



MICHIGAN STATE

NATION'S BEST SIX FINAL FOURS APPEARANCES IN 14 SEASONS

YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS THIS

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2012-13 SCHEDULE

OCTOBER

30 **NORTHWOOD (FLA.)** (Exh.) (BTN.com) W, 85-57

NOVEMBER

2 **ST. CLOUD STATE** (Exh.) (BTN.com) W, 62-49

9 vs. Connecticut (ESPN) L, 62-66

13 vs. #7 Kansas (ESPN) W, 67-64

18-25 Spartan Showcase presented by Auto-Owners Insur...

18 **TEXAS SOUTHERN** (BTN.com) W, 69-41

20 **BOISE STATE** (BTN) W, 74-70

23 **OAKLAND** (BTN) W, 70-52

25 **LOUISIANA** (ESPN3.com) W, 63-60

28 at Miami (Fla.) (ESPN) 7:30 p.m.

DECEMBER

1 **NICHOLLS STATE** (BTN) 12 p.m.

5 **ARKANSAS-PINE BLUFF** (BTN) 8 p.m.

8 **LOYOLA (CHICAGO)** (BTN) 2 p.m.

14-15 Jenison Weekend

14 **ALUMNI GAME** (Jenison Fieldhouse) TBA

15 **TUSKEGEE** (Jenison Fieldhouse) (ESPNU) 9 p.m.

18 at Bowling Green (ESPNU) 7 p.m.

22 **TEXAS** (ESPN2) 2 p.m.

31 at Minnesota (ESPN2) 2 p.m.

JANUARY

5 **PURDUE** (BTN) 12 p.m.

10 at Iowa (ESPN/2) 7 p.m.

13 **NEBRASKA** (BTN) TBA

16 at Penn State (BTN) 7 p.m.

19 **OHIO STATE** (ESPN) 6 p.m.

22 at Wisconsin (ESPN) 7 p.m.

27 at Indiana (CBS) 1 p.m.

31 **ILLINOIS** (ESPN/ESPN2) 7 p.m.

FEBRUARY

6 **MINNESOTA** (BTN) 7 p.m.

9 at Purdue (BTN) 7 p.m.

12 **MICHIGAN** (ESPN) 9 p.m.

16 at Nebraska (BTN) 8 p.m.

19 **INDIANA** (ESPN) 7 p.m.

24 at Ohio State (TBA) TBA

MARCH

2/3 at Michigan (TBA) TBA

7 **WISCONSIN** (ESPN/ESPN2) 9 p.m.

10 **NORTHWESTERN** (TBA) TBA

14-17 Big Ten Tournament

19-20 NCAA Tournament - First Round

21-24 NCAA Tournament - Second & Third Rounds

28-31 NCAA Tournament - Regionals

APRIL

6 & 8 NCAA Final Four Atlanta, Ga.

Home games (BOLD)

Game times are Eastern Standard Time



GAME #7 - ACC/BIG TEN CHALLENGE

#13/14 MICHIGAN STATE (5-1) VS. MIAMI (3-1)

November 28, 2012 - 7:30 p.m. EST
Coral Gables, Fla. - BankUnited Center

Radio: Spartan Sports Network - Will Tieman (Play by Play), Gus Ganakas and Matt Steigenga (Color), Adam Ruff (Host)

TV: ESPN - Mark Jones (Play by Play), Jimmy Dykes (Color)

Satellite Radio: SIRIUS 113/XM 191

THE OPENING TIP

Michigan State makes its third road trip of November, traveling to Miami for the ACC/Big Ten Challenge. The Spartans have won five straight games since dropping the season opener in Germany. The Big Ten is looking to win its fourth straight challenge.

THE JUMP BALL

| | Michigan State | Miami |
|------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Record | 5-1 | 3-1 |
| Coach | Tom Izzo | Jim Larranaga |
| Career Record (Years) | 417-170 (18th) | 493-348 (29th) |
| Leading Scorer | Keith Appling (16.8) | Shane Larkin (17.3) |
| Leading Rebounder | Derrick Nix (7.7) | Reggie Johnson (10.0) |
| Leading Assists | Keith Appling (4.2) | Shane Larkin (4.5) |
| Series Record (Road) | First Meeting | |
| Last Meeting | First Meeting | |
| Series Streak | First Meeting | |

POSSIBLE MICHIGAN STATE STARTING LINEUP

| Michigan State Spartans (5-1) | Ppg. | Rpg. | Appg. | Other | |
|--|--|------|-------|-----------|-----------|
| F - #5 Adreian Payne (Jr., 6-10, 240) | 7.8 | 6.7 | 0.5 | 1.8 bpg | |
| * Scored a career-high 16 points vs. Iowa in the Big Ten Tournament and LIU Brooklyn in the NCAA Tournament ... One career double-double ... Ranks 9th in MSU career blocks (78). | | | | | |
| C - #25 Derrick Nix (Sr., 6-9, 270) | 8.0 | 7.7 | 0.7 | 2.7 orpg | |
| * Voted co-captain ... One career double-double came in his MSU debut ... Ranks tied for fourth in the Big Ten in rebounding ... Tallied double-figure rebounds twice this season. | | | | | |
| G - #22 Branden Dawson (So., 6-6, 230) | 11.3 | 6.5 | 2.0 | 3.0 spg | |
| * Recovering from ACL injury suffered in March ... MSU's leading returning rebounder ... Leads current Spartans with four career double-doubles ... Big Ten leader in steals. | | | | | |
| G - #45 Denzel Valentine (Fr., 6-5, 220) | 6.3 | 4.5 | 3.2 | 1.5 spg | |
| * Won back-to-back state titles at Lansing Sexton ... Nearly averaged a triple-double as a senior ... Started last three games ... Averaging 8.5 ppg in last four games. | | | | | |
| G - #11 Keith Appling (Jr., 6-1, 190) | 16.8 | 4.2 | 4.2 | .435 3FG% | |
| * Leading returning scorer ... In second season playing the point ... Six career 20-point game - MSU is 5-1 in those games ... Dished out career-best nine assists vs. Iowa in 2012. | | | | | |
| K E Y | G - #0 Russell Byrd (R-So., 6-7, 205) | 2.3 | 1.2 | 0.5 | 16.2 mpg |
| * Voted co-captain ... Had three surgeries on left foot between May '10 and May '11. | | | | | |
| G | G - #20 Travis Trice (So., 6-0, 170) | 3.0 | 0.0 | 1.0 | .333 3FG% |
| * Led Big Ten freshmen in 3-point FG% (.405) in 2011-12 ... Missed five straight games (concussion). | | | | | |
| S U B S | G - #3 Brandon Kearney (So., 6-5, 185) | 3.2 | 1.2 | 0.7 | .800 FT% |
| * Notched career highs in points (10) and minutes (29) vs. Louisiana. | | | | | |
| F | F - #2 Alex Gauna (R-So., 6-9, 245) | 1.7 | 0.7 | 0.3 | .500 FG% |
| * Scored a career-high 8 points twice last season ... Made first career start vs. Texas Southern. | | | | | |
| G | G - #14 Gary Harris (Fr., 6-4, 205) | 12.0 | 1.3 | 0.3 | .514 FG% |
| * 2012 McDonald's All-American ... 2012 Indiana Mr. Basketball ... Missed two games w/ shoulder sprain. | | | | | |
| F | F - #10 Matt Costello (Fr., 6-9, 245) | 2.3 | 1.3 | 0.0 | 0.5 bpg |
| * 2012 Michigan Mr. Basketball ... Made Spartan debut vs. Texas Southern. | | | | | |



Keith Appling ranks fourth in the Big Ten in scoring and fifth in assists.

2012-13 MICHIGAN STATE NUMERICAL ROSTER

| No. | Name | Pos. | Ht. | Wt. | Yr. | Hometown | High School |
|-----|------------------|------|------|-----|-------|---------------------|---------------------------|
| 0 | Russell Byrd | G | 6-7 | 205 | R-So. | Fort Wayne, Ind. | Blackhawk Christian |
| 2 | Alex Gauna | F | 6-9 | 245 | R-So. | Eaton Rapids, Mich. | Eaton Rapids |
| 3 | Brandan Kearney | G | 6-5 | 190 | So. | Detroit, Mich. | Southeastern |
| 5 | Adreian Payne | C | 6-10 | 240 | Jr. | Dayton, Ohio | Jefferson Township |
| 11 | Keith Appling | G | 6-1 | 190 | Jr. | Detroit, Mich. | Pershing |
| 14 | Gary Harris | G | 6-4 | 205 | Fr. | Fishers, Ind. | Hamilton Southeastern |
| 15 | Keenan Wetzel | G | 6-4 | 200 | R-So. | Monroe, Mich. | St. Mary Catholic Central |
| 20 | Travis Trice | G | 6-0 | 170 | So. | Huber Heights, Ohio | Wayne |
| 22 | Branden Dawson | G | 6-6 | 230 | So. | Gary, Ind. | Lew Wallace |
| 25 | Derrick Nix | C | 6-9 | 270 | Sr. | Detroit, Mich. | Pershing |
| 30 | Kenny Kaminski | F | 6-8 | 240 | Fr. | Medina, Ohio | Medina |
| 40 | Dan Chapman | G | 6-3 | 190 | Jr. | Okemos, Mich. | Okemos |
| 41 | Colby Wollenman | F | 6-7 | 225 | So. | Big Horn, Wyo. | Big Horn |
| 45 | Denzel Valentine | G | 6-5 | 220 | Fr. | Lansing, Mich. | Sexton |

