



# MICHIGAN STATE

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## 2009 SCHEDULES & SCOREBOARDS

### MICHIGAN STATE (0-0)

|          |                                  |           |
|----------|----------------------------------|-----------|
| Sept. 5  | MONTANA STATE (BTN)              | 12 p.m.   |
| Sept. 12 | CENTRAL MICHIGAN (ESPN or ESPN2) | 12 p.m.   |
| Sept. 19 | at Notre Dame (NBC)              | 3:30 p.m. |
| Sept. 26 | at Wisconsin (TBA)               | TBA       |
| Oct. 3   | MICHIGAN (TBA)                   | TBA       |
| Oct. 10  | at Illinois (TBA)                | 12 p.m.   |
| Oct. 17  | NORTHWESTERN (TBA)               | TBA       |
| Oct. 24  | IOWA (BTN)                       | 7 p.m.    |
| Oct. 31  | at Minnesota (BTN)               | 8 p.m.    |
| Nov. 7   | WESTERN MICHIGAN (TBA)           | TBA       |
| Nov. 14  | at Purdue (TBA)                  | TBA       |
| Nov. 21  | PENN STATE (TBA)                 | TBA       |

### MONTANA STATE (0-0)

|          |                       |           |
|----------|-----------------------|-----------|
| Sept. 5  | at Michigan State     | 12 p.m.   |
| Sept. 12 | DIXIE STATE           | 3:05 p.m. |
| Sept. 26 | at Northern Colorado  | 3:35 p.m. |
| Oct. 3   | at Weber State        | 3:05 p.m. |
| Oct. 10  | NORTHERN ARIZONA      | 3:35 p.m. |
| Oct. 17  | SOUTH DAKOTA          | 3:05 p.m. |
| Oct. 24  | at Eastern Washington | 4:05 p.m. |
| Oct. 31  | IDAHO STATE           | 3:35 p.m. |
| Nov. 7   | at Portland State     | 4:05 p.m. |
| Nov. 14  | SACRAMENTO STATE      | 2:05 p.m. |
| Nov. 21  | MONTANA               | 2:05 p.m. |

• All times listed - Eastern.

## BROADCAST COVERAGE

**TELEVISION:** The Big Ten Network will televise the Michigan State-Montana State game live to a national audience, with Dan Gutowsky handling the play-by-play, Ron Johnson providing color commentary and Lisa Byington serving as the sideline reporter.

**RADIO:** The Spartan Sports 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 35 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-Montana State game also can be heard live on satellite radio: SIRIUS (Channel 216) and XM (Channel 196).



## GAME

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MICHIGAN STATE (0-0) vs.  
MONTANA STATE (0-0)

Saturday, Sept. 5 • 12 p.m. EDT • Big Ten Network  
Spartan Stadium (75,005/natural grass) • East Lansing, Mich.

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

- Saturday's game against Montana State marks the first time in school history that Michigan State has played an opponent from the NCAA Football Championship Subdivision (FCS). The Bobcats, members of the Big Sky Conference, went 7-5 in 2008, including a 5-3 record in conference play (tied for third).
- In its 112-year football history, Michigan State is 73-36-3 (.665) in season openers, including an 8-2 record (.800) in its last 10 games.
- Third-year Michigan State head coach Mark Dantonio has compiled a 3-2 record (.600) in season openers during his five-year career. Dantonio is 1-1 in season-opening games at MSU, with a 55-18 victory over UAB in his Spartan debut in 2007 and a 38-31 loss at California in 2008.
- In its 112-year football history, Michigan State is 91-21 (.813) in home openers, including a 10-game winning streak that began in 1999. The Spartans have won 12 of their last 13 home openers, with the only setback coming to Colorado State, 23-16, in the 1998 Black Coaches Association Classic.
- Michigan State has compiled a 30-11 record (.732) in games played against non-conference opponents since 1999, including a 7-3 mark under Mark Dantonio. The Spartans have won 13 of their last 17 non-league games.
- 2009 Big Ten Preseason Defensive Player of the Year **Greg Jones** has recorded double-figure tackles in seven straight games, averaging 12.3 stops during the streak.
- Doak Walker Award finalist and consensus All-American **Javon Ringer** accounted for 97 percent of Michigan State's rushing yards (1,637 of 1,692) and 76 percent of its rushing attempts (390 of 511) in 2008. MSU's four returning lettermen – **A.J. Jimmerson, Andre Anderson, Ashton Leggett and Glenn Winson** – combined to rush 43 times for 118 yards last season.
- Mark Dantonio is 16-10 (.615) since taking over the football program, securing the most wins by a Spartan head coach in his first two years while leading MSU to its first back-to-back bowl appearances since 1996-97 and its first consecutive winning seasons since 1989-90.
- Michigan State ranks as one of only five NCAA Bowl Championship Series teams in 2009 that returns its entire coaching staff (full-time assistant coaches) for the third-straight season.
- Lou Groza Award candidate **Brett Swenson** ranks first among NCAA Football Bowl Subdivision active leaders in scoring, with 276 career points. His 52 career field goals rank second among all-active NCAA FBS kickers heading into the 2009 season.

