



# B.J. CUNNINGHAM 3

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**CAREER NOTES:** Finished his Spartan career as the school's all-time leader in receptions (218) and receiving yards (3,086); also ranks second in TD receptions with 25 . . . played in 51 career games, including 42 starts . . . closed his career ranked seventh in Big Ten history in receptions and ninth in receiving yards . . . had 10 career 100-yard receiving games, third most in MSU history.

**2011 SEASON (SENIOR):** Voted Most Valuable Player by his teammates . . . second-team All-Big Ten selection (coaches and media) . . . named to ESPN.com and Yahoo! Sports All-Big Ten first team . . . named All-American by Phil Steele (fourth team) and SI.com (honorable mention) . . . tied a Spartan single-season record with 79 receptions (Devin Thomas, 2007) . . . tied for first in the Big Ten with 12 touchdown receptions, which tied for third most in an MSU single-season . . . ranked third in the Big Ten and 17th in the FBS in receiving yards (93.3 ypg) . . . ranked fourth in the Big Ten in receptions (79; 5.6 pg.) . . . had a career-high 1,306 receiving yards, which ranked third most in an MSU season . . . became one of just five Spartan receivers to record 1,000 receiving yards in a season (Charles Rogers, Devin Thomas, Plaxico Burress, Courtney Hawkins) . . . had a school-record eight 100-yard receiving games; that mark also tied for first in the Big Ten this season (Marvin McNutt, Iowa) . . . 55 of his 79 receptions (70 percent resulted in either a first down or a touchdown . . . ranked second in the Big Ten with 17 "clutch" catches during the regular season (receptions on third down or fourth down that resulted in TD or first down) . . . caught seven passes for 66 yards in the win over No. 18 Georgia in the 2012 Outback Bowl; tied MSU's single-season reception record with a 22-yard catch in the fourth quarter . . . named National Wide Receiver of the Week by the College Football Performance Awards after recording a career-high three touchdown receptions in the Big Ten Championship Game against Wisconsin . . . had five catches for 115 yards against the Badgers, establishing a school record with his eighth 100-yard receiving game of the season . . . scored his first TD in the Big Ten Championship Game on a 30-yard pass from Kirk Cousins on a fourth-and-inches play in the second quarter; for his second TD, caught a lateral from Keith Nichol on the 7-yard line and ran it in for a touchdown; on his third touchdown, a 44-yarder in the third quarter, he became MSU's all-time leader in receiving yards, passing Andre Rison . . . caught six passes for 120 yards and two touchdowns (33 and 29 yards) at Northwestern . . . had six receptions for 132 yards and two touchdowns (63 yards and 7 yards) on Senior Day vs. Indiana . . . had two touchdown receptions at Iowa (6 yards in first quarter; 22 yards in second quarter) and four catches for 46 yards overall in win over the Hawkeyes . . . had three receptions for 104 yards against Minnesota, including a season-long 69-yard reception from Cousins in the first quarter helped set up MSU's first touchdown . . . saw his streak with at least one reception in 41 consecutive regular-season games come to an end at Nebraska . . . had a game-high 102 receiving yards on six catches, including a 35-yard TD reception on a fourth-and-2 play in the second quarter, in the victory over No. 4 Wisconsin; also had a diving catch on a key two-point conversion in the fourth quarter . . . had 154 receiving yards - the most ever by a Spartan against Ohio State - on nine catches, including a 33-yard touchdown, in the 10-7 win over the Buckeyes at Ohio Stadium; named Spartan Offensive Player of the Week for his performance at OSU and was also selected as a game captain against the Buckeyes . . . had three catches for 67 yards vs. Central Michigan, including a 54-yard grab in the first quarter that set up MSU's first touchdown . . . recorded career highs in receptions (12) and yards (158) at Notre Dame; the 12 catches tied for fourth most in a game by a Spartan wide receiver (record: 14 by Matt Trannon vs. Eastern Michigan in 2006); the 158 receiving yards were the most for a Spartan since Blair White had 186 yards against Northwestern in 2009, and the second most for a Spartan wide receiver against Notre Dame (Charles Rogers, 175 yards in 2002) . . . earned honorable mention National College Football Performance Awards Wide Receiver of the Week accolades for his outing against the Fighting Irish . . . became MSU's all-time receptions leader with an acrobatic 7-yard catch in the first quarter against Florida Atlantic; had five catches for 73 yards total vs. the Owls . . . recorded then-career highs in receptions (9) and receiving yards (130) in the season opener against Youngstown State, including an 18-yard TD catch in the third quarter; named Spartan Offensive Player of the Week.

