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2008 SCHEDULES & SCOREBOARDS

MICHIGAN STATE (6-1, 3-0 Big Ten)

Aug. 30	at California (ABC)	L, 31-38
Sept. 6	EASTERN MICHIGAN (BTN)	W, 42-10
Sept. 13	FLORIDAATLANTIC (ESPN2)	W, 17-0
Sept. 20	NOTRE DAME (ABC)	W, 23-7
Sept. 27	at Indiana (ESPN)	W, 42-29
Oct. 4	IOWA (ESPN2)	W, 16-13
Oct. 11	at Northwestern (ESPN2)	W, 37-20
Oct. 18	OHIO STATE (ABC)	3:30 p.m.
Oct. 25	at Michigan (ABC)	3:30 p.m.
Nov. 1	WISCONSIN	TBA
Nov. 8	PURDUE	TBA
Nov. 22	at Penn State	TBA

OHIO STATE (6-1, 3-0 Big Ten)

Aug. 30	YOUNGSTOWN STATE	W, 43-0
Sept. 6	OHIO	W, 26-14
Sept. 13	at USC	L, 3-35
Sept. 20	TROY	W, 28-10
Sept. 27	MINNESOTA	W, 34-21
Oct. 4	at Wisconsin	W, 20-17
Oct. 11	PURDUE	W, 16-3
Oct. 18	at Michigan State	3:30 p.m.
Oct. 25	PENN STATE	8 p.m.
Nov. 8	at Northwestern	TBA
Nov. 15	at Illinois	TBA
Nov. 22	MICHIGAN	TBA

• All times listed: Eastern.

BROADCAST COVERAGE

TELEVISION: ABC will televise the MSU-Ohio State game live to a regional audience, with Brad Nessler handling the play-by-play, Bob Griese and Paul Maguire providing color commentary, and Stacey Dales serving as the sideline reporter. The MSU-Ohio State game also will be available live online via ESPN360.com.

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. The MSU-Ohio State game can be heard live on XM Satellite Radio (Channel 199).



GAME

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No. 20/17 MICHIGAN STATE (6-1, 3-0 Big Ten)

vs. No. 12/11 OHIO STATE (6-1, 3-0 Big Ten)

Saturday, Oct. 18 • 3:30 p.m. EDT • ABC

Spartan Stadium (75,005/natural grass) • East Lansing, Mich.

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

• Saturday's game marks the 39th meeting between Michigan State and Ohio State. The Buckeyes lead the all-time series 26-12, including a 12-5 record in games played in Spartan Stadium. Ohio State has won six in a row and 11 of the last 13 meetings. Michigan State's last win in the series came on Nov. 6, 1999, 23-7, in Spartan Stadium.

• Michigan State's 6-1 start is the best for the program since the 2003 team started 7-1 overall and 4-0 in the Big Ten. It marks the 22nd time in the program's 112-year history – and only the third time since the 1967 season – that the Spartans have won at least six of their first seven games.

• The Spartans climbed to No. 17 in the USA TODAY Poll this week and No. 20 in the Associated Press Poll. It marks MSU's highest ranking in the AP Poll since the week of Oct. 10, 2005, when the Spartans were ranked 15th in their game at Ohio State. The Buckeyes enter East Lansing with a No. 11 ranking in the USA TODAY Poll and a No. 12 ranking in the AP Poll. Michigan State is looking for its first win over an opponent ranked in the AP Top 25 since it beat No. 10 Notre Dame in 2005.

• Michigan State head coach **Mark Dantonio** spent three years as the defensive coordinator at Ohio State (2001-03) where he served under **Jim Tressel**. During Dantonio's tenure at Ohio State, the Buckeyes posted a combined record of 32-6 (.842), including the 2002 National Championship. Dantonio previously worked for Coach Tressel at Youngstown State (1986-90) for five years, serving as secondary coach and defensive coordinator.

• Michigan State's 2008 roster features 24 players from Ohio: Michigan State's 2008 roster features 24 players from Ohio: freshman defensive back **Johnny Adams** (Akron/Buchtel), sophomore punter **Aaron Bates** (New Concord/John Glenn), fifth-year senior cornerback **Mike Bell** (Shaker Heights), sophomore fullback **Nick Bendzuck** (Strongsville), red-shirt freshman tight end **Garrett Celek** (Cincinnati/LaSalle), junior offensive tackle **Rocco Cironi** (Warren/Warren G. Harding), red-shirt freshman wide receiver **B.J. Cunningham** (Westerville/Westerville South), senior cornerback **Kendell Davis-Clark** (Alliance), junior safety **Danny Fortener** (Kettering/Archbishop Alter), freshman linebacker **Steve Gardiner** (Dublin/Coffman), freshman linebacker **Mike Haddad** (Avon Lake), fifth-year senior quarterback **Brian Hoyer** (North Olmsted/St. Ignatius), sophomore safety **Marcus Hyde** (Fostoria), sophomore defensive lineman **Antonio Jeremiah** (Hilliard/Hilliard Darby), sophomore linebacker **Greg Jones** (Cincinnati/Archbishop Moeller), fifth-year senior defensive tackle **Justin Kershaw** (Columbus/Reynoldsburg), senior defensive end **Brandon Long** (Canton/GlenOak), junior offensive guard **Brendon Moss** (Bay Village), senior running back **Javon Ringer** (Dayton/Chaminade-Julienne), freshman linebacker **David Rolf** (Piqua), sophomore cornerback **Chris L. Rucker** (Warren/Warren G. Harding), freshman linebacker **Drew Stevens** (Delaware/Olentangy) freshman linebacker **Jamihr Williams** (Lima/Trotwood-Madison) and freshman defensive tackle **Jerel Worthy** (Huber Heights/Wayne).

• Senior running back **Javon Ringer** leads the NCAA in rushing touchdowns (14) and ranks second in rushing (158.9 yards per game) and all-purpose yards (201.7 ypg.). Ringer is also tied for third in the nation in scoring (12.0 ppg.). He leads the Big Ten in all four of those statistical categories: rushing touchdowns, rushing, all-purpose yards and scoring.

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MSU's official athletics Web site, 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) –

- With his 124 yards in the win over Northwestern, **Javon Ringer** became the first Spartan running back to eclipse the 1,000-yard mark in back-to-back seasons since T.J. Duckett (2000-01). After gaining 1,447 yards as a junior, he already has rushed for 1,112 yards in seven games in 2008 – the most by a Spartan running back in the first seven games of a season (previous record: Lorenzo White with 1,077 in 1985).
- Sophomore linebacker **Greg Jones** leads the team in tackles (52) and production points (149) while ranking second in tackles for loss (5.5 for 14 yards). Jones recorded a season-high 11 stops against Northwestern, marking his third career game with double-digit tackles.
- Fifth-year senior quarterback **Brian Hoyer** completed 14-of-20 throws for 169 yards and two touchdowns to lead Michigan State to a 37-20 victory at Northwestern, as the Spartans extended their winning streak to six games. With 169 passing yards, Hoyer became just the seventh quarterback in MSU history to eclipse the 5,000-yard career milestone. He completed eight straight passes during one stretch for 111 yards. Hoyer capped a six-play, 42-yard drive with a 3-yard TD toss to tight end Garrett Celek as MSU jumped out to a 7-0 early in the first quarter. His 42-yard completion to Keshawn Martin set up MSU's third TD and his second scoring pass, a 7-yarder to fullback Andrew Hawken late in the second quarter, as the Spartans built a 24-7 halftime lead.
- Junior **Brett Swenson** has been selected Big Ten Special Teams Player of the Week after accounting 13 points in Michigan State's 37-20 victory at Northwestern. Swenson made all three field-goal attempts, hitting from 26, 42 and 34 yards, and added four PATS. Since missing his first attempt of the 2008 season in the opener at California, he has converted a school-record 15 consecutive field goals, breaking the mark previously held by Paul Edinger, who made 13 in a row in 1998.

ADDITIONAL QUICK HITTERS –

- Michigan State ranks second in the Big Ten and sixth in the nation with a +10 turnover margin. The Spartans have forced 16 turnovers – including six in the last two games – and have converted them into 50 points (10-for-16 on scoring opportunities).
- Opponents are only scoring at a 61 percent clip (14-for-23) against the Spartan defense in the red zone, the stingiest mark in the Big Ten and sixth best in the NCAA.

THE COACHES –

Michigan State's **Mark Dantonio** (South Carolina 1979) is 13-7 (.650) in his second year with the Spartans and 31-24 (.564) 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).

Ohio State's **Jim Tressel** (Baldwin Wallace 1975) is 79-17 (.823) in his eighth year with the Buckeyes and 214-74-2 (.741) in 23 seasons as a college head coach. In 2002, Tressel led the Buckeyes to the national championship with a perfect 14-0 record, including a 31-24 double-overtime victory over Miami (Fla.) in the Fiesta Bowl. He previously served as head coach at Youngstown State for 15 seasons where he compiled a 135-57-2 ledger (.701), while winning four NCAA I-AA national titles (1991, '93, '94 and '97). From 1983-85, Tressel worked as an assistant coach at Ohio State under Earle Bruce.

WEEKLY MEDIA PLANNER

Monday, Oct. 13	Tuesday, Oct. 14	Wednesday, Oct. 15	Thursday, Oct. 16	Friday, Oct. 17	Saturday, Oct. 18	Sunday, Oct. 19
<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 5:45 p.m.</u> Tight ends/tackles coach Mark Staten and linebackers/special teams coach Mike Tressel 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 Spartan Stadium. Closed to media and no interviews.	<u>3:30 p.m.</u> Game vs. Ohio State on ABC.	<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 (second floor). Closed practice.

TEAM COMPARISONS –

	Michigan State	Ohio State
Basic Offense	Multiple	Multiple
Basic Defense	Multiple 4-3	4-3
Offensive Starters Returning	7	9
Defensive Starters Returning	6	9
Specialists Returning	3	2

AVERAGE HEIGHTS & WEIGHTS (STARTERS) –

	Michigan State	Ohio State
Offensive Line & Tight End	6-5, 302	6-5, 299
Offensive Backs & Wide Receivers	6-1, 210	6-3, 222
Defensive Line	6-4, 265	6-5, 269
Linebackers	6-1, 228	6-1, 236
Defensive Backs	6-2, 200	6-0, 196

CLASS BREAKDOWN (STARTERS) –

Michigan State Offense: 5 seniors, 2 juniors, 2 sophomores, 2 freshmen
 Michigan State Defense: 3 seniors, 4 juniors, 4 sophomores
 Ohio State Offense: 4 seniors, 4 juniors, 1 sophomore, 2 freshmen
 Ohio State Defense: 3 seniors, 4 juniors, 4 sophomores

STAT LEADERS –

Michigan State (after seven games):

Rushing – Javon Ringer (247 carries for 1,112 yards, 4.5 avg., 14 TDs)
 Passing – Brian Hoyer (86 of 171 for 1,314 yards, 6 TDs, 3 INTs)
 Receiving – Mark Dell (20 catches for 443 yards, 22.1 avg., 2 TDs)
 Tackles – Greg Jones (52 tackles, 32 solos, 20 assists, 5.5 TFL)

Ohio State (after seven games):

Rushing – Chris Wells (71 carries for 479 yards, 6.7 avg., 2 TDs)
 Passing – Terrelle Pryor (52 of 79 for 537 yards, 5 TDs, 2 INTs)
 Receiving – Brian Robiskie (24 catches for 232 yards, 9.7 avg., 4 TDs)
 Tackles – James Laurinaitis (67 tackles, 29 solos, 38 assists)

AROUND THE BIG TEN

2008 BIG TEN STANDINGS

	Conf.	Games	All Games
1. Penn State	3-0	1.000	7-0 1.000
Michigan State	3-0	1.000	6-1 .857
Ohio State	3-0	1.000	6-1 .857
4. Minnesota	2-1	.667	6-1 .857
5. Northwestern	1-1	.500	5-1 .833
Michigan	1-1	.500	2-4 .333
7. Iowa	1-2	.333	4-3 .571
Illinois	1-2	.333	3-3 .500
9. Purdue	0-2	.000	2-4 .333
10. Wisconsin	0-3	.000	3-3 .500
Indiana	0-3	.000	2-4 .333

THIS WEEK'S BIG TEN SCHEDULE

Wisconsin at Iowa, 12 p.m. (BTN)
 Purdue at Northwestern, 12 p.m. (ESPN2)
 Ohio State at Michigan State, 3:30 p.m. (ABC)
 Michigan at Penn State, 4:30 p.m. (ESPN)
 Indiana at Illinois, 8 p.m. (BTN)
 Minnesota - Bye Week

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: 13-7 (second year)
 Career Record: 31-24 (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: 607-415-44 (.590)
 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 Kendell 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.

CURRENT SPARTANS vs. OHIO STATE –

Career Stat Leaders

Rushing – Javon Ringer (2 games: 34 carries for 125 yards, 3.7 avg., 0 TDs)
 Passing – Brian Hoyer (2 games: 23 of 37 for 207 yards, 0 TDS, 1 INT)
 Receiving – Deon Curry (2 games: 4 catches for 24 yards, 6.0 avg., 0 TDs)
 Tackles – Greg Jones (1 game: 14 tackles, 7 solos, 7 assists, 1.5 TFL)

STAT COMPARISON –

	Michigan State	Ohio State
Scoring	29.7	24.3
First Downs	19.1	17.9
Total Offense	368.9	320.9
Rushing Yards	176.6	177.3
Passing Yards	192.3	143.6
Time of Possession	32:37	31:48
Third Down Conversions	.366	.391
Points Allowed	16.7	14.3
Total Offense Allowed	361.9	269.0
Rushing Yards Allowed	134.9	103.6
Passing Yards Allowed	227.0	165.4

MSU/OHIO STATE SERIES NOTES –

Saturday's game marks the 39th meeting between Michigan State and Ohio State. The Buckeyes lead the all-time series 26-12, including a 12-5 record in games played in Spartan Stadium. Ohio State has won six in a row and 11 of the last 13 meetings. Michigan State's last win in the series came on Nov. 6, 1999, 23-7, in Spartan Stadium.

THE LAST MEETING –

Oct. 20, 2007, in Columbus, Ohio: Top-ranked Ohio State built a comfortable lead and then gave up two touchdowns off turnovers late in the third quarter - and almost lost another fumble deep in their own territory on the next play - but slipped past Michigan State 24-17. The Buckeyes rolled for most of the first three quarters, building their big lead on two touchdown passes by Todd Boeckman, the running of Chris Wells and a bruising defense that thoroughly shut down Michigan State. But in the span of four plays, it was 24-14 and Michigan State blew a chance to recover another Ohio State turnover on the very next play when two defenders got their hands on a loose ball before the Buckeyes secured it. The comeback started when Boeckman flipped a pass under pressure that Otis Wiley picked off and returned 54 yards to put the Spartans on the board. After a short run and two penalties gave the Buckeyes a first down at their own 15, Boeckman was sacked by Jonal Saint-Dic and fumbled, with linebacker SirDarean Adams swooping in to scoop up the ball and running 25 yards to make it 24-14. After the next kickoff, the Buckeyes took over at their own 22. On first down, Chris Wells fumbled when hit by Jeremiah Antonio and the ball bounced loose. Wiley and end Ervin Baldwin each had a clear shot at falling on the ball but failed to grab it. Boeckman, who completed his first 10 passes in the game and tied a school-record with 12 straight completions, now had trouble even getting time to pass, much less complete one. After an Ohio State punt midway through the fourth quarter, Brett Swenson kicked a 43-yard field goal to tighten it to 24-17 with just 3:42 left. It got so bad that on the kickoff that followed, Tressel instructed returner Brandon Saine to take a knee to avoid turning the ball over with another fumble. The Buckeyes took no more chances. Wells carried on the final seven plays, gaining 36 yards as Ohio State stayed perfect. Wells finished with 221 yards on 31 carries, including a 5-yard touchdown run. Boeckman struggled in the second half, finishing 15-of-23 for 193 yards and touchdowns of 14 yards to Jake Ballard and 50 yards to Brian Robiskie. The Spartans mustered just nine first downs and 185 yards of total offense against an Ohio State defense which came in No. 1 in the nation in points (6.57 per game) and yards allowed (212 per game).

THE LAST MEETING IN SPARTAN STADIUM –

Oct. 14, 2006, in East Lansing, Mich.: Troy Smith completed 15 of 22 passes for 234 yards and two touchdowns to lead top-ranked Ohio State to a 38-7 victory over Michigan State. The Spartans had an early chance to steal momentum from Ohio State, recovering Chris Wells' fumble at the Buckeyes' 31 just three plays into the game. But a holding penalty and a sack took the Spartans out of scoring range. The Buckeyes responded with an 80-yard, 12-play drive – capped by a 2-yard touchdown run by Antonio Pittman – to take a 7-0 lead midway through the first quarter. MSU drove to the Ohio State 36 early in the second quarter, but failed on a fourth-and-2 on a draw by quarterback Drew Stanton. Ohio State then marched downfield and took a 10-0 lead on Aaron Pettrey's 32-yard field goal. A 60-yard punt return by Ted Ginn Jr. made it 17-0 with about five minutes left in the first half. MSU entered the game averaging 31 points per contest, but the Spartans gained just 79 yards in the first half and trailed 24-0 at the break. Ohio State's Anthony Gonzalez caught seven passes for 118 yards and a TD. Buckeyes came in allowing just nine points per game and kept MSU off the scoreboard until A.J. Jimmerson's 6-yard TD run with 1:07 remaining.

MSU/OHIO STATE COACHING CONNECTIONS –

- Michigan State head coach **Mark Dantonio** spent three years as the defensive coordinator at Ohio State (2001-03) where he served under **Jim Tressel**. During Dantonio's tenure at Ohio State, the Buckeyes posted a combined record of 32-6 (.842), including the 2002 National Championship. Dantonio previously worked for Coach Tressel at Youngstown State (1986-90) for five years, serving as secondary coach and defensive coordinator.
- Ohio State head coach **Jim Tressel** served as (Michigan State offensive coordinator) **Don Treadwell's** position coach (wide receiver) at Miami-Ohio in 1979-80. Treadwell later spent six years on Tressel's coaching staff at Youngstown State (1986-91). Treadwell worked with the wide receivers, running backs and quarterbacks at Youngstown State, and served as offensive coordinator in 1991 as the Penguins won the NCAA I-AA National Championship.
- Ohio State head coach **Jim Tressel** served as (Michigan State quarterbacks coach) **Dave Warner's** position coach (quarterbacks) at Syracuse in 1981. Warner spent the 1982 season as a graduate assistant for the Orange, working for Coach Tressel.
- Michigan State linebackers/special teams coach **Mike Tressel** is the nephew of Ohio State head coach **Jim Tressel**. Mike spent two years as a graduate assistant coach at Ohio State, working for his uncle from 2002-03.
- Michigan State tight ends/tackles coach **Mark Staten** served as a graduate assistant for Jim Tressel at Ohio State from 2002-03.
- Ohio State offensive coordinator/offensive line coach **Jim Bollman** spent three years as offensive line coach at Michigan State (1995-97) under **Nick Saban**.
- Ohio State safeties coach **Paul Haynes** spent two years as cornerbacks coach at Michigan State (2003-04).

MSU/OHIO STATE CONNECTIONS, PART II –

- Michigan State strength and conditioning coach **Ken Mannie** earned his master's degree from Ohio State in 1985 and served as a graduate assistant for the Buckeyes in '84.
- Michigan State director of player development **Dino Folino** began his coaching career as a graduate assistant at Ohio State in 1974-75, working under legendary Coach **Woody Hayes**.
- Michigan State assistant athletics director/head athletic trainer **Jeff Monroe** graduated from Ohio State in 1972 with a degree in physical education. Monroe spent four years as a student trainer for the Buckeyes from 1969-72.

THIS WEEK'S POLLS (OCT. 12)**ASSOCIATED PRESS**

<i>Rk.</i>	<i>School</i>	<i>Record</i>
1.	Texas (39)	6-0
2.	Alabama (26)	6-0
3.	Penn State	7-0
4.	Oklahoma	5-1
5.	Florida	5-1
6.	USC	4-1
7.	Texas Tech	6-0
8.	Oklahoma State	6-0
9.	BYU	6-0
10.	Georgia	5-1
11.	Missouri	5-1
12.	Ohio State	6-1
13.	LSU	4-1
14.	Utah	7-0
15.	Boise State	5-0
16.	Kansas	5-1
17.	Virginia Tech	5-1
18.	North Carolina	5-1
19.	South Florida	5-1
20.	Michigan State	6-1
21.	Wake Forest	4-1
22.	Vanderbilt	5-1
23.	Pittsburgh	4-1
24.	Ball State	7-0
25.	California	4-1

USA TODAY/COACHES

<i>Rk.</i>	<i>School</i>	<i>Record</i>
1.	Texas (44)	6-0
2.	Alabama (14)	6-0
3.	Penn State (3)	7-0
4.	USC	4-1
5.	Texas Tech	6-0
6.	Oklahoma	5-1
7.	Florida	5-1
8.	BYU	6-0
9.	Georgia	5-1
10.	Oklahoma State	6-0
11.	Ohio State	6-1
12.	Missouri	5-1
13.	Utah	7-0
14.	LSU	4-1
15.	Kansas	5-1
16.	Boise State	5-0
17.	Michigan State	6-1
18.	Virginia Tech	5-1
19.	Wake Forest	4-1
20.	South Florida	5-1
21.	North Carolina	5-1
22.	California	4-1
23.	Vanderbilt	5-1
24.	TCU	6-1
25.	Ball State	7-0

(First-place votes)

Bold indicates MSU opponent

THIS WEEK'S POLLS (OCT. 12)

HARRIS INTERACTIVE

Rk.	School	Record
1.	Texas (72)	6-0
2.	Alabama (37)	6-0
3.	Penn State (4)	7-0
4.	Oklahoma	5-1
5.	USC	4-1
6.	Florida	5-1
7.	Texas Tech	6-0
8.	BYU	6-0
9.	Georgia	5-1
10.	Oklahoma State	6-0
11.	Missouri	5-1
12.	LSU	4-1
13.	Ohio State	6-1
14.	Utah (1)	7-0
15.	Boise State	5-0
16.	Kansas	5-1
17.	Virginia Tech	5-1
18.	Michigan State	6-1
19.	South Florida	5-1
20.	North Carolina	5-1
21.	Wake Forest	4-1
22.	Vanderbilt	5-1
23.	Ball State	7-0
24.	California	4-1
25.	Pittsburgh	4-1

(First-place votes)

Bold indicates MSU opponent

MSU TOP SINGLE-GAME PERFORMANCES VS. OHIO STATE

RUSHING		
Player (Att.)	Yards	Year
Hyland Hickson (38)	187	1988
Blake Ezor (28)	147	1988
Levi Jackson (13)	133	1974

PASSING		
Player (C-A)	Yards	Year
Jim Miller (31-42)	360	1993
Jeff Smoker (35-55)	351	2003
Drew Stanton (26-36)	340	2005
Bill Burke (18-46)	323	1998
Damon Dowdell (29-46)	262	2004
John Leister (15-37)	213	1981
Marshall Lawson (14-32)	212	1976

RECEIVING		
Player (Rec.)	Yards	Year
Frank Foreman (3)	135	1969
Jerramy Scott (7)	129	2005
Plaxico Burress (4)	125	1998
Frank Foreman (7)	123	1968
Napoleon Outlaw (5)	117	1993

UPSET SPECIALS –

Michigan State is 18-24 (.429) in its last 42 games against teams ranked in the Associated Press Top 25, including eight straight losses. The last three losses have been by a combined total of 10 points. Fifteen of those 18 wins over ranked teams have come while Michigan State was unranked or ranked below its opponent.

(Note: MSU has defeated two of its last three opponents ranked in the USA TODAY/Coaches Poll, including victories over No. 22 Northwestern, 37-20, last weekend and No. 22 Penn State, 35-31, in the 2007 regular-season finale.)

Since November 1997, Michigan State is 9-5 (.643) against teams ranked in the AP Top 10.

Here's a look at Michigan State's last 42 games against AP Top 25 teams (**MSU wins in bold type**):

Date	Result (Associated Press Ranking)	Site
Dec. 28, 2007	No. 14 Boston College 24, MSU 21	Orlando
Nov. 3, 2007	No. 15 Michigan 28, MSU 24	East Lansing
Sept. 29, 2007	No. 9 Wisconsin 37, MSU 34	Madison
Oct. 14, 2006	No. 1 Ohio State 38, MSU 7	East Lansing
Oct. 7, 2006	No. 6 Michigan 31, MSU 13	Ann Arbor
Sept. 23, 2006	No. 12 Notre Dame 40, MSU 37	East Lansing
Nov. 19, 2005	No. 5 Penn State 31, MSU 22	East Lansing
Oct. 15, 2005	No. 15 Ohio State 35, No. 16 MSU 24	Columbus
Sept. 17, 2005	MSU 44, No. 10 Notre Dame 41 (OT)	South Bend
Nov. 13, 2004	MSU 49, No. 4 Wisconsin 14	East Lansing
Oct. 30, 2004	No. 12 Michigan 45, MSU 37 (3 OT)	Ann Arbor
Oct. 16, 2004	MSU 51, No. 19 Minnesota 17	East Lansing
Dec. 29, 2003	No. 22 Nebraska 17, MSU 3	San Antonio
Nov. 8, 2003	No. 7 Ohio State 33, No. 14 MSU 23	Columbus
Nov. 1, 2003	No. 11 Michigan 27, No. 9 MSU 20	East Lansing
Oct. 18, 2003	No. 15 MSU 44, No. 25 Minnesota 38	Minneapolis
Sept. 27, 2003	MSU 20, No. 13 Iowa 10	East Lansing
Nov. 23, 2002	No. 15 Penn State 61, MSU 7	State College
Nov. 2, 2002	No. 15 Michigan 49, MSU 3	Ann Arbor
Oct. 12, 2002	No. 17 Iowa 44, MSU 16	Iowa City
Sept. 21, 2002	No. 12 Notre Dame 21, MSU 17	East Lansing
Dec. 31, 2001	MSU 44, No. 20 Fresno State 35	San Jose
Nov. 3, 2001	MSU 26, No. 6 Michigan 24	East Lansing
Sept. 29, 2001	No. 16 Northwestern 27, No. 23 MSU 26	Evanston
Sept. 22, 2001	MSU 17, No. 23 Notre Dame 10	South Bend
Nov. 11, 2000	MSU 30, No. 9 Purdue 10	East Lansing
Nov. 4, 2000	No. 16 Ohio State 27, MSU 13	Columbus
Oct. 21, 2000	No. 16 Michigan 14, MSU 0	Ann Arbor
Sept. 23, 2000	No. 23 MSU 27, No. 16 Notre Dame 21	East Lansing
Jan. 1, 2000	No. 9 MSU 37, No. 10 Florida 34	Orlando
Nov. 20, 1999	No. 15 MSU 35, No. 13 Penn State 28	East Lansing
Nov. 6, 1999	No. 19 MSU 23, No. 20 Ohio State 7	East Lansing
Oct. 23, 1999	No. 17 Wisconsin 40, No. 11 MSU 10	Madison
Oct. 16, 1999	No. 20 Purdue 52, No. 5 MSU 28	West Lafayette
Oct. 9, 1999	No. 11 MSU 34, No. 3 Michigan 31	East Lansing
Sept. 18, 1999	MSU 23, No. 24 Notre Dame 13	South Bend
Nov. 28, 1998	No. 23 Penn State 51, MSU 28	State College
Nov. 7, 1998	MSU 28, No. 1 Ohio State 24	Columbus
Sept. 12, 1998	MSU 45, No. 10 Notre Dame 23	East Lansing
Aug. 29, 1998	No. 15 Colorado State 23, No. 23 MSU 16	East Lansing
Dec. 25, 1997	No. 21 Washington 51, No. 25 MSU 23	Aloha Bowl
Nov. 29, 1997	MSU 49, No. 4 Penn State 14	East Lansing

SPARTANS OWN EIGHT WINS OVER RANKED OHIO STATE TEAMS –

Michigan State has compiled an 8-21 record (.276) against ranked Ohio State teams, according to Associated Press Polls since 1951. Three of those eight victories have come in Spartan Stadium. The Spartans have recorded five wins over Buckeye teams ranked in the AP Top 10.

