

Spartans' projected starting line-up:

5 Cassius Winston 6'1" G

Believes there is magic in headbands and has continued to wear them since he was 8

11 Aaron Henry 6'6" F

Once went on a Twitter rant about how his parents are "the most annoying people ever"

44 Gabe Brown 6'7" F

Likes to refer to himself in 3rd person from time to time

25 Malik Hall 6'7" F

Claims to be a good "shower singer"

23 Xavier Tillman 6'8" F

Was the 2017 Michigan Mr. Basketball runner-up to Isaiah Livers

HC Tom Izzo

In his 25th season as HC of Little Brother, compiling a 622-239 record and 22 straight NCAA appearances

To comply with the Big Ten sportsmanship code, the "Bum of the Game" has been replaced by the "Player to Watch": **Cassius Winston**

Long time no see Ragers! Following the disappointing home loss to Ohio State on Tuesday, we have another huge one. It's obvious that Michigan State is a good team. However, they have been quite shaky on the road and Michigan really needs this home win after dropping the last three here at the Crisler Center. Encourage people to put their shirts on, wear maize and BE LOUD!

The Fright of February: Unlike Michigan, the Spartans are winless in the month of February. The first of these losses came on the 1st in Madison against Wisconsin. To Michigan State's credit, they trailed by 16 at the half and ended dropping the game by 1 point. The second was to the hands of Penn State, their first loss at the Breslin Center this season with a score of 75-70.

The Last Saga: The Spartans leading scorer, assist leader and steals leader for the past two seasons will be in the spotlight tonight. We could potentially see the final episode in the rivalry with Xavier Simpson today. In the 8 games played while the rival has been on the other team, Winston has averaged 17.1 points against X and has compiled a 5-3 record. The superstar point guard surely is a great basketball player and should make a good pro basketball player, however hopefully ours outperforms him today.

Uncertainty: One can't help but think that Tom Izzo's mind may be elsewhere this past week. The day that head football coach, and close friend Mark Dantonio, quit was when MSU endured their first home loss of the season to PSU. It has been said on multiple occasions in the past few days that Tom Izzo is heavily involved in finding a good replacement along with the rest of the athletic department. It is safe to say that a lot of things are swirling around the 65 year old Spartan coach.

The Rest of the Spartans: Kyle Ahrens (#0), Marcus Bingham Jr. (#30), Braden Burke (#40), Conner George (#41), Joey Hauser (#20), Jack Hoiberg (#10), Steven Izzo (#13), Thomas Kithier (#15), Joshua Langford (#1), Foster Loyer (#3), Julius Marble (#34), Brock Washington (#14), Rocket Watts (#2)

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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The Davis Difference: Austin Davis has been stepping up for Michigan for the past few games, with both higher volume minutes and production. In the last 2 games, a 3 point loss to OSU and a 6 point win over Rutgers, the big man did not miss a shot. Averaging 10 points in those contests in just over 10 minutes per game, Davis has been making a big impact. He's going to be a big piece in the Michigan lineup going forward, getting crucial minutes when Howard wants to run a more physical rebound-heavy lineup.

Missing Livers: After winning the Battle 4 Atlantis and rocketing to 4th in the AP poll, Michigan was looking like one of the consensus best teams in the country. Isaiah Livers was shooting 50% from downtown, and averaging almost 25 points per game. Without his scoring, Michigan has been struggling. We have been forced to play a smaller, 3 wing lineup, which often burns us on the defensive end, resulting in either open 3's or a mismatch down low. Isaiah Livers is still listed as "Day to Day" for the moment.

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 "SLEEEEEEEEEEP" 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 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... "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

As the NBA Trade Deadline just passed us on Thursday afternoon, 3 former Wolverines were moved around the league:

Glenn Robinson III was traded to the Philadelphia 76ers along with Alec Burks in exchange for a couple of future second-round picks.

Trey Burke was waived by the 76ers to make room for the trade they made with the Golden State Warriors.

Derrick Walton Jr. was traded to the Atlanta Hawks from the Los Angeles Clippers in exchange for Atlanta's 2022 second-round pick (protected top 55).