



# MICHIGAN STATE

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## 2008 SCHEDULES & SCOREBOARDS

### MICHIGAN STATE (3-1)

Aug. 30	at California (ABC)	L, 31-38
Sept. 6	EASTERN MICHIGAN (BTN)	W, 42-10
Sept. 13	FLORIDA ATLANTIC (ESPN2)	W, 17-0
Sept. 20	NOTRE DAME (ABC)	W, 23-7
Sept. 27	at Indiana (ESPN)	12 p.m.
Oct. 4	IOWA (ESPN or ESPN2)	12 p.m.
Oct. 11	at Northwestern	TBA
Oct. 18	OHIO STATE	TBA
Oct. 25	at Michigan	TBA
Nov. 1	WISCONSIN	TBA
Nov. 8	PURDUE	TBA
Nov. 22	at Penn State	TBA

### INDIANA (2-1)

Aug. 30	WESTERN KENTUCKY	W, 31-13
Sept. 6	MURRAY STATE	W, 45-3
Sept. 20	BALL STATE	L, 20-42
Sept. 27	MICHIGAN STATE	12 p.m.
Oct. 4	at Minnesota	12 p.m.
Oct. 11	IOWA	TBA
Oct. 18	at Illinois	8 p.m.
Oct. 25	NORTHWESTERN	12 p.m.
Nov. 1	CENTRAL MICHIGAN	TBA
Nov. 8	WISCONSIN	TBA
Nov. 15	at Penn State	TBA
Nov. 22	at Purdue	TBA

• All times listed: Eastern.

## BROADCAST COVERAGE

**TELEVISION:** ESPN will televise the MSU-Indiana game live to a national audience, with Pam Ward handling the play-by-play and Ray Bentley providing color commentary.

**RADIO:** The Spartan Radio Network, featuring veteran play-by-play announcer George Blaha, color analyst Jim Miller, sideline reporter Jason Strayhorn and broadcast host Will Tieman, will broadcast the game to 39 affiliates throughout the state. Michigan State football broadcasts can be heard on flagship stations WJIM (AM 1240)/WMMQ (FM 94.9) in Lansing and WJR Radio (AM 760) in Detroit.



## GAME

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## MICHIGAN STATE (3-1) vs. INDIANA (2-1)

Saturday, Sept. 27 • 12 p.m. EDT • ESPN  
Memorial Stadium (49,225/Astro-Play) • Bloomington, Ind.

### FIRST-AND-10 (what you need to know about the MSU-Indiana matchup) –

- Saturday's game marks the 57th meeting between Michigan State and Indiana. The Spartans lead the all-time series 39-15-2, including an 18-9-1 record in games played in Bloomington, Ind. Michigan State has won nine of the last 11 meetings overall. The Spartans' last win in Memorial Stadium came on Sept. 25, 2004, 30-20.
- Since 1950, the winner of the Michigan State-Indiana game has been presented the Old Brass Spittoon. The brass spittoon came from one of Michigan's earliest trading posts and is widely believed to be nearly 190 years old. Legend has it that the spittoon was around when both institutions were founded – Indiana in 1820 and MAC in 1855. Since '50, Michigan State leads the series 39-12-1.
- Michigan State enters its 56th season of Big Ten competition with a 29-22-4 record (.563) in league openers. The Spartans are 5-5 in Big Ten openers since 1998.
- Michigan State is 4-1 (.800) in Big Ten openers vs. Indiana, including a 2-1 mark in games played in Bloomington. The Spartans open Big Ten play against the Hoosiers for the first time since 2004.
- Senior running back **Javon Ringer** leads the NCAA in rushing touchdowns (11) and scoring (16.5 points per game). In four games, he has 11 rushing TDs after scoring six all of last season. The 5-foot-9, 202-pound Ringer also ranks second in the nation in rushing (174.8 yards per game) and third in all-purpose yards (234.0 ypg.). He leads the Big Ten in those three statistical categories: rushing, scoring and all-purpose yards.
- For the third week in a row, **Ringer** has been selected Big Ten Offensive Player of the Week after becoming the first Spartan back ever to record back-to-back 200-yard rushing games, gaining 201 yards on 39 carries in Michigan State's 23-7 victory over Notre Dame. He becomes the first offensive player in Big Ten history to earn the award three straight weeks. The only other individual to accomplish that feat was Penn State linebacker Paul Posluszny, who was named Big Ten Defensive Player of the Week for three consecutive weeks in 2005 (Sept. 26, Oct. 3 and Oct. 10).
- Over the last three games, **Ringer** has rushed 116 times for 618 yards and nine touchdowns, averaging 206.0 rushing yards per game, including back-to-back 200-yard games against Florida Atlantic (43 carries for 282 yards) and Notre Dame (39 for 201). It marks the highest three-game rushing total by a Spartan back since 1985 when **Lorenzo White** gained 659 yards in games against Indiana (286), Northwestern (150) and Wisconsin (233). Ringer's 618 yards rank as the fourth-best three-game rushing total in MSU history trailing only **Eric Allen** (774 yards in 1971) and White (702 in 1985 and 659 in 1985).
- Sophomore split end **Mark Dell** ranks second in the Big Ten and 15th in the NCAA in receiving yards, averaging 100.0 per game. The 6-foot-2, 188-pound Dell ranks ninth in the Big Ten in receptions, averaging 4.25 per game. He leads the Spartans in receptions (17), receiving yards (400), yards per reception (23.5) and yards after the catch (71). Sixteen of his 17 receptions (94 percent) have resulted in either a first down or a touchdown, including 10 gains of 20 yards or more.
- Senior strong safety **Otis Wiley** leads the Big Ten and NCAA in interceptions (4; 1.0 per game). In addition, he leads the league in passes defensed (10: 6 pass break-ups and 4 interceptions) and ranks third in punt returns, averaging 14.1 yards. The 6-foot-2, 210-pound Wiley ranks second on the team in production points (61) and fifth (tied with linebacker Eric Gordon) in tackles (20).

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**MSUSPARTANS.COM**

MSU's official athletics Web site, [msuspartans.com](http://msuspartans.com), is the best source for information on the 2008 Michigan State football team. The site includes bios, notes, updated statistics and features. Live stats via Gametracker and game audio will also be available for all 12 games this season.

Multimedia features include videos of press conferences and exclusive interviews through [MSU All-Access](#). All-Access features games streamed live, including football, hockey, men's/women's basketball and women's volleyball. The pass also includes exclusive interviews and features with coaches and student-athletes. The All-Access Monthly pass is \$9.95, while the All-Access Yearly is \$79.95.

Audio interviews are also available to download at the Michigan State Athletics podcast page, [Spartan Sports Podcasts](#). The podcast channel at iTunes, free of charge, will feature weekly interviews with Spartan coaches and student-athletes, coaches' weekly radio shows, and radio highlights from Spartan football, men's and women's basketball and hockey games.

**FIRST-AND-10 (continued) –**

• Sophomore linebacker **Greg Jones** leads the Spartans in tackles (26 total), tackles for loss (4.5 for 12 yards) and production points (66). The 6-foot-1, 222-pound Jones has led the team in tackles in three of the first four games in 2008. He anchors a defensive unit that has allowed just two touchdowns in the last 12 quarters. In addition, Michigan State has surrendered less than 100 yards rushing in each of the last two games (82 by Florida Atlantic and 16 by Notre Dame).

**THE COACHES –**

Michigan State's **Mark Dantonio** (South Carolina 1979) is 10-7 (.588) in his second year with the Spartans and 28-24 (.538) in five seasons as a college head coach. In his first season as head coach at Michigan State, Dantonio led the Spartans to a 7-5 regular-season record, securing the program's first bowl bid in four years with a berth against Boston College in the Champs Sports Bowl in Orlando, Fla. He became just the third first-year coach in Michigan State history to earn a postseason bowl bid, joining Nick Saban (1995 Independence Bowl vs. LSU) and John L. Smith (2003 Alamo Bowl vs. Nebraska). Dantonio compiled an 18-17 record (.514) in three seasons at Cincinnati, including two postseason bowl appearances. Prior to accepting his first head coaching position at Cincinnati, he spent three years as defensive coordinator under Jim Tressel at Ohio State (2001-03) where he helped the Buckeyes to a combined record of 32-6 (.842), including the 2002 National Championship. Dantonio previously spent six seasons as secondary coach at Michigan State (1995-2000), including five years under Nick Saban and one under Bobby Williams. His college full-time coaching credits also include stops at Kansas (1991-94), Youngstown State (1986-90) and Akron (1985).

Indiana's **Bill Lynch** (Butler 1977) is 9-7 (.563) in his second year with the Hoosiers and 90-74-3 (.548) in 16 seasons as a college head coach. This marks Lynch's second stint at Indiana, as he previously served as the Hoosiers' quarterbacks coach under Bill Mallory from 1993-94 before returning to join Terry Hoepfner's staff as offensive coordinator and tight ends coach in 2005. He compiled an 81-67-3 record (.546) in 14 seasons as a head coach, including stops at Butler (1985-89), Ball State (1995-2002) and DePauw (2004).

**TEAM COMPARISONS –**

	<b>Michigan State</b>	<b>Indiana</b>
Basic Offense	Multiple	Multiple
Basic Defense	Multiple 4-3	4-3
Offensive Starters Returning	7	6
Defensive Starters Returning	6	7
Specialists Returning	3	1

**AVERAGE HEIGHTS & WEIGHTS (STARTERS) –**

	<b>Michigan State</b>	<b>Indiana</b>
Offensive Line & Tight End	6-5, 302	6-6, 298
Offensive Backs & Wide Receivers	6-1, 210	6-0, 193
Defensive Line	6-4, 265	6-3, 283
Linebackers	6-1, 228	6-2, 234
Defensive Backs	6-2, 200	6-1, 198

**CLASS BREAKDOWN (STARTERS) –**

Michigan State Offense: 4 seniors, 3 juniors, 2 sophomores, 2 freshmen  
 Michigan State Defense: 3 seniors, 4 juniors, 4 sophomores  
 Indiana Offense: 1 senior, 6 juniors, 4 sophomores  
 Indiana Defense: 3 seniors, 6 juniors, 1 sophomore, 1 freshman

**WEEKLY MEDIA PLANNER**

Monday, Sept. 8	Tuesday, Sept. 9	Wednesday, Sept. 10	Thursday, Sept. 11	Friday, Sept. 12	Saturday, Sept. 13	Sunday, Sept. 14
<u>No practice.</u>	<u>11:30 a.m.</u> Coach Dantonio's Weekly Press Conference (Level 4/Spartan Stadium).  Closed practice.  <u>Approximately 5:45 p.m.</u> Requested players available for interviews following practice. Interviews on practice field.	Closed practice.	Closed practice.  <u>Approximately 6 p.m.</u> Defensive coordinator Pat Narduzzi and quarterbacks coach Dave Warner available for brief interviews following practice in Skandalaris Football Center lobby.  <u>7-8 p.m.</u> Coach Dantonio Weekly Radio Show at Reno's East on Abbot Rd. in East Lansing.	Team walk-thru at Memorial Stadium. Closed to media and no interviews.	<u>12 p.m.</u> Game at Indiana on ESPN.	<u>9:30 a.m.</u> Spartan Sports Zone TV show on FSN Detroit.  <u>Approximately 6:45 p.m.</u> Coach Dantonio available for brief interviews in Skandalaris Football Center lobby prior to practice.  Closed practice.

