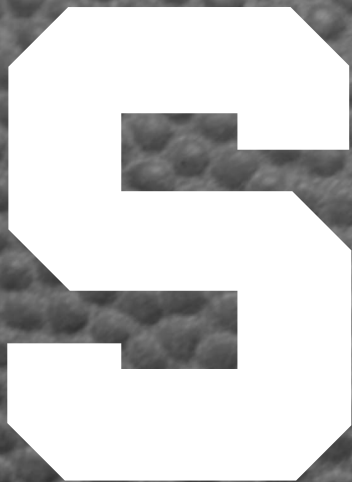




Michigan State will play six games in Spartan Stadium this season.

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## Season Preview

Michigan State head football coach Bobby Williams experienced some growing pains in 2000, his first full season on the job, and so did his inexperienced football team.

The Spartans opened the 2000 season with three straight wins, including a 27-21 come-from-behind triumph over 16th-ranked Notre Dame, and climbed to No. 15 in the *USA Today*/ESPN poll. However, a rash of injuries decimated Michigan State during the heart of the Big Ten schedule, with 10 starters sidelined for a combined 29 games. As a result, many young players were pressed into service and by midseason, no fewer than 13 freshmen were listed on the team's two deep.

During a four-game losing streak, the Spartans lost two games, both in the fourth quarter, by a combined total of 12 points. Despite the close calls, Williams and his players persevered and Michigan State closed out its home schedule with a bang by knocking off ninth-ranked Purdue, 30-10. It marked Michigan State's second win over a BCS (Bowl Championship Series) team – a feat no other team in the country accomplished during the 2000 regular season. The Spartans finished the 2000 season 5-6, falling one win short of their quest for a postseason bowl invitation.

"2000 was a season of missed opportunities," Williams said. "We were only a handful of plays away from having an outstanding record. We had so many injuries that it was frustrating at times. We were forced to play a lot of young guys last year but I was proud of the way the team competed. We had a chance to win every game we played."

With a year of experience under their belts, Williams hopes his young players can make some of those same opponents green with envy.

"I really didn't enjoy sitting at home during the holidays watching bowl games on TV," he said. "Our players and coaches didn't enjoy that experience either so now, it's time to roll up our sleeves and go to work."

Michigan State's personnel losses are heaviest on the offensive line and in the defensive secondary. The offensive line

lost four starters, including left tackle Siitupe Peko, left guard Dave Sucura, right guard Shaun Mason and right tackle Matt Bonito. That foursome was responsible for 107 combined starting assignments. Williams also must replace two starters in the defensive backfield, including 2000 team MVP Richard Newsome (101 tackles) at free safety and *Football News* third-team All-American Renaldo Hill (nine career interceptions) at one cornerback slot.

A strong spring season adds optimism for the upcoming season.

"I think our team has improved a great deal since the end of last season," said Williams. "I think we are a much improved football team. With the addition of a few new players here and there and working with the freshman group, we are starting to develop very good team chemistry."

"I was especially pleased with the team's work ethic and attitude this spring. The intensity was there every practice and the hard work has paid off. The offensive line started coming together as a group and being a little bit more aggressive. The defensive line is more aggressive and it's focusing on stopping the run and trying to improve our pass rush. On special teams, we really tried to make a big improvement there, with special emphasis on our return game."

"Last year, we had problems committing far too many penalties and we're really trying to make a special emphasis in that area this spring."

### OFFENSIVE SCOUTING REPORT

The offensive backfield is talented, experienced and deep. That's why this unit is ranked among the nation's top eight backfields by *The Sporting News*.

The marquee name on offense is tailback T.J. Duckett (6-1, 249, Jr.), who ranked fourth in the Big Ten and No. 11 nationally in rushing, averaging 123.0 yards per game. His 1,353 rushing yards mark the sixth-best single-season total in Spartan history. He had six 100-yard rushing games in 2000, including two 200-yard efforts. Duckett accounted for

72 percent of Michigan State's rushing offense (1,353 of 1,874 yards) and scored seven of its 14 rushing touchdowns. He rushed for a career-high 248 yards on 30 carries against Iowa – the sixth-best single-game rushing total in school history. He gained 219 yards against Marshall, becoming the first running back in Spartan history to reach 200 yards in a season opener. Duckett already ranks 12th on Michigan State's all-time rushing list with 1,959 career yards.



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"Everything T.J. does, he does it with great conviction," said Williams. "He wants to be involved in everything, whether it's on the playing field or in practice. He has a rare combination of speed and size. He's a big body and a guy that can run through tackles."

Depth at tailback is provided by Little John Flowers (6-0, 210, Sr.) and Tyrell Dortch (5-10, 193, So.).

Flowers enjoyed his most productive season in a Spartan uniform in 2000, gaining more rushing yards than he did in his first two years combined. He finished second on the team in rushing with 281 yards (5.2 avg.), including a career-high 85 yards against Illinois when Duckett was limited to one carry due to a sprained shoulder.

Dortch, who showed flashes of bril-

## Season Preview

liance as a true freshman in 2000, ranked third on the team in rushing with 210 yards (5.8 avg.).

The fullback job belongs to Dawan Moss (5-10, 258, Jr.), who rushed for 81 yards and three touchdowns last season. Red-shirt freshman Brian Burns (6-3, 236) is ticketed for back-up duty at fullback.

The most topical question for the coming year revolves around selecting the starting quarterback. Jeff Smoker (6-3, 207, So.) and Ryan Van Dyke (6-5, 223, Sr.) are locked in an intense battle for the starting nod at quarterback.



Quarterback Ryan Van Dyke set personal bests for attempts [37], completions [26] and passing yards [292] last season vs. Michigan.

“The quarterback race continues. The competition has been very good and it’s been such a tight race all spring,” commented Williams. “Ryan had the best spring of his career and Jeff had a very good first spring. The race is so close that we can’t determine the starting quarterback at this point. Both guys have different strengths. Hopefully, we’ll be able to settle on a starting quarterback in the first few weeks of pre-season camp.”

Smoker, who became the first true freshman to start at quarterback for Michigan State since 1982, compiled a 3-3 record in six starts. He completed 103-of-197 passes (.523) for a Spartan freshman-record 1,365 yards and six touchdowns. Smoker played a major role in all five of MSU’s wins in 2000

and directed three game-winning fourth-quarter drives, vs. Missouri, Notre Dame and Illinois. He earned Big Ten Offensive Player of the Week honors after accounting for 241 total yards and two scores in the Spartans’ 30-10 upset win over No. 9 Purdue. Smoker set season-high marks for attempts (35), completions (17) and passing yards (223) vs. Northwestern.

Van Dyke, who went 2-3 in five starts, completed 57 percent of his throws for 796 yards and four touchdowns in 2000. He played the best game of his Spartan career against Michigan, setting personal bests for attempts (37), completions (26) and passing yards (292).

