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Game Info

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Site: Michigan Stadium (107,601)

Kickoff: 7:30 p.m.

Television: ABC

Radio: Michigan/IMG Radio Network (950 AM in the Detroit Area) with Dan Dierdorf, Jim Brandstatter and sideline reporter Doug Karsch, a regular contributor to TheWolverine.com.

Series Facts: Michigan and Wisconsin meet for the 67th time, with the Wolverines holding a 50-15-1 lead in the all-time series ... U-M's advantage is 23-6 at Michigan Stadium (28-7 in Ann Arbor) ... This will be the ninth time both are ranked by the Associated Press, the home team checks in at 12th, while the visitors enter 15th ... Michigan is 6-2 in such contests, including 4-0 at home ... The coaches list U-M at 13th and UW at 10th ... This will be just the sixth kickoff ever at Michigan Stadium after 5 p.m., the Wolverines are 4-1 in the previous five and 31-25 overall in all night games ... The matchup between the Big Ten rivals has happened once before at night — U-M won in Madison 34-17 in 1986.

Michigan Wolverines Football: Previewing Wisconsin With A Badger Insider

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Riding a five-game winning streak, Michigan will welcome a 4-1 Wisconsin team to The Big House on Saturday in a monstrous primetime showdown.

John Veldhuis of BadgerBlitz was kind enough to swing by and help us break down Wisconsin, explaining what Wolverine fans should be on the lookout for this Saturday.

Projected Starters on Offense

• **QB Alex Hornibrook** (redshirt junior) — After tossing 15 picks last season as a redshirt sophomore, Hornibrook has thrown just two through five games in 2018. He also boasts an impressive 64 completion percentage and is compiling 192.6 passing yards per game in Wisconsin's run-heavy offense.

• **FB Alec Ingold** (senior) — The Badgers are one of the few teams to still employ a fullback on a regular basis, and their utilization of Ingold has paid off in 2018. He is averaging 8.8 yards per carry on 12 touches, and his three rushing scores are tied for the second most on the squad.

• **RB Jonathan Taylor** (sophomore) — He broke Adrian Peterson's NCAA freshman rushing record last year with 1,977 yards, and is once again on a torrid pace in 2018. His 169.8 yards per outing are 14.2 more than any other player in the country,

his eight rushing scores are tied for seventh most nationally, and he has already eclipsed the 221-yard mark twice this season (221 yards against Nebraska and 253 against New Mexico).

• **WR A.J. Taylor** (junior) — With tight end Troy Fumagalli (46 catches, 547 yards last year) off to the NFL, Taylor has become the Badgers' top receiving threat, leading the club in both receptions (18) and yards (354). He has compiled 60 or more yards in three of the team's five affairs, and his 19.6 yards per catch are for the fourth highest in the Big Ten.

• **WR Danny Davis** (sophomore) — His season has been marred by off the field issues, missing the first two tilts due to suspension. Davis has not been able to replicate the brilliance he flashed last season as a freshman (418 yards, including a three-touchdown performance in the bowl win over Miami), racking up just eight catches for 90 yards.

• **TE Kyle Penniston** (redshirt junior) — He seems to have assumed the primary blocking role at the position in the wake of fifth-year senior Zander Neuvill's season-ending injury, only hauling in one grab for four yards. Redshirt freshman Jake Ferguson is the best pass catcher of the group, checking in second on the team in both receptions (16) and yards (213).

• **LT Jon Dietzen** (redshirt junior) — Despite being a redshirt junior, he is tied with classmate David Edwards as the second youngest starting offensive lineman. He has begun all four games he has played in (missed the New Mexico contest with injury), but head coach Paul Chryst has shown a tendency to frequently sub him out — as a result, Dietzen has not seen more than 36 snaps in a game this year.

• **LG Michael Deiter** (fifth-year senior) — *Sporting News* named him a second-team All-American after last season, when he started all 14 games at left tackle and paved the way for a Badger rushing attack that ranked 23rd nationally (222.3 yards per game). According to Pro Football Focus (PFF), Deiter has been a better pass protector than run blocker this year, grading out as a 77.9 or higher (64 is considered average) in three of the team's five affairs.

• **C Tyler Biadasz** (redshirt sophomore) — He started all 14 contests at center last year as a redshirt freshman, and his 83.6 overall grade by PFF in 2018 is the second best among the team's starting linemen. Biadasz and the rest of the unit have only allowed 14 tackles for loss, the second fewest in all of college football.

• **RG Beau Benzschawel** (fifth-year senior) — He has begun 41 consecutive outings on Wisconsin's offensive line, and was named a first-team All-American by *Sports Illustrated* at the conclusion of last year. PFF has tagged him with an overall grade of 84.3 so far in 2018, the best of any Badger starting offensive lineman.

• **RT David Edwards** (redshirt junior) — He was pegged as a third-team AP All-American following 2017, and an AP preseason second-teamer heading into this campaign. At 6-7, he is tied with redshirt sophomore defensive end Isaiahh Loudermilk as the tallest player on the roster.

Projected Starters on Defense

- DE Kayden Lyles (redshirt freshman) — The former offensive lineman was converted to the defensive side of the ball prior to this season due to a lack of depth and injuries on the defensive line. Lyles has started the first five outings of 2018, but is yet to record a single sack or tackle for loss.

- DT Olive Sagapolu (senior) — He is the lone experienced player on the Badger defensive line, starting 10 games in 2017 and racking up three sacks and 3.5 tackles for loss. At 6-2, 342, Sagapolu is the anchor of a Wisconsin rush defense that is allowing 130.2 yards per game on the ground (43rd).

- DE Matt Henningsen (redshirt freshman) — It was announced on Thursday that redshirt sophomore Isaiahh Loudermilk will miss Saturday's contest with injury, meaning Henningsen will get the start in his place. The redshirt freshman has played at least 21 snaps in all five affairs this year, but has just one tackle for loss and no sacks.

- LB Zack Baun (redshirt junior) — A foot injury caused him to miss the entire 2017 campaign, but Baun has rebounded nicely in 2018, starting all five games and earning a 72.3 overall grade from PFF. His 23 tackles are the fifth most on the defense.

- Ryan Connelly (fifth-year senior) — The veteran has posted some of the best statistics on the entire Badger defense, placing second in both tackles for loss (4.5) and sacks (one). However, his overall grade of 62.9 by PFF is considered to be below average.

