

## Hurricane Harbaugh With a 100% Chance of Jim

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December 30, 2014. The University of Michigan introduced Jim Harbaugh as their new football head coach. From there, the speculation started.

How will the team do his first year?

What will he bring to the team? How long will it take for him to turn the program around?

Now we fast forward one year. Harbaugh has just finished his first season as the head coach of Michigan's football team.

The Wolverines started the 2015-2016 season off with a 24-17 loss to Utah in Utah.

From there Michigan started the season as one of the hottest football teams in the nation. After the 24-17 loss to Utah, Michigan won five straight to start off the season. Michigan beat Oregon State and UNLV in their next two games, 35-7 and 28-7. After that, Michigan played BYU, Maryland, and Northwestern. All three teams combined for a total of zero points as Michigan coasted to victories.

Next for Michigan was rival Michigan State. Michigan led the entire game until the team was faced with a fourth down and two with ten seconds left in the game. On the fourth down snap, Michigan Punter Blake O'Neill muffed a low snap that led to Michigan State returning the fumble for a game winning touchdown with no time left on the clock. The final score: 27-23 in favor of Michigan State.

After the heart breaking loss to MSU and bye week, Michigan

squared off against Minnesota for the Little Brown Jug and won a thriller with a last second goal line stand to secure the victory 29-26 at Minnesota to push the Wolverines record to 6-2 and 3-1 in the Big Ten.

Next up for the Wolverines was Rutgers. Michigan welcomed Rutgers to The Big House and then crushed them 49-16, sending them on a long, sad route home back to New Jersey.

Then Michigan traveled to Indiana to square off with the Hoosiers. Michigan's beat-up defense struggled to contain Indiana's running game all game long and allowed 307 rushing yards. In the fourth quarter Michigan mounted a comeback down two touchdowns to force overtime and then forcing a game winning goal line stand on fourth down to beat Indiana 48-41 in double overtime.

Michigan then went on the road to play Penn State and won a fairly close game 28-16.

Then to wrap up the regular season, Michigan welcomed Ohio State to The Big House to square off in the 112th annual game between the two.

Michigan went to halftime trailing Ohio State 14-10. Ohio State received the second half kickoff and drove down the field for a touchdown to make the score 21-10, OSU. Ohio State then went on to score another 21 points as Michigan was only able to get 3 points on the board in the second half. The final score, 42-13, in favor of Ohio State.

After the Ohio State game, Michigan finished the regular season 9-3 and third in the Big

Ten East and ranked 15th in the nation.

From there Harbaugh and the Wolverines traveled down to Orlando to square off with the 19th ranked Florida Gators in the Buffalo Wild Wings Citrus Bowl. Harbaugh and the Wolverines, led behind the arm of Jake Rudock, waxed Florida 41-7 to end the season 10-3 and one of the nation's top teams.

As the football season is now over, Michigan sits at number 12 in the nation and with a record of 10-3, a big improvement from last years 5-7 unranked team.

With one year complete, Harbaugh and the Wolverines look to recruiting season now in hopes of landing more great players to help the team win next year and beyond.

A few players that come to mind are running back Kareem walker, quarterback Brandon Peters, and wide receiver Ahmir Mitchell; all of which that are ranked respectively in the top five in their position and committed to Michigan.

Michigan currently sits at number five in the nation for the top recruiting class in the nation according to ESPN and number two in the nation according to 247sports.

With a top recruiting class in the nation, key offensive players such as Jake Butt, De'Veon Smith, Amara Darboh, Jehu Chesson, and defensive players Jourdan Lewis, and Jabrill Peppall, all returning, and Jim Harbaugh at the realm of the program, the future looks very bright for Michigan Football.

## Richmond Boys Ball- Out

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A 6-1 winning record has brought Richmond Varsity Basketball ahead of the game and to the top once again.

With a young team consisting of 4 seniors, 5 juniors and 2 sophomores, they are not holding anything back. BWAC games started Tuesday January 5 at Imlay City where the team experienced their first tough loss.

"It always sucks to lose but knowing that we are beatable makes us work harder so we can get to the point where no one can beat us," said junior Anthony Tavano. The practice after their first loss was full of drills and film, and drills and film.

"After the game, we did a lot of rebounding drills, ran through the offense, watched film and corrected our mistakes," said Tavano. "The coaches said it was probably better that we lost so we know what needs to be corrected to win and what we have to practice harder on."

On a positive note, the team recovered in their game against Cross-lex that Friday with a score of 55-39.

The first half of the game was frustrating to watch because the boys struggled with putting points on the board. However, this isn't uncommon. Their first few scrimmages consisted of few points scored in the first half and then they dominated in the second half for the W.

