

Nothing But 'Net – Week #06 (11/23/2009) – Another Win Over Another Creampuff

The Week In Review

Now that football season is mercifully over, we can concentrate on basketball. Things are much more promising over here. The University of Michigan men's basketball team is undefeated and ranked #15. They played one game this week, and they won it. [On Friday \(11/20/2009\), they beat Houston Baptist \(HBU\) in Crisler Arena, 77-55.](#) Once again, it was a game that UM should have won, and they did. The game was close for much of the first half, but once UM got ahead, they stayed ahead. The Wolverines didn't play as well as they did [last week against Northern Michigan](#), but they played well enough to win. The win raises UM's record to 2-0.

Game Statistics

Let's look at the shooting [statistics from the HBU game](#):

Team	Field goals	3-Pointers	Free throws
Michigan	26-71 (36.6%)	10-28 (35.7%)	15-22 (68.2%)
HBU	22-64 (34.4%)	3-14 (21.4%)	8-13 (61.5%)
Advantage	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan

Michigan won all three of these stats, but not as convincingly as in the Northern game. None of these percentages is very good.

Now, let's look at the non-shooting [statistics from the HBU game](#):

Team	Rebounds	Assists	Turnovers	Blocks	Steals
Michigan	39	16	7	2	9
HBU	52	9	24	3	4
Advantage	HBU	Michigan	Michigan	HBU	Michigan

Those are NOT typos. HBU really did out-rebound UM by 13 boards, and they really did have 24 turnovers. Those two stats kind of balance each other out.

Individual Statistics

Coach Beilein went with his regular starting lineup. Here's how the starters did:

Player	Field Goals	3-Pointers	Free Throws	Points
Manny Harris	8-21	1-5	8-11	25
Laval Lucas-Perry	2-5	1-3	1-2	6
Darius Morris	2-3	0-0	1-2	5
Zack Novak	3-6	2-4	0-0	8
DeShawn Sims	7-18	5-8	3-4	22
Totals	22-53 41.5%	9-20 45.0%	13-19 68.4%	66

As a group, the starters did pretty well. Their percentages are reasonable, and they scored more points than the whole HBU team.

Individually, get used to this: Harris and Sims led the way. I'm sure they'll be the leading scorers in most of UM's games this season. Harris did most of his scoring near the rim, and

Sims did most of his damage from 3-point range. In fact, it was probably DeShawn's best game ever from behind the arc. He had his shot down, and he wasn't afraid to take it. The rest of the starters played minor roles.

The game wasn't as much of a blowout as the NMU game, so Coach Beilein didn't play quite as many bench players. Here's how they did:

Player	Field Goals	3-Pointers	Free Throws	Points
Eso Akunne	0-0	0-0	0-0	0
Ben Cronin	0-1	0-0	0-0	0
Stu Douglass	1-6	1-5	0-0	3
Zack Gibson	3-7	0-1	2-3	8
Matt Vogrich	0-3	0-1	0-0	0
Anthony Wright	0-1	0-1	0-0	0
Totals	4-18 22.2%	1-8 12.5%	2-3 66.7%	11

As a group, the bench players didn't make much of a contribution. Their shooting percentages are terrible, and they didn't score many points.

Individually, only Gibson really did much out there.

The Big Picture

The first batch of easy games (Wayne State, Northern Michigan, and Houston Baptist) is over. Now, we'll get a much better idea of how good Michigan is in [the Old Spice Classic](#) over the long Thanksgiving weekend. Michigan's opening round opponent, Creighton, is pretty good, and both Marquette and Xavier are also good. These are truly "toss up" games.

Here's the 2009-2010 schedule/results:

Date	Opponent	Site	Result	Score	Record
11/06/2009 (Fri)	Wayne State (exh)	Ann Arbor	W	73-54	0-0
11/14/2009 (Sat)	Northern Michigan	Ann Arbor	W	97-50	1-0
11/20/2009 (Fri)	Houston Baptist	Ann Arbor	W	77-55	2-0
Old Spice Classic					
11/26/2009 (Thu)	vs. Creighton	Orlando, FL			
11/27/2009 (Fri)	vs. Marquette/Xavier	Orlando, FL			
11/29/2009 (Sun)	Final/Consolation game	Orlando, FL			
ACC/Big Ten Challenge					
12/02/2009 (Wed)	Boston College	Ann Arbor			
12/05/2009 (Sat)	Arkansas - Pine Bluff	Ann Arbor			
12/09/2009 (Wed)	at Utah	Salt Lake City, UT			
12/13/2009 (Sun)	Detroit - Mercy	Ann Arbor			
12/19/2009 (Sat)	at Kansas	Lawrence, KS			
12/22/2009 (Tue)	Coppin State	Ann Arbor			
12/31/2010 (Thu)	at Indiana	Bloomington, IN			
01/03/2010 (Sun)	Ohio State	Ann Arbor			
01/07/2010 (Thu)	at Penn State	State College, PA			
01/10/2010 (Sun)	Northwestern	Ann Arbor			
01/14/2010 (Thu)	Indiana	Ann Arbor			

01/17/2010 (Sun)	Connecticut	Ann Arbor			
01/20/2010 (Wed)	at Wisconsin	Madison, WI			
01/23/2010 (Sat)	at Purdue	West Lafayette, IN			
01/26/2010 (Tue)	Michigan State	Ann Arbor			
01/30/2010 (Sat)	Iowa	Ann Arbor			
02/02/2010 (Tue)	at Northwestern	Evanston, IL			
02/06/2010 (Sat)	Wisconsin	Ann Arbor			
02/11/2010 (Thu)	at Minnesota	Minneapolis, MN			
02/16/2010 (Tue)	at Iowa	Iowa City, IA			
02/20/2010 (Sat)	Penn State	Ann Arbor			
02/23/2010 (Tue)	Illinois	Ann Arbor			
02/27/2010 (Sat) or 02/28/2010 (Sun)	at Ohio State	Columbus, OH			
03/02/2010 (Tue) or 03/03/2010 (Wed)	Minnesota	Ann Arbor			
03/06/2010 (Sat) or 03/07/2010 (Sun)	at Michigan State	East Lansing, MI			
Big Ten Tournament					
03/11/2010 (Thu)	First Round	Indianapolis, IN			
03/12/2010 (Fri)	Quarterfinal	Indianapolis, IN			
03/13/2010 (Sat)	Semifinal	Indianapolis, IN			
03/14/2010 (Sun)	Championship	Indianapolis, IN			

The Upcoming Week

As you can see in the schedule above, Michigan plays 3 games next week, in Orlando FL in the Old Spice Classic. On Thursday (11/26/2009, 7:00 p.m.), they play Creighton. On Friday (11/27/2009, time TBA), they play either Marquette or Xavier. On Sunday (11/29/2009, time TBA), they play their final round opponent. All 3 games should be on TV somewhere, so check your local listings to follow the Wolverines.

Go Blue!