



MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY  
**SPARTAN STADIUM**

# SPARTAN FOOTBALL

**2007 SPRING PROSPECTUS**

**PLAYING WITH PASSION & PURPOSE**

# 2007 OUTLOOK



## POSITION-BY-POSITION BREAKDOWN

First-year head coach Mark Dantonio takes a position-by-position look at the 2007 Spartans.

### QUARTERBACKS

The biggest challenge on offense is filling the shoes of three-year starter and two-time team MVP Drew Stanton, who accounted for 8,036 total yards and 57 touchdowns.

After serving as Stanton's understudy for the past two seasons, **Brian Hoyer** (6-3, 212, Jr.) takes over the starting role at quarterback. He appeared in eight games in 2006 and completed 82-of-144 passes (.569) for 863 yards, four TDs and three interceptions. With Stanton sidelined with a concussion for the season finale at Penn State, Hoyer earned his first career start and responded by completing 30-of-61 throws for 291 yards and a score. The previous week against Minnesota, he came off the bench to throw for 330 yards and a TD.

This spring, **Clay Charles** (6-1, 199, So.) and **Connor Dixon** (6-4, 191, R-Fr.) have alternated snaps with the second-team offense. Look for incoming freshmen **Kirk Cousins** (6-3, 181) and **Nick Foles** (6-5, 235) to compete for the back-up role when preseason camp opens in August. "Brian Hoyer came into the spring as a somewhat proven commodity because of the playing experience he gained a year ago," Dantonio said. "I really like Brian's presence in the huddle; he's definitely in control. He's got a great arm, and he's demonstrated poise in the pocket. Brian moves well enough to get out of the pocket when pressured and create opportunities down the field. He has a good grasp of the offense and real leadership qualities.

"It has been important for us to try and develop some depth at quarterback this spring. With only two scholarship quarterbacks on the roster this spring, there have been plenty of opportunities for others to showcase their ability. It's been a good situation for Clay Charles and Connor Dixon because they've had to compete for snaps."

### RUNNING BACKS/FULLBACKS

Michigan State returns three of its top four rushers from 2006. The trio of **Javon Ringer** (5-9, 202, Jr.), **Jehuu Caulcrick** (6-0, 255, Sr.-5) and **A.J. Jimmerson** (5-10, 202, So.) combined to rush for 1,063 yards and nine TDs last season.

Ringer (86 carries for 497 yards) led the Spartans in rushing for the second year in a row, despite missing four-plus games with a knee injury. Caulcrick finished third on the team in rushing with 146 yards on 108 attempts and scored a team-leading six TDs, while Jimmerson rushed for 420 yards and two scores.

Incoming freshmen **Andre Anderson** (5-9, 182) and **Ashton Leggett** (5-11, 220) also are expected to push for playing time in 2007.

"Javon Ringer and Jehuu Caulcrick really complement each other at running back," Dantonio said. "Javon is a big-play threat any time he touches the football, while Caulcrick is the prototypical power back. It's also exciting to know that we have a multi-purpose back in the mix like A.J. Jimmerson.

"Javon is truly an exceptional football player. Not only is he a talented athlete, but he's a great competitor that plays the game with an attitude.

"Caulcrick is beginning to come into his own as a punishing runner, but he must remain healthy," Dantonio continued.

"A.J. has enjoyed a productive spring, showing off his talents as both a runner and pass receiver."

The fullback job belongs to converted tight end **Dwayne Holmes** (6-0, 275, Jr.), while former linebackers **Jeff McPherson** (6-1, 240, Jr.) and **Devin Pritchett** (6-2, 245, Sr.-5) provide depth at the position.

### WIDE RECEIVERS

Michigan State's personnel losses are heaviest at wide receiver where all three starters are gone from the old spread offense. The trio of Kerry Reed, Matt Trannon and Jerramy Scott combined for 376 career receptions, 4,685 yards and 28 TDs. Despite the loss of three headliners, the Spartans are well stocked at wide receiver with seven returning lettermen.

**T.J. Williams** (6-3, 184, So.) ranked fourth on the team in receptions with 25 for 281 yards and three TDs. Williams played extremely well down the stretch, with 11 of his 25 catches coming over the last three games of the season (126 receiving yards during that stretch).

**Terry Love** (5-11, 173, Sr.-5) finished fifth on the team in catches with 18 for 234 yards.

Other top contenders for playing time at wide receiver include **Devin Thomas** (6-2, 214, Jr.), **Deon Curry** (6-1, 199, Jr.), **Ryan Allison** (6-3, 205, Jr.) and **David Williams** (5-9, 178, R-Fr.).

Three incoming freshmen — **B.J. Cunningham** (6-2, 200), **Mark Dell** (6-2, 185) and **Chris D. Rucker** (5-10, 172) — will have an opportunity to earn their way into the playing rotation this fall.

"We have identified some guys that have play-making ability, especially the ability to run after the catch," Dantonio said. "We've also worked hard at identifying the receivers that are willing to stick their heads in there and block on running plays. That has been a point of emphasis this spring. For the running game to be productive on a consistent basis, we need receivers that will attack and block the safeties with an attitude.

"Terry Love has been a consistent playmaker this spring. T.J. Williams showed some flashes last year and he's done some good things this spring, but he simply needs to continue to mature as a football player.

"Devin Thomas keeps getting better, and you can see him growing in confidence," Dantonio continued. "He's a big, strong receiving threat. Devin has the ability to become a consistent playmaker."

### OFFENSIVE LINE

Eight lettermen return on Michigan State's offensive line, including seven players with starting experience. There are four returning starters up front: left tackle **Mike Gyetvai** (6-7, 307, Sr.-5), left guard **Pete Clifford** (6-7, 316, Sr.-5), right guard **Roland Martin** (6-5, 325, Jr.) and right tackle **Jesse Miller** (6-6, 307, Jr.). **John Masters** (6-4, 285, Sr.-5), who started the last three games of the 2006 campaign, ranks as the heir apparent to the starting job at center.

This spring, Clifford took over the starting duties at left tackle as Gyetvai was withheld from contact drills while recovering from shoulder surgery. With Clifford at left tackle, **Kenny Shane** (6-5, 325, Sr.-5) jumped back into the lineup at left guard where he started three games a year ago.

Next in terms of experience is back-up left tackle **Rocco Cironi** (6-6, 300, So.), who earned Big Ten All-Freshman honors in 2006 after appearing in seven games including two starting assignments.

"We've got numbers and experience back on the offensive line," Dantonio said. "We have good size up front to go along with the athletic ability to get things done.

"As the result of injuries last year, they utilized seven different starting combinations on the offensive line. There's no question that remaining healthy up front is going to be a key. Three linemen (Mike Gyetvai, Tom Kaczmarek and Jason Diehl) have either been completely held out of drills this spring or participated in limited contact.

"We'll lose seven linemen over the next two years, so the younger guys have benefited from getting additional reps this spring."

### TIGHT ENDS

Veteran tight ends **Kellen Davis** (6-6, 254, Sr.) and **Eric Andino** (6-4, 246, Sr.) figure to play major roles in Michigan State's offensive game plan in 2007. Red-shirt freshman **Charlie Gantt** (6-4, 240) also is expected to push for playing time.

In addition, three incoming freshmen — **Garrett Celek** (6-5, 240), **David Duran** (6-5, 235) and **Kevin Pickelman** (6-3, 240) — could make their presence known at the tight end position.

