

MICHIGAN STATE SPARTANS

BASKETBALL



GAME ILLINOIS

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January 22, 2018
9 p.m. ET
Champaign, Ill.
All State Center

TELEVISION

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MATCHUP

#9/9 MICHIGAN STATE
2017-18 Record 17-3, 5-2 Big Ten
Coach Tom Izzo
Career Record (Season) 561-223 (23rd)
Top Scorer Miles Bridges (16.9 ppg)
Top Rebounder Nick Ward (7.8 rpg)
Top Assists Cassius Winston (7.0 apg)

ILLINOIS
10-10, 0-7 Big Ten
Brad Underwood
119-37 (5th)
Leron Black (14.5 ppg)
Leron Black (5.5 rpg)
Trent Frazier (2.8 apg)

OPENING TIP

Michigan State plays its third conference road game, visiting Illinois on Monday, Jan. 22 ... The Spartans are coming off an 85-57 win against Indiana at home on Friday ... MSU is 4-1 in games played away from home this year ... MSU ranks No. 1 in the country in field goal percentage defense (34.8 percent), No. 2 in scoring margin (+21.6), No. 1 in blocked shots per game (8.0), No. 2 in rebound margin (+11.6) and No. 21 in scoring defense (63.7 ppg) ... MSU also ranks No. 3 in field goal percentage (51.8 percent), No. 1 in assists (21.3 apg) and No. 17 in scoring offense (85.2 ppg) ... Sophomore Miles Bridges is the only player in the country averaging at least 16.5 points, 7.0 rebounds, 3.0 assists and 1.0 blocks per game.

STARTING FIVE LINEUP (POSSIBLE)



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Cassius Winston

So. • 6-0 • 185

Has at least seven assists in 12 different games this season ... No. 10 nationally in assists per game ... Last 10 games, averaging 12.4 ppg, 7.2 apg, 3.1 rpg 52.6% from field (40-of-76), including 48.9% of 3-point attempts (20-of-45) ... The only player in the country averaging at least 12.0 ppg, 6.0 assists and shooting above 50% from 3-point land.

PPG	RPG	APG	3FG%	MPG
12.6	3.3	7.0	52.3%	27.2



1

Joshua Langford

So. • 6-5 • 210

Thirteen games in double figures this season ... Scored in double figures in seven of last 10 games ... In that span, he is averaging 13.4 points, shooting 48.6 percent (51-of-105), including 48.6 percent from 3-point land (18-of-37).

PPG	RPG	APG	FG%	MPG
13.2	2.5	1.6	46.9%	26.3



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Miles Bridges

So. • 6-7 • 225

The only player in the country averaging at least 16.5 points, 7.0 rebounds, 3.0 assists and one block per game ... Grabbed career-high 21 rebounds in win over Savannah State, the most by a Spartan since Greg Kelsner grabbed 27 against Wisconsin on Jan. 3, 1976.

PPG	RPG	APG	BLOCKS	MPG
16.9	7.2	3.1	1.1	29.8



44

Nick Ward

So. • 6-8 • 245

Sixth double-double of season with 18 points, 13 rebounds vs. Indiana ... Last 10, averaging 15.2 points, 9.5 rebounds while connecting on 76.3 percent of his shots (56-of-76) ... Named Big Ten Player of the Week on Jan. 1 ... No. 3 in the country in field goal percentage.

PPG	RPG	BLOCKS	FG%	MPG
14.5	7.8	1.6	70.1%	19.9



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Jaren Jackson Jr.

Fr. • 6-11 • 242

Fifteen games in double figures scoring, including eight-straight games (13.3 ppg in that span) ... Has eight games with at least four blocks ... No. 6 in the country with 3.3 bpg ... Three blocks vs. Indiana gave him 65 for the year, setting MSU freshman record.

PPG	RPG	APG	BLOCKS	MPG
11.4	6.2	1.3	3.3	22.9

SPARTAN RESERVES

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Class	PPG	RPG	APG	MPG
0	Kyle Ahrens	G/F	6-5	215	Jr.	-	-	-	-
10	Jack Hoiberg	G	5-10	175	Fr.	-	-	-	-
11	Lourawls "Tum Tum" Nairn Jr.	G	5-10	175	Sr.	2.0	1.2	3.8	20.0
13	Ben Carter	F	6-9	225	Gr.	0.9	1.2	0.9	8.1
14	Brock Washington	G	6-3	185	Fr.	-	-	-	-
20	Matt McQuaid	G	6-4	200	Jr.	6.8	2.2	1.7	19.8
23	Xavier Tillman	F	6-8	260	Fr.	3.2	2.5	0.4	8.3
25	Kenny Goins	F	6-6	230	R-Jr.	1.4	2.9	1.4	12.4
34	Gavin Schilling	F	6-9	240	R-Sr.	3.5	3.8	0.5	10.2
41	Conner George	G	6-3	200	R-So.	0.5	1.4	0.0	3.8

2017-18 SCHEDULE

October

Thurs. 26 **FERRIS STATE** (Exh.) (BTN Plus) W, 80-72
Sun. 29 vs. Georgia (Exh.) (Grand Rapids, Mich.) W, 80-68

November

Fri. 3 **HILLSDALE** (exhibition) (BTN Plus) W, 75-44
Fri. 10 **NORTH FLORIDA** (BTN) W, 98-66

CHAMPIONS CLASSIC

Tues. 14 vs. No. 1 Duke (ESPN) L, 88-81

PK80 - PHIL KNIGHT INVITATIONAL

Sun. 19 **STONY BROOK** (PK80) (BTN) W, 93-71
Thurs. 23 vs. DePaul (PK80) (ESPN) W, 73-51
Fri. 24 vs. UCONN (PK80) (ESPN) W, 77-57
Sun. 26 vs. No. 9 North Carolina (PK80) (ESPN) W, 63-45

BIG TEN/ACC CHALLENGE

Thurs. 30 **No. 5 NOTRE DAME** (ESPN) W, 81-63

December

Sun. 3 **NEBRASKA** * (FS1) W, 86-57
Tues. 5 at Rutgers * (BTN) W, 62-52
Sat. 9 **SOUTHERN UTAH** (BTN) W, 88-63
Sat. 16 vs. Oakland (ESPNU) W, 86-73
Mon. 18 **HOUSTON BAPTIST** (BTN) W, 107-62
Thurs. 21 **LONG BEACH STATE** (BTN Plus) W, 102-60
Fri. 29 **CLEVELAND STATE** (BTN) W, 111-61
Sun. 31 **SAVANNAH STATE** (BTN) W, 108-52

January

Thurs. 4 **MARYLAND** * (FS1) W, 91-61
Sun. 7 at Ohio State * (CBS) L, 80-64
Wed. 10 **RUTGERS** * (BTN) W, 76-72 ot
Sat. 13 **MICHIGAN** * (FOX) L, 82-72
Fri. 19 **INDIANA** * (FS1) W, 85-57
Mon. 22 at Illinois * (FS1) 9 p.m.
Fri. 26 **WISCONSIN** * (FS1) 8 p.m.
Sun. 28 at Maryland * (CBS) 1 p.m.
Wed. 31 **PENN STATE** * (BTN) 6:30 p.m.

February

Sat. 3 at Indiana * (ESPN/ESPN2) 6/8 p.m.
Tues. 6 at Iowa * (ESPN/ESPN2) 9 p.m.
Sat. 10 **PURDUE** * (ESPN/ESPN2) 6/8 p.m.
Tues. 13 at Minnesota * (ESPN/ESPN2) 9 p.m.
Sat. 17 at Northwestern * (FOX) 2 p.m.
Tues. 20 **ILLINOIS** * (ESPN/ESPN2) 7 p.m.
Sun. 25 at Wisconsin * (CBS) 1 p.m.
Wed. 28 Big Ten Tournament (New York, N.Y.)

March

Thur.-Sun., 1-4 Big Ten Tournament (New York, N.Y.)
Tues.-Wed., 13-14 NCAA Tournament - First Four
Thur.-Sun., 15-18 NCAA Tournament - First & Second Rounds
Thur.-Sun., 22-25 NCAA Tournament - Regionals
Sat., 31 NCAA Final Four (San Antonio, Texas)

April

Mon. 2 NCAA Final Four (San Antonio, Texas)



AT A GLANCE

2017-18 RECORD

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BIG TEN RECORD

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ASSOCIATED PRESS

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USA TODAY COACHES

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LAST GAME

W, 85-57, vs. Indiana

HEAD COACH (YR.)

