

## **Nothing But 'Net – Week #20 – 03/12/2018 – On To The Big Dance**

The (#7) University of Michigan men's basketball team didn't play any games last week, after winning the [Big Ten Tournament](#) the week before. They finished the regular season with a record of 28-7 (13-5 in the Big Ten).

They spent the week off resting, practicing, and waiting for their matchup in the [NCAA Tournament](#). They got it: [they are the #3 seed in the West Region, and they will play the #14 seed, Montana, in Wichita, Kansas on Thursday \(03/15/2018\)](#), at 9:50 p.m. EDT, on TBS.

[Montana](#) finished their regular season with a record of 26-7 (16-2 in the Big Sky). They won their conference regular season and tournament championships. They have no impressive wins, and a few surprising losses (Penn State, UC Santa Barbara, Stanford, Washington, Eastern Washington, and Idaho). They have a couple big guys (6'10" and 7'0"), but they're both freshmen. The 7-footer has scored 13 points this season and averages 1.8 minutes per game, and the 6'10" guy is apparently being redshirted. So, [Moritz Wagner](#) and [Jon Teske](#) should control the lane, which is a key to Michigan's success. This is a team that Michigan can handle, but they have to play the way they have in the last nine games: under control, and with poise.

If Michigan can get by Montana, they will face the winner of the #6 seed (Houston) vs. the #11 seed (San Diego State) game on Saturday (03/17/2018), for a trip to the Sweet 16.

Check back next week for all the details.

Go Blue!