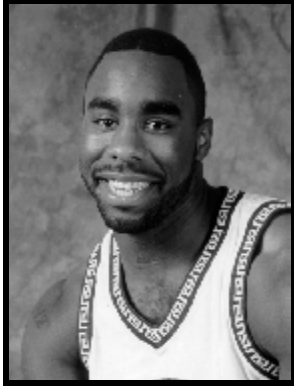


# MATEEN CLEAVES



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## ALL-AMERICAN ♦ FIRST-TEAM ALL-BIG TEN NATIONAL PLAYER OF THE YEAR CANDIDATE

### 1999-2000

- Wooden All-American, Sporting News All-American, Associated Press second-team All-American, NABC third-team All-American
- First-Team All-Big Ten, All-Big Ten Tournament team, All-Midwest Regional team
- Set school and Big Ten single-game record with 20 assists against Michigan (3/4)
- Leads the Big Ten with 7.8 assists per conference game
- Averaging a team-high 32.4 minutes, 12.5 points and 7.5 assists in his 22 starts
- Four 19+ point games, including 24 vs. Ohio State (2/15), 22 vs. Indiana (2/26), 21 vs. Utah (3/18) and 19 vs. Michigan (2/1)
- Recorded double figures in assists against Michigan (20 assists, 3/4) Illinois (12, 1/30) and Penn State (10, 2/23)
- Big Ten Player of the Week on Feb. 21
- Member of NABC District 11 first team
- One of 15 finalists for Naismith Male Collegiate Player of the Year
- One of 10 finalists for the James Sullivan Award, given to the nation's top amateur athlete
- Missed the first 13 games of the season with a stress fracture in his right foot

### Career

- Michigan State's and Big Ten's all-time assist leader (811), one of only 22 players in NCAA history to record 800 assists
- Michigan State's all-time steals leader (193)
- Ranks 11th on the Big Ten career steals list
- Ranks 10th on the MSU career scoring list (1,512 points)
- Sixth place on the MSU all-time three-point field goal chart (140)
- 1999 Associated Press, NABC and USBWA first-team All-American
- 1999 USBWA District V Player of the Year
- 1999 Big Ten Coaches Player of the Year
- 1999 Big Ten Tournament MVP
- Set school and Big Ten single-season record with 274 assists in 1998-99
- 1998 USBWA first-team All-American
- 1998 Big Ten Coaches and Media Player of the Year
- 14 career double-doubles
- 72 double-figure scoring games, including 13 20-point performances
- 18 double-figure assist games

“Mateen Cleaves is our **hardest worker**. Some days I think he’s spending too much extra time in the gym. I told my staff that **life is not going to be as good** when he’s not around. I’ll figure out then if I can coach. There are just **not many like him**.”

MSU coach Tom Izzo

### Cleaves' Career Statistics

Year	GP/GS	Min./Avg	FG-FGA	FG%	-Three-Point-		FT-FTA	FT%	REB	AVG	PF/D	A	BL	ST	PTS	AVG
					FG-FGA	FG%										
1996-97	29/24	750/25.9	111-277	.401	18-76	.237	57-79	.722	73	2.5	61/2	146	4	17	297	10.2
1997-98	30/29	1005/33.5	161-403	.400	51-152	.336	111-158	.703	75	2.5	80/1	217	6	73	484	16.1
1998-99	38/38	1185/31.1	159-392	.406	42-144	.292	85-108	.787	62	1.6	78/0	274	2	69	445	11.7
1999-00	24/22	753/31.4	101-241	.419	29-81	.358	55-74	.743	40	1.7	53/0	174	4	34	286	11.9
<b>Totals</b>	<b>121/113</b>	<b>3693/30.5</b>	<b>532-1313</b>	<b>.405</b>	<b>140-453</b>	<b>.309</b>	<b>308-419</b>	<b>.735</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>272/3</b>	<b>811</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>193</b>	<b>1512</b>	<b>12.5</b>