"Tight end is going to be an important position in this offense," Dantonio said. "Two critical components to the running game are having a center that can control the middle of the line and a tight end that can manage the C gap. It's difficult to have an effective run-gap football team without consistent, quality play from the tight end.

"Kellen Davis has experience and he's got the athletic ability, so it's time for him to put it all together for his senior year. Eric Andino worked hard throughout the winter conditioning program, and he's displayed good athleticism this spring. Charlie Gantt is a red-shirt freshman, who has been provided a lot of opportunities to grow this spring."

### DEFENSIVE LINE

The most difficult task on defense is retooling a defensive line that lost starting tackles Clifton Ryan and David Stanton.

**Ervin Baldwin** (6-2, 270, Sr.) anchors the defensive front from one end position. Baldwin led the Spartan defensive line in tackles with 35 in 2006, including a team-leading four sacks (32 yards).

Top contenders for the starting job opposite Baldwin are **Brandon Long** (6-4, 245, Jr.) and **Jonal Saint-Dic** (6-1, 250, Sr.-5).

**Justin Kershaw** (6-4, 260, Jr.), who started eight games at stud end last season, is penciled in the starting lineup at defensive tackle, while **Ogemdi Nwagbwo** (6-4, 290, Sr.) and **John Stipek** (6-5, 276, So.) are the top candidates for the starting job at nose tackle.

With a lack of depth on the defensive line, four incoming freshmen — **Antonio Jeremiah** (6-5, 295), **Ishmyl Johnson** (6-5, 260), **Ryan Wheat** (6-5, 308) and **Oren Wilson** (6-3, 290) — are expected to compete for playing time.



"I was impressed with the way Ervin Baldwin performed last year, especially when you consider that he didn't arrive on campus until preseason camp in August," Dantonio said. "He immediately became an impact player, because he works extremely hard and he's very competitive. When Ervin has his motor running, he can make some plays in the offensive backfield.

"Brandon Long had limited contact early this spring while still recovering from a shoulder injury, but he's finally healthy. Now, he's getting an opportunity to prove that he's one of our more athletic defensive ends.

"Jonal Saint-Dic has shown some signs of being a playmaker. He doesn't have great size for the position, but he's got some shock value because he's strong and has the ability to quickly change direction.

"Justin Kershaw has had an outstanding spring," Dantonio continued. "We've been able to move him inside from the end position, and he's been very productive in there.

"O.G. is a big, strong inside guy that can move. He got his feet wet last season, starting six games.

"John Stipek reminds me some of Tim Anderson when he was a sophomore at Ohio State. He's just a tough, hard-working guy. John will continue to improve because he wants to get better and he's extremely competitive. He's going to consistently give you everything he's got whenever he steps onto the field.

"We're extremely thin at defensive tackle. It's extremely tough to play inside as a true freshman, but we might not have a choice this fall. We might be forced to get the job done by freshman committee this fall."

## LINEBACKERS

The Spartans are well stocked at linebacker, thanks to the presence of seven returning let-termen, including three-year starter **Kaleb Thornhill** (6-1, 240, Sr-5) at the MIKE (middle) position. Thornhill, who has started 21 consecutive games, was held out of contact drills this spring while rehabbing from knee and shoulder injuries. In 2006, he ranked third on the team in tackles (68) and production points (132).

With Thornhill sidelined this spring, **Andrew Hawken** (6-2, 235, So.) and **Josh Rouse** (6-3, 230, So.) have received the bulk on the work at middle linebacker.

**SirDarean Adams** (6-0, 230, Sr.) enters his third season as a starter on the Spartan defense, his first at WILL linebacker. Adams finished fourth on the team in tackles (46) in 2006, including 6.5 for losses (25 yards).

Tops on the list of SAM linebacker candidates are **Adam Decker** (6-2, 233, So.) and **Jon Misch** (6-2, 200, R-Fr.).

Red-shirt freshman **Eric Gordon** (6-0, 225) figures to earn his share of playing time with the linebacker corps this fall.

"Kaleb Thornhill didn't see any live action this spring because he's still banged up (knee and shoulder), but he's already demonstrated that he can play at this level," Dantonio said. "At first, I was a little concerned about his learning curve for the defensive package, but he's an extremely intelligent player that has mentally taken every snap this spring.

"We have a number of good, young players at the linebacker positions, in Andrew Hawken, Eric Gordon, Adam Decker and Josh Rouse. All four of those guys play hard and compete. In addition, they have all demonstrated the ability to play under control in space.

"Eric has really stood out as a playmaker in the scrimmages this spring. At 225 pounds, he's athletic and explosive.

"You definitely notice No. 27 (SirDarean Adams) on the field," Dantonio continued. "We were hoping that would happen with his move to linebacker from the secondary. SirDarean Adams can do a lot of the same things Cie Grant did for Ohio State. SirDarean is an explosive player, who makes plays. He can be an effective blitz from that position."

## DEFENSIVE BACKS

**Otis Wiley** (6-2, 210, Jr.) anchors the defensive secondary from his free safety position. Last season, Wiley led the Spartans in tackles (94), production points (165) and pass break-ups (10). He ranked seventh in the Big Ten in tackles, averaging 7.8 per game.

Strong safety **Nehemiah Warrick** (6-1, 200, So.) started 10 games in 2006 and ranked fifth on the team in tackles with 45.

The Spartans have two vacancies to fill in the secondary, both cornerback positions (Greg Cooper and Demond Williams). **Kendell Davis-Clark** (5-11, 199, Jr.) and **Ross Weaver** (6-1, 202, R-So.) are the leading candidates to fill those starting roles at corner. Davis-Clark made his presence known last season, recording 39 tackles, while Weaver missed the entire 2006 campaign with a broken ankle.

Other candidates for playing time in the secondary include safeties **Travis Key** (5-10, 185, Sr.), **Roderick Jenrette** (6-1, 196, So.) and **Dan Fortener** (6-1, 190, So.) along with cornerbacks **Ashton Henderson** (5-11, 183, So.) and **Jeremy Ware** (5-10, 181, So.).

"You can really build the secondary around a guy like Otis Wiley because he's a proven playmaker with great leadership skills," Dantonio said. "Otis has good size for a safety, tackles very well in space and has good ball skills.

"Last year, Nehemiah Warrick and Travis Key played the strong safety position by committee. I like what they both bring to the table in terms of their work ethic and play-making ability.

"Kendell Davis-Clark has probably been our most consistent corner this spring. He has played well in every practice that he's been healthy (quad injury). Kendell has a nose for the football and when he arrives, he'll hit you.

"Ross Weaver is a big corner, who runs extremely well," Dantonio said. "Ross also possesses good leadership skills."

## SPECIAL TEAMS

Michigan State has one of the Big Ten's best specialists in placekicker **Brett Swenson** (5-8, 160, So.), who led the team in scoring with 78 points in 2006. The Freshman All-American converted 15-of-19 field-goal attempts and all 33 extra-point tries. His 15 made field goals represent the ninth-best single-season total in Spartan history.

The Spartans lose four-year punter Brandon Fields, who ranks No. 2 on MSU's all-time list and No. 3 in Big Ten history with his 45.0-yard career average.

The punting job remains open until preseason camp when incoming freshman **Aaron Bates** (6-0, 190) will compete against **Ed Wagner** (6-5, 225, R-Fr.) and **Kevin Hall** (6-4, 228, Sr.) for the starting role.

