



Few people expected the Wolverines to be here on March 5 fighting for one of the last spots in the NCAA Tournament. Few people also expected the Spartans to be sitting in a similar position, considering they entered the season as the second-ranked team in the nation. But we are here now, and both of these teams are in dire need of a victory if they have any hopes of playing in the 68-team Big Dance. Michigan is coming off of a gut-wrenching victory at Minnesota, where they essentially popped the Golden Gophers' bubble (barring a run in the Big Ten Tournament like last season). Now, in the final game of the season, it is time to do the same to that team up in East Lansing. The Maize Rage made the trip up to the Breslin Center in January and took over the arena. DO NOT let them return the favor, and stay on your feet for the game's entirety. The Blue Rage is here as most students are still on spring break, so we need all the help we can get! LET'S GO BLUE - help bring us one step closer to a potential tournament berth!

Here is the *projected* starting lineup for the Michigan State Spartans (17-12, 9-8 Big Ten):

1	Kalin Lucas	6'1" G	"Too Easy" has played well recently, but the preseason all-conference pick has been overshadowed by a really good point guard in Ann Arbor.
15	Durrell Summers*	6'5" G	After losing at Iowa by 20, the senior said they have one of their most talented teams, but "it just don't make sense" as to why they keep losing.
10	Delvon Roe	6'8" F	The theater major has received a lot of criticism for his field of study, but we are going to focus on his Alex Legion-esque de-commitment from UNC.
23	Draymond Green	6'7" F	Recorded a triple-double in a home win against Penn State a few weeks ago; was also spotted this summer at Buffalo Wild Wings in Ann Arbor.
41	Garrick Sherman	6'10" F	Does not see a ton minutes at the center position, but still starts over the heavier Derrick Nix (#25) and rail-thin freshman Adreian Payne (#5) .
Coach	Tom Izzo		Flirted with the idea of jumping to the NBA, but spurned Cleveland and took his talents back to East Lansing, where he called himself a "lifer".

To comply with the new Big Ten Sportsmanship code, the Bum of the Game has been removed from the Rage Page. Instead **Durrell Summers is now the "Player to Watch".*

Rock Bottom: After the Wolverines went to East Lansing and dismantled the Spartans and the Izzone, Kalin Lucas claimed that his team "hit rock bottom" when they lost to the Maize and Blue at home for the first time in 14 years. The question we have for Kalin: if losing to Michigan is rock bottom, then what is losing to Iowa by 20 points?

The Cyclones? This season has been one of turmoil for the Spartans. Not only have they "hit rock bottom" and lost at Iowa by 20 points, but they also have lost two key rotation players. Chris Allen left East Lansing because of issues within the basketball program, and Korie Lucious was dismissed from the team during the season for an unspecified rule violation, as well. The two players may be together again, however; Allen is enrolled at Iowa State and Lucious is rumored to be joining him in Ames.

Missing In Action: Earlier this season, Nix did not travel with the Spartans to Hawaii, where they participated in the Maui Invitational. Citing "personal reasons" he stayed back on the mainland and watched his team play from home. In an ESPN interview, Nix said "I felt stupid" for not sticking with the team and traveling to Maui. However, he is back with the team again and is averaging 2.7 points per game.

Briefly: Junior **Austin Thornton (#13)** is from Sand Lake, Michigan, which has a population of less than 500 people – that's about two times the size of the biggest auditorium in Angell Hall...Senior guard **Mike Kebler (#20)** is a former walk-on but has started multiple games this season... The Spartans have three rotation players from the state of Ohio.

THE REST OF THE SPARTANS: #0 Russell Byrd, #2 Alex Gauna, #11 Keith Appling, #44 Anthony Ianni

- MSU'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)
 - 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 one of college basketball's premiere student sections, 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.

