

Michigan Wolverines

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The Rage Page

Central Arkansas Bears

(1-8, 0-0 Southland)

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Bears projected starting line-up:

Jordan Howard

5'11' G

His little brother, Markus Howard of Marguette, is better than him

10 Mathieu Kamba

6'5"

Has not used more than 2 words in a tweet since November 3rd

22 Tanner Schmit

6'8"

Played in 26 games last season, averaging 2.3 points per game

Thatch Unruh

6'5"

His name is Thatch. That's all.

Derreck Brooks

6'6"

His brother, a Kansas footbal player, has more wins than Central Arkansas basketball does this season

HC Russ Pennell

In his third season at Cental Arkansas, Pennell has thus far ammassed a 10-56 overall record

To comply with the Big Ten sportsmanship code, the "Bum of the Game" has been replaced by the "Player to Watch": Jordan Howard

Good evening Ragers! It may be the start of finals week, but tonight is the perfect night to take a break from studying and cheer on our Wolverines! Tonight we welcome the Central Arkansas Bears of the Southland Conference to Crisler Center. The Bears enter tonight riding a five game losing streak, with their only win coming over Army West Point. It hasn't been the most inspiring start for them so far. Michigan is looking to keep it that way.

Beam me up, Scottie: Central Arkansas basketball has sent exactly one player to the NBA, but that one player is NBA legend and Hall of Famer Scottie Pippen. Pippen spent four years at Central Arkansas, averaging 17.2 points per game in his UCA career before being drafted fifth overall in 1987.

Sharp Shooters: While the Bears aren't very good at putting the ball in the bucket from two-point range, where they rank 320th in the nation and shoot 42.2%, they fare much better shooting the 3-ball. They shoot a highly respectable 37.9%, good for 72nd in the country, and are led by guards Jordan Howard (42.6%) and Derreck Brooks (42.5%), who are also UCA's two leading scorers.

Foreign Imports: Central Arkansas has been able to attract players from abroad to fill out their roster, with F/C Albert Christensson (Lund, Sweden), Mathieu Kamba (Calgary, Alberta, Canada), and Otas Iyekekpolor (Edmonton, Alberta, Canada) all hailing from outside of the U.S.

Rest of the Bears: Ethan Lee (#2), Tyler Simmons (#3), Albert Christensson (#4), Jeff Lowery (#11), Darraja Parnell (#12), Otas lyekekpolor (#13), Aaron Weidenaar (#23), Jared Chatham (#24), Jordan Grant (#33), Brandon Vanover (#35)

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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Previously: Since we've last gathered at Crisler, our Michigan Wolverines flew out to Westwood, CA to play against the 2nd-ranked UCLA Bruins at Pauley Pavilion. The Wolverines and the Bruins played an outstanding half of basketball to go into halftime tied 50-50. Alas, UCLA continued putting up videogame-esque numbers in the 2nd half to win the game 102-84.

Make It Rain: Against the Bruins, Michigan shot 53.8% from 3-pt Land with 7 different players making a triple. Zak led the team with 18 points while Duncan, MAAR, Mark, and Moe also finished the night with double-digit points.

What now?: Contrary to what the final score indicates, Michigan showed that they can hang with the best of them. There's a lot of potential in this team and they could make some serious noise come conference play. In the meantime, we've got to get loud and proud to help defend homecourt!

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)

The X Factor: Everytime Xavier Simpson makes a shot, cross your arms to form an X

The Alumni Corner

Timmay!: Tim Hardaway Jr. had himself a great game vs. the Bucks on December 9. In 30 minutes of play, he scored 18 points while grabbing 4 rebounds and dishing out 4 assists. Way to go Tim!

Tweet of the Week: "UCLA is first in the nation in eFG%, 2P%, and 3P%, and the Bruins shot even better than normal tonight." – Drew Hallett (@DrewCHallett), Class of 2011