

Highlanders projected starting line-up:

1 DJ Sylvester 6'3" G
Is shooting 27.8% from the field so far this season

3 Chance Murray 6'3" G
Has missed all 16 threes he has attempted this season

14 Brandon Rosser 6'7" F
Tweets consist of bad grammar and Philadelphia sports

15 Dikymbe Martin 6'1" G
Has 16 turnovers on the season, compared to 16 assists and 19 made shots

21 Alex Larsson 6'10" F
Is from Sweden and enjoys eating Swedish meatballs

HC Dennis Cutts
Has a 47-80 record as a head coach

To comply with the Big Ten sportsmanship code, the "Bum of the Game" has been replaced by the "Player to Watch": **Alex Larsson**

Good afternoon and welcome back to Crisler! After a 2-1 campaign in the Maui Invitational, the team is back to take on the Highlanders of UC Riverside. While you might still be full after a big Thanksgiving dinner, look for the Wolverines to continue feasting today and put up a big performance!

Climbing Out of the Gutter?: Since coming to the Division I level, the Highlanders have only posted a winning record once, with that coming all the way back in the 2008-2009 season. The Highlanders have had 8 seasons with a win total in the single-digits in the past 16 years. Needless to say, the UC Riverside program has been struggling as a whole in recent years.

Unimpressive Upset: The Highlanders started this season with a burst of optimism taking down the California Golden Bears. This upset isn't looking as impressive now, however, as California was also in Maui and went 0-3. That dismal effort was capped off by a blowout loss to D-2 Chaminade, who lost to the Wolverines 102-64 during their matchup out in Maui.

We Have the High Ground: You might associate a mascot like the Highlanders with a school in the Rockies. Riverside calls themselves the Highlanders in part because they have the highest elevation of the UC schools, but at 827 feet, that isn't saying much; even Ann Arbor is higher up.

The Rest of the Highlanders: Alec Hickman (#0), Marcus Berkley (#4), Jayvon Brown (#5), Ajani Kennedy (#10), Idy Diallo (#12), Eric Rwahwire (#13), Dominick Pickett (#22), Koh Flippin (#24), James Jackson (#25), Ryker Pierce (#31), Menno Dijkstra (#32),

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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Emerging Star: Charles Matthews was fantastic in Maui, averaging 20.3 points and 8 rebounds per game out in Hawaii. He scored a career-high 28 points against LSU and is looking to build off of the success he has had early this season.

Young Gun: Freshman guard Eli Brooks got his first two career starts in Maui, starting at point guard against Chaminade and VCU. Brooks played 21 and 23 minutes respectively, scoring 5 points in each game.

Heating Up: Moe Wagner also got into a rhythm out in Hawaii, scoring 24 points to go with 7 rebounds against LSU and scoring 6 straight points down the stretch to help the Wolverines take down VCU. Moe is now averaging 14.3 points and 8.3 rebounds per game on the season. Look for Moe to continue his high level of play tonight against the Highlanders.

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

- Put your arms around those near you and sway to the beat during the pregame video and player introductions
- IbiIbiIbiIbi (when Ibi Watson touches the ball or makes a play)
- Big Jon (when Jon Teske makes a play)
- During free throws, listen for the distracting noise and echo along
- Howl like a wolf when Charles Matthews has a great play
- Defense! (stomp, stomp)
- You Suck chant after a Michigan run causes an opponent timeout

Moe Money, Moe Buckets: Every time Moritz Wagner hits a three, rub your thumb and fingers together as if you were rubbing coins or bills together

D-Bomb: Every time Duncan Robinson hits a three, drop back in your seat as though a bomb has violently shaken Crisler

The Alumni Corner

Wolverines in the Pros: Tim Hardaway Jr. went off once again on Wednesday, posting 38 points on 13/27 shooting against the Raptors. Hardaway Jr. added 7 assists and 6 rebounds as he continued his recent hot streak.

Tweet of the Week: "I'm so afraid to get excited.. just to get my heart taken like so many times before" – Anthony Wright (@ItsAntWright), Class of 2010