



With Michigan State's 44-35 victory over No. 20 Fresno State in the 2001 Silicon Valley Football Classic, Bobby Williams became the first head coach in Spartan football history to win his first two bowl games.

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::: Head Coach

**Bobby Williams****Head Coach****THIRD SEASON**

The 2000 season marked the beginning of a new era in Michigan State football history as Bobby Williams took over the Spartan program. Amidst a groundswell of support from his colleagues, alumni, fans, players and the entire university community, the 43-year-old St. Louis native became the 21st head football coach at Michigan State on Dec. 5, 1999.

In 2001, Williams produced a 7-5 record, including a 44-35 victory over No. 20 Fresno State in the Silicon Valley Football Classic, and became the first head coach in Spartan football history to win his first two bowl games.

Michigan State got off to a quick start in 2001, winning five of its first seven games, including its fifth-straight win over Notre Dame (17-10), its first victory over Wisconsin (42-23) in Madison since 1991 and a dramatic last-second triumph over sixth-ranked Michigan (26-24). Following its upset win over the Wolverines on the game's final play, Michigan State vaulted into the national polls, ranking No. 22 by the Associated Press and No. 23 by USA Today/ESPN. The Spartans were decimated by injuries during the second half of the Big Ten schedule, with 10 starters sidelined for a combined total of 58 games.

"I'm really proud of the way the team stayed together and competed in 2001," Williams said. "The team had its share of tough breaks along the way, especially the rash of season-ending injuries, but the players hung together and made no excuses. These guys showed a lot of competitive will. With all of the injuries, a lot of young guys gained valuable playing experience.

"We finished the 2001 season on a positive note with a solid performance against Fresno State in the Silicon Valley Football Classic. I'm excited about this football program and the direction it's headed."

In his first full season as head coach, Williams compiled a 5-6 record against one of the nation's most demanding schedules (ranked No. 20 by the NCAA). Michigan State's 11 regular-season opponents had a combined winning percentage of .583 (67-48), including seven bowl teams - Marshall (Motor City), Notre Dame (Fiesta), Northwestern (Alamo), Wisconsin (Sun), Michigan (Citrus), Ohio State (Outback) and Purdue (Rose).

The Spartans opened the 2000 season with three straight wins, including a 27-21 come-from-behind triumph over No. 16 Notre Dame, and climbed to No. 15 in the USA Today/ESPN Poll. Michigan State closed out its home schedule with a bang by knocking off No. 9 Purdue, 30-10 - its second win over a BCS (Bowl Championship Series) team.

In his first two full seasons, Williams has compiled a 13-11 overall record (.542), including a 6-3 mark (.667) against teams ranked in the Associated Press Top 25.

.: THE WILLIAMS FILE**PERSONAL DATA:**

Born Robert Williams in St. Louis on Nov. 21, 1958; married former Sheila Lee of Detroit, on July 14, 1987; two children, Nataly (14) and Nicholas (11).

YEARS AT MICHIGAN STATE:

13th. Became head coach on Dec. 5, 1999, after spending 10 years as running backs coach.

PREVIOUS COACHING EXPERIENCE:

College — Graduate assistant at Purdue (1982); running backs and defensive backs coach at Ball State (1983-84); offensive backfield coach at Eastern Michigan (1985-89); receivers coach at Kansas (1990); running backs coach at Michigan State (1990-99).

COACHING RECORD:

13-11 (.542) in his third full season as a college head coach.

EDUCATION:

Graduated from Sumner (Mo.) High School in 1977; bachelor's degree in general management from Purdue in 1982.

PLAYING EXPERIENCE:

High School — All-state running back at Sumner High School in St. Louis (1973-76). College — Four-year letterman as a running back and defensive back at Purdue (1977-81).

BOWL EXPERIENCE:

Player — 1978 Peach, 1979 Bluebonnet and 1980 Liberty. Coach — 1987 California Raisin, 1990 Sun, 1993 Liberty, 1995 Independence, 1996 Sun, 1997 Aloha, 2000 Florida Citrus, 2001 Silicon Valley Football Classic.



Since taking over the football program, Williams has helped attract three top 20 recruiting classes to East Lansing, Mich. In 2000, he put together a recruiting class that experts considered to be Michigan State's best in 20 years, with *PrepStar* ranking it No. 2 in the nation and *Tom Lemming's Prep Football Report* No. 6.

Williams, the Spartans' running backs coach for 10 years and associate head coach for one year, made his head coaching debut on Jan. 1, 2000, as he led Michigan State to a 37-34 victory over No. 10 Florida in the Florida Citrus Bowl. The Spartans finished the 1999 season with a 10-2 overall record and ranked No. 7 in the final polls.

"This is truly the opportunity of a lifetime," Williams said at the press conference announcing his appointment. "I have received tremendous support from the administration, faculty, players, coaches, student body and the entire community. This move adds some stability to the program and I feel this football program is ready to take the next step, which is competing for championships."

"Clearly, we concluded Bobby Williams has the leadership capacity for the job," MSU President Peter McPherson said. "And it was very evident during the process that our conclusion was shared by many who expressed their strong support for Bobby as a leader, a manager and a sound football tactician. Bobby's selection signals stability, unity, continuity and great promise."

Williams was elevated to the position of associate head coach prior to the 1999 campaign while retaining his duties with the running backs.

