

## **Michigan Wolverines** (19-9, 9-6 B1G)

# The Rage Page

Northwestern Wildcats

(17-10, 5-9 B1G)



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## Wildcats projected starting lineup:

**Bryant McIntosh** 

6'3"

G He surpassed the Northwestern single-season assist record of 157 in a February 4th win over Minnesota.

### 14 Tre Demps

6'3"

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He hit the game tying triple at the end of regulation & OT in Northwestern's victory over Michigan last year.

34 Sanjay Lumpkin 6'6"

Shot a 76 on the famous Whistling Straits Golf Course in Wisconsin last summer.

Aaron Falzon

6'8"

A freshman forward who takes 78.5% of his shots from beyond the arc.

Alex Olah

7'0"

Averaged 23.5 points per game in Northwestern's two games against Michigan last season.

#### HC Chris Collins

In his 3 seasons as head coach, Northwestern's win total has increased from 14 to 15 to 17 this season

To comply with the Big Ten sportsmanship code, the "Bum of the Game" has been replaced by the "Player to Watch": Tre Demps

Welcome back to Crisler Center for Michigan's penultimate home game of the 2015-16 season. Tonight the Wolverines will look to get back on to the winning track against Northwestern after two losses at Ohio State and Maryland last week. The Wildcats are the only power conference team that has never made the NCAA Tournament, but they did make four consecutive NIT appearances from 2009-2012 under former head coach Bill Carmody. This season, they took advantage of a very weak non-conference schedule to get off to a 12-1 start heading into Big Ten play, but they've struggled to gain traction in the conference portion of the season. While an NCAA at-large bid is out of the question, they are still playing to try to earn an NIT bid, which would be a step in the right direction as Chris Collins tries to rebuild this program. Let's hope that the Wildcats are not all in this together. Go Blue!

Injury Bug: There were many preseason predictions that Northwestern would finally make the NCAA Tournament, but those plans have been derailed by the injury to forward Vic Law (#4), who has missed the entire season due to a torn labrum in his left shoulder. Additionally, starting center Alex Olah missed six crucial games at the start of Big Ten play with a foot injury.

Pardon the Interruption: In mid-December freshman forward Dererk Pardon (#5) was set to redshirt, but when Alex Olah was injured he burned his redshirt and was thrust right into action. Troy Bolton was not available to take his place. Coming out of nowhere, he scored 28 points and grabbed 12 rebounds in his second career game in an 81-72 road victory for Northwestern at Nebraska

The Rest of the Wildcats: Joey Van Zegeren (#1), Charlie Hall (#5), Scottie Lindsey (#20), Jordan Ash (#23), Nathan Taphorn (#32), Gavin Skelly (#44).

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:** Last Sunday, Michigan played Maryland at the Xfinity Center. Despite giving up a 14-0 Maryland run, the Wolverines were able to claw their way back into the game before succumbing to the Terrapins 86-82. The silver lining was the strong game of Mark Donnal. Mark had himself a game last Sunday! The junior drained 10 of his 13 shots as he went on to score 25 points against Maryland. It's also worth mentioning that he made 3 of his shots from downtown!

**The Final Stretch:** Unfortunately, there are only three games left in the regular season. After today's game versus Northwestern, the Wolverines will travel to the Kohl Center to play Wisconsin before returning to Crisler for one final go at lowa. We've got to help defend the home court and look strong going into the Big Ten Tournament in March.

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)

"A"-BOMB: When Aubrey Dawkins hits a three, drop back in your seats as if a bomb has violently shaken Crisler Arena.

# The Bacari Corner

A Tribute to coach Bacari Alexander and his Tweets:

**Feb 22:** "Stay silent and let your progress make all the noise. #HardHats #Growingstudent #growthmindset"

Feb 16: "WE100"

**Feb 10:** "Setbacks bring about comebacks! #WE100 #itsnev-eroverintheB1G"