“If we get down to game week and it’s still a draw, we’ll play both guys and see how they respond in game situations,” Williams said. “You have two guys that are very experienced and talented. They both should be able to lead this football team.”

The flanker job belongs to Herb Haygood (6-0, 190, Sr.), who took on an expanded role in Michigan State’s offensive game plan in 2000. He finished second on the team in receptions with 35 for 539 yards (15.4 avg.). He caught three passes for a career-high 92 yards against Notre Dame, including a 68-yard TD strike from Smoker with 1:48 left to give MSU a 27-21 victory.



Jeff Smoker became the first true freshman to start at quarterback for MSU since Dave Yarema in 1982.

### 2001 National Preseason Polls

#### STREET AND SMITH'S

1. Miami (Fla.)
2. Oklahoma
3. Florida
4. Florida State
5. Nebraska
6. Texas
7. Oregon
8. Oregon State
9. Michigan
10. Tennessee
11. Kansas State
12. Washington
13. Virginia Tech
14. Notre Dame
15. Georgia Tech
16. South Carolina
17. Wisconsin
18. UCLA
19. Clemson
20. Georgia
21. Mississippi State
22. LSU
23. Purdue
24. Northwestern
25. Colorado State

#### THE SPORTING NEWS

1. Texas
2. Florida
3. Miami (Fla.)
4. Oklahoma
5. Oregon
6. Virginia Tech
7. Florida State
8. Tennessee
9. Nebraska
10. LSU
11. Oregon State
12. Georgia Tech
13. Northwestern
14. USC
15. Kansas State
16. Notre Dame
17. Michigan
18. Clemson
19. South Carolina
20. Mississippi State
21. Washington
22. Alabama
23. East Carolina
24. Pittsburgh
25. Purdue

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"Herb was voted a tri-captain and he is certainly very deserving of the honor," said Williams. "Herb was sidelined all spring with an injury (patella surgery), yet he was one of our most vocal players at practice. He has really helped in the development of our young receivers."

Charles Rogers (6-4, 202, So.) won the starting job at split end thanks to an impressive spring practice. Rogers, who was rated the nation's No. 1 prospect in 2000 by ESPN.com recruiting analyst Tom Lemming, caught 40 passes for 760 yards (19.0 avg.) and 14 touchdowns as a senior at Saginaw (Mich.) High School.

"Charles works extremely hard every day on the field," said Williams. "He has a tremendous amount of ability, but he is still learning. We are going to have a situation that will really benefit Charles' development because he won't have to be the primary focus of our offense. We have a number of other guys that can make plays down the field."

Others who should figure prominently in the playing rotation at wide receiver include Ziehl Kavanaght (5-11, 176, So.), who was used almost exclusively as a punt returner in 2000, and BJ Lovett (6-4, 208, Jr.), a JUCO All-American. Lovett, who was ranked among the nation's top 10 junior college receivers, had 29 receptions for 383 yards (13.2 avg.) and three touchdowns as a sophomore at SUNY-Morrisville.

All-America candidate Chris Baker (6-3, 263, Sr.) returns as the incumbent at tight end with 35 career starting assignments under his belt. Baker, who played the entire second half of the 2000 season on a sprained ankle, still ranked third on the team in receptions with 33 for 461 yards (14.0 avg.) and two scores. He has 93 career catches for 1,157 yards and nine TDs. Baker needs only 15 receptions to overtake Mark Brammer (107 catches) and become Michigan State's top pass-catching tight end.

"Chris is a very productive tight end for us," remarked Williams. "He's an important player in our offensive playbook. He had a very good spring and this is a very big year for him in terms of improving his stock as a pro prospect."



Chris Baker needs 15 catches to become MSU's all-time leading pass-catching tight end.

Next in terms of experience at tight end is Luc Mullinder (6-4, 253, So.), who saw action in five games as a true freshman in 2000 and caught two passes for 20 yards.

The biggest challenge on offense is retooling the offensive line that lost four senior starters. That unit enabled Duckett to rank among the NCAA's top rushers all season long.

Michigan State will build its 2001 offensive line around center Brian Ottney (6-6, 305, So.), who is rated among the nation's top 20 players at his position by *The Sporting News*. Ottney, a second-team Freshman All-America selection by *The Sporting News*, started the last nine games of the 2000 season at center. He graded out 90 percent or better in nine of his 10 games and recorded 74 pancakes.

The top candidate to replace Peko at left tackle is Ulish Booker (6-7, 298, Jr.) while Paul Harker (6-3, 303, Jr.) takes over for Sucura at left guard. Look for William Whitticker (6-6, 299, R-Fr.) and Steve Stewart (6-5, 305, So.) to fill the vacancies at right guard and right tackle, respectively.

"I think depth is real critical because when you look at our depth, we only have a few guys with game experience and most of those guys are on the first team,"

said Williams. "When you look at our second unit, those guys don't have a lot of game experience. From a talent standpoint, I think we have 10 solid offensive linemen. We just don't have a whole lot of experience up front so that will be a concern to get some guys playing experience early."

Others who should figure in the offensive line playing rotation include tackles Joe Tate (6-5, 286, So.) and Sean Poole (6-6, 289, R-Fr.), guards Joe Patrick (6-5, 301, So.) and Joe Brooks (6-3, 285, So.), and center DeMarco Monroe (6-4, 310, So.).

Minus a big-play passing attack in 2000, Michigan State struggled to put points on the scoreboard. The Spartans ranked 10th in the Big Ten and No. 96 nationally in scoring, averaging only 17.9 points per game. It marked MSU's lowest scoring average since 1991.



Center Brian Ottney is MSU's lone-returning starter on the offensive line.

## Season Preview

DEFENSIVE  
SCOUTING REPORT

If the Spartans are to become a factor in the Big Ten race, the defense could prove to be the difference-maker. Six starters return from a defensive unit that led the Big Ten and ranked No. 22 nationally in total defense, allowing 318.3 yards per game.

"One of the things we would like to do in 2001 is upgrade the pass rush and sack production," commented Williams. "We've done some things from a personnel standpoint, and I think some different schemes are going to help us improve in the area."



Linebacker Josh Thornhill is a top contender for the Bronko Nagurski Trophy, the Butkus Award and the Lombardi Award.

The strength of Michigan State's defense should be its linebackers, thanks to the presence of All-America candidate Josh Thornhill (6-2, 239, Sr.) and Ivory McCoy (6-4, 232, Sr.).

Thornhill, who is rated among the nation's top eight linebackers by *The Sporting News*, begins his fourth season as a starter, his second full season at the MIKE position. In 2000, he led the team in tackles with 114, including seven for losses (17 yards). Thornhill reached double figures in tackles in seven of his last 10 games.

