



# 2024 BIG TEN MEN'S BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT



Game 3 • Thursday, March 14, 2024

Target Center • Minneapolis, Minn.

**FINAL: #8 Michigan State d. #9 Minnesota, 77-67**

**Records: Minnesota (18-14), Michigan State (19-13)**

**#8 Michigan State to play #1 Purdue at Noon ET on Friday**

## GAME NOTES

### MINNESOTA NOTES

- Minnesota lost for just the second time this season when shooting 50 percent or better. The Gophers were previously 9-1 in such situations.
- The Golden Gophers placed five scorers in double-figures.
- Elijah Hawkins finished with a team-high seven assists, giving him 231 on the season for a 7.45 average.
- Dawson Garcia surpassed 500 points on the year, scoring in double digits for the 27th time.
- Despite the loss, Minnesota is still only one of three teams in the Big Ten that have a winning record against MSU in Big Ten Tournament (3-2). The schools were meeting for the first time since the 2017 quarterfinals.

### MICHIGAN STATE NOTES

- Michigan State is 35-19 (.648) all-time at the Big Ten Tournament. This is the first time they have played as a No. 8 seed.
- MSU advances to the Big Ten Quarterfinals for the third-straight year and for the 25th time overall.
- The Spartans improved to 9-0 when shooting 50 percent or above from the field.
- A 15-2 run propelled Michigan State to a 59-51 lead at the 7:24 mark of the second half after previously trailing 49-45.
- The Spartans scored 44 points in the paint.
- A.J. Hoggard led the Spartans in scoring (17 points) for the second time this year.

### MISCELLANEOUS/TOURNAMENT NOTES

- Today's game featured 11 lead changes.
- Minnesota and Michigan State split their two regular season encounters with the home team winning both times.
- The Spartans are 12-4 in their last 16 meetings against the Gophers.