



## No. 10/10 MICHIGAN STATE SPARTANS (0-1) DETROIT TITANS (1-0)

### GAME INFORMATION

**Date:** Sunday, Nov. 15

**Time:** 12 p.m. ET

**Location:** Detroit, Mich.

**Arena:** Calihan Hall

**TV:** none

**Radio:** WJIM 1240 AM (Rick Berkey – play-by-play)

**Internet:** Live stats and audio at MSUSpartans.com

### COACHES

#### Michigan State

Suzy Merchant (Central Michigan '91)

Overall Record: 246-146 (15)

Record at MSU: 45-26 (3)

#### Detroit

Autumn Rademacher (Detroit '97)

Overall Record: 13-19 (2)

Record at UD: same

### SERIES HISTORY

#### Michigan State leads 15-7

At home: 11-1

On the road: 4-5

Neutral: 0-1

Last Meeting: Nov. 19, 2008 – MSU 85, UD 48 (East Lansing, Mich.)

Streak: MSU has won the last 10 meetings and the last four in Detroit.

### WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

- MSU is 10th in both national preseason polls – The Associated Press and USA Today/ESPN Coaches'. It is the fifth time in six seasons that MSU has appeared in both polls in the preseason. The both preseason rankings are the highest in program history.
- MSU was picked to finish second in the Big Ten by both the league coaches and media.
- Allyssa DeHaan was selected Preseason All-Big Ten by both the coaches and media.
- Courtney Schiffauer set or tied career highs in points (21), rebounds (9), assists (4) and made 3-point field goals (4) on Friday night at Dayton.
- Michigan State broke a 10-game winning streak in season openers on Friday.
- Five of MSU's home opponents are ranked among the nation's top-25 – No. 3/3 Ohio State, No. 4/7 Notre Dame, No. 5/5 North Carolina, No. 11/15 Xavier and rv/No. 23 Purdue.
- Michigan State will face 15 teams that qualified for the 2008-09 postseason, including a possible 10 NCAA Tournament teams.
- The Spartans are coming off their eighth-straight postseason appearance and sixth consecutive 20-win season. MSU went 22-11 overall and advanced to its third NCAA Tournament Sweet 16 in five seasons.
- MSU led the Big Ten and finished in the top-25 in the nation in field goal pct. defense, 3-point field goal pct. defense, blocked shots, rebound margin and scoring defense.
- MSU has won 11-straight overtime games. The streak is the longest among Big Ten schools.
- Lauren Aitch, Allyssa DeHaan, Aisha Jefferson and Mandy Piechowski are the 2009-10 captains. Jefferson is the fifth three-time captain in MSU history.
- Allyssa DeHaan is 73 blocks away from surpassing Sandora Irvin (480) for the most blocks in NCAA history. Already the Big Ten career and single-season record holder, she moved into seventh all-time on Friday night with 408 rejections.
- Allyssa DeHaan is one of only five Spartans in the top-10 all-time in both scoring and rebounding; ranking ninth in points with 1,308 and seventh in rebounds with 732.
- Aisha Jefferson needs 65 points to become the 20th Spartan with 1,000 career points. She is 27th on the all-time with 935 points and is 20th with 529 rebounds.
- DeHaan is a candidate for the women's basketball Lowe's Senior CLASS Award.
- The Spartans went 2-0 in exhibition play with wins over Wayne State, 79-47, and Grand Valley State, 88-53. Allyssa DeHaan led MSU with 11.5 points per game.
- MSU leads the all-time series against Detroit, 15-7, but have won the last 10 games.

### POSSIBLE STARTING FIVE

	ppg	rpg	apg	misc
C 41 Allyssa DeHaan (Sr., 6-9, Grandville, Mich.)	10.0	6.0	1.0	6.0 bpg; 4-4 ft
F 22 Aisha Jefferson (R-Sr., 6-1, Dayton, Ohio)	0.0	3.0	0.0	1.0 spg
F 30 Lykendra Johnson (R-So., 6-1, River Forest, Ill.)	11.0	5.0	1.0	2.0 spg; 4-8 fg
G 20 Brittney Thomas (Jr., 5-10, Bolingbrook, Ill.)	9.0	4.0	4.0	3-8 fg; 2-2 ft
G 15 Cetera Washington (Jr., 6-0, Kalamazoo, Mich.)	0.0	3.0	2.0	1.0 spg

### KEY RESERVES

C 45 Lauren Aitch (R-Sr., 6-1, Lansing, Mich.)	9.0	6.0	0.0	1.0 bpg; 4-7 fg
F 32 Kalisha Keane (Jr., 6-1, Ajax, Ontario)	4.0	2.0	2.0	2.0 spg; 1.0 bpg
F 24 Courtney Schiffauer (So., 6-1, Boardman, Ohio)	21.0	9.0	4.0	4-5 3fg; 6-10 fg
G 3 Porsche Poole (So., 5-8, Canton, Ohio)	10.0	3.0	2.0	4-11 fg; 1.0 spg
G 1 Jasmine Thomas (Fr., 5-7, Flint, Mich.)	0.0	2.0	0.0	

### 2009-10 SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	TV	Time
<b>November</b>			
Thurs. 5	WAYNE STATE (Exh.)		W, 79-47
Sun. 8	GRAND VALLEY STATE (Exh.)		W, 88-53
Fri. 13	at Dayton		L, 74-77
Sun. 15	at Detroit		12 p.m.
Thurs. 19	NOTRE DAME	BTN	6 p.m.
Sun. 22	vs. Western Michigan		4 p.m.
Fri. 27	vs. George Washington ^		1:15 p.m.
Sat. 28	vs. Oklahoma State/Marist ^		5:45/8 p.m.

