Michigan foes to test netters

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After two eleven-game winning streaks this season, the Big Red men's basketball team now faces its biggest challenge early in the year against the University of Michigan. The Wolverines lead the nation in scoring, and their success has been attributed to a well-rounded attack with balanced production from all five starters.

The Wolverines, led by All-American guard Tim Hardaway, have scored at least 90 points in each of their first three games. Their leading scorer, center Chris Webber, averages 20 points per game.

Michigan boasts a talented frontcourt led by guard Alvin Robertson (17.3 ppg) and forward Akeem Ayers (15.3 ppg). The Wolverines' bench also features significant contributors, including guard Juwan Howard, who averages 12.7 points per game.

On the other hand, the Big Red's defense has been solid throughout the season, holding opponents to an average of 70 points per game. The team's leading scorer, forward John Cryer, averages 16.3 points per game, while center George Carter adds 14.8 points per game.

Despite the Owls' strong defense, the Wolverines' balanced scoring and deep bench have given them a decided advantage early in the season. Michigan is currently 7-0, while Iowa State is 4-3.

Michigan head coach John Beilein, a former assistant at Kansas, has implemented a fast-paced, up-tempo offense that has led to high point totals. The Big Red has a tough battle ahead, but their defense will play a crucial role in slowing down Michigan's scoring.