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NATIONAL CHAMPIONS

WELCOME TO CRISLER ARENA

It is a great pleasure to welcome back the 1989 Michigan basketball team that has brought so much pride to this University. What that team accomplished during its unforgettable tournament run, and over the course of the season, will never be forgotten. With hard work, focus and determination, they reached the pinnacle of their sport and provided the university community and our fans with the greatest moment in Michigan basketball history. This team truly was "The Leaders and Best."

Go Blue!

Bill Martin

Bill Martin
U-M Athletics Director



DEAR FRIENDS,

Today we gather together to celebrate the greatest achievement in Michigan Basketball's history ... our first National Championship! Twenty years ago, our Wolverines earned a dramatic victory over Seton Hall that proudly brought home an NCAA National Championship title. We could not be more proud of this group of men who worked so hard for that accomplishment.

As we reflect on the highlights not only from that game, but the entire 1988-89 season, we are reminded of the great sacrifice that each player, coach and manager contributed to claim that momentous victory in 1989. I am honored to coach at an institution that has a rich tradition of student-athletes and such great athletic success. I want to thank you for joining us on this special day to recognize some of the most influential athletes ever known to Michigan Basketball, and thank you for your continued support and encouragement as the young athletes of this year's team work hard toward another National Championship title.

Best Regards,

John Beilein

John Beilein
U-M Basketball Head Coach

1989: SHOCK THE WORLD!

In one of the most storied tournament runs in the history of intercollegiate athletics, the Wolverines overcame overwhelming odds to reach the Final Four in Seattle where they completed their mission to "Shock the World."

Assistant coach Steve Fisher was promoted to interim head coach just two days before the team played its first tournament game at the Southeast Regional in Atlanta. The Wolverines remained focused enough to hold off a determined Xavier team, 92-87, and two days later, pulled away down the stretch against upset-minded South Alabama, 91-82.

From Atlanta, it was on to Lexington, Ky., for the Sweet Sixteen where they faced the North Carolina Tar Heels. Emotions were running sky high on both sides as North Carolina had knocked Michigan out of the tournament the previous two seasons. The third time, however, was the charm for the Wolverines as they recorded a thrilling 92-87 victory. A 102-65 win over Virginia in the next game, the largest margin of victory in Michigan's tournament history, opened the door to the Final Four in Seattle.

The Final Four that season was definitely not for the faint-hearted Wolverine fan. Michigan's opponent in the semifinals was Big Ten nemesis Illinois. The Illini had defeated the Wolverines twice that year, including the regular season finale. The semifinal game between the two rivals was extremely tight. The lead changed hands several times in the second half before Sean Higgins' shot at the buzzer sealed Illinois' fate, 83-81, and sent Michigan into the finals.

When Michigan clashed in the final with the Seton Hall Pirates, basketball fans were treated to one of the greatest tournament games on record. Michigan's Glen Rice and Seton Hall's John Morton squared off in an individual scoring duel that left nearly everyone that witnessed the game in awe.

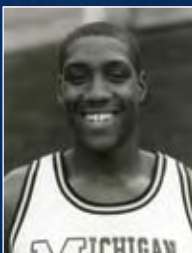
The Wolverines' offense was on a roll, averaging 92 points per game behind Rice's blazing shooting hand. The Pirate defense, on the other hand, was consistently smothering its opponents in the last 10 minutes during Seton Hall's record-setting run through the tournament.

Michigan closed the first half with a 37-32 lead, but Seton Hall's defense tightened in the second half. At the end of regulation, the two teams were tied at 71, forcing the first overtime in a championship game since 1963. In dramatic fashion, Michigan's Rumeal Robinson sank two free throws with three seconds left in overtime to give Michigan an 80-79 victory and its first basketball national championship.

Morton turned in a game-high 35-point effort in the losing cause for the Pirates. Rice had 31 points in the championship game and was voted the tournament's Most Outstanding Player after netting an NCAA Championship-record 184 points in six tournament games.



CO-CAPTAIN MARK HUGHES



Every year we would set our goals as a team -- win the Big Ten title, win the National Championship -- unfortunately, each year we would come up a little short. Our situation was very unique heading into

the NCAA Tournament because of our coaching change. We had team meetings and reassured each other that we would do our best to make a run at a championship. I remember Glen saying that this was our last chance to reach our goal of winning a championship. Once we made it to the Sweet 16, then it snowballed. Everyone played with confidence, and started to believe that we could actually win it all. The Final Four was our chance to get a little revenge against Illinois who had beaten us twice that year. The championship game was just about going out and doing what we had done the last couple of weeks, playing hard, smart and together. Sean Higgins said we made it this far we might as well win it all.

Winning the National Championship was, and still is, my best sports memory. Every year, especially around March, someone will come up to me and talk about where they were when we won the title. It is a good feeling, it makes me proud to have been a part of something so special. Go Blue!

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(3) MICHIGAN 92
vs. (14) Xavier 87

March 17, 1989 • First Round
Atlanta, Ga. • The Omni • Southeast Region

Senior center
Loy Vaught

Opening the tournament as the No. 3 seed in the Southeast Regional, Michigan needed a second half comeback to defeat 14th-seeded Xavier, 92-87, in the first round of the 1989 NCAA Tournament. Down three at the half, the Maize and Blue continued to trail throughout much of the second half until Glen Rice gave the Wolverines an 84-82 lead on a three-pointer with 3:30 remaining. With the Maize and Blue leading by one, 86-85, Terry Mills hit a turnaround six-footer to put U-M up three with just 1:49 left. Demetrius Calip and Rumeal Robinson then each made a pair of free throws to preserve the victory for the Wolverines.

Rice and Robinson led the way for Michigan with 23 points apiece. Mills added 18 for the Maize and Blue on 8-of-12 shooting from the field. Mark Hughes came off the bench to lead U-M in rebounding with 10 boards.

