



NCAA THIRD ROUND POSTGAME NOTES – EAST REGION

No. 7 MICHIGAN STATE (25-11) vs. No. 2 VIRGINIA (30-4)

MISCELLANEOUS NOTES

- Michigan State will play the winner of No. 11 Dayton/No. 3 Oklahoma at the Carrier Dome in Syracuse, N.Y. on Friday, March 27.

VIRGINIA NOTES

- The Cavaliers fell to 25-19 all-time in NCAA Tournament play. The Cavaliers are 5-4 in round of 32 games since 1985.
- Virginia posted its lowest field goal shooting percentage of the season, .298 (17-57). Its previous low was .327 (18-55) against Rutgers on Nov. 29.
- The Cavaliers' 17 made goals matched their lowest single-game total of the year. They also made just 17 shots their wins over Virginia Tech in Blacksburg (Jan. 25, 2015) and at home over Louisville (Feb. 7, 2015).
- Virginia fell to 17-22 when scoring fewer than 60 points over the last four seasons.
- Senior Darion Atkins grabbed a career-high 14 rebounds and scored 10 points for his second double-double of the season.

MICHIGAN STATE NOTES

- Michigan State advanced to the Sweet 16 for the 13th time in the last 18 years and seventh time in the last eight years.
- MSU is 15-4 in round of 32 games since 1985, winning 13 of the last 14 under coach Tom Izzo.
- The Spartans improved to 5-0 all-time against Virginia. Michigan State eliminated Virginia in the East Regional Semifinals at Madison Square Garden last year.
- The Spartans improved to 3-2 all-time in NCAA Tournament games in the state of North Carolina (Greensboro 0-1, Winston-Salem 1-1, Charlotte 2-0).
- Michigan State improved to 61-29 all-time in the NCAA Tournament.
- The Spartans held the Cavaliers to .298 shooting from the field. MSU is 5-0 this season when holding its opponent to less than 30 percent.
- Travis Trice posted an NCAA Tournament personal-high 23 points, besting his previous high of 19 against Delaware last season. It was Trice's 10th 20-point performance of the season and sixth in the last 11 games.
- Trice made four 3-point field goals. It was the seventh time this year that he made four or more 3-pointers in a game.
- Brendan Dawson scored in double figures for the fifth consecutive game, finishing with 15 points. It's the longest active streak on the team. Michigan State is 5-0 in NCAA Tournament games when Dawson scores 10 or more points.
- Dawson grabbed a team-high nine rebounds. It was the fifth time in nine career NCAA Tournament games that he had eight or more rebounds.
- The Spartans improved to 20-4 when leading at halftime this season and 14-1 when allowing less than 60 points.