

THE  
Game

## SPORTS EVENTS

Big Ten football  
standings

Ohio State (10-2 overall,  
7-1 Big Ten)  
Iowa (10-2, 6-2)  
Penn State (10-2, 6-2)  
Wisconsin (8-3, 5-3)  
Northwestern (8-4, 5-3)  
MSU (6-6, 4-4)  
Purdue (5-7, 4-4)  
Minnesota (6-6, 3-5)  
Illinois (3-7, 2-6)  
Michigan (5-7, 1-7)  
Indiana (4-8, 1-7)

## RESULTS

## Friday

Men's basketball 75,  
Toledo 62

## Saturday

Penn State 42,  
Football 14

Minnesota 3,  
Volleyball 2

## Sunday

Men's basketball 90,  
Valparaiso 60

Women's basketball  
74, Western Michigan 51

Duke 2, Men's soccer 1  
Notre Dame 4, Hockey 1

## THIS WEEK

## Monday

Cross country, NCAA  
Championships, noon

## Friday

Men's basketball vs.  
Florida, Atlantic City,  
N.J., 8 p.m.

Women's basketball  
vs. George Washington,  
Grand Bahama Island,  
1:15 p.m.

Volleyball at Penn State,  
7 p.m.

Hockey vs. Wisconsin,  
7:05 p.m.

## Saturday

Men's basketball vs.  
Rutgers, Atlantic City,  
N.J., 8 p.m.

Women's basketball vs.  
Oklahoma State/Marist,  
Grand Bahama Island,  
TBA

Volleyball at Ohio State,  
7 p.m.

Hockey vs. Minnesota,  
7:05 p.m.

## SPORTS

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## MEN'S BASKETBALL

Career wins for MSU men's basketball head coach Tom Izzo, who tied his predecessor Jud Heathcote with the team's win Sunday.

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Tom Izzo, MSU men's basketball head coach

Izzo reaches  
milestone

Valparaiso proves to be no match for inspired Spartans; Florida next

By Joey Nowak  
THE STATE NEWS

He's a 15-year head coach with four National Coach of the Year Awards, an unprecedented five Final Fours in nine years, a national title and more than 300 wins to pad a Hall of Fame résumé.

But one element always has held Tom Izzo from the title of undisputed best coach to ever lead an MSU men's basketball team.

That might no longer be up for debate. The Spartans hammered Valparaiso at home Sunday, to the tune of 90-60 at Breslin Center. The win gave Izzo his 340th win, tying legendary coach Jud Heathcote (340-226) for the most career victories in the program. The feat came the same day Heathcote was inducted into the National Collegiate Basketball Hall of Fame.

"I swear to God to you, I didn't know exactly what the number was," Izzo said. "I don't know — records are made to be broken and this one's only tied. I guess it means a lot more to me because it proves I withstood some time and challenges. I think it'll make Jud feel good that his hand-picked successor at least is the one who tied the record."

Izzo, who began as a part-time assistant under Heathcote in 1983, is 340-137 (712 win percentage) at the helm. He ranks third among active coaches for both wins and win percentage in the NCAA Tournament. He also stands eighth all-time in career Big Ten wins.

Just five days after a bruising home test against Gonzaga, the Spartans took the undermanned Crusaders to task, outrebounding them 45-31 and holding the visitors to 33 percent shooting from the field.

"Bad time to be playing the No. 2 team in the nation, which I think, if they played like it, they have a good chance to be the No. 1 team in the nation," Valparaiso coach Homer Drew said.

"Coach Izzo had gotten their attention in the last game and you just didn't want to be this team on this day playing Michigan State University."

For the second straight game, the Spartans featured a balanced scoring attack — with 12 players getting on the board — but this time against an

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Sophomore forward Draymond Green puts up a layup during the first half against Valparaiso. Green had eight points in the Spartans' 90-60 victory over the Crusaders on Sunday afternoon at Breslin Center.

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## MEN'S SOCCER

## Spartans' season ends at hands of Duke

By Alex DiFilippo  
THE STATE NEWS

The MSU men's soccer team scrapped, clawed and left everything on the field.

But a two-goal deficit entering the second half proved to be too deep of a hole for the Spartans to climb out of, losing to Duke in the second round of the NCAA Tournament, 2-1, on Sunday at DeMartin Stadium at Old College Field.

The loss ended the season for the Spartans, who were the No. 14 overall seed and earned a first-round bye in the NCAA Tournament. "I'm so proud of this team," MSU head coach Damon Rensing said. "It's always frustrating when you lose, but when you look back, we lost six starters from last year and we played one game this year with a full (healthy) line-up. I don't make excuses,

but I think this team handled it and played up to their level every single game."

Both of Duke's goals came in the first half off corner kicks. Defender Christian Ibeagha tallied his first goal of the season in the 28th minute and defender Andrew Wenger scored in the 41st minute to put MSU behind two goals at halftime.

The Spartans didn't record a shot until the 55th minute of the game, and Rensing said the team came out of the gates looking to play more defensively, instead of pressing forward.

"Anytime you lose, you are going to second guess yourself," Rensing said. "Today we weren't ready to play in the first half or maybe just not as sharp as we'd like to be. I take responsibility for that."

Rensing and lone senior

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Defender Tim Granadero, the lone senior on the MSU men's soccer team, reacts to the Spartans' 2-1 loss to Duke in the second round of the NCAA Championship on Sunday afternoon at DeMartin Stadium at Old College Field.

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