He first joined the Spartan staff May 31, 1990, as running backs coach. That fall the Spartans were Big Ten co-champions and defeated Southern Cal in the John Hancock Bowl, the first of six bowl games Michigan State would reach in Williams' 11 years with the program.

During his stint with Michigan State's running backs, Williams coached seven 1,000-yard rushers including Sedrick Irvin, who in 1998 became the first Spartan in school history to reach the rushing milestone in each of his first three seasons. He also tutored Tico Duckett, who recorded three-straight 1,000-yard seasons from 1990-92, and Marc Renaud, who hit four digits in '95.

Prior to his arrival in East Lansing, Williams spent four months as receivers coach under Glen Mason at Kansas (1990).

He previously served as offensive backfield coach for five years at Eastern Michigan (1985-89). Williams handled the additional duties of administrative assistant in 1989. During his stint at Eastern Michigan, the Eagles won the '87 Mid-American Conference title and defeated San Jose State, 30-27, in the California Raisin Bowl. The Eagles finished second in the MAC standings in '88 and '89.

His first full-time coaching assignment came at Ball State where he worked with the running backs in 1983 and the defensive backs in '84. Williams served as a graduate assistant coach under Leon Burtnett at Purdue in 1982, working with the defensive backs.

Williams was a four-year letterman for Coach Jim Young at Purdue and served as a tri-captain as a senior in 1981. He helped the Boilermakers to a combined record of 38-19-1 (.664) during his five years with the program, including victories in the 1978 Peach, '79 Bluebonnet and '80 Liberty Bowls.

Williams began his college career as a running back and ranked as the team's second-leading rusher with 362 yards (99 attempts) as a freshman in '77 before becoming a three-year starter in the defensive secondary. An honorable mention All-Big Ten selection in 1980, he had eight career interceptions and 172 tackles.

Williams was an all-state running back at Sumner High School in 1976.

Born Nov. 21, 1958, in St. Louis, Bobby and his wife, Sheila, are the parents of two children, Nataly (14) and Nicholas (11).



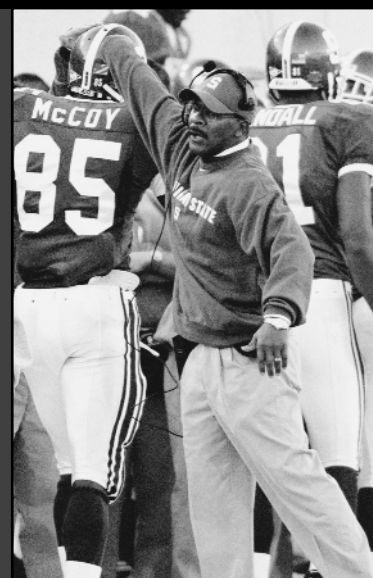
The Williams Family: Bobby, Nataly, Nicholas and Sheila.

Williams' Career Record

School	Year	OVERALL RECORD			CONFERENCE RECORD				Bowl (Opponent/MSU Result)
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Michigan State	1999	1	0	1.000	0	0	.000	—	Citrus (Florida/W 37-34)
Michigan State	2000	5	6	.455	2	6	.250	t-9th	
Michigan State	2001	7	5	.583	3	5	.375	t-8th	Silicon Valley (FSU/W 44-35)
Totals		13	11	.542	5	11	.313		

Williams vs. All Foes

Opponent	W	L
Central Michigan	1	0
Florida	1	0
Fresno State	1	0
Illinois	1	0
Indiana	0	1
Iowa	1	1
Marshall	1	0
Michigan	1	1
Minnesota	0	1
Missouri	2	0
Northwestern	0	2
Notre Dame	2	0
Ohio State	0	1
Penn State	0	2
Purdue	1	1
Wisconsin	1	1
Two-Year Totals	13	11



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::: Q&A With Bobby Williams

Q: How does a team learn how to win?

A: It's important that players learn how to win. Players need to learn how to handle success and they need to learn how to regroup after a loss. It is a difficult challenge but players must learn how to sustain effort for 60 minutes and they must learn the importance of playing a complete football game.

The ability to win close games is what separates great teams from good teams or good teams from average teams. That's why we stress sound, fundamental football because critical mistakes determine the outcome of those close games.



Q: How has the Big Ten changed since your playing days at Purdue?

A: The biggest difference is parity. When I played at Purdue, there were two dominant teams in the Big Ten — Michigan and Ohio State. That's why the media described the Big Ten as the "Big Two and Little Eight."

Today, there's great parity in the league. Just look at the teams that have represented the Big Ten in Pasadena in recent years. Since 1995, six different teams have appeared in the Rose Bowl. That speaks volumes.

Q: What does it mean to be the first African-American football coach at a public Big Ten institution?

A: It means a lot to me. Michigan State really made a statement by hiring me. I feel like I'm carrying the banner for a lot of coaches. A lot of them are more than qualified but they have never gotten the opportunity. Hopefully, other schools will follow Michigan State's lead.

Q: What types of different approaches have you taken as the head coach, rather than an assistant?

A: I've taken an active, universal role in the whole football team. I've always been more of an offensive coach here, but I spend a lot of time with the defense as well. I've become an overseer. I have plans to keep this program moving forward, and it will be up to me to stick to those plans and keep us headed in the right direction.

Q: How has your daily routine changed?