Head Coach: Tom Izzo (18th season)
Associate Head Coach: Dwayne Stephens (10th season)
Assistant Coach: Mike Garland (13th season)
Assistant Coach: Dane Fife (2nd season)
Director of Basketball Operations: Kevin Pauga
Video Coordinator: Jordan Ott
Assistant Video Coordinator: Doug Herner
Athletic Trainer: Quinton Sawyer
Equipment Manager: Dave Pruder
Strength and Conditioning Coach: Mike Vorkapich

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

Alex Gauna.....GOWN-a
 Brandan Kearney.....KERR (rhymes with her)-knee

ON THIS DATE

Michigan State is 14-2 all-time on Nov. 28, including 0-1 on the road.

| Year | Site | W/L | Score | Opponent |
|------|------|-----|--------|----------------|
| 1972 | H | W | 98-96 | Toledo |
| 1977 | H | W | 68-61 | Central Mich. |
| 1980 | H | W | 89-77 | Western Mich. |
| 1981 | H | L | 79-83 | Western Mich. |
| 1986 | H | W | 99-83 | Eastern Mich. |
| 1988 | H | W | 98-68 | Furman |
| 1990 | A | L | 69-71 | Nebraska |
| 1993 | N | W | 92-69 | East Tenn. St. |
| 1995 | N | W | 75-72 | Arkansas |
| 1997 | H | W | 89-61 | Central Mich. |
| 1998 | H | W | 90-66 | Western Mich. |
| 2003 | N | W | 80-60 | Montana |
| 2007 | H | W | 81-58 | N.C. State |
| 2008 | N | W | 94-79 | Oklahoma St. |
| 2009 | N | W | 106-68 | U Mass |
| 2010 | H | W | 73-55 | Tenn. Tech |

THE STARTING FIVE

1. Big Ten/ACC Challenge History

Michigan State is 6-6 in the ACC/Big Ten Challenge and had its 2001 game against Virginia in Richmond cancelled due to unplayable wet floor conditions. The Spartans and Hurricanes have never met in challenge history. After dropping the first 10 challenges, the Big Ten has captured the last three. (Recaps on page 7)

2. Short-Handed Spartans

The Spartans have been at less than full strength for most of the season, especially in the backcourt. Travis Trice has been out of action since suffering a concussion in the season opener against Connecticut. Less than one minute into the Boise State contest, Gary Harris suffered a shoulder sprain that forced him to miss the following two games. In addition to being two of the team's top perimeter shooters, their absence has forced other players into more minutes. In particular, Keith Appling has played 116 of 120 minutes over the last three games (38.7 mpg), while Branden Dawson is averaging 28.8 minutes this season, just over eight months after ACL surgery.

3. Too Many Turnovers

One early area of concern for Michigan State is the number of turnovers, as the Spartans are averaging 16.5 per game, including 20 in each of the last two games. MSU's primary ballhandler Keith Appling, however, is averaging just 2.5 per contest despite averaging more than 36 minutes, posting a 1.7 assist-to-turnover ratio.

4. Spartan Defense

The 2011-12 season was one of Michigan State's best defensive efforts on record. The Spartans ranked second in the nation, allowing opponents to shoot .379 from the field, the lowest percentage by Spartan opponents since 1957-58 (.343). In addition, MSU ranked No. 15 in the nation in scoring defense (59.3 ppg) and 3-point field-goal percentage defense (.299). This season, MSU is allowing opponents to shoot .373 from the field, including .283 from 3-point range, ranking third in the Big Ten.

5. There's An App For That

Keith Appling entered the season as Michigan State's leading returning scorer and assist distributor, and the junior guard has picked up right where he left off in 2011-12. Through six games, Appling leads the Spartans in scoring (16.8 ppg - 4th Big Ten) and assists (4.2 apg - 5th Big Ten). One area where Appling has improved over last season is his outside shooting, as he is shooting .435 (10-of-23) from 3-point range, compared to .250 (24-of-96) in 2011-12. His play has not gone unnoticed by his head coach, as Tom Izzo remarked "I'm not an easy guy to please. But I'm really excited for him and proud of him for what he's doing right now in an incredible way."



Tom Izzo and Jim Larranaga have split the two career meetings.

TALE OF THE TAPE - MSU/UM STAT BREAKDOWNS

| Category | MSU | UM |
|-------------------------|------|------|
| Scoring Offense | 67.5 | 72.0 |
| Scoring Defense | 58.8 | 65.2 |
| Scoring Margin | +8.7 | +6.8 |
| Field Goal Pct. | .476 | .474 |
| Field Goal Pct. Defense | .373 | .422 |
| 3Pt. FG Pct. | .279 | .311 |
| 3Pt. FG Pct. Defense | .283 | .340 |
| Free Throw Pct. | .735 | .677 |
| Rebound Margin | +9.7 | +4.5 |
| Turnovers per game | 16.5 | 14.3 |

POSSIBLE MIAMI STARTING LINEUP

| Miami Hurricanes (3-1) | Ppg. | Rpg. | Apq. | Other |
|--|------|------|------|-----------|
| F - #35 Kenny Kadji (Sr., 6-11, 242) | 11.5 | 8.8 | 2.5 | 1.0 bpg |
| C - #42 Reggie Johnson (Sr., 6-10, 292) | 11.7 | 10.0 | 1.7 | 1.0 bpg |
| G - #1 Durand Scott (Sr., 6-5, 203) | 15.0 | 5.0 | 3.0 | .667 FG% |
| G - #4 Trey McKinney Jones (Sr., 6-5, 220) | 11.5 | 4.0 | 2.0 | .353 3FG% |
| G - #0 Shane Larkin (So., 5-11, 176) | 17.3 | 3.3 | 4.5 | .444 3FG% |

MSU VS. MIAMI NOTES

Series History

This is the first ever meeting between Michigan State and Miami.

Coach Larranaga

Jim Larranaga (Providence, '71) is 493-348 in 29 seasons as a collegiate head coach, including 23-14 in two seasons at Miami. Prior to directing the Hurricane program, Larranaga spent 14 seasons at George Mason, posting a 273-164 record, including guiding the Patriots to the 2006 Final Four, beginning the run with a 75-65 win over Michigan State. His head coaching career also includes an 11-year stint at Bowling Green (1987-97) and two seasons at American International (1977-79). Larranaga is 3-3 in his career against Michigan State, posting a 2-2 mark at Bowling Green and 1-1 at George Mason.

Hurricane Notes

Miami is one of the bigger teams that Michigan State will face, likely starting two players 6-foot-10 or taller, and another two at 6-foot-5 ... Miami has shot better than 50 percent in all three home games this season ... Senior guard Durand Scott missed the first three games of the season due to an NCAA suspension, but returned to score 15 points in the last game against Detroit ... Senior center Reggie Johnson is averaging a double-double at 11.7 points and 10.0 rebounds per contest.

GM. 6 RECAP • MICHIGAN STATE 63 - LOUISIANA 60

Playing for the fourth time in eight days, Michigan State held off a late run by Louisiana, emerging with a 63-60 victory. The Ragin' Cajuns got off to a hot start and held a 20-13 lead midway through the first half. The Spartans answered with a 10-1 run to take a 23-21 lead, capped by back-to-back 3-pointers from Russell Byrd and Brandan Kearney. At the half, MSU has pushed its lead up to six points at 33-27. The Spartans led by as many as 10 points in the half, and held a 60-50 lead with 3:09 remaining. However, they committed three turnovers in the final 2:27, facilitating a Cajun comeback. The final turnover resulted in a transition layup for UL, cutting MSU's lead to two points at 62-60 with 51 seconds remaining. On MSU's next possession, Adreian Payne missed a layup, giving the ball back to the Cajuns with the chance to tie or take the lead. UL missed a shot and Branden Dawson left above everyone to pull down the rebound. He hit the front end of a one-and-one pushing the lead to three, and the Cajuns missed a 3-pointer at the buzzer as MSU escaped with the victory.

MSU VS. LOUISIANA NOTES

- * All nine Spartans that played scored.
- * MSU improved to 3-1 in games decided by five points or less.
- * The Spartans scored a season-high 18 points from the foul line.
- * Keith Appling led the Spartans in scoring for the fifth time through the first six games.
- * Adreian Payne notched his first double-figure rebounding effort (10) of the season.
- * Brandan Kearney recorded career highs in points (10) and minutes (29).
- * Tom Izzo improved to 49-0 all-time at home in November.
- * The Spartans recorded the 100th November victory in program history.

MSU VS. MIAMI

Series Quick Facts

Overall: First Meeting

Michigan State has out-rebounded all six opponents this season.

