

“As everyone knows what we went through last year, we have to celebrate every win.” ... *Coach John Beilein, after beating Florida Gulf Coast, 76-59.*

Last year at this time, Michigan had a dismal 4-8 record, and the biggest victory was a 16-point win over Oakland. But now, with an improved offensive system and dominant (at times) defense, your Michigan Wolverines are ranked for the first time since February 2006. With the non-conference schedule just about finished (Connecticut looms on February 7), we can look back on the non-conference season and consider it a success. Victories over two top 5 schools and no major letdowns headline the season thus far, and, dare we say it, an NCAA tournament berth is a possibility. Let’s ring in 2009 with a bang and kick off the Big Ten season right by beating one of the premier teams in the conference!

Here is the projected starting lineup for the Wisconsin Badgers (9-3, 0-0 Big Ten):

12	Jason Bohannon	6’2”	G	“J-Bo” has his own Wikipedia page, but more fame goes to his dad, who played quarterback at the University of Iowa
3	Trevon Hughes	6’0”	G	After averaging 11.2 points per game last season, a local Wisconsin website wrote a story on the junior guard titled “Trevon Hughes, Future NBA Star?”
45	Joe Krabbenhoft	6’7”	F	Senior from South Dakota appears to be a big fan of North Dakota State (below)
<b>1</b>	<b>Marcus Landry*</b>	<b>6’7”</b>	<b>F</b>	ESPN’s Dana O’Neil wrote a piece on the married father of three
52	Keaton Nankivil	6’8”	F	Search “Nankivil” on YouTube, and you will see a “sick dunk,” where he misses a dunk before throwing down another
Coach	Bo Ryan			Crank that Soulja Boy! He performed the dance at last year’s Midnight Madness

**\*BUM OF THE GAME:** Be sure to recognize Marcus Landry, because he’s our Bum of the Game. Chant “Bum!” when he touches the ball and if the center section asks “What’s the matter with Landy?” respond: “He’s a bum. Bum-bum-bum-bum-bum-bum-bum!”

**What women want:** Sophomores **Jon Leuer (#30)**, **Tim Jarmusz (#24)**, senior **Kevin Gullikson (#43)**, and probably more players all dressed up as women for Halloween. Normally, one would not make a big deal out of this, but all the photos on Facebook of multiple 6-foot-plus women—some with facial hair—were the scariest sights we saw this Halloween (right). →



**A night still remembered:** Everybody remembers January 21, 2006, when the then-15<sup>th</sup> ranked Badgers lost to North Dakota State. Alando Tucker, Bo Ryan, and others said afterwards that the game was one of the worst they have ever been a part of, but Krabbenhoft took a different approach, talking as if he expected to lose: “So what? We just got stomped by North Dakota State...they are a great team.” That’s some big praise for an independent 11-9 team then in their third year in Division I.

**Briefly:** Sophomore walk-on **Wqinton Smith (#2)** first tried out for the team after reading an email that advertised open tryouts ... 6’10” center **Jared Berggren (#44)** is one of Wisconsin’s top recruits, but one “major weakness” according to Scout.com is “post play” ... Freshman **Ryan Evans (#5)** is the first player from Hamilton High School (AZ) to be offered a scholarship ... The Badgers have four walk-ons on their roster this season.

**THE REST OF THE WISCONSIN ROSTER:** #11 Jordan Taylor, #15 Brett Valentyn, #21 Morris Cain, #33 Rob Wilson, #44 JP Gavinski, #50 Ian Markolf

<b>Upcoming events:</b>			
Sun, January 4	vs. Illinois	12:00pm	Come support the team in their first game of 2009
Wed, January 7	at Indiana	6:30pm	Only the second true away game this season

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### Histo’s Corner:

With Monday’s victory over NCCU, Michigan earned its 10<sup>th</sup> win of the season, which equaled last year’s win total. Last season, it took 31 games to yield 10 wins; this year, the Wolverines got to double-digit wins in just 12 games.

Michigan’s all-time record against Wisconsin is 89-58, including a 55-17 mark at home. The last time that U-M played the Badgers while the Wolverines were ranked was on February 28, 1998. U-M won, 76-70.

### Histo’s RPI Update:

Michigan - #38, Wisconsin - #50