"Brett Swenson did a great job last year," Dantonio said. "He's an extremely hard worker in practice, and he's very competitive. I really like his maturity because he brings a business-like approach to the field.

"Todd Boleski (6-6, 298, Jr.) did a good job as the kick-off specialist last year, and his role becomes even more important this season, with the kickoffs now coming from the 30-yard line.

"The punt is the most important play in football, so that's why we recruited a punter. Aaron Bates isn't here this spring, but he'll have an opportunity to compete against Ed Wagner and Kevin Hall during preseason camp."

# 2007 RECRUITS

NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	HOMETOWN (HIGH/PREP SCHOOL)
Andre Anderson	RB	5-9	182	Barrington, Ill. (Barrington)
Aaron Bates	P	6-0	190	New Concord, Ohio (John Glenn)
Garrett Celek	TE	6-5	240	Cincinnati, Ohio (LaSalle)
Kirk Cousins	QB	6-3	181	Holland, Mich. (Holland Christian)
B.J. Cunningham	WR	6-2	200	Westerville, Ohio (Westerville South)
Mark Dell	WR	6-2	185	Farmington Hills, Mich. (Harrison)
Chase Dumphord	OL	6-5	320	Paris, Ky. (Paris High School)
David Duran	TE	6-5	235	Marietta, Ga. (Kell High School)
Nick Foles	QB	6-5	235	Austin, Texas (Westlake)
Joel Foreman	OL	6-3	291	Highland, Mich. (Milford)
Antonio Jeremiah	DL	6-5	295	Hilliard, Ohio (Hilliard Darby)
Ishmyl Johnson	DL	6-5	260	Rahway, N.J. (Milford Academy)
Greg Jones	LB	6-1	220	Cincinnati, Ohio (Arch. Moeller)
Ashton Leggett	RB	5-11	220	Muskegon, Mich. (Muskegon)
Jared McGaha	OL	6-6	275	Powell, Tenn. (Powell)
Kevin Pickelman	TE	6-3	240	Marshall, Mich. (Marshall)
Arthur Ray Jr.	OL	6-3	294	Chicago, Ill. (Mount Carmel)
Chris D. Rucker	WR	5-10	172	Detroit, Mich. (Detroit Country Day)
Chris L. Rucker	DB	6-2	185	Warren, Ohio (Warren G. Harding)
Ryan Wheat	DB	6-5	308	Flint, Mich. (Carman-Ainsworth)
Oren Wilson	DL	6-3	290	Teaneck, N.J. (Harmony Community)

# 2006 FINAL STATISTICS

## RESULTS

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATTENDANCE
Sept. 2	Idaho	W, 27-17	70,711
Sept. 9	Eastern Michigan	W, 52-20	69,856
Sept. 16	at Pittsburgh	W, 38-23	47,956
Sept. 23	Notre Dame	L, 37-40	80,193
Sept. 30	Illinois	L, 20-23	71,268
Oct. 7	at Michigan	L, 13-31	111,349
Oct. 14	Ohio State	L, 7-38	73,498
Oct. 21	at Northwestern	W, 41-38	29,387
Oct. 28	at Indiana	L, 21-46	36,444
Nov. 4	Purdue	L, 15-17	65,398
Nov. 11	Minnesota	L, 18-31	64,807
Nov. 18	at Penn State	L, 13-17	108,607

## SCORE BY QUARTERS

	1	2	3	4	OT	TOTAL	AVG.
MSU	66	57	68	111	0	302	25.2
OPPONENTS	68	89	63	90	0	341	28.4

## TEAM STATISTICS

	MSU	OPPONENTS
First Downs	221	224
By Rushing	96	85
By Passing	117	122
By Penalty	8	17
Total Offense Plays-Yards	804-4281	771-4365
Yards Per Game	356.8	363.8
Rushing Att-Yards	387-1550	416-1594
Yards Per Game	129.2	132.8
Passing Yards	2731	2771
Yards Per Game	227.6	230.9
Att-Comp-Int	417-248-13	355-206-8
Punting No.-Yds.-Avg.	58-2469-42.6	57-2266-39.8
Fumbles-Lost	15-8	23-12
Penalties-Yards	81-672	56-451
Sacks By-Yards Lost	16-135	28-202
Third Down Conversions	73-173	58-160
Third Down Conversion Pct.	.422	.363
Fourth Down Conversions	5-16	10-15
Fourth Down Conversion Pct.	.313	.667
Avg. Time of Possession	29:22	30:36

## TOTAL OFFENSE

PLAYER	G	PLAYS	RUSH	PASS	TOTAL	AVG.
Dr. Stanton	11	379	445	1807	2252	204.7
B. Hoyer	8	157	-36	863	827	103.4
J. Ringer	8	86	497	0	497	62.1
J. Caulcrick	11	108	426	0	426	38.7
A.J. Jimmerson	10	37	140	0	140	14.0
M. Trannon	10	3	0	61	61	6.1
B. Kahn	4	8	36	0	36	9.0
J. Scott	12	14	26	0	26	2.2
K. Reed	12	2	11	0	11	0.9
T.J. Williams	12	1	7	0	7	0.6
M. Parrelly	1	3	6	0	6	6.0
T. Love	12	3	-4	0	-4	-0.3
Team	12	2	-4	0	-4	-0.3
MSU	12	804	1550	2731	4281	356.8
OPPONENTS	12	771	1594	2771	4365	363.8

## PASSING

PLAYER	G	RTNG	ATT.	CMP.	INT.	PCT.	YDS.	TD	LG	YPG
Dr. Stanton	11	124.7	269	164	10	.610	1807	12	46	164.3
B. Hoyer	8	112.3	144	82	3	.569	863	4	49	107.9
M. Trannon	10	457.5	3	2	0	.667	61	2	35	6.1
B. Fields	12	0.0	1	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0.0
MSU	12	122.5	417	248	13	.595	2731	18	49	227.6
OPPONENTS	12	148.8	355	206	8	.580	2771	32	69	230.9

## RUSHING

PLAYER	G	ATT.	GAIN	LOSS	NET	AVG.	TD	LG	YPG
J. Ringer	8	86	554	57	497	5.8	1	71	62.1
Dr. Stanton	11	110	599	154	445	4.0	5	37	40.5
J. Caulcrick	11	108	453	27	426	3.9	6	30	38.7
A.J. Jimmerson	10	37	153	13	140	3.8	2	31	14.0
B. Kahn	4	8	36	0	36	4.5	1	9	9.0
J. Scott	12	14	34	8	26	1.9	0	10	2.2
K. Reed	12	2	11	0	11	5.5	0	8	0.9
T.J. Williams	12	1	7	0	7	7.0	0	7	0.6
M. Parrelly	1	3	8	2	6	2.0	0	5	6.0
T. Love	12	3	10	14	-4	-1.3	0	5	-0.3
Team	12	2	0	4	-4	-2.0	0	0	-0.3
B. Hoyer	8	13	30	66	-36	-2.8	0	14	-4.5
MSU	12	387	1895	345	1550	4.0	15	71	129.2
OPPONENTS	12	416	1889	295	1594	3.8	8	64	132.8

