



#24 Michigan Wolverines
(18-6, 7-4 B1G)

The Rage Page

Minnesota Golden Gophers
(14-10, 3-8 B1G)



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Golden Gophers projected starting line-up:

1 Dupree McBrayer 6'5" G

Once posted "About to violate this Pizza Hut \$10 box" on Facebook

2 Nate Mason 6'2" G

Benefitted from Derrick Walton getting robbed of a 1st Team All-Big Ten selection last year

3 Jordan Murphy 6'6" F

Joined "the wonderful world of Monster Legends" on Facebook in 2015

5 Amir Coffey 6'8" G

Listed as day-to-day with a shoulder injury coming into this game

21 Bakary Konate 6'11" C

Has more fouls (39) than points (34) this year

HC Richard Pitino

Son of the cleanest (ex) coach in college basketball, Rick Pitino

*To comply with the Big Ten sportsmanship code, the "Bum of the Game" has been replaced by the "Player to Watch": **Jordan Murphy***

Good afternoon Maize Rage, and welcome to Jordan's Poole Party! Michigan will be taking on the struggling Minnesota Golden Gophers this afternoon. The Gophers got off to a 13-3 start this season, but have gone just 1-7 over their last 8 games since star center Reggie Lynch was indefinitely suspended following a second accusation of sexual assault. While head coach Richard Pitino got off the hot seat last March by getting the team back to the NCAA Tournament for the first time since 2013, his poor handling of the situation with Reggie Lynch and the team's ensuing collapse may put his job status back into question this offseason.

No Defense: Reggie Lynch was leading the conference with more than 4 blocks per game at the time of his suspension, and the Gophers are struggling on defense without him. They gave up 70.7 points per game in the three Big Ten games that he played in, but that rose to 79.8 points per game in the 8 Big Ten games since he was suspended.

Mr. Double-Double: Gopher forward Jordan Murphy leads the NCAA with 20 double-doubles this season, three more than Duke star freshman Marvin Bagley. At only 6'6", he ranks 4th in the NCAA in rebounds per game through Thursday's games with 11.9.

Freshman Disappointment: Isaiah Washington was the #61 ranked recruit in the Class of 2017 per 247 composite rankings, but he has struggled mightily this season, shooting 32% from the field and 19% from beyond the arc on a fairly large sample size.

The Rest of the Golden Gophers: Jamir Harris (#4), Brady Rudrud (#10), Isaiah Washington (#11), Jarvis Johnson (#12), Hunt Conroy (#13), DaVonte Fitzgerald (#20), Reggie Lynch (#22), Eric Curry (#24), Matz Stockman (#35), Gaston Diedhiou (#41), Michael Hurt (#42)

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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Coming Up Big: On an off-night for most of the team against Northwestern, Charles Matthews was huge. Matthews led the team with 14 points on 6-11 shooting, including 2-3 from deep. Matthews added 7 rebounds to help the Wolverines beat the Wildcats 58-47.

Finding Ways to Contribute: While Duncan Robinson struggled from behind the arc against Northwestern, going 0-6, he made all three 2-point attempts in an 8 point effort that helped get Michigan going. Robinson also had 3 assists in the game as he didn't let his off shooting night keep him from having an impact on the game.

Senior Leader: Muhammad-Ali Abdur-Rahkman scored 11 points on just 6 shots against Northwestern while also adding 4 rebounds and 3 assists in 38 minutes. MAAR's consistent ability to contribute in multiple parts of the game is extremely valuable for the Wolverines.

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
- 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 Buckets: Every time Moritz Wagner hits a three, make a three with your thumb and your index and middle fingers

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: Nik Stauskas had 12 points for the Brooklyn Nets on Tuesday against Tim Hardaway Jr, Trey Burke, and the New York Knicks. Hardaway had 15 points as the Knicks prevailed 111-95.

Tweet of the Week: "Calling Blake Griffin just a dunker is like calling Steph just a 3 point shooter.. don't listen to anyone who has that opinion" – Anthony Wright (@ItsAnt-Wright), Class of 2010