

MICHIGAN ST SPARTANS

#28 LB Denicos Allen



POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2012

QUARTERBACKS - Drew Stanton left after '06 as MSU's #2 career passer (#2DC). Brian Hoyer (PS#23) took over in '07 and left as the #3 career passer. Hoyer was the first QB to take the Spartans to B2B bowls s/90 and is now Tom Brady's bkp at NE. Kirk Cousins was Hoyer's bkp and surprisingly beat out Okla transfer Keith Nichol (PS#7) in '09. The 2 alt's snaps early but Cousins took command and threw for 2,680 (60%, 19-9) while Nichol threw for 764 (54%, 7-3). Andrew Maxwell (PS#32) was impressive on the scout team. In '10 they moved Nichol to WR and Cousins tied Stanton's MSU rec of 16 str gms with a td pass. He threw for 2,825 (67%, 20-10) despite missing a lot of practice time in the final month (inj). Maxwell played in just 5 gms (11-25-123). LY Cousins became the 2nd MSU player ever to be a captain for 3 seasons (Robert McCurry 1946-'48). After becoming the 1st Spartan QB to beat Michigan 3 str ssns, Cousins hit Nichol with a 44 yd Hail Mary td on the final play to beat Wisc. He finished with numerous school records (comp, pass yd, td pass, pass eff, td off) and on the year threw for 3,316 (63.7%, 25-10, #4DC WAS). Maxwell played in just 4 gms (18-26-171) while Connor Cook (PS#45) RS. Despite a spring knee inj, Maxwell has been groomed to be the starter for the last 2 years. Naturally, this unit looks weaker losing a 3 year record-setting starter.

RUNNING BACKS - In HC Dantonio's first year ('07) he nearly had a pair of 1,000 yd rushers as Javon Ringer had 1,447 (5.9) while Jehuu Caulcrick had 872 (3.9) with 21 rush td's. In '08 they lost Caulcrick and Ringer got 92% of the RB carries. While he avg a pedestrian 4.2 ypc, he was the key to their offense with 1,637 and 22 td's (#5DC). In '09 the big news was the signing of 2 VHT true frosh in Edwin Baker (PS#10) and Larry Capier (PS#21). Capier led with just 468 (3.9) while Baker burned his RS in Wk 7 and was #2 (427, 5.0). In '10 Capier missed the first 2 gms and Le'Veon Bell (PS#106) became the first Spartan true frosh RB to top 100 in his first game (141). Capier became more of a 3rd down back (144, 3.8) and Bell had 549 in the first 6 but hit the wall after an inj with just 56 in the final 7. Baker became just the 6th MSU soph to rush for 1,000 (1201, 5.8, 13 td). LY all 3 were back and I thought the Spartans would rank among the rush leaders in the Big Ten but they shockingly finished #11. Bell led with 948 (5.2) and Baker was benched after struggling with fumbles finishing #2 with 665 (only 3.9). Capier was #3 with 116 (3.9) and rFr Nick Hill (PS#49) added 113 (3.9). This year

they lose Baker (#7DC SD) but with a more veteran O-line, I look for significantly improved rushing numbers.

RECEIVERS - In '10 Mark Dell (PS#22) led with 788 (15.5) while BJ Cunningham was #2 (611, 12.2). Keshawn Martin was the #3 rush (157) and rec (394, 12.3) while conv QB Keith Nichol (262, 11.9) struggled with nagging inj's. LY the Spartans had to replace Dell. Cunningham teamed with Cousins to form a strong combo and became MSU's career leader in rec's and rec yds as he led with 1,306 (16.5, #6DC MIA). Martin was #2 with 777 (11.8, #4DC HOU) and TE Brian Linthicum was #3 (364, 11.7). Nichol added 352 (13.5) incl the 44 yd Hail Mary winner against the Badgers. This year those 4 all depart with the leading returnee being TE Dion Sims (PS#8) who had 99 (8.2). They do add in Tenn transfer DeAnthony Arnett (PS#9) who could possibly be eligible this year. This is an inexperienced unit with an inexperienced QB so I expect reduced numbers.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In '10 the Spartans had to replace a 1st Tm B10 LT and 2 other st'r's (43 car sts ret). While the sacks rose from 14 to 24 (6.4%), they improved to 152 ypg rush (4.5). LY they had to replace 3 st'r's (2nd Tm B10 LT) and again ret'd 2 st'r's (57 car st) while also adding in PS#50JC Fou Fonoti and DL Dan France who both won starting jobs. MSU lost C Blake Treadwell to inj after 3 sts (5 st DL '10). The numbers dropped to 138 ypg (3.9) but with just 16 sks (3.5%). TY they lose their top OL in LG Joel Foreman (13 st, 4Y st'r, 1st Tm B10) who was the first Spartan OL to start 4 consec seasons s/88 (Tony Mandarich) and bkp Jared McGaha (1 st). The Spartans have 4 st'r's ret (74 car st) and should have a good increase in their rush production.