Tom Izzo (23rd)

ASSOC. HEAD COACH

Dwayne Stephens

ASST. COACHES

Mike Garland

Dane Fife

BY THE NUMBERS

PPG	85.2
SCORING MARGIN	+21.6
FG%	51.8
3-PT FG%.....	41.5
FT%	72.8
APG.....	21.3
A/TO	1.5
REB. MARGIN	+11.6
TO MARGIN	-2.2
SPG	4.5
BPG.....	8.0



0 Kyle Ahrens

Jr. // 6-6 // 210

Out indefinitely with a foot injury ... Appeared in 34 games in 16-17, averaging 2.6 points and 1.1 rebounds in 8.2 minutes ... Matched career high with nine points, while setting new career highs in rebounds (7) and minutes (27) vs. Tennessee Tech (12/10).

PPG	RPG	APG	FT%	MPG
-	-	-	-	-



1 Joshua Langford

So. // 6-5 // 210

Seven of last 14 games has scored at least 15 points (13.5 ppg) ... Tied career-high with 23 points in win over Cleveland State ... Named to PK80 Invitational All-Tournament Team, averaging 16.0 ppg, including career-high 23 points vs. UNC.

PPG	RPG	APG	FG%	MPG
13.2	2.5	1.6	46.9%	26.3



2 Jaren Jackson Jr.

Fr. // 6-11 // 242

Five double-doubles this season... Named Big Ten Freshman of the Week (12/11, 11/27, 1/15) three times this season ... Blocked eight shots at Rutgers, tying MSU single-game record & establishing a new record for blocks by a freshman.

PPG	RPG	APG	BLOCKS	MPG
11.4	6.2	1.3	3.3	22.9



5 Cassius Winston

So. // 6-0 // 185

Has led MSU in assists 14 times this season, 35 times in his career ... Leads Big Ten in assists, ranks tied for No. 10 nationally ... No. 11 nationally in 3-point FG percentage ... Named MVP of PK80 Invitational Victory Bracket.

PPG	RPG	APG	3FG%	MPG
12.6	3.3	7.0	53.8%	27.2



10 Jack Hoiberg

Fr. // 5-10 // 175

Turned down Division I golf scholarship offers after being a part of back-to-back state championship golf teams ... Son of Fred and Carol Hoiberg ... Father Fred played 10 NBA seasons and is currently the head coach of the Chicago Bulls.

PPG	RPG	APG	A/TO	MPG
-	-	-	-	-



11 Lourawls "Tum Tum" Nairn Jr.

Sr. // 5-10 // 175

Enters his third season as a Spartan captain ... Incredible leadership qualities that can make a case as one of the best leaders in Michigan State history ... Ninth in Big Ten in assists and second in assist/turnover ratio (No. 6 nationally).

PPG	RPG	APG	A/TO	MPG
2.0	1.2	3.8	3.9	20.0



13 Ben Carter

R-Sr. // 6-9 // 235

Joined Michigan State as a graduate transfer ... Missed the 2016-17 season with a knee injury suffered on the first official day of practice ... Granted a sixth year of eligibility by the NCAA in May.

PPG	RPG	APG	BLOCKS	MPG
0.9	1.2	0.9	0.3	8.1

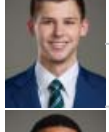


14 Brock Washington

Fr. // 6-3 // 185

Joins the Spartans as a walk-on for the 2017-18 season ... 2017 Associated Press Class D All-State First Team ... 2017 Detroit News Class D First-Team All-State selection and Detroit News Second-Team All-State honoree.

PPG	RPG	APG	A/TO	MPG
-	-	-	-	-



20 Matt McQuaid

Jr. // 6-4 // 200

Last nine games, shooting 45.9 percent from 3-point land (17-of-37) ... Set a career-high with 20 points vs. DePaul in PK80 Invitational ... Hit a career-best six 3-pointers ... Four games in double figures ... 11 points vs. Indiana.

PPG	RPG	APG	3FG%	MPG
6.8	2.2	1.7	37.3%	19.8



22 Miles Bridges

So. // 6-7 // 225

Fifth in Big Ten in scoring, ninth in rebounding, first in FT percentage (87.8%)... Last 10, averaging 18.2 ppg, 7.5 rpg, 3.9 apg, 49.6 percent (67-of-135) ... Big Ten Preseason Player of the Year ... Preseason All-American selection by the Associated Press and Sporting News.

PPG	RPG	APG	BPG	MPG
16.9	7.2	3.1	1.1	29.8



23 Xavier Tillman

Fr. // 6-8 // 260

Has scored at least four points in 10 games and grabbed at least two rebounds in 12 games ... Career-high nine points vs. Stony Brook ... Six points and tied career-high five rebounds vs. Maryland ... Five points, two blocks vs. Michigan

PPG	RPG	APG	FG%	MPG
3.2	2.5	0.4	66.7%	8.3



25 Kenny Goins

R-Jr. // 6-7 // 230

Missed four games after suffering a mild sprain in his left knee ... Career-high seven assists vs. Oakland ... Joined team as a walk-on prior to 2014-15 season despite scholarship offers from Division I schools ... One of MSU's top defenders at both forward positions.

PPG	RPG	APG	BPG	MPG
1.4	2.9	1.4	0.8	12.4



34 Gavin Schilling

R-Sr. // 6-9 // 245

Missed the 2016-17 season with a knee injury ... Born in Germany and raised in France, Schilling moved back to the United States in 2003 ... Speaks three languages fluently ... Last nine games, averaging 4.8 ppg and 4.0 rpg.

PPG	RPG	APG	FG%	MPG
3.5	3.8	0.5	70.6%	10.2



41 Conner George

R-So. // 6-3 // 200

Awarded a scholarship for 2017-18, after initially joining the Spartans as a walk-on for the 2015-16 season ... Excellent long-range shooter ... His mother, Cathy, is the head coach of the Michigan State volleyball team.

PPG	RPG	APG	FG%	MPG
0.5	1.4	0.0	21.4%	3.8



44 Nick Ward

So. // 6-8 // 245

Second in Big Ten and is No. 3 in the country in field goal percentage ... Last nine games, has hit 78.8 percent of his shots (52-of-66), averaging 15.2 points per game ... Ranks tied for 15th in the Big Ten in scoring and seventh in rebounding.

PPG	RPG	BPG	FG%	MPG
14.5	7.8	1.6	70.1%	19.9

2017-18 MICHIGAN STATE NUMERICAL ROSTER

No.	Name.	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Hometown/High School
0	Kyle Ahrens	G/F	6-5	215	So.	Versailles, Ohio/Versailles
1	Joshua Langford	G	6-5	210	So.	Huntsville, Ala./Madison Academy
2	Jaren Jackson Jr.	F	6-11	242	Fr.	Carmel, Ind./La Lumiere
5	Cassius Winston	G	6-0	185	So.	Detroit, Mich./Univ. of Detroit Jesuit
10	Jack Hoiberg	G	5-10	175	Fr.	Burr Ridge, Ill./Hinsdale Central
11	Lourawls 'Tum Tum' Nairn Jr.	G	5-10	175	Sr.	Nassau, Bahamas/Sunrise Christian Acad
13	Ben Carter	F	6-9	225	Gr.	Las Vegas, Nev./Bishop Gorman (UNLV/Oregon)
14	Brock Washington	G	6-3	185	Fr.	Southfield, Mich./Southfield Christian
20	Matt McQuaid	G	6-4	200	Jr.	Duncanville, Texas/Duncanville
22	Miles Bridges	G/F	6-7	230	So.	Flint, Mich./Huntington Prep
23	Xavier Tillman	F	6-8	260	Fr.	Grand Rapids, Mich./Grand Rapids Christian
25	Kenny Goins	F	6-6	230	R-Jr.	Troy, Mich./Warren Mott
34	Gavin Schilling	F	6-9	240	R-Sr.	Chicago, Ill./Findlay Prep
40	Braden Burke	F	6-11	235	So.	Stevensville, Mich./Lakeshore (Robert Morris)
41	Conner George	G	6-3	200	R-So.	Okemos, Mich./Okemos
44	Nick Ward	F	6-8	250	So.	Gahanna, Ohio/Lincoln

Head Coach: Tom Izzo (23rd season - 561-223 career record)

Associate Head Coach: Dwayne Stephens (15th season)

Assistant Coach: Mike Garland (18th season)

Assistant Coach: Dane Fife (7th season)

Director of Basketball Operations: David Thomas

Video Coordinator: Drew Denisco

Assistant Video Coordinator: Doug Herner

Athletic Trainer: Nick Richey

Equipment Manager: Dave Pruder

Strength and Conditioning Coach: Todd Moyer

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

Kyle Ahrens..... Arns

Kenny Goins Rhymes with coins

Jack Hoiberg..... Hoy-berg

Lourawls "Tum Tum" Nairn Jr.Nairn - One syllable

.....(Nair rhymes with hair)

Cassius Winston.....Cash-ess

THE STARTING FIVE

1. Series History

Michigan State and Illinois meet for the 119th time on Monday, Jan. 22 ... Each team has won 59 games in the series, with the Illini posting a 73-70 win at home last year ... The Spartans have won 10 of the last 16 against Illinois and 12 of the last 19 ... Nineteen of the last 21 games in the series have been decided by 10 points or fewer ... Tom Izzo is 22-17 in his career against the Illini.