**STAT LEADERS –**

**Michigan State (after four games):**

Rushing – Javon Ringer (143 carries for 699 yards, 4.9 avg., 11 TDs)  
 Passing – Brian Hoyer (45 of 101 for 700 yards, 1 TD, 2 INTs)  
 Receiving – Mark Dell (17 catches for 400 yards, 23.5 avg., 1 TD)  
 Tackles – Greg Jones (26 tackles, 14 solos, 12 assists, 4.5 TFL)

**Indiana (after three games):**

Rushing – Kellen Lewis (35 carries for 331 yards, 9.5 avg., 3 TDs)  
 Passing – Kellen Lewis (43 of 73 for 473 yards, 2 TDs, 3 INTs)  
 Receiving – Andrew Means (14 catches for 206 yards, 14.7 avg., 0 TDs)  
 Tackles – Jammie Kirlew (17 tackles, 11 solos, 6 assists, 2.5 sacks)

**CURRENT SPARTANS vs. INDIANA –**

**Career Stat Leaders**

Rushing – Javon Ringer (2 games: 40 carries for 312 yards, 7.8 avg., 3 TDs)  
 Passing – Brian Hoyer (3 games: 25 of 31 for 251 yards, 2 TDs, 0 INTs)  
 Receiving – Javon Ringer (2 games: 5 catches for 30 yards, 6.0 avg., 0 TDs)  
 Tackles – Otis Wiley (3 games: 13 tackles, 12 solos, 1 assist, 1 interception)

**STAT COMPARISON –**

	Michigan State	Indiana
Scoring	28.2	32.0
First Downs	19.5	23.3
Total Offense	378.2	447.0
Rushing Yards	195.2	269.0
Passing Yards	183.0	178.0
Time of Possession	32:50	29:36
Third Down Conversions	.373	.366
Points Allowed	13.8	19.3
Total Offense Allowed	323.0	298.0
Rushing Yards Allowed	107.0	105.0
Passing Yards Allowed	216.0	193.0

**MSU/INDIANA SERIES NOTES –**

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**AROUND THE BIG TEN**

**2008 BIG TEN STANDINGS**

	Conf.	Games	All Games
Minnesota	0-0	.000	4-0 1.000
Northwestern	0-0	.000	4-0 1.000
Penn State	0-0	.000	4-0 1.000
Wisconsin	0-0	.000	3-0 1.000
Michigan State	0-0	.000	3-1 .750
Iowa	0-0	.000	3-1 .750
Ohio State	0-0	.000	3-1 .750
Illinois	0-0	.000	2-1 .667
Indiana	0-0	.000	2-1 .667
Purdue	0-0	.000	2-1 .667
Michigan	0-0	.000	1-2 .333

**THIS WEEK'S BIG TEN SCHEDULE**

**Michigan State at Indiana, 12 p.m. (ESPN)**

Northwestern at Iowa, 12 p.m. (ESPN Classic)

Minnesota at Ohio State, 12 p.m. (BTN)

Wisconsin at Michigan, 3:30 p.m. (ABC)

Purdue at Notre Dame, 3:30 p.m. (NBC)

Illinois at Penn State, 8 p.m. (ABC)

All Game Times Eastern

**SPARTAN FOOTBALL QUICK FACTS**

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

Location: East Lansing, Mich.  
 Enrollment: 46,045  
 President: Dr. Lou Anna K. Simon  
 Conference: Big Ten  
 Nickname: Spartans  
 Colors: Green and White  
 Stadium (Capacity): Spartan Stadium (75,005)  
 Surface: Natural Grass  
 Press Box Number: 517-353-0630  
 Athletics Director: Mark Hollis

**FOOTBALL STAFF**

Head Coach: Mark Dantonio (South Carolina, 1979)  
 Record at MSU: 10-7 (second year)  
 Career Record: 28-24 (fifth year)  
 Offensive Coordinator: Don Treadwell (Miami-Ohio, 1982)  
 Defensive Coordinator: Pat Narduzzi (Rhode Island, 1990)  
 Secondary: Harlon Barnett (Michigan State, 1990)  
 Running Backs: Dan Enos (Michigan State, 1991)  
 Defensive Line: Ted Gill (Idaho State, 1973)  
 Offensive Line: Dan Roushar (Northern Illinois, 1984)  
 Tight Ends/Recruiting Coordinator: Mark Staten (Miami-Ohio, 2001)  
 Special Teams/Linebackers: Mike Tressel (Cornell [Iowa] College, 1996)  
 Quarterbacks: Dave Warner (Syracuse, 1982)  
 Director of Football Operations: Tim Allen (Bethel [Kansas] College, 1986)

**FOOTBALL HISTORY**

All-Time Record: 604-415-44 (.589)  
 2007 Record: 7-6 (3-5 Big Ten/t-7th)  
 First Season of Football: 1896  
 Bowl Games: 18 (7-11)  
 National Championships: 6 (1951, 1952, 1955, 1957, 1965, 1966)  
 Big Ten Championships: 6 (1953, 1965, 1966, 1978, 1987, 1990)

**SPARTAN OUTLOOK**

Offense: Multiple  
 Defense: Multiple 4-3  
 Lettermen Lost: 20 (11 offense, 9 defense)  
 Lettermen Returning: 37 (15 offense, 19 defense, 3 specialists)  
 Starters Lost: 11 (5 offense, 6 defense)  
 Starters Returning: 16 (7 offense, 7 defense, 2 specialists)  
 Offensive Starters Lost (5): LT Pete Clifford, LG Kenny Shane, C John Masters, TE Kellen Davis, WR Devin Thomas.  
 Offensive Starters Returning (7): WR Deon Curry, WR Mark Dell, C Joel Nitchman, RG Roland Martin, RT Jesse Miller, QB Brian Hoyer, RB Javon Ringer.  
 Defensive Starters Lost (6): DE Jonal Saint-Dic, NT Ogemdi Nwagbuo, DE Ervin Baldwin, LB Kaleb Thornhill, SS Nehemiah Warrick, FS Travis Key.  
 Defensive Starters Returning (7): DT Justin Kershaw, LB Greg Jones, LB Eric Gordon, CB Kendall Davis-Clark, FS Otis Wiley, CB Ross Weaver, CB Chris L. Rucker.  
 Starting Specialists Returning (3): PK Brett Swenson, P Aaron Bates, KO Todd Boleski.

**BATTLE FOR THE OLD BRASS SPITTOON –**

Since 1950, the winner of the Michigan State-Indiana game has been presented the Old Brass Spittoon. The trophy was initiated by the junior and senior classes and the MSU student council at Michigan State, and soon accepted by the IU Student Senate. The brass spittoon came from one of Michigan's earliest trading posts and is widely believed to be nearly 190 years old. Legend has it that the spittoon was around when both institutions were founded – Indiana in 1820 and MAC in 1855. Since '50, Michigan State leads the series 39-12-1.

**BIG TEN OPENERS –**

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Michigan State is 4-1 (.800) in Big Ten openers vs. Indiana, including a 2-1 mark in games played in Bloomington. The Spartans open Big Ten play against the Hoosiers for the first time since 2004.

Here's a look at Michigan State's results against Indiana in Big Ten openers:

Date	MSU Result	Site
Sept. 25, 2004	W, 30-20	Bloomington, Ind.
Oct. 3, 1992	W, 42-31	Spartan Stadium
Oct. 5, 1991	L, 0-31	Bloomington, Ind.
Sept. 28, 1957	W, 54-0	Spartan Stadium
Sept. 24, 1955	W, 20-13	Bloomington, Ind.

**THE LAST MEETING –**

**Oct. 13, 2007, in East Lansing, Mich.:** Javon Ringer rushed for 203 yards and two touchdowns on 29 carries to help Michigan State end a six-game Big Ten losing streak and beat Indiana 52-27. Brian Hoyer was 20-for-23 for 190 yards and a TD for the Spartans, who led by as many as 32 points in the third quarter. Jehuu Caulcrick rushed for three TDs and Devin Thomas caught 13 passes for 148 yards and a TD. Indiana's high-powered offense was kept off the field much of the game by Michigan State, which dominated time of possession. Kellen Lewis ran for a TD and passed for another for the Hoosiers. James Hardy caught six passes for 121 yards and a TD. The Spartans, coming off two straight losses and hoping to fire up themselves and a Homecoming crowd, used a fake field goal on the game's opening possession to set up a 1-yard touchdown run by Caulcrick. Aaron Bates, the team's punter and holder on field goal attempts, took the snap and scampered 14 yards to give the Spartans a first-and-goal inside the 5 yard line. But Indiana answered immediately on its first play from scrimmage. Lewis faked an inside handoff then cut hard to his right, streaking down the sideline 59 yards to tie the game at 7. Then Michigan State took over with a ball-control offense, chewing up clock and keeping the ball away from the explosive Hoosiers. The Spartans had the ball for just over 41 minutes. Ringer's 64-yard TD run early in the second quarter gave the Spartans a 24-10 lead. He started to his right, cut back left all the way across the line of scrimmage, then streaked down the left sideline, aided by receiver Terry Love's key block. Michigan State stretched the lead to 45-13 in the third quarter when Jonal Saint-Dic caused a Lewis fumble deep in Indiana territory. The fumble was scooped up by Ervin Baldwin and returned 12 yards for a touchdown. Indiana crept back to within 45-27 late in the third quarter, which ended with the Hoosiers' Tracy Porter returning a Michigan State fumble 76 yards for a TD.

**THE LAST MEETING IN MEMORIAL STADIUM –**

**Oct. 28, 2006, in Bloomington, Ind.:** Kellen Lewis threw five touchdown passes, including four to James Hardy, and ran for another score in leading Indiana past Michigan State 46-21. Michigan State grabbed the lead with a touchdown on the opening drive of the game. But Indiana gave up just 35 yards the rest of the first half and did not allow another first down until the fourth quarter, a span of 12 possessions by the Spartans and 46 straight points by the Hoosiers. Michigan State took a 7-0 lead over the Hoosiers when Drew Stanton threw 38 yards to Devin Thomas for his first career TD reception. Lewis then took control, finishing 15-of-26 for 261 yards. Three of Lewis' four touchdown passes in the first half were to Hardy, including two scores in a span of 37 seconds late in the second quarter. Lewis threw a 2-yard touchdown pass to Hardy with 44 seconds to go, then the Hoosiers got the ball back two plays after the kickoff when Adam McClurg forced and recovered a fumble by Jehuu Caulcrick at the Michigan State 17. Two plays later, Hardy made it 30-7 with a

17-yard TD reception. Hardy also had a 30-yard TD catch in the first quarter. Lewis scored on a 27-yard run and passed 13 yards to Hardy for another TD in the third quarter. The Hoosiers made it 46-7 on a safety when Terry Love fumbled the ball out of the end zone on an Indiana punt. Lewis also threw a 26-yard touchdown pass to Marcus Thigpen in the second quarter. Brian Hoyer replaced Stanton in the fourth quarter and led the Spartans to two scores, a 4-yard TD run by Brett Kahn and a 13-yard pass to Kahn after the interception off Lewis by SirDarean Adams.

**MSU/INDIANA COACHING CONNECTION –**

Indiana linebackers coach/special teams co-coordinator **George Ricumstrict** spent the 1996 season as a graduate assistant at Michigan State, working under former Spartan head coach **Nick Saban**.

**ALAN HALLER NAMED HONORARY CAPTAIN –**

Michigan State University Police Lt. **Alan Haller**, who oversees the motorcycle patrol unit, has been selected honorary captain for Saturday's Big Ten opener at Indiana. A four-year letterman as a cornerback for Coach George Perles from 1988-91, Haller earned honorable mention All-Big Ten honors as both a junior and senior. His career totals include 199 tackles, eight pass break-ups and three interceptions. He made three postseason bowl appearances with the Spartans (1989 Gator, 1989 Aloha and 1990 John Hancock).

The former Lansing (Mich.) Sexton star was selected by the Pittsburgh Steelers in the fifth round of the 1992 National Football League Draft. Haller spent three seasons in the NFL, playing for Cleveland (1992), Pittsburgh (1992-93) and Carolina (1995).