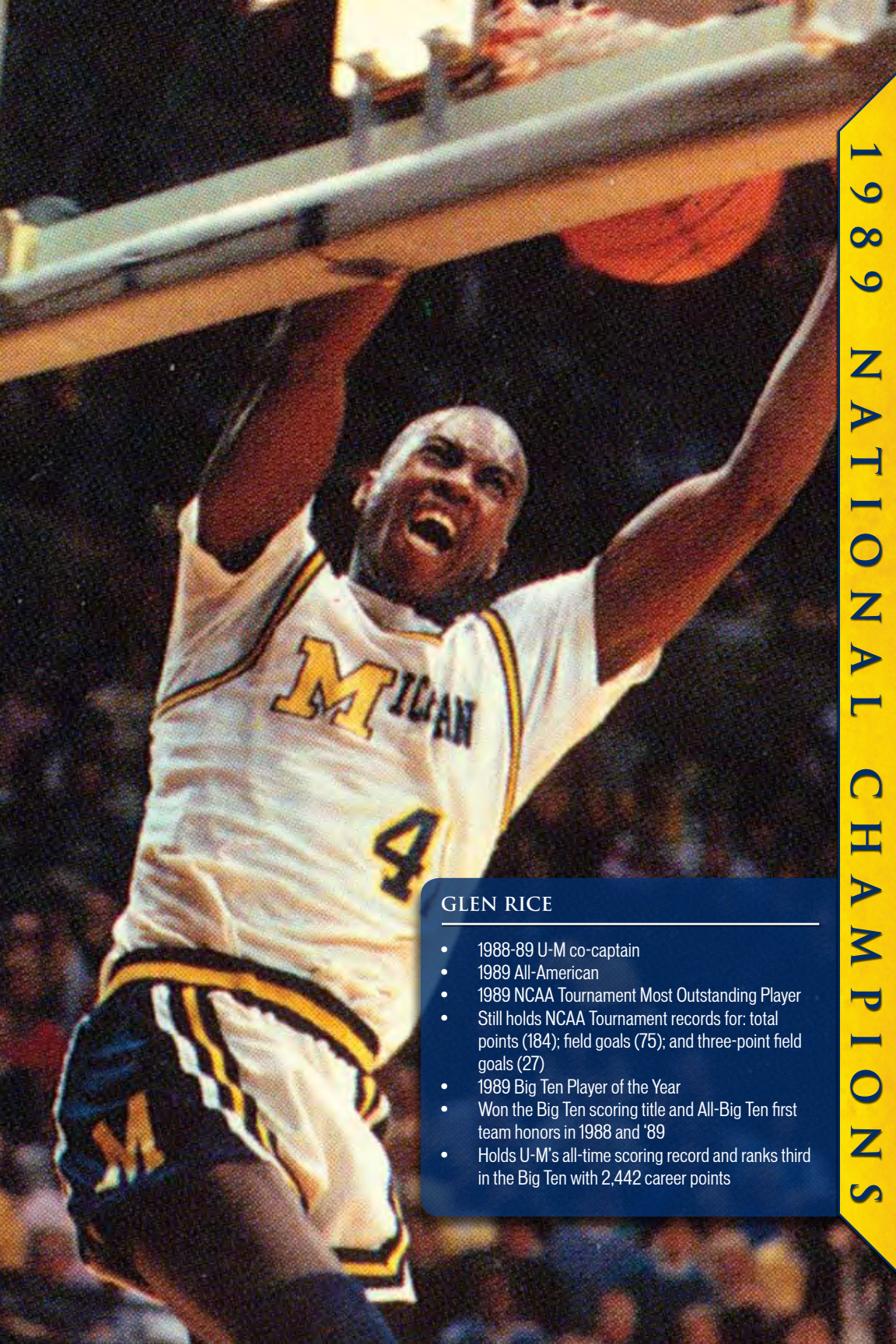
No...	(3) Michigan	FG	3FG	FT	O-D	TOT	F	TP	A	TO	BLK	S	MIN
41	Rice, Glen, f	9-22	5-9	0-0	1-2	3	2	23	2	3	1	0	40
52	Mills, Terry, f	8-12	0-0	2-2	2-4	6	4	18	5	1	1	2	32
35	Vaught, Loy, c	2-4	0-0	0-0	1-2	3	4	4	0	0	0	0	10
20	Griffin, Mike, g	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	2	0	2	0	0	1	19
21	Robinson, Rumeal, g	8-13	1-2	6-9	2-2	4	4	23	8	6	1	2	34
55	Hughes, Mark	4-5	0-0	0-1	5-5	10	2	8	0	0	0	2	28
24	Higgins, Sean	3-6	0-1	1-1	0-3	3	2	7	0	4	0	1	23
13	Calip, Demetrius	3-5	0-0	3-3	2-0	2	1	9	1	3	0	0	14
TEAM						1-1		2					
TOTALS		37-67	6-12	12-16	14-19	33	21	92	18	17	3	8	200

TOTAL FG%:	1st half	17-29	.586	2nd half	20-38	.526	Game	37-67	.552	DBR:	3
3-Pt. FG%:	1st half	4-8	.500	2nd half	2-4	.500	Game	6-12	.500		
FT%:	1st half	4-4	1.000	2nd half	8-12	.667	Game	12-16	.750		

No...	(14) Xavier	FG	3FG	FT	O-D	TOT	F	TP	A	TO	BLK	S	MIN
30	Parker, Colin, f	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	5
42	Hill, Tyrone, f	7-12	0-0	7-7	3-3	6	4	21	2	3	0	0	33
33	Strong, Derek, c	8-12	0-0	2-3	4-6	10	3	18	0	8	0	1	38
11	Kimbrough, Stan, g	5-16	2-4	1-2	2-3	5	4	13	6	1	0	2	39
20	Davenport, M, g	6-13	0-4	3-4	1-1	2	3	15	1	2	0	2	35
10	Walker, Jamal	6-9	1-1	3-5	2-0	2	3	16	9	4	0	2	34
31	Minor, Dave	2-2	0-0	0-0	0-1	1	1	4	1	1	0	0	16
15	Raeferd, Sydney	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0+
TEAM						0-4		4					
TOTALS		34-65	3-9	16-21	12-18	30	19	87	21	19	0	7	200