"Josh is one of our team's hardest workers, both on and off the field," said Williams. "He is a great leader and he has the ability to make all the players around

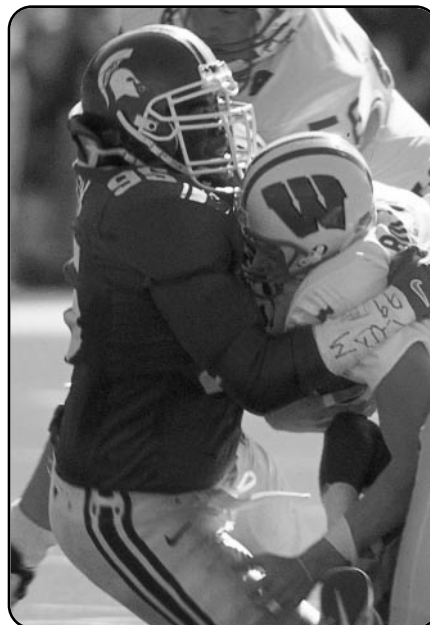
him play better. He will serve as our team captain for a second-straight year."

McCoy, a converted tight end, takes over the starting job at SAM linebacker. His quickness off the edge should upgrade Michigan State's pass rush. In his first three seasons, McCoy started 14 games at tight end and caught 34 passes for 403 yards and four touchdowns.

"We've definitely upgraded our defense by moving Ivory McCoy to that side of the ball," noted Williams. "He has the speed and the power to make things happen. He will be our starting strong-side linebacker and we'll also utilize him as a designated pass rusher. He has a chance to make a huge impact this season."

The only vacancy to be filled at linebacker is the WILL position where the top contenders include Mark Goebel (6-2, 222, So.) and Monquiz Wedlow (5-11, 195, So.). Goebel saw limited action at WILL last season and totaled 11 tackles. Wedlow, who made a name for himself as a special teams player with nearly 130 production points, made the transition from strong safety to linebacker during spring drills.

Other contenders for playing time at linebacker are Dominick Brown (6-3, 249, So.), Jason Bradley (6-0, 238, R-Fr.) and Matt Kropf (6-3, 246, Sr.). Kropf earned his first varsity letter in 2000 after recording 12 tackles, including three for losses (8 yards).



Defensive tackle Josh Shaw is rated among the nation's top 12 defensive tackles by *The Sporting News*.

2001 National  
Preseason Polls

## PREVIEW SPORTS

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2. Florida
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4. Oklahoma
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6. Tennessee
7. Nebraska
8. Mississippi State
9. Virginia Tech
10. Kansas State
11. Georgia Tech
12. Notre Dame
13. Wisconsin
14. Colorado
15. UCLA
16. LSU
17. Michigan
18. Washington
19. Clemson
20. Oregon State
21. Oregon
22. Northwestern
23. East Carolina
24. Pittsburgh
25. Marshall

## PHIL STEELE'S

1. Texas
2. Florida
3. Nebraska
4. Virginia Tech
5. Florida State
6. Miami (Fla.)
7. Oklahoma
8. LSU
9. Michigan
10. Tennessee
11. Colorado
12. Georgia Tech
13. Notre Dame
14. UCLA
15. Oregon
16. South Carolina
17. East Carolina
18. Penn State
19. Purdue
20. Washington
21. Kansas State
22. Ohio State
23. Georgia
24. Alabama
25. Clemson

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The Spartans are set at defensive tackle with All-America candidate Josh Shaw (6-3, 278, Sr.) and Kyle Rasmussen (6-4, 275, So.) back in the fold.

Shaw, who ranks among the nation's top 12 defensive tackles according to *The Sporting News*, led the defensive line and ranked fifth on the team in tackles with 68. He also finished second on the team in tackles for losses with eight for 20 yards. Shaw earned Spartan Defensive Player of the Week honors three times in 2000 after reaching double figures in tackles vs. Missouri, Notre Dame and Wisconsin. He had a career-high 17 stops vs. Wisconsin, including five for losses (14 yards).

"Josh Shaw is an impact player because he possesses great power and quickness," Williams said. "He's ready to go to war every time he steps on the field. He does a lot of the dirty work up front that goes unnoticed."

Rasmussen started four of the last six games in 2000 and registered 21 tackles. He saved his best for the season finale at Penn State, producing a season-high eight tackles.



Cornerback Cedric Henry is a preseason first team All-Big Ten selection by several national publications.



Safety Thomas Wright shared the Tommy Love Award as the team's most improved player last season.

Projected starters at defensive end include Greg Taplin (6-5, 254, So.) and Clifford Dukes (6-3, 242, R-Fr.). Taplin, who was named True Freshman All-American by Rivals.com in 2000, recorded 21 tackles, including two for losses. Dukes had 105 tackles, including eight for losses, as a senior in 1999 at Great Mills High School in Lexington Park, Md.

It will be awfully difficult to keep Nick Myers (6-2, 263, Sr.) out of the starting lineup. Myers, who has started 19 games over the last two seasons, is currently listed behind Taplin on the preseason depth chart. He started nine games at defensive end in 2000 and contributed 43 tackles, including four for losses (27 yards).

Others expected to push for playing time on the defensive line include tackles Samalj Gordon (6-6, 265, So.) and Lonnie Simmons (6-3, 279, R-Fr.) and converted fullback Mike Labinjo (6-1, 268, So.) at end.

Eight lettermen return in the defensive secondary, including starters Cedric Henry (5-10, 190, Sr.) and Thomas Wright (6-1, 191, Jr.).

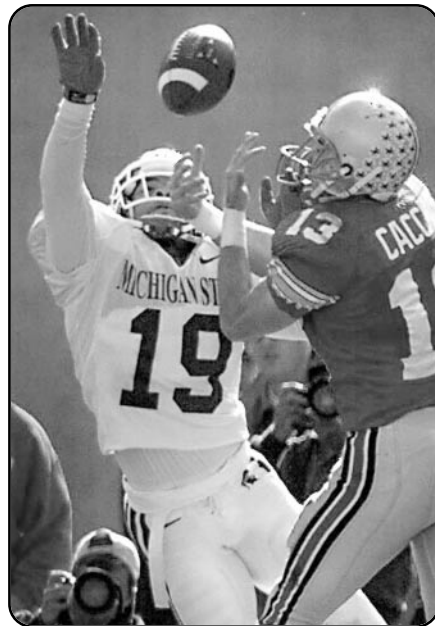
"Our secondary has shown marked improvement over the course of the spring season," said Williams. "Duron

Bryan is pushing to be in the starting safety spot opposite Thomas Wright. Bryan and Lorenzo Guess have a good competition going there for free safety, while Broderick Nelson is really coming around at the corner position."