Big Ten Conference Standings
(Through games of Nov. 25)

| | Big Ten | | Overall | |
|-----------------------|---------|------|---------|-------|
| | W-L | Pct. | W-L | Pct. |
| Illinois | 0-0 | --- | 7-0 | 1.000 |
| Indiana | 0-0 | --- | 6-0 | 1.000 |
| Northwestern | 0-0 | --- | 6-0 | 1.000 |
| Michigan | 0-0 | --- | 5-0 | 1.000 |
| Ohio State | 0-0 | --- | 4-0 | 1.000 |
| Minnesota | 0-0 | --- | 6-1 | .857 |
| Iowa | 0-0 | --- | 5-1 | .833 |
| Michigan State | 0-0 | --- | 5-1 | .833 |
| Nebraska | 0-0 | --- | 4-1 | .800 |
| Wisconsin | 0-0 | --- | 4-2 | .667 |
| Penn State | 0-0 | --- | 3-2 | .600 |
| Purdue | 0-0 | --- | 2-3 | .400 |

Big Ten Conference Schedule
Nov. 26 - Dec. 2 (All Times Eastern)

Tuesday, Nov. 27

Minnesota at Florida State, 7:15 p.m.
Iowa at Virginia Tech, 7:15 p.m.
NC State at Michigan, 7:30 p.m.
Maryland at Northwestern, 9:15 p.m.
Nebraska at Wake Forest, 9:15 p.m.
North Carolina at Indiana, 9:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 28

Virginia at Wisconsin, 7 p.m.
Purdue at Clemson, 7:15 p.m.
Michigan State at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
Georgia Tech at Illinois, 9 p.m.
Boston College at Penn State, 9:15 p.m.
Ohio State at Duke, 9:30 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 1

Nicholls State at Michigan State, 12 p.m.
Texas A&M-Corpus Christi at Iowa, 1 p.m.
Penn at Penn State, 2 p.m.
North Florida at Minnesota, 2 p.m.
Illinois-Chicago at Northwestern, 2 p.m.
Xavier at Purdue, 2:15 p.m.
Michigan at Bradley, 4 p.m.
Northern Kentucky at Ohio State, 4:30 p.m.
Coppin State at Indiana, 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 2

California at Wisconsin, 4 p.m.

MSU BASKETBALL NOTES

It's All About Boardwork

Michigan State has led the nation in rebounding in four of the last 13 seasons (2000, 2001, 2009, 2010), ranking in the Top 10 eight times and the Top 25 on 11 occasions. MSU has led the Big Ten in rebounding in 12 of the last 15 years. In the Tom Izzo era, MSU has out-rebounded 451 of 587 opponents (.768), posting a 357-94 (.792) mark in those games. The Spartans have out-rebounded all six opponents this season, posting a +9.7 margin, including averaging 11.3 offensive rebounds per game.

Harris Out Of Action

Gary Harris suffered a shoulder sprain in the first defensive possession of the game against Boise State, and has missed the last two games. Prior to the BSU contest, he was MSU's leading scorer, averaging 16.0 points through three games. He was just the third freshman in MSU history to score in double figures in each of his first three games.

Searching For A Rotation

Michigan State has used four different starting lineups through the season's first six games, as the Spartans work with different combinations. Nine players are averaging more than 16 minutes per game, and 11 are averaging six minutes or more. Finding a rotation is a chore for the Spartan coaching staff that's been made even more difficult due to injuries to Travis Trice, Matt Costello and Gary Harris. In fact, MSU has not had its full allotment of scholarship players available for any game, including exhibitions.

Payne's Efficiency

Junior center Adreian Payne ranks third in the Big Ten with a .655 field-goal percentage (19-of-29). Payne is averaging 7.8 points and 6.7 rebounds. The main thing limiting Payne's production is foul trouble, as he's played more than 20 minutes in just two games, averaging 9.0 points and 9.5 rebounds in those contests. In the other four games, Payne picked up two first-half fouls and had to sit for large stretches.

In The Paint

Michigan State has out-scored its opponents in the paint by an average of 35.7-25.0, out-scoring four of its six opponents. MSU has dominated the paint in two of its last four games, out-scoring Texas Southern, 46-10, and Oakland, 40-16.

Spartans Shooting Better

Michigan State got off to a cold shooting start this season, failing to shoot better than 39 percent in either half in the opener against Connecticut. In the 10 halves of basketball that have followed, the Spartans have shot 50 percent or better six times. Through the first six games, MSU is shooting .476 from the field, ranking fourth in the Big Ten. Individually, Adreian Payne ranks third in the conference at .655 (19-of-29).

Nix Attacks The Glass

Derrick Nix leads the Spartans and ranks tied for fourth in the Big Ten in rebounding, averaging 7.7 caroms per contest. Nix grabbed a career-high 14 rebounds in his Spartan debut three seasons ago, but did not record double figures in rebounds again until the 2012-13 season opener when he collected 11 boards against Connecticut. Two games later, he equalled the 11-board effort against Texas Southern.

SIX FINAL FOURS IN LAST 14 YEARS



* Michigan State is the only team to have appeared in six of the last 14 Final Fours and just the fourth school in NCAA history to appear in six Final Fours in any 12-year period. The other schools are Duke, North Carolina, and UCLA.

* Every four-year player recruited by Tom Izzo has appeared in at least one Final Four before leaving Michigan State.



Six Big Ten teams are currently ranked in the Associated Press Top 25.

Dawson Gets Defensive

Branden Dawson has recorded 18 steals through the first six games of the season (3.0 spg), pacing the Big Ten. As a freshman, Dawson collected 29 steals in 31 games. For comparison, Draymond Green led the 2011-12 Spartans with 54 steals.

MSU In November

Michigan State has an all-time record of 100-29 in games played in the month of November. This includes a 71-3 mark at home. The last team to beat MSU at home in November was a David Robinson-led Navy squad that bested the Spartans, 91-90, in overtime on Nov. 29, 1986. Tom Izzo is 49-0 all-time at home in November.

Appling Takes Over

In three of Michigan State's five wins, Keith Appling has made key plays down the stretch to secure a Spartan victory. Against Kansas, Appling scored five points in the final 1:36, first hitting a 3-pointer to give MSU a four-point lead, and then connecting on an acrobatic driving layup with 14 seconds left to give MSU a 67-64 win. He scored 16 of his 19 points in the second half against the Jayhawks. Against Boise State, with MSU leading by two points in the final minute, Appling hit another driving layup with 14 seconds left again, this time converting on a three-point play to give MSU a 73-68 advantage. With six seconds left, he hit one of two free throws to secure the win. Against Oakland, with the Golden Grizzlies having cut the lead to four points with under seven minutes left, Appling knocked down a 3-pointer to spark a 15-1 run to close the game.

Freshman Contributions

Freshmen Gary Harris and Denzel Valentine have made key contributions early in their Spartan careers. Harris ranks second on the squad in scoring (12.0 ppg), and fifth in minutes (22.8 mpg). Valentine also has made his mark, ranking second in assists (3.2 apg), second in blocks (0.8 bpg), fourth in rebounds (4.5 rpg) and fourth in minutes (24.8 mpg).

Second-Chance Points

Michigan State is outscoring opponents, 71-50, in second-chance points for the season. That's an average of +3.5 points per game (11.8-8.3). The Spartans are averaging 11.3 offensive boards per game. MSU has 68 offensive rebounds on the year compared to 116 defensive rebounds for its opponents, good for an offensive rebound percentage of .370.

Playing The Best

Since the 1997-98 season, the year of Michigan State's first of 15 straight trips to the NCAA Tournament, the Spartans have played 164 games against ranked opponents. That total ranks first among teams that have appeared in a Final Four since then. The Spartans are followed by North Carolina (151), Kentucky (147), Duke (144) and Connecticut (137). (Through Nov. 25)

Frequent Flier Miles

With trips to Ramstein Air Base (vs. Connecticut), Atlanta (vs. Kansas) and Miami, Michigan State will travel nearly 12,000 miles in the month of November. In fact, the Spartans had flown more than 9500 miles prior to their home opener.

Big Ten Strength

Once again, the Big Ten will make a strong claim as the toughest conference in college basketball. Indiana (No. 1), Michigan (No. 3), Ohio State (No. 4), Michigan State (No. 13), Minnesota (No. 21), and Illinois (No. 22) are all ranked in the most recent Associated Press Top 25 (Nov. 26), while Wisconsin received votes. To make matters more difficult for MSU, the Spartans will play a combined 11 games against those six teams during conference play. Michigan State's single plays are at Iowa and Penn State, and hosting Illinois and Northwestern. Last season, eight of the 12 league teams participated in the postseason, including five teams in the NCAA Tournament.

Another Tough Start

Last year, MSU opened the schedule with back-to-back games against ranked opponents for the first time in school history. While that won't be the case this season, the start of the year is no less formidable. The Spartans open the season in Germany, playing UConn at Ramstein Air Base in the Armed Forces Classic on Nov. 9. Four days later, the Spartans will play No. 7 Kansas, the 2012 National Runner-Up, in the Champions Classic in Atlanta, Ga. This is the first time since 1918-19 and 1919-20 that Michigan State will open the season with two games away from East Lansing in back-to-back seasons.

MSU'S RECORD IN 2012-13 WHEN:

At home: 4-0

On road: 0-0

Neutral: 1-1

Leading at the half: 4-0

Trailing at the half: 1-1

Tied at halftime: 0-0

Shoot 50% or above from field: 3-0

Shoot less than 50% from field: 2-1

Opp. shoots 50% or above: 1-0

Opp. shoots less than 50%: 4-1

MSU outshoots opp.: 5-0

Opp. outshoots MSU: 0-1

Both teams shoot same from floor: 0-0

MSU outrebounds opp.: 5-1

Opp. outrebounds MSU: 0-0

Rebounds are equal: 0-0

MSU has more turnovers: 4-1

Opp. has more turnovers: 1-0

Turnovers are equal: 0-0

Game decided by 1-5 pts: 3-1

Game decided by 6-10 pts: 0-0

Game decided by 11-15 pts: 0-0

Game decided by 16+ pts: 2-0

MSU scores less than 60 pts: 0-0

MSU scores 60-69 pts: 3-1

MSU scores 70-79 pts: 2-0

MSU scores 80+ pts: 0-0

MSU allows less than 60 pts: 2-0

MSU allows 60-69 pts: 2-1

MSU allows 70-79 pts: 1-0

MSU allows 80+ pts: 0-0

MSU in overtime: 0-0

One MSU player scores 10+: 0-0

Two MSU players score 10+: 1-0

Three MSU players score 10+: 2-1

Four MSU players score 10+: 2-0

Five MSU players score 10+: 0-0

Six MSU players score 10+: 0-0

In November: 5-1

In December: 0-0

In January: 0-0

In February: 0-0

In March: 0-0

On Sunday: 2-0

On Monday: 0-0

On Tuesday: 2-0

On Wednesday: 0-0

On Thursday: 0-0

On Friday: 1-1

On Saturday: 0-0

Day Games: 2-0

Night Games: 3-1

Michigan State has won at least a share of the Big Ten title in three of the last four years.