# 2009 SPARTAN FOOTBALL GAME NOTES

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## TEAM COMPARISONS –

|                              | Michigan State | Montana State |
|------------------------------|----------------|---------------|
| Basic Offense                | Multiple       | One-Back      |
| Basic Defense                | Multiple 4-3   | Multiple      |
| Offensive Starters Returning | 7              | 6             |
| Defensive Starters Returning | 8              | 7             |
| Specialists Returning        | 3              | 2             |

## AVERAGE HEIGHTS & WEIGHTS (STARTERS) –

|                                  | Michigan State | Montana State |
|----------------------------------|----------------|---------------|
| Offensive Line & Tight End       | 6-5, 290       | 6-4, 281      |
| Offensive Backs & Wide Receivers | 6-1, 211       | 6-0, 190      |
| Defensive Line                   | 6-3, 268       | 6-2, 259      |
| Linebackers                      | 6-0, 229       | 6-1, 230      |
| Defensive Backs                  | 6-1, 199       | 6-0, 189      |

## CLASS BREAKDOWN (STARTERS) –

Michigan State Offense: 5 seniors, 1 junior, 4 sophomores, 1 freshman  
 Michigan State Defense: 4 seniors, 6 juniors, 1 sophomore  
 Montana State Offense: 4 seniors, 3 juniors, 4 sophomores  
 Montana State Defense: 3 seniors, 4 juniors, 4 sophomores

## STAT LEADERS –

### Michigan State (top returnees | 2008 statistics):

Rushing – Andre Anderson (26 carries for 97 yards, 3.7 avg., 0 TDs)  
 Passing – Kirk Cousins (32 of 43 for 310 yards, 2 TDs, 1 INT)  
 Receiving – Blair White (43 catches for 659 yards, 15.3 avg., 1 TD)  
 Tackles – Greg Jones (127 tackles, 80 solos, 47 assists, 14 TFL)

### Montana State (top returnees | 2008 statistics):

Rushing – C.J. Palmer (63 carries for 312 yards, 5.0 avg., 7 TDs)  
 Passing – Cody Kempt (110 of 215 for 1,316 yards, 9 TDs, 12 INTs)  
 Receiving – DeSean Thomas (24 catches for 407 yards, 17.0 avg., 4 TDs)  
 Tackles – Jeff Price (67 tackles, 37 solos, 30 assists, 6 TFL)

## STAT COMPARISON (2008 final statistics) –

|                        | Michigan State | Montana State |
|------------------------|----------------|---------------|
| Scoring                | 25.1           | 26.6          |
| First Downs            | 18.8           | 18.0          |
| Total Offense          | 343.5          | 336.4         |
| Rushing Yards          | 130.2          | 175.2         |
| Passing Yards          | 213.3          | 161.2         |
| Time of Possession     | 31:01          | 30:36         |
| Third Down Conversions | .346           | .353          |
| Points Allowed         | 22.1           | 27.7          |
| Total Offense Allowed  | 355.8          | 314.1         |
| Rushing Yards Allowed  | 142.5          | 88.8          |
| Passing Yards Allowed  | 213.4          | 225.2         |

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## SEASON OPENERS –

In its 112-year football history, Michigan State is 73-36-3 (.665) in season openers, including an 8-2 record (.800) in its last 10 games. Here's a brief look at Michigan State's season openers since 1999:

| Date          | Opponent         | MSU Result | Site             |
|---------------|------------------|------------|------------------|
| Aug. 30, 2008 | California       | L, 31-38   | Berkeley, Calif. |
| Sept. 1, 2007 | UAB              | W, 55-18   | Spartan Stadium  |
| Sept. 2, 2006 | Idaho            | W, 27-17   | Spartan Stadium  |
| Sept. 3, 2005 | Kent State       | W, 49-14   | Spartan Stadium  |
| Sept. 4, 2004 | Rutgers          | L, 14-19   | Piscataway, N.J. |
| Aug. 30, 2003 | Western Michigan | W, 26-21   | Spartan Stadium  |
| Aug. 31, 2002 | Eastern Michigan | W, 56-7    | Spartan Stadium  |
| Sept. 8, 2001 | Central Michigan | W, 35-21   | Spartan Stadium  |
| Sept. 9, 2000 | Marshall         | W, 34-24   | Spartan Stadium  |
| Sept. 2, 1999 | Oregon           | W, 27-20   | Spartan Stadium  |

## MARK DANTONIO'S RECORD IN SEASON OPENERS –

Third-year Michigan State head coach Mark Dantonio has compiled a 3-2 record (.600) in season openers during his five-year career. Here's a look at how Dantonio's teams have fared in season-opening games:

| Date                        | Opponent         | Result   |
|-----------------------------|------------------|----------|
| <b>Michigan State (1-1)</b> |                  |          |
| Aug. 30, 2008               | at California    | L, 31-38 |
| Sept. 1, 2007               | UAB              | W, 55-18 |
| <b>Cincinnati (2-1)</b>     |                  |          |
| Sept. 2, 2006               | Eastern Kentucky | W, 31-0  |
| Sept. 1, 2005               | Eastern Michigan | W, 28-26 |
| Sept. 4, 2004               | at Ohio State    | L, 6-27  |