A preseason All-Big Ten pick, Henry is rated among the nation's top 11 cornerbacks according to *The Sporting News*. In 2000, he played a major role in a Spartan secondary that led the Big Ten and ranked seventh nationally in pass defense, allowing only 164.1 yards per game. Henry led the Big Ten in pass break-ups (24) and finished third in interceptions (5).

"Cedric Henry has emerged as one of the top cover corners in the Big Ten," Williams said. "He brings a lot of confidence and toughness to the table. He's also a good tackler in the open field."

Wright, who is listed among the nation's top 15 at his position by *The Sporting News*, moves into his second season as the starting strong safety. He led the Spartan defense in production points last year with 159 and finished second in tackles with 106. Wright played as well as anyone down the stretch, averaging 11.3 tackles over his last six games.



DeMario Suggs is the leading candidate for the starting job at cornerback.

# Season Preview

Two key holes need to be filled in the secondary, with the losses of Newsome at free safety and Hill at one corner position. Lorenzo Guess (6-1, 193, Sr.) is the heir apparent at free safety while DeMario Suggs (5-11, 194, Sr.) ranks as the leading candidate for the starting job at cornerback.

Guess started three games at free safety last season when Newsome was sidelined with a quad injury. He recorded a career-best 40 tackles in 2000.

Suggs, who ranked as Michigan State's top special teams player a year ago with over 150 production points, made 45 tackles and his first career interception came off Purdue's Drew Brees.

Depth in the defensive backfield is provided by cornerbacks Broderick Nelson (6-0, 175, Jr.) and Jason Harmon (5-11, 186, R-Fr.) and safeties Duron Bryan (6-0, 205, Sr.) and Jeremy Fairrow (6-0, 195, So.).



Craig Jarrett ranks fourth on MSU's all-time list with a 42.7-yard punting average.

## SPECIAL TEAMS SCOUTING REPORT

Craig Jarrett (6-2, 212, Sr.) handles Michigan State's punting chores for the fourth year in a row. Jarrett hopes to pick up right where he left off at the end of the 2000 season when he averaged 44.2 yards per punt over his last four games. He finished sixth in the Big Ten with his 40.8-yard aver-

age. His career 42.7-yard punting average ranks fourth on Michigan State's all-time list.

"Craig punted the ball a lot better and with more consistency this spring," said Williams. "I believe that he is back to the form that he displayed in 1999."

David Schaefer (5-10, 192, Sr.) heads into his second season as Michigan State's starting placekicker. Schaefer, who led the Spartans in scoring with 51 points in 2000, hit 11-of-17 field-goal attempts (.647) and 18-of-21 extra-point tries.

Herb Haygood (6-0, 190, Sr.), who averaged 23.1 yards on kickoff returns last season, ranks fourth on MSU's all-time list with 1,138 career kickoff return yards.

Look for newcomer Charles Rogers (6-4, 202, So.) to handle the punt-return duties.

"We really want to improve on special teams this season because I felt we had an outstanding special teams unit in 1999," Williams noted. "We were winning games with our special teams and putting ourselves in position to win games. That's something where we need to become more consistent on a daily basis.

"I think 90 percent of it has to do with personnel. You have to make sure you have the right guys on the field. Overall, it comes from the guys really wanting to do it. It's not just a down, it's a down that you have to take seriously and it takes effort and execution."



Placekicker David Schaefer led MSU with 51 points in 2000.

## 2001 Big Ten Preseason Polls

### STREET AND SMITH'S

1. Michigan
2. Wisconsin
3. Purdue
4. Northwestern
5. Ohio State
6. Penn State
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10. Michigan State
11. Indiana

### THE SPORTING NEWS

1. Northwestern
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### PREVIEW SPORTS

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### PHIL STEELE'S

1. Penn State
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10. Indiana
11. Minnesota



## Capsule Outlook

<b>Basic Offense:</b>	Pro-Set
<b>Basic Defense:</b>	4-3
<b>2000 Record:</b>	5-6 overall, 2-6 Big Ten (t-9th)
<b>Lettermen Lost:</b>	17 (9 offense, 8 defense)
<b>Lettermen Returning:</b>	37 (16 offense, 18 defense, 3 specialists)
<b>Starters Lost:</b>	10 (5 offense, 5 defense)
<b>Starters Returning:</b>	14 (6 offense, 6 defense, 2 specialists)

**OFFENSIVE STARTERS LOST (5):** SE Lavaile Richardson, LT Siitupe Peko, LG Dave Sucura, RG Shaun Mason, RT Matt Bonito.

**OFFENSIVE STARTERS RETURNING (6):** C Brian Ottney, TE Chris Baker, FL Herb Haygood, QB Jeff Smoker, FB Dawan Moss, TB T.J. Duckett.

**DEFENSIVE STARTERS LOST (5):** DE Jace Sayler, OLB Richard Brown, OLB Drew Young, FS Richard Newsome, RCB Renaldo Hill.

**DEFENSIVE STARTERS RETURNING (6):** DE Nick Myers, DT Kyle Rasmussen, DT Josh Shaw, MLB Josh Thornhill, LCB Cedric Henry, SS Thomas Wright.

**STARTING SPECIALISTS RETURNING (2):** P Craig Jarrett, PK David Schaefer.

**TOP LOSSES:** OG Shaun Mason (second-team All-Big Ten, MSU single-season record 146 pancakes in 2000, 37 career starts); OT Siitupe Peko (21 career starts); OG Dave Sucura (35 career starts); SE Lavaile Richardson (led Spartans with 40 catches for 459 yards in 2000); FS Richard Newsome (second-team All-Big Ten, team MVP had 101 tackles in 2000, 21 career starts); CB Renaldo Hill (Football News third-team All-American, nine career interceptions and 36 career pass break-ups, 35 career starts); DL Jace Sayler (led team with nine tackles for losses in 2000, 175 career tackles, 28 career starts).

**TOP RETURNEES:** TB T.J. Duckett (second-team All-Big Ten, ranked 11th nationally in rushing at 123.0 yards per game, 1,959 career rushing yards and 17 TDs); TE Chris Baker (93 career receptions for 1,157 yards and nine TDs, 35 career starts); FL Herb Haygood (team's second-leading receiver in 2000 with 35 catches for 539 yards and two TDs, 1,138 career kickoff return yards); QB Jeff Smoker (threw for MSU freshman-record 1,365 yards and six TDs in 2000); C Brian Ottney (Sporting News second-team Freshman All-American); LB Josh Thornhill (first-team All-Big Ten, led team in tackles with 114 in 2000, 28 straight starts); DT Josh Shaw (160 career tackles including 15 for losses, 21 career starts); CB Cedric Henry (second-team All-Big Ten, five interceptions and 24 pass break-ups in 2000); SS Thomas Wright (team's second-leading tackler in 2000 with 106 stops); P Craig Jarrett (career 42.7-yard punting average).

