

Spartan Basketball
COACHING STAFF



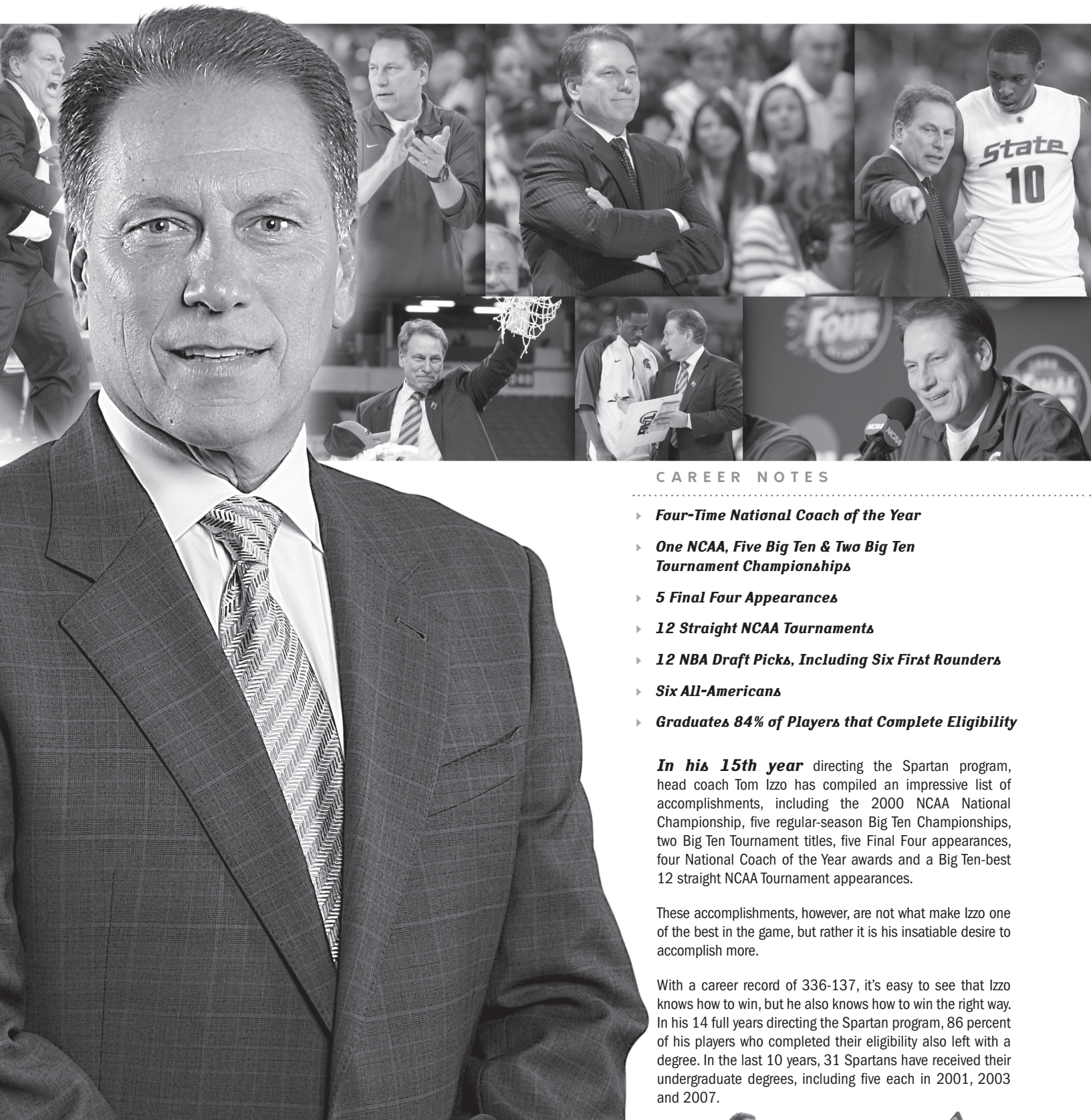
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NATION'S BEST 5 *Final Four* Appearances in 11 YEARS

TOM IZZO

Head Coach | 15th Season



CAREER NOTES

- ▶ **Four-Time National Coach of the Year**
- ▶ **One NCAA, Five Big Ten & Two Big Ten Tournament Championships**
- ▶ **5 Final Four Appearances**
- ▶ **12 Straight NCAA Tournaments**
- ▶ **12 NBA Draft Picks, Including Six First Rounders**
- ▶ **Six All-Americans**
- ▶ **Graduates 84% of Players that Complete Eligibility**

In his 15th year directing the Spartan program, head coach Tom Izzo has compiled an impressive list of accomplishments, including the 2000 NCAA National Championship, five regular-season Big Ten Championships, two Big Ten Tournament titles, five Final Four appearances, four National Coach of the Year awards and a Big Ten-best 12 straight NCAA Tournament appearances.

These accomplishments, however, are not what make Izzo one of the best in the game, but rather it is his insatiable desire to accomplish more.

With a career record of 336-137, it's easy to see that Izzo knows how to win, but he also knows how to win the right way. In his 14 full years directing the Spartan program, 86 percent of his players who completed their eligibility also left with a degree. In the last 10 years, 31 Spartans have received their undergraduate degrees, including five each in 2001, 2003 and 2007.



In 14 seasons, Izzo has returned Michigan State to national prominence, placed his name in the NCAA record books and become a leader among college basketball coaches.

Izzo's 336 wins are the seventh most by any coach in his first 14 seasons in the history of college basketball. He enters the season needing just five wins to become MSU's all-time winningest coach, passing his mentor Jud Heathcote. In the NCAA Tournament, Izzo is at his best, winning at a clip of .731 to rank fifth among all active coaches with at least 10 tournament games coached.

Izzo has led MSU to five Final Four appearances in the last 11 seasons, becoming the only team to accomplish that feat between 1999 and 2009 and just the fifth school in college basketball history to do it in any 11-year span. Izzo also became just the second coach in NCAA history to reach four Final Fours in his first 10 years of coaching, joining Ohio State's Fred Taylor, and is just the fourth coach in NCAA history to appear in five Final Fours in an 11-year span. His five Final Four appearances rank tied for seventh all-time, tied for third among active coaches and tied with former Indiana head coach Bob Knight for most all-time among Big Ten coaches.

Through 14 seasons, Izzo is already one of the most successful coaches in Big Ten history. His .690 winning percentage in Big Ten games ranks second all-time among league coaches with at least 10 years of service, behind Knight (.700). In all games, Izzo ranks third (.710), behind Knight (.734), and Wisconsin's Walter Meanwell (.712). With 160 conference victories, Izzo ranks eighth all-time.

Furthermore, Izzo brings stability to Michigan State basketball. The 2009-10 season marks Izzo's 27th with the Spartans. He is the longest serving active Big Ten men's basketball head coach. He is also a leader among his peers, serving on the NABC Board of Directors and Executive Committee, the John R. Wooden Award Board of Governors and the USA Basketball Collegiate Committee.

