

Fighting Illini projected starting line-up:

5 Jalen Coleman-Lands 6'4" G

Shooting better from 3 than from 2

12 Leron Black 6'7" F

Missed the first four games on a suspension for assault. Great guy.

13 Tracy Abrams 6'2" G

He has graduated twice but is still in school

21 Malcolm Hill 6'6" G

Curls up in a blanket cocoon before practice

22 Maverick Morgan 6'10" C

When out of cream and sugar, he puts protein powder in coffee

HC John Groce

In his fourth year at Illinois, hasn't made the dance since his first

*To comply with the Big Ten sportsmanship code, the "Bum of the Game" has been replaced by the "Player to Watch": **Jalen Coleman-Lands***

Good afternoon Maize Rage! Today the team faces the Fighting Illini of Illinois, who got the best of our Wolverines when the two teams faced in Champaign earlier this B1G season. The Fighting Illini have lost both games they've played since then, and are now sitting at 12-7 on the season. They faced Purdue in their last game, finishing at 17% from 3-point range on 17 attempts, allowing Purdue to shoot over 60% from the field.

The Old Man: Illinois guard Tracy Abrams is a 6th year senior who was unable to play during the 2014-2015 and 2015-2016 seasons because of injury. Abrams is now 24 years old and will be turning 25 early next month. For comparison, the oldest player on Michigan's roster is Zak Irvin at 22 years old and his birthday is not until September making Abrams about 2 and a half years older than Michigan's oldest player. Not fair! Also really weird! The glory days are over Abrams, you've been in college for 6 consecutive years, it's time to move on.

On the Road Again: To say the least, Illinois has struggled in true road games so far this season. The Fighting Illini are 0-3 on the road, losing by an average of over 21 points. It probably did not help that the Illini's first road game did not come until Big Ten season. It appears Illinois was attempting to use the easy non-conference scheduling idea of Washington football. Sadly for the Fighting Illini, it is harder to win the Big Ten conference in basketball than it is to win the Pac 12 in football.

The Rest of the Fighting Illini: D.J. Williams (#0), Jaylon Tate (#1), Kipper Nichols (#2), Te'Jon Lucas (#3), Drew Cayce (#10), Aaron Jordan (#23), Mike Thorne Jr. (#33), Samson Oladimeji (#35), Clayton Jones (#41), Michael Finke (#43), Alex Austin (#44), Cameron Liss

Keep it classy, Rage: As one of college basketball's premiere student sections, it's important that we refrain from swearing or using other slurs throughout the game. The University of Michigan is an institution of class, and as a collective representative, we need to uphold this standard.

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Senior Leadership: In a tough loss on the road at Wisconsin, two Michigan's seniors, Zak Irvin and Derrick Walton Jr., combined for over half of the teams' points scoring 20 and 15 points respectively. To add to that, the two combined for half of the teams assists as well. today!

Magic Mo: Mo Wagner currently leads the Wolverines in field goal percentage, shooting an impressive 59.4% on the season. His most successful game in conference play came at home against Nebraska, where he connected on 6 of his 9 attempts from the field, earning him his season high of 23 points. Hopefully his home-court magic continues today!

Revenge: The Wolverines met the Illini at the State Farm Center in Champaign a little over a week ago, suffering a tough 85-69 loss. With the tables turned and this game at home, Michigan is looking to get revenge on the Illini with an impressive win of their own.

Remember: A maize Michigan shirt, a Michigan basketball jersey, or costume is required to sit in the bleachers.



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Cheers: Be steady and DON'T SPEED UP

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:

- Popcorn (Jump up and down while screaming OHHHHH!!)
- Bounce! Bounce! Pass! (Yell "bounce" when the opposition dribbles, and "pass" when they pass)

Mo Money, Mo Buckets: Every time Moritz Wagner hits a three, rub your thumb and fingers together as if you were rubbing coins or bills together

The Alumni Corner

Wolverines in the NBA: Tim Hardaway Jr. continued his impressive season with the Hawks on Monday, scoring 20 points in 35 minutes against the Knicks. He rounded out the stat sheet with 3 rebounds, 4 assists, and 1 steal.

Tweet of the Week: "Today's sign of the apocalypse: Adoptly, the Tinder for child adoption. - Zack Novak (@novak3159), Class of 2012