## RECEIVING

PLAYER	G	NO.	YDS.	AVG.	TD	LG	YPG
K. Reed	12	64	775	12.1	5	44	64.6
M. Trannon	10	44	518	11.8	3	49	51.8
J. Scott	12	26	339	13.0	0	41	28.2
T.J. Williams	12	25	281	11.2	3	24	23.4
T. Love	12	18	234	13.0	0	46	19.5
J. Caulcrick	11	15	123	8.2	1	18	11.2
J. Ringer	8	14	96	6.9	1	26	12.0
K. Davis	8	12	125	10.4	1	28	15.6
A.J. Jimmerson	10	12	63	5.2	2	35	6.3
D. Thomas	10	6	90	15.0	1	38	9.0
C. Grimes	8	4	22	5.5	0	8	2.8
D. Holmes	9	3	27	9.0	0	15	3.0
E. Andino	8	2	15	7.5	0	11	1.9
B. Kahn	4	1	13	13.0	1	13	3.2
D. Curry	6	1	7	7.0	0	7	1.2
R. Allison	12	1	3	3.0	0	3	0.2
MSU	12	248	2731	11.0	18	49	227.6
OPPONENTS	12	206	2771	13.5	32	69	230.9

## ALL PURPOSE YARDS

PLAYER	G	RUSH	REC.	PR	KOR	IR	TOTAL	YPG
K. Reed	12	11	775	0	0	0	786	65.5
D. Williams	12	0	0	0	690	62	752	62.7
J. Ringer	8	497	96	0	85	0	678	84.8
J. Caulcrick	11	426	123	0	0	0	549	49.9
M. Trannon	10	0	518	0	0	0	518	51.8
Dr. Stanton	11	445	0	0	0	0	445	40.5
J. Scott	12	26	339	0	0	0	365	30.4
T. Love	12	-4	234	88	0	0	318	26.5
T.J. Williams	12	7	281	0	0	0	288	24.0
A.J. Jimmerson	10	140	63	0	0	0	203	20.3
K. Davis	8	0	125	0	0	0	125	15.6
D. Thomas	10	0	90	17	0	0	107	10.7
Others/Team	12	2	87	53	59	90	291	24.3
MSU	12	1550	2731	158	834	152	5425	452.1
OPPONENTS	12	1594	2771	192	843	83	5483	456.9

# 2007 SPRING ROSTER

NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	ELIG./CL.	HOMETOWN	NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	ELIG./CL.	HOMETOWN
27	SirDarean Adams	LB	6-0	230	Sr./Sr.	Bradenton, Fla.	14	Cole Malatinsky	S	6-0	195	Sr./Sr.-5	Holt, Mich.
31	Lionel Alexander	WR	5-8	162	Fr./So.	Muskegon, Mich.	73	Roland Martin	OG	6-5	325	Jr./Sr.	Chicago, Ill.
82	Ryan Allison	WR	6-3	205	Jr./Jr.	Lake Orion, Mich.	54	John Masters	C	6-4	285	Sr./Sr.-5	Carmel, Ind.
48	Eric Andino	TE	6-4	246	Sr./Sr.	Arlington Heights, Ill.	87	Jeremy McGinnis	WR	5-11	174	Jr./Sr.	St. Ignace, Mich.
60	Mike Bacon	OL	6-4	299	Jr./Sr.	Lansing, Mich.	35	Jeff McPherson	FB	6-1	240	Jr./Sr.	Lowell, Mich.
51	Ervin Baldwin	DE	6-2	270	Sr./Sr.	Oglethorpe, Ga.	79	Jesse Miller	OT	6-6	307	Jr./Sr.	Somerville, N.J.
36	Jacob Bishop	RB	5-11	184	Jr./Sr.	Midland, Mich.	36	Jon Misch	LB	6-2	200	Fr./So.	Waterford, Mich.
15	Todd Boleski	K	6-6	208	Jr./Sr.	Dearborn Heights, Mich.	64	Brendon Moss	OT	6-6	295	So./Jr.	Bay Village, Ohio
30	Jehuu Caulcrick	RB	6-0	255	Sr./Sr.-5	Findley Lake, N.Y.	34	Jelani Nantambu	CB	5-9	188	Jr./Jr.	Southfield, Mich.
12	Clay Charles	QB	6-1	199	So./Jr.	McCall, Idaho	89	Colin Neely	DE	6-1	238	Fr./So.	Bethlehem, Pa.
57	Rocco Cironi	OT	6-6	300	So./Jr.	Warren, Ohio	65	Joel Nitchman	OL	6-3	295	So./Jr.	Kalamazoo, Mich.
75	Pete Clifford	OG	6-7	316	Sr./Sr.-5	Salem, N.H.	99	Ogemdi Nwagbuo	NT	6-4	290	Sr./Sr.	San Diego, Calif.
32	Mike Cordell	CB	5-9	185	Jr./Sr.	Detroit, Mich.	2	Diego Oquendo	CB	5-9	177	Jr./Jr.	Staten Island, N.Y.
84	Deon Curry	WR	6-1	199	Jr./Sr.	Oakland Township, Mich.	39	Mike Parrelly	RB	5-7	199	So./So.	Dearborn, Mich.
26	Tom Dance	LB	6-1	216	Jr./Sr.	Erie, Pa.	52	Andrew Pandy	LB	6-1	228	So./Jr.	Shelby Township, Mich.
80	Kellen Davis	TE	6-6	254	Sr./Sr.	Adrian, Mich.	61	Tramonte Pointer	DT	5-10	297	Sr./Sr.-5	Flint, Mich.
38	Kendell Davis-Clark	CB	5-11	199	Jr./Jr.	Alliance, Ohio	42	Devin Pritchett	FB	6-2	245	Sr./Sr.-5	Alpharetta, Ga.
91	J'Michael Deane	NT	6-5	290	Fr./So.	Toronto, Ontario	54	Jordan Rancour	LB	6-1	197	Fr./So.	Saginaw, Mich.
55	Adam Decker	LB	6-2	233	So./Jr.	Rochester Hills, Mich.	96	Patrick Rigan	DE	6-5	244	Fr./So.	Traverse City, Mich.
22	Brandon Denson	S	5-11	211	So./Jr.	Ypsilanti, Mich.	23	Javon Ringer	RB	5-9	202	Jr./Jr.	Dayton, Ohio
72	Jason Diehl	OL	6-3	300	Fr./So.	Wyantskill, N.Y.	44	Josh Rouse	LB	6-3	230	So./So.	Newtown, Conn.
10	Connor Dixon	QB	6-4	191	Fr./So.	South Park, Pa.	94	Jonal Saint-Dic	DE	6-1	250	Sr./Sr.-5	Elizabeth, N.J.
33	Dan Fortener	S	6-1	190	So./Jr.	Kettering, Ohio	76	Mike Schmeding	OT	6-8	315	So./Jr.	Rutherford, N.J.
83	Charlie Gantt	TE	6-4	240	Fr./So.	Farmington Hills, Mich.	56	Alex Shackleton	SN	6-2	258	Fr./So.	Breckenridge, Colo.
43	Eric Gordon	LB	6-0	225	Fr./So.	Traverse City, Mich.	71	Kenny Shane	OG	6-5	325	Sr./Sr.-5	Indianapolis, Ind.
58	Reggie Graham	DE	6-4	223	So./Jr.	Homewood, Ala.	22	Enrique Shaw	CB	6-1	185	Fr./So.	Lexington, Ky.
4	Carl Grimes	WR	5-9	184	Jr./Sr.	Detroit, Mich.	64	Chris Smith	NT	6-3	290	Sr./Sr.-5	Brookville, Ind.
66	Mike Gyetvai	OT	6-7	307	Sr./Sr.-5	Old Castle, Ontario	56	Kyle Smith	LB	6-2	222	Jr./Sr.	Novi, Mich.
24	Kevin Hall	P	6-4	228	Sr./Sr.-5	Temperance, Mich.	23	Cecil St. Pierre	QB	6-3	207	Fr./So.	Warren, Mich.
3	Matt Haughey	K	5-9	176	Jr./Jr.	Bridgman, Mich.	52	Peter Stevens	SN	6-0	200	Jr./Sr.	St. Joseph, Mich.
45	Andrew Hawken	LB	6-2	235	So./Jr.	Wyoming, Mich.	88	John Stipek	DT	6-5	276	So./So.	Macomb Township, Mich.
31	Ashton Henderson	CB	5-11	183	So./So.	Tallahassee, Fla.	14	Brett Swenson	K	5-8	160	So./So.	Pompano Beach, Fla.
49	Dwayne Holmes	FB	6-0	275	Jr./Sr.	Detroit, Mich.	42	Rob Tabatchnick	LB	5-11	220	Sr./Sr.	Livingston, N.J.
7	Brian Hoyer	QB	6-3	212	Jr./Sr.	North Olmsted, Ohio	88	Andrew Taylor	WR	6-2	210	Fr./So.	Grand Haven, Mich.
11	Marcus Hyde	S	6-0	202	Fr./So.	Fostoria, Ohio	10	Devin Thomas	WR	6-2	214	Jr./Jr.	Ann Arbor, Mich.
40	Roderick Jenrette	S	6-1	196	So./So.	Tampa, Fla.	41	Kaleb Thornhill	LB	6-1	240	Sr./Sr.-5	Lansing, Mich.
20	A.J. Jimmerson	RB	5-10	202	So./Jr.	St. Louis, Mo.	16	John Van Dam	QB	6-3	218	Sr./Sr.-5	East Lansing, Mich.
19	Emmanuel Johnson	CB	5-6	172	Fr./So.	Detroit, Mich.	4	Ed Wagner	P	6-5	225	Fr./So.	Barto, Pa.
25	Jesse Johnson	S	5-10	185	Fr./So.	Durand, Mich.	39	Jeremy Ware	CB	5-10	181	So./Jr.	Fort Myers, Fla.
92	Bobby Jones	DT	6-4	288	Sr./Sr.-5	Yankton, S.D.	3	Nehemiah Warrick	S	6-1	200	Sr./Sr.	Bradenton, Fla.
68	Tom Kaczmarek	OT	6-5	316	Jr./Sr.	London, Ontario	37	Ross Weaver	CB	6-1	202	So./Jr.	Southfield, Mich.
24	Brett Kahn	RB	5-9	173	Sr./Sr.-5	Trenton, Mich.	9	Marcus Webb	WR	5-11	204	So./Jr.	Pontiac, Mich.
97	Justin Kershaw	DL	6-4	260	Jr./Sr.	Columbus, Ohio	25	Blair White	WR	6-2	200	So./Jr.	Saginaw, Mich.
13	Travis Key	S	5-10	185	Sr./Sr.	Three Rivers, Mich.	21	Otis Wiley	S	6-2	210	Jr./Jr.	Flint, Mich.
62	Abre Leggins	OG	6-3	315	Fr./So.	Orlando, Fla.	19	David Williams	WR	5-9	178	Fr./So.	Monroeville, Pa.
47	Brandon Long	DE	6-4	245	Jr./Jr.	Canton, Ohio	12	T.J. Williams	WR	6-3	184	So./So.	Tallahassee, Fla.
18	Terry Love	WR	5-11	173	Sr./Sr.-5	Bellwood, Ill.							