DEFENSIVE LINE - LY MSU had to replace 1 st'r and moved DL Treadwell to the O-line. I looked for a much bigger impact out of William Gholston (PS#3) and teamed with DT Jerel Worthy, called it the Spartans' deepest and most complete D-line since at least '07. Despite Tyler Hoover (PS#44, 9 st, 36 tkl, 3 sk '10) RS, they had a legitimate 3 deep on the D-line. I sold the unit short as they allowed just 101 ypg rush (2.8) with 45 sks, their best rush D s/99 and most sks s/'03. Gholston grew into one of the league's most feared DE's capped by his dominating bowl gm (7 tkl, 2 sk, 3 tfl) vs UGA. TY MSU loses 1st Tm AA DT Worthy (14 st, 30 tkl, 3.5 sk, 7 tfl, #2DC GB), NT Kevin Pickelman (10 st, 37 tkl, 4 sk) and DT Johnathan Strayhorn (6 tkl). LY they basically had 2 ret sts up front, the same as this yr. They add in Vanderbilt transfer James Kittredge and get Hoover back who has moved to DT. With the loss of Worthy, this unit is down a few notches but it is still among the elite of the Big Ten.

LINEBACKERS - Seventeen MSU LB's have been drafted s/80 but none were chosen from '01-'10 until Greg Jones (#6DC) was picked in '11. LY veteran duo Jones and Eric Gordon both departed (#1, #2 tkl'r's, 1st Tm AA and 2nd Tm B10). They ret'd VHT Chris Norman (PS#16, #6 tkl'r) and said to not be surprised if another VHT, Max Bullough (PS#17), came close to matching Jones' performance. While Bullough was #1 with 89 (7 tfl), it was Denicos Allen who grabbed the spotlight finishing #2 with 83 while recording 11 sks (#2 B10). You would have expected a drop with the loss of their top 2 LB's (95 car sts) but the D improved from 22.3 ppg to 18.4 ppg. The unit also had more overall speed and just 1 upperclassman. Naturally, the unit returns intact (#1, #2 and #4 tkl'r's) plus they add in rFr Lawrence Thomas (PS#6) and should be one of the nation's top LB corps.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Last year MSU had to replace a pair of 2nd Tm B10 DB's (#6DC). CB's Johnny Adams and Darqueze Dennard's coverage abilities gave MSU greater freedom to run pressure packages. Adams earned 1st Tm B10 and is considered a potential #1 DC for '13. Dennard missed 3 of the L4 reg ssn gms but ret'd w 2 int in the bowl. FS Trenton

Robinson earned 1st Tm B10 honors while SS Isaiah Lewis was 2nd Tm B10. The Spartans moved up to #24 in my PDR (53.9%, 20-18). This year they lose FS Robinson (#3 tkl'r, 4 int, 2 pbu, #6DC SF) but return 7 of the top 8 and should have their first top 20 finish in my PDR s/98 (#8).

SPECIAL TEAMS - In Dantonio's first 2 years here, MSU finished #77 and #58 in my ST rankings before improving to #17 in '09 and #14 in '10. LY MSU had to replace their star P (38.1 net) and a 4 year LS and I predicted they would drop a few notches which they did (#20). Keshawn Martin moved to #2 on MSU's career PR yd list while Nick Hill was the top KR (26.3). Dan Conroy, who hit 14-15 FG (L50) in '10, hit 17-23 (2-5 50+) LY. Kevin Muma had 17 TB on 83 KO. P Mike Sadler avg 41.1 (tm net only 35.1) and the PRD was #118 (16.2) thanks in part to giving up a 92 yd PR td in the bowl. TY they only lose PR Martin (11.0) and I look for them to again finish in their accustomed top 20 spot.

COACHES - MSU wanted an old school disciplinarian so they brought in Mark Dantonio in '07. Dantonio served on Nick Saban's staff as the Spartans' DB coach ('95-'00). He was the DC at Ohio St ('01-'03) incl their Nat'l Title year before taking over at Cincy as HC in '04 (2 bowls, 3 yrs). He has guided the Spartans to 5 straight bowls (4 bowls prev 10Y) and their 22 wins the L2Y is a school record. The 2nd yr OC is Dan Roushar (OL cch under Dantonio s/'05). He was the OC at Ill ('04) as well as N Ill ('98-'02). The DC is Pat Narduzzi who was Miami, OH's DC in '03 and Cincy's DC from '04-'06.