- T.J. Edwards (fifth-year senior) — The fifth-year senior has had an illustrious career in Madison, being tabbed a first-team AP All-American at last season's end, after he picked off four passes, racked up 75 stops and 11 tackles for loss. Edwards is once again the leader of the Badger defense, pacing the team in both sacks (two) and tackles for loss (5.5) through five outings.

- Tyler Johnson (redshirt junior) — The redshirt junior has been forced to start the last two games due to injuries in the Badger linebacking corps. While he had a minimal impact in a Sept. 22 win over Iowa, Johnson played incredibly well last week against Nebraska, recording five tackles, 2.5 stops behind the line of scrimmage and a forced fumble.

- CB Faion Hicks (redshirt freshman) — The youngster has been one of the few consistent players in Wisconsin's banged up secondary, starting all five showdowns. PFF has stamped him with a 65.9 grade or higher in three of the Badgers' five affairs this season.

- CB Deron Harrell (redshirt freshman) — He is actually listed as questionable with a upper body ailment on Wisconsin's official injury report, but so is redshirt sophomore Caesar Williams, who started the team's first three games before getting injured. The inconsistency and health concerns at cornerback have been one of the huge reasons Wisconsin is yielding 219.6 passing yards per tilt, which ranks 54th nationally.

- S D'Cota Dixon (fifth-year senior) — He left last Saturday's victory against Nebraska with injury, but is expected to start against the Wolverines. The Badgers severely need his veteran presence and outstanding play (PFF has tagged him with a 77.3 overall grade) in their secondary.

- S Eric Burrell (redshirt sophomore) — Redshirt freshman Scott Nelson has started the first five affairs at this spot, but will be forced to sit out the first half against Michigan after he was slapped with a targeting call in the third quarter last week against Nebraska. The start will be the first of Burrell's career, and he has only averaged 14.5 snaps in four games this season.

Projected Starters on Special Teams

- K Rafael Gaglianone (redshirt senior) — He has made all 22 of his extra points and connected on five of his six field goal attempts. In fact, his only miss came from 42 yards in the waning seconds of the three-point loss to BYU on Sept. 15.

- P Anthony Lotti (junior) — The veteran punter has been underwhelming in 2018, averaging just 39.9 yards on 17 boots. Lotti's last two outings have been his two poorest of the season, tallying 37.1 yards against Iowa and 35 versus Nebraska, respectively.

Biggest Strength on Offense

"How efficient the unit has been," Veldhuis revealed. "Wisconsin rarely beats themselves, and with Taylor running behind an experienced offensive line, the Badgers have done a good job of moving the ball consistently and setting up manageable third downs when they get there."

"On third downs, Wisconsin has done a good job of converting almost half the time — they're at 49.1 percent on the season, behind only Ohio State and Michigan in the Big Ten."

The Badgers' 49.1 conversion percentage is actually 18th best in the entire country. Oddly enough, it is better than last year's mark of 48.6 percent, which was good enough to rank fourth in the nation at the end of 2017.

As Veldhuis noted, the Badgers' efficient offense often allows them to be in third-and-manageable, seeing as how they're averaging 6.8 yards per play, which is good for 16th best.

On the flip side, Michigan's third down defense hasn't been as stout in 2018 as it was last year. The Wolverines are allowing opponents to convert at a 34.1 rate (36th), while last season's unit only yielded 26.1 percent (first).

Biggest Weakness on Offense

"It's their lack of explosive plays," the analyst confirmed. "Despite bringing back most of last year's offense, Wisconsin has been moving down the field one chunk at a time instead of shortening the field with some bigger plays."

"It creates problems when you have to drive 75 yards, because you will eventually

run into a third down you can't convert.

"If the Badgers could start breaking off bigger plays, it would help their offense a lot."

The lack of explosiveness has been especially evident in the passing game this season.

Hornibrook has only endured four plays through the air of 30 yards or more, which ranks 116th in America.

Michigan's defense, on the other hand, has only surrendered six passing plays north of 30 yards (29th).

In fact, the Wolverine defense has been one of the best in college football at not allowing huge chunks of yardage — they've given up only 16 plays of 20 yards or more all year, which is good for 13th in the FBS (Football Bowl Subdivision).

Biggest Strength on Defense

"The Badgers have done a good job of keeping teams out of the end zone and forcing field goals in the red zone," Veldhuis said. "They are second in the Big Ten in allowing scores on 73 percent of their red zone possessions, and teams have scored touchdowns in the red zone just 53 percent of the time."

"I think you have to give credit to their young defense for standing tall when they get backed up, but it would make their lives easier if they could start heading off these long drives before they get close to the end zone."

This phase could be troublesome for a Michigan offense that has had a hard time scoring touchdowns in the red zone.

U-M is finding pay dirt on just 64 percent of its red zone trips, pegging it at a disappointing 70th.

Granted, the Wolverines usually cash in with at least a field goal (88 scoring percentage in the red zone, 46th), but finishing drives with a touchdown will be crucial against the Badgers.

Biggest Weakness on Defense

"They haven't been able to generate much of a pass rush so far this season," the insider observed. "Part of the problem is they're working with a revamped front seven and a young group of defensive backs, so I think the coaching staff has been a little hesitant to put their secondary on an island very often."

"Their young defensive line hasn't controlled the running game or the line of scrimmage as well as they have over the last few years, setting up easier third down conversions for opponents."

"I think these are issues that will take time to sort out, so there doesn't seem to be

a quick fix coming down the pipeline."

The statistics Wisconsin's defensive line has produced this season have been dreadful.

Their 25 tackles for loss rank 107th, and their five sacks are 121st.

Granted, injuries have played a big factor, but the unit was bound to take a step back regardless after graduating two defensive line starters (Alec James and Conor Sheehy).

Michigan has actually done an outstanding job at not allowing plays to be stopped behind its line of scrimmage this year.

The Wolverines' 4.6 tackles for loss surrendered per outing rank 24th in America, and their 1.3 sacks yielded are 31st.

Veldhuis' Final Score Prediction

"It's hard for me to be really confident in a prediction with so many injury question marks surrounding Wisconsin's defense, but even if everyone was healthy, I think I would still pick Michigan to win by about a touchdown or so," Veldhuis opined.

"If worst comes to worst and the Badgers are missing several defensive players, I think this could be more of a multi-score win, but we'll have to see how the rest of the week shakes out."

"For now I'll say go with this: **Michigan 27, Wisconsin 17.**"

Keys To The Game: Michigan Wolverines Football vs. Wisconsin

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It's about to get real for the Michigan football program. Wisconsin comes to town as the nation's No. 10 team according to the coaches' poll, starting a three-game stretch that could put U-M right back in the national picture.