**BIG TEN/NCAA STAT LEADERS –**

Here's a glance at how Michigan State ranks among the Big Ten and NCAA stat leaders in 2008:

Category	Stat Avg.	Big Ten	NCAA
Rushing Offense	195.2	5th	29th
Passing Offense	183.0	8th	91st
Total Offense	378.2	8th	63rd
Scoring Offense	28.2	8th	60th
Rushing Defense	107.0	8th	37th
Passing Defense	216.0	7th	74th
Total Defense	323.0	8th	50th
Scoring Defense	13.8	5th	18th
Passing Efficiency	103.6	11th	98th
Pass Efficiency Defense	103.3	6th	29th
Turnover Margin	+0.5	7th	39th
Net Punting	32.8	9th	87th
Punt Returns	15.3	1st	29th
Kickoff Returns	19.9	7th	82nd

**NCAA STAT LEADERS –**

Here's a glance at how Michigan State ranks among the NCAA individual stat leaders in 2008:

**Individual Statistics (Top 50)**

- Rushing:** Javon Ringer (2nd at 174.8 yards per game)
- Receiving Yards:** Mark Dell (15th at 100.0 yards per game)
- Interceptions:** Otis Wiley (t-1st at 1.0 interceptions per game)
- Punting:** Aaron Bates (45th with 40.9-yard average)
- Punt Returns:** Otis Wiley (26th at 14.1 yards per return)
- Field Goals:** Brett Swenson (t-44th at 1.25 field goals made per game)
- Scoring:** Javon Ringer (1st at 16.5 points per game)
- All-Purpose Yards:** Javon Ringer (3rd at 234.0 yards per game)

**THIS WEEK'S POLLS (SEPT. 21)**

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Rk.	School	Record
1.	USC (62)	2-0
2.	Oklahoma	3-0
3.	Georgia (2)	4-0
4.	Florida (1)	3-0
5.	LSU	3-0
6.	Missouri	4-0
7.	Texas	3-0
8.	Alabama	4-0
<b>9.</b>	<b>Wisconsin</b>	<b>3-0</b>
10.	Texas Tech	4-0
11.	BYU	4-0
<b>12.</b>	<b>Penn State</b>	<b>4-0</b>
13.	South Florida	4-0
<b>14.</b>	<b>Ohio State</b>	<b>3-1</b>
15.	Auburn	3-1
16.	Wake Forest	3-0
17.	Utah	4-0
18.	Kansas	3-1
19.	Boise State	3-0
20.	Clemson	3-1
21.	Vanderbilt	4-0
22.	Illinois	2-1
23.	East Carolina	3-1
24.	TCU	4-0
25.	Fresno State	2-1

**USA TODAY/COACHES**

Rk.	School	Record
1.	USC (56)	2-0
2.	Oklahoma (2)	3-0
3.	Georgia (2)	4-0
4.	Florida (1)	3-0
5.	Missouri	4-0
6.	LSU	3-0
7.	Texas	3-0
<b>8.</b>	<b>Wisconsin</b>	<b>3-0</b>
9.	Texas Tech	4-0
10.	Alabama	4-0
11.	BYU	4-0
<b>12.</b>	<b>Penn State</b>	<b>4-0</b>
<b>13.</b>	<b>Ohio State</b>	<b>3-1</b>
14.	South Florida	4-0
15.	Wake Forest	3-0
16.	Auburn	3-1
17.	Utah	4-0
18.	Kansas	3-1
19.	Clemson	3-1
20.	Boise State	3-0
21.	Illinois	2-1
22.	Oregon	3-1
23.	TCU	4-0
24.	Fresno State	2-1
25.	Vanderbilt	4-0

(First-place votes)  
**Bold** indicates MSU opponent

**2008 SPARTANS OF THE WEEK**

Game.....	Players of the Week
California .....	Mark Dell (Offense)
.....	Otis Wiley (Defense)
.....	Brandon Denson (Special Teams)
Eastern Michigan.....	Javon Ringer (Offense)
.....	Justin Kershaw (Defense)
.....	Aaron Bates/Todd Boleski/Otis Wiley (Special Teams)
Florida Atlantic.....	Javon Ringer (Offense)
.....	Chris L. Rucker (Defense)
.....	Brandon Denson/Alex Shackleton/Ross Weaver (Special Teams)
Notre Dame .....	Javon Ringer (Offense)
.....	Otis Wiley (Defense)
.....	Brandon Denson/Brett Swenson (Special Teams)

**2008 SCOUT PLAYERS OF THE WEEK**

Game.....	Players of the Week
California .....	Chris McDonald (Offense)
.....	Andrew Pendency (Defense)
.....	Nick Bendzuck (Special Teams)
Eastern Michigan.....	Keith Nichol (Offense)
.....	Jerel Worthy (Defense)
.....	Johnathan Strayhorn (Special Teams)
Florida Atlantic.....	Myles White (Offense)
.....	Jesse Johnson (Defense)
.....	Jamihr Williams (Special Teams)
Notre Dame .....	Glenn Winston (Offense)
.....	Tyler Hoover (Defense)
.....	Drew Stevens (Special Teams)

**2008 HONORARY CAPTAINS**

Game.....	Honorary Captain
California .....	Clinton Jones
Eastern Michigan.....	Dave Yarema
Florida Atlantic.....	Dean Altobelli
Notre Dame .....	Jim Morrissey
Indiana.....	Alan Haller

**MSU TOP SINGLE-GAME PERFORMANCES VS. INDIANA**

<b>RUSHING</b>		
Player (Att.)	Yards	Year
Lorenzo White (56)	292	1987
Lorenzo White (25)	286	1985
Blake Ezor (44)	250	1988
Javon Ringer (29)	203	2007

<b>PASSING</b>		
Player (C-A)	Yards	Year
Ed Smith (20-30)	369	1978
Jeff Smoker (32-40)	351	2003
Bill Burke (24-37)	324	1998
Jeff Smoker (20-30)	288	2001
Dave Yarema (20-31)	275	1986
Jim Miller (19-30)	274	1992

<b>RECEIVING</b>		
Player (Rec.)	Yards	Year
Andre Rison (11)	196	1988
Devin Thomas (13)	148	2007
Kirk Gibson (3)	146	1978
Herb Haygood (8)	132	2001
Samson Howard (4)	119	1978
Plaxico Burress (7)	113	1998

**RINGER EARNS THIRD-STRAIGHT BIG TEN PLAYER OF THE WEEK HONOR –**

Senior running back **Javon Ringer** leads the NCAA in rushing touchdowns (11) and scoring (16.5 points per game). In four games, he has 11 rushing TDs after scoring six all of last season. The 5-foot-9, 202-pound Ringer also ranks second in the nation in rushing (174.8 yards per game) and third in all-purpose yards (234.0 ypg.). He leads the Big Ten in those three statistical categories: rushing, scoring and all-purpose yards.

His 143 carries also lead the nation – 30 more attempts than the second running back on the list. According to STATS, the last player to have as many rushing attempts through four games was Iowa State's Troy Davis in 1996.

For the third week in a row, Ringer has been selected Big Ten Offensive Player of the Week after becoming the first Spartan back ever to record back-to-back 200-yard rushing games, gaining 201 yards on 39 carries in Michigan State's 23-7 victory over Notre Dame. He becomes the first offensive player in Big Ten history to earn the award three straight weeks. The only other individual to accomplish that feat was Penn State linebacker Paul Posluszny, who was named Big Ten Defensive Player of the Week for three consecutive weeks in 2005 (Sept. 26, Oct. 3 and Oct. 10). This marks the fourth time in Ringer's career that he has won the award, as he garnered the honor once last season after rushing for 202 yards against Indiana.

His 201 rushing yards were the most ever by a Spartan against Notre Dame (previous high: 157 by Dennis Mendyk in 1956). He scored on a pair of 1-yard runs against the Irish. On MSU's final scoring drive, Ringer carried the ball seven straight times for 77 yards, including a 63-yard gain to set up his second TD run. In four career games against Notre Dame, he rushed 83 times for 445 yards and two scores.

Despite playing in a downpour, Ringer set career highs for rushing attempts (43) and rushing yards (282) in Michigan State's 17-0 victory over Florida Atlantic. His 282 rushing yards represent the fourth-best single-game total in Spartan history and the second-highest rushing total in the NCAA Bowl Subdivision thus far this season. Ringer outgained the entire Florida Atlantic team (282 rushing yards vs. 225 total yards for the Owls). He became just the sixth running back in MSU history to eclipse the 3,000-yard career milestone. Ringer scored on runs of 21 and 11 yards against the Owls, and his 32-yard run set up a third-quarter field goal. He accounted for a career-best 308 all-purpose yards against Florida Atlantic, becoming just the eighth player in school history to amass 4,000 career all-purpose yards. His 308 all-purpose yards mark the second-best single-game total in school history, trailing only Eric Allen who produced 397 yards at Purdue in 1971.

Ringer shared Big Ten Offensive Player of the Week honors (with Minnesota quarterback Adam Weber and Penn State running back Evan Royster) after rushing for 135 yards and a career-best five TDs to lead Michigan State to a 42-10 victory over Eastern Michigan. His five rushing TDs represent the second-best single-game total in Spartan history, just one short of the school record held by Blake Ezor (six rushing TDs vs. Northwestern, 1989). Ringer scored on runs of 4, 6, 2, 1 and 2 yards. He rushed a career-best 34 times against the Eagles – the highest single-game total by a Spartan since Marc Renaud had 35 carries for 229 yards against Minnesota in 1995. Ringer accounted for 205 all-purpose yards against EMU (135 rushing, 8 receiving and 62 kickoff return yards).

He accounted for 200 all-purpose yards in the 2008 season opener at California (81 rushing yards, 17 receiving yards and 102 kickoff return yards). Ringer rushed 27 times for 81 yards against the Golden Bears and scored on runs of 1 and 10 yards.

The Dayton, Ohio, native ranks fifth on MSU's all-time rushing list with 3,460 career yards (596 carries), and his 5.81 yards per carry ranks as the sixth-highest rushing average in school history. Ringer also ranks among NCAA Football Bowl Subdivision active career leaders in rushing yards (4th at 3,460 yards), all-purpose yards (5th at 4,311 yards) and rushing yards per carry (8th at 5.81 avg.). He has 15 career 100-yard rushing games and seven career multi-TD games.

Ringer has been nominated for three national awards: Maxwell Award (Player of the Year), Walter Camp Player of the Year and Doak Walker Award (nation's top running back).

**RINGER'S THREE-GAME STRETCH RANKS AMONG BEST IN SPARTAN HISTORY –**

Over the last three games, Michigan State senior running back **Javon Ringer** has rushed 116 times for 618 yards and nine touchdowns, averaging 206.0 rushing yards per game, including back-to-back 200-yard games against Florida Atlantic (43 carries for 282 yards) and Notre Dame (39 for 201). It marks the highest three-game rushing total by a Spartan back since 1985 when **Lorenzo White** gained 659 yards in games against Indiana (286), Northwestern (150) and Wisconsin (233). Ringer's 618 yards rank as the fourth-best three-game rushing total in MSU history trailing only **Eric Allen** (774 yards in 1971) and White (702 in 1985 and 659 in 1985).

**Top Three-Game Rushing Totals**

Runner - Year	Yds.	YPG.	Three-Game Stretch
1. Eric Allen - 1971	774	258.0	Wisconsin (247), Iowa (177), Purdue (350)
2. Lorenzo White - 1985	702	234.0	Purdue (244), Minnesota (172), Indiana (286)
3. Lorenzo White - 1985	659	219.7	Indiana (286), Northwestern (150), Wisconsin (223)
4. Javon Ringer - 2008	618	206.0	EMU (135), Florida Atlantic (282), Notre Dame (201)

**Top Four-Game Rushing Totals**

Runner - Year	Yds.	YPG.	Four-Game Stretch
1. Eric Allen - 1971	853	213.3	Wisconsin (247), Iowa (177), Purdue (350), Ohio State (79)
2. Lorenzo White - 1985	852	213.0	Purdue (244), Minnesota (172), Indiana (286), Northwestern (150)

**RINGER GAINS ATTENTION IN HEISMAN RACE –**

Senior running back **Javon Ringer**, who is averaging 206.0 rushing yards over the last three games including back-to-back 200-yard games against Florida Atlantic (282) and Notre Dame (201), ranks among the nation's Top 10 Heisman Trophy candidates by CBSSports.com (No. 5), ESPN.com (No. 7 - tied) and Heismanpundit.com/Orlando Sentinel (No. 8 - tied). ESPN.com's Graham Watson listed Ringer fourth on this week's ballot.