ALSO ON ROSTER:

RB Jeremy Langford 6'0" 208 So	TE Drew Stevens 6'4" 242 Sr	LB Pat Rhomburg 6'0" 225 Jr
WR John Jakubik 6'1" 190 So	DT Doug Curtis 6'2" 253 Sr	LY Ty Hamilton 6'0" 235 So
TE Derek Hoebing 6'6" 270 Jr	LB Ed Davis 6'3" 220 Jr	LB Danny Folino 5'9" 206 Jr

PHIL'S FORECAST

Mark Dantonio inherited the Big Ten's biggest underachiever in '07. In John L. Smith's debut season in '03 they opened up 7-1 but despite plenty of talent, went just 15-25 through '06. Dantonio immediately improved the team to 7-6 and then 9-4 (#24) in '08. In '09 they were picked 3rd in the Big Ten media poll (I had them tied for 4th) and the Spartans finished in a tie for 6th. MSU had numerous players s'p'd for the bowl, and lost to TT to drop to 6-7. The Spartans made my Most Improved List in '10 and I called it Dantonio's best edition here. MSU won a share of their first B10 Title s/90 (3-way tie OSU & Wisc) but was passed over for a BCS bowl. They got to their 4th str bowl for the 1st time s/90 and while they were #7 and taking on a 3 loss Bama team, were blown out 49-7. Despite their 7-1 mark in Big Ten play, they were only +40 ypg in '10 (#4). LY Mich St had just 12 ret sts and played 5 road gms vs bowl teams. MSU opened '11 with a couple of blowout wins but then lost at ND 31-13 despite a 358-275 yd edge. After beating CM 45-7 they were shutting out OSU until giving up a garbage TD with :10 left to only win 10-7. MSU beat Mich at home (28-14) for their 4th straight win over their rival for the first time since 1959-'62. They were a HD to Wisc and got a Hail Mary pass on the final play to pull out a 37-31 win. The Spartans were in a flat spot at Neb (off 2 huge wins) and lost 24-3. They trailed Minn 24-21 into the 4Q but escaped 31-24 and led Iowa 31-7 at half en route to a 16 pt win. MSU destroyed Ind (55-3) and beat NW, 31-17. In the B10 Title game loss, a running into the P penalty with 1:57 left nullified a MSU PR to the UW3. They had a 317-151 yd edge at half but UW took the lead after a FD on 4&6 set up Wisc's q ahead td and MSU lost, 42-39. The Spartans appeared out of it trailing Georgia, 16-0 at the half, but rallied to win it in 3OT to finish 11-3 and AP #11. MSU was #3 in the Big Ten at +53 ypg but benefitted from 3 net close wins, +7 in TO's and an off ypg of 12.6. Despite the Stock Market Indicator (pg 27) stat showing a -2.5 and just 13 ret sts, six of my 9 sets of power ratings call for MSU to repeat their 10 win reg ssn total.

OFFENSE

JERSEY # IN GREEN

QB 10 Andrew Maxwell Jr. 6-3 212 PS#32. 5 gm, 123 (44%, 0-0) rFr. 4 gm, 171 (69%, 1-0) LY. **18 Connor Cook** (6'4" 215 rFr) PS#45. RS LY. Tyler O'Connor is **PS#26**. 12 Peter Badovinac (6'2" 220 Sr) PS#99. Tommy Vento (6'1" 199 rFr). **RB 24 Le'VEON BELL JR.** 6-2 238 PS#106. 605 (5.7) true. 6 st, 14 gm, 948 (5.2), 267 rec (7.6), HM B10 LY. **22 Larry Capier** (5'11" 221 Sr) **PS#21**. 5 st, 34 gm, 728 (3.9), 266 rec (10.6) LY. Nick Hill (5'8" 190 So) PS#49. 113 (3.9) rFr. **WR 13 Bennie Fowler Jr.** 6-1 218 PS#99. 1 st, 195 (2.2) 2Y. Foot inj LY. Aaron Burdridge **PS#24**. OFS. **FB 38 Niko Palazeti** (6'1" 250 So). 5 gm LY. **45 Jeff Bobek** (6'1" 247 Sr) DNP LY. **37 Trevon Pendleton** (5'11" 245 rFr) RS LY. **WR 14 Tony Lippett So.** 6-2 189 PS#78.5 st, 14 gm WR/CB, 44 (11.0), 18 tkl LY. 11 Juwan Caesar (6'4" 209 rFr) **PS#208**. 12 Dana Dixon (6'2" 170 Jr) PS#86. 15 gm, 5 tkl 2Y. From DB '12. AJ Troup (6'3" 200 rFr). Spencer Elliott (6'0" 195 rFr). **WR 5 DeAnthony Arnett So.** 5-11 170 PS#99. 1 st, 242 (10.1) at Tenn '11, trans, appealing to play TY. **25 Keith Mumphrey** (6'0" 208 So) PS#131. RS '10. 14 gm, 39 (19.5) LY. **21 Andre Sims** (5'9" 187 rFr). **30 Jordan Benton** (6'0" 190 Jr). **TE 80 Dion Sims Jr.** 6-5 280 PS#8. 13 gm true. RS '10. 3 st, 14 gm, 99 (8.2) LY. **83 Paul Lang** (6'5" 247 rFr) PS#56. **92 Andrew Gleichert** (6'5" 256 So) PS#30. **52 Denzel Drone** (6'2" 260 Jr) PS#346. 6 st DE 2Y. TE in '12. **C 63 TRAVIS JACKSON SO.** 6-3 280 PS#84. 10 st, 1st Tm FRAA, 20 kd LY. **66 Jack Allen** (6'1" 292 rFr) PS#142. RS '11. **53 Kyle Lints** (6'3" 278 rFr) PS#411. **54 Connor Kruse** (6'5" 306 So). 3 gm LY. **LS 53 Steve Moore** (6'3" 220 Jr). **RG 62 CHRIS McDONALD SR.** 6-5 299 PS#171. 3 gm rFr. 12 st RG '10. 14 st, HM B10, 775 snaps LY. **71 John Deyo** (6'6" 305 Sr) PS#275. 34 gm L3Y. **72 Nate Klatt** (6'4" 290 Jr) **PS#76**. 8 gm L2Y. Zach Higgins is PS#115. **LG 64 Blake Treadwell Jr.** 6-3 299 PS#57. 5 st NT, 16 tkl '10. 3 st, C, MedRS (knee) LY. **68 Ethan Ruhland** (6'5" 290 Sr) PS#72DL. 6 gm 2Y. 1 st C, 12 gm LY. **76 Donavon Clark** (6'3" 295 rFr) **PS#90**. Arthur Ray (6'3" 300 1st st, 3 gm LY). **RT 51 FOU FONOTI SR.** 6-4 300 PS#50JC. L1 st, 14 gm, 659 snaps LY. **77 Henry Conway** (6'6" 325 Jr) PS#164. RS '09. DNP '10. 4 gm LY. Benny McGowan (6'4" 290 Sr) **PS#75**. Shawn Kamm (6'7" 312 So). 2 gm LY. **LT 59 DAN FRANCE JR.** 6-6 316 PS#203. 7 gm DL rFr. 13 st, 29 kd LY. **70 Skyler Burkland** (6'7" 315 So) PS#53. 3 st RT then OFY LY. **65 Michael Dennis** (6'6" 309 So) PS#158. 2 gm LY. Kodi Kiehl (6'6" 305 Fr) PS#127. **K 4 DAN CONROY SR.** 5-10 194 PS#52. 1-1 FG, L43, 9 KO, 1 TB, 4 gm rFr. 14-15 FG (ht 1st 13), 4-4 from 40+, L50, 45-46 xp. 1st Tm B10 '10. 17-23 FG, L50, 48-48 PAT, HM B10 LY. **17 Kevin Muma** (6'0" 189 Jr) PS#16. KO L2Y.