TOTAL FG%:	1st half	19-34	.559	2nd half	15-31	.484	Game	34-65	.523	DBR:	4
3-Pt. FG%:	1st half	3-6	.500	2nd half	0-3	.000	Game	3-9	.333		
FT%:	1st half	4-5	.800	2nd half	12-16	.750	Game	16-21	.762		

Technical fouls: None
 Officials: Norm Borucki, David Libbey, Bob Barnett
 Score 1st .. 2nd .. Final
 (3) Michigan 42 50 92
 (14) Xavier 45 42 87



GLEN RICE

- 1988-89 U-M co-captain
- 1989 All-American
- 1989 NCAA Tournament Most Outstanding Player
- Still holds NCAA Tournament records for: total points (184); field goals (75); and three-point field goals (27)
- 1989 Big Ten Player of the Year
- Won the Big Ten scoring title and All-Big Ten first team honors in 1988 and '89
- Holds U-M's all-time scoring record and ranks third in the Big Ten with 2,442 career points



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(3) MICHIGAN 91
vs. (6) South Alabama 82

March 19, 1989 • Second Round
Atlanta, Ga. • The Omni • Southeast Region

With another second half comeback, Michigan advanced to the Sweet Sixteen with a 91-82 win over No. 6 seed South Alabama. Just as it had in the tournament opener, Michigan found itself down by three, 47-44, at the half. The game was tied at 80 with 2:17 remaining when a bucket by Terry Mills gave Michigan a two-point lead and sparked a 9-0 Wolverine run that propelled the Maize and Blue past South Alabama.

Glen Rice scored a game-high 36 points and grabbed a team-best eight rebounds to lead the way for Michigan. Mills added 24 points, while Rumeal Robinson scored 12 as the Wolverines shot 59.7 percent from the field.

Junior forward
Terry Mills

No...	(3) Michigan	FG	3FG	FT	O-D	TOT	F	TP	A	TO	BLK	S	MIN
41	Rice, Glen, f	16-25	3-7	1-1	2-6	8	2	36	5	4	0	1	37
55	Hughes, Mark, f	2-4	0-0	0-0	2-2	4	3	4	0	0	1	1	24
52	Mills, Terry, c	9-13	0-0	6-8	2-5	7	3	24	5	3	0	0	38
20	Griffin, Mike, g	2-2	0-0	0-0	0-1	1	3	4	0	2	0	0	24
21	Robinson, Rumeal, g	5-8	1-2	1-2	0-1	1	4	12	5	3	0	3	27
35	Vaught, Loy	1-5	0-0	0-0	1-6	7	3	2	0	0	0	0	13
13	Calip, Demetrius	0-1	0-0	3-4	0-1	1	2	3	5	1	0	0	19
24	Higgins, Sean	2-4	0-1	2-2	0-2	2	2	6	2	1	0	0	17
25	Pelinka, Rob	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
TEAM				0-1		1							
TOTALS		37-62	4-10	13-17	7-25	32	22	91	22	15	1	5	200

TOTAL FG%:	1st half	20-33	.606	2nd half	17-29	.586	Game	37-62	.597	DBR:	3
3-Pt. FG%:	1st half	2-4	.500	2nd half	2-6	.333	Game	4-10	.400		
FT%:	1st half	2-3	.667	2nd half	11-14	.786	Game	13-17	.765		

No...	(6) South Alabama	FG	3FG	FT	O-D	TOT	F	TP	A	TO	BLK	S	MIN
13	Estaba, Gabriel, f	7-15	0-1	1-3	4-5	9	4	15	2	3	0	1	37
24	Jimmerson, John, f	3-5	0-0	1-2	2-2	4	1	7	5	4	0	0	22
42	Darden, Phillip, c	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-3	3	4	0	0	0	1	0	9
05	Hedge, Jeff, g	6-14	3-9	1-1	1-2	3	1	16	2	1	0	0	37
11	Lewis, Junie, g	9-17	0-2	7-10	6-3	9	1	25	3	4	0	0	37
21	Smith, Neil	4-8	0-0	6-7	5-2	7	4	14	0	1	0	0	27
32	Brodnick, T	1-7	1-4	2-2	0-2	2	1	5	6	2	0	0	23
12	Turner, Derek	0-4	0-3	0-0	0-1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	7
25	Nelson, Darrell	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
TEAM				1-0		1							
TOTALS		30-70	4-19	18-25	19-20	39	17	82	18	15	1	2	200

TOTAL FG%:	1st half	15-34	.441	2nd half	15-36	.417	Game	30-70	.429	DBR:	2
3-Pt. FG%:	1st half	2-12	.167	2nd half	2-7	.286	Game	4-19	.211		
FT%:	1st half	15-21	.714	2nd half	3-4	.750	Game	18-25	.720		

Technical fouls: None
Officials: Dave Libby, Gene Monji, Bob Barnett

Score **1st** ... **2nd** ... **Final**
 (3) Michigan 44 47 91
 (6) South Alabama 47 35 82

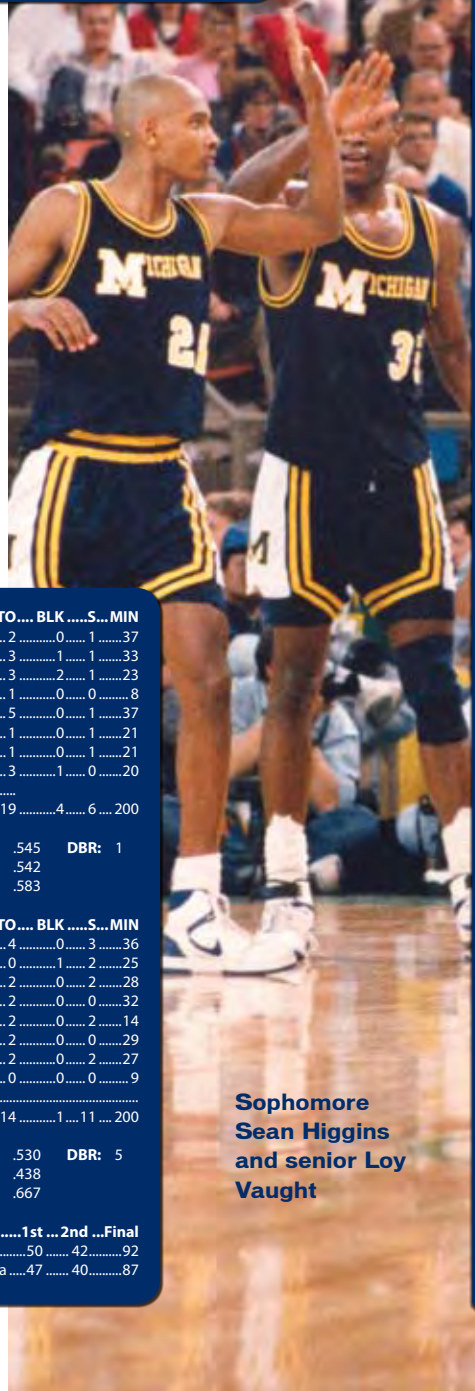
(3) MICHIGAN 92
vs. (2) North Carolina 87