In addition, Ringer ranks fourth in CollegeFootballNews.com's Top 10 Player Race (national player of the year).

**DELL DELIVERS BIG PLAYS IN PASSING GAME –**

Sophomore split end **Mark Dell** ranks second in the Big Ten and 15th in the NCAA in receiving yards, averaging 100.0 per game. The 6-foot-2, 188-pound Dell ranks ninth in the Big Ten in receptions, averaging 4.25 per game. He leads the Spartans in receptions (17), receiving yards (400), yards per reception (23.5) and yards after the catch (71).

Sixteen of his 17 receptions (94 percent) have resulted in either a first down or a touchdown, including 10 gains of 20 yards or more.

Dell had four receptions for 80 yards in Michigan State's 23-7 victory over Notre Dame, including a 28-yard grab early in the fourth quarter that helped set up Brett Swenson's third field goal.

His 47-yard reception against Florida Atlantic helped set up Javon Ringer's 11-yard TD run that gave the Spartans a 17-0 lead.

He caught three passes for 71 yards (23.7 avg.) in MSU's 42-10 victory over Eastern Michigan, including a pair of 29-yard grabs from Brian Hoyer that set up TD runs for Ringer.

Dell recorded career highs in receptions (9) and receiving yards (202) in MSU's 38-31 loss at California. His 202 receiving yards mark the fifth-best single-game total in Spartan history and the fourth-highest total in the NCAA Bowl Subdivision thus far this season. He became the first Spartan to post a 200-yard receiving game since Charles Rogers (10 catches for 270 yards) against Fresno State in the 2001 Silicon Valley Football Classic.

Eight of his nine receptions in the 2008 season opener resulted in either a first down or a TD, including five gains of 20 yards or more.

**2008 SPARTAN NETWORK  
RADIO AFFILIATES**

City.....	Call Letters
Adrian .....	WABJ (AM 1490)
Alma .....	WOBX (FM 104.9)
Alpena .....	WATZ (AM 1450)
Ann Arbor.....	WLBY (AM 1290)
Bad Axe .....	WLEW (AM 1340)
Battle Creek.....	WBCK (FM 95.3)
Benton Harbor.....	WCSY (FM 103.7)
Cadillac.....	WCKC (FM 107.1)
Caro.....	WKYO (AM 1360)
Detroit.....	WJR (AM 760)
Escanaba.....	WDBC (AM 680)
Flint.....	WWCK (AM 1570)
Gaylord.....	WAVC (FM 93.9)
Grand Haven.....	WGHN (FM 92.1)
Grand Rapids.....	WBBL (AM 1340)
Greenville.....	WSCG (AM 1380/FM 106.3)
Hastings.....	WBCH (AM 1220/FM 100.1)
Holland.....	WPNW (AM 1260)
Iron Mountain.....	WMIQ (AM 1450)
Jackson.....	WIBM (AM 1450)
Kalamazoo.....	WKZO (AM 590)
Lansing.....	WJIM (AM 1240)
.....	WMMQ (FM 94.9)
Ludington.....	WKLA (AM 1450)
Manistee.....	WMTE (AM 1340)
Midland.....	WLUN (FM 100.9)
Mt. Pleasant.....	WMMI (AM 830)
Muskegon.....	WMRR (FM 101.7)
Newberry.....	WIHC (FM 97.9)
Ontonagon.....	WUPY (FM 101.1)
Petoskey.....	WJML (AM 1110)
Port Huron.....	WPHM (AM 1380)
Saginaw.....	WNEM (AM 1250)
St. Ignace.....	WIDG (AM 940)
Sturgis.....	WMSH (AM 1230)
Tawas City.....	WKJC (FM 104.7)
Traverse City.....	WCCW (AM 1310)

**THE MARK DANTONIO SHOW**

The Spartan Radio Network will produce and distribute Mark Dantonio's weekly radio show call-in show Thursdays from 7-8 p.m. The Spartan Radio Network, featuring 39 affiliates throughout the state, will broadcast the show live from Reno's East, located at 1310 Abbot Road in East Lansing. Spartan play-by-play announcer George Blaha and Terry Braverman co-host this live show, featuring insight from Coach Dantonio, special guests and phone calls. The Mark Dantonio Show can be heard locally on flagship station WJIM Radio (AM 1240) and WMMQ (FM 94.9).

**TOP SINGLE-GAME PERFORMANCES**

**Kendell Davis-Clark Tackles**

TM	Opponent (S-A)	Date
12	Bowling Green (6-6)	9/8/07

**Mark Dell Receiving**

Yds.	Opponent (Rec.)	Date
202	California (9)	8/30/08

**Eric Gordon Tackles**

TM	Opponent (S-A)	Date
10	Iowa (4-6)	10/27/07

**Brian Hoyer Passing**

Yds.	Opponent (C-A)	Date
330	Minnesota (26-50)	11/11/06
323	Wisconsin (22-36)	9/29/07
321	California (20-48)	8/30/08
308	Iowa (25-42)	10/27/07
291	Penn State (30-61)	11/18/06
266	Purdue (22-31)	11/10/07
257	Penn State (16-21)	11/17/07
250	Bowling Green (17-29)	9/8/07
201	UAB (14-17)	9/1/07

**Greg Jones Tackles**

TM	Opponent (S-A)	Date
14	Ohio State (7-7)	10/20/07
11	Iowa (5-6)	10/27/07

**Javon Ringer Rushing**

Yds.	Opponent (Att.)	Date
282	Florida Atlantic (43)	9/13/07
203	Indiana (29)	10/13/07
201	Notre Dame (39)	9/20/08
194	Illinois (13)	9/24/05
185	Northwestern (12)	10/6/07
156	Pittsburgh (15)	9/16/06
145	Wisconsin (10)	9/29/07
144	Notre Dame (26)	9/22/07
135	Eastern Michigan (34)	9/6/08
130	Eastern Michigan (15)	9/9/06
128	Michigan (15)	11/3/07
109	Indiana (11)	10/29/05
104	Northwestern (18)	10/22/05
103	Iowa (23)	10/27/07
101	Boston College (21)	12/28/07

**Otis Wiley Tackles**

TM	Opponent (S-A)	Date
12	Idaho (6-6)	9/2/06
11	Illinois (4-7)	9/30/06
10	Ohio State (7-3)	10/14/06

Dell had five catches for 141 yards in the fourth quarter against the Golden Bears. His 29-yard TD reception from Hoyer with 3:09 left in the game cut MSU's deficit to seven (38-31). Earlier in the fourth quarter, his 52-yard grab set up a Spartan field goal.

Heading into the 2008 season, MSU's biggest challenge on offense was filling the shoes of NFL second-round draft pick **Devin Thomas** (Washington Redskins), who set Spartan single-season records for receptions (79) and 100-yard receiving games (7). His 1,260 receiving yards represented the third-best single-season total in school history.

In 13 games as a true freshman last year, Dell had 20 catches for 220 yards (11.0 avg.).

After four games, here's how Dell's 2008 production stacks up against Thomas' 2007 numbers:

Receiving Comparison	G	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TDs
Mark Dell - 2008	4	17	400	23.5	1
Devin Thomas - 2007	4	16	370	23.1	3

**HOYER LISTED AMONG TOP PRESEASON CANDIDATES FOR UNITAS AWARD –**

Fifth-year senior quarterback **Brian Hoyer** ranks among the Big Ten leaders in passing (No. 7 at 175.0 yards per game) and total offense (No. 9 at 173.8 ypg.). He has completed 45-of-101 throws (.446) for 700 yards, one touchdown and two interceptions.

In Michigan State's 42-10 victory over Eastern Michigan, Hoyer completed 8-of-12 passes for 148 yards. His 29-yard completion to Mark Dell sparked a six-play, 50-yard scoring drive late in the first half as the Spartans built a 21-7 halftime lead, and his 46-yard strike to B.J. Cunningham late in the third quarter set up Javon Ringer's fourth touchdown run.

The 6-foot-3, 215-pound Hoyer recorded his fourth career 300-yard passing game, completing 20-of-48 passes for 321 yards in the 2008 season opener at California. He threw for 186 yards (9-23) in the fourth quarter against the Golden Bears, including a 29-yard TD strike to Dell as the Spartans pulled to within 38-31 with 3:09 to play.

The North Olmsted, Ohio, native already ranks among MSU's career leaders in TD passes (tied for No. 6 with 27), pass completions (No. 7 at 365), pass attempts (No. 8 at 644), completion percentage (No. 9 at .567) and passing yards (No. 7 at 4,455). He has compiled a 10-8 record in 18 career starts.

Hoyer, an honorable mention All-Big Ten selection by the media in 2007, is listed among 26 preseason candidates for the 2008 Johnny Unitas Golden Arm Award, presented annually since 1987 to the nation's top senior quarterback by Transamerica Insurance and Investment Group. Hoyer is one of four Big Ten quarterbacks being considered for the Unitas Golden Arm Award, including Northwestern's C.J. Bacher, Ohio State's Todd Boeckman and Purdue's Curtis Painter.

The award is named in honor of National Football League legend Johnny Unitas, who threw for 40,239 yards and 290 touchdowns during his 18-year pro career (Baltimore Colts, 1956-72; San Diego Chargers, 1973). He threw a TD pass in an NFL-record 47 consecutive games. Unitas, who was inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 1979, made 10 Pro Bowl appearances, earned All-Pro honors nine times and was selected league MVP on three occasions (1959, 1964 and 1967).

A four-year letterman at Louisville from 1951-54, Unitas passed for more than 3,000 yards and 27 TDs during his collegiate career. He ranks as the only player in Louisville football history to have his jersey number (No. 16) retired.

The 2008 Johnny Unitas Golden Arm Award will be presented on Dec. 5 at the Tremont Grand in Baltimore, Md.

**WILEY EMERGES AS DEFENSIVE, SPECIAL TEAMS PLAYMAKER –**

Senior strong safety **Otis Wiley** leads the Big Ten and NCAA in interceptions (4; 1.0 per game). In addition, he leads the league in passes defended (10: 6 pass break-ups and 4 interceptions) and ranks third in punt returns, averaging 14.1 yards. The 6-foot-2, 210-pound Wiley ranks second on the team in production points (61) and fifth (tied with linebacker Eric Gordon) in tackles (20).

The Flint, Mich., native intercepted two passes and recorded five tackles in Michigan State's 23-7 victory over Notre Dame. His first interception came midway through the first quarter as he outjumped Notre Dame's Duval Kamara in the back of the end zone, preserving MSU's 3-0 lead. Wiley's second interception came midway through the second quarter at the Irish 22 and set up MSU's first touchdown, a 1-yard run by Javon Ringer that gave the Spartans a 10-0 halftime lead. It marked the second time this season that Wiley had two interceptions (vs. California in the season opener).

He posted five tackles and matched his career high with four pass break-ups in the Spartans' 17-0 victory over Florida Atlantic. It marked Michigan State's first shutout since November 1999 (34-0 vs. Northwestern) and its first home shutout since September 1996 (47-0 vs. Eastern Michigan). The Spartans limited Florida Atlantic to nine first downs, 143 passing yards and 225 total yards. The Owls came into the game averaging 19.0 first downs, 306.5 passing yards and 423.0 total yards per game.