The Badgers have been typical Wisconsin this year, running over most foes with a dominant-at-times offensive line and a running back in Jonathan Taylor, who most recently put up 221 yards and three scores in a 41-24 win over Nebraska.

But Wisconsin did lose at home to an average BYU team and gave up a lot of yardage (503!) to a bad Cornhuskers team. There's a reason Michigan is favored by more than a touchdown.

This is U-M's opportunity to prove this year is going to be different. A solid win over a good Big Ten team could be the catalyst for bigger and better things to come.

Here's what the Wolverines need to do to win Saturday's game with Wisconsin:

Slow Wisconsin's between-the-tackles running game: Taylor is a load, averaging a nation's best 169.8 yards per game. The Badgers put up 287 rushing yards per contest, fourth in the country, and most of them through the middle of the line, and average 6.16 yards per carry. It's not an explosive offense — Wisconsin is only 29th nationally in run plays of 10 yards or more on the ground — but this offense bleeds clock and sets up play action for quarterback Alex Hornibrook.

As cornerbacks coach Mike Zordich said Wednesday, U-M needs to do its job on early downs and force the Badgers to pass on second and third down. Make this team one-dimensional and you've got a good shot. Quarterback Alex Hornibrook is solid, but he's not the guy who is going to beat you by himself.

Exploit the Badgers' secondary: This is not the typical stout Wisconsin defense. The Badgers give up 4.43 yards per carry on the ground — adding to the perspective, the best teams the Badgers have faced this year, Iowa and BYU, rank 87th and 117th nationally, respectively, in rushing offense — and are vulnerable there.

But they're even worse against the pass, ranking 90th in opponent yards per passing attempt (7.6), and they'll start the game without frosh safety Scott Nelson, out for the first half after being ejected for targeting in the second half last week in a win over Nebraska.

Safety D'Cota Dixon was in a protective boot early this week, while redshirt freshman cornerback Deron Harrell left with a head injury in the second quarter. He's questionable, as are cornerbacks Travian Blaylock (right leg) and Caesar Williams (left leg).

Michigan's play-action game has excelled this year — per Pro Football Focus, junior quarterback Shea Patterson has the nation's No. 2 play-action passer rating (minimum 50 such dropbacks), and he averages 4.0 yards per attempt more on play action than regular passing plays. This could be the game to test it out on early downs, but the Wolverines can't be stubborn — attack the weakness.

Win early downs and get off the field on third down: This holds true for every game, but it's especially true against a team that can run the ball like Wisconsin. The Badgers are 18th in the country in third-down conversion percentage (49.18), but they're 119th in the nation in third-down plays run (61). They're also 50th nationally in scrimmage plays of 10 yards or more, so that means they're doing a lot of damage on first and second down.

This is not a team that's going to beat you with its speed. It wants to get into

second-and-manageable and keep teams guessing between running the ball and play action. Eliminate (or at least limit) that, and there's a great chance to get off the field.

The Breakdown: Michigan has started slowly the last two games, but in different ways. The Wolverines were lethargic in a game at Northwestern before rebounding to outplay the Wildcats in the last three quarters. U-M trailed Maryland, 7-3, early despite dominating the game after relinquishing a long kick return for touchdown.

This is not the game to start slowly. Wisconsin is fifth nationally in time of possession at 35:08.5 per game and creates angst for teams that fall behind. If U-M can get up early and get the crowd into it, the Wolverines will have a great shot to win.

THEWOLVERINE.COM STAFF PICKS

TheWolverine.com Senior Editor Chris Balas: Michigan 23, Wisconsin 16

Wisconsin is solid, but the Badgers have some holes. They still have a lot of pride, however, and will keep this one close throughout.

The Wolverine Senior Editor John Borton: Michigan 27, Wisconsin 20

It's the biggest test yet in the Big Ten, and the Wolverines pass their midterm.

TheWolverine.com Recruiting Editor Brandon Brown: Michigan 31, Wisconsin 13

Wisconsin is always solid, but I think Jim Harbaugh and Michigan want to make a statement, and they need to. It's a night game, ESPN is in town, tons of recruits will be in attendance — make that statement.

TheWolverine.com Staff Writer Austin Fox: Michigan 24, Wisconsin 17

Michigan grinds out a close one and continues to restore hope that this could still be a special season.

TheWolverine.com Analyst Doug Skene: Michigan 24, Wisconsin 20

The three-week, red-letter game stretch will begin with a narrow win over Wiscy.

TheWolverine.com columnist Drew Hallett: Michigan 26, Wisconsin 14

The Wolverines don't just beat their first quality opponent since 2016. They do it by double digits.

Michigan Wolverines Football News And Views: Jim Harbaugh, Oct. 8

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Michigan head coach Jim Harbaugh is preparing his team for the meat of the schedule, with Saturday kicking off a three-game stretch versus Wisconsin, at Michigan State and then home against Penn State following a bye week.

He talked Monday about the Badgers, some of his players and more, and we tackle his comments in News and Views format:

NEWS: Wisconsin, the nation's No. 10 team according to the coaches, comes to Michigan Saturday night. The Wolverines have lost three of the last four to the Badgers, four of the last six.

HARBAUGH: "Both sides of the ball, they're really good on both lines ... they're a physical team. We're going through that right now ... right now it looks very difficult."

VIEWS: U-M has to control the Badgers' running game to prevent the Badgers from shortening the game and staying in control. Running back Jonathan Taylor is a beast with 849 yards and eight touchdowns on the ground through five games.

But they've also got to be wary of quarterback Alex Hornibrook. He's a pocket guy and not a world beater, having thrown for 963 yards and seven touchdowns this year, but he's capable and has played a lot of games. His come-from-behind win at Iowa was impressive.

"He's got really good stature in the pocket. He can get hot," Harbaugh said. "He throws those intermediate dig routes at times as well as anybody can."

"He's a very experienced guy, has played a lot of big games. He's a really good quarterback."

The Michigan defense needs to get to him Saturday and make him uncomfortable. There's no question, though, that they're excited about the meat of the schedule, Harbaugh said.

NEWS: Big Ten teams brought out trick plays like crazy Saturday. Michigan State, struggling offensively, has gone to that well a lot this season.

HARBAUGH: "Offensively and defensively, just schematically you prepare for things even though you haven't seen them. You go back years, 2015, '16, maybe you see a coach ran this in 2014 when he might have been at a different school. You're always on the alert for what could happen."