A: There's a tremendous amount of responsibility on my shoulders now. Things were certainly a lot different when I had to deal with only one position, now I'm responsible for 105 guys. I have to set a detailed agenda every day. There are academic issues that need to be addressed, recruiting priorities established and football strategy discussed. There's a lot of time spent on organization and planning. I'm truly fortunate to be surrounded by a great staff that helps to carry out our plans. I haven't been overwhelmed by anything but the pace is certainly hectic.

Q: How much has your life changed since being named head coach?

A: I'm not anonymous anymore. I use to walk through Metro Airport in Detroit as just another face but now, people recognize me. It doesn't matter if I'm pumping gas at the gas station or renting a video at the store, people in the community approach me. That's been encouraging because the fans share my enthusiasm for this job.

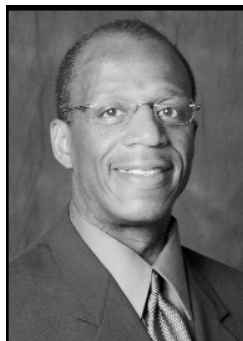
Q: What coaches have influenced you the most?

A: I've learned a lot about the game over the last 25 years. In high school, I learned the importance of hustle and determination. Jim Young, my coach at Purdue, taught me a lot about the mental aspects of the game. Jim was a master motivator. I learned a lot about work ethic and discipline from Dwight Wallace when I was an assistant coach at Ball State. From Jim Harkema at Eastern Michigan, I discovered how to do more with less and how to turn a negative into a positive. George Perles knew how to manage people and I learned a lot by simply watching him interact with people. And from Nick Saban, I picked up some organizational skills and the value of paying close attention to detail. All of those coaches have helped shape my approach to coaching.

Q: What goals have you set for this football program?

A: We want to be in a position to contend for the Big Ten title every year. And soon, I hope we can talk about being a national championship contender. There isn't any reason this program can't be like Florida State or Nebraska. Those programs have been consistent winners for years and that's the vision that I have for Michigan State football.





Reggie Mitchell

Assistant Head Coach / Running Backs

FOURTH SEASON

Flint native Reggie Mitchell begins his fourth season at Michigan State, his third year as assistant head coach and running backs coach.

During his Michigan State tenure, Mitchell has tutored two NFL first-round draft picks, in running back T.J. Duckett (Atlanta Falcons, 2002) and wide receiver Plaxico Burress (Pittsburgh Steelers, 2000).

In 2001, Duckett rushed for 1,420 yards – the fifth-best single-season total in school history. Duckett, MSU's fifth all-time leading rusher with 3,379 career yards, became the first Spartan running back to be drafted in the first round (No. 18 overall) since Lorenzo White (Houston Oilers) in 1988.

In 1999, Mitchell coached the wide receivers, including Burress, who set then MSU single-season records for receptions (66), receiving yards (1,142) and touchdown catches (12).

The 41-year-old Mitchell came to Michigan State following two seasons as the running backs coach at Minnesota. He followed Glen Mason to Minnesota after a nine-year stint at Kansas, where he coached running backs for two years (1995-96), defensive ends for four seasons (1991-94) and defensive line for three years (1988-90). As running backs coach, Mitchell tutored June Henley, who ranks as the Jayhawks' all-time leading rusher with 3,841 career yards. He served on the Kansas coaching staff with current Spartan head coach Bobby Williams (1990).

From 1992-95, Kansas won 29 games — the best four-year total in 85 seasons. In 1995, the Jayhawks went 10-2 and finished ninth in the final Associated Press Poll, following a 51-30 victory over UCLA in the Aloha Bowl. Kansas compiled an 8-4 overall record in 1992, including a 23-20 triumph over BYU in the Aloha Bowl, and stood No. 22 in the final AP Poll.

Mitchell first joined Coach Mason as wide receivers coach at Kent State in 1987. Prior to joining Mason, he coached the running backs at Western Michigan in 1986. He served as a graduate assistant coach under Bo Schembechler at Michigan in 1985. His first full-time coaching assignment came at Ferris State in 1984 where he worked with the wide receivers.

A four-year starter as a running back at Central Michigan (1978-81), Mitchell rushed for 2,394 career yards. He helped the Chippewas win back-to-back Mid-American Conference titles in 1979-80. Mitchell earned team MVP honors in 1981 after gaining 1,068 yards rushing. He received a bachelor's degree in parks and recreation from Central Michigan in 1984.

Mitchell broke into the college coaching ranks as a student coach at his alma mater in 1983.

An all-state running back at Flint (Mich.) Southwestern High School, Mitchell later returned to his alma mater as an assistant coach in 1982.

Mitchell and his wife, Andrea, have two children, a son, Kaeman, and a daughter, Karena.

:: THE MITCHELL FILE

YEARS AT MICHIGAN STATE:

Fourth. Joined staff on Feb. 16, 1999, from Minnesota.

PREVIOUS COACHING EXPERIENCE:

College — Student coach at Central Michigan (1983); wide receivers coach at Ferris State (1984); graduate assistant coach at Michigan (1985); running backs coach at Western Michigan (1986); wide receivers coach at Kent State (1987); defensive line, defensive ends, running backs coach at Kansas (1988-96); running backs coach at Minnesota (1997-98).

EDUCATION:

Bachelor's degree in parks and recreation from Central Michigan in 1984.

PLAYING EXPERIENCE:

College — Four-year starter as a running back at Central Michigan (1978-81).