Over the past 12 seasons, Izzo has compiled an impressive 303-109 (.735) record. A quick look at other stats further demonstrates the Spartans' success over that stretch: 142-54 (.724) in the Big Ten; 170-15 (.919) at the Breslin Center, including a Big Ten record 53-game winning streak; 69-57 (.548) against Top 25 teams (including two wins over No. 1-ranked teams); 44-21 (.677) in postseason play and 31-11 (.738) in the NCAA Tournament.

Individually, players have excelled under Izzo. Six Spartans (Charlie Bell, Mateen Cleaves, Paul Davis, Drew Neitzel, Morris Peterson and Jason Richardson)



Success On The Court And In The Classroom

Coach Izzo not only knows how to win, he does it the right way. Despite all his success on the court, as shown in his multiple conference championships, Final Four appearances and the 2000 NCAA title, he remains committed to preparing his players for life after basketball. Since 2000, 31 Spartan student-athletes have received their undergraduate degrees.



CAREER COACHING RECORD

Year	Overall	Pct.	Big Ten	Pct.	Finish	Postseason
1995-96	16-16	.500	9-9	.500	7th	NIT Second Round
1996-97	17-12	.586	9-9	.500	T-6th	NIT Second Round
1997-98	22-8	.733	13-3	.813	T-1st	NCAA Sweet 16
1998-99	33-5	.868	15-1	.938	1st	NCAA Final Four
1999-2000	32-7	.821	13-3	.813	T-1st	NCAA Champion
2000-01	28-5	.848	13-3	.813	T-1st	NCAA Final Four
2001-02	19-12	.613	10-6	.625	5th	NCAA First Round
2002-03	22-13	.629	10-6	.625	t-3rd	NCAA Elite Eight
2003-04	18-12	.600	12-4	.750	t-2nd	NCAA First Round
2004-05	26-7	.788	13-3	.813	2nd	NCAA Final Four
2005-06	22-12	.647	8-8	.500	t-6th	NCAA First Round
2006-07	23-12	.657	8-8	.500	t-7th	NCAA Second Round
2007-08	27-9	.750	12-6	.667	4th	NCAA Sweet 16
2008-09	31-7	.816	15-3	.833	1st	NCAA Runner-Up
14 YEARS	336-137	.710	160-72	.690		



► Tom and Lupe Izzo with daughter Raquel and son Steven



“Michigan State has reached the elite level in college basketball, and we’re not going anywhere. Coach Izzo deserves all the credit. He has done an outstanding job for MSU and is a man that I admire very much. He possesses the coaching experience, knowledge of the game and personality to continue the proud tradition and success of Michigan State basketball for many years to come.”

EARVIN "MAGIC" JOHNSON
Hall of Famer, MSU All-American,
NCAA & NBA Champion

have earned some form of All-America honors. Chris Hill was a three-time Academic All-American, while Neitzel also earned Academic All-America accolades. Twenty-one different players have earned all-conference recognition.

One of the reasons for Izzo’s success is his ability to recruit some of the nation’s most talented high school players. During his time as head coach, Izzo has recruited eight McDonald’s All-Americans (Mateen Cleaves - 1996, Jason Richardson - 1999, Zach Randolph - 2000, Marcus Taylor - 2000, Kelvin Torbert - 2001, Paul Davis - 2002 and Shannon Brown and Brandon Cotton - 2003). In addition, six of the last 11 Michigan Mr. Basketball award winners suited up for the Green and White (1999 - Richardson, 2000 - Taylor, 2001 - Torbert, 2002 - Davis, 2004 - Drew Neitzel, 2009 - Derrick Nix), while Shannon Brown won the 2003 Illinois Mr. Basketball Award.

But perhaps even more important to Izzo’s success is his ability to take young talent and develop a player’s skills, allowing him to grow as a player and go on to play professionally. Since 2000, Michigan State has had 11 players selected in the NBA Draft, including six first rounders (Mateen Cleaves - 2000 first round, Morris Peterson - 2000 first round, Jason Richardson - 2001 first round, Zach Randolph - 2001 first round, Andre Hutson - 2001 second round, Marcus Taylor - 2002 second round, Erazem Lorbek - 2005 second round, Shannon Brown - 2006 first round, Maurice Ager - 2006 first round, Paul Davis - 2006 second round, Goran Suton - 2009 second round). Ager, Cleaves, Davis, Richardson, Randolph and Taylor were all high school All-Americans, but Izzo took Hutson, Peterson and Suton, who were not ranked in the top 75 coming out of high school, and turned them into NBA talent. In addition, Izzo-recruit Charlie Bell played in the NBA during the 2001-02 season after signing a free agent contract. The past four seasons, he has been a key part of the Milwaukee Bucks’ playing rotation. Alan Anderson, a member of the 2005 Final Four team, signed a free agent contract and played two years with the Charlotte Bobcats.

Izzo has also emerged as a teacher, not only to his players, but also to his assistant coaches. Five current Division I head coaches all served as assistants to Izzo, including Tom Crean (Indiana), Stan Heath (South Florida), Brian Gregory (Dayton), Doug Wojcik (Tulsa) and Jim Boylen (Utah). Current assistant Mike Garland spent three seasons as head coach at Cleveland State following an initial seven-year stint at MSU. Stan Joplin was also head coach at Toledo for 12 seasons.

The 2008-09 season was one of the best in the history of Spartan basketball. Michigan State advanced to its fifth Final Four in 11 seasons, becoming just the fifth school in the history of college basketball to accomplish that feat. During the regular season, the Spartans won the Big Ten Championship with a



IZZO'S NBA PIPELINE

▶ Since Tom Izzo became head coach, 10 former Spartans have gone on to play in the NBA.



MAURICE AGER

PAUL DAVIS

ALAN ANDERSON

JAMIE FEICK

CHARLIE BELL

MORRIS PETERSON

SHANNON BROWN

ZACH RANDOLPH

MATEEN CLEAVES

JASON RICHARDSON

▶ In addition, former MSU video coordinator Paul Rivers is Director of Basketball Technology with the Oklahoma City Thunder. Former managers have also found homes in the NBA. Steve Hetzel is the Player Development Coach for the Detroit Pistons. Brian Pauga is a Basketball Operations Assistant with the San Antonio Spurs. Dan Vincent is the Coaching Staff Coordinator with the Cleveland Cavaliers, where he is joined by Seasonal Video Coordinator Ryan Linhart.

“Coach Izzo is real. He doesn’t tell you things just to make himself look good. He tells you something because he feels it’s the right thing to do. Coach Izzo will fight for you. And that makes you want to fight for him.”

ZACH RANDOLPH,
2001 NBA First Rounder

15-3 league record, including a school-best 8-1 mark on the road. MSU won the league title by four games, equaling the second-greatest margin in conference history. Overall, Michigan State finished the season with a 31-7 record, the third-highest win total in school history. For his efforts, Izzo was named Big Ten Coach of the Year for the second time in his career. Of the 18 20-win seasons in Michigan State history, Izzo has been involved in 15 of them, 10 as a head coach and five as an assistant.

