



MICHIGAN STATE (80) VS. HARVARD (73) – POSTGAME NOTES

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- The teams missed their first seven shots from the field to open the game.
- After it missed its first three attempts from the field, Michigan State connected on its next six field goals.
- The Spartans scored nine of the game's first 11 points.
- Harvard erased a 16-point, second-half deficit courtesy of 22-6 run. MSU had its largest lead of the game, 49-33, with 17:38 remaining in regulation, before the Crimson tied the game at 55 with 9:07 left.
- Harvard eventually took the lead, 62-60, after a Laurent Rivard 3-pointer with 7:12 remaining.
- Michigan State closed the game by scoring 17 of the final 28 points.
- Tom Izzo won his 41st NCAA Tournament game, and his .730 winning percentage in the tournament is seventh among active coaches.
- Michigan State is now 5-0 in Spokane and 4-0 in Spokane during the NCAA Tournament. In its last trip to Spokane in the Tournament in 2010, Michigan State advanced to the Final Four.
- The Spartans are now 20-4 when leading at halftime.
- Today's game ended the Spartans' streak of 10 or more made 3-point field goals in their last 15 games.
- Brandon Dawson's 26 points are a new career high.
- Dawson's 12 made field goals are a career high.
- Dawson has now been the leading rebounder in 18 of the 26 games in which he has played.
- The Spartans only had one turnover in the first half.
- Gary Harris needs three points to become the 45th player in MSU history to score 1,000 career points.
- Harris has now scored in double figures in four of five NCAA Tournament games.
- Michigan State is now 19-3 in the second game of an NCAA Tournament weekend.
- The Spartans are 9-1 on a neutral court this season.
- Michigan State is 28-2 when it finishes with a better field goal percentage than its opponent, but is 0-6 when the opponent has a higher percentage.
- MSU is 17-2 when it has scored 70 points.
- The Spartans are 9-3 this season when playing on Saturday.
- Michigan State now leads the all time series with Harvard with three wins.
- Appearing in its fifth-consecutive postseason, and its third-straight NCAA Tournament, Harvard fell short of becoming the first Ivy League team to advance to the Sweet 16 since Cornell in 2010.
- The Crimson hold a 2-5 all-time record in the NCAA Tournament.
- Harvard had its nine-game winning streak snapped. It finishes the season winning 13 of its last 14 contests.
- The Crimson's 27 season victories broke the program record for wins in a single season; previously was 26 set in the 2011-12 season.
- Harvard's all-time leader in 3-pointers made, Laurent Rivard, was held to seven points. He made two of his five attempts from behind-the-arc.
- Ivy League Player of the Year, Wesley Saunders, finished with 22 points. The 21st game this season he has reached double-digit scoring and 52nd time in his career.
- Saunders led Harvard in scoring for the 12th time this season.
- Saunders matched the best scoring output by a Harvard individual in the NCAA Tournament with 22 points. Wyndol Gray had 22 versus NYU in 1946.
- Saunders joined the 1,000-point club at Harvard and has 1,012 points in his career.
- Entering the game, the Crimson defense was holding opponents to 60.5 points per outing, which ranks 13th in the NCAA. Michigan State finished with 80 points.
- Amaker is four wins away from second on the all-time wins list at Harvard.
- Harvard finished 23-4 when committing less than 15 turnovers.
- The Crimson finished 5-1 this season on a neutral court and 1-3 when trailing at halftime.