2012 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP

JERSEY # IN GREEN

DEFENSE

DE 44 MARCUS RUSH SO. 6-2 250 PS#116. 14 st, 58 tkl, 12 tfl, HM B10, 2nd Tm FRAA LY. **89 Shilique Calhoun** (6'4" 240 rFr) PS#120. **47 Jeremy Gainer** (6'1" 231 Jr) 14 gm, 11 tkl LY. **94 Taylor Calero** (6'2" 248 So) PS#150. 1 gm, 1 tkl LY. **DT 91 Tyler Hoover Sr.** 6-7 295 PS#44. 1 st, 13 tkl rFr. **9 st**, 36 tkl, 3.5 tfl '10. RS LY. **9 James Kittredge** (6'4" 271 So) PS#83. Vandy trans, moved to DL LY. **93 Damon Knox** (6'4" 280 Fr) PS#159. **97 Mark Scarpinato** (6'3" 279 rFr). **NT 98 Anthony Rashad White Sr.** 6-2 320 PS#281JC. 4 st, 13 gm, 25 tkl, 4 tfl LY. **60 Micajah Reynolds** (6'5" 320 Jr) PS#121. 4 gm '10. 12 gm, 2 tkl LY. **87 Brandon Clemons** (6'3" 274 Fr) PS#108. **56 Matt Ramondo** (6'5" 320 rFr). **DE 2 WILLIAM GHOLSTON JR.** 6-7 275 PS#3. 10 gm (inj), 13 tkl true. 12 st, 70 tkl, 16 tfl, 2nd Tm B10 LY. **92 Joel Heath** (6'5" 277 Fr) PS#128. **55 Corey Freeman** (6'2" 258 Sr) PS#440. 11 gm, 6 tkl '10. 10 gm, 5 tkl LY. **SLB 28 DENICOS ALLEN JR.** 5-11 232 PS#123. 13 gm, 18 tkl, 1 PR (10.0) rFr. 13 st, 83 tkl, 11 sk, 7.5 tfl, 3 pbu, 2nd Tm B10 LY. **8 Lawrence Thomas** (6'3" 280 rFr) **PS#6**. **41 Klyer Elsworth** (6'1" 215 Jr) 14 gm, 37 tkl, 3 tfl, 1 blk'd kick LY. **MLB 40 MAX BULLOUGH JR.** 6-3 252 PS#17. 23 tkl, 1.5 tfl true. 14 st, 89 tkl, 6.5 tfl, 2nd Tm B10 LY. **50 Steve Gardiner** (6'1" 218 Sr) PS#57. 4 tkl rFr. 21 tkl '10. 3 st, 13 gm, 17 tkl, 1 pbu LY. **49 TyQuan Hammock** (6'0" 237 Jr) PS#73. **STAR 10 CHRIS NORMAN SR.** 6-1 230 PS#16. 1 st, 13 gm, 11 tkl, 1 tfl true. 10 st, 12 gm, 59 tkl, 4 pd '10. 12 st, 7 tkl, 6.5 tfl, 2 pbu, HM B10 LY. **34 Taiwan Jones** (6'3" 234 So). 14 gm, 18 tkl true. **45 Darien Harris** (6'0" 210 Fr) PS#57. **CB 5 JOHNNY ADAMS SR.** 5-11 175 PS#61. 15st, 71 tkl, 16 pd 2Y. 2nd Tm B10 '10. 12 st, 51 tkl, 4 tfl, 9 pd, 1st Tm B10 LY. Also WR s'p. NFL prospect. **32 Mitchell White** (5'11" 180 Sr). 30 gm, 19 tkl 3Y. Jermaine Edmondson is PS#95. **CB 31 DARQUEZE DENNARD JR.** 5-11 190 PS#332. 2 st, 6 gm, 11 tkl, 2 tfl true. 11 st (inj), 42 tkl, 3 int, HM B10 LY. **15 Trae Waynes** (6'1" 175 rFr) PS#118. Mylan Hicks (5'11" 190 So) PS#48. **36 Arjen Colquhoun** (6'1" 189 Fr) PS#251. **SS 9 ISAAH LEWIS JR.** 5-10 195 PS#57. 1 st, 13 gm, 15 tkl '10. 14 st, 74 tkl, 2.5 tfl, 4 int, 2nd Tm B10 LY. **32 Jarius Jones** (6'1" 205 Jr) PS#192. 12 gm, 15 tkl '10. L6gm, 13 tkl LY. **25 Kyle Artinian** (5'11" 196 rFr) Walk-on LY. **FS 27 Kurtis Drummond So.** 6-1 197 PS#104. RS (inj) '10. 1 st, 12 gm, 17 tkl, 1 sk, 2 int LY. **26 RJ Williamson** (5'10" 200 rFr) PS#79. **35 Chris Laneaux** (5'11" 192 Fr) PS#76. Demetrious Cox (6'1" 192 Fr) PS#21. **P 3 MIKE SADLER SO.** 6-0 183 PS#6. Can punt over 70 yds! 61 punts L57 (41.1), tm net 35.1, 7 TB, 15 FC, 25 I20, 3rd Tm Frosh AA LY. **17 Kevin Muma** (6'0" 189 Jr) PS#16. 74 KO, 13 TB '10. 83 KO, 17 TB LY.

