

# MICHIGAN STATE SPARTANS



RB LJ SCOTT

## POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2016

**QUARTERBACKS** - Mich St produced a pair of starting QB's in the '15 NFL playoffs in Brian Hoyer & Kirk Cousins (You Like That) and a bkp (Drew Stanton). Connor Cook came in w/2:42 left in the '12 bowl and delivered a 45/8pl drive for the GW FG! Cook won a 4-way battle in '13 and threw for 2,755 (59%), 22-6, 2nd Tm B10). Tyler O'Connor (PS#26) played in just 3 (9-14-90). Cook put up similar stats in '14 (3214, 58%, 24-8, 80 rush) while Damien Terry (12-19-88-0-0, 62 rush) and O'Connor (12-16-151-2-1, 22 rush) played in 5 each. In '15 Cook became the first Spartan QB to win 1st Tm B10 in FIFTY years (Steve Juday 1965)! Cook needed the 14th game to become the MSU career pass leader. His most impressive record was 34-5 as a starter. The Unitas Award winner threw for 3,131 (56.1%, 24-7). O'Connor did QB the upset of Ohio St (Cook inj) hitting just 7-12-89 (25 rush) with Terry also playing. Those two will battle rFr Brian Lewerke (PS#28) and true frosh fall arrival Messiah DeWeaver (PS#19). Naturally losing a player like Cook (#4DC OAK) will make the QB position less exp'd and talented.

**RUNNING BACKS** - HC Mark 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). In '12 it was Le'Veon Bell (1793, 4.7) while Jeremy Langford led in '13 (1422, 4.9, 18 td) and in '14 (1522, 5.5). LY they had to replace Langford (#4DC) and their #2 RB (622, 5.8). They added rFr Madre London (PS#64) and PS#6 true frosh LJ Scott. Dantonio called Trevon Pendleton the best FB of his tenure. The feature back never emerged (no RB had more than one 100+ gm effort). London had 372 in the first 5 but was inj'd (#3, 500, 4.2). Scott looked like the main guy after 146 vs Purdue but avg just 35.8 ypg the final 9 (#1, 699, 4.8, key GW 1 yd TD vs Iowa). Holmes missed PU but had 117 vs Neb (#2, 540, 4.9). Delton Williams took off his RS week 6 but had just 26-56. The top 4 comb'd for 2,608 (5.7) in '14 but just 1,866 (4.7) in '15. The only loss is FB Pendleton (9 st) and I feel that Scott should become the next top notch workhorse.

**RECEIVERS** - MSU had to replace their top 2 WR's (comb 1693, 18.6, both #5 DC's) heading into LY. MacGarrett Kings was #3 (404, 13.9), TE Josiah Price (PS#34) was #4 (374, 14.4) and Converted RB RJ Shelton added 173 (10.8). Aaron Burbridge (358, 12.3 '14) finally lived up to his PS#23 rank and led with 1,258 (14.8) while Shelton was #2 (503, 11.7). This year they lose Burbridge (#6DC SF, 13 st), Kings (10 st, 519, 13.0), DeAnthony Arnett (2 st, 6 rec) and TE Paul Lang (9 st, 129, 11.7). They do add in 3 VHT true frosh (PS#8, #38 & #39) who could start right away. While this unit is equal to '15 in terms of experience, they will need a go-to WR to emerge quickly.

**OFFENSIVE LINE** - LY the Spartans lost a 2nd Tm B10 LG (2Y st'r) and a RG (7 st), C Jack Allen was the first MSU OL to be 1st Tm AA s/97 while LT Jack Conklin was also back. The cars ret climbed to 90 and FWAA Frosh AA Brian Allen (PS#32) was the 6th man in '14. Inj's hit the unit hard as they had their top 5 OL for only the first 2 along with the last 3 gms. I was still surprised their numbers dipped to 151 ypg rush (3.8, 21 sk). TY they lose 1st Tm B10 C Jack Allen (12/47, UFA NO), 1st Tm B10 LT Jack Conklin (12/38, #1DC TEN) and RG Donavon Clark (14/33, #7DC SD). Benny McGowan (PS#75) started 8 filling in for the inj'd st'r's so it is like having 3 st'r's back but the cars sts ret drop to 42 (lose 118) and they lose their C & LT.

