



NCAA BASKETBALL

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Sunday, March 19, 2023

ROUND #2

MICHIGAN STATE vs. MARQUETTE

Game Time: 5:15 PM EST

Broadcast: CBS

Game Pick: MICHIGAN STATE +4 (-120)

GAME ANALYSIS

Give me Michigan State head coach Tom Izzo in March and a tournament game as an underdog and I'll accept that proposition any day of the week. This is the 19th time in 25 straight NCAA tournaments under Tom Izzo that the Spartans have reached at least the Round of 32. They're 14-4 in Round-of-32 games in the Izzo era. For Joey Hauser, this game against Marquette is a matchup against his former program. He played his freshman season there in 2018-19, before transferring to Michigan State.

Marquette is no joke and is certainly capable of winning this game, but in my opinion does not have any real edge over the Spartans. Both have elite guard play. Both can defend. Both fly around the court playing tenacious defense. In the match-up with USC, their elite point guard Boogie Ellis was basically shut down by Michigan State's guard play. Marquette has a more physical guard in their star Cam Jones, but I feel he can be contained.

Head coach of Marquette Shaka Smart knows what it's like to be successful in the tournament. Smart did a tremendous job with VCU. In 6 seasons with them, he made the tournament 5 times from 2009 to 2015, including a final four in 2011! He has a terrific record as an underdog but is not nearly as good in the favorite's role.

It's a matchup of two stellar backcourts, and a chance for MSU's trio of A.J. Hoggard, Tyson Walker and Jaden Akins to get some national respect. I'll gladly buy up to 4 points that the oddsmakers are offering up with Michigan State and my favorite head coach Tom Izzo.

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