2. Bridges Named to Wooden Award Midseason List

Sophomore guard/forward Miles Bridges was selected to the John R. Wooden® Midseason Top 25 on Jan. 11 ... Chosen by a poll of national college basketball experts, the midseason list is comprised of 25 student-athletes who are front-runners for the sport's most prestigious honor, based on their performances during the first half of the 2017-18 season ... Bridges leads Michigan State in scoring with 16.9 points per game, is second on the team with 7.2 rebounds and is averaging 3.1 assists and 1.1 blocks ... He ranks fifth in the Big Ten Conference in scoring, is tied for ninth in rebounding and leads the league in free throw percentage (87.8 percent) ... Bridges is the only player in the country averaging at least 16.5 points, 7.0 rebounds, 3.0 assists and one block per game.

3. Third Big Ten Weekly Honor for Jaren Jackson Jr.

Jaren Jackson Jr. was named the Big Ten Conference Freshman of the Week on Monday after his performance in a pair of games last week ... This is the third Freshman of the Week nod this season for Jackson, who also took the honor on Dec. 11 and Nov. 27 ... Jackson becomes one of 16 student-athletes to earn three or more Big Ten Freshman of the Week awards in a season ... Jackson averaged 17.5 points, 4.0 rebounds and 4.0 blocks in games against Rutgers and Michigan ... In Wednesday's overtime win over against Rutgers, he scored 16 points, grabbed five rebounds and had two blocks. In a loss to Michigan on Saturday, he tied his career-high with 19 points, hitting 10-of-13 free throws, and blocked six shots ... Jackson's 3.3 blocks per game rank No. 6 nationally and his 62 blocks are the third-most in a single-season at Michigan State.

4. Sophomore Class Leading the Way

Michigan State's sophomore class – Miles Bridges, Joshua Langford, Cassius Winston and Nick Ward – has helped lead the way for the Spartans ... Through 20 games, that quartet has accounted for 66.0 percent of the team's scoring (1,125 of 1,704 points), 48.1 percent of its rebounds (409 of 851) and 56.8 percent of the team's assists (242 of 426) ... Together they are averaging 56.3 points, 20.5 rebounds and 12.1 assists ... When all four scored in double figures in MSU's win over Rutgers, it was the ninth time this season they had done so in the same game.

5. Hot Shooting

The Spartans have been among the best shooting teams in the country ... The team connected on at least 57 percent of its shots in five-straight games between games on Dec. 18 and Jan. 4, shooting 62.1 percent in that span ... Against Cleveland State on Dec. 29, MSU hit a season-high 65.1 percent of its field goals, the first time the team had hit at least 65 percent of its shots since connecting on 66.1 percent in a win over Mississippi Valley State on Nov. 18, 2016 ... The Spartans hit 74.2 percent of their first half shots against Cleveland State (23-of-31), the second time this season MSU hit at least 70 percent in a half ... MSU ranks No. 3 in the country in field goal percentage (51.8 percent) and No. 12 in 3-point percentage (41.5 percent).

SPARTAN SPORTS NETWORK RADIO AFFILIATES

City	Call Letters (Frequency)
Adrian	WABJ-AM 1490
Alma	WQBX-FM 104.9
	WFYC-AM 1280
Alpena	WKJZ-FM 94.9
Ann Arbor	WLBV-AM 1290
Bad Axe	WLEW-AM 1340
	WLEW-FM 102.1
Battle Creek	WBCK-FM 95.3
Benton Harbor	WCSY-FM 103.7
Detroit	WNAS-FM 93.1
Escanaba	WRPP-FM 92.7
Flint	WWCK-AM 1570
Gaylord	WMJZ-FM 101.5
Grand Haven	WGHN-FM 92.1
	WGHN-AM 1370
Grand Rapids	WBBL-FM 107.3
Greenville	WGLM-AM 1380
Hastings	WBCH-AM 1220
	WBCH-FM 100.1
Houghton Lake	WTWS-FM 92.1
Iron Mountain	WMIQ-AM 1450
Jackson	WIBM-AM 1450
	WIBM-FM 101.9
Kalamazoo	WKZO-AM 590
Lansing	WJIM-AM 1240
	WMMQ-FM 94.9
Ludington/Manistee	WLDN-FM 98.7
Marine City	WHLX 1590 AM
Marquette/hpeming	WRUP-FM 98.3
Midland	WLUN-FM 100.9
Newberry	WMJT-FM 96.7
Ontonagon	WUPY-FM 101.1
Petoskey	WJML-AM 1110
	WJML-FM 94.9
Port Huron	WPHM-AM 1380
Saginaw	WILZ-FM 104.5
Tawas City	WQLB-FM 103.3
Traverse City	WCCW-AM 1310
	WCCW-FM 107.5

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Associated Press – Jan. 15

Team	Record	Pts
1 Villanova (63)	16-1	1,623
2 Virginia (1)	16-1	1,527
3 Purdue (1)	17-2	1,411
4 Oklahoma	14-2	1,371
5 Duke	15-2	1,319
6 West Virginia	15-2	1,304
7 Wichita State	15-2	1,283
8 Texas Tech	15-2	1,276
9 MICHIGAN STATE	16-3	1,062
10 Kansas	14-3	1,032
11 Xavier	16-3	928
12 Cincinnati	15-2	858
13 Gonzaga	16-3	829
14 Arizona	14-4	723
15 North Carolina	14-4	666
16 Arizona State	14-3	639
17 Auburn	16-1	523
18 Kentucky	14-3	487
19 Seton Hall	15-3	455
20 Clemson	15-2	444
21 Tennessee	12-4	358
22 Ohio State	15-4	276
23 Michigan	15-4	233
24 TCU	13-4	196
25 Miami	13-3	143

Others receiving votes: Creighton 56, Rhode Island 39, Florida State 25, Nevada 23, Saint Mary's 19, New Mexico State 4, Louisville 2, Florida 1

USA Today Top 25 – Jan. 15

Team	Record	Pts
1 Villanova (31)	16-1	798
2 Virginia	16-1	757
3 Purdue (1)	17-2	678
4 Wichita State	15-2	664
5 Duke	15-2	638
6 Oklahoma	14-2	632
7 West Virginia	15-2	624
8 Texas Tech	15-2	607
9 MICHIGAN STATE	16-3	513
10 Kansas	14-3	501
11 Cincinnati	15-2	446
12 Xavier	16-3	442
13 Gonzaga	16-3	414
14 North Carolina	14-4	298
14 Arizona State	14-3	298
16 Kentucky	14-3	272
17 Arizona	14-4	271
18 Clemson	15-2	242
19 Seton Hall	15-3	239
20 Auburn	16-1	213
21 Tennessee	12-4	187
22 Ohio State	15-4	109
23 Miami	13-3	108
24 Michigan	15-4	107
25 TCU	13-4	103

Others receiving votes: Creighton 77, Saint Mary's 43, Florida State 34, Nevada 23, Notre Dame 18, Rhode Island 16, Boise State 7, UCLA 5, Florida 5, Baylor 4, New Mexico State 2, Oklahoma State 2, Middle Tennessee 2, Louisiana 1

MSU By Week

Date	AP	Coaches
Preseason	2	2
Week 2	2	-
Week 3	4	5
Week 4	3	3
Week 5	3	3
Week 6	2	2
Week 7	2	2
Week 8	2	2
Week 9	1	1
Week 10	4	4
Week 11	9	9
Week 12		
Week 13		
Week 14		
Week 15		
Week 16		
Week 17		
Week 18		
Postseason		

Scouting Illinois

Illinois enters the game on Monday, Jan. 22 with a 10-10 overall record and an 0-7 mark in the Big Ten ... The Fighting Illini have lost their last five games, including a 75-50 decision at Wisconsin on Friday night ... Junior forward Leron Black leads the team with 14.5 points and 5.5 rebounds per game ... He is one of three players scoring in double figures, along with freshman guard Trent Frazier, who is second with 11.0 points and is tied for the team lead with 2.8 assists ... Junior forward Michael Finke is third on the team with 10.3 points and second with 5.4 rebounds ... Illinois is seventh in the league in scoring offense (77.6 ppg) and 12th in the league in scoring defense (72.1 ppg) ... Illinois is tied for second in the Big Ten with 7.6 steals per game.