**DEFENSIVE LINE** - Last year Shilique Calhoun turned down the NFL (3 ret st'r's). Also back were Lawrence Thomas (finally started living up to his PS#6 potential, tm's MIP), 6'6" Joel Heath (425 bench, 30" VL) and FWAA Frosh AA Malik McDowell. After all'g less than 100 ypg rush for 3 str yrs, they all'd 116 ypg rush (3.6, 37 sk) in '15 despite holding the top 5 tms they faced to half their ypg (see Defense). TY the losses are heavy as gone are Calhoun (14 st, 49 tkl, 10.5 sk, #3DC OAK), DE Lawrence Thomas (14 st, 38 tkl, 3 sk, UFA NYJ), Joel Heath (12 st, 31 tkl, 2 sk, UFA HOU) and 3 backups (comb 1 st, 36 tkl, 1.5 sk, 3.5 tfl) They do add Nebraska transfer Kevin Williams (PS#68, 2 st '15). McDowell should be an AA and the bkps were impressive so they remain a premier D-line despite losing 3 NFL guys (9 DL VHT's including 3 good sized true frosh) and TE Lyles was brought over for depth in the spring.

**LINEBACKERS** - LY the Spartans LB unit lost their #6 tkl'r but had 6 of their top 8 back. Riley Bullough moved from RB back to OLB ('14), bulked up to move inside and is faster than his brother (Max) was. Ed Davis was being compared to some of Mich St's best LB's ever but was OFY (knee) in August. They went from allowing 21.5 ppg to 21.7. 2nd Tm B10 Bullough was the #1 tkl'r (4 sk). TY they lose Star Darien Harris (14 st, #2 tkl'r, 9 tfl) but get back Jon Reschke (PS#29, #5 tkl'r), Bullough and possibly Davis (trying for 6th year). They go from 1 ret st'r to 2 or 3 and remain one of the best LB's corps in the country.

**DEFENSIVE BACKS** - In '13 MSU's DB's referred to themselves as the "No Fly Zone" (#5 PDR, 48%, 12-17) led by Jim Thorpe Winner Darqueze Dennard. In '14 they slipped to #18 in my PDR (52.7%, 17-18). Last year all four '13 starters were gone as they lost a 3rd Tm AA FS and a 3rd Tm AA CB (#1DC). Inj's hit the unit hard (2 true took off RS mid year). Only 1 DB st'd all 14 and Demetrious Cox split between CB and S. The battered unit was just #69 (60.5%, 20-15). This year they lose FS RJ Williamson (5 st, inj, 24 tkl) and CB Arjen Colquhoun (11 st, 45 tkl, 10 pbu). Vayante Copeland (top CB) was OFY (neck) Wk 2 and he is back (10 of top 12 return) and they will make a large climb in my PDR.

**SPECIAL TEAMS** - Michael Geiger hit 15-16 fg's (L49) in '13 but just 26-41 (long 47) the L2Y. RJ Shelton was the top KR in '13 (199, 22.1), '14 (793, 25.6) and '15 (415, 21.8). Dantonio had just 2 P's in his first 8 yrs (both 4 yr). RFr Jake Hartbarger (PS#9) avg 42.7 although he outkicked the coverage at times LY (35.1 net). Dantonio compared him to Tom Tupa "unbelievable ability". Kevin Cronin had 23 TB/76 KO. After a slip to #5 in '14 they had a Dantonio-era worst #113 in my ST rankings in '15. Ironically the ST's return of a botched Michigan punt won them that game. They lose their PR (38, 3.8) and 4 year LS Taybor Pepper but I expect a large rise in my rankings.

**COACHES** - Mark Dantonio continues to keep his Spartans program at a National Title level. He is the ONLY FBS HC to lead his teams to 11+ wins in 5 of the L6Y! Beginning his 10th ssn, his 87 W's are the most by a Spartan cch s/Duffy Daugherty won 109 from '54-'72. He guided Cincy to 2 bowls as HC ('04-

'06) and coached DB's on Nick Saban's MSU staff (95-'00). He was DC ('01-'03) under Jim Tressel (Ohio St, Nat'l Title '02). The 4th year co-OC's are Jim Bollman & Dave Warner (10th here overall). Bollman was BC's OL cch in '12 and spent '01-'11 at Ohio St (OL/OC). He cch'd here (OL) '95-'97 under Saban. Warner came from Cincy (QB cch '06). The co-DC's are Harlon Barnett (alum & AA here, DB cch s/'04) and Mike Tressel (LB cch s/'04). ST cch Mark Snyder begins his 2nd yr & was the HC at Marshall ('95-'99) and most recently the DC at Texas A&M ('12-'14) and USF ('10-'11).