**2010 SEASON (JUNIOR):** Honorable mention All-Big Ten selection by the media . . . appeared in all 12 regular-season games, including seven starts (six at flanker and one at split end) . . . missed the 2011 Capital One Bowl vs. No. 15 Alabama with a broken foot he suffered in bowl practice . . . his career-high nine touchdown receptions led the team and tied for the fourth-best single-season in MSU history . . . ranked second on the team in both receptions (career high 50) and receiving yards (611) . . . his 50 catches (tied for No. 16) also rank among the top single-season totals in Spartan history . . . finished eighth in the Big Ten in receptions, averaging 4.2 per game . . . 34 of his 50 receptions (68 percent) resulted in either a TD or a first down . . . set a career high with two TD receptions at Penn State (8 and

24 yards from Kirk Cousins), as MSU clinched a share of the 2010 Big Ten Championship with a 28-22 victory in State College . . . caught six passes for 51 yards, including a 5-yard TD grab early in the fourth quarter, in the comeback win over Purdue . . . led team with four catches for 40 yards vs. Minnesota . . . caught four passes for 36 yards at No. 18 Iowa, including a 6-yard TD grab . . . posted career highs in receptions (8) and receiving yards (113) in the comeback win at Northwestern, including an acrobatic game-winning 9-yard catch in the back of the end zone with 2:00 left . . . led team with 83 receiving yards on three catches vs. Illinois, including a 48-yard TD grab . . . caught five passes for 40 yards in victory at No. 18 Michigan . . . his 1-yard TD reception from Cousins on a fourth-and-goal play late in the fourth quarter gave MSU a 34-24 lead over No. 11 Wisconsin . . . hauled in four passes for 43 yards vs. Northern Colorado . . . recorded his first career 100-yard receiving game with seven catches for 101 yards, including a 24-yard TD reception from Cousins, in an overtime win over Notre Dame . . . scored on a 30-yard strike from Cousins in the second quarter vs. Florida Atlantic at Ford Field.

**2009 SEASON (SOPHOMORE):** Saw action in 12 games and started 10 games at X receiver . . . team's second-leading receiver with 48 receptions for 641 yards and four touchdowns . . . averaged 53.4 receiving yards per game . . . has 89 catches for 1,169 yards in 25 career games . . . named to the midseason All-Big Ten third team by Phil Steele . . . 27 of his 48 catches resulted in a touchdown or a first down . . . had nine catches of 20-plus yards . . . led team with four catches for 39 yards vs. Penn State . . . recorded a career-high 92 receiving yards on three catches at Purdue, including a career-long 73-yard touchdown grab in the fourth quarter . . . had 83 receiving yards on five receptions, including a 49-yard catch, at Minnesota . . . caught three passes for 33 yards vs. Iowa . . . hauled in five catches for 49 yards vs. Northwestern . . . produced 73 receiving yards on five receptions in the win over Michigan . . . caught five passes for 54 yards at Wisconsin, including an acrobatic 20-yard TD grab in the third quarter . . . tallied a career-high seven receptions for 74 yards at Notre Dame . . . recorded 55 receiving yards on four catches vs. Central Michigan, including a 7-yard TD in the fourth quarter . . . had three catches for 62 yards in the season opener vs. Montana State . . . caught his first-career TD pass, a 29-yard grab in the first quarter against the Bobcats.

**2008 SEASON (RED-SHIRT FRESHMAN):** Saw action in all 13 games in 2008, including 12 starts at flanker . . . ranked second on the team in receptions (41) and third in receiving yards (528) . . . caught at least one pass in 12 games . . . 31 of his 41 receptions (76 percent) resulted in a first down, including six gains of 20 or more yards . . . his 31 first-down catches led the team . . . rushed four times for 56 yards (14.0 avg.) . . . recorded a career-high six receptions for 52 yards vs. Georgia in the 2009 Capital One Bowl . . . five of his six catches against the Bulldogs produced first downs . . . had five receptions each vs. California (63 yards), Purdue (63) and Penn State (43) . . . had one catch for 12 yards on a key third-down play in the third quarter at Michigan that kept the game-tying TD-scoring drive alive . . . caught four passes each against Iowa (season-high 76 yards) and Northwestern (44) . . . his season-long 52-yard reception in the first quarter vs. Iowa set up MSU's only TD of the game . . . led MSU with 76 receiving yards on three receptions vs. Eastern Michigan, including an acrobatic one-handed catch for 46 yards that led to a TD . . . caught five passes for 63 yards in his Spartan debut at California.

**2007 SEASON:** Redshirted . . . named Scout Team Offensive Player of the Week twice (vs. Notre Dame, vs. Ohio State) . . . named Scout Team Special Teams Player of the Week vs. Purdue.

