



"The BasketBowl - Hoops On The 50" Quick Facts

Basics

What: Michigan State vs. Kentucky
Where: Ford Field; Detroit, Mich.
When: Saturday, Dec. 13, 2003
Tipoff: 4:00 p.m. ET
TV: CBS

Tickets

On Sale: The MSU and UK Athletic Departments will immediately begin taking ticket orders from donors and season-ticket holders. Seating will be allocated based upon availability and donor priority.
On Sale, Part II: Public Sale beginning on July 8 at the Ford Field Box Office
Cost: Ranging from \$8 to \$125
Affordability: 57% of tickets are \$14 or LESS

Michigan State - Kentucky Series

The Series: Michigan State and Kentucky have met 20 times on the hardwood, with the Wildcats holding a slim 11-9 advantage. The Spartans, however, have won three of the last four meetings since 1999.
Last Season: MSU defeated UK, 71-67, on Dec. 14, 2002 at Rupp Arena in Lexington, Ky.
Elite Programs: Consider the combined accomplishments of the two programs since the 1997-98 season when Tubby Smith took over as head coach at Kentucky.
 - Two National Championships (MSU - 2000; UK - 1998)
 - Four Final Fours (MSU - 1999, 2000, 2001; UK - 1998)
 - 12 NCAA Tournaments (MSU - 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003; UK - 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003)
 - Eight Regular-Season Conference Championships (MSU - 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001; UK - 1992, 2000, 2001, 2003)
 - Six Post-Season Conference Tournament Championships (MSU - 1999, 2000; UK - 1998, 1999, 2001, 2003)
Overall History:
 - Nine combined NCAA Championships (MSU - 1979, 2000; UK - 1948, 1949, 1951, 1958, 1978, 1996, 1998)
 - 18 combined Final Fours (MSU - 1957, 1979, 1999, 2000, 2001; UK - 1942, 1948, 1949, 1951, 1958, 1966, 1975, 1978, 1984, 1993, 1996, 1997, 1998)

Basketball Attendance Records

World Record: 75,000; Harlem Globetrotters exhibition contest; Berlin Olympic Stadium; Berlin Germany; Aug. 21, 1951
Competitive Game Record: 68,112; Louisiana State vs. Notre Dame; Louisiana Superdome; New Orleans, La.; Jan. 20, 1990 (LSU 87 - Notre Dame 64)
North American Record: 68,112; Louisiana State vs. Notre Dame; Louisiana Superdome; New Orleans, La.; Jan. 20, 1990 (LSU 87 - Notre Dame 64)
Indoor Record: 68,112; Louisiana State vs. Notre Dame; Louisiana Superdome; New Orleans, La.; Jan. 20, 1990 (LSU 87 - Notre Dame 64)
Collegiate Record: 68,112; Louisiana State vs. Notre Dame; Louisiana Superdome; New Orleans, La.; Jan. 20, 1990 (LSU 87 - Notre Dame 64)
Michigan State Record: 45,406; Michigan State vs. Arizona; NCAA Final Four; HHH Metrodome; Minneapolis, Minn.; March 31, 2001 (Arizona 80 - MSU 61)

Coaches

Michigan State Head Coach Tom Izzo (Northern Michigan '77)

- 189-78 (.708) overall record in eight seasons as a head coach
- Guided MSU to 2000 NCAA Championship and three straight Final Fours (1999-2001), making him one of just two active coaches to win a national championship and appear in three straight Final Fours
- Led MSU to four straight regular-season Big Ten Championships (1998-2001) and back-to-back Big Ten Tournament titles (1999 & 2000)
- Earned National Coach of the Year honors in 1998, 1999 and 2001
- 1998 Big Ten Coach of the Year
- Highest NCAA Tournament winning percentage (.792) among active coaches
- 189 wins in first eight seasons rank fourth best in college basketball history

Kentucky Head Coach Tubby Smith (High Point '73)

- 288-109 (.725) overall record in 12 seasons as a head coach
- 164-47 (.777) record in six seasons as head coach at Kentucky
- Guided UK to the 1998 NCAA Championship in his first year with the Wildcats
- Led the Wildcats to four regular-season SEC Championships (1998, 2000, 2001, 2003) and four SEC Tournament titles (1998, 1999, 2001, 2003)
- 288 wins in his first 12 seasons rank fourth best in college basketball history
- Earned National Coach of the Year honors in 1998 and 2003
- 1998 and 2003 SEC Coach of the Year