VIEWS: MSU's Mark Dantonio called one against Northwestern Saturday that he was stunned didn't work. He praised one of the Wildcats' defenders for staying

with it, noting it definitely should have worked.

So how many of those do you think they'll have dialed up for Michigan in two weeks? The answer ... quite a few, and at least one or two usually seem to work. U-M needs to be well prepared and focus.

"Schematically, defensively you want to be gap sound ... if you recklessly do things, you're vulnerable to a trick play," Harbaugh said. "They still happen because of an eye distraction or a play that's so good ... these are the kinds of things that keep you up at night."

NEWS: Redshirt junior tight end Zach Gentry had a career day Saturday with 112 yards receiving.

HARBAUGH: "He's progressing really well to have everything you want from a tight end. He can block, catch, gain separation, make the tough catch, has a big catch radius. In-line blocking, in-space blocking ... he's got that speed you like to see, is an athlete."

VIEWS: And as we wrote in Saturday's Notes and Quotes in the postgame, he's still got plenty of room for improvement. He still needs to win the 50-50 balls and learn how to move without the ball, follow his blockers at times.

"Probably the next thing for him to be one of the best tight ends would be his yards after catch," Harbaugh said. "Get the ball and create yards after catching the ball. I think that will come."

He left a potential touchdown on the field by failing to follow blockers on a screen Saturday. He'll get better.

"Everything he has done as a player has improved, developed," Harbaugh said. "That will be the next thing he's grown and gotten proficient at."

NEWS: Michigan all but eliminated Maryland's offense for three quarters last game, and it was due in large part to communication.

HARBAUGH: "I like everything about [junior linebacker] Devin Bush. The thing I like best in the pass game is just how well he did getting everybody lined up on defense. [Junior safety] Josh Metellus, too, with the pass game in particular was just terrific."

VIEWS: There are so many shifts, motions and eye distortions going on with the Terps' running game that it takes great pre-snap discipline to succeed on defense. They had it Saturday, as they have much of the year.

"Devin and Josh really did a fantastic job in that game," Harbaugh said.

Though fans like to remember the negatives with Metellus, he has been really, really solid much of the year.

NEWS: Fifth-year senior defensive end Chase Winovich has been up there with Bush as U-M's best defensive player this year. He's hoping the Badgers test him Saturday, after Maryland decided to mostly run away from him.

HARBAUGH: "Chase has been an animal this season. I don't really like to use human-to-animal analogies, but he's been great, just doing so many things. He's a catalyst ... plays every play all out. Bo [Schembechler] used to have a saying, every man on every play. Chase is living that."

VIEWS: That's why Schembechler's sometimes under-manned teams won, and there's still another gear a few guys can reach.

Winovich isn't one of them. He gets a lot of it from his father, Pete, who wears a long-haired wig to games to honor his son ... Harbaugh said he saw it and it was the least surprising thing he'd seen that day.

"He's the same guy he was in high school when he played linebacker and quarterback," Harbaugh said. "He has a beautiful family, all outgoing, gregarious. The branch doesn't fall too far from the tree from Pete to Chase."

He's on track for a long NFL career, even breaking onto ESPN expert Mel Kiper Jr.'s big board of the top 25 available players for the 2019 NFL Draft, checking in at No. 24.

Michigan Wolverines Football: Tru Wilson's Impact, Wangler's Revenge & More

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Michigan junior running back Tru Wilson was a nice story, a kid whose dad was a marine, a hard worker and a walk-on not expected to play a huge role. He's changed the narrative, having earned a scholarship with his play and adding heart to a team that's started to gain momentum.

Wilson's contribution came to a head on one play in the fourth quarter of Michigan's 42-21 win over Maryland Saturday.

"He effectively blocked two people on the same play," head coach Jim Harbaugh praised. "He came back the next down and broke a long run, caught a pass out of the backfield. He's been very effective; he's doing a great job."

He also pancaked a defensive back to pave the way for sophomore receiver Donovan Peoples-Jones' third-quarter touchdown and carried five times for 32 yards in the win.

On the year, he now ranks second on the team with 188 rushing yards, leads all running backs with a 6.5-yard average, has scored a touchdown and hauled in four passes.

"He's getting better and better," Harbaugh said after the game. "He's a trusted agent now. He goes into the game and has the ability to make plays, and he did that again, made plays in pass protection, in the running game. We're just really happy about Tru and what he's brought to the ball club."

Jared Wangler Has A Message For D.J. Durkin

Michigan fifth-year senior fullback Jared Wangler posted the following on Facebook after U-M's win over the Terrapins, a quote from former Michigan defensive coordinator D.J. Durkin, now the head coach at Maryland, to him:

"You'll never play here at Michigan."

Durkin, who has been suspended following the offseason death of offensive lineman Jordan McNair, was U-M's defensive coordinator and linebackers coach in 2015. Wangler, once a Penn State pledge, was a U-M linebacker before moving to fullback.

Wangler caught a key touchdown pass to give the Wolverines a 35-14 lead in the fourth quarter.

"It's great to see Jared make that play. It was a big touchdown for us," Harbaugh said. "The offense had a lot of critical drives in this game, starting with the 95-yarder. That drive was big, answering after Maryland had put their touchdown on the board and drove the field. That was big to get that touchdown back and get the score back to a three-score game."

"His role is expanding a lot because of [sophomore fullback] Ben Mason, and Ben Mason's role is expanding so there are packages now that you're seeing where there's Ben at tailback and Jared playing fullback. Jared continues to do a great job in the special teams. Also, he has a good ability to block and be versatile on third down."

Michigan Rises To No. 9 In SI.com Power Rankings

Michigan moved from No. 12 to No. 9 in SI.com's power rankings with the victory over the Terps.

"The steady improvement by Michigan's offense has some thinking it could finally challenge for an elusive conference title game appearance under Jim Harbaugh," they wrote. "Shea Patterson threw for a season-high 282 yards and three touchdowns, while the defense, which entered Saturday ranked first in total defense, held the undisciplined Terrapins to 220 yards of total offense, almost 180 yards below their season average."

This week's opponent, Wisconsin, checks in at No. 13 after a 41-24 win over Nebraska.

Quotable

Jim Harbaugh on Wisconsin: "I'm very impressed with just how sound they are in all phases. That's a team that does not beat themselves, does not give up big plays. People aren't out of position. They don't turn the ball over. They just make themselves very tough to beat.

"That's a sign of a well-coached team and a great program."

Wolverine Watch: U-M Stands More Ready To Bust The Badgers

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Jim Harbaugh runs a better football team onto the field each week this year than he did 12 months ago. There's no doubt about that.

