It has been eight months and five days until our Wolverines have taken the floor here at Crisler Arena in a regular season battle. On that day in March, Michigan finished the season sweep of the Michigan State Spartans in a 70-63 victory. Tonight, Michigan takes on the Division II Ferris State Bulldogs in the 2011-12 regular season opener at the new-and-improved Crisler Arena. With just three games before the crucial Maui Invitational later this month, it is absolutely imperative that our Wolverines get off to a hot start at home, fueled by all of us students. While it’s not a huge matchup tonight, every game is critically important early on to get off on the right foot, and in the first game of the season, it is even more important that each and every student is as loud as possible! With more than 2,600 students here in the Maize Rage this season, there is no excuse for us to be anything but the best student section in the land. It all starts tonight, and we can make this season one to remember, so stand up, be LOUD, be PROUD, and Go Blue!

Here is the projected starting lineup for the Ferris State Bulldogs (0-0, 0-0 GLIAC):

1  Dontae Molden  5’11”  G  The senior from Detroit is a graduate of Pershing High, also home of Deshawn Sims, where Molden ran cross country as well.
20 Drew Lehman  5’11”  G  The true freshman has no information listed on Ferris State’s official athletic website, yet has put up 29 combined points in three exhibition games.
24 Daniel Sutherlin  6’4”  G/F  The junior, also from Detroit, went to Renaissance, where he was named 3rd Team All-PSL, but scored 14 against MSU on October 30.
30 Jerrell Sanders  6’6”  G/F  Senior transfer from both Gannon and Columbus State, where he was named All-Ohio Community College Athletic Conference honorable mention.
54 Jim Boylan  6’8”  C  According to Ferris State’s website, he is the son of James and Cheryl Boyland...interesting name change.
Coach  Bill Sall  Entering his 10th season at Ferris, Sall is the father of triplets named Quinton, Lydia, and Hannah. He still has no Wikipedia page.

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

Sharpshooter: Want a Bulldog to keep an eye on coming off the bench? Look no further than “Downtown” Kenny Brown (#0), a transfer from Augustana College in South Dakota. In high school at Farmington Hills Harrison, Brown led the state in scoring with 28.3 points per game, but based off his impressive 25% three-point shooting in three exhibitions this season, it’s a safe bet that he gave himself his nickname. The Zack Novak-wannabe also claims to now enjoy eating and working out. Be afraid. Be very afraid.

One of our Own: Although Boylan hails from Grayling, Michigan, he was born right here in Ann Arbor back in 1989, but was clearly never offered a chance to play for his real home-town team. Incidentally, the senior is not related to Tom Izzo protégé and former Utah head coach Jim Boylen, who was fired last year. Whether or not Boylan still holds a vengeance against Michigan for not being offered to play here is debatable, however, as his biggest hobbies are shooting and hunting. We are still investigating what he likes to shoot.

The Leader: After losing four starters from last year and welcoming in eight new freshmen, Molden is still confident this team can win the GLIAC Championship. Nicknamed “Jamaal Tinsley” in seventh grade because he was “so effective at playmaking” (whatever that means), Molden is the unquestioned leader of the team and he is focused on improving his field goal percentage...intriguing stuff.

Briefly: Lehman is only player on roster not from Michigan...freshman Milton Cribbs (#2) does NOT invite you to visit his crib...junior Brandyn Mungo (#3) is the first cousin of former Michigan running back Tyrone Wheatley...freshman Dietrich Lever (#4) is a member of the All-Name team...lost 85-58 to Michigan State in an exhibition game...three assistant coaches are volunteers.

THE REST OF THE BULLDOGS: #5 Demarco Sanders, #20 Jared Stolicker, #23 Matt Sinnaeve, #32 Dan Chilcote, #34 Tyrin Wade, #42 Trent Messer, #44 Spencer Sellner

WSU’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!”

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Here is the projected starting lineup for YOUR Michigan Wolverines (0-0, 0-0 Big Ten):

3  Trey Burke  6'1"  G  True freshman and Ohio Mr. Basketball will get an early opportunity to help fans close the books on the Darius Morris era.
0  Zack Novak  6'4"  G  Zack can definitely be considered one of the sharpshooters on the team, shooting 39% from behind the arc last year.
10  Tim Hardaway, Jr.  6'5"  G  Leads a sophomore class full of potential with three possible starters.
23  Evan Smotrycz  6'9"  F  In the Big Ten/ACC challenge in Clemson last year, he put up a career high 18 points off of 6-7 from the field, including 2-2 for 3-pt fg.
52  Jon Horford  6'10"  F  Over the off season Jon put on 30 lbs of muscle; he may still be getting used to his new muscles for free throws (0-5 for the game last Friday).

Coach  John Beilein  JB has never held an assistant coaching job; he has been the head coach at every level of college basketball (JuCo, DIII, DII, DI)

White Thunder: In case you’ve been living under a rock (or you just don’t follow Michigan Basketball nearly as much as you should), the second ranked recruit in the country for the class of 2012, Mitch McGary, committed to Michigan last Thursday. McGary, nicknamed “White Thunder”, would be the highest rated recruit to come to Ann Arbor in over a decade. If you enjoy looking at the future of this program, it’s hard not to be happy with the direction it appears to be going with a now Top-5 recruiting class for 2012. It didn’t take long for White Thunder to start a little basketball buzz, as he has already said he intends to help bring a National Championship back to Ann Arbor next season… stay tuned for exciting basketball ahead.

A Look Ahead: Yes, the season just started, but that doesn’t mean we can’t talk about future games. After these first few “cake” games, the Wolverines travel way west to Maui to play three very important games against #9 Memphis, either Tennessee or #6 Duke, and possibly #13 Kansas or #17 UCLA. The first home game after Thanksgiving will be against Iowa State, the new home for two former Michigan State players/rejects Chris Allen and Korie Lucious. Wrapping up the non-conference schedule, the Wolverines play Oakland University at the Palace of Auburn Hills, as well as Arkansas-Pine Bluff, Alabama A&M, and Bradley.

Maize Rage Social Media: To keep up to date with the digital world, the Maize Rage continues to grow in the Internet world. Be sure to become a fan of the Maize Rage on Facebook to keep track of all Maize Rage news and to follow the Maize Rage at @UMMaizeRage on Twitter as we continuously post on a number of topics, both serious and comedic. We also have updated our website, maizerae.org, to include as much relevant information from meetings and games as possible.

*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)  
-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:

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The Bacari Corner
Coach BA’s tweets of the week!

Nov. 11: “@Trey_Burke3 u conscious! Good night.”

Nov. 10: “No lockouts in College Basketball. So bring that disposable income to the Ticket Office here at Michigan. Grow Blue! HALOW!!

Nov. 4: “Huge shout out to the @UMMaizeRage for creating a great atmosphere tonight at the game. Our guys fed off you. Grow Blue!”