Here's a look at MSU's 29 games played against ranked Ohio State teams (**MSU wins in bold type**):

Year	OSU Rank	MSU Result	Site
2006	No. 1	L, 7-38	East Lansing
2005	No. 15	L, 24-35	Columbus
2003	No. 7	L, 23-33	Columbus
2000	No. 16	L, 13-27	Columbus
1999	No. 20	W, 23-7	East Lansing
1998	No. 1	W, 28-24	Columbus
1997	No. 9	L, 13-37	East Lansing
1993	No. 5	L, 21-28	Columbus
1991	No. 14	L, 17-27	Columbus
1987	No. 15	W, 13-7	Columbus
1984	No. 8	L, 20-23	East Lansing
1983	No. 17	L, 11-21	Columbus
1982	No. 12	L, 10-31	East Lansing
1981	No. 8	L, 13-21	Columbus
1980	No. 9	L, 16-48	East Lansing
1979	No. 4	L, 0-42	Columbus
1976	No. 4	L, 21-49	Columbus
1975	No. 3	L, 0-21	East Lansing
1974	No. 1	W, 16-13	East Lansing
1973	No. 1	L, 0-35	Columbus
1972	No. 5	W, 19-12	East Lansing
1971	No. 9	W, 17-10	Columbus
1970	No. 1	L, 0-29	East Lansing
1969	No. 1	L, 21-54	Columbus
1968	No. 2	L, 20-25	Columbus
1960	No. 8	L, 10-21	East Lansing
1953	No. 16	W, 28-13	Columbus
1951	No. 7	W, 24-20	Columbus

**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

Ryan Allison Tackles

TM	Opponent (S-A)	Date
11	Northwestern (10-1)	10/11/08

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
11	Northwestern (8-3)	10/11/08
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
261	Indiana (14-26)	9/27/08
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	Northwestern (6-5)	10/11/08
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
198	Indiana (44)	9/27/08
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
124	Northwestern (35)	10/11/08
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

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	176.6	7th	38th
Passing Offense	192.3	8th	85th
Total Offense	368.9	7th	62nd
Scoring Offense	29.7	4th	44th
Rushing Defense	134.9	8th	60th
Passing Defense	227.0	9th	87th
Total Defense	361.9	9th	68th
Scoring Defense	16.7	5th	25th
Passing Efficiency	123.4	6th	62nd
Pass Efficiency Defense	105.2	4th	24th
Turnover Margin	+1.43	2nd	6th
Net Punting	32.6	9th	88th
Punt Returns	13.5	2nd	35th
Kickoff Returns	19.7	9th	91st

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 158.9 yards per game)

Interceptions: Otis Wiley (t-14th at 0.6 interceptions per game)

Punting: Aaron Bates (40th with 41.1-yard average)

Punt Returns: Otis Wiley (25th at 12.5 yards per return)

Field Goals: Brett Swenson (t-3rd at 2.1 field goals made per game)

Scoring: Javon Ringer (t-3rd at 12.0 points per game); Brett Swenson (18th at 9.7 ppg.)

All-Purpose Yards: Javon Ringer (2nd at 201.7 yards per game)

Sacks: Trevor Anderson (33rd at 0.7 sacks per game)

2008 OPPONENTS UPDATE –

Date vs.

MSU	Opponent	Last Game Result	Next Game
Aug. 30	@ California (4-1)	vs. Arizona State (W 24-14)	@ Arizona
Sept. 6	Eastern Michigan (2-5)	@ Army (L 13-17)	vs. Akron
Sept. 13	Florida Atlantic (1-5)	vs. Troy (L 17-30)	@ Western Kentucky
Sept. 20	Notre Dame (4-2)	@ North Carolina (L 24-29)	@ Washington (Oct. 25)
Sept. 27	@ Indiana (2-4)	vs. Iowa (L 9-45)	@ Illinois
Oct. 4	Iowa (4-3)	@ Indiana (W 45-9)	vs. Wisconsin
Oct. 11	@ Northwestern (5-1)	vs. Michigan State (L 20-37)	vs. Purdue
Oct. 18	Ohio State (6-1)	vs. Purdue (W 16-3)	@ Michigan State
Oct. 25	@ Michigan (2-4)	vs. Toledo (L 10-13)	@ Penn State
Nov. 1	Wisconsin (3-3)	vs. Penn State (L 7-48)	@ Iowa
Nov. 8	Purdue (2-4)	@ Ohio State (L 3-16)	@ Northwestern
Nov. 22	@ Penn State (7-0)	@ Wisconsin (W 48-7)	vs. Michigan

Michigan State's 2008 opponents have a combined record of 41-27 (.603). 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 18 true and red-shirt freshmen are currently listed on Michigan State's depth chart, including 10 on offense, seven on defense and one specialist. Here's a complete breakdown of true and red-shirt freshmen included on the depth chart:

True Freshmen (7): CB Johnny Adams, WR Keshawn Martin, CB Trenton Robinson, LB David Rolf, P Kyle Selden, WR Fred Smith and RB Glenn Winston.

Red-Shirt Freshmen (11): 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 and DE Johnathan Strayhorn.

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.

MAGIC NUMBER 24 –

Since 1990, Michigan State is 95-27-1 (.776) when it scores at least 24 points and 17-78-1 (.182) when it scores fewer than 24 points. During that 19-year period, the Spartans have compiled an overall record of 112-105-2 (.516).

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.

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-peck

MSU DEFENSIVE LEADERBOARD

Rk.	Player.....	Production Points
1.	LB Greg Jones.....	149
2.	LB Eric Gordon.....	130
3.	SS Otis Wiley.....	91
4.	FS Danny Fortener.....	90
5.	DE Trevor Anderson.....	83
6.	DT Justin Kershaw.....	74
7.	LB Adam Decker.....	72
8.	DE Brandon Long.....	69
9.	CB Jeremy Ware.....	64
10.	CB Chris L. Rucker.....	50
11.	LB Ryan Allison.....	49

2008 HONORARY CAPTAINS

Game.....	Honorary Captain
California.....	Clinton Jones
Eastern Michigan.....	Dave Yarema
Florida Atlantic.....	Dean Altobelli
Notre Dame.....	Jim Morrissey
Indiana.....	Alan Haller
Iowa.....	Morten Anderson/Carl "Buck" Nystrom
Northwestern.....	Joe Tate
Ohio State.....	Percy Snow

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)
- Listed among 46 preseason candidates for Manning Award (presented to nation's top 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

SPARTAN TRENDS UNDER DANTONIO –

Here's how Michigan State has fared during head coach Mark Dantonio's tenure (2007-08: 20 games):

	2008	Overall
Games played in Spartan Stadium:	4-0	9-2
Games played on the road/neutral site:	2-1	4-5
When leading at halftime:	6-0	11-1
When trailing at halftime:	0-1	1-6
When tied at halftime:	0-0	1-0
When scoring first:	6-0	12-3
When opponent scores first:	0-1	1-4
When leading after first quarter:	5-0	10-2
When trailing after first quarter:	0-1	0-4
When tied after first quarter:	1-0	3-1
When leading after three quarters:	6-0	12-0
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:	3-1	9-3
When gaining fewer first downs than opponent:	3-0	3-4
When gaining same number of first downs as opponent:	0-0	1-0
When gaining 200+ yards rushing:	4-0	7-2
When opponent gains 200+ yards rushing:	0-1	1-4
When outrushing opponent:	4-0	8-4
When being outrushed by opponent:	2-1	5-3
When gaining 200+ yards passing:	1-1	5-3
When opponent gains 200+ yards passing:	4-1	7-5
When gaining more total yards than opponent:	4-0	10-4
When gaining fewer total yards than opponent:	2-1	3-3
When leading in time of possession:	5-0	9-3
When trailing in time of possession:	1-1	4-4

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; 20 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, Indiana, Iowa and Northwestern, 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

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.

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 ON HOME TURF –

Spartan Stadium is in its 85th season as home to Michigan State football. Michigan State has compiled a 314-138-13 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.

SPARTAN HONOR ROLL**K BRETT SWENSON (JR.)**

- Big Ten Special Teams Player of the Week vs. Northwestern (Oct. 11)
- Big Ten Special Teams Player of the Week vs. Iowa (Oct. 4)
- Named one of the Lou Groza Award's Top Three Stars of the Week vs. Indiana (Sept. 27)
- 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

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.

MICHIGAN STATE DEPTH CHART (AS OF OCT. 13, 2008)

SPARTAN OFFENSE

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

DE	58	TREVOR ANDERSON (6-2, 250, Jr.)
	49	Dwayne Holmes (6-0, 286, Sr.-5)
	57	Johnathan Strayhorn (6-0, 252, R-Fr.)
DT	97	JUSTIN KERSHAW (6-5, 273, Sr.-5)
	96	Kevin Pickelman (6-3, 248, R-Fr.)
	93	Antonio Jeremiah (6-5, 318, So.)
NT	70	OREN WILSON (6-3, 288, So.)
	98	Michael Jordan (6-5, 287, Jr.)
	93	Antonio Jeremiah (6-5, 318, So.)
DE	47	BRANDON LONG (6-4, 250, Sr.)
	89	Colin Neely (6-1, 248, So.)
SAM	53	GREG JONES (6-1, 222, So.)
	34	Brandon Denson (5-11, 222, Jr.)
	36	Jon Misch (6-2, 205, So.)
MIKE	55	ADAM DECKER (6-2, 238, Jr.)
	54	David Rolf (6-3, 215, Fr.)
WILL	43	ERIC GORDON (6-0, 224, So.)
	42	Ryan Allison (6-3, 224, Sr.)
BC	29	CHRIS L. RUCKER (6-2, 190, So.) OR
	9	JEREMY WARE (5-10, 184, Jr.)
	39	Trenton Robinson (5-10, 180, Fr.)
FS	33	DANNY FORTENER (6-1, 199, Jr.)
	38	Kendell Davis-Clark (5-11, 210, Sr.)
	28	Mike Bell (5-11, 190, Sr.-5)
SS	21	OTIS WILEY (6-2, 210, Sr.)
	11	Marcus Hyde (6-0, 199, So.)
FC	37	ROSS WEAVER (6-1, 202, Jr.)
	5	Johnny Adams (5-11, 165, Fr.)
	31	Ashton Henderson (5-11, 182, Jr.)

SPARTAN SPECIAL TEAMS

KO	15	TODD BOLESKI (6-6, 215, Sr.-5)	KR	20	A.J. JIMMERSON (5-10, 208, Jr.)
	14	Brett Swenson (5-8, 169, Jr.)		41	GLENN WINSTON (6-2, 218, Fr.)
PK	14	BRETT SWENSON (5-8, 169, Jr.)		23	Javon Ringer (5-9, 202, Sr.)
	2	Matt Haughey (5-9, 170, Sr.)		32	Ashton Leggett (5-11, 228, R-Fr.)
P	18	AARON BATES (6-0, 188, So.)	PR	21	OTIS WILEY (6-2, 210, Sr.)
	10	Kyle Selden (6-5, 184, Fr.)		2	Mark Dell (6-2, 188, So.)
SN	56	ALEX SHACKLETON (6-2, 242, So.)		82	Keshawn Martin (6-0, 180, Fr.)
	66	John Stipek (6-5, 298, Jr.)			
HLD	18	AARON BATES (6-0, 188, So.)			
	7	Brian Hoyer (6-3, 215, Sr.-5)			

STARTING LINEUPS/CAREER STARTS

Career Starts by Position

												FB		RB															
												45-Hawken (4) 35-McPherson (3)		23-Ringer (20)															
												QB																	
												7-Hoyer (21)																	
Z			TE			RT		RG		C		LG		LT		X													
3-Cunningham (7)			83-Gantt (7) 85-Celek (4)			79-Miller (31)		73-Martin (29)		65-Nitchman (15)		67-Foreman (6) 60-Bacon (2)		57-Cironi (9)		2-Dell (14) 84-Curry (10) 25-White (1)													
												DE		DT		NT		DE		BC									
												37-Weaver (11) 31-Henderson (4) 5-Adams (1)		58-Anderson (6/27*) 49-Holmes (2/8)		97-Kershaw (28)		70-Wilson (8)		47-Long (6) 89-Neely (3)		29-Rucker (10) 9-Ware (1)							
												WILL		MIKE		SAM													
												43-Gordon (17) 36-Misch (2)		55-Decker (6)		53-Jones (14)													
												SS		FS															
												21-Wiley (26)		38-Davis-Clark (16) 33-Fortener (6)															

+ 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	Dell	Cironi	Foreman	Nitchman	Martin	Miller	Gantt	Cunningham	Hoyer	Celek+	Ringer
Iowa	Dell	Cironi	Foreman	Nitchman	Martin	Miller	Gantt	Cunningham	Hoyer	Celek+	Ringer
at Northwestern	White	Cironi	Foreman	Nitchman	Martin	Miller	Gantt	Cunningham	Hoyer	McPherson	Ringer
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	Neely	Kershaw	Wilson	Tr. Anderson	Jones	Decker	Gordon	C.L. Rucker	Fortener	Wiley	Weaver
Iowa	Tr. Anderson	Kershaw	Wilson	Holmes	Jones	Decker	Gordon	C.L. Rucker	Fortener	Wiley	Adams
at Northwestern	Tr. Anderson	Kershaw	Wilson	Long	Gordon	Jones	Wiley	Ware	Fortener	Davis-Clark	Weaver
Ohio State											
at Michigan											
Wisconsin											
Purdue											
at Penn State											

THE LAST TIME...

OFFENSE

100-YARD RUSHING GAME

Spartans: Javon Ringer, 124 yards vs. Northwestern, Oct. 11, 2008 (MSU 37-20)
Opponent: Tyrell Sutton, 139 yards, Oct. 11, 2008 (MSU 37-20)

150-YARD RUSHING GAME

Spartans: Javon Ringer, 198 yards vs. Indiana, Sept. 27, 2008 (MSU 42-29)
Opponent: Shonn Greene, 157 yards, Oct. 4, 2008 (MSU 16-13)

200-YARD RUSHING GAME

Spartans: Javon Ringer, 201 yards vs. Notre Dame, Sept. 20, 2008 (MSU 23-7)
Opponent: Chris Wells, 221 yards, Oct. 20, 2007 (OSU 24-17)

150 RUSHING YARDS AT HALFTIME

Spartans: Javon Ringer, 160 yards vs. Indiana, Oct. 13, 2007 (MSU 52-27)

30 OR MORE CARRIES

Spartans: Javon Ringer, 35 vs. Northwestern, Oct. 11, 2008 (MSU 37-20)
Opponent: Shonn Greene, Iowa, 30, Oct. 4, 2008 (MSU 16-13)

40 OR MORE CARRIES

Spartans: Javon Ringer, 44 vs. Indiana, Sept. 27, 2008 (MSU 42-29)

TWO PLAYERS WITH 100-YARD RUSHING GAMES

Spartans: Javon Ringer (156 yards) and Drew Stanton (105 yards), at Pittsburgh, Sept. 16, 2006 (MSU 38-23)
Opponent: Jahvid Best (111 yards) & Shane Vereen (101), Cal, Aug. 30, 2008 (CAL 38-31)

300-YARD PASSING GAME

Spartans: Brian Hoyer, 321 yards (20-for-48) vs. Cal, Aug. 30, 2008 (CAL 38-31)
Opponent: C.J. Bacher, Northwestern, 520 yards (38-for-48), Oct. 6, 2007 (NU 48-41, OT)

400-YARD PASSING GAME

Spartans: Bill Burke vs. Michigan, 400 yards (21-for-36), Oct. 9, 1999 (MSU 34-31)
** School record*
Opponent: C.J. Bacher, Northwestern, 520 yards (38-for-48), Oct. 6, 2007 (NU 48-41, OT)

500-YARD PASSING GAME

Spartans: Not accomplished.
Opponent: C.J. Bacher, Northwestern, 520 yards (38-for-48), Oct. 6, 2007 (NU 48-41, OT)

TWO PLAYERS WITH 100-YARD RECEIVING GAMES

Spartans: Devin Thomas, 139 yards (7 catches) & Kellen Davis, 106 yards (4 catches) vs. Penn State, Nov. 17, 2007 (MSU 35-31)
Opponent: Eric Peterman, 141 yards (9 catches) & Jeff Yarbrough, 104 yards (4 catches), Northwestern, Oct. 6, 2007 (NW: 48-41)

150-YARD RECEIVING GAME

Spartans: Mark Dell, 202 yards (9 catches) vs. Cal, Aug. 30, 2008 (CAL 38-31)

200-YARD RECEIVING GAME

Spartans: Mark Dell, 202 yards (9 catches) vs. Cal, Aug. 30, 2008 (CAL 38-31)
Opponent: Lee Evans, Wisconsin, 258 yards (10 catches), Nov. 15, 2003 (WIS 56-21)

10 STRAIGHT COMPLETIONS TO START GAME

Spartans: Brian Hoyer, 10 vs. UAB, Sept. 1, 2007 (MSU 55-18)
Opponent: Todd Boeckman, Ohio State, 10, Oct. 20, 2007 (OSU 24-17)

40 PASS ATTEMPTS

Spartans: Brian Hoyer, 48 at Cal (20 completions), Aug. 30, 2008 (CAL 38-31)
Opponent: C.J. Bacher, Northwestern, 61 (34 completions), Oct. 11, 2008 (MSU 23-7)

30 PASS COMPLETIONS

Spartans: Brian Hoyer, 31 at Penn State (60 attempts), Nov. 18, 2006 (PSU: 17-13)
Opponent: C.J. Bacher, 34, Northwestern, (61 attempts), Oct. 11, 2008 (MSU 37-20)

SCORED FOUR TDS

Spartans: Javon Ringer, five vs. Eastern Michigan (5 rush), Sept. 6, 2008 (MSU 42-10)
Opponent: James Hardy, Indiana, four (catches of 30, 2, 17, 13), Oct. 28, 2006 (IND 46-21)

SCORED FIVE TDS

Spartans: Javon Ringer, five vs. Eastern Michigan (5 rush), Sept. 6, 2008 (MSU 42-10)

SCORED THREE RUSHING TDS

Spartans: Javon Ringer, five vs. Eastern Michigan (runs of 4, 6, 2, 1 and 2), Sept. 6, 2008 (MSU 42-10)
Opponent: Dwayne Smith, Wisconsin, three (runs of 3, 14, 26 yards), Nov. 15, 2003 (WIS 56-21)

SCORED FOUR RUSHING TDS

Spartans: Javon Ringer, five vs. Eastern Michigan (runs of 4, 6, 2, 1 and 2), Sept. 6, 2008 (MSU 42-10)

SCORED FOUR RUSHING TDS IN FIRST HALF

Spartans: Jehuu Caulcrick, four vs. UAB (runs of 5, 1, 42 and 5), Sept. 1, 2007 (MSU 55-18)
** tied school record with Blake Ezor (1989 vs. Northwestern)*

THREW FOUR TD PASSES

Spartans: Brian Hoyer, four vs. Penn State, Nov. 17, 2007 (MSU 35-31)
Opponent: Chad Henne, four, Nov. 3, 2007 (MICH 28-24)

THREW FIVE TD PASSES

Spartans: Drew Stanton, five vs. Illinois, Sept. 24, 2005 (MSU 61-14) ** School record*
Opponent: C.J. Bacher, five, Oct. 6, 2007 (NU 48-41, OT)

THREE TD RECEPTIONS

Spartans: Devin Thomas, three vs. Penn State (12, 33, 26 yards from Brian Hoyer), Nov. 17, 2007 (MSU 35-31)
Opponent: James Hardy, Indiana, four (catches of 30, 2, 17, 13), Oct. 28, 2006 (IND 46-21)

80-YARD OR MORE TD RECEPTION

Spartans: Brian Hoyer to Charlie Gantt, 82 yards, vs. Indiana, Sept. 27, 2008 (MSU 42-29)

80-YARD OR MORE TD RUN

Spartans: Javon Ringer, 80 yards, Northwestern, Oct. 6, 2007
Opponent: Shane Vereen, Cal, 81 yards, Aug. 30, 2008

BACK-TO-BACK 200-YARD RUSHING GAMES

Spartans: Javon Ringer, 2008 (Florida Atlantic & Notre Dame)

FIVE STRAIGHT 100-YARD RUSHING GAMES

Spartans: Blake Ezor, 1989

300 ALL-PURPOSE YARDS

Spartans: Javon Ringer, 308 yards, Florida Atlantic, Sept. 13, 2008

SPECIAL TEAMS

KICKOFF RETURN FOR TOUCHDOWN

Spartans: Demond Williams, 98 yards vs. Indiana, Oct. 29, 2005 (MSU 46-15)
** Believed to be first time in school history MSU returned opening kickoff for touchdown*
Opponent: Jermell Lewis, Iowa, 94 yards, Oct. 12, 2002 (IOWA 44-16)

PUNT RETURN FOR TOUCHDOWN

Spartans: Ziehl Kavanaght, 88 yards at Northwestern, Sept. 28, 2002 (MSU 39-24)
Opponent: Ted Ginn Jr., Ohio State, 60 yards, Oct. 14, 2006 (OSU 38-7)

BLOCKED PUNT RETURN FOR TOUCHDOWN

Spartans: Kiel Bellinck, 0 yards (recovered in end zone) vs. Minnesota, Nov. 11, 2006 (blocked by Brandon Denson) (MINN: 31-18)
Opponent: Malt Hahn, Penn State, 0 yards (blocked by Donnie Johnson), Nov. 19, 2005 (PSU 31-22)

BLOCKED PUNT

Spartans: Jesse Johnson at Cal, Aug. 30, 2008 (CAL: 38-31)
Opponent: Indiana blocked Aaron Bates' punt, Sept. 27, 2008 (MSU 42-29)

BLOCKED FIELD GOAL

Spartans: Justin Kershaw vs. Ohio State, blocked Ryan Pretorius' 37-yard attempt, Oct. 20, 2007 (OSU 24-17)
Opponent: Tommie Duhart, Pittsburgh, blocked Brett Swenson's 41-yard attempt, Sept. 15, 2007 (MSU 17-13)

DEFENSIVE EXTRA POINT SCORED

Spartans: Ashton Watson, returns blocked PAT, vs. Indiana, Oct. 29, 2005 (MSU 46-15)
Opponent: Not accomplished

INTERCEPTION RETURN FOR TOUCHDOWN

Spartans: Otis Wiley, 31 yards at Cal, Aug. 30, 2008 (CAL 38-31)
Opponent: Terrail Lambert, Notre Dame, 19 yards, Sept. 23, 2006 (ND 40-37)

FUMBLE RETURN FOR TOUCHDOWN

Spartans: SirDarean Adams, 25 yards vs. Ohio State, Oct. 20, 2007 (OSU 24-17)
Opponent: Craig Terrill, Purdue, 12 yards, Nov. 17, 2001 (PUR 24-14)

70-YARD PUNT

Spartans: Brandon Fields, 73 yards vs. Notre Dame, Sept. 23, 2006 (ND 40-37)
Opponent: Ryan Donahue, Iowa, 82 yards, Oct. 27, 2007

50-YARD FIELD GOAL

Spartans: Dave Rayner, 51 yards at Penn State, Nov. 20, 2004 (PSU 37-13)
Opponent: Mike Nugent, Ohio State., 53 yards, Nov. 6, 2004 (OSU 32-19)

KICKED FOUR FIELD GOALS

Spartans: Brett Swenson, four vs. Indiana (45, 48, 45, 32 yards), Sept. 27, 2008 (MSU 42-29)
Opponent: Mike Nugent, Ohio State, four (44, 24, 42, 18 yards), Nov. 8, 2003 (OSU 33-23)

DEFENSE

HELD TO 15 OR FEWER YARDS RUSHING

Spartans: 14 yards at Penn State (15 attempts), Nov. 18, 2006 (PSU: 17-13)
Opponent: 12 yards by UAB (32 carries), Sept. 1, 2007 (MSU 55-18)

HELD TO 50 OR FEWER YARDS RUSHING

Spartans: 14 yards at Penn State (15 attempts), Nov. 18, 2006 (PSU: 17-13)
Opponent: 16 yards by Notre Dame (22 carries), Sept. 20, 2008 (MSU 23-7)

HELD TO 10 OR FEWER FIRST DOWNS

Spartans: 9 vs. Ohio State, Oct. 20, 2007 (OSU 24-17)
Opponent: 9 by Florida Atlantic, Sept. 13, 2008 (MSU 17-0)

HELD TO 100 OR FEWER YARDS PASSING

Spartans: 88 yards vs. Florida Atlantic (15-5-1), Sept. 13, 2008 (MSU 17-0)
Opponent: 53 yards by Iowa (15-5-0), Oct. 27, 2007 (IOWA 34-27)

HELD TO 100 OR FEWER YARDS PASSING BACK-TO-BACK GAMES

Opponent: 85 yards by Pittsburgh (20-9-2), Sept. 15, 2007 (MSU 17-13); 86 yards by Notre Dame (20-11-0), Sept. 22, 2007 (MSU 31-14)

SHUTOUT RECORDED

Spartans: vs. Florida Atlantic (17-0), Sept. 13, 2008
Opponent: by Michigan (14-0), Oct. 21, 2000

SHUTOUT RECORDED IN SPARTAN STADIUM

Spartans: vs. Florida Atlantic (17-0), Sept. 13, 2008
Opponent: by Michigan (31-0), Oct. 12, 1985

SAFETY RECORDED

Spartans: Team safety, Sept. 27, 2008 (MSU 42-29)
Opponent: Team safety, UAB, Sept. 1, 2007 (MSU 55-18)

PLAYER HAD THREE SACKS

Spartans: Jonal Saint-Dic, vs. Bowling Green (MSU 28-17)

SCORED TWO DEFENSIVE TOUCHDOWNS

Spartans: Two vs. Ohio State (Wiley interception return; Adams fumble return), Oct. 20, 2007 (OSU 24-17)

TEAM/MISCELLANEOUS

BIGGEST COMEBACK

Spartans: 35 points (down 38-3), beat Northwestern on Oct. 21, 2006 with 38 straight points to win, 41-38.
** NCAA Record*

SCORED 40 POINTS IN FIRST HALF

Spartans: 45 points (led 45-3 at half), beat UAB on Sept. 1, 2007 55-18
** Post-WWII Record.*

600 YARDS TOTAL OFFENSE

Spartans: 715 vs. Illinois (MSU 61-14), Sept. 24, 2005

500 YARDS TOTAL OFFENSE

Spartans: 558 vs. Indiana (MSU 52-27), Oct. 13, 2007

400 YARDS TOTAL OFFENSE IN FIRST HALF

Spartans: 438 vs. UAB (MSU 55-18), Sept. 1, 2007

WON GAME ON FINAL PLAY

Spartans: T.J. Duckett, caught 2-yard pass from Jeff Smoker as time expired vs. Michigan, Nov. 3, 2001 (MSU 26-24)
Opponent: David Wasielewski, Northwestern, kicked 47-yard field goal as time expired, Sept. 29, 2001 (NU 27-26)

PLAYER NOTES • GAME 8 VS. OHIO STATE • OCT. 18, 2008**#5 • JOHNNY ADAMS • CB • FR.**

AKRON, OHIO • BUTCHELL • 5-11 • 165

True freshman who enrolled early in the spring semester...listed as the back-up at field corner...**CAL**: Collected one tackle in his collegiate debut...**EMU**: Recorded his first-career pass break-up...**ND**: Registered two tackles, including a 1-yard loss...**IOWA**: In his first career start, tallied six tackles, including one for loss...**NU**: Recorded his first career interception, picking off a C.J. Bacher pass in the endzone in the second quarter...also had two tackles.

