

Badgers projected starting line-up:

0 D'Mitrik Trice 6'0" G

Wasn't good enough to play at MSU like his brother

21 Khalil Iverson 6'5" G

Wears Frosty the Snowman pajamas as warm up pants

22 Ethan Happ 6'10" F

Singing on Broadway is his backup if the whole basketball thing doesn't work out

34 Brad Davison 6'3" G

Dislocated his shoulder freshman year and wrote a 10 page article about his rough experience

35 Nate Reuvers 6'11" F

Wears t-shirts under his jersey just so he can say "it's t-shirt time" in a Pauly D voice

HC Greg Gard

His name is Gard but the Badgers are ranked 286th in the country in turnovers forced per game

Welcome back to Crisler, Ragers! Tonight, we face the Wisconsin Badgers for a rematch after a 10-point loss to them earlier in the season. Giving us one of our two losses, we should be coming out with a vengeance—but the Badgers are not going to make it easy. They're coming in with a 6-game winning streak after a 5-point win over Minnesota earlier this week. They may have had the advantage in Madison, but let's show them what Ann Arbor has to offer.

Defensive Battles: In the last 6 games, the Badgers have held 3 of their opponents to their season lows. This includes us when they shut down Iggy, leaving him with 0 points. They may not have the best defense in the Big Ten, but they definitely aren't the worst. Reuvers leads the team in blocks (44), Davison leads the team in steals (27), and Happ leads in defensive rebounds (191). These three seem to be a powerful force on defense. Against them earlier in the season, we struggled on fast breaks and were forced to our second, third, and even fourth options in play calls. This caused problems for us on the road, but we are undefeated at home, so let's keep it that way.

Offensive Happ-enings: Ethan Happ is a serious contender on the offensive side of the ball. As a redshirt senior, he's had an impressive run with the Badgers and this season is no different. He's the leading scorer for the Badgers, shooting 55.2% from the field. He doesn't shoot 3's—he's getting his numbers from the inside, but he is also 3rd in the Big Ten in assists (behind Xavier Simpson). He's a force to be reckoned with and he knows it, as seen from his performance after the Minnesota game—blowing kisses into the crowd after the win. The key to this game is shutting him down in more ways than one.

The Rest of the Badgers: Brevin Pritzl (#1), Aleem Ford (#2), Walt McGrory (#3), Carter Higginbottom (#4), Micah Potter (#11), Trevor Anderson (#12), Tai Strickland (#13), Charles Thomas, IV (#15), Kobe King (#23), Owen Hamilton (#30), Michael Ballard (#31), Joe Hedstrom (#32), Taylor Currie (#33)

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

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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Triple-Double: Xavier Simpson had himself a night against Ohio State last week. He scored 11 points, came down with 10 rebounds, and dished out 12 assists, becoming the sixth Wolverine ever with a triple-double. Simpson had 2 steals, 1 block, and 0 turnovers to go along with it, and he also became the 15th Wolverine to reach 300 career assists.

Bouncing Back: After suffering their second loss of the season in Iowa City, the Wolverines bounced back Tuesday with a 77-65 win at Rutgers. Xavier Simpson had another solid game with 14 points, 7 rebounds, and 7 assists, Ignas Brazdeikis had 23 points, including five 3-pointers, and Jordan Poole had 15 points. Look for them to continue their success tonight against the Badgers.

Advanced Stats: Everyone knows Michigan is excellent on the defensive end, but have you ever looked at the advanced stats? If you look at the leaderboard for the defensive win shares statistic, you'll see that your Wolverines' starting 5 make up 5 of the top 6 players in the Big Ten. Xavier Simpson and the Badgers' Ethan Happ are tied for first in the conference with 2.2 defensive win shares each, Jon Teske and Charles Matthews each have 2.0, Ignas Brazdeikis and Jordan Poole each have 1.9, and Isaiah Livers isn't far behind with 1.3.

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
- IggyIggyIggyIggyIggy (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: Jessica

Year: Junior

Major: Sound Engineering

Favorite thing about the Maize Rage:
"Standing in the cold for hours with my best friends"

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!