

Spartans projected starting line-up:

1 Joshua Langford 6'5" G
He's a twenty year old true freshman

14 Eron Harris 6'3" G
Transfer from West Virginia, was a freshman when UM beat WVU in 2012

20 Matt McQuaid 6'4" G
Snapchat is MattBlast3

22 Miles Bridges 6'7" F
Looks like a ninja turtle. His old tweets are too vulgar to publish.

44 Nick Ward 6'8" F
Tweeted "At this point in my life your either with me or against me." We're against you.

HC Tom Izzo
One of eight head coaches to ever lose to a 15 seed in the first round of the NCAA Tournament

To comply with the Big Ten sportsmanship code, the "Bum of the Game" has been replaced by the "Player to Watch": **Miles Bridges**

Good evening Wolverines, and welcome back to Crisler. Tonight we take on our in-state rival, and little brother, the Michigan State Spartans. This game serves as a huge opportunity for the Wolverines to bounce back from their current 2 game losing streak after losing consecutive games to MSU and OSU this past week.

High Expectations: The Spartans came into the season with high expectations, ranking 12th in the AP preseason poll with hopes of making a deep tournament run. Despite these high expectations, and despite having one of the best recruiting classes last season, MSU is currently unranked and stands in the middle of the Big 10. Additionally, Miles Bridges, Sparty's best player and star freshman, has no plans of staying more than one season. Talk about an overhyped season!

Overhyped: Former All-American, AP Player of the year, and Michigan State alum Denzel Valentine is currently playing his rookie NBA season with the Chicago Bulls. One might expect after such an impressive college career for Valentine to perform at least somewhat decently in the pros, but thus far Valentine is only averaging 3.3 PPG, 0.6 RPG, and 1.6 APG in 12 MPG. However, he does have some reason to celebrate: just last week Denzel was called up from the D-League! Denzel is a physical representation of how Michigan State prepares its students for the real world. Sure they may be hyped up while at school, but when it's time to perform on the big stage Michigan State alum are left unprepared. Further evidence why MSU is and always will be little brother.

The Rest of the Spartans: Kyle Ahrens (#0), Alvin Ellis III (#3), Cassius Winston (#5), 'Tum Tum' Nairn Jr (#11), Ben Carter (#13), Kenny Goins (#25), Matt Van Dyk (#30), Gavin Schilling (#34), David Nsengiyumva (#35), Greg Roy (#40), Conner George (#41)

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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The Sit-Rep: In a league where parity (and mediocrity) runs rampant, Michigan finds itself tied for 8th place with Minnesota. With 8 games left in the season, our Wolverines will have to string together a series of wins to retain their current bye in the B1G Tournament.

This is Our House: Our Wolverines have hit a 2-game losing skid after losing to MSU on the road and OSU at home. This should go without saying, but today's game is huge. 3 of our 8 remaining games are at home, so we need to bring a lot of noise and energy to Crisler each game!

Steady, As He Goes: Following Saturday's game vs. OSU, Derrick Walton Jr. is averaging 4.7 RPG, 3.6 APG, and 14.0 PPG, shooting 48.9% from two and 42.4% from three. He's also been steady from the charity stripe, shooting 89.4% on the season.

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)
- 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)
- Defense! (stomp, stomp)

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 Pros: Tim Hardaway Jr. went OFF against the Rockets on February 2. He helped the Hawks come back from a 20 point deficit in the 4th Quarter with his 33 point, 6 rebound performance in 33 minutes. He shot a sizzling 66.7%, hitting 4-9 from downtown!

Tweet of the Week: "Seriously, if you're not hungry within your profession, then what are you doing? Don't be normal.. have some passion and get after it" – Anthony Wright (@ItsAntWright), Class of 2010