## HOME OPENERS –

In its 112-year football history, Michigan State is 91-21 (.813) in home openers, including a 10-game winning streak that began in 1999. The Spartans have won 12 of their last 13 home openers, with the only setback coming to Colorado State, 23-16, in the 1998 Black Coaches Association Classic. Here's a brief look at Michigan State's home openers since 1996:

| Date           | Opponent         | MSU Result |
|----------------|------------------|------------|
| Sept. 6, 2008  | Eastern Michigan | W, 42-10   |
| Sept. 1, 2007  | UAB              | W, 55-18   |
| Sept. 2, 2006  | Idaho            | W, 27-17   |
| Sept. 3, 2005  | Kent State       | W, 49-14   |
| Sept. 11, 2004 | Central Michigan | W, 24-7    |
| Aug. 30, 2003  | Western Michigan | W, 26-21   |
| Aug. 31, 2002  | Eastern Michigan | W, 56-7    |
| Sept. 8, 2001  | Central Michigan | W, 35-21   |
| Sept. 9, 2000  | Marshall         | W, 34-24   |
| Sept. 2, 1999  | Oregon           | W, 27-20   |
| Aug. 29, 1998  | Colorado State   | L, 16-23   |
| Sept. 6, 1997  | Western Michigan | W, 42-10   |
| Aug. 31, 1996  | Purdue           | W, 52-14   |

## AROUND THE BIG TEN

### 2008 FINAL BIG TEN STANDINGS

|                   | Conf. | Games | All Games |
|-------------------|-------|-------|-----------|
| 1. Penn State     | 7-1   | .875  | 11-2 .846 |
| Ohio State        | 7-1   | .875  | 10-3 .769 |
| 3. Michigan State | 6-2   | .750  | 9-4 .692  |
| 4. Northwestern   | 5-3   | .625  | 9-4 .692  |
| Iowa              | 5-3   | .625  | 9-4 .692  |
| 6. Wisconsin      | 3-5   | .375  | 7-6 .538  |
| Minnesota         | 3-5   | .375  | 7-6 .538  |
| Illinois          | 3-5   | .375  | 5-7 .417  |
| 9. Purdue         | 2-6   | .250  | 4-8 .333  |
| Michigan          | 2-6   | .250  | 3-9 .250  |
| 11. Indiana       | 1-7   | .125  | 3-9 .250  |

## MSUSPARTANS.COM

MSU's official athletics Web site, [msuspartans.com](http://msuspartans.com), is the best source for information on the 2009 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 13 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.

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.

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## 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: 16-10 (third year)  
 Career Record: 34-27 (five years)  
 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: 610-418-44 (.590)  
 2008 Record: 9-4 (6-2 Big Ten/3rd)  
 First Season of Football: 1896  
 Bowl Games: 19 (7-12)  
 National Championships: 6 (1951, 1952, 1955, 1957, 1965, 1966)  
 Big Ten Championships: 6 (1953, 1965, 1966, 1978, 1987, 1990)

### 2009 SPARTAN OUTLOOK

Offense: Multiple  
 Defense: Multiple 4-3  
 Lettermen Lost: 15 (7 offense, 7 defense, 1 specialist)  
 Lettermen Returning: 45 (18 offense, 24 defense, 3 specialists)  
 Starters Lost: 8 (4 offense, 3 defense, 1 specialist)  
 Starters Returning: 18 (7 offense, 8 defense, 3 specialists)  
 Offensive Starters Lost (4): RG Roland Martin, RT Jesse Miller, QB Brian Hoyer, RB Javon Ringer.  
 Offensive Starters Returning (7): WR Blair White, WR Mark Dell, LT Rocco Cironi, LG Joel Foreman, C Joel Nitchman, TE Charlie Gantt, WR B.J. Cunningham.  
 Defensive Starters Lost (3): DT Justin Kershaw, DE Brandon Long, SS Otis Wiley.  
 Defensive Starters Returning (8): DE Trevor Anderson, NT Oren Wilson, LB Greg Jones, LB Adam Decker, LB Eric Gordon, CB Ross Weaver, FS Danny Fortener, CB Chris L. Rucker.  
 Starting Specialists Returning (3): PK Brett Swenson, P Aaron Bates, SN Alex Shackleton.

## SPARTANS TOUGH IN NON-CONFERENCE GAMES –

Michigan State has compiled a 30-11 record (.732) in games played against non-conference opponents since 1999, including a 7-3 mark under Mark Dantonio. The Spartans have won 13 of their last 17 non-league games.

