Michigan tasted victory last week, going into Northwestern’s gym and defeating the Wildcats in a game that wasn’t as close as the score indicates. And while Manny will claim that the Maize and Blue have found their swagger, Illinois humbled them once again, 75-57 Wednesday evening. A little swagger is probably exactly what the Wolverines need; confidence to knock down open shots has been lacking all year. You can give the boys in Maize and Blue some confidence and give the Hawkeyes—who held Michigan State to 36 points one week ago—a tough road environment with your energy and volume. Let’s go blue!

Here is the projected starting lineup for the Iowa Hawkeyes (8-10, 1-4 Big Ten):

11 Tony Freeman 6’1” G In a five-minute interview Monday, said “you know” exactly 73 times
24 Justin Johnson 6’6” G Hit six three-pointers in last 1:56 (and five in last 1:01) vs. Indiana; since then, he’s put up 3-for-13, 1-for-11, and 2-for-8 shooting performances… Ball hog?
32 Jake Kelly 6’6” G Played on U-M commit Stu Douglass’s Carmel (IN) HS team; Stu played in more games and made more three-pointers than Kelly, the team captain
44 Cyrus Tate 6’8” F Achievements include leading “Mike Gaten’s Real Estate/Bob’s Your Uncle Pizza Café” in scoring and failing to qualify academically for Northern Illinois Laments Gorney: “I looked and I found a couple [of girls] that were taller and things didn’t happen. In college you start meeting people, so I hope it’s a big thing for girls — they want a taller guy rather than someone shorter”
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Coach Todd Lickliter

*Bum of the Game: #53 Seth Gorney – Whenever Seth Gorney touches the ball, repeatedly chant “Bum” and, if the center section asks: “What’s the matter with Gorney?” reply “He’s a bum! Bum-bum-bum-bum-bum-bum-bum.”

Poetry slam: Freshman forward Jarryd Cole (#50) is a poet (loosely defined) and he knows it (or at least thinks so). The communications major has written a series of poems. In “If Only You Could be Mines” [sic], he writes, “Some say love is a joke, / Thugz, yea I hate those kind. / But i guarantee I could show it to you [sic], / If only you could be mine. // If only you could be mine, / You wouldn’t have to be lonely, / I could be your all, your buddy, / I would even be your homie.” Here’s one more excerpt from an untitled piece: “The truth will always hurt, / So take it in small doses. / If you swallow too much, / Your heart will split… Moses.” Giving new meaning to the phrase “Poetry Slam,” Cole tore his ACL on a slam dunk earlier this year and will not play tonight.

Stuff like Freeman: In an obvious attempt to imitate Tony Freeman (see above), senior forward Kurt Looby (#52) used the phrase “…and stuff like that,” four times in the span of 15 seconds during an interview Wednesday. Looby repeated his pet phrase more frequently than Freeman, but did not have the stamina to make it last for a full five minutes.

President Palmer: Sophomore center David Palmer (#2) is expected to be in attendance tonight despite the writer’s strike. Forget Obama, 24 fans will recognize this Palmer as the nation’s real first African-American president.

Briefly: Kurt Looby did not play basketball in high school in his native Antigua, picking up the game at Tyler (TX) Community College. … Sophomore forward Dan Bohall (#15) claims to have five tattoos. The Rage Page has only been able to independently confirm the existence of three. … Palmer was Anthony Wright’s teammate at Oak Hill Academy.

THE REST OF THE IOWA ROSTER: #4 J.R. Angle, #30 Jeff Peterson

Iowa’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”)
- Goooooo!! Bluuuuuuue!! (with the rest of the crowd)
- Absolute silence, and then scream just as the player shoots
- 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 we work toward becoming a great student section, 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.
Here is the projected starting lineup for YOUR Michigan Wolverines (5-12, 1-4 Big Ten):

2   C.J. Lee  6'0"  G  Junior who transferred from Manhattan was recently rewarded with a scholarship and got his first career start at Purdue
3   Manny Harris  6'5"  G  Manny leads the team in scoring with 16.2 ppg, including 22 points at Northwestern; scored in double-digits in 15 of his 17 career games
15  Jevoohn Shepherd  6'5"  W  Air Canada likely makes his third career start tonight with Ron Coleman still gimpy; scored ten and hauled in six rebounds against Indiana
34  DeShawn Sims  6'8"  F  Sophomore averages 13.6 ppg, but we think he’d score even more if he took every shot from halfcourt; has transitioned to a more outside game this year
22  Ekpe Udoh  6'10"  F  Leads the Big Ten with 3.0 blocks per game; has a great game vs. Northwestern, scoring 14, grabbing 11 rebounds, and notching four blocks

Coach John Beilein

Operation Burak-i Freedom: For both of the Wolverines’ games on the road trip, sophomore Pete Burak, normally a team manager, dressed due to Ron Coleman’s sprained ankle. “To get this opportunity is awesome. I’ve just got to thank God for everything he’s done for me,” said Burak. So if you see a familiar face in uniform tonight rather than in his normal suit and tie, show #10 some love.

Off the bench: With Michigan struggling offensively to open the game at Illinois, John Beilein went to his bench early and found exactly what he was looking for. Redshirt sophomore forward Anthony Wright hit 5-of-8 three-pointers for a career-best 15 points to exactly what he was looking for. Redshirt sophomore forward Anthony Wright hit 5-of-8 three-pointers for a career-best 15 points to

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)
- Go, Blue, Go! (clap clap clap)
- Let’s Go Blue! (clap)
- Go Blue! (clap clap)

Bum of the Game goes to the bench: -NaNaNaNa! NaNaNaNa! Hey Hey Hey, You Suck!

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)

MICHIGAN STATE TICKETS!
Come to the game at Michigan State next Sunday, January 27 at Noon to see your Wolverines upset the #11 Spartans. To purchase a ticket, just come to the Maize Rage Core Committee meeting this Monday at 7:00 p.m. in the Henderson Room of the League* (3rd Floor). Tickets cost $13. If requests exceed availability, a lottery will be held with preference given based on past meeting attendance.

You won’t get another chance to see us face MSU this year, as there is no home game this season.

*For up-to-date location info, e-mail wolters@umich.edu

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