

= Spike Albrecht =

Michael Joseph " Spike " Albrecht ( born August 24 , 1992 ) is a college basketball player who will play as a redshirt 5th year graduate transfer student for the 2016 ? 17 Purdue Boilermakers team . Albrecht played high school basketball in his hometown of Crown Point , Indiana . He played his college career for the Michigan Wolverines . He is most well known for his 17 @-@ point first half performance off the bench for the 2012 ? 13 team in the championship game of the 2013 NCAA Men 's Division I Basketball Tournament .

= = Early life = =

At age 5 , Michael Albrecht , son of Tammy and Charles " Chuck " Albrecht , received his first baseball spikes and refused to take them off , earning his now famous nickname . Chuck now runs a summer basketball camp at which Spike assists . Albrecht attended Taft Middle School in Crown Point before attending Crown Point High School where he averaged 21 points , 5 assists , 3 steals and 4 rebounds as a senior in 2011 . Albrecht committed to Michigan on April 6 , 2012 . Albrecht led Northfield Mount Hermon School to the 2012 New England Preparatory School Athletic Council ( NEPSAC ) Class AAA Boys ' Basketball Tournament , defeating future Michigan teammate Mitch McGary 's Brewster Academy in the semifinals . Albrecht was awarded the Most Valuable Player ( MVP ) of the tournament . Albrecht was a former Amateur Athletic Union ( AAU ) teammate of McGary and future Michigan teammate Glenn Robinson III . Albrecht 's father was college teammates with Zack Novak 's father ; a generation later , when Spike Albrecht was an incoming freshman , Zack Novak was Michigan 's captain during the 2011 @-@ 12 season .

= = College career = =

The 2011 ? 12 Michigan Wolverines men 's basketball team had been co @-@ champions of 2011 ? 12 Big Ten Conference , but lost both of its co @-@ captains , Zack Novak and Stu Douglass , to graduation and three players as transfers . The team was returning a nucleus of All @-@ Big Ten players Trey Burke and Tim Hardaway , Jr .

In Albrecht 's role with the 2012 ? 13 Wolverines team , he never scored more than 7 points in a game before the NCAA Tournament . In the regional finals on March 31 against Florida , Michigan built a 13 ? 0 lead and never led by less than 10 the rest of the game . Several players had career @-@ highs in the game , including Albrecht who had 7 points and 3 steals . The national championship rounds were held at the Georgia Dome in Atlanta , Georgia . In the April 6 national semifinal against Syracuse , Michigan emerged with its thirty @-@ first victory , the most since the 1992 ? 93 team went 31 ? 5 . The bench contributed 22 points , including 6 from Albrecht , who raised his NCAA tournament total to 5 @-@ for @-@ 5 on three @-@ point shots .

Michigan advanced to the April 8 , 2013 NCAA Men 's Division I Basketball Tournament championship game where the team lost to Midwest number one seed Louisville by an 82 ? 76 margin despite 17 points , including 4 @-@ for @-@ 5 three @-@ point shooting , from Albrecht in the game . Albrecht scored 17 first @-@ half points on 4 @-@ for @-@ 4 three @-@ point shooting . Albrecht made the seven @-@ man All @-@ Tournament team ( which was revised multiple times ) along with teammates McGary and Trey Burke . When The New York Times Sports page did a year in review , Albrecht 's picture appeared with a feature story about his 17 @-@ point performance . NBC Sports journalist Rob Dauster described the performance as " arguably the most memorable half of basketball you 'll ever see " . By the end of the first half of the game , Albrecht had tied Sam Cassell by making his first 9 three @-@ point shots in his NCAA tournament games that season , and USA Today described Albrecht 's place in history as " amongst the most unexpected NCAA heroes in history " . Following the championship game , Albrecht gained notoriety for tweeting with reigning Sports Illustrated Swimsuit Issue cover model and Michigan fan Kate Upton . He thanked her for her attendance at the Georgia Dome .

Albrecht established a career high with 6 assists as Michigan defeated Houston Baptist by 54

points on December 7 , 2013 . On January 22 , 2014 , against ( # 10 AP Poll / Coaches ' Poll ) Iowa , Albrecht made his first career start , posting new career highs of 7 assists and 4 steals , tying a career high with 3 rebounds and helping Michigan defeated consecutive ranked opponents for the first time since the 1996 ? 97 team . Albrecht started in place of Derrick Walton who had the flu . During the Michigan ? Michigan State rivalry game on January 25 against the ( # 3 ) 2013 ? 14 Spartans at the Breslin Center , the Michigan State fans heckled Albrecht when he shot free throws with Justin Bieber chants . The 2013 ? 14 team advanced to the elite eight round of the 2014 NCAA Men 's Division I Basketball Tournament before being eliminated by Kentucky .

Albrecht was named co @-@ captain of the 2014 ? 15 team along with Caris LeVert . On November 29 , he contributed a career @-@ high 7 assists against Nicholls State . Then on December 2 , Albrecht posted a new career high with 9 assists and broke a 63 ? 63 deadlock with a 31 seconds remaining to lead Michigan to a 68 ? 65 victory over Syracuse . On December 6 in an upset loss against NJIT Highlanders , Albrecht raised his streak of assists without a turnover to 19 , but Albrecht had 4 turnovers on December 9 against the EMU Eagles . On January 3 , 2015 against Purdue , Albrecht tied his career high with 17 points . On February 1 Albrecht tallied a career @-@ high 18 @-@ points in the rivalry game against Michigan State . The March 3 double @-@ overtime loss against Northwestern marked Albrecht 's 8th consecutive double @-@ digit scoring game as he picked up the scoring slack in the absence of Caris LeVert and Derrick Walton , who missed their 11th and 9th consecutive games . On March 7 against Rutgers , the streak ended , but Albrecht posted a career @-@ high 9 assists . In April 2015 , Albrecht had offseason surgery on his right hip to correct for a genetic condition that may also necessitate left hip surgery . On December 2 , Albrecht was named an Allstate Good Works Team nominee .

On December 11 , 2015 , Albrecht announced he would sit out the rest of the season for the 2015 ? 16 Wolverines team due to injuries . He will concentrate on his continued recovery and the rehabilitation process following bilateral hip surgery this past summer . During his career at Michigan , Albrecht played in 115 career games , and was named Michigan 's co @-@ MVP during the 2014 ? 15 season , after starting 18 of 31 games and posting a career @-@ best 7 @-@ 5 points per game , while battling hip problems . On March 29 , Albrecht announced that he would use the graduate transfer option to play a fifth year at another school . On April 1 , head coach John Beilein decided not to restrict Albrecht or teammate Ricky Doyle from transferring to schools within the Big Ten if they desired to do so . By April 18 , Albrecht was considering interest from home state Big Ten programs Purdue and Indiana as well as Wichita State , Texas A & M , Syracuse , USC & Milwaukee ( where Michigan assistant coach LaVall Jordan had just taken over as head coach ) .

It was announced on May 3 , 2016 , that Albrecht would play his final year of collegiate basketball at Purdue University .