Everyone's about to find out how much better.

The Wolverines are 5-1 heading into the tougher back half of the schedule, just like they were last season. Most of the minefields loom dead ahead, starting on Saturday with Wisconsin.

The No. 15 Badgers and their behemoths lumber into town Saturday night for a Big Ten East-West showdown. ESPN GameDay will be on hand, 115,000 shaking The Big House and millions more looking on via television.

There's no better time to declare that this year isn't last year — or even close.

A year ago, the Wolverines led the Badgers at Camp Randall Stadium, 10-7, with 6:36 remaining in the third quarter. Wisconsin hadn't scored on offense, getting absolutely stonewalled by the Michigan defense.

In the Badgers' opening eight possessions, they'd managed three first downs and 100 yards of offense. Even the cheese curds tasted lousy for the home crowd.

"The defense had allowed no points," recalled Michigan radio sideline reporter Doug Karsch. "But there was that punt that was laying on the ground, and Wisconsin picked it up and went 50 yards for a touchdown, which is why Michigan was only up 10-7 in that game. They made it more difficult on themselves with that play and with fumbling on the 1-yard line going in."

Then it all fell apart.

Quarterback Brandon Peters got knocked from the game, Michigan's second starting QB to be hospitalized in a hazardous season behind center. John O'Korn stepped in, going 2-of-8 passing for 19 yards in the fourth quarter.

Don Brown's defenders couldn't continue to bar the door, in a 24-10 loss.

"Eventually, the defense ran out of gas," Karsch observed. "In Wisconsin's final four possessions in that game in Madison a year ago, Michigan's defense allowed 11 first downs, 232 yards of offense, two touchdowns and a field goal."

A repeat in 2018 appears unlikely. Junior quarterback Shea Patterson (68.8 percent passing, 1,187 yards, 10 touchdowns, three interceptions) stands more advanced midway through the regular season than anyone the Wolverines could put on the field at Camp Randall.

The Wolverines were seeing red in Camp Randall last year, and have a chance for payback.

His backup, redshirt freshman Dylan McCaffrey, appears in command and unruffled when entering a game, even under the lights at Notre Dame.

Better quarterback play represents a major reason U-M is averaging 38.2 points per game at the midway mark, compared to the 25.2 they managed last season.

Turnovers and sacks? Last year Michigan turned it over 21 times, losing 11 fumbles and saw QBs hit the deck 36 times at the hands of opponents. This year, the Wolverines have lost one fumble for five total turnovers and been sacked eight times.

"Shea does a really good job with decision making, accuracy, his timing," Harbaugh said. "He protects the ball in the pocket, escapes the pocket, has a knack of making the right escape move from the pocket. In terms of scrambling, he's smart when he's out of the pocket.

"He's good with decision making, good with the ball handling. He does an excellent job in that area."

Junior captain and offensive guard Ben Bredeson — Wisconsin born and bred — insists this offensive line is better, understanding when a defensive line begins to fold and taking advantage.

"You can tell when they're starting to get tired, starting to give out," he said. "You've just got to push harder for a little bit more. Sometimes it's a matter of getting one or two more touchdowns on them, and they start to give in.

"Last year, we would get to that point, people would feel it, kind of lax up, and the other team would score and get back in the game. This year, we're not

letting that happen, and that's paying off for us."

Wisconsin won't quit. Kings of the Big Ten West, they're the proverbial one-eyed man in the land of the blind. The Badgers are good enough to come in and steal one.

Michigan is good enough to not let it happen. The Wolverines are strong enough to score more when they have the chance. Their defense insists they're built for four quarters this season, and they've got the chance to prove it.

"You have to limit the mistakes, and keep your defense, A, off the field, and B, out of bad position," Karsch noted.

If that happens, there's no Badger avalanche at the end, against a team that's still thinking big.

"We've got to win out to have a chance to make the College Football Playoff and win the Big Ten," junior tight end Sean McKeon said. "Those are both our goals. The next game is the most important game."

It's the start of a stronger finish, and that could mean everything.

By The Numbers: Home Games Against Top-25 Foes Have Yielded Mixed Results

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Michigan's struggles against ranked teams on the road have been heavily discussed (its last win came at No. 2 Notre Dame in 2006), but its battles with AP top-25 foes inside The Big House have been talked about less frequently.

During the Jim Harbaugh era (since 2015), the Wolverines are 3-3 in such games in Ann Arbor, but oddly enough, four of those six contests occurred in his debut season at the helm.

Going back a little further, the Maize and Blue hold a 9-11 record in their last

20 outings against ranked squads in The Big House, dating back to the 2005 campaign when Lloyd Carr was still running the show.

Michigan's Last 20 Home Games Against AP Ranked Teams		
Date	Opponent	Result
Nov. 25, 2017	No. 8 Ohio State	L, 31-20
Oct. 1, 2016	No. 8 Wisconsin	W, 14-7
Nov. 28, 2015	No. 8 Ohio State	L, 42-13
Oct. 17, 2015	No. 7 Michigan State	L, 27-23
Oct. 10, 2015	No. 13 Northwestern	W, 38-0
Sept. 26, 2015	No. 22 BYU	W, 31-0
Nov. 30, 2013	No. 3 Ohio State	L, 42-41
Sept. 7, 2013	No. 14 Notre Dame	W, 41-30
Nov. 19, 2011	No. 17 Nebraska	W, 45-17
Nov. 20, 2010	No. 6 Wisconsin	L, 48-28
Oct. 16, 2010	No. 15 Iowa	L, 38-28
Oct. 9, 2010	No. 17 Michigan State	L, 34-17
Nov. 21, 2009	No. 9 Ohio State	L, 21-10
Oct. 24, 2009	No. 13 Penn State	L, 35-10
Sept. 12, 2009	No. 18 Notre Dame	W, 38-34
Sept. 27, 2008	No. 9 Wisconsin	W, 27-25
Nov. 17, 2007	No. 7 Ohio State	L, 14-3
Sept. 22, 2007	No. 10 Penn State	W, 14-9
Nov. 19, 2005	No. 9 Ohio State	L, 25-21
Oct. 15, 2005	No. 8 Penn State	W, 27-25

All rankings according to AP poll

Harbaugh started 2-0 at home versus the AP top 25 (victories over No. 22 BYU and No. 13 Northwestern in 2015), but has since lost three of his last four.

Previous head coach Brady Hoke only faced three such squads at home during his four years (2011-14) on the job, posting a 2-1 mark with the lone loss coming by a single point (42-41) at the hands of No. 3 Ohio State in 2013.