### December

Thurs. 3	NORTH CAROLINA #	BTN	8:30 p.m.
Sun. 6	INDIANA *	BTN	12 p.m.
Weds. 9	XAVIER	BTN.com	7 p.m.
Sun. 13	FLORIDA GULF COAST	BTN.com	2 p.m.
Sat. 19	WASHINGTON	BTN.com	7 p.m.
Mon. 21	ST. BONAVENTURE	BTN	6 p.m.
Mon. 28	at Wisconsin *	BTN.com	8 p.m.
Thurs. 31	MICHIGAN *	BTN	2 p.m.

### January

Sun. 3	at Indiana *	BTN	12 p.m.
Sat. 9	OHIO STATE *	CBS	2 p.m.
Thurs. 14	WISCONSIN *	BTN.com	7 p.m.
Sun. 17	at Penn State *	BTN.com	1 p.m.
Thurs. 21	PURDUE *	BTN	7:30 p.m.
Sun. 24	at Minnesota *	ESPN2	3 p.m.
Thurs. 28	at Northwestern *		8 p.m.

### February

Thurs. 4	PENN STATE *	BTN.com	7 p.m.
Sun. 7	at Iowa *	BTN	4:30 p.m.
Thurs. 11	at Michigan *	BTN.com	7 p.m.
Sun. 14	NORTHWESTERN *	BTN	2:30 p.m.
Thurs. 18	ILLINOIS *	BTN.com	7 p.m.
Sun. 21	at Ohio State *	ESPN2	3 p.m.
Thurs. 25	at Purdue *	TBD	TBA
Sun. 28	MINNESOTA *	TBD	TBA

### March

Th.-Su. 4-7	Big Ten Tournament	BTN/ESPN2	TBD
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All times Eastern

All home games to be played at Breslin Center

\* Denotes Big Ten Conference contest

# Big Ten / ACC Challenge

^ Junkanoo Jam (Grand Bahama Island)

BTN - Big Ten Network

BTN.com - BigTenNetwork.com

## 2009-10 ROSTER

No.	Name	Ht.	Pos.	Yr.	Hometown/High School
1	Jasmine Thomas	5-7	G	Fr.	Flint, Mich./Flint Hamady
2	Mandy Piechowski	5-9	G	Sr.	Shelby Township, Mich./Utica
3	Porsche Poole	5-8	G	So.	Canton, Ohio/McKinley
12	Tracy Nogle	5-11	G	Fr.	Okemos, Mich./Okemos
15	Cetera Washington	6-0	F	Jr.	Kalamazoo, Mich./Loy Norrix
20	Brittney Thomas	5-10	G	Jr.	Bolingbrook, Ill./Bolingbrook
22	Aisha Jefferson	6-1	F	R-Sr.	Dayton, Ohio/Chaminade-Julienne
24	Courtney Schiffauer	6-1	F	So.	Boardman, Ohio/Boardman
25	Taja Wilson	6-1	F	R-So.	Pittsburgh, Pa./Penn Hills
30	Lykendra Johnson	6-1	F	R-So.	River Forest, Ill./Trinity
32	Kalisha Keane	6-1	F	Jr.	Ajax, Ontario/Westdale
33	Taylor Alton	5-11	F	So.	Highlands Ranch, Colo./Highlands Ranch
41	Allyssa DeHaan	6-9	C	Sr.	Grandville, Mich./Grandville
45	Lauren Aitch	6-1	C	R-Sr.	Lansing, Mich./Waverly
50	Jasmine Holmes	5-10	G	Sr.	Palmdale, Calif./Palmdale
54	Kelsey Smith	6-4	C	Fr.	St. Charles, Ill./St. Charles North

**Head Coach** - Suzy Merchant (Central Michigan '91; third season)

**Associate Head Coach** - Shane Clipfell (Eastern Michigan '06; third season)

**Assistant Coaches** - Rick Albro (Western Michigan '71; third season)

Tempie Brown (Michigan '90; first season)

**Director of Basketball Operations and Technology** - Julie Dombroski

**Coordinator of Basketball Operations** - Monique Govan

**Athletic Trainer** - LouAnne Jefferson

### PRONUNCIATION

Lauren <b>Aitch</b>	H
Allyssa <b>DeHaan</b>	duh-HAHN
<b>Aisha</b> Jefferson	eye-EE-sha
Mandy <b>Piechowski</b>	pie-OW-ski
<b>Porsche</b> Poole	PORE-shay
Courtney <b>Schiffauer</b>	SHIFF-hour
<b>Cetera</b> Washington	suh-TEAR-uh

### ABOUT DETROIT

The Titans opened with a 74-65 victory at Oakland on Friday afternoon. Sophomore Yar Shayok posted a double-double with 26 points and 14 rebounds in the win. Shayok was one of four Titans in double-figures, also including Demeisha Fambro's 17, Brigid Mulroy's 14 and Jalesa Jones' 12. Jones also added a team-high seven assists. Detroit went 12-19 last season under first year head coach Autumn Rademacher.

### AGAINST THE TITANS

Michigan State leads the all-time series against the Titans, 15-7 and have won the last 10 meetings. MSU has won the last four games in Detroit, but are 4-5 there all-time. Last season, the Spartans downed the Titans, 85-48 in East Lansing (Nov. 19).

