01/13/2000 – Basketball Mid-Term Grades and Awards

The Wolverines are now 10-3 overall, with 14 Big Ten games left to play, then the Big Ten Tournament. It's not quite the halfway point in the season, but it's close enough, especially since they have this whole week off before returning to action this Sunday (01/16/2000) vs. Illinois.

Since it's close to the halfway point in the season, it's time for the mid-term grades and awards for the main players on the team:

Grades:

Freshmen:		
Jamal Crawford	A-	Occasional poor shooting percentage
Kevin Gaines	A	Solid and exciting
LaVell Blanchard	A	Solid and efficient
Gavin Groninger	B-	Needs to get his 3-point shot back
Leland Anderson	inc/B-	Needs to get healthy
Sophmores:		
Leon Jones	B+	Erratic scoring and leadership
Chris Young	B+	Occasionally delivers quality minutes
Juniors:		
Josh Asselin	B-	Needs to be more consistent, physical
Brandon Smith	inc/A	Coming back strong from knee injury
Seniors:		
Peter Vignier	C-	Disappearing off the end of the bench

Awards:

Most Improved: Brandon Smith
Least Improved: Peter Vignier
Most Consistent: LaVell Blanchard
Least Consistent: Leon Jones
Most Hustle: Chris Young
Most Exciting: Jamal Crawford
Best Defender: Kevin Gaines
Rookie of the Year: Kevin Gaines