**THIS DECADE 65-16 (80.2%) #7** - When Mark Dantonio took over in '07, the Spartans were coming off of 3 straight losing seasons (2 bowls, L7Y Silicon Valley & Alamo) with 1999 being the last ssn they finished ranked (#7). Michigan St was 60-62 from '00-'09. Dantonio's 9 yrs here have been much different. The Spartans have been to 8 bowls and have finished ranked 6 times. Things were pointing up in '13 and they upset Ohio St in the Big Ten Title game and later upset #5 Stanford in the Rose Bowl. That team was the first team ever to go 8-0 in B10 play winning each game by 10+ pts. MSU won 12 gms for the 1st time in school history (13-1. #3). In '14 the Spartans lost to Oregon and Ohio St (2 teams in Title game) then in the bowl, they trailed Baylor 41-21 4Q before rallying for a 42-41 win. They finished 11-2 and #5. LY they made the FBS playoffs but lost to Bama 38-0 to finish 12-2 and #6.

**2015 ANALYSIS 12-2** - Dantonio has always had teams that are underrated and play with a chip on their shoulder. Playing as a large favorite LY they underperformed. This included a 3 pt win over Purdue and needing a TD w/43 left to get past Rutgers. They beat #7 Oregon at home in week 2 then held a 386-230 yd edge vs Mich but ultimately needed a bobbled punt snap TD for the miracle win. Nebraska got a ? TD pass late to upset them on the road 39-38. Without QB Cook they still upset Ohio St in the Horseshoe and got past Iowa by 3 in the B10 Title game (TD w/27 left) to gloriously make the playoffs. It all ended in a thud with a 38-0 shutout loss to eventual National Champ Alabama.

ALSO ON ROSTER:	WR Paul Andrie 6'2" 187 Sr	WR Hussein Kadry 6'3" 222 Jr
FB Collin Lucas 6'0" 232 So	WR Austin Wolfe 6'0" 176 Jr	LB Brock Makari 6'2" 195 Jr
FB Reid Burton 6'1" 227 Fr	WR Sinclair Fainholt 6'0" 183 rFr	
WR Robert Aiello 6'2" 188 Jr	WR Davis Lewandowski 6'0" 199 rFr	

## PHIL'S FORECAST

**OFFENSE** - The Spartans had a remarkably productive year in '14 avg 501 ypg and 43.0 ppg. With 7 starters back, including all their star OL's and QB Connor Cook, big things were expected but they only avg 386 ypg and 29.8 ppg. This year they lose Cook, 3 solid OL's and their top 2 WR's. Check out pg 43 to see what my computer forecasts for them in 2016.

**DEFENSE** - This is year 2 of the post-Pat Narduzzi era (left for HC at Pitt). While the Spartans defense slipped, they did well when motivated. Against the Top 5 tms they faced (Ore, Mich, Ohio St, Iowa, Bama) they allowed just 95.4 ypg rush (2.9). That is remarkable as those 5 avg'd a comb'd 221.4 ypg (5.1). Overall they held foes to 81 ypg below their season avg (#15). They have 6 ret st'r's & my computer says they allow less than 20 ppg this year.

**2016** - Michigan St is 25-6 in Nov and 26-10 in B10 reg ssn AG's under Dantonio. They have played in a MSU record 9 straight bowls (4-1 L/5). Some factors pointing down are they had 5 net close wins LY (pg 24), were +14 in my Turnovers=Turnaround (pg 30), and also are -59 All-Conf Pts ret (pg 33). LY they were the most exp'd team in the B10 and TY are the 2nd least exp'd. They are not the favorite this year so they'll be back to playing with that chip on their shoulder especially after the shutout bowl loss. They get Michigan and Ohio St at home and beat both on the road last year. While I don't see them matching LY's 12 win total, they are a clear contender again in the Big Ten East.