CAREER HIGHS

Tackles..... 6, vs. Iowa (10/4/08)
Tackles for loss..... 1, twice (last vs. Iowa, 10/4/08)
Pass Break-up..... 1, vs. Eastern Michigan (9/6/08)
Interceptions..... 1, vs. Northwestern (10/11/08)

Adams Season Game-by-Game

2008

Date	Opp	S	UT	AT	TM	TFL	INT	PBU
8/30	CAL		1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0
9/6	EMU		0	0	0	0-0	0-0	1
9/13	FAU	-DNP-						
9/20	ND		2	0	2	1-1	0-0	0
9/27	IND		0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0
10/4	IOWA	*	5	1	6	1-1	0-0	0
10/11	NU		0	2	2	0-0	1-0	0
TOT		6/1	9	4	13	2-2	1-0	1

#42 • RYAN ALLISON • LB • SR.

LAKE ORION, MICH. • LAKE ORION • 6-3 • 224

Fifth-year player changed positions from wide receiver to safety in bowl practice, then transitioned into a WILL linebacker during spring practice...will see time in nickel packages and against spread offenses because of his speed...has seen action in 39 career games, primarily on special teams...**NU**: Entered the game with three tackles all season, but after playing a majority of the snaps against Northwestern's spread offense, recorded a career-high 11 tackles, which tied for the team lead...also tallied two pass break-ups, the first ones of his career.

CAREER HIGHS

Tackles..... 11, vs. Northwestern (10/11/08)
Pass Break-Ups..... 2, vs. Northwestern (10/11/08)

Allison's Career Stats (Defense Only)

Yr.	G/GS	UT	AT	TM	TFL	SK.	INT	PBU
2008	7/0	10	4	14	0.0	0	0	2
TOT	7/0	10	4	14	0.0	0	0	2

Allison Season Game-by-Game

2008

Date	Opp	S	UT	AT	TM	TFL	SK.	PBU
8/30	CAL		0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0
9/6	EMU		0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0
9/13	FAU		0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0
9/20	ND		0	1	1	0-0	0-0	0
9/27	IND		0	1	1	0-0	0-0	0
10/4	IOWA		0	1	1	0-0	0-0	0
10/11	NU		10	1	11	0-0	0-0	2
TOT		7/0	10	4	14	0-0	0-0	2

#28 • ANDRE ANDERSON • RB • R-FR.

BARRINGTON, ILL. • BARRINGTON • 5-9 • 186

Will see time at running back...second on the team in rushing with 96 yards on 25 carries (3.8 avg.)...redshirted in 2007...**EMU**: Ran for a career-high 75 yards and matched his career high with eight carries...**IND**: Had one carry for 5 yards...**IOWA**: Rushed for 9 yards on five carries...**NU**: Totaled 10 yards on five carries.

CAREER HIGHS

Carries..... 8, twice (last vs. E. Mich., 9/6/08)
Rushing Yards..... 75, vs. Eastern Michigan (9/6/08)
Rushing TDs..... 1, vs. UAB (9/1/07)
Catches..... 1, vs. UAB (9/1/07)

Anderson's Career Stats

Rushing	G/GS	ATT.	YDS.	AVG.	TD	LG
2007	1/0	8	16	2.0	0	23
2008	7/0	25	96	3.8	0	32
TOT	8/0	33	112	3.4	0	32

Anderson Season Game-by-Game

2008 Rushing

Date	Opp	GS	ATT.	YDS.	TD	LG
8/30	CAL		1	-3	0	-3
9/6	EMU		8	75	0	32
9/13	FAU		5	0	0	8
9/20	ND		0	0	0	0
9/27	IND		1	5	0	0
10/4	IOWA		5	9	0	4
10/11	NU		5	10	0	3
TOT		7/0	25	96	0	32

#58 • TREVOR ANDERSON • DE • JR.

DETROIT, MICH. • CINCINNATI • 6-2 • 250

Listed as one of the starters at defensive end...leads team and ranks sixth in the Big Ten with five sacks (43 yards)...also leads team and ranks 14th in the Big Ten in tackles for loss with 6.5 (46 yards)...sat out the entire 2007 season after transferring to Michigan State from Cincinnati...named UC's most outstanding defensive lineman in 2006 after recording 44 tackles and leading the team with six sacks...**CAL**: In his Spartan debut, recorded two tackles, including a half tackle for loss...**EMU**: Collected two tackles, including his first sack as a Spartan (7 yards)...**ND**: Recorded a half sack (8 yards) along with Chris L. Rucker on Irish quarterback Jimmy Clausen in the third quarter...**IND**: Registered a season-high five tackles, including an 8-yard sack...**IOWA**: Tallied a career-high 2.5 sacks (20 yards) and had 3.5 tackles for loss (22 yards)...forced a fumble on his second sack and the turnover led to an MSU field goal, giving the Spartans a 13-0 lead...finished with four tackles...**NU**: Recorded two tackles and two quarterback hurries.

CAREER HIGHS

Tackles..... 7, vs. South Florida (11/19/05) *
Tackles for loss..... 4.5, vs. UConn (11/25/06) *
Sacks..... 2.5, vs. Iowa (10/4/08)

Anderson's Career Stats

Yr.	G/GS	UT	AT	TM	TFL	SK.	INT	FR
2005*	11/8	20	11	31	8.5-34	4-21	0	0
2006*	13/13	28	16	44	13-50	6-32	0	0
2008	7/6	11	5	16	6.5-46	5-43	0	0
TOT	31/27	59	32	91	28-133	15-96	0	0

* at Cincinnati

Anderson Season Game-by-Game

2008

Date	Opp	S	UT	AT	TM	TFL	SK.	INT
8/30	CAL		0	2	2	0.5-1	0-0	0
9/6	EMU	*	2	0	2	1-7	1-7	0
9/13	FAU	*	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0
9/20	ND	*	0	1	1	0.5-8	0.5-8	0
9/27	IND	*	5	0	5	1-8	1-8	0
10/4	IOWA	*	3	1	4	3.5-22	2.5-20	0
10/11	NU	*	1	1	2	0-0	0-0	0
TOT		7/6	11	5	16	6.5-46	5-43	0

#60 • MIKE BACON • LG/C • SR.

LANSING, MICH. • LANSING CATH. CENTRAL • 6-4 • 305

Versatile fifth-year player sees time in the rotation at left guard...also listed as the back-up center...has two career starts to his credit...a former walk-on earned a scholarship each of the last two seasons...**CAL**: Started his second career game at left guard...**NU**: Played a majority of the game at center filling in for starter Joel Nitchman, who left the game in the second quarter with an injury.

#18 • AARON BATES • P • SO.

NEW CONCORD, OHIO • JOHN GLENN • 6-0 • 190

Sophomore enters his second year as the starting punter...averaging 41.1 yards a punt through seven games...earned Freshman All-America recognition from The Sporting News in 2007...**CAL**: Averaged 37.8 yards on five punts (189 yards) and had two placed inside the 20...**EMU**: Placed two of his three punts inside the 20...averaged 39.3 yards, including a 50-yarder...**FAU**: Registered career highs in punts (10) and punting yards (408)...**ND**: Averaged a career-high 45.2 yards on five punts, including a 52-yarder and one downed inside the 20...**IND**: Averaged 41.2 yards on five punts, including one downed on the 1-yard line that led to an MSU safety...**IOWA**: Averaged 40.0 yards on five punts (200 yards)...**NU**: Outstanding game at Northwestern, placing three of his four punts inside the 10, including two inside the 5...booted a season-long 57-yarder that was downed at the 2-yard line.

CAREER HIGHS

Punts..... 10, vs. Florida Atlantic (9/13/08)
Punting Yards..... 408, vs. Florida Atlantic (9/13/08)
Punting Avg. (Min. 4).... 45.2, vs. Notre Dame (9/20/08)
Longest Punt..... 67 yards, vs. Michigan (11/3/07)

Bates' Career Stats

Year	G	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Lg.	I20	+50
2007	13	69	2742	39.7	67	23	7
2008	7	37	1522	41.1	57	11	8
TOT	20	106	4264	40.2	67	34	15

Bates Season Game-by-Game

2008

Date	Opp	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Lg.	I20
8/30	CAL	5	189	37.8	49	2
9/6	EMU	3	118	39.3	50	2
9/13	FAU	10	408	40.8	53	2
9/20	ND	5	226	45.2	52	1
9/27	IND	5	206	41.2	48	1
10/4	IOWA	5	200	40.0	49	0
10/11	NU	4	175	43.8	57	3
TOT		37	1522	41.1	57	11

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#85 • GARRETT CELEK • TE • R-FR. CINCINNATI, OHIO • LASALLE • 6-5 • 238

Red-shirt freshman enters his first season as one of the tight ends in the rotation...has four starts to his credit when team begins in two-tight end set...has five catches for 42 yards...**CAL:** Started his first career game...**EMU:** Had one catch for 6 yards in his second start...**ND:** Had two receptions for 15 yards...**IND:** Caught a career-long 18-yard reception on a third-down play that gave MSU a first down on its first scoring drive of the game...**IOWA:** Started his fourth career game...**NU:** Caught his first career TD pass, a 3-yard reception, in the first quarter.

CAREER HIGHS

Catches2, vs. Notre Dame (9/20/08)
Receiving Yards..... 18, vs. Indiana (9/27/08)
TD Catches..... 1, vs. Northwestern (10/11/08)

Celek Season Game-by-Game

2008 Receiving							
Date	Opp	GS	No.	YDS.	TD	LG	
8/30	CAL	*	0	0	0	0	
9/6	EMU	*	1	6	0	6	
9/13	FAU		0	0	0	0	
9/20	ND		2	15	0	9	
9/27	IND	*	1	18	0	18	
10/4	IOWA	*	0	0	0	0	
10/11	NU		1	3	1	3	
TOT		7/4	5	42	1	18	

#57 • ROCCO CIRONI • LT • JR. WARREN, OHIO • WARREN G. HARDING • 6-6 • 308

Starting left tackle has nine career starts to his credit, including all seven games this season...leads team in pancake blocks (20.5)...named to the Big Ten All-Freshman Team in 2006 as selected by The Sporting News...**CAL:** Started his second career game at left tackle...recorded three pancake blocks against the Golden Bears...**EMU:** Recorded a career-high six pancakes...**IND:** Selected Lineman of the Week by the coaching staff.

#8 • KIRK COUSINS • QB • R-FR. HOLLAND, MICH. • HOLLAND CHRISTIAN • 6-3 • 197

Second-year player will be Brian Hoyer's backup at quarterback...in the first fall scrimmage, completed 13-of-17 passes for 73 yards and a touchdown...**EMU:** In his collegiate debut, completed 3-of-4 passes for 32 yards...completed his first collegiate pass on his first attempt, a 13-yard strike to tight end Charlie Gantt...his first series arrived in the second quarter, and with the game tied at 7, he led the Spartans on a TD drive that gave MSU the lead for good.

Cousins Season Game-by-Game

2008									
Date	Opp	ATT	COMP	INT	PCT	YDS	TD	LG	
8/30	CAL								
9/6	EMU	4	3	0	.750	32	0	13	
9/13	FAU								
9/20	ND								
9/27	IND								
10/4	IOWA								
10/11	NU								
TOT		4	3	0	.750	32	0	13	

#3 • B.J. CUNNINGHAM • WR • R-FR. WESTERVILLE, OHIO • WESTERVILLE SOUTH • 6-2 • 205

Promising second-year player has started every game at wide receiver after redshirting last season...second on the team in catches (19) and receiving yards (322)...also has three rushes for 47 yards (15.7 avg.)...has recorded six plays of 20-plus yards (five catches; one rush)...**CAL:** In his Spartan debut, caught five passes for 63 yards...**EMU:** Led MSU with 76 receiving yards on three receptions, including an acrobatic one-handed catch for 46 yards that led to an MSU touchdown...**FAU:** Did not record a reception and had one carry for 18 yards...left the game in the second quarter with a bruised knee...**ND:** Had one catch for 22 yards...**IND:** Caught two passes for 41 yards, including a 33-yarder to the 1-yard line that set up MSU's first TD of the second half...also had a 29-yard rush on a lateral play in the first half...**IOWA:** Had four catches for 76 yards, including a season-long 52-yard reception in the first quarter to set up MSU's only TD of the day...**NU:** Caught four passes for 44 yards, including a 20-yarder.

CAREER HIGHS

Catches5, vs. California (8/30/08)
Receiving Yards..... 76, twice (last vs. Iowa, 10/4/08)

Cunningham Season Game-by-Game

2008 Receiving							
Date	Opp	GS	No.	YDS.	TD	LG	
8/30	CAL	*	5	63	0	18	
9/6	EMU	*	3	76	0	46	
9/13	FAU	*	0	0	0	0	
9/20	ND	*	1	22	0	22	
9/27	IND	*	2	41	0	33	
10/4	IOWA	*	4	76	0	52	
10/11	NU	*	4	44	0	20	
TOT		7/7	19	322	0	52	

#84 • DEON CURRY • WR • SR. OAKLAND TWP., MICH. • DET. CNTRY. DAY • 6-1 • 208

Fifth-year senior and three-year letterwinner started 10 games at wide receiver last season...fourth on the team with a career-high 24 receptions in 2007...also had a career-best 200 receiving yards...slowed by a back/hamstring injury during preseason workouts and has only seen action in two games this season (Notre Dame, Northwestern)...**ND:** In his first action of the season, had one reception for 4 yards.

CAREER HIGHS

Catches4, three times (last vs. Michigan, 11/3/07)
Receiving Yards..... 45, vs. Wisconsin (9/29/07)

Curry's Career Stats

Receiving	G/GS	No.	YDS.	AVG.	TD	LG
2005	4/0	0	0	0	0	0
2006	6/0	1	7	7.0	0	7
2007	13/10	24	200	8.3	1	18
2008	2/0	1	4	4.0	0	4
TOT	25/10	26	211	8.1	1	18

Curry Season Game-by-Game

2008 Receiving							
Date	Opp	GS	No.	YDS.	TD	LG	
8/30	CAL						
9/6	EMU						
9/13	FAU						
9/20	ND		1	4	0	4	
9/27	IND						
10/4	IOWA						
10/11	NU		0	0	0	0	
TOT		2/0	1	4	0	4	

#38 • KENDELL DAVIS-CLARK • S • SR. ALLIANCE, OHIO • ALLIANCE • 6-0 • 210

Entered the season as the starting free safety after making the transition from boundary corner to safety in preseason camp...missed six games (Eastern Michigan through Iowa) due to a shoulder injury suffered in the season opener at California...returned to the starting lineup at safety at Northwestern...second on team in 2007 with 72 tackles...played in all 13 games, starting in 11...led team with eight pass break-ups...has 16 career starts...**CAL:** Recorded six tackles, including a half tackle for loss, despite missing a portion of the game with a shoulder injury...**EMU, FAU, ND, IND, IOWA:** Did not action for five games due to a shoulder injury...**NU:** Returned to the starting lineup at safety and recorded five tackles.

CAREER HIGHS

Tackles..... 12, vs. Bowling Green (9/8/07)
Sacks..... 1, four times (last vs. Michigan, 11/3/07)
Tackles for losses 1.5, vs. UAB (9/1/07)
Pass Break-ups 2, vs. UAB (9/1/07)

Davis-Clark's Career Stats

Yr.	G/GS	UT	AT	TM	TFL	SK.	INT	PBU
2006	12/3	30	9	39	0.0	0	0	0
2007	13/11	44	28	72	5.5-35	4-33	0	8
2008	2/2	5	6	11	0.5-0	0-0	0	0
TOT	27/16	79	43	122	6-35	4-33	0	8

Davis-Clark Season Game-by-Game

2008									
Date	Opp	S	UT	AT	TM	TFL	SK.	INT	
8/30	CAL	*	4	2	6	0.5-0	0-0	0	
9/6	EMU								
9/13	FAU								
9/20	ND								
9/27	IND								
10/4	IOWA								
10/11	NU	*	1	4	5	0-0	0-0	0	
TOT		2/2	5	6	11	0.5-0	0-0	0	

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ROCHESTER HILLS, MICH. • BROTHER RICE • 6-2 • 238

Starting MIKE linebacker sat out all but two games last season due to an injury...tied for fourth on the team in tackles (38)...also fourth on the team in tackles for loss (5.0) in his first year as a starter...**CAL**: Recorded seven tackles in his first career start...**EMU**: Collected four tackles, including a stop on a fake field goal at the MSU 4-yard line that prevented an Eastern Michigan touchdown...**FAU**: Registered six tackles and one for a loss of 2 yards...**ND**: Recorded career highs in tackles (8) and tackles for loss (1.5)...**IND**: Talled three tackles, including one for a loss of 3 yards...**IOWA**: Tied a career high with eight tackles, including a 3-yard tackle for loss on Iowa's Shonn Greene on fourth-and-inches with 2:10 left in the game at the MSU 21-yard line...the play preserved the Spartans' 16-13 victory...**NU**: Recorded two tackles, but did not see many snaps due to Northwestern's spread offense which altered MSU's defensive scheme.

CAREER HIGHS

Tackles..... 8, twice (last vs. Iowa, 10/4/08)
Tackles for loss..... 1.5, vs. Notre Dame (9/20/08)

Decker's Career Stats

Yr.	G/GS	UT	AT	TM	TFL	SK.	INT	PBU
2006	12/0	3	7	10	0-0	0-0	0	0
2007	2/0	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
2008	7/6	15	23	38	5-10	0-0	0	0
TOT	21/6	18	30	48	5-10	0-0	0	0

Decker Season Game-by-Game

2008

Date	Opp	S	UT	AT	TM	TFL	SK.	INT
8/30	CAL	*	3	4	7	0.5-1	0-0	0
9/6	EMU	*	1	3	4	0-0	0-0	0
9/13	FAU	*	3	3	6	1-2	0-0	0
9/20	ND	*	2	6	8	1.5-1	0-0	0
9/27	IND	*	2	1	3	1-3	0-0	0
10/4	IOWA	*	3	5	8	1-3	0-0	0
10/11	NU	*	1	1	2	0-0	0-0	0
TOT			7/6	15	23	38	5-10	0

#6 • MARK DELL • WR • SO.

FARMINGTON HILLS, MICH. • HARRISON • 6-2 • 188

One of the starting wideouts ranks fifth in the Big Ten and 79th in the nation in receiving yards, averaging 63.2 ypg...leads the team in receptions (20), receiving yards (443) and yards per reception (22.1)...also tied for the team lead in TD catches (2)...19 of his 20 receptions have been for either a first down or a touchdown...has 10 catches of 20-plus yards...surpassed last season's total for receiving yards just two games into the season (220 yards in 2007)...**CAL**: Recorded 202 receiving yards, the fifth-highest single-game mark in MSU history...also had a career-best nine receptions...scored on a 29-yard TD catch in the fourth quarter...his 52-yard grab set up a fourth-quarter field goal...became just the fourth Spartan receiver to collect 200 receiving yards in a game (Charles Rogers-twice; Andre Rison; Plaxico Burress)...**EMU**: Hauled in three catches for 71 yards...**FAU**: His one reception for 47 yards late in the third quarter set up MSU's final TD in the fourth quarter in the 17-0 win...**ND**: Led MSU with four catches for 80 yards...had two receptions for 42 yards on a drive in the fourth quarter that led to an MSU field goal, giving the Spartans a 16-7 lead...**IND**: Caught a 14-yard TD pass in the second quarter and had two catches for 25 yards in the game...**IOWA**: One catch for 18 yards...**NU**: Saw limited time and did not start due to an injury.

CAREER HIGHS

Catches 9, vs. California (8/30/08)
Receiving Yards..... 202, vs. California (8/30/08)
TD Catches..... 1, three times (last vs. Cal, 8/30/00)

Dell's Career Stats

Receiving	G/GS	No.	YDS.	AVG.	TD	LG
2007	13/9	20	220	11.0	2	25
2008	7/6	20	443	22.1	2	52
TOT	20/15	40	663	16.6	4	52

Dell Season Game-by-Game

2008 Receiving

Date	Opp	GS	No.	YDS.	TD	LG
8/30	CAL	*	9	202	1	52
9/6	EMU	*	3	71	0	29
9/13	FAU	*	1	47	0	47
9/20	ND	*	4	80	0	28
9/27	IND	*	2	25	1	14
10/4	IOWA	*	1	18	0	18
10/11	NU	*	0	0	0	0
TOT			7/6	20	443	2

#34 • BRANDON DENSON • LB • JR.

WILLOW RUN, MICH. • WILLOW RUN • 5-11 • 222

Fourth-year player will see time at linebacker and on special teams this season...listed second on the depth chart at SAM linebacker and sees time in MSU's nickel package...leads the special teams in tackles with 10...**CAL**: Talled three tackles and recovered a blocked punt that led to an MSU touchdown in the third quarter...**EMU**: Collected four tackles...**FAU**: Recorded three tackles...**ND**: Notched two tackles...**IND**: Had one tackle...**IOWA**: Did not play due to an injury...**NU**: Recorded one tackle.

CAREER HIGHS

Tackles..... 4, vs. Eastern Michigan (9/6/08)

Denson's Career Stats

Yr.	G/GS	UT	AT	TM	TFL	SK.	INT	PBU
2006	8/0	1	1	2	0-0	0-0	0	0
2007	13/0	6	4	10	0-0	0-0	0	0
2008	6/0	9	5	14	0-0	0-0	0	1
TOT	27/0	16	10	26	0-0	0-0	0	1

Denson Season Game-by-Game

2008

Date	Opp	S	UT	AT	TM	TFL	SK.	INT
8/30	CAL		3	0	3	0-0	0-0	0
9/6	EMU		1	3	4	0-0	0-0	0
9/13	FAU		2	1	3	0-0	0-0	0
9/20	ND		2	0	2	0-0	0-0	0
9/27	IND		1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0
10/4	IOWA	-DNP-						
10/11	NU		0	1	1	0-0	0-0	0
TOT			6/0	9	5	14	0-0	0

#33 • DANNY FORTENER • SS • JR.

KETTERING, OHIO • ARCHBISHOP ALTER • 6-1 • 199

Third-year player is the starter at free safety after injury sidelined Kendall Davis-Clark...third on the team with 44 tackles...second on the team with two interceptions and third with five pass break-ups...**CAL**: Recorded six tackles...**EMU**: In his first career start, matched then-career high with six tackles...**FAU**: Had four tackles and a fumble recovery at the FAU 4-yard line that halted a scoring drive...**ND**: Recorded then-career bests in tackles (7) and pass break-ups (2)...**IND**: Recorded first career interception in the fourth quarter and returned it 16 yards...also picked off a pass on a failed two-point conversion attempt by the Hoosiers...in addition, had six tackles and one pass break-up...**IOWA**: Talled career-high eight tackles, including a 2-yard loss...**NU**: Picked off his second career pass and returned it 21 yards in the first quarter, leading to an MSU touchdown...also had two pass break-ups and seven tackles.

CAREER HIGHS

Tackles..... 8, vs. Iowa (10/4/08)
Tackles for loss..... 1, vs. Iowa (10/4/08)
Pass Break-Ups..... 2, twice (last vs. Northwestern, 10/11/08)

Fortener's Career Stats

Yr.	G/GS	UT	AT	TM	TFL	SK.	INT	PBU
2006	12/0	6	1	7	0.0	0	0	1
2007	13/0	0	1	1	0.0	0	0	0
2008	7/6	29	15	44	1-2	0	2-37	5
TOT	32/6	35	17	52	1-2	0	2-37	6

Fortener Season Game-by-Game

2008

Date	Opp	S	UT	AT	TM	TFL	INT	PBU
8/30	CAL		5	1	6	0-0	0-0	0
9/6	EMU	*	5	1	6	0-0	0-0	0
9/13	FAU	*	2	2	4	0-0	0-0	0
9/20	ND	*	5	2	7	0-0	0-0	2
9/27	IND	*	4	2	6	0-0	1-16	1
10/4	IOWA	*	3	5	8	1-2	0-0	0
10/11	NU	*	5	2	7	0-0	1-21	2
TOT			7/6	29	15	44	1-2	2-37

#83 • CHARLIE GANTT • TE • SO.

FARMINGTON HILLS, MICH. • BROTHER RICE • 6-4 • 252

Third-year player enters his first season as the starting tight end...has started all seven games...fifth on the team with eight catches for 160 yards (20.0 avg.)...tied for team lead in TD catches with two...**CAL**: Had two receptions for 18 yards in his first career start...**EMU**: Had one catch for 13 yards...**ND**: Shared Lineman of the Week honors with center Joel Nitchman...**IND**: Caught a career-long 82-yard TD reception in the second quarter...finished with two catches for a team-best 92 yards...**IOWA**: Caught a TD pass for the second straight game, a 4-yard reception in the first quarter to give MSU a 7-0 lead...finished with two receptions for 37 yards.

CAREER HIGHS

Catches 2 (three times), last vs. Iowa (10/4/08)
Receiving Yards..... 92, vs. Indiana (9/27/08)

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Gantt Season Game-by-Game

2008 Receiving

Date	Opp	GS	No.	YDS.	TD	LG
8/30	CAL	*	2	18	0	16
9/6	EMU	*	1	13	0	13
9/13	FAU	*	1	0	0	0
9/20	ND	*	0	0	0	0
9/27	IND	*	2	92	0	82
10/4	IOWA	*	2	37	0	33
10/11	NU	*	0	0	0	0
TOT		7/7	8	160	0	82

#43 • ERIC GORDON • LB • SO.

TRAVERSE CITY, MICH. • WEST • 6-0 • 224

Enters his second season as the starting WILL linebacker... second on the team in tackles (45)...rated among the nation's top outside linebackers (No. 33) and preseason third-team All-Big Ten selection by Phil Steele...named to the 2007 All-Big Ten Freshman Team after recording 62 tackles...

CAL: Recorded six tackles, including a half tackle for loss (2 yards)...**EMU:** Led team with seven tackles, including a stop on a fake field goal at the MSU 4-yard line that prevented an Eastern Michigan touchdown...**FAU:** Tied for team lead with six tackles, including 1.5 for losses of 6 yards...**ND:** With Notre Dame driving to open the second half, recovered a fumble on the MSU 14-yard line to halt the scoring opportunity...also recorded a career-best two pass break-ups and a tackle...**IND:** Tied for second on the team with six tackles...also recorded a forced fumble that went out-of-bounds...**IOWA:** Tied for team lead with eight tackles...**NU:** Recorded a career-high 11 tackles and a pass break-up...tallied his 100th career tackle in the game.