BOWL EXPERIENCE:

Coach — 1986 Fiesta, 1992 Aloha, 1995 Aloha, 2000 Florida Citrus, 2001 Silicon Valley Football Classic.



The Mitchell Family: Reggie, Karena, Andrea and Kaeman.

:: Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks



Morris Watts

Offensive Coordinator / Quarterbacks

12TH SEASON

Morris Watts moves into his fourth season as Michigan State's offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach.

Watts is in his third stint as the Spartans' offensive coordinator, having previously served in that capacity for

former head coach George Perles for eight seasons, from 1986-90 and 1992-94.

In 2001, Watts was nominated for the Broyles Award, which is named in honor of former Arkansas head coach Frank Broyles and presented annually to the nation's top assistant football coach. Last season, Michigan State led the Big Ten in passing offense (school-record 292.5 yards per game) and total offense (447.0 yards) and ranked third in scoring offense (31.2 points per game). The 447.0 total yards mark the second-best single-season average in Spartan history.

Watts deserves most of the credit for the rapid development of Jeff Smoker, who led the Big Ten and ranked sixth nationally in passing efficiency as a sophomore in 2001. His 166.4 rating is the third-highest single-season total in league history. In 2000, Smoker became the first true freshman to start at quarterback for Michigan State since 1982.

In 1999, Watts directed a Michigan State offense that averaged 31.5 points per game — its highest scoring average in 21 years.

The 64-year-old Watts came to Michigan State following a four-year tenure at Louisiana State (1995-98), where he helped the Tigers to a combined record of 31-16 (.660) from 1995-98, including a school-record three-consecutive bowl victories (1995 Independence — beat Michigan State, 45-26; '96 Peach — defeated Clemson, 10-7; and '97 Independence — beat Notre Dame, 27-9). Under his direction, the Tigers won back-to-back Southeastern Conference rushing titles in 1996 and '97. He produced three of the highest scoring teams in LSU history, with the 1996 (29.5 points per game), '97 (31.5) and '98 (30.6) squads ranking among the top 10.

Watts first came to Michigan State as offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach in 1986. During his tenure from 1986-90, Michigan State compiled a 37-19-3 record (.652), won two Big Ten titles (1987 and '90) and made four postseason bowl appearances (1987 Rose, '88 Gator, '89 Aloha and '90 Sun). His stay at Michigan State was interrupted by a one-year stint as quarterbacks coach with the NFL's Tampa Bay Buccaneers, where he tutored Vinny Testaverde.

Watts returned to East Lansing, Mich., in 1992 and spent three more seasons on the Spartan coaching staff, serving as assistant head coach, offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach.

His coaching credits also include stops at the USFL's Birmingham Stallions (quarterbacks, 1984-85), LSU (quarterbacks, 1983), Kansas (offensive coordinator and quarterbacks, 1982), Indiana (offensive coordinator, quarterbacks and wide receivers, 1973-81), Louisville (offensive coordinator, quarterbacks and wide receivers, 1972) and Drake (offensive coordinator, quarterbacks and wide receivers, 1965-71).

:: THE WATTS FILE

YEARS AT MICHIGAN STATE:

12th. Rejoined staff on Feb. 15, 1999, from LSU.

PREVIOUS COACHING EXPERIENCE:

College — offensive coordinator, quarterbacks and wide receivers coach at Drake (1965-71); offensive coordinator, quarterbacks and wide receivers coach at Louisville (1972); offensive coordinator, quarterbacks and wide receivers coach at Indiana (1973-81); offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach at Kansas (1982); quarterbacks coach at LSU (1983); offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach at Michigan State (1986-90); assistant head coach, offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach at Michigan State (1992-94); offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach at LSU (1995-98). USFL — Quarterbacks coach with Birmingham Stallions (1984-85). NFL — Quarterbacks coach with Tampa Bay Buccaneers (1991).

EDUCATION:

Bachelor's degree from Tulsa in 1961; master's degree from Pittsburg (Kan.) State in 1964.

PLAYING EXPERIENCE:

College — A running back at Tulsa.

BOWL EXPERIENCE:

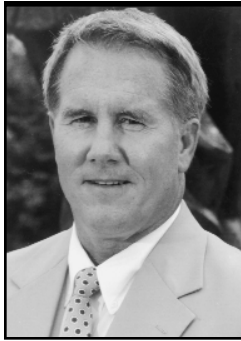
Coach — 1979 Holiday, 1987 Rose, 1988 Gator, 1989 Aloha, 1990 Sun, 1993 Liberty, 1995 Independence, 1996 Peach, 1997 Independence, 2000 Florida Citrus, 2001 Silicon Valley Football Classic.



The Watts Family: Kay and Morris.

A native of Seneca, Mo., Watts played running back at Tulsa where he earned his bachelor's degree in 1961. He received a master's degree from Pittsburg (Kan.) State in 1964.

He is married to the former Marlene Kay Hughes of Pawhuska, Okla. They have two children, a daughter, Charlavan, and a son, Danny, plus three grandchildren, Alec, Ani and Drew.



Bill Miller

Defensive Coordinator

FOURTH SEASON

Bill Miller begins his fourth season as Michigan State's defensive coordinator.

