



Wildcats' projected starting lineup:

0 Boo Buie 6'2" G

Has a very spooky name

1 Chase Audige 6'4" G

Best smile on the team

10 Miller Kopp 6'7" F

Sticks his tongue out too much

22 Pete Nance 6'10" F

Not as good as his brother

31 Robbie Beran 6'9" F

Has a soft spot for chihuahuas

HC Chris Collins

Currently serving in his eighth consecutive season as head coach of the Wildcats

Happy New Year, Ragers! Though the Wolverines spent the holidays away from the Crisler Center, they kick off 2021 undefeated and are returning tonight with a game against an increasingly respected Northwestern. Even in a loaded Big Ten conference with nine teams in the AP's Top 25, the Wolverines are the only ones undefeated and look to stay perfect tonight.

Taming the Lions:

20 days ago Michigan hosted their first conference game against Penn State. To no surprise, Hunter Dickinson shined in his first game against a truly formidable opponent with 20 points. A nine point lead at halftime was shedded away by the Nittany Lions and Michigan allowed them to hang around in the second half. Michigan scored the last four points of the ballgame and secured the victory after Isaiah Livers sank both free throws with :05 seconds remaining.

The Happiest of Holidays:

The Wolverines celebrated not only one major holiday win, but two. The first road game of the season saw the Maize & Blue travel to Lincoln, Nebraska to face off with the Cornhuskers. Nebraska's Teddy Allen exploded for 21 points in the 1st half but was locked by Chaundee Brown Jr. in the 2nd. Franz Wagner led all Wolverine's with 20. The backend of the road trip landed Michigan in College Park to square off with Maryland. A game personal to Hunter Dickinson and Terrance Williams, who are both from the DMV area. Once the Terrapins finally cooled off from three (shot 9-11 in the 1st half), Michigan took the air out of their offense and momentum stayed with the Wolverines after an electric slam by Eli Brooks. Hunter Dickinson led scorers for Michigan with 26 in a revenge game against his hometown team, as Michigan improves to 3-0 and stays the only undefeated team in the B1G.

The Rest of the Wildcats:

Ryan Greer (#2), Ty Berry (#3), Anthony Gaines (#11), Ryan Young (#15), Matthew Nicholson (#34), Dom Martinelli (#50), Roy Dixon III (#53), Dylan Sandhu (#54), Eric Zalewski (#55)

To comply with the Big Ten sportsmanship code, the "Bum of the Game" has been replaced by the "Player to Watch": **Miller Kopp**

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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Tweets of the Week

Jon Rothstein (@JonRothstein) 12/13

"Hunter Dickinson. Buy Stock Now"

Context: Rothstein tweets to his 231.1k followers that Hunter Dickinson needs to be recognized on a national level.

Jenine Howard (@J9Howard) 12/13

"I've been placed on injury reserve 😞 They won't let me be great 😞"

Context: Posted after Michigan's win against Penn State where Coach Howard was asked about his wife's tweets during games. Mrs. Howard may be a staple here.

Phoenix Suns (@Suns) 12/27

"Can someone drop the "you just lost to the fellas" meme. I have a final score to reply to."

Context: The Suns take in a tradition familiar to the Michigan Twitter fanbase of posting memes under the final score tweet from the opposing team. #MaizeRaid

Lila Bromberg (@lilabbromberg) 12/31

"So DMV means D.C., Maryland and Virginia. When exactly did Delaware enter the equation? Quite shocked that was actually just said live on ESPN."

Context: A certain analyst during Michigan's game at Maryland was discussing where Hunter Dickinson was recruited out of and didn't know an acronym.

Remember: A maize Michigan shirt, a Michigan basketball jersey, or costume is required to sit in the bleachers.

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The War with the Wildcats:

Tonight's matchup will continue a series with lots of history, as it will be the 126th meeting between Michigan and Northwestern on the basketball court. The Wolverines have emerged victorious in 86 of those games, including the last three, which they won by an average of over 15 points. Juwan Howard's squad will look to improve Michigan's overall series record this evening against the first ranked Northwestern team they've faced since 1959.

Northwestern has been one of the more surprising teams of this season so far. They are currently 6-2 (3-1 in B10 play) and ranked 19th with marquee wins over MiSU and Ohio State. As a team, they are shooting 48% from the field and 42.4% from 3, which is sixth best in the country. They also take care of the basketball, averaging only 10.6 turnovers per game while dishing out 19.5 assists (12th in country). They are also a fairly deep team with 9 players averaging 15.5 or more minutes per game. This should be Michigan's toughest test yet this season.

Pro Blue Update

Duncan Robinson:

Off to a hot start this season with the Miami Heat, Robinson is shooting 48% from three. He also had a standout Christmas Day game in which he scored 23 points--including an eye-catching seven triples.

Chris LeVert:

Starting the season with the Nets, LeVert is already pumping out an impressive 15 ppg.

Tim Hardaway Jr.:

After signing recently with the Dallas Mavericks, Hardaway Jr. is also averaging around 15 points per game so far to kick off his 2020-2021 campaign.