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

| Date           | Opponent         | MSU Result    | Site               |
|----------------|------------------|---------------|--------------------|
| Jan. 1, 2009   | Georgia          | L, 12-24      | Orlando, Fla.      |
| Sept. 20, 2008 | Notre Dame       | W, 23-7       | Spartan Stadium    |
| Sept. 13, 2008 | Florida Atlantic | W, 17-0       | Spartan Stadium    |
| Sept. 6, 2008  | Eastern Michigan | W, 42-10      | Spartan Stadium    |
| Aug. 30, 2008  | California       | L, 31-38      | Berkeley, Calif.   |
| Dec. 28, 2007  | Boston College   | L, 21-24      | Orlando, Fla.      |
| Sept. 22, 2007 | Notre Dame       | W, 31-14      | South Bend, Ind.   |
| Sept. 15, 2007 | Pittsburgh       | W, 17-13      | Spartan Stadium    |
| Sept. 8, 2007  | Bowling Green    | W, 28-17      | Spartan Stadium    |
| Sept. 1, 2007  | UAB              | W, 55-18      | Spartan Stadium    |
| Sept. 23, 2006 | Notre Dame       | L, 37-40      | Spartan Stadium    |
| Sept. 16, 2006 | Pittsburgh       | W, 38-23      | Pittsburgh, Pa.    |
| Sept. 9, 2006  | Eastern Michigan | W, 52-20      | Spartan Stadium    |
| Sept. 2, 2006  | Idaho            | W, 27-17      | Spartan Stadium    |
| Sept. 17, 2005 | Notre Dame       | W, 44-41 (OT) | South Bend, Ind.   |
| Sept. 10, 2005 | Hawaii           | W, 42-14      | Spartan Stadium    |
| Sept. 3, 2005  | Kent State       | W, 49-14      | Spartan Stadium    |
| Dec. 4, 2004   | Hawaii           | L, 38-41      | Honolulu, Hawaii   |
| Sept. 18, 2004 | Notre Dame       | L, 24-31      | Spartan Stadium    |
| Sept. 11, 2004 | Central Michigan | W, 24-7       | Spartan Stadium    |
| Sept. 4, 2004  | Rutgers          | L, 14-19      | Piscataway, N.J.   |
| Dec. 29, 2003  | Nebraska         | L, 3-17       | San Antonio, Texas |
| Sept. 20, 2003 | Notre Dame       | W, 22-16      | South Bend, Ind.   |
| Sept. 13, 2003 | Louisiana Tech   | L, 19-20      | Spartan Stadium    |
| Sept. 6, 2003  | Rutgers          | W, 44-28      | Spartan Stadium    |
| Aug. 30, 2003  | Western Michigan | W, 26-21      | Spartan Stadium    |
| Sept. 21, 2002 | Notre Dame       | L, 17-21      | Spartan Stadium    |
| Sept. 14, 2002 | California       | L, 22-46      | Spartan Stadium    |
| Sept. 7, 2002  | Rice             | W, 27-10      | Spartan Stadium    |
| Aug. 31, 2002  | Eastern Michigan | W, 56-7       | Spartan Stadium    |
| Dec. 31, 2001  | Fresno State     | W, 44-35      | San Jose, Calif.   |
| Dec. 1, 2001   | Missouri         | W, 55-7       | Spartan Stadium    |
| Sept. 22, 2001 | Notre Dame       | W, 17-10      | South Bend, Ind.   |
| Sept. 8, 2001  | Central Michigan | W, 35-21      | Spartan Stadium    |
| Sept. 23, 2000 | Notre Dame       | W, 27-21      | Spartan Stadium    |
| Sept. 16, 2000 | Missouri         | W, 13-10      | Columbia, Mo.      |
| Sept. 9, 2000  | Marshall         | W, 34-24      | Spartan Stadium    |
| Jan. 1, 2000   | Florida          | W, 37-34      | Orlando, Fla.      |
| Sept. 18, 1999 | Notre Dame       | W, 23-13      | South Bend, Ind.   |
| Sept. 11, 1999 | Eastern Michigan | W, 51-7       | Spartan Stadium    |
| Sept. 2, 1999  | Oregon           | W, 27-20      | Spartan Stadium    |

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## QUARTERBACK JOB UP FOR GRABS AS SEASON OPENER APPROACHES –

Either sophomore **Kirk Cousins** or red-shirt sophomore **Keith Nichol** will make his first career start at quarterback in the 2009 season and home opener against Montana State.

Cousins and Nichol finished spring practice in a dead heat, as each threw for 357 yards and four touchdowns in the Green-White intrasquad game, and the competition for the starting job remained tight throughout preseason camp. In two preseason scrimmages, Cousins connected on 19-of-43 throws for 246 yards, three TDs and two interceptions, while Nichol completed 24-of-40 passes for 295 yards, three TDs and no interceptions.

In their first collegiate start, Michigan State's last 16 quarterbacks have compiled a 10-6 record, including a 7-2 mark in home games. Here's how MSU's last 16 quarterbacks fared in their first college starts:

- **Brian Hoyer – Nov. 18, 2006 at Penn State (L 13-17)**

With Drew Stanton sidelined with a concussion, Hoyer earned his first career starting assignment in the 2006 season finale at Penn State. He threw for 291 yards against the Nittany Lions, including an 11-yard TD toss to Kerry Reed, while setting personal bests for pass attempts (school-record 61) and completions (30).

- **Drew Stanton – Sept. 25, 2004 at Indiana (W 30-20)**

Stanton accounted for 306 total yards and two touchdowns as the Spartans rallied from a 20-7 halftime deficit. He rushed for 134 yards on 12 carries, including TD runs of 1 and 2 yards, and completed 15-of-23 throws for 172 yards and two interceptions.

- **Stephen Reaves – Sept. 11, 2004 vs. Central Michigan (W 24-7)**

Reaves hit 9-of-19 passes for 183 yards vs. Central Michigan, including a 44-yard TD strike to Kyle Brown.

- **Damon Dowdell – Nov. 17, 2001 at Purdue (L 14-24)**

Dowdell completed 24-of-45 throws for 304 yards vs. Purdue, including a 7-yard TD toss to Charles Rogers.

- **Jeff Smoker – Sept. 16, 2000 at Missouri (W 13-10)**

Smoker connected on 10-of-24 throws for 157 yards with one interception as the Spartans rallied from a 10-0 first-quarter deficit.

- **Ryan Van Dyke – Sept. 9, 2000 vs. Marshall (W 34-24)**

Van Dyke completed 5-of-7 passes for 74 yards, including a 37-yard TD strike to Chris Baker, before leaving the game with a bruised right thumb late in the first quarter.

- **Bill Burke – Sept. 28, 1996 vs. Eastern Michigan (W 47-0)**

Burke completed 8-of-22 passes for 166 yards, including TD tosses of 49 and 5 yards to Nigea Carter.

