

Michigan Vs. UCF

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Series Facts: This is the first meeting between the two schools ... Michigan is 22-5-1 against teams that currently compete in the American Athletic Conference: 12-5-1 vs. Navy, 3-0 vs. Tulane and Houston, 2-0 vs. Connecticut, and 1-0 vs. SMU and Memphis ... The Wolverines are 5-2 against schools located in Florida: 3-0 vs. Florida, and 1-1 against Florida State and Miami.

Opponent Preview: UCF Game May Repeat Themes From Week One

Ryan Tice | Editor

For the second week in a row, Michigan enters The Big House on Saturday expected to win big — oddsmakers have installed the Wolverines as more than a 35-point favorite heading into the contest with UCF.

It's another noon kickoff and there are even more recurring themes from the season opener — Michigan welcomes a squad in its first year under a first-time head coach who is completely overhauling his team's systems of attack on both sides of the ball.

And once again, opposite of Michigan's Jim Harbaugh is another successful college quarterback — although Wolverine fans have a not-so-soft spot in their hearts for former Nebraska signal-caller Scott Frost, who openly campaigned for voters to move the Cornhuskers past U-M in the final polls of the 1997 season after the Orange Bowl, which they did and led to a split national championship (the Associated Press still ranked U-M No. 1). Frost went on to play six years as an NFL safety and most recently served as Oregon's offensive coordinator, bringing some much-needed freshness to a UCF program that has fallen hard and fast.

"It's just such a radical change from the last 12 years with George O'Leary and how that transition took place," UCF-Sports.com publisher Brandon Helwig said. "Everyone knew last year was going to be the last year [with O'Leary in charge], but the fact that UCF really had been at the top of their league, coming off back-to-back conference championships, had won a Fiesta Bowl a couple of years ago to just not only did the O'Leary era come to an end but what the season was: 0-12.

"You don't usually see a team win a conference championship then the next year not even win a game."

Frost has overhauled everything, from blaring rap music at practice down to the jerseys — the school is sporting new Nike threads, thanks to his relationship with Oregon supporter and Nike co-founder Phil Knight — and returning players' last names to the back of them.

"There was one way of doing things at UCF for the previous 12 years," Helwig explained. "I think everybody was just hungry for something new and has embraced change. ... Players have really responded. Players love [all of the changes], they love this staff.

"I think it will be a big success. We'll see how it is in year one, but I think a bowl game is a possibility."

The good news for UCF is that the Knights, despite not playing their best in week one, have already eclipsed last year's win total with their 38-0 win over Football Championship Subdivision competitor South Carolina State in the season opener.

The bad news is the opponent doesn't get any tougher for the Knights than when they travel to Ann Arbor to take on Michigan Saturday.

"You beat a team 38-0 and you get that proverbial monkey off the back of not winning a game all last season, so you can officially put that behind you and you're no longer the winless team anymore," Helwig said. "But I don't know if people are really excited about playing Michigan week two because there's still a lot of questions.

"South Carolina State was maybe okay from an FCS team standpoint, but they're not a lower-level FBS team or anywhere close to that, and your next test is going to be against a top-five team; that's a huge difference from week one."

UCF is located in a fertile prep football area, has traditionally recruited above its Group of Five status and actually landed

the program's best recruiting class (No. 55 nationally) in five years despite the coaching change — which shows how much new leadership was desired.

“This is not a talentless team,” Helwig explained. “You are what your record says you are, but there is a lot more talent than what the record last year showed.

“I do think UCF will be able to put up a bigger fight than Hawai'i did last week.”

Yet, Helwig admits it's hard to know what to really expect from this squad based on last Saturday. Although the coaches might not admit it, he thought the offensive game plan was toned down to not reveal everything against a lower-level foe.

The UCF offense played with the speed that Oregon wishes they could have patented, but the Knights' version was missing the big plays that have become synonymous with the Ducks. Despite the FCS competition, the longest rush was a 17-yard gain from senior quarterback Justin Holman, while the longest reception was a 37-yarder.

“The thing about the Oregon-inspired offense is people think it's primarily a passing offense, but it's not — it's a run-oriented offense,” Helwig noted. “Oregon's rushing numbers are always in the top five since Chip Kelly has been around, and that's their bread and butter; the run will open up the pass. I think Frost will be disappointed if they don't obliterate that season rushing total [from 2015, 975 yards and four touchdowns] within a few games of this season.”

Although no Knight ran for more than 53 yards in the opener, they did net 197 yards and two touchdowns on the ground. True freshman Jawon Hamilton led the way with 53 yards on 14 carries, and Helwig expects the youngster to emerge as the go-to weapon in the backfield. The coaches listed him as a co-starter on the preseason depth chart, and he backed up that decision week one.

Helwig noted that Hamilton, a Miami commit at the time, was the first player Frost targeted after taking the job and the Hurricanes' turmoil helped him look further than the hometown school.

“He was one of the signature players in the first recruiting class,” Helwig said. “We didn't see it because practice was closed, but when you talked to players and coaches about how the guys were looking [in preseason camp], everybody was talking about Jawon Hamilton.

“[Not having chunk plays] was one of the disappointments from week one according to the staff, but Jawon Hamilton has that home-run ability that if he gets a little bit of a crease, he will be gone.”

However, the strongest position group on the offense might be the wide receivers. Although it is a young corps, the top 13

leading receivers, in terms of yardage, from last year are all still on the roster, although several have changed positions.

The top wideout is defending AAC Rookie of the Year Tre'Quan Smith, who is always capable of putting up a highlight reel-worthy catch. Despite inconsistent quarterback play last year due to injuries, he hauled in 52 passes for 724 yards and four scores as a redshirt freshman, including some spectacular grabs that made their way to SportsCenter's Top 10. In week one, he led the way with four receptions for 65 yards and a score.

“He's one of those guys if you put the ball in his vicinity, he's going to go up and get it,” Helwig said. “He actually did that in the last game on his touchdown that he caught, and he made some amazing catches last year.”

On the defensive side, all four starters in the secondary are seniors and the linebackers are experienced. The back seven are boosted by the Griffin twins — senior Shaquill is a versatile cornerback that added his fourth career interception in the opener and tied for 24th nationally with 15 passes defended last year.

Meanwhile, redshirt junior Shaquem is an undersized linebacker that had his left hand amputated at 4 years old due to a birth defect and has not played much defense in his career before this year. However, Helwig noted that like Hamilton, he was the defender that generated the most buzz in preseason camp and showed why in the season opener, tying for the team lead with six tackles, including the team's lone sack, plus a forced fumble, a pass broken up and quarterback hurry.

“Both of them were named the co-defensive players of this past game,” Helwig said. “Shaquill had an amazing interception that made one of the ESPN college football shows and they had it in the top 10 plays from the weekend. Both of those guys made a big impact in game one.”

The Knights' special teams unit also had an encouraging debut — ripping off a 47-yard kickoff return, averaging 11.5 yards on four punt runbacks, making all four field goal attempts from longer than 34 yards, and averaging 44.7 yards on three punts — but again Helwig is not sure how that translates with such a big step up in competition.

Some of the seniors on the current roster played as freshmen on the 2013 squad that finished 12-1, were victorious on the road at Penn State and Louisville, and then won the Fiesta Bowl over Baylor. Both Louisville and Baylor entered those games ranked among the nation's top 10.

While that experience could prove valuable, things are much different now for the Knights, in almost every aspect. The chances are probably greater that the final score Saturday at The Big House looks similar to last week's 60-point dismantling of Hawai'i than UCF recapturing its 2013 magic three years later.

It won't change what happened in 1997, but Michigan may finally get its chance at revenge on Frost by handing him his first loss as a head coach.

Offensive Players To Watch

Senior QB Justin Holman: The 6-4, 225-pounder is trying to recapture his 2014 form after an injury-filled 2015 campaign. Despite being limited to nine starts last fall (one of which he was injured on the offense's first drive), he was still named the team's MVP. In 2014, he completed 56.9 percent of his 392 throws for 2,952 yards with 23 touchdowns and 14 interceptions while also running for 189 yards and three scores. Last year, however, he completed just 50.8 percent of his 250 attempts for 1,379 yards with seven touchdowns and 14 picks. Those numbers being worthy of MVP status show how miserable last fall was for the Knights.

Redshirt sophomore WR Tre'Quan Smith: Last season's American Athletic Conference (AAC) Rookie of the Year nearly matched the team's rushing output (975 yards and four touchdowns) on his 52 catches, which gained 724 yards and four scores. The 6-1, 200-pounder was the first freshman in school history to lead the squad in receptions and receiving yards, more than doubling the next closest receiver in both categories. Smith got off to a strong start, hauling four passes for 65 yards and a touchdown against South Carolina State.

Freshman RB Jawon Hamilton: The Miami native was a good enough prep talent to earn offers from a few ACC schools — notably hometown Miami, Louisville and Syracuse — but ended up at UCF, which had an abysmal rushing attack last year when the top ground gainer totaled just 339 yards. The 5-9, 190-pound rookie rushed 14 times for 53 yards in the season opener and should only get better if he can continue to hold off sophomore Taj McGowan, last year's second leading rusher (284 yards) that ran for 48 yards in week one.

