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## 2007 MICHIGAN STATE GYMNASTICS



### Spartan Schedule

#### January

Fri.	12	Arizona	2nd, 194.925
Fri.	19	at Pittsburgh with Maryland & West Virginia	2nd, 192.150
Sat.	27	Ohio State with UIC	7 p.m.

#### February

Sat.	3	State of Michigan Classic	7 p.m.
Sat.	10	at New Hampshire with Brown & West Virginia	7 p.m.
Sat.	17	Illinois	7 p.m.
Fri.	23	at West Virginia	7:30 p.m.

#### March

Sat.	3	Michigan	7 p.m.
Fri.	16	at Florida	7 p.m.
Sun.	18	at Western Michigan	1 p.m.
Fri.	23	N.C. State	7 p.m.
Sat.	31	at Big Ten Championships	6 p.m.

#### April

Sat.	14	NCAA Regionals	6 p.m.
Thurs.-Sat.	27-29	NCAA Nationals	2 p.m.

*Home meets in bold, held at Jenison Field House*

### University Quick Facts

#### General Information

Location:	East Lansing, Mich.
Founded:	1855
Enrollment:	45,166
President:	Dr. Lou Anna K. Simon
Athletics Director:	Ron Mason
SWA:	Shelley Appelbaum
Conference:	Big Ten
Affiliation:	NCAA Division I
Nickname:	Spartans
Colors:	Green and White
Home Facility:	Jenison Field House (5,017)
First Year of Varsity Competition:	1972

#### Coaching Information

Head Coach:	Kathie Klages (17th Season)
Record at MSU:	266-137-3 (16)
Career Record:	Same
Associate Head Coach:	Randy Lane (First Season)
Assistant Coach:	Katie Teft (Third Season)

#### Sports Information

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## No. 21 Michigan State (2-2) vs. No. 23 Ohio State (1-3) and UIC (1-5)



• *Breast Cancer Awareness Meet*

*Saturday, Jan. 27, 2007 • 7 p.m.*

*Jenison Field House • East Lansing, Mich.*

*Live Stats: msuspartans.com*



#### Series Information

##### Ohio State Series

*MSU leads, 28-25*

The teams last met at the 2006 Central Regional Championship Meet, where MSU finished fifth (193.575) and OSU took sixth (193.000).

##### UIC Series

*MSU leads, 14-3*

UIC defeated MSU, 193.025-192.550, in a tri meet at Denver early in the 2006 season.

#### The Week Ahead

The Spartan gymnastics team is ranked No. 21 in the most recent GymInfo Top 25 Poll that was released on Jan. 22, following a second-place finish at the Pittsburgh quad meet with a combined team score of 192.150. Michigan State returns to Jenison Field House to host fellow Big Ten opponent No. 23 Ohio State and UIC on Saturday at 7 p.m. MSU holds a slight 28-25 lead in the all-time series with the Buckeyes, while the Green and White lead the all-time series with the Flames, 14-3.

This Saturday's meet versus the Buckeyes and Flames will serve as MSU's 2007 Breast Cancer Awareness Meet. The meet is dedicated to Jan Howard, mother of former Spartan gymnast, and current Associate Director/Director of CHAMPS/Life Skills Program for MSU athletics, Angela Howard. The Spartan gymnastics team will hold a special auction of all 15 leotards that the team will wear during the meet. All proceeds from the auction will benefit the American Cancer Society Making Strides Against Breast Cancer cause.

#### Pittsburgh Recap

Despite three Spartans finishing in the top five of the all-around competition, the ninth-ranked Michigan State gymnastics team posted a 192.150, finishing second to No. 11 West Virginia (193.150) and defeating host Pittsburgh (190.725) and Maryland (189.375) last Friday. Freshman tumbler Rochelle Robinson was the top finisher in the all-around for the Green and White, posting a 38.825 to finish second, while teammates Katlyn Roggensack (38.450) and Kristen Coleman (38.425) finished third and fourth, respectively.

#### Scouting The Buckeyes

The Ohio State University gymnastics team most recently took fourth in a quad meet hosted by N.C. State on Jan. 21. OSU ranks two spots behind the Spartans at No. 23 in the Jan. 22 GymInfo Top 25 poll after posting a combined team score of 193.250 at N.C. State. Head coach Carrie Fagan is in her third season at the helm of the Buckeye program and welcomes back nine letterwinners from the 2006 squad.

