

MICHIGAN ST SPARTANS



C Jack Allen

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2014

QUARTERBACKS - While Mich St has never been called "QB U", it was one of 3 schools (USC, Purdue) to have 3 or more QB's on NFL rosters LY and 2 st'd gms in '13. Drew Stanton left after '06 as the sch'l's #2 career passer (#2DC). Brian Hoyer replaced him & left as the #3 car passer (st'd Cleveland LY). He was replaced by Kirk Cousins who left as the #1 career passer (#4DC). In '11 he threw for 3,316 (64%, 25-10) and has done a good job spelling RG3 with the Redskins. The cch's had a lot of faith in Andrew Maxwell (PS#32) in '12. Maxwell threw for 2,606 but was last in the B10 at 52.5% (est 65 drops) with a 13-9 ratio & 3 IR td's. Connor Cook (PS#45) played in 3 (9-17-94). Dantonio turned to Cook w/2:42 left in the bowl and he delivered a 45/8pl drive for the GW FGI True frosh Tylor O'Connor (PS#26) RS. LY true frosh Damion Terry (PS#32) made it a 4-way battle which was wide open in late Aug. Terry had a great pressn and almost played but RS. It was a big surprise that Maxwell won the job. He st'd the opener but Cook got the start for gm 2. On the final drive vs ND, Dantonio actually went to Maxwell (0-3) which were his last at's of the year. With the top ranked D, Cook was not asked to do much and he never threw more than 1 int in a game. In the B10 Champ and Rose Bowl he threw for 636 (61%, 5-2) and finished with 2,755 (58.7%, 22-6, 2nd Tm B10). O'Connor played in just 3 (9-14-90). Cook, the Rose Bowl MVP is now a veteran s'tr and the Spartans will put up their best QB stats since Cousins left.

RUNNING BACKS - Dantonio likes to have a workhorse RB and in his first 2Y, Javon Ringer rushed for 1,447 (5.9) and 1,637 (4.2). 2009 was sub-par as Larry Caper led with only 468. Edwin Baker had 1,201 (5.8) in '10 and LeVeon Bell just missed 1,000 in '11 w/948 (5.2). Bell led the B10 in rushing in '12 w/1,793 (4.7). LY the top returnee was Nick Hill (PS#49) who was #3 w/48 yds. True frosh Delton Williams (PS#56LB) DNP the F/4, had 32 vs Iowa then 92 vs Ind, but finished with just 238 (6.3). Another true, RJ Shelton, had 153 (7.3). Jeremy Langford who at 6'0" 205 was actually the team's fastest player mostly played on ST's in '11-'12. Langford was merely in the mix at RB w/311 (4.3) the first 5 but then had 8 consec 100 yd gms becoming the 1st MSU RB s/Lorenzo White ('85) w/6 st 100+ gms. Langford finished with 1,422 (4.9) and 18 td's. Hill was #2 w/344 (5.1). Not in the PSL are Gerald Holmes (6'0" 216 rFr, PS#69) and Nick Tompkins (5'9" 187 So, PS#56). TY the unit returns intact and while more exp'd, it will be tough to improve much upon Langford's fine season.

RECEIVERS - This unit was a key question mark coming into '12 having to replace their top 4 rec's (top 2 had 2083 yds, 16 td). TE Dion Sims (99, 8.2) was the top returnee. Dropped passes crippled the offense in '12. Bennie Fowler led with 524