March 23, 1989 • Regional Semifinal
Lexington, Ky. • Rupp Arena • Southeast Region

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In the regional semifinal, Michigan avenged losses from each of the two previous NCAA Tournaments against North Carolina with a 92-87 victory over the second-seeded Tar Heels. Leading by two with just 1:02 remaining, Glen Rice buried a three-pointer from the right baseline to put the Wolverines up by five, 90-85. Following a basket by J.R. Reid, Sean Higgins made a pair of free throws to seal the victory for Michigan.

Rice again led the way for Michigan, scoring 34 points, including 8-of-12 from beyond the three-point line. Rumeal Robinson added 17 points and 13 assists for the Maize and Blue, while Terry Mills and Higgins both reached double-figures with 16 and 14 points, respectively.



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No. ... (3) Michigan	FG	3FG	FT	O-D	TOT	F	TP	A	TO	BLK	S	MIN
41 ... Rice, Glen, f	13-19	8-12	0-0	1-5	6	1	34	2	2	0	1	37
52 ... Mills, Terry, f	8-11	0-0	0-2	1-5	6	3	16	1	3	1	1	33
35 ... Vaught, Loy, c	1-3	0-0	2-2	0-6	6	5	4	0	3	2	1	23
20 ... Griffin, Mike, g	0-1	0-0	0-0	1-0	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	8
21 ... Robinson, Rumeal, g	7-15	3-6	0-2	3-2	5	3	17	13	5	0	1	37
24 ... Higgins, Sean	5-11	2-5	2-2	0-2	2	0	14	3	1	0	1	21
13 ... Calip, Demetrius	1-4	0-1	0-0	0-1	1	1	2	0	1	0	1	21
55 ... Hughes, Mark	1-2	0-0	3-4	3-3	6	4	5	0	3	1	0	20
TEAM	.....0-1.....1.....											
TOTALS	36-66	13-24	7-12	9-25	34	18	92	20	19	4	6	200

TOTAL FG%:	1st half	20-34	.588	2nd half	16-32	.500	Game	36-66	.545	DBR:	1
3-Pt. FG%:	1st half	6-11	.545	2nd half	7-13	.538	Game	13-24	.542		
FT%:	1st half	4-5	.800	2nd half	3-7	.429	Game	7-12	.583		

No. ... (2) North Carolina	FG	3FG	FT	O-D	TOT	F	TP	A	TO	BLK	S	MIN
20 ... Bucknall, Steve, f	2-7	2-4	4-4	2-5	7	1	10	10	4	0	3	36
22 ... Madden, Kevin, f	5-12	0-2	0-0	1-0	1	1	10	0	0	1	2	25
42 ... Williams, Scott, c	4-9	0-0	0-0	1-4	5	1	8	0	2	0	2	28
14 ... Lebo, Jeff, g	6-10	5-9	2-2	1-0	1	3	19	7	2	0	0	32
21 ... Rice, King, g	1-3	0-1	2-2	0-1	1	0	4	4	2	0	2	14
34 ... Reid, J.R.	12-18	0-0	2-7	1-5	6	4	26	0	2	0	0	29
44 ... Fox, Rick	4-5	0-0	0-0	0-2	2	2	8	3	2	0	2	27
32 ... Chilcutt, Pete	1-2	0-0	0-0	0-4	4	2	2	0	0	0	0	20
TEAM	.....1-3.....4.....											
TOTALS	35-66	7-16	10-15	7-24	31	14	87	24	14	1	11	200

