

Badgers projected starting line-up:

3 Zak Showalter 6'3" G
Has a slight obsession with pandas. Otherwise boring dude.

10 Nigel Hayes 6'8" F
Stands up to the mighty NCAA but gets bullied via text message by walk-on Matt Ferris

22 Ethan Happ 6'10" F
Has made two baskets (out of 312 FGs) from outside the paint in his two-year career

24 Bronson Koenig 6'3" G
Used a celebrity trainer to get in shape during the offseason

30 Vitto Brown 6'8" F
Prior to last season, he had sung the National Anthem more times than he had started as a Badger

HC Greg Gard
Significantly more boring than Bo Ryan

Good evening and welcome to the Crisler Center! Tonight's game is massive for the Wolverines: coming off of two straight wins against MSU and Indiana in which they never trailed, Michigan looks to continue its push toward the NCAA tournament as they host the 11th-ranked Wisconsin Badgers this evening. A win here could punch Michigan's ticket to the big dance, so be sure to get Crisler loud to help push the team to victory!

Overrated?: On Saturday, the NCAA announced the top 16 seeds for March Madness as they currently stood. Despite being ranked 7th in the AP poll at the time, the Badgers weren't included. Feeling disrespected and wanting to prove themselves worthy of their ranking and a top seed in the impending NCAA tournament, Wisconsin went out on Sunday and...lost to Northwestern by seven points. For once, I guess the NCAA was right about something.

Slow and Steady: If you're looking for fast-paced, high-flying action, this game might not be for you. Both teams play at some of the slowest tempos in the nation, with Wisconsin ranked 339th and Michigan ranked 345th in possessions per game. However, both teams are efficient on offense, as Wisconsin is ranked 36th and Michigan 8th in points per possession.

The Rest of the Badgers: D'Mitrik Trice (#0), Brevin Pritzl (#1), Aleem Ford (#2), Matt Ferris (#4), Aaron Moesch (#5), Jordan Hill (#11), Charles Thomas, IV (#15), T.J. Schlundt (#20), Khalil Iverson (#21), Alex Illikainen (#25), Michael Ballard (#31), Andy Van Vliet (#33).

To comply with the Big Ten sportsmanship code, the "Bum of the Game" has been replaced by the "Player to Watch": **Bronson Koenig**

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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Damn, Derrick: Derrick Walton Jr. has been on an absolute tear for the Wolverines lately. Walton has had his foot on the gas, scoring at least 20 points in the Wolverines' last 5 games. To add to that, he had a double-double against Ohio State with 25 points and 10 rebounds. Expect big things from him, tonight!

The X Factor: Xavier Simpson has seen the court a lot more in the Wolverines' recent games, and with good reason. Arguably one of the best on-ball defenders on the team, Xavier plays a physical defense that most guards struggle to play through. He's also been making contributions on the offense with his incredible handles and court vision, turning the ball over only twice in his past five games.

Tournament Hopes: The Wolverines, with recent wins over Indiana and Little Brother, have yet again found themselves on the bubble. While the Wolverines have some impressive wins from early in the season, a win over 11th ranked Wisconsin would be HUGE for their resume. They know what's at stake, so let's do everything we can to give them the support that they need by being louder than ever!

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)
- Defense! (stomp, stomp)

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

The Alumni Corner

Wolverines in the Pros: Tim Hardaway Jr. continued his NBA hotstreak this past week, scoring 28 points in a loss to the Sacramento Kings on Friday followed by a 25 point, 7 rebound, and 4 assist performance in the Hawks' win over Portland.

Tweet of the Week: "I have so much respect for Derrick Walton. Absolute winner." - Josh Bartelstein, Class of 2013