Our Wolverines opened up the regular season on Monday night with a 59-46 win over the Binghamton Bearcats. Daniel Horton scored 17 points and Dion Harris tacked on 16 for the Maize and Blue. The Michigan defense held NBA prospect Nick Billings to 0 points before he fouled out in the second half. Tonight, we play the Colorado Buffaloes, winners of a 72-57 game over College of Charleston in Monday’s first round back in Boulder. As the team moves on, it’s important that the Rage does the same. We need to be loud and in charge of the Crisler atmosphere tonight. Brent Musberger and Steve Lavin are broadcasting this game to an ESPN audience tonight, and the nation will be looking for a strong presence from the Maize Rage. Let’s get up on our feet and make noise!

Here is the starting lineup for the Colorado Buffaloes (1-0, 0-0 Big 12 Conference):

1. Glean Eddy 6’5” F “Lil Glean” has slept with the same pillow for the past nineteen years and even brings it on road trips; let him know that we’re stealing it off of the bus
2. Andy Osborn 6’9” F A Detroit Lions fan who transferred to CU from Loyola Marymount; got three points in Monday’s NIT opener against College of Charleston
3. Jayson Obazuaye 6’2” G An ethnic studies major out of California who shoots just 33% at the charity stripe in road games
4. Richard Roby 6’6” G This freshman is Kenyon Martin’s half-brother and CU’s “next Chauncey Billups”; he scored 19 against College of Charleston on Monday night
5. Julius Ashby 6’9” C Last seen picking up second team all-conference honors in JuCo basketball in Iowa

Coach Ricardo Patton
Holds a fifth degree black belt in Tae Kwon Do

At least it’s not the Cubs: Sophomore guard Marcus Hall (#21) has interest in “sexy girls” and the Houston Astros according to his online portal. He professes: “Once you go black, you never go back.”

Second-best: Lamont Arrington (#30), a 6’11” transfer and native of Detroit, calls himself “L.A.” Word has it there’s another Wolverine State native in attendance tonight who uses that nickname, and that he’s better than Lamont. #30 might actually get the start tonight over the regulars, but it’s only because he lives nearby. Don’t be fooled.

You so Kraaazy: Redshirt freshman Keith Smith (#34) goes by the alternate moniker “Krazy-K”.

H-BOMB: If Daniel hits a three, drop back in your seats as if a bomb has violently shaken Crisler Arena. It’s the H-BOMB!

Flock to the sides: The entire bleacher section from end to end belongs to the Maize Rage, so take advantage of this and stand in the bleacher areas behind the benches and on the ends. As previously mentioned, tonight’s game is on ESPN before a nationwide audience. Sitting in the center has its advantages, but feel free to move to the sides and get loud, because after all, the TV cameras are more likely to pick you up on the sides. Stand there and you just might win the admiration of your peers watching at home.

Player-specific chants:
- When Brent Petway comes into the game or performs some of his gravity-defying action, chant “Air Georgia!” This one has picked up a lot of steam on a national level and many broadcasters refer to us using this chant when they talk about BP. Get it going.
- If Dion Harris comes into the game, greet him with “Di-on Harr-is!” (clap clap clap-clap-clap)
- Greet Lester Abram with a rousing chorus of “Show-time! Show-time! Show-time!”

Chants: Tonight, we’re on ESPN for the first time this season. This is a great opportunity for the Maize Rage to sharpen its spirit and chanting abilities for a national audience. Listen in for the rhythm of these chants, and try to keep them at a steady pace. Don’t speed up.

Turnovers: -You! You! You! (while pointing finger at the player)
Fouls: -It’s all your fault! It’s all your fault! It’s all your fault! (while pointing finger at the player)
Chants (Cont.):
Our Free Throws:
-Wave fingers in the air and upon a made shot, throw your hands down with force and say “BLUUUE!”

Colorado’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!”)
  - General noise (Popcorning without the jumping)
  - Chanting a player’s name
  - Upon a made free throw, listen for the “It doesn’t matter!” prompt and yell “You still suck!”

These are all things that will come to us as the season starts to pick up. Be steady, and don’t speed up.

Around the NIT: Here’s a look at the matchups in the Preseason NIT:

November 15:  Wake Forest 97, George Washington 76
              MICHIGAN 59, Binghamton 46

November 16:  Providence 83, Niagara 78
              Arizona 80, San Diego 69

November 17:  12: Colorado at MICHIGAN, 7:00 PM, ESPN

November 18:  9: Virginia Commonwealth at Wake Forest
              10: Pennsylvania at Providence

November 24:  Semifinal 1: Winner 9 vs. Winner 10
              Semifinal 2: Winner 11 vs. Winner 12

November 26:  Third Place Game, 4:30 PM, ESPN2
              Championship Game, 7:00 PM, ESPN 2

Semifinal games and the championship will be held at Madison Square Garden in New York City.

People love the Rage: Following in the tradition of the Des Moines Register and the Honolulu Advertiser, Binghamton forward Jordan Fithian had some nice things to say about the Rage after Monday night’s game:

“It was amazing. The fans behind the bench were awesome. With that many fans screaming and cheering, you can't help but have fun and step up your game. You can hear them when you're on the floor, especially at the free throw line. You just try to block them out, go through your routine and make your shots. I was impressed with them.”

Things like this show what the Rage is capable of, and it’s certain that this isn’t the only player whose head we'll get into this year. We’ve got a long season ahead of us, so tell your friends to get out to Crisler Arena and create the next great college basketball atmosphere.

Important Dates: Keep your calendars clear for these upcoming basketball games here at Crisler Arena:

November 19:  MICHIGAN vs. Sacramento State, 7:00
December 4:   MICHIGAN vs. Notre Dame, 12:00
December 7:   MICHIGAN vs. High Point, 7:00

Check out our website: After the game, make sure you check out MaizeRage.org for all of the latest Maize Rage news about upcoming meetings and the Rager of the Game. Check out new Maize Rage pictures and archived issues of the Full Court Press. MaizeRage.org…it’s just a click away!

Histo’s Corner: Michigan is 2-1 all-time against Colorado.

Michigan has played Colorado once at home, winning 58-55 on December 22, 1951.

Michigan has played Colorado once in an even-numbered year, winning 47-38 on December 17, 1948.

Michigan is 8-4 all-time against teams from the state of Colorado, including a 4-1 record at home against those teams. The lone scar on that record was a 71-65 loss to Denver on December 21, 1959.

Michigan is 23-9 overall against teams from the Big 12 North, including a perfect 11-0 record in Ann Arbor.

Colorado is 36-78 (.316) on the road in the last 10 seasons.