(12.8) despite only 7 sts. True frosh Aaron Burbridge (PS#24) had 134 vs Ind (1st frosh 100+ gm s/'04, Terry Love) and 89 vs Iowa but in the other 9 had just 141. Sims had 313 (13.0) after 5 but missed 3 (475, 13.2). Soph Keith Humphrey was #2 with 515 (12.3) and soph Tony Lippett (PS#78) added 392 (10.9). LY they replaced Sims (#4DC). Fowler led w/622 (17.3) despite being #3 in rec's (36). Lippett was #2 w/613 (13.9) and soph Macgarrett Kings (PS#98) was #3 (513, 11.9). Adding depth TY are Trey Kilgore (6'1" 182 rFr, PS#114) and TE Dylan Chmura (6'4" 240 rFr, PS#90). TY they lose Fowler (7 st) and TE Michael Dennis (6 st) but everyone else is back.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In '12 Dantonio said the OL should be a strength for the first time in his tenure, stating they finally had numbers (74 car st). Unfortunately, the inj bug hit as Fou Fonoti (11 st '11) broke his foot (RS), C Travis Jackson broke his leg in gm 5 and LG Blake Treadwell missed the 1st 5 and MSU had a Big Ten high 25 OL sts lost to inj. They used 6 diff OL combo's in 8 gms. MSU only avg'd 149 ypg rush (3.9, 22 sk). LY they had to replace a 3Y st'g RG & their RT but got Fonoti and Jackson back (83 car st ret). It was Dantonio's best line yet paving the way for 174 ypg (4.3, 17 sk). TY they lose 2nd Tm B10 LG Treadwell (14 st), RG Dan France (13 st, 3Y st'r) and RT Fonoti (11 st) but return 2nd Tm B10 C Jack Allen. The career sts drop to 61 but they could come close to LY's numbers.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In '11 MSU had 3 ret st's on the DL and all'd just 101 ypg rush (2.8) w/45 sks, their best rush D s/99 and the most sks s/'03. In '12 they had to replace a 1st Tm AA DT (#2DC) but had 3 st's back and got the return of Tyler Hoover (9 st '10, RS '11). MSU only all'd 99 ypg rush (3.3) but had just 20 sks (4.7%). LY they had to replace a 2nd Tm B10 DE (#4DC) and their NT. They were #2 in the FBS all g 86 ypg and just 2.8 ypc (32 sk). TY they lose 2 st's again in DT Hoover (11 st, 31 tkl, 4 sk), Micajah Reynolds (13 st, 37 tkl, 3.5 fl) as well as DE Denzel Drone (1 st, 17 tkl, 2.5 sk) and DT Mark Scarpinato (2 st, 15 tkl). They return their top 2 sack men in DE's Shilique Calhoun (7.5 sk, 3rd Tm AA) and Marcus Rush (5 sk) and while it will be tough to equal LY's stats, this group is up as exp'd.

LINEBACKERS - Seventeen MSU LB's have been drafted s/'80 but none from '01-'10 until Greg Jones (#6DC) was picked in '11. In '11 they had to replace their #1 and 2 tkl'r's (1st Tm AA, 2nd Tm B10, 95 car st lost) but ret'd VHT Chris Norman (PS#16, #6 tkl'r). I said that another VHT, Max Bullough (PS#17), could come close to Jones' performance. Bullough was the #1 tkl'r while Denicos Allen had 11 sks (#2 tkl'r). In '12 Bullough was #1 w/111 tkl's. LY they lost Norman but Bullough & Allen both earned 2nd Tm AA as MSU had one of, if not the best, LB corps in the country (#2 FBS tkl DT). TY they lose Max Bullough (13 st, #3 tkl'r, 9.5 tfl), Allen (14 st, #1 tkl'r, 5.5 sk, 11 tfl), Jairus Jones (4 gm, 12 tkl till inj) and Kyler Elsworth (1 st, 14 tkl, 4th down stop in Rose Bowl). With the loss of two 2nd Tm AA's, this unit is weaker.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - In '12 MSU ret'd 7 of their top 8 DB's and I called for their first Top 20 finish in my PDR s/'98 (#8) and that is what they did (#13). LY they had to replace a 1st Tm B10 CB and 2 others (comb 7 st, 25 tkl). The CB's coverage abilities gave them greater freedom to blitz. LY MSU DB's referred to themselves as the "No Fly Zone." They lived up to that billing, finishing #5 in my PDR (47.5%, 12-17). Darqueze Dennard won the prestigious Jim Thorpe Award. TY they lose B10 DPOY Dennard (1st Tm AA, 14 st, #1DC CIN) and 1st Tm B10 SS Isaiah Lewis (12 st, #6 tkl'r, 2 int, 8 pbu) but they return 6 of the top 8 incl 1st Tm B10 FS Kurtis Drummond. This will be another solid secondary but with the loss of the nation's top DB, they will drop a few notches.

SPECIAL TEAMS - MSU was #50 in '12 in my special tms ranking and LY had to replace their outstanding K (23-32,

L50). Kevin Muma (PS#16) who was the KO man the L3Y hit 4-6 (L30), missed a fg vs ND and just handled KO's from then on (35 TB, 80 KO). They took the RS off PS#2 Michael Geiger who hit 15-16 (L49) incl 8-8 from 40+. P Mike Sadler (Ray Guy semifinalist) avg 42.5 (38.6 net). He also had a key fake punt run for 25 yds vs Iowa in the 4Q ('Hey Diddle Diddle'), something he also did on 4&9 vs Mich in '12. He successfully ran the 'Charlie Brown' on 4&3 for 3 yds vs Neb. They were -2.0 on KR. The Spartans were #31 in my ST rankings and TY with everybody back (except Muma) incl LS Taylor Pepper, I give them a shot at returning to the Top 20 provided a RM emerges.

