

2004 GAME RECAPS

RUTGERS 19 Michigan St 14-At the half RU outgained MSU 273-159 but trailed 7-6 due to 3 missed FG's. In the 3Q RU went 51 yds for a FG, 9-7. MSU's Dowdell was int'd and ret'd 31 yds for a TD. RU got a 38 yd pass and added a 42 yd FG. MSU got a 54 yd TD pass to get within 19-14. MSU got to the RU 29 but Dowdell overthrew an open receiver in the EZ and fmb'l'd on 4th down.

MICHIGAN ST 24 C Michigan 7-MSU got a 50 yd pass on its 1st play from Reaves (1st start) but missed a 22 yd FG. MSU went 81 yds for a TD. A pers foul & PR set up a MSU 39 yd FG drive. MSU was SOD at the 6. CM went 86 yds but missed a 27 yd FG on the 1H's final play. A 52 yd KR set up a Spartan 47 yd TD drive. CM got a 90 yd TD run by Seymour to pull within 17-7. QB Stanton came in for MSU in the 4Q and led them 96 yds incl his 4th & 1 run for a TD to the 2 and the TD came with 2:08 left. CM was SOD.

Notre Dame 31 MICHIGAN ST 24-MSU blk'd a punt & rec'd it for a TD. MSU's Reaves was int'd & ret'd 23 yds by Zbikowski. Quinn's TD run on 4th & 1 tied it. MSU got to the Irish 30 but Zbikowski took the ball out of RB Teague's arms and ret'd it 75 yds for a TD, 14-7. ND was int'd in the EZ. ND got a 35 yd TD pass. ND fmb'l'd at the MSU 29. MSU was int'd with 2:22 left 1H but ND missed a 37 yd FG. With Stanton at QB MSU missed a 43 yd FG. ND went on a 75 yd TD drive. MSU's Cobb ret'd the KO 89 yds for a TD, 28-14. MSU nailed a 46 yd FG. MSU later went 85 yds but fmb'l'd into the EZ. ND then fmb'l'd at the MSU 28. MSU fmb'l'd it back at their own 46. The Irish went 40 yds and hit a 23 yd FG with :57 left. MSU then went 63 yds for a garbage TD with :09 left.

Michigan St 30 INDIANA 20-Stanton became the 1st MSU QB to rush for more than 100 yds S/75. MSU went 81 yds for a TD, 7-3. Indy went 80 yds for a TD. MSU's P mishandled the snap on a fake and was tkl'd at the 13. Indy missed a 23 yd FG but later Bennett ret'd a punt an IU record 94 yds for a TD. Stanton was int'd setting Indy up for a 31 yd FG, 20-7. Stanton was int'd at the Indy 26. MSU went 54 yds and scored a TD on 4th & goal. MSU got a 57 yd pass to set up a FG. Indy was int'd at the MSU 22. MSU went 78 yds for a TD to take the lead 24-20. MSU got a 36 yd run by Stanton and nailed a FG. Stanton ripped off a 35 yd run and MSU added a FG with 2:36 left. Indy was int'd at its own 40.

IOWA 38 Michigan St 16-Iowa got two 80 yd TD drives, 14-0. Iowa got a 28 yd pass down to the MSU 36 but was int'd at the 1. MSU went 91 and 74 yds for FG's with the latter coming after replays backed up an incompletion call in the EZ. A long Iowa KR set up a 24 yd FG with :02 left 2Q, 17-6. Iowa went 67 yds for a TD, 24-6. MSU missed a 55 yd FG. Iowa went 64 yds for a TD. MSU went 37 yds for a 42 yd FG, 31-9. MSU fmb'l'd a punt on their own 2 setting up an Iowa TD. MSU went 92 yds for a garbage TD. MSU rec'd the onside kick and got to the 2 but was SOD with 3:05 left.

MICHIGAN ST 38 Illinois 25-MSU went 49 yds and later 71 yds for TD's but on the 2nd TD the xp was fmb'l'd and Hayden ret'd it 90 yds for a 2 pt conv, 13-2. The teams traded 80 yd TD drives, 20-9. MSU went 62 yds but missed a 35 yd FG with 2:15 left 1H. Beutjer was sk'd & fmb'l'd on ILs 26. MSU hit a 21 yd FG with :04 left to lead 23-9. In the 3Q IL got a 65 yd run by Thomas which set up his short TD run, 23-16. IL later went 55 yds but missed a 27 yd FG. MSU went 80 yds for a TD and IL answered with a 64 yd FG drive, 30-19. IL blk'd a punt & rec'd it for a TD, 30-25 (2 ptng). MSU went 62 yds for a TD with 5:47 left to put it out of reach, 38-25 (2 pt good). MSU ran out the clock on a 60 yd drive.

MICHIGAN ST 51 Minnesota 17-MSU opened with a 43 yd TD drive. MSU then went 83 yds with a 25 yd TD pass to Knott. After a MSU int, Minny nailed a 37 yd FG. MSU then got a Teague 41 yd TD run, 21-3. Minny's Wheelwright had a 58 yd TD rec. MSU got a 36 yd TD pass to Knott. After a MSU fmb'l Minny was SOD at the 9. MSU went 70 yds but was int'd. Minny drove 53 yds but was SOD on 4th & 2 at the MSU 31. MSU went 64 yds and nailed a 22 yd FG on the 1H's final play, 31-10. MSU went 66 yds for a TD. Minny was int'd at their own 29 & MSU hit a 23 yd FG. MSU made a 37 yd FG. Minny got a 35 yd TD pass to Wheelwright. MSU got a 56 yd TD pass to Love. Minny was int'd at the MSU 33. Minny was SOD at the MSU 43 & MSU ran out the clock.