Defensive Players To Watch

Senior CB Shaquill Griffin: The 6-1, 200-pounder started games at both safety and cornerback last year, his first full season as a starter, and finished with 50 tackles, two interceptions and 13 additional passes broken up. His 15 passes defended tied for 24th nationally, and he started 2016 with his fourth career pick.

Redshirt junior LB Shaquem Griffin: While Shaquill has established himself with his play on the field, twin brother Shaquem entered the season as an unknown with most of his prior work coming on special teams. Although undersized at 6-1 and 213 pounds — adversity is nothing new, Shaquem lost his left hand at the age of 4 due to a rare condition suffered before birth. He's also in his first year at linebacker after playing safety last year, but he debuted at his new position by tying for the team lead with six tackles, including the team's lone sack and a forced fumble. He also broke up a pass and notched a quarterback hurry.

Fifth-year senior S Drico Johnson: The secondary is arguably the strength of the defense — it amassed two of the team's four tackles for loss in game one — and this 6-1, 215-pounder is another experienced mainstay from the back line. He finished second on the team last year with 64 tackles, including four behind the line of scrimmage, and opened the campaign with four stops, including one for loss.

Special Teams Player To Watch

Fifth-year senior P Caleb Houston: UCF has a strong special teams unit with every major contributor from last fall back, but Houston might be the best of the bunch. AAC coaches named him second-team all-conference in 2015, while Phil Steele listed him on his top squad. He was called on often — his 65 punts tied for the third-most in program annals — and responded with an average of 44.2 yards per attempt, good for the second-best mark in school history and 23rd nationally. His average of 41.9 yards on 160 career kicks is impressive.

By The Numbers: UCF

6 Times in Football Bowl Subdivision history has a team gone from winless to a bowl game the next year. UCF did so in 2005, the most recent occurrence, and they'll try to make it seven this fall.

8 Field goals have been made in a row by redshirt sophomore kicker Matthew Wright dating back to last year, including three from longer than 40 yards. He is 7 of 9 in his career from that distance with a long of 48.

38 Points and **462** yards were put up by the UCF offense in week one — 31 and 412 were last year's highs.

91 Plays were run by UCF in week one, its most in a game since 2002.

197 Rushing yards gained by the Knights in week one despite no player totaling more than 53 yards on the ground. Four players averaged 3.8 yards per carry or better, and the team notched a clip of 3.7 yards per attempt.

639 Days that UCF went between football wins before last Saturday's 38-0 victory over South Carolina State. Their last triumph under former head coach George O'Leary occurred on Dec. 4, 2014, a 32-30 win over East Carolina.

104,745 Is the biggest crowd UCF has played in front of in its history (at Ohio State, 2012). Like last week with Hawai'i, that mark is almost certain to be broken Saturday.

Michigan Football Keys To The Game: Central Florida

Chris Balas | Senior Editor

Central Florida, led by head coach and former Nebraska quarterback Scott Frost, played with attitude in its first game, a 38-0 victory over South Carolina State, controlling the line of scrimmage and hitting some big plays (three receptions over 30 yards) in the win. The Knights will bring an up-tempo, spread offense to Ann Arbor Saturday.

That alone adds a bit of intrigue, given how Michigan's defense struggled against that look down the stretch last year at Indiana and at home against Ohio State. The Hoosiers gashed U-M for 307 yards on the ground and 527 total, taking advantage of the Wolverines' injuries up front to wear the Michigan defense down.

Ohio State, too, capitalized on mismatches in the trenches and U-M's less-athletic linebackers to run for 369 yards and average an astounding 6.8 yards per carry.

The caveat for this week, of course — Central Florida doesn't have the athletes of an Ohio State, and even Indiana boasted plenty of All-Big Ten talent on offense. Running back Jordan Howard, quarterback Nate Sudfeld, guard Dan Feeney and tackle Jason Spriggs all made one of the top three all-conference teams last year, and UCF's players aren't in the same ballpark.

Still, watching the highlights, UCF passes the eyeball test as a physical, disciplined team under Frost. The Wolverines are a 37-point favorite over the Knights, but with U-M's injury uncertainty on defense, some believe Central Florida will be able to put some points on the board.

As for the Michigan offense, redshirt sophomore Wilton Speight played well in his first start, going 10-of-13 passing with three touchdowns and a pick, and it's hard to imagine UCF keeping U-M's offense in check.

Here's what Michigan needs to do against UCF Saturday to build on its season-opening win over Hawai'i:

Control The Tempo: As we saw against Indiana last year when Michigan's defensive line was depleted — no Ryan Glasgow or Bryan Mone at nose tackle, no Mario Ojemudia (who had really come into his own before tearing his Achilles Tendon) at end — up-tempo attacks can gas a team without depth. There were several Wolverines with their hands on their hips gasping for breath early in the game, and it only got worse in the second half.

Michigan defensive coordinator Don Brown had a wealth of riches to start the season and talked about running U-M's own version of up-tempo with the defense, being able to rotate and substitute liberally up front with eight or nine guys. That was

on display in the opener when the Wolverines' front dominated in the trenches, holding Hawai'i to negative yardage through nearly 25 minutes.

That will be tougher to do Saturday. Senior end Taco Charlton and Mone, now a redshirt sophomore, probably won't play, and while Glasgow is 100 percent, redshirt junior Maurice Hurst — who is expected to play — isn't and might not be in game shape after missing parts of camp with an injury.

Limiting UCF on early downs, and getting the Knights into unfavorable down and distance situations, is important.

Contain The Quarterback With Gap Integrity: UCF quarterback Justin Holman completed only 50 percent of his passes against South Carolina State and was sacked three times, but he also threw for two touchdowns. He's mobile, too — he ran an option in for a score and carried 12 times with a long of 17 yards.

Hawai'i's Dru Brown took advantage of U-M's over-pursuit up front to rush for 49 yards on only five carries in the second half — granted, most of it came against the second stringers — but it's an area the Wolverines need to shore up. Most of Brown's yardage came on scrambles when plays broke down, though Hawai'i did mount one impressive drive before the half.

“They were calling great calls to counteract our schemes, coverage-wise, running pick routes,” redshirt sophomore linebacker Jabrill Peppers said. “They got a couple scrambles on us, a couple big completions. But they're going to make plays. It's D-I football.”

It's how you respond, he added, and the Wolverines were able to keep Hawaii out of the end zone.

UCF isn't a juggernaut by any stretch, but the U-M defense will need to be just as sharp as it was a week ago. It's assignment football this week when it comes to being spread out in coverage, defending the option, etc., and while head coach Jim Harbaugh was pleased with the alignments last week — “not a false step in the secondary” — that needs to continue.

Own Third Down: Michigan was 7 for 7 on third downs in the win over Hawai'i and perfect in the red zone, keeping every drive alive and not being forced to punt once. UCF managed only six conversions on 17 attempts against South Carolina State and went for it on fourth down four times, making three.

Keeping a fast-moving spread offense off the field is one of the best ways to control the game tempo. The Wolverines' array of blitzes and linebacker play — the pleasant surprise in the opener and certainly not the weak link some had suggested it would be — should be enough to keep the Central Florida offense off balance and subsequently on the sidelines.

Again, own first down and you're likely to own third.

The Breakdown: UCF had gone 639 days without a win before blowing out FCS South Carolina State, so any victory was a good one for them. The Knights have some athletes on defense, and while the offense sputtered at times Saturday — notably in four first-half field goals instead of touchdowns — this is an improved team.

At the same time, they're rated No. 10 of 12 in the AAC for a reason. They aren't deep, and they certainly don't have Michigan's athletes. They'll need some help just to be in the game at the half, but it's a well-coached team that, at least judging by the highlights, seems to play hard on every down.

TheWolverine.com Staff Picks

TheWolverine.com Senior Editor Chris Balas: Michigan 48, UCF 10

The Knights are overmatched, but they'll scrap ... and Michigan's injuries up front will allow Central Florida to move the ball a bit at times.

The Wolverine Senior Editor John Borton: Michigan 51, UCF 6

Twenty years later, it's still payback time.

TheWolverine.com Recruiting Editor Brandon Brown: Michigan 56, UCF 7

Michigan's defense proved it's the real deal against Hawai'i, and they'll do it again against Central Florida.

TheWolverine.com Analyst Doug Skene: Michigan 49, UCF 0

Michigan throws its first shutout and rolls against another inferior opponent.

Notebook: Jedd Fisch Impressed With QB Wilton Speight

John Borton | Senior Editor

Passing game coordinator Jedd Fisch did not see the start he anticipated in Michigan's opener, but he definitely enjoyed the finish.

Redshirt sophomore starting quarterback Wilton Speight connected on 10 of 13 passes (76.9 percent) for 145 yards with three touchdowns and an efficiency rating of 231.38. Meanwhile, his backups went a combined 7-of-7 passing in the Wolverines' 63-3 steamrolling of Hawai'i.

There was that first toss, though ...

"I don't think you could have asked for too much better," Fisch said. "We missed three throws out of the 13 we attempted, and one of them was a jump ball, up for grabs for Amara [Darboh]. The first play of the game, he rushed."

That first play, of course, involved an interception on a throw intended for senior tight end Jake Butt, setting the Rainbow Warriors up inside Michigan territory. Speight noted head coach Jim Harbaugh quickly brushed off the mistake, and so did Michigan's defense, stonewalling the visitors on three straight plays.