#### Scouting The Flames

In its most recent competition, UIC finished second with a combined team score of 189.550 at a quad meet with Centenary, Illinois State and SEMO on Jan. 20 hosted by the Redbirds. The duo of Peter and Mary Jansson enter their 17th season at the helm of the UIC program where the Flames return nine letterwinners from a year ago, and welcome three newcomers to the gym in 2007.

# MICHIGAN STATE SPARTANS

**Head Coach**  
Kathie Klages  
Central Michigan '77  
17th Season

**Associate Head Coach**  
Randy Lane  
First Season

**Assistant Coach**  
Katie Teft  
Third Season

Name	Ht.	Elig.	Hometown/Previous School	Club Team
Rhiannon Banda-Scott	5-1	JR	Burlington, Ont./Central Michigan	Oakville Gymnastics
Megan Bergland	5-1	FR	Richland, Mich./Gull Lake	US Airborne
Kristen Coleman	5-3	SR	Cornwall, Ontario/St. Joseph's	Ottawa Gymnastics Centre
Nicole Curler	5-0	FR	Bay City, Mich./John Glenn	Gedder's Twistars
Dani Fanning	5-3	SO	Glendale, Ariz./Paradise Valley	Arizona Sunrays
Chayla Hill	5-2	SR	Hudson, Ohio/Twinsburg	Gymnastics World
Melanie Hunt	5-5	FR	Naperville, Ill./Naperville North	St. Charles
Victoria Iakounina	5-4	SR	Dumfries, Va./Forest Park	Cardinal Gymnastics Center
Bethany Little	5-3	JR	Franklin, Tenn./Beech	Let It Shine Gymnastics
Emily Lopatofsky	5-0	FR	Waymart, Pa./Western Wayne	Keystone
Megan McNally	4-10	JR	St. Paul, Minn./Highland Park	Gedder's Twistars
Kelly Moffitt	5-3	FR	Flora, Ind./Carroll	Wright's Gymnastics
Rochelle Robinson	4-11	FR	Chesapeake, Va./Indiana River	Ocean Tumblers
Katlyn Roggensack	5-2	SO	Wheaton, Ill./Warrenville South	Midwest Academy
Julie Sauchuck	5-1	FR	Peabody, Mass./Pope John XIII	Brestyan's

## GymInfo Top 25 Coaches Poll

January 22, 2007

Rank	Team	Team Avg.	High Score
1	Florida	196.742	196.85
2	Georgia *	196.675	197.375
3	Utah	196.525	196.725
4	Stanford	196.233	197.125
5	Alabama	195.675	195.7
6	UCLA	195.66	196.75
7	Nebraska	195.462	195.725
8	Oklahoma	195.313	196.125
9	Iowa State	195.15	195.6
10	Auburn	195	196.475
11	Denver	194.925	196.425
12	Michigan	194.812	194.85
13	Oregon State	194.6	195.4
14	Arkansas	194.575	196.075
15	LSU	194.267	194.875
16	Arizona	194.025	194.975
17	West Virginia	193.975	194.8
18	Kent State	193.837	194.575
19	Penn State	193.692	194.575
20	Kentucky	193.575	193.575
21	Michigan State	193.537	194.925
22	Missouri	193.492	194.025
23	Ohio State	193.437	193.625
24	N. C. State	193.35	194.625
25	Brigham Young	193.217	194.025

\* Indicates defending National Champion

### Three Of The Top Five

The Spartans placed three competitors in the top five of the all-around competition at the Pittsburgh quad meet last Friday, including freshman Rochelle Robinson who took second with a score 38.825. Katlyn Roggensack (38.450) and Kristen Coleman (38.425) took third and fourth, respectively, for the Green and White.

### Freshmen Impact

Through the first two meets of the 2007 season, the freshmen class has accounted for five first-place individual event finishes and one top score in the all-around competition. In the national rankings, newcomer Nicole Curler ranks sixth on the balance beam (9.850) in the Jan. 22 report, and classmate Rochelle Robinson ranks 24th in the uneven bar category (9.8520).