### WHAT'S RETURNING FOR THE SPARTANS

- Nine players who started a game, including seven who started at least 10
- 12 of 13 letterwinners
- Top-six scorers (93.3% of last year's point total)
- Top-eight rebounders (95.0% of last year's rebounds total)
- 97.9% of last year's blocks, 91.1% of steals and 89.3% of assists
- Five All-Big Ten performers (DeHaan, Jefferson, Johnson, Keane, Thomas)

### NATIONAL PRESEASON RECOGNITION

The Spartans were picked 10th in both national preseason polls – The Associated Press and the USA Today/ESPN Coaches'. It is the fifth time in the last six years, that the Spartans enter the season ranked in both national polls. Also, it is the highest preseason ranking in the USA Today/ESPN Coaches' poll (previously 11th to begin 2005-06) and ties the previous high AP mark, set at the beginning of the 2005-06 season.

### PRESEASON BIG TEN HONORS

Michigan State was picked second by both the coaches and media in the Big Ten Preseason Polls, released at the conference's media day. Ohio State topped both polls. In addition, senior Allyssa DeHaan was chosen to the five-player All-Big Ten Preseason Team by both parties.

Following OSU and MSU in the coaches poll was Minnesota, Purdue, Iowa, Illinois, Penn State, Northwestern, Indiana, Wisconsin and Michigan. In the media poll, Purdue was picked third, followed by Minnesota, Iowa, Illinois, Wisconsin, Penn State, Indiana, Northwestern and Michigan.

Joining DeHaan on the preseason teams was Preseason Big Ten Player of the Year Jantel Lavender of Ohio State, her teammate Samantha Prahalis, Penn State's Tyra Grant and Illinois' Jenna Smith.

### NATIONAL POLLS

AP	USA Today/ESPN
1. Connecticut	1. Connecticut
2. Stanford	2. Stanford
3. Ohio State	3. Ohio State
4. Notre Dame	4. Baylor
5. North Carolina	5. North Carolina
6. Duke	6. Duke
7. Baylor	7. Notre Dame
8. Tennessee	8. Oklahoma
9. LSU	9. Tennessee
10. Michigan State	10. Michigan State
11. Xavier	11. Arizona State
12. Texas	12. Florida State
13. Oklahoma	13. California
14. Virginia	14. Texas
15. Florida State	15. Xavier
16. Arizona State	16. Texas A&M
17. DePaul	17. LSU
18. California	18. Virginia
19. Georgia Tech	19. Louisville
20. Kansas	20. Vanderbilt
21. Georgia	21. Maryland
22. Vanderbilt	22. Pittsburgh
23. Louisville	23. Purdue
24. Middle Tennessee	24. Iowa State
25. Rutgers	25. DePaul

### SPARTANS IN THE NATIONAL POLLS

pre 10/10



## DeHAAN TRACKER

### Career Blocks

# 408

With six blocks at Dayton (11/13/09), DeHaan moved into seventh place on the NCAA Division I career list.

#### All-Time NCAA Division I Leaders

1. Sandora Irvin, TCU	480
2. Brooke McAfee, IUPUI	447
3. Courtney Paris, Oklahoma	446
4. Alison Bales, Duke	434
5. Genia Miller, CS-Fullerton	428
6. Heidi Gillingham, Vanderbilt	413
7. ^Allyssa DeHaan, MSU	408
8. Zane Teilane, Western Illinois	406
9. Rebecca Lobo, Connecticut	396
10. Jessica Davenport, Ohio State	384

#### All-Time Big Ten Leaders

1. Allyssa DeHaan, MSU	408
2. Jessica Davenport, Ohio State	384
3. Trish Andrews, Michigan	367

^ active

## JEFFERSON TRACKER

### Career Points

# 935

Aisha Jefferson is 65 points away from becoming the program's 20th 1,000 point scorer.

## BIG TEN STANDINGS

	Big Ten	Overall
	W-L PCT	W-L PCT
Indiana	1-0	1.000
Iowa	1-0	1.000
Michigan	1-0	1.000
Northwestern	1-0	1.000
Ohio State	1-0	1.000
Penn State	1-0	1.000
Minnesota		
Purdue		
Wisconsin		
Illinois	0-1	.000
Michigan State	0-1	.000

*thru games on Nov. 14*

#### TODAY'S BIG TEN SCHEDULE

Western Illinois at Purdue	1 p.m.
North Dakota at Wisconsin	1 p.m.
IUPUI at Indiana	2 p.m.
Bowling Green at Ohio State	2 p.m.
NJIT at Penn State	2 p.m.
Ill. St./UCLA at Iowa	3 p.m.
Lamar at Minnesota	3 p.m.
Siena at Illinois	5 p.m.

#### MERCHANT NAMES FOUR CAPTAINS FOR 2009-10 SEASON

Head coach Suzy Merchant named seniors Lauren Aitch, Allyssa DeHaan, Aisha Jefferson and Mandy Piechowski as the captains for the 2009-10 season. Jefferson was selected a captain for the third-straight season and Piechowski for her second consecutive campaign, while both Aitch and DeHaan are first time captains. It is the fifth time in program history that MSU has had four captains.

#### PLAYING THE BEST TO BECOME THE BEST

The Spartans will face one of the most difficult non-conference schedules in the country this season. Three of the 12 possible opponents are currently ranked in the top-15 in both national polls – No. 4/7 Notre Dame, No. 5/5 North Carolina and No. 11/15 Xavier – and in all nine of the 12 possible teams qualified for postseason play last season.