"Jake really didn't run a great route, and the ball should never have been thrown at that point," Fisch said. "Other than that, he made all the right decisions, threw some beautiful balls, hit different guys ... he played smart, he played good."

"That's a tough deal. Your first throw is an interception, then the next time you throw you're on the minus-7-yard line, or whatever it was. He threw that slant and did a great job."

Speight noted how Harbaugh almost laughed off the game-opening gaffe, assuring the QB he'd pick it up from that point. Fisch explained how that approach fits very well into his own thinking when it comes to handling quarterbacks on a game day.

"The school that I was from is, you coach them as hard as you want on Sunday through Friday, then on Saturday, you've got to be their advocate on game day," Fisch said. "They're the only ones that are really going through the war in that game-day situation."

"To second guess and to question things on game day, and to be overly critical on game day, I don't know where the value is. Sunday, we go into the film review, or Monday, and look through it and make all the corrections."

"But our job at that point is to really support him and give him the best chance to succeed."

Speight succeeded long before that in edging out in front for the starting job, although the race was close, Fisch noted. The quarterbacks coach likened it to a road race in which Speight held pole position coming out of spring, and just held off redshirt junior challengers John O'Korn and Shane Morris through fall camp.

"You obviously want to show up and be ready to execute, be ready to understand the plays that are being called and call them fast, get out of the huddle quick and let everybody know how well you know the offense," Fisch explained.

So far, so good, for the third-year Wolverine.

Smith Impressed With Peppers' Learning

Michigan safeties coach Brian Smith knows redshirt soph-

omore linebacker/safety Jabrill Peppers has a lot on his plate. He's running in the box at linebacker in defensive coordinator Don Brown's scheme, but on any given play he also can be part of the secondary.

There's been a lot to learn, but that's not an issue, Smith noted. That's one of the first things the first-year Michigan assistant coach learned about Peppers.

"He's a smart player, and he's able to pick it up pretty quick without a lot of meeting time and without a lot of reps," Smith said. "He can pick it up like that. That's a strength that he has, and we definitely take advantage of that.

"In the spring, and in camp, the way he picked up things quickly, that was surprising. A lot of guys can't do that, move around as much as he does. That's a rare thing that he brings to the table."

Overall, Smith stressed, he was very happy with the way the safeties played in the opener. From senior safety Delano Hill's interception return for a touchdown on down, the men up the middle did their job, according to their position coach.

"Delano Hill had a good game, obviously," Smith said. "He had the interception return for a touchdown, but he was solid in his coverage and didn't make many mistakes. I was happy with the way he played.

"[Senior] Dymonte Thomas did a good job. He's been a steady player for us all camp, and it was good to see it come to fruition at game time. I was happy with those two guys and [sophomore] Tyree Kinnel. He came in and did a nice job.

"He's a young guy who hasn't had much experience, but I thought he did a pretty good job coming in. He was confident, and it helps me be confident putting him in the game when he plays the way he did."

Miscellaneous Notes

- Michigan takes on the University of Central Florida on Saturday, attempting to build on its 22-5-1 record against teams presently in the American Athletic Conference. The Wolverines are undefeated against squads that now make up the AAC, except for Navy (12-5-1). U-M's only previous game against a team in the AAC at the time of the contest involved a 24-21 win over Connecticut in 2013.

- Senior tight end Jake Butt is moving up in the Michigan record books. Butt stands just five catches away from tying Jerame Tuman for fourth on U-M's all-time list of catches for a tight end. Butt has 93 going into the UCF game.

He's also fifth in all-time receiving yards for a tight end, needing 143 to pass Lowell Perry for fourth on that list. His eight touchdown catches have him in a four-way tie for sixth on Michigan's list, one behind Perry and Kevin Koger.

- Senior cornerback Jourdan Lewis didn't play in the season opener because of cautionary reasons surrounding a fall camp injury, but he should be ready to go against UCF, head coach Jim Harbaugh said. Lewis has 32 passes broken up in his career, just two behind Marlin Jackson for third place on Michigan's all-time list and only a dozen away from taking the top spot out of Leon Hall's hands.

Michigan Football: Harbaugh News & Views

John Borton | Senior Editor

Jim Harbaugh labored through a Labor Day press conference, clearing up some injury issues and expanding on Saturday's takes. Here are highlights, Harbaugh's words and our observations:

News: Harbaugh updated the status of a number of injured Michigan players from the opener, including starting defenders Taco Charlton, a senior end, and Bryan Mone, a redshirt sophomore defensive tackle.

Harbaugh: "I don't think either one will be available this week. I think Mo [Maurice] Hurst will return to action ... Taco and Bryan Mone will be out ... it's hard to say at this point. I don't anticipate them playing this week ...

"There is a good possibility that [fifth-year senior guard Ben Braden] could play this week. We'll judge by practice this week.

"[Redshirt sophomore linebacker Noah Furbush and fifth-year senior running back Drake Johnson] were both out for the ball game this past week. We'll see where they're at this week. Noah may be working through something a little bit longer than Drake. We'll see."

Views: For a 63-3 win in the opener, it was a costly outing. Charlton and Mone are two difference makers on the defensive line, and that's a blow.

Two facts soften it, at this point. One, Michigan has a very manageable schedule leading up to Big Ten play, although Colorado could put up a fight. Two, defensive line is a position of substantial depth, and Michigan has strong performers to plug in up front.

Freshman running back Kareem Walker is out indefinitely to catch up on academics, Harbaugh noted, but the depth has already been demonstrated at that spot. You don't want a rotating door at any position, but it's good to have someone to walk through that door who isn't dizzied by the passage.

News: Left tackle Grant Newsome, a sophomore, helped lead the blocking on a number of big gains, on a day when the offensive line looked solid.

Harbaugh: “Grant continues to be one of our top linemen. I thought Kyle Kalis played extremely well at the right guard position. Mason Cole [at center], very good. [Erik] Magnuson, at right tackle, we thought was our best.

“[Pat] Kugler and Ben Bredeson shared the duties for the most part at left guard. We’re still working and getting that final five set. Those four I just mentioned played extremely well, then Ben showed some very good signs for a future at left guard.”

Views: That last statement gives a peek into the future. Bredeson, a burly true freshman out of Wisconsin, was battling Newsome for playing time at left tackle. But when veteran Braden went down to injury at left guard, Bredeson helped out against Hawai’i.

Don’t count out a Newsome-Bredeson-Cole look from left tackle through center in 2017, and maybe now, depending on how Braden comes back from an undisclosed health issue.

News: Harbaugh has maintained the freshman locker room at Michigan, separate from that of the older players.

Harbaugh: “There’s a pretty big age difference between freshmen and seniors, fifth-year seniors. I like the class being able to come and develop leadership and be a group, not get out into the varsity locker room.”

Views: Some years, the freshmen were really separated from Michigan’s older players. They still are, physically, in terms of dressing facilities.

But in practice and on game day, this particular group isn’t exactly slinking back into the shadows. The majority of the class played in the opening game, and not just in token appearances.

From Chris Evans’ starring role at tailback, to Eddie McDoom’s blazing debut as a running wideout, to Bredeson’s extensive action, to mammoth lineman Michael Onwenu playing both sides of the ball, this freshman class has already declared itself as one that belongs.

News: Redshirt junior linebacker Mike McCray earned Big Ten Defensive Player of the Week honors, following his two-sack, 3.5-tackles-for-loss performance versus the Rainbow Warriors.

Harbaugh: “He was good. He was outstanding — tackles for loss, tackles, sacks, pressures. He was our Defensive Most Valuable Player of the game, got the most helmet stickers. That’s another indication of really good play.

“He’s been consistently good, all through training camp, spring practice. He’s a top performer on defense for us ...

“We’re really good up the middle. You really strive for that on defense, kind of like in baseball. Be good up the middle — catcher, pitcher, shortstop, second baseman, center fielder.

That’s true for playing defensive football.”

Views: Again, so much for question mark, weak spot, etc. Not McCray in particular, but the linebackers in general drew the offseason media ponderings about how they’d hold up in an expected strong defense.

Hawai’i isn’t Ohio State, or even Colorado. But it’s a strong start for McCray — who has endured a number of setbacks on his way into the lineup — and the linebackers as a group.

They’re bigger, faster and more athletic than their predecessors, and as advertised, defensive coordinator Don Brown’s scheme looks like it will give them a chance to be major play-makers.

News: Evans turned heads in the video room, in addition to inside The Big House.

Harbaugh: “Chris Evans was extremely good — even better when you watch the tape.”

Views: At 200 pounds, Evans may not be an every-down back yet. But to see him hit into the line, get stopped dead, then spin away outside for a small gain was impressive.

He’s got the burst, the speed and the feet that many have been hoping in a Michigan back for a long time, but have not seen — at least in all of those ways — in some time. Evans has Mike Hart feet, but he’s faster.

The rookie will write his own story over the next few years ... but the introduction was outstanding.

Borton's Blog: Wolverines Welcome Wave Of Talent

John Borton | Senior Editor

Jim Harbaugh’s crew created more than a little heat in its opener with Hawai’i, even without the figurative midfield bonfire.

Those flames — sparked by the torching of 17 redshirts by true freshmen — rose high into the September sky and should continue to provide warmth over the next four seasons.

Wave after wave of frosh rolled off the sidelines, like the Banzai Pipeline giving the visitors a taste of home. Only it didn’t taste very good, with U-M rookies running over, around and through the Drained-bow Warriors.