In the NCAA Tournament, Michigan State advanced through the first weekend with wins over Robert Morris and USC. In the Sweet 16, the Spartans took out defending National Champion Kansas. In the Elite Eight, MSU beat No. 1 seed and No. 1 ranked Louisville, marking just the third victory over the top-ranked team in The Associated Press Top 25 in school history. At the Final Four in Detroit’s Ford Field, the Spartans beat No. 1 seed Connecticut before eventually falling to North Carolina in the title game.

Michigan State led the nation in rebounding margin for the third time in Izzo’s career, out-rebounding opponents by a +9.3 margin. It marked the eighth time that an Izzo-coached team ranked in the top 10 in the nation. The Spartans also proved to possess a high-powered attack, leading the Big Ten in scoring offense (72.0 ppg).

Izzo directed Michigan State to a 27-9 record in 2007-08, recording the ninth 20-win season in the last 11 years. The season finished with a trip to the Sweet 16 of the NCAA Tournament, marking MSU’s seventh trip to the regionals in the last 11 years, tying for second most in the nation. The 27 wins marked the fifth-largest total in school history at the time, while the 24 regular-season victories were the then third-largest regular-season total for MSU. The Spartans were a perfect 17-0 at home, good for the first perfect home season since 2001 and just the fourth in Breslin Center history.

The '07-08 Spartans led the Big Ten in rebounding margin (+6.8). In league games, MSU paced the conference in field-goal percentage (.474) for the fifth-straight season, becoming the first school in league history to accomplish that feat.

Michigan State finished with a 23-12 mark in 2006-07. The Spartans had to overcome a large amount of adversity and a very difficult Big Ten schedule, but they did advance to a 10th-straight NCAA Tournament. The Spartans also did something for the first time in school history - recording Michigan State’s first home win over a No. 1-ranked team, with a 64-55 over Wisconsin.

The 2006-07 Michigan State squad excelled by getting back to Spartan basics - rebounding and defense. On the glass, the Spartans led the Big Ten in rebounding margin (+7.0). Defensively, MSU allowed opponents just 57.2 points per game, the lowest total since the 1951-52 squad allowed 56.0 points. Opponents also shot just 38.4 percent from the field, the lowest percentage since 1958-59 (.379). Nationally, the Spartans ranked sixth in scoring defense and field-goal percentage defense and eighth in rebounding margin.

In 2005-06, Michigan State finished with a 22-12 mark. The Spartans played one of the nation’s toughest schedules, playing more games against teams ranked in the RPI top 25 (13) and top 50 (18) than any other

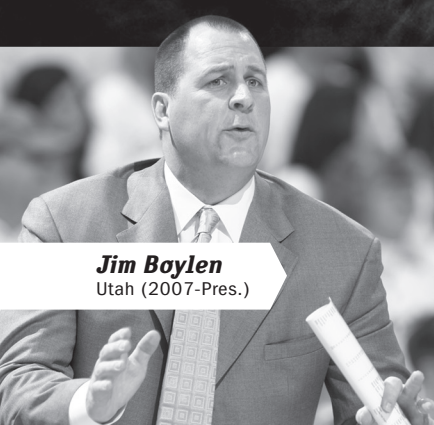


▶ **Tom Izzo and former NFL head coach Steve Mariucci have been best friends since growing up together in Iron Mountain, Mich. Their unique story of success and loyalty was profiled in the June 11, 2005, issue of “Sports Illustrated.”**



THE IZZO COACHING TREE

► Seven former Tom Izzo assistants have gone on to become Division I head coaches.



Jim Boylen
Utah (2007-Pres.)



Tom Crean
Marquette (1999-08)
Indiana (2008-Pres.)



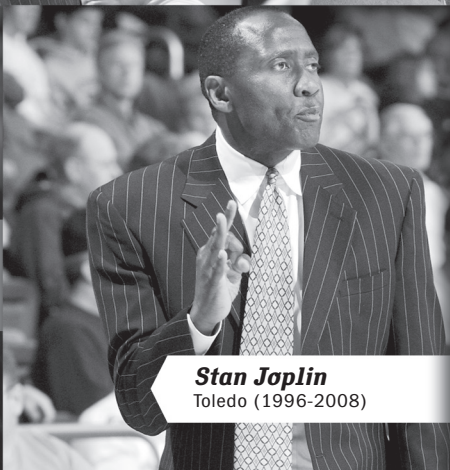
Mike Garland
Cleveland State (2003-06)



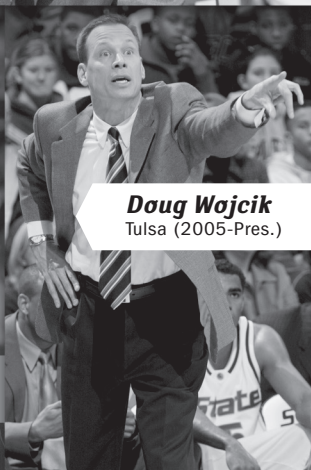
Brian Gregory
Dayton (2003-Pres.)



Stan Heath
Kent State (2001-02)
Arkansas (2002-07)
South Florida (2007-Pres.)



Stan Joplin
Toledo (1996-2008)



Doug Wojcik
Tulsa (2005-Pres.)

“Tom Izzo is among the elite coaches in contemporary American sport, period. With his blue-collar approach and his exceptional skills, Izzo has built Michigan State into a national powerhouse, compiling a record and standard of play that most thought impossible. Because of Izzo, Spartan Basketball means all-out effort in pursuing excellence. There is no coach in America I respect any more than Tom Izzo.”

JAY BILAS
ESPN Basketball Analyst

school in the nation.

In Big Ten games, Michigan State led the conference in five statistical categories including free-throw percentage (.781), field-goal percentage (.469), rebounding defense (30.1), rebounding margin (+4.2) and assists (15.81 apg).

Michigan State returned to the Final Four in 2005, becoming the only team to appear in four Final Fours between 1999 and 2005. The Spartans finished the season with a 26-7 mark, including a 22-5 regular-season record. Since Michigan State joined the Big Ten, only three Spartan teams finished the regular season with fewer losses.

In the NCAA Tournament, MSU defeated No. 1 Duke and No. 2 Kentucky in the Austin Regional, becoming the first team in tournament history to defeat the Blue Devils and the Wildcats in the same year. Despite losing to North Carolina in the Final Four, Izzo was named the 2005 Clair Bee Award winner, recognizing the Division I men’s basketball coach who has made the most significant positive contribution to his sport.

Not only did the 2004-05 Spartans win, they were also statistically impressive, ranking in the top 15 nationally in six statistical categories, including free-throw percentage (3rd, .777), scoring margin (7th, +13.1), assists per game (10th, 17.1 apg), field-goal percentage (11th, .487), rebound margin (11th, +6.8) and scoring offense (13th, 78.5 ppg). MSU led the Big Ten in scoring for the second straight year with 78.5 points per game - its highest scoring average since 1985-86 (83.1 ppg).

During the season, Izzo recorded his 232nd win at MSU, moving past Benjamin Van Alstyne for the second most number of career wins in Spartan coaching history. In summer of 2005, Izzo traveled to Kuwait to take part in “Operation Hardwood - Hoops With The Troops.” Izzo was one of eight coaches and sports personalities coaching 13-member military basketball teams on Camp Arifjan, Kuwait, from Aug. 27-31. Camp Arifjan defeated the other bases to win the championship under the direction of Coach Izzo. Izzo made a return trip to Kuwait in May 2006.