During his Michigan State tenure, Miller has tutored six NFL Draft choices, including Julian Peterson (San Francisco, 2000), Aric Morris (Tennessee, 2000), Robaire

Smith (Tennessee, 2000), Renaldo Hill (Arizona, 2001), T.J. Turner (New England, 2001) and Josh Shaw (San Francisco, 2002).

In 2000, Miller was nominated for the Broyles Award, which is named in honor of former Arkansas head coach Frank Broyles and presented annually to the nation's top assistant football coach. Michigan State's defense persevered in 2000 despite losing six starters from the 1999 unit, including three players selected in the 2000 NFL Draft. Miller put together a defensive package that helped the Spartans lead the Big Ten in total defense (318.3 yards per game), pass defense (164.1 ypg) and pass efficiency defense (104.5 rating). In addition, Michigan State ranked among the NCAA leaders in those stat categories, including No. 7 in pass defense.

In 1999, the Spartans ranked among the NCAA leaders in rushing defense (fifth at 77.0 yards per game), total defense (12th at 299.0 yards) and scoring defense (t-22nd at 19.2 points).

The 45-year-old Miller came to Michigan State following a four-year stint as defensive coordinator at Miami (Fla.) where he helped the Hurricanes to a combined record of 31-15 (.674) from 1995-98, including back-to-back Big East Conference co-championships (1995-96) and two bowl victories (1996 Carquest, 31-21, over Virginia and '98 Micron PC, 46-23, over N.C. State). In 1998, Miami produced a 9-3 record overall, including a 5-1 mark in Big East play, good for a share of second place, and finished No. 20 in the final Associated Press poll and No. 21 in the USA Today/ESPN coaches poll. His '98 defensive unit ranked second in the Big East in rushing defense, allowing only 135.6 yards per game. In '97, the Hurricanes led the Big East in pass defense, permitting 177.3 yards per contest.

In his first three years at Miami, Miller helped develop eight NFL Draft picks, including four first-round selections, in Kenny Holmes, Kenard Lang, Ray Lewis and Duane Starks.

A native of Hutchinson, Kan., Miller previously spent six seasons as the defensive coordinator under Pat Jones at Oklahoma State (1989-94), coaching the linebackers and defensive backs for three years each. He coached the defensive backs under John Gutekunst at Minnesota from 1986-88. During the 1986 season, Minnesota upset top-ranked Michigan, 20-17, and earned a trip to the Liberty Bowl.

Miller served as defensive coordinator and secondary coach at Nevada-Reno from 1983-85, where he helped the Wolf Pack to two Big Sky Conference titles (1983 and '85). Twice during his tenure at Nevada-Reno, the Wolf Pack led the Big Sky in total defense. His '83 unit led the nation in turnover margin and ranked third nationally in total defense.

He spent two years as the defensive secondary coach at Drake from 1981-82, where in his first season, the Bulldogs went 10-1 and earned a share of the Missouri Valley Conference crown. Miller began his coaching career as a graduate assistant at Oklahoma State (1979-80) and his alma mater, Texas-Arlington (1978).

:: THE MILLER FILE

YEARS AT MICHIGAN STATE:

Fourth. Joined staff on Feb. 18, 1999, from Miami (Fla.).

PREVIOUS COACHING EXPERIENCE:

College — Graduate assistant at Texas-Arlington (1978); graduate assistant at Oklahoma State (1979-80); defensive secondary coach at Drake (1981-82); defensive coordinator and secondary coach at Nevada-Reno (1983-85); defensive backs coach at Minnesota (1986-88); defensive coordinator, linebackers and defensive backs coach at Oklahoma State (1989-94); defensive coordinator at Miami (Fla.) (1995-98).

EDUCATION:

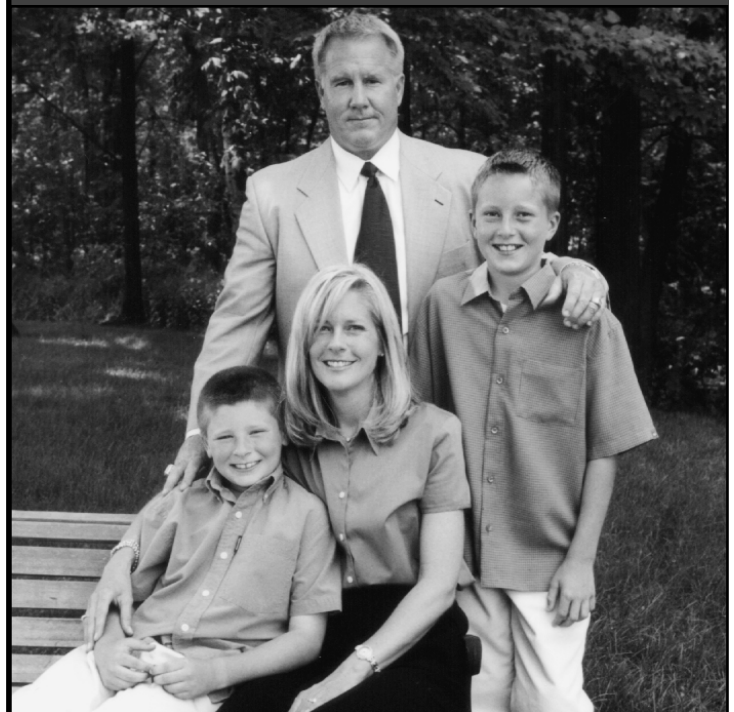
Bachelor's degree in psychology from Texas-Arlington in 1978.