CAREER HIGHS

Tackles..... 11, vs. Northwestern (10/11/08)
Tackles for loss..... 1.5, twice (last vs. Fla. Atl., 9/13/08)
Sacks..... 1, vs. Notre Dame (9/22/07)
Pass Break-ups..... 2, vs. Notre Dame (9/20/08)

Gordon's Career Stats

Yr.	G/GS	UT	AT	TM	TFL	SK.	INT	PBU
2007	12/10	32	30	62	7.5-22	1-8	1-16	2
2008	7/7	24	21	45	2.5-8	0-0	0-0	3
TOT	19/17	56	51	107	10-30	1-8	1-16	5

Gordon Season Game-by-Game

2008	Date	Opp	S	UT	AT	TM	TFL	SK.	PBU
	8/30	CAL	*	5	1	6	0.5-2	0-0	0
	9/6	EMU	*	2	5	7	0.5-0	0-0	0
	9/13	FAU	*	3	3	6	1.5-6	0-0	0
	9/20	ND	*	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	2
	9/27	IND	*	6	0	6	0-0	0-0	0
	10/4	IOWA	*	4	4	8	0-0	0-0	0
	10/11	NU	*	8	3	11	0-0	0-0	1
	TOT		7/7	24	21	45	2.5-8	0-0	3

#45 • ANDREW HAWKEN • FB • JR.

WYOMING, MICH. • GRANDVILLE • 6-2 • 238

Converted from linebacker last season to fullback and played in all 13 games...listed No. 1 on the depth chart at fullback... has seen action in five games with two starts... **EMU:** Had two catches for 6 yards...**FAU:** Caught one pass for 9 yards...**ND:** One reception for 3 yards...**IND, IOWA:** Did not play due to a leg injury...**NU:** Caught two passes for a career-high 28 yards, including his second career TD reception, a 7-yard catch in the second quarter...also had a 21-yard reception, tying a career long.

CAREER HIGHS

Carries..... 1, twice (last vs. Michigan, 11/3/07)
Rushing Yards..... 4, vs. UAB (9/1/07)
Rushing TDs..... 0
Catches..... 2, six times (last vs. Northwestern, 10/11/08)
Receiving Yards..... 28, vs. Northwestern (10/11/08)
TD Catches..... 1, twice (last vs. Northwestern, 10/11/08)

Hawken's Career Stats

Receiving	G/GS	No.	YDS.	AVG.	TD	LG
2007	13/2	10	81	8.1	1	21
2008	5/2	6	46	7.7	0	21
TOT	18/4	16	127	7.9	1	21

#49 • DWAYNE HOLMES • DE • SR.

DETROIT, MICH. • HENRY FORD • 6-0 • 286

Fifth-year senior sees time at defensive end...transitioned from fullback to defensive end during the early portion of last season...transitioned from tight end to fullback in spring 2007...had six starts at tight end as a freshman and sophomore...**CAL:** Started his first career game at defensive end... recorded two tackles, including a half tackle for loss...**EMU, FAU:** Did not record a tackle...**ND:** Credited with a quarterback hurry...**IND:** Recorded two tackles...**IOWA:** Recovered a fumble in the first quarter and also had a tackle in his second start of the season...**NU:** Had one tackle for a 1-yard loss and also was credited with a pass break-up.

CAREER HIGHS

Tackles..... 2 (twice), last vs. Indiana (9/27/08)
Tackles for loss..... 1, vs. Northwestern (10/11/08)

Holmes' Career Stats (Defense Only)

Yr.	G/GS	UT	AT	TM	TFL	SK.	FR	PBU
2008	7/2	4	2	6	1.5-1	0-0	1-0	0
TOT	7/2	4	2	6	1.5-1	0-0	1-0	0

Holmes Season Game-by-Game

2008	Date	Opp	S	UT	AT	TM	TFL	SK.	FR
	8/30	CAL	*	1	1	2	0.5-0	0-0	0
	9/6	EMU		0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0
	9/13	FAU		0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0
	9/20	ND		0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0
	9/27	IND		2	0	2	0-0	0-0	0
	10/4	IOWA	*	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	1
	10/11	NU		1	0	1	1-1	0-0	0
	TOT		7/2	4	2	6	1.5-1	0-0	1

#7 • BRIAN HOYER • QB • SR.

NORTH OLMSTED, OHIO • ST. IGNATIUS • 6-3 • 215

Fifth-year senior enters his second season as the starting quarterback and has 21 starts to his credit (record: 13-8)... named one of four captains by his teammates...ranks among MSU's career leaders in TD passes (No. 6 with 32), passing yards (No. 6 with 5,069), pass completions (No. 7 at 406), pass attempts (No. 7 at 714), and completion percentage (No. 10 at .569)...second in the Big Ten in conference games in touchdowns (5), third in passing efficiency (153.0) and fifth in passing (204.7 ypg)...one of just seven Spartan quarterbacks to record 5,000-career passing yards...has four career 300-yard passing games...has 10 career 200-yard passing games...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...**CAL:** Tallied his fourth-career 300-yard passing game with 321 yards on 20-of-48 passing with one touchdown...**EMU:** Completed 8-of-12 throws for 148 yards...**FAU:** Due to heavy rain throughout the game, was limited to 5-of-15 passing for 88 yards...**ND:** Completed 12-of-26 throws for 143 yards...**IND:** Recorded his 11th 200-yard passing game with 261 yards on 14-of-26 throws...threw two TDs, including a career-long 82-yard TD strike to Charlie Gantt...also had a 1-yard touchdown run in the second quarter, his second career rushing TD...**IOWA:** Went 13-for-24 passing for 184 yards and a TD...**NU:** Complete game against the Wildcats, throwing for 14-of-20 passes for 169 yards and two touchdowns.

CAREER HIGHS

Pass Attempts..... 61, vs. Penn State (11/18/06)
Pass Completions..... 30, vs. Penn State (11/18/06)
Passing Yards..... 330, vs. Minnesota (11/11/06)
Passing TDs..... 4, twice (last vs. Penn State, 11/7/07)
Rushing Yards..... 9, vs. Iowa (10/27/07)

Hoyer's Career Stats

Passing	G/GS	ATT	COMP	INT	PCT	YDS	TD	LG
2005	5/0	23	15	0	.652	167	2	30
2006	8/1	144	82	3	.569	863	4	49
2007	13/13	376	223	11	.593	2725	20	80
2008	7/7	171	86	3	.503	1314	6	82
TOT	33/21	714	406	17	.569	5069	32	82

Hoyer Season Game-by-Game

2008	Date	Opp	ATT	COMP	INT	PCT	YDS	TD	LG
	8/30	CAL	48	20	1	.417	321	1	52
	9/6	EMU	12	8	0	.667	148	0	46
	9/13	FAU	15	5	1	.333	88	0	47
	9/20	ND	26	12	0	.462	143	0	28
	9/27	IND	26	14	0	.538	261	2	82
	10/4	IOWA	24	13	1	.542	184	1	52
	10/11	NU	20	14	0	.700	169	2	42
	TOT		171	86	2	.503	1314	6	82

PLAYER NOTES • GAME 8 VS. OHIO STATE • OCT. 18, 2008**#11 • MARCUS HYDE • S • SO.****FOSTORIA, OHIO • FOSTORIA • 6-0 • 199**

Listed as the back-up strong safety...has seen action in all seven games, primarily on special teams...**ND**: Registered two tackles...**IOWA**: Recorded a career-high five tackles while filling in for starter Otis Wiley, who suffered an injury in the second half.

CAREER HIGHS

Tackles.....5, vs. Iowa (10/4/08)

Hydes's Career Stats

Yr.	G/GS	UT	AT	TM	TFL	SK.	INT	PBU
2007	10/0	2	0	2	0-0	0-0	0	0
2008	7/0	4	4	8	0-0	0-0	0	0
TOT	17/0	6	4	10	0-0	0-0	0	0

Hyde Season Game-by-Game

2008								
Date	Opp	S	UT	AT	TM	TFL	INT	PBU
8/30	CAL		0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0
9/6	EMU		0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0
9/13	FAU		0	1	1	0-0	0-0	0
9/20	ND		1	1	2	0-0	0-0	0
9/27	IND		0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0
10/4	IOWA		3	2	5	0-0	0-0	0
10/11	NU		0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0
TOT			7/0	4	4	8	0-0	0-0

#93 • ANTONIO JEREMIAH • NT • SO.**HILLIARD, OHIO • HILLIARD DERBY • 6-5 • 318**

Listed as the back-up nose tackle...has seen action in six games, primarily in goal-line and short-yardage situations...has two tackles...saw action in five games as a true freshman.

CAREER HIGHSTackles.....2 (three times, last vs. Ohio St., 10/20/08)
Tackles for loss.....1, vs. UAB (9/1/08)**Jeremiah's Career Stats**

Yr.	G/GS	UT	AT	TM	TFL	SK.	FF	PBU
2007	5/0	4	2	6	1-17	1-17	1	0
2008	6/0	1	1	2	0-0	0-0	0	0
TOT	11/0	5	3	8	1-17	1-17	1	0

#20 • A.J. JIMMERSON • RB • JR.**ST. LOUIS, MO. • HAZELWOOD CENTRAL • 5-10 • 208**

One of the back-up running backs behind Javon Ringer...also slated to return kicks...has 64 kick return yards...**CAL**: Missed the season opener with an ankle injury...**EMU**: Rushed for 10 yards on three carries...**IND**: Returned one kickoff for 13 yards...**IOWA**: Returned one kick for 19 yards.

CAREER HIGHSCarries.....10, twice (last vs. UAB, 9/1/07)
Rushing Yards.....79, vs. Eastern Michigan (9/9/06)
Rushing TDs.....1, twice (last vs. N-Western, 10/21/06)
Catches.....4, vs. N-Western (10/21/06)
Receiving Yards.....48, vs. Eastern Michigan (9/9/06)
Kickoff Returns.....2, vs. Indiana (10/13/07)
Kickoff Return Yards: 50, vs. Indiana (10/13/07)
Kickoff Return.....26, vs. Indiana (10/13/07)**Jimmerson's Career Stats**

Rushing	G/GS	ATT.	YDS.	AVG.	TD	LG
2006	10/0	37	140	3.8	2	31
2007	10/0	12	51	4.2	0	27
2008	6/0	4	10	2.5	0	7
TOT	26/0	53	201	3.8	2	31

Receiving	No.	YDS.	AVG.	TD	LG
2006	12	63	5.2	2	35
2007	2	14	9.0	0	9
2008	0	0	0.0	0	0
TOT	14	77	5.5	2	35

Jimmerson Season Game-by-Game

2008 Rushing						
Date	Opp	GS	ATT.	YDS.	TD	LG
8/30	CAL		-DNP-			
9/6	EMU		3	10	0	7
9/13	FAU		1	0	0	0
9/20	ND		0	0	0	0
9/27	IND		0	0	0	0
10/4	IOWA		0	0	0	0
10/11	NU		0	0	0	0
TOT			6/0	4	10	0

#53 • GREG JONES • LB • SO.**CINCINNATI, OHIO • ARCHBISHOP MOELLER • 6-1 • 222**

Enters his second season as a starter at SAM linebacker...leads team in tackles (52), which ranks 12th in the Big Ten...tied for second on the team with 5.5 tackles for loss (14 yards)...has led the team or tied for the team lead in tackles five of the first seven games...ranked among the nation's top outside linebackers (No. 40) by Phil Steele...could also see reps at MIKE linebacker...preseason first-team All-Big Ten selection by ESPN.com...consensus Freshman All-American led MSU with 78 tackles last season, becoming the first true freshman to lead the Spartans in tackles since 1976...**CAL**: Led the team with eight tackles, including two for losses of 6 yards...**EMU**: Had three stops with a half tackle for loss...**FAU**: Tied for team lead with six tackles and one for a loss of 5 yards...**ND**: Tied for team lead with nine tackles, including one for a loss...also recorded his 100th career tackle in the game...**IND**: Led team in tackles for third straight game with nine (all solos)...also collected a pass break-up...**IOWA**: Tied six tackles...**NU**: Tied for the team lead with 11 tackles, his third career game with double-digits in tackles.

CAREER HIGHSTackles.....14, vs. Ohio State (10/20/07)
Tackles for loss.....2, twice (last at Cal, 8/30/08)
Sacks.....1, four times (last vs. BC, 12/28/07)**Jones' Career Stats**

Yr.	G/GS	UT	AT	TM	TFL	SK.	FF	PBU
2007	13/7	40	38	78	8.5-33	4.5-25	1	1
2008	7/7	32	20	52	5.5-14	0-0	0	1
TOT	20/14	72	58	130	14-47	4.5-25	1	2

Jones Season Game-by-Game

2008								
Date	Opp	S	UT	AT	TM	TFL	SK.	PBU
8/30	CAL	*	3	5	8	2-6	0-0	0
9/6	EMU	*	1	2	3	0.5-0	0-0	0
9/13	FAU	*	4	2	6	1-5	0-0	0
9/20	ND	*	6	3	9	1-1	0-0	0
9/27	IND	*	9	0	9	0-0	0-0	1
10/4	IOWA	*	3	3	6	0-0	0-0	0
10/11	NU	*	6	5	11	1-2	0-0	0
TOT			7/7	32	20	52	5.5-14	0-0

#98 • MICHAEL JORDAN • DT • JR.**LANSING, MICH. • EASTERN ARIZONA • 6-5 • 287**

Enters his second season as a backup on the defensive line...saw action in six games in 2007 as a sophomore after transferring from Eastern Arizona...**FAU**: Recovered a fumble in the second quarter and registered two tackles...**ND**: Recorded one tackle.

CAREER HIGHSTackles.....2, twice (last vs. Fla. Atl., 9/13/08)
Tackles for loss.....0.5, vs. Northwestern (10/6/07)**Jordan's Career Stats**

Yr.	G/GS	UT	AT	TM	TFL	SK.	FR	PBU
2007	6/0	1	2	3	0.5-0	0-0	0	0
2008	7/0	1	2	3	0-0	0-0	1	0
TOT	13/0	2	4	6	0.5-0	0-0	1	0

Jordan Season Game-by-Game

2008								
Date	Opp	S	UT	AT	TM	TFL	SK.	INT
8/30	CAL		0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0
9/6	EMU		0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0
9/13	FAU		0	2	2	0-0	0-0	0-0
9/20	ND		1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0-0
9/27	IND		0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0
10/4	IOWA		0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0
10/11	NU		0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0
TOT			7/0	0	2	3	0-0	0-0

#97 • JUSTIN KERSHAW • DT • SR.**COLUMBUS, OHIO • REYNOLDSBURG • 6-5 • 273**

Senior captain enters his second season as the starting defensive tackle and his third as a starter on the defensive line...named one of four captains by his teammates...tied for second on the team with 5.5 tackles for loss (21 yards)...has appeared in 43 career games, including 28 starts (21 consecutive)...**CAL**: Recorded two tackles, including a half sack for 2 yards...**EMU**: Collected four tackles with a career-best two tackles for loss (5 yards), including one sack, and was named MSU's Defensive Player of the Week...**FAU**: Registered two tackles...**ND**: Notched two tackles, including a 2-yard loss...**IND**: Recorded one tackle, a 1-yard loss...**IOWA**: Tallied one tackle...**NU**: Registered an 11-yard sack in the fourth quarter...totalled three tackles and was credited with a quarterback hurry.

CAREER HIGHSTackles.....5, twice (last vs. Wisconsin, 9/29/07)
Tackles for loss.....2, vs. Eastern Michigan (9/6/08)
Sacks.....1, four times (last vs. Northwestern 10/11/08)

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Yr.	G/GS	UT	AT	TM	TFL	SK.	INT	FR
2005	11/0	3	1	4	1-5	1-5	0	0
2006	12/8	16	10	26	2-3	0-0	0	0
2007	13/13	16	18	34	5-9	1-5-4	0	1
2008	7/7	8	7	15	5-5-21	2-5-14	0	0
TOT	43/28	43	36	79	13.5-38	4-23	0	1

Kershaw Season Game-by-Game

2008

Date	Opp	S	UT	AT	TM	TFL	SK.	INT
8/30	CAL	*	0	2	2	0.5-2	0.5-2	0-0
9/6	EMU	*	3	1	4	1-1	1-1	0-0
9/13	FAU	*	1	1	2	0-0	0-0	0-0
9/20	ND	*	0	2	2	1-2	0-0	0-0
9/27	IND	*	1	0	1	1-1	0-0	0-0
10/4	IOWA	*	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0-0
10/11	NU	*	2	1	3	1-11	1-11	0-0
TOT		7/7	8	7	15	5.5-21	2.5-14	0-0

#47 • BRANDON LONG • DE • SR.

CANTON, OHIO • GLEN OAK • 6-4 • 250

Listed as one of the starters at defensive end...has played in all seven games, including three starts...appeared in all 13 games with three starts last season...**CAL**: Recorded three tackles in the season opener...**EMU**: Collected one tackle...**FAU**: Notched two tackles...**ND**: Delivered a career game against the Irish, recording career highs in tackles (5), tackles for loss (2.5 for 19 yards) and sacks (2 for 18 yards)...**IND**: Saw limited action due to an injury...**IOWA**: Recorded two tackles...**NU**: Credited with two tackles.

CAREER HIGHS

Tackles..... 5, vs. Notre Dame (9/20/08)
Tackles for loss..... 2.5, vs. Notre Dame (9/20/08)
Sacks..... 2, vs. Notre Dame (9/20/08)

Long's Career Stats

Yr.	G/GS	UT	AT	TM	TFL	SK.	INT	PBU
2005	7/0	1	2	3	0-0	0-0	0	0
2006	10/0	5	3	8	0.5-1	0-0	0	0
2007	13/3	9	9	18	4-19	2-16	0	0
2008	7/3	7	8	15	2.5-19	2-18	0	0
TOT	37/6	22	22	44	7-39	4-34	0	0

Long Season Game-by-Game

2008

Date	Opp	S	UT	AT	TM	TFL	SK.	FF
8/30	CAL		2	1	3	0-0	0-0	0
9/6	EMU		0	1	1	0-0	0-0	0
9/13	FAU	*	1	1	2	0-0	0-0	0
9/20	ND	*	2	3	5	2.5-19	2-18	0
9/27	IND		0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0
10/4	IOWA		1	1	2	0-0	0-0	0
10/11	NU	*	1	1	2	0-0	0-0	0
TOT		7/3	7	8	15	2.5-19	2-18	0

#82 • KESHAWN MARTIN • WR • FR.

INKSTER, MICH. • JOHN GLENN • 6-0 • 180

True freshman will see time at wide receiver...listed second on the depth chart at Z receiver...**CAL**: Had one rush for 2 yards in his collegiate debut...**EMU**: Ran one time for 11 yards...**IND**: Caught three passes for 31 yards...**IOWA**: One catch for 6 yards...**NU**: Recorded MSU's longest pass play of the day with a 42-yard reception, with nearly all the yards coming after the catch.

Martin Season Game-by-Game

2008 Receiving

Date	Opp	GS	No.	YDS.	TD	LG
8/30	CAL		0	0	0	0
9/6	EMU		0	0	0	0
9/13	FAU		0	0	0	0
9/20	ND		-DNP-			
9/27	IND		3	31	0	15
10/4	IOWA		1	6	0	6
10/11	NU		1	42	0	42
TOT		6/0	5	79	0	42

#73 • ROLAND MARTIN • RG • SR.

CHICAGO, ILL. • HARPER • 6-5 • 330

Talented right guard moves into his third season as a starter on the offensive line...three-year letterman has appeared in 37 career games, including 29 starting assignments (all at right guard)...rated among the nation's top offensive guards (No. 13) by Phil Steele's College Football Preview...**CAL**: Selected as Lineman of the Week by the coaching staff.

#35 • JEFF McPHERSON • FB • SR.

LOWELL, MICH. • LOWELL • 6-1 • 245

Former linebacker is listed as one of the starting fullbacks on the depth chart...has seen action in all seven games with one start (Northwestern)...saw action in all 13 games last season, including two starts.

McPherson's Career Stats

Receiving	G/GS	No.	YDS.	AVG.	TD	LG
2007	13/2	4	43	10.8	1	22
2008	7/1	2	13	7.0	0	7
TOT	20/3	6	56	9.3	1	22

#79 • JESSE MILLER • RT • SR.

SOMERVILLE, N.J. • SOMERVILLE • 6-6 • 318

Enters his third season as starting right tackle...three-year letterman ranks as the team's most experienced offensive lineman, with 32 (consecutive) career starts to his credit...**EMU**: Selected as Lineman of the Week by the coaching staff...**FAU**: Recorded a career-best 7.5 pancakes as the Spartans rushed for 259 yards.

#89 • COLIN NEELY • DE • SO.

BETHLEHEM, PA. • FREEDOM • 6-1 • 248

Will see significant playing time at defensive line...has started three games...**CAL**: After an excellent fall camp, earned the start in the season opener and recorded a career-high six tackles...**EMU**: Tallied two tackles with a half tackle for loss...**FAU**: Recorded two tackles, including a half tackle for loss...**IND**: Started his third game and recorded three tackles...**NU**: Registered one tackle.

CAREER HIGHS

Tackles..... 6, vs. Cal (8/30/08)
Tackles for loss..... 1, vs. Cal (8/30/08)
Sacks..... 0.5, vs. Cal (8/30/08)

Neely's Career Stats

Yr.	G/GS	UT	AT	TM	TFL	SK.	INT	PBU
2007	1/0	0	3	3	0-0	0-0	0	0
2008	7/3	7	7	14	2-5	0.5-2	0	0
TOT	8/3	7	10	17	2-5	0.5-2	0	0

Neely Season Game-by-Game

2008

Date	Opp	S	UT	AT	TM	TFL	SK.	INT
8/30	CAL	*	2	4	6	1-3	0.5-2	0-0
9/6	EMU	*	1	1	2	0.5-1	0-0	0-0
9/13	FAU		1	1	2	0.5-1	0-0	0-0
9/20	ND		0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0
9/27	IND	*	3	0	3	0-0	0-0	0-0
10/4	IOWA		0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0
10/11	NU		0	1	1	0-0	0-0	0-0
TOT		7/3	7	7	14	2-5	0.5-2	0-0

#65 • JOEL NITCHMAN • C • JR.

KALAMAZOO, MICH. • HACKETT CATH. CTL. • 6-3 • 297

Enters his second season as the starting center...has 15 career starts to his credit...appeared in 10 games as a sophomore in 2007, including eight starts...**FAU**: Selected as Lineman of the Week by the coaching staff...**ND**: Shared Lineman of the Week honors with tight end Charlie Gantt...**IOWA**: Named Lineman of the Week by the coaching staff...**NU**: Started, but left the game in the second quarter due to an injury.

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#23 • JAVON RINGER • RB • SR.

DAYTON, OHIO • CHAMINADE-JULIENNE • 5-9 • 202

- HEISMAN TROPHY CANDIDATE
- DOAK WALKER/MAXWELL AWARD CANDIDATE
- WALTER CAMP PLAYER OF THE YEAR NOMINEE
- RANKS FIRST IN THE NATION IN RUSHING TOUCHDOWNS, SECOND IN RUSHING AND ALL-PURPOSE YARDS, AND THIRD IN SCORING
- LEADS BIG TEN IN RUSHING, ALL-PURPOSE YARDS, SCORING AND RUSHING TOUCHDOWNS

Explosive runner provides home-run threat in the offensive backfield...nominated for three national awards: the Maxwell Award (Player of the Year), Walter Camp Player of the Year and the Doak Walker Award (nation's top running back)...voted one of four captains by his teammates...described as a "complete back" by running backs coach Dan Enos...ranks second in the nation in rushing (158.9 ypg.) and all-purpose yards (201.7 ypg.)...first in the nation in rushing touchdowns (14)...tied for third in the country in scoring (12.0 ppg.)...leads the Big Ten in rushing, rushing touchdowns, scoring and all-purpose yards...has already rushed for 1,112 yards this season, the most by a Spartan running back in the first seven games of the season (previous record: Lorenzo White with 1,077 in 1985)...became the second MSU running back to rush for 1,000 yards within the first seven games of the season (Lorenzo White-1985)...leads the nation with 247 carries, 68 more than anyone else in the FBS and a Spartan record through seven games (previous: White with 240 in 1985)...averaging 35.3 carries a game...has recorded 34 or more carries in five games this season...has the three highest single-game carry totals in the FBS this season (44, 43, 39)...has recorded five multi-TD games this season...ranked the No. 4 player in the nation by CollegeFootballNews.com...over a four-game stretch (Florida Atlantic through Indiana), he carried the ball 160 times for 816 yards, ranking first and fifth, respectively, in MSU history over a four-game period...was named the Big Ten Offensive Player of the Week three straight weeks (Sept. 8, Sept. 15, Sept. 22), becoming the first offensive player in conference history to do so...preseason third-team All-America and first-team All-Big Ten selection by Phil Steele's College Football Preview...three-year letterman has rushed for 3,873 career yards, which is third all-time in the MSU record books...his 700 carries are fifth in school history...fourth in school history with 4,787 all-purpose yards...his 5.5 yards per carry ranks as the eighth-highest average in school history...rushed for 1,447 yards in 2007 as a junior, the fifth-best single-season total in MSU history...has led the team in rushing his first three seasons...has 17 career 100-yard games (five this season), which is second in MSU history (record: Lorenzo White, 23)...also has three career 200-yard rushing games...has recorded at least 200 all-purpose yards in five games this season...CAL: Recorded 200 all-purpose yards, including a career-best 102 on kickoff returns...tallied the fourth multi-touchdown game of his career...had 81 yards on the ground...EMU: Named Big Ten Tri-Player of the Week after scoring a career-high five touchdowns, all on the ground, representing the second-best single-game total in school history (record: 6 by Blake Ezor, 1989 vs. Northwestern)...rushed for 135 yards on a career-high 34 carries...recorded 205 all-purpose yards (135 rushing; 8 receiving; 62 kick return)...FAU: Named Big Ten Offensive Player of the Week for the second week in a row and for the third time in his career after rushing for a career-high 282 yards - the fourth-best single-game performance in MSU history - and two touchdowns...his 43 carries (6.6 avg.) were the fifth-most ever by a Spartan running back and the most since 1988...compiled 309 all-purpose yards, second most in school history...ND: Named Big Ten Offensive Player



of the Week for the third straight week - a conference first - after rushing for 201 yards on 39 carries (5.2 avg.) and two touchdowns against the Irish...became the first Spartan back to record back-to-back 200-yard rushing games...the 201 yards were the most ever by a Spartan against Notre Dame (previous best: 157 by Dennis Mendyk in 1956)...with MSU leading 16-7 late in the fourth quarter, Ringer carried the ball seven straight times, including a 63-yard rush and a 1-yard TD run, to give MSU a commanding 23-7 lead...IND: Nearly reached the 200-yard plateau for the third consecutive game, finishing with 198 yards on a career-high 44 carries (4.5 avg.)...scored on a 1-yard run in the third quarter...IOWA: Rushed for 91 yards on a season-low 25 carries against the Big Ten's second-ranked rushing defense...NU: Eclipsed the 1,000-yard mark in the seventh game of the season, becoming MSU's first 1,000-yard rusher in back-to-back seasons since T.J. Duckett (2000-01)...rushed for 124 yards on 35 carries with two touchdowns.

