



The Rage Page



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Welcome Michigan students to the Maui Invitational! Well, sort of. For the first time, the Maui Invitational will include 7 opening games where one Island team hosts one of four Mainland teams. Tonight, the Towson University Tigers make the trip up to Ann Arbor from Towson, Maryland fresh off of a 100-54 loss at #13 Kansas in their first opening game of the Maui Invitational. Meanwhile, the Wolverines took care of their own business last Friday closing out Ferris State on a 24-3 run in the last 10 minutes for a 59-33 victory. Towson is coming off of a rough year in which they won only 4 out of 30 games in the 2010-2011 season, including a 0-18 record in the Colonial Athletic Conference. The Tigers are the first Division I opponent of the season, but they are young and inexperienced, making Crisler Arena a feeding ground tonight. Every game counts, so let's show the team that we mean business! Go Blue!

Here is the *projected* starting lineup for the Towson Tigers (0-1, 0-0 CAA):

3	Kris Walden	6'1"	G	Kris scored 11 points in 30 minutes against the Jayhawks, but also lead the team in turnovers with 5.
23	Deon Jones	6'5"	F	Another freshman from Hockessin, Del. hit a game winning three pointer at the buzzer to win the Delaware state championship last year.
1	Marcus Damas*	6'7"	F	The sophomore transfer from Westchester Community College (NY) also attended Cowley Community College in Kansas
25	Robert Nwankwo	6'8"	F	Robert attended boarding school in Nigeria for 4 years where he played soccer, not basketball.
12	Eriq Gumbs	6'9"	F	He lists his favorite actors are Vince Vaughn and Jamie Foxx, and his hobbies include writing and playing his favorite video game, Call of Duty.
Coach	Pat Skerry			While on the Providence staff, Pat recruited now Kansas forward Thomas Robinson, who torched Towson for 18 pts and 11 rebs last Friday.

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

Finally Chosen: They say, "If at first you don't succeed, try, try again." Well, those words have a special meaning for senior walk-ons **Bryan Blackstone (#15)** and **Deyon Cook (#4)**. The two, who have been playing pickup basketball together since they were freshmen, have shared the same dream of playing Division I basketball. After attempting to walk on the team the previous three years and playing on the women's scout team together, Bryan and Deyon were finally given the opportunity to play D-I ball when they were chosen as walk-ons this year. "Its special because we've been boys since freshman year," Cook said. It likely wasn't just special for the two, it also should be fairly relieving as well.

Fresh Season, Fresh Team: After a very disappointing season last year for Towson (4-26, 0-18 CAA to remind you), first year coach Pat Skerry knew he had to make some changes. How many changes? The Tigers claim to be the only team in the country returning only one letter winner. One freshman, **Jervon Pressley (#30)** was set to go to Georgia State until he backed out of his Letter of Intent after their coach was fired, leaving him to choose Towson over Missouri. Also, the Tigers guard **Will Adams (#10)** will be available to play for the first time since signing with Towson in 2008, as Adams was diagnosed with Hodgkin's disease as a senior in high school and has been in treatment since. In Towson's recent game against Kansas, Will recorded 18 minutes and 1 assist.

The Flash can't fly: Like almost every other college basketball player, redshirt freshman **Jamel Flash (#44)** has ambitions of playing professional basketball one day. Surprisingly, that's not all Jamel wants to do with his life though; he has always been fascinated with flying and wants to earn a pilot's license. Little does he know, comic hero The Flash can run at move, think, and react at superhuman speeds, yet he lacks the ability to fly. Not a good sign for your aviation career, Jamel... good luck in the NBA.

THE REST OF THE TIGERS: #11 Christian Collins, #20 Jerrelle Benimon, #22 Alex Giergen, #32 Mike Burwell

TU'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 (1-0, 0-0 Big Ten):

3	Trey Burke	5'11" G	After being named the starter for the season-opener, the freshman was benched after showing up late to a walkthrough.
0	Zack Novak	6'4" G	Despite more front-court depth, Novak will still see significant time at the 4.
10	Tim Hardaway, Jr.	6'5" G	Opened the season with 12 points on 12 shots, including two three-pointers.
23	Evan Smotrycz	6'9" F	Tied for the scoring lead Friday night with 14 points, including three threes.
15	Jon Horford	6'10" F	Was relatively quiet after getting his first career start in the season opener, recording 15 minutes, three rebounds, and one turnover with no shots.
Coach	John Beilein		The fifth-year coach openly admits to reading every tweet the Maize Rage sends out.

A Look to the Future: After Michigan's three commits for the 2012 recruiting class have all officially signed their Letters of Intent to play for Michigan, the coaches are now allowed to talk about them and there is no more stress about possible de-commitments. The highlight of the class is the consensus five-star big man Mitch McGary, a 6'10 bruiser nicknamed White Thunder after breaking a backboard dunking on the summer circuit. McGary chose Michigan over the likes of Duke, North Carolina, Kentucky, and many other suitors and is ranked by most sites as the number two prospect in the country. Glenn Robinson III, the son of former Purdue great Glenn "Big Dog" Robinson, is also a part of the class. Robinson, a four-star prospect, is a lanky 6'6 wing with incredible athleticism and shooting touch. Robinson is ranked as high as the number 36 player in his class and was AAU teammates with McGary, one of his best friends. The third and final commit of the class is Canadian sharp-shooter Nick Stauskas. Stauskas, also a 6'6 four-star, hails from Toronto but currently plays for prep powerhouse St. Mark's, where he was the leading scorer last year on a team boasting two other five-star prospects. All three prospects have different skill sets and seem to be terrific fits for Coach Beilein and the system he runs. The class is rated by most recruiting sites as a top-five class in the country and should produce great excitement with their arrival on campus.

Double-headers: While commonplace in baseball, double-headers don't pop up too often in the basketball world. That changes this week in Ann Arbor, however, as Michigan's women's basketball team played just before the men's game tonight and will once again play at 6:00 pm on Thursday against Utah before the men's team takes on Western Illinois at 8:30 pm. Come out and support both teams, and if you're lucky there might be some FREEEEEEEE PIIIIIIZZZZZAAAA!

Quick Reminder: This is the *MAIZE* Rage, please make a conscious effort to wear maize (or a costume or jersey) to all games.

***H-BOMB:** When Tim Hardaway Jr. hits a three, drop back in your seats as if a bomb has violently shaken Crisler Arena. Simultaneously, yell "Timmy" (Like Timmy from South Park).

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)@

Upcoming games:

November 17	vs Western Illinois	8:30pm	They are the WIU Leathernecks; their mascot is a dog.
November 21	vs Memphis	3:00pm	First round of the Island portion of the 2011 Maui Invitational
November 22	vs Duke/Tennessee	2/7 pm	Second round of the Island portion of the 2011 Maui Invitational



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The Bacari Corner

A Tribute to coach Bacari Alexander and his Tweets:

November 13: "Calling out all fans! On Monday night when the team needs a boost, stand up and get loud. @UMMaizeRage could use some help too. #homecourtdv"

November 14: "It's GameDay!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Let's Fill the Fritz! See you at Crisler! Grow Blue!"

November 13: "High Five Monday is tomorrow! I just made it up. HALOL!! High five another fan when you see something you're pleased with. #shouldbefun"

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