## OFFENSE

### JERSEY # IN GREEN

## 2016 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP

### JERSEY # IN GREEN

## DEFENSE

**QB 7 Tyler O'Connor Sr.** 6-3 225 PS#26. 5 gm, 151 (75%, 2-1) '14. 1st, 133 (54%, 2-1) LY. 14 Brian Lewerke (6'3" 200 Fr) PS#28. Damien Terry (6'3" 235 Fr) PS#32. 15 gm, 103 (54%, 0-0) 2Y. Colar Kuhns (6'1" 212 So).  
**TB 3 LJ SCOTT SO.** 6-0 238 PS#6. 14 gm, 699 (4.8) true LY. 24 Gerald Holmes (6'0" 216 Jr) PS#69. L/7 st, 540 (4.9) LY. 28 Madre London (6'1" 216 So) PS#64. F/6 st, 500 (4.2) LY. Nick Tompkins (5'9" 180 Sr) PS#56.  
**WR 18 Felton Davis So.** 6-4 198 PS#110. 7 gm, 2 rec as true. 88 Monty Madaris (6'1" 202 Sr) PS#59. 12 gm, 56 (11.2) '14. 10 gm, 47 (23.5) LY. FB 22 Delton Williams (6'1" 230 Sr) PS#56LB. 22 gm, 554 (6.0) 2Y, 9 gm, 56 (2.2) LY.  
**WR 9 Donnie Corley Fr.** 6-3 185 PS#8. IFS. 21 Cam Chambers (6'3" 203 Fr) PS#39. IFS. 87 Edward Barksdale (6'2" 199 Sr) PS#246. 2 gm, 13 gm, 16 (8.0) '14. 7 gm LY. 86 Matt Mackosod (5'11" 195 Sr) 14 gm.  
**WR 12 RJ Shelton Sr.** 5-11 205 PS#50RB. 2 st, 173 (10.8), 793 KR (25.6) '14. 5 st, 503 (11.7), 415 KR (21.8) LY. Darrell Stewart (6'1" 208 Fr) PS#98. Brandon Sowards (6'0" 190 So). Frank Epitropoulos (6'3" 202 Sr) PS#67.  
**TE 82 JOSIAH PRICE SR.** 6-4 260 PS#34. 6 st, 210 (12.4) '13. 6 st, 374 (14.4), 2nd Tm B10 '14. 3 st, 267 (11.6), 3rd Tm B10 '14. 11 Jamal Lyles (6'3" 263 Sr) PS#74LB. 5 st, 133 (16.6) LY. Matt Sokol (6'5" 200 So) PS#27.  
**C 65 BRIAN ALLEN JR.** 6-2 303 PS#32. 1 st, 12 gm LY. 2nd Tm B10 '15. 58 Devin Salmon (6'1" 315 Jr) PS#178. 3 gm LY. 2Y. Matthew Allen is PS#91. LS 57 Collin Caflich (6'4" 291 Fr). 80 Dylan Chmura (6'4" 256 Jr).  
**RG 59 David Beedle So.** 6-5 310 PS#131. 9 gm LY. 64 Brandon Clemons (6'3" 302 Sr) PS#108. 1 st '14. 13 gm LY. 63 Noah Listermann (6'7" 316 Fr) PS#109. Luke Campbell is PS#199. 68 Jeremy Schram (6'4" 322 So).  
**LG 75 Benny McGowan Sr.** 6-3 327 PS#75. 13 gm bkp OG '14. 8 st LY. 55 Miguel Machado (6'6" 298 Sr) PS#81JC. 7 gm LY. 70 Tyler Higby (6'4" 318 Fr) PS#111. 71 Chase Gianacacos (6'6" 301 So) PS#90. 1 gm LY.  
**RT 79 KODI KIELER SR.** 6-6 310 PS#127. 14 gm '13. 8 st '14. 11 st LY. 77 Nick Padla (6'6" 300 So) PS#150. 13 gm LY. 72 Thiyo Lukusa (6'5" 335 Fr) PS#56. 67 Bryce Wilker (6'4" 285 Fr). 60 Casey Schreiner (6'3" 320 So).  
**LT 73 Dennis Finley Jr.** 6-6 282 PS#41. 6 gm '14. 1 st LY. 61 Cole Chewing (6'7" 265 Fr) PS#228. AJ Arcuri (6'7" 274 Fr) PS#175. LS 47 Bradley Robinson (6'2" 228 Fr) PS#22. 45 Ryan Armour (6'0" 206 Fr).  
**K 4 MICHAEL GEIGER SR.** 5-8 183 PS#22. 11 st, 15-16 fg's, L49, 36-38 PAT as true. 13 st, 14-22 fg's, L42, 72-72 PAT '14. 14 st, 12-19 fg's, L47, 51-53 PAT LY. 99 Kevin Cronin (6'1" 215 Sr) PS#146. 24 Brett Scanlon (5'11" 215 Jr) PS#44.