COACHES - Mark Dantonio served on Nick Saban's staff as MSU's DB cch ('95-'00). He was the DC at Ohio St ('01-'03) during their Nat'l Title ssn before becoming HC at Cincy in '04 (2 bowls 3Y). He has now guided MSU to 7 str bowls (4 bowls prev 10Y), 3 str bowl wins (1st time ever) and led MSU to a sch'l record 13 wins LY. The co-OC's are Jim Bollman (2nd yr) & Dave Warner (2nd yr co-OC, 8th overall). Bollman was BC's OL cch in '12 and spent '01-'11 at Ohio St (OL/OC). Warner came from Cincy (QB cch '06) with Dantonio. Pat Narduzzi is in his 8th ssn as DC and LY won the Frank Broyles Award (top asst). He was Dantonio's DC @ Cincy ('04-'06).

ALSO ON ROSTER:		FB Matt Rea 6'1" 241 Sr	WR Robert Aiello 6'2" 185 rFr
QB Paul Andrie 6'2" 185 So	WR AJ Trout 6'2" 220 Jr	WR Austin Wolfe 6'0" 176 rFr	
OB Colar Kuhns 6'2" 210 Fr	WR Tre Barksdale 6'2" 195 So	WR John Jakubik 6'0" 194 Sr	
RB Phillip-Michael Williams 5'9" 185 Jr	WR Brock Makanic 6'1" 192 rFr	S Zac Leimbach 5'11" 198 So	

PHIL'S FORECAST

When Mark Dantonio took over in '07, MSU was coming off of 3 straight losing seasons and had been to just 2 bowls in 7 yrs (Silicon Valley & Alamo) with the last ssn they finished ranked being 1999 (#7). Dantonio's 7 yrs have been much different. The Spartans have been to 7 bowls and following his lone losing season in '09 (6-7), MSU made my Most Improved List in '10. They rebounded to 11-2. They have finished ranked 4 of his 7 yrs. In '11 MSU won most of their close games (+3 net close wins) and finished 11-3. They entered '12 w/their highest ever preseason rank at #13 despite 6 players being taken in the draft (highest s/'00). MSU lost all 4 B10 HG's by a comb'd 11 pts dropping all of their close gms and finishing just 7-6. Things pointed up LY as the Stock Market Indicator (pg 32) was +4.0. OSU and Wisc dropped off the sked, replaced by Ill & Pur. They had 14 ret st's and their 13 left lost were the 2nd fewest in the Big Ten. The Spartans' offense st'd slow not topping 300 yds in their first 3 vs FBS foes and suffered a tough loss to ND with a few ? pass interf calls. MSU logged its first shutout in B10 play s/'99 (Pur) but it was an unimpressive 14-0 win. Only once all ssn were the Spartans outgained and that was vs Neb but they were +5 in TO's. They weren't given much of a chance in the B10 Title game but knocked OSU out of the Nat'l Championship, 34-24 then upset #5 Stanford in the Rose Bowl. No team had ever gone 8-0 in B10 play winning each game by 10+ pts until the Spartans LY. MSU won 12 gms for the 1st time in sch'l hist and added a 13th and finished #3 in the AP. MSU is now 18-5 in Nov and 19-9 in B10 reg ssn AG's under Dantonio. MSU was +137.8 ypg in B10 play (#2). TY MSU loses a lot on the D (CB Dennard along with LB's Allen, Bullough and S Lewis). The offense got going when Cook took over at QB plus they return their 1,000 yd rusher and almost all of their receiving corps. Pointing downward is that they're -4.0 in the Stock Market Indicator (pg 32), had beneficial off and def ypp (pg 25), were +13 in TO's and +3 in net upsets. On the positive side, they avoid Wisc and Iowa and get Neb, Mich and OSU all at home with a bye prior to OSU. They do have an early season AG vs Oregon. MSU's goal LY was the Rose Bowl and TY it is to make the 4-team playoff.

