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Coach John Beilein, after the Wolverines' loss to Western Kentucky ... "We will need to now go back and find all the little things that we need to change...If we would have gotten a few of those things we would have walked away with a win, but it didn't happen."

It's been a while since our last home game, but however happy you are to be back at Crisler Arena, just imagine how bad John Beilein's boys have been longing for this. After a loss at #5 Georgetown and a disappointing 1-2 record at the Great Alaska Shootout, the Wolverines are certainly happy to see the Maize Rage once again. Undefeated at Crisler this year, the Maize and Blue look to grab some attention by beating a well-respected Boston College team. Though the Big Ten has never won a Big Ten/ACC Challenge, Michigan can do its part for its conference and secure the biggest win of its young season. Fire up and Go Blue!

Here is the projected starting lineup for the Boston College Eagles (4-0, 0-0 Atlantic Coast Conference):

4	Tyrese Rice*	6'1"	G	Junior enjoys playing Fight Night Round 3 on Xbox 360 in the locker room, but concedes that BC's Director of B-ball Operations consistently beats him
	^BUM OF THE GAME^^			
15	Rakim Sanders	6'5"	G	Won two NEPSAC Class B titles under high school coach Mike Hart
34	Shamari Spears	6'6"	F	Rice describes the sophomore as a "Big Baby" and "Big Teddy Bear"
21	Tyler Roche	6'7"	F	Led the Manchester Central (NH) "Little Green" (worst mascot ever?) to two Class L state titles (strangely, the highest division in NH is Class L)
44	Tyrelle Blair	6'11"	C	On Facebook, lists his favorite quote as "over the cheese I lost both of my mans, that's why I have a basketball and a degree in the both of my hands"
Coach	Al Skinner			Has been nicknamed "Coach Handsome" by Eagle fans because of his attention to fashion; he does not wear the same suit twice in one season

***BUM OF THE GAME:** Give a shout-out to Tyrese Rice tonight, as he's our Bum of the Game. Chant "Ri-ice" whenever he touches the ball and if the center section asks "What's the matter with Rice?" respond: "He's a bum. Bum-bum-bum-bum-bum-bum-bum!"

Song of the South: Freshman Josh Southern (#52) thinks highly of his basketball ability and is not afraid to show it. The center from Saginaw (or, as he calls it, Sag-nasty) lists the following gems on his Facebook profile: "My hoop game stay tight like a smedium tee on Missy Elliott in 97'" [sic]. Even more repulsive than that Missy Elliott image is this proclamation: "I'm dumping (shooting) on you like you was a toilet, betta yet like I had the runs."

Cheaters: Tyrese Rice and Shamari Spears have played basketball together since they were children, but it was one particular game this summer that landed the duo in hot water. They participated in a non-NCAA-certified summer game, or, as Spears so eloquently described it, "played in a game or whatever." The NCAA suspended the pair for the Eagles' season opener, during which the boyhood friends sat together at the end of the bench wearing, as the Boston Herald put it, "Belichickesque hoodies."

Quaker Oates: Last year was better for senior John Oates (#32) on a couple of levels. Though his numbers are substantially down on the basketball court, we're more concerned with the drop-off in his Halloween costume creativity. This year, Oates dressed in a totally unremarkable pimp costume, with a simple white boa and feather hat. The previous October, though, he went as the much more unconventional "Pirate Doctor," which involved him wearing an eye patch and blue scrubs. If he has his facial hair tonight, try to figure out whether he's debuting an Ali G costume.

Not in Our 'Full House': Brennan Bennett (#10) managed and played on an IM Basketball team last spring called "The Hoosiers." Despite having a future Eagles player on the roster, the Indiana wannabes lost in the second round of the playoffs to "The John Stamos All-Stars." Unlike Rice and Spears (see above), this league was legal, as Bennett was not yet on the BC roster.