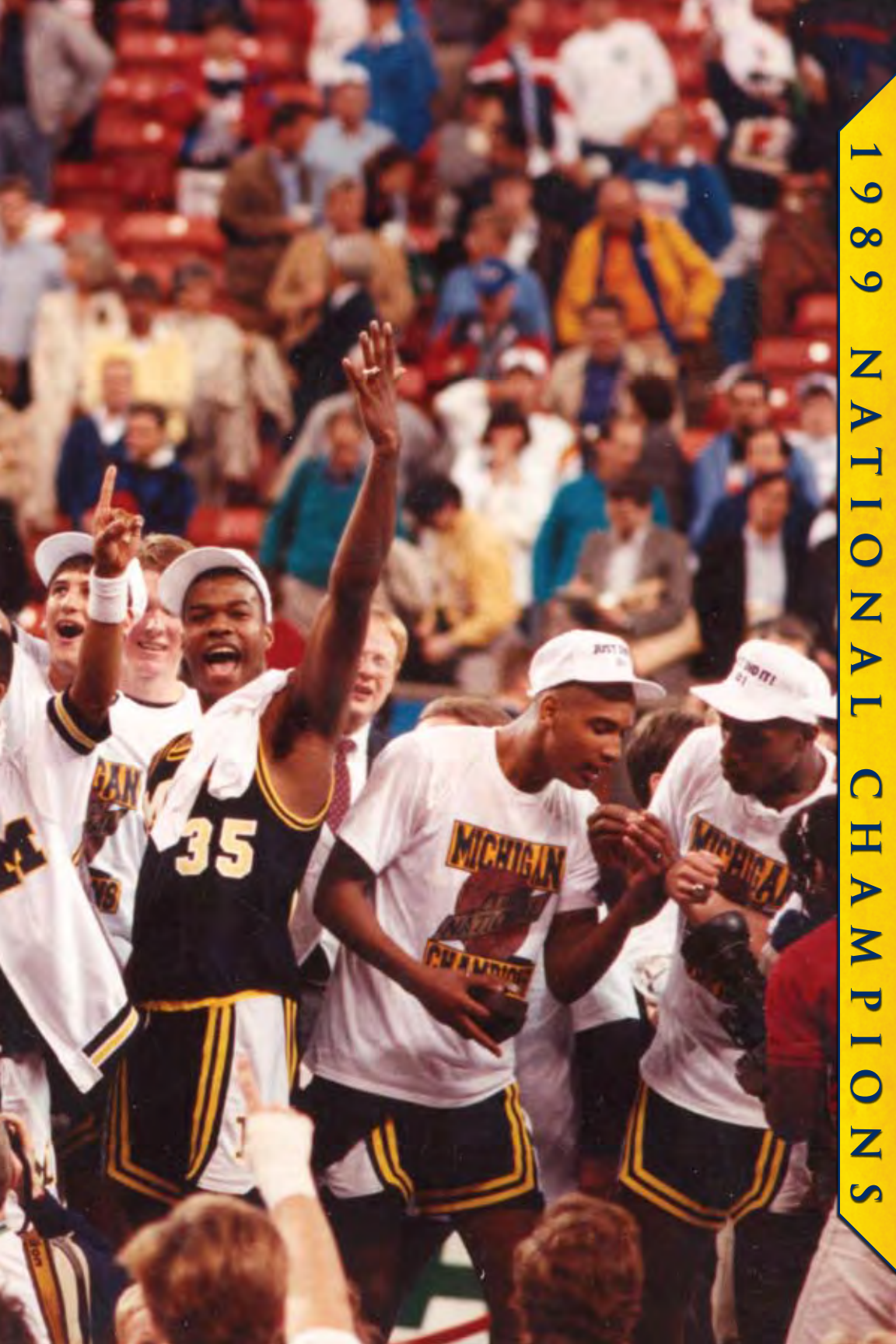
TOTAL FG%:	1st half	20-33	.606	2nd half	15-33	.455	Game	35-66	.530	DBR:	5
3-Pt. FG%:	1st half	7-10	.700	2nd half	0-6	.000	Game	7-16	.438		
FT%:	1st half	0-2	.000	2nd half	10-13	.769	Game	10-15	.667		

Sophomore Sean Higgins and senior Loy Vaught

Technical fouls: None
Officials: Don Rutledge, Tom Scott, Wally Tanner
Attendance: 22,314
Score1st ...2nd ...Final
 (3) Michigan5042.....92
 (2) North Carolina4740.....87

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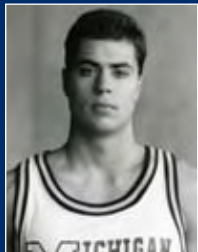
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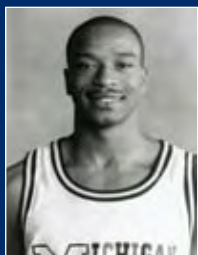
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ROB PELINKA



I think all of us are created for "community." One of the heights of that truth is found in sports. Experiencing that with my teammates during our "run" through the tourney in 1989 was one of my great thrills in life. We really bonded together as "brothers" with a common cause. Persevering in the face of adversity (after having lost our head coach) made our team mission even more critical. When we beat Seton Hall and cut the nets down we knew we had accomplished something for our great University that would never be forgotten. It was a powerful "one shining moment," indeed!

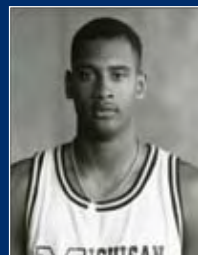
DEMETRIUS CALIP



The 1989 Championship was one of the more special times of my life. It meant so much to me, because of me having to have the faith to overcome so much adversity in not playing much in my freshman and sophomore years. During the tournament run I was inserted into the playing rotation and really helped contribute to the team's success. After being told that I wouldn't play at Michigan, I remember my Grandmother just saying "You have to have faith, and let God do the rest."

After the drama of one coach being fired the night before the tournament, and afterwards, us winning the championship, it just let me see that in life, no matter what someone tells you, you have to believe in yourself, have faith in God, and continue to work hard, and good things will happen. During the run, a really special moment for me was when, before our regional games in Kentucky, I put on my bedroom wall that "We will be the National Champions" and after winning it all, I returned and saw my wall, and it had actually come true. A magical moment!

SEAN HIGGINS



My experience being a student-athlete during my time at Michigan has been the most rewarding experience of my life, thus far. When I decided to sign with U-M out of high school, my decision was based solely on the tradition of the athletic program. The tradition at Michigan is this: no person, no player, no coach is bigger than the program. With all the great players the team had before I arrived, never once did this discourage me from attending Michigan.

When you become a Wolverine the tradition is embedded from the beginning. You learn what being a team is all about! I had an advantage of realizing this early while growing up in Ann Arbor the first nine years of my life! We didn't have any I's or me's on our team. To be quite frank, I attribute our national title to the architect of U-M athletic tradition, Coach Bo Schembechler. The pep talk he gave us before we entered the NCAA Tournament gave us a tremendous edge on our opponents. To this day, I hold all of my teammates close to my heart as family.

Thank God for U-M.
I will always be an M-Man.

Hail to the Victors!!
Go Blue forever!!!

(3) MICHIGAN 102
vs. (5) Virginia 65

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1989

March 25, 1989 • Regional Final
Lexington, Ky. • Rupp Arena • Southeast Region

Michigan secured its first trip to the Final Four since 1976 with a 102-65 victory over fifth-seeded Virginia in the Southeast Regional Final. For the first time in the tournament, the Maize and Blue earned a comfortable victory as it raced out to a 44-25 halftime lead and never looked back. The Wolverines shot 58.6 percent overall, while limiting the Cavaliers to just 38.1 percent en route to reserving their spot in Seattle, Wash., for the Final Four.