**DE 98 Demetrius Cooper Jr.** 6-5 252 PS#103. 13 gm, 10 tkl, 2 ffl, 5 qbh '14. 1 st, 22 tkl, 5 sk LY. Austin Robertson (6'5" 250 Fr) PS#22. Jamal Lyles (6'3" 263 Sr) PS#74. Also at TE Justice Alexander (6'5" 243 Fr) PS#120.  
**NT 4 MALIK McDOWELL JR.** 6-6 280 PS#8. 1 st, 15 tkl, 4.5 tfl true. 14 st, 41 tkl, 13 tfl, 2nd Tm B10 LY. 32 Cassius Peat (6'3" 270 Fr) PS#70. Kevin Williams (6'2" 275 Sr) PS#68. 4 st, 27 tkl, 10 tfl, 3Y at Neb. Grad trans '16. 56 Enoch Smith (6'2" 294 So) PS#54.  
**DT 99 Raequan Williams rFr.** 6-4 307 PS#42. 51 Kytalia Stallworth (6'3" 275 Fr) PS#30. 41 Gerald Owens (6'2" 298 So) PS#29. Mike Paniusik (6'3" 305 Fr) PS#51. 1st Tm All-State as HS Sr. 83 Mufi Hunt (6'6" 255 Fr) PS#105.  
**DE NA Josh King Fr.** 6-6 230 PS#23. Evan Jones (6'5" 248 Sr) PS#34#48TE. 1 gm, 1 tkl '14. 13 gm, 7 tkl LY. 52 Dillon Alexander (6'3" 240 So). Robert Bowers (6'4" 256 So) PS#134. Kenny Wilkes (6'3" 223 Fr).  
**SAM 23 Chris Frey Jr.** 6-2 222 PS#86. 13 gm, 19 tkl as true. 14 gm, 23 tkl, 5 tfl LY. 43 Ed Davis (6'3" 225 Sr) PS#97. 12 st, 58 tkl, 7 sk, 5 tfl '14. OFY w/knee inj LY. 17 Tyrion Thompson (6'1" 225 Fr) PS#59.  
**KE 30 RILEY BULLOUGH SR.** 6-2 230 PS#73. 1 st, 29 tkl '14. 13 st, 106 tkl, 7.5 tfl, 2nd Tm B10 LY. 38 Byron Bullough (6'1" 228 So) PS#63. Shane Jones (6'1" 234 Jr) PS#37. 1 st, 23 tkl LY. Grayson Miller (6'3" 212 So) PS#107. 4 st, 24 tkl LY.  
**STAR 33 JON RESCHKE JR.** 6-2 228 PS#28. 8 gm, 13 tkl '14. 14 st, 75 tkl, 5.5 tfl LY. 5 Andrew Dowdell (6'0" 216 So) PS#40. 13 gm, 22 tkl true LY. Brandon Randle (6'2" 205 Fr) PS#51. Sean Harrington (6'3" 210 Jr). TJ Harrell (6'1" 209 So) PS#84.  
**BC 13 Vayante Copeland So.** 6-0 195 PS#78. F/2 st, 7 tkl LY. 17 Josph Butler (5'11" 170 Fr) PS#57. Jermaine Edmondson (6'0" 182 Sr) PS#95. 11 gm, 8 tkl '14. 14 gm, 24 tkl, 2.5 tfl LY. Kaleel Gaines (6'0" 187 Fr) PS#153.  
**FC 2 DARIAN HICKS SR.** 5-10 180 PS#120. 14 gm, 2 tkl as true. 10 st, 28 tkl, 3 pbu, 2 int '14. 6 st, 33 tkl LY.  
**15 Tyson Smith (5'10" 170 So) PS#95.** 1 st, 5 tkl as true. David Dowell (6'0" 193 Fr) PS#55. Nick Krumm (5'11" 202 Fr).  
**BS 9 MONTAE NICHOLSON JR.** 6-2 220 PS#27. 3 st, 31 tkl as true. 10 st, 83 tkl, 3 int LY. 27 Khari Willis (5'11" 210 So) PS#130. 3 st, 11 tkl as true. Kenney Lyke is PS#46. 29 Mark Meyers (6'0" 186 Sr) PS#191. 33 gm, 20 tkl LY.  
**FIS 7 DEMETRIUS COX SR.** 6-1 198 PS#21. 14 gm '13. 1 st, 26 tkl '14. 14 st, 79 tkl, 7 pbu, 3 int, 3rd Tm B10 LY.  
**Matt Morrissey (6'2" 203 So) PS#124.** 12 gm, 5 tkl LY. Jalen Watts-Jackson (5'11" 186 So). Drake Martinez (6'2" 210 Jr).  
**P 25 JAKE HARTBARGER SO.** 6-4 207 PS#9. 57 punts (42.7) L/61, 35.1 tm net, 21In20, 17 from 50+ last year. 7 Tyler O'Connor (6'3" 222 Sr) PS#26QB. 5 punts, L/46, (38.4) LY. Matt Coghlin (5'10" 185 Fr) PS#18.



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East Lansing, Michigan WEATHER ZIP: 48824  
Enrollment: 50,543 (#4/#9)

## MARK DANTONIO

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

10<sup>TH</sup> Year Here / 13<sup>TH</sup> Overall

2015 RECORDS	HERE	CAREER
<b>12-2</b>	Record: 87-33	105-50
CONF: 7-1 (TIE #1-2 EAST)	Bowls: 4-5	5-5
	Home: 52-12	65-16
	Away: 29-15	33-28
	Neutral: 6-6	7-6
	Vs Conf: 55-21	66-32
	Vs Top 10: 7-6	8-11
	Vs Top 25: 16-21	18-28
	Vs P5: 10-11	10-17
	Off Bye: 9-9	12-12
	Off Loss: 18-10	28-16
	<b>BIG TEN - EAST</b>	