Wiley amassed 113 punt return yards on five returns (22.6 avg.) against Eastern Michigan, tying for the fourth-best single-game performance in Spartan history. Michigan State only managed 126 punt return yards all of last season on 31 attempts (4.1 avg.). Wiley's 78-yard scamper to open the fourth quarter was the 10th-longest in school history. The MSU single-game record is 137 punt return yards on six returns by Derrick Mason against Eastern Michigan in 1996. He also contributed four stops and a pass break-up against the Eagles.

Wiley recorded six tackles, two interceptions – returning one 31 yards for a touchdown in the second quarter – and a pass break-up in MSU's 38-31 loss at California in the 2008 season opener. With the two interception returns for 84 yards, Wiley moved into eighth place on MSU's all-time list with 161 career return yards.

**JONES ENJOYING BANNER SOPHOMORE SEASON –**

Sophomore linebacker **Greg Jones** leads the Spartans in tackles (26 total), tackles for loss (4.5 for 12 yards) and production points (66). The 6-foot-1, 222-pound Jones has led the team in tackles in three of the first four games in 2008. He anchors a defensive unit that has allowed just two touchdowns in the last 12 quarters. In addition, Michigan State has surrendered less than 100 yards rushing in each of the last two games (82 by Florida Atlantic and 16 by Notre Dame).

In MSU's 23-7 victory over Notre Dame, Jones recorded a season-high nine tackles, including one for a 1-yard loss. With nine stops against the Irish, he surpassed the 100-tackle career milestone. Jones totaled 21 production points against the Irish.

The Cincinnati, Ohio, native posted six tackles, including one for a 5-yard loss, in the Spartans' 17-0 victory over Florida Atlantic. It marked Michigan State's first shutout since November 1999 (34-0 vs. Northwestern) and its first home shutout since September 1996 (47-0 vs. Eastern Michigan). In the first half, the Owls managed just four first downs and 90 total yards.

Jones produced eight stops in the season opener at California, including two behind the line of scrimmage (6 yards).

**BIG TEN TELECONFERENCE**

The Big Ten teleconference is every Tuesday during the regular season from 12-2 p.m. (Eastern). To participate on the weekly teleconference, media members should call the Big Ten Communications Office at 847-696-1010 to receive access information. The calls will be available for play-back roughly two hours after each teleconference. The calls will also be available at [www.bigten.org](http://www.bigten.org).

**Order of appearance:**

- 12 p.m. - Jim Tressell, Ohio State
- 12:10 p.m. - Rich Rodriguez, Michigan
- 12:20 p.m. - Bill Lynch, Indiana
- 12:30 p.m. - Mark Dantonio, Michigan State**
- 12:40 p.m. - Kirk Ferentz, Iowa
- 12:50 p.m. - Bret Bielema, Wisconsin
- 1 p.m. - Ron Zook, Illinois
- 1:10 p.m. - Joe Tiller, Purdue
- 1:20 p.m. - Joe Paterno, Penn State
- 1:30 p.m. - Pat Fitzgerald, Northwestern
- 1:40 p.m. - Tim Brewster, Minnesota
- 1:50 p.m. - Players of the Week (if available)

**PRONUNCIATION GUIDE**

- Todd Boleski: bo-LESS-ski
- Garrett Celek: SELL-ick
- Rocco Cironi: ROCK-oh  
sir-ROAN-ee
- Danny Fortener: FORT-ner
- Matt Haughey: HOY
- Jared McGaha: muh-GAH-ha
- Jeff McPherson: mick-FUR-son
- Josh Rouse: (Rhymes with HOUSE)
- John Stipek: STEE-peek

**MSU DEFENSIVE LEADERBOARD**

Rk.	Player.....	Production Points
1.	LB Greg Jones.....	66
2.	SS Otis Wiley.....	61
3.	LB Eric Gordon.....	58
4.	LB Adam Decker.....	47
5.	DE Brandon Long.....	46
6.	LB Brandon Denson.....	36
	DT Justin Kershaw.....	36
8.	FS Danny Fortener.....	33
9.	DE Trevor Anderson.....	32
10.	CB Ross Weaver.....	29
11.	CB Jeremy Ware.....	24

**SPARTAN HONOR ROLL**

**DE TREVOR ANDERSON (JR.)**

- Preseason second-team All-Big Ten by CollegeFootballNews.com

**LB ERIC GORDON (SO.)**

- Rated among the nation's top outside linebackers (No. 33) by Phil Steele's College Football Preview
- Preseason third-team All-Big Ten by Phil Steele's College Football Preview

**QB BRIAN HOYER (SR.)**

- Listed among 26 preseason candidates for Johnny Unitas Golden Arm Award (presented to nation's top senior quarterback)

**LB GREG JONES (SO.)**

- Rated among the nation's top linebackers (No. 40) by Phil Steele's College Football Preview
- Preseason first-team All-Big Ten by Sporting News
- Preseason second-team All-Big Ten by CollegeFootballNews.com
- Preseason second-team All-Big Ten by Phil Steele's College Football Preview

**OG ROLAND MARTIN (SR.)**

- Rated among the nation's top offensive guards (No. 13) by Phil Steele's College Football Preview
- Preseason second-team All-Big Ten by Phil Steele's College Football Preview

**RB JAVON RINGER (SR.)**

- Big Ten Offensive Player of the Week vs. Notre Dame (Sept. 20)
- Big Ten Offensive Player of the Week vs. Florida Atlantic (Sept. 13)
- Big Ten Offensive Player of the Week vs. Eastern Michigan (Sept. 6)
- One of 35 players featured on the Walter Camp Player of the Year "Watch List"
- One of 75 players featured on the Maxwell Award "Watch List" (College Player of the Year)
- Listed among 43 preseason candidates for Doak Walker Award (presented to nation's top running back)
- Rated among the nation's top running backs (No. 6) by Phil Steele's College Football Preview
- Preseason third-team All-American by Phil Steele's College Football Preview
- Preseason third-team All-American by Athlon Sports
- Rated among the Big Ten's top 10 players (No. 8) by CollegeFootballNews.com
- Rated the Big Ten's second-best running back by Sporting News
- Preseason first-team All-Big Ten by Sporting News
- Preseason first-team All-Big Ten by CollegeFootballNews.com
- Preseason first-team All-Big Ten by Phil Steele's College Football Preview
- Preseason first-team All-Big Ten by Blue Ribbon College Football Yearbook

**K BRETT SWENSON (JR.)**

- Listed among 30 preseason candidates for the Lou Groza Award (presented to nation's top placekicker)

**SS OTIS WILEY (SR.)**

- Rated among the nation's top strong safeties (No. 31) by Phil Steele's College Football Preview
- Preseason first-team All-Big Ten by CollegeFootballNews.com

**SWENSON FEATURED ON LOU GROZA AWARD WATCH LIST –**

Michigan State junior **Brett Swenson**, who ranks 10th on MSU's all-time scoring list with 205 career points, is listed among 30 preseason candidates for the 2008 Lou Groza Award, which is presented annually to the nation's top collegiate placekicker by the FedEx Orange Bowl and sponsored by the Palm Beach County (Fla.) Sports Commission.

The 5-foot-8, 169-pound Swenson moved into 10th place on MSU's career scoring list by accounting for 11 points in the Spartans' 23-7 victory over Notre Dame. He matched his career high by converting all three field-goal attempts against the Irish, hitting from 45, 26 and 23 yards. Swenson also added two extra points.

He accounted for seven points in the 2008 season opener at California, converting 1-of-2 field-goal attempts and all four PATs. His 34-yard field goal with 4:38 left in the fourth quarter against the Golden Bears pulled the Spartans to within a touchdown at 31-24.

The Pompano Beach, Fla., native already ranks among MSU's all-time leaders in extra points (fifth with 100 made) and field goals (tied for seventh with 35 made). Swenson also ranks among NCAA Football Bowl Subdivision active career leaders in extra points made (12th with 100), field goals made (tied for 14th with 35) and scoring (19th with 205 total points).

The placekicker award is named in honor of former National Football League great Lou Groza, who earned the nickname "The Toe." Groza, who scored 1,608 points in 21 years with the Cleveland Browns (1946-59, 1961-67), was inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 1974. The former Ohio State Buckeye made nine Pro Bowl appearances as a standout offensive tackle and placekicker.

A national panel of 300-plus voters, including college head coaches, sports writers, sportscasters, conference representatives, professional kickers and previous Lou Groza Award finalists, selects the recipient.

The selection committee will identify 20 semifinalists on Nov. 11, while three finalists will be named on Nov. 26. The winner will be announced during the ESPN College Football Awards Show on Dec. 11 in Orlando, Fla.

**SPARTANS FACE ONE OF THE NCAA'S TOUGHEST SCHEDULES DOWN THE STRETCH –**

Michigan State's eight remaining opponents comprise the nation's 11th-most difficult schedule (tied with Texas), according to NCAA figures. The Spartans' future opponents have a combined record of 16-6 (.727) against other Bowl Subdivision teams.

Here's a look at teams facing the NCAA's toughest remaining schedules in 2008:

Rank	Team	Combined Opp. Record	Winning Pct.
1.	Kansas	17-3	.850
2.	Georgia	21-4	.840
3.	Iowa	18-4	.818
4.	Baylor	17-4	.810
5.	Ohio State	18-5	.783
6.	Michigan	20-6	.769
	Indiana	20-6	.769
	Illinois	20-6	.769
9.	Oklahoma	18-6	.750
10.	Purdue	20-7	.741
<b>11.</b>	<b>Michigan State</b>	<b>16-6</b>	<b>.727</b>
	Texas	16-6	.727

**2008 OPPONENTS UPDATE –****Date vs.**

<b>MSU</b>	<b>Opponent</b>	<b>Last Game Result</b>	<b>Next Game</b>
Aug. 30	@ California (2-1)	@ Maryland (L 27-35)	vs. Colorado State
Sept. 6	Eastern Michigan (1-3)	@ Maryland (L 24-51)	vs. Northern Illinois
Sept. 13	Florida Atlantic (1-3)	@ Minnesota (L 3-37)	@ Middle Tenn. (Sept. 30)
Sept. 20	Notre Dame (2-1)	@ Michigan State (L 7-23)	vs. Purdue
Sept. 27	@ Indiana (2-1)	vs. Ball State (L 20-42)	vs. Michigan State
Oct. 4	Iowa (3-1)	@ Pittsburgh (L 20-21)	vs. Northwestern
Oct. 11	@ Northwestern (4-0)	vs. Ohio (W 16-8)	@ Iowa
Oct. 18	Ohio State (3-1)	vs. Troy (W 28-10)	vs. Minnesota
Oct. 25	@ Michigan (1-2)	@ Notre Dame (L 17-35)	vs. Wisconsin
Nov. 1	Wisconsin (3-0)	@ Fresno State (W 13-10)	@ Michigan
Nov. 8	Purdue (2-1)	vs. Central Michigan (W 32-25)	@ Notre Dame
Nov. 22	@ Penn State (4-0)	vs. Temple (W 45-3)	vs. Illinois

Michigan State's 2008 opponents have a combined record of 27-11 (.711). Note: Record doesn't include games played against MSU.

**OPENING-DAY STARTING LINEUP FEATURED FIVE FIRST-TIME STARTERS –**

Michigan State's starting lineup for the 2008 season opener at California featured five first-time starters, including three on the offensive side of the football and two on defense.

First-time starters on offense included: flanker **B.J. Cunningham** (6-2, 205, R-Fr.) and tight ends **Charlie Gantt** (6-4, 252, So.) and **Garrett Celek** (6-5, 238, R-Fr.). First-time starters on defense included: defensive end **Colin Neely** (6-1, 248, So.) and linebacker **Adam Decker** (6-2, 238, Jr.). In addition, former tight end **Dwayne Holmes** (6-0, 286, Sr.-5) made his seventh career start, his first at defensive end.