In 2003-04, MSU opened the season with a 5-7 mark after taking on one of the most difficult non-conference schedules in NCAA history. Rather than give up, Izzo and the Spartans rallied to win 12 of the next 15 games, finishing just one game out of first place in the Big Ten at 12-4. For the year, MSU posted an 18-12 mark.

The 2003-04 season saw Michigan State become the first team in Big Ten history to lead the conference in scoring offense (71.3 ppg), field-goal percentage (.522), 3-point field-goal percentage (.434) and free-throw percentage (.777) in the same season.

On Feb. 4, 2004, MSU defeated Iowa, 89-72, as Izzo recorded the 200th victory of his Spartan career, becoming just the third coach in MSU history to accomplish that feat. He also became the eighth head coach in NCAA history to record 200 wins in his first nine seasons. Ten days later, Izzo became just the third coach in Big Ten history to record 100 league wins in his first nine seasons, joining Bob Knight and Gene Keady as MSU defeated Minnesota, 69-58, on Feb. 14.

The 2002-03 season was a study in perseverance. Izzo rallied his team to win the final four regular-season games and eight of the last 10 conference games to finish 10-6 in the Big Ten, good for third place in the league.

Michigan State made even bigger noise during the NCAA Tournament. The No. 7 seed Spartans easily dismissed Colorado in the first round, setting up a matchup with the No. 2 seed Florida Gators. The Spartans shocked many experts with a 68-46 victory in the Gators' home state. In the Sweet 16, Michigan State defeated defending-national champion Maryland in a thrilling two-point game, before eventually falling to the No. 1 seed Texas Longhorns in the Lone Star State.

The Elite Eight appearance was the fourth for MSU between 1999 and 2003. During that time period, no other school made more than two trips. In fact, since the NCAA Tournament expanded to 64 teams in 1985, just four programs (Duke, Kentucky, Michigan State and North Carolina) have advanced to four Elite Eights in any five-year period.

The 2001-02 season may prove to be one of Izzo's finest. Despite losing 81 percent of the scoring load from 2000-01, and having three of his key players miss several games with injuries, Izzo led the Spartans to a 10-6 Big Ten record, finishing just one game out of first place. MSU won 10 of the last 13 regular-season games to finish with a 19-12 record and earned a spot in the NCAA Tournament.

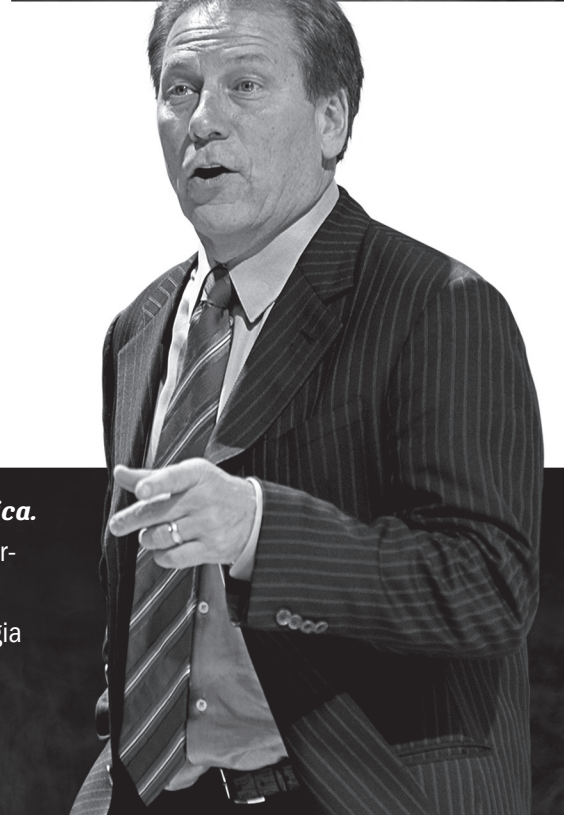
In 2000-01, Izzo earned NABC National Coach of the Year and District 11 Coach of the Year honors for leading Michigan State to its third straight Final Four and fourth straight regular-season Big Ten Championship. MSU became just the fourth school in Big Ten history to win four straight league titles.

MSU opened the season by winning its first 12 games to establish the best start in school history. On Dec. 25, 2000, the Spartans earned the top spot in The Associated Press Top 25, marking the first time they held the No. 1 position in the AP Poll since 1979. In Big Ten action, Michigan State posted a 13-3 record to win a share of the league crown. The Big Ten finale vs. Michigan marked Izzo's 100th Big Ten game. Through his first 100 games, Izzo posted a 72-28 mark, the fifth-best record in Big Ten history.

In the 2001 NCAA Tournament, Izzo guided the Spartans to a third straight Final Four. For a third consecutive season, Michigan State earned a No. 1 seed. MSU won the first three games by double figures, establishing a record with nine straight NCAA Tournament victories by double digits. When MSU defeated Temple, 69-62, in the South Regional Final, the Spartans became just the ninth school to reach three-straight Final Fours and just the third since the NCAA Tournament field expanded to 64 teams in 1985. On the season, MSU finished with a 28-5 record.



In May, Izzo starred in "Izzo Goes To Broadway," a professional production with a Broadway director and cast. The one-night show raised \$145,000 for the American Cancer Society, along with national exposure for the cause. Izzo was presented the Coaches Vs. Cancer Champion Award in 2009.



ANYONE. ANYWHERE.

Tom Izzo has consistently played one of the toughest schedules in America.

With a willingness to play at home, on the road or at a neutral site, his list of regular-season non-conference opponents reads like a who's who of top college basketball programs: Arizona, Arkansas, Boston College, BYU, Connecticut, Duke, Florida, Georgia Tech, Gonzaga, Iowa State, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisville, Maryland, Missouri, North Carolina, North Carolina State, Oklahoma, Oklahoma State, Seton Hall, Stanford, Syracuse, Temple, Texas, UCLA, Utah and Virginia.



Michigan State led the nation in rebound margin for the second straight season at +15.4 boards per game, tying the fifth-largest margin in Division I history and the greatest since 1980. The Spartans also ranked 13th in the nation in scoring defense (61.8 ppg).

In 1999-2000, Michigan State captured the second NCAA Championship in school history and its third straight regular-season Big Ten Championship. MSU also won at least 30 games for the second straight season, posting a 32-7 mark, becoming just the second Big Ten school to accomplish that feat. The 65 wins over the 1998-99 and 1999-2000 seasons is the greatest two-year total in the history of the Big Ten. The Spartans also repeated as Big Ten Tournament champions.

Izzo led MSU to consecutive Final Fours for the first time in school history. For his efforts, Izzo was named USBWA District V Coach of the Year and NABC District 11 Coach of the Year. Izzo also recorded his 100th career victory in a Jan. 11, 2000, 77-71 overtime win over Indiana in the Breslin Center.

