

# the game

## Men's Basketball vs. Wisconsin

Tipoff at 3 p.m. Sunday

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### Players to watch

**MSU** — Freshman forward Deivon Roe: The reigning Big Ten Player of the Week has been playing his best basketball of late and should thrive in a defense-oriented game against the Badgers. **Wisconsin** — Senior forward Marcus Landry: Three Badgers are averaging more than 10 points a game, led by Landry's 12.9.

In the past 14 years, rebounding, defense and the fastbreak have defined the Tom Izzo era. Eight years after their last championship, this year's Spartans look to have the perfect understanding of...

## Izzo's THREE LAWS of basketball

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### Law 1: Defense

Whatever Michigan guard Manny Harris tried to do, it simply wouldn't work. The Wolverines' 6-foot-5 guard tried to drive through the lane, post up in the paint and spot up from three, but wherever he went on Feb. 10, MSU senior guard Travis Walton was there in his face.

"If Travis Walton isn't one of the best defenders in this league then I don't know who is," MSU head coach Tom Izzo said at the time. "Manny Harris has the most respect from me, my staff and our team. I thought Travis did an incredible job."

Just as the Spartans expected Harris to be a problem in their 54-42 win over U-M earlier this month, MSU's defensive stopper has been a constant problem for numerous opposing players who have failed to play up to their standards against Walton, the 6-foot-2, 190-pound senior captain.

Throughout the season, Walton has held scorers such as Harris, Texas' A.J.

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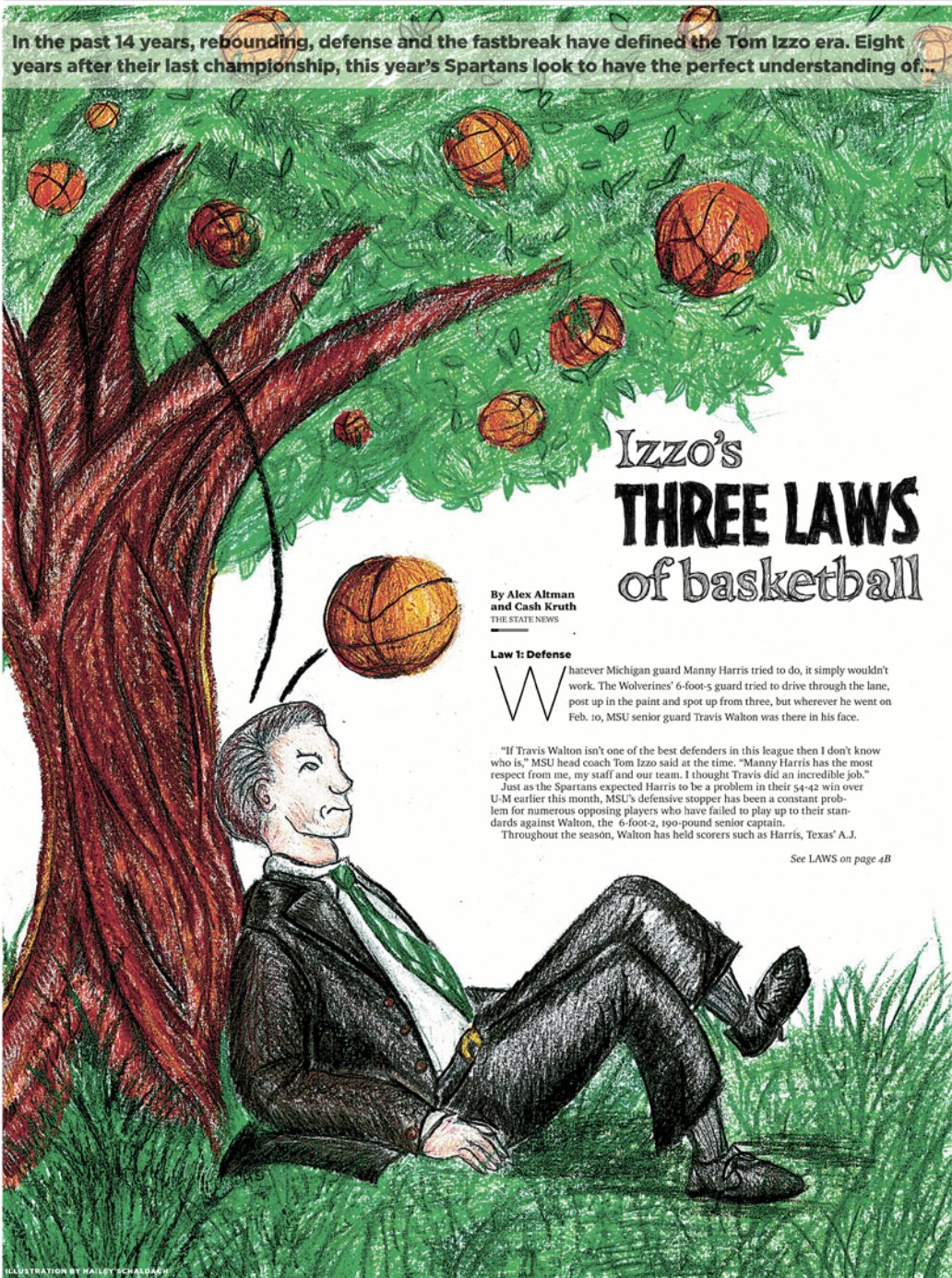


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