**TOP NEWCOMERS:** WR Charles Rogers (So./Prep All-American had 40 catches for 760 yards and 14 TDs in 1999); WR BJ Lovett (Jr./JUCO All-American had 29 receptions for 383 yards and three TDs in 2000); OG William Whitticker (R-Fr./Prep All-American in 1999); DL Matthias Askew (Fr./Prep All-American had 125 tackles including 21 sacks in 2000); LB Seth Mitchell (Fr./Prep All-American had 146 tackles and six interceptions in 2000); K Dave Rayner (Fr./Rewrote his high school's record book).

### THE STRENGTHS:

**Running Back** – T.J. Duckett rushed for 1,353 yards in 2000, the sixth-best single-season total in Spartan history. Fullback Dawan Moss plus back-up tailbacks Little John Flowers and Tyrell Dortch combined for 572 rushing yards last season.

**Quarterback** – Jeff Smoker and Ryan Van Dyke shared starting responsibilities in 2000. Smoker threw for 1,365 yards and six TDs while Van Dyke completed 57 percent of his passes for 796 yards and four TDs.

**Receivers** – Tight end Chris Baker (33 catches for 461 yards and two TDs) is arguably the best player at his position in the Big Ten. Flanker Herb Haygood (35 for 539 and two TDs) took on an expanded role in 2000. The addition of newcomers Charles Rogers and BJ Lovett should upgrade the passing game by providing multiple deep threats.

**Linebacker** – The Spartans boast two outstanding play-makers in Josh Thornhill (114 tackles) and Ivory McCoy.

### THE QUESTIONS:

**Offensive Line** – Gone are four starters, including left tackle Siitupe Peko, left guard Dave Sucura, right guard Shaun Mason and right tackle Matt Bonito. That foursome was responsible for 107 combined starting assignments.

**Scoring Offense** – Michigan State ranked 10th in the Big Ten and No. 96 nationally in scoring, averaging only 17.9 points per game in 2000. It marked MSU's lowest scoring average since 1991.

**Pass Rush** – Michigan State's sack total dropped from a school-record 54 in 1999 to only 18 in 2000. Spartan coaches hope Ivory McCoy's move from tight end to outside linebacker pays big dividends.

**Rushing Defense** – After leading the Big Ten in rushing defense in 1999, Michigan State slipped to fifth in 2000, allowing 154.2 yards per game.

**Special Teams** – The Spartans ranked 10th in the Big Ten and 89th nationally in punt returns (7.7-yard avg.). Newcomer Charles Rogers should have an immediate impact here.

### POSITION CHANGES:

Joe Brooks (from DT to OG)  
Mike Labinjo (from FB to DE)  
Ivory McCoy (from TE to LB)  
Joe Tate (from DT to OT)

## Personnel Breakdown

### OFFENSE (9 Lost, 19 Returning)

LOST	POSITION	RETURNING
LAVAILE RICHARDSON (4) Marcus Waters (1)	SE	
SIITUPE PEKO (2)	LT	Ulish Booker (1) Joe Tate (1)
DAVE SUCURA (4)	LG C	Joe Patrick (1) BRIAN OTTNEY (1) DeMarco Monroe (1) Tony Grant (1)
SHAUN MASON (3) MATT BONITO (3)	RG RT TE	Steve Stewart (1) CHRIS BAKER (3) Ivory McCoy (3)
Shawn Foster (3) Demont Smith (3) Ziehl Kavanaght (1)	FL	HERB HAYGOOD (3)
	QB	JEFF SMOKER (1) Ryan Van Dyke (3)
Travis Wilson (1)	FB	DAWAN MOSS (2) Mike Labinjo (1)
	TB	T.J. DUCKETT (2) Little John Flowers (3) Tyrell Dortch (1)
	PK	DAVID SCHAEFER (2)



Flanker Herb Haygood caught a 68-yard TD strike from Jeff Smoker to give MSU a 27-21 victory over Notre Dame.

### DEFENSE (8 Lost, 18 Returning)

LOST	POSITION	RETURNING
	DE	NICK MYERS (3)
	DT	KYLE RASMUSSEN (1)
Jabari Hendricks (1)	DT	JOSH SHAW (3)
JACE SAYLER (4)	DE	Greg Taplin (1) Samalj Gordon (1)
RICHARD BROWN (2) T.J. Turner (4) Bradshaw Littlejohn (1)	SAM	
	MIKE	JOSH THORNHILL (3) Mike Dawes (1)
DREW YOUNG (2)	WILL	Mark Goebel (1) Matt Kropf (1)
	CB	CEDRIC HENRY (3) DeMario Suggs (3)
	SS	THOMAS WRIGHT (2) Duron Bryan (2) Monquiz Wedlow (1)
RICHARD NEWSOME (4)	FS	Lorenzo Guess (3) Jeremy Fairrow (1)
RENALDO HILL (3)	CB	Broderick Nelson (1)
	P	CRAIG JARRETT (3)

Note: Positions listed according to the final 2000 depth chart.



Defensive end Nick Myers has started 19 career games.

