

2004-05 MICHIGAN ICE HOCKEY



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2004-05 Schedule/Results

0-0-0 overall, 0-0-0 CCHA

Date	Opponent	Time/Result
10/2	<i>Windsor (ex)</i>	7:35 p.m.
10/3	<i>Blue/White Intrasquad (ex)</i>	5 p.m.
10/8	&Northeastern	5 p.m.
10/9	&Boston University	4:30 p.m.
10/15	New Hampshire	8:05 p.m.
10/16	St. Lawrence	7:35 p.m.
10/21	*at Lake Superior State	7:30 p.m.
10/23	!*Lake Superior State	7:30 p.m.
10/29	*Ferris State	7:35 p.m.
10/30	*at Ferris State	7:05 p.m.
11/5	*Miami (Ohio)	7:35 p.m.
11/6	*Miami (Ohio)	7:35 p.m.
11/18	*at Michigan State	7:05 p.m.
11/20	*Michigan State	7:35 p.m.
11/26	^at Minnesota	7:05 p.m.
11/27	^at Wisconsin	7:05 p.m.
12/3	*Notre Dame	7:35 p.m.
12/4	*at Notre Dame	7:05 p.m.
12/10	*Bowling Green	7:35 p.m.
12/11	*at Bowling Green	7:05 p.m.
12/27	#Michigan Tech	4 p.m.
12/28	#Michigan State/New Hampshire	4/7:35 p.m.
1/7	*Western Michigan	7:35 p.m.
1/8	*at Western Michigan	7:35 p.m.
1/14	*Alaska-Fairbanks	7:35 p.m.
1/15	*Alaska-Fairbanks	7:35 p.m.
1/21	*at Ohio State	7:05 p.m.
1/22	*at Ohio State	7:05 p.m.
1/28	*Northern Michigan	7:35 p.m.
1/29	*Northern Michigan	7:35 p.m.
2/4	*Michigan State	7:35 p.m.
2/5	!*Michigan State	7:30 p.m.
2/11	*at Nebraska-Omaha	7:05 p.m.
2/12	*at Nebraska-Omaha	7:05 p.m.
2/18	\$*at Notre Dame	7:35 p.m.
2/19	*Notre Dame	7:35 p.m.
2/26	U.S. NTDP Under-18 Team (ex)	7:35 p.m.
3/4	*at Bowling Green	7:05 p.m.
3/5	*Bowling Green	7:35 p.m.

3/11-13 • CCHA Tournament First Round
3/17-19 +CCHA Super Six Tournament

3/25-26 NCAA East Regional (Worcester, Mass.)
3/25-26 NCAA Midwest Regional (Grand Rapids, Mi.)
3/26-27 NCAA Northeast Regional (Amherst, Mass.)
3/26-27 NCAA West Regional (Minneapolis, Minn.)
4/7-9 NCAA Frozen Four (Columbus, Ohio)

Home games in **bold** at Yost Ice Arena; All times local to site
*—CCHA game
&—3rd Annual Lefty McFadden Tournament (Dayton, Ohio)
!—Joe Louis Arena (Detroit, Michigan)
^—12th Annual College Hockey Showcase (Ann Arbor, Mich.)
#—40th Annual Great Lakes Invitational (Joe Louis Arena)
\$—Allen Country War Memorial Coliseum (Fort Wayne, Indiana)
+—CCHA Tournament First Round (Campus Sites)
+—CCHA Super Six (Joe Louis Arena)

Preseason Storylines

FACE-OFF

The Michigan Wolverines open their 83rd varsity hockey season with an exhibition contest against the University of Windsor on Saturday night (Oct. 2) at Yost Ice Arena. On Sunday (Oct. 3), the Wolverines will take to the ice at Yost again to compete in their annual Blue-White Intrasquad Scrimmage. Following the scrimmage will be Skate with the Wolverines where fans will have a chance to skate with their favorite players and get autographs.

