



## *Wildcats projected starting line-up:*

**4 Vic Law 6'7" F**

The total length of his name is shorter than ~99% of American names

**5 Dererk Pardon 6'8" C**

His parents meant to write "Derek"

**10 Miller Kopp 6'7" F**

Scored in double digits once. Remember, he is a starter

**14 Ryan Taylor 6'6" G**

Only transferred to Northwestern because he likes the arena

**21 A.J. Turner 6'7" F**

Turned down a scholarship from Michigan State

**HC Chris Collins**

Better college player than any of his current players

Good evening Maize Rage and welcome back to Crisler for what should be an exciting game. A heartbreaking highlight of the Wildcats' season came a month ago with their home court loss to our undefeated Wolverines. They put up an impressive performance that made all who were watching nervous up until the final second with a missed three-point shot that could have won them the game. Not only did they almost win, but the Wildcats held us to our second lowest scoring game of the season. They're coming in with revenge on their minds—let's show them what our home court advantage has to offer.

**Comeback?:** The Wildcats have been a rollercoaster ride of success in the past few years starting with their first ever NCAA Tournament appearance in the 2016-2017 season and win over Vanderbilt in the first round. Things were looking up for their program until the 2017-2018 season where they went 6-12 in conference play and did not make it back to the tournament. This season they seem to be back on track, currently 10-6 overall with several close games under their belt. They'll be looking for their season defining win tonight.

**Transfer Hopes:** Part of the more successful season is not only from the veteran seniors Vic Law and Dererk Pardon, but also from a transfer from Evansville—Ryan Taylor. As a graduate transfer, over 40 schools were interested in adding this 6'6 guard to their programs. He caused quite a buzz last season when he finally chose to become a Wildcat and has made it his mission to make sure that the 2017 NCAA Tournament appearance was not a fluke. He leads the team in 3 pointers with 39 and is third on the team in points per game with 12.4. The formidable upperclassmen trio of Law, Pardon, and Taylor will no doubt make for an interesting night in Crisler Center.

**The Rest of the Wildcats:** Ryan Greer (#2), Anthony Gaines (#11), Ryan Young (#15), Pete Nance (#22), Jordan Ash (#23), Barret Benson (#25), Tino Malnati (#33), Charlie Hall (#34), Aaron Falzon (#35)

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

**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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**Six-Headed Monster:** The Wolverines roll back into Crisler Center after a 79-69 win at Illinois, which was neither uncomfortable nor particularly relaxing. The reason for this being that no single player was able to take control of the game for the Wolverines. Instead, it was a team effort, with all five starters finishing with double-digit points and Isaiah Livers pouring in 9 in his first game back from missing the previous two with back spasms. The ability of this team to spread out its scoring makes it very difficult for opponents to figure out who to focus on, which will be a strength come tourney time.

**Throwback Point Guard on 90's Night:** Xavier Simpson has been playing like an old man. This is not an insult, but rather a compliment. His valuing of the basketball (only 6 TO in the last five games), distributing prowess (33 AST in the same time frame), free-throw efficiency (87.5% from the line in the same amount of games) and sweet, sweet hook shot have brought fans of the team back to the era of long white socks and short-shorts. Xavier Simpson is old school, and it's very appropriate to honor that on 90's Night tonight.

**Medium-Rare Stakes:** With the win on Thursday over Illinois, Michigan has matched the school-record for most wins to start a season since the 2012-13 Wolverines accomplished the same feat of 16 straight wins. Should the Wolverines be victorious tonight, this would mark the single best start to a season in the 103-year history of Michigan basketball.

**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 Ragers of the Game



Names: Evan & Daniel  
Years: Sophomores  
Majors: Chemistry & Business

Favorite thing about the Maize Rage:  
"We like yelling at the opposing coach, and we love the hype!"

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!