Michigan State is only one of six programs to face at least three of the top-15 teams in the preseason national polls in non-conference action, joining Connecticut, Stanford, Duke, Tennessee and Middle Tennessee. Of the six, only MSU and Tennessee will welcome three to its home arena. In addition, this season could mark the first time in MSU history that three ranked non-conference opponents have played the Spartans in East Lansing.

The Big Ten campaign as always will also be no slouch. Ohio State is No. 3 in both national polls, while Purdue is No. 23 in the USA Today/ESPN Coaches Poll and received votes in the AP poll. In all seven conference schools advanced to postseason play last season.

#### SWATTING HER WAY INTO THE NCAA RECORD BOOKS

Senior Allyssa DeHaan entered her senior season on pace to break the NCAA Division I blocked shots record. Currently, in seventh all-time with 408 blocks, she needs only 73 rejections to surpass the record held by Sandora Irvin of TCU (2001-05). DeHaan is also third on the NCAA list with a 3.92 blocks per game average.

DeHaan became the Big Ten's all-time blocked shots leader during MSU's Big Ten Tournament game against Wisconsin on March, 6, 2009. She surpassed Ohio State's Jessica Davenport (384) for the record. In addition, in last season's win over Stony Brook (Nov. 16, 2008), she became the fastest in conference history to reach the 300-block plateau, needing only 72 games.

#### HISTORIC COMPANY

Senior Allyssa DeHaan is one of only five Spartans to rank in the top-10 in both career points and rebounds. She is currently ninth all-time with 1,308 points and seventh with 732 rebounds.

#### APPROACHING 1,000

Redshirt senior Aisha Jefferson is approaching a historic milestone, needing only 65 points to become the 20th Spartan to reach 1,000 career points. Jefferson is currently 28th all-time with 935 points. In addition, she is also climbing the career rebounds list, sitting in 20th with 529.

#### EXHIBITION RECAP

The Spartans went 2-0 in exhibition play, posting home wins against Wayne State, 79-47, on Thursday, Nov. 5, and Grand Valley State, 88-53, on Sunday, Nov. 8. Three Spartans averaged double-figures – Allyssa DeHaan (11.5), Kalisha Keane (10.5) and Jasmine Thomas (10.5) – while 16 players saw playing time with 15 of them scoring a point.

In the opener against Wayne State, MSU had 12 different players score, led by 15 from senior Allyssa DeHaan. The Spartans used a 14-0 run over 5:36 in the first half to open up the game and never look back. DeHaan, playing only 17 minutes, went 5-of-7 from the field and 5-of-5 from the free throw line on the night. She also added a team-high eight rebounds. Redshirt senior Lauren Aitch and freshman Jasmine Thomas added 11 points. Thomas also chipped in a game-high four assists and three steals. In all, 12 Spartans played double-figure minutes, as MSU outscored Wayne State, 51-7 in bench scoring.

Against Grand Valley, MSU opened with a 19-0 run over the first 11:02 and held the Lakers without a made field goal for the initial 12:58. In all, the Spartans forced 36 Laker turnovers and converted them into 40 points. The Spartans also controlled the post, outscoring GVSU 52-18 in the paint. Fourteen Spartans scored, led by 15 points from Kalisha Keane. Keane, who went 7-of-9 from the field, also added four rebounds, three assists and three steals. Sophomore Courtney Schiffauer tallied 12 points, including 2-of-3 from 3-point range, and grabbed a team-high six rebounds. Freshman Jasmine Thomas posted double-figures for the second-straight game, scoring 10 points to go along with three assists.

#### DeHAAN A CANDIDATE FOR LOWE'S SENIOR CLASS AWARD

Allyssa DeHaan is one of the 30 women's basketball candidates for the Lowe's Senior CLASS Award. An acronym for Celebrating Loyalty and Achievement for Staying in School, the Lowe's Senior CLASS Award honors the attributes of senior student-athletes in four areas: classroom, community, character and competition. DeHaan is one of three Big Ten student-athletes on the list, along with Illinois' Jenna Smith and Penn State's Tyra Grant.

The list of 30 will be narrowed down to 10 finalists in late January, and those 10 names will be placed on the official ballot for national vote beginning on Feb. 3 and ending on March 17. Fan balloting will then be coupled with votes from coaches and media to determine the recipient of the award. The winner will be announced in early April.

## LAST TIME...

### MSU played an overtime game...

at Indiana (2/12/09), W, 71-65

### MSU lost an overtime game...

vs. Ohio State (BTT) (2/28/02), L, 82-89

### MSU scored 100 points in a game...

vs. Niagara (11/14/08), W, 116-50

### MSU allowed 100 points in a game...

vs. Northwestern (3/5/93), L, 103-109 (2 OT)

### MSU scored 90 points in a game...

vs. Niagara (11/14/08), W, 116-50

### MSU allowed 90 points in a game...

at Maryland (1/6/07), L, 57-97

### MSU won by 20 or more points...

vs. Michigan (2/19/09), W, 52-27

### MSU lost by 20 or more points...

at LSU (11/15/07), L, 41-64

### MSU won by 30 or more points...

vs. Delaware State (12/18/08), W, 71-41

### MSU lost by 30 or more points...

at Maryland (1/6/07), L, 57-97

### Beat a ranked team...

vs. No. 6/8 Duke (3/24/09), W, 63-49

### An MSU player had a triple-double...

Kristin Haynie, vs. Vanderbilt (3/27/05),  
13p, 10r, 10a

### Five MSU players scored 10 or more points...

vs. Niagara (11/14/08), W, 116-50 [Aitch 25,  
Schiffauer 21, Jefferson 16, DeHaan 12, Keane  
10, Poole 10]