For the second consecutive season, Michigan State earned a No. 1 seed in the Midwest Region of the NCAA Tournament. After disposing of Valparaiso and Utah in Cleveland, Ohio, the Spartans moved on to the Sweet 16 at the Palace of Auburn Hills, Mich., where they recorded come-from-behind victories versus Syracuse and Iowa State. In the Final Four, MSU defeated Wisconsin for the fourth time that season. The Spartans then captured their second NCAA title in school history, defeating Florida, 89-76.

During the 1998-99 season, Izzo directed the Spartans on a magical run to the program's first appearance in the NCAA Final Four since 1979. Under Izzo's guidance, Michigan State posted a record of 33-5, establishing a school record for most wins in a season. For his efforts, Izzo was named the Basketball Times National Coach of the Year and the National Association of Basketball Coaches (NABC) District 11 Coach of the Year. Throughout the 1998-99 Big Ten season, Michigan State established itself as the class program of the conference. Izzo directed the school to its second straight Big Ten title. The Spartans followed up a 15-1 Big Ten regular season by capturing their first Big Ten Tournament championship. The 15 league wins tied a school record for most victories in conference play, while the Spartans' 93.8 winning percentage established a school record.

Whereas MSU's success in 1998-99 was expected, the Spartans took the college basketball world by storm in 1997-98. Izzo became the first Michigan State coach to earn Associated Press National Coach of the Year honors while leading MSU to a 22-8 record and a share of the Big Ten title. The Spartans posted a 13-3 mark in conference, earning Izzo Big Ten Coach of the Year honors.

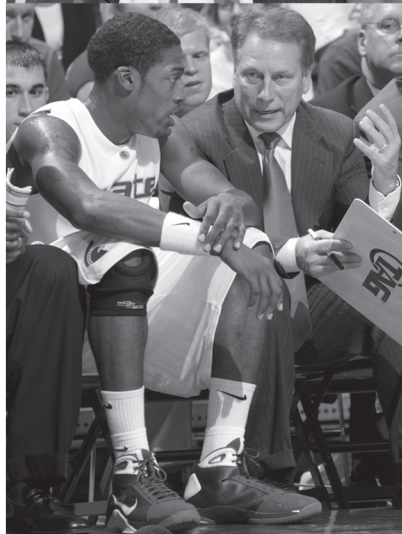


"All those stories you hear about Tom are true. He's just one of the greatest guys. I can see why the guys want to go play for him because he's straightforward and he's just a nice guy. Certainly he's a guy that if I was playing ball, he's the type of guy that I'd want to go play for."

TIGER WOODS



Three weeks after leading MSU to the National Championship game at Ford Field, Tom Izzo threw out the ceremonial first pitch at a Detroit Tigers game across the street at Comerica Park.



THE IZZO FILE

Over the course of the 1997-98 season, Izzo and his team finished the year ranked No. 10 nationally by USA Today/ESPN, marking the first time the Spartans had finished in the Top 10 since 1995. In addition to his AP award, Izzo was named National Coach of the Year by Basketball News and the United States Basketball Writers Association (USBWA). Basketball Times selected Izzo as its Mideast Coach of the Year.

During Izzo's first season as head coach in 1995-96, he directed the Green and White to an overall slate of 16-16, including a 9-9 effort in the Big Ten. Izzo recorded wins over Top 25 teams on four occasions. In 1996-97, Izzo guided the Green and White cagers to an overall mark of 17-12, including a Big Ten ledger of 9-9. Izzo led the Spartans to the second round of the NIT in each of his first two seasons.

In his 27th season as a member of the MSU coaching staff, Izzo has been with the Spartan program since taking a part-time assistant coaching position in 1983. An assistant coach with the Spartans from 1983-86, Izzo left MSU in May of 1986 to become the top assistant and recruiting coordinator at Tulsa. But, on June 10 of the same year, Izzo returned to East Lansing when Spartan assistant Mike Deane left to become head coach at Siena College.

Since then, he has been the catalyst in the resurgence of the MSU program. Regarded as one of the country's top recruiters, he is known as a tireless worker both on the recruiting trail and in the office. His hard work and loyalty were rewarded in July 1990, when Jud Heathcote appointed him associate head coach. His dutiful efforts were further recognized when, on March 30, 1993, then-MSU Athletics Director Merrily Dean Baker recommended both a one-year contract extension for Heathcote through the 1994-95 season and that Izzo be appointed head coach upon Jud's retirement. The MSU Board of Trustees accepted both recommendations on April 9, 1994.

Izzo originally came to MSU from Northern Michigan, where he had been an assistant from 1979-83. He was named a part-time assistant at MSU in September 1983. When former assistant Edgar Wilson left in November 1983, Izzo became a full-time assistant.

Izzo played guard for NMU's basketball team from 1973-77, and was voted the team's MVP as a senior. He was also a third-team Division II All-America pick that year and established the Wildcat record for most minutes played in a season. Following his graduation from NMU in 1977, Izzo took over as head coach at Ishpeming High School and served in that position for the 1977-78 campaign.

A native of Iron Mountain, Mich., Izzo and former NFL head coach Steve Mariucci were Iron Mountain High School teammates in football, basketball, baseball and track. As college roommates at Northern Michigan, Izzo walked on to the basketball team, while Mariucci did the same with football. Both would go on to earn Division II All-America honors. Despite their busy schedules, they remain the closest of friends. For 10 years, they co-hosted a golf tournament in Iron Mountain to raise money for the community, including a fitness center for the high school.

In October 1990, Izzo was inducted into the Northern Michigan University Hall of Fame and was selected as an inductee into the Upper Peninsula Hall of Fame during the summer of 1998.

In 2001, Izzo received honorary degrees from both Northern Michigan and Michigan State, delivering the commencement address at both graduation ceremonies.

Izzo is also an active volunteer in the community. Among his many efforts, he is very active with Coaches Vs. Cancer, Sparrow Hospital, the Jimmy "V" Foundation and the Catholic Social Services/St. Vincent Home for Children in Lansing. In 2009, Izzo was presented the Coaches Vs. Cancer Champion Award, recognizing his work and leadership in the fight to save lives from cancer.

Izzo was born January 30, 1955. His family includes his wife, Lupe, daughter, Raquel, and son, Steven.

- ▶ **Born**
January 30, 1955, Iron Mountain, Mich.