Glen Rice poured in 32 points and was named Most Outstanding Player of the Southeast Regional. Sean Higgins, who took the crowd by storm, scored 31 points in just 20 minutes off the bench and was named to the Southeast Regional All-Tournament team. Joining Rice and Higgins on the All-Tournament team was Rumeal Robinson who added 13 points and a team-best seven assists in the regional final.

Sophomore guard Sean Higgins



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55 Hughes, Mark	1-4	0-0	0-0	0-7	7	4	2	2	1	0	0	20
54 Oosterbaan, J.P.	1-3	0-1	0-1	0-3	3	1	2	0	0	0	0	6
25 Pelinka, Rob	0-4	0-3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	5
30 Koenig, Marc	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	2
TEAM				2-0		2							
TOTALS		41-70	11-20	9-12	6-37	43	23	102	23	11	0	7	200

TOTAL FG%:	1st half	19-33	.576	2nd half	22-37	.595	Game	41-70	.586	DBR:	3
3-Pt. FG%:	1st half	4-7	.571	2nd half	7-13	.538	Game	11-20	.550		
FT%:	1st half	2-3	.667	2nd half	7-9	.778	Game	9-12	.750		

No...	(5) Virginia	FG	3FG	FT	O-D	TOT	F	TP	A	TO	BLK	S	MIN
20	.... Stith, Bryant, f	3-6	1-1	2-4	0-3	3	3	9	1	2	0	1	33
30	.... Blundin, Matt, f	1-1	0-0	0-0	2-2	4	1	2	2	3	0	0	21
32	.... Dabbs, Brent, c	5-10	0-0	2-4	3-9	12	2	12	0	1	0	1	37
11	.... Morgan, Richard, g	5-18	3-9	2-2	0-1	1	1	15	0	3	0	1	26
22	.... Crotty, John, g	5-13	2-3	2-4	0-3	3	1	14	7	2	0	0	36
24	.... Katstra, Dirk	3-9	1-6	0-0	0-2	2	2	7	1	2	1	2	13
44	.... Daniel, Jeff	0-1	0-0	0-2	0-3	3	4	0	1	0	0	0	13
12	.... Turner, Kenny	1-1	0-0	0-1	1-0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	6
21	.... Williams, C	0-1	0-0	0-3	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8
10	.... Oliver, Anthony	0-0	0-0	1-2	1-1	2	2	1	0	2	0	0	4
31	.... Cooke, Mark	1-3	1-3	0-0	1-0	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	3
TEAM				1-0		1							
TOTALS		24-63	8-22	9-22	9-24	33	16	65	12	15	1	5	200

TOTAL FG%:	1st half	10-28	.357	2nd half	14-35	.400	Game	24-63	.381	DBR:	5
3-Pt. FG%:	1st half	2-10	.200	2nd half	6-12	.500	Game	8-22	.364		
FT%:	1st half	3-6	.500	2nd half	6-16	.375	Game	9-22	.409		

Technical fouls: None

Officials: Mickey Crowley, Jim Burr, Frank Bosone

Attendance: 22,755

Score1st...2nd...Final

(3) Michigan4458.....102

(5) Virginia.....2540.....65

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(3) MICHIGAN 83 vs. (1) Illinois 81

April 1, 1989 • National Semifinal Seattle, Wash. • Kingdome • Final Four

Senior guard/forward Mike Griffin

After falling twice to Illinois in the regular season, the third time was a charm for Michigan as it defeated the Fighting Illini, 83-81, at the Final Four in Seattle. The Big Ten rivals battled down to the wire in a game that featured 33 lead changes and seven ties. With the game tied, 81-81, Terry Mills missed a jumper with four seconds remaining, but Sean Higgins grabbed the offensive rebound and sank a six-footer to give Michigan the lead. Following an Illinois timeout, Glen Rice came up with a steal to preserve the victory, sending the Maize and Blue to the championship game.

For the fifth straight game of the tournament, Rice led U-M in scoring, this time with 28 points. Rumeal Robinson (14 points, 12 assists) and Loy Vaught (10 points, 16 rebounds) both recorded double-doubles, while Sean Higgins added 14 points to round out Michigan's double-figure scorers.

Table with 15 columns: No., Name, FG, 3FG, FT, O-D, TOT, F, TP, A, TO, BLK, S, MIN. Rows include players like Rice, Glen, f; Mills, Terry, f; Vaught, Loy, c; Griffin, Mike, g; Robinson, Rumeal, g; Hughes, Mark; Higgins, Sean; Calip, Demetrius. Includes a TEAM and TOTALS row.

Summary statistics table with columns: TOTAL FG%, 3-Pt. FG%, FT%, 1st half, 2nd half, Game, DBR. Values include 436, .400, .750, 19-38, 1-3, 5-7, 36-77, 3-8, 8-11, 468, .375, .727.

Table with 15 columns: No., Name, FG, 3FG, FT, O-D, TOT, F, TP, A, TO, BLK, S, MIN. Rows include players like Anderson, Nick, f; Battle, Kenny, f; Hamilton, Lowell, c; Gill, Kendall, g; Bardo, Steve, g; Smith, Larry; Small, Ervin; Liberty, Marcus. Includes a TEAM and TOTALS row.

Summary statistics table with columns: TOTAL FG%, 3-Pt. FG%, FT%, 1st half, 2nd half, Game, DBR. Values include .375, .200, .813, 18-35, 1-3, 6-7, 30-67, 2-8, 8-11, 448, .250, .826.

Technical fouls: None
Officials: Ted Hillary, David Jones, Tom Harrington
Attendance: 39,187
Score 1st ... 2nd ... Final
(3) Michigan 39 44 83
(1) Illinois 38 43 81



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With the Wolverines down by one in overtime of the championship game, Rumeal Robinson sank the most memorable pair of free throws in Michigan history to clinch the national title.