### Big Ten Gymnast Of The Week

Freshman tumbler Nicole Curler earned her first-career Big Ten Gymnast of the Week honor on Jan. 17. Curler picked up the weekly honor after winning both the balance beam (9.925) and floor exercise (9.875), while also tying for first in the all-around against No. 16 Arizona on Jan. 12. The Bay City, Mich., native tied with teammate Kristen Coleman in the all-around competition, tallying a mark of 39.400. Curler helped MSU achieve its highest team mark on the uneven bars since the 2000 season and the third-highest in Spartan history (49.325).

### Strong Start

At least three freshmen competed on each event for MSU in the season opener versus Arizona. Nicole Curler tumbled her way to a first-place finish on both the balance beam (9.925) and floor exercise (9.875) events, while her score of 39.400 tied for first in the all-around competition with teammate Kristen Coleman. Freshman Kelly Moffitt also contributed for the Green and White with a 9.825 on the vault (third place), while Megan Bergland finished third on the uneven bars with a 9.850 in her collegiate debut.

### Record Breakers

Both Kristen Coleman and sophomore Katlyn Roggensack set career-highs on the uneven bar event in the season opener against Arizona. Coleman captured first place with a 9.925, while Roggensack contributed a 9.800 for the Green and White. MSU's score of 49.325 ranks as the third-highest total in school history, and the highest mark since the 2000 campaign.

### 2007 Schedule

Michigan State will face six teams ranked in the GymInfo Preseason Top 25 Coaches Poll, and also will compete against nine additional teams that received votes by the panel of coaches during the 2007 season. MSU opens the season against No. 16 Arizona and will face No. 3 Florida, No. 6 Michigan, No. 14 Penn State and No. 24 West Virginia during the dual-meet season.

## Looking Back

The Spartans ended the 2006 season with a second-place finish at the Big Ten Championship Meet at Jenison Field House and a trip to the NCAA Central Regionals held on the campus of Louisiana State University. The Big Ten finish was the highest since 1996, and the regional meet appearance was the 15th in Spartan history, and eighth under Klages. Kristen Coleman was the Spartans' top scorer on all-four events at the Regional Championship, as the Green and White wrapped up its season with a fifth-place finish and a score of 193.575. In addition to her third-place finish in the all-around (39.125), Coleman added a sixth-place finish on the uneven bars, scoring a 9.800 to clinch her spot at the national meet and prolong her season as an individual competitor.

## Conference Honors

Prior to the 2006 conference championship meet, junior Kristen Coleman and classmate Victoria Iakounina were named to the All-Big Ten First and Second Teams, respectively. The honor was Coleman's first All-Big Ten selection, while Iakounina also earned second-team honors and was named Freshman of the Year in 2004. Senior Sarah Alexander was also recognized as Michigan State's sportsmanship award honoree. In addition, Spartan head coach Kathie Klages was named the 2006 Big Ten Co-Coach of the Year, at a post-championship awards ceremony. It was the third-such honor, and the second in three seasons, for Coach Klages.

## Head Coach Kathie Klages

Kathie Klages is in her 17th season at the helm of the Michigan State gymnastics program in 2007. She is a three-time Big Ten Coach of the Year award winner, and has been named Central Region Coach of the Year four times. Klages' teams have been consistently successful, as she has posted a winning record in each of her previous 16 seasons leading the Green and White. In 2006, Klages guided MSU to a second-place finish at the Big Ten Championship Meet, mentored the 10th Big Ten individual event champion in school history (Chayla Hill, vault) and led State to its 15th appearance in NCAA Regional competition.

## Big Ten Champion

At the 2006 Big Ten Championship Meet, Chayla Hill garnered a 9.800 on vault to finish in a five-way tie for first place, the first MSU gymnast to capture an individual event title since the 1996 season. Hill also captured three vault titles during the dual-meet season, including a season-high performance of 9.850 versus Pittsburgh and Western Michigan on Jan. 14.