**HIGH SCHOOL AND PERSONAL DATA:** Selected Ohio's MVP in the June 2007 Big 33 Football Classic after catching four passes for 116 yards . . . named to PrepStar's All-Midwest Team . . . ranked among Ohio's top 50 seniors by Scout.com (No. 34) and Rivals.com (No. 38) . . . earned special mention on the Associated Press Division I All-Ohio team in 2006 . . . two-time all-district and all-conference selection . . . two-year starter for Coach Rocky Pentello at Westerville (Ohio) South High School . . . had 45 receptions for 770 yards (17.1 avg.) and nine touchdowns as a senior . . . caught seven passes for 116 yards and three scores vs. Dublin Coffman . . . scored on a 42-yard pass play and intercepted two passes vs. Mount Vernon . . . had seven catches for 140 yards and two TDs vs. Grove City . . . caught 45 passes for 700 yards (15.6 avg.) and 15 TDs as a junior . . . had 90 career receptions for 1,470 yards (16.3 avg.) and 24 TDs . . . three-year starter for Coach Ed Calo on the Wildcats' basketball team . . . had a 30-point, 16-rebound effort vs. Mount Vernon in 2006-07 . . . selected Ohio Capital Conference Central Division Player of the Year in 2005-06 . . . also participated in track and field and soccer . . . son of Brian and Kim Cunningham . . . born May 29, 1989 . . . majoring in communication.

### CAREER HIGHS

Receptions..... 12, vs. Notre Dame (9/17/11)  
Receiving Yards..... 158, vs. Notre Dame (9/17/11)  
TD Catches..... 3, vs. Wisconsin (12/3/11)

### CUNNINGHAM IN THE 2011 BIG TEN STATS

TD Receptions..... T-1st (12)  
100-yd. receiving games ... T-1st (8)  
Receiving Yards..... 3rd (93.3 ypg.)  
Receptions..... 4th (5.6 pg.)

### CUNNINGHAM IN THE MSU CAREER RECORD BOOK

Receptions..... 1st (218)  
Receiving Yards..... 1st (3,086)  
TD Receptions..... 2nd (25)  
100-yd. receiving games ... 3rd (10)

### CUNNINGHAM IN THE MSU SEASON RECORD BOOK

100-yd. receiving games ... 1st (8)  
Receptions..... T-1st (79)  
TD Receptions..... T-3rd (12)  
Receiving Yards..... 3rd (1,306)

### CUNNINGHAM'S 100-YARD GAMES (10)

| Yds. | Opponent (Rec.)      | Date     |
|------|----------------------|----------|
| 158  | Notre Dame (12)      | 9/17/11  |
| 154  | Ohio State (9)       | 10/1/11  |
| 132  | Indiana (6)          | 11/19/11 |
| 130  | Youngstown State (9) | 9/2/11   |
| 120  | Northwestern (6)     | 11/26/11 |
| 115  | Wisconsin (5)        | 12/3/11  |
| 113  | Northwestern (8)     | 10/23/10 |
| 104  | Minnesota (3)        | 11/5/11  |
| 102  | Wisconsin (6)        | 10/22/11 |
| 101  | Notre Dame (7)       | 9/18/10  |

### Cunningham's Career Statistics

| Year   | G/GS  | REC. | YDS. | AVG. | TD | LG | YPG  |
|--------|-------|------|------|------|----|----|------|
| 2008   | 13/12 | 41   | 528  | 12.9 | 0  | 52 | 40.6 |
| 2009   | 12/10 | 48   | 641  | 13.4 | 4  | 73 | 53.4 |
| 2010   | 12/7  | 50   | 611  | 12.2 | 9  | 48 | 50.9 |
| 2011   | 14/13 | 79   | 1306 | 16.5 | 12 | 69 | 93.3 |
| Career | 51/42 | 218  | 3086 | 14.2 | 25 | 73 | 60.5 |

### Cunningham's 2011 Game-by-Game Statistics

| Opponent         | NO. | YDS  | TD | LG |
|------------------|-----|------|----|----|
| Youngstown State | 9   | 130  | 1  | 55 |
| Florida Atlantic | 5   | 73   | 0  | 23 |
| Notre Dame       | 12  | 158  | 0  | 25 |
| Central Michigan | 3   | 67   | 0  | 54 |
| Ohio State       | 9   | 154  | 1  | 52 |
| Michigan         | 4   | 39   | 0  | 16 |
| Wisconsin        | 6   | 102  | 1  | 35 |
| Nebraska         | 0   | 0    | 0  | 0  |
| Minnesota        | 3   | 104  | 0  | 69 |
| Iowa             | 4   | 46   | 2  | 22 |
| Indiana          | 6   | 132  | 2  | 67 |
| Northwestern     | 6   | 120  | 2  | 33 |
| Wisconsin        | 5   | 115  | 3  | 44 |
| Georgia          | 7   | 66   | 0  | 22 |
| Totals           | 79  | 1306 | 12 | 69 |