

Nothing But 'Net – Week #22 (03/15/2010) – So Close...

The Week In Review

The University of Michigan men's basketball team played two games in the [Big Ten Tournament](#) in Indianapolis last week, and they won one and lost one. [On Thursday \(03/11/2010\), they beat Iowa 59-52](#), then [on Friday \(03/12/2010\), they lost to \(#5\) Ohio State 69-68](#). The win and loss leave Michigan with a final record of 15-17 (7-11 in the Big Ten).

Michigan looked pretty good for most of the Iowa game, although they almost gave it away in the last 4 minutes. Still, they played well enough to win, and they got the win they deserved.

Then there was the Ohio State game; what a shame. Michigan outplayed OSU for most of the game, especially in the last 4 minutes. They actually had a 2-point lead (68-66) with 2.2 seconds left, but they let OSU's star player (Evan Turner) catch an in bounds pass, dribble a few times, and launch a desperation 37-footer with 0.1 seconds left that swished. It was an amazing shot, but it never should have happened. Someone (maybe even two someones) from Michigan should have been shadowing Turner the whole way, just to slow him down a little, but he was uncovered, and ran free. Ugh.

Also, don't get me started on "the return of Spartan Bob": [the clock operator let Turner catch the ball and dribble twice before starting the clock](#). Instead of 2.2 seconds, Turner had more than 3 seconds to get his shot off. I don't think he would have made it with a fair clock operator. Oh well. Even if Michigan had won the OSU game, there was no guarantee that they would have been able to win the next two games to snag the Big Ten's automatic berth in the NCAA Tournament. Still, it would have been interesting to see them try.

So, Michigan's season is over. They didn't deserve an at-large bid to the NCAA Tournament, they didn't finish at or above 0.500, so they're not eligible for the NIT Tournament, and they decided to skip the [CBI \(College Basketball Invitational\)](#).

Game And Individual Statistics

Once again, here are the "streamlined" stats. If you want to see the full stats, check out MGoBlue.com for the [Iowa](#) and [Ohio State](#) boxscores. Here are the highlights:

- **Shooting:** Michigan shot pretty poorly in the Iowa game, but Iowa didn't shoot much better. However, Michigan shot quite well in the OSU game, but Ohio State shot even better.
- **Rebounding:** Michigan was outrebounded in the Iowa game, but they actually outrebounded Ohio State.
- **Scoring:** As usual, both [Manny Harris](#) and [DeShawn Sims](#) hit double figures in both games. [Stu Douglass](#) also hit double figures in the OSU game.
- **Bench:** The bench didn't help out much in either game.

The Big Picture

The season is over, and it was quite a disappointment. Check back next week for a lot more details.

Here's the final 2009-2010 schedule/results:

Date	Opponent	Site	Result	Score	Record
11/06/2009 (Fri)	Wayne State (exh)	Ann Arbor	W	73-54	0-0
11/14/2009 (Sat)	Northern Michigan	Ann Arbor	W	97-50	1-0
11/20/2009 (Fri)	Houston Baptist	Ann Arbor	W	77-55	2-0
Old Spice Classic					
11/26/2009 (Thu)	vs. Creighton	Orlando, FL	W	83-76 (ot)	3-0
11/27/2009 (Fri)	vs. Marquette	Orlando, FL	L	79-65	3-1
11/29/2009 (Sun)	vs. Alabama	Orlando, FL	L	68-66	3-2
ACC/Big Ten Challenge					
12/02/2009 (Wed)	Boston College	Ann Arbor	L	62-58	3-3
12/05/2009 (Sat)	Arkansas - Pine Bluff	Ann Arbor	W	67-53	4-3
12/09/2009 (Wed)	at Utah	Salt Lake City, UT	L	68-52	4-4
12/13/2009 (Sun)	Detroit - Mercy	Ann Arbor	W	75-64	5-4
12/19/2009 (Sat)	at Kansas	Lawrence, KS	L	75-64	5-5
12/22/2009 (Tue)	Coppin State	Ann Arbor	W	76-46	6-5
12/31/2010 (Thu)	at Indiana	Bloomington, IN	L	71-65	6-6 (0-1)
01/03/2010 (Sun)	Ohio State	Ann Arbor	W	73-64	7-6 (1-1)
01/07/2010 (Thu)	at Penn State	State College, PA	W	64-55	8-6 (2-1)
01/10/2010 (Sun)	Northwestern	Ann Arbor	L	68-62	8-7 (2-2)
01/14/2010 (Thu)	Indiana	Ann Arbor	W	69-45	9-7 (3-2)
01/17/2010 (Sun)	Connecticut	Ann Arbor	W	68-63	10-7 (3-2)
01/20/2010 (Wed)	at Wisconsin	Madison, WI	L	54-48	10-8 (3-3)
01/23/2010 (Sat)	at Purdue	West Lafayette, IN	L	69-59	10-9 (3-4)
01/26/2010 (Tue)	Michigan State	Ann Arbor	L	57-56	10-10 (3-5)
01/30/2010 (Sat)	Iowa	Ann Arbor	W	60-46	11-10 (4-5)
02/02/2010 (Tue)	at Northwestern	Evanston, IL	L	67-52	11-11 (4-6)
02/06/2010 (Sat)	Wisconsin	Ann Arbor	L	62-44	11-12 (4-7)
02/11/2010 (Thu)	at Minnesota	Minneapolis, MN	W	71-63	12-12 (5-7)
02/16/2010 (Tue)	at Iowa	Iowa City, IA	W	80-78 (ot)	13-12 (6-7)
02/20/2010 (Sat)	Penn State	Ann Arbor	L	55-51	13-13 (6-8)
02/23/2010 (Tue)	Illinois	Ann Arbor	L	51-44	13-14 (6-9)
02/27/2010 (Sat)	at Ohio State	Columbus, OH	L	66-55	13-15 (6-10)
03/02/2010 (Tue)	Minnesota	Ann Arbor	W	83-55	14-15 (7-10)
03/07/2010 (Sun)	at Michigan State	East Lansing, MI	L	64-48	14-16 (7-11)
Big Ten Tournament					
03/11/2010 (Thu)	vs. Iowa (First Round)	Indianapolis, IN	W	59-52	15-16 (7-11)
03/12/2010 (Fri)	vs. Ohio State (Quarterfinal)	Indianapolis, IN	L	69-68	15-17 (7-11)

See my [Big Ten Report](#) for a complete rundown of the Big Ten last week, including the Big Ten Tournament results and NCAA and NIT teams.

The Upcoming Week

The season may be over, but I'll be back one more time next week to wrap up the season, and hand out final grades. See you then.

Go Blue!