

*Phoenix projected starting line-up:***4 Marcus Sheffield II 6'5" G**

A graduate transfer from Stanford

0 Hunter McIntosh 6'3" G

Went to the same high school as Chris Hinton and Malcolm Brogdon

25 Hunter Woods 6'6" F

Has retweeted every single video of him making a three pointer

5 Frederico Poser 6'8" F

An Italian national and was part of Italy's U20 men's national team

33 Simon Wright 6'7" F

Wally Sczerbiak makes his list of all-time favorite athletes

HC Mike Schrage

First season as a head coach. Was previously an assistant coach at Ohio State.

Good evening Maize Ragers and welcome back to the Crisler Center! Tonight, our Wolverines face off against the Elon Phoenix. This is the first time the two teams have met since November 2015, a game that ended in a 20 point Wolverine victory. Elon will be looking to return to winning ways after a 23 point rout Monday versus Georgia Tech. This is an important game for the Wolverines as they continue to get settled playing in Juwan Howard's system of "positionless" basketball.

A New Leaf: Mike Schrage has taken over Elon's basketball program following the firing of Matt Matheny in early April. Matheny was the third winningest coach in Elon basketball history, but with 5 losing seasons of the last ten and only one conference tournament win since 2015, it was time for the program to change leadership. Schrage previously worked as Ohio State's assistant coach, and played a large role in their recruiting efforts. Look for this team to improve in the coming seasons when Schrage finally gets to recruit his own classes of players that fit his system.

Live and Die by the 3: In their season opener, Elon shot a blazing 52.2% from 3 point range in a shootout win over Mars Hill. Immediately after, the Phoenix went 16-40 from deep to trounce an outmatched Milligan team. But in their most recent showing against the Yellow Jackets on Monday, Elon was ice cold, shooting a measly 10%. Elon lets it fly from deep more than almost any other team-they are tied for 14th in the NCAA in total 3 pointers attempted. If Elon can get their perimeter game to open up, this game could become a high scoring affair when matched up with Michigan's new fast paced style. We'll see whether Elon can get hot tonight against an ascending Wolverine squad.

The Rest of the Phoenix: Chuck Hannah (#1), Seth Fuller (#3), Kris Wooten (#10), Jerald Gillens-Butler (#13), Zac Ervin (#14), Christian Scott (#15), Andy Pack (#21), Ben Daugherty (#23), John Stubbs (#30), Duje Radja (#42)

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

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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Veteran Leadership: On Tuesday, the Wolverines used a 2nd half surge by their defense to get past the Creighton Bluejays by 10. The Wolverine looked lost on defense early but were carried by their 7 made three pointers in the first half. Veteran leaders Simpson, Teske, and Livers proved to be huge in the second half as they limited Creighton to 28 points. Livers set a personal best with 22 points followed by Teske and Simpson who each contributed 17 points.

Protecting the Rim: Moving forward, Michigan will need to do a better job on the glass. Creighton won the offensive boards 10-0 the first half with an additional 8 offensive rebounds in the second half, amounting to a -14 offensive rebounding differential for the Wolverines. Minimizing second chance shots and communicating on defense will be essential to compete in the B1G schedule.

Block Party: Michigan has often relied on its defensive success in past seasons, especially on the perimeter. But the Wolverines have been dominant in the paint as well to start the season, with the presence of anchor Jon Teske leading the way. Big Sleep has averaged 3 blocks a game in our first two contests, with Isaiah chipping in 1 per game.

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
- Big Jon (when Jon Teske makes a play)
- During free throws, listen for the distracting noise and echo along
- You Suck chant after a Michigan run causes an opponent timeout
- Follow your section leaders for chants during offensive possessions
- Popcorn (jump up and down) and MAKE NOISE ON DEFENSE!

Throw up the X: Every time Xavier Simpson steals the ball, throw up an X to pay tribute to his former first name spelling.

Liver Bomb: Every time Isaiah hits a 3, fall back into your seat!

“Pro” Blue Update

Tim Hardaway Jr.: Timmy is averaging 11.9 pts, 2.1 rbs, and 1.4 ast per game for the Dallas Mavericks

Caris LeVert: Caris is averaging 17.9 pts, 5.4 rbs, and 3.9 ast in 32.3 minutes per game while playing second fiddle for Kyrie Irving. Caris recently underwent surgery on his right thumb, with no timetable to return.

Jordan Poole: JP is averaging 26.8 minutes and 9.5 pts for the tanking Warriors. He recently put Dame Dolla on skates.

Duncan Robinson: Averaging 8.8 pts and 2.7 rbs per game for the surprise contender Miami Heat. Had a season high 23 points in a win against the Rockets last week.