THE BEST OF THE BEST

Michigan was chosen as the top-ranked team in the U.S. College Hockey Online preseason poll on September 27. The *USA Today/USA Hockey Magazine* poll picked U-M No. 2. This marks the first time that the Wolverines have been the number one team nationally since the October 30 rankings in 2000 when they were first in both polls. The last time U-M opened the season at No. 1 was in the 1996-97 season when *USA Today/American Hockey Magazine* slated the Maize and Blue first in its Oct. 14 poll.

NCAA TRADITION

The Wolverines have qualified for an NCAA-record 14 consecutive NCAA Tournaments dating back to 1991. Over the past 10 years Michigan has won at least one game in each appearance at the tournament and it has managed to reach the Frozen Four nine times. The Maize and Blue has captured two national titles (1996, '98) during the streak.



ALL-TIME SERIES VERSUS WINDSOR ...

Michigan and Windsor are meeting one another for just the fourth time despite the mere 44 miles and American-Canadian borders that separate the two. The Wolverines and Lancers last squared off on Oct. 16, 1982, with U-M winning 7-2. The night before, Oct. 15, Michigan also won, 11-3. Both of those games counted toward Michigan's 1982-83 regular-season record of 14-22-0. Prior to that weekend, Michigan and Windsor met in an exhibition contest on Jan. 3, 1981, which U-M won, 6-0.

"M" GO BLUE

The sweaters that Michigan will wear in 2004-05 have been altered somewhat compared to last season. The "dazzle" jersey material and trim will remain the same as will the numbers and letters. However, the three different logos that were split among the fronts of U-M's jerseys last season have been whittled down to just one this year, a block "M." The white and maize jerseys will sport a blue "M" and the blue jersey will have a maize "M."



EXHIBITION

Games 1 and 2

No. 1/2 Michigan

(0-0-0, 0-0-0 CCHA)

vs.

Windsor

(0-0-0, 0-0-0 OUA)

Saturday, October 2 • 7:35 p.m.

Yost Ice Arena (6,637) • Ann Arbor, Mich.

Series vs. Windsor

Michigan leads 3-0-0 (includes exhibitions)

Blue-White Intrasquad

Sunday, October 3 • 5 p.m.

Yost Ice Arena (6,637) • Ann Arbor, Mich.

RADIO

WCBN Radio (88.7 FM)

U-M Student Station
(Windsor Game Only)

TELEVISION

None





Head Coach Red Berenson



A 17-year veteran of the National Hockey League, Red Berenson (Michigan, 1962) is in his 21st season behind the University of Michigan bench, where he owns a 533-255-55 record. Berenson is currently in 11th place on college hockey's coaching win list and is one

of 14 head coaches in college hockey history to accumulate 500 wins. A former Michigan captain and two-time All-American for the Wolverines from 1960-62, Berenson has averaged more than 26 wins per season in his collegiate coaching career. Berenson has led Michigan to a pair of NCAA Championships (1996, 1998) and 14 consecutive appearances in the NCAA Tournament, the longest active streak of any school in college hockey. Berenson, who has been associated with more than 900 Michigan hockey games (843 as a coach, 68 as a student-athlete) in his career, spent three seasons (1980-82) as head coach of the NHL's St. Louis Blues before coming back to Michigan, earning NHL Coach of the Year honors in 1981.