PLAYING EXPERIENCE:

College — Two-year starter at strong safety at Texas Arlington (1977-78) after transferring from Hutchinson (Kan.) Junior College.

BOWL EXPERIENCE:

Coach — 1986 Liberty, 1996 Carquest, 1998 Micron PC, 2000 Florida Citrus, 2001 Silicon Valley Football Classic.



The Miller Family: Bill, Jackson, Lisa and Cole.

Miller was a two-year starter at strong safety at Texas-Arlington after transferring from Hutchinson (Kan.) Junior College.

He earned a bachelor's degree in psychology from Texas-Arlington in 1978.

Married to the former Lisa Swanson of St. Paul, Minn., Miller and his wife have two children, Cole (11) and Jackson (8).

... Defensive Line/Recruiting Coordinator



Brad Lawing

Defensive Line / Recruiting Coordinator

FOURTH SEASON

Brad Lawing begins his fourth year as Michigan State's defensive line coach and recruiting coordinator.

In his first three seasons at Michigan State, Lawing assisted in the development of four NFL players, including All-American and first-round draft pick Julian Peterson (San Francisco 49ers, 2000), Robaire Smith (Tennessee Titans, 2000), Jace Saylor (New England Patriots, 2001) and Josh Shaw (San Francisco 49ers, 2002).

The Spartans also led the Big Ten in total defense during the 1999 and 2000 regular seasons. In Lawing's first season at Michigan State, the Spartans led the Big Ten (76.2 yards per game) and ranked fifth nationally in rushing defense.

He has played an integral part in helping Michigan State assemble one of the nation's top 20 recruiting classes each of the last three years. The 2000 recruiting class was ranked among the nation's top 10 by *PrepStar* (No. 2) and *Tom Lemming's Prep Football Report* (No. 6).

The 45-year-old Lawing came to Michigan State following 10 years at South Carolina (1989-98), where he coached the defensive line and served as recruiting coordinator under Sparky Woods and Brad Scott. During his stint with the Gamecocks, he helped produce three NFL players, in Corey Miller (New York Giants, 1991-98), Gerald Dixon (Oakland Raiders) and Henry Taylor (Miami Dolphins). He also coached three All-Southeastern Conference players, in nose tackle Eric Sullivan, tackle Henry Taylor and end Stacy Evans. In addition, his last three recruiting classes were ranked among the nation's top 25 by the scouting services.

The Hickory, N.C., native previously worked for six seasons at Appalachian State (1983-88), where he coached the defensive line for five years and the tight ends and offensive tackles for one season. Lawing tutored eight all-conference players, including Southern Conference Player of the Year Anthony Downs in 1987, and future NFL players Tommy Dawkins and Mike Frier. Over his final four seasons, the Mountaineers compiled a combined record of 34-12-2 (.729), including back-to-back Southern Conference championships in 1986 and '87 and consecutive trips to the NCAA I-AA playoffs.

Lawing spent three years as an assistant coach at Havelock (N.C.) High School from 1980-82. He also coached baseball for three years, leading the team to the state finals in 1982.

A 1979 graduate of Lenoir-Rhyne College, Lawing earned a master's degree in athletic administration from Appalachian State in '84.

Lawing and his wife, Laura, have two children, Susie (18) and Will (16).

.: THE LAWING FILE

YEARS AT MICHIGAN STATE:

Fourth. Joined staff on Dec. 30, 1998, from South Carolina.

PREVIOUS COACHING EXPERIENCE:

College — Defensive line and tight ends coach at Appalachian State (1983-88); defensive line coach and recruiting coordinator at South Carolina (1989-98).

EDUCATION:

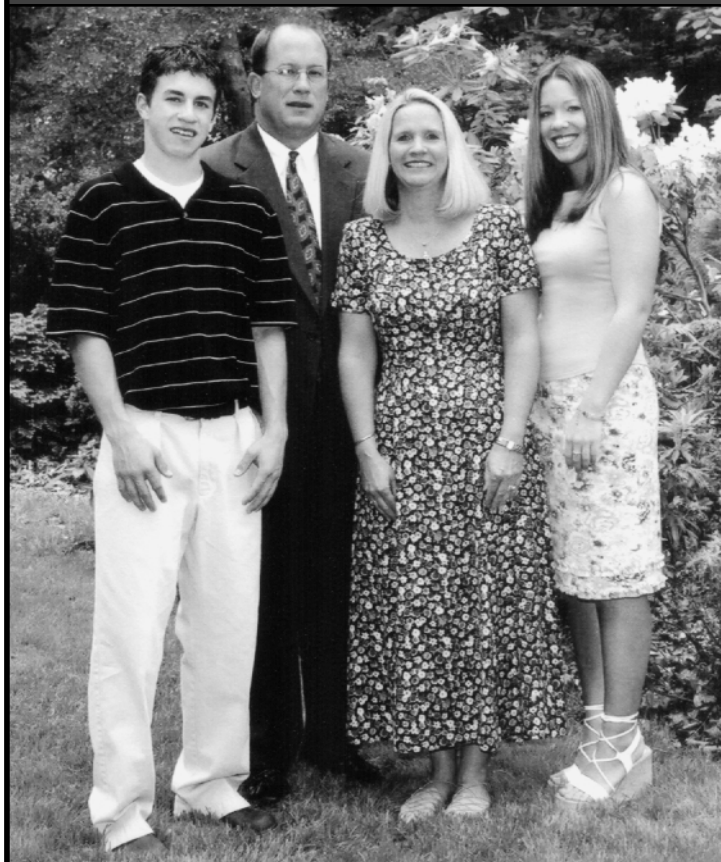
Bachelor's degree from Lenoir-Rhyne College in 1979; master's degree in athletic administration from Appalachian State in 1984.

