

Nothing But 'Net – Week #21 – 03/16/2020 – Surprise Ending

The University of Michigan men's basketball team was supposed to play one or more games in the [Big Ten Tournament](#), in Indianapolis (IN), but it didn't work out that way. Just 11 minutes before they were supposed to tipoff against Rutgers on Thursday (03/12/2020), [the Big Ten canceled the remainder of the tournament](#), so Michigan didn't get to play. Later that afternoon, [the NCAA canceled the NCAA Tournament](#), so Michigan's season is over. They finished with a final regular season record of 19-12 (10-10 in the Big Ten), in 9th place in the Big Ten.

What Happened?

Wow! This is the biggest sports news in my lifetime. What happened? Unless you've been living under a rock, you know what happened: the COVID-19 pandemic. Even though it's been in the news for a couple months now, most people didn't expect it to completely cancel all sports the way it did. [CBS Sports has a very informative timeline](#) of COVID-19-related sports announcements:

Wednesday, March 11

12:42 pm ET - 2020 CBI tournament [canceled](#)
1:50 pm - Columbus Blue Jackets close games to fans
1:55 pm - Tulsa football players quarantined
2:10 pm - Golden State Warriors [close home games](#) to fans following city ban on 1,000+ crowds
2:35 pm - XFL's Seattle Dragons announce they'll host Los Angeles Wildcats without fans in attendance
2:44 pm - Ohio governor says an [NCAA Tournament](#) games held in the state will be [played without fans](#)
3:00 pm - Ivy League cancels all spring sporting events
4:15 pm - NCAA advises events to be held without fans
4:30 pm - NCAA says NCAA Tournament will be [held without fans](#)
5:24 pm - Michigan [cancels](#) spring football game
6:00 pm - Juventus' Daniele Rugani [tests positive](#) for COVID-19
6:33 pm - Sharks announce they've closed home games to fans
6:38 pm - Big Ten tournament closes along with all spring sports
6:40 pm - Big 12 limits 125 fans per team, cheerleaders and teams at basketball tournament
7:58 pm - ACC Tournament closes games to fans
8:40 pm - Jazz vs. Thunder [postponed](#)
8:49 pm - AAC closes tournament to fans
8:50 pm - Ohio State cancels spring football game
8:53 pm - Pac-12 closes tournament to fans
9:11 pm - SEC closes tournament games to fans
9:27 pm - Rudy Gobert [tests positive](#) for coronavirus
9:31 pm - NBA suspends [remainder of season](#) indefinitely

9:52 pm - Conference USA closes tournament to fans
10:40 pm - Nebraska coach Fred Hoiberg taken to hospital
10:44 pm - Big East announces Madison Square Garden will be closed to fans for tournament
10:48 pm - Baylor suspends spring football and recruiting

Thursday, March 12

12:34 am - NBA G-League [suspended](#)
12:43 am - Nebraska says Fred Hoiberg has influenza A, not coronavirus
9:35 am - ACC commissioner John Swofford says ACC games are still on
10:00 am - America East says no fans at men's or women's basketball title games
10:30 am - Patriot League cancels all spring practices and competitions
10:49 am - Reports that Donovan Mitchell has coronavirus surface
11:15 am - Sun Belt conference says no fans will be at the conference tournament
11:42 am - MLS [suspends season](#) for 30 days
11:47 am - SEC cancels basketball tournament
11:48 am - AAC cancels basketball tournament
11:49 am - Big Ten cancels basketball tournament
11:57 am - Atlantic 10 cancels basketball tournament
12:00 pm - WAC, CUSA cancel their men's and women's basketball tournaments
12:03 pm - Notre Dame suspends recruiting and spring football practice
12:09 pm - MAC cancels men's and women's basketball tournaments
12:16 pm - CAA cancels women's basketball tournament and all spring sports contests are suspended
12:16 pm - ACC cancels men's basketball tournament
12:17 pm - Pac-12 cancels basketball tournament and suspends sports competitions
12:27 pm - USL suspends 2020 season for 30 days
12:28 pm - Southland cancels conference tournament
12:32 pm - SEC suspends all on-campus sports
12:34 pm - Sun Belt cancels men's and women's basketball tournaments
12:40 pm - Big 12 cancels men's and women's basketball tournaments
12:44 pm - Big Sky cancels men's and women's basketball tournaments

12:46 pm - America East cancels men's and women's basketball tournaments
12:53 pm - WAC suspends spring sports
12:57 pm - Big East cancels tournament at halftime of St. John's vs. Creighton
12:58 pm - Conference USA cancels spring sports competitions
1:15 pm - Jeff Passan reports that [MLB](#) will suspend all operations
1:33 pm - NASCAR [announces their Atlanta and Miami](#) races will be held without fans
1:35 pm - NHL puts the [remainder of its regular season on pause](#)
1:35 pm - Atlantic 10 tournament canceled
1:41 pm - USC postpones spring football practices
1:49 pm - Duke suspends all athletic activities
1:54 pm - Kansas suspends all athletic activities and cancels all athletic travel
1:59 pm - Arizona State cancels all sports competitions
2:01 pm - MWC suspends all spring sports
2:17 pm - MAAC cancels basketball tournament
2:29 pm - West Virginia suspends athletic activities
2:29 pm - Southland Conference cancels all athletic events through March 30
3:00 pm - ACC suspends all athletics activities
3:09 pm - MLB's 2020 Opening Day [delayed two weeks](#), spring training games canceled and WBC qualifier postponed indefinitely
3:31 pm - Women's Tennis Association announces Miami Open and Volvo Car Open are "not being held at this time"
3:51 pm - Minor League Baseball [announces it will delay](#) the start of the 2020 season
4:16 pm - [NCAA Tournament canceled](#)
6:28 pm - Arsenal has closed its London training center after head coach Mikel Arteta tested positive for COVID-19

What's Next?

Michigan's season is over. Wait 'til next year.

Check back next week for the season wrap-up and final grades.

Go Blue!