## Strong Leadership From The Veterans

Veterans Sarah Alexander, Kristen Coleman, Chayla Hill and Victoria Iakounina anchored the Michigan State rotation in 2006. The quartet combined for 54 top-three finishes and 14 trips to the podium in the all-around last season. Big Ten Championship competition saw Hill tie for first-place on vault with a score of 9.800, while Coleman placed second in the all-around competition, scoring a 39.100.

## Academic Success

Four members of the 2006 gymnastics squad - Sarah Alexander, Kristen Coleman, Victoria Iakounina and Megan McNally - were honored with Academic All-Big Ten accolades in 2006. Additionally, seven gymnasts - Dani Fanning, Leia Langhoff, McNally, Jamie Miles, Katlyn Roggensack and Jenna Russell - received NACGC/W Academic All-America honors.

## Balancing Act

Michigan State's 49.475 balance beam performance versus Northern Illinois during the 2006 season set a Spartan benchmark as the highest team score on the apparatus in program history. Senior Sarah Alexander and junior Chayla Hill led the way, each scoring a season-best 9.925, tying for first-place honors.

## Scoring Rundown

Unlike other collegiate athletic rankings, collegiate gymnastic rankings are not based on wins and losses or votes. Gymnastic teams are ranked by their meet scores alone. Teams are ranked by their highest score during the opening portion of the season and are then ranked by their total season average. The teams finish the dual-meet season ranked by their Regional Qualifying Score (RQS). A RQS is based on a team's top six regular-season scores, with three scores coming from away meets. To obtain the RQS, the team's or gymnast's highest score is dropped and the remaining five scores are averaged.

## Spartan Gymnastics Signs Two For 2008

Two gymnasts have signed National Letters of Intent to attend Michigan State, beginning with the 2007 fall semester. Nicole Argiros (Livonia, Mich./Stevenson High School/Michigan Academy of Gymnastics) and Kathryn Mahoney (Western Spring, Ill./Lyons Township High School/Illinois Gymnastics Institute) will don the Green and White for the 2008 season.

## 2007 Top Scores By Apparatus

### All-Around -

1.	Kristen Coleman	39.400 (1/12)
	Nicole Curler	39.400 (1/12)

### Vault -

1.	Rochelle Robinson	9.850 (1/19)
2.	Kelly Moffitt	9.825 (1/12)
	Kristen Coleman	9.825 (1/12)
	Chayla Hill	9.825 (1/12)
5.	Rochelle Robinson	9.725 (1/12)
	Nicole Curler	9.725 (1/19)
7.	Kelly Moffitt	9.650 (1/19)
8.	Katlyn Roggensack	9.625 (1/19)
9.	Megan Bergland	9.200 (1/12)
10.	Victoria Iakounina	9.025 (1/19)

### Uneven Bars -

1.	Kristen Coleman	9.925 (1/12)
2.	Nicole Curler	9.900 (1/12)
3.	Megan Bergland	9.850 (1/12)
4.	Rochelle Robinson	9.850 (1/12)
	Rochelle Robinson	9.850 (1/19)
6.	Kristen Coleman	9.825 (1/19)
7.	Katlyn Roggensack	9.800 (1/12)
8.	Kelly Moffitt	9.725 (1/12)
9.	Katlyn Roggensack	9.700 (1/19)
10.	Dani Fanning	9.600 (1/19)
11.	Megan Bergland	9.350 (1/19)

### Balance Beam -

1.	Nicole Curler	9.925 (1/12)
2.	Kristen Coleman	9.800 (1/12)
3.	Nicole Curler	9.775 (1/19)
	Katlyn Roggensack	9.775 (1/19)
5.	Emily Lopatofsky	9.750 (1/12)
6.	Katlyn Roggensack	9.725 (1/12)
7.	Rochelle Robinson	9.700 (1/12)
	Victoria Iakounina	9.700 (1/12)
	Kristen Coleman	9.700 (1/19)
10.	Rochelle Robinson	9.625 (1/19)
11.	Megan Bergland	9.425 (1/19)
12.	Victoria Iakounina	8.650 (1/19)