The freshman frenzy wasn’t the whole story in the opener, by any means. But it was way more than a sidebar, treating

Michigan fans to the biggest — and arguably most effective — storm surge of talent they've ever witnessed in an opener at The Big House.

Paced by tailback Chris Evans' 112 yards and two touchdowns on a mere eight carries, the new crew in blue broke all the rules. This wasn't sit down, shut up and wait your turn. This was step up, let your actions shout and don't wait for permission.

Harbaugh says the best players play, period. If that means they're only a few months past prom, so be it.

"Many players played and played well," he stressed. "It's tremendous for morale. Guys worked extremely hard all August and got to contribute. That's good for our team."

"It's a meritocracy on who plays. By your effort, by your talent you will be known. The positions on the depth chart, when they go in the game, what their roles are, are based on that."

The non-conference caveat remains firmly in place, for some: Good grief, it's Hawai'i! These guys were playing at 6 a.m. their time, and they're not good enough to play when Michigan's on a lunch break, much less at daybreak!

Fair, to an extent. But anyone watching carefully knows there are aspects of the rookie rampage not easily dismissed via the visitors' imperfections.

Evans' feet, quickness and burst can't be taught, or garnered through experience. While the results might be enhanced somewhat by facing Don Ho and the Jet Lagers, there's still plenty of innate talent to tap.

Wideout Eddie McDoom doesn't need three years in a play-book to take a handoff and jet around the end like he's a speed-boat racing away from kayaks. He can help now, and so he gets that opportunity.

Ben Bredeson, at 6-5, 310, battled all during camp for a spot at left tackle against sophomore Grant Newsome (6-7, 318), who also got a taste of action as a true freshman. Newsome held him off, but when fifth-year senior left guard Ben Braden couldn't go due to injury, Bredeson stepped in to battle there and battled well, according to Harbaugh.

Every Michigan fan couldn't wait to see the consensus No. 1 signee in the nation, defensive lineman Rashaan Gary, perform. They did, but Gary merely played his part in the rookie rush to the field, rather than leading it.

Massive Michael Onwenu — listed at 350, but roughly 380 in fall camp, by word of mouth — played on both sides of the line of scrimmage in his first game out of high school. He might be focusing on defense for the foreseeable future, with the opener leaving redshirt sophomore defensive tackle Bryan Mone hurt and looking on from the sidelines again.

Michigan needs quality depth, and this class appears loaded.

"Depth is a great thing to have," Michigan sideline reporter Doug Karsch observed. "I've always thought that depth's true value comes in times like these, when guys get hurt and you have acceptable replacements."

"It means Rashaan Gary, get ready, you're getting more snaps this week. Onwenu may have to play more on the defensive line, moving forward. It means that at least you have high-end players to replace what you've lost."

"Nobody wants to lose them, and it's certainly better when you can rotate, but this isn't lose a starter, play a kid who is not ready. The defensive line was deep going in, and that depth is an asset now."

Newsome loves seeing all the freshman promise — and coaches' promises — unfolding.

"That's how it should be," he said. "It should be a meritocracy."

"A lot of programs, you don't see guys start until they are redshirt juniors, or redshirt sophomores at the least. It's a great system where if you're the best at your position, you'll play no matter what age you are."

That works both for winning now, and laying a firm foundation for 2017 and beyond.

The Week In Michigan Recruiting: Sept. 8

Brandon Brown | Staff Writer

Everyone who follows it knows that recruiting never stops, but that has never been truer than with Jim Harbaugh. He and his staff are relentless on the trail, and that makes for constant news and occurrences worthy of note.

Here's a look back at the last week of action involving the Maize and Blue's recruiting efforts:

- Hot Boards are being updated daily and the most recent edition of each can be found linked at the bottom every day. Tight end is the most recent position group to be looked at and it's down to just two targets. With Bloomfield Hills (Mich.) Brother Rice Carter Dunaway already in the fold, and three true freshman tight ends on the roster, the position isn't being aggressively recruited, but it's not quite dormant.

- Almost all of Michigan's 2017 (and 2018) commits were in action over the weekend and some really filled up the stat sheet. Highlands Ranch (Colo.) Valor Christian dual-threat quarterback Dylan McCaffrey is playing well, but his team is coming up short, while two defensive linemen were dominant in win-

ning efforts. Here's a look at how all of the future Wolverines have fared in 2016.

- One of the more talented junior wide receivers in the state of Florida recently named Michigan as one of the schools he definitely wants to see in the near future. Alabama, Clemson, Ohio State and Florida are the other schools in the mix, giving U-M some real competition for the No. 87 player in the country.

- The nation's top center, Cesar Ruiz, recently talked about Michigan and how he's anxious to take his official visit to Ann Arbor. Once looked at as a potential Alabama lean, the Tide now seem to be an afterthought and won't even receive an official visit from Ruiz. He recently discussed all of his plans with Rivals.com recruiting analyst Adam Gorney.

- Cheshire (Conn.) Cheshire Academy four-star wide receiver Tarik Black was the only official visitor for Michigan's season opener against Hawai'i, and it couldn't have gone any better. Black's head coach was along for the ride, and he used the word 'special' to describe what's going on at U-M right now.

- Three Michigan commits went in depth with TheWolverine.com about the season opener against Hawai'i. Sugarcreek (Ohio) Garaway Local School offensive tackle Joel Honigford got to spend a lot of time with the offensive line coaches during his trip. Berrien Springs (Mich.) offensive guard/defensive tackle Phillip Paea listed several people that make him feel beyond comfortable at U-M, and Oak Park (Mich.) offensive tackle Ja'Raymond Hall was very glad to be back inside The Big House after a long hiatus.

- The game against Hawai'i isn't the biggest on the schedule but many recruits still turned up inside Michigan Stadium for the season opener. Prospects from the 2017, 2018, 2019 and even the 2020 class had many good things to say about U-M's 60-point win over the Warriors.

- Paramus (N.J.) Paramus Catholic has been good to Michigan delivering do-it-all redshirt sophomore Jabrill Peppers, rookie defensive lineman Rashan Gary and linebackers coach Chris Partridge. Last week, offered Paladins outside linebacker Drew Singleton, the No. 43 overall player in the country, and Corey Boldts, the nation's No. 34 defensive tackle, both played inside Michigan Stadium against Baltimore St. Frances and came away with a win. Singleton discussed how good he felt inside the stadium, while Boldts was all smiles when talking about his opportunity at U-M.

By The Numbers: A Closer Look At Opening Game Offensive Success

Austin Fox | Contributor

Michigan put on a show in its opener, scoring 63 points on Hawai'i, including 49 from the offense and 14 from the defense (coming in the form of two pick-sixes). The Wolverines' offense put up 512 yards of offense, with 306 of those coming on the ground.

After redshirt sophomore Wilton Speight's interception, the offense looked like a well-oiled machine, converting on seven of seven third downs and connecting on 17 of 19 passes. However, does putting on an impressive offensive performance in the opener the way Michigan did translate to offensive success throughout the whole season?

While it's nice to score 60-plus points and beef up the statistics sheet, should we really put much stock into what the Wolverine offense accomplished Saturday? To help answer that question, we've taken a look at every FBS team that scored 60 or more points in its season opener over the past two seasons and where each of those teams' scoring offense finished the year statistically.

Let's start with 2014 — only five FBS teams scored 60 or more points in its season opener. Here are the five, with the opponent and score in parenthesis: Oregon (South Dakota, 62-13), Pittsburgh (Delaware, 62-0), Middle Tennessee State (Savannah State, 61-7), Memphis (Austin Peay, 63-0) and Texas State (Arkansas-Pine Bluff, 65-0).

All five of the those teams wound up finishing the year ranked in the Top 50 for scoring offense. Oregon topped the group, finishing fourth nationally, while Memphis was the next highest, placing 22nd. However, it should be noted that each of the five teams opened their season against FCS competition.

An astounding 12 teams accomplished the feat in its season opener in 2015, and they are as follows: Georgia Tech (Alcorn State, 69-6), Oregon (Eastern Washington, 61-42), Ole Miss (Tennessee-Martin, 76-3), Rutgers (Norfolk State, 63-13), Air Force (Morgan State, 63-7), Colorado State (Savannah State, 65-13), California (Grambling State, 73-14), Memphis (Missouri State, 63-7), Louisiana Tech (Southern, 62-15), Middle Tennessee State (Jackson State, 70-14), Florida (New Mexico State, 61-13) and New Mexico (Mississippi Valley State, 66-0).

Of the aforementioned 12 teams, all but four (Georgia Tech, Rutgers, Colorado State and Florida) finished the year in the top 60 for scoring offense. In fact, six finished in the top 35 (Oregon, Ole Miss, California, Memphis, Louisiana Tech and Middle Tennessee State), and Oregon and Ole Miss finished in the top 10. Again, though, all of these season-opening thrashings were done against FCS schools, with the lone exception being Florida's 61-13 win over New Mexico State.