### 2016 RET STARTERS:

OFF: 4 DEF: 6

LETTERMEN (O/D/ST)

RET: 53 (24,26,3)

LOST: 21 (12,8,1)

### WR RJ SHELTON



### LAST 5 BOWLS ALL-TIME RECORD 11-15

YR	BOWL/TEAM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
11	Outback - #12	+3	Georgia - #18	33-30
12	Buffalo Wild Wings	+2	TCU	17-16
13	Rose - #4	+6	Stanford - #5	24-20
14	Cotton - #7	+2	Baylor - #4	42-41
15	Cotton - #3	+10	Alabama - #2	0-38

DATE	OPPONENT	TURF	LINE	FINAL SCORE	W
Sep. 2	Furman (Fri)	G			
Sep. 10					
Sep. 17	at Notre Dame	A			
Sep. 24	Wisconsin	G			
Oct. 1	at Indiana	A			
Oct. 8	BYU	G			
Oct. 15	Northwestern (HC)	G			
Oct. 22	at Maryland	A			
Oct. 29	Michigan	G			
Nov. 5	at Illinois	A			
Nov. 12	Rutgers	G			
Nov. 19	Ohio St	G			
Nov. 26	at Penn St	G			
Dec. 3					

**CAREER PASSING LEADERS**  
1. Connor Cook 9,194 '12-'15  
2. Kirk Cousins 9,131 '08-'11  
3. Jeff Smoker 8,932 '00-'03

**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 mtg. Michigan St has won 17 str home openers. Under Dantonio the Spartans are 5-0 vs FCS schools with the avg score 43-8. Paladins went 4-7 LY incl a loss at VT (42-3) but beat UCF, 16-15.

**Bonus:** The Spartans are 15-5 in home finales including 7-2 the last 9 years.

**Michigan:** MSU is 7-1 since 2008 and in MSU's L6 series losses 5 have been by 8 pts or less.

MSU last beat ND in '10, w/ "Little Giants" ply in OT. MSU's loss LTH ('13) was their only defeat of ssn (eventually cost a Nat'l Title shot). Gm was 10-10 into 4Q but down 4 MSU's L/3 poss ttd just 20/13p1.

L/3 decided by 6 pts or less. MSU won 16-13 in L/mtg ('12, snapped UW's 21 gm home winning streak). MSU forced OT after a 75/12p1 td drive w/1:08 left & got a GW 12 yd td pass after a UW 43 yd tg.

LTH MSU trailed 17-14 w/5:25 2Q but scored the final 35 pts incl 21 in the 4Q. The D pitched the 2H shutout limiting LU to 67/23p1 (3 tlt FD's). Since 1950 the winner is awarded the Old Brass Spittoun.

First mtg. Spartans will play in Provo on 9-12-20 as part of a 2 gm agreement w/the Cougars. Into '16, under Dantonio, MSU is 25-2 hosting non-conf opp's (only losses in '09 vs CM & in '12 vs ND).

HT is 1-8 incl 4 str losses. MSU won the L/gm ('13) 30-6. Spartans trailed 3-0 and only led 14-6 at half but had 3 2H int's limiting the Wildcats to 95/34p1. Into '16, MSU is 19-5 hosting B10 foes L6y.

LTH MSU faced MD the wk after OSU eliminated them from a possible playoff berth. MSU led just 9-7 2Q (settled for 3 fg's 35 yds) but scored the next 21 into the 4Q highlighted by a 22 yd IR td.

LY Michigan led 23-21 w/1:0 left but UM's punter bobbled a low snap & tried to make the kick but was hit & the ball popped free into MSU Watts-Jackson's hands ret'ing it 38 yds for a td & the miracle win!

The Spartans have been very successful in Champaign winning their L7 visits by 23 ppg. LTH ('13) MSU won 42-3 (last loss here was in '92). Into '16, Michigan St is 21-4 their last 25 Big Ten away gms.

8th overall mtg. MSU is 4-3. LY after a 91/16p1 RU td drive the score was 24-24 w/4:21 left. MSU on the ensuing drive went 76/10p1 getting a 3 yd td w/4:3 and stopped RU 7p1 later at midfield.

HT has lost L/5 reg ssn gms. LY MSU ply'd w/o QB Cook & comp just 1 2H pass. MSU won on a 41 yd fg as time exp'd.

LTH the Spartans led 27-3 3Q. Outside a 79/10p1 td drive the Nittany Lions went 154/59p1 (11 poss). MSU last won

3 str series mtg's from 1949-'66 (5 str). MSU is just 2-8 at Beaver Stadium in B10 matchups but has won 2 str trips.