Phil's Homefield Edge 5.0 2012 Schedule Difficulty-#21		T U R F	L I N E	Final Score		W L	CAREER PASSING 1. Kirk Cousins 9, 2. Jeff Smoker 8.9 3. Drew Stanton 6.1
Date	Opponent			MSU	Opp		
Aug. 31	Boise St (Fri)	G					First meeting. Spartans non-Big Ten opp's (c)
Sep. 8	at Central Michigan	A					MSU is 5-3 vs insta true road openers.
Sep. 15	Notre Dame	G					Nine of the L/12 m held to a ssn low 2
Sep. 22	Eastern Michigan	G					Spartans are a pe no gm closer than
Sep. 29	Ohio St	G					MSU last beat OSU's deepest penetration
Oct. 6	at Indiana	A					MSU is 12-2 vs IU. LT long td passes. IU cu
Oct. 13	Iowa (HC)	G					LY MSU jumped Into 2012, the Sp
Oct. 20	at Michigan	A					Spartans have not their most lopsided
Oct. 27	at Wisconsin	A					MSU last won in pt loss but trailed
Nov. 3	Nebraska	G					MSU is now 0-6 vs out flat in Lincoln.
Nov. 10							Bonus: MSU is Northwestern: M
Nov. 17	Northwestern	G					at the M3. The Sp a 57 yd PR td for
Nov. 24	at Minnesota	A					MSU has dropped 2 MSU led into 4Q
Dec. 1							

CAREER PASSING LEADERS

1. Kirk Cousins 9,131 '08-'11
2. Jeff Smoker 8,932 '00-'03
3. Drew Stanton 6,524 '03-'06

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS

1. Lorenzo White 4,887 '84-'8
2. Javon Ringer 4,398 '05-'08
3. Tico Duckett 4,212 '89-'92

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS

1. BJ Cunningham 3,086 '08-'11
2. Andre Rison 2,992 '85-'88
3. Charles Rogers 2,821 '01-'02

First meeting. Spartans have won 13 str home openers by 23 ppg. Under Dantonio MSU is 14-1 hosting non-Big Ten opp's (only loss in '09 vs CM). MSU is 1-4 vs Top 10 & 6-13 vs Top 25 foes under Dantonio.

MSU is 5-3 vs instate CM and this will mark the first gm in Mt Pleasant. Spartans have gone 8-5 in true road openers. This will be just the 3rd AG vs a non-BCS school (Louisville '95 & Hawaii '04) S/89.

