It is the biggest game of the year. If you cannot get pumped for this, then leave right now. To put it bluntly, this is huge. We have only defeated Michigan State once in the past 7 years, and it is time we get a victory against those kids up in East Lansing. This date should have been circled on your calendar for the past 6 months. Crisler needs to be as loud as ever tonight and Michigan State cannot leave Ann Arbor with a win. We are not going to take the losing any more. Let’s make Crisler as intimidating as ever tonight. Make everybody at MSU remember the night they lost to the Michigan Wolverines!

Here is the projected starting lineup for the Michigan State Spartans (17-3, 7-0 Big Ten):

1 Kalin Lucas 6’1” G “Too Easy” was benched earlier in the season due to “lapses in leadership”.

3 Chris Allen* 6’3” G Inconsistent and oft-injured 3-point shooter is a disgrace to the #3.

15 Durrell Summers 6’4” F Scored a total of 17 points in four games against Oakland, The Citadel, Wofford, and IPFW, but still considered MSU’s second-best player.

10 Delvon Roe 6’9” F Told Roy Williams that he was going to play for him at UNC, then pulled an Alex Legion and took off for East Lansing.

50 Derrick Nix 6’8” F Undersized and overweight, Nix was somehow named Michigan’s Mr. Basketball in 2009. Must have been a down year for high school hoops.

Coach Tom Izzo Back in high school, the angry midget had a chance to win the U.P. title with two free throws, but missed them both. Now he shoots 100 everyday…

*BUM OF THE GAME: Make Chris Allen’s night one for him to forget, as he’s our Bum of the Game. Chant “BUM” whenever he touches the ball and if the center section asks “What’s the matter with Allen?” respond: “He’s a bum. Bum-bum-bum-bum-bum-bum-bum!”

Unsung hero: Every season, MSU hands out an award called the “Unsung Player” award, handed out to the team’s unsung hero who does a lot of the little things that do not always appear in the box score. Last year, that award went to Isaiah Dahlman (#22). However, Dahlman’s stats were a bit low to merit any kind of recognition, as he averaged 0.8 points and 0.6 rebounds in 16 games last season. His grandfather, John Kundla, is in the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame. If he keeps racking up the awards, he might be on his way to the hall, too.

Conehead: If you look down the MSU bench, you will most likely see a gentleman in uniform who looks a bit older than everybody else. But he is actually a recent transfer from Grand Valley State: Anthony Ianni (#44). He is balding quite rapidly, and looks like he could be on the coaching staff. Little does everybody know that he just turned 21 a few weeks ago.

Who is Tim Bograkos? Sophomore Austin Thornton (#13) was apparently compared to former Spartan walk-on Tim Bograkos earlier this season by coach Tom Izzo. Izzo went on to say that it was the highest form of praise to give a walk-on: Bograkos was a walk-on who earned a scholarship during his tenure at MSU (he probably received one of those unsung hero awards). The only question that the rest of the nation has is: who is Tim Bograkos, and where is he now?

Briefly: Dion Sims (#5) has the greatest name of any player on the MSU team, with a nice mixture of Dion Harris and DeShawn Sims (he will not be compared to Courtney Sims)...freshman Garrick Sherman (#41) majors in “agribusiness management”, while Thornton majors in “interdisciplinary studies – human resources”… one blogger for MSU recently wrote a story about how he believes Draymond Green (#23) is the new and improved Goran Suton… In the Spartans’ win at Minnesota on Saturday, Nix took an elbow to the chin from skinny Gopher Colton Iverson and fell hard to the floor. According to Nix, he chose to stay on the floor for an other 15 seconds “to get his teammates some extra rest”. Watch out for that tonight…

THE REST OF THE SPARTANS: #2 Raymar Morgan, #20 Mike Kebler, #25 Jon Crandell, #34 Korie Lucious, #40 Tom Herzog

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”)
- Goooooo!! 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 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.

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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 (10-9, 3-4 Big Ten):

31 Laval Lucas-Perry 6’3” G LL Cool P is due for a big game… Laval hasn’t scored double digits in 5 straight games (averaging just 5 ppg in those games)

1 Stu Douglass 6’3” G Hopefully Stuuuuuuuuuu can catch fire from 3-pt range after taking a season low of 1 3-pt attempt in West Lafayette.

3 Manny Harris 6’6” W Manny Fresh wasn’t looking fresh after he was suspended for the Purdue game by Coach Beilein for “disciplinary reasons”

0 Zack Novak 6’5” F Ended up with 16 points (6-11 from the field and 4-7 from the arc) and 5 boards on Saturday after only having 3 pts and 0 rebs in the first half. Peedi has been simply dominant in Big Ten play, averaging 20.9 ppg and 7.9 rpg – he scored the Wolverines’ first 13 points Saturday at Purdue.

34 DeShawn Sims 6’8” F Coach John Beilein showed no mercy for Manny Harris by making him watch the Purdue game in Ann Arbor.

One Man Team: If you were watching the first half of the Purdue game on Saturday, you were probably thinking that it was Purdue against Deshawn Sims. Peedi brought his “A” from the tip, and it seemed as if he couldn’t be stopped. He started off scoring Michigan’s first 13 points, while shooting 6-8. In fact, Deshawn was the only person to score a basket for the Wolverines until Zack Novak hit a 3-pointer with 7:38 remaining in the first half. Peedi definitely stepped his game up in the absence of Manny Harris, tallying 21 points and 8 rebounds. Deshawn is going to have to bring the same fire and intensity to the game tonight if Michigan is going to have a chance at pulling off the rival upset.

Where is Manny? When news hit Ann Arbor that Manny Harris would be suspended for Saturday’s game at Purdue, a collective aura of sadness covered the Michigan campus. Not only did we lose a likely All-American, but we were put in the same situation as we were last season, when Manny was tossed from the game at Purdue after grazing the nose of Chris Kramer with an elbow. Jim Burr must have had something to do with this…

H-BOMB: When Manny Harris hits a three, drop back in your seats as if a bomb has violently shaken Crisler Arena. Simultaneously, yell “Fresh” (Manny’s nickname), holding the –SH at the end.

THE FISH: At halftime, be sure to sit down and start swaying back and forth. You will see random Maize Ragers jump up and flop like a fish. If you feel so inclined, go ahead and try it out, too!

Chants: Be steady and don’t speed up, or the chants will become disorganized and ineffective...

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Webber’s Wisdom

Some facts about Chris Webber

- Chris is an accomplished joker as well as a great basketball player. In one segment of “Inside the NBA” on TNT, Chris opened the segment by throwing his shoes at Charles Barkley in reference to the George Bush shoe-throwing incident two years ago.

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