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CAREER NOTES: Three-year letterwinner played in 37 games at Michigan State after transferring from Oklahoma in 2008, including 14 starting assignments . . . made the transition from quarterback to wide receiver during Alamo Bowl practice in 2009 and continued to take reps with the first team in spring practice in 2010 . . . had 50 catches for 625 yards (12.5 avg.) and four touchdowns in his career . . . caught at least one pass in 24 of 28 games as a wide receiver . . . completed 54 percent of his passes (53-of-98) at Michigan State for 826 yards and nine touchdowns.

CAREER IN BOWL GAMES: Had nine catches for 86 yards in three bowl games . . . matched his career high with four receptions for 53 yards in the win over No. 18 Georgia in the 2012 Outback Bowl, including a 7-yard TD grab in the fourth quarter . . . threw a 49-yard TD pass to Bennie Fowler in the fourth quarter of the 2011 Capital One Bowl vs. Alabama; was 2-for-5 passing in the game for 56 yards . . . also had three receptions for 22 yards against the Crimson Tide . . . made his Spartan debut at wide receiver in the 2010 Alamo Bowl vs. Texas Tech, catching two passes for 11 yards . . . also rushed for a 7-yard touchdown against the Red Raiders.

2011 SEASON (SENIOR): Ranked fifth on the team with 26 catches for 352 yards (13.5 avg.) and three touchdowns . . . 17 of his 26 receptions (65 percent) resulted in either a TD or a first down . . . named Academic All-Big Ten for the third consecutive year . . . graduated in December 2011 with a degree in supply chain management . . . recipient of the President's Award for perseverance (offense) . . . matched his career high with four receptions for 53 yards in the win over No. 18 Georgia in the 2012 Outback Bowl, including a 7-yard TD grab in the fourth quarter . . . tied his career high with four catches for 39 yards in the Big Ten Championship Game against Wisconsin . . . his 3-yard reception in the second quarter vs. the Badgers led to a Spartan touchdown; after the catch, he lateraled the ball to B.J. Cunningham at the 7-yard line before getting tackled out of bounds, and Cunningham ran it in for the score . . . had three receptions for 41 yards against Minnesota, including a 4-yard TD catch in the first quarter . . . caught the game-winning, 44-yard Hail Mary touchdown pass from Kirk Cousins on the final play of the game to propel MSU to a 37-31 victory over No. 4 Wisconsin; the reception was the longest of his career . . . had two catches for 20 yards in victory over Michigan; named a game captain against the Wolverines . . . had two receptions for 21 yards in win at Ohio State . . . recorded a career-high 54 receiving yards on three receptions vs. Central Michigan . . . had two catches for 40 yards, including a 30-yard grab, in the win over Florida Atlantic.

2010 SEASON (JUNIOR): Academic All-Big Ten selection . . . appeared in all 13 games in 2010, including eight starts . . . ranked fifth on the team with 22 receptions for 262 yards (11.9 avg.) . . . caught at least one pass in 11 games . . . also completed 4-of-7 passes for 62 yards and two scores . . . with Kirk Cousins and Andrew Maxwell sidelined with injuries vs. No. 15 Alabama in the 2011 Capital One Bowl, he took snaps at quarterback in the fourth quarter and hit 2-of-5 throws for 56 yards, including a 49-yard TD strike to Bennie Fowler . . . also had three catches for 22 yards against the Crimson Tide . . . his 3-yard TD toss to Charlie Gantt with 8:31 left in the fourth quarter at Penn State gave MSU a 28-10 lead and proved to be the game winner as the Spartans held on for a 28-22 victory to clinch a share of the 2010 Big Ten Championship . . . caught three passes for 19 yards vs. Purdue . . . set career highs in receptions (4) and receiving yards (51) at Northwestern, including two catches for 34 yards on MSU's game-winning touchdown drive in the fourth quarter . . . his career-long 42-yard grab from Cousins at No. 18 Michigan set up Larry Caper's 8-yard TD run late in the third quarter . . . hauled in three passes for 30 yards vs. No. 11 Wisconsin . . . caught two passes for 32 yards in the season opener vs. Western Michigan, including his first career TD reception, a 20-yard grab from Cousins early in the second quarter . . . made the transition from quarterback to wide receiver during Alamo Bowl practice and continued to take reps with the first team throughout the spring of 2010.