2014 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP

QB 18 CONNOR COOK JR.	6-4 219 PS#45. 3 gm, 94 (53%, 1-1) rFr. 13 st, 2755 (59%, 22-6), 2nd Tm B10 LY.	DE 44 MARCUS RUSH SR.	6-2 255 PS#116. 27 st, 96 tkl, 19.5 tfl, 2x HM B10 2Y. 13 st, 30 tkl, 7.5 tfl LY.
QB 67 DAMION TERRY JR.	6-7 219 PS#32. 7 Tylor O'Connor (6'3" 219 So) PS#26. 3 gm , 114 tkl yd rFr. Tommy Vento (6'1" 196 Jr).	DE 8 LAWRENCE THOMAS (6'3" 294 Jr) PS#6. 3 st FB rFr. 7 gm (inj) DL LY. 85 EVAN JONES (6'5" 248 So) PS#48TE. DNP rFr.	
RB 33 JEREMY LANGFORD SR.	6-0 205 PS#149. 14 gm CB rFr. 9 gm, 23 (2.6) '12. 14 st, 1422 yd (4.3), 3rd Tm B10 LY.	NT 93 DAMON KNOX JR.	6-4 275 PS#159. 2 gm, 2 tkl rFr. 2 st, 22 tkl, 1 sk, 1.5 tfl, 1 pbu LY. 87 BRANDON CLEMONS (6'3" 295 Jr) PS#108. DNP rFr. 5 gm, 2 tkl LY. Craig Evans (6'3" 305 Fr) PS#35. David Beedle PS#131.
20 NICK HILL (5'8" 197 Sr) PS#49.	1 st, 39 gm, 505 (4.3) 3Y. 22 DELTON WILLIAMS (6'1" 232 So) PS#56LB. 9 gm, 238 (6.3) true.	DT 92 JOEL HEATH JR.	6-6 289 PS#128. 14 gm 2Y. Malik McDowell is PS#8. 99 JAMES KITTREDGE (6'4" 295 Sr) PS#83. 3 gm true Vandy. 5 st, 14 tkl here '12. 2 gm (inj) LY. Enoch Smith PS#54. 96 DAVID FENNEL (6'2" 272 So) 1 gm rFr.
WR 5 DEANTHONY ARNETT JR.	5-11 189 PS#9. 1st WR true Tenn. Trans. 7 gm '12. RS LY. 3 MACGARRETT KINGS (5'10" 186 Jr) PS#98. 8 gm, 4 rec true. 3 st, 513 (11.9) LY. 86 MATT MACKSOOD (5'11" 197 So) 12 gm, 1 rec rFr.	DE 89 SHILIQUE CALHOUN JR.	6-4 257 PS#120. 6 tkl rFr. 14 st, 37 tkl, 14 tfl, B10 DL POY, 3rd Tm AA LY. 98 DEMETRIUS COOPER (6'5" 239 Fr) PS#103. Robert Bowers PS#134. 62 TYLER TOPOLINSKI (6'3" 242 Fr). 64 SPENCER O'HARA (6'4" 236 Sr).
WR 14 TONY LIPPETT SR.	6-3 190 PS#78. CB/WR, 14 gm rFr. 5 st, 392 (10.9) '12. 10 st, 613 (13.9) LY.	SLB 43 ED DAVIS JR.	6-3 230 PS#97. 13 gm, 5 tkl rFr. 14 gm, 17 tkl, 4 sk LY. 30 RILEY BULLOUGH (6'2" 233 So) PS#73. 14 gm, 3 tkl, also RB (94 tkl yd) rFr. 49 SHANE JONES (6'1" 238 Fr) PS#37. Sean Harrington (6'3" 196 Fr).
WR 16 AARON BURBRIDGE (6'1" 203 Jr) PS#24.	10 st, 364 (12.6) true. 3 st, 194 (8.8) LY. 88 MONTY MADARIS (6'1" 195 So) PS#59.	MLB 34 TAIWAN JONES SR.	6-3 252 PS#80. 4 st, 56 tkl, 6 tfl 2Y. 14 st, 67 tkl, 7 tfl LY. 33 JON RESCHKE (6'2" 234 rFr) PS#28. Byron Bullough PS#63. 48 PAT RHOMBURG (6'0" 238 Jr). DNP 2Y. 53 PETER DEPORRE (6'2" 216 Fr).
WR 25 KEITH HUMPHREY SR.	6-0 212 PS#131. 15 st, 853 (13.8) 3Y. 12 RJ SHELTON (5'11" 200 So) PS#50B.	STAR 45 DARIEN HARRIS JR.	6-0 228 PS#57. 13 gm, 4 tkl rFr. 14 gm, 12 tkl rFr. 6 MYLAN HICKS (5'11" 199 Sr) PS#48. 23 gm, 8 tkl 3Y. 23 CHRIS FREY PS#86. IFS. Deon Drake PS#67. 18 MICHAEL TOPOLINSKI (6'1" 190 Jr).
