his number from 2 to 32 because he wore 32 in high school, where he led Pontiac Northern to back-to-back state titles. What you may *not* know is that the second year Northern took home the title (2001-02), Lester played beside current Chicago State sophomore guard John Cantrell (#2). While Cantrell went on to earn honorable mention All-State as a senior, he was unable to lead the Huskies back to the title without Les.

Fire Millen: As if Cougar coach Kevin Jones isn't enough to remind Lions fans of the former Virginia Tech star running back turned injury-riddled, overhyped NFL player. Jones' son, sophomore guard Kevin, Jr. (#20), comes off the bench for Chicago State.

THE REST OF THE CHICAGO STATE ROSTER: #4 QuoVadis Harper, #13 Richard Gallion, #14 Arthur Talley, #22 Leon Petty, #25 Teran Lee, #31 Camron Clay, #32 Brandon Woods, #33 Marin Mulic, #44 Nate Carter, #45 ~~Nikko Briteramos~~ (dismissed).

Clear for takeoff?: Brent Petway is getting closer and closer to returning from academic ineligibility. "I have the grades (to be eligible) but I'm waiting for the papers to be processed," he told the Detroit News after the Coppin State game. Could we see Air Georgia in action today for the first time this season? Keep your eyes to the skies...

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

Upcoming Home Games:

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: Michigan is 4-0 all-time against Chicago State, having won by an average of 29.5 points. All four games were played here at Crisler Arena.

In each of the last two games against Chicago State, Michigan has scored at least 100 points.

Michigan is 4-1 in home games played on December 31st in odd-ending years.

PART 4 of the BILL BUNTIN COUNTDOWN (whose number 22 will be retired 1/7/06): Willie Murrell (Kansas State), Jeff Mullins (Duke), Walt Hazzard (UCLA), Gail Goodrich (UCLA), and **Bill Buntin (Michigan)** made up the 1964 All-NCAA Tournament Team. That season, Buntin and the Wolverines played each of these opposing teams. In those games, Michigan went 2-2, including an 83-67 win over Duke at Yost Fieldhouse.