Perhaps even more mind boggling, Rich Rodriguez (2008-10) actually won his first two showdowns with top-25 foes, defeating No. 9 Wisconsin in 2008 and No. 18 Notre Dame the following year.

It's worth noting that the 27-25 victory over the Badgers in 2008 was the largest comeback in Michigan Stadium history (and second biggest ever, trailing only a 21-point comeback at Minnesota in 2003), with the Wolverines storming back from a 19-0 third-quarter hole.

The brief success didn't last for Rodriguez though, losing his next five home contests against ranked opponents to conclude his tenure.

Carr's final three seasons on the job also produced mixed results.

He wound up 2-2 in his final four home affairs with the AP top-25 teams (triumphs over top-10 Penn State squads in 2005 and 2007), but both losses came to Ohio State.

In fact, the Buckeyes have been the most frequent resident on the list above, making six such appearances — all of which happened when they've been ranked inside the top 10.

The Wolverines have struggled mightily against the list's top-10 foes, (4-8 record), but have fared much better against everyone else on the graph, posting a 5-3 mark.

Michigan will have a chance to improve that record to 6-3 when the No. 15-ranked Badgers come to town this weekend.

BY THE NUMBERS: WISCONSIN AT MICHIGAN

6th Night game in Michigan Stadium history will be Saturday. The Wolverines hold a 4-1 record in the previous five — wins over Notre Dame in 2011 and 2013, Penn State in 2014 and Minnesota in 2017, with the lone loss occurring to MSU last season.

10 Percent chance of precipitation on Saturday with a high of 52 degrees, which should make for perfect football weather in the heart of October.

12th Time U-M is hosting ESPN's College GameDay, which is tied with Florida for the third most all time, trailing only Ohio State's 17 and Alabama's 13. The last time the Maize and Blue hosted the popular pregame show was on Oct. 17, 2015, when they fell to No. 7 MSU, 27-23.

17-5 Combined touchdown-to-interception ratio for Michigan junior quarterback Shea Patterson (10-3) and Wisconsin redshirt junior Alex Hornibrook (7-2). Both the Wolverines and Badgers have committed just five turnovers on the year, which is tied for 15th best in college football.

20 Catches for redshirt junior tight end Zach Gentry this season, which leads the team and is the most in the Big Ten among tight ends. His 306 yards also lead Michigan, and are second most in the conference among players at his position, trailing only Purdue redshirt junior Brycen Hopkins' 308.

40th Is where the Badgers rank nationally in total defense, allowing 349.8 yards per game. That is a far cry from last year's No. 2 finish, when they only yielded 262.1.

50-15-1 Is Michigan's all-time series lead over Wisconsin. U-M has a 28-7 advantage over the Badgers in Ann Arbor and have won 32 of the last 40 matchups between the two schools.

169.8 Rushing yards per game for Wisconsin sophomore running back Jonathan Taylor, which is the most in the nation. He finished third nationally in 2017 as a freshman, with 141.2.

2010 Was the last time the Badgers won at The Big House. The Wolverines began the contest as lifeless as ever on Senior Day and fell behind 24-0 in the second quarter. Wisconsin ran for 357 yards that afternoon and ended the game with 29 straight rushing attempts, in what was Rodriguez's final game in Ann Arbor.

An Update On How All Former Wolverines Performed In Week 5 Of The NFL

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Five weeks of NFL action are now in the books, and plenty of former Wolverines are making their presence felt all around the league.

We provide a look at how all of them performed this past weekend, along with their overall statistics on the year:

- Ben Braden (Played at U-M from 2012-16), OG, New York Jets: Resides on the 2-3 Jets' practice squad and has not appeared in a game this season.
- Tom Brady (1996-99), QB, New England Patriots: Completed 34 of his 44 passes (77.3 percent) for 341 yards with three touchdowns and two picks in

Thursday night's victory over the Colts ... On the year, Brady is completing 67.6 percent of his throws for 1,259 yards, while accumulating a 12-6 touch-down-to-interception ratio ... According to Mike Reiss of ESPN, the New England signal-caller set an interesting record on Thursday night. "Of all the records that Tom Brady has set, his touchdown pass to wide receiver Josh Gordon on Thursday was perhaps the most unique," Reiss wrote. "Gordon was the 71st player to catch a regular-season touchdown pass from Brady, which broke a tie with Vinny Testaverde for the most ever. There is one notable difference between how Brady and Testaverde reached those marks: Brady (2000-present) has played for just one team; Testaverde (1987-2007) played for seven clubs, which includes two tenures with the New York Jets."

- Jake Butt (2013-16), TE, Denver Broncos: Suffered a torn ACL during the team's Sept. 25 practice and will miss the remainder of the season ... He started the first three contests for the 2-3 Broncos, tallying eight catches for 85 yards with a long of 22.

- Taco Charlton (2013-16), DE, Dallas Cowboys: Recorded one tackle in the Cowboys' 19-16 loss to the Texans on Sunday ... Charlton has started all five contests for Dallas in 2018 and racked up 13 tackles, one sack and one pass defended.

- Jehu Chesson (2012-16), WR, Washington Redskins: Sits on the 2-2 Redskins' 10-man practice squad and has only appeared in one game in 2018.

- Frank Clark (2011-14), DE, Seattle Seahawks: Stuffed the stat sheet in the team's 33-31 loss to the Rams, compiling two tackles, a forced fumble and an interception at Seattle's goal line that he ran back 26 yards ... Clark has started all five of the Seahawks' games, and has registered 10 tackles, three sacks, one pick and one forced fumble ... Clark's excellent performance last weekend was even more incredible when considering what he had been dealing with leading up to the game, Alistair Corp of Field Gulls explained: "In the week leading up to the Seattle Seahawks' game against the Rams, Clark appeared on the injury report with an illness. He was listed as questionable, and the only details revealed was that he was battling food poisoning. He shared further details this week. Between Wednesday and Friday, Clark was forced to go to the hospital twice and had eight IVs over the course of the week. His battle with food poisoning resulted in him losing 12 pounds."

- Jeremy Clark (2012-16), CB, New York Jets: Resides on New York's practice squad and has not seen game action this season.

- Mason Cole (2014-17), C, Arizona Cardinals: Started at center for the fifth consecutive contest in the 1-4 Cardinals' 28-18 win at San Francisco.

- Blake Countess (2011-14/finished at Auburn), CB, Los Angeles Rams: Tallied one tackle and returned four kicks for an average of 24.5 yards, including one he brought back 40 yards ... Countess has played in all five of the Rams' tilts (no starts) in 2018 and has accumulated two tackles, while averaging 25.3 yards

on eight kick returns.