TE 82 JOSIAH PRICE SO.	6-4 244 PS#34. 6 st, 210 (12.4) rFr. 11 JAMAL LYLES (6'3" 250 So) PS#74LB. 14 gm, 58 (11.6) rFr. 84 ANDREW GLEICHERT (6'5" 264 Sr) 1 st, 1 rec 2Y. 4 gm (8.2) LY. 83 PAUL LANG (6'5" 252 Jr) PS#56. 2 st 2Y.	CB 15 TRAE WAYNES JR.	6-1 183 PS#118. 9 gm, 5 tkl rFr. 14 st, 50 tkl, 8 pd LY. 38 ARJEN COLQUHOUN (6'1" 193 Jr) PS#251. 15 gm, 5 tkl 2Y. 21 JUSTIN WILLIAMS (6'1" 175 Fr) PS#248. Vayante Copeland PS#78.
C 66 JACK ALLEN JR.	6-1 300 PS#142. 12 st LG/C, 1st Tm Fr AA rFr. 12 st C, 2nd Tm B10 LY. Brian Allen PS#32. 55 DEVYN SALMON (6'1" 308 Fr) PS#78. LS 52 TAYLOR PEPPER (6'4" 222 Jr) 13 gm true. 14 gm LY.	CB 2 DARIAN HICKS SO.	5-10 181 PS#120. 14 gm, 2 tkl true. 39 JERMAINE EDMONDSON (6'0" 179 So) PS#95. 13 gm, 6 tkl rFr. 37 EZRA ROBINSON (6'0" 178 So) PS#198. 12 gm, 12 tkl rFr. 38 GABE AUGUSTIN (5'8" 186 So).
RG 54 CONNOR KRUSE SR.	6-4 317 3 gm rFr. 12 st. 12. 13 gm LY. 75 BENNY MCGOWAN (6'3" 319 So) PS#75. 1 gm rFr. Chase Gianacacos PS#90. Casey Schreiner (6'4" 280 Fr). LS 56 LELAND EWING (6'1" 229 Sr).	SS 26 RJ WILLIAMSON JR.	6-0 215 PS#79. 11 gm, 27 tkl, 6 pd rFr. 2 st, 44 tkl, 3 tfl, 3 pd LY. 7 DEMETRIUS COX (6'1" 200 So) PS#21. 14 gm, 6 tkl rFr. Montae Nicholson PS#27. 14 Chris Laneaux (5'11" 202 Jr). DNP rFr. 2 gm LY.
LG 63 TRAVIS JACKSON SR.	6-3 286 PS#84. 10 st C, 1st Tm Fr AA rFr. 1st 5 st C (inj) '12. 3 st (2C, 1RG), 13 gm LY. 61 JAMES BODANIS (6'5" 300 Sr) PS#307. Univ of Toronto trans. 57 ADAM BROWN (6'3" 288 Jr) DNP '12. 1 gm LY.	FB 27 KURTIS DRUMMOND SR.	6-1 200 PS#104. 1 st, 17 tkl, 2 int rFr. 7 st, 53 tkl, 4.5 tfl, 6 pd '12. 14 st, 91 tkl, 3.5 tfl, 10 pd. 1st Tm B10 LY. 35 JALYN POWELL (5'11" 206 Fr) PS#61. 29 MARK MEYERS (6'0" 180 So) PS#191. 14 gm, 9 tkl rFr.
RT 76 DONAVON CLARK JR.	6-3 310 PS#90. 2 st LT, 6 gm rFr. 4 st LT, 14 gm LY. 79 KODI KIELER (6'5" 309 So) PS#127. 14 gm rFr. Nick Padla (6'5" 280 Fr) PS#150. 6 Zach Higgins (6'4" 315 So) PS#116. Tore ACL spg. ? 14.	P 3 MIKE SADLER SR.	6-0 170 PS#6. 61 punts (41.1), L/57, 25 In20, 35.1 tm net rFr (79.43), L/70
LT 74 JACK CONKLIN SO.	6-6 330 13 st (10 LT, 3 RT), 14 gm, 1st Tm Frosh AA rFr. Miguel Machado PS#81JC. 73 Dennis Finley (6'6" 307 Fr) PS#41. 68 NOAH JONES (6'3" 285 Fr) PS#335. From NT spg '14.		31 In20, 38.5 net '12. 76 (42.5), L/69, 33 In20, 38.6 net, 1st Tm B10 LY. Jake Hartbarger (6'4" 195 Fr) PS#9.
K 4 MICHAEL GEIGER SO.	5-8 186 PS#2. Hit 15-16 lg, long of 49, 36-38 PAT in 11 gms as a true frosh.		
24 KEVIN CRONIN (6'1" 216 So) PS#146.	2 KO, 1 TB, 1 gm rFr. 9 EVAN FISCHER (5'10" 177 So). No gm action as a rFr.		