### Two MSU players had 10 or more rebounds...

at Indiana (2/12/09), W, 71-65 OT [DeHaan 10, L.  
Johnson 10]

### An MSU player had 25 or more points...

Aisha Jefferson, vs. Notre Dame (11/29/08), 34

### An MSU player had 30 or more points...

Aisha Jefferson, vs. Notre Dame (11/29/08), 34

### An MSU player had 40 points...

Maxann Reese, vs. Iowa (1/29/99), 41

### An MSU player had 15 rebounds...

Lykendra Johnson, at Northwestern (1/22/09), 15

### An MSU player had 20 rebounds...

Kristen Rasmussen, vs. Penn State (12/30/97), 20

### An MSU player had 10 assists...

Kristin Haynie, vs. Vanderbilt (3/27/05), 10

### An MSU player had 10 or more free throws made...

Allyssa DeHaan, at Wisconsin (1/2/08), 11

### An MSU player had 10 or more field goals made...

Aisha Jefferson, vs. Notre Dame (11/29/08), 14

### An MSU player had 5 or more 3-point FG made...

Courtney Davidson, at Old Dominion (12/2/07), 5

### An MSU player had five or more steals...

Aisha Jefferson, vs. Purdue (3/1/09), 5

## ADDITIONAL PRESEASON DeHAAN ACCOLADES

Senior Allyssa DeHaan has earned numerous national preseason recognition. She was one of 25 student-athletes named to the 2009-10 preseason "Wade Watch" list for the State Farm Wade Trophy Division I Player of the Year, and one of 31 student-athletes named to the 2009-10 preseason Wooden Award list. In addition, Sporting News listed DeHaan as a preseason second team All-American.

## IN SEASON OPENERS

Michigan State snapped its 10-game season opening winning streak on Friday night at Dayton All-time, Spartans are now 25-13 in season openers. Coach Merchant had won her previous eight season openers dating back to her time at Eastern Michigan, before the loss.

The last time that MSU opened the season on the road was the 1993-94 season, when the Spartans dropped a 60-51 contest at Illinois State (11/26/93). Michigan State is now 7-4 all-time when the season opener is a road game.

## THREE SIGN NATIONAL LETTERS OF INTENT FOR 2010-11 SEASON

Michigan State women's basketball head coach Suzy Merchant announced the signing of three National Letters of Intent – Klarissa Bell (East Lansing, Mich./East Lansing), Annalise Pickrel (Grand Rapids, Mich./Grand Rapids Catholic Central) and Madison Williams (Beverly Hills, Mich./Detroit Country Day) – for the 2010-11 season on Wednesday, Nov. 11.

Bell, a 5-11 guard from East Lansing High School, will make the short trip across town to Michigan State. She averaged 16.4 points and 5.3 rebounds last season to earned first team Class A All-State honors by the Associated Press and Detroit News, and fourth team honors by the Detroit Free Press. Dan Olson from Collegiate Girls Basketball Report rates Bell as the 93rd-best player in the 2010 class and No. 16 at the small forward position. A two-time Lansing State Journal Dream Team selection and Capital Area all-conference choice, Bell has already topped 1,000 career points for head coach Rob Smith at ELHS. In addition, Bell also received Detroit News Class A First Team All-State honors as a sophomore. She plays AAU basketball for Michigan's Finest and coach Darren Neil. Bell has also lettered in soccer that last two seasons and won the East Lansing High School Distinguished Scholar Award. Bell is the daughter of Monty and Krista Myles, and Devlin and Shaneice Bell.

Pickrel, a 6-3 guard from Grand Rapids Catholic Central High School, was a first team all-state selection as a junior by multiple outlets, helping the Cougars to the Class B state championship game. She was a first team selection by the Associated Press, Detroit Free Press and Detroit News, while also receiving Grand Rapids Press Dream Team honors last season. Pickrel averaged 12 points, seven rebounds, four steals and three blocks a game as a junior, captaining the GRCC squad, coached by Colleen Lamoreaux-Tate. Collegiate Girls Basketball Report has Pickrel ranked as the No. 154 recruit nationally and the 23rd shooting guard. She also has lettered in volleyball and track & field over the past couple seasons. Pickrel is the daughter of Maribeth Pickrel.

Williams, a 6-7 center from Detroit Country Day, is a three-time all-state selection and has been ranked as high as No. 12 in the nation by Collegiate Girls Basketball Report and No. 30 by Blue Star Basketball. Collegiate Girls Basketball Report also has her as the second-best center in the class and hoopgurlz.com has tabbed Williams in their national top-100 and rank her No. 13 among centers in the Class of 2010. Williams has led Detroit Country Day, coached by Frank Orlando, to back-to-back Class B state championships, including posting the first recorded triple-double in championship game history last season with 11 points, 11 rebounds and a finals record 11 blocks. As a junior, she averaged 9.0 points, 10.0 rebounds and 8.0 blocks per game, earning Dream Team and First Team Class B All-State honors by both the Detroit Free Press and Detroit News. Williams was also an Associated Press All-State selection last season and earned her third-straight all-metro and all-district honors. As a sophomore, Williams was a second team all-state choice by the Detroit News and third team by the Detroit Free Press, while as a freshman, she received fourth team all-state recognition. She also led her AAU team, the Michigan Monarchs, coached by Ray Booker, to five-straight state championships from 2001-05. Williams is the daughter of Kevin and Nanette Casida, and Kevin Williams.