- ▶ **High School**
Iron Mountain High School

- ▶ **College Career**
Northern Michigan University, Guard, 1973-77

- ▶ **College Degree**
Northern Michigan, 1977

- ▶ **College Honors**
1977 Team MVP
1977 Division II All-American (third-team)
School record for minutes played in a season

- ▶ **Coaching Career**
Head Coach, Ishpeming High School, 1977-78
Assistant Coach, Northern Michigan, 1979-83
Assistant Coach, Michigan State, 1983-86
Assistant Coach, Tulsa, May-June 1986
Assistant Coach, Michigan State, June 1986-90
Associate Head Coach, Michigan State 1990-95
Head Coach, Michigan State, 1995-Present

- ▶ **Coaching Honors**
Head Coach, 1997 Big Ten All-Star Team
1998 Associated Press National Coach of the Year
1998 Basketball News National Coach of the Year
1998 USBWA National Coach of the Year
1998 Big Ten Coach of the Year
1998 Basketball Times Mideast Region Coach of the Year
1999 Basketball Times National Coach of the Year
1999 NABC District 11 Coach of the Year
2000 NABC District 11 Coach of the Year
2000 USBWA District V Coach of the Year
2001 NABC National and District 11 Coach of the Year
USA Basketball Assistant Coach, 2001 Goodwill Games
Head Coach, 2002 NABC All-Star Game
USA Basketball Head Coach, 2003 Pan-American Games
2005 Clair Bee Coach of the Year
2009 Big Ten Coach of the Year

- ▶ **Other Honors**
1990 Inductee, Northern Michigan University Hall of Fame
1998 Inductee, Upper Peninsula Hall of Fame

- ▶ **Family**
Wife: Lupe
Daughter: Raquel (15)
Son: Steven (9)

"Coach Izzo taught me the fundamentals of the game so that I could become a better player. When he recruited me, he promised me a chance to play in a championship game and to become an All-American. Because of him, my dreams became a reality."

JASON RICHARDSON
2001 NBA First Rounder

MARK MONTGOMERY

Associate Head Coach | 9th Season



Playing Experience

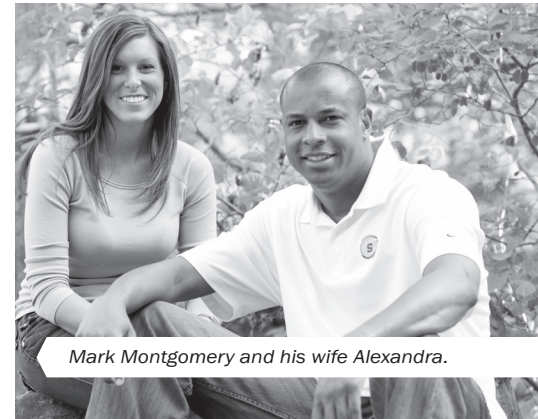
Michigan State (1988-92) - 1992 Third-Team All-Big Ten, 1992 Team Captain

Coaching Experience

Central Michigan, Assistant Coach (1997-2001); Michigan State, Assistant Coach (2001-07); Michigan State, Associate Head Coach (2007-Present)

Mark Montgomery is in his ninth season as an assistant basketball coach at Michigan State in 2009-10, and his third as associate head coach, having been promoted to the position in May 2007.

Montgomery is instrumental in the development of the perimeter players, passing on the knowledge that helped make him an all-conference selection during his time at MSU. He also assists with scouting and coordinates recruiting, helping assemble a top-five recruiting class in 2007. Recently, Jeff Goodman of FoxSports.com named him one of 10 assistant coaches ready to "make the jump and run their own program." He also made Goodman's list of the top 20 High-Major Assistants in the nation and was named to Rivals.com's list of "10 Assistant Coaches Ready To Move Up."



Mark Montgomery and his wife Alexandra.

In his eight seasons, perimeter players Maurice Ager, Alan Anderson, Shannon Brown, Chris Hill, Kalin Lucas, Raymar Morgan, Drew Neitzel, Marcus Taylor, Kelvin Torbert and Travis Walton have earned all-conference recognition in some format. The Spartans have also appeared in eight NCAA Tournaments, including a trip to the Final Four in 2005 and 2009 and the Elite Eight in 2003 during his tenure.

Montgomery returned to his alma mater prior to the 2001-02 season after four years as an assistant coach at Central Michigan. He joined the Central Michigan coaching staff in 1997-98 and helped direct a turnaround in the Chippewa program. In 2000-01, CMU posted a 20-8 record and captured the fifth Mid-American Conference regular-season championship in school history and first since 1987. Central's 20-win season was only the second since 1976, and just the third winning season since 1980. By capturing the 2001 conference championship after a 2000 record of 6-23 (2-16 MAC), CMU became the first team in MAC history to go from last place one season to first the next.

An Inkster, Mich., native, Montgomery was a four-year letterwinner at Michigan State University from 1988-92. A 1992 third-team All-Big Ten selection, Montgomery ended his career as the then-career leader in games played at MSU (126). A four-year starter for the Spartans, he was part of the 1990 Big Ten Championship team, three NCAA Tournament teams and an NIT Final Four. Montgomery ranks fourth on the career assists chart (561) after leading the team in assists as a junior (169) and senior (190). He also ranks third on the MSU career steals list (168).

Montgomery averaged 5.3 points and 4.5 assists in his four years as a Spartan. In 1992, he averaged 7.0 points and 6.3 assists as a senior co-captain, leading his team to a 22-8 mark and the second round of the NCAA Tournament.

Following his playing days at Michigan State, Montgomery played four years of professional basketball in Europe. He averaged more than 25 points a game during his career in Germany, Lithuania and Sweden.

While at Michigan State, he was a two-time Academic All-Big Ten honoree. Montgomery received his bachelor's degree in food industry management from Michigan State. His family includes his wife Alexandra.



DWAYNE STEPHENS

Assistant Coach | 7th Season



Playing Experience

Michigan State (1989-93) - 1992 Team MVP, 1993 Team Captain

Coaching Experience

Oakland University, Assistant Coach (1997-99); Marquette, Assistant Coach (1999-2003); Michigan State, Assistant Coach (2003-Present)

Dwayne Stephens is in his seventh season as an assistant coach at Michigan State.

Among Stephens' many responsibilities, he coaches the Spartan post players, while also handling scouting and recruiting duties. Under his tutelage, Spartan center Paul Davis was a three-time All-Big Ten honoree, including first-team all-conference and Associated Press honorable mention All-America honors in 2003-04, while finishing among the top 10 scorers and rebounders in MSU history. Last season, second-team All-Big Ten performer Goran Suton led the Big Ten in rebounding, one season after ranking second in the conference. The Spartans also finished the season leading the nation in rebounding margin (+9.3) and have paced the Big Ten in four of his six seasons.

Stephens has coached in eight straight NCAA Tournaments, including the 2003 Final Four with Marquette and the 2005 and 2009 Final Fours with MSU. In 2006-07, the Spartan big men led a defensive attack that set a school record in blocks.

Stephens has emerged as one of the top recruiters in the nation. He was named a Rivals.com Class of 2006 Top 25 Recruiter in September, and played a key role in putting together a top-five recruiting class in the fall of 2006. In May 2008, he was listed among the top 20 High-Major Assistants in the nation by Jeff Goodman of FoxSports.com.

"Dwayne has made great strides in his coaching," said head coach Tom Izzo. "One of his greatest strengths is his recruiting as he has played a large role in putting together some of the best recruiting classes of my time at Michigan State. He has taken on more responsibilities over the last few years and will continue to do so as he looks to someday lead his own program."

A Ferndale, Mich., native, Stephens was a four-year letterwinner at Michigan State University from 1989-93. In his four seasons, the Spartans posted an 84-38 overall record and made four postseason appearances, as Stephens never missed a game in his career. As a freshman in 1989-90, Stephens was a third-team selection on Basketball Weekly's Freshman All-America Team and scored the game-winning basket in a 72-70 victory over Purdue that clinched the Big Ten Championship. In 1990-91, he was the recipient of MSU's Best Defensive Player Award on a squad that advanced to the second round of the NCAA Tournament.