Ringer's Career Stats

Rushing	G/GS	ATT.	YDS.	AVG.	TD	LG
2005	11/0	122	817	6.7	5	59
2006	8/5	86	497	5.8	1	71
2007	13/8	245	1447	5.9	6	80
2008	7/7	247	1112	4.5	14	63
TOT	39/20	700	3873	5.5	26	80

Receiving	No.	YDS.	AVG.	TD	LG
2005	19	138	7.3	0	25
2006	14	96	6.9	1	26
2007	35	295	8.4	0	28
2008	9	76	10.9	0	17
TOT	77	605	7.9	1	28

Kickoff Returns	No.	YDS.	Avg./R	Avg./G	LG
2005	0	0	0.0	0.0	0
2006	4	85	21.2	10.6	23
2007	0	0	0.0	0.0	0
2008	11	224	20.4	44.8	33
TOT	15	309	20.6	8.4	33

All-Purpose	Rush	Rec.	PR	KR	TOT	Avg./G
2005	817	138	0	0	955	86.8
2006	497	96	0	85	678	84.8
2007	1447	295	0	0	1742	134.0
2008	1112	76	0	224	1412	201.7
TOT	3873	605	0	309	4787	122.7

Ringer Season Game-by-Game

2008 Rushing

Date	Opp	GS	ATT.	YDS.	TD	LG
8/30	CAL	*	27	81	2	10
9/6	EMU	*	34	135	5	13
9/13	FAU	*	43	282	2	32
9/20	ND	*	39	201	2	63
9/27	IND	*	44	198	1	33
10/4	IOWA	*	25	91	0	29
10/11	NU	*	35	124	2	13
TOT		7/7	247	1112	14	63

2008 Receiving

Date	Opp	GS	No.	YDS.	TD	LG
8/30	CAL	*	1	17	0	17
9/6	EMU	*	1	8	0	8
9/13	FAU	*	1	12	0	12
9/20	ND	*	1	0	0	0
9/27	IND	*	2	20	0	14
10/4	IOWA	*	1	3	0	3
10/11	NU	*	2	16	0	8
TOT		7/7	9	76	0	25

2008 Kickoff Returns

Date	Opp	No.	YDS.	Avg./R	TD	LG
8/30	CAL	5	102	20.4	0	33
9/6	EMU	2	62	31.0	0	33
9/13	FAU	1	14	14.0	0	14
9/20	ND	1	22	22.0	0	22
9/27	IND	2	24	12.0	0	24
10/4	IOWA	0	0	0.0	0	0
10/11	NU	0	0	0.0	0	0
TOT		11	224	20.4	0	33

2008 All-Purpose

Date	Opp	Rush	Rec.	PR	KOR	YDS
8/30	CAL	81	17	0	102	200
9/6	EMU	135	8	0	62	205
9/13	FAU	282	12	0	14	309
9/20	ND	201	0	0	22	223
9/27	IND	198	20	0	24	242
10/4	IOWA	91	3	0	0	94
10/11	NU	124	16	0	0	140
TOT		1112	76	0	224	1412

CAREER HIGHS

Carries 44, vs. Indiana (9/27/08)
 Rushing Yards 282, vs. Florida Atlantic (9/13/08)
 Rushing TDs 5, vs. Eastern Michigan (9/6/08)
 Catches 7, vs. Wisconsin (9/29/07)
 Receiving Yards 88, vs. Wisconsin (9/29/07)
 TD Catches 1, vs. Notre Dame (9/23/06)
 All-Purpose Yards 309, vs. Florida Atlantic (9/13/08)
 Kickoff Return Yards 102 vs. Cal (8/30/08)

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JAVON RINGER - A CLOSER LOOK AT THE NUMBERS

MSU CAREER RECORDS

Rushing Yards	No.	Years
1. Lorenzo White	4,887	1984-87
2. Tico Duckett	4,212	1989-92
3. Javon Ringer	3,873	2005-present

Carries	No.	Years
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. Javon Ringer	700	2005-present

Rushing Touchdowns	No.	Years
1. Lorenzo White	43	1984-87
2. Jehuu Caulcrick	39	2004-07
3. Sedrick Irvin	35	1996-98
4. Blake Ezor	34	1986-89
5. T.J. Duckett	29	1999-2001
Lynn Chandnois	29	1946-49
7. Eric Allen	28	1969-71
8. Tico Duckett	26	1989-93
Javon Ringer	26	2005-present

100-Yard Rushing Games	No.	Years
1. Lorenzo White	23	1984-87
2. Javon Ringer	17	2005-present
3. Tico Duckett	16	1989-93
Blake Ezor	16	1986-89

200-Yard Rushing Games	No.	Years
1. Lorenzo White	5	(4 in '85, 1 in '87)
2. Tico Duckett	4	(2 in '90, 2 in '91)
3. Javon Ringer	3	(2 in '08, 1 in '07)
T.J. Duckett	3	(2 in '00, 1 in '01)
Blake Ezor	3	(2 in '89, 1 in '88)

RINGER BY QUARTER

Gm.	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
CAL	10-30	4-9	7-19	6-23	27-81
EMU	15-76	10-29	6-23	3-7	34-135
FAU	6-38	13-96	12-66	12-82	43-282
ND	6-28	12-54	7-36	14-83	39-201
IND	10-37	9-33	10-36	15-92	44-198
IOWA	6-11	6-10	8-28	5-42	25-91
NU	12-61	7-25	8-12	8-26	35-124
Totals	65-281	61-256	58-220	63-355	247-1112

Averages:

1st Quarter:	9.3 carries, 40.1 yards
2nd Quarter:	8.7 carries, 36.6 yards
3rd Quarter:	8.3 carries, 34.7 yards
4th Quarter:	8.3 carries, 50.7 yards

Highest Totals by Quarter:

Carries: 15, twice (1st vs. EMU; 4th vs. IND)
Yards: 96, 3rd quarter vs. Florida Atlantic

HIGHEST MSU TOTALS THROUGH SEVEN GAMES

Rushing Yards	No.	Year
1. Javon Ringer	1112	2008
2. Lorenzo White	1077	1985

Carries	No.	Year
1. Javon Ringer	247	2008
2. Lorenzo White	240	1985

HIGHEST MSU TOTALS THROUGH SIX GAMES

Rushing Yards	No.	Year
1. Javon Ringer	988	2008
2. T.J. Duckett	890	2000
3. Lorenzo White	833	1985

Carries	No.	Year
1. Javon Ringer	212	2008
2. Lorenzo White	187	1985

HIGHEST MSU TOTALS THROUGH FIVE GAMES

Rushing Yards	No.	Year
1. Javon Ringer	897	2008
2. T.J. Duckett	810	2000

Carries	No.	Years
1. Javon Ringer	187	2008
2. Lorenzo White	155	1985

MSU RUSHERS WITH CONSECUTIVE 100-YARD GAMES

Player	No.
1. Lorenzo White	7 (Oct. 19-Dec. 31, 1985)
2. Blake Ezor	5 (Nov. 4-Dec. 25, 1989)
Eric Allen	5 (Nov. 7-Nov. 21, 1970)
4. Javon Ringer	4 (twice, last Sept. 6-Sept. 27, 2008)
Blake Ezor	4 (Oct. 22-Nov. 12, 1988)
Lorenzo White	4 (Sept. 14-Oct. 5, 1985)

MSU TOP FOUR-GAME STRETCH RUSHING TOTALS

Rushing Yards	No.	Year
1. Eric Allen	853 (247, 177, 350, 79)	1971
2. Lorenzo White	852 (244, 172, 286, 150)	1985
3. Lorenzo White	824 (122, 244, 172, 286)	1985
4. Lorenzo White	817 (286, 150, 223, 158)	1985
5. Javon Ringer	816 (135, 282, 201, 198)	2008

Carries	No.	Year
1. Javon Ringer	160 (34, 43, 39, 44)	2008
2. Lorenzo White	159 (32, 53, 49, 25)	1985

MSU TOP THREE-GAME STRETCH RUSHING TOTALS

Player	No.	Year
1. Eric Allen	774 (247, 177, 350)	1971
2. Lorenzo White	702 (244, 172, 286)	1985
3. Javon Ringer	681 (282, 201, 198)	2008



WHAT THEY'RE SAYING ABOUT JAVON RINGER

"He's a total team player - it's not about him, and you can't say enough about him as a person aside from his athletic abilities. But it's the person in him, it's the intangibles within him that make him the back that he is. There are other guys who are just as explosive and just as fast, but it's the things inside of him that make him special."

-MSU head coach Mark Dantonio

"You can hit him and hit him and hit him and he just keeps on coming. I think that I learned a long time ago that one attribute that great players have is stamina, and he obviously has great stamina."

-Notre Dame head coach Charlie Weis, after Ringer rushed for 201 yards against the Irish, the most ever by a Spartan player against Notre Dame.

"I think he's very good and very blessed to be operating behind those five guys. That's the big problem, having to sort through those five big guys to find where he is. When they all come off at one time they look like a herd of water buffalo stampeding at you and there's a gazelle somewhere in behind them. He's also very persistent and you can see how strong he is."

-Florida Atlantic head coach Howard Schnellenberger, after Ringer ran for a career-high 282 yards in a steady rain in MSU's 17-0 win over the Owls.

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#29 • CHRIS L. RUCKER • DB • SO.

WARREN, OHIO • WARREN G. HARDING • 6-2 • 190

Started the first six games at boundary corner before missing Northwestern with an arm injury...sixth on the team with 32 tackles...saw action in eight games last year as a true freshman, including four starts at field corner...sidelined for the last five games of the 2007 regular season (played in Champs Sports Bowl) after undergoing eye surgery to repair two detached retinas...**CAL**: Tallied a seven tackles in season opener, including one for a loss of 3 yards...**EMU**: Recorded three tackles...**FAU**: Held leading receiver Cortez Gent, who came into the game averaging 5.5 catches and 102.5 receiving yards, without a reception...also recorded two tackles...**ND**: Registered a career-high nine tackles, including a half sack (8 yards) and 1.5 tackles for loss (9 yards)...**IND**: Recorded four tackles, two pass break-ups, and forced a fumble that MSU recovered in the fourth quarter...**IOWA**: Excellent all-around game against the Hawkeyes, recording seven tackles, including 1.5 for loss (6 yards) and a half sack...tallied his first interception of the season on the MSU 3-yard line, halting an Iowa scoring drive in the second quarter...**NU**: DNP (arm injury).

CAREER HIGHS

Tackles..... 9, vs. Notre Dame (9/20/08)
Tackles for Loss..... 1.5 (twice, last vs. Iowa, 10/4/08)
Interceptions..... 1 (twice, last vs. Iowa, 10/4/08)
Pass Break-ups..... 2 vs. Indiana (9/27/08)

Rucker's Career Stats

Yr.	G/GS	UT	AT	TM	TFL	SK.	INT	PBU
2007	8/4	15	9	24	0-0	0-0	1-10	1
2008	6/6	22	10	32	4-18	1-11	1-1	2
TOT	14/10	37	19	56	4-18	1-11	2-11	3

Rucker Season Game-by-Game

2007									
Date	Opp	S	UT	AT	TM	TFL	SK.	INT	
8/30	CAL	*	5	2	7	1-3	0-0	0-0	
9/6	EMU	*	3	0	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	
9/13	FAU	*	1	1	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	
9/20	ND	*	4	5	9	1.5-9	0.5-8	0-0	
9/27	IND	*	4	0	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	
10/4	IOWA	*	5	2	7	1.5-6	0.5-3	1-1	
10/11	NU	-DNP-							
TOT			6/6	22	10	32	4-18	1-11	0-0

#6 • FRED SMITH • WR • FR.

DETROIT, MICH. • SOUTHEASTERN • 6-2 • 218

True freshman listed third on the depth chart at X receiver...has seen action in six games...ranked among the nation's top 75 prospects by Tom Lemming's Football Report (No. 74)...SuperPrep, PrepStar and Tom Lemming's Football Report All-American...**NU**: Caught his first career pass, a 7-yard reception.

#14 • BRETT SWENSON • PK • JR.

POMPANO BEACH, FLA. • ST. THOMAS AQUINAS • 5-8 • 160

Is in his third season as starting placekicker...is on the Lou Groza Award Watch List...already ranks among MSU's all-time leaders in extra points (fifth with 109 made), field goals (tied for fifth with 45 made) and points scored (seventh with 244)...**has made 15 consecutive field goals, which is a school record and the fourth-longest streak in Big Ten history**...it bested the previous school record of 13 set by Paul Edinger in 1998...is 15-for-16 on field-goal attempts this season, ranking first in the Big Ten with a 93.8 percentage...**his 15 field goals rank tied for third in the nation**...**CAL**: Made all four PATs and was 1-of-2 in field-goal attempts, making a 34-yarder in the fourth quarter...**EMU**: Hit all six PAT attempts...**FAU**: Hit a 22-yarder in the third quarter to give MSU a 10-0 lead...also made both PATs...**ND**: Tied career high with three field goals (45, 26, 23 yards)...with his 11 points (three field goals, two PATs), he moved into MSU's Top 10 in career points scored...**IND**: Career game against the Hoosiers, kicking a career-high four field goals (45, 48, 45, 32 yards) to be named one of Lou Groza's Three Stars of the Week...the 48-yarder was a career long...it marked the first time a Spartan kicker has made four field goals in a game since Dave Rayner in 2003...also scored a career-high 16 points...**IOWA**: Named Big Ten Special Teams Player of the Week after connecting on all three field goals (29, 32, 25 yards), helping MSU to a 16-13 victory...had 10 points total for the game...**NU**: Collected 13 points with three field goals (26, 42, 34) and four extra-points...set the school record for consecutive field goals made with his second field goal of the day.

CAREER HIGHS

Extra Points Made..... 7, three (last vs. Indiana, 10/13/07)
Extra Points Att..... 7, three (last vs. Indiana, 10/13/07)
Field Goals Made..... 4, vs. Indiana (9/27/08)
Field Goals Att..... 4, twice (last vs. Indiana, 9/27/08)
Points..... 16, vs. Indiana (9/27/08)
Field Goal..... 48, vs. Indiana (9/27/08)

Scoring	PAT (Pct.)	FG (Pct.)	PTS	LG
2006	33-33 (1.000)	15-19 (.789)	78	46
2007	53-54 (.981)	15-22 (.682)	98	46
2008	23-23 (1.000)	15-16 (.938)	68	48
Career	109-110 (.991)	45-57 (.789)	244	48

FG Accuracy	-20	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+	Total
2006	0-0	6-6	5-8	4-4	0-1	15-19
2007	1-1	6-8	5-5	3-5	0-2	15-22
2008	0-0	5-5	4-5	5-5	0-0	9-10
Career	1-1	18-20	14-18	12-14	0-3	45-57

Swenson Game-by-Game

Scoring	PATs	FGs	LG	PTS
CAL	4-4	1-2	34	7
EMU	6-6	0-0	0	6
FAU	2-2	1-1	22	5
ND	2-2	3-3	45	11
IND	4-4	4-4	48	16
IOWA	1-1	3-3	32	10
NU	4-4	3-3	42	13
Season	23-23 (1.000)	15-16 (.938)	48	68

#9 • JEREMY WARE • DB • JR.

FORT MYERS, FLA. • SOUTH CAROLINA • 5-10 • 184

Has seen time on special teams and in the nickel package...listed as a possible starter this week at boundary corner...**CAL**: DNP...**EMU**: Recorded three tackles, including a 1-yard loss...**FAU**: Tallied one tackle...**ND**: Registered two tackles and a pass break-up...**IND**: Recorded one tackle...**IOWA**: Recorded a career-high four tackles...**NU**: Made his first career start a memorable one, tying a school record with five pass break-ups and recording a career-high eight tackles.

CAREER HIGHS

Tackles..... 8, vs. Northwestern (10/11/08)
Tackles for Losses..... 1, vs. Eastern Michigan (9/6/08)
Pass Break-Ups..... 5, vs. Northwestern (10/11/08)

Ware's Career Stats

Yr.	G/GS	UT	AT	TM	TFL	SK.	INT	PBU
2007	1/0	0	1	1	0-0	0	0	0
2008	6/1	14	5	19	1-1	0	0	6
TOT	7/1	14	6	20	1-1	0	0	6

Ware Season Game-by-Game

2008									
Date	Opp	S	UT	AT	TM	TFL	SK.	PBU	
8/30	CAL					-DNP-			
9/6	EMU		2	1	3	1-1	0-0	0	
9/13	FAU		0	1	1	0-0	0-0	0	
9/20	ND		1	1	2	0-0	0-0	1	
9/27	IND		1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0	
10/4	IOWA		3	1	4	0-0	0-0	0	
10/11	NU	*	7	1	8	0-0	0-0	5	
TOT			6/1	14	5	19	1-1	0-0	6

#37 • ROSS WEAVER • CB • JR.

SOUTHFIELD, MICH. • SOUTHFIELD • 6-1 • 202

Listed as starter at field corner...has started six games...ranks third on the team with four pass break-ups...appeared in eight games last season, including five starts...sidelined for five games with a foot injury in 2007...**CAL**: Tallied two tackles in season opener...**EMU**: Recorded two tackles, including a 3-yard tackle for loss...**FAU**: Registered four tackles and a career-high two pass break-ups...**ND**: With the Irish driving into the red zone to open the second half, forced a fumble at MSU's 14-yard line, halting the scoring opportunity...also had four tackles and a pass break-up...**IND**: Recorded his first-career interception and returned it 35 yards in the second quarter, setting up an MSU touchdown...also had a tackle and a pass break-up...**IOWA**: Did not play due to an illness...**NU**: Returned to the starting lineup and recorded a tackle.

CAREER HIGHS

Tackles..... 5, vs. Bowling Green (9/8/07)
Tackles for Losses..... 1, twice (last vs. EMU, 9/6/08)
Interceptions..... 1, vs. Indiana (9/27/08)
Pass Break-Ups..... 2, vs. Florida Atlantic (9/13/08)

Weaver's Career Stats

Yr.	G/GS	UT	AT	TM	TFL	SK.	INT	PBU
2005	9/0	8	0	8	0-0	0	0	1
2006	DNP-INJ							
2007	8/5	13	6	19	2-3	0	0	0
2008	6/6	12	2	14	1-3	0	1-35	4
TOT	23/11	33	8	41	3-6	0	1-35	5

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Weaver Season Game-by-Game

2008									
Date	Opp	S	UT	AT	TM	TFL	INT	PBU	
8/30	CAL	*	2	0	2	0-0	0-0	0	
9/6	EMU	*	1	1	2	1-3	0-0	0	
9/13	FAU	*	3	1	4	0-0	0-0	2	
9/20	ND	*	4	0	4	0-0	0-0	1	
9/27	IND	*	1	0	1	0-0	1-35	1	
10/4	IOWA	-DNP-							
10/11	NU	*	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0	
TOT			6/6	12	2	14	1-3	1-35	4

#25 • BLAIR WHITE • WR • JR.

SAGINAW, MICH. • NOUVEL CATH. CENT. • 6-2 • 200

Fourth-year player listed as backup at the X receiver position...also sees action on special teams...third on the team with 13 catches for 154 yards (11.8 avg.)...clutch receiver as 11 of his 13 catches have gone for first downs, including seven on third down...saw action in 10 games, primarily on special teams, in 2007...former walk-on awarded a scholarship for 2008...CAL: Tied career high with three catches for 21 yards...FAU: Hauled in a career-long 20-yard reception...ND: Had two catches for 19 yards...IND: Caught a career-long 27-yard reception in the third quarter...IOWA: Tied a career high with three catches and had a career-high 38 receiving yards...NU: In his first career start, caught three passes for 29 yards.

CAREER HIGHS

Catches 3, four times (last vs. Northwestern, 10/11/08)
Receiving Yards 38, vs. Iowa (10/4/08)

White's Career Stats

Receiving	G/GS	No.	YDS.	AVG.	TD	LG
2006	4/0	0	0	0	0	0
2007	10/0	3	25	8.3	0	13
2008	7/1	13	154	11.8	0	27
TOT	21/1	16	179	11.2	0	27

White Season Game-by-Game

2008 Receiving						
Date	Opp	GS	No.	YDS.	TD	LG
8/30	CAL		3	21	0	11
9/6	EMU		0	0	0	0
9/13	FAU		1	20	0	20
9/20	ND		2	19	0	12
9/27	IND		1	27	0	27
10/4	IOWA		3	38	0	20
10/11	NU	*	3	29	0	15
TOT		7/1	13	154	0	27

#21 • OTIS WILEY • S • SR.

FLINT, MICH. • CARMAN-AINSWORTH • 6-2 • 210

Veteran safety anchors the Spartan secondary for the third year in a row...named one of four captains by his teammates...after starting the last two years at free safety, made the transition to strong safety during spring practice...leads the Big Ten and ranks tied for 14th in the nation with four interceptions...also ranks second in the Big Ten and 11th in the nation in passes defended with 11 (four interceptions; seven pass break-ups)...second in the Big Ten in punt-return average (12.5 avg.)...ranks fourth (tied) on the team in tackles (38)...rated among the nation's top safeties (No. 31) by Phil Steele's College Football Preview...three-year letterman has played in 42 career games, including 26 starts...ranks eighth in MSU history with 161 career interception return yards...with nine career interceptions, he is just one shy of cracking MSU's all-time top 10 in that category...CAL: Recorded his first career two-interception game...returned the first pick 53 yards from the Cal end zone...second interception was a 31-yard TD return, his second career touchdown off an interception...also collected six tackles and a pass break-up...EMU: Had 113 punt return yards on five returns (22.6 avg.), the fourth-best single-game performance in MSU history...had a 78-yard return to open the fourth quarter, the 10th-longest punt return in school history...also recorded four tackles and a pass break-up...FAU: Tied a career high with four pass break-ups, tying for the second-highest single-game total in MSU history...also registered five tackles...ND: Recorded two interceptions for the second time this season...first pick came in the back of the end zone to halt an Irish scoring drive in the first quarter...his second pick arrived at the Irish 22-yard line, setting up Javon Ringer's first TD run that made it 10-0 in favor of MSU...also recorded five tackles...IND: Talled five tackles and recovered a fumble for 4 yards...IOWA: Recorded seven tackles, forced a fumble, and tallied a pass break-up...NU: Played linebacker for a majority of his snaps due to Northwestern's spread offense...recorded six tackles and has a quarterback hurry.

CAREER HIGHS

Tackles 12, vs. Idaho (9/2/06)
Tackles for loss 2, vs. Eastern Michigan (9/9/06)
Sacks 1, twice (last vs. Idaho, 9/2/06)
Pass Break-Ups 4, twice (last vs. Fla. Atl., 9/13/08)
Interceptions 2, twice (last vs. Notre Dame, 9/20/08)
Punt Return Yards 113, vs. Eastern Michigan (9/6/08)

Wiley's Career Stats

Yr.	G/GS	UT	AT	TM	TFL	SK.	INT	PBU
2005	10/0	12	6	18	1-7	1-7	1-0	0
2006	12/12	58	36	94	6.5-17	1-4	0-0	10
2007	13/7	30	19	49	1-4	0-0	4-77	5
2008	7/7	21	17	38	0-0	0-0	4-84	7
TOT	42/26	121	78	199	8.5-28	2-11	9-161	22

Wiley Season Game-by-Game

2008								
Date	Opp	S	UT	AT	TM	TFL	PBU	INT
8/30	CAL	*	4	2	6	0-0	1	2-84
9/6	EMU	*	2	2	4	0-0	1	0-0
9/13	FAU	*	3	2	5	0-0	4	0-0
9/20	ND	*	3	2	5	0-0	0	2-0
9/27	IND	*	3	2	5	0-0	0	0-0
10/4	IOWA	*	4	3	7	0-0	1	0-0
10/11	NU	*	2	4	6	0-0	0	0-0
TOT		7/7	21	17	38	0-0	7	4-84

2008 Punt Returns

Date	Opp	No.	YDS.	Avg./R	TD	LG
8/30	CAL	0	0	0.0	0	0
9/6	EMU	5	113	22.6	0	78
9/13	FAU	5	32	6.4	0	11
9/20	ND	1	10	10.0	0	10
9/27	IND	3	12	4.0	0	16
10/4	IOWA	0	0	0.0	0	0
10/11	NU	1	20	20.0	0	20
TOT		15	187	12.5	0	78

#70 • OREN WILSON • NT • SO.

TEANECK, N.J. • HARMONY COMMUNITY • 6-3 • 288

Second-year player is the starting nose tackle...has 10 tackles...CAL: Recorded a career-high five tackles in the season opener...EMU: Tallied one tackle with a half tackle for loss...FAU: Registered one tackle...IND: Recorded a 1-yard tackle for loss...IOWA: Recovered a fumble at the Hawkeye 28-yard line, which led to an MSU field goal...also had a tackle...NU: Tallied one tackle.

CAREER HIGHS

Tackles 5, vs. Cal (8/30/08)
Tackles for Losses 1, vs. Indiana (9/27/08)

Wilson's Career Stats

Yr.	G/GS	UT	AT	TM	TFL	SK.	FF	FR
2007	13/1	1	9	10	0.5-1	0-0	0	1
2008	7/7	1	9	9	1.5-2	0-0	0	0
TOT	20/8	2	18	20	2-3	0-0	0	1

Wilson Season Game-by-Game

2008								
Date	Opp	S	UT	AT	TM	TFL	SK.	FR
8/30	CAL	*	0	5	5	0-0	0-0	0
9/6	EMU	*	0	1	1	0.5-1	0-0	0
9/13	FAU	*	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	0
9/20	ND	*	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0
9/27	IND	*	1	0	0	1-1	0-0	0
10/4	IOWA	*	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	1
10/11	NU	*	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	0
TOT		7/7	1	9	10	1.5-2	0-0	1

GAME 1 • CALIFORNIA 38, MICHIGAN STATE 31

Game 1 vs. California

Aug. 30, 2008 • Berkeley, Calif.

Memorial Stadium • Att: 62,956

BERKELEY, Calif. (AP) - Kevin Riley passed for 202 yards and two second-half touchdowns, and Shane Vereen broke an 81-yard scoring run with 4:21 left in California's 38-31 victory over Michigan State.

Jahvid Best rushed for 111 yards and a score, while tight end Cameron Morrah and fullback Will Ta'ufou caught Riley's TD passes in a solid debut for the Golden Bears' brand-new collection of starting offensive skill players.

Brian Hoyer passed for 321 yards, hooking up with Mark Dell for nine catches and 202 yards, the fifth-biggest yardage total for a receiver in Michigan State history. Javon Ringer rushed for 81 yards and two touchdowns for the Spartans, but they couldn't catch up in a back-and-forth second half featuring 45 total points and 503 yards of total offense.

After struggling on offense for three quarters, Michigan State converted three third downs and got a roughing-the-punter penalty during a 97-yard drive that ended with Ringer's 10-yard TD run with 10:45 to play, pulling within 24-21.

Cal replied with its own lengthy drive, ending in Ta'ufou's scoring catch with 5:45 left. Michigan State trimmed the lead to seven points, but Vereen then broke his impressive scoring run on an innocuous first-down play.

After an apparent interception by Cal's Darian Hagan was overturned by replay, Dell caught a 29-yard TD pass with 3:09 left. Michigan State got one last chance, but Hoyer threw four straight incompletions at midfield.