Last Meeting

MSU fought back from a pair of double-digit deficits and had a chance to win in the last 10 seconds, but could not make it up as Illinois won, 73-70, at State Farm Center on March 1 ... Miles Bridges scored 21 points and had 10 rebounds to lead three players in double figures for the Spartans ... Alvin Ellis added 15 points and Nick Ward finished with 11 points and six rebounds.

MSU Races Past Indiana at Home

Sophomore guard/forward Miles Bridges scored a game-high 22 points and Nick Ward had a double-double with 18 points and 13 rebounds to lead five players in double figures as No. 9 Michigan State cruised to an 85-57 win over Indiana on the Breslin Center Friday night ... Michigan State jumped out to a 42-23 lead at the break, connecting on 50 percent of its first half field goals (14-of-28), while handing out 11 assists ... MSU used an 18-0 run over a span of 5:13 and took a 27-10 lead on a 3-pointer from Cassius Winston with 10:39 to play in the half ... MSU took its biggest lead of the game, 82-50, on a layup from graduate student Ben Carter with 2:31 left ... Bridges scored 22 points, connecting on 9-of-13 shots from the floor, to lead five players in double figures ... Sophomore forward Nick Ward had 18 points and 13 rebounds, while McQuaid added 11 points off the bench, freshman forward Jaren Jackson Jr. added 10 points, six rebounds, three assists and three blocks, while sophomore guard Cassius Winston added 10 points, eight assists and four rebounds.

Defend, Rebound, Run

Michigan State won 14-straight games before losing to Ohio State on Jan. 7 ... During that win streak, MSU won games by 28.6 points per game, led in large part by its defense and rebounding ... During that stretch, MSU allowed only 59.1 points per game and opponents shot only 33.4 percent from the floor ... Overall this season, the Spartans are limiting opponents to 34.8 percent shooting from the field ... Only one opponent (Ohio State) has shot above 50 percent against the Spartans ... MSU ranks No. 1 nationally in field goal percentage defense (34.8 percent) and No. 21 in scoring defense (63.7 ppg) through Jan. 20 ... Michigan State has held seven opponents to below 60 points this season ... The Spartans have only been out-rebounded twice this season and rank No. 3 in the country in total rebounds per game (42.55) ... MSU ranked No. 2 in the country in rebound margin (+11.6 overall) and No. 1 in blocked shots per game (8.0) through Jan. 20.

TALE OF THE TAPE OVERALL

	Michigan State	Illinois
Scoring Average	85.9	77.6
Scoring Defense	63.0	72.1
Scoring Margin	+22.9	+5.5
Field Goal Percentage	51.9%	43.8%
FG Percentage Defense	34.5%	44.6%
Three Point FG %	41.7%	31.8%
Three Point FG % Defense	33.7%	32.1%
Free Throw Percentage	72.2%	73.4%
Rebound Average	43.0	37.0
Opponents Rebound Average	31.2	33.2
Rebound Margin	+11.8	+3.8
Assists	21.7	14.1
Turnover Average	13.7	14.8
Turnovers Forced	12.1	17.9
Turnover Margin	-1.6	+3.1
Steals	4.7	7.6
Blocks	8.0	2.2

MSU vs. ILLINOIS

Last 15 Meetings (MSU 9-6)

Date	Site	W/L	MSU-Opp	Score
3-6-08	A	W		59-51
1-17-09	H	W		63-57
3-1-09	A	W		74-66
1-16-10	H	W		73-63
2-6-10	A	L		73-78
1-18-11	A	L		62-71
2-19-11	H	W		61-57
1-31-12	A	L		41-42
1-31-13	H	W		80-75
1-18-14	A	W		78-62
3-1-14	H	L		46-53
2-7-15	H	L		54-59
2-22-15	A	W		60-53
1-7-16	H	W		79-54
3-1-17	A	L		70-73

Series Quick Facts

Overall: 59-59
At East Lansing: 37-20
At Breslin Center: 15-7
At Champaign: 19-38
At Neutral Site: 3-1
Izzo vs. ILL: 22-17
Underwood vs. MSU: 0-0
Most MSU Points: 97 (Jan. 10, 1959)
Most ILL Points: 121 (Mar. 9, 1965)
Fewest MSU Points: 39 (Jan. 9, 1993)
Fewest ILL Points: 41 (Jan. 31, 2008)
Largest MSU Margin: 22 (Feb. 25, 1978)
Largest ILL Margin: 32 (Mar. 9, 1965)
Last MSU Win: Jan. 7, 2016 (79-54)
Last ILL Win: March 1, 2017 (73-70)
Current Streak: ILL won one
Longest MSU Win Streak: 10
Longest MSU Home Win Streak: Eight
Longest MSU Away Win Streak: Five
Longest ILL Win Streak: Seven
Longest ILL Home Win Streak: Seven
Longest ILL Away Win Streak: Three

* Active Streak

AROUND THE BIG TEN

2017-18 Big Ten Conference Standings

	Big Ten		Overall	
	W-L	Pct.	W-L	Pct.
Purdue	8-0	1.000	19-2	.905
Ohio State	8-0	1.000	17-4	.810
Michigan State	5-2	.714	17-3	.850
Michigan	5-3	.625	16-5	.765
Nebraska	5-3	.625	14-7	.667
Indiana	4-3	.571	11-8	.579
Maryland	4-4	.500	15-6	.714
Penn State	3-4	.429	13-7	.650
Wisconsin	3-4	.429	10-10	.500
Minnesota	3-6	.333	14-8	.636
Rutgers	2-5	.286	12-8	.600
Northwestern	2-5	.286	11-9	.550
Iowa	1-7	.125	10-11	.476
Illinois	0-7	.000	10-10	.500

Big Ten Conference Schedule Jan. 22 - Jan. 28 (All Times Eastern)

Monday, January 22

Maryland at Indiana (7 p.m.)
Nebraska at Ohio State (8 p.m.)
Michigan State at Illinois (9 p.m.)

Tuesday, January 23

Wisconsin at Iowa (7 p.m.)
Northwestern at Minnesota (9 p.m.)

Wednesday, January 24

Nebraska at Rutgers (7 p.m.)
Indiana at Illinois (9 p.m.)

Thursday, January 25

Michigan at Purdue (7 p.m.)
Penn State at Ohio State (8 p.m.)

Friday, January 26

Wisconsin at Michigan State (8 p.m.)

Saturday, January 27

Rutgers at Penn State (4 p.m.)
Iowa at Nebraska (8 p.m.)

Sunday, January 28

Michigan State at Maryland (1 p.m.)
Purdue at Indiana (3:30 p.m.)

Monday, January 29

Northwestern at Michigan (7 p.m.)
Nebraska at Wisconsin (9 p.m.)

Tuesday, January 30

Rutgers at Illinois (7 p.m.)
Indiana at Ohio State (7 p.m.)
Minnesota at Iowa (9 p.m.)

Wednesday, January 31

Penn State at Michigan State (6:30 p.m.)
Maryland at Purdue (8:30 p.m.)

Cashing In

Sophomore guard Cassius Winston has been a scoring threat and one of the best distributors in the country this season ... ESPN's Jay Bilas listed Winston as the Best Passer in college basketball ... He set a career-high with 12 assists against Houston Baptist and then broke that mark with 13 against Savannah State ... He ranks No. 10 in the country in assists per game (7.0) ... In addition to his passing, Winston has been among the best shooters from long distance in the country this season too ... He ranks No. 11 in the country in 3-point field goal percentage (52.3 percent).