As a junior, Stephens was voted Most Valuable Player by his teammates as he averaged 11.2 points, 5.0 rebounds and 2.8 assists per game. He was also named honorable mention All-Big Ten and was named the recipient of MSU's Most Improved Player Award. In two NCAA Tournament games, Stephens averaged 16.0 points. In 1992-93, Stephens served as a senior co-captain for the Spartans, averaging 9.1 points, 5.6 rebounds and 3.5 assists. He was named MSU's Best Defensive Player and earned a spot on the Basketball Weekly Honorable Mention All-Midwest Team.

Prior to returning to his alma mater, Stephens spent four years (1999-2003) as an assistant at Marquette under former MSU assistant Tom Crean. In 2001, Brian Wardle became the school's first-ever first-team All-Conference USA honoree. Marquette made back-to-back NCAA Tournament appearances in 2002 and 2003, advancing to the Final Four in 2003. Dwayne Wade was a two-time all-league performer and earned First-Team All-America honors from The Associated Press in 2003. The Golden Eagles posted a 27-6 record in 2003, winning a Conference USA regular-season title.

Prior to his coaching stint at Marquette, Stephens spent the 1997-98 and 1998-99 seasons as an assistant coach at Oakland University, where the Golden Grizzlies compiled a 27-27 two-year record. During the '98-99 campaign, Oakland's first season as a Division I member, the Golden Grizzlies posted a 12-15 mark.

Following the conclusion of his collegiate career, Stephens played three professional seasons in Europe.

Stephens earned a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Michigan State in 1993. His family includes his daughter, Taylor Olivia.

MIKE GARLAND

Assistant Coach | 10th Season



Playing Experience

Northern Michigan (1974-77)

Coaching Experience

Detroit Cody High School, Assistant Coach (1977-79); Belleville High School, Junior Varsity Coach (1982-87); Belleville High School, Head Coach (1987-1996); Michigan State, Assistant Coach (1996-2003); Cleveland State, Head Coach (2003-06); Southern Methodist University, Associate Head Coach (2006-07); Michigan State, Assistant Coach (2007-Present)

Mike Garland is in his second stint on the Spartan bench, with the 2009-10 campaign marking his 10th season at MSU.

He returned to East Lansing for the 2007-08, year having previously served as an assistant at MSU for seven seasons from 1996-2003. In his time at MSU, Garland has helped coach the Spartans to seven NCAA Tournaments, five Big Ten Championships, two Big Ten Tournament Championships, four Final Fours and one National Championship. He excels in self-scouting and individual player improvement. His instruction led to six Spartans being selected in the NBA Draft during a three-year span from 2000-02. In total, he has worked with 10 Spartans that have been selected in the draft.

"Mike is someone who was here through our championship and Final Four runs, and helped build this program from the ground up," said Michigan State head coach Tom Izzo. "Mike has a tremendous passion for coaching and developing relationships with players. He helps instill the toughness necessary to compete at the championship level."

In 2006-07, Garland served as associate head coach at SMU under Matt Doherty. Prior to that, he was head coach for three seasons at Cleveland State, posting a 23-60 record, while increasing the Vikings' win total each season. In his second season, the Vikings improved by six wins in Horizon League play, which was the fifth-best improvement in league history.

Prior to his arrival at East Lansing, Garland enjoyed a successful nine-year stint as varsity head coach at Belleville High School. During that time, he posted a career record of 153-49 (.757) while earning numerous coaching honors. He was selected as the Associated Press' 1993-94 Michigan High School Coach of the Year while also being named the Michigan Mega Red Conference Coach of the Year. Garland, who coached three players to first-team all-state honors during his tenure at Belleville, was named The Detroit News All-Metro West Coach of the Year in 1990-91 while being selected as the All-Suburban Coach of the Year during the same campaign by the Detroit Free Press. His Belleville teams won six Mega Red Conference championships, four district titles and advanced to the state tournament quarterfinals in 1991. He spent five seasons as an assistant at Belleville before being named head coach.

Garland started his coaching career in 1977 with a two-year stint as an assistant basketball coach at Cody High in Detroit. Garland then headed to private business for several years before his desire to teach led him back into coaching as the junior varsity coach at Belleville High in 1982.

Garland earned a bachelor's degree in physical education and community recreation from Northern Michigan in 1977. While at NMU, he was the recipient of the Minority Student Academic Achievement Award. Izzo and Garland were teammates on the Wildcats' basketball squad.

Garland's family includes his wife, Cynthia, daughter, Simone, and sons Quentin and Michael Ray, and grandchildren Simone, LaNyla and Jacqueline.



Mike Garland and his wife Cynthia



KEVIN PAUGA

Director of Basketball Operations | 1st Season



Kevin Pauga, who previously spent eight seasons with the Michigan State men's basketball team, is in his first season with the Spartan program as director of basketball operations, handling the day-to-day operations of the basketball program.

In 2008-09, Pauga served as data analyst for the Big Ten Conference. He worked closely on various projects, including conference scheduling for multiple sports, statistical analyses, television, communications and was involved in both the men's and women's conference basketball tournaments.

Previously, Pauga spent eight seasons at Michigan State. He served as the video coordinator for four seasons (2004-08), assisting the MSU coaching staff in breaking down game and practice films and opponent game videos.

He also coordinated the film exchange between Michigan State and other schools, and prepared special video projects. Pauga also assisted with non-conference scheduling and supervised the student managers. During his stint as video coordinator, Michigan State advanced to four NCAA Tournaments, including the 2005 Final Four.

As an undergraduate student, Pauga served four seasons as a student manager (2000-04), including holding the position of senior manager during the 2003-04 season. He also served as team manager for the 2003 USA Basketball Pan American Games team, coached by Tom Izzo, during its training camp in Orlando. During his stint as manager, MSU appeared in four NCAA Tournaments and made the 2001 Final Four and 2003 Elite Eight, while also capturing the 2001 Big Ten Championship.

A native of Willowbrook, Ill., Pauga received his bachelor's degree in journalism from Michigan State in 2004, with an external specialty in sports management.

SPARTAN MANAGERS



Front (L to R) Anthony Saccoccia, Brett Ferguson, Tom Izzo, Robby Smith, Ben Setas Back (L to R) Marqus McGlothlin, Nate Babcock, Jamie Curtis, Justin Munson, Billy Schrage

Manager Careers In Sports

Since moving into the Berkowitz Basketball Complex in 2002, 21 managers, graduate managers and video coordinators have moved on to a profession in athletics. Here is a list of those still involved in athletics.

