

Spartans earn championship spot

By Ernie Boone

DETROIT - It wasn't much of a finals game - North Carolina ended the season with as dominant play as it started, but oh what a NCAA Championship Tournament ride for the MSU Spartans and their fans!

Taking advantage of 14 Spartan turnovers, the Tarheels blitzed MSU with 55 first half points, 24 in the first seven minutes when MSU committed five turnovers leading to six points and missed three of only six shots from the floor.

The Tarheels went nine for 15 from the floor during the spurt to claim a 24-9 edge and never looked back.

MSU found its composure and played almost even, 65-63, from the 13 minute mark in the first half, but the damage had been done and every time the Spartans threatened to turn it into a dog fight, North Carolina responded like a champion. The Spartans had a chance to



Durrell Summers

climb back into contention late in the first half putting on a five point run with a Kalin Lucas three-pointer and a pair Travis Walton free throws to cut the lead to 48-30 with three minutes left. North Carolina responded with five straight free throws and a steal leading to a dunk to post the largest halftime lead, 55-34, in finals history. Seventeen of those 21 points came off MSU turnovers. Wayne Ellington went 7-9 for 17 points in the first half while Ty Lawson had seven steals, seven points and three



Kalin Lucas

assists before the intermission. Tyler Hansbrough added 11 points during the span. The Spartans closed to within 15 midway through the second half, but could not push the deficit below 13 as The Tarheels, led by Lawson and Hansbrough turned back every challenge. Lawson led all scorers with 21 points followed by Ellington with 19, Hansbrough 18 and Ed Davis with 11. MSU was led by Goron Sutton who scored 17 points and 11 rebounds, Kalin Lucas 14, and



Travis Walton

Durrell Summers 13. Delvon Roe and Draymond Green helped MSU to a 42-35 margin on the backboards with 8 and 7 rebounds respectively. MSU finished with 21 turnovers, Lucas 6, Walton 4, and Sutton 3, led in that department. "The best team won," said MSU head coach Tom Izzo. "...We kind of turned it over early, we missed some shots very well early. They got off to that 24-7 or whatever that lead was, and that's kind of the way it stayed." Enough said about the title game. Let's look at how the Spartans got there - that delightful March Madness tournament ride. MSU had to climb over two No.1 seeds and the defending national champion to reach to title game as well as whip the hottest team to come out of the PAC-10. And they did it in convincing fashion. They started by overwhelming Robert Morris, 77-62, and handling Southern California, 74-69, to reach the Sweet 16. The Spartans got an effective blend of senior leadership and underclassmen stepping up in Minneapolis. Travis Walton tallied a career high 18



Goron Sutton

points and sophomores Durrell Summers and Kalin Lucas had 11 and 10 to lead the attack against Southern California. Freshman Delvon Roe also added 10. In Indianapolis it was senior Goron Sutton and sophomores Summers and Lucas who led the way. Sutton earned Most Outstanding Player honors scoring 20 and grabbing 9 rebounds in a 67-62 thriller over defending champion Kansas and 19 points 10 rebounds in a 64-62 victory over Louisville. Lucas had 18 points and 7 assists and Summers 9 points and 5 rebounds in the victory over Kansas. Against Louisville, Summers had 12 points and three rebounds while Lucas hit 10 points and dished 5 assists. Those wins earned a spot in the Detroit Final Four, enabling Walton to join the rest of the Spartans who completed their eligibility under Izzo and made championship round appearances. Having just tripped up Big East Tournament champion Louisville, MSU faced the Big East's second No.1 seed, Connecticut in the semi-final. Lucas led all scorers with 21 points and add 5 assists.

Raymar Morgan, who had been slowed most of the season by illness and injury, wearing a plastic mask to protect a broken nose suffered in the Kansas victory, broke out of his slump with 18 points and 9 rebounds. Travis Walton dished 8 assists and led the defense while Summers added 10 points and 6 rebounds. Then there was those Tarheels.

MSU offers free youth football clinic

Prior to the April 25 spring game, MSU's coaching staff and players will conduct a free youth football clinic (no registration required). Children, ages 8-12, are invited to attend the youth clinic from 10-11:30 a.m. on the grass practice fields behind the Duffy Daugherty Football Building, located at the corner of Chestnut Road and Shaw Lane. Clinic participants and their parents are requested to enter the practice fields through the gate on Shaw Lane. Over the last six years, nearly 2,500 children have participated in the annual youth football clinic.

The purpose of the clinic is to introduce youngsters to the game by stressing fundamentals. No football gear is required. From 11:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m., Coach Dantonio and his players will be available for an autograph session for clinic participants. In addition, clinic participants will receive a coupon for a complimentary hot dog and soft drink to be redeemed at a concession stand in Spartan Stadium during the spring game.

Green and white football game set

Michigan State football concludes its 15 spring practices under third-year head coach Mark Dantonio with the Green-White intrasquad game on Saturday, April 25 at 1:30 p.m. in Spartan Stadium. Parking is free (in Lots T-79, A-62, S-56, P-39/40, H-63 and M-66), and the stadium gates (Gates B, C, J and K) open at 12 p.m. Admission is free.

For the second year in a row, fans will have an opportunity to purchase press box seats and enjoy the same view as the media that cover Spartan football. Only 100 press box

seats - priced at \$50 each - are on sale for the spring game. (Note: Minimum age requirement is 12 for press box admission.) Proceeds from the sale of press box

seats will benefit both the Arthur Ray Fund and George Webster Scholarship Fund. Fans may order press box seats online at msuspartans.com.

The George Webster Scholarship Fund

The George Webster Scholarship Fund, created in February 2007 through the generosity of Jim Nelson (1960 MSU graduate from Ada, Mich.), provides opportunities for former student-athletes to return to Michigan State each year and complete their degrees. The 2008-09 scholarship recipients are Eric Knott (football, 2001-04), Roshanda Venyah (track, 2006-07) and Jonathan Walker (football, 1996-98). Born Nov. 25, 1945, in Anderson, S.C., Webster earned three letters for the Spartans from 1964-66, while playing for legendary head football coach Duffy Daugherty. Webster died of heart failure on April 19, 2007, at the age of 61.

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Rev. Michael Murphy

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