MICHIGAN 45 Michigan St 37 (3OT)-After Cobb ripped off a 72 yd TD run, UM answered with an 80 yd TD drive. MSU went 79 yds for a TD, 14-7. After the Spartans partially blk'd a P, MSU missed a 50 yd FG. MSU went 84 yds and a FG made it 17-7. UM went 38 yds and hit a 34 yd FG with :49 left 1H. Stanton was hurt so Dowdell would QB the rest of the game. UM went 61 yds but fmb'l'd at the MSU 21. MSU went 43 yds but settled for a FG. Cobbs broke free with a 64 yd TD run, 27-10 with 8:43 left. UM drove 86 yds but settled for a 24 yd FG. The onside kick was rec'd by UM and the Wolves got an Edwards 36 yd TD rec with 6:12 left, 27-20. UM got a 29 yd run by Hart and then Edwards caught a 21 yd TD pass with 2:59 left, 27-27. MSU's 52 yd FG came up short. In OT both teams settled for FG's. In the 2nd OT MSU needed 4 plays for a TD while UM's Avant scored on 3rd & goal from the 5, 37-37. In the 3rd OT Edwards caught a 24 yd TD pass on 3rd & 9, 45-37 (2 pt good). MSU's 4th & 7 pass was overthrown in the EZ.

Ohio St 32 MICHIGAN ST 19-Dowdell was int'd & ret'd to the 17 and OSU's Ginn ran for a TD. Ginn then ret'd a punt 60 yds for a TD, 14-0 with OSU having 0 FD's. OSU's Nugent nailed a 53 yd FG. MSU went 86 yds for a TD. MSU went 56 yds for a 27 yd FG. MSU went 27 yds and nailed a 44 yd FG, 17-13. MSU missed a 54 yd FG on the 1H's final play. OSU fmb'l'd at their own 42 and this time Rayner hit a 53 yd FG. MSU went 68 yds for a 29 yd FG with 3:06 left and the 19-17 lead. OSU's Smith hit a slant pass to Ginn which he took 58 yds for a TD, 25-19 (2 ptng) with 1:37 left. MSU was int'd at the OSU 44. On 3rd & 5 Hall raced 51 yds for a TD with :25 left. MSU was int'd in the EZ.

MICHIGAN ST 49 Wisconsin 14-UW's D came in allowing just 9.1 ppg, the lowest in the nation. UW got a 45 yd TD run by Davis. MSU got a 60 yd run to the 14 but missed a 29 yd FG. MSU went 66 yds for a TD. MSU blk'd a punt and rec'd in the EZ for a TD. UW went 66 yds for a TD 14-14. MSU went 99 yds for a TD 21-14. UW drove 72 yds and on 4th & goal at the 1 with :17 left in the 1H it appeared Davis crossed the goal line but it was ruled short and the review upheld the call. MSU rec'd an onside kick to open the 3Q and went 54 yds for a TD, 28-14. MSU started at their own 47 & got a TD pass. MSU RB Cobb ripped off a 55 yd TD run. UW went 79 yds but was SOD again at the MSU 1. MSU went 99 yds for a TD for the final.

PENN ST 37 Michigan St 13-MSU opened with a 78 yd FG drive. After they traded int's, PSU nailed a 47 yd FG. MSU went 45 yds and nailed a 52 yd FG on the 2Q's last play, 6-3. PSU went 75 yds for a TD. Stanton was int'd & ret'd to the 8 and Mills ran it in, 17-6. MSU brought in Dowdell at QB but he was int'd & ret'd to the 10. Mills again ran it in for a TD. Reaves came in at QB for MSU. PSU blk'd a punt & rec'd it at the 22. Mills hit Robinson with a TD pass, 31-6. MSU was int'd at their own 47. PSU went 43 yds for a 27 yd FG. A 52 yd KR set up MSU for a 48 yd TD drive. PSU ret'd the onside kick to the MSU 28 and got a 43 yd FG. MSU went 56 yds but was SOD on 4th & 1 at the PSU 24 w/4:11 left. MSU was int'd at the PSU 26 w/2:32 left.

HAWAII 41 Michigan St 38-Stanton led 59 & 72 yd TD drives. UH drove 49 yds but was SOD at the MSU 38. Stanton took MSU 62 yds for another TD. Chang responded driving UH 80 yds for a TD. MSU went 64 yds but was SOD at the UH 16. Chang passed for every yd on an 84 yd TD drive. MSU then ran for every yd on a 67 yd drive including Teague's TD run with :24 left 2Q, 28-14. Chang hit Owens on TD passes of 51 & 9 yds, 28-27 (xp blk'd). MSU then drove 47 yds and Rayner hit a 49 yd FG. UH took its 1st lead 34-31 as they drove 80 yds with a Chang dive into the EZ on 4th & goal. A KR set MSU up at the UH 49 but they were SOD. Chang hooked up with Owens for their 4th TD. MSU answered with a 59 yd TD drive, 41-38 with 1:31 left. UH rec'd the onside kick.