BERENSON YEAR-BY-YEAR

Season	GP	W	L	T	Pct.
1984-85	40	13	26	1	.338
1985-86	38	12	26	0	.316
1986-87	40	14	25	1	.363
1987-88	41	22	19	0	.537
1988-89	41	22	14	4	.585
1989-90	42	24	12	6	.643
1990-91	47	34	10	3	.755
1991-92	44	32	9	3	.761
1992-93	40	30	7	3	.788
1993-94	41	33	7	1	.817
1994-95	39	30	8	1	.782
1995-96	43	34	7	2	.814
1996-97	43	35	4	4	.860
1997-98	46	34	11	1	.750
1998-99	42	25	11	6	.667
1999-2000	41	27	10	4	.707
2000-01	45	27	13	5	.656
2001-02	44	28	11	5	.693
2002-03	43	30	10	3	.750
2003-04	43	27	14	2	.651
Totals	843	533	255	55	.665

WINNINGEST ACTIVE COACHES - DIVISION I

Coach	Current School	Yrs	Wins
Jerry York	Boston College	33	697
Jack Parker	Boston Univ.	32	*692
Rick Comley	Michigan State	32	643
Red Berenson	Michigan	21	*533

*Note: List current throughout the 2004-05 season. Yrs = number of year as a head coach, not the number of years at the current school; *-all wins acquired at current school*

SHOULDERING THE LOAD

Senior forward **Eric Nystrom** will don the "C" for the Maize and Blue during the 2004-05 campaign. He becomes the 84th captain in U-M's hockey history. Nystrom wore an "A" as an alternate captain throughout 2003-04. In addition, Nystrom served as the captain for Team USA at the 2003 IIHF World Junior Championship and was an alternate captain for the U.S. Under-18 Team in 2000-01.

SECOND TOUR

Senior defenseman **Brandon Rogers** has been chosen as an alternate captain for the second straight season. Along with Rogers, junior forward **Jeff Tambellini** and junior goaltender **Al Montoya** have been given the responsibility of wearing an "A" for the Maize and Blue.

SENIOR LEADERSHIP

Michigan's 10-member senior class will be its largest ever. As juniors in 2003-04, the class accounted for 40.5 percent of the team's points. The group scored 59 of U-M's 151 goals, good for 39.1 percent. (Note: would-be senior Dwight Helminen's statistics are not included).

NEARLY INTACT

Michigan lost just four players from its 2003-04 roster, only two of which, former captain and defenseman Andy Burnes and would-be senior Dwight Helminen, were regularly in the lineup. Of the 384 points (151-233-384) that the Wolverines totaled last season just 9.1% (19-16-35) is lost with the departure of the four Wolverines.

CLIMBING THE LADDER

With 27 wins in 2003-04 head coach **Red Berenson** moved into sole possession of 11th place on the all-time coaches wins list with a total of 533 victories.

Heading into his 21st year as the head coach at the University of Michigan, Berenson could conceivably be eighth on the list by the time the 2004-05 season is completed. With 23 triumphs this season he would surpass Don Brose (10th, 536 wins), Jack Riley (9th, 542 wins) and John MacInnes (8th, 555 wins).

Berenson's career record stands at 533-255-55, giving him a winning percentage of .665. With the departure of head coach Dean Blais from the University of North Dakota (262-115-36, .678 win pct.) Berenson now holds the best winning percentage among active Division I coaches.

CCHA FAVORITES, AGAIN

For the third straight year the Michigan Wolverines are the team to beat heading into the 2004-05 season, according to the Central Collegiate Hockey Association's annual media and coaches preseason polls. The Wolverines, last year's CCHA regular-season

IN THE POLLS

Michigan is ranked No. 1 in U.S. College Hockey Online's preseason NCAA rankings, released Monday (Sept. 27) and No. 2 overall in *USA Today/USA Hockey Magazine*. Boston College is ranked No. 1 by *USA Today/USA Hockey Magazine*.