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No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	Exp.	Birthdate	Hometown (Previous School)
10	Aaron Alexander	QB	6-5	190	Fr.	HS	12/12/83	Richmond, VA (Henrico)
99	Matthias Askew	DL	6-7	290	Fr.	HS	7/1/82	Fort Lauderdale, FL (Dillard)
83	Chris Baker	TE	6-3	263	Sr.	3L	11/18/79	Saline, MI (Saline)
20	Charles Barber	WR	6-0	165	Fr.	RS	1/9/82	Detroit, MI (Mumford)
40	Michael Bazemore	LB	6-4	228	Fr.	HS	4/10/83	Philadelphia, PA (West Catholic)
6	Mark Bojovic	K	5-11	196	So.	SQ	5/14/81	Warren, MI (Warren Woods Tower)
65	Ulish Booker	OT	6-7	298	Jr.	1L	8/14/79	West Haven, CT (West Haven)
55	Jason Bradley	LB	6-0	238	Fr.	RS	3/27/81	Sarasota, FL (Booker)
60	Joe Brooks	OG	6-3	285	So.	SQ	2/22/81	Milwaukee, WI (Marquette)
54	Dominick Brown	LB	6-3	249	So.	SQ	5/11/81	Lansing, MI (Sexton)
64	Van Brown	DL	6-5	250	So.	JC	5/18/81	Altadena, CA (Pasadena City College)
27	Duron Bryan	S	6-0	205	Sr.	2L	3/23/79	Lexington Park, MD (Great Mills)
29	Richard Bryce	S	6-3	209	Jr.	SQ	3/9/80	East Lansing, MI (East Lansing)
31	Brian Burns	FB	6-3	236	Fr.	RS	5/4/82	Independence, OH (Independence)
58	James Cooper	LB	6-3	220	Fr.	RS	9/9/81	St. Louis, MO (Hazelwood East)
87	Paul Cummings	WR	6-0	176	Fr.	RS	5/20/82	Belding, MI (Belding)
41	Matt Dawes	LB	6-1	231	Sr.	1L	4/20/79	Battle Creek, MI (Kalamazoo Valley CC)
98	Brian Dieckman	TE	6-3	238	Jr.	SQ	12/11/79	Macomb, MI (Lutheran North)
34	Tyrell Dortch	TB	5-10	193	So.	1L	11/18/82	Hoboken, NJ (Hoboken)
7	Damon Dowdell	QB	6-1	209	Fr.	RS	8/17/83	Detroit, MI (Henry Ford)
8	T.J. Duckett	TB	6-1	249	Jr.	2L	2/17/81	Kalamazoo, MI (Loy Norrix)
59	Clifford Dukes	DE	6-3	242	Fr.	RS	6/26/81	Lexington Park, MD (Great Mills)
86	Eric Easter	TE	6-4	230	Jr.	SQ	12/20/80	Bloomfield Hills, MI (Toledo)
39	Jeremy Fairrow	CB	6-0	195	So.	1L	10/18/81	Evansville, IN (Evansville)
33	Robert Flag	S	6-2	194	Fr.	HS	5/29/83	Carol City, FL (Miami Norland)
23	Little John Flowers	TB	6-0	210	Sr.	3L	1/31/80	Kalamazoo, MI (Loy Norrix)
38	Damien Fortson	CB	6-0	185	Fr.	HS	3/16/83	Ravenna, OH (Ravenna)
35	Mark Goebel	LB	6-2	222	So.	1L	6/3/81	Milford, MI (Brother Rice)
93	Samalj Gordon	DE	6-6	265	So.	1L	8/29/81	Atlanta, GA (South Atlanta)
56	Tony Grant	SN	6-2	242	Sr.	1L	12/31/78	Bay City, MI (Michigan)
5	Lorenzo Guess	S	6-1	193	Sr.	3L	9/16/78	Wayne, MI (Wayne Memorial)
62	Darrell Hamilton	DL	6-4	220	Fr.	HS	1/2/83	Detroit, MI (Benedictine Catholic)
57	Paul Harker	OG	6-3	303	Jr.	1L	10/30/79	Dayton, OH (Chaminade-Julienne)
25	Jason Harmon	CB	5-11	186	Fr.	RS	4/3/82	Ironton, OH (Ironton)
2	Herb Haygood	WR	6-0	190	Sr.	3L	12/29/77	Sarasota, FL (Sarasota)
37	Cedric Henry	CB	5-10	190	Sr.	3L	2/12/79	Sarasota, FL (Booker)
47	Mitch Herrema	FB	5-11	230	So.	TR	6/7/81	Jenison, MI (Air Force)
29	Tim James	TB	5-8	164	Jr.	SQ	8/1/81	Milan, MI (Milan)
12	Craig Jarrett	P	6-2	212	Sr.	3L	7/19/79	Martinsville, IN (Martinsville)
82	Ziehl Kavanaght	WR	5-11	176	So.	1L	12/8/76	Brossard, QUE (Cegep du Vieux Montreal)
30	Matt Kropf	LB	6-3	246	Sr.	1L	12/9/78	Traverse City, MI (Traverse City)
42	Mike Labinjo	DE	6-1	268	So.	1L	7/8/80	Toronto, ONT (St. Michael's College)
15	Derrick Lee	WR	6-2	206	Sr.	SQ	10/3/78	Flint, MI (Gambling State)
6	BJ Lovett	WR	6-4	208	Jr.	JC	8/28/80	Belle Glades, FL (SUNY - Morrisville)
17	Roderick Maples	CB	5-10	180	Fr.	RS	1/11/81	Detroit, MI (Cass Tech)
32	Mike McConnell	TB	6-0	210	So.	JC	8/19/80	Adairsville, GA (Northeastern Oklahoma A&M)
85	Ivory McCoy	LB	6-4	232	Sr.	3L	1/12/79	Chicago, IL (Simeon)
43	Luke McGregor	FB	5-11	231	So.	SQ	10/5/80	Akeley, MN (Walker-Hackensack-Akeley)
63	Brandon McKinney	DL	6-3	302	Fr.	HS	8/24/83	Dayton, OH (Chaminade-Julienne)
24	Jeremiah McLaurin	CB	5-11	182	So.	SQ	7/24/81	Saginaw, MI (Saginaw)
48	Seth Mitchell	LB	6-3	230	Fr.	HS	5/29/82	Brandywine, MD (Gwynn Park)
67	DeMarco Monroe	C	6-4	310	So.	1L	7/4/81	Evansville, IN (Evansville Central)
41	Aaron Morrell	LB	6-1	204	Fr.	RS	10/8/82	Detroit, MI (Detroit Country Day)
51	Christopher Morris	OL	6-4	285	Fr.	HS	2/22/83	Lambertville, MI (Temperance-Bedford)
49	Dawan Moss	FB	5-10	258	Jr.	2L	4/11/80	Detroit, MI (Cass Tech)
88	Luc Mullinder	TE	6-4	253	So.	SQ	9/25/80	Mississauga, ONT (Applewood Heights)
75	Nick Myers	DE	6-2	263	Sr.	3L	3/31/79	Springfield, OH (Springfield North)
21	Broderick Nelson	CB	6-0	175	Jr.	1L	8/6/78	Dania, FL (South Broward)
71	Gordon Niebylski	OT	6-4	295	Fr.	HS	2/19/83	Farmington, MI (Birmingham Brother Rice)
73	Brian Ottney	C	6-6	305	So.	1L	7/14/80	Troy, MI (Troy)
61	Joe Patrick	OG	6-5	301	So.	1L	5/20/80	Ashley, MI (Ithaca)
53	Andrew Petterson	SN	6-0	204	Fr.	RS	1/22/82	Denver, CO (Cherry Creek)
79	Sean Poole	OT	6-6	289	Fr.	RS	7/7/82	Flint, MI (Flint Central)
81	Jason Randall	TE	6-6	240	Fr.	HS	12/26/82	Muskegon Heights, MI (Muskegon)
97	Kyle Rasmussen	DT	6-4	275	So.	1L	3/21/81	Hadley, MI (Lapeer West)