**The Associated Press
Top 25 (Nov. 26)**

| Team | Pts |
|--------------------------|-------|
| 1. Indiana (47) | 1,606 |
| 2. Duke (18) | 1,554 |
| 3. Michigan | 1,421 |
| 4. Ohio State | 1,416 |
| 5. Louisville | 1,347 |
| 6. Syracuse | 1,323 |
| 7. Florida | 1,227 |
| 8. Kentucky | 1,180 |
| 9. Arizona | 1,076 |
| 10. Kansas | 937 |
| 11. Creighton | 926 |
| 12. Gonzaga | 854 |
| 13. Michigan State | 818 |
| 14. North Carolina | 718 |
| 15. Oklahoma State | 668 |
| 16. Missouri | 665 |
| 17. Cincinnati | 571 |
| 18. North Carolina State | 553 |
| 19. Colorado | 478 |
| 20. Georgetown | 257 |
| 21. Minnesota | 197 |
| 22. Illinois | 185 |
| 23. San Diego State | 182 |
| 24. UNLV | 175 |
| 25. New Mexico | 141 |

**ESPN/USA Today
Top 25 (Nov. 26)**

| Team | Pts |
|--------------------------|-----|
| 1. Indiana (27) | 769 |
| 2. Duke | 723 |
| 3. Michigan | 691 |
| 4. Ohio State | 689 |
| 5. Syracuse | 630 |
| 6. Louisville | 615 |
| 7. Florida | 573 |
| 8. Kentucky | 557 |
| 9. Arizona | 520 |
| 10. Kansas | 484 |
| 11. Creighton | 463 |
| 12. Gonzaga | 440 |
| 13. North Carolina | 355 |
| 14. Michigan State | 320 |
| 15. Missouri | 319 |
| 16. Cincinnati | 295 |
| 17. Oklahoma State | 261 |
| 18. North Carolina State | 240 |
| 19. Colorado | 172 |
| 20. UNLV | 144 |
| 21. San Diego State | 139 |
| 22. Illinois | 103 |
| 23. New Mexico | 68 |
| 24. UCLA | 62 |
| 25. Georgetown | 56 |

MSU By Week

| Date | AP | Coaches |
|-----------|----|---------|
| Preseason | 14 | 14 |
| Nov. 12 | 21 | 22 |
| Nov. 19 | 15 | 19 |
| Nov. 26 | 13 | 14 |

Payne's Block Party

Junior center Adreian Payne ranks ninth in MSU history with 78 career blocks. Paul Davis is eighth on the career list with 87 blocks. Earlier this season, Payne equalled his career high with four blocks against Kansas.

Returning Productivity

Michigan State returns four of its top six scorers and 10 of its top 13 scorers from last season. The Spartans return 58.6% of their minutes, 57.6% percent of their scoring, 51.7% of their rebounding, and 54.8% percent of their assists. Keith Appling was the only player to start all 37 games last year, while Adreian Payne (36) and Branden Dawson (31) also started more than 30 contests. In addition, Derrick Nix entered the year having started 18 games in his career. On the other hand, however, only five Spartans entered the season having played more than 350 minutes in their time at MSU.

Spartan Captains

Senior Derrick Nix and red-shirt sophomore Russell Byrd will serve as team captains during the 2012-13 season. They were chosen by a vote of their teammates, and Tom Izzo made the announcement at MSU Men's Basketball Media Day on October 9.

More Non-Conference Highlights

The games against Connecticut and Kansas to open the season get a bulk of the attention, but there are other highlights throughout the non-conference schedule. Michigan State will travel to Miami for the ACC/Big Ten Challenge on Nov. 28. The highlight of the home schedule is a game against Texas on Dec. 22. In addition, MSU is returning to Jenison Field House for the first time since 1989, hosting Tuskegee on Dec. 15, while also celebrating the 50th anniversary season of the "Game of Change" contest between Mississippi State and Loyola in the 1963 NCAA Tournament at Jenison.

Freshman Class

Michigan State welcomes a talented and decorated class to the team in 2012-13. Gary Harris was a 2012 McDonald's All-American, and the recipient of the Indianapolis Star Indiana Mr. Basketball award, averaging 25.4 points at Hamilton Southeastern. Matt Costello was the Hal Schram Michigan Mr. Basketball Award winner after averaging 25 points and 19 rebounds as a senior at Bay City Western. Denzel Valentine led Lansing Sexton to back-to-back Class B state championships, and was the 2012 Associated Press Class B Player of the Year after nearly averaging a triple-double with 14 points, 11 rebounds and nine assists. Kenny Kaminski missed most of his senior season at Medina with a shoulder injury, but returned in time to lead his team to the Elite Eight of the state tournament. Harris, Costello and Valentine all are expected to contribute this year, while a different shoulder injury makes Kaminski a possible redshirt candidate.

Big Ten Success

Michigan State has captured at least a share of the Big Ten Championship in three of the last four seasons. After winning the title outright in 2009, the Spartans shared the conference crown in 2010 and 2012. Last season, MSU also added a Big Ten Tournament title to its resume. During Tom Izzo's tenure, the Spartans have won seven regular-season titles and three tournament crowns.

Spartan Strong

Michigan State has a reputation for being a strong, physical team and the numbers back it up. Twelve players on MSU's roster can leg press over 700 pounds, with Derrick Nix leading the way with 1100 pounds. Since his arrival on campus, Keith Appling has increased his leg press by 315 pounds under the direction of Strength and Conditioning Coach Mike Vorkapich. Collectively, the Spartans can leg press 6 tons - the equivalent of three cars or one African elephant. In terms of upper body strength, Nix leads the way once again, bench pressing the NBA testing standard of 185 pounds 22 times. Gary Harris is the strongest of the guards, ranking tied with Alex Gauna for second on the team with 19 repetitions.

Athletes Too

In addition to their strength, the Spartans have also proven to be incredibly athletic, leading to the up-tempo pace Michigan State desires to play this season. When Coach Izzo recruited Adreian Payne, he called Payne the most athletic big man he's ever coached. He wasn't exaggerating as Payne holds the Izzo-era record for a standing vertical jump (no step) at 38 inches. Given a running start, three players can elevate greater than 40 inches: Keith Appling (42"), Adreian Payne (41"), and Travis Trice (40.5").



ACC/BIG TEN CHALLENGE NOTES

Challenge History

This is the 14th season of the ACC/Big Ten Challenge. Michigan State is 6-6 in the challenge and had its 2001 game against Virginia in Richmond cancelled due to unplayable wet floor conditions. The Big Ten has won the challenge the last three seasons.

Dec. 1, 1999 - MSU 86 - North Carolina 76 - Chapel Hill, N.C.

Morris Peterson scored 31 points to hand the Tar Heels their first loss in a home opener since 1928. All-American Mateen Cleaves missed the game with a stress fracture in his foot.

Nov. 29, 2000 - MSU 77 - North Carolina 64 - East Lansing, Mich.

Jason Richardson led MSU with 16 points and Charlie Bell tallied 15 points, seven rebounds and five assists, while holding UNC All-American Joseph Forte 11 points below his scoring average.

Nov. 28, 2001 - MSU vs. Virginia (Cancelled) - Richmond, Va.

The game was halted at the 15:04 mark of the second half due to unplayable floor conditions as unseasonably warm temperatures caused a steady supply of moisture to collect on the court laid over a sheet of ice used by a minor league hockey team.

Dec. 4, 2002 - MSU 82 - Virginia 75 - East Lansing, Mich.

Michigan State used a 17-0 first-half run to take control of the contest, as Chris Hill led four Spartans in double figures with 22 points.

Dec. 3, 2003 - Duke 72 - MSU 50 - East Lansing, Mich.

Duke out-shot MSU, 59.2%-40.0%, from the field and the Spartans committed 20 turnovers, including 17 in the first half.

Nov. 30, 2004 - Duke 81 - MSU 74 - Durham, N.C.

J.J. Redick and Daniel Ewing each scored 29 points for Duke, including a combined 35 in the first half. MSU pulled within a single point in the final three minutes, but could not overcome shooting 9-of-18 at the foul line in the second half.

Nov. 30, 2005 - MSU 88 - Georgia Tech 86 - East Lansing, Mich.

Paul Davis scored 19 of his 22 points in the second half, but Georgia Tech hit five 3-pointers in the final 1:26 and nearly rallied from a 10-point deficit. Shannon Brown also scored 22 for MSU.

Nov. 29, 2006 - Boston College 65 - MSU 58 - Boston, Mass.

Boston College turned 17 offensive rebounds into 21 second-chance points and held off a late Spartan run to take the victory.

Nov. 28, 2007 - MSU 81 - North Carolina State 58 - East Lansing, Mich.

Goran Suton's 16-point, 12-rebound double-double led the Spartans, as Michigan State jumped to a 41-19 halftime lead and cruised to victory.

Dec. 3, 2008 - North Carolina 98 - MSU 63 - Detroit, Mich.