Backcourt Strength

The play of sophomore guards Joshua Langford and Cassius Winston has been a key for the Spartans this season ... Both have stepped up at different times, Winston scoring a career-high 28 points against UCONN and Langford following through with a personal best 23 points when MSU beat North Carolina to clinch the PK80 Victory Bracket title ... Combined, that duo is averaging 25.7 points, 8.6 assists and 5.8 rebounds per game, while shooting 50.3 percent from the floor (184-of-366), including 48.7 percent from 3-point land (74-of-150) ... Off the bench, senior captain Lourawls "Tum Tum" Nairn Jr. and junior Matt McQuaid have provided depth and led the way when needed ... Nairn handed out a game-high six assists in MSU's win at Rutgers and is among the Big Ten and nation's leaders in assist/turnover ratio ... McQuaid scored a career-high 20 points in a win over DePaul and is averaging 6.8 points per game.

Sharp Shooting

Michigan State connected on at least 50 percent of its field goals in the first three games of the season and that hot shooting has continued ... The Spartans have hit at least 50 percent 11 times this season and at least 45 percent 16 times ... Through 20 games this season, Michigan State ranks No. 3 in the country in field goal percentage (51.8%) and No. 12 in 3-point percentage (41.5%) ... The Spartans have connected on 57.3 percent of their two-point baskets (430-of-750) overall.

Spartans Share the Ball

Unselfishness is a trademark of all Tom Izzo teams ... That has been especially true over the last four-plus seasons as MSU established school record for assists during that span ... In 2015-16, MSU tallied a school record 719 assists, good for the 22nd-best total in NCAA history ... MSU's nation's-best assist average of 20.5 was the 23rd-best average in NCAA history ... The Spartans recorded an assist on a nation's-best 71.3 percent of their field goals ... In 2014-15, MSU totaled 646 assists (16.6 apg), after recording 637 (16.8 apg) in 2013-14 ... In 20 games this season, MSU leads the nation with 21.3 assists per game and is No. 1 in the country in total assists (426) ... The Spartans have assists on 70.3 percent of their field goals (426-of-606), which leads the nation ... Michigan State dished out 30 assists on 32 field goals in the win over Maryland ... It marked the third game this season with at least 30 assists, the most this season in Division I (via ESPN Stats and Info).

From Beyond the Arc

The Spartans ranked sixth in the Big Ten last year, connecting on 273 3-pointers, an average of 7.8 makes from long distance per game ... Two years ago, MSU led the nation in 3-point field goal percentage (.434) and made a school record 321 3-pointers ... Through 20 games this season, Michigan State ranks second in the Big Ten in 3-point field goal percentage, connecting on 41.5 percent of its shots and is third with 8.8 3-pointers per game ... Sophomore Cassius Winston leads the Big Ten, and ranks No. 11 in the nation, connecting on 52.3 percent of his 3-point attempts (45-of-86) ... Sophomore Joshua Langford is eighth in the league in 3-point percentage (45.5%) and freshman Jaren Jackson Jr. is tied for 11th (44.6%).

Frontcourt Matters

Last season, MSU featured a lineup that was among the shortest in the nation (289th in average height according to KenPom.com) ... That hasn't been the case in 2017-18, as MSU added four players 6-foot-8 or taller – two returning from injury, and two freshmen ... For a team that has led the nation in rebounding margin five times in the Izzo era, last year's +3.5 margin should be nothing more than a one-year dip ... NBCSports.com ranked MSU's frontcourt as the best in the nation in the preseason ... Through 20 games this season, MSU leads the Big Ten Conference – and ranks No. 2 in the country – in rebounding margin (+11.6 rpg) ... The Spartans also rank No. 3 in total rebounds per game (42.55) and No. 2 in defensive rebounds per game (30.7) ... Five players have registered at least 10 blocked shots and 10 players have at least one and Michigan State ranks No. 1 in the country in rejections per game (8.0 bpg).

Bridges Attacks the Glass

Sophomore guard/forward Miles Bridges grabbed a career-high 21 rebounds in Michigan State's win over Savannah State on Dec. 31 ... His 21 rebounds were the most by a Spartan since Greg Kelsner grabbed 27 against Wisconsin on Jan. 3, 1976 ... He became just the second Spartan to record 20 rebounds in the Tom Izzo era, joining Goran Suton who grabbed 20 vs. Oakland on Nov. 24, 2007 ... Bridges' 21 rebounds established a new Breslin Center record.

Century Mark

When Michigan State beat Savannah State, 108-52, on Dec. 31, it marked the fourth-straight game in which the Spartans have scored at least 100 points ... MSU also scored 107 points in a win over Houston Baptist on Dec. 18, followed that up with 102 points in a win over Long Beach State on Dec. 21 and then scored 111 points in a win over Cleveland State ... It was the first time MSU had scored at least 100 points in four-straight games in program history ... The Spartans were the first men's Division I team with four straight 100-point games since VMI in 2006-07. (via ESPN Stats & Info)

MSU'S RECORD IN 2017-18 WHEN:

At home: 12-1
On road: 1-1
Neutral: 4-1
Leading at the half: 15-1
Trailing at the half: 0-2
Tied at halftime: 2-0

Shoot 50% or above from field: 10-1
Shoot less than 50% from field: 7-2
Opp. shoots 50% or above: 0-1
Opp. shoots less than 50%: 17-2
MSU outshoots opp.: 17-2
Opp. outshoots MSU: 0-1
Both teams shoot same from floor: 0-0

MSU outrebounds opp.: 15-2
Opp. outrebounds MSU: 1-1
Rebounds are equal: 1-0

MSU has more turnovers: 12-3
Opp. has more turnovers: 4-0
Turnovers are equal: 1-0

Game decided by 1-5 pts: 1-0
Game decided by 6-10 pts: 1-2
Game decided by 11-15 pts: 1-0
Game decided by 16+ pts: 14-1

MSU scores less than 60 pts: 0-0
MSU scores 60-69 pts: 2-1
MSU scores 70-79 pts: 3-1
MSU scores 80+ pts: 12-1

MSU allows less than 60 pts: 7-0
MSU allows 60-69 pts: 7-0
MSU allows 70-79 pts: 3-0
MSU allows 80+ pts: 0-3
MSU in overtime: 0-0

One MSU player scores 10+: 0-0
Two MSU players score 10+: 1-0
Three MSU players score 10+: 3-1
Four MSU players score 10+: 7-1
Five MSU players score 10+: 5-0
Six MSU players score 10+: 2-0

In November: 6-1
In December: 8-0
In January: 3-2
In February: 0-0
In March: 0-0

On Sunday: 4-1
On Monday: 1-0
On Tuesday: 1-1
On Wednesday: 1-0
On Thursday: 4-0
On Friday: 4-0
On Saturday: 2-1

Day Games: 4-2
Night Games: 13-1

Champions Classic to Tip Off 2018-19 College Basketball Season

Michigan State's men's basketball team will open the 2018-19 season on Tuesday, Nov. 6, playing in the State Farm Champions Classic on ESPN ... The 2018 Classic – a neutral site doubleheader – will feature Michigan State playing Kansas and Duke squaring off against Kentucky ... The games will be played at Bankers Life Fieldhouse in Indianapolis, Indiana ... The NCAA Division I Council approved moving up the start of the men's and women's college basketball season to the Tuesday before the second Friday in November ... The Champions Classic began in 2011 and Michigan State has an all-time record of 3-4 in its appearances.

Breslin Advantage

Michigan State plays Indiana in the final of three-straight home games on Friday, Jan. 19 ... Michigan State is 389-59 (.868) at home all-time since the Breslin Center opened in 1989, including 201-45 (.817) in Big Ten play ... Under Tom Izzo, the Spartans are 315-44 (.877) at Breslin, including a 160-32 (.833) conference record ... MSU has an 11-1 record at home this season.

Back-to-Back Players of the Week

Sophomore Nick Ward was named the Big Ten Player of the Week on Jan. 1, the second-straight week a Spartan earned the league's weekly honor ... Sophomore guard/forward Miles Bridges was named Player of the Week on Dec. 26 ... In two games, Ward averaged 21.5 points and 12.5 rebounds in 20.5 minutes and went 16-of-17 from the field, connecting on 94.1 percent of his shots ... He tied his season high in points (22), and rebounds (15), in a 111-61 win over Cleveland State and followed that up with a perfect 9-of-9 shooting from the floor en route to 21 points in a 108-52 win against Savannah State ... He registered a pair of double-doubles to bring his season total to four ... This is the second career Big Ten Player of the Week honor for Ward, who earned the award in February 2017, becoming the only league freshman to earn top honors in the league last season ... In addition, Ward was named Freshman of the Week four times last year.

