



Michigan Wolverines
(8-2, 1-1 B1G)

The Rage Page

Oregon Ducks
(7-2) **10**



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Ducks projected starting line-up:

3 Payton Pritchard 6'2" G

Wants you to know he made it to Round 31 in COD Zombies

32 Anthony Mathis 6'4" G

Asked Siri what 0 divided by 0 is and felt disrespected

5 Chris Duarte 6'6" G

Does not show up on the first page of Google when searching "Chris Duarte"

33 Francis Okoro 6'9" F

Has never attempted a 3-point shot in his career

14 C.J. Walker 6'8" F

New Years Resolution was to be more consistent. Is currently shooting under 58% from the FT line

HC Dana Altman

In his 10th season at Oregon, earning a 241-98 record and 6 NCAA Tournament appearances

Good afternoon, Maize Rage, and welcome back to Crisler! Today your Wolverines take on #10 Oregon here at home, looking to regain momentum after suffering their first Big Ten loss of the season at Illinois on Wednesday. The Ducks come in sporting a 7-2 record, but their losses came at the hands of – you guessed it – North Carolina and Gonzaga, the two juggernauts Michigan disposed of by a combined 27 points at the Battle 4 Atlantis. A victory today would put the Wolverines one win away from double digits, and would be huge for maintaining a top 10 ranking heading into next week.

One-Man Band: Forget the team, the spotlights this season have all been on senior guard Payton Pritchard, who has been putting on a show in Oregon's first nine games. He leads the team in minutes, points, field goals, assists, and steals. The reigning Pac-12 tournament Most Outstanding Player won't be going anywhere, having made 109 consecutive starts dating back to his freshman year. He will go head-to-head with Xavier Simpson today; expect an exciting matchup between the two elite point guards!

Just Missed Him: The biggest offseason news for the Ducks was the signing of N'Faly Dante, the five-star Malian recruit who was the #1 ranked center in the 2019 class. Unfortunately for Dana Altman's squad, the star big man was ruled ineligible for the first nine games of the season after the NCAA "missed his clearance date", which is not elaborated on by any sources but likely means the NCAA just found yet another thing to screw up. He was finally granted eligibility last week and is expected to join the team December 14 (today), but without any practice, he won't suit up against the Wolverines.

The Rest of the Ducks: Will Richardson (#0), N'Faly Dante (#1), Eugene Omoruyi (#2), Eddy Ionescu (#4), Shakur Juiston (#10), Chandler Lawson (#14), Lök Wur (#15), Addison Patterson (#22), Luke Osborn (#25), Eric Williams Jr. (#50), Will Johnson (#54)

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

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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Road Woes: Michigan has been unable to produce away from the Crisler or the Bahamas to begin the season, especially from the 3 point line. The Wolverines against Louisville and Illinois have shot a combined 6 for 37 from downtown in their two road contests against quality opponents. It is important for this team to continue to manufacture good looks away from home, especially when B1G play comes in January.

Waching Paint Dry: The Wolverines allowed 44 points to Iowa's Luka Garza and were outrebounced by 16 against the Fighting Illini. Michigan's paint defense will continue to be tested as the season goes along as the B1G has an array of big men talent. Look for Teske and others to step up their paint defense under the tutelage of Juwan Howard.

Efficiency is Key: Your Wolverines this season have been very efficient in their shot taking and making ability. They are currently 10th in the nation in FG% and 36% in 3-point %. With Xavier Simpson being 2nd in the nation in assists, the pick-and-roll game with Jon Teske has allowed Xavier to get open looks to Isaiah, Eli, and the crew. Juwan has clearly kept up the legacy of John Beilein and his offensive prowess thus far.

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
- Scream "SLEEEEEEEEEEEEP" every time Big Jon takes a three
- 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

Hey Baby!: Every time the band plays Hey Baby by Bruce Channel, sing along with these lyrics: "Heyyyyy (opponent), I wanna know, why you suck so much!"

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

"Pro" Blue Update

Duncan Robinson: D-Bo continues to show why he is one of the best catch and shoot players in the league by shooting 10-14 from behind the arc and scoring 34 points in the Heat's win over the Hawks.

Trey Burke: The 2013 Big Ten Player of the Year has settled into his Sixers role nicely, especially as of late. He scored 21 points and 8 assists against the Beilein led Cavaliers last week, showing his facilitating ability we are all accustomed to.

Caris Levert: He injured his thumb and had surgery to repair ligament damage. Caris is reportedly out 4-6 weeks from Nov. 10. It has been reported that Caris is getting close to a return. He is averaging 16.8 points, 5 rebounds and 4 assists per game on the season for the 12-10 Nets.