**TRUE & RED-SHIRT FRESHMEN IMPACT SPARTAN DEPTH CHART –**

No fewer than 20 true and red-shirt freshmen are currently listed on Michigan State's depth chart, including 12 on offense, seven on offense and one specialist. Here's a complete breakdown of true and red-shirt freshmen included on the depth chart:

**True Freshmen (8):** CB Johnny Adams, DE Tyler Hoover, WR Keshawn Martin, CB Trenton Robinson, LB David Rolf, P Kyle Selden, WR Fred Smith and RB Glenn Winston.

**Red-Shirt Freshmen (12):** RB Andre Anderson, TE Garrett Celek, QB Kirk Cousins, WR B.J. Cunningham, TE David Duran, OG Joel Foreman, RB Ashton Leggett, OG Jared McGaha, DT Kevin Pickelman, WR Chris D. Rucker, DE Johnathan Strayhorn and NT Ryan Wheat.

**2008 CAPTAINS ELECTED –**

Four Michigan State seniors – quarterback **Brian Hoyer**, defensive tackle **Justin Kershaw**, running back **Javon Ringer** and strong safety **Otis Wiley** – have been elected to serve as captains for the 2008 season. Following a nomination process, members of the team and coaching staff submitted final ballots on Thursday, Aug. 21, and second-year head coach Mark Dantonio formally introduced the captains at the Skandalaris Football Center dedication ceremony.

**THE CLOSE CALLS –**

Over the last two seasons (2007-08), Michigan State has lost seven games by a combined total of 38, including two in overtime (Northwestern and Iowa in 2007). All seven games have been decided by seven points or less.

**FOOTBALL STUDENT-SEASON ADMISSIONS SOLD OUT –**

Three days prior to Michigan State's 2008 home opener, the Spartan Ticket Office reported 13,782 student-season admissions sold, an increase of 151 from 2007 and the highest student sales total since 1989 (14,147). It marks the sixth straight year that the Spartan Ticket Office has reported an increase in student-season admissions.

**2008 SPRING FOOTBALL GUIDE**

Become an expert on Spartan football by ordering a copy of the 2008 Michigan State Spring Football Guide. The 264-page publication features biographies, statistics and photos of the 2008 Spartans. In addition, the brochure includes historical facts and figures plus information on Michigan State's All-Americans and all Spartan teams of the past.

Copies of the 2008 MSU Spring Football Guide are available to the general public for \$20. Please send check or money order payable to Michigan State University to: MSU Athletic Communications, Z-22 Breslin Center, East Lansing, MI 48824-1003.

The 2008 MSU Spring Football Guide is available for over-the-counter sales at the MSU Athletic Communications, located in the Breslin Center (Room Z-22/Mezzanine Level). MSU Athletic Communications is open weekdays from 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

**2008 POINTS OFF TURNOVERS****MICHIGAN STATE**

<u>Takeaways</u>	<u>Qtr.</u>	<u>MSU Result</u>
Interception vs. CAL (Wiley)	2	Punt
Interception vs. CAL (Wiley)	2	*TD
Fumble Recovery vs. FAU (Jordan)	2	Interception
Fumble Recovery vs. FAU (Fortener)	4	Punt
Interception vs. ND (Wiley)	1	Fumble
Interception vs. ND (Wiley)	2	TD
Fumble Recovery vs. ND (Gordon)	3	FG
<b>TOTAL: 7 turnovers for 17 points (3-for-7 scoring)</b>		

**OPPONENT**

<u>Takeaways</u>	<u>Qtr.</u>	<u>Opp. Result</u>
Interception vs. CAL (Hoyer)	2	End of Half
Fumble vs. EMU (Ringer)	1	Punt
Fumble vs. FAU (Team)	1	Lost on Downs
Interception vs. FAU (Hoyer)	2	Punt
Fumble vs. ND (Ringer)	1	Punt
<b>TOTAL: 5 turnovers for 0 points (0-for-5 scoring)</b>		

**MSU:** +2 Turnover Margin, +17 Points-off-Turnovers Margin

\* TD occurred on same play as turnover

**2009 SPARTAN SACKS**

<u>Player</u>	<u>Opp.</u>	<u>Yds.</u>	<u>Qtr.</u>
J. Kershaw/C. Neely	CAL	4	4
CAL Game Totals 1 sack 4 yards			
J. Kershaw	EMU	1	3
T. Anderson	EMU	7	3
EMU Game Totals 2 sacks 8 yards			
FAU Game Totals 0 sacks 0 yards			
B. Long	ND	9	1
B. Long	ND	9	2
T. Anderson/C.L. Rucker	ND	16	3
ND Game Totals 3 sacks 34 yards			

**2008 TOTALS (6 sacks, 46 yards)**

**2007 TOTALS (40 sacks, 302 yards)**

**2006 TOTALS (16 sacks, 135 yards)**

**UPDATED MSU RECORD BOOK****CAREER RECORDS****RUSHING ATTEMPTS**

1.	Lorenzo White	1,082	1984-87
2.	Tico Duckett	836	1989-92
3.	Blake Ezor	800	1986-89
4.	Sedrick Irvin	755	1996-98
5.	Duane Goulbourne	627	1992-94, 1996
6.	T.J. Duckett	621	1999-2001
<b>7.</b>	<b>Javon Ringer</b>	<b>596</b>	<b>2005-08</b>

**RUSHING YARDS**

1.	Lorenzo White	4,887	1984-87
2.	Tico Duckett	4,212	1989-92
3.	Blake Ezor	3,749	1986-89
4.	Sedrick Irvin	3,504	1996-98
<b>5.</b>	<b>Javon Ringer</b>	<b>3,460</b>	<b>2005-08</b>

**RUSHING AVERAGE**

1.	George Guerre	6.75	1946-48
2.	Lynn Chandnois	6.52	1946-49
3.	Sherm Lewis	6.21	1961-63
4.	Sonny Grandellius	6.09	1948-50
5.	Derek Hughes	6.04	1978-81
<b>6.</b>	<b>Javon Ringer</b>	<b>5.81</b>	<b>2005-08</b>

**100-YARD RUSHING GAMES**

1.	Lorenzo White	23	1984-87
2.	Tico Duckett	16	1989-92
	Blake Ezor	16	1986-89
<b>4.</b>	<b>Javon Ringer</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>2005-08</b>
	Sedrick Irvin	15	1996-98

**PASS ATTEMPTS**

1.	Jeff Smoker	1,150	2000-03
2.	Drew Stanton	846	2003-06
3.	Ed Smith	789	1976-78
4.	Dave Yarema	767	1982-86
5.	Bill Burke	766	1996-99
6.	Jim Miller	746	1990-93
7.	John Leister	686	1979-82
<b>8.</b>	<b>Brian Hoyer</b>	<b>644</b>	<b>2005-08</b>

**PASS COMPLETIONS**

1.	Jeff Smoker	685	2000-03
2.	Drew Stanton	543	2003-06
3.	Jim Miller	467	1990-93
4.	Dave Yarema	464	1982-86
5.	Ed Smith	418	1976-78
6.	Bill Burke	416	1996-99
<b>7.</b>	<b>Brian Hoyer</b>	<b>365</b>	<b>2005-08</b>

**PASS COMPLETION PERCENTAGE**

1.	Drew Stanton (543-846)	.642	2003-06
2.	Jim Miller (467-746)	.629	1990-93
3.	Dan Enos (297-478)	.621	1987-90
4.	Todd Schultz (360-593)	.607	1994-97
5.	Tony Banks (301-496)	.607	1994-95
6.	Dave Yarema (464-767)	.605	1982-86
7.	Jeff Smoker (685-1,150)	.596	2000-03
8.	Clark Brown (82-141)	.582	1983
<b>9.</b>	<b>Brian Hoyer (365-644)</b>	<b>.567</b>	<b>2005-08</b>
10.	Ryan Van Dyke (161-288)	.559	1998-2001

**SPARTAN STUDENT SECTION RATED AMONG NATION'S MOST SPIRITED –**  
Michigan State's student section has been ranked among the nation's "Most Spirited" (No. 5), according to a preseason list compiled by ESPN The Magazine.

**SPARTANS TOUGH IN NON-CONFERENCE GAMES –**

Michigan State has compiled a 30-10 record (.750) in games played against non-conference opponents since 1999. The Spartans have won 13 of their last 16 non-league games.

Here's a look at Michigan State's non-conference results since 1999:

Date	Opponent	MSU Result	Site
Sept. 20, 2008	Notre Dame	W, 23-7	Spartan Stadium
Sept. 13, 2008	Florida Atlantic	W, 17-0	Spartan Stadium
Sept. 6, 2008	Eastern Michigan	W, 42-10	Spartan Stadium
Aug. 30, 2008	California	L, 31-38	Berkeley, Calif.
Dec. 28, 2007	Boston College	L, 21-24	Orlando, Fla.
Sept. 22, 2007	Notre Dame	W, 31-14	South Bend, Ind.
Sept. 15, 2007	Pittsburgh	W, 17-13	Spartan Stadium
Sept. 8, 2007	Bowling Green	W, 28-17	Spartan Stadium
Sept. 1, 2007	UAB	W, 55-18	Spartan Stadium
Sept. 23, 2006	Notre Dame	L, 37-40	Spartan Stadium
Sept. 16, 2006	Pittsburgh	W, 38-23	Pittsburgh, Pa.
Sept. 9, 2006	Eastern Michigan	W, 52-20	Spartan Stadium
Sept. 2, 2006	Idaho	W, 27-17	Spartan Stadium
Sept. 17, 2005	Notre Dame	W, 44-41 (OT)	South Bend, Ind.
Sept. 10, 2005	Hawaii	W, 42-14	Spartan Stadium
Sept. 3, 2005	Kent State	W, 49-14	Spartan Stadium
Dec. 4, 2004	Hawaii	L, 38-41	Honolulu, Hawaii
Sept. 18, 2004	Notre Dame	L, 24-31	Spartan Stadium
Sept. 11, 2004	Central Michigan	W, 24-7	Spartan Stadium
Sept. 4, 2004	Rutgers	L, 14-19	Piscataway, N.J.
Dec. 29, 2003	Nebraska	L, 3-17	San Antonio, Texas
Sept. 20, 2003	Notre Dame	W, 22-16	South Bend, Ind.
Sept. 13, 2003	Louisiana Tech	L, 19-20	Spartan Stadium
Sept. 6, 2003	Rutgers	W, 44-28	Spartan Stadium
Aug. 30, 2003	Western Michigan	W, 26-21	Spartan Stadium
Sept. 21, 2002	Notre Dame	L, 17-21	Spartan Stadium
Sept. 14, 2002	California	L, 22-46	Spartan Stadium
Sept. 7, 2002	Rice	W, 27-10	Spartan Stadium
Aug. 31, 2002	Eastern Michigan	W, 56-7	Spartan Stadium
Dec. 31, 2001	Fresno State	W, 44-35	San Jose, Calif.
Dec. 1, 2001	Missouri	W, 55-7	Spartan Stadium
Sept. 22, 2001	Notre Dame	W, 17-10	South Bend, Ind.
Sept. 8, 2001	Central Michigan	W, 35-21	Spartan Stadium
Sept. 23, 2000	Notre Dame	W, 27-21	Spartan Stadium
Sept. 16, 2000	Missouri	W, 13-10	Columbia, Mo.
Sept. 9, 2000	Marshall	W, 34-24	Spartan Stadium
Jan. 1, 2000	Florida	W, 37-34	Orlando, Fla.
Sept. 18, 1999	Notre Dame	W, 23-13	South Bend, Ind.
Sept. 11, 1999	Eastern Michigan	W, 51-7	Spartan Stadium
Sept. 2, 1999	Oregon	W, 27-20	Spartan Stadium

**SPARTANS TOUGH ON HOME TURF –**

Spartan Stadium is in its 85th season as home to Michigan State football. Michigan State has compiled a 313-138-13 record (.689) since taking up residency in Spartan Stadium in 1923. With its 49-14 victory over No. 4 Wisconsin in the 2004 home finale, Michigan State recorded its 300th win in Spartan Stadium. The Spartans have gone undefeated at home 16 times since the stadium opened, including a perfect 6-0 mark in 1999. It marked Michigan State's first undefeated home record since 1966 (5-0-1) and its first unbeaten and untied home slate since 1965 (5-0-0).

