

Michigan Wolverines (10-4, 1-2 B1G)

The Rage Page

Purdue Boilermakers (9-6, 2-2 B1G)

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Boilermakers projected starting line-up.

2 Eric Hunter Jr. 6'4" G

Believes he hears the Fortnite chest sound effect while walking around in real life

55 Sasha Stefanovic

6'4" (

Is convinced that superstar Luka Doncic is his long lost twin

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Has one of the most awkward looking free throw shooting form in college basketball

50 Trevion Williams

6'9"

6'7"

Loves to sing during his free time

32 Matt Haarms

7'3"

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

HC Matt Painter

In his 15th season at Purdue, earning a 330-165 record and 11 NCAA Tournament appearances.

To comply with the Big Ten sportsmanship code, the "Burn of the Game" has been replaced by the "Player to Watch": Matt Haarms

Good evening Ragers and welcome back to Crisler Arena for 90s Night against a Big Ten bout against the Purdue Boilermakers! You will have to go back to December 2018 when the Wolverines last met the Boilermakers, a decisive 19 point victory for the Maize and Blue. Tonight, both teams will look to bounce back after difficult road losses on Sunday, with your Wolverines coming back home after an embarrassing loss to the rival Spartans in East Lansing. Purdue has achieved some marquee home wins this season against VCU and UVa but have struggled to play well on the road. Michigan is hoping to use their home crowd and the Maize Rage to build some momentum during the B1G season after going 3-4 in the last 7 games.

Out of Offensive Steam: Purdue had a horrific outing offensively against Illinois, scoring only 37 points for the game. The Boilermakers shot 25% from the field, 17% from the 3-point line, and had only 5 bench points. Sharpshooter Sasha Stefanovic paced the team with a team high 8 points. Purdue is feeling the absence of dynamic scorer Carsen Edwards, who averaged 24.3 points last season. The leading scorer for Purdue this season is big man Matt Haarms, averaging 11.5 points.

Ha(a)mmer and Nails on Defense: The Boilermaker leading scorer is also a big key in the strength of their team, defense. They are 13th in the nation in PPG allowed and are top-10 in KenPom for adjusted defense. Haarms leads the way with 2.1 blocks per game and Eastern, Stefanovic, and Proctor chipping in with 1 steal per game each. Team defense is the backbone of this team like any Painter-led Purdue basketball team and will look to slow down Michigan's fast-paced offense.

The Rest of the Boilermakers: Evan Boudreaux (#12), Emmanuel Dowuona (#4), Matt Frost (#21), Mason Gillis (#0), Tommy Luce (#15), Brandon Newman (#5), Jahaad Proctor (#3), Isaiah Thompson (#11), Aaron Wheeler (#1), Jared Wulbrun (#14)

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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Liver Pain: Isaiah Livers left the Presbyterian game early in the first half with a groin injury and has not seen the court since. His shooting ability and versatility on defense was sorely missed in last Sunday's matchup against Little Brother. There is no timetable for his return, giving sophomore forward Brandon Johns Jr. the starting nod.

Big Country Big Ballin': After getting sparse minutes during the months of November and early December, Austin Davis has stepped in and has earned 15 minutes per game the last 3 outings. Averaging 7 points and 5 rebounds during that stretch, Big Country has provided timely rebounds and on-ball defense while Big Sleep gets rest. Look for Big Country to keep rolling into the B1G season.

Tough Road Ahead: The Big Ten has proven to be the premier basketball conference this season, as 12 B1G teams are ranked in the top 50 of the NET rankings. Michigan has two road games against Minnesota and a rematch against Iowa before heading back to Crisler next weekend against AP-ranked Penn State. B1G road games are always tough to come by but will be much tougher this season.

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 "SLEEEEEEEEP" 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

Derrick Walton Jr.: Derrick scored a career high 10 points last week against the Kings and was recognized a the player of the game. Injuries to PGs on the Clipper roster has allowed Derrick to step in and earn minutes.

Duncan Robinson: DRob's hot season continues as he has scored 20 or more points in 5 different games. He is shooting 44.4 % from downtown and has hit 101 threes, which is the 11th best mark in the league. He leads the league in efficient FG% with a scorching 67.1% eFG.

Caris Levert: Caris has returned to playing after missing 24 games due to a thumb injury. His first game only amounted to 16 minutes, but had an efficient 13 points on 5-7 shooting. Look for him to regain his confidence and role as a starter for the Nets.