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(3) MICHIGAN 80
vs. (3) Seton Hall..... 79

April 3, 1989 • National Championship
Seattle, Wash. • Kingdome • Final Four



Sean Higgins

Michigan earned its first basketball national championship with a thrilling 80-79 overtime victory over Seton Hall. Trailing by three with just under a minute to go in overtime, Terry Mills hit a turnaround 11-footer to cut the Pirates' lead to just one, 79-78. After a defensive stop, Rumeal Robinson was fouled by Seton Hall's Gerald Greene with three seconds left in OT, sending Robinson to the line for a one-and-one situation. Robinson calmly sank both free throws, and when a last second shot by the Pirates came up short, Michigan sealed its unbelievable tournament run with the 1989 national championship.

Glen Rice scored 31 points and was named the tournament's Most Outstanding Player. With 184 points in the tournament's six games, Rice broke Bill Bradley's 24-year-old tournament scoring record, a record that still stands today. In the championship game, Robinson added 21 points and 11 assists en route to breaking the Final Four assists record (23) that still stands. His mark surpassed the 20 assists recorded by Georgetown's Michael Jackson in 1985. Robinson joined Rice on the All-Tournament team.

No...	(3) Michigan	FG	3FG	FT	O-D	TOT	F	TP	A	TO	BLK	S	MIN
41	Rice, Glen, f	12-25	5-12	2-2	1-10	11	2	31	0	2	0	0	42
52	Mills, Terry, f	4-8	0-0	0-0	3-3	6	2	8	2	2	3	2	34
35	Vaught, Loy, c	4-8	0-0	0-0	2-5	7	2	8	0	2	0	1	26
20	Griffin, Mike, g	0-0	0-0	0-0	2-2	4	4	0	3	2	0	0	17
21	Robinson, Rumeal, g	6-13	0-0	9-10	1-2	3	2	21	11	5	0	0	43
24	Higgins, Sean	3-10	1-4	3-4	2-7	9	3	10	2	1	1	0	27
55	Hughes, Mark	1-1	0-0	0-0	0-2	2	2	2	0	0	0	0	25
13	Calip, Demetrius	0-2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	3	0	1	0	0	0	11
TEAM				1-2	3								
TOTALS		30-67	6-16	14-16	12-33	45	20	80	19	14	4	3	225

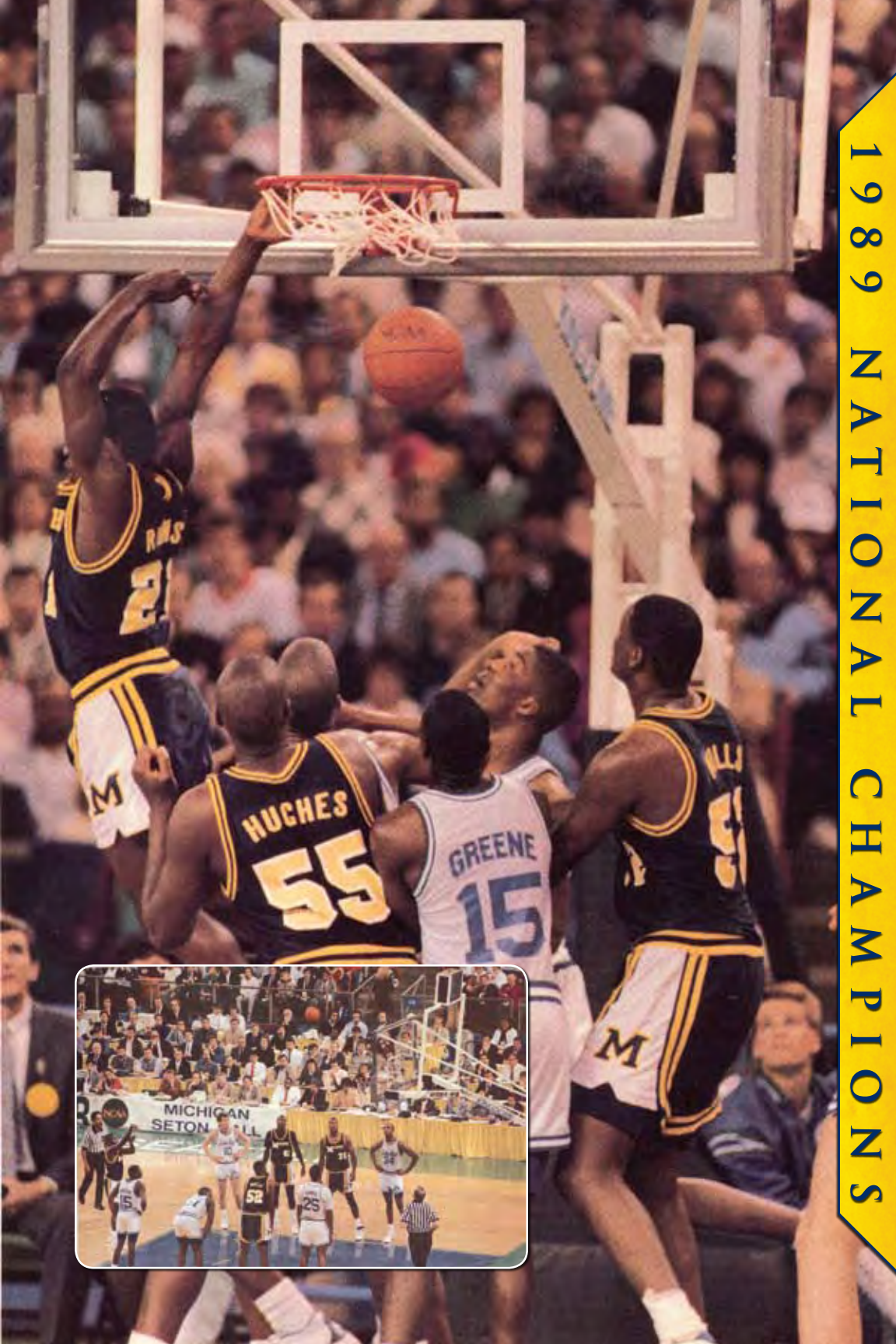
TOTAL FG%:	1st half	19-30	.500	2nd half	15-37	.405	Game	30-67	.448	DBR:	0
3-Pt. FG%:	1st half	1-3	.333	2nd half	5-13	.385	Game	6-16	.375		
FT%:	1st half	6-6	1.000	2nd half	8-10	.800	Game	14-16	.875		