**ALWAYS A CROWD FAVORITE –**

Michigan State has ranked among the NCAA's top 25 in attendance each of the last 52 seasons, including No. 22 in 2007, averaging 70,540 fans per game.

**MAGIC NUMBER 24 –**

Since 1990, Michigan State is 93-27-1 (.773) when it scores at least 24 points and 16-78-1 (.174) when it scores fewer than 24 points. During that 19-year period, the Spartans have compiled an overall record of 109-105-2 (.509).

**SPARTAN TRENDS UNDER DANTONIO –**

Here's how Michigan State has fared during head coach Mark Dantonio's tenure (2007-08: 17 games):

	<b>2008</b>	<b>Overall</b>
Games played in Spartan Stadium:	3-0	8-2
Games played on the road/neutral site:	0-1	2-5
When leading at halftime:	3-0	8-1
When trailing at halftime:	0-1	1-6
When tied at halftime:	0-0	1-0
When scoring first:	3-0	9-3
When opponent scores first:	0-1	1-4
When leading after first quarter:	2-0	7-2
When trailing after first quarter:	0-1	0-4
When tied after first quarter:	1-0	3-1
When leading after three quarters:	3-0	9-0
When trailing after three quarters:	0-1	1-5
When tied after three quarters:	0-0	0-2
Overtime games:	0-0	0-2
When gaining more first downs than opponent:	2-1	8-3
When gaining fewer first downs than opponent:	1-0	1-4
When gaining same number of first downs as opponent:	0-0	1-0
When gaining 200+ yards rushing:	3-0	6-2
When opponent gains 200+ yards rushing:	0-1	1-4
When outrushing opponent:	3-0	7-4
When being outrushed by opponent:	0-1	3-3
When gaining 200+ yards passing:	0-1	4-3
When opponent gains 200+ yards passing:	2-1	5-5
When gaining more total yards than opponent:	3-0	9-4
When gaining fewer total yards than opponent:	0-1	1-3
When leading in time of possession:	3-0	7-3
When trailing in time of possession:	0-1	3-4

**UPDATED MSU RECORD BOOK****CAREER RECORDS CONTINUED****PASSING YARDS**

1. Jeff Smoker	8,932	2000-03
2. Drew Stanton	6,524	2003-06
3. Dave Yarema	5,809	1982-86
4. Ed Smith	5,706	1976-78
5. Bill Burke	5,463	1996-99
6. Jim Miller	5,037	1990-93
<b>7. Brian Hoyer</b>	<b>4,455</b>	<b>2005-08</b>

**TOUCHDOWN PASSES**

1. Jeff Smoker	61	2000-03
2. Bill Burke	46	1996-99
3. Dave Yarema	43	1982-86
Ed Smith	43	1976-78
5. Drew Stanton	42	2003-06
<b>6. Brian Hoyer</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>2005-08</b>
Todd Schultz	27	1994-97

**PASSING EFFICIENCY RATING**

1. Gene Glick	142.3	1946-49
2. Earl Morrall	140.5	1953-55
3. Drew Stanton	138.7	2003-06
4. Jim Ninowski	136.0	1955-57
5. Dave Yarema	135.7	1982-86
6. Jeff Smoker	135.5	2000-03
7. Tony Banks	135.5	1994-95
8. Tom Yewcic	128.4	1951-53
9. Dan Enos	128.1	1987-90
10. Dean Look	126.7	1957-59
-- <b>Brian Hoyer</b>	<b>123.7</b>	<b>2005-08</b>

**200-YARD PASSING GAMES**

1. Jeff Smoker	23	2000-03
2. Drew Stanton	18	2003-06
3. Bill Burke	12	1996-99
Ed Smith	12	1976-78
5. Todd Schultz	11	1994-97
Tony Banks	11	1994-95
John Leister	11	1979-82
-- <b>Brian Hoyer</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>2005-08</b>

**ALL-PURPOSE YARDS**

1. Lorenzo White	5,152	1984-87
2. Derrick Mason	5,114	1993-96
3. Sedrick Irvin	4,833	1996-98
4. Tico Duckett	4,511	1989-92
5. Blake Ezor	4,475	1986-89
6. Eric Allen	4,446	1969-71
<b>7. Javon Ringer</b>	<b>4,311</b>	<b>2005-08</b>

**TOTAL POINTS SCORED**

1. Dave Rayner	334	2001-04
2. John Langeloh	308	1987-90
3. Chris Gardner	281	1994-97
4. Morten Andersen	261	1978-81
5. Lorenzo White	258	1984-87
6. Sedrick Irvin	252	1996-98
7. Jehuu Caulcrick	240	2004-07
8. Hans Nielsen	230	1974-77
9. Paul Edinger	213	1996-99
<b>10. Brett Swenson</b>	<b>205</b>	<b>2006-08</b>

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**CAREER RECORDS**

**EXTRA POINTS**

1. Dave Rayner (151 att.)	148	2001-04
2. John Langeloh (140)	137	1987-90
3. Morten Andersen (129)	126	1978-81
4. Chris Gardner (132)	125	1994-97
<b>5. Brett Swenson (101)</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>2006-08</b>

**FIELD GOALS**

1. Dave Rayner (90 att.)	62	2001-04
2. John Langeloh (79)	57	1987-90
3. Chris Gardner (75)	52	1994-97
4. Paul Edinger (58)	46	1996-99
5. Morten Andersen (72)	45	1978-81
6. Hans Nielsen (70)	44	1974-77
<b>7. Brett Swenson (46)</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>2006-08</b>
Ralf Mojsiejenko (53)	35	1982-84

**SPARTAN STREAKS**

**Consecutive Games Started**

Jesse Miller, OT	29
Brian Hoyer, QB	18
Justin Kershaw, DT	18

**2009 SCHEDULE**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Opponent</b>
Sept. 5	MONTANA STATE
Sept. 12	CENTRAL MICHIGAN
Sept. 19	at Notre Dame
Sept. 26	at Wisconsin
Oct. 3	MICHIGAN
Oct. 10	at Illinois
Oct. 17	NORTHWESTERN
Oct. 24	IOWA
Oct. 31	at Minnesota
Nov. 7	Western Michigan [1]
Nov. 14	at Purdue
Nov. 21	PENN STATE

[1] Detroit, Mich.

**SPARTAN SINGLE-GAME BESTS UNDER DANTONIO –**

Here's a look at the top single-game totals produced by Michigan State during head coach Mark Dantonio's tenure (2007-08; 17 games):

**Rushing Yards:** 368 vs. Indiana, 2007

**Passing Yards:** 323 vs. Wisconsin, 2007

**Total Yards:** 593 vs. UAB, 2007

**First Downs:** 28 vs. UAB and Indiana, 2007

**Fewest Rushing Yards Allowed:** 12 by UAB, 2007

**Fewest Passing Yards Allowed:** 53 by Iowa, 2007

**Fewest Total Yards Allowed:** 193 by Indiana, 2007

**Fewest First Downs Allowed:** 9 by Florida Atlantic, 2008; by Notre Dame and Indiana, 2007

**Sacks By:** 7 vs. Bowling Green, 2007

**Turnovers Forced:** 3 vs. Notre Dame, 2008; vs. Bowling Green, Pittsburgh and Purdue, 2007

**Points (Game):** 55 vs. UAB, 2007

**Points (Half):** 45 (1st) vs. UAB, 2007

**Points (Quarter):** 24 (2nd) vs. UAB and Purdue, 2007

**Victory Margin:** 37 vs. UAB, 2007



**SKANDALARIS FOOTBALL CENTER DEDICATION –**

Michigan State University officially dedicated the Skandalaris Football Center, a 25,000-square-foot addition to the Duffy Daugherty Football Building, on Thursday, Aug. 21. The \$15.5 million expansion and renovation project took 14 months to complete.

The addition was made possible through the generous donation of MSU alumni Robert and Julie Skandalaris of Bloomfield Hills, Mich., who donated \$5 million as the lead gift for this \$12.5 million phase of the project. The structure features new team, staff and position meeting rooms, coaches' offices and The Demmer Family Hall of History.

The latest technology is featured throughout the facility. All meeting and staff rooms are equipped with Crestron touch-panel displays that provide full control of all audio/visual equipment as well as telestration of any video source. This allows the coaches to switch between and control the team's XOS computer, DVD player, VHS player, document camera and video channels distributed from the video office. Instead of utilizing projectors, flat-panel displays have been installed, permitting student-athletes and coaches to study video with the room lights on, so they can refer to playbooks and scouting reports during the video session.

The Skandalaris Football Center also houses one of the largest computer servers on campus, allowing the coaches to access on the intranet: footage from every practice, MSU game video from the past five seasons, current opponents' game video as well as video of nearly 1,000 recruits.

The facility also is designed for efficiency, as the full team meeting area can be converted into (offense and defense) unit meeting rooms in a matter of seconds. In addition, the position meeting rooms are located in close proximity to the full team meeting room.

The Demmer Family Hall of History provides a public display for MSU's rich football tradition, highlight-

ing the many accomplishments of its outstanding former players, coaches and teams. The display area is named in honor of John E. Demmer, William and Linda Demmer, Ed and Laura Demmer, all of Lansing, and Brad and Peg Demmer, from San Antonio, Texas, whose family gift is among the most significant made to the football facility project.

Located on the first floor, The Demmer Family Hall of History features four bay displays – each measuring nearly 13x12 feet – depicting: Great Teams, Great Players, Great Moments and a Great Future. This area includes four display cases for MSU's national award winners: Ed Bagdon (Outland Trophy), Brad Van Pelt (Maxwell Award), Percy Snow (Butkus and Lombardi Awards) and Charles Rogers (Biletnikoff Award). Hanging above the national award-winner display cases are banners, honoring MSU's four retired jerseys: No. 78 Don Coleman, No. 90 George Webster, No. 46 former MSU President John Hannah and No. 95 Charles "Bubba" Smith.

The Demmer Family Hall of History recognizes MSU's six National Championship teams (1951, 1952, 1955, 1957, 1965 and 1966) with plaques, featuring a team photo and game-by-game results for each season.

Near the main entrance to the facility are two exhibits that pay tribute to Hugh Duffy Daugherty, who compiled a 109-69-5 record in 19 seasons as Michigan State's head coach (1954-72) and led the Spartans to four National Championships (1955, 1957, 1965 and 1966). Daugherty guided Michigan State to a combined record of 19-1-1 in 1965-66 as the Spartans won back-to-back Big Ten Conference and National Championships. The Duffy Daugherty Memorial Award, presented for outstanding contributions to both college and Michigan high school football, is showcased and previous recipients are recognized as well.

The University's history is depicted on a wallpaper display, measuring 33x7 feet, including a message from President Lou Anna K. Simon to all prospective student-athletes that tour the facility.

Plaques, recognizing MSU's 76 first-team All-Americans, are displayed in the first-floor hallway between the team's locker room and team meeting room. Also in that hallway, a 14x9-foot wallpaper display honors current Spartans in the NFL, including: Plaxico Burress, pictured making the game-winning catch against New England in Super Bowl XLII and hoisting the Lombardi Trophy, Julian Peterson, Flozell Adams, Muhsin Muhammad and Derrick Mason. A 4x9-foot display salutes MSU's NFL Legends: Herb Adderley, Joe DeLamielleure, Bubba Smith, Brad Van Pelt, Earl Morrall, Carl Banks, Billy Joe DuPree and Morten Andersen. MSU's all-time pro roster is listed team-by-team, below half-mini helmets, on the wall outside the team meeting room.