USA TODAY/USAHM (Sept. 27)

Rank, Team	Pts.	Last
1. Boston College (9)	449	3
2. Michigan (16)	441	7
3. North Dakota (1)	379	5
4. Maine	374	2
5. Minnesota-Duluth (2)	348	4
6. Wisconsin (2)	289	8
7. Denver (4)	280	1
8. Minnesota	260	6
9. Michigan State	240	14
10. New Hampshire	197	11
11. Dartmouth	172	NR
12. Colorado College	108	15
13. Ohio State	107	9
14. Cornell	104	NR
15. Massachusetts-Lowell	76	NR

USCHO (Sept. 27)

Rank, Team	Pts.	Last
1. Michigan (17)	541	7
2. Maine (9)	493	1
3. Boston College (2)	488	4
4. Minnesota-Duluth (4)	447	5
5. North Dakota (2)	413	2
6. Minnesota	331	3
7. Denver (4)	302	8
8. Wisconsin (1)	276	11
9. Michigan State	262	12
10. New Hampshire (1)	218	10
11. Dartmouth	196	NR
12. Ohio State	169	6
13. Cornell	154	NR
14. Colorado College	149	14
15. Miami	88	9

First-place votes in parenthesis.





2004-05 Michigan Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Yr.
2	Nick Martens Ann Arbor, Mich.	D	Sr.
3	Eric Werner Grosse Pointe Woods, Mich.	D	Sr.
5	Brandon Rogers (A) Rochester, N.H.	D	Sr.
6	Matt Hunwick Roseville, Mich.	D	So.
7	T.J. Hensick Howell, Mich.	F	So.
8	Jason Dest Fraser, Mich.	D	So.
9	Milan Gajic Burnaby, British Columbia	F	Sr.
11	Kevin Porter Northville, Mich.	F	Fr.
13	Mike Brown Northbrook, Ill.	F	So.
14	Brandon Kaleniecki Livonia, Mich.	F	Jr.
15	Jeff Tambellini (A) Port Moody, British Columbia	F	Jr.
16	David Rohlfs Northville, Mich.	F	So.
17	Michael Woodford Jr. Westford, Mass.	F	Sr.
18	David Moss Livonia, Mich.	F	Sr.
19	Andrew Ebbett Vernon, British Columbia	F	Jr.
20	Charlie Henderson East Lansing, Mich.	F	Sr.
21	Eric Nystrom (C) Syosset, N.Y.	F	Sr.
22	Jason Ryznar Anchorage, Alaska	F	Sr.
24	Chad Kolarik Abington, Pa.	F	Fr.
25	Tim Cook Montclair, NJ.	D	So.
26	Reilly Olson Grand Prairie, Alberta	D	Sr.
30	Mike Mayhew Owatonna, Minn.	G	So.
34	Noah Ruden Bloomfield Hills, Mich.	G	Jr.
35	Al Montoya (A) Glenview, Ill.	G	Jr.

Average Height: 6-0

Average Weight: 191

Average Age: 21 years, 2 mos.

Head Coach: Red Berenson

Associate Head Coach: Mel Pearson

Assistant Coach: Billy Powers

Goaltending Coach: Stan Matwijiw

Director of Hockey

Operations: Josh Richelew

Video Coordinator: L.J. Scarpace

Equipment Manager: Ian Hume

Athletic Trainer: Rick Bancroft

champion, garnered 10 first-place votes in the coaches poll and 48 first-place votes in the media poll. Michigan State ranked second in both polls, earned a pair of top-spot tallies from the coaches and six from the media.

PRESEASON ALL-CCHA

Michigan placed four players on the Central Collegiate Hockey Association's inaugural Preseason All-CCHA Teams to lead all league teams. Forward **T.J. Hensick** and Goalie **Al Montoya** were each named to the First Team. Meanwhile, forward **Jeff Tambellini** and defenseman **Brandon Rogers** were selected to the Second Team. Defenseman **Eric Werner** was an Honorable Mention.

Voting was conducted among all 12 heads coaches, one print and one broadcast journalist from each of the 12 CCHA member markets along with another four media members representing national television, newspaper and web outlets.

CCHA CHAMPS

Michigan has won or shared eight CCHA regular-season titles, including three of the last five (2000, '02, '04). The Maize and Blue has also been in contention for the Mason Cup in each of the last four seasons. U-M has CCHA Playoff Championships in 2002 and 2003.

