

Nothing But 'Net – Week #06 – 12/02/2013 – A Black Friday Cupcake

The (#22) University of Michigan men's basketball team only played one game last week, and they won it easily. [On "Black Friday" \(11/29/2013\), they beat Coppin State 87-45](#) in Crisler Arena. The win raises Michigan's record to 5-2.

On the day after Thanksgiving, CSU was the perfect "cupcake" game for Michigan. Even with Michigan's leading scorer ([Nik Stauskas](#)) out of the lineup due to the sprained ankle he suffered in the Charlotte game last week, UM had an easy time with Coppin State. The other starter who was injured in the Charlotte game ([Glenn Robinson III](#)) was well enough to start the CSU game, but he seemed a step slower. It didn't matter. Michigan had more than enough weapons to handle CSU.

The [stats](#) are pretty impressive: UM shot well overall (32-for-62 = 51.6%), they shot 3-pointers pretty well (10-for-29 = 34.5%), and they shot free-throws really well (13-for-14 = 92.9%). They crushed CSU on the boards (44-19), and they even won the turnover battle (7-11). My favorite stat: UM had 6 blocked shots.

Individually, only three Michigan players hit double figures:

- [Zak Irvin](#) - Zak had a career-high 24 points, including 6-for-10 shooting from 3-point range. He even had 5 rebounds and 3 assists. It was a great game for him.
- [Caris LeVert](#) - Caris had 15 points, but went 0-for-3 from 3-point range.
- [Glenn Robinson III](#) - Even though he was still slowed down by the back injury he suffered in the Charlotte game, Glenn had 14 points and 6 rebounds.

Several players scored in the CSU game, but didn't hit double figures:

- [Spike Albrecht](#) - 2 points.
- [Brad Anlauf](#) - 2 points. Brad's first points as a Wolverine! 1-for-1 shooting.
- [Jon Horford](#) - 6 points. Jon had 3 of the blocked shots.
- [Sean Loneragan](#) - 2 points. Sean's first points as a Wolverine! 2-for-2 free-throw shooting.
- [Cole McConnell](#) - 3 points. Cole's first points as a Wolverine! 1-for-1 3-point shooting.
- [Mitch McGary](#) - 6 points.
- [Jordan Morgan](#) - 6 points.
- [Derrick Walton Jr.](#) - 7 points. Derrick had 7 assists.

[Max Bielfeldt](#) and [Andrew Dakich](#) played, but did not score.

We don't learn much from a game like this. Coppin State is a team that Michigan should beat handily, and they did. The thing we'll remember most from this game is "Zak Irvin, with a 3-pointer!" It seemed like the announcer said it a dozen times, even though it was "only" 6.

This Week

Michigan plays 2 games this week: on Tuesday (12/03/2013, 9:15 p.m., ESPN) they play at (#6) Duke (as part of the [ACC/Big Ten Challenge](#)), then on Saturday (12/07/2013, noon, BTN) they play Houston Baptist. The game at Duke will be a tremendous challenge. Duke rarely loses at home to non-conference opponents. The game against Houston Baptist should be an easy win, unless UM takes them too lightly. Check back next week to see what happened, and why.

Go Blue!