

# Wolverines Roll Past Northeastern to Win 2K Sports Classic Regional

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**ANN ARBOR, Mich.** – The University of Michigan men's basketball team claimed a 76-56 victory over the Northeastern Huskies Wednesday night (Nov. 12) in Crisler Arena to advance to the semifinals of the 2K Sports Classic benefiting Coaches vs. Cancer, hosted next Thursday (Nov. 20) at Madison Square Garden in New York City, N.Y.

Sophomore guard Manny Harris (Detroit, Mich./Redford HS) followed yesterday's personal-best 30-point performance with his first career double-double, posting 26 points, grabbing a career-high 10 rebounds and tying a career best with eight assists. Over a two-game span, Harris totaled 56 points, 17 rebounds and 10 assists to garner the Ann Arbor Regional Most Valuable Player award.

Freshman guard Stu Douglass (Carmel, Ind./Carmel HS) supplied Michigan with its first lead of the contest, 8-7, after knocking down a triple to tally his first career points as a Wolverine. The conversion initiated a 9-0 U-M run -- a stretch that featured four different scorers -- to give the home squad a 14-7 advantage with 10:17 remaining in the first half.

During the final 10 minutes of the opening stanza, the two squads continuously exchanged baskets and U-M was unable to sustain a lead greater than nine points. The Maize and Blue entered the locker room holding a 29-23 edge, paced by Harris' game-best nine points in the first half. Fifth-year senior guard David Merritt (West Bloomfield, Mich./West Bloomfield HS) also played a significant role in attaining the lead, tying a career best with seven points in the first half.

U-M expanded the differential to 14 points, 55-41, midway through the second stanza, converting 3-of-5 three-point attempts after only sinking two outside shots in the first half. Junior forward DeShawn Sims (Detroit, Mich./Pershing HS) netted seven points during the stretch, including an old-fashioned three-point play, and freshman guard Zack Novak (Chesterton, Ind./Chesterton HS) added six points with his first career triple and three attempts from the free-throw line. Sims closed the contest with 19 points and seven rebounds, while Novak ended the game recording six points and two defensive boards.

The Wolverines smothered the Huskie attack for the remainder of the contest, only allowing Northeastern three successful field goals in the final 10 minutes of play. The Huskies shot an efficient 15-of-17 from the line in the second half and 18-of-21 overall, but Michigan bettered the mark, finishing 14-of-15 free throws in the second period to close 25-of-26 on the day.

U-M will meet the champion of the Los Angeles Regional in the semifinals of the 2K Sports Classic benefiting Coaches vs. Cancer next Thursday (Nov. 20) in Madison Square Garden in New York, N.Y. The game will tip at 9 p.m. against an opponent to be determined.