- **Gus Ornstein – Sept. 21, 1996 vs. Louisville (L 20-30)**

Ornstein hit 21-of-37 passes for 237 yards, including a 17-yard TD strike to Derrick Mason.

- **Todd Schultz – Sept. 30, 1995 vs. Boston College (W 25-21)**

Schultz completed 20-of-28 passes for 210 yards as the Spartans rallied from a 21-9 third-quarter deficit to win 25-21.

- **Tony Banks – Sept. 10, 1994 at Kansas (L 10-17)**

Banks connected on 8-of-22 throws for 71 yards with two interceptions.

- **Mill Coleman – Nov. 14, 1992 vs. Purdue (W 35-13)**

Coleman completed 4-of-10 passes for 54 yards with one interception. He also added a 2-yard TD run.

- **John Gieselman – Oct. 31, 1992 at Northwestern (W 27-26)**

Gieselman hit 4-of-7 pass attempts for 27 yards.

- **Jim Miller – Oct. 5, 1991 at Indiana (L 0-31)**

Miller completed 10-of-19 throws for 105 yards with one interception.

- **Bret Johnson – Sept. 14, 1991 vs. Central Michigan (L 3-20)**

Johnson connected on 6-of-11 passes for 29 yards.

- **Dan Enos – Sept. 16, 1989 vs. Miami-Ohio (W 49-0)**

Enos hit 5-of-7 throws for 78 yards and scored on an 8-yard run.

- **Bobby McAllister – Sept. 7, 1987 vs. Southern Cal (W 27-13)**

McAllister completed 10-of-15 passes for 103 yards and rushed 15 times for 63 yards, including a 9-yard TD run.

## THIS WEEK'S POLLS (PRESEASON)

### ASSOCIATED PRESS

| Rk. | School            | Record     |
|-----|-------------------|------------|
| 1.  | Florida (58)      | 0-0        |
| 2.  | Texas (2)         | 0-0        |
| 3.  | Oklahoma          | 0-0        |
| 4.  | USC               | 0-0        |
| 5.  | Alabama           | 0-0        |
| 6.  | Ohio State        | 0-0        |
| 7.  | Virginia Tech     | 0-0        |
| 8.  | Mississippi       | 0-0        |
| 9.  | Oklahoma State    | 0-0        |
|     | <b>Penn State</b> | <b>0-0</b> |
| 11. | LSU               | 0-0        |
| 12. | California        | 0-0        |
| 13. | Georgia           | 0-0        |
| 14. | Boise State       | 0-0        |
| 15. | Georgia Tech      | 0-0        |
| 16. | Oregon            | 0-0        |
| 17. | TCU               | 0-0        |
| 18. | Florida State     | 0-0        |
| 19. | Utah              | 0-0        |
| 20. | BYU               | 0-0        |
| 21. | North Carolina    | 0-0        |
| 22. | <b>Iowa</b>       | <b>0-0</b> |
| 23. | <b>Notre Dame</b> | <b>0-0</b> |
| 24. | Nebraska          | 0-0        |
| 25. | Kansas            | 0-0        |

### USA TODAY/COACHES

| Rk. | School            | Record     |
|-----|-------------------|------------|
| 1.  | Florida (53)      | 0-0        |
| 2.  | Texas (4)         | 0-0        |
| 3.  | Oklahoma (1)      | 0-0        |
| 4.  | USC (1)           | 0-0        |
| 5.  | Alabama           | 0-0        |
| 6.  | Ohio State        | 0-0        |
| 7.  | Virginia Tech     | 0-0        |
| 8.  | <b>Penn State</b> | <b>0-0</b> |
| 9.  | LSU               | 0-0        |
| 10. | Mississippi       | 0-0        |
| 11. | Oklahoma State    | 0-0        |
| 12. | California        | 0-0        |
| 13. | Georgia           | 0-0        |
| 14. | Oregon            | 0-0        |
| 15. | Georgia Tech      | 0-0        |
| 16. | Boise State       | 0-0        |
| 17. | TCU               | 0-0        |
| 18. | Utah              | 0-0        |
| 19. | Florida State     | 0-0        |
| 20. | North Carolina    | 0-0        |
| 21. | <b>Iowa</b>       | <b>0-0</b> |
| 22. | Nebraska          | 0-0        |
| 23. | <b>Notre Dame</b> | <b>0-0</b> |
| 24. | BYU               | 0-0        |
| 25. | Oregon State      | 0-0        |

(First-place votes)

**Bold indicates MSU opponent**

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## 2009 HONORARY CAPTAINS

Game.....Honorary Captain  
 Montana State..... Ted Guthard

### SPARTANS PICKED THIRD IN BIG TEN PRESEASON POLL –

Michigan State has been picked to finish third in the 2009 Big Ten football race, behind Ohio State and Penn State, according to the conference's preseason media poll released July 27.

### JONES NAMED BIG TEN PRESEASON DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR –

2009 Big Ten Preseason Defensive Player of the Year **Greg Jones** has been named to 2009 pre-season watch lists for five national awards: Bednarik (top defensive player), Butkus (top collegiate linebacker) and Lombardi (college lineman of the year) Awards as well as the Lott (defensive player of the year) and Nagurski (top defensive player) Trophies.

The 6-foot-1, 228-pound linebacker led the team in tackles for the second straight season with 127 (80 solos, 47 assists) in 2008. Jones led the team in tackles in 11 of 13 games, becoming the first Spartan to record 100 tackles in a season since Eric Smith (101) in 2005. He ranked third in the Big Ten and 17th nationally in tackles, averaging 9.8 per game. Jones led the Big Ten in tackles (89) in conference games, averaging 11.1 per game. The Cincinnati, Ohio, native also led the Spartans in tackles for loss (14 for 38 yards) and production points (299).