GAME NOTES

- Mark Dell recorded career highs with nine catches and 202 receiving yards...the 202 yards represent the fifth-highest single-game total in school history...he is only the fourth Spartan to record 200 receiving yards in a game (Charles Rogers-twice; Plaxico Burress; Andre Rison)... he is the first Spartan to record 200 receiving yards since Charles Rogers had 270 in the 2001 Silicon Valley Football Classic vs. Fresno State.

- Brian Hoyer threw for 321 yards, marking the fourth time in his career he has recorded a 300-yard passing game.

- Javon Ringer had the fourth multi-touchdown game of his career...he scored on a 1-yard TD in the third quarter to trim Cal's lead to 17-14...he also scored on a 10-yard run early in the fourth quarter...Ringer recorded 200 all-purpose yards, including 102 yards on kickoffs.

- Senior strong safety Otis Wiley recorded his first career two-interception game...both interceptions came in the second quarter against Cal quarterback Nate Longshore...the first interception was a 53-yarder in the second quarter - he caught it in the endzone and returned it to the Cal 47...the second pick he returned 31 yards for a touchdown, marking the second time in his career he has returned an interception for a touchdown...his career long interception return was a 54-yarder for a touchdown last year at Ohio State.

- In his first Spartan debut, B.J. Cunningham had five catches for 63 yards.

- Jesse Johnson recorded his first career blocked punt in the third quarter...Brandon Denson recovered the ball at the Cal 12...it marked MSU's first blocked punt since the Minnesota game in 2006 (Denson block)...the turnover led to an MSU touchdown, cutting Cal's lead to 17-14.

SCORE BY QUARTERS	1	2	3	4	F
Michigan State (0-1)	0	7	7	17	- 31
California (1-0)	7	10	7	14	- 38

SCORING SUMMARY

FIRST QUARTER

CAL (7-0) Nnabuife 5-yard blocked punt return (Seawright kick), 7:32 left

SECOND QUARTER

CAL (10-0) Seawright 26-yard field goal, 9:48 left
Drive: 13 plays, 66 yards, TOP: 7:11

MSU (7-10) Wiley 31-yard interception return (Swenson kick), 2:30 left

CAL (17-7) Best 2-yard run (Seawright kick), 1:36 left
Drive: 3 plays, 70 yards, TOP: 0:48

THIRD QUARTER

MSU (14-17) Ringer 1-yard run (Swenson kick), 10:43 left
Drive: 4 plays, 12 yards, TOP: 1:37

CAL (24-14) Morrah 4-yard pass from Riley (Seawright kick), 5:58 left
Drive: 8 plays, 76 yards, TOP: 4:41

FOURTH QUARTER

MSU (21-24) Ringer 10-yard run (Swenson kick), 10:45 left
Drive: 14 plays, 97 yards, TOP: 5:06

CAL (31-21) Ta'ufou 5-yard pass from Riley (Seawright kick), 5:45 left
Drive: 9 plays, 59 yards, TOP: 4:53

MSU (24-31) Swenson 34-yard field goal, 4:38 left
Drive: 5 plays, 59 yards, TOP: 1:03

CAL (38-24) Vereen 81-yard run, 4:21 left
Drive: 1 play, 81 yards, TOP: 0:11

MSU (31-38) Dell 29-yard pass from Hoyer (Swenson kick), 3:09 left
Drive: 8 plays, 64 yards, TOP: 1:04

TEAM STATISTICS

	MSU	CAL
First Downs	23	22
Rushes-Yards	31-81	36-203
Passing Yards	321	264
Passes	20-48-1	20-30-2
Total Offense	79-402	66-467
Punts-Avg.	6-31.5	5-38.4
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	0-0
Penalties-Yards	8-82	8-67
Possession Time	27:56	31:51

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING

MSU: Ringer 27-81, Martin 1-2, Hoyer 2-1, Anderson 1-(-3); CAL: Best 24-111, Vereen 9-101, Riley 1-(-4), TEAM 2-(-5).

PASSING

MSU: Hoyer 20-48-1-231; CAL: Riley 17-24-0-202, Longshore 3-5-2-62, Vereen 0-1-0-0.

RECEIVING

MSU: Dell 9-202, Cunningham 5-63, White 3-21, Gantt 2-18, Ringer 1-17; CAL: Morrah 5-93, Best 5-63, Young 4-81, Vereen 4-16, Cunningham 1-6, Ta'ufou 1-5.

GAME 2 • MICHIGAN STATE 42, EASTERN MICHIGAN 10

Game 2 vs. Eastern Michigan
 Sept. 6, 2008 • East Lansing, Mich.
 Spartan Stadium • Att: 71,789

EAST LANSING, Mich. (AP) - Javon Ringer rushed for 135 yards and a career-high five touchdowns to lead Michigan State to a 42-10 victory over Eastern Michigan.

Ringer was a workhorse for Michigan State, especially early. He carried 25 times for 105 yards and three touchdowns in the first half, sparking the Spartans to a 21-7 halftime lead. He finished with a career-high 34 carries.

Eastern Michigan's spread offense struggled against a faster, aggressive Michigan State defensive.

The Eagles managed an 80-yard touchdown drive to tie the game at 7 early in the second quarter, capped by quarterback Andy Schmitt's 3-yard TD run. But the Spartans responded with 35 unanswered points.

Michigan State quarterback Brian Hoyer completed 8 of 12 passes for 148 yards. Otis Wiley returned five punts for a combined 113 yards, giving the Spartans good field position much of the game.

Eastern Michigan was able to generate 342 yards of total offense. But the Eagles couldn't cash in on scoring opportunities.

Trailing 21-7 midway through the third quarter, a holding call nullified what would have been a 10-yard Terrence Blevins touchdown run for the Eagles. Eastern lined up for a 22-yard field goal but ran a fake, with holder Ryan Downard stopped on the 1 yard line.

Michigan State responded with a long touchdown drive, capped by a 1-yard Ringer run, to take a 28-7 lead late in the third.

GAME NOTES

• Michigan State improved to 8-0 all-time vs. Eastern Michigan with the victory. MSU is 37-6-2 against current members of the Mid-American Conference.

• The Spartans won their home opener for the 10th-straight season.

• Javon Ringer scored a career-high five touchdowns, marking the second-most rushing touchdowns by a Spartan in a single game...Blake Ezor owns the school record with six against Northwestern in 1989...Ringer scored three touchdowns in the first half.

• Ringer finished with 135 yards on a career-high 34 carries...his previous career high was 29 attempts vs. Indiana last season...it marked his 13th-career 100-yard rushing game.

• Otis Wiley had 113 punt return yards, tying for the fourth-best single-game mark in Spartan history...Wiley had a 78-yard return to start the fourth quarter, leading to Ringer's fifth and final TD, marking the 10th-longest punt return in MSU history...MSU had 126 punt return yards all of last season on 31 returns...the MSU single-game record is 137 punt return yards on six returns by Derrick Mason vs. Eastern Michigan in 1996.

• In his first career appearance, red-shirt freshman Kirk Cousins completed 3-of-4 passes for 32 yards...his first pass attempt was a 13-yard completion to Charlie Gantt...his first drive was capped by a 6-yard TD run by Ringer that put MSU up 14-7 at the 5:37 mark in the second quarter.

• Ashton Leggett scored his first-career TD on a 4-yard run in the fourth quarter.

SCORE BY QUARTERS	1	2	3	4	F
Eastern Michigan (1-1)	0	7	0	3	- 10
Michigan State (1-1)	7	14	7	14	- 42

SCORING SUMMARY**FIRST QUARTER**

MSU (7-0) Ringer 4-yard run (Swenson kick), 1:46 left
 Drive: 7 plays, 46 yards, TOP: 3:08

SECOND QUARTER

EMU (7-7) Schmitt 3-yard run (Carithers kick), 14:52 left
 Drive: 6 plays, 80 yards, TOP 1:54

MSU (14-7) Ringer 6-yard run (Swenson kick), 5:37 left
 Drive: 5 plays, 28 yards, TOP: 2:22

MSU (21-7) Ringer 2-yard run (Swenson kick), 1:05 left
 Drive: 6 plays, 50 yards, TOP: 2:15

THIRD QUARTER

MSU (28-7) Ringer 1-yard run (Swenson kick), 2:08 left
 Drive: 7 plays, 99 yards, TOP: 3:03

FOURTH QUARTER

MSU (35-7) Ringer 2-yard run (Swenson kick), 13:20 left
 Drive: 3 plays, 7 yards, TOP: 1:21

MSU (42-7) Leggett 4-yard run (Swenson kick), 4:43 left
 Drive: 10 plays, 76 yards, TOP: 4:42

EMU (10-42) Carithers 24-yard field goal, 1:24 left
 Drive: 6 plays, 68 yards, TOP: 3:12

TEAM STATISTICS

	EMU	MSU
First Downs	11	21
Rushes-Yards	28-127	52-238
Passing Yards	215	180
Passes	14-31-0	11-16-0
Total Offense	59-342	68-418
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	1-1
Penalties-Yards	6-45	3-25
Possession Time	27:50	32:10

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS**RUSHING**

MSU: Ringer 34-135, Anderson 8-75, Martin 1-11, Jimmerson 3-10, Leggett 2-8, Hoyer 3-2, TEAM 1-(-3); EMU: Blevins 9-54, Schmitt 9-46, Priest 6-21, McMahon 2-2 Downard 1-3, Gage 1-1.

PASSING

MSU: Hoyer 8-12-0-148, Cousins 3-4-0-32; EMU: Schmitt 11-23-0-111, McMahon 3-8-0-104.

RECEIVING

MSU: Cunningham 5-76, Dell 3-71, Hawken 2-6, Gantt 1-13, Ringer 1-8, Celek 1-6; EMU: Jones 5-45, Stone 2-45, Blevins 2-11, Leduc 1-63, Gage 1-26, Bonner 1-19, White 1-6.

GAME 3 • MICHIGAN STATE 17, FLORIDA ATLANTIC 0

Game 3 vs. Florida Atlantic
 Sept. 13, 2008 • East Lansing, Mich.
 Spartan Stadium • Att: 70.321

EAST LANSING, Mich. (AP) - On a career day, perhaps Michigan State running back Javon Ringer's most striking accomplishment Saturday was hanging onto the ball.

Over and over again, in a nearly constant rain, with the entire Florida Atlantic defense trying to rip it away from him.

Ringer splashed his way to a career-high 282 yards rushing and scored two touchdowns to lead Michigan State past Florida Atlantic in a non-conference game, 17-0, in a soggy Spartan Stadium.

Ringer did it on a career-best 43 carries.

Michigan State coach Mark Dantonio said dry towels were as important as anything Saturday. Knowing rain was forecast, the Spartans practiced playing in wet conditions by dunking footballs in water before putting them in play.

It wasn't an exact simulation.

Quarterbacks and placeholders bobbled snaps throughout the game. The passing game was nonexistent, except for a few big plays. Quarterbacks slipped, receivers slid.

But not Ringer.

Ringer gave Michigan State (2-1) a 7-0 lead early in the second quarter on a 21-yard run. He ran into traffic up the middle, hid behind his offensive line for a fraction of a second, then darted left and headed to the end zone.

It would be all the points the Spartans needed as the Florida Atlantic (1-2) offense stalled in the deluge. The Michigan State defense was strong, getting its first shutout since 1999.

Ringer's running set up the Spartans' second score, a 22-yard field goal by Brett Swenson midway through the third quarter to give Michigan State a 10-0 lead. Ringer's 11-yard TD run early in the fourth put the Spartans ahead 17-0.

Ringer's previous rushing best was 203 yards, set last year against Indiana. His 282-yard day ranks fourth in school history.

Florida Atlantic had a few scoring chances slip away.

Trailing 17-0 midway through the fourth quarter, Owls quarterback Rusty Smith didn't get a snap cleanly and it was recovered by Michigan State defensive back Danny Fortener inside the Spartan 5-yard line. In the first quarter, a bobbled snap prevented the Owls from getting off a field goal attempt.

GAME NOTES

- The 17-0 win marked Michigan State's first shutout since Nov. 13, 1999, when the Spartans defeated Northwestern 34-0; it also marked the first shutout by MSU at Spartan Stadium since a 47-0 victory over Eastern Michigan on Sept. 28, 1996.

- Javon Ringer recorded a career-high 282 yards rushing, the fourth-highest single-game total in Michigan State history...Eric Allen owns the record with 350 yards at Purdue in 1971... Lorenzo White rushed for 292 yards against Indiana in 1987 and 286 yards vs. Indiana in 1985, the only other marks better than Ringer's performance.

- Ringer had a career-high 43 carries, the fifth-most in Michigan State history...the 43 carries are the most by a Spartan since Blake Ezor had 44 carries against Indiana in 1988.

- Chris L. Rucker held Florida Atlantic's leading receiver Cortez Gent without a reception... Gent entered the game with 11 catches for 205 yards.

- Otis Wiley tied his career high with four pass break-ups.

- Florida Atlantic was limited to nine first downs, tying for the fewest first downs allowed during Coach Dantonio's tenure (Notre Dame and Indiana each recorded nine first downs in 2007).

- Michigan State was limited to under 100 yards passing (88 total) for the first time since Nov. 11, 1995, against Indiana (51 yards).

SCORE BY QUARTERS	1	2	3	4	F
Florida Atlantic (1-2)	0	0	0	0	- 0
Michigan State (2-1)	0	7	3	7	- 17

SCORING SUMMARY

SECOND QUARTER

MSU (7-0) Ringer 21-yard run (Swenson kick), 12:05 left
 Drive: 6 plays, 67 yards, TOP: 2:55

THIRD QUARTER

MSU (10-0) Swenson 22 yard field goal, 6:26 left
 Drive: 6 plays, 40 yards, TOP: 3:13

FOURTH QUARTER

MSU (17-0) Ringer 11-yard run (Swenson kick), 13:15 time left
 Drive: 6 plays, 87 yards, TOP: 2:37

TEAM STATISTICS

	MSU	FAU
First Downs	18	9
Rushes-Yards	58-259	27-82
Passing Yards	88	143
Passes	5-15-1	8-34-0
Total Offense	73-347	61-225
Punts-Avg.	10-40.8	10-36.5
Fumbles-Lost	3-1	3-2
Penalties-Yards	5-50	7-53
Possession Time	37:27	22:33

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING

MSU: Ringer 43-282, Cunningham 1-18, Martin 1-4, Jimmerson 1-0, Anderson 5-0, Winston 1-(-1), Hoyer 2-(-14); FAU: Pierre 12-57, Edgecomb 7-37, Rose 4-18, TEAM 2-(-1), Peterson 1-(-6), Smith 1-(-23).

PASSING

MSU: Hoyer 5-15-1-88; FAU: Smith 8-34-0-143

RECEIVING

MSU: Dell 1-47, White 1-20, Ringer 1-12, Hawken 1-9, Gnatt, 1-0; FAU: Grant 3-41, Jean 2-15, Housler 1-71, Bonner 1-18, Rose 1-(-2).

GAME 4 • MICHIGAN STATE 23, NOTRE DAME 7

Game 4 vs. Notre Dame
 Sept. 20, 2008 • East Lansing, Mich.
 Spartan Stadium • Att: 76,366

EAST LANSING, Mich. (AP) - Javon Ringer is trying to share the spotlight.

He brought a slew of offensive linemen, tight ends and fullbacks to a news conference after running for 201 yards and two touchdowns on 39 attempts, carrying the Spartans to a 23-7 win over Notre Dame on Saturday.

"We were able to win because of these guys," Ringer said. "Not because of me."

Nice try, Ringer.

His speed, power and some spin helped him take advantage of holes, becoming the first player to run for 200 yards in consecutive games in Michigan State history.

Michigan State (3-1) took a 13-0 lead into the fourth quarter, then sealed the victory by handing off to Ringer on all seven plays of a 77-yard drive he capped with a TD with 2:16 left.

The Irish (2-1) turned the ball over three times and missed two field goals, hurting their chances of starting 3-0 for the first time since 2002 and the second time in 12 years.

Jimmy Clausen was 24-of-41 for 242 yards with a TD and two interceptions in the first half, one of which was in the end zone on a play that was overturned by a video review.

Clausen was sacked three times - after not being sacked in the first two games - and was hurried and hit numerous times.

Michigan State shut down the Irish's running game and the sacks led to them finishing with 16 yards rushing and seven points, both of which were among the worst totals in Weis' three-plus seasons.

Michael Floyd caught a 26-yard TD pass early in the fourth quarter, getting Notre Dame within six points, after fumbling at the Michigan State 20 early in the third.

The Spartans got off to a good start, limiting Notre Dame to minus-5 yards on its first two drives and kicking a field goal on their opening possession.

Clausen's up-for-grabs pass in the end zone to a double-covered Duval Kamara was ripped away by safety Otis Wiley on Notre Dame's third drive. It was originally ruled incomplete but overturned by replay.

Clausen threw another poor pass in the second quarter and it was picked off by Wiley at the Notre Dame 22, setting up Ringer's first TD.

Ringer took another step toward stardom with his performance against an Irish team geared to stop him. His highlight of the day was a 63-yard run that set up his second TD.

GAME NOTES

- The win marked MSU's first win over Notre Dame at home since 2000...it also marked the first time a home team has won in the series since 2000...Michigan State has won nine of the past 12 meetings in the series...Michigan State now has 27 victories against Notre Dame, the second most by an Irish opponent (Southern Cal - 32 wins).
- Javon Ringer rushed for 201 yards on 39 carries (5.2 avg.), marking the first time ever a Michigan State running back has rushed for more than 200 yards in back-to-back games... he rushed for 282 yards on 43 carries in game three against Florida Atlantic.
- Ringer's 201 yards against the Fighting Irish are the most ever by a Spartan against Notre Dame...the previous high was 157 yards by Dennis Mendyk in 1956...in his four career games against Notre Dame, Ringer rushed for 445 yards on 83 carries.
- Otis Wiley recorded two interceptions for the second time of the season...his first interception arrived in the first quarter at the back of the end zone, halting an Irish scoring drive...his second pick came in the second quarter at the Irish 22-yard line, setting up a Javon Ringer touchdown.
- Brandon Long recorded a career-high two sacks for 19 yards...he entered the game with two career sacks (16 yards)...he finished with a career-high 2.5 tackles for loss for 19 yards.
- The Spartans registered a season-best nine tackles for loss (41 yards) and three sacks (34 yards)...entering the game, Notre Dame's offensive line hadn't allowed a sack.
- Mark Dantonio improved to 2-0 vs. Notre Dame as a head coach at Michigan State...as an assistant and head coach at MSU, Dantonio is 6-0 vs. Notre Dame.
- Michigan State's defense forced three turnovers, two of them occurring in the red zone (interception by Wiley in the first quarter; forced fumble by Ross Weaver and fumble recovery by Eric Gordon in the third quarter)...the three turnovers ties the most in the Coach Dantonio era (Bowling Green, Pittsburgh, Purdue).

SCORE BY QUARTERS	1	2	3	4	F
Notre Dame (2-1)	0	0	0	7	- 7
Michigan State (3-1)	3	7	3	10	- 23

SCORING SUMMARY

FIRST QUARTER

MSU (3-0) Swenson 45-yard field goal, 11:14 left
 Drive: 6 plays, 24 yards, TOP: 1:44

SECOND QUARTER

MSU (10-0) Ringer 1-yard run (Swenson kick), 3:28 left
 Drive: 9 plays, 22 yards, TOP: 3:42

THIRD QUARTER

MSU (13-0) Swenson 26 yard field goal, 5:32 left
 Drive: 12 plays, 77 yards, TOP: 5:18

FOURTH QUARTER

ND (7-13) Floyd 26-yard pass from Clausen (Walker kick), 14:51 left
 Drive: 8 plays, 75 yards, TOP: 2:34

MSU (16-7) Swenson 23-yard field goal, 9:10 left
 Drive: 11 plays, 54 yards, TOP: 5:35

MSU (23-7) Ringer 1-yard run (Swenson kick), 2:16 time left
 Drive: 7 plays, 77 yards, TOP: 3:34

TEAM STATISTICS

	MSU	ND
First Downs	16	18
Rushes-Yards	43-203	22-16
Passing Yards	143	242
Passes	12-26-0	24-41-2
Total Offense	69-346	63-258
Punts-Avg.	5-45.2	5-40.8
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	3-1
Penalties-Yards	6-65	5-24
Possession Time	33:45	26:15

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING

MSU: Ringer 39-201, Hoyer 2-6, TEAM 2-(-4); ND: Tate 1-24, Aldridge 4-13, Hughes 5-9, Allen 6-8, TEAM 1-(-7), Clausen 5-(-31).

PASSING

MSU: Hoyer 12-26-0-143; ND: Clausen 24-41-2-242

RECEIVING

MSU: Dell 4-80, White 2-19, Celek 2-15, Cunningham 1-22, Curry 1-4, Hawken 1-3, Ringer 1-0; ND: Floyd 7-86, Tate 5-83, Allen 5-20, Parris 4-22, Rudolph 2-29, Yeatman 1-2.

GAME 5 • MICHIGAN STATE 42, INDIANA 29**Game 5 at Indiana****Sept. 27, 2008 • Bloomington, Ind.****Memorial Stadium • Att: 31,832**

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. (AP) - Javon Ringer rushed for 198 yards and scored one touchdown, while Brian Hoyer ran for one TD and threw for two more to lead the Spartans past Indiana 42-29.

It was a wild, wacky game for the Old Brass Spittoon. There were two safeties, three replay reviews, a blocked punt, and Hoyer and Hoosiers quarterback Kellen Lewis each threw career-long touchdown passes.

But the strangest, and most important play, came late in the third quarter when Indiana's backup quarterback, Ben Chappell, connected with Terrance Turner for a 97-yard touchdown pass that appeared to give Indiana the lead. Instead, right guard Cody Faulkner was called for holding in the end zone, giving Michigan State a safety and a 36-29 lead.

Indiana never recovered from the nine-point swing, losing its second straight game.

All week the buzz surrounded Ringer, who had rushed for 200 yards in two straight games and had a record three straight conference offensive player of the week awards. But Indiana stuck to its game plan, forcing Ringer to carry 44 times and barely prevented him from topping 200 again - much of that coming when the Spartans were trying to protect a fourth-quarter lead.

Hoyer had no problem playing the feature role. He finished 14-of-26 for 261 yards, scored on a 1-yard plunge to wipe out Indiana's 7-6 lead and hooked up with Mark Dell on a 14-yard TD pass and Charlie Gantt on an 82-yard score before the first half ended.

Michigan State never trailed again but struggled to put away the Hoosiers.

Marcus Thigpen scored on TD runs of 6 and 78 yards and caught a 79-yard TD pass from Lewis. He finished with 113 yards rushing and 94 receiving, while Lewis was 12-of-21 for 177 yards despite missing more than a quarter with a left leg injury.

GAME NOTES

- MSU leads the overall series, 40-15-2, including a 19-9-1 record in Bloomington...MSU has won 10 of the last 12 meetings overall.
- Javon Ringer rushed for 198 yards, marking his fourth consecutive 100-yard game.
- Ringer's 681 yards in the last three games is the third-best three-game stretch by an MSU running back (first: Eric Allen, 1971, 774 yards; second: Lorenzo White, 1985, 702 yards).
- Ringer finished the game with a career-high 44 carries.
- Brian Hoyer threw a career-long completion with an 82-yard TD connection to Charlie Gantt at the 1:29 mark in the second quarter, pushing MSU's lead to 27-16...in four career games against the Hoosiers, Hoyer completed 39-for-57 passes for 512 yards, four touchdowns and no interceptions.
- Brett Swenson kicked a career-high four field goals (45, 48, 45, 32)...the 48-yarder in the first quarter was a career long...he also scored a career-high 16 points (four field goals, four PATs).
- Ross Weaver recorded his first-career interception and returned it 35 yards, leading to MSU's first TD of the day in the first quarter.
- Danny Fortener recorded his first career interception with a pick on the first play of the fourth quarter...he returned it 16 yards.
- MSU forced three turnovers against the Hoosiers (interception by Weaver; interception by Fortener; forced fumble by Chris L. Rucker and recovered by Otis Wiley).
- Michigan State recorded a safety at the 1:39 mark in the third quarter, marking MSU's first safety since 2006 vs. Minnesota.

SCORE BY QUARTERS	1	2	3	4	F
Michigan (4-1, 1-0)	13	14	9	6	- 42
Indiana (2-2, 0-1)	7	15	7	0	- 29

SCORING SUMMARY**FIRST QUARTER**

MSU (3-0)	Swenson 45-yard field goal, 9:07 left Drive: 10 plays, 51 yards, TOP: 3:58
IND (7-3)	Fisher 8-yard pass from Lewis (Starr kick), 5:59 left Drive: 9 plays, 76 yards, TOP: 3:08
MSU (6-7)	Swenson 48-yard field goal, 2:18 left Drive: 8 plays, 49 yards, TOP: 3:41
MSU (13-7)	Hoyer 1-yard run (Swenson kick), 0:14 left Drive: 2 plays, 5 yards, TOP: 0:45

SECOND QUARTER

MSU (20-7)	Dell 14-yard pass from Hoyer (Swenson kick), 9:18 left Drive: 8 plays, 80 yards, TOP: 3:46
IND (14-20)	Thigpen 6-yard run (Starr kick), 6:55 left Drive: 9 plays, 80 yards, TOP: 2:23
IND (16-20)	TEAM safety
MSU (27-14)	Gantt 82-yard pass from Hoyer (Swenson kick), 1:29 left Drive: 2 plays, 84 yards, TOP: 0:42
IND (22-27)	Thigpen 78-yard run (Chappell pass intcpt), 0:48 Drive: 4 plays, 80 yards, TOP: 0:41

THIRD QUARTER

MSU (34-22)	Ringer 1-yard run (Swenson kick), 13:33 left Drive: 3 plays, 49 yards, TOP: 0:42
IND (29-34)	Thigpen 79-yard pass from Lewis (Starr kick), 12:42 Drive: 2 plays, 80 yards, TOP: 0:51
MSU (36-29)	TEAM safety

FOURTH QUARTER

MSU (39-29)	Swenson 45-yard field goal, 13:28 left Drive: 6 plays, 11 yards, TOP: 1:24
MSU (42-29)	Swenson 32-yard field goal, 3:45 left Drive: 10 plays, 65 yards, TOP: 5:21

TEAM STATISTICS

	MSU	IND
First Downs	23	19
Rushes-Yards	52-236	28-189
Passing Yards	261	284
Passes	14-26-0	23-44-2
Total Offense	78-497	72-473
Punts-Avg.	6-34.3	7-48.7
Fumbles-Lost	2-0	2-1
Penalties-Yards	5-51	9-89
Possession Time	34:47	25:13

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS**RUSHING**

MSU: Ringer 44-198, Cunningham 2-29, Leggett 1-6, Anderson 1-5, Hoyer 2-5, TEAM 1-(-2), Martin 1-(-5); IND: Thigpen 9-113, Lewis 7-26, Fisher 2-23, Payton 6-14, Chappell 2-7, McCray 2-6

PASSING

MSU: Hoyer 14-26-0-261; IND: Chappell 11-23-1-107, Lewis 12-21-1-177

RECEIVING

MSU: Martin 3-31, Gantt 2-92, Cunningham 2-41, Dell 2-25, Ringer 2-20, White 1-27, Celek 1-18, McPherson 1-7; IND: Fisher 7-43, Belcher 4-73, Thigpen 2-94, Dedmond 2-20, Lewis 2-17, Turner 2-14, Means 1-11, Payton 1-9, Martin 1-6, McCray 1 (-3).