North Carolina turned 22 MSU turnovers into 27 points and the Spartans shot just 20 percent in the second half, including connecting on just 1-of-14 shots from 3-point range. Raymar Morgan scored 21 to lead MSU.

Dec. 1, 2009 - North Carolina 89 - MSU 82 - Chapel Hill, N.C.

North Carolina led by as many as 19 points in the second half, but MSU battled back to within six points and possession of the ball with 90 seconds left. The Spartans, however, were hampered by poor shooting as MSU shot just 2-of-20 from 3-point range. UNC out-shot MSU, 57.9%-43.0%.

Dec. 1, 2010 - Duke 84 - MSU 79 - Durham, N.C.

Freshman Kyrie Irving scored 31 points to lead Duke past MSU. The Spartans shot 49.2 percent from the field and 52.9 percent from 3-point range, but couldn't overcome 20 turnovers, resulting in 28 Blue Devil points. MSU almost stole a victory thanks in part to 16 offensive rebounds, resulting in 18 second-chance points.

Nov. 30, 2011 - MSU 65 - Florida State 49 - East Lansing, Mich.

The Spartans used a 12-2 run midway through the second half to take a 51-42 lead en route to a 16-point victory. Keith Appling had a dominating 24-point, seven rebound effort, and Brandon Wood added 16 points, 10 rebounds and five assists. In fact, Appling, Wood and Draymond Green (16 points), out-scored FSU, 56-49. Green recorded his 1,000th career point in the contest.

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|---------------------|--------------------------|
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| Benton Harbor | WCSY-FM 103.7 |
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| Escanaba..... | WUPF-FM 107.3 |
| Flint..... | WWCK-AM 1570 |
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THE BOOK ON TOM IZZO

- * *Eight-Time National Coach of the Year*
- * *One NCAA, Seven Big Ten & Three Big Ten Tournament titles*
- * *Six Final Four appearances*
- * *Three-Time Big Ten Coach of the Year*
- * *15 straight NCAA Tournament appearances*
- * *13 NBA Draft Picks, including six first rounders*
- * *Seven All-Americans - Two Academic All-Americans*
- * *Graduates 80% of players that complete eligibility*
- * *Longest serving active Big Ten men's basketball coach*

- * *One of five coaches in Big Ten history with seven league titles.*
- * *MSU's all-time winningest coach*
- * *12 20-win seasons*

Coach Izzo

In his 18th year, Tom Izzo (Northern Michigan, '77) is 417-170 (.710), and 196-90 (.689) in the Big Ten, as the coach of the Michigan State basketball program. He ranks as the winningest coach in Michigan State history, having passed his mentor Jud Heathcote with his 341st career victory on Nov. 28, 2009. In his 17 seasons as a head coach, Izzo has captured eight National Coach of the Year awards, including the Clair Bee Award in 2005 and NABC honors in 2001 and 2012. In 1999, Izzo was named National Coach of the year by Basketball Times, while earning similar honors from The Associated Press, Basketball News and the USBWA in '98. He also earned National Coach of the Year accolades from CBSSports.com in 2012. He earned Big Ten Coach of the Year honors in 1998, 2009 and 2012.

Among The Big Ten's Best

Tom Izzo's .685 winning percentage in Big Ten games ranks third all-time among league coaches with at least 10 years of service, behind Wisconsin's Bo Ryan (.710), and former Indiana coach Bob Knight (.700), and ahead of former Purdue coach Ward Lambert (.685). In all games, Knight ranks first at .734, followed by Ryan (.725), Wisconsin's Walter Meanwell (.712), Izzo (.710) and Lambert (.709). With 196 conference victories, Izzo ranks sixth all-time.

Izzo Among Best Ever

Through his first 17 seasons, Tom Izzo won 412 games, ranking tied for second in college basketball history for most wins by a college coach in his first 17 years.

Izzo's Coaching Tree

Five current Division I head coaches all served as assistants to Tom Izzo, including Tom Crean (Indiana), Brian Gregory (Georgia Tech), Stan Heath (South Florida), Mark Montgomery (Northern Illinois) and Doug Wojcik (College of Charleston). Mike Garland served as head coach at Cleveland State for three seasons and Stan Joplin, an assistant during Izzo's first season, spent 12 seasons as head coach at Toledo. Jim Boylen was head coach at Utah for four years.

IZZO CAREER COACHING RECORD

| Year | Overall | Pct. | Big Ten | Pct. | Finish | Postseason |
|-----------------|----------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|--------|-------------------|
| 1995-96 | 16-16 | .500 | 9-9 | .500 | 7th | NIT Second Round |
| 1996-97 | 17-12 | .586 | 9-9 | .500 | T-6th | NIT Second Round |
| 1997-98 | 22-8 | .733 | 13-3 | .813 | T-1st | NCAA Sweet 16 |
| 1998-99 | 33-5 | .868 | 15-1 | .938 | 1st | NCAA Final Four |
| 1999-2000 | 32-7 | .821 | 13-3 | .813 | T-1st | NCAA Champion |
| 2000-01 | 28-5 | .848 | 13-3 | .813 | T-1st | NCAA Final Four |
| 2001-02 | 19-12 | .613 | 10-6 | .625 | 5th | NCAA First Round |
| 2002-03 | 22-13 | .629 | 10-6 | .625 | T-3rd | NCAA Elite Eight |
| 2003-04 | 18-12 | .600 | 12-4 | .750 | T-2nd | NCAA First Round |
| 2004-05 | 26-7 | .788 | 13-3 | .813 | 2nd | NCAA Final Four |
| 2005-06 | 22-12 | .647 | 8-8 | .500 | T-6th | NCAA First Round |
| 2006-07 | 23-12 | .657 | 8-8 | .500 | T-7th | NCAA Second Round |
| 2007-08 | 27-9 | .750 | 12-6 | .667 | 4th | NCAA Sweet 16 |
| 2008-09 | 31-7 | .816 | 15-3 | .833 | 1st | NCAA Runner Up |
| 2009-10 | 28-9 | .757 | 14-4 | .778 | T-1st | NCAA Final Four |
| 2010-11 | 19-15 | .559 | 9-9 | .500 | t-4th | NCAA Second Round |
| 2011-12 | 29-8 | .784 | 13-5 | .722 | T-1st | NCAA Sweet 16 |
| 2012-13 | 5-1 | .833 | 0-0 | --- | | |
| 18 Years | 417-170 | .710 | 196-90 | .685 | | |

Highest NCAA Tournament Winning Percentage - Active

| Coach | Pct. (W-L) |
|--------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Mike Krzyzewski | .767 (79-24) |
| 2. Roy Williams | .753 (61-20) |
| 3. Billy Donovan | .737 (28-10) |
| 4. Brad Stevens | .733 (11-4) |
| 5. Tom Izzo | .725 (37-14) |

Most Final Four Appearances - Active

| Coach | Appearances |
|--------------------|-------------|
| 1. Mike Krzyzewski | 11 |
| 2. Roy Williams | 7 |
| 3. Tom Izzo | 6 |
| Rick Pitino | 6 |

Most Consecutive NCAA Tournament Appearances - Active Streak

| Coach | Appearances |
|--------------------|-------------|
| 1. Rick Barnes | 17 |
| Mike Krzyzewski | 17 |
| 3. Tom Izzo | 15 |

Most Wins In First 17 Seasons

| Coach | Wins |
|--------------------|------------|
| 1. Roy Williams | 470 |
| 2. Tom Izzo | 412 |
| Denny Crum | 412 |

Big Ten Conference Games Winning Percentage

| Coach | Pct. (W-L) |
|--------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. Bo Ryan (UW) | .710 (132-54) |
| 2. Bob Knight (IND) | .700 (353-151) |
| 3. Tom Izzo (MSU) | .685 (196-90) |
| 4. Ward Lambert (PUR) | .685 (228-105) |

Career Big Ten Victories

| Coach | Wins |
|---------------------------|------------|
| 1. Bob Knight (IND) | 353 |
| 2. Gene Keady (PUR) | 265 |
| 3. Ward Lambert (PUR) | 228 |
| 4. Lou Henson (ILL) | 214 |
| 5. Branch McCracken (IND) | 210 |
| 6. Tom Izzo (MSU) | 196 |
| 7. Jud Heathcote (MSU) | 182 |

Notable Izzo Wins

- Win #1:** vs. Chaminade (69-66), 11/20/95
- Big Ten Win #1:** vs. Indiana (65-60), 1/4/96
- Win #100:** vs. Indiana (77-71 OT), 1/11/2000
- Win #200:** vs. Iowa (89-72), 2/4/2004
- Big Ten Win #100:** vs. Minnesota (69-58), 2/14/2004
- Win #232*:** vs. Duke (78-68), 3/25/2005
- Win #300:** vs. Iowa (66-52), 2/23/2008
- Win #341**:** vs. UMass (106-68), 11/28/2009
- Win #400:** vs. Minnesota (68-52), 1/25/2012

- * Became MSU's second-winningest coach
- ** Became MSU's all-time winningest coach





CONNECTICUT 66
#14/14 MICHIGAN STATE 62



#21/22 MICHIGAN STATE 67
#7/7 KANSAS 64



#21/22 MICHIGAN STATE 69
TEXAS SOUTHERN 41

#1 Nov. 9, 2012 • Ramstein A.B., Germany Hangar 5

Key Stat: First-Half FG Percentage
MSU-38.2%; UCONN-58.6%

Quotable: "They (the military) did their job, and we didn't do our job. So I still love them to death and I spent as much time as I could with them. But I don't love us as much right now because we did not come out and play like the military works, and that disappoints me."
- MSU coach Tom Izzo

Key Moment: MSU had battled back from a 16-point first-half deficit to take a 58-56 lead with 5:43 remaining, but UConn hit back-to-back 3-pointers to retake a lead it would not give up.