Nine of the L/12 meetings have been decided by single digits (4 of L/7 by a fg). LY MSU was held to a ssn low 29 (1.3) rush yds. HT has won the L4Y by 10 ppg after previously losing 7 str.

Spartans are a perfect 6-0 vs the Eagles and in the last 5 have outscored EM on avg 50-9 with no gm closer than 32 pts. L/gm ('08) was tied 7-7 early 2Q before 35 unanswered by MSU.

MSU last beat OSU 2 yrs in-a-row in '98 & '99. LY prior to the final drive (OSU scored w/ 10), OSU's deepest penetration was to the M34. MSU allowed 178 yds (lowest S/'99 in B10 gm; 151 vs NU).

MSU is 12-2 vs IU. LTH (OC) saw 2 safeties, a bkd punt and QB Hoyer & IU QB Lewis each tossing career-long td passes. IU cut the deficit to 34-29 mid-3Q but MSU limited them to just 95 yds the rest of the way.

Into 2012, the Spartans are a perfect 8-0 hosting B10 foes with the avg win by 17 ppg.

MSU lost was in Madison in '01. LTH (100) MSU did outgain & outED UMW despite a 0

MSU is now 0-6 vs Nob. IX MSU was off their final play "Hail Mary" pass win hosting LIW and came

Bonus: MSU is 12-4 in home finales but just 3-4 the last 7 years

Northwestern: MSU has now won 4 str in the series. LY was tied 3-3 late 2Q when NU fumbled at the M3. The Spartans then went 97/8pl & had WR Aaron Burbridge 6-1 190 PS#24

a 57 yd PR td for 2 scores in the final 1:40 of 1H.	DB Demetrius Cox 6-1 192 F SR21
MSU has dropped 2 str and 4 of L/5 in Minnesota. LTH	QB Tyler O'Connor 6-3 202 PS#26
	WR Monty Madaris 6-2 190 PS#59

MSU led into 4Q but allowed 135 4Q yds & 14 pts.	LB Riley Bullough 6-2 220 PS#73
	LB Jamal Lyles 6-3 215 PS#74
	LB Nick Tomasko 5-10 185 PS#56

NEWCOMERS	DR	Aaron Burrbridge 6-1 190 PS#24
	WB	Demetrious Cox 6-1 192 PS#41
	QB	Tyler O'Connor 6-3 202 PS#26
	WR	Motty O'Madair 6-2 190 PS#59
	OL	Benny McGowan 6-4 290 PS#75
	LB	Reilly Bulough 6-2 220 PS#73
	LB	Jamal Lyons 6-3 215 PS#74
	LB	Nick Tompkins 5-10 185 PS#56
	TE	Joshia Price 5-6 239 PS#34
	DB	Jermaine Edmondson 6-1 170 PS#95
4 VHT	OL	Chaz Higgins 6-5 305 PS#16
	WR	Margarette Kings 5-11 178 PS#96
	Kyle Kerrick 6-3 183 PS#100 IFS	
	Kodi Kierik 6-6 305 PS#16	
	WR	Evann Williams 6-3 205 PS#27
	DB	Marla Meyers 6-0 180 PS#191
	DB	Ezra Robinson 6-0 170 PS#198
	TE	Jamare Mills 6-5 262 PS#81
	DL	Dave Fennell 6-3 274 PS#411
	OL	Taylor Pepper 6-4 190 PS#527
13 HT	OL	Jack Conklin 6-6 295 PS#705

STADIUM: SPARTAN STADIUM (75,005) (#21)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	10Yr Total
STRAIGHT UP	4-8	8-5	5-7	5-6	4-8	7-6	9-4	6-7	11-2	11-3	70-56
Home	3-5	5-2	4-2	3-3	2-5	5-2	6-1	4-3	7-0	7-0	46-23
Away	1-3	3-2	1-5	2-3	2-3	2-3	3-2	2-3	3-1	3-2	22-27
Neutral	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-1	0-1	1-1	1-1	2-6
vs Conf	2-6	5-3	4-4	2-6	1-7	3-5	6-2	4-4	7-1	7-2	41-40
vs Non-Conf	2-2	3-2	1-3	3-0	3-1	4-1	3-2	2-3	4-1	4-1	29-16
ATS	2-9-1	6-7	5-7	4-7	3-8-1	8-4-1	6-6-1	4-7-1	7-6	10-4	55-65-5
Home Fav	1-5	2-3	1-1	2-3	1-3	3-2	3-2-1	2-3	3-3	4-2	21-28-1
Home Dog	1-1-1	2-1	2-2	0-1	0-2-1	1-0-1	0-1	0-1	1-0	1-0	6-9-3
Away Fav	0-0	1-0	1-3	1-1	0-2	1-1	3-0	1-1-1	2-0	2-0	12-8-1
Away Dog	1-3	2-2	1-1	1-2	2-1	3-0	0-2	1-1	1-1	1-2	13-15
Neutral	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-1	0-1	0-2	2-0	3-5
vs Conf	1-6-1	5-3	5-3	2-6	1-7	5-2-1	4-4	2-5-1	5-3	7-2	37-41-3
vs Non-Conf	1-3	1-4	0-4	2-1	2-1-1	3-2	2-2-1	2-2	2-3	3-2	18-24-2
Off SU Win	0-3-1	4-4	2-3	2-3	2-1-1	5-2	4-4-1	4-1-1	6-5	8-2	34-31-4
Off SU Loss	1-6	2-2	3-3	1-4	1-6	2-2-1	2-1	3-3	0-1	2-1	17-29-

