



## *Fighting Illini projected starting line-up:*

3 Te'Jon Lucas 6'1" G

Thinks he's "yall girl MCM"

12 Leron Black 6'7" F

Is totally against the selfie stick

13 Mark Smith 6'4" G

Still has high school hype video linked on his Twitter bio

24 Mark Alstork 6'4" G

Only watches nature videos on his TV

43 Michael Finke 6'10" F

Recently ditched his man-bun and 10 inches of "flow"

HC Brad Underwood

Brought his son, Tyler, with him from Oklahoma State

To comply with the Big Ten sportsmanship code, the "Bum of the Game" has been replaced by the "Player to Watch": **Leron Black**

Good afternoon Maize Rage and welcome back from winter break! Michigan will look to extend their 6-game winning streak against the Illinois Fighting Illini. The Illini have struggled to start this season under new head coach Brad Underwood, losing their first three Big Ten games in addition to notable losses against Wake Forest, UNLV, and New Mexico State. Michigan will play two ranked opponents next week in Purdue and Michigan State, which makes this game even more important to take care of at home.

**Painful Memories:** As the head coach at Oklahoma State, Brad Underwood faced Michigan in the first round of the NCAA Tournament last season, losing a 92-91 heartbreaker. Lucky for him, Derrick Walton won't be in a Michigan uniform this time around, as he scored 26 points and dished out 11 assists in that game.

**Braggin' Rights:** Every December since 1980, Illinois and Missouri have played a neutral site game in St. Louis, which is about a two hour drive from both campuses. For the 5th consecutive year, the Illini beat Missouri by a score of 70-64, behind 22 points from Trent Frazier and 20 points from Leron Black.

**Absolutely on Fire:** Junior guard Aaron Jordan has had a breakout season shooting the ball for Illinois, making 32 of his 58 three point attempts, good for 55.2%. That puts him 12th in the nation in 3-point shooting percentage and 2nd in the Big Ten (through Wednesday's games), behind only Michigan State's Cassius Winston.

**The Rest of the Fighting Illini:** Trent Frazier (#1), Kipper Nichols (#2), Matic Vesel (#4), Drew Cayce (#10), Greg Eboigboden (#11), Da'Monte Williams (#20), Aaron Jordan (#23), Tyler Underwood (#32), Samson Oladimeji (#35), Clayton Jones (#41), Cameron Liss (#45)

**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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**Snapping Streaks:** Tuesday's win over Iowa was the end of a few notable streaks. First off, Michigan snapped Iowa's recent five-game winning streak. The win was also Michigan's first win over Iowa in the last 5 meetings and the first Wolverine win at Carver-Hawkeye Arena since 2011.

**Starting to Click:** Freshman Isaiah Livers set career highs with 13 points and 3 assists in a 75-68 win over Iowa on Tuesday. The reigning Mr. Basketball in the state of Michigan seems to be putting it together for the Wolverines and gaining more trust from Coach Beilein.

**Z for 3:** Despite losing his starting spot to Eli Brooks, sophomore Xavier Simpson has been playing very well recently. Simpson scored 15 points and added 7 assists against Iowa and is now shooting 44% from beyond the arc this season.

**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:** Even at age 37, Jamal Crawford is still contributing. Crawford scored 10 points on 5-10 shooting in 19 minutes against the Nets on Wednesday.

**Tweet of the Week:** "You ever write out your signature for no reason and think to yourself, "Damn, that was beautiful. That's the one" and wish you could frame it without being judged?" – Stu Douglass (@SWD\_317), Class of 2012