

2008 GAME RECAPS

CALIFORNIA 38 Michigan St 31 - Cal got a blk'd PR for a TD and later added a 66/13pl drive for a 26 yd FG, 10-0. MSU went 40/9pl but missed a 39 yd FG. Cal brought in QB Longshore and he fired 2 int's with the 2nd ret'd 31 yds for a TD, 10-7. Cal drove 70/3pl for a TD and they led 17-7 at the half. A bad P snap set up MSU for a 12 yd TD drive, 17-14. Cal went 76/8pl for a TD, 24-14. MSU had a drive kept alive by roughing the P and they got a TD 4 plays later, 24-21. Cal went 59/9pl for a TD, 31-21. MSU went 59/5pl for a 34 yd FG, 31-24. Cal got an 81 yd TD run by Vereen, 38-24. MSU went 64/8pl for a TD with 3:09 left and was SOD at the 50 with :11 left.

MICHIGAN ST 42 Eastern Michigan 10 - MSU drove 69/14pl but Ringer fmb'l'd into the EZ for a TB. MSU went 46/7pl for a TD, EM answered with an 80/6pl TD drive, 7-7. MSU brought in QB Cousins and went 28/5pl for a TD, 14-7. Hoyer led MSU 50/6pl for a TD, 21-7 and MSU had a 223-117 yd edge at half. EM went 96/13pl and after having a TD called back on a hold was SOD at the 1 on a fake FG. MSU went 99/7pl for a TD, 28-7. A 78 yd PR to the 7 set up MSU for a TD, 35-7. EM went on an 53/10pl drive but missed a 41 yd FG. MSU went 76/10pl for a TD, 42-7. EM got a 24 yd FG with 1:24 left.

MICHIGAN ST 17 Florida Atlantic 0 - Heavy rain. FAU was SOD at the MSU26. After a fmb'l, FAU had a 1st & gl on the 7 but the ball slipped thru the holder's hands on a 22 yd FG att. MSU drove 67/6pl for a TD and after a bad snap over the head of FAU QB Smith, Hoyer was int'd and ret'd 28 yds. It was 7-0 at the half but MSU had a 173-89 yd edge. MSU drove 45/6pl for a 22 yd FG, 10-0. Two poss later the Spartans went 87/6pl with Ringer's 11 yd TD run making it 17-0 (13:15). FAU fmb'l'd at the MSU4 (6:35). Ringer rushed for a career high 282 yds.

MICHIGAN ST 23 Notre Dame 7 - MSU drove 24/6pl for a 45 yd FG. ND went 56/6pl but Clausen was int'd in the EZ. ND missed a 51 yd FG and Clausen was int'd at the ND22. The Spartans converted on 4th & 1 and got a TD with 3:28 left 1H, 10-0. In the 3Q ND went 51/7pl but WR Floyd fmb'l'd at the MSU14. The Spartans went 77/12pl for a 26 yd FG. ND went 75/8pl for a TD on the 4Q's 1st play, 13-7. MSU went 54/11pl for a 23 yd FG, and the Irish went 57/10pl but they missed 41 yd FG with just 5:50 left. MSU not only ran the clock but Ringer's 63 yd run keyed a 77/7pl TD drive with 2:16 left. Ringer finished with the most yds (201) by a Spartans RB vs the Irish.

Michigan St 42 INDIANA 29 - MSU went 51/10pl for a 45 yd FG but IU went 76/9pl for a TD, 7-3. MSU went 49/8pl for a 48 yd FG, 7-6. IU's Lewis left due to inj and Chappell was int'd and ret'd 35 yds to the IU5. MSU added a TD 2 plays later, 13-7. MSU went 80/8pl for a TD, 20-7. IU went 80/9pl for a TD and then blk'd a P for a safety, 20-16. MSU got an 82 yd TD pass to TE Gantt but IU answered with a 78 yd TD run by Thigpen, 27-22 (2ptng) at the half. MSU drove 49/3pl for a TD, 34-22. Lewis ret'd and IU got a 79 yd TD pass to Thigpen. IU had a 97 yd TD pass called back due to a hold in the EZ which resulted in an MSU safety, 36-29. Lewis was int'd at IU's 39 and MSU added a 45 yd FG with 14:28 left, 39-29. MSU went 65/10pl for a 32 yd FG, 42-24 (3:45). IU fmb'l'd at the MSU21 with 1:48 left.

MICHIGAN ST 16 Iowa 13 - UI took its opening drive 48/6pl but Stanzi fmb'l'd at the 13. MSU got a 52 yd pass to the 12 setting up a TD. Iowa went 47/9pl but Stanzi was int'd at the 3 and MSU went 84/16pl for a 29 yd FG, 10-0. Iowa fmb'l'd at its own 12 and MSU got a 32 yd FG, 13-0. Iowa went 73/10pl for a 25 yd FG and trailed 13-3 at the half. MSU opened the 3Q with a 72/11pl drive for a 25 yd FG, 16-3. Iowa went 41/7pl for a 33 yd FG, 16-6. Iowa went on a 6pl drive but was SOD at the MSU30 on 4th & 2. MSU was int'd at the Iowa 25 and Iowa would go 66/5pl for a TD, 16-13 (8:47). Iowa later went 31/10pl and passed up a 38 yd FG with Greene losing 3 yds on 4th & 1 with 2:10 left.

