

2005 GAME RECAPS

MICHIGAN ST 49 Kent St 14 - MSU set a school record with 438 yds in the 1H and finished with 685-#2 in history. MSU took their first 2 drives 68 and 39 (after 48 yd PR) yds for TD's. MSU fmb'l'd at the KSU 21 and KSU got a 57 yd TD drive. MSU drove 83 and 67 yds for TD's, 27-7. KSU got a 4th & 9 31 yd TD pass with 8:02 left 2Q. MSU was int'd in the EZ but drove 67 yds for a TD and led 35-14 at the half with 23-9 FD and 438-205 yd edges. KSU was SOD at the MSU 31 and MSU went 42 yds for a TD. The Spartans went 66 yds for a TD early 4Q. MSU was SOD at the KSU 16 with 5:39 left.

MICHIGAN ST 42 Hawaii 14 - MSU scored TD's on 51, 79, 84 & 41 yd drives on their first 4 poss while UH missed a 33 yd FG & it was 28-0 at the half with MSU having a 293-154 yd edge. The Spartans opened the 3Q with an 80 yd TD drive. QB Brennan led UH on 70 & 67 yd TD drives. MSU went 77 yds for a TD. UH went 72 yds but was SOD at the MSU 8 w/4:36 left.

Michigan St 44 NOTRE DAME 41 (OT) - MSU won for the 5th consecutive time in ND Stadium. The Spartans led 14-7 after 1Q but ND took the lead on a 48 yd FG & Samardzija's 2nd TD rec. MSU made a 21 yd FG to tie it and ND missed a 48 yd FG with 1:13 left 2Q. MSU drove 71 yds for a TD with :27 left, 24-17. MSU got a 31 yd IR for a TD. ND drove 76 yds and RB Walker appeared to break the plane of the goal line but the ball was knocked out and MSU rec'd at the 6. Replay upheld the call. MSU got a 65 yd TD pass but ND went 80 & 64 yds for TD's to pull within 38-31 with 12:29 left. The Irish were SOD at the MSU 20 on 4th & 1 but later tied it with 67 yd TD drive with 2:31 left. In OT the Irish settled for a 44 yd FG and MSU got a 19 yd TD run by Teague.

Michigan St 61 ILLINOIS 14 - MSU simply set a Memorial Stadium record for most yds by an opponent (705) and QB Stanton set a school record with 5 TD passes. MSU had 75, 52, 92, 49 and 29 (after fmb'l) yd TD drives and led 38-7 at the half. They drove 80, 84 and 80 yds on the 3Q's 1st 3 poss for TD's extending it to 59-7 with 11:01 left.

Michigan 34 MICHIGAN ST 31 (OT) - UM opened with a 98 yd, 10 play TD drive and got a 44 yd TD pass. MSU drove 80 yds for a TD but later Stanton was int'd at the 2 and ret'd to the 13. UM drove 87 yds for a TD, 21-7. MSU had a 78 yd TD drive then added a 61 yd TD pass to tie it. UM went 68 yds in 13 plays but settled for a 20 yd FG with :09 left 1H, 24-21. MSU got an int setting up a 26 yd FG to tie it. The Spartans drove 90 yds but missed a 23 yd FG with 13:38 left. UM went 80 yds for a TD to go ahead 31-24 and were at the MSU 25 when Henne's arm came forward and the ball came out. Spartans' DT Peko picked it up and lumbered 74 yds for a TD. The play was reviewed and upheld. UM went on a 14 play drive but missed a chipshot 27 yd FG with :48 left. In OT MSU missed a 37 yd FG and UM connected on a 35 yd'r.