MICHIGAN ST SPARTANS

East Lansing, Michigan WEATHER ZIP: 48824
Enrollment: 37,354 (#8)

MARK DANTONIO

PLAYING EXP: DB at South Carolina ('76-'78)
PRIOR HC EXP: Cincinnati ('04-'06)

8TH Year Here / 11TH Overall

2013 RECORDS	HERE	CAREER
13-1	Record: 64-29	82-46
CONF: 8-0 (1ST LEGENDS)	Bowls: 3-4	4-4
	Home: 38-11	51-15
	Away: 21-13	25-26
	Neutral: 5-5	6-5
	Vs Conf: 39-19	50-30
	Vs Top 10: 3-4	4-9
	Vs Top 25: 10-18	12-25
	Vs BCS: 8-9	8-15
	Off Bye: 7-6	10-9
	Off Loss: 15-10	25-16

2014 RET STARTERS:
OFF: 7* **DEF: 5**

LETTERMEN (O/D/ST):
RET: 47 (24,20,3)
LOST: 21 (9,11,1)

BIG TEN - EAST



LAST 5 BOWLS ALL-TIME RECORD 10-14

YR	BOWL/TEAM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
09	Alamo	+7	Texas Tech	31-41
10	Capital One - #7	+8	Alabama - #15	7-49
11	Outback - #12	+3	Georgia - #18	33-30 OT
12	Buffalo Wild Wings +2	TCU		17-16
13	Rose - #4	+6	Stanford - #5	24-20

DATE	OPPONENT	TURF	LINE	FINAL SCORE	W
Aug. 29	Jacksonville St (Fri)	G			
Sep. 6	at Oregon	A			
Sep. 13					
Sep. 20	Eastern Michigan	G			
Sep. 27	Wyoming (HC)	G			
Oct. 4	Nebraska	G			
Oct. 11	at Purdue	G			
Oct. 18	at Indiana	A			
Oct. 25	Michigan	G			
Nov. 1					
Nov. 8	Ohio St	G			
Nov. 15	at Maryland	A			
Nov. 22	Rutgers	G			
Nov. 29	at Penn St	G			

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-'87
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. MSU has won 15 str home openers. Gamecocks went 11-4 LY (3rd round of FCS playoffs) incl beating Georgia St (32-20). Into '12 they lost to Ark (49-24) & Florida (23-0). MSU is 2-2 but 0-2 in Eugene. LTH ('98) the Spartans lost 48-14. MSU is 1-4 s/'08 in non-conf 'true' away gms. Last time (reg ssn) MSU traveled out West they lost 38-31 to Cal ('08).

Michigan St is 9-0 vs E Michigan w/the avg score 36-7. In the L/gm ('12; won 23-7), MSU trailed 7-3 at HT and only led 9-7 into the 4Q despite the Spartans 21-8 FD and 428-183 yd edges.

Into 2014, under Dantonio MSU is 19-2 hosting non-Big Ten opp's (only losses in '09 vs CM & '12 vs ND). The Spartans are 2-0 vs the Cowboys but the last meeting was in 1977.

LY MSU picked up their 1st series win after starting 0-7. Spartans forced 5 TO's and never trailed. Only up 27-21 into the 4Q, MSU then held NU to -1/3pl then to 15/5pl on their next 2 drives.

MSU has won 5 str incl a 40-37 win the LTH ('09). The Spartans trailed 34-23 w/11:52 left but after a 85 yd KR went 8/4pl making a 21 yd fg w/1:51 (PU was SOD at the 40 w/0:06).

MSU is 14-2 vs IU. LTH the Spartans trailed 17-0 into the 2Q and 27-14 at HT. In the 2H MSU got a td w/6:35 left holding the Hoosiers to 47 ttd yds. In fact IU had all six 2H drives end in punts.

Into '14, MSU is 12-4 hosting B10 foes L4Y (dropped all 4 by a comb 11 pts in '12). HT is on a 4-1 run. MSU is 5-1 s/'08 and in MSU's L/6 series defeats 5 have been by 8 pts or less.

Bonus: Michigan St is 14-3 their last 17 Big 10 away games.

LY in the B10 Championship, MSU jumped out to a 17-0 lead but trailed 24-17 w/5:36 3Q. From that point MSU outgained OSU 227-46 (just 2 OSU FD's) scoring the final 17 pts.

MSU is 4-1 vs the Terrapins. The L/gm was 1950 & MSU's only visit to College Park was a 8-0 win in 1944.

MSU is 13-5 in home finales but just 5-4 L/9 yrs. MSU is 2-3 vs RU w/the L/gm in '04, MSU lost 19-14.

Last time MSU won 2 str was in '65/'66. LTH ('10), reg ssn finale MSU led 28-10 w/under 6 mins left (never trailed).