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11	Stephen Ratliff	QB	6-2	175	So.	RS	10/12/80	Patterson, CA (Modesto Junior College)
16	Dave Rayner	K	6-3	200	Fr.	HS	10/26/82	Oxford, MI (Oxford)
1	Charles Rogers	WR	6-4	202	So.	SQ	5/23/81	Saginaw, MI (Saginaw)
23	Jeremy Rolinski	P	5-10	160	Jr.	SQ	4/17/80	Gaylord, MI (Gaylord)
52	Dedrick Roper	LB	6-2	247	So.	SQ	7/31/81	Milpitas, CA (Milpitas)
28	Zach Sanom	TB	5-8	192	Jr.	SQ	11/8/78	Berkley, MI (Oakland CC)
14	David Schaefer	K	5-10	192	Sr.	2L	12/28/78	Birmingham, MI (Seaholm)
18	Michael Servis	K	6-1	198	So.	SQ	12/31/80	St. Petersburg, FL (Osceola)
16	Bill Sharkey	WR	6-1	191	Fr.	RS	7/26/82	Troy, MI (Athens)
95	Josh Shaw	DT	6-3	278	Sr.	3L	9/17/79	Fort Lauderdale, FL (Dillard)
92	Lonnie Simmons	DE	6-3	279	Fr.	RS	11/13/81	Columbus, OH (Northland)
36	Eric Smith	DB	6-1	195	Fr.	HS	3/17/83	Groveport, OH (Groveport-Madison)
9	Jeff Smoker	QB	6-3	207	So.	1L	6/13/81	Manheim, PA (Manheim Central)
44	Ronald Stanley	LB	6-2	210	Fr.	HS	3/6/83	Saginaw, MI (Saginaw)
80	Ben Steckler	WR	6-5	205	Fr.	HS	8/28/82	Huntingburg, IN (Southridge)
77	Steve Stewart	OT	6-5	305	So.	1L	11/12/80	Sandusky, OH (Sandusky)
4	Robert Strickland	WR	6-4	205	Fr.	HS	12/7/82	Detroit, MI (Denby)
19	DeMario Suggs	CB	5-11	194	Sr.	3L	3/12/79	Toledo, OH (St. John's)
94	Greg Taplin	DE	6-5	254	So.	1L	1/18/82	Hollywood, FL (Hallandale)
68	Joe Tate	OT	6-5	286	So.	1L	12/13/80	Southfield, MI (Southfield-Lathrup)
97	Nick Thompson	TE	6-3	232	Fr.	RS	9/1/82	Houghton Lake, MI (Houghton Lake)
50	Josh Thornhill	LB	6-2	239	Sr.	3L	1/19/80	Lansing, MI (Eastern)
74	Alphonso Townsend	OL	6-6	310	Fr.	HS	1/23/81	Lima, OH (Fork Union Military Academy)
3	Ryan Van Dyke	QB	6-5	223	Sr.	3L	2/13/80	Marshall, MI (Marshall)
91	Kevin Vickerson	DL	6-5	288	Fr.	HS	1/8/83	Detroit, MI (Martin Luther King)
45	Monquiz Wedlow	S	5-11	195	So.	1L	11/18/79	Saginaw, MI (Saginaw)
72	Stefon Wheeler	OL	6-5	325	Fr.	HS	9/17/82	Passaic, NJ (Milford Academy)
98	Dwight Whitfield	DT	6-2	292	Fr.	RS	11/13/81	St. Louis, MO (Vashon)
76	William Whitticker	OG	6-6	299	Fr.	RS	8/2/82	Marion, IN (Marion)
89	Ryan Woods	TE	6-5	230	Fr.	HS	5/5/83	Florissant, MO (Christian Brothers College)
43	Thomas Wright	S	6-1	191	Jr.	2L	7/3/81	Lake Wales, FL (Lake Wales)
96	Greg Yeaster	DT	6-1	260	Fr.	RS	6/29/82	Montrose, MI (Montrose)

KEY – HS: High School; RS: Red-shirted; JC: Junior College; TR: Transfer; SQ: Squad member; L: Letters earned.

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1	Charles Rogers	WR	25	Jason Harmon	CB	49	Dawan Moss	FB	77	Steve Stewart	OT
2	Herb Haygood	WR	27	Duron Bryan	S	50	Josh Thornhill	LB	79	Sean Poole	OT
3	Ryan Van Dyke	QB	28	Zach Sanom	TB	51	Christopher Morris	OL	80	Ben Steckler	WR
4	Robert Strickland	WR	29	Richard Bryce	S	52	Dedrick Roper	LB	81	Jason Randall	TE
5	Lorenzo Guess	S	29	Tim James	TB	53	Andrew Petterson	SN	82	Ziehl Kavanaght	WR
6	BJ Lovett	WR	30	Matt Kropf	LB	54	Dominick Brown	LB	83	Chris Baker	TE
6	Mark Bojovic	K	31	Brian Burns	FB	55	Jason Bradley	LB	85	Ivory McCoy	LB
7	Damon Dowdell	QB	32	Mike McConnell	TB	56	Tony Grant	SN	86	Eric Easter	TE
8	T.J. Duckett	TB	33	Robert Flagg	S	57	Paul Harker	OG	87	Paul Cummings	WR
9	Jeff Smoker	QB	34	Tyrell Dortch	TB	58	James Cooper	LB	88	Luc Mullinder	TE
10	Aaron Alexander	QB	35	Mark Goebel	LB	59	Clifford Dukes	DE	89	Ryan Woods	TE
11	Stephen Ratliff	QB	36	Eric Smith	DB	60	Joe Brooks	OG	91	Kevin Vickerson	DL
12	Craig Jarrett	P	37	Cedric Henry	CB	61	Joe Patrick	OG	92	Lonnie Simmons	DE
14	David Schaefer	K	38	Damien Fortson	CB	62	Darrell Hamilton	DL	93	Samalj Gordon	DE
15	Derrick Lee	WR	39	Jeremy Fairrow	CB	63	Brandon McKinney	DL	94	Greg Taplin	DE
16	Dave Rayner	K	40	Michael Bazemore	LB	64	Van Brown	DL	95	Josh Shaw	DT
16	Bill Sharkey	WR	41	Matt Dawes	LB	65	Ulish Booker	OT	96	Greg Yeaster	DT
17	Roderick Maples	CB	41	Aaron Morrell	LB	67	DeMarco Monroe	C	97	Kyle Rasmussen	DT
18	Michael Servis	K	42	Mike Labinjo	DE	68	Joe Tate	OT	97	Nick Thompson	TE
19	DeMario Suggs	CB	43	Thomas Wright	S	71	Gordon Niebylski	OT	98	Dwight Whitfield	DT
20	Charles Barber	WR	43	Luke McGregor	FB	72	Stefon Wheeler	OL	98	Brian Dieckman	TE
21	Broderick Nelson	CB	44	Ronald Stanley	LB	73	Brian Ottney	C	99	Matthias Askew	DL
23	Little John Flowers	TB	45	Monquiz Wedlow	S	74	Alphonso Townsend	OL			
23	Jeremy Rolinski	P	47	Mitch Herrema	FB	75	Nick Myers	DE			
24	Jeremiah McLaurin	CB	48	Seth Mitchell	LB	76	William Whitticker	OG			