# TOP RETURNING PLAYERS

**SIRDAREAN ADAMS (LB, 6-0, 230, SR., 3L)** 2006 SEASON: Started all 12 games, including seven at bandit and five at strong safety . . . his two interceptions tied Demond Williams for the team lead . . . finished third on the team in tackles for losses (6.5 for 25 yards) and pass break-ups (6) . . . recorded at least one tackle for loss in five games . . . ranked fourth on the team in tackles (46) and sixth in production points (57) . . . played his best all-around game at Indiana, producing six tackles (5-1) with 2.5 for losses (11 yards) including a 9-yard sack . . . CAREER HIGHLIGHTS: Has started 23 consecutive games for the Spartans . . . has recorded 108 career tackles and five interceptions.

**ERVIN BALDWIN (DE, 6-2, 270, SR., 1L)** 2006 SEASON: Started all 12 games at rush end . . . led Spartan defensive linemen in tackles with 35 (13 solos, 22 assists) . . . his four sacks (32 yards) tied Clifton Ryan for the team lead . . . ranked second on the team in quarterback pressures (17) . . . finished third (tied with SirDarean Adams and Otis Wiley) on the team in tackles for losses (6.5 for 36 yards) and fourth in production points (73.5) . . . matched his career high with five tackles (1-4) in the season finale at Penn State . . . posted five tackles (0-5) vs. top-ranked Ohio State . . . returned his first career interception 19 yards for a touchdown vs. No. 12 Notre Dame as the Spartans built a 24-7 second-quarter lead.

**JEHUU CAULCRICK (RB, 6-0, 255, SR.-5, 3L)** 2006 SEASON: Appeared in 11 of 12 games, including six starts at running back . . . sat out the Eastern Michigan game with a sprained foot . . . finished third on the team in rushing with 426 yards on 108 carries (3.9 avg.) . . . led the Spartans in rushing touchdowns (6 in 2006) for the second-straight year . . . rushed eight times for 111 yards vs. No. 12 Notre Dame, including a 30-yard TD run in the third quarter . . . had a season-high 17 carries for 64 yards at Pittsburgh and scored twice . . . CAREER HIGHLIGHTS: Three-year letterman has rushed for 1,523 career yards (4.9 avg.) and 18 TDs . . . needs five rushing TDs in 2007 to crack MSU's all-time Top 10 in that category.

**PETE CLIFFORD (OG, 6-7, 316, SR.-5, 3L)** 2006 SEASON: Appeared in nine games, including seven starting assignments (four starts at left tackle and three at left guard) . . . graded out over 90 percent in eight of nine games . . . scored 96 percent each vs. Penn State (4 pancakes), Minnesota (2) and Indiana (2) . . . graded 93 percent vs. Purdue while recording a career-best five pancake blocks . . . produced his top grade of the 2006 season at Northwestern, scoring 98 percent including four pancakes, as the Spartans erased a 35-point third-quarter deficit for a 41-38 victory.

**KELLEN DAVIS (TE, 6-6, 254, SR., 3L)** 2006 SEASON: Saw action in eight games, including six starts at tight end . . . had 12 catches for 125 yards (10.4 avg.) and one touchdown . . . set career highs for receptions (6) and receiving yards (61) in the season finale at Penn State . . . CAREER HIGHLIGHTS: Three-year letterman has appeared in 30 career games, including 10 starting assignments . . . had 28 career receptions for 276 yards (9.9 avg.) and three TDs.