Eight FBS teams scored 60 or more points in their 2016 season opener, with Michigan obviously being one of them. The other seven were Louisville (Charlotte, 70-14), UNLV (Jackson State, 63-13), Eastern Michigan (Mississippi Valley State, 61-14), Ohio State (Bowling Green, 77-10), Oklahoma State (Southeastern Louisiana, 61-7), Miami, Fla. (Florida A&M, 70-3) and Texas Tech (Stephen F. Austin, 69-17). All but three were done against FCS competition, with the exceptions being Louisville's 70-14 win over Charlotte, Ohio State's 77-10 demolition of Bowling Green and Michigan's 63-3 blowout of Hawai'i.

While a strong offensive showing in the season opener obviously doesn't guarantee success the rest of the year, it has been a good omen for teams recently. In fact, of the 17 teams who accomplished the feat in 2014 and 2015, only two finished with a scoring offense rated lower than 63rd (both Rutgers and Florida last season, who finished 78th and 100th, respectively).

By The Numbers

0 The number of games UCF won in 2015. The Golden Knights and Kansas were the only two FBS schools not to win a contest last year.

6th Is redshirt junior linebacker Mike McCray's national rank in both tackles for loss and sacks. The Trotwood, Ohio, native took down the quarterback twice against Hawai'i, and made 3.5 tackles behind the line of scrimmage.

60 Michigan's margin of victory over Hawai'i last week, its largest in any game since 1975, when it beat Northwestern 69-0.

250 The number of fewer yards Hawai'i's offense managed against Michigan than it did against California in its opener. The Rainbow Warriors put up 482 yards against the Golden Bears and just 232 against the Wolverines.

1999 Prior to Saturday, that year was the last time Michigan had returned two interceptions for touchdowns in the same game. While senior defensive backs Delano Hill and Channing Stribling accomplished the feat against Hawai'i, Ian Gold and James Whitley did so against Arkansas on Jan. 1, 1999

Michigan Football, NFL Wolverines: Who Made The Cut

Chris Balas | Senior Editor

Seventeen former Michigan Wolverines made NFL rosters for 2016, while five others are on practice squads. For the breakdown, see: <https://michigan.rivals.com/news/michigan-football-nfl-wolverines-who-made-the-cut>

Around The Big Ten: Week Two

Austin Fox | Contributor

Illinois (1-0)

Illinois plays North Carolina in Champaign Saturday night ... In its opener, the Illini held Murray State to negative-10 rushing yards; the next fewest rushing yards any FBS team allowed in week one was Miami (Fla.), which held Florida A&M to just 22 yards on the ground ... North Carolina lost to No. 18 Georgia last week, 33-24, though it led 24-14 in the third quarter ... The Tar Heels destroyed the Illini 48-14 last season in Chapel Hill.

Indiana (1-0)

Indiana welcomes the Ball State Cardinals to Bloomington Saturday afternoon ... Both teams recorded road wins in their season openers, Indiana winning at Florida International and Ball State winning at Georgia State ... The Hoosiers have won 13 of their last 14 home openers ... Indiana has won its last seven non-conference regular-season games.

No. 16 Iowa (1-0)

No. 16 Iowa hosts Big 12 rival Iowa State under the lights in Kinnick Stadium ... The Hawkeyes defeated Miami (Ohio) last week, while the Cyclones lost to FCS foe Northern Iowa ... Iowa leads the all-time series, 41-22, but Iowa State has won three of the last five meetings ... The road team has won the last four matchups in the rivalry ... Iowa State head coach Matt Campbell will be seeking his first victory with the Cyclones.

Maryland (1-0)

Maryland heads to Miami on Friday night to take on Florida International ... This will be the fifth all-time meeting between the two schools, with the Terps holding a 4-0 advantage ... Maryland's 52-13 win over Howard last week was the largest margin of victory by a coach making his Maryland debut (former U-M defensive coordinator D.J. Durkin) since Paul "Bear" Bryant's Terrapin team won by 54 in 1945 ... This marks the second straight week Florida International is playing a Big Ten team, after the Golden Panthers hosted Indiana last Thursday.

Minnesota (1-0)

Minnesota faces off against Indiana State at home on Saturday ... Last week's win over Oregon State marked the first time Minnesota had beaten a Pac-12 team in the regular season since the Gophers knocked off California in 1987 ... After missing last week's game due to injury, sophomore starting running back Shannon Brooks is questionable for this week ... After suffering a shoulder injury in the opener, sophomore wide receiver Rashad Still will miss Saturday's game.

Nebraska (1-0)

Nebraska plays Wyoming at home this weekend ... Wyoming

is coming off a triple-overtime victory over Northern Illinois in its opener ... The Cowboys are coached by Craig Bohl, who played at Nebraska in the late 1970s ... After leading 14-10 at halftime last week against Fresno State, Nebraska ended the game on a 29-0 run to win 43-10.

Northwestern (0-1)

Northwestern hosts FCS opponent Illinois State ... With his 124 rushing yards last week, junior running back Justin Jackson moved into fourth place in Northwestern's all-time leading rushers ... After missing the final four games of 2015 due to injury, fifth-year senior linebacker Jaylen Prater recorded 18 tackles last week against Western Michigan in his first game back.

No. 4 Ohio State (1-0)

After obliterating Bowling Green 77-10 last week, No. 4 Ohio State welcomes Tulsa to Columbus ... Redshirt junior quarterback J.T. Barrett was named the Big Ten Offensive Player of the Week after throwing for 349 yards and accounting for seven touchdowns ... The Buckeyes put up 776 yards of offense last week, the most in school history ... Tulsa defeated San Jose State 45-10 in its opener.

Penn State (1-0)

Penn State travels to Heinz Field this Saturday to renew its rivalry with Pittsburgh ... This will mark the first meeting between the two schools since 2000 and the 97th overall ... The Nittany Lions recorded seven sacks last week against Kent State, their most in a game since 2011 ... Penn State and Pittsburgh played each other every year from 1935-1992 and then again from 1997-2000 ... This will be the first career road start for redshirt sophomore quarterback Trace McSorley.

Purdue (1-0)

Purdue hosts Tommy Tuberville's Cincinnati Bearcats in West Lafayette on Saturday ... This will be the third meeting between the schools, the teams splitting the previous two matchups ... Purdue is looking to start 2-0 for the first time since 2007 ... Head coach Darrell Hazell is attempting to win back-to-back games for the first time during his Boilermaker tenure, which began in 2013.

Rutgers (0-1)

Rutgers will face Howard Saturday in its home opener ... This will be the second straight week Howard faces a Big Ten team, after the Bison fell 52-13 to Maryland last Saturday ... Head coach Chris Ash will be seeking his first win as the Scarlet Knights head coach ... Rutgers was blown out in week one at No. 14 Washington, trailing 34-3 at halftime and eventually losing 48-13.

No. 10 Wisconsin (1-0)

After defeating then-No. 5 LSU in its opener, No. 10 Wisconsin welcomes Akron to Madison ... The Badgers have won 35 consecutive non-conference home games ... Wisconsin has won 89 percent of its games at Camp Randall Stadium since the start of 2004; of Power Five teams, only Oklahoma and Ohio State have higher home winning percentages during that span ... The last Big Ten team to defeat a regular-season non-conference opponent ranked in the top 5 was Michigan in 2006, when it defeated No. 2 Notre Dame.

Schedule

Friday, Sept. 9

- Maryland at Florida International: 7:30 PM (CBS Sports Network)

Saturday, Sept. 10

- Cincinnati at Purdue: 12:00 PM (BTN)
- Howard at Rutgers: 12:00 PM (BTN)
- Indiana State at Minnesota: 12:00 PM (ESPNNEWS)
- Penn State at Pittsburgh: 12:00 PM (ESPN)
- UCF at No. 5 Michigan: 12:00 PM (ABC)
- Wyoming at Nebraska: 12:00 PM (ESPN2)
- Akron at No. 10 Wisconsin: 3:30 PM (BTN)
- Illinois State at Northwestern: 3:30 PM (BTN)
- Tulsa at No. 4 Ohio State: 3:30 PM (ABC)
- Ball State at Indiana: 4:00 PM (ESPNNEWS)
- Iowa State at No. 16 Iowa: 7:30 PM (BTN)
- North Carolina at Illinois: 7:30 PM (BTN)

Bye: No. 12 Michigan State

The screenshot shows the website 'THE WOLVERINE' with a navigation bar including Home, Forums, Football, FB Recruiting, Basketball, BB Recruiting, More, and News Ticker. The main content area features several news articles:

- HEADLINE NEWS:** Michigan Football Audio: Jerry Hanlon. Former Michigan football assistant coach Jerry Hanlon weighs in with his takes, looking back, and forward.
- By The Numbers:** A Closer Look At Opening Game Offense Success. Michigan put on a show in its opener, scoring 63 points on Hawaii.
- Around The Big Ten: Week Two.** A look around the league ahead of week two action.
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- Michigan Football, Basketball, Recruiting Weekly In-Fort Chat.** The Wolverine.com Staff answers your questions on Michigan football, basketball and recruiting on our Premium Message.
- Michigan Football Keys To The Game: Central Florida.** Central Florida, led by head coach and former Nebraska quarterback Scott Frost, played with attitude in its first game.

On the right side, there is a '2017 Commitment List' table for Football and Basketball, listing names, positions, and star ratings. Below this is a '2017 Prospect Rankings' section with a 'rivals 100' logo. A large yellow callout bubble on the right says: 'Click Here & See Why Michigan Fans Visit More Than 10,000,000 Times Per Month!'.

