

WEEK TWO  
WESTERN MICHIGAN at MICHIGAN ST

**Offense responds for No. 19 Spartans in 51-17 win over WMU**

EAST LANSING, Mich. -- Darrell Stewart had 10 catches for 185 yards, and No. 19 Michigan State's maligned offense scored touchdowns on its first three drives on the way to a 51-17 win over Western Michigan on Saturday night that gave coach Mark Dantonio a share of the school record for victories.

Dantonio won his 109th game for the Spartans, matching Duffy Daugherty's mark. Michigan State (2-0) looked a lot sharper on offense than in its opener against Tulsa. Brian Lewerke threw for 314 yards and three touchdowns, and Elijah Collins had 192 yards on 17 carries.

"We had 31 first downs. That's a lot of first downs," Dantonio said. "We had big plays and we were scoring points."

Dantonio called his team out during the week for its uneven performance in the opener, and the Spartans appeared to get the message. On the first offensive play, Lewerke found an open Stewart for a 33-yard gain. Michigan State opened the scoring on a 2-yard pass from Lewerke to Matt Dotson after only 94 seconds.

La'Darius Jefferson added a 2-yard touchdown run, and Stewart scored on a 42-yard reception later in the first quarter to make it 21-0.

WMU (1-1) scored in the second quarter on a 14-yard pass from Jon Wassink to Giovanni Ricci, but the Broncos were down 31-7 at halftime.

"Obviously, a frustrating day," WMU coach Tim Lester said. "There were some bright spots out there but not enough of them."

The second half belonged to Collins, a redshirt freshman who broke free for a 58-yard run early in the third quarter. By game's end, Michigan State had reached its highest point total since a 55-16 win over Penn State in 2015.

**THE TAKEAWAY**

WMU: The Broncos had problems in coverage and let Stewart get free too many times. WMU forced two turnovers in the second quarter -- and one of those gave the Broncos the ball at the Michigan State 17 -- but did not score after either one.

Michigan State: This was a good response by the Spartans after their coach's dissatisfaction. The only real issue for Michigan State was the aforementioned turnovers. The Spartans lost an interception and a fumble in the first half but weren't punished. Michigan State cut down significantly on penalties. After 14 in the opener, the Spartans had only two Saturday.

**POLL IMPLICATIONS**

No issues for Michigan State this week. The Spartans took a step forward offensively, and that was their biggest concern.

Final	1	2	3	4	T
WMU	0	7	0	10	17
MSU	21	10	6	14	51

**Scoring Summary -----**

	WMU	MSU
<b>FIRST QUARTER</b>		
MSU TD 13:26 Matt Dotson 2 Yd pass from Brian Lewerke (Matt Coghlin Kick)	0	7
4 plays, 79 yards, 1:34		
MSU TD 8:14 La'Darius Jefferson 2 Yd Run (Matt Coghlin Kick)	0	14
9 plays, 69 yards, 2:43		
MSU TD 1:59 Darrell Stewart Jr. 42 Yd pass from Brian Lewerke (Matt Coghlin Kick)	0	21
5 plays, 80 yards, 2:17		
<b>SECOND QUARTER</b>		
WMU TD 11:34 Giovanni Ricci 14 Yd pass from Jon Wassink (Thiago Kapps Kick)	7	21
10 plays, 66 yards, 5:18		
MSU TD 4:32 Cody White 2 Yd pass from Brian Lewerke (Matt Coghlin Kick)	7	28
9 plays, 80 yards, 3:40		
MSU FG 0:00 Matt Coghlin 38 Yd Field Goal	7	31
8 plays, 60 yards, 0:49		
<b>THIRD QUARTER</b>		
MSU FG 11:30 Matt Coghlin 23 Yd Field Goal	7	34
5 plays, 63 yards, 1:55		
MSU FG 5:36 Matt Coghlin 20 Yd Field Goal	7	37
9 plays, 61 yards, 4:06		
<b>FOURTH QUARTER</b>		
MSU TD 13:37 La'Darius Jefferson 1 Yd Run (Matt Coghlin Kick)	7	44
8 plays, 57 yards, 4:25		
WMU FG 8:41 Thiago Kapps 31 Yd Field Goal	10	44
11 plays, 61 yards, 4:56		
MSU TD 4:02 Alante Thomas 1 Yd Run (Matt Coghlin Kick)	10	51
4 plays, 24 yards, 2:11		
WMU TD 0:24 Ryan Selig 15 Yd pass from Griffin Alstott (Thiago Kapps Kick)	17	51
9 plays, 72 yards, 3:35		

Team Stats	WMU	MSU
First Downs	18	31
Passes for First	12	18
Rushes for First	4	10
Penalties for First	2	3
Third Down Efficiency	5-16	7-10
Fourth Down Efficiency	3-3	0-0
Total Yards	352	582
Total Plays	68	67
Avg Gain Per Play	5.2	8.7
Net Yards Rushing	67	251
Rushes	27	34
Yards Per Rush	2.5	7.4
Stat Name		
Net Yards Passing	285	331
Comp-Att	27-41	24-33
Yards Per Pass	7.0	10.0
Times Sacked	3	0
Yds Lost To Sacks	-17	0
Interceptions	2	1
Punts	4	1
Punt Average	48.0	42.0
Penalties	7	2
Penalty Yards	46	20
Fumbles	1	1
Fumbles Lost	1	1
Time of Poss	31:51	28:09

**Individual Stats**

**RUSHING**

WESTERN MICHIGAN	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
LeVante Bellamy	15	44	2.9	0	8
Sean Tyler	4	31	7.8	0	26
Griffin Alstott	1	8	8.0	0	8
Davon Tucker	2	0	0.0	0	0
Jon Wassink	5	-16	-3.2	0	1
MICHIGAN ST	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
Elijah Collins	17	192	11.3	0	58
Anthony Williams Jr.	6	35	5.8	0	17
Connor Heyward	3	13	4.3	0	14
La'Darius Jefferson	5	9	1.8	2	4
Alante Thomas	2	1	0.5	1	1
Brian Lewerke	1	1	1.0	0	1

**PASSING**

WESTERN MICHIGAN	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Jon Wassink	23	37	252	6.8	1	2	55.1
Griffin Alstott	4	4	33	8.3	1	0	99.7
MICHIGAN ST	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Brian Lewerke	23	32	314	9.8	3	1	92.6
Darrell Stewart	1	1	17	17.0	0	0	99.9

**RECEIVING**

WESTERN MICHIGAN	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
Keith Mixon Jr.	4	71	17.8	0	43
Giovanni Ricci	6	53	8.8	1	14
DaShon Bussell	4	42	10.5	0	27
Skyy Moore	4	41	10.3	0	21
Ryan Selig	2	20	10.0	1	15
Corey Crooms	1	18	18.0	0	18
LeVante Bellamy	3	13	4.3	0	7
Cam Cooper	1	12	12.0	0	12
Brett Borske	1	9	9.0	0	9
Tyron Arnett	1	6	6.0	0	6
MICHIGAN ST	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
Darrell Stewart Jr.	10	185	18.5	1	42
Cody White	5	63	12.6	1	20
C.J. Hayes	3	31	10.3	0	22
Brian Lewerke	1	17	17.0	0	17
Matt Dotson	2	16	8.0	1	14
Connor Heyward	1	7	7.0	0	7
Elijah Collins	1	7	7.0	0	7
La'Darius Jefferson	1	5	5.0	0	5