**MIKE GYETVAI (OT, 6-7, 307, SR.-5, 3L)** 2006 SEASON: Started the first six games at left tackle, grading out 94 percent or higher in each game . . . sidelined for the last six games of the season with a shoulder injury . . . graded 94 percent at Pittsburgh (3 pancakes) as MSU's ground game amassed 335 yards and produced two 100-yard rushers (Javon Ringer 15 carries for 156 yards and Drew Stanton 13 for 105) . . . posted his top grade of the season vs. Eastern Michigan, scoring 97 percent (3 pancakes) while the Spartans rolled up 586 total yards . . . CAREER HIGHLIGHTS: Ranks as the team's most experienced offensive lineman, with 17 career starts to his credit . . . has been a model of consistency, grading 91 percent or higher in each of his 17 career starts.

**BRIAN HOYER (QB, 6-3, 212, JR., 2L)** 2006 SEASON: Appeared in eight games and completed 82-of-144 passes (.569) for 863 yards, four touchdowns and three interceptions . . . earned his first career starting assignment in the season finale at Penn State with Drew Stanton sidelined with a concussion . . . threw for 291 yards and a TD against the Nittany Lions, setting personal bests for pass attempts (school-record 61) and completions (30) . . . came off the bench to complete 26-of-50 throws for a career-best 330 yards vs. Minnesota, including a 26-yard TD strike to Matt Trannon in the fourth quarter . . . CAREER HIGHLIGHTS: Two-year letterman has appeared in 13 career games, completing 58 percent (97 of 167) of his passes for 1,030 yards, six TDs and three interceptions.

**JUSTIN KERSHAW (DE, 6-4, 260, JR., 2L)** 2006 SEASON: Appeared in all 12 games, including eight starting assignments at stud end . . . finished second among Spartan defensive linemen in tackles with 26 (16 solos, 10 assists), including two for losses (3 yards) . . . recorded four solo hits vs. No. 12 Notre Dame . . . also produced four tackles each vs. Illinois (1-3) and Ohio State (2-2).

**TERRY LOVE (WR, 5-11, 173, SR.-5, 3L)** 2006 SEASON: Appeared in all 12 games, including two starts (vs. Illinois and Northwestern) . . . finished fifth on the team in receptions with 18 for 234 yards (13.0 avg.) . . . 12 of his 18 catches came during a three-game midseason

stretch . . . had four receptions each vs. Michigan (season-high 57 yards), Ohio State (44) and Northwestern (47) . . . CAREER HIGHLIGHTS: Three-year letterman has appeared in 33 career games, including 11 starting assignments . . . has 67 career receptions for 922 yards (13.8 avg.) and four TDs.

**ROLAND MARTIN (OG, 6-5, 325, JR., 2L)** 2006 SEASON: Started all 12 games at right guard, grading out 91 percent or higher in each game . . . finished third on the team in pancake blocks with 30 . . . scored 99 percent each in back-to-back games vs. Purdue and Minnesota (career-best six pancakes) . . . graded 96 percent at Northwestern (4 pancakes) as MSU rallied from a 35-point third-quarter deficit for a 41-38 victory.

**JESSE MILLER (OT, 6-6, 307, JR., 2L)** 2006 SEASON: Started all 12 games at right tackle . . . graded out 91 percent or higher in 11 of 12 games . . . ranked second on the team in pancakes with 34 . . . scored 93 percent or better in each of his last eight starts . . . produced his top grade in the season finale at Penn State, scoring 98 percent while matching his career high with five pancakes . . . totaled 91 percent vs. Eastern Michigan while recording a career-best five pancakes as MSU rolled up 586 total yards.

**JAVON RINGER (RB, 5-9, 202, JR., 2L)** 2006 SEASON: Earned the Biggie Munn Award as the team's most inspirational player . . . saw action in eight games, including five starts at running back . . . led the Spartans in rushing (497 yards on 86 carries) for the second year in a row, despite missing four-plus games with a knee injury . . . ranked fourth in the Big Ten and No. 16 nationally in rushing through four games, averaging 108.0 yards per game . . . recorded back-to-back 100-yard rushing games vs. Eastern Michigan (15 carries for 130 yards) and Pittsburgh (15 for 156) . . . CAREER HIGHLIGHTS: Two-year letterman has rushed for 1,314 career yards (208 carries) and six TDs . . . his 6.32 yards per carry ranks as the third-highest rushing average in school history.

**BRETT SWENSON (K, 5-8, 160, SO., 1L)** 2006 SEASON: Named first-team Freshman All-American by Scripps/Football Writers Association of America, The Sporting News, CollegeFootballNews.com and Rivals.com . . . honorable mention All-Big Ten selection by both the coaches and media . . . led the team in scoring with 78 points, converting 15-of-19 field-goal attempts and all 33 extra-point tries . . . his 15 made field goals represent the ninth-best single-season total in Spartan history (tied with Morten Andersen, 1981) . . . named one of the Lou Groza Award's Top Three Stars of the Week after his 28-yard field goal with 13 seconds left gave Michigan State a 41-38 victory at Northwestern, completing the greatest comeback in NCAA I-A history as the Spartans rallied from a 35-point third-quarter deficit.

**KALEB THORNHILL (LB, 6-1, 240, SR.-5, 3L)** 2006 SEASON: Academic All-Big Ten selection for the third-straight year . . . started all 12 games at middle linebacker . . . ranked third on the team in tackles (68) and production points (132) . . . produced a season-high nine tackles in the home finale vs. Minnesota, including one for a 2-yard loss . . . recorded his first career interception at Northwestern . . . posted eight tackles each in back-to-back games vs. No. 6 Michigan (3-5) and top-ranked Ohio State (2-6) . . . CAREER HIGHLIGHTS: Has 26 career starts to his credit, including the last 21 games in a row . . . has recorded 163 career tackles (80 solos, 83 assists), including 10.5 for losses (24 yards).

**NEHEMIAH WARRICK (S, 6-1, 200, SR., 1L)** 2006 SEASON: Appeared in 11 of 12 games, including 10 starting assignments (six starts at strong safety and four at bandit) . . . ranked fifth on the team in tackles with 45 (29 solos, 16 assists), including 3.5 for losses (12 yards) . . . totaled eight tackles at Pittsburgh, including seven solo hits . . . compiled 20 production points in his Spartan debut vs. Idaho, recording 12 tackles and a pass break-up.

**OTIS WILEY (S, 6-2, 210, JR., 2L)** 2006 SEASON: Honorable mention All-Big Ten selection by the media . . . led the Spartans in tackles (94 total), production points (165) and pass break-ups (10) . . . ranked seventh in the Big Ten in tackles, averaging 7.8 per game . . . ranked third on the team in tackles for losses (6.5 for 17 yards) . . . reached double figures in tackles three times in 2006, including 10 stops (7-3) against top-ranked Ohio State, 11 (4-7) against Illinois and a career-best 12 (6-6) against Idaho in his first career start . . . totaled 36 production points against the Vandals, including a 4-yard sack, three pass break-ups and a forced fumble.

**T.J. WILLIAMS (WR, 6-3, 184, SO., 1L)** 2006 SEASON: Appeared in all 12 games as a true freshman, including five starting assignments at split end . . . ranked fourth on the team in receptions with 25 for 281 yards (11.2 avg.) and three touchdowns . . . played well down the stretch, with 11 of his 25 catches coming over the last three games of the season (126 receiving yards during that stretch) . . . had four receptions for a season-high 63 yards at Penn State . . . caught five passes for 57 yards vs. Purdue, including a 21-yard scoring toss from Drew Stanton . . . also had five catches for 57 yards at Northwestern, including a 9-yard TD grab from Stanton in the back, right corner of the end zone that tied the score at 38 with 3:43 to play.