SPARTAN STADIUM - Grass

Built: 1923 - 75,005 (#21) - LY's Capacity: 96.4% (#29)

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	10Yr Total
STRAIGHT UP	5-7	5-6	4-8	7-6	9-4	6-7	11-2	11-3	7-6	13-1	78-50
Home	4-2	3-3	2-5	5-2	6-1	4-3	8-0	7-0	2-5	7-0	48-21
Away	1-5	2-3	2-3	2-3	3-2	2-3	3-1	3-2	4-1	4-1	26-24
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-1	0-1	0-1	1-1	1-0	2-0	4-5
vs Conf	4-4	2-6	1-7	3-5	6-2	5-4	7-1	7-2	3-5	9-0	47-36
vs Non-Conf	1-3	3-0	3-1	4-1	3-2	1-3	4-1	4-1	4-1	4-1	31-14
ATS	5-7	4-7	3-8-1	8-4-1	6-6-1	5-7-1	7-6	10-4	5-8	10-4	63-61-4
Home Fav	1-1	2-3	1-3	2-3	3-2-1	3-3	3-4	4-2	0-6	3-4	22-31-1
Home Dog	2-2	0-1	0-2-1	1-0-1	0-1	0-1	1-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	5-7-2
Away Fav	1-3	1-1	0-2	1-1	3-0	1-1-1	2-0	2-0	2-1	3-0	16-9-1
Away Dog	1-1	1-2	0-1	3-0	0-2	1-1	1-1	1-2	2-0	2-0	14-10
Neutral	0-0	0-0	2-0	1-0	0-1	0-1	0-1	2-0	1-0	2-0	6-3
vs Conf	5-3	2-6	1-7	5-2-1	4-4	3-5-1	5-3	7-2	3-5	7-2	42-39-2
vs Non-Conf	0-4	2-1	2-1-1	2-2	2-2-1	2-2	2-3	3-2	2-3	2-2	21-22-2
Off SU Win	2-3	2-3	2-1-1	5-2	4-4-1	1-4-1	6-5	8-2	2-4	9-3	41-31-3
Off SU Loss	3-3	1-4	1-6	2-2-1	2-1	3-3	0-1	2-1	3-3	1-0	18-24-1

2013 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	AVG	PLAYER	TKL	SKS	TFL	PBU	INT	
Jeremy Langford	292	1482	60	1422	4.9	Denicos Allen	98	55	11	1	0	
Nick Hill	67	357	13	344	5.1	Kurtis Drummond	91	0	35	6	4	
Delton Williams	38	240	2	238	6.1	Max Bullough	76	15	8	2	0	
RJ Shelton	21	159	6	153	7.3	Taiwan Jones	67	0	7	0	0	
Riley Bullough	22	91	8	83	3.8	Darqueze Dennard	62	0	35	10	4	
Connor Cook	69	221	145	76	1.1	Isaiah Lewis	58	0	1	8	2	
Andrew Maxwell	3	15	2	13	4.3	Tray Wayne	50	0	15	5	3	
PASSING	ATT	COM	PCT	YDS	TD	INT	QB	h30	h40	h50	h60	
Connor Cook	380	223	58.7	2755	22	6	135.5	Shilique Calhoun	37	75	65	0
Andrew Maxwell	33	15	45.5	114	0	0	74.5	Micajah Reynolds	37	0	35	0
Tyler O'Connor	14	9	64.3	90	0	0	118.3	Tyler Hoover	31	4	05	2
RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG	PLAYER	TKL	SKS	TFL	PBU	INT	
Bennie Fowler	36	622	17.3	6	87	Damon Rush	30	5	25	3	0	
Tony Lippett	44	613	13.9	2	48	Marcus Knox	22	1	15	1	0	
Macgarrett Kings	43	513	11.9	3	48	Denzel Drone	17	25	25	1	0	
Keith Humphrey	18	299	16.6	3	72	Ed Davis	17	4	0	0	0	
Josiah Price	17	210	12.4	4	39	Mark Scarpinato	15	1	0	0	0	
Aaron Burbridge	22	194	8.8	0	26	Kyle Elsworth	14	0	15	1	0	
Jeremy Langford	28	157	5.6	2	24	Jairus Jones	12	0	1	1	2	
Trevon Pendleton	8	127	15.9	1	49	Darien Harris	12	0	05	0	0	
						Mark Meyers	9	0	0	0	0	
PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	h20	h30	h40	h50	h60	
Mike Sadler	76	3233	42.5	19	38.6	0	33	3	0	0	0	
KICKING	XP	1-39	40-49	50+	TTL	LG	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG	
Michael Geiger	36-38	3-3	4-5	8-8	0-0-15-16	49	30	206	10.3	0	30	
Kevin Muma	12-13	3-4	1-2	0-0	0-0-14-6	30	199	22.1	0	36	30	