### Floor Exercise -

1.	Nicole Curler	9.875 (1/12)
2.	Kristen Coleman	9.850 (1/12)
3.	Nicole Curler	9.650 (1/19)
4.	Katlyn Roggensack	9.575 (1/12)
5.	Megan Bergland	9.550 (1/19)
6.	Rochelle Robinson	9.500 (1/19)
7.	Megan Bergland	9.250 (1/12)
8.	Emily Lopatofsky	9.250 (1/12)
9.	Katlyn Roggensack	9.350 (1/19)
10.	Chayla Hill	9.150 (1/12)
	Kristen Coleman	9.150 (1/19)

# Career-Highs (Through Jan. 19)

## **KRISTEN COLEMAN**

Vault.....	9.900 (3/5/04)
Uneven Bars.....	9.925 (1/12/07)
Balance Beam.....	9.900 (2/3/06)
Floor Exercise.....	9.900 (3/7/04)
All-Around.....	39.400 (1/12/07)

## **CHAYLA HILL**

Vault.....	9.900 (3/7/04)
Uneven Bars.....	N/A
Balance Beam.....	9.925 (3/5/06)
Floor Exercise.....	9.925 (2/28/04)
All-Around.....	N/A

## **VICTORIA IAKOUNINA**

Vault.....	9.925 (3/5/04)
Uneven Bars.....	9.900 (2/21/04)
Balance Beam.....	9.925 (3/7/04)
Floor Exercise.....	9.750 (3/3/06)
All-Around.....	39.175 (3/5/06)

## **BETHANY LITTLE**

Vault.....	9.850 (2/3/06)
Uneven Bars.....	9.800 (3/5/06)
Balance Beam.....	N/A
Floor Exercise.....	N/A
All Around.....	N/A

## **RHIANNON BANDA-SCOTT**

Vault.....	9.325 (1/6/06)
Uneven Bars.....	9.775 (3/17/06)
Balance Beam.....	9.600 (3/3/06)
Floor Exercise.....	9.700 (3/25/06)
All-Around.....	37.200 (3/3/06)

## **MEGAN MCNALLY**

Vault.....	N/A
Uneven Bars.....	N/A
Balance Beam.....	9.675 (1/6/06)
Floor Exercise.....	9.650 (1/14/06)
All-Around.....	N/A

## **DANI FANNING**

Vault.....	N/A
Uneven Bars.....	9.750 (3/17/06)
Balance Beam.....	9.000 (2/3/06)
Floor Exercise.....	9.775 (2/3/06)
All-Around.....	N/A

## **KATLYN ROGGENSACK**

Vault.....	9.700 (1/28/06)
Uneven Bars.....	9.800 (1/12/07)
Balance Beam.....	9.800 (3/5/06)
Floor Exercise.....	9.800 (2/3/06)
All-Around.....	38.775 (2/3/06)

## **EMILY LOPATOFESKY**

Vault.....	N/A
Uneven Bars.....	N/A
Balance Beam.....	9.750 (1/12/07)
Floor Exercise.....	9.250 (1/12/07)
All-Around.....	N/A

## **NICOLE CURLER**

Vault.....	9.725 (1/19/07)
Uneven Bars.....	9.900 (1/12/07)
Balance Beam.....	9.925 (1/12/07)
Floor Exercise.....	9.875 (1/12/07)
All-Around.....	39.400 (1/12/07)

## **MEGAN BERGLAND**

Vault.....	9.200 (1/12/07)
Uneven Bars.....	9.850 (1/12/07)
Balance Beam.....	9.425 (1/19/07)
Floor Exercise.....	9.550 (1/19/07)
All-Around.....	N/A

## **MELANIE HUNT**

Vault.....	N/A
Uneven Bars.....	N/A
Balance Beam.....	N/A
Floor Exercise.....	N/A
All-Around.....	N/A

## **ROCHELLE ROBINSON**

Vault.....	9.850 (1/19/07)
Uneven Bars.....	9.850 (1/12/07)
Balance Beam.....	9.700 (1/12/07)
Floor Exercise.....	9.500 (1/19/07)
All-Around.....	38.825 (1/19/07)

## **KELLY MOFFITT**

Vault.....	9.825 (1/12/07)
Uneven Bars.....	9.725 (1/12/07)
Balance Beam.....	N/A
Floor Exercise.....	N/A
All-Around.....	N/A

## **JULIE SAUCHUK**

Vault.....	N/A
Uneven Bars.....	N/A
Balance Beam.....	N/A
Floor Exercise.....	N/A
All-Around.....	N/A