## FIELD GOALS

PLAYER	1-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	PCT.	LG
B. Swenson	0-0	6-6	5-8	4-4	0-1	15-19	.789	46
<b>MSU</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>6-6</b>	<b>5-8</b>	<b>4-4</b>	<b>0-1</b>	<b>15-19</b>	<b>.789</b>	<b>46</b>
<b>OPPONENTS</b>	<b>1-1</b>	<b>2-2</b>	<b>7-11</b>	<b>4-5</b>	<b>0-1</b>	<b>14-20</b>	<b>.700</b>	<b>49</b>

## PUNTING

PLAYER	G	NO.	YDS.	AVG.	LG	I20	BLK
B. Fields	12	57	2469	43.3	73	16	1
Team	12	1	0	0.0	0	0	0
<b>MSU</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>2469</b>	<b>42.6</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>OPPONENTS</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>2266</b>	<b>39.8</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>2</b>

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### CONVERSIONS

PLAYER	TD	RUN	PASS	KICK	REC	FG	SAF	DKP	PTS
B. Swenson	0	0-0	0-0	33-33	0	15-19	0	0	78
J. Caulcrick	7	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	42
K. Reed	5	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	30
Dr. Stanton	5	0-1	0-1	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	30
A.J. Jimmerson	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	24
T.J. Williams	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	18
M. Trannon	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	18
J. Ringer	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	12
B. Kahn	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	12
K. Davis	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
D. Thomas	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
A. Henderson	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
E. Baldwin	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
K. Beltinck	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
D. Williams	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
C. Ryan	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	1	0	2
Team	0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0	0-0	0	0	0
B. Hoyer	0	0-0	0-1	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	0
<b>MSU</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>0-1</b>	<b>0-2</b>	<b>33-34</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>15-19</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>302</b>
<b>OPPONENTS</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>0-1</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>39-41</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>14-20</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>341</b>

## PUNT RETURNS

PLAYER	G	NO.	YDS.	AVG.	TD	LG
T. Love	12	18	88	4.9	0	22
B. Denson	8	1	20	20.0	0	20
D. Thomas	10	1	17	17.0	0	17
A. Henderson	8	0	33	0.0	1	33
K. Beltinck	12	0	0	0.0	1	0
<b>MSU</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>158</b>	<b>7.9</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>33</b>
<b>OPPONENTS</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>192</b>	<b>8.3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>60</b>

## KICKOFF RETURNS

PLAYER	G	NO.	YDS.	AVG.	TD	LG
D. Williams	12	34	690	20.3	0	41
J. Ringer	8	4	85	21.2	0	23
S. Adams	12	3	33	11.0	0	20
S. Suarez	12	2	25	12.5	0	16
R. Tabatchnick	10	1	0	0.0	0	0
D. Oquendo	3	1	1	1.0	0	1
<b>MSU</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>834</b>	<b>18.5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>41</b>
<b>OPPONENTS</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>843</b>	<b>21.1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>53</b>

## INTERCEPTION RETURNS

PLAYER	G	NO.	YDS.	AVG.	TD	LG
S. Adams	12	2	38	19.0	0	38
D. Williams	12	2	62	31.0	1	62
D. Herron	12	1	23	23.0	0	23
E. Baldwin	12	1	19	19.0	1	19
T. Key	12	1	10	10.0	0	10
K. Thornhill	12	1	0	0.0	0	0
<b>MSU</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>19.0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>62</b>
<b>OPPONENTS</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>6.4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>41</b>

## FUMBLE RETURNS

PLAYER	G	NO.	YDS.	AVG.	TD	LG
<b>MSU</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>OPPONENTS</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>37.5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>48</b>

## DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

PLAYER	G	SOLO	ASST	TOTAL	TFL	YDS.	SACKS	YDS.	FF	FR	PBU	BLK
O. Wiley	12	58	36	94	6.5-17	1-4	1	0-0	10	0	0	0
D. Herron	12	42	37	79	7-25	2-10	4	0-0	2	0	0	0
K. Thornhill	12	34	34	68	2.5-5	0-0	0	0-0	3	0	0	0
S. Adams	12	29	17	46	6.5-25	1-9	0	0-0	6	0	0	0
N. Warrick	11	29	16	45	3.5-12	0-0	0	0-0	3	0	0	0
T. Key	12	24	18	42	3.5-18	1-10	2	1-0	3	0	0	0
K. Davis-Clark	12	30	9	39	0-0	0-0	2	1-0	0	0	0	0
D. Williams	12	31	5	36	1.5-4	0-0	0	0-0	10	0	0	0
E. Baldwin	12	13	22	35	6.5-36	4-32	0	2-0	1	1	1	1
G. Cooper	11	18	13	31	0-0	0-0	0	1-0	2	0	0	0
J. Kershaw	12	16	10	26	2-3	0-0	0	0-0	1	0	0	0
C. Ryan	12	16	9	25	6-34	4-31	2	1-0	1	0	0	0
O. Nwagbuo	12	10	13	23	1.5-2	0-0	1	1-0	0	0	0	0
J. Saint-Dic	11	16	7	23	3.5-36	2-33	1	0-0	0	0	0	0
D. Stanton	12	13	8	21	7-20	1-6	0	1-0	0	0	0	0
S. Suarez	12	8	12	20	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	0	0
A. Decker	12	3	7	10	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	0	0
A. Hawken	12	7	3	10	0-0	0-0	0	1-0	0	0	0	0
B. Long	10	5	3	8	0.5-1	0-0	1	0-0	0	0	0	0
D. Fortener	12	6	1	7	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	1	0	0	0
K. Beltinck	12	3	3	6	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Team	12	5	0	5	1-9	0-0	0	1-0	0	0	0	0
R. Allison	12	3	2	5	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	0	0
R. Jenrette	11	3	2	5	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	0	0
K. Davis	8	3	0	3	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	0	0
B. Jones	5	3	0	3	1-5	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	0	0
J. Nantambu	12	3	0	3	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	0	0
R. Tabatchnick	10	0	2	2	0.5-1	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	0	0
A. Henderson	8	2	0	2	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	0	0
J. Stipek	4	0	2	2	0-0	0-0	0	1-0	0	0	0	0
T. Boleski	9	2	0	2	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	0	0
B. Denson	8	1	1	2	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	0	1
K. Reed	12	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	0	0
J. Scott	12	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	0	0
J. Caulcrick	11	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	0	0
J. Miller	12	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	1	0-0	0	0	0	0
D. Pritchett	12	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Dr. Stanton	11	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	0	0
N. Smith	1	0	1	1	0.5-2	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	0	0
B. Fields	12	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0	1-0	0	0	0	0
R. Graham	4	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	0	0
D. Thomas	10	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	0	1
<b>MSU</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>443</b>	<b>294</b>	<b>737</b>	<b>61-255</b>	<b>16-135</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>12-0</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>OPPONENTS</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>457</b>	<b>293</b>	<b>750</b>	<b>79-363</b>	<b>28-202</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>8-75</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>



# HEAD COACH MARK DANTONIO

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## 2007 SCHEDULE

- SEPT. 1 UAB
- SEPT. 8 BOWLING GREEN
- SEPT. 15 PITTSBURGH (WHITE OUT)
- SEPT. 22 at NOTRE DAME
- SEPT. 29 at WISCONSIN
- OCT. 6 NORTHWESTERN
- OCT. 13 INDIANA (HOMECOMING)
- OCT. 20 at OHIO STATE
- OCT. 27 at IOWA
- NOV. 3 MICHIGAN
- NOV. 10 at PURDUE
- NOV. 17 PENN STATE

Mark Dantonio, who has coached Cincinnati for the past three seasons and was a former assistant coach at Michigan State for six years, became Michigan State University's 24th head football coach on Nov. 27, 2006.