Carter, Schilling Making Contributions

Part of the added depth in the frontcourt this year has come from the return of a pair of players who missed last season with injuries, graduate forward Ben Carter and redshirt-senior Gavin Schilling ... Schilling was slated as the starting post player for last year's squad, but he suffered a season-ending knee injury in mid-October ... Carter joined MSU as a graduate transfer prior to the 2016-17 season after missing the last half of the 2015-16 season with a knee injury ... He suffered another knee injury on the first day of practice and missed all of last season ... He was granted a sixth year of eligibility in May ... Through 20 games, the duo has been key reserves for the Spartans ... Schilling is averaging 3.5 points and 3.8 rebounds in 10.2 minutes per game, while Carter is averaging 1.2 rebounds and an assist in nearly eight minutes of action ... Schilling grabbed a game-high eight rebounds in a win at Rutgers.

Depth Off the Bench

While MSU's starters have taken care of the lion's share of scoring, the team's depth has aided its strong start this year ... Its experience helps too as the Spartans have players who have totaled 155 career starts coming off the bench ... MSU is averaging 16.6 points off the bench, led mainly by Matt McQuaid with 6.1 points per game ... Senior guard Tum Tum Nairn Jr. is playing 20.0 minutes per game off the bench, while McQuaid averages nearly 20 (19.0) ... The Spartans have out-scored their opponents off the bench 12 times this season and scored a season-high 31 points against Savannah State ... In MSU's win at Rutgers, the bench accounted for 21 of the team's 45 rebounds, including a game-high eight by Gavin Schilling ... In a win over Southern Utah, they accounted for 15 points, 13 rebounds, six assists and three steals ... In the team's win at Oakland, redshirt junior Kenny Goins handed out a career-high seven assists.

2017 Recruiting Class

Michigan State received signed National Letters-of-Intent from five players on the first day of the early signing period on Nov. 8 ... **Marcus Bingham Jr.** is a 6-10 forward from Grand Rapids, Mich. ... He was a 2017 Detroit News Class B Fourth Team honoree and averaged 16 points, 10 rebounds and two blocked shots as a junior ... **Gabe Brown**, a 6-7 forward from Belleville, Mich., was a 2017 Detroit Free Press Class A All-State honoree ... He averaged 15.9 points, 5.7 rebounds and 1.4 blocks as a junior ... **Aaron Henry**, a 6-6 forward from Indianapolis, Ind. who has a 6-foot-10 wingspan, was a 2017 Associated Press All-State Second Team selection and 2017 USA Today All-USA Indiana First Team honoree ... He averaged 14.2 points, 6.6 rebounds and 3.8 assists as a junior ... **Thomas Kithier**, a 6-8 forward from Clarkston, Mich., was a 2017 Detroit Free Press Class A Second Team selection and Detroit News Class A Third Team honoree ... Kithier averaged 21 points, 12 rebounds, five assists and three blocks as a prep junior at Macomb Dakota ... **Foster Loyer**, a 6-0 guard from Clarkston, Mich., was a 2017 Detroit Free Press and Detroit News Dream Team member, the 2017 MLive Detroit Player of the Year and a 2017 Associated Press Class A All-State First Team selection ... Averaged 25.1 points, 6.4 assists, 4.2 rebounds and 2.7 steals as a prep junior.

Bridges Named Big Ten Player of the Week for First Time

Miles Bridges was named the Big Ten Player of the Week on Dec. 26 after averaging 25.0 points, 7.5 rebounds and 3.0 assists while connecting on 64.3 percent of his shots from the field (18-of-28) in wins over Houston Baptist and Long Beach State ... It was the first time Bridges has been named Big Ten Player of the Week and he was the first Spartan to earn the award since Nick Ward in February 2017 ... Bridges was named the Big Ten Freshman of the Week five times last year.

Big Ten Weekly Honors for Jaren Jackson Jr.

Jaren Jackson Jr. was named the Big Ten Freshman of the Week on Dec. 11 after averaging 14.0 points, 8.0 rebounds, 6.5 blocks and 1.5 steals in wins over Rutgers and Southern Utah ... It was the second league honor for the freshman, who was named Co-Freshman of the Week (Nov. 27) after averaging 9.3 points, 8.3 rebounds and 1.3 blocks during the PK Invitational.

Top-Ten Wins

Michigan State beat a pair of Top-10 teams by 18 points in the span of a week – No. 9 North Carolina (Nov. 26, 63-45) and No. 5 Notre Dame (Nov. 30, 81-63) ... It marked the sixth and seventh time the Spartans have beaten a Top 10 team by 18 or more points during the Tom Izzo era (1/21/98 vs. No. 10 Iowa; 2/5/2000 vs. No. 7 UConn; 3/23/2003 vs. No. 10 Florida; 3/11/2011 vs. No. 9 Purdue, 2/12/2013 vs. No. 4 Michigan) ... The wins over UNC and Notre Dame marked the first time Izzo defeated back-to-back Top-10 opponents in the regular season in his 23-year career ... MSU's 18-point victory over No. 5 Notre Dame was its largest over a Top 5 team since Feb. 12, 2013 (75-52 vs. No. 4 Michigan) .. The victory was also the first for the Spartans over a Top 5 opponent since Nov. 17, 2015 vs. No. 4 Kansas (79-73).

Stepping Up to a Challenging Stretch

Michigan State's game against Rutgers on Tuesday, Dec. 5 was the team's third in the span of six days and the sixth in 13 days, including a pair of games against top-10 teams (then-No. 9 North Carolina and then-No. 5 Notre Dame) ... MSU won all six games during that stretch in the midst of a 14-game win streak that ended in a loss at Ohio State (Jan. 7) ... The team's average margin of victory in that span was 21.5 points, with four wins by at least 20 points and two by 18 points ... The last time MSU won six-straight games by 18 or more points was at the start of the 1985-86 season, but none of those games included ranked opponents.

Playing the Best

The game against then-No. 5 Notre Dame on Nov. 30 marked the third time this season Michigan State played a team ranked among the Associated Press Top-10 in the opening month of the season ... The Spartans had already played No. 1 Duke, falling 88-81, and beat then-No. 9 North Carolina on Nov. 26 in the Victory Bracket championship game of the PK80 Invitational ... Michigan State was the only team among the Power Six Conferences to play three teams ranked in the AP Top-10 in the first month of the season ... This is the second-straight year MSU has done so, playing Arizona, Kentucky and Duke last year in the opening month of the season.

Coaching Stability

Michigan State has had just two basketball coaches in the last 42 seasons and three in the last 49 ... Tom Izzo is in his 23rd season, having taking over from his mentor Jud Heathcote, who spent 19 years as head coach (1976-95) ... Before Heathcote, Gus Ganakas spent seven seasons as head coach ... Ganakas provided commentary on Spartan radio broadcasts for 31 seasons.

Career Games Lead the Way at the PK80 Invitational

Cassius Winston scored a career-high 28 points, hitting 12-of-15 shots from the field, including 4-of-5 from 3-point range, establishing career best in field goals made and attempted along with 3-point field goals made and attempted ... Winston scored 23 of his 28 points in the second half, and scored 18 of MSU's final 26 points over the last 8:23 ... He also assisted on two other baskets, having a direct hand in 22 of MSU's final 26 points.

Winston Named MVP of the PK80 Invitational

Sophomore Cassius Winston was named the Most Valuable Player of the PK80 Invitational after helping lead MSU to the Victory Bracket championship, averaging 15.0 points, 5.0 rebounds and 6.7 assists in three games ... Winston scored a career-high 28 points in the win over UCONN in the second round.

Defense Wins Championships

One of the staples of Michigan State's win in the PK80 Invitational Victory Bracket was the team's defensive performance, limiting all three opponents to less than 40 percent shooting from the field in each game ... In the championship game win over North Carolina, MSU held the Tar Heels to 24.6 percent shooting from the field, the lowest in program history for UNC ... The 45 points scored by the Tar Heels were the second-lowest output by a Roy Williams-coached team at UNC ... Overall in the PK80 Invitational, MSU's three opponents shot 31.9 percent from the floor (36-of-113) on 2-pointers and 21.4 percent (12-of-56) on 3-pointers.

