



# The Rage Page



681. That is the amount of days that have passed since Michigan State has beaten Michigan in basketball. The Wolverines swept the Spartans in their two meetings last year for the first time since 1997, and they will be looking to do the same this year. Last year in the Breslin Center, Stu Douglass hit the “shot heard around Michigan”, a three pointer with 25 seconds remaining to put Michigan up by 5, helping them to a 61-57 victory. In Ann Arbor, the Wolverines held the lead for 39 minutes on their way to a 70-63 win. Little Brother makes their way down I-96 and I-23 to try to disrupt the undefeated home record for the Maize and Blue, but a loss tonight would mean the Spartans will have to wait until day 700 to play the Wolverines again. The implications of this game extend throughout the whole country as MSU is ranked 9<sup>th</sup> and Michigan is ranked 19<sup>th</sup>/20<sup>th</sup>. Needless to say, this game is important. Be hype and be loud! Go Blue!

Here is the projected starting lineup for the Michigan State Spartans (15-3, 4-1 Big Ten):

11	Keith Appling	6'1"	G	From the competitive Detroit Pershing HS, Appling’s three point percentage has dropped from 41% last year to 30% this year.
30	Brandon Wood	6'2"	G	His journey to East Lansing includes stops at Southern Illinois, Highland Community College (Freeport, IL) and Valparaiso.
22	<b>Branden Dawson*</b>	<b>6'6"</b>	<b>G</b>	<b>Freshman and McDonald’s All-American from Gary, IN was not even in the top 4 for Indiana Mr. Basketball ballots.</b>
23	Draymond Green	6'7"	F	The senior carries the squad, but has also increased his three point percentage from 0% his freshman year to 41% this season.
5	Adrieian Payne	6'10"	C	Payne interestingly chose MSU over #2 Kentucky coming out of high school.
Coach	Tom Izzo			People like to call him “Angry Midget”, we’ll leave it up to you to figure out exactly why.

*\*To comply with the new Big Ten Sportsmanship code, the Bum of the Game has been removed from the Rage Page. Instead **Branden Dawson is now the “Player to Watch”.***

**Final Four... or Three?** Two seasons ago, Michigan State run through the NCAA tournament as a 5<sup>th</sup> seed all the way to the final four. Since losing to Butler at the Final Four in Detroit, there are only 3 players who are still playing for MSU. They include: Draymond Green (who didn’t start that year), current 6<sup>th</sup> man **Derrick Nix (#25)** (who surprisingly did start at nearly 300+ lbs), and long time bench player **Austin Thornton (#13)**. There should be many more, however, as they have lost transfers Korie Lucious and Chris Allen to Iowa State, another transfer with Garrick Sherman to Notre Dame, and Delvon Roe to career ending knee pain. These losses have allowed for some talented freshman to come in, including **Brandon Kearney (#3)** from Detroit and **Travis Trice (#20)** from Ohio.

**Early Struggles:** Coming into the season with not very many expectations, the Michigan State roster was looking for an underclassman to step up. One possibility was redshirt freshman **Russell Byrd (#0)**, a highly rated freshman who missed last year due to a foot injury. During the first two exhibition games, Byrd went 3-6 from behind the three-point line, while the rest of the team shot just 4-32. However, Byrd started the season racking up a total of 5 minutes and 0 points their two losses to start the season. Another redshirt freshman that started the year scoreless with playing time was **Alex Gauna (#2)**, who has since averaged over 6 minutes to go along with a little less than 3 points per game.

**Birthday Boy:** Grand Valley State transfer **Anthony Ianni (#44)** celebrated his 23<sup>rd</sup> birthday a week ago. While at GVSU, Ianni averaged only 2.1 points and 1.7 rebounds per game in 52 games. Anthony got a birthday present from Tom Izzo, as he was given 3 minutes of playing time against Iowa in a 95-61 win for the Spartans.

**Briefly:** Brandon Wood scored 24 point against the Spartans when Valparaiso played MSU... Walk-on sophomore **Dan Chapman (#14)** went to Okemos High School along with Anthony Ianni.

**THE REST OF THE SPARTANS:** #15 Keenan Wetzel

- 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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Here is the *projected* starting lineup for YOUR Michigan Wolverines (14-4, 4-2 Big Ten):

3	Trey Burke	5'11" G	Last Saturday was the first game in which he has played less than 30 minutes
0	Zack Novak	6'4" G	Featured on The Journey last Sunday along with Stu Douglass and Josh Bartelstein
10	Tim Hardaway, Jr.	6'5" G	Didn't make a single 3-pointer in either Big Ten loss (0 for 16 combined)
23	Evan Smotrycz	6'9" F	After 3 straight double digits, he has failed to score or rebound in double digits in 2012
52	Jordan Morgan	6'8" F	For first time since Maui, he recorded 4 personal fouls in Saturday's game
Coach	John Beilein		Has four national Coach of the Year awards to Tom Izzo's one. He is also a foot taller than Izzo.

**Horford Update:** Most of you have probably noticed that Jon Horford, one of our sophomore big men, has been sitting on the bench in suits and a foot brace for the past couple months. This may be changing soon however. Though Jon, who played high school ball only a few miles away from East Lansing, will be on the sideline for tonight's game, Coach Beilein plans to have him up to full speed by Thursday. If everything goes well, Jon could see action in Michigan's final non-conference matchup this Sunday against the Arkansas Razorbacks. Don't get your hopes up completely, as it is still possible that Jon could be out for the season, but if things go well the team could be getting a big boost soon.

**Upcoming Schedule:** This game is the beginning of an unforgiving six-game stretch of games. Not only are four of the six games on the road (Arkansas, Purdue, Ohio State, and Michigan State), but all of the games are against opponents in the top 80 of Ken Pomeroy's efficiency ratings. Though our boys look like they have a good chance at qualifying for the NCAA tournament, this stretch is vital for any Big Ten conference title hopes. With the conference enjoying another of its trademark chaotic and unpredictable years, the title is wide open. Even if Michigan merely survives this stretch and remains in striking distance, a title run would not be completely impossible.

**Green Warning:** For those of you who are State fans, we have a few questions. How did you make it into our section? Are you lost? How did you learn how to read? Unfortunately for you, this is called the MAIZE rage, so if you are wearing any amount of green you will be politely escorted into different seats.

**\*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:**

January 21	at Arkansas	2:00pm	ESPN's Andy Katz picked the Hogs in his "Upset of the Week"
January 24	at Purdue	7:00pm	Road teams have had success in front of the Paint Crew this year
January 29	at Ohio State	1:00pm	The first matchup with that school in Ohio takes place in Columbus



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**The Bacari Corner**

A Tribute to coach Bacari Alexander and his Tweets:

*January 16:* @UMMaizeRage what is tomorrow's deal? Stop Having secrets! #JortOut #TIEOUT #a-Maize-ing"

*January 16:* "MSU's Tom Izzo on Michigan: 'Do I like them? Not one bit'"

*January 17:* "Twitter tongue twister of the day: Rivalry #sayitthreetimesfast #HALOL"

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