Michigan St 37 NORTHWESTERN 20 - The Spartans went 42/6pl for a TD and NU fmb'l'd away the KO at its own 25. MSU converted on 4th & 1 and got a 26 yd FG, 10-0. NU's Bacher was int'd and MSU ret'd it to their own 34 which set up a TD 4pl later, 17-0. NU went 60/13pl for a TD. Later NU went 57/13pl but Bacher was int'd in the EZ (3:56 left 2Q). The Spartans then went 80/8pl for a TD, 24-7 (:53). NU opened the 3Q with an 80/5pl TD drive and rec'd an onside KO but MSU called for a FC & the Cats were whistled for interference. MSU then went 32/6pl for a TD, 31-14. NU went 66/14pl for a 32 yd FG, 31-17. MSU went 31/8pl for a 42 yd FG, 34-17. NU went 79/18pl but settled for a 22 yd FG, 34-20 (11:53) and 11pl later the Spartans had a 34 yd FG, 37-20. NU was SOD at its own 37 and then went on a 92/15pl drive to the 6 but ran out of time. NU finished with a 459-297 yd edge.

Ohio St 45 MICHIGAN ST 7 - OSU took its 2nd poss 47/4pl for a TD then went 83/5pl and 57/2pl for TD's, 21-0. At half OSU had a 274-60 yd edge and led 28-0. MSU brought Cousins in at QB and they went 85/8pl for a TD to open the 3Q but with MSU driving again they fmb'l'd and Jenkins ret'd it 69 yds for a TD, 35-7. The Bucks went 48/14 pl for a 48 yd FG and then with :15 left, got a 48 yd FR TD.

Michigan St 35 MICHIGAN 21 - Windy. MSU's White took a short pass 61 yds for a TD. After a fmb'l UM's Minor caught a pass OOB in the EZ but his foot hit the pylon and it was incorrectly ruled a TD & upheld on replay, 7-7. MSU went 49/10pl but fmb'l'd at the 26. MSU missed a 50 yd FG. UM was int'd at its own 41 but MSU had a 32 yd FG blk'd. Ringer raced down the sidelines 64 yds for a TD. UM went 65/3pl for a TD, 14-14 despite an MSU 270-128 yd edge at half. UM went 66/6pl for a TD, 21-14. MSU missed a 24 yd FG. MSU went 63/8pl for a TD, 21-21. MSU went 82/8pl for a TD, 28-21. UM was int'd at the 41. MSU converted on 4th & 1 to the 20 and completed the 41 yd TD drive (3:06). UM was SOD at the MSU28 (1:07).

MICHIGAN ST 25 Wisconsin 24 - UW led 7-0 early 2Q when MSU converted a fmb'l into a 27 yd FG, 7-3. MSU went 72/10pl for a 21 yd FG and UW went 55/10pl for a 31 yd FG, 10-6 with :07 left 1H. UW missed a 44 yd FG but then after MSU was SOD on a fake punt, UW went 40/5pl for a TD, 17-6. MSU went 62/4pl for a TD, 17-13. UW went 80/6pl for a TD to lead 24-13 (9:19 left 4Q). MSU got 2 pen on UW incl an unsportsmanlike call on Bielema and then converted on 3rd & 17 in a 64/5pl TD drive, 24-19 (2ptng). MSU got a 50 yd FG with 5:16 left, 24-22. UW had a FD run to the 2 called back and punted with 1:19 left. MSU completed 20 & 32 yd passes to White and was frantically trying to rush the FG unit on but Bielema called time-out to "ice" the K. A calm, composed Swenson hit a 44 yd FG with :21 left.

MICHIGAN ST 21 Purdue 7 - After an 18 yd punt, MSU went 47/8pl and on 4th & gl from the 1 got a TD. Later MSU fmb'l'd at the PU22 but PU was SOD at its own 31. MSU was SOD at the PU12. With :52 left 2Q, MSU missed a 44 yd FG. With :08 left 2Q, the Spartans' Adams had a 40 yd IR TD to take a 14-0 lead. In the 3Q MSU went 61/5pl for a TD. PU was SOD at the MSU41, SOD at the MSU30 and had a 98/16pl garbage time TD drive scoring with :40 left.

PENN ST 49 Michigan St 18 - PSU went 59/4pl and 86/12pl for TD's, 14-0. PSU went 71/8pl for a TD, 21-0 and after an int got a 32 yd TD pass, 28-0. MSU went 76/14pl getting a TD with :22 left 1H, 28-7. PSU drove 70/8pl for a TD. After an int the Lions went 96/5pl for a TD and 79/6pl with a 59 yd TD pass from backup QB Devlin, 49-7. It was 49-10 when PSU was SOD at the MSU42 with 2:46 left and the Spartans would drive 72 yds getting a TD and 2 pt conv with 1:09 left.