Double Trouble

Jaren Jackson Jr. registered his fifth double-double of the season with 17 points and 13 rebounds against Southern Utah ... He had a pair of double-doubles in the PK80 Invitational, first against DePaul (13-10) and then against UCONN (12-10) ... In the season opener against North Florida, he became the fourth Spartan freshman to post a double-double in his debut, tallying 13 points and a game-high 13 rebounds ... His 13 rebounds were the second-most by a Spartan freshman and his 13 points were the seventh-best debut.

Margins of Victory

Michigan State's 18-point margin of victory over then-No. 9 North Carolina (63-45) was its largest over a ranked opponent since Jan. 11, 2017 (65-47 vs. No. 24 Minnesota) and its largest over a top-10 team since Feb. 12, 2013 (75-52 vs. No. 4 Michigan) ... In holding North Carolina to 45 points, it was the fewest points the Spartans had allowed to a ranked opponent since March 7, 2013 (No. 22 Wisconsin, 43) and the fewest to a top-10 opponent since Feb. 28, 2010 (No. 3 Purdue, 44).

Jaren Jackson Jr. Dazzles in Debut

Jaren Jackson Jr. became the fourth Spartan freshman to post a double-double in his debut, tallying 13 points and a game-high 13 rebounds ... Deyonta Davis, Derrick Nix and Matt Steigenga are the other three to post a double-double in their freshman debut ... Jackson Jr.'s game-high 13 rebounds are the second-most ever by a Spartan freshman in his debut, finishing one shy of Nix's record 14 (11/13/2009) ... He is also just the fifth Spartan freshman to grab double figure rebounds in his debut ... Jackson Jr.'s 13 points match the seventh-best debut by a freshman.

Final Exhibition Statistics

Michigan State posted a trio of wins during its exhibition slate ... Sophomore guard/forward Miles Bridges led the team in scoring with 16.7 points and was third with 6.3 rebounds ... Sophomore guard Cassius Winston averaged 15.3 points and 7.0 assists, while sophomore forward Nick Ward chipped in 12.0 points and was second on the team with 7.3 rebounds ... Freshman forward Jaren Jackson Jr. started two of the three games and averaged 10.0 points and a team-best 8.3 rebounds ... Sophomore guard Joshua Langford added 6.3 points and 3.0 rebounds.

MSU/Georgia in Hurricane Relief Exhibition

When Michigan State beat Georgia on Oct. 29 at Van Andel Arena, the score of the game did not mean as much to those involved ... Sure, beating the Bulldogs, 80-68, mattered, and getting tested against a strong team from a good conference were benefits of the game ... But with the charity exhibition game helping to raise awareness and financial support for hurricane relief efforts, specifically those in Georgia and in the Bahamas, the home of Spartans senior guard Lourawls "Tum Tum" Nairn Jr., the game took on greater meaning ... Prior to the game, MSU Head Coach Tom Izzo and Georgia Head Coach Mark Fox presented a check for more than \$339,000 that will benefit the American Red Cross – International Services and American Red Cross – Georgia Region.

TOP SPARTAN FRESHMAN DEBUTS

Points	No.	Date
1. Jay Vincent	25	11/28/1977
2. Miles Bridges	21	11/11/2016
3. Marcus Taylor	16	11/19/2000
4. Charlie Bell	15	11/17/1997
Matt Steigenga	15	11/28/1988
6. Keith Appling	14	11/12/2010
7. Jaren Jackson Jr.	13	11/10/2017
Deyonta Davis	13	11/13/2015
Chris Allen	13	11/13/2007
Darryl Johnson	13	11/25/1983
Sam Vincent	13	11/27/1981

Rebounds	No.	Date
1. Derrick Nix	14	11/13/2009
2. Jaren Jackson Jr.	13	11/10/2017
3. Deyonta Davis	11	11/13/2015
4. Matt Steigenga	10	11/28/1988
Ben Tower	10	11/28/1980
6. Earvin Johnson	9	11/28/1977
7. Denzel Valentine	8	11/9/2012
8. Miles Bridges	7	11/11/2016
Branden Dawson	7	11/11/2011
Adreian Payne	7	11/12/2010
Charlie Bell	7	11/17/1997

Assists	No.	Date
1. Mateen Cleaves	8	11/25/1996
Randy Morrison	8	11/28/1980
Earvin Johnson	8	11/28/1977
4. David Hart	7	12/1/1992
5. Kalin Lucas	6	11/13/2007
6. Marcus Taylor	5	11/19/2000
Terry Donnelly	5	11/29/1976
8. Tum Tum Nairn Jr.	4	11/14/2014
Korie Lucious	4	11/16/2008
Drew Neitzel	4	11/19/2004
Steve Smith	4	11/27/1987
Mark Brown	4	11/23/1985

Nairn, Bridges Selected MSU Captains for 2017-18

Senior guard Lourawls "Tum Tum" Nairn Jr. and sophomore guard/forward Miles Bridges were selected captains for the 2017-18 season ... Nairn Jr., who Izzo says "might end up the best leader we've ever had," is a captain for the third time in his career.

Michigan State Makes Plans to Honor Jud Heathcote

The Michigan State athletic department will pay tribute to former coach Jud Heathcote in a variety of ways both in the near future and throughout the 2017-18 season ... Heathcote passed away on Monday, August 28 at the age of 90 ... The men's basketball team will wear a patch honoring Coach Heathcote throughout the 2017-18 season ... The Michigan State-Purdue men's basketball game on Feb. 10 in East Lansing will be the Jud Heathcote Tribute Game ... The date coincides with the annual former player reunion, allowing many of Coach Heathcote's former players to be in attendance to honor their coach.

Bridges' Preseason Honors

Sophomore Miles Bridges has received numerous preseason accolades heading into the 2017-18 season ... The guard/forward was named a Preseason All-American by the Associated Press on Nov. 6, receiving 61 of a possible 65 votes from national media members ... This is another in a series of preseason accolades for MSU's sophomore co-captain ... Bridges was named the Big Ten Preseason Player of the Year and was a unanimous selection to the Preseason All-Big Ten Team ... In addition, he was one of 20 players selected to the watch list for the Julius Erving Small Forward of the Year Award, was one of 32 players selected to the 2017-18 Oscar Robertson Trophy Preseason Watch List and was tabbed to the Naismith Trophy Watch List ... Bridges was named the Preseason Player of the Year by ESPN.com, CBS Sports.com and NBC Sports, the Sporting News selected him to its Preseason All-American team and Sports Illustrated lists him as the No. 1 candidate for National Player of the Year.

Big Ten Schedule

With a 14-team conference each Big Ten team will play five schools twice, four schools on the road, and four schools at home ... In conference play, the Spartans will play Illinois, Indiana, Maryland, Rutgers and Wisconsin twice, while hosting Michigan, Nebraska, Penn State and Purdue, and traveling to Iowa, Minnesota, Northwestern and Ohio State ... The Spartans will play a pair of conference games in the middle of the non-conference slate in early December, hosting Nebraska (Dec. 3) and traveling to Rutgers (Dec. 5) ... After the conclusion of the non-conference schedule, Big Ten action resumes on January 4 with MSU hosting Maryland.

Spartans in the Polls

Michigan State was ranked No. 2 in the country in the USA Today Coaches' Preseason poll and the Associated Press Preseason poll ... The Spartans received nine first-place votes and had 747 points in the USA Today poll ... In the AP poll, MSU received 13 first-place votes ... MSU is one of four Big Ten teams ranked in both polls, joined by Minnesota (15/15), Northwestern (19/20) and Purdue (20/21) ... The last time MSU was ranked No. 2 in both polls (AP and USA Today) was 2013-14.

Nation's Best Seven Final Fours in 17 Years

Michigan State advanced to the 2015 Final Four, marking the seventh trip to the Final Four in 22 seasons under Tom Izzo ... The seven trips in the last 19 seasons rank as the most in the nation. In addition, MSU has appeared in 20 straight NCAA Tournaments, marking the nation's third-longest active streak, and the longest streak in Big Ten history.

Spartans in the NBA

Michigan State had a Big Ten-best eight players on NBA opening day rosters, including Denzel Valentine (Bulls), Gary Harris (Nuggets), Deyonta Davis (Grizzlies), Bryn Forbes (Spurs), Draymond Green (Warriors), Adreian Payne (Timberwolves), Zach Randolph (Grizzlies) and Alan Anderson (Clippers).

