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## MSU loss tightens Big Ten race



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MSU head coach Tom Izzo reacts after a turnover in the first half of Tuesday's game against Purdue at Mackey Arena in West Lafayette, Ind. The Spartans had 22 turnovers in the 72-54 defeat against the Boilermakers.

MSU shoots season-low percentage from field; loss to Purdue puts Boilermakers within a game of Big Ten lead

By Alex Altman  
THE STATE NEWS

West Lafayette, Ind. — For more than a month, Purdue forward Robbie Hummel had been waiting for his injured back to heal. His back felt so good Tuesday, he gave his entire team a ride. Hummel scored 11 points and played stifling defense throughout the night, as the Purdue men's basketball team trumped MSU 72-54 in a rough-and-tumble game between the Big Ten's top dogs. Although Hummel's numbers don't jump off the stat sheet, his versatility caused matchup problems that plagued MSU's defense. He drained a pair of 3-pointers, made plays off the dribble and recorded big steals at crucial moments.

"Purdue's a pretty good team without him, but they're a special team with him and he's a special guy," said MSU head coach Tom Izzo, whose team lost its first true road game of the season.

"We all know he's playing hurt, we all know he's playing under some tough circumstances. I told him after the game, 'I

have a lot of respect for you,' because a lot of guys wouldn't even play with what he's got."

With a win, the Spartans (20-5 overall, 10-3 Big Ten) could have started fitting their fingers for Big Ten championship rings.

Sophomore guard Kalin Lucas led MSU with 14 points, but shot just 2-of-11 from the field. Sophomore guard Durrell Summers, MSU's most efficient offensive player, had 11 points on 5-of-10 shooting, but received little help from his teammates.

Freshman forward Delvon Roe, the reigning Big Ten Player of the Week, finished with just two points, while forward Raymar Morgan scored three points in 14 minutes in his return from monoconiosis.

"They played well and we missed shots," Izzo said. "We did not make shots, and to my surprise I thought we even had some decent ones early. Four or five (missed) laysups changes the game a lot, and I was very, very disappointed in how our stars didn't play tonight."

After stealing the show in the first half, Hummel stepped back and let his teammates step into the limelight. Forward JaJuan Johnson and guard E'Twaun Moore, Purdue's leading scorers this season, tallied 22 of their combined 30 points in the second half to help Purdue pull away.

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MSU's Lucas, Summers shut down by Purdue's Kramer in 72-54 loss

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West Lafayette, Ind. — Throughout the season, Kalin Lucas and Durrell Summers have firmly taken over the role of dynamic scorers for the MSU men's basketball team.

With the glory of that role also comes the challenge of drawing the opponent's best defender, which on Tuesday night was the reigning Big Ten Defensive Player of the Year.

Purdue's Chris Kramer frustrated both sophomore guards throughout the night — guarding Summers in the first half and Lucas in the second — as No. 19 Purdue upset No. 6 MSU 72-54 at Mackey Arena.

"He was a pretty tough defender," said Summers, whose team fell to 20-5 overall and 10-3 in the Big Ten. "The biggest thing he was doing was trying to deny the ball and be a little physical, and what I was trying to do was do the same back to him and not let him get into my head."

Although Lucas and Summers were MSU's leading scorers with 14 and 11 points, respectively, Kramer was able to frustrate both of them throughout the game. In the first half, Summers scored the Spartans' first two baskets, but sandwiched between those was a charging foul Kramer drew from Summers on the block.

As MSU slowly was working its way back into the game in the second half, Kramer spent time on Lucas, shutting down the MSU point guard while Purdue (20-6, 9-2) extended its lead. On the night, Kramer finished with three steals and drew three charging fouls.

MSU's defensive stopper

While Kramer was living up to his billing as the Big Ten's top defensive player, MSU senior guard Trent L Walton tried to use Tues-

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### COUNCIL

## Council talks riot, rezoning

By Jeff Kanan  
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To better define what types of conduct during a riot will result in prosecution, the East Lansing City Council set public hearing dates for March 3 and March 17 for the creation of a new ordinance.