2011 STATISTICAL LEADERS

ASHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG	PLAYER	TKL	SKS	TFL	PSU	INT	GB
Le'Veon Bell	182	987	39	948	13	5.2	Max Bullough	89	3.5	3.5	2	1	0
Edwin Baker	170	721	56	665	5	3.9	Denicos Allen	83	11	7.5	3	0	7
Larry Caper	30	121	5	116	1	3.9	Trenton Robinson	80	0	2	2	4	0
Keshawn Martin	19	126	13	113	2	5.9	Chris Norman	76	2	4.5	2	0	0
Nick Hill	29	118	5	113	0	3.9	Isiah Lewis	74	0	2.5	3	4	1
BJ Cunningham	3	27	1	26	0	8.7	William Ghoston	70	5	11	2	0	3
Andrew Maxwell	5	6	8	-2	0	-0.4	Marcus Rush	58	4	8	5	0	9
Kirk Cousins	37	94	133	-39	0	-1.1	Johnny Adams	51	3	1	6	3	4
PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT	Darqueze Dennard	42	0	1	3	3	0
Kirk Cousins	419	267	63.7	3316	25	10	Kevin Pickelman	37	4	3.5	1	0	2
Andrew Maxwell	26	18	69.2	171	1	0	Jerrel Worley	37	0.5	2	0	0	1
RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG		Anthony Rashad White	25	0.5	3.5	0	0	1
BJ Cunningham	79	1306	16.5	12	69		Tony Lippett	18	0	0.5	0	0	0
Keshawn Martin	66	777	11.8	4	67		Taiwan Jones	18	0.5	0	1	0	0
Larin Linthicum	31	364	11.7	0	50		Steve Gardiner	17	0	0	1	0	1
Keith Nichol	26	352	13.5	3	44		Kurtis Drummond	17	1	0	0	2	0
Le'Veon Bell	35	267	7.6	0	45		Denzel Drone	15	2.5	1.5	1	1	2
Dion Sims	12	99	8.2	3	21		Jairus Jones	13	0	0	0	0	0
Larry Caper	10	86	8.6	1	15		Jeremy Gamlin	11	0	0	0	0	1
Edwin Baker	5	60	12.0	1	19		TyQuan Hammock	11	0	0	0	0	0
Tony Lippett	4	44	11.0	0	15		PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG	
PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	1	25					
Mike Sadler	61	2509	41.1	15	35.1	(t)	Keshawn Martin	25	274	11.0	1	57	
KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TD	TKL RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG	
Dan Conroy	48-48	7-9	4-4	4-5	2-5	17-23	50	10	39	29.3	0	67	

2011 STATS

NAME BY GAME	
ATT	Foe
9,210	Youngstown St
9,249	Florida Atlantic
7,795	at Notre Dame
1,219	Central Michigan
3,306	at Ohio St
5,515	Michigan
4,405	Wisconsin
6,641	at Nebraska
2,219	Minnesota
5,585	at Iowa
4,128	Indiana
2,172	at Northwestern
4,152	† Wisconsin
9,429	† Georgia
TOTALS	
AVERAGES	
ATT	PTS
4,078	(#20)
7,726	(#11)
HOME	
AWAY	

OFFENSE

Off Total	FD	Alt. Rush	Yds	Avg	Pass Comp
336	22	35-159	4.5	19-23	
336	21	51-188	3.7	22-32	
358	21	23-29	1.3	34-54	
481	23	47-197	4.2	20-30	
321	15	31-71	2.3	20-32	
333	16	39-213	5.5	13-24	
199	18	32-109	3.4	22-31	
387	12	30-101	3.4	11-21	
402	19	28-106	3.8	23-34	
443	19	40-155	3.9	19-32	
470	22	34-174	5.1	21-31	
380	20	36-166	4.6	14-20	
391	23	34-190	5.6	22-30	
491	15	29-73	2.5	28-51	
5466	272	489-1931	3.9	288-451	
390	19.4	35-138	3.5	63.9%	
416	21	32-114	4.3	68.2%	
364	17.9	32-162	3.5	60.8%	

DEFENSE

Sts	vs	Total	FD	Rush
				At-Yds
37	1	254	20	34-128
46	2	48	1	20-22
29	2	275	18	32-114
84	0	112	8	18-21
50	0	178	12	39-35
20	0	250	20	36-82
90	4	443	21	41-220
16	4	273	18	58-190
96	2	415	22	40-120
88	0	349	20	30-87
99	0	236	12	37-94
14	0	370	21	41-117
81	0	345	16	37-126
18	1	339	15	39-51
335	16	3884	226	502-1407
53	3.4%	277	16.1	36-101
53	3.4%	251	15.1	32-98
52	2.8%	304	17.1	39-103