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MAIZE RAGE NEWS AND INFO ON YOUR MICHIGAN WOLVERINES ON THE FLIP SIDE →

Here is the *projected* starting lineup for YOUR Michigan Wolverines (18-12, 8-9 Big Ten):

4	Darius Morris	6'4"	G	Scored 17 points to go with seven assists in the win at Minnesota.
1	Stu Douglass	6'3"	G	Is only shooting 25% (3-12) from the free throw line this season.
10	Tim Hardaway Jr.	6'5"	G	Caught fire early at Minnesota and finished with 22 points; "Angry Tim" was out in full force once again and is now averaging 13.3 points per game.
0	Zack Novak	6'4"	F	Hit a huge 3-pointer in last weekend's win against the Gophers.
52	Jordan Morgan	6'8"	F	Has been inconsistent offensively, but continues to be a monster on the glass.
Coach	John Beilein			Closing in on the .500 mark in his four years at Michigan; not bad considering the team went 10-22 in his first season with the program.

A Letter From the Editor:

To the Maize Rage,

It has been an honor and a pleasure to be a part of the Maize Rage for the last four years. What was only a small group of die-hard fans in 2007 has blossomed to become once again one of the strongest student sections in the NCAA. There have been countless memories in this building for me, whether it was dancing at halftime two years in a row, storming the court against Duke in 2008, or watching the name "MICHIGAN" appear on the bracket during Selection Sunday in 2009. But the greatest moments for me were those spent with other Michigan basketball fans. The bond that we all share is something that nobody can ever duplicate – the joy, the heartbreak, and the amazing amount of fun that comes from cheering in the bleachers.

As I prepare to graduate and enter the workforce, it is important that the Maize Rage continue to expand and grow until it is the most intimidating student section in the country. This school has the ability to become a basketball power, no matter what the doubters believe. This may be a football school, but the student body has the power to turn it into a multi-sport threat. So, to all of you underclassmen, stick with this program, and be sure to pass it on to those who come after you. This team is only going to grow and improve, and the Maize Rage should follow that same path.

When I took over as President two years ago, this group had a core membership of roughly 20 students. Today, there are over 100 students who have attended core meetings throughout the year. It is important that you all continue to expand this core group. It is amazing what kind of friendships and camaraderie can be fostered through a common love for Michigan basketball. In my four years at this great school I never missed a single Maize Rage core meeting; it has always been one of the most important aspects of my college career. As this team continues to win, those of you who stay a part of the Maize Rage will feel a true sense of accomplishment. You will feel like you are a part of this team, and that you have had a hand in the victories here at Crisler Arena. For every heartbreaking defeat like Wisconsin 10 days ago and the Evan Turner shot a year ago, there is a victory that is so thrilling you will never want that moment to end.

This is the last Rage Page I will ever write, and the last Michigan home game I will ever attend as a student at the University of Michigan. I just want to thank those of you who have been with me every step of the way, especially my roommates Justin Holmes and Will McDowell, Superfan X – my partner in leading the Rage. The three of us have been with this program and group every step of the way. And to the current Maize Rage core members that will return in the fall for another season, keep this group going and do not ever let up. This is the most fun I have ever had and I'll miss every person who stood with me in the bleachers wearing maize. It's been a great ride.

Sincerely,

-Nick Mattar, *President 2009-2011*

Chants: Be steady and *DON'T SPEED UP*, or the chants will become disorganized and ineffective...

Offense:

-Here we go Michigan, here we go! (clap clap)
-Let's Go Michigan! (clap, clap, clap clap clap)
-Go, Blue, Go! (clap clap clap)
-Let's Go Blue! (clap)
-Go Blue! (clap clap)

Defense:

-De-fense! (clap clap)
-D-D-D-Defense! D-D-D-Defense!
-Popcorn (Jump up and down while screaming OHHHH!!)
-Bounce! Bounce! Pass! (Yell "bounce" when the opposition dribbles, and "pass" when they pass)



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The Histo and Bacari Corner

Did you know...

- Michigan has only beaten Michigan State at home three times in the last 10 years, the most recent victory coming in 2006 when they beat the #11 Spartans, 72-67.

Coach Bacari's Tweets of the Week!

Feb. 26: "We are Michigan! No need to be bashful! Go yell outside Go Blue and you will feel a lot better! HALOL!!"

Feb. 26: "If you don't get behind this team on Saturday, don't talk to me. It's time to unleash the Wolverines!! No empty seats."