GAME 6 • MICHIGAN STATE 16, IOWA 13

Game 6 vs. Iowa

Oct. 4, 2007 • East Lansing, Mich.

Spartan Stadium • Att: 77,526

EAST LANSING, Mich. (AP) - Michigan State's defense made a key fourth down stop in the fourth quarter to lift the Spartans to a 16-13 win over Iowa.

Shonn Greene gained 157 yards on 30 carries for the Hawkeyes. But with 2:16 remaining in the game, linebacker Adam Decker stopped him on fourth-and-1 from the Spartans 21-yard line to seal the win for Michigan State. Iowa passed up what could have been a game-tying field-goal attempt to go for it on fourth down.

Michigan State running back Javon Ringer was held in check. He entered the game as the nation's No. 2 rusher and tops in the Big Ten at 179.4 yards a game. But Iowa held him to 91 yards on 25 carries.

Brett Swenson's 25-yard field goal gave Michigan State a 16-3 lead with 9:32 left in the third quarter.

Iowa then started its rally. Trent Mossbrucker's 33-yard field goal cut the Michigan State lead to 16-6 with 3:18 left in the third. Iowa quarterback Ricky Stanzi connected with receiver Andy Brodell on a 31-yard touchdown pass to cut the lead to 16-13 with 8:47 left in the game.

Iowa entered the game allowing just 10.2 points per game, fewest in the Big Ten. But Michigan State got just enough from Ringer, and the threat of the run helped set up the passing game.

Michigan State quarterback Brian Hoyer made a play action fake that did enough to freeze Iowa's linebackers and allow tight end Charlie Gantt to slip behind coverage for a 4-yard touchdown pass, giving Michigan State a 7-0 lead midway through the first quarter. The score was set up by a 52-yard Hoyer pass to B.J. Cunningham, also off a play action fake.

Swenson made field goals of 29 and 32 yards to give Michigan State a 13-0 lead late in the second quarter.

Mossbrucker kicked a 25-yard field goal as time expired in the first half, trimming Michigan State's lead to 13-3.

Iowa committed three turnovers in the first half. Two came deep inside Michigan State territory and took away scoring chances for the Hawkeyes. The other led to a Michigan State field goal.

GAME NOTES

- The victory marked MSU's first win over Iowa since Sept. 27, 2003, a 20-10 victory in Spartan Stadium...Iowa has lost four straight games in Spartan Stadium.
- Junior placekicker Brett Swenson hit three field goals (29, 32, 25 yards), extending his streak to 12 consecutive field goals made.
- MSU's defense forced three turnovers, including two in the red zone...Otis Wiley forced a fumble at the Spartan 13-yard line and Dwayne Holmes recovered on Iowa's first drive of the game...in the second quarter, Chris L. Rucker intercepted a Ricky Stanzi pass at the MSU 3-yard line and returned it 1 yard...Trevor Anderson recorded a sack and forced a fumble at the Hawkeye 28-yard line, leading to an MSU field goal in the second quarter...Anderson recorded 2.5 sacks (20 yards) and 3.5 tackles for loss (22 yards).
- MSU recorded eight tackles for loss (34 yards), its second-best total of the season (nine vs. Notre Dame)...the three sacks (23 yards) also tied a season high (vs. Notre Dame).
- Junior linebacker Adam Decker tied his career high with eight tackles...his stop on Shonn Greene on fourth-and-inches at the MSU 24-yard line with 2:10 left in the fourth quarter helped ice the game for the Spartans...the play was recorded as a 3-yard loss to Greene.
- Red-shirt freshman tight end Charlie Gantt caught a TD pass for the second straight game, this time for a 4-yard score at the 6:19 mark in the first quarter...he also caught a 33-yard pass in the third quarter.
- Senior running back Javon Ringer rushed for 91 yards on a season-low 25 carries...he was held without a touchdown for the first time this season.
- Danny Fortener recorded a career-high eight tackles and had a tackle for loss (2 yards).
- Chris L. Rucker recorded his second-career interception and the first of the season with a pick in the second quarter.
- Michigan State improved to 60-30-3 in Homecoming games...MSU has won nine of its past 13 Homecoming games...MSU also improved to 6-1 vs. Iowa on Homecoming.

SCORE BY QUARTERS	1	2	3	4	F
Iowa (3-3, 0-2)	0	3	3	7	- 13
Michigan State (5-1, 2-0)	7	6	3	0	- 16

SCORING SUMMARY

FIRST QUARTER

MSU (7-0) Gantt 4-yard pass from Hoyer (Swenson kick), 6:19 left
Drive: 6 plays, 80 yards, TOP: 2:50

SECOND QUARTER

MSU (10-0) Swenson 29-yard field goal, 4:45 left
Drive: 16 plays, 84 yards, TOP: 7:32

MSU (13-0) Swenson 32-yard field goal, 2:53 left
Drive: 4 plays, -3 yards, TOP: 1:34

Iowa (3-13) Mossbrucker 25-yard field goal, 0:03 left
Drive: 10 plays, 73 yards, TOP: 2:53

THIRD QUARTER

MSU (16-3) Swenson 25-yard field goal, 9:32 left
Drive: 11 plays, 72 yards, TOP: 5:28

Iowa (6-16) Mossbrucker 33-yard field goal, 3:18 left
Drive: 7 plays, 41 yards, TOP: 3:11

FOURTH QUARTER

Iowa (13-16) Brodell 31-yard pass from Stanzi (Mossbrucker kick), 8:47 left
Drive: 5 plays, 66 yards, TOP: 2:40

TEAM STATISTICS

	MSU	IOWA
First Downs	15	19
Rushes-Yards	34-91	39-151
Passing Yards	184	158
Passes	13-24-1	15-22-1
Total Offense	58-275	61-309
Punts-Avg.	5-40.0	3-53.0
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	2-2
Penalties-Yards	4-29	2-30
Possession Time	29:51	30:09

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING

MSU: Ringer 25-91, Anderson 5-9, TEAM 1-(-2), Hoyer 3-(-7); Iowa: Greene 30-157, Hampton 4-20, Stanzi 5-(-26)

PASSING

MSU: Hoyer 13-24-1-184; Iowa: Stanzi 15-22-1-158

RECEIVING

MSU: Cunningham 4-76, White 3-38, Gantt 2-37, Dell 1-18, Martin 1-6, McPherson 1-6, Ringer 1-3; Iowa: Brodell 5-79, Moeaki 4-24, Myers 3-38, J-Koulianos 2-6, Stross 1-11

GAME 7 • MICHIGAN STATE 37, NORTHWESTERN 20

Game 7 vs. Northwestern
 Oct. 11, 2007 • Evanston, Ill.
 Ryan Field • Att: 32,527

EVANSTON, Ill. (AP) - Javon Ringer rushed for 124 yards and two touchdowns as No. 23 Michigan State cruised to a 37-20 win over previously unbeaten Northwestern.

With a new coordinator in Mike Hankwitz, Northwestern's defense shined during the team's 5-0 start. But it couldn't overcome mistakes on offense and special teams that gave the Spartans great field position early.

Michigan State scored 17 straight points in the first quarter with the help of a pair of Northwestern turnovers, and never looked back.

The 5-foot-9, 202-pound Ringer had his fifth 100-yard game of the season and went over 1,000 yards for the second straight year. Ringer, who leads the nation with 14 rushing touchdowns, carried the ball 35 times.

Northwestern (5-1, 1-1) had been off to its best start since 1962, mostly by beating up on nonconference lightweights.

Sutton rushed 23 times for 139 yards and caught six passes for 44 yards.

Already leading 7-0 on Brian Hoyer's 3-yard scoring pass to Garrett Celek, the Spartans started their next two possessions in Northwestern territory thanks to turnovers. After Sherrick McManis fumbled a kickoff at his 25-yard line, Michigan State got a 26-yard field goal from Brett Swenson.

Michigan State safety Danny Fortener picked off C.J. Bacher on the Wildcats' next drive, returning it 21 yards to Northwestern's 34. Four plays later, Ringer bounced outside and scored from 13 yards out to make it 17-0 with 2:34 to play in the quarter.

Hoyer threw two short touchdown passes and was 14-of-20 for 169 yards.

Sutton ripped off a career-high 66-yard run in Northwestern's first drive of the second half. Bacher then hit Rasheed Ward for a 6-yard touchdown pass to make it 24-14.

The Wildcats tried an onside kick, but were penalized for interference. That gave the Spartans the ball on the 32. Hoyer connected with Andrew Hawken on a 21-yard pass and Ringer ended the drive with a 1-yard touchdown run to keep Michigan State's lead safe.

Swenson set a school record with the second of his three field goals. His 42-yard kick in the third was his 14th consecutive field goal, breaking Paul Edinger's 1998 record.

Bacher went 34-for-61 for 283 yards and two interceptions. He threw for a school-record 520 yards in last season's 48-41 overtime win over the Spartans. But Bacher couldn't duplicate that result.

Cornerback Johnny Adams picked Bacher off in the end zone with the Wildcats trailing 17-7 in the second quarter. The Spartans drove 80 yards in 3:03 to go up 24-7 just before the half ended.

SCORE BY QUARTERS	1	2	3	4	F
Michigan State (6-1, 3-0)	17	7	10	3	- 37
Northwestern (5-1, 1-1)	0	7	10	3	- 20

SCORING SUMMARY**FIRST QUARTER**

MSU (7-0)	Celek 3-yard pass from Hoyer (Swenson kick), 9:23 left Drive: 6 plays, 42 yards, TOP: 2:49
MSU (10-0)	Swenson 26-yard field goal, 5:55 left Drive: 8 plays, 16 yards, TOP: 3:20
MSU (17-0)	Ringer 13-yard run (Swenson kick), 2:34 left Drive: 4 plays, 34 yards, TOP: 1:43

SECOND QUARTER

NU (7-17)	Bacher 4-yard run (Villarreal kick), 13:53 left Drive: 13 plays, 60 yards, TOP: 3:39
MSU (24-7)	Hawken 7-yard pass from Hoyer (Swenson kick), 0:53 left Drive: 8 plays, 80 yards, TOP: 3:03

THIRD QUARTER

NU (14-24)	Ward 6-yard pass from Bacher (Villarreal kick), 13:53 left Drive: 5 plays, 80 yards, TOP: 1:07
MSU (31-14)	Ringer 1-yard run (Swenson kick), 10:23 left Drive: 9 plays, 48 yards, TOP: 3:21
NU (17-31)	Villarreal 31-yard field goal, 6:53 left Drive: 14 plays, 66 yards, TOP: 3:30
MSU (34-17)	Swenson 42-yard field goal, 2:18 left Drive: 8 plays, 31 yards, TOP: 4:35

FOURTH QUARTER

NU (20-34)	Villarreal 22-yard field goal, 11:53 left Drive: 18 plays, 79 yards, TOP: 5:25
MSU (37-20)	Swenson 34-yard field goal, 5:54 left Drive: 11 plays, 41 yards, TOP: 5:59

TEAM STATISTICS

	MSU	NU
First Downs	18	27
Rushes-Yards	43-128	32-176
Passing Yards	169	283
Passes	14-20-0	34-61-2
Total Offense	63-297	93-459
Punts-Avg.	4-43.8	2-46.5
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	1-1
Penalties-Yards	5-45	4-40
Possession Time	32:21	27:39

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS**RUSHING**

MSU: Ringer 35-124, Anderson 5-10, Cunningham 1-9, Hoyer 2-0; NU: Sutton 23-139, Bacher 8-32, Conteh 1-5.

PASSING

MSU: Hoyer 14-20-0-169; NU: Bacher 34-61-2-283.

RECEIVING

MSU: Cunningham 4-44; White 3-29; Hawken 2-28; Ringer 2-16; Martin 1-42; Smith 1-7; Celek 1-3; NU: Lane 9-113; Stewart 7-49; Ward 7-45; Sutton 6-44; Peterman 4-27; Ebert 1-5.

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Michigan State Combined Team Statistics (as of Oct 11, 2008)
All games**

Date	Opponent	Score	Att.
Aug 30, 2008	at California	L 31-38	62956
Sep 06, 2008	EASTERN MICHIGAN	W 42-10	71789
Sep 13, 2008	FLORIDA ATLANTIC	W 17-0	70321
Sep 20, 2008	NOTRE DAME	W 23-7	76366
* Sep 27, 2008	at Indiana	W 42-29	31832
* Oct 04, 2008	IOWA	W 16-13	77526
* Oct 11, 2008	at Northwestern	W 37-20	32527

Record:	Overall	Home	Away	Neutral
All games	6-1	4-0	2-1	0-0
Conference	3-0	1-0	2-0	0-0
Non-Conference	3-1	3-0	0-1	0-0

Team Statistics	MSU	OPP
FIRST DOWNS	134	125
Rushing	61	42
Passing	61	68
Penalty	12	15
RUSHING YARDAGE	1236	944
Rushing Attempts	313	212
Average Per Rush	3.9	4.5
Average Per Game	176.6	134.9
TDs Rushing	16	6
PASSING YARDAGE	1346	1589
Att-Comp-Int	175-89-3	263-138-9
Average Per Pass	7.7	6.0
Average Per Catch	15.1	11.5
Average Per Game	192.3	227.0
TDs Passing	6	7
TOTAL OFFENSE	2582	2533
Average Per Play	5.3	5.3
Average Per Game	368.9	361.9
KICK RETURNS: #-Yards	24-473	34-796
PUNT RETURNS: #-Yards	16-216	16-111
INT RETURNS: #-Yards	9-157	3-37
FUMBLES-LOST	9-3	11-7
PENALTIES-Yards	36-347	41-348
PUNTS-AVG	39-39.0	39-41.4
TIME OF POSSESSION/Game	32:37	27:23
3RD-DOWN Conversions	37/101	41/104
4TH-DOWN Conversions	3/4	3/11

Interceptions	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Wiley, Otis	4	84	21.0	1	53
Fortener, Dan	2	37	18.5	0	21
Weaver, Ross	1	35	35.0	0	35
Adams, Johnny	1	0	0.0	0	0
Rucker, Chris L	1	1	1.0	0	1

Punting	no.	yds	avg	lg	tb	fc	i20	50+	blk
Bates, Aaron	37	1522	41.1	57	7	4	11	8	2
TEAM	2	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Punt Returns	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Wiley, Otis	15	187	12.5	0	78
Johnson, Jesse	1	29	29.0	0	0
Total	16	216	13.5	0	78
Opponents	16	111	6.9	1	18

Kick Returns	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Ringer, Javon	11	224	20.4	0	33
Winston, Glenn	4	131	32.8	0	50
Jimmerson, A.J.	3	64	21.3	0	25
Smith, Kyle	2	12	6.0	0	6
Martin, Keshawn	1	27	27.0	0	27
Pendy, Andrew	1	11	11.0	0	11
Wiley, Otis	1	3	3.0	0	3
Rouse, Josh	1	1	1.0	0	1
Total	24	473	19.7	0	50
Opponents	34	796	23.4	0	53

Rushing	gp	att	gain	loss	net	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Ringer, Javon	7	247	1180	68	1112	4.5	14	63	158.9
Anderson, Andre	7	25	115	19	96	3.8	0	32	13.7
Cunningham, B.	7	4	56	0	56	14.0	0	29	8.0
Leggett, Ashton	7	3	14	0	14	4.7	1	6	2.0
Martin, Keshawn	6	4	17	5	12	3.0	0	11	2.0
Jimmerson, A.J.	6	4	10	0	10	2.5	0	7	1.7
Winston, Glenn	5	1	0	1	-1	-1.0	0	0	-0.2
Hoyer, Brian	7	16	38	60	-22	-1.4	1	9	-3.1
TEAM	6	9	0	41	-41	-4.6	0	0	-6.8
Total	7	313	1430	194	1236	3.9	16	63	176.6
Opponents	7	212	1117	173	944	4.5	6	81	134.9

Passing	gp	effic	comp-att-int	pct	yds	td	lg	avg/g
Hoyer, Brian	7	122.91	86-171-3	50.3	1314	6	82	187.7
Cousins, Kirk	3	142.20	3-4-0	75.0	32	0	13	10.7
Total	7	123.35	89-175-3	50.9	1346	6	82	192.3
Opponents	7	105.16	138-263-9	52.5	1589	7	79	227.0

Receiving	gp	no.	yds	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Dell, Mark	7	20	443	22.1	2	52	63.3
Cunningham, B.	7	19	322	16.9	0	52	46.0
White, Blair	7	13	154	11.8	0	27	22.0
Ringer, Javon	7	9	76	8.4	0	17	10.9
Gantt, Charlie	7	8	160	20.0	2	82	22.9
Hawken, Andrew	5	6	46	7.7	1	21	9.2
Martin, Keshawn	6	5	79	15.8	0	42	13.2
Celek, Garrett	7	5	42	8.4	1	18	6.0
McPherson, Jeff	7	2	13	6.5	0	7	1.9
Smith, Fred	5	1	7	7.0	0	7	1.4
Curry, Deon	2	1	4	4.0	0	4	2.0
Total	7	89	1346	15.1	6	82	192.3
Opponents	7	138	1589	11.5	7	79	227.0

Field Goals	fg	pct.	01-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99	lg	blk
Swenson, Brett	15-16	93.8	0-0	6-6	4-5	5-5	0-0	48	0

Scoring	td	fg	PAT			dxp	saf	pts
			kick	rush	rcv				pass
Ringer, Javon	14	-	-	-	-	-	-	84
Swenson, Brett	-	15-16	23-23	-	-	-	-	68
Gantt, Charlie	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Dell, Mark	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Celek, Garrett	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Wiley, Otis	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Hawken, Andrew	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Leggett, Ashton	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Hoyer, Brian	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
TEAM	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2
Fortener, Dan	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
Total	23	15-16	23-23	-	-	-	1	208
Opponents	14	6-9	13-13	-	-	0-1	1	117

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Conference games**

Date	Opponent	Score	Att.	Record:	Overall	Home	Away	Neutral
* Sep 27, 2008	at Indiana	W 42-29	31832	All games	3-0	1-0	2-0	0-0
* Oct 04, 2008	IOWA	W 16-13	77526	Conference	3-0	1-0	2-0	0-0
* Oct 11, 2008	at Northwestern	W 37-20	32527	Non-Conference	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0

Rushing	gp	att	gain	loss	net	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Ringer, Javon	3	104	446	33	413	4.0	3	33	137.7
Cunningham, B.	3	3	38	0	38	12.7	0	29	12.7
Anderson, Andre	3	11	24	0	24	2.2	0	5	8.0
Leggett, Ashton	3	1	6	0	6	6.0	0	6	2.0
TEAM	2	2	0	4	-4	-2.0	0	0	-2.0
Martin, Keshawn	3	1	0	5	-5	-5.0	0	0	-1.7
Hoyer, Brian	3	7	9	26	-17	-2.4	1	4	-5.7
Total	3	129	523	68	455	3.5	4	33	151.7
Opponents	3	99	575	59	516	5.2	3	78	172.0

Passing	gp	effic	comp-att-int	pct	yds	td	lg	avg/g
Hoyer, Brian	3	152.97	41-70-1	58.6	614	5	82	204.7
Total	3	152.97	41-70-1	58.6	614	5	82	204.7
Opponents	3	107.17	72-127-5	56.7	725	4	79	241.7

Receiving	gp	no.	yds	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Cunningham, B.	3	10	161	16.1	0	52	53.7
White, Blair	3	7	94	13.4	0	27	31.3
Martin, Keshawn	3	5	79	15.8	0	42	26.3
Ringer, Javon	3	5	39	7.8	0	14	13.0
Gantt, Charlie	3	4	129	32.2	2	82	43.0
Dell, Mark	3	3	43	14.3	1	18	14.3
Hawken, Andrew	1	2	28	14.0	1	21	28.0
Celek, Garrett	3	2	21	10.5	1	18	7.0
McPherson, Jeff	3	2	13	6.5	0	7	4.3
Smith, Fred	2	1	7	7.0	0	7	3.5
Total	3	41	614	15.0	5	82	204.7
Opponents	3	72	725	10.1	4	79	241.7

Field Goals	fg	pct.	01-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99	lg	blk
Swenson, Brett	10-10	100.0	0-0	3-3	3-3	4-4	0-0	48	0

Scoring	td	fg	PAT				dpx	saf	pts
			kick	rush	rcv	pass			
Swenson, Brett	-	10-10	9-9	-	-	-	-	-	39
Ringer, Javon	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18
Gantt, Charlie	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Dell, Mark	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Hoyer, Brian	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Hawken, Andrew	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Celek, Garrett	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
TEAM	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	2
Fortener, Dan	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
Total	9	10-10	9-9	-	-	-	1	-	95
Opponents	7	4-4	6-6	-	-	0-1	1	-	62

Team Statistics	MSU	OPP
FIRST DOWNS	56	65
Rushing	25	25
Passing	27	33
Penalty	4	7
RUSHING YARDAGE	455	516
Rushing Attempts	129	99
Average Per Rush	3.5	5.2
Average Per Game	151.7	172.0
TDs Rushing	4	3
PASSING YARDAGE	614	725
Att-Comp-Int	70-41-1	127-72-5
Average Per Pass	8.8	5.7
Average Per Catch	15.0	10.1
Average Per Game	204.7	241.7
TDs Passing	5	4
TOTAL OFFENSE	1069	1241
Average Per Play	5.4	5.5
Average Per Game	356.3	413.7
KICK RETURNS: #-Yards	11-214	16-365
PUNT RETURNS: #-Yards	4-32	5-56
INT RETURNS: #-Yards	5-73	1-9
FUMBLES-LOST	3-0	5-4
PENALTIES-Yards	14-125	15-159
PUNTS-AVG	15-38.7	12-49.4
TIME OF POSSESSION/Game	32:20	27:40
3RD-DOWN Conversions	15/42	23/50
4TH-DOWN Conversions	1/1	3/6

Interceptions	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Fortener, Dan	2	37	18.5	0	21
Adams, Johnny	1	0	0.0	0	0
Rucker, Chris L	1	1	1.0	0	1
Weaver, Ross	1	35	35.0	0	35

Punting	no.	yds	avg	lg	tb	fc	i20	50+	blk
Bates, Aaron	14	581	41.5	57	2	3	4	2	1
TEAM	1	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Punt Returns	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Wiley, Otis	4	32	8.0	0	20
Total	4	32	8.0	0	20
Opponents	5	56	11.2	0	11

Kick Returns	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Winston, Glenn	4	131	32.8	0	50
Jimmerson, A.J.	2	39	19.5	0	19
Ringer, Javon	2	24	12.0	0	24
Pendy, Andrew	1	11	11.0	0	11
Smith, Kyle	1	6	6.0	0	6
Wiley, Otis	1	3	3.0	0	3
Total	11	214	19.5	0	50
Opponents	16	365	22.8	0	40

2008 Michigan State Football
Michigan State Overall Team Statistics (as of Oct 11, 2008)
All games

Team Statistics	MSU	OPP
SCORING	208	117
Points Per Game	29.7	16.7
FIRST DOWNS	134	125
Rushing	61	42
Passing	61	68
Penalty	12	15
RUSHING YARDAGE	1236	944
Yards gained rushing	1430	1117
Yards lost rushing	194	173
Rushing Attempts	313	212
Average Per Rush	3.9	4.5
Average Per Game	176.6	134.9
TDs Rushing	16	6
PASSING YARDAGE	1346	1589
Att-Comp-Int	175-89-3	263-138-9
Average Per Pass	7.7	6.0
Average Per Catch	15.1	11.5
Average Per Game	192.3	227.0
TDs Passing	6	7
TOTAL OFFENSE	2582	2533
Total Plays	488	475
Average Per Play	5.3	5.3
Average Per Game	368.9	361.9
KICK RETURNS: #-Yards	24-473	34-796
PUNT RETURNS: #-Yards	16-216	16-111
INT RETURNS: #-Yards	9-157	3-37
KICK RETURN AVERAGE	19.7	23.4
PUNT RETURN AVERAGE	13.5	6.9
INT RETURN AVERAGE	17.4	12.3
FUMBLES-LOST	9-3	11-7
PENALTIES-Yards	36-347	41-348
Average Per Game	49.6	49.7
PUNTS-Yards	39-1522	39-1614
Average Per Punt	39.0	41.4
Net punt average	32.6	33.3
TIME OF POSSESSION/Game	32:37	27:23
3RD-DOWN Conversions	37/101	41/104
3rd-Down Pct	37%	39%
4TH-DOWN Conversions	3/4	3/11
4th-Down Pct	75%	27%
SACKS BY-Yards	11-88	4-35
MISC YARDS	0	0
TOUCHDOWNS SCORED	23	14
FIELD GOALS-ATTEMPTS	15-16	6-9
ON-SIDE KICKS	0-0	0-0
RED-ZONE SCORES	29-33 88%	14-23 61%
RED-ZONE TOUCHDOWNS	19-33 58%	8-23 35%
PAT-ATTEMPTS	23-23 100%	13-13 100%
ATTENDANCE	296002	127315
Games/Avg Per Game	4/74000	3/42438
Neutral Site Games		0/0

Score by Quarters	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	oT	Total
Michigan State	47	62	42	57	0	208
Opponents	14	42	27	34	0	117

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<u>Rushing</u>	<u>gp</u>	<u>att</u>	<u>gain</u>	<u>loss</u>	<u>net</u>	<u>avg</u>	<u>td</u>	<u>lg</u>	<u>avg/g</u>
Ringer, Javon	7	247	1180	68	1112	4.5	14	63	158.9
Anderson, Andre	7	25	115	19	96	3.8	0	32	13.7
Cunningham, B.	7	4	56	0	56	14.0	0	29	8.0
Leggett, Ashton	7	3	14	0	14	4.7	1	6	2.0
Martin, Keshawn	6	4	17	5	12	3.0	0	11	2.0
Jimmerson, A.J.	6	4	10	0	10	2.5	0	7	1.7
Winston, Glenn	5	1	0	1	-1	-1.0	0	0	-0.2
Hoyer, Brian	7	16	38	60	-22	-1.4	1	9	-3.1
TEAM	6	9	0	41	-41	-4.6	0	0	-6.8
Total	7	313	1430	194	1236	3.9	16	63	176.6
Opponents	7	212	1117	173	944	4.5	6	81	134.9

<u>Passing</u>	<u>gp</u>	<u>effic</u>	<u>comp-att-int</u>	<u>pct</u>	<u>yds</u>	<u>td</u>	<u>lg</u>	<u>avg/g</u>
Hoyer, Brian	7	122.91	86-171-3	50.3	1314	6	82	187.7
Cousins, Kirk	3	142.20	3-4-0	75.0	32	0	13	10.7
Total	7	123.35	89-175-3	50.9	1346	6	82	192.3
Opponents	7	105.16	138-263-9	52.5	1589	7	79	227.0

<u>Receiving</u>	<u>gp</u>	<u>no.</u>	<u>yds</u>	<u>avg</u>	<u>td</u>	<u>lg</u>	<u>avg/g</u>
Dell, Mark	7	20	443	22.1	2	52	63.3
Cunningham, B.	7	19	322	16.9	0	52	46.0
White, Blair	7	13	154	11.8	0	27	22.0
Ringer, Javon	7	9	76	8.4	0	17	10.9
Gantt, Charlie	7	8	160	20.0	2	82	22.9
Hawken, Andrew	5	6	46	7.7	1	21	9.2
Martin, Keshawn	6	5	79	15.8	0	42	13.2
Celek, Garrett	7	5	42	8.4	1	18	6.0
McPherson, Jeff	7	2	13	6.5	0	7	1.9
Smith, Fred	5	1	7	7.0	0	7	1.4
Curry, Deon	2	1	4	4.0	0	4	2.0
Total	7	89	1346	15.1	6	82	192.3
Opponents	7	138	1589	11.5	7	79	227.0