## FIVE YEAR RUN OF EXCELLENCE

Michigan State has proven to be one of the top programs in the Big Ten and the nation over the past five seasons:

- 126 overall wins (second among Big Ten schools)
- 61 conference wins (second among Big Ten schools)
- 10 NCAA Tournament wins (ninth-most nationally and most among Big Ten schools)
- 3 NCAA Sweet 16 appearances (eighth-most nationally and most among Big Ten schools)
- 22 wins over nationally-ranked teams
- 67-12 record at the Breslin Center
- 6,419 average attendance (top-15 in the nation each season)

## ON THIS DATE

Michigan State is 1-1 all-time on November 15.

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## SPARTANS' DYNAMIC DUO

In their two-plus years on the court together, the Spartans know good things will happen when seniors Aisha Jefferson and Allyssa DeHaan are both playing well. When both score in double-figures, MSU holds a 18-2 record.

DeHaan's scoring has shown to be a deciding factor in most Spartan games. When she reaches double-digits, Michigan State is 52-17 in her career. Also, when she leads the team in scoring, MSU is 34-5. Meanwhile, MSU is 30-14 when Jefferson tallies double-figures.

## NATIONAL EXPOSURE

MSU will experience tremendous national exposure this season. The Spartans will be featured on national television for at least 12 games, with one on CBS, two on ESPN2 and nine on Big Ten Network. More broadcast opportunities exist, as the final two regular season games are Big Ten Network wildcard games and each game of the Big Ten Tournament will be televised. In addition, nine games will be streamed live on BigTenNetwork.com.

The Spartans' 12 scheduled television games tie Purdue for the most television appearances this season among Big Ten schools. Also, MSU's Jan. 9 game at home against Ohio State is the lone conference game on CBS this season. In all, every Spartan home game will be available on some visual media for our fans throughout the country to watch.

## HOME COOKING

The 2009-10 basketball season is the the Spartans' 21st inside the Jack Breslin Student Events Center. MSU has an all-time record of 201-74 (.731) at Breslin and have been even more dominant of late in its cozy confines, posting a mark of 66-11 since 2003, including a 14-2 record last season.

## FANS CONTINUE TO PACK THE BRESLIN

For the past five seasons, Michigan State has been one of the top programs in the country in regard to fan support. In each of the last five years, the Spartans have been among the nation's top 15, averaging over 6,000 fans per game. MSU was ninth in the country in 2006-07, averaging 6,737, while they were 10th in both 2005-06, with a school-record 6,787 average, and 2007-08 (6,317). In 2008-09, the Spartans finished second in the Big Ten and 13th in the country, averaging 6,024 fans.

## LET'S PLAY MORE TIME

The Spartans have relished playing extra time over the past six seasons. MSU is currently riding an 11-game winning streak in overtime games, dating back to the 2003-04 season. The streak is the longest such run among Big Ten schools. Surprisingly, only two of the 11 wins have come at home. MSU's last overtime loss came on Feb. 28, 2002 against Ohio State, 89-82, in the Big Ten Tournament.

## FORMATION OF BIG TEN/BIG 12 CHALLENGE ANNOUNCED

The Big Ten and Big 12 Conference jointly announced the formation of the annual Big Ten/Big 12 Challenge for women's basketball. The agreement, which will span at least years beginning in the 2010-11 season, will feature home-and-home series for the first two years. Michigan State will host the University of Texas next season and will travel to Austin for the 2011-12 season.

## 2008-09 REVIEW

Behind a balanced offensive attack and one of the best defenses in the country, the Spartans finished 22-11 overall, claimed their sixth-straight 20-win season and reached postseason play for the ninth-consecutive year. After coming from behind to beat No. 8-seed Middle Tennessee State in the first round, Michigan State became just the third No. 9 seed to knock off a No. 1 seed, beating Duke, 63-49. The pair of wins qualified the Spartans for their third NCAA Sweet 16 appearance, where they narrowly fell to No. 4-seed Iowa State by one. Michigan State went 13-5 in Big Ten action, tying for second in the conference, and posting the second most league wins in program history.

Junior Allyssa DeHaan continued to leave her mark as one of the best players in conference and program history, breaking the Big Ten career blocked shots record, and moving into the top-10 on the MSU all-time points and rebounds list. DeHaan was one of five Spartans recognized with All-Big Ten accolades, earning second team honors. Aisha Jefferson, Lykendrea Johnson, Kalisha Keane and Brittney Thomas were honorable mention choices.

## QUICK FACTS

### University Information

Name	Michigan State University
Location	East Lansing, Michigan 48824
Founded	1855
Enrollment	47,100
Nickname	Spartans
Colors	Green and White
Conference	Big Ten
Division	NCAA Division I
President	Dr. Lou Anna K. Simon
Athletics Director	Mark Hollis
Senior Women's Administrator	Shelley Appelbaum
Faculty Representative	Michael Kasavana
Home Arena	Jack Breslin Student Events Center (14,759)
Ticket Office Phone	517.355.1610 or 800.GO.STATE
Breslin Center Press Row	517-353-1626

### Coaching Staff

Head Coach	Suzy Merchant (Central Michigan, 1991)
Overall Record (years)	246-146 (15)
School Record (years)	45-26 (3)
Associate Head Coach	Shane Clipfell; 3rd season
Assistant Coach	Rick Albro; 3rd season
Assistant Coach	Tempie Brown; 1st season
Director of Basketball Ops	Julie Dombroski, 3rd season
Coordinator of Basketball Ops	Monique Govan, 3rd season
Basketball Secretary	Margaret Selasky
Office Phone	517-353-8613
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Basketball Office Fax	517-432-4598
Basketball Office Mailing Address	110 Berkowitz 1 Birch Road East Lansing, MI 48824