The 51-year old Dantonio established himself as one of the nation's up-and-coming coaches during his three-year tenure at Cincinnati. In 2006, Dantonio led the Bearcats to a 7-5 overall record and a 4-3 BIG EAST mark, making Cincinnati bowl eligible for the second time in three years. Dantonio accomplished the feat against the second-toughest schedule in the country, as UC's opponents compiled a 69-42 record. His Bearcats upset then-No. 7 Rutgers, 30-11, on Nov. 18, handing the Scarlet Knights their first loss of the season and marking the highest-ranked opponent ever defeated by UC.

Highly respected as one of the top defensive coaches in the country, Dantonio's Bearcats finished the 2006 regular season ranked among the NCAA leaders in six statistical categories: No. 21 in tackles for loss (6.8 per game), No. 23 in pass efficiency defense (109.3 rating), No. 27 in rushing defense (107.5 yards per game), No. 31 in total defense (304.3 ypg.), No. 34 in scoring defense (19.3 points per game) and No. 34 in sacks (2.4 per game).

Dantonio compiled an 18-17 overall record in his three years at Cincinnati and led the program in its transition to the BIG EAST Conference. He became the first head coach in 23 years to direct a team to a winning season in his first year at UC. The Bearcats' went 7-5 in 2004, including a 5-3 mark in Conference USA to finish second in the league standings, and defeated Marshall in the Fort Worth Bowl.

In his three seasons at Cincinnati, 21 of Dantonio's players earned All-BIG EAST honors and 40 received academic all-conference recognition.

Prior to his appointment at Cincinnati, Dantonio served as the defensive coordinator at Ohio State for three seasons, where his defensive unit became known as one of the stingiest in the country. During the Buckeyes' 2002 National Championship season, OSU ranked second nationally in scoring defense and third in rushing defense, and the following year, his unit ranked No. 1 in the country in rushing defense and ninth in total defense, sparking the Buckeyes to an 11-2 mark and a No. 4 national ranking.

Dantonio is familiar with East Lansing, as he spent six seasons (1995-2000) as Michigan State's secondary coach, including associate head coach duties in 2000. He contributed to Michigan State's successful 1999 season, during which the Spartans went 10-2, won the Florida Citrus Bowl, led the Big Ten in total defense and ranked No. 7 in the final polls.

A Zanesville, Ohio, native with Midwest ties, Dantonio has 24 years of collegiate coaching experience, and has coached in 10 bowl games. He has worked for some of the top coaches in the game, including Nick Saban, Jim Tressel and Earle Bruce.

Here's a closer look at Dantonio's tenure at Cincinnati:

- The 2006 Cincinnati Bearcats went 7-5 overall and 4-3 in the BIG EAST Conference against the nation's second-toughest schedule. Four of UC's five losses came to teams ranked in the current top 15 (No. 1 Ohio State, No. 6 Louisville, No. 14 Virginia Tech, No. 15 West Virginia). The Bearcats produced arguably the greatest victory in school history with a 30-11 victory over then-No. 7 Rutgers on Nov. 18, marking the highest-ranked opponent ever defeated by UC.

Last season, Cincinnati finished the regular season ranked fourth in the BIG EAST and No. 27 nationally in rushing defense, allowing 107.5 yards per game. UC held seven of its 12 regular-season opponents to less than 100 yards rushing, highlighted by performances of 36 yards each in back-to-back games vs. Miami (Ohio) and Akron. In the win over Rutgers, Cincinnati held the nation's

No. 15 rushing offense to a season-low 50 yards on the ground, and limited the NCAA's No. 3 rusher, Ray Rice, to a season-low 54 yards.

- In 2005, Dantonio brought together one of the nation's youngest teams, with the Bearcats starting as many as five first-year freshman on defense and posted a competitive 4-7 record in the program's first season in the BIG EAST.
- Dantonio became only the second head coach in Cincinnati history (along with Sid Gillman) to take the Bearcats to a bowl game in his first season in 2004. UC topped Marshall, 32-14, in the Fort Worth Bowl to cap a 7-5 season. The Bearcats tied for second in the Conference USA standings with a 5-3 league mark. Cincinnati led C-USA and ranked No. 26 in the NCAA in pass defense, allowing 194.2 yards per game. The Bearcats also ranked second in C-USA in total defense (341.3 ypg.) and third in both scoring defense (26.7 ypg.) and pass efficiency defense (121.5). Offensively, quarterback Gino Guidugli ranked 15th in the country in passing efficiency (146.5) and directed the Bearcats to the 30th-ranked offense in the nation (405.6 ypg.). Three players were chosen in the 2005 NFL Draft (defensive end Trent Cole, linebacker Tjjuan Hagler and cornerback Daven Holly).

While serving as the defensive coordinator at Ohio State, Dantonio's defense guided the Buckeyes to a 32-6 mark in his three seasons in Columbus. Ohio State's defense was the second toughest against the run in 2003, allowing 62.3 yards per game, and was ranked No. 10 in total defense (296.9 ypg.) and No. 16 in scoring defense (17.6 ypg.). Those efforts helped the Buckeyes rank No. 4 in the final polls. Dantonio assembled the defense which led Ohio State to the national title in 2002. The Buckeyes were second nationally in scoring defense (13.1 ypg.) and third in rushing defense (77.7 ypg.) during their title run. Six Buckeyes defenders were named first-team All-Big Ten during Dantonio's tenure and 13 were drafted by the pros, including a pair of first-round selections in 2004 (defensive end Will Smith and cornerback Chris Gamble).

Dantonio spent six seasons (1995-2000) as secondary coach at Michigan State, five under Nick Saban and one under Bobby Williams. He was promoted to associate head coach in 2000. Under his supervision, the Spartan secondary ranked among the NCAA leaders in pass efficiency defense three of his last four years, finishing No. 10 (101.6) in 1998, No. 16 (103.9) in 1997 and No. 22 (104.5) in 2000. In his last season as secondary coach, the Spartans only allowed 164.1 yards a game through the air, ranking seventh in the country. During his six years in East Lansing, MSU compiled a 39-30-1 record.

Dantonio came to Michigan State following four seasons under Glen Mason at Kansas (1991-94) where he coached the defensive secondary.

Dantonio previously spent five years at Youngstown State under Jim Tressel, helping the Penguins to three trips to the NCAA I-AA playoffs. While serving as defensive coordinator in 1990, Youngstown State posted a perfect 11-0 regular-season record and ranked second nationally.

His coaching credits also include stops at Akron (defensive secondary, 1985), Ohio State (graduate assistant, 1983-84), Butler (Kan.) Junior College (defensive coordinator, 1982), Purdue (graduate assistant, 1981) and Ohio University (graduate assistant, 1980). During his stint as a graduate assistant under Earle Bruce at Ohio State, the Buckeyes played in the 1983 Fiesta and 1984 Rose Bowls.

Dantonio earned three letters as a defensive back for Coach Jim Carlen at South Carolina (1976-78).

Born March 9, 1956, in El Paso, Texas, Mark and his wife Becky have two daughters, Kristen and Lauren.