<u>Punt Returns</u>	<u>no.</u>	<u>yds</u>	<u>avg</u>	<u>td</u>	<u>lg</u>
Wiley, Otis	15	187	12.5	0	78
Johnson, Jesse	1	29	29.0	0	0
Total	16	216	13.5	0	78
Opponents	16	111	6.9	1	18

<u>Interceptions</u>	<u>no.</u>	<u>yds</u>	<u>avg</u>	<u>td</u>	<u>lg</u>
Wiley, Otis	4	84	21.0	1	53
Fortener, Dan	2	37	18.5	0	21
Rucker, Chris L	1	1	1.0	0	1
Adams, Johnny	1	0	0.0	0	0
Weaver, Ross	1	35	35.0	0	35
Total	9	157	17.4	1	53
Opponents	3	37	12.3	0	28

<u>Kick Returns</u>	<u>no.</u>	<u>yds</u>	<u>avg</u>	<u>td</u>	<u>lg</u>
Ringer, Javon	11	224	20.4	0	33
Winston, Glenn	4	131	32.8	0	50
Jimmerson, A.J.	3	64	21.3	0	25
Smith, Kyle	2	12	6.0	0	6
Wiley, Otis	1	3	3.0	0	3
Martin, Keshawn	1	27	27.0	0	27
Pendy, Andrew	1	11	11.0	0	11
Rouse, Josh	1	1	1.0	0	1
Total	24	473	19.7	0	50
Opponents	34	796	23.4	0	53

<u>Fumble Returns</u>	<u>no.</u>	<u>yds</u>	<u>avg</u>	<u>td</u>	<u>lg</u>
Wiley, Otis	1	4	4.0	0	4
Total	1	4	4.0	0	4
Opponents	0	0	0.0	0	0

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Scoring	td	fg	PAT				dpx	saf	pts
			kick	rush	rcv	pass			
Ringer, Javon	14	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	84
Swenson, Brett	-	15-16	23-23	-	-	-	-	-	68
Gantt, Charlie	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Dell, Mark	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Leggett, Ashton	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Hoyer, Brian	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Celek, Garrett	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Hawken, Andrew	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Wiley, Otis	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
TEAM	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	2
Fortener, Dan	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
Total	23	15-16	23-23	-	-	-	-	1	208
Opponents	14	6-9	13-13	-	-	0-1	-	1	117

Total Offense	g	plays	rush	pass	total	avg/g
Hoyer, Brian	7	187	-22	1314	1292	184.6
Ringer, Javon	7	247	1112	0	1112	158.9
Anderson, Andre	7	25	96	0	96	13.7
Cunningham, B.	7	4	56	0	56	8.0
Cousins, Kirk	3	4	0	32	32	10.7
Leggett, Ashton	7	3	14	0	14	2.0
Martin, Keshawn	6	4	12	0	12	2.0
Jimmerson, A.J.	6	4	10	0	10	1.7
Winston, Glenn	5	1	-1	0	-1	-0.2
TEAM	6	9	-41	0	-41	-6.8
Total	7	488	1236	1346	2582	368.9
Opponents	7	475	944	1589	2533	361.9

Field Goals	fg	pct.	01-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99	lg	blk
Swenson, Brett	15-16	93.8	0-0	6-6	4-5	5-5	0-0	48	0

FG Sequence	Michigan State	Opponents
California	39,(34)	(26)
Eastern Michigan	-	41,(24)
Florida Atlantic	(22)	-
Notre Dame	(45),(26),(23)	51,41
Indiana	(45),(48),(45),(32)	-
Iowa	(29),(32),(25)	(25),(33)
Northwestern	(26),(42),(34)	(31),(22)

Punting	no.	yds	avg	lg	tb	fc	i20	50+	blk
Bates, Aaron	37	1522	41.1	57	7	4	11	8	2
TEAM	2	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	39	1522	39.0	57	7	4	11	8	2
Opponents	39	1614	41.4	67	5	6	11	9	1

Kickoffs	no.	yds	avg	tb	ob	retn	net	ydln
Boleski, Todd	46	3055	66.4	12	0			
Total	46	3055	66.4	12	0	23.4	43.9	26
Opponents	27	1570	58.1	2	0	19.7	39.1	30

Numbers in (parentheses) indicate field goal was made.

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<u>All Purpose</u>	<u>g</u>	<u>rush</u>	<u>rcv</u>	<u>pr</u>	<u>kr</u>	<u>ir</u>	<u>total</u>	<u>avg/g</u>
Ringer, Javon	7	1112	76	0	224	0	1412	201.7
Dell, Mark	7	0	443	0	0	0	443	63.3
Cunningham, B.	7	56	322	0	0	0	378	54.0
Wiley, Otis	7	0	0	187	3	84	274	39.1
Gantt, Charlie	7	0	160	0	0	0	160	22.9
White, Blair	7	0	154	0	0	0	154	22.0
Winston, Glenn	5	-1	0	0	131	0	130	26.0
Martin, Keshawn	6	12	79	0	27	0	118	19.7
Anderson, Andre	7	96	0	0	0	0	96	13.7
Jimmerson, A.J.	6	10	0	0	64	0	74	12.3
Hawken, Andre	5	0	46	0	0	0	46	9.2
Celek, Garrett	7	0	42	0	0	0	42	6.0
Fortener, Dan	7	0	0	0	0	37	37	5.3
Weaver, Ross	6	0	0	0	0	35	35	5.8
Johnson, Jesse	7	0	0	29	0	0	29	4.1
Leggett, Ashton	7	14	0	0	0	0	14	2.0
McPherson, Jeff	7	0	13	0	0	0	13	1.9
Smith, Kyle	6	0	0	0	12	0	12	2.0
Pendy, Andrew	4	0	0	0	11	0	11	2.8
Smith, Fred	5	0	7	0	0	0	7	1.4
Curry, Deon	2	0	4	0	0	0	4	2.0
Rucker, Chris L	6	0	0	0	0	1	1	0.2
Rouse, Josh	7	0	0	0	1	0	1	0.1
Hoyer, Brian	7	-22	0	0	0	0	-22	-3.1
TEAM	6	-41	0	0	0	0	-41	-6.8
Total	7	1236	1346	216	473	157	3428	489.7
Opponents	7	944	1589	111	796	37	3477	496.7

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##	Defensive Leaders	gp	Tackles			Sacks tfl/yds	Pass defense		Fumbles		blkd		kick
			ua	a	tot		no-yds	int-yds	brup	qbh	rcv-yds	ff	
53	Jones, Greg	7	32	20	52	5.5-14	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
43	Gordon, Eric	7	24	21	45	2.5-8	.	.	3	2	1-0	1	.
33	Fortener, Dan	7	29	15	44	1.0-2	.	2-37	5	.	1-0	.	.
55	Decker, Adam	7	15	23	38	5.0-10	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
21	Wiley, Otis	7	21	17	38	.	.	4-84	7	1	1-4	1	.
29	Rucker, Chris L	6	22	10	32	4.0-18	1.0-11	1-1	2	.	.	1	.
9	Ware, Jeremy	6	14	5	19	1.0-1	.	.	6	.	.	.	.
58	Anderson, T.	7	11	5	16	6.5-46	5.0-43	.	.	2	.	1	.
97	Kershaw, Justin	7	8	7	15	5.5-21	2.5-14	.	.	1	.	.	.
47	Long, Brandon	7	7	8	15	2.5-19	2.0-18	.	1	1	.	.	.
42	Allison, Ryan	7	10	4	14	.	.	.	2	.	.	.	.
89	Neely, Colin	7	7	7	14	2.0-5	0.5-2	.	.	1	.	.	.
34	Denson, Brandon	6	9	5	14	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
37	Weaver, Ross	6	12	2	14	1.0-3	.	1-35	4	.	.	1	.
5	Adams, Johnny	6	9	4	13	2.0-2	.	1-0	1	.	.	.	.
38	Davis-Clark, K.	2	5	6	11	0.5-0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
70	Wilson, Oren	7	1	9	10	1.5-2	.	.	.	.	1-0	.	.
11	Hyde, Marcus	7	4	4	8	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
49	Holmes, Dwayne	7	4	2	6	1.5-1	.	.	1	1	1-0	.	.
54	Rolf, David	7	2	3	5	.	.	.	.	.	1-0	1	.
39	Robinson, T.	6	1	4	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
15	Boleski, Todd	7	2	2	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
5B	Strayhorn, J.	5	1	3	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
98	Jordan, Michael	7	1	2	3	.	.	.	.	.	1-0	.	.
31	Henderson, A.	6	2	1	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
96	Pickelman, K.	7	1	2	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
28	Bell, Mike	5	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
93	Jeremiah, A.	6	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
57	Cironi, Rocco	7	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
41	Winston, Glenn	5	.	2	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
TM	TEAM	6	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
26	Johnson, Jesse	7	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
35	McPherson, Jeff	7	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
25	White, Blair	7	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
44	Rouse, Josh	7	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
52	Pendy, Andrew	4	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
2	Dell, Mark	7	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Total		7	263	198	461	42-152	11-88	9-157	34	9	7-4	6	1
Opponents		7	235	320	555	29-112	4-35	3-37	27	4	3-0	1	2

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TEAM STATISTICS

Date	Opponent	Rushing				Receiving				Passing				Kick Returns				Punt Returns				tot off		
		no.	yds	td	lg	no.	yds	td	lg	cmp	att	int	yds	td	lg	no.	yds	td	lg	no.	yds		td	lg
Aug 30	at California	31	81	2	10	20	321	1	52	20	48	1	52	7	109	0	33	1	29	0	0	402		
Sep 06	EASTERN MICHIGAN	52	238	6	32	11	180	0	46	11	16	0	46	3	89	0	33	5	113	0	78	418		
Sep 13	FLORIDA ATLANTIC	58	259	2	32	5	88	0	47	5	15	1	47	1	14	0	14	5	32	0	11	347		
Sep 20	NOTRE DAME	43	203	2	63	12	143	0	28	12	26	0	28	2	47	0	25	1	10	0	10	346		
Sep 27	at Indiana	52	236	2	33	14	261	2	82	14	26	2	82	5	53	0	24	3	12	0	16	497		
Oct 04	IOWA	34	91	0	29	13	184	1	52	13	24	1	52	2	44	0	25	0	0	0	0	275		
Oct 11	at Northwestern	43	128	2	13	14	169	2	42	14	20	2	42	4	117	0	50	1	20	0	20	297		
Opponents		212	944	6	81	138	1589	7	79	138	263	9	1589	7	79	34	796	0	53	16	111	1	18	2533

Games played: 7
 Avg per rush: 3.9
 Avg per catch: 15.1
 Pass efficiency: 123.35
 Kick ret avg: 19.7
 Punt ret avg: 13.5
 All purpose avg/game: 489.7
 Total offense avg/gm: 368.9

Date	Opponent	Tackles				Sacks	Fumble		Pass Defense			Blkd	PAT Attempts				saf	pts
		ua	a	total	tfl-yds	no-yds	ff	fr-yds	int-yds	qbh	brup	kick	kick	rush	rcv			
Aug 30	at California	39	36	75	7.0-18	1.0-4	0	0-0	2-84	2	1	1	4-4	0	0	0	0	31
Sep 06	EASTERN MICHIGAN	26	32	58	7.0-18	2.0-8	0	0-0	0-0	1	2	0	6-6	0	0	0	42	
Sep 13	FLORIDA ATLANTIC	26	26	52	4.0-14	0.0-0	0	2-0	0-0	0	7	0	2-2	0	0	0	17	
Sep 20	NOTRE DAME	33	30	63	9.0-41	3.0-34	1	1-0	2-0	2	6	0	2-2	0	0	0	23	
Sep 27	at Indiana	48	8	56	4.0-13	1.0-8	2	1-4	2-51	0	5	0	4-4	0	0	1	42	
Oct 04	IOWA	41	34	75	8.0-34	3.0-23	2	2-0	1-1	0	1	0	1-1	0	0	0	16	
Oct 11	at Northwestern	50	32	82	3.0-14	1.0-11	1	1-0	2-21	4	12	0	4-4	0	0	0	37	
Opponents		263	198	461	42.0-152	11.0-88	6	7-4	9-157	9	34	1	23-23	0	0	1	208	

Date	Opponent	Punting							Field Goals			Kickoffs						
		no.	yds	avg	long	blkd	tb	fc	50+	i20	md-att	long	blkd	no.	yds	avg	tb	ob
Aug 30	at California	6	189	31.5	49	1	1	0	0	2	1-2	34	0	6	367	61.2	0	0
Sep 06	EASTERN MICHIGAN	3	118	39.3	50	0	1	0	1	2	0-0	0	0	7	475	67.9	3	0
Sep 13	FLORIDA ATLANTIC	10	408	40.8	53	0	2	0	4	2	1-1	22	0	4	270	67.5	1	0
Sep 20	NOTRE DAME	5	226	45.2	52	0	1	1	1	1	3-3	45	0	6	411	68.5	1	0
Sep 27	at Indiana	6	206	34.3	48	1	1	2	0	1	4-4	48	0	10	664	66.4	4	0
Oct 04	IOWA	5	200	40.0	49	0	0	0	0	0	3-3	32	0	5	329	65.8	1	0
Oct 11	at Northwestern	4	175	43.8	57	0	1	1	2	3	3-3	42	0	8	539	67.4	2	0
Opponents		39	1522	39.0	57	2	7	4	8	11	15-16	48	0	46	3055	66.4	12	0

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Michigan State Opponent Game-by-Game (as of Oct 11, 2008)
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OPPONENT STATISTICS

Date	Opponent	Rushing				Receiving				Passing				Kick Returns				Punt Returns				tot off
		no.	yds	td	lg	no.	yds	td	lg	cmp-att-int	yds	td	lg	no.	yds	td	lg	no.	yds	td	lg	
Aug 30	at California	36	203	2	81	20	264	2	50	20-30-2	264	2	50	6	118	0	35	3	7	1	5	467
Sep 06	EASTERN MICHIGAN	28	127	1	40	14	215	0	63	14-31-0	215	0	63	4	87	0	26	0	0	0	0	342
Sep 13	FLORIDA ATLANTIC	27	82	0	16	8	143	0	71	8-34-0	143	0	71	3	79	0	41	5	25	0	10	225
Sep 20	NOTRE DAME	22	16	0	24	24	242	1	30	24-41-2	242	1	30	5	147	0	53	3	23	0	18	258
Sep 27	at Indiana	28	189	2	78	23	284	2	79	23-44-2	284	2	79	6	118	0	25	1	19	0	0	473
Oct 04	IOWA	39	151	0	18	15	158	1	31	15-22-1	158	1	31	4	116	0	40	4	37	0	11	309
Oct 11	at Northwestern	32	176	1	66	34	283	1	31	34-61-2	283	1	31	6	131	0	40	0	0	0	0	459
Michigan State		212	944	6	81	138	1589	7	79	138-263-9	1589	7	79	34	796	0	53	16	111	1	18	2533
Michigan State		313	1236	16	63	89	1346	6	82	89-175-3	1346	6	82	24	473	0	50	16	216	0	78	2582

Games played: 7
 Avg per rush: 4.5
 Avg per catch: 11.5
 Pass efficiency: 105.16
 Kick ret avg: 23.4
 Punt ret avg: 6.9
 All purpose avg/game: 496.7
 Total offense avg/gm: 361.9

Date	Opponent	Tackles				Sacks	Fumble		Pass Defense			Blkd	PAT Attempts					
		ua	a	total	tfl-yds	no-yds	ff	fr-yds	int-yds	qbh	brup	kick	kick	rush	rcv	saf	pts	
Aug 30	at California	32	40	72	3.0-10	0.0-0	0	0-0	1-0	2	10	1	5-5	0	0	0	0	38
Sep 06	EASTERN MICHIGAN	31	58	89	3.0-12	1.0-9	0	1-0	0-0	0	2	0	1-1	0	0	0	0	10
Sep 13	FLORIDA ATLANTIC	32	54	86	5.0-10	0.0-0	0	1-0	1-28	0	3	0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Sep 20	NOTRE DAME	27	52	79	3.0-16	0.0-0	1	1-0	0-0	0	3	0	1-1	0	0	0	0	7
Sep 27	at Indiana	54	24	78	6.0-23	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	4	1	3-3	0	0	0	1	29
Oct 04	IOWA	23	44	67	5.0-23	1.0-11	0	0-0	1-9	0	5	0	1-1	0	0	0	0	13
Oct 11	at Northwestern	36	48	84	4.0-18	2.0-15	0	0-0	0-0	2	0	0	2-2	0	0	0	0	20
Michigan State		235	320	555	29.0-112	4.0-35	1	3-0	3-37	4	27	2	13-13	0	0	0	1	117
Michigan State		263	198	461	42.0-152	11.0-88	6	7-4	9-157	9	34	1	23-23	0	0	0	1	208

Date	Opponent	Punting							Field Goals			Kickoffs						
		no.	yds	avg	long	blkd	tb	fc	50+	i20	md-att	long	blkd	no.	yds	avg	tb	ob
Aug 30	at California	5	192	38.4	59	1	0	2	3	3	1-1	26	0	7	369	52.7	0	0
Sep 06	EASTERN MICHIGAN	7	260	37.1	45	0	0	0	0	0	1-2	24	0	3	197	65.7	0	0
Sep 13	FLORIDA ATLANTIC	10	365	36.5	49	0	0	1	0	4	0-0	0	0	1	59	59.0	0	0
Sep 20	NOTRE DAME	5	204	40.8	46	0	0	2	0	2	0-2	0	0	2	120	60.0	0	0
Sep 27	at Indiana	7	341	48.7	67	0	3	0	4	2	0-0	0	0	6	368	61.3	1	0
Oct 04	IOWA	3	159	53.0	56	0	2	1	2	0	2-2	33	0	3	207	69.0	1	0
Oct 11	at Northwestern	2	93	46.5	47	0	0	0	0	0	2-2	31	0	5	250	50.0	0	0
Michigan State		39	1614	41.4	67	1	5	6	9	11	6-9	33	0	27	1570	58.1	2	0
Michigan State		39	1522	39.0	57	2	7	4	8	11	15-16	48	0	46	3055	66.4	12	0

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INDIVIDUAL GAME HIGHS

Rushes	44	Ringer, Javon at Indiana (Sep 27, 2008)
Yards Rushing	282	Ringer, Javon vs Florida Atlantic (Sep 13, 2008)
TD Rushes	5	Ringer, Javon vs Eastern Michigan (Sep 06, 2008)
Long Rush	63	Ringer, Javon vs Notre Dame (Sep 20, 2008)
Pass attempts	48	Hoyer, Brian at California (Aug 30, 2008)
Pass completions	20	Hoyer, Brian at California (Aug 30, 2008)
Yards Passing	321	Hoyer, Brian at California (Aug 30, 2008)
TD Passes	2	Hoyer, Brian at Indiana (Sep 27, 2008)
	2	Hoyer, Brian at Northwestern (Oct 11, 2008)
Long Pass	82	Hoyer, Brian at Indiana (Sep 27, 2008)
Receptions	9	Dell, Mark at California (Aug 30, 2008)
Yards Receiving	202	Dell, Mark at California (Aug 30, 2008)
TD Receptions	1	Dell, Mark at California (Aug 30, 2008)
	1	Gantt, Charlie at Indiana (Sep 27, 2008)
	1	Dell, Mark at Indiana (Sep 27, 2008)
	1	Gantt, Charlie vs Iowa (Oct 04, 2008)
	1	Hawken, Andrew at Northwestern (Oct 11, 2008)
	1	Celek, Garrett at Northwestern (Oct 11, 2008)
Long Reception	82	Gantt, Charlie at Indiana (Sep 27, 2008)
Field Goals	4	Swenson, Brett at Indiana (Sep 27, 2008)
Long Field Goal	48	Swenson, Brett at Indiana (Sep 27, 2008)
Punts	10	Bates, Aaron vs Florida Atlantic (Sep 13, 2008)
Punting Avg	45.2	Bates, Aaron vs Notre Dame (Sep 20, 2008)
Long Punt	57	Bates, Aaron at Northwestern (Oct 11, 2008)
Long Punt Return	78	Wiley, Otis vs Eastern Michigan (Sep 06, 2008)
Long Kickoff Return	50	Winston, Glenn at Northwestern (Oct 11, 2008)
Tackles	11	Allison, Ryan at Northwestern (Oct 11, 2008)
	11	Gordon, Eric at Northwestern (Oct 11, 2008)
	11	Jones, Greg at Northwestern (Oct 11, 2008)
Sacks	2.5	Anderson, T. vs Iowa (Oct 04, 2008)
Tackles For Loss	3.5	Anderson, T. vs Iowa (Oct 04, 2008)
Interceptions	2	Wiley, Otis at California (Aug 30, 2008)
	2	Wiley, Otis vs Notre Dame (Sep 20, 2008)

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TEAM GAME HIGHS

Rushes	58	vs Florida Atlantic (Sep 13, 2008)
Yards Rushing	259	vs Florida Atlantic (Sep 13, 2008)
Yards Per Rush	4.7	vs Notre Dame (Sep 20, 2008)
TD Rushes	6	vs Eastern Michigan (Sep 06, 2008)
Pass attempts	48	at California (Aug 30, 2008)
Pass completions	20	at California (Aug 30, 2008)
Yards Passing	321	at California (Aug 30, 2008)
Yards Per Pass	11.2	vs Eastern Michigan (Sep 06, 2008)
TD Passes	2	at Indiana (Sep 27, 2008)
	2	at Northwestern (Oct 11, 2008)
Total Plays	79	at California (Aug 30, 2008)
Total Offense	497	at Indiana (Sep 27, 2008)
Yards Per Play	6.4	at Indiana (Sep 27, 2008)
Points	42	vs Eastern Michigan (Sep 06, 2008)
	42	at Indiana (Sep 27, 2008)
Sacks By	3	vs Notre Dame (Sep 20, 2008)
	3	vs Iowa (Oct 04, 2008)
First Downs	23	at California (Aug 30, 2008)
	23	at Indiana (Sep 27, 2008)
Penalties	8	at California (Aug 30, 2008)
Penalty Yards	82	at California (Aug 30, 2008)
Turnovers	2	vs Florida Atlantic (Sep 13, 2008)
Interceptions By	2	at California (Aug 30, 2008)
	2	vs Notre Dame (Sep 20, 2008)
	2	at Indiana (Sep 27, 2008)
	2	at Northwestern (Oct 11, 2008)

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OPPONENT INDIVIDUAL GAME HIGHS

Rushes	30	Greene, Shonn, vs Iowa (Oct 04, 2008)
Yards Rushing	157	Greene, Shonn, vs Iowa (Oct 04, 2008)
TD Rushes	2	Thigpen, Marcus, at Indiana (Sep 27, 2008)
Long Rush	81	VEREEN, Shane, at California (Aug 30, 2008)
Pass attempts	61	Bacher, C.J., at Northwestern (Oct 11, 2008)
Pass completions	34	Bacher, C.J., at Northwestern (Oct 11, 2008)
Yards Passing	283	Bacher, C.J., at Northwestern (Oct 11, 2008)
TD Passes	2	RILEY, Kevin, at California (Aug 30, 2008)
	2	Lewis, Kellen, at Indiana (Sep 27, 2008)
Long Pass	79	Lewis, Kellen, at Indiana (Sep 27, 2008)
Receptions	9	Lane, Ross, at Northwestern (Oct 11, 2008)
Yards Receiving	113	Lane, Ross, at Northwestern (Oct 11, 2008)
TD Receptions	1	MORRAH, Cameron, at California (Aug 30, 2008)
	1	TA'UFO'OU, Will, at California (Aug 30, 2008)
	1	FLOYD, vs Notre Dame (Sep 20, 2008)
	1	Fisher, Ray, at Indiana (Sep 27, 2008)
	1	Thigpen, Marcus, at Indiana (Sep 27, 2008)
	1	Brodell, Andy, vs Iowa (Oct 04, 2008)
	1	Ward, Rasheed, at Northwestern (Oct 11, 2008)
Long Reception	79	Thigpen, Marcus, at Indiana (Sep 27, 2008)
Field Goals	2	Mossbrucker, T., vs Iowa (Oct 04, 2008)
	2	Villarreal, A., at Northwestern (Oct 11, 2008)
Long Field Goal	33	Mossbrucker, T., vs Iowa (Oct 04, 2008)
Punts	10	Peterson, K, vs Florida Atlantic (Sep 13, 2008)
Punting Avg	53.0	Donahue, Ryan, vs Iowa (Oct 04, 2008)
Long Punt	67	Hagerup, Chris, at Indiana (Sep 27, 2008)
Long Punt Return	18	ALLEN, vs Notre Dame (Sep 20, 2008)
Long Kickoff Return	53	ALLEN, vs Notre Dame (Sep 20, 2008)
Tackles	16	Clark, Andre, vs Florida Atlantic (Sep 13, 2008)
Sacks	1.0	HOLTZCLAW, D., vs Eastern Michigan (Sep 06, 2008)
	1.0	King, Mitch, vs Iowa (Oct 04, 2008)
	1.0	Bryant, Corbin, at Northwestern (Oct 11, 2008)
Tackles For Loss	3.0	Kirlew, Jammie, at Indiana (Sep 27, 2008)
Interceptions	1	THOMPSON, S., at California (Aug 30, 2008)
	1	Small, Corey, vs Florida Atlantic (Sep 13, 2008)
	1	Bernstine, J., vs Iowa (Oct 04, 2008)

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OPPONENT TEAM GAME HIGHS

Rushes	39	vs Iowa (Oct 04, 2008)
Yards Rushing	203	at California (Aug 30, 2008)
Yards Per Rush	6.8	at Indiana (Sep 27, 2008)
TD Rushes	2	at California (Aug 30, 2008)
	2	at Indiana (Sep 27, 2008)
Pass attempts	61	at Northwestern (Oct 11, 2008)
Pass completions	34	at Northwestern (Oct 11, 2008)
Yards Passing	284	at Indiana (Sep 27, 2008)
Yards Per Pass	8.8	at California (Aug 30, 2008)
TD Passes	2	at California (Aug 30, 2008)
	2	at Indiana (Sep 27, 2008)
Total Plays	93	at Northwestern (Oct 11, 2008)
Total Offense	473	at Indiana (Sep 27, 2008)
Yards Per Play	7.1	at California (Aug 30, 2008)
Points	38	at California (Aug 30, 2008)
Sacks By	2	at Northwestern (Oct 11, 2008)
First Downs	27	at Northwestern (Oct 11, 2008)
Penalties	9	at Indiana (Sep 27, 2008)
Penalty Yards	89	at Indiana (Sep 27, 2008)
Turnovers	3	vs Notre Dame (Sep 20, 2008)
	3	at Indiana (Sep 27, 2008)
	3	vs Iowa (Oct 04, 2008)
	3	at Northwestern (Oct 11, 2008)
Interceptions By	1	at California (Aug 30, 2008)
	1	vs Florida Atlantic (Sep 13, 2008)
	1	vs Iowa (Oct 04, 2008)