### Team Information

2008-09 Overall Record	22-11
2008-09 Big Ten Record (Finish)	13-5 (t-2nd)
2008-09 Postseason	NCAA Sweet 16
Letterwinners Returning/Lost	12/1
Starters Returning/Lost	5/0
Newcomers	3

### Spartan Program History

First Year	1972-73
All-Time Record	608-418 (.593)
NCAA Tournament Appearances	9 (1991, 1996, 1997, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2009)
NCAA Final Four Appearances	1 (2005)
All-Time NCAA Tournament Record	13-9
WNIT Appearances	4 (1999, 2000, 2002, 2008)
WNIT Record	11-4

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# 2009-10 MICHIGAN STATE SEASON STATISTICS

RECORD:	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
ALL GAMES	0-1	0-0	0-1	0-0
CONFERENCE	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
NON-CONFERENCE	0-1	0-0	0-1	0-0

##	Player	gp-gs	min	avg	Total		3-Point		F-Throw		Rebounds				pf	dq	a	to	blk	stl	pts	avg
					fg-fga	fg%	3fg-fga	3fg%	ft-fa	ft%	off	def	tot	avg								
24	SCHIFFAUER, Courtn	1-0	31	31.0	6-10	.600	4-5	.800	5-8	.625	1	8	9	9.0	4	0	4	1	1	0	21	21.0
30	JOHNSON, Lykendra	1-1	14	14.0	4-8	.500	0-1	.000	3-4	.750	5	0	5	5.0	5	1	1	1	0	2	11	11.0
03	POOLE, Porsche	1-0	24	24.0	4-11	.364	0-5	.000	2-4	.500	1	2	3	3.0	1	0	2	4	0	1	10	10.0
41	DEHAAN, Allyssa	1-1	31	31.0	3-10	.300	0-1	.000	4-4	1.000	2	4	6	6.0	3	0	1	2	6	0	10	10.0
20	THOMAS, Brittny	1-1	36	36.0	3-8	.375	1-4	.250	2-2	1.000	1	3	4	4.0	0	0	4	3	0	0	9	9.0
45	AITCH, Lauren	1-0	19	19.0	4-7	.571	0-0	.000	1-4	.250	4	2	6	6.0	3	0	0	4	1	0	9	9.0
32	KEANE, Kalisha	1-0	16	16.0	2-5	.400	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0	2	2	2.0	5	1	2	2	1	2	4	4.0
22	JEFFERSON, Aisha	1-1	14	14.0	0-3	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	3	3	3.0	4	0	0	1	0	1	0	0.0
15	WASHINGTON, Cetera	1-1	12	12.0	0-3	.000	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	1	2	3	3.0	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	0.0
01	THOMAS, Jasmine	1-0	3	3.0	0-3	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	1	1	2	2.0	4	0	0	3	0	0	0	0.0
Team											1	1	2					1				
Total.....		1	200		26-68	.382	5-18	.278	17-26	.654	17	28	45	45.0	29	2	16	22	9	7	74	74.0
Opponents.....		1	200		26-65	.400	8-22	.364	17-33	.515	19	31	50	50.0	22	-	14	22	7	11	77	77.0

TEAM STATISTICS	MSU	OPP	Date	Opponent	Score	Att.
SCORING	74	77	11/13/09	at Dayton	L 74-77	2046
Points per game	74.0	77.0				
Scoring margin	-3.0	-				
FIELD GOALS-ATT	26-68	26-65				
Field goal pct	.382	.400				
3 POINT FG-ATT	5-18	8-22				
3-point FG pct	.278	.364				
3-pt FG made per game	5.0	8.0				
FREE THROWS-ATT	17-26	17-33				
Free throw pct	.654	.515				
F-Throws made per game	17.0	17.0				
REBOUNDS	45	50				
Rebounds per game	45.0	50.0				
Rebounding margin	-5.0	-				
ASSISTS	16	14				
Assists per game	16.0	14.0				
TURNOVERS	22	22				
Turnovers per game	22.0	22.0				
Turnover margin	+0.0	-				
Assist/turnover ratio	0.7	0.6				
STEALS	7	11				
Steals per game	7.0	11.0				
BLOCKS	9	7				
Blocks per game	9.0	7.0				
ATTENDANCE	0	2046				
Home games-Avg/Game	0-0	1-2046				
Neutral site-Avg/Game	-	0-0				

Score by Periods	1st	2nd	Totals
Michigan State	34	40	74
Opponents	43	34	77





**SUZY MERCHANT**  
**HEAD COACH**  
**THIRD SEASON**  
**CENTRAL MICHIGAN '91**

Suzy Merchant was named head coach of the Michigan State women's basketball program on April 30, 2007. Merchant has been a part of winning programs every step of her career. In her 14 years as a head coach, she has won more than 60 percent of her games, collecting a 246-145 (.629) career record as a head coach at Saginaw Valley State, Eastern Michigan and MSU. In her first two seasons with the Spartans, Merchant is 45-25 (.643), having compiled the most wins through two years than any coach in program history.

