



Cardinals' projected starting lineup:

0 Miryne Thomas 6'8" F

Has 22 straight Tweets without a like

1 KJ Walton 6'3" G

Scared of 3-pointers and graduating college

2 Luke Bumbalough 6'1" G

Damian Lillard superfan

5 Ishmael El-Amin 6'3" G

Long-time animal cracker lover

12 Brachen Hazen 6'8" F

Beard game may be stronger than bball game

HC James Whitford

Coaching in his 8th consecutive season with Ball State

To comply with the Big Ten sportsmanship code, the "Bum of the Game" has been replaced by the "Player to Watch": **Ishmael El-Amin**

Good evening, Ragers! Coming off a shaky OT win against Oakland on Sunday, Michigan basketball looks to reach 3-0 tonight in Ann Arbor. While other BIG 10 teams like MSU and Iowa have been steamrolling difficult opponents, the Wolverines will need to consolidate their talent to hang on in the conference projections.

Not that You Want to Relive Sunday...

What even is 2020? An Oakland team that trailed Xavier by 41 at halftime took the 25th ranked Wolverines to overtime on Sunday. If not for budding star Freshman Hunter Dickinson, Michigan may have dented their resume for the rest of their season with a loss, as Dickinson scored 19 points in only 25 minutes of action, while playing all five minutes of overtime. It started with the 20 turnovers. Oakland didn't do a great job either, turning the ball over 16 times. Under Coach John Beilein, turnovers were something that Michigan prided itself on. Secondly, poor 3-point shooting plagued the Maize and Blue. After shooting 5-7 from range against BGSU, Chaundee Brown shot 1-10 from deep. Altogether as a team, Michigan shot 8-27, and thankfully Oakland was worse with an 8-34 mark.

The eyebrow raiser was the tension seen between Head Coach Juwan Howard and Senior Captain Isaiah Livers. During a cold streak in the 1st half, there was a verbal altercation between the two as Coach Howard was holding the captain accountable for his team's lack of effort in the half. After the game Isaiah spoke with reporters and said, "Weirdly enough, that's how we communicate. We argue in practice, go at it during games, go at it during scrimmages. It doesn't matter because he just wants me to be a great player, and I respect him for that". Later in the game, Livers netted a clutch 3 and was seen emphatically chest bumping his coach after. He finished with a game high 22 points in the 81-71 bone jitters victory. The next day, the Wolverines were removed from the top 25.

The Rest of the Cardinals:

Teemu Suokas (#3), Josh Bryan (#4), Jarron Coleman (#11), Kani Acree (#13), Zach Gunn (#15), Reggie Jones (#23), Jalen Windham (#24), Chris Robinson (#25), Ben Hendriks (#34), Blake Huggins (#44)

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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About the Cardinals:

This will only be Ball State's second game of the season. They are coming off a one-point loss last Wednesday to Northern Kentucky, one of the Horizon league's best teams in the past couple years. The Cardinals' sixth-year player K.J. Walton had a monster game, tallying 28 points and 11 rebounds in only 27 minutes of action. However, the team as a whole struggled from the free throw line (52.4%) and beyond the arc (26.1%).

Tonight's matchup will be just the fifth game ever played between Michigan and Ball State, and the first of the series played in this century. The last meeting between the two took place on November 16, 1998, when Ball State beat Michigan for the first and only time in their history, 75-64. In the games prior, however, Michigan's wins were more than decisive; the Wolverines won by an average of 28 points in the teams' first three matchups. Michigan will look to extend their series lead to 4-1 with a win tonight.

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



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Cheers and Chants

- Even though fans can't cheer live from Crisler, you can always HAIL from Home!
- Pregame: search the Michigan Men's Basketball intro video to get the blood pumping
- During free throws, hands out and wave those fingers
- Blues Brothers: halfway through the 2nd half, you know what to do
- Follow along with cheers presented by virtual fans on FOX or BTN
- MAKE NOISE ON DEFENSE as if you were sitting courtside!

Hey Baby! Every time the band plays "Hey Baby" by Bruce Channel, sing along with these lyrics... "Heyyyyyy (opposing team), I wanna know, why you suck so much!"

TIPOFF: Before tipoff of any half, JUMP and create that ENERGY

SHOT CLOCK COUNTDOWN: When the opposing team starts running out of time, start chanting from 10.... 9.... 8.... to apply some pressure!

Pro Blue Update

Xavier Simpson, Jon Teske & Charles Matthews:

Signed as UDFAs to the Lakers, Magic, and Cavaliers, respectively, our recent Wolverine grads are headed to the big leagues!

Nik Stauskas:

After spending a season playing in Spain, the former No. 8 draft pick has signed a one-year deal with the Milwaukee Bucks. He looks to build on his 0.353 conversion rate from behind the arc.

Glen Robinson III

The 37.3% three-point shooter signed a one-year deal with the Sacramento Kings, looking to solidify their long-range shooting.