

# Michigan Wolverines (11-6, 2-4 B1G)

## The Rage Page



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#### Nittany Lions projected starting line-up:

5 Jamari Wheeler 6'1" G

Has his own hastag, #5iveway

0 Myreon Jones 6'3" G

Retweeted multiple UM football highlights this season

### 1 Seth Lundy 6'6"

He is one of those who tweets every time someone follows or unfollows him

#### 11 Lamar Stevens 6'8" F

Has started every game in his PSU career

#### 21 John Harrar 6'9" F

Is obsessed with fixing his hair during games. Watch how many times he flips his hair.

#### **HC** Pat Chambers

In his 9th season at Penn State, with a 140-145 record and a NIT Championship in 2017-2018.

To comply with the Big Ten sportsmanship code, the "Bum of the Game" has been replaced by the "Player to Watch": Lamar Stevens

Good evening Ragers and welcome back to Crisler! Your Wolverines return to Ann Arbor aiming to get back on track after falling victim to Big Ten teams' apparent inability to lose conference games at home this year, suffering close losses in Iowa City and Minneapolis this past week. Tonight, Juwan Howard and the squad host a Penn State team who has been equally shaky in conference play, having lost three straight earlier this month, but has compiled a formidable 13-5 record overall. Michigan will look to get back in the win column this evening and hopefully set themselves up for a return to the Top 25!

**Even Stevens**: Coming off a season in which he was named First Team All-Big Ten and almost went to the NBA Draft, Lamar Stevens is back in a leadership role for the Nittany Lions this year. The 6'8" forward has scored in double digits in every single game this season, averaging 16.6 points per game, and has the second-highest rebounding average as well after leading PSU in both categories last year. Containing Stevens will likely be an important aspect of Michigan's success.

Who Knows, Honestly: Much like most of the Big Ten this season, Penn State has been quite unpredictable, notching some big wins alongside some concerning losses. Early in the season, they barely squeaked by Yale with a two-point win at home, and then lost their next game to an Ole Miss team currently at the bottom of the barrel in the SEC. However, they have had some convincing Ws in conference play over Maryland, Iowa, and Ohio State; let's hope the less competent version of the Nittany Lions shows up to Crisler this evening.

The Rest of the Nittany Lions: Myles Dread (#2), Curtis Jones Jr. (#4), Kyle McCloskey (#10), Izaiah Brockington (#12), Patrick Kelly (#14), Trent Buttrick (#15), Taylor Nussbaum (#20), Grant Hazle (#22), Mike Watkins (#24), Stephen Beattie (#33)

**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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**Off a Rocky Road:** Your Maize Blue come back to Ann Arbor after back to back road losses to Minnesota and Iowa. Michigan has failed to catch a dub on the road this season, making them stand 11th in the B1G standings. All 5 losses on the road were to teams ranked in the top 40 of KenPom's efficiency rankings, including 4 in the top 20.

**The Bus Boy:** If you want some dishes, Zavier Simpson is the man to call. X is leading the nation in assists this season with 8.7 assists per contest. He had 6 assists against Iowa and 9 against Minnesota last week. Look for X to continue weaving through PSU's defense with ball screens and creating open shots for Eli, Franz, Big Sleep, and hopefully Isaiah tonight.

**Shooters Shoot:** After averaging just 5 points and shooting a combined 1-14 from downtown the last 3 games, The Professor popped for a 25 point performance in Iowa City. Playing the whole game, Eli made 5 threes, went 9-17 from the field, and chipped in 4 boards and 2 steals. Eli's performace was key in keeping Michigan on pace with Iowa's potent offense.

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 "SLEEEEEEEP" before big Jon shoots a 3
- During free throws, listen for the distracting noise and echo along
- Follow your section leaders for chants during offensive possesions
- 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... "Heyyyyyy (opposing team), I wanna know, why you suck so much!"

1ST HALF COUNTDOWN: When the opposing team shot clock reaches 0:07, start chanting from 10...9... 8... to force a shot clock violation!

2ND HALF COUNTDOWN: When the opposing team shot clock reaches 0:10, start chanting from 7.... 6.... 5.... to force an early shot!

## "Pro" Blue Update

**Jordan Poole:** After being sent to the G-League for a 3-game stretch, JP has seemed to regain his confidence as he went 4-straight games scoring double digits. He had a career high 21 points against the Magic last Saturday.

**Tim Hardaway Jr.**: On Friday, THJ had 29 points and 4 rebs against the Trail Blazers. He is currently 3rd in scoring for the Mavs and has scored at least 100 3-pointers in 6 of his 7 seasons in the NBA.

**Moritz Wagner:** While averaging 11.6 points and 6.0 rebounds for the Wizards, Big Mo leads the league in charges drawn per game with 0.81 and third in total charges taken with 17 on the season. Mo is currently nursing an ankle injury and has been out for a couple of weeks.