INSIDE THE NUMBERS

Offense	U-M	UCF
Points Per Game	63.0	38.0
First Downs	26	27
Rushing Yards	306	197
Rushing Yards/Game	306.0	197.0
Rushing Attempts	39	55
Average Yards Per Rush	7.8	3.6
Passing Yards	206	265
Passing Yards/Game	206.0	265.0
Passing Attempts	20	36
Average Yards/Catch	12.1	13.2
Total Yards	512	462
Average Yards Per Game	512.0	462.0
Average Kickoff Return	10.0	47.0
Average Punt Return	14.0	11.5
Third-Down Conversions	7-7	6-17
Third-Down Conv. Percent	100%	35%
Fourth-Down Conversions	0-0	3-4
Fourth-Down Conv. Percent	0%	75%

Defense	U-M	UCF
Points Allowed Per Game	3.0	0.0
First Downs Allowed	16	12
Rushing Yards Allowed	81	85
Rushing Yards Allowed/Game	81.0	85.0
Opponent Rushing Attempts	37	32
Average Yards/Rushing Attempt	2.2	2.7
Passing Yards Allowed	151	138
Passing Yards Allowed/Game	151.0	138.0
Opponent Passing Attempts	23	38
Average Yards/Catch Allowed	12.6	8.6
Total Yards Allowed	232	223
Average Yards/Game Allowed	232.0	223.0
Average Kickoff Return Allowed	20.5	206
Average Punt Return Allowed	0.0	0.0
Third-Down Conversions	1-11	4-18
Third-Down Conv. Percent	9%	22%
Fourth-Down Conversions	1-2	0-0
Fourth-Down Conv. Percent	50%	0%

Class Breakdowns (2016 Depth Chart)

	Sr.	Jr.	So.	Fr.
U-M Offense	7	7	5	4
U-M Defense	10	1	8	3
U-M Specialists	6	1	2	4
U-M Totals	23	9	15	11
UCF Offense	8	5	7	6
UCF Defense	11	5	7	4
UCF Specialists	5	1	7	2
UCF Totals	24	11	21	12

Turnovers	Gained	Lost	+/-
U-M	2	1	+1
UCF	3	2	+1

Score By Quarters	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	Total	Avg.
U-M	14	21	21	7	—	63	63.0
UCF	6	12	13	7	—	38	38.0

2016 CENTRAL FLORIDA STATISTICAL LEADERS

Passing	Comp.	Att.	Yds.	TD	INT
Justin Holman	14	28	193	2	0
Nick Patti	5	7	48	0	0
Tristan Payton	1	1	24	0	0

Rushing	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	LG	TD
Jawon Hamilton	14	53	3.8	15	0
Taj McGowan	11	48	4.4	14	0
Justin Holman	12	40	3.3	17	1
Cedric Jordan-Williams	6	24	4.0	9	0

Receiving	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	LG	TD
Tre'Quan Smith	4	65	16.2	37	1
Tristan Payton	3	34	11.3	16	1
Dredrick Snelson	2	31	15.5	32	0
Taj McGowan	2	18	9.0	21	0
Adrian Killins	2	16	8.0	8	0
Jordan Akins	1	35	35.0	35	0
Justin Holman	1	24	24.0	24	0

Tackles	UT	AT	Tot.	TFL/Yds.	Sacks/Yds.
Shaquem Griffin	3	3	6	1.0/5	1.0/5
Mark Rucker	4	2	6	0	0
Demeitre Brim	2	3	5	0	0
Titus Davis	1	4	5	0	0
Errol Clarke	1	4	5	0	0
Pat Jasinski	3	2	5	0	0
Chequan Burkett	1	4	5	0	0
Draco Johnson	3	1	4	1.0/4	0
D.J. Killings	4	0	4	1.0/3	0

Interceptions	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
Shaquill Griffin	1	0	0.0	0

Kicking	PAT	FGM-FGA	LG
Matthew Wright	2-2	4-4	46

Punting	No.	Yds.	Avg.	LG
Caleb Houston	3	134	44.7	54

2016 MICHIGAN SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Result/Time (ET)
Sept. 3	Hawai'i	W, 63-3
Sept. 10	Central Florida	12:00 p.m.
Sept. 17	Colorado	3:30 p.m.
Sep. 24	Penn State	TBA
Oct. 1	Wisconsin	TBA
Oct. 8	at Rutgers	7 or 8 p.m.
Oct. 22	Illinois	3:30 p.m.
Oct. 29	at Michigan State	TBA
Nov. 5	Maryland	TBA
Nov. 12	at Iowa	8:00 p.m.
Nov. 19	Indiana	TBA
Nov. 25	at Ohio State	TBA

2016 UCF SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Result/Time (ET)
Sept. 3	South Carolina State	W, 38-0
Sep. 10	at Michigan	12:00 p.m.
Sept. 17	Maryland	7 p.m.
Sept. 24	at Florida International	7 p.m.
Oct. 1	at East Carolina	TBA
Oct. 7	Tulane	8 p.m.
Oct. 15	Temple	TBA
Oct. 22	at UConn	TBA
Oct. 29	at Houston	TBA
Nov. 12	Cincinnati	TBA
Nov. 19	Tulsa	TBA
Nov. 26	at USF	TBA

2016 MICHIGAN WOLVERINES FOOTBALL DEPTH CHART (UNOFFICIAL)

OFFENSE					
Pos. No.	Player	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	
WR	82 Amara Darboh	6-2	215	5th-Sr.	
	9 Grant Perry	6-0	196	So.	
LT	77 Grant Newsome	6-7	318	So.	
	74 Ben Bredeson	6-5	310	Fr.	
LG	71 Ben Braden	6-6	335	5th-Sr.	
or	57 Patrick Kugler	6-5	303	R-Jr.	
C	52 Mason Cole	6-5	305	Jr.	
	57 Patrick Kugler	6-5	303	R-Jr.	
RG	67 Kyle Kalis	6-5	305	5th-Sr.	
	62 Ben Bredeson	6-5	310	Fr.	
RT	78 Erik Magnuson	6-6	305	5th-Sr.	
	70 Nolan Ulizio	6-5	291	R-Fr.	
TE	88 Jake Butt	6-6	250	Sr.	
	89 Ian Bunting	6-7	252	R-So.	
WR	82 Jehu Chesson	6-3	203	5th-Sr.	
	85 Maurice Ways	6-3	217	R-So.	
QB	3 Wilton Speight	6-6	243	R-So.	
	8 John O'Korn	6-4	215	R-Jr.	
FB	19 Henry Poggi	6-4	257	R-Jr.	
	80 Khalid Hill	6-2	263	R-Jr.	
RB	4 De'Veon Smith	5-11	228	Sr.	
	32 Ty Isaac	6-3	230	R-Jr.	
or	12 Chris Evans	5-11	200	Fr.	

SPECIALISTS					
Pos. No.	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	
PK	91 Kenny Allen	6-4	222	5th-Sr.	
	3 Quinn Nordin	6-1	205	Fr.	
P	91 Kenny Allen	6-4	222	5th-Sr.	
	3 Quinn Nordin	6-1	205	Fr.	
KO	91 Kenny Allen	6-4	222	5th-Sr.	
or	3 Quinn Nordin	6-1	205	Fr.	
H	15 Garrett Moores	6-5	217	Sr.	
LS	31 Scott Sypniewski	6-1	231	R-Jr.	
	50 Andrew Robinson	6-0	221	R-So.	
KR	26 Jourdan Lewis	5-10	186	Sr.	
	86 Jehu Chesson	6-3	203	5th-Sr.	
PR	5 Jabrill Peppers	6-1	205	R-So.	
	12 Chris Evans	5-11	200	Fr.	

DEFENSE					
Pos. No.	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	
DE	15 Chase Winovich	6-3	245	R-So.	
	93 Lawrence Marshall	6-4	368	R-So.	
DT	96 Ryan Glasgow	6-4	299	5th-Sr.	
	99 Matthew Godin	6-6	294	5th-Sr.	
DT	43 Chris Wormley	6-6	302	5th-Sr.	
or	73 Maurice Hurst	6-2	282	R-Jr.	
	99 Matthew Godin	6-6	294	5th-Sr.	
DE	43 Chris Wormley	6-6	302	5th-Sr.	
or	3 Rashaan Gary	6-5	287	Fr.	
SLB	5 Jabrill Peppers	6-1	205	R-So.	
	59 Noah Furbush	6-5	238	R-So.	
ILB	9 Mike McCray	6-4	248	R-Jr.	
	10 Devin Bush Jr.	5-11	232	Fr.	
ILB	42 Ben Gedeon	6-3	247	Sr.	
	52 E. Mbem-Bosse	6-3	215	Fr.	
FS	25 Dymonte Thomas	6-2	199	Sr.	
	23 Tyree Kinnel	5-11	206	So.	
SS	44 Delano Hill	6-1	215	Sr.	
	23 Tyree Kinnel	5-11	206	So.	
CB	8 Channing Stribling	6-2	175	Sr.	
	34 Jeremy Clark	6-4	206	5th-Sr.	
CB	26 Jourdan Lewis	5-10	186	Sr.	
	28 Brandon Watson	5-11	203	R-So.	