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10	Aaron Alexander	QB	6-5	190	Fr.	HS	12/12/83	Richmond, VA (Henrico)
11	Stephen Ratliff	QB	6-2	175	So.	RS	10/12/80	Patterson, CA (Modesto Junior College)
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14	David Schaefer	K	5-10	192	Sr.	2L	12/28/78	Birmingham, MI (Seaholm)
15	Derrick Lee	WR	6-2	206	Sr.	SQ	10/3/78	Flint, MI (Grambling State)
16	Dave Rayner	K	6-3	200	Fr.	HS	10/26/82	Oxford, MI (Oxford)
16	Bill Sharkey	WR	6-1	191	Fr.	RS	7/26/82	Troy, MI (Athens)
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81	Jason Randall	TE	6-6	240	Fr.	HS	12/26/82	Muskegon Heights, MI (Muskegon)
82	Ziehl Kavanaght	WR	5-11	176	So.	1L	12/8/76	Brossard, QUE (Cegep du Vieux Montreal)
83	Chris Baker	TE	6-3	263	Sr.	3L	11/18/79	Saline, MI (Saline)
85	Ivory McCoy	LB	6-4	232	Sr.	3L	1/12/79	Chicago, IL (Simeon)
86	Eric Easter	TE	6-4	230	Jr.	SQ	12/20/80	Bloomfield Hills, MI (Toledo)
87	Paul Cummings	WR	6-0	176	Fr.	RS	5/20/82	Belding, MI (Belding)
88	Luc Mullinder	TE	6-4	253	So.	SQ	9/25/80	Mississauga, ONT (Applewood Heights)
89	Ryan Woods	TE	6-5	230	Fr.	HS	5/5/83	Florissant, MO (Christian Brothers College)
91	Kevin Vickerson	DL	6-5	288	Fr.	HS	1/8/83	Detroit, MI (Martin Luther King)
92	Lonnie Simmons	DE	6-3	279	Fr.	RS	11/13/81	Columbus, OH (Northland)
93	Samalj Gordon	DE	6-6	265	So.	1L	8/29/81	Atlanta, GA (South Atlanta)
94	Greg Taplin	DE	6-5	254	So.	1L	1/18/82	Hollywood, FL (Hallandale)
95	Josh Shaw	DT	6-3	278	Sr.	3L	9/17/79	Fort Lauderdale, FL (Dillard)
96	Greg Yeaster	DT	6-1	260	Fr.	RS	6/29/82	Montrose, MI (Montrose)
97	Kyle Rasmussen	DT	6-4	275	So.	1L	3/21/81	Hadley, MI (Lapeer West)
97	Nick Thompson	TE	6-3	232	Fr.	RS	9/1/82	Houghton Lake, MI (Houghton Lake)
98	Dwight Whitfield	DT	6-2	292	Fr.	RS	11/13/81	St. Louis, MO (Vashon)
98	Brian Dieckman	TE	6-3	238	Jr.	SQ	12/11/79	Macomb, MI (Lutheran North)
99	Matthias Askew	DL	6-7	290	Fr.	HS	7/1/82	Fort Lauderdale, FL (Dillard)

KEY – HS: High School; RS: Red-shirted; JC: Junior College; TR: Transfer; SQ: Squad member; L: Letters earned

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10	Aaron Alexander	QB	23	Little John Flowers	TB	48	Seth Mitchell	LB	92	Lonnie Simmons	DE
99	Matthias Askew	DL	38	Damien Fortson	CB	67	DeMarco Monroe	C	36	Eric Smith	DB
83	Chris Baker	TE	35	Mark Goebel	LB	41	Aaron Morrell	LB	9	Jeff Smoker	QB
20	Charles Barber	WR	93	Samalj Gordon	DE	51	Christopher Morris	OL	44	Ronald Stanley	LB
40	Michael Bazemore	LB	56	Tony Grant	SN	49	Dawan Moss	FB	80	Ben Steckler	WR
6	Mark Bojovic	K	5	Lorenzo Guess	S	88	Luc Mullinder	TE	77	Steve Stewart	OT
65	Ulish Booker	OT	62	Darrell Hamilton	DL	75	Nick Myers	DE	4	Robert Strickland	WR
55	Jason Bradley	LB	57	Paul Harker	OG	21	Broderick Nelson	CB	19	DeMario Suggs	CB
60	Joe Brooks	OG	25	Jason Harmon	CB	71	Gordon Niebylski	OT	94	Greg Taplin	DE
54	Dominick Brown	LB	2	Herb Haygood	WR	73	Brian Ottney	C	68	Joe Tate	OT
64	Van Brown	DL	37	Cedric Henry	CB	61	Joe Patrick	OG	97	Nick Thompson	TE
27	Duron Bryan	S	47	Mitch Herrema	FB	53	Andrew Petterson	SN	50	Josh Thornhill	LB
29	Richard Bryce	S	29	Tim James	TB	79	Sean Poole	OT	74	Alphonso Townsend	OL
31	Brian Burns	FB	12	Craig Jarrett	P	81	Jason Randall	TE	3	Ryan Van Dyke	QB
58	James Cooper	LB	82	Ziehl Kavanaght	WR	97	Kyle Rasmussen	DT	91	Kevin Vickerson	DL
87	Paul Cummings	WR	30	Matt Kropf	LB	11	Stephen Ratliff	QB	45	Monquiz Wedlow	S
41	Matt Dawes	LB	42	Mike Labinjo	DE	16	Dave Rayner	K	72	Stefon Wheeler	OL
98	Brian Dieckman	TE	15	Derrick Lee	WR	1	Charles Rogers	WR	98	Dwight Whitfield	DT
34	Tyrell Dortch	TB	6	BJ Lovett	WR	23	Jeremy Rolinski	P	76	William Whitticker	OG
7	Damon Dowdell	QB	17	Roderick Maples	CB	52	Dedrick Roper	LB	89	Ryan Woods	TE
8	T.J. Duckett	TB	32	Mike McConnell	TB	28	Zach Sanom	TB	43	Thomas Wright	S
59	Clifford Dukes	DE	85	Ivory McCoy	LB	14	David Schaefer	K	96	Greg Yeaster	DT
86	Eric Easter	TE	43	Luke McGregor	FB	18	Michael Servis	K			
39	Jeremy Fairrow	CB	63	Brandon McKinney	DL	16	Bill Sharkey	WR			
33	Robert Flagg	S	24	Jeremiah McLaurin	CB	95	Josh Shaw	DT			

# Preseason Depth Chart

Here is the way Michigan State plans to line up at the beginning of the 2001 season. This tentative depth chart is based on ratings at the conclusion of spring practice. It does not include incoming transfers, freshmen or walk-ons.

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