



Scarlet Knights' projected starting lineup:

0	Geo Baker	6'4"	G
Preparing for yet another back surgery after years of carrying the team			
4	Paul Mulcahy	6'6"	G
Calls his 5 siblings his "pets"			
15	Myles Johnson	6'11"	C
Definitely a weeb			
22	Caleb McConnell	6'7"	G
Possibly has mafia ties			
24	Ron Harper Jr.	6'6"	F/G
Known for his relationship-ending mustache			
HC	Steve Pikiell		
Currently in his 5th year as HC of Rutgers			

To comply with the Big Ten sportsmanship code, the "Bum of the Game" has been replaced by the "Player to Watch": **Ron Harper Jr.**

Good evening, Ragers! After a basketball-less two weeks for the COVID shutdown, the Wolverines reminded everyone they're still the B10 team to beat Sunday with their comeback win over Wisconsin. The Maize and Blue look to bolster their AP #3 ranking tonight with a win against Rutgers.

Cupid's K.O. of Wisco:

The 23-day layoff for Michigan was apparent for approximately 20 minutes in their returning first half, yet Michigan was still able to knock off 21st-ranked Wisconsin on Valentine's Day afternoon. Trailing by as much as 14 before heading to the locker room, Michigan dominated the 2nd half at the Kohl's Center in Madison. Michigan dealt with a plethora of three point shooting from the Badgers in the 1st half, as they knocked down 6-of-10 behind the arc, they finished 6-of-19. Aleem Ford also made his presence known in the opening twenty by netting 15 points, leading Wisconsin to a 12 point spread at the break. Earlier in the season, we wrote about the magnificent runs that Michigan puts together following a short spurt of allowing points to their opposition.

In the 2nd half, Michigan outscored Wisconsin by 20 due to one of those runs. The lone game of the week led to Hunter Dickinson earning his 6th B10 Freshman of the Week award and the Wolverine's earning recognition on NCAA March Madness's social media pages as the "Team of the Week" after their extended layoff. For truly the first time this season, we saw Isaiah Livers take over and control the pace for Michigan. He took 16 shots and made half of those, putting together 20 points and finding nylon on a late clutch three after a key offensive rebound by Dickinson. Joined now by Ohio State and Illinois in the Top 5 of the AP Poll, Michigan proved that they belong in the #3 slot, no matter what the nagging-Illini fans have to say. Followed by a critical game in Columbus on Sunday, this will be the week for Michigan to underline their near-perfect season.

The Rest of the Scarlet Knights:

Oskar Palmquist (#1), Daniel Lobach (#2), Mawot Mag (#3), Clifford Omoruyi (#5), Montez Mathis (#10), Mamadou Doucoure (#11), Dean Reiber (#21), Nick Brooks (#23), Aiden Terry (#25), Jacob Young (#42), Jaden Jones (#45), Luke Nathan (#55)

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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Tweets of the Week

Ant Wright (@itsAntWright) 1/28

"I'm tired of Brad Davison's crap"

Context: Ant's tweet (and a compilation video of Davison's dirtiest plays) from a few weeks back resurfaced after the controversial elbow he gave to Mike Smith on Sunday.

Patrick Barron (@BlueBarronPhoto) 2/14

"Before playing Michigan twice this season they were just called Wisconsin Basketball"

Context: Well, the Wolverines have beaten the Badgers twice, resulting in two consonants at the end of that term.

Dylan Burkhardt (@umhoops) 2/14

"Jwan Howard admits he intentionally called the next play for Mike Smith after Brad Davison elbowed him in the face. Howard did the same thing earlier this year when he ran a backdoor lob play for Chaundee Brown after Brown was t'd up."

Context: Dirty, dirty Brad cost Wisconsin the game?

Michigan Men's Basketball (@umichbball) 2/14

"Congrats @cbrownballin935 (Chaundee Brown Jr.) on reaching 1,000 career points ... #GameBall #GoBlue"

Context: Chaundee Brown Jr. collected his 1,000th career points Sunday after spending most of his career at Wake Forest and finishing off that feat in Ann Arbor, well... Madison. You get the point.

Knight Watch:

The Wolverines hold a strong historical advantage going into the game against Rutgers, as Michigan is 12-0 all time against the Scarlet Knights. The series began with a Michigan win in 1976, and the two played intermittently before Rutgers joined the Big 10 in 2014. Last season, as a rookie head coach, Juwan Howard kept the streak alive and picked up a pair of wins against a gritty Rutgers team, including a 69-63 home victory and a 60-52 victory in the RAC.

Rutgers has had a roller coaster of a season thus far: peaking at number 11 after a 6-0 start, then losing 6 of their next 7, and now winning 5 of their last 6. They enter this game 12-7 (8-7 B10). They are a very guard heavy team, with 6 of their 8 rotation players playing guard. They average 71.8 points per game (9th in B10) on 46.1% shooting from the field (4th in B10). However, they struggle from 3 and the free throw line shooting 32.5% and 61.6%, respectively. Defensively, they lead the league in steals and are second in blocks.

Pro Blue Update

Moe Wagner:

Franz' big bro was named to the Washington Wizards' starting lineup this week!

Zavier Simpson:

The 6'0" guard has been making a mark for the Oklahoma City Blue G League team, putting up 14 points and 10 assists Sunday night.

Jon Teske:

Also in the G league, Teske joined four of his Lakeland Magic teammates in scoring double digits for their season opener.



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