2013 GAME-BY-GAME STATS

ATT	OPPONENT	SCORE	TTL OFF	FD	RUSH ATTS	AVG	PASS CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	TTL DEF	FD	RUSH ATTS	AVG	PASS CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS
71,214	Western Michigan	26-13	297	18	42-181	4.3	17-37	116	1	204	14	27-11	0.4	18-48	193	5
70,401	USF	21-6	265	16	38-271	5.5	12-24	94	1	155	12	35-89	2.5	6-26	66	3
71,626	Youngstown St	55-17	547	30	49-277	5.7	22-32	270	0	172	8	20-51	2.6	11-27	121	1
80,795	at Notre Dame	13-17	254	19	35-119	3.4	16-36	135	1	220	14	32-78	2.4	14-34	142	0
69,025	at Iowa	26-14	412	20	37-135	3.6	25-44	277	0	264	13	16-23	1.4	26-46	241	0
73,815	Indiana	42-28	473	24	47-238	5.1	22-31	235	1	351	19	27-92	3.4	25-47	259	2
71,514	Purdue	14-0	294	21	41-182	4.4	14-26	112	0	226	14	34-66	1.9	14-25	160	5
45,895	at Illinois	42-3	477	29	55-269	4.9	15-16	208	2	128	8	21-25	1.2	13-21	103	2
76,306	Michigan	29-6	394	19	39-142	3.6	18-33	252	1	168	12	29-(-48)	1.7	15-30	216	7
90,872	at Nebraska	41-28	361	18	48-168	3.5	15-32	193	2	392	19	32-182	5.7	17-32	210	0
40,013	at Northwestern	30-6	464	20	40-171	4.3	16-23	293	1	319	19	26-80	3.1	27-46	239	0
71,418	Minnesota	14-3	324	15	31-181	5.8	10-20	143	2	249	17	50-124	2.5	9-25	125	4
66,002	at Ohio St	34-24	438	23	32-134	4.2	22-40	304	1	374	20	40-273	6.8	8-23	101	2
95,173	at Stanford	24-20	397	21	35-65	1.9	22-36	332	4	305	11	36-162	4.5	10-18	143	1
TOTALS		411-185	5397	293	569-2433	4.3	248-430	2964	17	3527	200	425-1208	2.8	213-448	2319	32
AVERAGES		29-13	386	20.9	41-174	4.3	57.7%	212	4.0%	252	14.3	30-86	2.8	47.5%	166	7.1%
ATTENDANCE	CONF	30-12	404	21.0	41-180	4.4	60.0%	224	3.8%	275	15.7	31-91	3.0	52.2%	184	7.5%
72,328 (#20)	HOME	29-10	371	20.4	41-196	4.8	56.7%	175	3.0%	218	13.7	32-55	1.7	43.0%	163	11.8%
65,320 (#24)	AWAY	30-16	400	21.4	40-152	3.8	58.6%	249	4.8%	286	14.9	29-118	4.1	52.3%	168	2.3%

DEFENSE

AVG	PASS	YDS	SKS	NET	TO'S	OFF	YDS	DEF	YDS	VS	GM	GRADE
0.4	18-48	193	5	93	+3	#11	-133	#2	134	75.7	65.7	
2.5	6-26	66	3	110	0	#10	-94	#3	111	76.3		
2.6	11-27	121	1	375	+1	-	-	-	-	89.5		
2.4	14-34	142	0	34	-1	#12	-122	#1	201	103.0		
1.4	26-46	241	0	148	+1	#3	118	#2	122	103.0		
3.4	25-47	259	2	122	-1	#8	-60	#2	172	88.3		
1.9	14-25	160	5	68	+2	#12	-181	#4	62	69.0		
1.2	13-21	103	2	349	+1	#7	-5	#1	326	113.0		
1.7	15-30	216	7	226	0	#7	24	#2	223	102.0		
5.7	17-32	210	0	-31	-5	#8	-11	#7	22	89.5		
3.1	27-46	239	0	145	+3	#5	44	#3	88	99.4		
2.5	9-25	125	4	75	+1	#11	-53	#3	102	85.5		
6.8	8-23	101	2	64	-1	#5	65	#1	149	106.6		
4.5	10-18	143	1	92	-1	#5	58	#3	108	107.7		
2.8	213-448	2319	32	1870	+13	#8	-348	#3	1820	91.7		
2.8	47.5%	166	7.1%	134	0.9	#89	-27	#2	140	91.7		
3.0	52.2%	184	7.5%	130	+12	#76	-6	#1	141	95.52		
1.7	43.0%	163	11.8%	153	+6	#119	-83	#6	134	82.41		
4.1	52.3%	168	23.3%	114	+7	#45	21	#1	145	101.0		