## Individual Top-Three Finishes

### All-Around -

<u>(Place)</u>	<u>Gymnast</u>	<u>Opponent (Date)</u>	<u>Score</u>
(1)	Kristen Coleman	Arizona (1/12)	39.400
(1)	Nicole Curler	Arizona (1/12)	39.400
(2)	Rochelle Robinson	Pittsburgh Quad Meet (1/19)	38.900
(3)	Katlyn Roggensack	Pittsburgh Quad Meet (1/19)	38.450

### Vault -

<u>(Place)</u>	<u>Gymnast</u>	<u>Opponent (Date)</u>	<u>Score</u>
(T-1)	Rochelle Robinson	Pittsburgh Quad Meet (1/19)	9.850
(T-3)	Kelly Moffitt	Arizona (1/12)	9.825
(T-3)	Kristen Coleman	Arizona (1/12)	9.825
(T-3)	Chayla Hill	Arizona (1/12)	9.825

### Uneven Bars -

<u>(Place)</u>	<u>Gymnast</u>	<u>Opponent (Date)</u>	<u>Score</u>
(1)	Kristen Coleman	Arizona (1/12)	9.925
(2)	Nicole Curler	Arizona (1/12)	9.900
(1)	Rochelle Robinson	Pittsburgh Quad Meet (1/19)	9.850
(T-3)	Megan Bergland	Arizona (1/12)	9.850
(T-3)	Rochelle Robinson	Arizona (1/12)	9.850
(2)	Kristen Coleman	Pittsburgh Quad Meet (1/19)	9.825

### Balance Beam -

<u>(Place)</u>	<u>Gymnast</u>	<u>Opponent (Date)</u>	<u>Score</u>
(1)	Nicole Curler	Arizona (1/12)	9.925
(3)	Kristen Coleman	Arizona (1/12)	9.800
(T-1)	Nicole Curler	Pittsburgh Quad Meet (1/19)	9.775
(T-1)	Katlyn Roggensack	Pittsburgh Quad Meet (1/19)	9.775

### Floor Exercise -

<u>(Place)</u>	<u>Gymnast</u>	<u>Opponent (Date)</u>	<u>Score</u>
(1)	Nicole Curler	Arizona (1/12)	9.875
(3)	Kristen Coleman	Arizona (1/12)	9.850

## Meet-By-Meet

### Jan. 12 vs. No. 11 Arizona

<u>Name</u>	<u>Vault</u>	<u>Bars</u>	<u>Beam</u>	<u>Floor</u>	<u>AA</u>
Megan Bergland	9.200	9.850	9.700	9.250	
Kristen Coleman	9.825	9.925	9.800	9.850	39.400
Nicole Curler	9.700	9.900	9.925	9.875	39.400
Dani Fanning		9.600			
Chayla Hill	9.825			9.150	
Victoria Iakounina			9.700		
Emily Lopatofsky	9.625	9.500	9.750	9.250	
Megan McNally			8.400	8.950	
Kelly Moffitt	9.825	9.725			
Rochelle Robinson	9.725	9.850	9.700	9.850	
Katlyn Roggensack		9.800	9.725	9.575	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>48.900</b>	<b>49.325</b>	<b>48.900</b>	<b>47.800</b>	<b>194.925</b>

### Jan. 19 vs. Pittsburgh, Maryland, West Virginia

<u>Name</u>	<u>Vault</u>	<u>Bars</u>	<u>Beam</u>	<u>Floor</u>	<u>AA</u>
Megan Bergland		9.350	9.425	9.550	
Kristen Coleman	9.750	9.825	9.700	9.150	38.425
Nicole Curler	9.725	9.000	9.775	9.650	38.150
Dani Fanning		9.600		8.800	
Victoria Iakounina	9.025		8.650		
Kelly Moffitt	9.675				
Rochelle Robinson	9.850	9.850	9.625	9.500	38.825
Katlyn Roggensack	9.625	9.700	9.775	9.350	38.450
<b>Totals</b>	<b>48.625</b>	<b>48.025</b>	<b>48.300</b>	<b>47.200</b>	<b>192.150</b>