

Wayne State Men's Basketball Team Opens Season Against Michigan

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The Wayne State University Warriors open the 2000-01 basketball season against one of the most storied programs in NCAA Division I basketball, The University of Michigan. The Warriors travel to Ann Arbor, Mich., Sunday, November 11 at 1:00 p.m. Even though this is a tough opening game for the Warriors, head coach **Ron Hammye** is positive about the contest and is looking for WSU to learn from the experience.

"Our players are very excited about play Michigan and playing in a Big Ten arena," said Hammye who enters his 13th season with the Warriors. "Michigan has a great history and is full of tradition. We just need to stay focused on the contest and the task at hand."

The Warriors lost all five starters from last season and return only two players from last years team. However Hammye believes that this team will be successful if they do three specific tasks this season.

"If we have intensity, effort and execution we will be competitive this season," said Hammye who is WSU's all-time winningest coach (200 victories). "In the early part of the season we need to make changes when needed to accommodate our team, but I feel if we stay focused and keep our heads on straight we will be competitive. "

The Players

The Warriors return two lettermen from last season in sophomore **Justin Gorman (Riverview, Mich./Aquinas)** and junior **Andy Dold (Detroit, Mich./Harper Woods)**. Gorman is a 6-5 guard who averaged 2.2 ppg., and 1.4 rpg. last season. Dold is a 5-9 guard who averaged 1.9 ppg., and 13 assists.

Nick Gout (Allen Park, Mich.) is a 6-5 freshman post player who was redshirted last season.

Chukwuemeka Okonkwo (Ann Arbor, Mich./Pioneer) is a 6-3, senior who was on the team last season as a practice player.

The Warriors have brought in six transfers from junior college programs, Division I and Division II institutions.

Rick Fox (Toledo, OH/St. John's) is a 6-8 junior who will play both the forward and center positions. He is a transfer from the University of Buffalo.

Mike Brown (Ann Arbor, Mich./Huron) is a 5-10 guard who transferred from Siena Heights. Brown is a junior

Brandon Gray (River Rouge, Mich.) is a 6-3 guard/forward who transferred from The University of Detroit. Gray is a sophomore.

Reggie Kirkland (Detroit, Mich./Romulus Roman) is a 6-3 junior who transferred from SchoolCraft Community College.

Kendall LeSure (Detroit, Mich./Pershing) is a 6-0 sophomore who transferred from Grand Valley State University. He is the brother of WSU standout Charles LeSure.

Todd Negoshian (Commerce Township, Mich./Walled Lake Central) is a 5-10 guard who transferred from Cornerstone University. He is a sophomore.

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