THE REST OF THE EAGLE ROSTER: #5 Biko Paris, #11 Corey Raji, #12 Joe Trapani, #13 Dave Kaba, #55 Cortney Dunn

- BC'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)
 - Absolute silence, and then scream just as the player shoots
 - 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 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 (3-3, 0-0 Big Ten):

44	Kelvin Grady	5'11" G	Crisler Arena has been kind to the freshman this year; he's averaging 10.5 ppg in this season's two home games
3	Manny Harris	6'5" G	Manny's been unstoppable thus far; he leads the team in points, steals, and assists, and has accounted for nearly half of the teams made free throws
24	Ron Coleman	6'6" W	Rockin' the headband, R.C. is one of only two seniors on the roster; cracked double-digit scoring in each of the three games in Alaska
34	DeShawn Sims	6'8" F	Peedi has created turnovers all year with tenacious defense, and we've found out that he has a talent he hid from us last year: the three-point shot
32	Zack Gibson	6'10" F	Hasn't logged as many minutes as the other starters, but the Rutgers transfer contributed 9-of-11 shooting in Alaska to help buoy the team on offense
Coach	John Beilein		Is he available to coach football too? The 1-3-1 zone is guaranteed to befuddle opposing quarterbacks

Baked Alaska: Dropping two of three games in the Great Alaska Shootout to finish in sixth place out of eight teams is probably not what the Maize and Blue had in mind when they left Ann Arbor a week and a half ago. However, the results shouldn't have been totally disheartening. Michigan found a way to keep it close against a strong #22 Butler team that drained 17 three-pointers. After beating Eastern Washington, 61-53, they dropped a heartbreaker to an experienced Western Kentucky team, coming back from a 13-point halftime deficit to pull within two points in the final minute.

Challenge: In the Big Ten/ACC Challenge's ninth year, which pits each Big Ten team against an ACC counterpart, the Big Ten has never prevailed. Michigan, however, has done its part to help the conference's cause. The Wolverines sit at 3-3 in the Challenge, which is second-best in the Big Ten.

Next Up: This weekend begins a very intriguing two-game stretch for the Wolverines. First, they head to Cambridge, Massachusetts, to take on former U-M coach Tommy Amaker's Harvard Crimson. The game will be televised on ESPNU. (Maybe the team will stop in and say hello to Coach Skinner's boys while they're in the area). The next weekend, the Maize and Blue invade one of the most difficult places to play in the country, Cameron Indoor Stadium, to face #7 Duke. That game will be seen on CBS.

H-BOMB: When Manny Harris, our new H-Bomber, hits a three, drop back in your seats as if a bomb has violently shaken Crisler Arena. Simultaneously, yell "Fresh" (Manny's nickname), holding the -SH at the end.

Chants: Be steady and don't speed up, or the chants will become disorganized and ineffective...

<u>Offense:</u>	<u>Defense:</u>
-Here we go Michigan, here we go! (clap clap)	-De-fense! (clap clap)
-Let's Go Michigan! (clap, clap, clap clap clap)	-D-D-D-Defense! D-D-D-Defense!
-Go, Blue, Go! (clap clap clap)	-Popcorn (Jump up and down while screaming OHHHH!!)
-Let's Go Blue! (clap)	-Bounce! Bounce! Pass! (Yell "bounce" when the opposition dribbles, and "pass" when they pass)
-Go Blue! (clap clap)	

Bum of the Game goes to the bench: -NaNaNaNa! NaNaNaNa! Hey Hey Hey, You Suck!

Upcoming home games:

Wed, December 12	vs. Oakland	7:00pm	Special Edition of the Rage Page for this game. Get here early!
Sat, December 15	vs. Central Michigan	2:00pm	Gates open one hour before game time
Sat, December 22	vs. #1 UCLA	2:00pm	Nationally televised on CBS



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Histo's Corner:

Michigan is 3-0 in the Big Ten/ACC Challenge in odd-numbered years, beating its opponents in those games by an average of 10.3 points.

Michigan is 3-1 in the Big Ten/ACC Challenge when each team is unranked.

Though Michigan is only 2-4 on November 28, it is 2-1 in home games on this date and 1-0 in home games in odd-numbered years.

In even-numbered days and odd-numbered years, Michigan is 1-0 in the Big Ten/ACC Challenge, having beaten N.C. State in on December 2, 2003.

Histo's RPI Update:

Michigan - #120, Boston College - #18