OHIO ST 35 Michigan St 24 - OSU fmb'l'd & MSU drove 46 yds for a 33 yd FG. OSU fmb'l'd the KO and MSU drove 4 yds for a TD after a roughing the passer penalty on OSU on 3rd & 7. OSU got a 51 yd TD pass. MSU drove 84 yds for a TD, 17-7. After OSU fmb'l'd a punt at their own 26 with 1:20 left 1H, the gm's key play happened when Stanton didn't spike the ball after being sk'd. The FG unit sprinted onto the field & OSU blk'd the hurried attp & ret'd it 72 yds for a TD to make it 17-14. Ginn took a short pass & raced 57 yds for a TD, 21-17 OSU. MSU answered with an 80 yd TD drive, 24-21. OSU fmb'l'd on its own 23 but MSU missed a 36 yd FG w/7:12 left. On OSU's 1st play run in MSU terr, Holmes got a 46 yd TD rec, 28-24 (4:56). OSU ret'd a punt 26 yds to the MSU 19 & tacked on a TD w/1:29 left. MSU finished with 4-0 TO, 40:59-19:01 TOP & 27-13 FD edges but the Bucks did sack Stanton 12 times.

Northwestern 49 MICHIGAN ST 14 - After scoring a TD on their 1st poss, the Spartans missed a 47 yd FG and were int'd in the EZ after a 16 play drive. QB Stanton then fmb'l'd at the 9 and NU ret'd it 86 yds for a TD. Stanton was int'd at the 2 and MSU missed a 37 yd FG on their other 1H poss and trailed 21-7 at the half. NU scored TD's on their 1st 4 poss of the 2H to put it away. MSU was int'd at the 2 in the 4Q

MICHIGAN ST 46 Indiana 15 - Indy was int'd at the MSU 11, 21, fmb'l'd at the MSU 25, was int'd in the EZ from the 1 and SOD at the MSU 20. MSU led 23-2 on a 98 yd KR TD, 11 & 12 play TD drives & 2 pt conv's. Indy got a TD with :54 left 2Q but the xp was blk'd and ret'd for 2, 25-8. Indy was int'd at the MSU 21 and fmb'l'd at the 25 on their first 2 drives of the 3Q. The Spartans would go 75 yds for a TD then add a 45 yd TD run and a 2 play, 61 yd TD drive, 46-8. Indy was int'd in the EZ from the 1 and MSU was SOD at the Indy 20. Indy was SOD at the MSU 20 but rec'd a blk'd punt at the MSU 22 with :18 left and got a TD on the game's final play.

PURDUE 28 Michigan St 21 - MSU went 68 yds for a TD and PU missed a 42 yd FG. PU got a 64 yd TD run by Void. MSU went 80 yds for a TD but missed a 26 yd FG. PU got a 39 yd TD pass to Bryant, 14-14. PU went 79 yds and had a 2nd & goal at the 8 but Painter was sk'd & fmb'l'd. MSU's Herron picked it up & ret'd it 19 yds, fmb'l'd again and then Smith ret'd it 65 yds for a TD as MSU led 21-14 with :11 left 1H. PU opened the 3Q with a 76 yd TD drive. MSU was SOD at the PU 25 and PU drove 75 yds for a TD, 28-21. MSU punted on their next 2 poss & PU punted with :42 left. MSU was int'd at the 10 with :05 left.

MINNESOTA 41 Michigan St 18 - Min opened with a 77 yd TD drive. MSU went 59 yds but had a 28 yd FG blk'd. MSU went on a 12 play, 66 yd drive for a 31 yd FG. Min went 67 & 80 yds for TD's, 21-3. MSU missed a 51 yd FG after being pushed back by a holding penalty. Min went 80 yds in 14 plays for a TD. The next 4 poss were all TD's with Min's coming w/:12 left.

Penn St 31 MICHIGAN ST 22 - PSU went 65 yds for a 32 yd FG. MSU went 48 yds but Stanton was int'd at the PSU 3. MSU missed a 38 yd FG. PSU blk'd a punt and rec'd it for a TD. The Lions then went 55 yds for a TD, 17-0. MSU went 71 yds to PSU15 but Stanton was int'd in the EZ with :03 left 1H. MSU opened the 3Q with a 75 yd TD drive. Stanton was int'd & ret'd 17 yds to the MSU 4 on the next drive setting up another PSU TD. MSU went 55 yds in 11 plays for a TD, 24-14. MSU went 35 yds but was SOD at the PSU 36 and the Lions went 64 yds for a TD with 4:58 left to clinch it. Stanton was int'd for the 3rd time by Zematis at the PSU 8. After rec'v a fmb'l, MSU drove 27 yds for a TD w/:53 left & PSU rec'd the onside kick.