Notes: Branden Dawson recorded his fourth career double-double, leading all Spartans ... Derrick Nix grabbed 11 rebounds, his first double-figure effort since his Spartan debut ... The Spartans grabbed nearly 50 percent of their misses, recording 20 offensive rebounds, compared to just 22 defensive boards for the Huskies, resulting in 15-1 edge in second-chance points ... Connecticut hit 14 of its first 17 shots, and just 11 of its final 37 ... Gary Harris scored 11 points in his Spartan debut, nine of which came in the second half. The 11 points are tied for the 11th-best debut by a Spartan freshman ... Denzel Valentine grabbed eight rebounds, the fifth-best debut for a Spartan freshman.

| Michigan State | FG | 3FG | FT | O-D-R | PF | PTS | A | T | B | S | MIN |
|-------------------|-------|------|-------|----------|----|-----|---|----|---|---|-----|
| Adreian Payne, f | 2-2 | 0-0 | 2-2 | 0-2-2 | 3 | 6 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 15 |
| Branden Dawson, f | 7-17 | 0-0 | 1-2 | 8-2-10 | 2 | 15 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 5 | 34 |
| Derrick Nix, c | 1-5 | 0-0 | 4-6 | 7-4-11 | 0 | 6 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 27 |
| Keith Appling, g | 7-17 | 2-5 | 1-1 | 0-3-3 | 3 | 17 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 35 |
| Gary Harris, g | 4-13 | 1-7 | 2-2 | 1-1-2 | 3 | 11 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 30 |
| Russell Byrd | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 1-0-1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 10 |
| Alex Gauna | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0-0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Brandan Kearney | 0-1 | 0-1 | 0-0 | 0-1-1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 6 |
| Travis Trice | 1-5 | 1-3 | 0-0 | 0-0-0 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 18 |
| Denzel Valentine | 2-4 | 0-1 | 0-0 | 0-8-8 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 24 |
| Team | | | | 3-2-5 | | | | | | | |
| Totals | 24-64 | 4-17 | 10-13 | 20-23-43 | 15 | 62 | 9 | 15 | 3 | 9 | 200 |

Total FG% 1st: 13-34 (38.2%) 2nd: 11-30 (36.7%) Game: 37.5%
3-Pt FG% 1st: 2-7 (28.6%) 2nd: 2-10 (20.0%) Game: 23.5%
F Throw% 1st: 5-8 (62.5%) 2nd: 5-5 (100%) Game: 76.9%

| Connecticut | FG | 3FG | FT | O-D-R | PF | PTS | A | T | B | S | MIN |
|--------------------|-------|------|-------|---------|----|-----|----|----|----|----|-----|
| Deandre Daniels, f | 4-8 | 1-2 | 3-4 | 2-6-8 | 2 | 12 | 0 | 5 | 3 | 1 | 32 |
| Tyler Olander, f | 2-6 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 2-4-6 | 2 | 4 | 4 | 1 | 4 | 2 | 28 |
| Ryan Boatright, g | 6-12 | 1-2 | 0-0 | 0-4-4 | 1 | 13 | 4 | 2 | 0 | 5 | 30 |
| Shabazz Napier, g | 8-16 | 3-7 | 6-6 | 0-0-0 | 2 | 25 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 32 |
| Omar Calhoun, g | 0-2 | 0-1 | 1-2 | 1-1-2 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 25 |
| Enosch Wolf | 1-1 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-2-2 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 11 |
| Niels Giffey | 1-2 | 1-1 | 0-0 | 0-1-1 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 14 |
| RJ Evans | 3-7 | 0-0 | 0-1 | 1-1-2 | 0 | 6 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 28 |
| Team | | | | 1-3-4 | | | | | | | |
| Totals | 25-54 | 6-13 | 10-13 | 7-22-29 | 12 | 66 | 13 | 12 | 10 | 11 | 200 |

Total FG% 1st: 17-29 (58.6%) 2nd: 8-25 (32.0%) Game: 46.3%
3-Pt FG% 1st: 3-6 (50.0%) 2nd: 3-7 (42.9%) Game: 46.2%
F Throw% 1st: 3-4 (75.0%) 2nd: 7-9 (77.8%) Game: 76.9%

Officials: Jim Burr, Tim Clougherty, Pat Driscoll
Attendance: 3,086
Halftime Score: UCONN 40-33

Record: MSU 0-1; UCONN 1-0

#2 Nov. 13, 2012 • Atlanta, Ga. Georgia Dome

Key Stat: MSU 3-Point Shooting by Half
1st Half - 14.3% (1-7); 2nd Half - 100% (3-3)

Quotable: "The offense was kind of stagnant, so I wanted to make a play the best way I possible could. From there, it was all she wrote."
- MSU junior Keith Appling

Key Moment: Keith Appling hit a 3-pointer with 1:36 to go up four points. Kansas responded with a three-point play, but an acrobatic driving layup by Appling with 14 seconds remaining gave MSU a 67-64 lead.

Notes: Keith Appling scored 16 of his game-high 19 points in the second half ... The contest featured 12 ties and 11 lead changes ... The Spartans shot 54.5 percent in the second half, including 100 percent (3-of-3) from 3-point range ... Adreian Payne equalled his career high with four blocked shots ... For the second time in as many games, Derrick Nix grabbed more offensive rebounds (5) than defensive boards (3) ... MSU improved to 3-0 at the Georgia Dome under Tom Izzo ... The No. 7 Jayhawks were the highest ranked non-conference team the Spartans had defeated since beating No. 5 Texas on Dec. 20, 2008 ... MSU improved to 1-1 in the Champions Classic.

| Michigan State | FG | 3FG | FT | O-D-R | PF | PTS | A | T | B | S | MIN |
|-------------------|-------|------|-------|----------|----|-----|----|----|---|---|-----|
| Adreian Payne, f | 2-4 | 0-1 | 0-0 | 0-8-8 | 4 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 17 |
| Branden Dawson, f | 5-6 | 0-0 | 2-3 | 2-2-4 | 1 | 12 | 2 | 5 | 0 | 3 | 33 |
| Derrick Nix, c | 2-8 | 0-0 | 4-6 | 5-3-8 | 2 | 8 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 31 |
| Keith Appling, g | 6-9 | 3-3 | 4-4 | 0-2-2 | 3 | 19 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 38 |
| Gary Harris, g | 7-12 | 1-3 | 3-4 | 1-0-1 | 3 | 18 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 35 |
| Russell Byrd | 0-1 | 0-1 | 0-0 | 0-1-1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| Alex Gauna | 3-4 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-1-1 | 2 | 6 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 12 |
| Brandan Kearney | 0-2 | 0-1 | 0-0 | 1-0-1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 7 |
| Denzel Valentine | 0-2 | 0-1 | 0-0 | 0-1-1 | 3 | 0 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 24 |
| Team | | | | 1-3-4 | | | | | | | |
| Totals | 25-48 | 4-10 | 13-17 | 10-21-31 | 18 | 67 | 11 | 17 | 6 | 8 | 200 |

| Kansas | FG | 3FG | FT | O-D-R | PF | PTS | A | T | B | S | MIN |
|--------------------|-------|------|------|----------|----|-----|---|----|---|---|-----|
| Perry Ellis, f | 2-6 | 0-0 | 0-1 | 1-2-3 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 17 |
| Jeff Withey, c | 4-6 | 0-0 | 0-1 | 0-7-7 | 2 | 8 | 0 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 28 |
| Elijah Johnson, g | 6-15 | 2-5 | 2-3 | 0-4-4 | 1 | 16 | 2 | 4 | 0 | 3 | 36 |
| Ben McLemore, g | 5-7 | 1-2 | 3-3 | 2-1-3 | 3 | 14 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 35 |
| Travis Releford, g | 2-6 | 0-1 | 4-4 | 0-2-2 | 3 | 8 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 36 |
| Naadir Tharpe | 1-2 | 1-1 | 2-2 | 0-0-0 | 2 | 5 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 13 |
| Justin Wesley | 1-1 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 1-0-1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7 |
| Jamari Traylor | 3-5 | 0-0 | 0-2 | 2-2-4 | 2 | 6 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 25 |
| Kevin Young | 0-0 | 0-0 | 1-2 | 0-0-0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| Team | | | | 1-0-1 | | | | | | | |
| Totals | 22-72 | 2-20 | 9-13 | 24-25-49 | 25 | 55 | 8 | 15 | 3 | 7 | 200 |

Total FG% 1st: 15-29 (51.7%) 2nd: 9-19 (47.4%) Game: 50.0%
3-Pt FG% 1st: 2-5 (40.0%) 2nd: 2-4 (50.0%) Game: 44.4%
F Throw% 1st: 5-7 (60.0%) 2nd: 9-13 (69.2%) Game: 66.7%

Officials: John Higgins, Bert Smith, Tom Eades
Attendance: 22,847
Halftime Score: KU 35-32

Record: MSU 1-1; KU 1-1

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Key Stat: Points In the Paint
MSU - 46; TSU - 10

Quotable: "It feels good to finally be at home, but Coach Izzo is trying to test us. We just have to mentally ready to play and step on their toes before they step on ours."
- MSU freshman Gary Harris

Key Moment: Texas Southern was hanging tough trailing by just six points at 23-17 late in the first half. MSU, however, closed the stanza on a 17-2 run and never led by less than 20 points in the second half.