A first-team All-Big Ten selection by the league's head coaches and second-team pick by the media, Jones produced double-figure tackles in each of the last seven games, becoming the first Spartan to record double-digit tackles in seven straight games since Thomas Wright in 2002. He posted double-figure tackles against Northwestern (11), Ohio State (13), Michigan (10), Wisconsin (13), Purdue (12), Penn State (career high 15) and Georgia (12). Jones set career highs for tackles, tackles for loss (3.5 for 9 yards) and production points (47) against the Nittany Lions.

### 2009 OPPONENTS UPDATE –

Date vs.

| MSU      | Opponent               | 2009 Season Opener                      |
|----------|------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| Sept. 5  | Montana State (7-5)    | @ Michigan State                        |
| Sept. 12 | Central Michigan (8-5) | @ Arizona                               |
| Sept. 19 | @ Notre Dame (7-6)     | vs. Nevada                              |
| Sept. 26 | @ Wisconsin (7-6)      | vs. Northern Illinois                   |
| Oct. 3   | Michigan (3-9)         | vs. Western Michigan                    |
| Oct. 10  | @ Illinois (4-8)       | vs. Missouri (played in St. Louis, Mo.) |
| Oct. 17  | Northwestern (9-4)     | vs. Towson                              |
| Oct. 24  | Iowa (9-4)             | vs. Northern Iowa                       |
| Oct. 31  | @ Minnesota (7-6)      | @ Syracuse                              |
| Nov. 7   | Western Michigan (9-4) | @ Michigan                              |
| Nov. 14  | @ Purdue (4-8)         | vs. Toledo                              |
| Nov. 21  | Penn State (11-2)      | vs. Akron                               |

Michigan State's 2009 opponents had a combined record of 85-67 (.559) last season, including eight teams that participated in postseason bowl games.

### 2009 CAPTAINS ELECTED –

Senior cornerback **Ross Weaver**, senior wide receiver **Blair White**, junior linebacker **Greg Jones** and sophomore quarterback **Kirk Cousins** have been elected to serve as Michigan State's captains for the 2009 season. Following a nomination process, members of the team and coaching staff submitted final ballots on Thursday, Aug. 27.

Cousins becomes only the second sophomore to be named captain in 113 seasons, joining center Robert McCurry who was selected in 1949. In addition, McCurry is MSU's only three-time captain (1947-47-48).

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## 2008 SEASON RECAP –

Michigan State, which won nine regular-season games for the first time since 1999 and made its first New Year's Day bowl appearance in nine years, finished No. 24 in the final Associated Press and USA TODAY Polls.

Despite a 24-12 loss to Georgia in the 2009 Capital One Bowl, the 9-4 Spartans earned a Top 25 national ranking for the 10th time in the last 11 weeks, including the last eight in a row. Michigan State finished third in the Big Ten standings at 6-2 – its highest finish in the league standings since tying for second place in 1999 (6-2). The Spartans' only conference losses came against 2008 Big Ten co-champions Penn State and Ohio State.

## MAGIC NUMBER 24 –

Since 1990, Michigan State is 97-27-1 (.780) when it scores at least 24 points and 18-81-1 (.185) when it scores fewer than 24 points. During that 19-year period, the Spartans have compiled an overall record of 115-108-2 (.516).

## THE CLOSE CALLS –

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

## SPARTANS TOUGH ON HOME TURF –

Spartan Stadium is in its 86th season as home to Michigan State football. Michigan State has compiled a 316-139-13 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 53 seasons, including No. 20 in 2008, averaging 74,858 fans per game.

## 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; 26 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:** 191 by Purdue, 2008

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

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

**Turnovers Forced:** 4 vs. Michigan, 2008

**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

## 2009 SPARTAN NETWORK RADIO AFFILIATES

| City.....           | Call Letters            |
|---------------------|-------------------------|
| 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)         |
| Caro.....           | WKYO (AM 1360)          |
| Detroit.....        | WJR (AM 760)            |
| Escanaba.....       | WUPF (FM 107.3)         |
| Flint.....          | WWCK (AM 1570)          |
| Gaylord.....        | WMJZ (FM 101.5)         |
| Grand Haven.....    | WGHN (FM 92.1)          |
| Grand Rapids .....  | WBBL (FM 107.3)         |
| Greenville .....    | WGLM (FM 106.3)         |
| Hastings.....       | WBCH (AM 1220/FM 100.1) |
| Holland .....       | WPNW (AM 1260)          |
| Iron Mountain.....  | WMIQ (AM 1450)          |
| Ishpeming.....      | WUPG (FM 96.7)          |
| Jackson .....       | WIBM (AM 1450)          |
| Kalamazoo.....      | WKZO (AM 590)           |
| Lansing.....        | WJIM (AM 1240)          |
| .....               | WMMQ (FM 94.9)          |
| Ludington.....      | WKLA (AM 1450)          |
| Manistee.....       | WMTE (AM 1340)          |
| Marquette .....     | WDMJ (AM 1320)          |
| Midland.....        | WLUN (FM 100.9)         |
| Newberry.....       | WMJT (FM 96.7)          |
| Ontonagon.....      | WUPY (FM 101.1)         |
| Petoskey.....       | WJML (AM 1110)          |
| Port Huron.....     | WPHM (AM 1380)          |
| Saginaw.....        | WNEM (AM 1250)          |
| Sturgis .....       | WMSH (AM 1230)          |
| Tawas City.....     | WKJC (FM 104.7)         |
| Traverse City.....  | WCCW (AM 1310)          |