Gilbert Pavilion and Izzo Hall of History Dedicated

The Michigan State Athletics Department officially opened the Gilbert Pavilion and the Tom Izzo Hall of History on October 20 in a ceremony at the Breslin Center ... The project was funded by private donations, including large contributions from Dan & Jennifer Gilbert and from Bob & Julie Skandalaris, with the gifts designated to the Breslin Center addition ... The addition features the Tom Izzo Hall of History, the Draymond Green Strength and Conditioning

MICHIGAN STATE IN THE BIG TEN

* Through Jan. 20

TEAM STATISTICS

Scoring Offense	1st, 85.2 ppg
Scoring Defense	4th, 63.7 ppg
Scoring Margin	2nd, +21.6 ppg
Free Throw Percentage	5th, 72.8%
Field Goal Percentage	1st, 51.8%
Field Goal % Defense	1st, 34.8%
3-Point FG Percentage	2nd, 41.5%
3-Point FG % Defense	7th, 33.7%
Rebounding Offense	1st, 42.6 rpg
Rebounding Defense	3rd, 31.0 rpg
Rebounding Margin	1st, +11.6 rpg
Blocked Shots	1st, 8.0 bpg
Assists	1st, 21.3 apg
Steals	13th, 4.5 spg
Turnover Margin	13th, -2.2 (13.9 / 11.7)
Assist/Turnover Ratio	2nd, 1.5 (21.3 apg / 13.9 tpg)
Offensive Rebounds	6th, 11.9 rpg
Defensive Rebounds	1st, 30.7 rpg
3-Point FG per Game	3rd, 8.8/game

Individual Leaders

* Through Jan. 20

Scoring

Miles Bridges	5th	16.9 ppg
Nick Ward	T15th	14.5 ppg
Joshua Langford	27th	13.2 ppg
Cassius Winston	30th	12.6 ppg

Rebounding

Nick Ward	7th	7.8 rpg
Miles Bridges	T9th	7.2 rpg
Jaren Jackson Jr.	T16th	6.2 rpg

Field Goal Percentage

Nick Ward	2nd	70.1%
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3-Point Percentage

Cassius Winston	1st	52.3%
Joshua Langford	8th	45.5%
Jaren Jackson Jr.	T11th	44.6%

3-Point FG Made

Cassius Winston	6th	2.3/game
Miles Bridges	T11th	2.1/game

Free Throw Percentage

Miles Bridges	1st	87.8%
Jaren Jackson Jr.	14th	79.3%

Assists

Cassius Winston	1st	7.0 apg
Tum Tum Nairn Jr.	9th	3.8 apg

Blocked Shots

Jaren Jackson Jr.	2nd	3.3 bpg
Nick Ward	8th	1.6 bpg
Miles Bridges	T17th	1.1 bpg

Assist/Turnover Ratio

Tum Tum Nairn	2nd	3.9 (3.8 apg / 1.0 tpg)
Cassius Winston	7th	2.8 (7.0 apg / 2.5 tpg)

Offensive Rebounds

Nick Ward	4th	2.9 rpg
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Defensive Rebounds

Miles Bridges	6th	5.6 rpg
Nick Ward	T9th	4.9 rpg
Jaren Jackson Jr.	T13th	4.7 rpg

Center, a new ticket box office, a championship display, a recruiting lounge, alumni locker room and interactive areas that enhance the fan experience for the more than 500,000 people attending events each year.



THE BOOK ON TOM IZZO

- * Inducted into the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame
- * Eight-Time National Coach of the Year
- * One NCAA, Seven Big Ten & Five Big Ten Tournament titles
- * Seven Final Four appearances
- * Three-Time Big Ten Coach of the Year
- * 20 straight NCAA Tournament appearances
- * 18 NBA Draft Picks, including nine first rounders
- * 10 All-Americans - Two Academic All-Americans
- * Graduates 85% 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 - third-winningest in Big Ten history

Coach Izzo

In his 23rd year, Tom Izzo (Northern Michigan, '77) is 561-223 (.716), and 261-122 (.681) in the Big Ten, as the head 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 22 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. Izzo was enshrined in the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame on September 9, 2016, cementing his status as one of the game's all-time greats.

Among The Big Ten's Best

Tom Izzo's .681 winning percentage in Big Ten games ranks fourth all-time among league coaches with at least 10 years of service, behind former Wisconsin coach Bo Ryan (.717), and former Indiana coach Bob Knight (.700), and former Purdue coach Ward Lambert (.685). In all games, Ohio State's Thad Matta ranks first at .748, followed by Ryan (.737), Knight (.734), Izzo (.716), Wisconsin's Walter Meanwell (.712), and Lambert (.709). With 261 conference victories, Izzo ranks third all time.

Izzo Among Best Ever

Through his first 22 seasons, Tom Izzo won 544 games, ranking fifth in college basketball history for most wins by a college coach in his first 22 years.

Final Fours

Tom Izzo led MSU to seven Final Four appearances between 1999 and 2017, becoming just the fourth school in college basketball history to do it in any 17-year span, including just the third since the tournament field expanded to 64 teams in 1985. Izzo's seven Final Fours are the most by any coach since his first season in 1996 and he ranks fifth all-time, including tied for fifth among active coaches. The seven Final Fours are also the most by any Big Ten coach.

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	27-9	.750	13-5	.722	T-2nd	NCAA Sweet 16
2013-14	29-9	.784	12-6	.667	T-2nd	NCAA Elite Eight
2014-15	27-12	.692	12-6	.667	T-3rd	NCAA Final Four
2015-16	29-6	.828	13-5	.722	2nd	NCAA First Round
2016-17	20-15	.571	10-8	.556	T-5th	NCAA Second Round
2017-18	17-3	.850	5-2	.714		
23 Years	561-223	.716	261-122	.681		

BY THE NUMBERS

Final Four Appearances

By Big Ten Coach

COACH	APPEARANCES
1. Tom Izzo (MSU)	7
2. Bob Knight (Indiana)	5
3. Harold Olsen (Ohio State)	4
Fred Taylor (Ohio State)	4

Career Big Ten Victories

COACH	VICTORIES
1. Bob Knight (Indiana)	353
2. Gene Keady (Purdue)	265
3. Tom Izzo (MSU)	261
4. Ward Lambert (Purdue)	228

Consecutive NCAA Tour. Appearances

COACH	APPEARANCES
1. Dean Smith (North Carolina)	23
2. Mike Krzyzewski (Duke) *	21
Roy Williams (Kansas/UNC)	20
4. Tom Izzo (MSU) *	20

* Active Streak

Final Four Appearances

COACH	APPEARANCES
1. Mike Krzyzewski (Duke)	12
John Wooden (UCLA)	12
3. Dean Smith (North Carolina)	11
4. Roy Williams (Kansas/UNC)	9
5. Tom Izzo (MSU)	7
Rick Pitino (Prov./Ky./L'ville)	7

Final Four Appearances Since 1996

(Izzo's First Season)

COACH	APPEARANCES
1. Tom Izzo (MSU)	7
Roy Williams (Kansas/UNC)	7
3. John Calipari (Mass/Mem./Ky.)	6
4. Mike Krzyzewski (Duke)	5
Rick Pitino (Kentucky/L'ville)	5

NCAA Tournament Wins

COACH	VICTORIES
1. Mike Krzyzewski (Duke)	91
2. Roy Williams (Kansas/UNC)	76
3. Dean Smith (North Carolina)	65
4. Jim Boeheim (Syracuse)	57
5. Rick Pitino (Louisville)	54
6. Jim Calhoun (N' eastern/UConn)	49
7. John Wooden (UCLA)	47
Tom Izzo (MSU)	47

Most Wins: First 22 Seasons

COACH	VICTORIES
1. Roy Williams (Kansas/UNC)	614
2. Jerry Tarkanian (LBSU/UNLV)	565
3. Bill Self (Tulsa/Ill./Kansas)	559
4. John Calipari (Mass/Mem./Ky.)	555
5. Tom Izzo (MSU)	544

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
- Win #500: vs. Boston College (99-68), 11/26/2015
- Big Ten Win #200: vs. Ohio State (59-56), 1/19/2013

* Became MSU's second-winningest coach

** Became MSU's all-time winningest coach