CCHA DOMINANCE

Michigan holds a winning record in overall games versus every CCHA opponent following its two-game season sweep of Lake Superior State last season. The Lakers were the last team U-M needed to gain the edge on heading into last season. However, in CCHA play alone the Maize and Blue does have a blemish remaining. The Wolverines trail in the CCHA series with Michigan State, 28-46-7.

HOME COOKING

With a flawless 13-0 home record in the CCHA regular season the 2003-04 Wolverines finished the conference season unscathed at home for the first time in the program's history. The overall record of 19-3-0 set a new standard for most home wins in a season by U-M. The previous high of 18 had been set three times, most recently in 2002-03.

ROAD WEARY

Michigan's road record of 5-7-2 (.429) in 2003-04 was its lowest road win total since 1985-86 (3, 3-13-0) and lowest road winning percentage since 1986-87 (.306, 5-12-1). In five road series last year the Wolverines failed to earn a road sweep for the first time since the 1986-87 season.

NHL READY

Michigan's 2004-05 roster boasts an astounding 14 players who have already been selected by NHL teams. Six seniors (**Milan Gajic**-Atlanta, **David Moss**-Calgary, **Eric Nystrom**-Calgary, **Brandon Rogers**-Anaheim, **Jason Ryznar**-New Jersey, **Michael Woodford Jr.**-Florida), two juniors (**Al Montoya**-New York Rangers, **Jeff Tambellini**-Los Angeles), four sophomores (**Mike Brown**-Vancouver, **Tim Cook**-Ottawa, **Matt Hunwick**-Boston, **David Rohlfs**-Edmonton), and two freshmen (**Chad Kolarik**-Phoenix, **Kevin Porter**-Phoenix) already have their rights owned by NHL squads.

BLANKMAN

With 10 shutouts through his first two seasons, **Al Montoya** is within striking distance of Marty Turco's (1995-98) all-time shutout record of 15. Montoya's school-record six blankings last season coupled with four in his freshman campaign put him well ahead of Turco's pace of seven shutouts after two seasons protecting the Maize and Blue net.





ALL-AMERICAN

Goalie **Al Montoya** garnered 2003-04 Jofa All-America recognition as a member of the West Second Team, as decided by the American Hockey Coaches Association. He was the first Wolverine to earn All-America honors since Mike Cammalleri and Mike Komisarek both were on the first team in 2001-02.

SOPHOMORE STUD

Forward **T.J. Hensick** was the CCHA Rookie of the Year in 2003-04 and was named to both the CCHA All-Rookie Team and All-CCHA First Team. Being selected to the All-CCHA First Team was a program first for a freshman. Hensick's 46 points (12-34-46) were tops among all Wolverines and tied Brady Murray (North Dakota) for most points by a freshman last year.

RELOAD

In each of the last two seasons Michigan has been led in scoring by a freshman (**Jeff Tambellini**-2002-03, **T.J. Hensick**-2003-04). If that trend is to continue it will fall on the shoulders of a very small but talented class of two freshmen, **Chad Kolarik** and **Kevin Porter**. Both players are coming to U-M after two strong years with the U.S. National Team Development Program. In 2003-04, Kolarik posted 21-24-45 totals in 55 games, good for third on the Under-18 team in scoring. Meanwhile, Porter had a line of 8-30-38 in 56 games, which was fifth on the Under-18 team.

LOOKING AHEAD

Michigan's regular season begins next Friday afternoon (Oct. 8) when it takes on Northeastern at 5 p.m. at the Lefty McFadden Invitational in Dayton, Ohio. The next day (Saturday, Oct. 9) the Wolverines will oppose Boston University beginning at 4:30 p.m. All games will be played at the Ervin J. Nutter Center, where the ECHL's Dayton Bombers play their home games. This will mark the first time that U-M has participated in the Lefty McFadden Invitational, which is in its third year.

