



# 2024 TIAA BIG TEN WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT



**Game 8 • Friday, March 8, 2024**

**Target Center • Minneapolis, Minn.**

**FINAL: #5 Nebraska d. #4 Michigan State, 73-61**

**RECORDS: Nebraska (21-10), Michigan State (22-8)**

**#5 Nebraska advances to face the #8 Maryland at 1 p.m. CT on Saturday**

## **GAME NOTES**

### **NEBRASKA NOTES**

- Nebraska joins Maryland as the only teams with back-to-back wins at this year's tournament.
- The Cornhuskers have advanced to the Big Ten Semifinals for the second time in three years.
- Nebraska reached today's quarterfinals with an eight-point win over Purdue on Thursday.
- Alexis Markowski (22 points, 12 rebounds) collected the 39th double-double of her career, which is one shy of matching the school record.
- Nebraska finished with a 44-30 advantage in rebounds.

### **MICHIGAN STATE NOTES**

- All-Big Ten selection Julia Ayrault reached 25+ points for the fourth time this season.
- With three blocks, Ayrault also moved into fourth place on the school's all-time list (135).
- Michigan State saw its five-game winning streak snapped.
- MSU held a 14-6 edge in bench points.
- The Spartans were playing as a No. 4 seed for only the second time in program history.

### **MISCELLANEOUS/TOURNAMENT NOTES**

- This afternoon's contest was a rematch of last year's Big Ten Second Round game, which MSU won 67-64.
- Nebraska leads the all-time series versus Michigan State, 12-6. Nebraska won the Big Ten opener for both teams, 80-74, on Dec. 9 in East Lansing, Mich.
- Second-straight upset of Friday's First Session.