



# The Rage Page



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Happy finals week Wolverines! There isn't a better way to spend a bleak winter evening than jumping and cheering with your Maize Rage brothers and sisters in the good-as-new Crisler Arena. The boys you came here to see have just finished a tough stretch of games that took them on the road all the way from Maui to Auburn Hills. They made it through 5 road games and a tough Iowa State team with a respectable 4-2 record, and now look to build some serious momentum in the last couple weeks before conference play begins. Speaking of our strangely-named conference, competition looks to be stiffer than usual as Indiana, MSU, and Illinois continue to rack up big wins. But before we get to that 2-month slugfest that is the B1G, business must be taken care of against an Arkansas-Pine Bluff team looking to beat its first ranked opponent. Wake up and let loose, Rage! Go Blue!

Here is the *projected* starting lineup for the Arkansas-Pine Bluff Golden Lions (1-5, 0-0 SWAC):

23	Savalace Townsend	6'1"	G	Grew up and played high school ball in Long Beach... Mississippi
10	Lazabian Jackson	6'3"	G	Played college ball in Tuscaloosa, Alabama... at Shelton State C.C.
22	Mitchell Anderson	6'6"	F	Graduated from the prestigious Chicago High School for Agricultural Science... no punch-line necessary here
<b>44</b>	<b>Daniel Broughton</b>	<b>6'8"</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>Shoots jumpers (35.4 FG %) twice as well as he shoots free throws (16.7 FT %)</b>
35	Lavoris Weathers	6'8"	F	Goes by the alias "Lebaron" according to his ESPN profile
Coach	George Ivory			Still one win away from breaking the 40-win barrier in his 4th season as head coach

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

**There's History:** Arkansas-Pine Bluff will be making its second visit in three years here to Crisler Arena. In a game played on December 5, 2009, the Golden lions hit a buzzer beater at the half to tie the game 32-32, but the Wolverines proved to be too much as they cruised to a 67-53 victory. The leading scorers for Michigan were Deshawn Sims, 19 pts, and Manny Harris, 18 pts, with contributions from Zack Novak, Darius Morris, and Laval Lucas-Perry. Oh, if you're wondering who the leading scorer was for Arkansas-Pine Bluff, it was then and now starting guard Savalace Townsend with 17 pts.

**Common Enemy:** Michigan fans may still harbor some resentment towards the hated "Dookies" for that close loss last year but, in that department at least, Arkansas-Pine Bluff can sympathize with us. In 2010, the Golden Lions lost to the eventual national champion Blue Devils in the first round after winning the play-in 64-65 game. Unfortunately, Arkansas-Pine Bluff didn't come anywhere the upset. Even worse: They have not once held a winning season record since that first ever NCAA tournament appearance.

**No Joy in Pine Bluff:** Think that a 1-5 start to the '11-'12 season is disappointing in Pine Bluff? Think again! The Arkansas-Pine Bluff women's basketball team would dream of having a win this early in the year. For that matter, they'd probably dream of just playing a game in their home arena. After playing their first seven games on the road, the Lady Lions are feeling a bit fatigued. This fatigue was obvious in a 101-43 loss to Kentucky on Sunday in which they gave up 49 (!!!) turnovers. That's a turnover every 49 seconds! To put it in perspective, the Lions only attempted 33 shots. "We didn't handle it real well today," admitted Lions coach Cary Shelton.

**Briefly:** Senior **Clay Johnson (#21)** has doubled his production this year from 1.0 to 2.0 ppg but still lost his spot in the starting five ... Southfield's own **Jaylon Floyd (#12)** returns to his home state today ... Thankfully the Lions only have 3 players from Arkansas on their roster: Broughton and backup guards **Marcel Mosley (#1)** and **Demetrius Smith (#25)**... The Golden Lions don't play their first game inside the state of Arkansas until January 14<sup>th</sup>.

**THE REST OF THE GOLDEN LIONS:** #13 Jamar Harris, #15 Derrius Nelson, #34 Austin Allen, #52 Terrell Kennedy

- ARPB'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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**MAIZE RAGE NEWS AND INFO ON YOUR MICHIGAN WOLVERINES ON THE FLIP SIDE →**

Here is the *projected* starting lineup for YOUR Michigan Wolverines (7-2, 0-0 Big Ten):

3	Trey Burke	5'11"	G	Named B10 Freshman of the week for the second time in three weeks.
0	Zack Novak	6'4"	G	Increased time playing guard instead of forward has boosted his assist total.
10	Tim Hardaway, Jr.	6'5"	G	Tim's tendency of starting slow in 1 <sup>st</sup> halves and exploding in the 2 <sup>nd</sup> is starting to become a habit.
23	Evan Smotrycz	6'9"	F	Missed having Smotrycz's Lobstryczs in the crowd Saturday in Auburn Hills.
52	Jordan Morgan	6'8"	F	Has been steady but is still waiting for a breakout game like last season.
Coach	John Beilein			Coach B is the only active coach to have 20-win seasons at four different collegiate levels (NAIA, Junior College, D-II, D-I).

**Kings of The Palace:** The 90 points Michigan scored in Saturday's win over Oakland marks the 3<sup>rd</sup> highest total the Wolverines have tallied in a regular season game under John Beilein; interestingly, three out of the four highest totals have come against Oakland (103 in 2007 and 89 in 2008). Like Saturday's game, the 2008 game was played at the Palace of Auburn Hills, where the Wolverines have shot 53.2% from the field, including 49.2% from 3-point range, in their last two games. The Palace is the site of 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> round games in the 2013 NCAA Tournament, which is all the more reason to hope for a high seed next year.

**Smotrycz Heats Up:** Evan impressed against Oakland scoring a career high 20 points while shooting 4-5 from 3, but more important than his high point total was his low foul total. Foul trouble has plagued him throughout the year, but only committing two fouls against the Grizzlies allowed him to play a season high 33 minutes. "Smotz" will be key through B10 play because his range, coupled with his developing ability to shot-fake and drive, make him a tough match-up for any opposing four-man.

**JORT OUT:** This year the Maize Rage is trying to increase participation by organizing theme nights. The first theme night of the season will be our "Jort Out" held on January 8 against Wisconsin. The concept is simple, wear your favorite pair of jeans shorts. Rule of thumb: If you can't see the bottom of the pockets, your shorts are too long. Also, the tighter the better, and cut-offs are mandatory. If you have ideas for future theme nights contact President Sam Sedlecky at [sedlecky@umich.edu](mailto:sedlecky@umich.edu).

**Quick Reminder:** This is the *MAIZE* Rage, please make a conscious effort to wear maize (or a costume or jersey) to all games.

**\*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:**

December 17	vs Alabama A&M	12:00pm	The Bulldogs have two weeks to prepare for the Maize and Blue
December 22	vs Bradley	6:30pm	Braves return 5 of 7 tops scorers from last year's team
December 29	vs Penn State	7:30pm	First game of conference season against a rebuilding Penn State team



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## The Bacari Corner

A Tribute to coach Bacari Alexander and his Tweets:

*December 9:* "Studies show that half of my tweets are Retweets. No I didn't do a study, but it sounds intelligent to say. U CONSCIOUS!!! HALOL! #bereal"

*December 12:* "Never forget that true toughness in sports has nothing to do with punching anyone, but more to do with executing fundamentals with toughness"

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