PLAYING EXPERIENCE:

College — Four-year starter at linebacker for Lenoir-Rhyne (1976-79). Started at catcher for the baseball team in 1977.

BOWL/POSTSEASON EXPERIENCE:

Coach — 1986 NCAA I-AA playoffs, 1987 NCAA I-AA playoffs, 1995 Carquest, 2000 Florida Citrus, 2001 Silicon Valley Football Classic.



The Lawing Family: Will, Brad, Laura and Susie.

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Don Treadwell

Wide Receivers

THIRD SEASON

Don Treadwell is in his third full season as Michigan State's wide receivers coach.

In 2001, Treadwell coached one of the nation's top receiving duos in Charles Rogers and Herb Haygood, who combined for 124 receptions for 2,278 yards and 18

touchdowns. Rogers set Michigan State single-season records for receptions (67), receiving yards (1,470), TD receptions (14) and 100-yard receiving games (six). Haygood became the fifth-round selection (No. 144 overall) of the Denver Broncos in the 2002 NFL Draft.

Treadwell joined the Spartan staff in December of 1999 and coached the running backs in the 2000 Florida Citrus Bowl.

The 42-year-old Treadwell came to Michigan State following one season at North Carolina State, where he coached the running backs in 1999.

The Oberlin, Ohio, native previously spent two years at Boston College (1997-98) where he served as the passing game coordinator while also working with the quarterbacks and wide receivers. In 1998, Boston College ranked third in the Big East Conference in passing offense, averaging 215.7 yards per game.

Treadwell coached running backs under Tyrone Willingham at Stanford from 1995-96. He directed a Cardinal rushing attack that racked up 1,819 yards in 1995—the ninth-best single-season total in school history.

Prior to joining the Stanford coaching staff, he worked for one season as wide receivers coach at Cincinnati (1994). His full-time coaching credits also include a two-year stay at his alma mater, Miami-Ohio, where he coached receivers in 1993 and running backs in '92.

From 1986-91, Treadwell was an assistant coach at Youngstown State where he worked with the wide receivers, running backs and quarterbacks. While serving as the offensive coordinator in 1991, the Penguins defeated Marshall, 25-17, to win the NCAA I-AA national championship.

While at Youngstown State, Treadwell participated in the NFL's Minority Coaching Fellowship Program in 1989-90, working with the San Francisco 49ers.

He began his coaching career as a graduate assistant at N.C. State in 1983.

Treadwell was a four-year starter at wide receiver at Miami-Ohio (1978-81), earning first-team All-Mid-American Conference honors as a junior. He had 73 career receptions for 1,540 yards, averaging a school-record 21.1 yards per catch.

He earned his bachelor's degree in physical education from Miami-Ohio in 1982.

Born June 10, 1960, Treadwell graduated from Oberlin (Ohio) High School in 1978 where he played quarterback.

Married to the former Lola Pinskey of Fostoria, Ohio, Treadwell and his wife have three children, Whittney (17), Blake (11) and Spencer (9).

:: THE TREADWELL FILE

YEARS AT MICHIGAN STATE:

Third. Joined staff on Dec. 9, 1999, from North Carolina State.

PREVIOUS COACHING EXPERIENCE:

College — Quarterbacks, receivers, running backs coach and offensive coordinator at Youngstown State (1986-91); running backs and receivers coach at Miami-Ohio (1992-93); receivers coach at Cincinnati (1994); running backs coach at Stanford (1995-96); passing game coordinator, quarterbacks and receivers coach at Boston College (1997-98); running backs coach at North Carolina State (1999).

PLAYING EXPERIENCE:

College — Four-year starter as a wide receiver at Miami (Ohio) (1978-81) and named captain as a senior.

EDUCATION:

Bachelor's degree in physical education from Miami-Ohio in 1982.

BOWL/POSTSEASON EXPERIENCE:

Coach — 1987 NCAA I-AA playoffs, 1989 NCAA I-AA playoffs, 1990 NCAA I-AA playoffs, 1991 NCAA I-AA champions, 1995 Liberty, 1996 Sun, 2000 Florida Citrus, 2001 Silicon Valley Football Classic



The Treadwell Family: Whittney, Spencer, Don, Blake and Lola.

:: Offensive Line



Jeff Stoutland

Offensive Line

THIRD SEASON

Jeff Stoutland begins his third year as offensive line coach at Michigan State.

Stoutland's offensive line helped pave the way for T.J. Duckett, who produced back-to-back 1,000-yard rushing seasons in 2000 and 2001. Duckett, the No.

18 pick overall in the 2002 NFL Draft by the Atlanta Falcons, rushed for 1,420 yards in 2001 – the fifth-best single-season total in Spartan history.

The 40-year-old Stoutland spent three seasons under Paul Pasqualoni at Syracuse (1997-99), where he coached the tight ends his first two years before taking over the offensive line in 1999. In addition to his coaching duties, he also served as the Orangemen's recruiting coordinator for all three years.

