

### **Michigan Wolverines**

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# The Rage Page



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#### Longhorns projected starting line-up:

Tevin Mack

6'7"

Affectionately tweeted that he's "Married To The Game <3"

Andrew Jones

6'4"

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Frequently tweets videos of himself and then retweets his own tweets of the videos

#### 12 Kerwin Roach Jr.

6'4"

Went viral last season for a video of his vertical reaching the top of the backboard

Jarrett Allen

6'11" F

His fans tweet to him using the hashtag #FroBros

32 Shaquille Cleare

6'8"

Looks like he's 45 years old

#### HC Shaka Smart

Has ammassed an impressive 183-69 (.726) overall head coaching record

To comply with the Big Ten sportsmanship code, the "Bum of the Game" has been replaced by the "Player to Watch": Kerwin Roach Jr.

Good evening Maize Rage! Tonight the Wolverines host the Longhorns of the University of Texas-Austin. The specification of Austin is important because the Longhorns lost at home to the University of Texas-Arlington of the Sun Belt Conference last week. The Longhorns have a 4-3 record, their best win coming over Alabama who is currently ranked 79th in the Kenpom rankings (a statistical based ranking system). Texas currently sits at 71st in that same ranking system, while Michigan is 25th.

Shaka the Wise: Texas is coached by Shaka Smart, who formerly coached VCU to 5 straight NCAA tournament appearances. In the 2013 tournament, VCU had the unlucky draw of playing none other than the Michigan Wolverines in the round of 32. Our Wolverines won the game by 25 points.

Briefly: The Longhorns have been abysmal from both the 3-point line and the free throw line this season. From the 3 point line, the team is shooting 27.1%, which is 341st in the country out of 351 teams. For comparison, Michigan is shooting 35% from 3 on the season even with a horrible shooting night against South Carolina, where Michigan went 2-26 from 3 point land. Senior Kendal Yancy (#5) of Texas has shot particularly poorly, making only 6 of his 37 attempts from downtown. The team's free throw percentage is 65%, 281st in the country, while Michigan's percentage is 80.3%. The leading scorer for Texas, Tevin Mack (#0), is shooting 50% from the line.

The Rest of the Longhorns: Isaiah Hobbs (#2), Jacob Young (#3), James Banks (#4), Kendal Yancy (#5), Eric Davis Jr. (#10), Mareik Isom (#14), Dylan Osetkowski (#21), Joe Schwartz (#25), Rvan McClurg (#30)

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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**Taking Control:** Kennesaw State hung with the Wolverines for much of the first half on Saturday, trailing by only three points with five minutes remaining in the first period. That was the last time the Owls were in this game, as Michigan then went on a 41-9 run that stretched halfway through the second half.

**High Marks:** Saturday was an efficient day for Michigan's leading scorers. Wagner, Wilson and Irvin combined for 54 points on an impressive 22/30 from the field. It was a career night for Moe and D.J., with Moe scoring a career-high 20 points and D.J. scoring 15, recording his second career double-double in the process.

**Defense:** Michigan continues to see improvements on the defensive end of the court, thanks in great part to new assistant coach Billy Donlon. The previous three seasons, Michigan has allowed nearly a point per possession, barely ranking in the top 100. This season that mark is down to .945 ppp, ranking 42nd in the nation.

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)

- <u>Defense:</u>
- 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

Wolverines in the NBA: Jamal Crawford has had a great couple of weeks for the Clippers, averaging 14 points over his last five games, including 21 against the Pelicans on Friday and a three to force 2OT versus the Nets last Tuesday.

**Well Wishes:** Former Wolverine Spike Albrecht, who transferred to Purdue for his graduate season, is out indefinitely with a back injury. He's been Purdue's backup point guard, averaging 15 minutes off the bench. We wish Spike the best and hope for a speedy recovery.