Weekly 2012 stat

avg	Pass Coast	Yds	Sks by	Net Yds
3.8	17-35	126	0	142
1.1	6-13	26	3	86
1.6	18-26	161	1	383
1.2	12-33	91	1	369
1.9	12-25	143	9	143
2.3	12-31	168	7	83
5.4	14-21	223	2	-44
3.3	7-13	80	1	-83
1.0	19-34	295	2	-13
2.9	22-47	262	3	94
2.5	15-32	142	3	234
2.9	24-34	253	6	10
3.4	18-25	219	3	126
1.3	20-32	288	4	52
2.8	216-401	2477	45	1582
3.0	53.7%	177	11.2%	113
2.8	57.9%	153	9.0%	165
2.6	59.9%	201	13.4%	61

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	Off Foe	vs Def	Def Foe	vs Off	Gr Gm
0					78.1
+1		6	#1	219	88.0
+1	#6	14	#2	150	85.5
+3	#4	57	#1	303	93.8
-1	#9	-3	#1	152	96.3
-2	#6	12	#2	168	96.0
+1	#3	89	#5	219	91.6
0	#13	-177	#3	119	70.1
+1	+7	-1	#11	-114	66.3
+3	#3	69	#5	25	92.1
+2	#5	12	#1	136	92.4
0	#10	-30	#5	55	84.4
-2	#2	166	#3	134	90.2
0	#3	123	#4	75	102.6
+7	#6	377	#3	1450	87.9
+0.5	#42	29	#6	112	#15
+7	#58	31	#6	106	#11
+0	#36	23	#5	91	#21
					#13

2007 RESULTS				
MSU Rank	Pre-Season Opponent	Line	Score	Post-Season
MSU NOT RANKED & PREVIOUSLY RANKED IN 2006	UAB	-22	55-18	
	Bowling Green	-18	28-17	
	Pittsburgh	-11'	17-13	
	at Notre Dame	-10'	31-14	
	at Wisconsin - #9	+7	34-37	
	Northwestern	-16'	41-48	OT
	Indiana	-3'	52-27	
	at Ohio St. - #1	+18'	17-24	
	at Iowa	-3	27-34	2OT
	Michigan - #15	+4	24-28	
MSU NOT RANKED & PREVIOUSLY RANKED IN 2006	Purdue	+4	48-31	
	Penn St	+2'	35-31	

2008 RESULTS			
MSU Rank	Pre-Season Opponent	Score	Post #24 Score
-	at California	+5	31-38
-	Eastern Michigan	-21	42-10
-	Florida Atlantic	-17	17-0
-	Notre Dame	-8'	23-7
-	at Indiana	-8	42-29
-	Iowa	-6'	16-13
#23	at Northwestern	-1	37-20
#20	Ohio St. #12	+3	7-45
-	at Michigan	-4	35-21
#22	Wisconsin	-5	25-24
#18	Purdue	-9'	21-7
#17	at Penn St. #7	+15'	18-49

2009 RESULTS				
MSU	Pre-		Line	Post
Rank	Opponent			Score
-	Montana St		-35	44-3
-	Central Michigan		-14'	27-29
-	at Notre Dame		+10	30-33
-	at Wisconsin		+2	30-38
-	Michigan - #22		+4	26-20
-	at Illinois		-4	24-14
-	Northwestern		-14	24-14
-	Iowa - #7		-1	13-15
-	at Minnesota		-3'	34-42
-	Western Michigan		-20'	49-14
-	at Purdue		+3	40-37
-	Penn St - #13		+3	14-42

2010 RESULTS				
MSU Rank	Pre-Season Opponent	Line	Post-Season Score	
-	Western Michigan	-23	38-14	
-	† Florida Atlantic	-26	30-17	
-	Notre Dame	-3	34-31	
#25	Northern Colorado	-31	45-7	
#24	Wisconsin - #11	+1'	34-24	
#17	at Michigan - #18	+4'	34-17	
#13	Illinois	-7	28-6	
#8	at Northwestern	-6	35-27	
#5	at Iowa - #18	-6'	6-37	
#16	Minnesota	-24	31-8	
#11	Purdue	-20	35-31	
#11	at Penn St	-11	28-22	

MSU #14	Pre #17	2011 RESULTS		Post #11
Rank	Opponent	Line	Score	
#17	Youngstown St	-34	28-6	
#17	Florida Atlantic	-32	44-0	
#15	at Notre Dame	+5	13-31	
-	Central Michigan	-21	45-7	
-	at Ohio St	+3	10-7	
#23	Michigan - #11	-3	28-14	
#15	Wisconsin - #4	+7	37-31	
#9	at Nebraska - #13	+4	3-24	
#15	Minnesota	-27	31-24	
#13	at Iowa	-3	37-21	
#12	Indiana	-27	55-3	
#11	at Northwestern	-6	31-17	
#11	† Wisconsin - #15	+9	39-42	