



Michigan Wolverines

(17-1, 6-1 B1G)

The Rage Page

Minnesota Golden Gophers

(14-4, 4-3 B1G)



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Golden Gophers projected starting line-up:

1 Dupree McBrayer 6'5" G

Wears a Gucci sweatshirt often

3 Jordan Murphy 6'6" F

His pinned tweet is "need to get this nap in"

5 Amir Coffey 6'8" G

Refers to himself as Coffey shop

22 Gabe Kalschauer 6'4" G

Enjoys to sing

25 Daniel Oturu 6'10" C

Frequently will retweet for good luck

HC Richard Pitino

Had to grow up with Rick Pitino as his father

*To comply with the Big Ten sportsmanship code, the "Bum of the Game" has been replaced by the "Player to Watch": **Jordan Murphy***

Good evening, Maize Rage, and welcome back to Crisler Center! Your Wolverines step onto the hardwood to face the Minnesota Golden Gophers after having their perfect record heartbreakingly shattered on the road at Wisconsin this past weekend. But tonight, they stand to bounce back as Richard Pitino and his squad are coming in off of a difficult one-point win over the worst team in the B1G, the Penn State Nittany Lions. The Golden Gophers have struggled the past couple of games, taking a hard 27 point loss against the Fighting Illini prior to their contest against Penn State on Saturday. The Wolverines work to extend their conference record to 7-1 with a win here tonight.

Big Man at the Boards: A challenge for the Wolverines tonight in the paint will be senior Jordan Murphy, as he secured his 11th double double of the season on Saturday night. Murphy put up a total of 19 points and came away with a whopping 21 rebounds. The 6'6" forward averages 14.6 points a game and is 2nd in the B1G in double doubles, behind Wisconsin's Ethan Happ.

McBrayer's Resilience: Senior Dupree McBrayer recently lost his mother, Tayra McFarlane, to cancer in early December. McBrayer's strength and commitment to his team is evident, as he has averaged a steady 11.3 points per game since her passing, even competing in a game two days after her death. The community has rallied behind him in support with kind words and donations. Also behind him, Gophers head coach Pitino, who stated in an interview how proud he is of McBrayer. Our condolences and hearts go out to McBrayer as we watch from the stands with respect and admiration of his character.

The Rest of the Golden Gophers: Payton Willis (#0), Marcus Carr (#2), Brady Rudrud (#10), Isaiah Washington (#11), Jarvis Johnson (#12), Hunt Conroy (#13), Jarvis Omersa (#21), Eric Curry (#24), Brock Stull (#31), Matz Stockman (#35), 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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Bounce Back Plan: Unfortunately Michigan's undefeated season is no more with a disappointing upset against Wisconsin 64-54. Wisconsin won behind a strong performance from senior forward Ethan Happ, and Michigan suffered from uncharacteristically poor performances from Ignas Brazdeikis, Charles Matthews, and the bench. However, Michigan should be able to secure a bounce back victory against a Minnesota team who barely sneaked past 7-12 Penn State on Saturday.

Defense First: The Wolverines will have to work hard to defend against a potent Minnesota offense that averages 74 points per game. In particular, junior Xavier Simpson and freshman Ignas Brazdeikis have to defend the Golden Gophers' top scorers, junior guard Amir Coffey and senior forward Jordan Murphy, who average 15.7 and 14.6 points per game, respectively.

Offense Second: As explosive as the Minnesota offense is, they are equally weak on the defensive end. On Wednesday, they let up 95 points to the dreadful Fighting Illini. For reference, we easily handled Illinois less than two weeks ago, winning 79-69 at their place. Look for senior big man Jon Teske to have a big game. He matches up against freshman Daniel Oturu whom he has a 3 inch and 35 pound advantage against.

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
- lggylggylggylggylggy (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: Semat

Year: Junior

Major: Movement Science

Favorite thing about the Maize Rage:

"Being able to meet and hangout with people that love basketball as much as I do! Also the weekly core meetings at 7 are iconic #plug #jointhecore #mondaysat7"

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!