Jon Borovich: Assistant Coach, Dayton

Rick Carter: Assistant Coach, Western Michigan

Jon Dykema: Director of Basketball Operations, Utah

Sean Dwyer: Assistant Video Coordinator, University of Florida

Mike Gibson: Assistant Coach, Drake

Joe Griffin: Head Coach, Roosevelt University

Steve Hetzel: Player Development Coach, Detroit Pistons

Nick Holmberg: Video Coordinator, Auburn University

Andy Kohut: Assistant Coach, Tulsa

Ryan Linhart: Seasonal Video Coordinator, Cleveland Cavaliers

Jordan Ott: Video Coordinator, Michigan State

Brian Pauga: Basketball Operations Assistant, San Antonio Spurs

Kevin Pauga: Director of Basketball Operations, Michigan State

Paul Rivers: Director, Basketball Administration and Technology, Oklahoma City Thunder

Joe Rood: Assistant Ticket Manager, Michigan State

Reed Schuitema: Graduate Assistant for Football Operations, Michigan State

Dan Vincent: Coaching Staff Coordinator, Cleveland Cavaliers

George Wishart: Broadcast Associate, CBS Sports

JORDAN OTT

Video Coordinator | 2nd Season



Jordan Ott is in his second year as video coordinator for the Spartan program. Ott will assist the coaching staff in breaking down game and practice film to create individual player edits for the MSU team. He will also assist with the scouting of opponents, film exchange between universities, and the preparation of recruit visits. He also will oversee the group of team managers. Last summer, Ott directed the Michigan State basketball camps. Previously, Ott spent two seasons as a graduate manager at Michigan State. A native of McConnellsburg, Pa., Jordan received his bachelor's degree in sports management from the Pennsylvania State University in 2006 and earned his master's degree in Athletic Administration from Michigan State University in the spring of 2008.

DOUG HERNER

Assistant Video Coordinator | 6th Season



Doug Herner is in his sixth year as assistant video coordinator with the Michigan State basketball program. Herner has 22 years of experience as a coach at Lansing Sexton High School, while also serving as a teacher for 34 years. For seven seasons, his duties also included serving as camp director for Michigan State's basketball camps. He received his bachelor's degree in education from the University of Michigan in 1964. He earned three varsity letters in basketball with the Wolverines from 1961-64, winning a Big Ten title in 1964. His family includes his wife Sue, daughters Holly and Tamara and sons D.J. and Scott.

ELLIOTT DANIELS



Academic Coordinator

Elliott Daniels enters his seventh year working at Student-Athlete Support Services serving as associate director of SASS. In this capacity, he assists the associate athletic director and director of academic services with the overall management and daily operation of the SASS Unit and administers academic services for both men's basketball and football programs. With this, he has oversight of full-time staff, graduate assistants, interns and mentor program staff. Responsibilities include implementing academic programming and monitoring

academic progress for at-risk and good-standing student-athletes, ensuring that all student-athletes receive effective and efficient services. A native of Chicago, Ill., Daniels attended Eastern Michigan University where he played football. A three-year letterwinner (1999-2001), Daniels was one of the top scholars on the team, being awarded numerous athletic director honor roll awards while earning a spot on the All-MAC Academic Team three times. He earned a bachelor's of business administration in management from EMU in April of 2003 and completed a master's of science in sports administration from MSU in June of 2005.

MIKE VORKAPICH

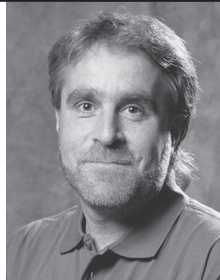


Strength & Conditioning Coach

Mike Vorkapich returned to Michigan State in August of 1998. After 11 seasons as assistant strength and conditioning coach, he was promoted to associate head strength and conditioning coach in 2009. Vorkapich, who works directly with the men's basketball, women's basketball and hockey teams, spent the previous five months in a similar position at Notre Dame. He also spent one year at the University of Cincinnati as an assistant strength and conditioning coach. Vorkapich got his start at Michigan State as a graduate assistant from 1995-

97. During that time, he worked with the men's and women's basketball teams while assisting with the hockey and football programs. A former Spartan football player (1991-94), Vorkapich received his bachelor's and master's degrees in physical education and exercise science from MSU. A certified specialist with both the Collegiate Strength and Conditioning Coaches association (CSCCA) and the National Strength and Conditioning Association (NSCA), Vorkapich has authored articles and been a featured clinic speaker on various topics related to strength and conditioning. Vorkapich is in his fourth year as the secretary of the Varsity "S" Alumni Club at MSU.

JEFF KOVAN



Director of Sports Medicine

Serving as MSU's director of primary care sports medicine and head team physician since 1996 is Dr. Jeff Kovan. Dr. Kovan is an assistant professor in the College of Osteopathic Medicine in the Department of Radiology, Division of Sports Medicine. He is Board certified in Family Medicine and has completed his Certificate of Added Qualifications in Sports Medicine. A 1987 graduate of MSU's College of Osteopathic Medicine, he worked at Western Michigan University's sports medicine department before returning to MSU in 1995 to direct the school's

Sports Medicine program. His family includes wife, Jessica, daughters, Brianna and Sarah, and son, Zachary.

DAVE PRUDER



Equipment Manager

Serving as the equipment manager for the Spartan men's basketball team is Dave Pruder. A certified equipment manager and a member of the equipment staff since 1989, Pruder helps with the planning and distribution of equipment for Spartan athletes. Pruder serves as the summer sports camps budget director in which he oversees all budget activities for all varsity sports camps offered. An avid runner, he has completed 79 marathons, including one in every state and 17 straight Boston Marathons. He received his bachelor's degree in

business from Michigan State in 1987, his master's in physical education and exercise science in 1989 and his M.B.A. in 1992. Pruder's family includes wife, Theresa, daughter, Kristen, and son, David Thomas.

TOM MACKOWIAK



Athletic Trainer

Tom Mackowiak was appointed Michigan State's athletic trainer for men's basketball in August 1987. A native of South Bend, Ind., Mackowiak works with the Spartan basketball team year-round. In the summer, he works on off-season conditioning and injury prevention. He is an adjunct instructor in the Department of Kinesiology, a staff advisor for MSU's student athletic trainer organization E-Stim (Educating Students in Medicine) and actively assists in the recruitment of undergraduate and graduate level student athletic trainers. Every summer, he

coordinates MSU's High School Student Athletic Training Workshop. Mackowiak was a contributing author to a chapter named "Preventive Medicine In Basketball," a volume in the Handbook of Sports Medicine and Science Series, published under the auspices of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) and FIBA. In 2009, he completed his Corrective Exercise Specialist (CES) Certification from the National Academy of Sports Medicine. He earned a bachelor's degree in special education, with a minor in athletic training, from Ball State in 1979. Two years later, he received a master's degree in special education from Michigan State. In 2005, he received a PhD. in the Department of Kinesiology in Program Design and Curriculum Evaluation at MSU. His research interests involve planned change, change and leadership traits. Mackowiak served as the head athletic trainer at the University of Detroit from 1981 until his current appointment at MSU. He is a certified athletic trainer and a member of the American College of Sports Medicine.

Lori Soderberg EXECUTIVE SECRETARY



Beth Marinez RECRUITING SECRETARY



Student Office Assistants



(L to R) Kathryn Rostan, Kelsie Joestgen, Arielle Washington, Tom Izzo, Natalie Pryor, Jolie Ngo, Meredith Dwyer, Lindsay Schuitema