

The Rage Page

Norfolk State Spartans

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Spartans projected starting line-up:			
0	Mastadi Pitt	6'1"	G
Tweeted that the Lakers are a lock to win the 2019 NBA Championship			
14	Nic Thomas	6'2"	G
Uses a twitter follower tracker and posts whenever there's an update			
22	Alex Long	6'8"	F
His sister is better			
35	Derrik Jamerson Jr.	6'5"	G
Rarely goes left			
45	Jordan Butler	6'6"	F
His career high in assists is 4			
HC	Robert Jones		
Couldn't have a more generic name			

To comply with the Big Ten sportsmanship code, the "Bum of the Game" has been replaced by the "Player to Watch": Jordan Butler

Good evening and welcome back to Crisler, Maize Rage. Tonight the Michigan Wolverines face the Norfolk State Spartans in a Campus Round game to kick off the 2018-19 Hall of Fame Tip-Off Tournament. This game is crucial for the Wolverines in preparation for getting revenge on Villanova next Wednesday, after losing to the Wildcats in the finals of the NCAA Tournament last season. Michigan has begun their season with a 90-58 win in an exhibition game against the Northwood Timberwolves and look to extend their early season success with another win tonight before playing Holy Cross here in Crisler on Saturday.

Past Victories: As a former Division II squad reigning from Norfolk, Virginia, the Spartans first competed in the NCAA Division I tournament in 2012, and unfortunately have not returned since. However, during their first appearance 6 years ago, they became one of the very few teams in history to kick a #2 seed (Minnesota) out of the tournament as a #15 seed. They earned their way to regular season conference champs the following season.

Spartan Standouts: The Spartans are expected to finish third place in their conference according to a preseason poll. This predicted position may be attributed to other preseason decisions working in the Spartans' favor, such as the placing of two of their key players, senior Alex Long and junior Steven Whitley, on the preseason All-Conference team for the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference. Jordan Butler is another key player to look out for, after coming away with a double-double in Norfolk State's exhibition game versus Virginia State last week

The Rest of the Spartans: BJ Fitzgerald (#1), Obi Momah (#3), Joe Bryant (#4), Armani Branch (#5), Jermaine Bishop (#11), C.J. Kelly (#15), Chris Ford (#32), Steven Whitley (#34). Kyonze Chavis (#55)

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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Gettin' Iggy With It: Freshman Ignas Brazdeikis starred in his first game in Crisler, going 6 of 8 from the field and tying for the scoring lead with 13 points in the exhibition win over Northwood. Brazdeikis looks to be a potent driver, seemingly getting to the rim at will, and capped off a great performance with 3 rebounds.

Dynamic Duo: The starting backcourt of Jordan Poole and Zavier Simpson was once again highly efficient in the exhibition victory, with each player scoring 12 points. Simpson did so by going 5 of 5 from the field, and the two players looked deadly in transition, combining for 14 assists and 8 steals.

No Moe, No Problem: Junior Jon Teske has big shoes to fill, moving from a backup role behind Moe Wagner on last year's national runner up to a starting one this year. Teske looks to be up to the challenge, finishing the exhibition win with 11 points and 4 rebounds. Teske also showcased the range he has added to his shot, hitting a 3-pointer after attempting only 2 (and missing both) during his first 2 years in Ann Arbor.

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
- Iggylggylggylggylggy (when Ignas Brazdeikis 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)

The Cannonball: Every time Jordan Poole hits a three, drop back in your seat as though you are doing a cannonball in Crisler

Maize Rager of the Game



Name: Jacob Year: Sophomore

Major: Actuarial Mathematics

Favorite thing about the Maize Rage:
"I love the atmosphere in Crisler that we create!"

If we notice you on the jumbotron, or if you tweet a picture of yourself using #LetsRage, you could be the next Maize Rager of the Game!