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2016 UCF KNIGHTS FOOTBALL DEPTH CHART

OFFENSE					
Pos. No.	Player	Yr.	Ht.	Wt.	
WR	4 Tre'Quan Smith	RSo.	6-1	200	
	89 Hayden Jones	RSr.	5-10	180	
LT	66 Aaron Evans	RJr.	6-5	290	
	77 Jake Brown	RFr.	6-3	276	
LG	53 Tyler Hudanick	So.	6-5	300	
	58 Chester Brown	RSr.	6-5	330	
C	73 Jason Rae	Sr.	5-11	288	
	75 Tate Hernly	RJr.	6-3	293	
RG	79 Chavis Dickey	Jr.	6-4	330	
	72 Jordan Johnson	Fr.	6-2	275	
RT	78 Wyatt Miller	RSo.	6-4	290	
	68 Charles Sprengel	RJr.	6-4	305	
TE	15 Jordan Franks	Jr.	6-3	225	
or	87 Cal Bloom	RSr.	6-4	250	
or	88 Jordan Akins	RSo.	6-3	237	
WR	11 Cam Stewart	So.	6-3	195	
or	6 Tristan Payton	So.	6-0	186	
WR	20 Taylor Oldham	RSr.	6-2	205	
	3 Jaquarius Bargnare	Fr.	5-9	191	
or	5 Dredrick Snelson	Fr.	6-0	190	
QB	13 Justin Holman	Sr.	6-4	225	
	2 Nick Patti	RSr.	5-11	195	
RB	7 Dontravious Wilson	Sr.	5-10	210	
or	1 Jawon Hamilton	Fr.	5-9	190	
	12 Taj McGowan	So.	6-1	202	
or	9 Adrian Killins	Fr.	5-8	155	

SPECIALISTS					
Pos. No.	Name	Yr.	Ht.	Wt.	
PK	19 Donald De La Haye	So.	5-9	170	
or	11 Matthew Wright	RSo.	6-0	185	
KO	19 Donald De La Haye	So.	5-9	170	
or	11 Matthew Wright	RSo.	6-0	185	
P	36 Caleb Houston	RSr.	6-1	225	
	48 Mac Loudermilk	RSo.	6-1	228	
LS	42 Gage Marsil	RSr.	6-1	238	
	57 Caleb Perez	RSo.	6-1	230	
H	36 Caleb Houston	RSr.	6-1	225	
	2 Nick Patti	RSr.	5-11	195	
KR	6 Tristan Payton	So.	6-0	186	
	14 Nevelle Clarke	RFr.	6-1	180	
or	9 Adrian Killins	Fr.	5-8	155	
PR	46 Chris Johnson	RJr.	5-10	176	
	20 Taylor Oldham	RSr.	6-2	205	

DEFENSE					
Pos. No.	Player	Yr.	Ht.	Wt.	
DE	95 Trysten Hill	Fr.	6-1	295	
or	91 Joey Connors	RSo.	6-1	285	
	98 Brendon Hayes	RFr.	6-3	260	
NG	5 Jamiyus Pittman	Jr.	6-0	295	
	96 A.J. Wooten	RSo.	6-4	274	
DE	93 Tony Guerad	RJr.	6-3	275	
	49 Seyvon Lowry	RJr.	6-3	245	
OLB	18 Shaquem Grin	RJr.	6-1	213	
	47 Jerod Boykins	Sr.	6-3	215	
or	34 Justin McDonald	Sr.	6-2	207	
ILB	41 Demeitre Brim	RSr.	6-3	228	
or	2 Chequan Burkett	RJr.	6-2	230	
	52 Maurice Russell	RSr.	5-11	272	
ILB	16 Mark Rucker	RSr.	5-9	217	
	56 Pat Jasinski	So.	6-1	220	
OLB	51 Errol Clarke	RSr.	6-3	230	
	99 Titus Davis	So.	6-2	230	
CB	10 Shaquill Grin	Sr.	6-1	200	
	31 Jeremy Boykins	Sr.	6-2	190	
or	30 Rashard Causey	So.	6-0	190	
S	21 Drico Johnson	RSr.	6-1	215	
	23 Tre Neal	RSo.	6-1	200	
or	26 Brandon Scott	RFr.	6-0	185	
S	22 T.J. Mutcherson	Gr.	5-11	195	
	25 Kyle Gibson	RSo.	5-11	182	
CB	24 D.J. Killings	Sr.	6-0	185	
	14 Nevelle Clarke	RFr.	6-1	180	