- Amara Darboh (2012-16), WR, Seattle Seahawks: Is listed on the 2-3 Seahawks' injured reserve list and will miss the rest of the season after undergoing successful shoulder surgery Sept. 4.

- Devin Funchess (2012-14), WR, Carolina Panthers: Caught four passes for 53 yards in the Panthers' 33-31 triumph over the Giants, but left late in the contest with cramps and was also evaluated for a concussion ... Funchess has started all four contests for Carolina this season, and has reeled in 18 balls for 238 yards and one touchdown ... "At one point when they took him into the locker room, they had him get an IV as well," head coach Ron Rivera revealed on Monday. "He was cramping up too."

- Ben Gedeon (2013-16), LB, Minnesota Vikings: Played, but did not record any stats in Minnesota's 23-21 victory over Philadelphia ... Gedeon has appeared in all five outings (one start) in 2018 and has compiled seven stops.

- Graham Glasgow (2011-15), OG, Detroit Lions: Began the game at center for the fifth straight week in the Lions' 31-23 victory over the Packers Sunday afternoon in Detroit.

- Ryan Glasgow (2012-16), DT, Cincinnati Bengals: Tore his ACL in the Sept. 23 loss to the Panthers and will miss the remainder of the season ... He finished the 2018 campaign with three appearances (no starts) and 11 tackles for the 4-1 Bengals.

- Brandon Graham (2006-09), DE, Philadelphia Eagles: Finally recorded his first sack of the year — along with three tackles and a pass defended — in the Eagles' 23-21 loss to the Vikings ... Graham has started all five affairs in 2018, and has racked up 16 tackles, one sack and a pass defended.

- Leon Hall (2003-06), CB, Oakland Raiders: Started at cornerback in the Raiders' 26-10 setback to the Chargers, recording one tackle ... The 33-year-old has played in all five outings (three starts) this year, and has registered 17 stops and three passes defended.

- Chad Henne (2004-07), QB, Kansas City Chiefs: Has not seen game action in 2018, serving as Pat Mahomes' backup for the 5-0 Chiefs.

- Willie Henry (2012-15), DT, Baltimore Ravens: Kicked off his 2018 campaign with a bang, racking up two tackles and a sack in a loss to the Browns ... "With all the attention on Hayden Hurst's debut and Jimmy Smith's return from suspension, Willie Henry was a relatively forgotten man on Sunday when he came back from hernia surgery that cost him the first four games of the season," Childs Walker of The Baltimore Sun wrote following the game. "Henry put his stamp on the contest with a third-quarter sack of Browns quarterback Baker Mayfield that forced Cleveland to settle for a field goal. The ebullient defensive tackle was one of the Ravens' most pleasant surprises in 2017, when he emerged

as a productive interior pass rusher. He was set to begin this season as a starter before the hernia derailed him late in the preseason. Henry's return was especially welcome because Michael Pierce, the team's other inside pass rusher, was sidelined with a foot injury."

- Delano Hill (2013-16), S, Seattle Seahawks: Saw time in the Seahawks' loss to the Rams on Sunday, but did not compile any stats ... The safety has participated in three of Seattle's five affairs this year (missed two with a hamstring injury), but has only registered one stop.

- Khalid Hill (2013-17), FB, Seattle Seahawks: Resides on the 2-3 Seahawks' injured reserve list and has not played in 2018.

- Mo Hurst (2013-17), DT, Oakland Raiders: Started his fourth consecutive game this past weekend, racking up two tackles and a pass defended in a 26-10 loss to San Diego ... Hurst has begun four of Oakland's five tilts in 2018, and has totaled 11 tackles, two sacks, two passes defended and a forced fumble.

- Kyle Kalis (2012-16), OG, Cleveland Browns: Remains on the 2-2-1 Browns' practice squad and has not appeared in an outing.

- Joe Kerridge (2011-15), FB, Green Bay Packers: Is a member of 2-2-1 Green Bay's 10-man practice squad and has not been activated for any of the team's first five tilts.

- Taylor Lewan (2009-13), OT, Tennessee Titans: Started at left tackle in the Titans' 13-12 setback to the Bills, but left the game with a foot injury after only playing 17 snaps ... Lewan has begun four of Tennessee's five affairs this season, while sitting out the Sept. 16 victory over Houston with a concussion ... "I hurt it [the foot] last year in Week 1 and I was having a lot of issues, such as pushing off," Lewan said. "I feel like I know what it is, and it shouldn't be a long-term thing — I just didn't have any power. It was swollen after the last game and I don't really know why. I didn't fall on it or anything once I went down — I just felt a little snap, like a little pop. It's not broken, so that's good. We'll get an MRI and see how it goes."

- Jourdan Lewis (2010-13), CB, Dallas Cowboys: Registered his first tackle of the season in the Cowboys' 19-16 loss to the Texans on Sunday night, while he also recovered a fumble and returning it 14 yards ... Lewis has participated in four of Dallas' five games this year, but Sunday's tackle and recovery are the only two stats he has recorded.

- Erik Magnuson (2012-16), OL, San Francisco 49ers: Received action at center in San Francisco's 28-18 loss to Arizona ... Magnuson missed the season's first two games with a hamstring injury, but has played in all three outings since (no starts).

- Patrick Omahlah (2008-12), OG, New York Giants: Has started at right guard in all five of the Giants' affairs this season, including Sunday's 33-31 defeat to

Carolina.

- Jabrill Peppers (2014-16), S, Cleveland Browns: Enjoyed his best showing of the year on Sunday, accumulating four tackles and two passes defended in a 12-9 win over the Ravens; he also returned three punts for an average of 7.6 yards ... On the year, the second-year safety has started all five contests and has racked up 19 tackles, two passes defended and recovered a fumble ... Peppers has also averaged 5.4 yards on nine punt returns, and 21.3 yards on eight kick runbacks ... "He played a great game against Baltimore," Jeff Risdon of BrownsWire explained. "His efforts earned him the top grade for any Browns defender from Pro Football Focus, at 87 [64 is considered average]." Linebacker Joe Schobert was the only other Cleveland defensive player to earn a grade higher than 77.3.

- Thomas Rawls (2011-13/finished at Central Michigan), RB, Cincinnati Bengals: Signed to the Bengals' active roster Sept. 19 and made his 2018 debut in a 27-17 victory over the Dolphins last weekend, but did not compile any stats.