The ordinance specifies that citizens must clear the streets and not re-enter when police deem an event an unlawful assembly.

East Lansing police Chief Tom Wilbert, who helped draft the ordinance, said last April's Cedar Fest riot escalated in part because of students who failed to clear the streets after police ordered them to.

"Even after several announce-

ments, people didn't leave the streets," Wilbert said. "We tried smoke before tear gas, but that didn't work, either."

Wilbert said the ordinance isn't being considered in anticipation of any upcoming disturbance, but said Cedar Fest-related trials are brought to light the need to clarify city law.

"It's all the stuff that has been unwritten and unsaid that contributes to this ordinance," he said. "It's taking an ambiguous law and clarifying it."

In other business, the council deferred an ordinance to rezone approximately 2.1 acres of land at Abbot and Lake Lansing roads from an office business district to a retail business district to its March 3 meeting.

The council has discussed the ordinance several times during the past two months, but action has been delayed due to concerns regarding traffic on Abbot Road.

Retail is already located at the other three corners of the intersection, but the current property owner approached the city regarding the rezoning.

Tim Schmitt, a community development analyst for East Lansing, said the city considers all applicant requests, and recommendations are given by the Planning Commission to Council.

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### CRIME

## Man guilty of 2 counts from October assault

By Kyle Feldscher  
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The man charged with assaulting a female student on campus in early October was found guilty on Tuesday of felony assault and attempted false imprisonment.

Jason Evans, of Mason, who was 25 at the time of the crime, was found guilty of attacking a 19-year-old female student on Oct. 6, 2008 near Beaumont Tower and West Circle Drive.

Evans held a pocketknife to the student's throat and released her when he heard her passively approach. He then fled the scene. The student did not report injuries to police.

MSU police Sgt. Florene McGlothlin-Taylor said the guilty verdict was a testament to what can happen when community members and law enforcement work together.

"The good thing is that justice was served," McGlothlin-Taylor said. "It happened so swiftly ... it couldn't have been done without the coop-

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### SAFETY

## MOUNT HOPE INTERSECTION UPGRADES CONSIDERED

By Kyle Feldscher  
THE STATE NEWS

The intersection where an MSU visiting scholar was killed in a vehicle-pedestrian accident Sunday will be considered for safety upgrades after police complete an investigation.

East Lansing police Chief Tom Wilbert said police continue to investigate what caused the accident that killed Tao Li, 44, who had arrived from China earlier Sunday.

Li was walking north along Harrison Road when he was struck by a 1908 Ford Escort that was heading west on Mount Hope Road where it intersects with Harrison Road. Police do not expect charges will be filed against the driver. The case is being reviewed by the Ingham County Prosecutor's Office.

Wilbert said the department will submit its report to the East Lansing Department of Public Works when it finishes investigating the accident. He said it is up to the department to make any changes to the intersection, including adding crosswalks or pedestrian signals.

"People comment that the area down there is dark, and I've been through there at night and I agree," Wilbert said. "Something definitely should be done."

Todd Sneathen, director of the East Lansing Department of Public Works, said adding crosswalks and pedestrian signals would cost about \$25,000. He said there are available funds in the city's budget for a project of that size.

"We'll make a decision first on possible upgrade and, if we decide to do one, we probably won't do any work until spring or early summer," Sneathen said. "After that, it wouldn't take very long, several weeks at the most. May be not even that long."

Li was leaving Spartan Village on Sunday to return to his Cherry Lane Apartments residence. He and two other pedestrians mistakenly walked south on Harrison Avenue, ended up south of Mount Hope Road and were turning around back toward Cherry Lane Apartments.

Spartan Village community director Kathy Foreman declined comment on whether she believed

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### A FAMILIAR FACE LOST

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