

SPORTS EVENTS

Player of the week

Lykendra Johnson
Redshirt freshman forward, women's basketball
Recorded her first career double-double with 13 points and 15 rebounds in the Spartans' 74-54 win at Northwestern.

Gymnastics

The MSU gymnastics team dropped a dual meet to No. 22 Penn State this weekend, falling 195.875-194.175 on Saturday. The Spartans had their highest score on the beam for the season, with a total of 48.575 and junior Nicole Curler and senior Katlyn Roggensack tied for second in the event.

Wrestling

In its first road dual meet of the season, the Spartans were defeated by No. 19 Northwestern 31-6. With a 12-6 decision, junior Franklin Gomez continued his winning streak and remains undefeated on the year. Senior Rex Kendle was the only other victorious Spartan, winning in the 165-pound weight class.

RESULTS

Wednesday

Northwestern 70, men's basketball 63

Thursday

Women's basketball 74, Northwestern 54

Friday

Northwestern 31, wrestling 6

U-M 6, hockey 2

Men's track and field, second place

Women's track and field, second place

Women's tennis 7, Eastern Michigan 0

Saturday

U-M 5, hockey 3

Penn State 195.875, gymnastics 194.175

Men's tennis 7, Youngstown State 0

Men's tennis 5, Cleveland State 2

THIS WEEK

Thursday

Men's basketball at Iowa, 7 p.m.

Women's basketball vs. Iowa, 7 p.m.

Friday

Women's swimming and diving vs. U-M, 5 p.m.

Wrestling vs. Wisconsin, 7 p.m.

Hockey at Lake Superior, 7:05 p.m.

Saturday

Men's tennis vs. Western Illinois, 10 a.m.

Swimming & diving at Oakland, 1 p.m.

Men's tennis vs. Valparaiso, 4 p.m.

Gymnastics at Ohio State, Illinois and Missouri, 7 p.m.

Hockey at Lake Superior, 7:05 p.m.

Sunday

Men's basketball vs. Penn State, noon

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

The MSU women's basketball team is relying on bench production; see page 3B.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

The number of points sophomore guard Durrell Summers had in his career-best performance against Ohio State on Sunday.

Monday

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Weekend of losses culminates in ugly play; MSU now last in CCHA



KATIE RAUSCH/THE STATE NEWS

Freshman forward Andrew Conboy is restrained by a referee after Michigan defenseman Steve Kamper, right, was injured during the third period of Saturday's game in Ann Arbor. Sophomore forward Corey Tropp was thrown out of the game, receiving a five-minute slashing major and two game disqualifications. MSU lost 5-3. Kamper was later taken out on a stretcher.

U-M sweeps season series

"Hopefully Kamper is fine. I apologize for (the incident) on behalf of our players. I don't condone what happened, and I'll deal with it."

Rick Comley, head coach

By Alex DiFilippo
THE STATE NEWS

With Saturday's 5-3 loss and Friday's 6-2 defeat to No. 8 Michigan, the MSU hockey team lost five straight to the Wolverines for the first time ever in a single season. And to make matters worse, the Spartans now sit in last place in the CCHA. But the long-term hit to the Spartans will result from actions that took place in the final minute of Saturday's game. MSU freshman forward Andrew Conboy and sophomore forward Corey Tropp likely will not travel with the team this weekend when they head to Lake Superior for a two-game road series after both players attacked U-M's Steve Kamper.

MSU head coach Rick Comley called the actions of his players "cheap and uncalled for" and said he would deal with the disciplinary actions.

Kamper was taken out on a stretcher after the game, and his status for the rest of the season is unknown.

When Conboy got out of the penalty box after an unsportsmanlike conduct penalty late in the game, matters quickly took to the ice for the worse.

Kamper went for an open ice hit on Tropp, and Conboy took exception to the big hit when the game seemed to already be in hand for the Wolverines. Conboy charged up to Kamper and sent him to the ice with a punch to the back of the head.

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Spartans beat Badgers, win fifth straight

By Joseph Terry
THE STATE NEWS

On a day honoring the loss of North Carolina State women's basketball coach Kay Yow and her bout with breast cancer, the MSU women's basketball team's 59-50 victory against Wisconsin couldn't have been more of a fight. The Spartans (14-6 overall, 7-2 Big Ten) donned pink T-shirts as the crowd of 10,489 at Breslin Center held a moment of silence for the legendary coach. "She kind of paved the way for so many young women to run out into a stadium full of 10,000 fans," MSU head coach Suzy Merchant said. "She really built women's basketball ... to what it is now. So we talked a lot about that, especially in the second half, that we need to come out with some enthusiasm and toughness."

Defense was key from the start, with both teams fighting to get an advantage.

Wisconsin (14-7, 4-6), having trouble with the length of the Spartans, didn't start 5-foot-9-inch guard Rae Lin D'Alie and were noticeably slowed on the offensive end.

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SEAN COOK/THE STATE NEWS

Wisconsin forward Lin Zastrow tries to block a shot from MSU junior center Allyssa DeHaan during MSU's 59-50 victory against Wisconsin at Breslin Center on Sunday.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

SOPHOMORES STEP UP, LEAD WAY IN WIN AGAINST OSU

By Cash Kruth
THE STATE NEWS

Throughout the season, players on the MSU men's basketball team have said that on any given day, a different player can lead the Spartans to victory.

As sophomore guard Kalin Lucas was held scoreless in the first half Sunday and junior forward Rayman Morgan continued to struggle with flu-like symptoms, the Spartans unleashed another dangerous scorer on their roster.

Sophomore guard Durrell Summers scored a game-high 26 points and shot 6-for-9 from beyond the three-point line as the No. 7 Spartans came from behind to defeat Ohio State 76-69 at Value City Arena and improve to 16-3 overall and 6-1 in the Big Ten.

"It's just confidence really; the coaches have confidence in me when I'm having my ups and downs and they're always sticking with me," said Summers, who became the seventh different player to lead MSU in scoring this season. "I'm just trying to have confidence in myself whether I'm playing good or bad, and today I just happened to be on one of my ups."

Summers, who got his third start of the season due to academic reasons with Lucas and senior guard Travis Walton, matched his previous career high of 16 points by halftime.

Head coach Tom Izzo said he believed Summers' ups and downs could be seeing more ups as the season wears on because of the extra time the sophomore has been spending in the gym.

"What I have liked about Durrell is things have been up and down for him, but I like seeing more of him coming in more and he's kind of learned to agree that he's not doing some things right," Izzo said. "If you don't see it then you can't correct it, and he's starting to see it and he's starting to correct it. He's only in phase one or two, but he's definitely making some strides."

Broken promises

If something seemed out of sorts when MSU went out for Sunday's opening tip, it was for good reason. For the first time this season, neither Lucas nor Walton started for the Spartans because of academic issues.

"Kalin and Travis struggled, and they made me some promises academically and they just didn't take care of it," Izzo said. "We decided (for the first time) it would be a start, second time it gets worse."

Walton said he and Lucas are struggling in the same class to meet some academic goals that they set with Izzo, adding it was "some little stuff" that they didn't "fully" accomplish. Izzo said he, Lucas and Walton got together and decided to get the problem under wraps so it doesn't come

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