



Falcons' projected starting lineup:

1 Justin Turner 6'4" G

Called Google to complain about the "old redhead" who comes up when he googles himself

3 Caleb Fields 6'2" G

From the part of Jersey that doesn't actually exist

11 Trey Diggs 6'6" G/F

Capitalizes Each Word In His Instagram Captions

2 Daeqwon Plowden 6'6" G/F

Has a whopping 2 Twitter followers

35 Dylan Swingle 6'10" C

Let his mom cut his hair until he was 20

HC Michael Huger

Currently in his 6th season coaching for his alma mater, coming off two back-to-back 20-win seasons

Good afternoon, Ragers, and welcome back to basketball season! Our season opens with our Michigan Wolverines hosting the visiting Bowling Green Falcons at the Crisler Center, marking the second year under Head Coach Juwan Howard. After a chaotic 2020 that resulted in a canceled March Madness tournament and delayed seasons, Maize Rage could not be more excited to delve into the 2020-2021 schedule.

Recap and Looking Ahead:

Michigan's season ended prematurely, and the team finished 9th in the B1G and unranked amongst the rest of the country. In the 1st season under Juwan Howard, his team was plagued with injuries and a tough schedule. However, Michigan bodes the 14th best recruiting class this season and as of now has the #1 recruiting class for 2021; they're also looking to add Chet Holmgren to the mix, who would be Michigan's all-time highest rated recruit.

5 non-conference games make up the beginning of the 2020-2021 schedule, including contests against Bowling Green, Oakland, Ball State, Central Florida and North Carolina State (UNC learned their lesson). These are followed by 20 B1G games (10 home, 10 away), featuring MSU twice (2/6 & 3/7). The Wolverines initially seem to have landed a favorable schedule, avoiding multiple matchups with teams like Illinois, Iowa, and Ohio State.

The eyes of the country are on two Wolverines this season: Senior Isaiah Livers and Sophomore Franz Wagner. Oddly enough, Livers was named to the Naismith Trophy watch, recognizing the country's best player, but not the All-B1G Preseason team. Michigan enters this season ranked 25th and projected to finish 8th (according to 247 sports) in a packed B1G conference.

The Rest of the Falcons:

Jacob Washington (#0), Josiah Fulcher (#2), Davin Zeigler (#4), Kaden Metheny (#5), Cam Young (#10), Isaac Elsasser (#12), Chandler Turner (#13), Matiss Kulackovskis (#21), Jackson Watson (#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.

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

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Fighting the Falcons:

The Falcons finished last season 21-10 overall and 12-6 in conference, prompting a couple of ESPN analysts to slate them to win the MAC this season. Last year, BGSU scored 74.5 points per game, shooting 41.8% from the field (282nd out of 353) and 33.8% (only .1% worse than the Wolverines) on 3-pointers. They ranked 302nd out of 353 teams in blocked shots per game, so UM should have no problem finishing around the rim.

Only two players on the Falcons' roster are taller than 6'8", so the Wolverines should have a size advantage. However, Justin Turner, their best player and leading scorer, opted to return to BGSU for another year after initially entering the transfer portal. The Michigan defense should focus on limiting their outside shots and forcing them to take contested 2's, an area where they struggle. BGSU was also a top-20 rebounding and excellent free-throw shooting team last year, so the Wolverines need to control the boards and defend them without fouling. Overall, the Michigan focus should be to take care of the ball, force turnovers, and apply solid on-ball pressure to disrupt their offensive rhythm.

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

- Even though fans can't cheer live from Crisler, you can always HAIL from Home!
- Pregame: search the Michigan Men's Basketball intro video to get the blood pumping
- During free throws, hands out and wave those fingers
- Blues Brothers: halfway through the 2nd half, you know what to do
- Follow along with cheers presented by virtual fans on FOX or BTN
- MAKE NOISE ON DEFENSE as if you were sitting courtside!

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!"

TIPOFF: Before tipoff of any half, JUMP and create that ENERGY

SHOT CLOCK COUNTDOWN: When the opposing team starts running out of time, start chanting from 10.... 9.... 8.... to apply some pressure!

Pro Blue Update

Xavier Simpson, Jon Teske & Charles Matthews:

Signed as UDFAs to the Lakers, Magic, and Cavaliers, respectively, our recent Wolverine grads are headed to the big leagues!

Tim Hardaway Jr:

Just opted-in for final year of a Dallas Mavericks contract, a \$19 million player option. After averaging 15.8 ppg in 71 games last season, he is expected to start again when season resumes.

Duncan Robinson:

On a hot streak for the Miami Heat this year, Duncan dropped 26 points with 7 three-pointers in NBA Finals Game 5—setting the record for most threes made in a Finals game by an undrafted player.