Senior Eddy Beste and sophomore Chase Churchill are new to the team and have experienced what it's like to build team chemistry on the court.

"The returners have been really supportive and helpful in teaching me skills that I lack in and also giving me advice," said Churchill. "They all have my back."

Some of the advice they have given Churchill is every game, play and practice is a new start, you can't let one mistake get too your head.

Churchill moved to Richmond this year from Florida, so the bond he's built is especially new and respected as he is one of the youngest on the team.

Beste, aside from growing up with the returners, has grown as a player by hanging out with the guys and playing at St. A's Church over the summer.

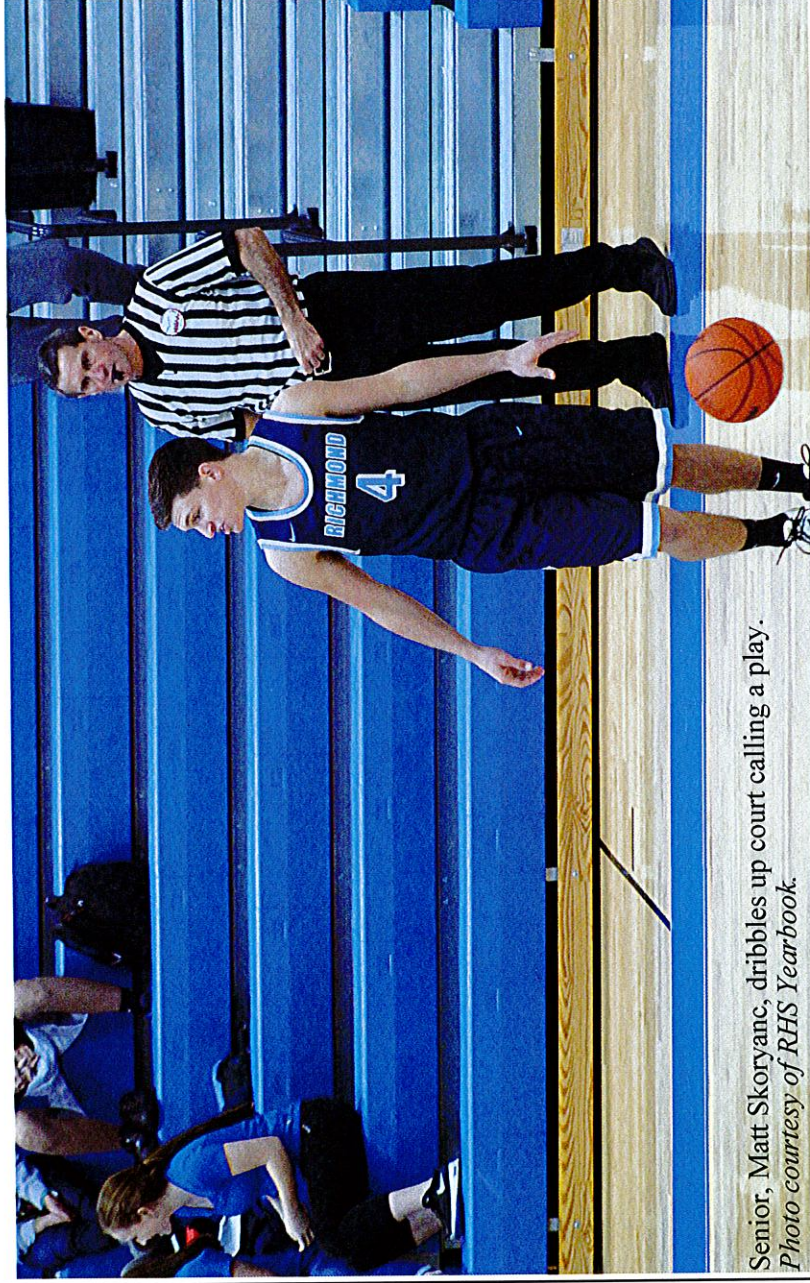
"I've gotten better at my free throws over the summer and by working hard on JV last year," said Beste.

Senior Matt Skoryanc, has played ball all four years of high school and believes that this year is going to be the team's best year as far as bonding. The diversity of ages, talent and respect is extraordinary.

"We win more as a team this year; the bond is great because there are various ages that start and most of us played football together," said Skoryanc.

As a leader, Skoryanc is doing his best to become less selfish and passing the ball to make more opportunities for his teammates. As a team, the biggest flaw they have is making excuses for mistakes instead of accepting and fixing corrections.

"I'm hoping that we can pull together using the strong bond that we have created to win all of our games the rest of the season," said Skoryanc.



Senior, Matt Skoryanc, dribbles up court calling a play.  
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