## SPARTAN STADIUM - Grass

Built: 1923 • 75,005 (#21) • LY's Capacity: 99.5% (#18)

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	10 Yr Total
STRAIGHT UP	4-8	7-6	9-4	6-7	11-2	11-3	7-6	13-1	11-2	12-2	91-41
Home	2-5	5-2	6-1	4-3	8-0	7-0	2-5	7-0	6-1	7-0	54-17
Away	2-3	2-3	3-2	2-3	3-1	3-2	4-1	4-1	4-1	4-1	31-18
Neutral	0-0	0-1	0-1	0-1	0-1	1-1	1-0	2-0	1-0	1-1	6-6
vs Conf	1-7	3-5	6-2	5-4	7-1	7-2	3-5	9-0	7-1	8-1	56-28
vs Non-Conf	3-1	4-1	3-2	1-3	4-1	4-1	4-1	4-1	4-1	4-1	35-13
ATS	3-8-1	8-4-1	6-6-1	5-7-1	7-6	10-4	5-8	10-4	9-4	5-9	68-60-4
Home Fav	1-3	2-3	3-2-1	3-3	3-4	4-2	0-6	3-4	5-2	3-4	27-33-1
Home Dog	0-2-1	1-0-1	0-1	0-1	1-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	3-4-2
Away Fav	0-2	1-1	3-0	1-1-1	2-0	2-0	2-1	3-0	3-1	0-3	17-9-1
Away Dog	2-1	3-0	0-2	1-1	1-1	1-2	2-0	2-0	0-1	2-0	14-8
Neutral	0-0	1-0	0-1	0-1	0-1	2-0	1-0	2-0	1-0	0-2	7-5
vs Conf	1-7	5-2-1	4-4	3-5-1	5-3	7-2	3-5	7-2	5-3	5-4	45-37-2
vs Non-Conf	2-1-1	3-2	2-2-1	2-2	2-3	3-2	2-3	3-2	4-1	0-5	23-23-2
Off SU Win	2-1-1	5-2	4-4-1	1-4-1	6-5	8-2	2-4	9-3	6-4	4-8	47-37-3
Off SU Loss	1-6	2-2-1	2-1	3-3	0-1	2-1	3-3	1-0	2-0	1-0	17-17-1



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WR Donnie Corley 6-3 185 PS#8 IFS  
DL Austin Robertson 6-5 250 PS#22  
DL Josh King 6-6 230 PS#23  
DL Naquan Jones 6-4 320 PS#37  
WR Justin Layne 6-3 170 PS#38  
WR Cam Chambers 6-3 203 PS#39 IFS  
QB Messiah deWeaver 6-4 215 PS#19 IFS  
DB Demetric Vance 6-2 193 PS#36  
DB Mike Panasiuk 6-3 305 PS#51  
DB Kenney Lyke 6-2 185 PS#46 IFS  
WR Trishon Jackson 6-3 190 PS#68  
DL Mufi Hunt 6-6 255 PS#105 IFS  
OL Thiyo Lukusa 6-5 330 PS#56 IFS  
LB Brandon Randle 6-2 205 PS#51  
TE Noah Davis 6-5 242 PS#29  
OL Matt Allen 6-2 265 PS#91  
DB Austin Andrews 6-0 175 PS#112  
K/P Matt Coghill 5-10 185 PS#18  
LB Joe Bachie 6-2 236 PS#130  
OL AJ Arcuri 6-7 274 PS#175  
OL Luke Campbell 6-4 275 PS#199

## OFFENSE - LAST 7 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	TOTAL OFF	DEF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	AVG YPC	OFF YPP	YPP VS	SKS VS	TOTAL TURN	
7	29.8	386	151	3.8	234	55.5	6.4	12.9	21	+14	2015	
7	43.0	501	235	5.1	266	59.0	6.5	11.6	11	+19	2014	
7	29.4	386	174	4.3	212	57.7	5.4	13.1	17	+13	2013	
5	20.0	359	149	3.9	210	52.5	4.9	18.0	22	+2	2012	
6	31.0	390	138	3.9	253	63.9	5.8	12.6	16	+7	2011	
7	29.5	389	152	4.5	236	65.4	6.2	13.2	24	+5	2010	
7	29.7	406	137	4.2	269	59.3	6.3	13.7	14	-6	2009	