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## TOP SINGLE-GAME PERFORMANCES

### Kendell Davis-Clark Tackles

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

### Adam Decker Tackles

| TM | Opponent (S-A)   | Date     |
|----|------------------|----------|
| 10 | Ohio State (4-6) | 10/18/08 |

### Mark Dell Receiving

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

### Danny Fortener Tackles

| TM | Opponent (S-A)  | Date    |
|----|-----------------|---------|
| 12 | Wisconsin (4-8) | 11/1/08 |

### Eric Gordon Tackles

| TM | Opponent (S-A)     | Date     |
|----|--------------------|----------|
| 11 | Northwestern (8-3) | 10/11/08 |
| 10 | Purdue (2-8)       | 11/8/08  |
| 10 | Iowa (4-6)         | 10/27/07 |

### Greg Jones Tackles

| TM  | Opponent (S-A)      | Date     |
|-----|---------------------|----------|
| 15  | Penn State (12-3)   | 11/22/08 |
| 14  | Ohio State (7-7)    | 10/20/07 |
| 13  | Wisconsin (7-6)     | 11/1/08  |
| 13  | Ohio State (6-7)    | 10/18/08 |
| 12  | Georgia (8-4)       | 1/1/09   |
| 12  | Purdue (7-5)        | 11/8/08  |
| 11  | Northwestern (6-5)  | 10/11/08 |
| 11  | Iowa (5-6)          | 10/27/07 |
| 10  | Michigan (8-2)      | 10/25/08 |
| 101 | Boston College (21) | 12/28/07 |

### Blair White Receiving

| Yds. | Opponent (Rec.) | Date     |
|------|-----------------|----------|
| 164  | Wisconsin (7)   | 11/1/08  |
| 143  | Michigan (4)    | 10/25/08 |

## SPARTAN TRENDS UNDER DANTONIO –

Here's how Michigan State has fared during head coach Mark Dantonio's tenure (2007-08: 26 games):

|                                                      | 2008 | Overall |
|------------------------------------------------------|------|---------|
| Games played in Spartan Stadium:                     | 6-1  | 11-3    |
| Games played on the road/neutral site:               | 3-3  | 5-7     |
| When leading at halftime:                            | 7-1  | 12-2    |
| When trailing at halftime:                           | 1-3  | 2-8     |
| When tied at halftime:                               | 1-0  | 2-0     |
| When scoring first:                                  | 8-1  | 14-4    |
| When opponent scores first:                          | 1-3  | 2-6     |
| When leading after first quarter:                    | 6-0  | 11-2    |
| When trailing after first quarter:                   | 1-3  | 1-6     |
| When tied after first quarter:                       | 2-1  | 4-2     |
| When leading after three quarters:                   | 7-0  | 13-0    |
| When trailing after three quarters:                  | 1-4  | 2-8     |
| When tied after three quarters:                      | 1-0  | 1-2     |
| Overtime games:                                      | 0-0  | 0-2     |
| When gaining more first downs than opponent:         | 5-2  | 11-4    |
| When gaining fewer first downs than opponent:        | 4-2  | 4-6     |
| 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:              | 1-2  | 2-5     |
| When outrushing opponent:                            | 6-0  | 10-4    |
| When being outrushed by opponent:                    | 3-4  | 6-6     |
| When gaining 200+ yards passing:                     | 3-3  | 7-5     |
| When opponent gains 200+ yards passing:              | 4-3  | 7-7     |
| When gaining more total yards than opponent:         | 6-0  | 12-4    |
| When gaining fewer total yards than opponent:        | 3-4  | 4-6     |
| When leading in time of possession:                  | 6-0  | 10-3    |
| When trailing in time of possession:                 | 3-3  | 6-6     |
| When splitting in time of possession:                | 0-1  | 0-1     |

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## MICHIGAN STATE DEPTH CHART (AS OF AUG. 31, 2009)

| SPARTAN OFFENSE |    |                                    |
|-----------------|----|------------------------------------|
| X               | 3  | B.J. CUNNINGHAM (6-2, 212, So.) OR |
|                 | 2  | MARK DELL (6-2, 197, Jr.)          |
|                 | 16 | Chris D. Rucker (5-10, 174, So.)   |
| LT              | 57 | ROCCO CIRONI (6-6, 309, Sr.-5) OR  |
|                 | 59 | D.J. YOUNG (6-5, 310, Jr.)         |
| LG              | 67 | JOEL FOREMAN (6-4, 306, So.)       |
|                 | 68 | Ethan Ruhland (6-5, 293, R-Fr.)    |
| C               | 65 | JOEL NITCHMAN (6-4, 296, Sr.-5)    |
|                 | 66 | John Stipek (6-5, 306, Jr.)        |
| RG              | 75 | JARED MCGAHA (6-6, 298, So.)       |
|                 | 77 | J'Michael Deane (6-5, 312, Jr.)    |
| RT              | 64 | BRENDON MOSS (6-7, 284, Sr.-5)     |
|                 | 76 | Mike Schmeding (6-9, 330, Sr.-5)   |
| TE              | 83 | CHARLIE GANTT (6-5, 248, Jr.)      |
|                 | 88 | Brian Linthicum (6-5, 245, R-So.)  |
|                 | 80 | Dion Sims (6-5, 268, Fr.)          |
| Z               | 25 | BLAIR WHITE (6-2, 200, Sr.-5)      |
|                 | 82 | Keshawn Martin (5-11, 185, So.)    |
|                 | 86 | Myles White (6-1, 170, R-Fr.)      |
| QB              | 8  | KIRK COUSINS (6-3, 202, So.) OR    |
|                 | 7  | KEITH NICHOL (6-2, 215, R-So.)     |
| FB              | 10 | Andrew Maxwell (6-3, 190, Fr.)     |
|                 | 45 | ANDREW HAWKEN (6-2, 248, Sr.-5)    |
|                 | 44 | Josh Rouse (6-3, 235, Sr.)         |
| RB              | 42 | Andrew Pendy (6-2, 240, Sr.-5)     |
|                 | 24 | CAULTON RAY (5-9, 195, R-Fr.)      |
|                 | 4  | Edwin Baker (5-9, 200, Fr.) OR     |
|                 | 22 | Larry Caper (5-11, 215, Fr.)       |
|                 | 41 | Glenn Winston (6-1, 224, So.)      |