- Jake Rudock (2015), QB, Detroit Lions: Has found a home on the 2-3 Lions' practice squad, but has not been activated in 2018.

- Jake Ryan (2010-14), LB, Green Bay Packers: On Green Bay's injured reserve and will miss the entire 2018 season after tearing his ACL Aug. 1.

- Michael Schofield (2009-13), OG, Los Angeles Chargers: Started his fifth consecutive tilt at right guard in the Chargers' 26-10 handling of the Raiders on Sunday.

- Dymonte Thomas (2013-16), S, Denver Broncos: Registered two stops in the Broncos' 34-16 loss to the Jets over the weekend ... Thomas has played in four of Denver's five outings in 2018 (missed the Sept. 23 loss to Baltimore with an abdomen injury) and has racked up three tackles.

- Matt Wile (2011-14), P, Minnesota Vikings: Punted twice in the Vikings' narrow 23-21 triumph over the Eagles, but only averaged 39 yards on those two boots ... In 2018, Wile has punted 21 times for a 44.3-yard average, including eight he has pinned inside the opponent's 20-yard line.

- Jarrod Wilson (2012-15), S, Jacksonville Jaguars: Racked up a season-high two tackles in Jacksonville's 30-14 loss to Kansas City on Sunday ... The third-year safety has seen time in all five games this year (no starts) and made four tackles.

- Chris Wormley (2012-16), DL, Baltimore Ravens: Started for the third time in four weeks in Sunday's loss to the Browns, recording a lone tackle ... Wormley has participated in all five affairs this season (three starts), and has compiled five tackles with three passes defended ... "Worm played well," head coach John Harbaugh said at Monday's press conference. "Worm is a little more of a five-technique than a three-technique, but he did a good job."

The Week In Michigan Football Recruiting: Oct. 10

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

- With the class filling up, Hot Boards are being updated bi-weekly now. The offense is the latest side of the ball to be reviewed and a few big targets still remain. The latest defensive Hot Board can be found linked here.
- Michigan now has 23 commits in the 2019 class (ranked No. 8 nationally) and five in 2020 (No. 9), and all of their 2018 seasons are underway. Some of them are already stuffing the stat sheet and helping their respective teams continue to win. Here's a look back at who has done what so far on the gridiron.
- Michigan doesn't have a ton of room left in the 2019 class, so this version of The Sweet 16 is actually more like a Dandy Dozen. Here's a look at U-M's top remaining targets in order based on need, talent and likelihood of landing.
- Michigan's game against Wisconsin is the host of ESPN GameDay and should be an electric atmosphere at night inside The Big House. It's not surprising at all that the coaches and recruiting staffers are using the huge matchup as the biggest recruiting event of the year so far. Here's a look at who will be taking in the game against the Badgers on Saturday night.
- The Wolverines' fourth commitment in the 2020 class occurred when San Antonio (Texas) San Antonio Christian three-star tight end Nick Patterson pulled the trigger for the Wolverines on Sept. 9. The 6-3, 215-pounder is the younger brother of U-M quarterback Shea Patterson so his presence around the program and inside knowledge of how things work at Michigan led him to picking the Wolverines. Take a look at how he fits in at U-M as a player, member of the 2020 class and future piece of Michigan's roster.

• Michigan made a huge splash on the recruiting front just over two weeks ago now when the No. 1 senior safety prospect in the country committed to the program, in Tulsa (Okla.) Booker T. Washington five-star Daxton Hill. He marked one of Michigan's biggest recruiting wins since the start of the Harbaugh era as U-M went head to head with Alabama for the pledge. The talent of any five-star is widely established, but his coach breaks down what truly makes Hill special.

• Since committing to Michigan 14 months ago, five-star Christopher Hinton has not been one of those prospects committed to a school that visits others. The 6-foot-5, 265 pound defensive lineman out of Norcross (Ga.) Greater Atlanta Christian took his official visit to Ann Arbor over the summer, but he was in Athens Saturday night. What does it mean?

• Recently, four-star cornerback Jalen Perry announced he was decommitting from Georgia. The senior out of Dacula, Ga., committed to the Bulldogs just about

a year ago. Alabama, Auburn, Florida, Florida State and South Carolina are schools we know he has visited since committing to UGA and this weekend he'll be at Michigan. What's going to happen with Perry moving forward?

- Michigan picked up an impressive win over Maryland and many prospects enjoyed the experience. Here's who we saw and also what they had to say about the win.
- Marietta (Ga.) High four-star 2020 pro-style quarterback Harrison Bailey has been very high on Michigan's board for a long time, and it's resulted in a couple of unofficial visits already. The 6-4, 220-pounder was back in Ann Arbor last weekend and could be nearing a decision. Rivals.com southeast recruiting analyst Woody Wommack has gotten close with Bailey over the years and has a good bead on his recruitment.
- Fairfield (Ohio) High four-star tight end Erick All has been committed to Michigan since June, but the contest against Maryland was his first time seeing a game inside The Big House. The 6-4, 223-pounder picked a good game to attend and got to see Michigan tight end Zach Gentry reel in seven catches for 112 yards. That obviously caught All's eye and he can't wait to be a part of things in Ann Arbor.
- One of the biggest visitors for the Maryland game was junior offensive tackle prospect Logan Parr, out of Helotes (Texas) O'Connor. Parr, a 6-3, 275-pound prospect took his first visit to Ann Arbor, and the four-star got a chance to interact and start building relationships within the program. He also received an offer from U-M during the visit.
- Michigan is always looking to get better and the main way to do that is to add to the roster via recruiting. That includes non-scholarship players, who play a key role in any team's success, even championship teams. Mahdi Hazime, a 2019 two-way lineman, was recently extended an opportunity as a preferred walk-on.

The screenshot shows the website header for 'THE WOLVERINE' with navigation links for Home, Forums, Football, FB Recruiting, Basketball, BB Recruiting, More, News Ticker, Prospect Search, and Teams. A main article features a photo of a young man in a Michigan hoodie with the headline 'Bailey Was Blown Away In Ann Arbor' and a sub-headline '11m Chad Simmons'. To the right, there are smaller article teasers for 'Michigan Basketball: Beilein - Offensively, We're A Work In Progress' and 'John Beilein On Pay For Play: You Never Have To Worry About Us And That'. A large yellow starburst banner in the bottom right corner reads 'Start Your FREE 30-DAY TRIAL Today! Use Code: blue30'. At the bottom, there is a 'Join now!' button and a subscription offer: 'Be a part of the TheWolverine.com community for \$8.33/month.'