2009 SEASON (RED-SHIRT SOPHOMORE): Academic All-Big Ten selection . . . saw action in 10 games in 2009 (DNP vs. Northwestern and Iowa due to an elbow injury; DNP at Purdue) . . . came off the bench to play quarterback in eight regular-season games . . . completed 49-of-91 passes (.538) for 764 yards, seven touchdowns and three interceptions . . . his 143.2 quarterback rating ranks sixth in MSU single-season history . . . also rushed 22 times for 128 yards (5.8 avg.) . . . started at wide receiver in the 2010 Valero Alamo Bowl vs. Texas Tech, catching two passes for 11 yards . . . also scored his first career rushing touchdown

against the Red Raiders, with a 7-yard run out of the wildcat formation in the third quarter . . . hit 4-of-5 passes for 84 yards in the fourth quarter vs. No. 13 Penn State, including a 71-yard scoring strike to Keshawn Martin with 1:44 left . . . completed 6-of-10 passes for 30 yards vs. Western Michigan, including a 7-yard TD strike to Dion Sims in the fourth quarter . . . with Cousins sidelined with an ankle injury, made his first career start in a 24-14 victory at Illinois and accounted for 206 total yards . . . completed 13-of-25 throws for 179 yards and rushed six times for 27 yards against the Illini . . . his 23-yard completion to Mark Dell on a third and-8 play kept MSU's game-opening drive alive vs. Illinois and eventually resulted in a TD . . . had two fourth-down conversions on the Spartans' second TD drive against the Illini, hitting Blair White for a 7-yard gain on fourth-and-3 and running 3 yards on fourth-and-1 . . . with Cousins slowed by the ankle injury, played the majority of the fourth quarter and all of overtime in MSU's 26-20 victory over Michigan . . . completed 5-of-8 passes for 68 yards and rushed twice for 8 yards against the Wolverines . . . combined with Cousins to throw for 396 yards at Wisconsin, tying for the second-highest total in school history (school record: 400 yards vs. Michigan, 1999) . . . hit 7-of-12 passes for a career-best 195 yards, two TDs and two interceptions against the Badgers . . . completed TD strikes of 15 and 91 yards to Martin in the fourth quarter . . . his 91-yard bomb to Martin ranked as the second-longest passing play in Spartan history (school-record 93-yarder from Tony Banks to Nigea Carter vs. Indiana in 1994) and tied for the ninth-longest passing play recorded in the NCAA Football Bowl Subdivision in 2009 . . . his 216.5 passing efficiency rating against Wisconsin ranked as the 45th-highest single-game figure posted in the NCAA FBS . . . connected on 3-of-8 passes for 51 yards vs. Central Michigan, including a 16-yard TD toss to Charlie Gantt in the second quarter . . . completed 9-of-18 throws for 135 yards and two TDs (26 yards to Sims and 3 yards to Brian Linthicum) in his Spartan debut vs. Montana State . . . capped an excellent spring with an impressive performance in the Green-White intrasquad game, as he completed 20-of-28 passes for 357 yards and four touchdowns.

2008 SEASON: Sat out the entire 2008 campaign after transferring from Oklahoma . . . red-shirted . . . presented MSU's Jim Adams (Unsung Hero) Award as the Scout Team Offensive Player of the year . . . earned Scout Team Player of the Week honors twice (vs. Eastern Michigan and Purdue).

2007 SEASON (FRESHMAN AT OKLAHOMA): Appeared in three games as a true freshman (vs. North Texas, Utah State and Tulsa) . . . completed 2-of-7 passes for 15 yards and rushed three times for 13 yards . . . ran once for 8 yards and completed his only pass attempt for 5 yards in his collegiate debut vs. North Texas.

HIGH SCHOOL AND PERSONAL DATA: Ranked among the nation's top dual-threat quarterbacks by Rivals.com (No. 6) . . . also rated among the country's top quarterbacks by Scout.com (No. 22) . . . listed among the Midwest's top prospects by the Detroit Free Press (No. 15) . . . ranked among the state's top seniors by the Lansing State Journal (No. 3), Rivals.com (No. 4) and The Detroit News (No. 5) . . . three-time all-state selection . . . compiled a 33-3 record as a three-year starter for Coach Noel Dean at Lowell (Mich.) High School while accounting for 9,650 total yards and 134 touchdowns . . . his career passing totals include 6,550 yards and 76 TDs . . . his career rushing totals include 3,100 yards and 58 scores . . . completed 118-of-185 throws (.638) for 2,225 yards and 31 TDs as a senior . . . led the Red Arrows to the state championship as a sophomore . . . son of Gary and Patrice Nichol . . . brother Kyle is a red-shirt freshman quarterback on the 2010 Spartan roster . . . born Dec. 24, 1988.

CAREER HIGHS

Catches 4, three times (last vs. Georgia, 1/2/12)
Receiving Yards..... 54, vs. Central Michigan (9/24/11)
TD Catches..... 1, four times (last vs. Georgia, 1/2/12)

Nichol's Career Statistics - Receiving

Year	G/GS	REC.	YDS.	AVG.	TD	LG	YPG
2009	10/1	2	11	5.5	0	10	5.5
2010	13/8	22	262	11.9	1	42	20.2
2011	14/5	26	352	13.5	3	44	25.1
Career	37/14	50	625	12.5	4	44	16.9

Nichol's Stats at MSU - Passing

Year	COMP	ATT	INT	PCT	YDS	TD	LG
2009	49	91	3	.538	764	7	91
2010	4	7	0	.571	62	2	49
Career	53	98	3	.541	826	9	91