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Michigan hoops notes, quotes from loss to Syracuse

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Legends Classic at Boardwalk Hall, Atlantic City, N.J.

WHAT HAPPENED: Kris Joseph scored 22 points and No. 9 Syracuse held off hard-charging Michigan to advance to the Legends Classic championship game. Scoop Jardine hit the go-ahead three-pointer late in the game and scored 11 points. Rick Jackson had 10 points and 12 rebounds for Syracuse. Jordan Morgan and Stu Douglass both scored 11 points for the **Wolverines** (3-1). U-M led, 31-29, at halftime and put itself in position late to pull off the upset after Douglass' three-pointer made it 45-44. The Wolverines just couldn't finish what would have been a nice early-season win and big-time confidence booster.

OVERHEARD: "You don't like to lose and this was certainly a **game** we could have won," Michigan coach John Beilein said. "At the same time, it was important to get measured against a team of this caliber."

TOO FAR AWAY? Michigan hit only eight of 32 three-point shots. "We have some guys out there right now with a lot of **courage**, sometimes too much courage," Beilein said.

BIG STAT: 29 -- percent that Michigan shot from the floor in the second half.

STAYING NEUTRAL: Tim Hardaway Jr., who scored eight points for U-M, put his dad in a tough spot in today's loser's bracket. Tim Hardaway watched both games of the doubleheader in support of his son and his former school, UTEP.

"That is weird having my kid here and UTEP here," Hardaway said before Michigan tipped. "If they win and play together, I'm going to become neutral. I'm going to have some black on or some red on."

Instead, both were losers and will play in the third-place game at 5:30 p.m.

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