Notes: MSU recorded its 36th-straight victory in a home opener ... Tom Izzo improved to 18-0 in home openers ... Adreian Payne moved into 10th place all-time at Michigan State with 74 career blocks ... MSU held a 46-10 advantage in points in the paint, and an 18-0 edge in fast break points ... Branden Dawson tied his career high with five steals, equalling the mark he established in the season opener against UConn ... MSU committed a season-low 12 turnovers ... Alex Gauna made his first career start ... After missing both exhibition games and the first two games of the season, freshman Matt Costello made his Spartan debut, recording four points and three rebounds.

| Michigan State | FG | 3FG | FT | O-D-R | PF | PTS | A | T | B | S | MIN |
|-------------------|-------|------|-------|----------|----|-----|----|----|---|----|-----|
| Alex Gauna, f | 1-5 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 1-2-3 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 14 |
| Branden Dawson, f | 6-10 | 0-0 | 1-2 | 2-4-6 | 1 | 13 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 5 | 22 |
| Adreian Payne, c | 4-6 | 0-0 | 1-1 | 2-5-7 | 5 | 9 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 16 |
| Keith Appling, g | 1-4 | 0-1 | 2-2 | 1-2-3 | 1 | 4 | 4 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 28 |
| Gary Harris, g | 7-10 | 2-4 | 3-3 | 1-1-2 | 1 | 19 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 25 |
| Russell Byrd | 1-5 | 0-4 | 0-0 | 0-1-1 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 22 |
| Brandan Kearney | 1-4 | 0-1 | 0-1 | 1-0-1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 17 |
| Matt Costello | 1-4 | 0-0 | 2-2 | 0-3-3 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 11 |
| Keenan Wetzel | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-1-1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Derrick Nix | 2-3 | 0-0 | 2-4 | 0-11-11 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 21 |
| Dan Chapman | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-1-1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Denzel Valentine | 4-9 | 0-3 | 0-0 | 1-2-3 | 4 | 8 | 5 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 22 |
| Team | | | | 2-2-4 | | | | | | | |
| Totals | 28-60 | 2-13 | 11-15 | 11-35-46 | 13 | 69 | 11 | 12 | 7 | 12 | 200 |

Total FG% 1st: 16-29 (55.2%) 2nd: 12-31 (38.7%) Game: 46.7%
3-Pt FG% 1st: 2-7 (28.6%) 2nd: 0-6 (0.0%) Game: 15.4%
F Throw% 1st: 6-6 (100%) 2nd: 5-9 (55.6%) Game: 73.3%

| Texas Southern | FG | 3FG | FT | O-D-R | PF | PTS | A | T | B | S | MIN |
|---------------------|-------|------|-------|----------|----|-----|---|----|---|---|-----|
| Dexter Ellington, g | 0-6 | 0-6 | 0-0 | 0-2-2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 22 |
| Madarius Gibbs, g | 0-3 | 0-2 | 6-11 | 0-5-5 | 3 | 6 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 36 |
| Fred Sturdivant, f | 4-9 | 0-0 | 2-4 | 6-6-12 | 3 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 30 |
| Omar Strong, g | 1-9 | 1-8 | 0-0 | 0-0-0 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 22 |
| Kyrie Sutton, f | 2-6 | 0-0 | 2-2 | 6-5-11 | 4 | 6 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 24 |
| L. Johnson-Danner | 2-6 | 2-4 | 0-0 | 0-0-0 | 3 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 15 |
| Raymond Penn | 3-16 | 2-11 | 2-2 | 0-5-5 | 1 | 10 | 4 | 4 | 0 | 3 | 37 |
| Aaron Clayborn | 0-2 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0-0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 12 |
| Ethan Blackwell | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0-0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Team | | | | 2-2-4 | | | | | | | |
| Totals | 12-57 | 5-31 | 12-19 | 14-25-39 | 15 | 41 | 6 | 15 | 4 | 8 | 200 |

Total FG% 1st: 6-27 (22.2%) 2nd: 6-30 (20.0%) Game: 21.1%
3-Pt FG% 1st: 3-14 (21.4%) 2nd: 2-17 (11.8%) Game: 16.1%
F Throw% 1st: 4-8 (50.0%) 2nd: 8-11 (72.7%) Game: 63.2%

Officials: Tom Eades, Bill Elk, Darryl Smith
Attendance: 14,797
Halftime Score: MSU 40-19

Record: MSU 2-1; TSU 1-3





#15/19 MICHIGAN STATE 74
BOISE STATE 70



#15/19 MICHIGAN STATE 70
OAKLAND 52



#15/19 MICHIGAN STATE 63
LOUISIANA 60

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Key Stat: Second-Half FG Percentage
MSU - 57.8%; BSU - 42.0%

Quotable: "I told him, 'It's time, big boy.' You wanted the stage, you got it. Bring it home. You gotta take this thing over because we don't have many guys left."

- MSU coach Tom Izzo on his instruction to Keith Appling down the stretch

Key Moment: Boise State had just taken a 61-56 lead with an 11-0 run. MSU immediately responded with a 10-1 run with defensive steals and rebounding triggering several transition opportunities.

Notes: Denzel Valentine made his first career start, scoring in double-figures for the first time in his career (12 points) ... MSU recorded season highs in points (74) and assists (16) ... Four Spartans scored in double figures for the first time this season ... Keith Appling recorded season highs in points (22) and assists (7). For Appling it was his fifth career 20-point game ... Michigan State shot a season-high 57.8 percent from the field ... Brandon Kearney played a career-high 27 minutes, and scored a season-high seven points ... Freshman Gary Harris injured his left shoulder in the first possession of the game and did not return.

| Michigan State | FG | 3FG | FT | O-D-R | PF | PTS | A | T | B | S | MIN |
|---------------------|-------|------|-------|---------|----|-----|----|----|---|----|-----|
| Denzel Valentine, f | 4-9 | 2-6 | 2-3 | 1-3-4 | 2 | 12 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 29 |
| Brandon Dawson, f | 4-5 | 0-0 | 2-5 | 1-4-5 | 1 | 10 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 33 |
| Derrick Nix, c | 3-3 | 0-0 | 3-4 | 0-4-4 | 4 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 27 |
| Keith Appling, g | 8-14 | 2-5 | 4-6 | 0-5-5 | 4 | 22 | 7 | 4 | 0 | 3 | 40 |
| Gary Harris, g | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0-0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Russell Byrd | 1-5 | 1-5 | 1-3 | 1-1-2 | 2 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 23 |
| Alex Gauna | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0-0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| Brandon Kearney | 1-3 | 1-3 | 4-4 | 1-1-2 | 3 | 7 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 27 |
| Adreian Payne | 5-6 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 1-3-4 | 2 | 10 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 16 |
| Matt Costello | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0-0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Team | | | | 0-2-2 | | | | | | | |
| Totals | 26-45 | 6-19 | 16-25 | 5-23-28 | 20 | 74 | 16 | 15 | 2 | 10 | 200 |

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|-----------|--------------------|--------------------|-------------|
| Total FG% | 1st: 12-23 (52.2%) | 2nd: 14-22 (63.6%) | Game: 57.8% |
| 3-PT FG% | 1st: 4-12 (33.3%) | 2nd: 2-7 (28.6%) | Game: 31.6% |
| F Throw% | 1st: 10-16 (62.5%) | 2nd: 6-9 (66.7%) | Game: 64.0% |

| Boise State | FG | 3FG | FT | O-D-R | PF | PTS | A | T | B | S | MIN |
|----------------------|-------|------|-------|---------|----|-----|----|----|---|---|-----|
| Anthony Drmic, f | 2-7 | 0-2 | 2-3 | 1-3-4 | 3 | 6 | 3 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 39 |
| Ryan Watkins, c | 4-5 | 0-0 | 4-4 | 4-0-4 | 4 | 12 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 20 |
| Derrick Marks, g | 6-16 | 1-2 | 11-12 | 1-2-3 | 5 | 24 | 4 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 29 |
| Jeff Elorriaga, g | 2-5 | 2-5 | 0-0 | 0-4-4 | 4 | 6 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 31 |
| Igor Hadzimerovic, g | 0-1 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-1-1 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 14 |
| Mikey Thompson | 5-11 | 2-4 | 2-2 | 1-4-5 | 2 | 14 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 34 |
| Thomas Bropleh | 0-2 | 0-1 | 1-2 | 0-0-0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 14 |
| Darius Hamilton | 0-0 | 0-0 | 1-4 | 0-0-0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 5 |
| Kenny Buckner | 2-3 | 0-0 | 2-2 | 0-1-1 | 4 | 6 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 14 |
| Team | | | | 1-1-2 | | | | | | | |
| Totals | 21-50 | 5-14 | 23-29 | 8-16-24 | 26 | 70 | 12 | 14 | 1 | 6 | 200 |

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|-----------|--------------------|--------------------|-------------|
| Total FG% | 1st: 10-24 (41.7%) | 2nd: 11-26 (42.3%) | Game: 42.0% |
| 3-PT FG% | 1st: 4-8 (50.0%) | 2nd: 1-6 (16.7%) | Game: 35.7% |
| F Throw% | 1st: 8-11 (72.7%) | 2nd: 15-18 (83.3%) | Game: 79.3% |

Officials: Mike Eades, Brian Dorsey, Kelly Pfeifer
Attendance: 14,797
Halftime Score: MSU 38-32

Record: MSU 3-1; BSU 3-1

#5

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Key Stat: Points In Paint
MSU - 40; OU - 14

Quotable: "I'm not an easy guy to please. But I'm really excited for him and proud of him for what he's doing right now in an incredible way."