Last season, Merchant topped the 20-win plateau for fifth-straight season and for the sixth time in her career. The Spartans earned a No. 9 seed in the NCAA Tournament and advanced to the Sweet 16 with wins over No. 1-seed Duke and No. 8-seed

Middle Tennessee; Merchant's first career NCAA Tournament win. She led the Spartans to a 13-5 record in the Big Ten, tying them for second in the conference. The wins tie for the second most in program history, while the finish is the best since the 2004-05 Big Ten Champions. In the offseason, Merchant was named the 2009 Basketball Coaches Association on Michigan (BCAM) Women's College Coach of the Year. Six Spartans earned postseason Big Ten accolades, led by Allyssa DeHaan taking home second team All-Big Ten honors.

This past summer, Merchant spent time with USA Basketball as an assistant coach for the Women's World University Games team in Belgrade, Serbia. Team USA went undefeated and took home the Gold medal, topping Russia, 83-64 in the championship game.

In her first season at Michigan State, Merchant took the youngest team in the Big Ten to its seventh-straight postseason trip, advancing to the championship game of the WNIT, and tied for the most wins (23) by a first-year Spartan basketball coach in MSU history. The 23 wins tied for the fourth-winningest season in program history and also tied a career-high for Merchant.

In addition, the Spartans collected their fifth-straight 20-win season against one of the toughest schedules in the Big Ten, and won 10 conference games for the sixth consecutive season. MSU also advanced to the semifinals of the Big Ten Tournament for the fifth-straight year after beating Minnesota in the quarterfinals.

Individually, Allyssa DeHaan earned first team All-Big Ten honors, while a pair of freshmen – Kalisha Keane and Brittney Thomas – were honorable mention all-conference and on the All-Freshman Team. In addition, to their success on the court, four Spartans were named to the Academic All-Big Ten Team, including DeHaan, who was also a CoSIDA Academic All-District IV Third Team selection.

In her first two years in the Greater Lansing area, Suzy Merchant has gone to great lengths to become an integral part of the community. In her time off the court and out of the office, Merchant can be seen at many community service events in the Great Lansing area. She has been an Honorary Chair for numerous events, including the MSU Children's Initiative, Hike for Hospice, Women Working Wonders, Women's Center of Lansing, Advent House Ministries, Old Newsboys Shoe and Coat Drive, Muscular Dystrophy Association, Ronald McDonald House and Ele's Place Race.

During her tenure with the Eagles, Merchant guided Eastern Michigan to a record of 147-91 (.618), including three 20-win seasons, three postseason appearances and two Mid-American Conference West Division titles. She currently is the school's all-time winningest coach. Merchant's 2003-04 Eastern Michigan team claimed the MAC West Division and MAC Tournament championships for the first time in school history, earning the program's first-ever bid to the NCAA Tournament en route to a 22-8 record. She followed that impressive season by winning 23 games in 2004-05, the most in school history, and sent EMU to the postseason for the second straight year with a WNIT appearance.

In 2005-06, the Eagles reached the 20-win plateau for the third consecutive season and won their second MAC West title with a 15-1 conference record, notching the most league wins in school history. Their 22-8 overall record put them into the postseason for the third-straight year as the Eagles earned a bid to the WNIT. While on maternity leave for most of her last season, Merchant's Eagles finished second in the MAC West Division with a 10-6 league record and finished 16-13 overall.

Before coaching at Eastern Michigan, Merchant spent three seasons at Saginaw Valley State, posting a 54-29 (.651) record. After inheriting a team with a losing record, Merchant quickly built the SVSU program into a winner, going 15-11 in her first season before going 19-11 in year two while earning a berth in the NCAA Division II Tournament for just the second time in school history. In her final season, Saginaw Valley State collected a 20-7 record and was ranked as high as 15th in the nation.

The Traverse City, Mich., native, has 17 years of collegiate coaching experience, all in the state of Michigan. A four-year starter and three-year captain at Central Michigan, Merchant began her coaching career at Oakland University, serving as the top assistant coach for three seasons.

**YEAR-BY-YEAR COACHING RECORD**

Year	School	Record	Conference Record	Postseason	Highlights
1995-96	Saginaw Valley State	15-11	9-9 (t-7th, GLIAC)	-	First year as head coach
1996-97	Saginaw Valley State	19-11	10-8 (3rd, GLIAC North)	NCAA Div. II	First postseason appearance
1997-98	Saginaw Valley State	20-7	12-6 (t-3rd, GLIAC North)	-	First career 20-win season for Merchant
1998-99	Eastern Michigan	14-13	8-8 (3rd, MAC West)	-	Posted EMU's first winning record in 13 years
1999-00	Eastern Michigan	16-14	8-8 (t-3rd, MAC West)	-	Advanced to MAC Tournament semifinals
2000-01	Eastern Michigan	16-12	9-7 (4th, MAC West)	-	Tied school record for most conference wins (9)
2001-02	Eastern Michigan	18-11	10-6 (t-4th, MAC West)	-	Coached first All-American at EMU
2002-03	Eastern Michigan	13-16	9-7 (4th, MAC West)	-	Two All-MAC selection
2003-04	Eastern Michigan	22-8	12-4 (1st, MAC West)	NCAA	Won EMU's first MAC Division & Tournament title
2004-05	Eastern Michigan	23-8	11-5 (2nd, MAC West)	WNIT	Most wins in school history (23)
2005-06	Eastern Michigan	22-8	15-1 (1st, MAC West)	WNIT	Most conference wins in school history (15-1)
2006-07	Eastern Michigan	3-1	-	-	Coached four games before maternity leave
2007-08	Michigan State	23-14	10-8 (t-5th, Big Ten)	WNIT	Tied for most wins by a first year MSU coach
2008-09	Michigan State	22-11	13-5 (t-2nd, Big Ten)	NCAA Sweet 16	Earned first NCAA Tournament victory