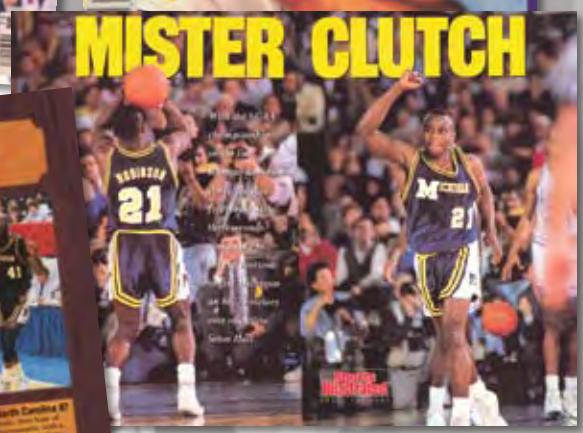
No...	(3) Seton Hall	FG	3FG	FT	O-D	TOT	F	TP	A	TO	BLK	S	MIN
10	Gaze, Andrew, f	1-5	1-5	2-2	2-1	3	3	5	3	2	0	1	39
24	Walker, Darryll, f	5-9	0-1	3-4	3-8	11	2	13	1	2	0	0	39
25	Ramos, Ramon, c	4-9	0-0	1-1	0-5	5	2	9	1	1	1	1	33
15	Greene, Gerald, g	5-13	2-5	1-3	0-5	5	3	13	5	2	0	2	43
23	Morton, John, g	11-26	4-12	9-10	1-3	4	3	35	3	3	0	0	37
31	Cooper, Michael	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-2	2	1	0	0	1	1	0	14
32	Avent, Anthony	1-2	0-0	0-0	1-2	3	0	2	1	0	0	0	11
30	Volcy, Frantz	0-0	0-0	0-2	0-1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	7
04	Wiggington, Pookey	1-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	2
TEAM				2-0	2								
TOTALS		28-65	7-23	16-22	9-27	36	17	79	14	11	2	4	225

TOTAL FG%:	1st half	13-32	.406	2nd half	15-33	.455	Game	28-65	.431	DBR:	1
3-Pt. FG%:	1st half	4-14	.286	2nd half	3-9	.333	Game	7-23	.304		
FT%:	1st half	2-4	.500	2nd half	14-18	.778	Game	16-22	.727		

Technical fouls: None
 Officials: Mickey Crowley, Tom Rucker, John Clougherty
 Attendance: 39,187
 Score 1st.....2nd.... OTFinal
 (3) Michigan.....3734.....9.....80
 (3) Seton Hall.....3239.....8.....79

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 Michigan 82, Xavier 87 Michigan's offense was the key to their victory over Xavier. The Wolverines scored 20 points in the second half, including a clutch three-point shot by Rameck Robertson in the final minutes.	 Michigan 91, South Carolina 87 Michigan's defense was the key to their victory over South Carolina. The Wolverines held the Gamecocks to 10 points in the second half, including a clutch free throw by Rameck Robertson in the final minutes.	 Michigan 81, North Carolina 87 Michigan's defense was the key to their victory over North Carolina. The Wolverines held the Tar Heels to 10 points in the second half, including a clutch free throw by Rameck Robertson in the final minutes.
 Michigan 88, Virginia 85 Michigan's offense was the key to their victory over Virginia. The Wolverines scored 20 points in the second half, including a clutch three-point shot by Rameck Robertson in the final minutes.	 Michigan 85, Illinois 81 Michigan's defense was the key to their victory over Illinois. The Wolverines held the Fighting Illini to 10 points in the second half, including a clutch free throw by Rameck Robertson in the final minutes.	 Michigan 80, Seton Hall 79 (OT) Michigan's defense was the key to their victory over Seton Hall. The Wolverines held the Pirates to 10 points in the second half, including a clutch free throw by Rameck Robertson in the final minutes.



MICHIGAN WOLVERINES

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wgt.	Year	Hometown (High School)
13	Demetrius Calip	G	6-1	160	So.	Flint, Mich. (Northern)
20	Mike Griffin	G/F	6-7	215	Sr.	Rosemont, Ill. (Leyden)
24	Sean Higgins	G	6-9	195	So.	Los Angeles, Calif. (Fairfax)
55	Mark Hughes	C	6-8	235	Sr.	Muskegon, Mich. (Reeths-Puffer)
52	Terry Mills	F	6-10	230	Jr.	Romulus, Mich. (Romulus)
54	J.P. Oosterbaan	C	6-10	240	Sr.	Kalamazoo, Mich. (Christian)
25	Rob Pelinka	G	6-5	198	Fr.	Lake Bluff, Ill. (Lake Forest)
41	Glen Rice	F	6-7	215	Sr.	Flint, Mich. (Northwestern)
42	Eric Riley	C	6-10	200	Fr.	Cleveland, Ohio (St. Joseph)
21	Rumeal Robinson	G	6-2	195	Jr.	Cambridge, Mass. (Rindge & Latin)
45	Chris Seter	F	6-9	205	So.	Brookfield, Wis. (Brookfield)
25	Kirk Taylor	G	6-3	180	So.	Dayton, Ohio (Dunbar)
35	Loy Vaught	C	6-9	225	Sr.	Grand Rapids, Mich. (East Kentwood)
32	James Voskuil	F	6-7	193	Fr.	Grandville, Mich. (Calvin Christian)

Interim Head Coach: Steve Fisher

Assistant Coaches: Mike Boyd, Brian Dutcher

Graduate Assistant: Joe Czupek

Trainer: Dan Minert

Equipment Manager: Bob Bland

Student Managers: Greg Taylor, Joel Portnoy, Michael Drucker, Douglas Young, Craig Koppelman, Alan Schragar, Roger Harvey, Jeff Travis, David Balza, Mike Harris



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