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No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Elig.	Hometown (High School)	No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Elig.	Hometown (High School)
1	Kekoa Crawford	WR	6-2	195	Fr.	Rancho Santa Margarita, CA (Santa Margarita Catholic)	36	Devin Gil	LB	6-2	230	Fr.	Pembroke Pines, Fla. (Flanagan)
1	Nick Eubanks	TE	6-5	236	Fr.	Plantation, Fla. (American Heritage)	36	Taylor Krupp	DB	6-1	186	So.	New Lothrop, Mich. (New Lothrop)
2	Devin Asiasi	TE	6-3	287	Fr.	Shoreview, Calif. (De La Salle)	37	Dane Drobocky	DE	6-3	234	Fr.	Bowling Green, Ky. (Bowling Green)
2	Carlo Kemp	DE	6-3	255	Fr.	Boulder, Colo. (Fairview)	37	Bobby Henderson	FB	6-0	242	5th Sr.	Hopewell Junction, N.Y. (John Jay)
3	Rashan Gary	DE	6-5	287	Fr.	Plainfield, N.J. (Paramus Catholic)	38	Camaron Cheeseman	LS	6-4	225	Fr.	New Albany, Ohio (Gahanna Lincoln)
3	Quinn Nordin	K	6-1	205	Fr.	Rockford, Mich. (Rockford)	38	Bradley Deeg	LS	6-0	176	So.	Plymouth, Mich. (Plymouth)
3	Wilton Speight	QB	6-6	243	Jr.	Richmond, Va. (The Collegiate School)	39	Spencer Dickow	FB	6-0	237	So.	Bloomfield Hills, Mich. (Brother Rice)
4	Reuben Jones	LB	6-4	222	So.	Lakeland, Fla. (Lake Gibson)	40	Wyatt Shallman	LB	6-3	242	Sr.	Hartland, Mich. (Detroit Catholic Central)
4	De'Veon Smith	RB	5-11	228	Sr.	Warren, Ohio (Howland)	40	Kenneth Sloss	WR	5-11	170	Sr.	Monroe, Mich. (Monroe)
5	Jabrill Peppers	LB/DB	6-1	205	Jr.	East Orange, N.J. (Paramus Catholic)	40	Nick Volk	FB	5-11	250	Jr.	Frankenmuth, Mich. (Frankenmuth)
6	Michael Sessa	QB	6-8	205	Fr.	Hinsdale, Ill. (Hinsdale Central)	41	Michael Hirsch	FB	6-1	245	Jr.	Glenview, Ill. (Glenbrook South)
6	Kareem Walker	RB	6-1	207	Fr.	Wayne, N.J. (DePaul Catholic)	41	Ryan Tice	K/P	6-1	170	So.	Saline, Mich. (Saline)
6	Keith Washington	CB	6-2	170	So.	Prattville, Ala. (Prattville)	41	Jacob West	S	6-0	195	So.	Pinckney, Mich. (Pinckney)
7	Khaleke Hudson	S	6-0	205	Fr.	McKeesport, Pa. (McKeesport)	42	Joseph Files	TE	6-4	252	So.	Lake Orion, Mich. (Cranbrook Kingwood)
7	Shelton Johnson	DE	6-5	212	So.	Delray Beach, Fla. (Atlantic Community)	42	Ben Gedeon	LB	6-3	247	Sr.	Hudson, Ohio (Hudson)
7	Shane Morris	QB	6-3	213	Sr.	Hazel Park, Mich. (De La Salle)	43	Chris Wormley	DE	6-6	302	5th Sr.	Toledo, Ohio (Whitmer)
8	John O'Korn	QB	6-4	215	Sr.	Huntingdon, Pa. (St. Thomas Aquinas)	44	Delano Hill	S	6-1	215	Sr.	Detroit, Mich. (Cass Technical)
8	Channing Stribling	CB	6-2	175	Sr.	Matthews, N.C. (Butler)	46	Michael Wroblewski	LB	6-2	242	Sr.	Saint Clair Shores, Mich. (Detroit Jesuit)
8	Tyrone Wheatley	TE	6-6	276	So.	Buffalo, N.Y. (Canisius)	49	Anthony Dalimonte	S	5-9	176	Sr.	Bloomfield Hills, Mich. (Brother Rice)
9	Mike McCray	LB	6-4	248	Sr.	Trotwood, Ohio (Trotwood-Madison)	50	Michael Dwumfour	DT	6-2	300	Fr.	Wayne, N.J. (DePaul Catholic)
9	Grant Perry	WR	6-0	196	So.	Bloomfield Hills, Mich. (Brother Rice)	50	Michael Onwenu	OL	6-3	350	Fr.	Detroit, Mich. (Cass Technical)
10	Devin Bush	LB	5-11	232	Fr.	Pembroke Pines, Fla. (Flanagan)	50	Andrew Robinson	LS	6-0	221	Jr.	Troy, Mich. (Troy Athens)
12	Chris Evans	RB	5-11	200	Fr.	Indianapolis, Ind. (Ben Davis)	51	Peter Bush	LB	6-2	210	Fr.	Newport Beach, Calif. (Corona Del Mar)
12	Alex Malzone	QB	6-2	224	So.	Farmington Hills, Mich. (Brother Rice)	51	Greg Froelich	OL	6-2	257	Sr.	Maplewood, N.J. (Deerfield Academy)
13	Eddie McDoom	WR	6-0	180	Fr.	Winter Garden, Fla. (West Orange)	52	Mason Cole	OL	6-5	305	Jr.	Tarpon Springs, Fla. (East Lake)
13	Josh Metellus	S	6-0	204	Fr.	Pembroke Pines, Fla. (Flanagan)	52	Elysee Mbem-Bosse	LB	6-3	215	Fr.	Ellenwood, Ga. (Cedar Grove)
14	Drake Harris	WR	6-4	188	Jr.	Grand Rapids, Mich. (Grand Rapids Christian)	53	Salim Makki	DT	6-0	264	Jr.	Dearborn, Mich. (Fordson)
15	Garrett Moores	QB	6-5	217	Sr.	Northville, Mich. (Detroit Catholic Central)	54	Carl Myers	DT	6-3	268	Fr.	Grand Rapids, Mich. (West Catholic)
15	Chase Winovich	DE	6-3	245	Jr.	Jefferson Hills, Pa. (Thomas Jefferson)	55	David Dawson	OL	6-4	325	Sr.	Detroit, Mich. (Cass Technical)
16	Jack Wangler	WR	6-1	200	Sr.	Royal Oak, Mich. (De La Salle)	55	Garrett Miller	DT	6-4	271	Sr.	Adrian, Mich. (Sand Creek)
17	Will Hart	P	6-3	190	Fr.	Hunting Valley, Ohio (University School)	56	Jameson Offerdahl	LB	6-2	214	So.	Fort Lauderdale, Fla. (Cardinal Gibbons)
17	Ron Johnson	DE	6-4	245	Fr.	Camden, N.J. (Camden)	57	Patrick Kugler	OL	6-5	303	Sr.	Wexford, Pa. (North Allegheny)
17	Simeon Smith	WR	6-6	210	Fr.	Kalamazoo, Mich. (Loy Norrix)	58	Alex Kaminski	LB	5-11	209	Jr.	Ada, Mich. (Lowell)
18	AJ Pearson	S	6-0	197	5th Sr.	Johns Creek, Ga. (Northview)	59	Noah Furbush	LB	6-5	238	Jr.	Kenton, Ohio (Kenton)
18	Brandon Peters	QB	6-5	216	Fr.	Avon, Ind. (Avon)	63	Ben Pliska	OL	6-4	276	5th Sr.	Kirkland, Wash. (Lake Washington)
19	Henry Poggi	FB	6-4	257	Sr.	Baltimore, Md. (Gilman School)	65	Anthony Kay	OL	6-4	275	Fr.	West Bloomfield, Mich. (West Bloomfield)
19	Jared Wangler	LB	6-2	229	Jr.	Royal Oak, Mich. (De La Salle)	67	Kyle Kalis	OL	6-5	305	5th Sr.	Lakewood, Ohio (Saint Edward)
20	Drake Johnson	RB	6-1	201	5th Sr.	Ann Arbor, Mich. (Pioneer)	68	Andrew Vastardis	OL	6-3	305	Fr.	Ashburn, Va. (Stone Bridge)
20	Matt Mitchell	CB	5-10	186	Jr.	Dexter, Mich. (Dexter)	70	Nolan Ulizio	OL	6-5	291	So.	West Chester, Ohio (Lakota West)
22	Karan Higdon	RB	5-10	189	So.	Sarasota, Fla. (Riverview)	71	Ben Braden	OL	6-6	335	5th Sr.	Rockford, Mich. (Rockford)
22	David Long	CB	5-11	187	Fr.	Los Angeles, Calif. (Loyola)	72	Stephen Spanellis	OL	6-6	335	Fr.	Baltimore, Md. (Gilman School)
23	Kingston Davis	RB	6-1	245	Fr.	Prattville, Ala. (Prattville)	73	Maurice Hurst	DT	6-2	282	Sr.	Westwood, Mass. (Xaverian Brothers)
23	Tyree Kinnel	S	5-11	206	So.	Huber Heights, Ohio (Wayne)	74	Ben Bredeson	OL	6-5	310	Fr.	Hartland, Wis. (Arrowhead)
24	Lavert Hill	CB	5-11	168	Fr.	Detroit, Mich. (Martin Luther King)	75	Jon Runyan	OL	6-4	304	So.	Philadelphia, Pa. (St. Joseph's Prep)
24	Jake Martin	WR	5-11	195	Fr.	Grand Rapids, Mich. (Forest Hills Northern)	76	Juwann Bushell-Beatty	OL	6-6	311	Jr.	Paramus, N.J. (Paramus Catholic)
25	Nate Johnson	WR	5-11	185	Fr.	Thompson's Station, Tenn. (Independence)	77	Grant Newsome	OL	6-7	318	So.	McLean, Va. (The Lawrenceville School, N.J.)
25	Dymonte Thomas	S	6-2	199	Sr.	Alliance, Ohio (Marlington)	78	Erik Magnuson	OL	6-6	305	5th Sr.	Carlsbad, Calif. (La Costa Canyon)
25	Brendan White	WR	6-1	191	So.	Scottsdale, Ariz. (Notre Dame Prep)	79	Greg Robinson	OL	6-6	290	Fr.	Hudson, Ohio (Hudson)
26	Jourdan Lewis	CB	5-11	186	Sr.	Detroit, Mich. (Cass Technical)	80	Khalid Hill	FB	6-2	263	Sr.	Detroit, Mich. (East English Village Prep Academy)
27	Joe Hewlett	RB	6-0	195	Jr.	Novi, Mich. (Northville)	81	Michael Jocz	TE	6-4	239	5th Sr.	Novi, Mich. (Novi)
27	Tru Wilson	S	5-10	190	Fr.	Warren, Mich. (De La Salle)	81	Dan Jokisch	TE	6-4	240	Fr.	Clarkston, Mich. (Orchard Lake St. Mary's)
28	Austin Brenner	WR	6-2	183	Jr.	Saline, Mich. (Saline)	82	Amara Darboh	WR	6-2	215	5th Sr.	West Des Moines, Iowa (Dowling Catholic)
28	Brandon Watson	CB	5-11	203	Jr.	Wilmington, Del. (Eastern Christian Academy)	83	Zach Gentry	TE	6-7	244	So.	Albuquerque, N.M. (Eldorado)
29	Jordan Glasgow	S	6-1	210	So.	Aurora, Ill. (Marmion Academy)	84	Sean McKeon	TE	6-5	240	Fr.	Dudley, Mass. (Shepherd Hill Regional)
30	Joe Beneducci	FB	5-9	212	Jr.	Far Hills, N.J. (West Morris Mendham)	85	Maurice Ways	WR	6-3	217	Jr.	Beverly Hills, Mich. (Detroit Country Day)
30	Tyler Cochran	S	6-1	190	Fr.	Royal Oak, Mich. (Orchard Lake St. Mary's)	86	Jehu Chesson	WR	6-3	203	5th Sr.	St. Louis, Mo. (Ladue Horton Watkins)
31	James Fouj	K/P	5-11	175	So.	Palo Alto, Calif. (Palo Alto)	86	Conner Edmonds	TE	6-5	245	Fr.	Richfield, Wis. (Germantown)
31	Scott Spyniewski	LS	6-1	231	Sr.	Ottawa, Ill. (Marquette)	88	Jake Butt	TE	6-6	250	Sr.	Pickerington, Ohio (Pickerington North)
32	Louis Grodman	DB	5-11	183	So.	Commerce, Mich. (Walled Lake Northern)	88	Jack Dunaway	LB	6-3	222	So.	Bloomfield Hills, Mich. (Brother Rice)
32	Ty Isaac	RB	6-3	230	Sr.	Shorewood, Ill. (Joliet Catholic Academy)	89	Ian Bunting	TE	6-7	252	Jr.	Hinsdale, Ill. (Hinsdale Central)
33	Taco Charlton	DE	6-6	272	Sr.	Pickerington, Ohio (Central)	90	Bryan Mone	DT	6-4	310	Jr.	Salt Lake City, Utah (Highland)
34	Jeremy Clark	CB	6-4	206	5th Sr.	Madisonville, Ky. (Madisonville North Hopkins)	91	Kenny Allen	K/P	6-4	222	5th Sr.	Fenton, Mich. (Fenton)
34	Kenneth Ferris	TE	6-5	237	So.	Fowlerville, Mich. (Fowlerville)	92	Cheyenn Robertson	LB	6-3	238	So.	Union City, N.J. (St. Peter's Prep)
35	Brian Chu	FB	5-10	223	Jr.	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia	93	Lawrence Marshall	DE	6-4	268	Jr.	Southfield, Mich. (Southfield)
35	Nate Schoenle	WR	6-2	185	Fr.	Plymouth, Mich. (Gabriel Richard)	96	Ryan Glasgow	DT	6-4	299	5th Sr.	Aurora, Ill. (Marmion Academy)
35	Josh Uche	LB	6-3	217	Fr.	Miami, Fla. (Columbus)	99	Matthew Godin	DT	6-6	294	5th Sr.	Novi, Mich. (Detroit Catholic Central)