- MSU coach Tom Izzo on Keith Appling

Key Moment: Oakland had trimmed MSU's lead to 55-51 with 6:36 left. OU then missed two 3-pointers that could have cut the lead to a single point. On the Spartans' next possession, Derrick Nix kicked the ball out to Keith Appling for a 3-pointer to spark a 15-1 run to close the game.

Notes: MSU shot a season-best 83.3 percent from the foul line ... MSU held a 43-28 advantage on the glass, including out-rebounding Oakland, 27-13, in the first half ... Denzel Valentine recorded his first career double-double with 10 points and a season-high 10 rebounds, adding a season-best six assists ... With two blocks, Adreian Payne moved into sole possession of ninth place for MSU career blocks with 77 ... Payne also recorded season highs in points (15) and rebounds (9) ... Keith Appling recorded his second-straight 20-point game, adding a season-high six rebounds ... For the second consecutive game, four Spartans scored in double figures ... Derrick Nix notched his first double-figure scoring effort of the season ... The Spartans held a 40-16 advantage in points in the paint, but were out-scored, 24-10, in points off turnovers.

| Michigan State | FG | 3FG | FT | O-D-R | PF | PTS | A | T | B | S | MIN |
|---------------------|-------|------|-------|----------|----|-----|----|----|---|---|-----|
| Adreian Payne, f | 6-7 | 0-0 | 3-4 | 3-6-9 | 2 | 15 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 30 |
| Brandon Dawson, f | 3-7 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 1-5-6 | 3 | 6 | 2 | 5 | 1 | 0 | 20 |
| Derrick Nix, c | 5-6 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 2-5-7 | 3 | 10 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 28 |
| Keith Appling, g | 7-15 | 2-4 | 4-5 | 0-6-6 | 2 | 20 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 38 |
| Denzel Valentine, g | 2-4 | 0-1 | 6-6 | 3-7-10 | 2 | 10 | 6 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 30 |
| Russell Byrd | 2-7 | 1-5 | 0-0 | 0-1-1 | 1 | 5 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 20 |
| Alex Gauna | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0-0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| Brandon Kearney | 0-2 | 0-1 | 0-0 | 1-0-1 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 23 |
| Matt Costello | 1-1 | 0-0 | 2-3 | 0-1-1 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 8 |
| Keenan Weitzel | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0-0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0+ |
| Dan Chapman | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0-0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0+ |
| Team | | | | 0-2-2 | | | | | | | |
| Totals | 26-49 | 3-11 | 15-18 | 10-33-43 | 16 | 70 | 15 | 20 | 4 | 6 | 200 |

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|-----------|--------------------|--------------------|-------------|
| Total FG% | 1st: 12-26 (46.2%) | 2nd: 14-23 (60.9%) | Game: 53.1% |
| 3-PT FG% | 1st: 1-7 (14.3%) | 2nd: 2-4 (50.0%) | Game: 27.3% |
| F Throw% | 1st: 9-11 (81.8%) | 2nd: 6-7 (85.7%) | Game: 83.3% |

| Oakland | FG | 3FG | FT | O-D-R | PF | PTS | A | T | B | S | MIN |
|-------------------|-------|------|-------|----------|----|-----|---|----|---|----|-----|
| Drew Valentine, f | 1-5 | 0-3 | 3-6 | 2-2-4 | 1 | 5 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 40- |
| Corey Petros, c | 3-7 | 0-0 | 8-8 | 3-6-9 | 3 | 14 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 3 | 36 |
| Travis Bader, g | 2-13 | 2-11 | 2-2 | 0-0-0 | 1 | 8 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 39 |
| Duke Mondy, g | 6-20 | 1-6 | 3-4 | 0-3-3 | 4 | 16 | 5 | 3 | 0 | 6 | 37 |
| Lloyd Neely II, g | 2-3 | 0-0 | 1-4 | 2-1-3 | 4 | 5 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 21 |
| Dante Williams | 1-3 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-1-1 | 4 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 14 |
| Korab Imami | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0-0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0+ |
| Jordan Howenstine | 0-2 | 0-1 | 0-0 | 0-0-0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0+ |
| Raphael Carter | 1-2 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 1-0-1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 7 |
| Mitch Baenziger | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0-0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0+ |
| Matt Poches | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0-0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0+ |
| Ryan Bass | 0-3 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 1-0-1 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 |
| Joey Asbury | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0-0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Team | | | | 4-2-6 | | | | | | | |
| Totals | 16-58 | 3-21 | 17-24 | 13-15-28 | 20 | 52 | 7 | 11 | 0 | 17 | 200 |

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|-----------|-------------------|--------------------|-------------|
| Total FG% | 1st: 6-29 (20.7%) | 2nd: 10-29 (34.5%) | Game: 27.6% |
| 3-PT FG% | 1st: 0-10 (0.0%) | 2nd: 3-11 (27.3%) | Game: 14.3% |
| F Throw% | 1st: 9-12 (75.0%) | 2nd: 8-12 (66.7%) | Game: 70.8% |

Officials: Mike Sanzere, Lamont Simpson, Jim Schipper
Attendance: 14,797
Halftime Score: MSU 34-21

Record: MSU 4-1; OU 2-4

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Key Stat: Turnovers
MSU - 20; UL - 15

Quotable: "Coach talks about it every day in practice. Guys need to stop being lackadaisical and casual with the ball"

- MSU sophomore Branden Dawson

Key Moment: The Spartans had their 10-point lead cut to two points with 51 seconds left thanks to three Spartan turnovers. On MSU's next possession, Adreian Payne missed a layup, giving the ball back to the Cajuns with the chance to tie or take the lead. UL missed a shot and Branden Dawson went above everyone to pull down the rebound and hit one free throw to clinch the victory.

Notes: All nine Spartans that played scored ... MSU improved to 3-1 in games decided by five points or less ... The Spartans scored a season-high 18 points from the foul line ... Keith Appling led the Spartans in scoring for the fifth time through the first six games ... Adreian Payne notched his first double-figure rebounding effort (10) of the season ... Brandon Kearney recorded career highs in points (10) and minutes (29) ... Tom Izzo improved to 49-0 all-time at home in November ... The Spartans recorded the 100th November victory in program history.

| Michigan State | FG | 3FG | FT | O-D-R | PF | PTS | A | T | B | S | MIN |
|---------------------|-------|------|-------|----------|----|-----|----|----|---|---|-----|
| Adreian Payne, f | 0-4 | 0-0 | 3-4 | 3-7-10 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 23 |
| Brandon Dawson, f | 5-10 | 0-1 | 2-4 | 1-7-8 | 2 | 12 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 38 |
| Derrick Nix, c | 4-5 | 0-0 | 1-1 | 2-3-5 | 1 | 9 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 26 |
| Keith Appling, g | 4-11 | 1-5 | 10-12 | 1-5-6 | 2 | 19 | 5 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 38 |
| Denzel Valentine, g | 1-6 | 1-4 | 1-2 | 1-0-1 | 4 | 4 | 1 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 20 |
| Russell Byrd | 1-2 | 1-2 | 0-0 | 0-1-1 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 19 |
| Alex Gauna | 1-1 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0-0 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 8 |
| Brandon Kearney | 4-8 | 2-4 | 0-0 | 1-0-1 | 2 | 10 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 29 |
| Matt Costello | 0-0 | 0-0 | 1-2 | 1-0-1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 |
| Team | | | | 2-5-7 | | | | | | | |
| Totals | 20-47 | 5-16 | 18-25 | 12-28-40 | 17 | 63 | 12 | 20 | 7 | 9 | 200 |

| | | | |
|-----------|--------------------|--------------------|-------------|
| Total FG% | 1st: 12-28 (42.9%) | 2nd: 8-19 (42.1%) | Game: 42.6% |
| 3-PT FG% | 1st: 3-8 (37.5%) | 2nd: 2-8 (25.0%) | Game: 31.3% |
| F Throw% | 1st: 6-9 (66.7%) | 2nd: 12-16 (75.0%) | Game: 72.0% |

| Louisiana | FG | 3FG | FT | O-D-R | PF | PTS | A | T | B | S | MIN |
|---------------------|-------|------|-------|---------|----|-----|---|----|---|----|-----|
| Bryant Mbamalu, f | 0-6 | 0-5 | 1-2 | 1-4-5 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 28 |
| Elfrid Payton, g | 8-15 | 0-2 | 4-6 | 2-4-6 | 3 | 20 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 7 | 39 |
| Steven Wronkoski, g | 1-4 | 1-2 | 1-2 | 0-2-2 | 2 | 4 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 36 |
| Shawn Long, f | 6-15 | 3-5 | 1-2 | 2-6-8 | 1 | 16 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 35 |
| Eldridge Moore, f | 2-4 | 0-0 | 1-5 | 1-3-4 | 2 | 5 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 35 |
| Cornell Barnett | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0-0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Kasey Shephard | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0-0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| Alan-Micha Thompson | 0-1 | 0-1 | 0-0 | 0-0-0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 |
| Kevin Brown | 4-7 | 3-3 | 3-4 | 2-1-3 | 2 | 14 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 14 |
| Braylon Lazare | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0-0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| Matthew Moss | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0-0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Team | | | | 2-2 | | | | | | | |
| Totals | 21-52 | 7-18 | 21-21 | 8-20-28 | 15 | 60 | 6 | 15 | 5 | 12 | 200 |