## 2015 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TO	AVG	PLAYER	TKL	SKS	TFL	PBU	INT	
LJ Scott	146	719	20	699	11	4.8	Riley Bullough	106	4	3.5	2	2	
Gerald Holmes	110	550	10	540	8	4.9	Darien Harris	90	0	9	3	0	
Madre London	119	531	31	500	3	4.2	Montae Nicholson	83	0	2.5	2	3	
RJ Shelton	24	138	11	127	0	5.3	Demetrius Cox	79	0	2	7	3	
Damon Terry	21	92	24	68	0	3.2	Jon Reschke	75	2	3.5	2	0	
Connor Cook	52	182	126	56	0	1.1	Shilique Calhoun	49	10.5	4.5	3	0	
Delton Williams	26	63	7	56	1	2.2	Arjen Colquhoun	45	1	0.5	10	2	
PASSING	ATT	COM	PCT	YDS	TO	INT	QBR	PLAYER	TKL	SKS	TFL	PBU	INT
Connor Cook	408	229	56.1	3131	24	7	73.6	Malik McDowell	41	4.5	8.5	0	1
Tyler O'Connor	24	13	54.2	133	2	1	49.6	Lawrence Thomas	38	3	2	6	0
Damon Terry	7	2	28.6	15	0	0	11.9	Darian Hicks	33	0	0.5	3	0
RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TO	INT	QBR	PLAYER	TKL	SKS	TFL	PBU	INT	
Aaron Burbridge	85	1258	14.8	7	56	56	Jermaine Edmondson	24	0	2.5	3	0	
Macgarrett Kings	40	519	13.0	5	42	42	Grayson Miller	24	0	1	0	1	
RJ Shelton	43	503	11.7	4	29	29	Chris Frey	23	2.5	2.5	0	0	
Josiah Price	23	267	11.6	6	31	31	Shane Jones	23	0	1.5	0	0	
Jamal Lyles	8	133	16.6	1	26	26	Demetrius Cooper	22	5	1.5	0	0	
Paul Lang	11	129	11.7	0	21	21	Andrew Dowell	22	0	1	0	0	
DeAnthony Arnett	6	106	17.7	2	25	25	Craig Evans	21	1	2.5	0	0	
Trevon Pendleton	4	94	23.5	1	74	74	Damon Knox	15	0.5	1	0	0	
Gerald Holmes	10	92	9.2	0	24	24	Khari Willis	11	0	0	1	0	
PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FG	NET	BLK	W20	PLAYER	TKL	SKS	TFL	PBU	INT
Jake Hartberger	57	2434	42.7	13	35.1	0	21	PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TO	INT
KICKING	XP <th>1-29</th> <th>30-39</th> <th>40-49</th> <th>50+</th> <th>TTL</th> <th>LG</th> <th>PLAYER</th> <th>TKL</th> <th>SKS</th> <th>TFL</th> <th>PBU</th> <th>INT</th>	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TTL	LG	PLAYER	TKL	SKS	TFL	PBU	INT
Michael Geiger	51-53	4-5	4-7	4-5	0-2	12-19	47	KICK RETURNS	NO <th>YDS</th> <th>AVG</th> <th>TO</th> <th>INT</th>	YDS	AVG	TO	INT

## 2015 GAME-BY-GAME STATS

ATT	OPPONENT	SCORE	TTL	FD	RUSH	AVG	PASS	CO-ATT	YDS	SK
30,885	at Western Michigan	37-24	452	26	40	196	4.9	15-31	256	0
76,526	Oregon	31-28	389	21	37	197	5.3	20-32	192	0
74,211	Air Force	35-21	324	22	42	77	1.8	15-23	247	3
75,218	Central Michigan	30-10	324	18	36	181	5.0	11-19	143	0
74,418	Purdue	24-21	406	20	47	267	5.7	13-19	139	0
50,373	at Rutgers	31-24	489	22	37	122	3.3	24-39	367	1
111,740	at Michigan	27-23	386	20	33	58	1.8	18-39	328	3
74,144	Indiana	52-26	540	33	44	142	3.2	30-52	398	4
90,094	at Nebraska	38-39	491	25	34	143	4.2	24-39	348	0
73,406	Maryland	24-7	262	16	41	141	3.4	12-32	121	2
108,975	at Ohio St	17-14	294	17	51	203	4.0	8-16	91	2
74,705	Penn St	55-16	436	24	38	188	4.9	19-27	248	0
66,985	† Iowa	16-13	365	20	46	174	3.8	16-33	191	2
82,812	† Alabama	0-38	239	16	26	29	1.1	19-39	210	4
TOTALS		417-304	5397	300	552	2118	3.8	244-440	3279	21
AVERAGES		30-22	386	21	39	151	3.8	55.5%	234	4.8
ATTENDANCE	CONF	32-20	408	22	41	160	3.9	55.4%	248	4.7
74,661 (#19)	HOME	36-18	383	22	41	170	4.2	58.8%	213	4.4
77,400 (#45)	AWAY	24-25	389	21	37	192	5.3	58.2%	192	5.1