| SPARTAN DEFENSE |    |                                       |
|-----------------|----|---------------------------------------|
| DE              | 58 | TREVOR ANDERSON (6-2, 260, Sr.-5)     |
|                 | 91 | Tyler Hoover (6-7, 260, R-Fr.)        |
| DT              | 96 | KEVIN PICKELMAN (6-4, 268, So.)       |
|                 | 99 | Jerel Worthy (6-3, 292, R-Fr.)        |
|                 | 94 | Cameron Jude (6-3, 265, R-Fr.)        |
| NT              | 70 | OREN WILSON (6-3, 294, Jr.)           |
|                 | 92 | Ishmyl Johnson (6-4, 280, R-So.)      |
|                 | 61 | Antonio Jeremiah (6-5, 338, Jr.)      |
| DE              | 89 | COLIN NEELY (6-1, 248, Jr.)           |
|                 | 54 | David Rolf (6-4, 228, So.)            |
|                 | 57 | Johnathan Strayhorn (6-0, 259, So.)   |
| SAM             | 43 | ERIC GORDON (6-0, 228, Jr.)           |
|                 | 10 | Chris Norman (6-1, 215, Fr.)          |
|                 | 48 | Drew Stevens (6-4, 228, R-Fr.)        |
| MIKE            | 53 | GREG JONES (6-1, 228, Jr.)            |
|                 | 55 | Adam Decker (6-3, 238, Sr.-5)         |
|                 | 50 | Steve Gardiner (6-1, 216, R-Fr.)      |
| WILL            | 34 | BRANDON DENSON (5-11, 230, Sr.-5)     |
|                 | 36 | Jon Misch (6-3, 207, Jr.)             |
|                 | 30 | Brynden Trawick (6-2, 225, R-Fr.)     |
| FC              | 9  | JEREMY WARE (5-11, 188, Sr.-5) OR     |
|                 | 37 | ROSS WEAVER (6-1, 203, Sr.-5)         |
| FS              | 33 | DANNY FORTENER (6-1, 205, Sr.-5)      |
|                 | 39 | Trenton Robinson (5-10, 190, So.)     |
|                 | 31 | Ashton Henderson (5-11, 189, Sr.)     |
| SS              | 11 | MARCUS HYDE (6-0, 206, Jr.)           |
|                 | 38 | Kendell Davis-Clark (6-0, 216, Sr.-5) |
|                 | 40 | Roderick Jenrette (6-1, 205, Jr.)     |
| BC              | 29 | CHRIS L. RUCKER (6-2, 195, Jr.)       |
|                 | 5  | Johnny Adams (5-11, 172, So.)         |

## SPARTAN SPECIAL TEAMS

|     |    |                                  |
|-----|----|----------------------------------|
| KO  | 14 | BRETT SWENSON (5-8, 185, Sr.)    |
|     | 4  | Dan Conroy (5-10, 185, R-Fr.) OR |
|     | 17 | Kevin Muma (6-0, 172, Fr.)       |
| PK  | 14 | BRETT SWENSON (5-8, 185, Sr.)    |
|     | 4  | Dan Conroy (5-10, 185, R-Fr.)    |
| P   | 18 | AARON BATES (6-0, 192, Jr.)      |
|     | 20 | Kyle Selden (6-5, 187, So.)      |
| SN  | 56 | ALEX SHACKLETON (6-2, 245, Jr.)  |
|     | 66 | John Stipek (6-5, 306, Jr.)      |
| HLD | 18 | AARON BATES (6-0, 192, Jr.)      |
|     | 8  | Kirk Cousins (6-3, 202, So.)     |

|    |    |                                   |
|----|----|-----------------------------------|
| KR | 20 | A.J. JIMMERSON (5-10, 205, Sr.-5) |
|    | 82 | KESHAWN MARTIN (6-0, 185, So.) OR |
|    | 41 | GLENN WINSTON (6-1, 224, So.)     |
| PR | 32 | Ashton Leggett (5-11, 230, So.)   |
|    | 39 | Trenton Robinson (5-10, 190, So.) |
|    | 82 | KESHAWN MARTIN (5-11, 185, So.)   |
|    | 2  | Mark Dell (6-2, 197, Jr.) OR      |
|    | 25 | Blair White (6-2, 200, Sr.-5)     |