A 12x8-foot display depicts MSU's coaching history, featuring head shots of all 24 head coaches in program history along with biographical sketches of Clarence "Biggie" Munn, Hugh Duffy Daugherty, Darryl Rogers and George Perles – all of whom won Big Ten Championships.

Former Spartan head coach George Perles and his wife Sally contributed \$500,000 for the construction of a \$1 million plaza outside the Duffy Daugherty Football Building.

Barton Malow served as the construction manager for the Skandalaris Football Center, with Integrated Design Solutions (Troy, Mich.) providing architectural services and ZE Design (Centerville, Ohio) creating all graphics and displays.

## ARTHUR RAY JR. FUNDRAISER

An account has been established at the MSU Federal Credit Union for Michigan State freshman offensive lineman **Arthur Ray Jr.**, who missed the entire 2007 season after undergoing surgery to remove a cancerous tumor from his left tibia. Per NCAA rules, donated dollars must be designated for specific media purposes (medical bills, purchase of medical equipment, etc.).

A member of MSU's 2007 recruiting class, Ray did not report to campus in the fall 2007 while recovering from successful chemotherapy and surgery. He enrolled for the first time in January 2008, but had to withdraw from school just a few months later after his left leg became infected. Ray underwent more surgery this spring, but rebounded in time to return to campus in August 2008 for the beginning of the fall semester.

Those interested in contributing should send a check payable to "Arthur Ray Fundraiser", c/o MSU Federal Credit Union, 600 East Crescent Road, East Lansing, MI 48823. The MSU Federal Credit Union will accept check-by-phone contributions at 1-800-MSU-4-YOU.

## SPARTANS IN THE NFL

Michigan State had 21 former players listed on opening-day rosters for National Football League teams in 2008 (opening-day rosters as of Monday, Sept. 1):

Baltimore Ravens: WR Derrick Mason

Carolina Panthers: WR Muhsin Muhammad

Chicago Bears: TE Kellen Davis

Cincinnati Bengals: C Kyle Cook, DT Domata Peko

Cleveland Browns: DL Robaire Smith

Dallas Cowboys: OT Flozell Adams

Detroit Lions: QB Drew Stanton

Miami Dolphins: P Brandon Fields, S Renaldo Hill

Minnesota Vikings: LB David Herron

New York Giants: WR Plaxico Burress

New York Jets: TE Chris Baker, S Eric Smith

Oakland Raiders: C Chris Morris

St. Louis Rams: DT Clifton Ryan

San Diego Chargers: DT Brandon McKinney

Seattle Seahawks: RB T.J. Duckett, LB Julian Peterson

Tennessee Titans: DT Kevin Vickerson

Washington Redskins: WR Devin Thomas

Three former Michigan State players were listed on NFL practice squads (as of Monday, Sept. 1):

Chicago Bears: DE Ervin Baldwin

Cleveland Browns: DB Travis Key

New York Jets: RB Jehuu Caulcrick

## MICHIGAN STATE DEPTH CHART (AS OF SEPT. 23, 2008)

### SPARTAN OFFENSE

<b>X</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>MARK DELL (6-2, 188, So.)</b>
	25	Blair White (6-2, 200, Jr.)
	6	Fred Smith (6-2, 218, Fr.)
	19	David Williams (5-9, 179, So.)
<b>LT</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>ROCCO CIRONI (6-6, 308, Jr.)</b>
	64	Brendon Moss (6-6, 287, Jr.)
<b>LG</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>JOEL FOREMAN (6-3, 308, R-Fr.)</b>
	60	Mike Bacon (6-4, 305, Sr.-5)
<b>C</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>JOEL NITCHMAN (6-3, 297, Jr.)</b>
	60	Mike Bacon (6-4, 305, Sr.-5)
<b>RG</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>ROLAND MARTIN (6-5, 330, Sr.-5)</b>
	75	Jared McGaha (6-6, 290, R-Fr.)
<b>RT</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>JESSE MILLER (6-6, 318, Sr.-5)</b>
	76	Mike Schmeding (6-8, 320, Jr.)
<b>TE</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>CHARLIE GANTT (6-4, 252, So.)</b>
	85	Garrett Celek (6-5, 238, R-Fr.)
	81	David Duran (6-5, 240, R-Fr.)
<b>Z</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>B.J. CUNNINGHAM (6-2, 205, R-Fr.)</b>
	84	Deon Curry (6-1, 215, Sr.-5)
	82	Keshawn Martin (6-0, 180, Fr.)
	16	Chris D. Rucker (5-10, 170, R-Fr.)
<b>QB</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>BRIAN HOYER (6-3, 215, Sr.-5)</b>
	8	Kirk Cousins (6-3, 197, R-Fr.)
<b>FB</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>ANDREW HAWKEN (6-2, 238, Jr.)</b>
	35	Jeff McPherson (6-1, 240, Sr.-5)
	44	Josh Rouse (6-3, 235, Jr.)
<b>RB</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>JAVON RINGER (5-9, 202, Sr.)</b>
	20	A.J. Jimmerson (5-10, 208, Jr.) OR
	27	Andre Anderson (5-9, 186, R-Fr.) OR
	32	Ashton Leggett (5-11, 228, R-Fr.)
	41	Glenn Winston (6-2, 218, Fr.)

### SPARTAN DEFENSE

<b>DE</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>BRANDON LONG (6-4, 250, Sr.)</b>
	89	Colin Neely (6-1, 248, So.)
	91	Tyler Hoover (6-7, 268, Fr.)
<b>DT</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>JUSTIN KERSHAW (6-5, 273, Sr.-5)</b>
	96	Kevin Pickelman (6-3, 248, R-Fr.)
	93	Antonio Jeremiah (6-5, 318, So.)
<b>NT</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>OREN WILSON (6-3, 288, So.)</b>
	98	Michael Jordan (6-5, 287, Jr.)
	59	Ryan Wheat (6-5, 297, R-Fr.)
<b>DE</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>TREVOR ANDERSON (6-2, 250, Jr.)</b>
	49	Dwayne Holmes (6-0, 286, Sr.-5)
	57	Johnathan Strayhorn (6-0, 252, R-Fr.)
<b>SAM</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>GREG JONES (6-1, 222, So.)</b>
	34	Brandon Denson (5-11, 222, Jr.)
<b>MIKE</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>ADAM DECKER (6-2, 238, Jr.)</b>
	54	David Rolf (6-3, 215, Fr.)
<b>WILL</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>ERIC GORDON (6-0, 224, So.)</b>
	42	Ryan Allison (6-3, 224, Sr.)
<b>BC</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>CHRIS L. RUCKER (6-2, 190, So.)</b>
	9	Jeremy Ware (5-10, 184, Jr.)
	39	Trenton Robinson (5-10, 180, Fr.)
<b>FS</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>DANNY FORTENER (6-1, 199, Jr.)</b>
	28	Mike Bell (5-11, 190, Sr.-5)
	11	Marcus Hyde (6-0, 199, So.)
<b>SS</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>OTIS WILEY (6-2, 210, Sr.)</b>
	33	Danny Fortener (6-1, 199, Jr.)
	11	Marcus Hyde (6-0, 199, So.)
<b>FC</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>ROSS WEAVER (6-1, 202, Jr.)</b>
	31	Ashton Henderson (5-11, 182, Jr.)
	5	Johnny Adams (5-11, 165, Fr.)

### SPARTAN SPECIAL TEAMS

<b>KO</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>TODD BOLESKI (6-6, 215, Sr.-5)</b>	<b>KR</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>JAVON RINGER (5-9, 202, Sr.)</b>
	14	Brett Swenson (5-8, 169, Jr.)		<b>20</b>	<b>A.J. JIMMERSON (5-10, 208, Jr.)</b>
<b>PK</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>BRETT SWENSON (5-8, 169, Jr.)</b>		32	Ashton Leggett (5-11, 228, R-Fr.)
	2	Matt Haughey (5-9, 170, Sr.)		41	Glenn Winston (6-2, 218, Fr.)
<b>P</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>AARON BATES (6-0, 188, So.)</b>	<b>PR</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>OTIS WILEY (6-2, 210, Sr.)</b>
	10	Kyle Selden (6-5, 184, Fr.)		2	Mark Dell (6-2, 188, So.)
<b>SN</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>ALEX SHACKLETON (6-2, 242, So.)</b>			
	66	John Stipek (6-5, 298, Jr.)			
<b>HLD</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>AARON BATES (6-0, 188, So.)</b>			
	7	Brian Hoyer (6-3, 215, Sr.-5)			

# STARTING LINEUPS/CAREER STARTS

## Career Starts by Position

				<b>FB</b> 45-Hawken (4) 35-McPherson (2)					<b>RB</b> 23-Ringer (17)		
					<b>QB</b> 7-Hoyer (18)						
<b>Z</b> 3-Cunningham (4)		<b>TE</b> 83-Gantt (4) 85-Celek (2)	<b>RT</b> 79-Miller (28)	<b>RG</b> 73-Martin (26)	<b>C</b> 65-Nitchman (12)	<b>LG</b> 67-Foreman (3) 60-Bacon (2)	<b>LT</b> 57-Cironi (6)			<b>X</b> 2-Dell (12) 84-Curry (10)	
<b>FC</b> 37-Weaver (9) 31-Henderson (4)			<b>DE</b> 47-Long (5) 89-Neely (2)	<b>DT</b> 97-Kershaw (25)	<b>NT</b> 70-Wilson (5)	<b>DE</b> 58-Anderson (3/24*) 49-Holmes (1/7)				<b>BC</b> 29-Rucker (8)	
				<b>WILL</b> 43-Gordon (14) 36-Misch (2)	<b>MIKE</b> 55-Decker (4)	<b>SAM</b> 53-Jones (11)					
							<b>SS</b> 21-Wiley (23)		<b>FS</b> 38-Davis-Clark (15) 33-Fortener (3)		

+ Double tight end set

\* Includes games started at Cincinnati, 2005-06.

## 2008 OFFENSIVE GAME-BY-GAME STARTERS

Game	X	LT	LG	C	RG	RT	TE	Z	QB	FB	RB
at California	Dell	Cironi	Bacon	Nitchman	Martin	Miller	Gantt	Cunningham	Hoyer	Celek+	Ringer
Eastern Michigan	Dell	Cironi	Foreman	Nitchman	Martin	Miller	Gantt	Cunningham	Hoyer	Celek+	Ringer
Florida Atlantic	Dell	Cironi	Foreman	Nitchman	Martin	Miller	Gantt	Cunningham	Hoyer	Hawken	Ringer
Notre Dame	Dell	Cironi	Foreman	Nitchman	Martin	Miller	Gantt	Cunningham	Hoyer	Hawken	Ringer
at Indiana											
Iowa											
at Northwestern											
Ohio State											
at Michigan											
Wisconsin											
Purdue											
at Penn State											

## 2008 DEFENSIVE GAME-BY-GAME STARTERS

Game	DE	DT	NT	DE	SAM	MIKE	WILL	BC	FS	SS	FC
at California	Holmes	Kershaw	Wilson	Neely	Jones	Decker	Gordon	C.L. Rucker	Davis-Clark	Wiley	Weaver
Eastern Michigan	Neely	Kershaw	Wilson	Tr. Anderson	Jones	Decker	Gordon	C.L. Rucker	Fortener	Wiley	Weaver
Florida Atlantic	Long	Kershaw	Wilson	Tr. Anderson	Jones	Decker	Gordon	C.L. Rucker	Fortener	Wiley	Weaver
Notre Dame	Long	Kershaw	Wilson	Tr. Anderson	Jones	Decker	Gordon	C.L. Rucker	Fortener	Wiley	Weaver
at Indiana											
Iowa											
at Northwestern											
Ohio State											
at Michigan											
Wisconsin											
Purdue											
at Penn State											