

Sunday, March 10, 2024 Nebraska Cornhuskers at Michigan Wolverines

Game Time: 12:00pm ET

TV: BTN Network

Selection: Nebraska - 5.5

This is a matchup between two Big Ten teams on wildly different trajectories. Nebraska has won 21 games coming into Sunday's regular season finale, and if the season ended right now, the The Cornhuskers would be fairly safe inside the NCAA tournament's field of 68. Michigan, meanwhile, is nowhere close to that. Hunter Dickinson's transfer to Kansas hurt, and the team has battled injury and off-court issues all season long.

Nebraska has won five of its last six games, but their talent isn't a new development. They shocked Purdue back in January, pushed Illinois to overtime in a road game last month, and boast several victories over some of the better teams in the Big Ten. At their best, the Cornhuskers are incredibly frustrating defensively. Opponents have shot just 39.6% from the floor against them this season, the ninth-lowest such percentage of all teams nationwide. Michigan, however, has dropped 12 of its last 13 games, and most of those contests haven't been close. That includes a 79-59 drubbing at the hands of Nebraska exactly one month ago. The Wolverines shot a meager 32.3% from the floor that day, and they trailed by as many as 28 points well before halftime.

Yes, it's Senior Day at the Crisler Center, but the Cornhuskers are simply a far better squad. Furthermore, a loss to Michigan may do some damage to Nebraska's NCAA tournament resume and put them closer to the bubble than they'd prefer. It's logical to assume Nebraska brings its usual form to Ann Arbor, and if they do, this has the potential to get ugly.