During his tenure, Stoutland helped Syracuse to a combined record of 24-13 (.649), including three-straight bowl appearances. In 1999, he tutored first-team All-Big East offensive tackle Mark Baniewicz, who also earned the National Football Foundation Scholar-Athlete Award and GTE Academic All-America honors. During his stint as tight ends coach, Stoutland helped produce two NFL players, including Roland Williams (Oakland Raiders) and Kaseem Sinceno (Houston Texans).

Stoutland previously spent four years as offensive line coach at Cornell (1993-96). His full-time coaching credits include two stints at his alma mater, Southern Connecticut State, where he served as offensive coordinator for five years (1988-92) and coached inside linebackers for two seasons (1984-85).

The New York City native also served as a graduate assistant for Coach Dick MacPherson for two years at Syracuse (1986-87), working primarily with the offensive line.

Stoutland was a four-year letterman and three-year starter at inside linebacker for Coach Kevin Gilbride at Southern Connecticut State (1980-84), where he earned Little All-America honors as a senior while acting as team captain.

He earned a bachelor's degree in physical education from Southern Connecticut State in 1984 and received a master's degree in exercise physiology from the school in 1986.

Stoutland and his wife, Allison, who authors children's books, have two children, Jake (7) and Madison (5).

:: THE STOUTLAND FILE

YEARS AT MICHIGAN STATE:

Third. Joined staff on Mar. 2, 2000 from Syracuse.

PREVIOUS COACHING EXPERIENCE:

College — Inside linebackers coach at Southern Connecticut State (1984-85); graduate assistant at Syracuse (1986-87); offensive coordinator at Southern Connecticut State (1988-92); offensive line coach at Cornell (1993-96); tight ends coach, offensive line coach and recruiting coordinator at Syracuse (1997-99).

EDUCATION:

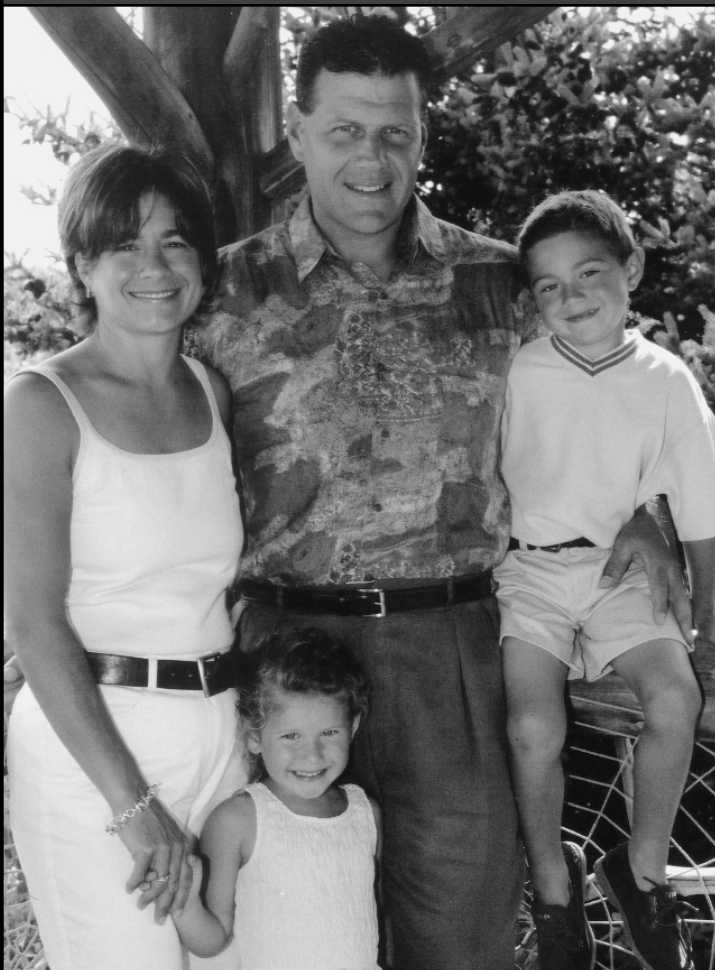
Bachelor's degree in physical education from Southern Connecticut State in 1984; master's degree in exercise physiology from Southern Connecticut State in 1986.

PLAYING EXPERIENCE:

College — Three-year starter at inside linebacker at Southern Connecticut State (1980-84).

BOWL EXPERIENCE:

Coach — 1988 Sugar, 1997 Fiesta, 1999 Orange, 1999 Music City, 2001 Silicon Valley Football Classic.



The Stoutland Family: Allison, Madison, Jeff and Jake.

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Pat Perles

Tight Ends

THIRD SEASON

Pat Perles enters his third year as tight ends coach at Michigan State.

In his first two seasons, Perles coached Chris Baker, who in 2001 became Michigan State's career record-holder for receptions by a tight end with 133. Baker, a second-team All-America selection by the *Football News* as a senior, was chosen in the third round of the 2002 NFL Draft by the New York Jets (No. 88 overall).

The 38-year-old Perles came to Michigan State following six years as an assistant coach in the Canadian Football League.

He worked for two seasons as offensive line coach for CFL's Hamilton Tiger-Cats (1997-99). He helped Hamilton to a combined record of 28-13-1 (.679), including back-to-back appearances in the Grey Cup. In 1999, the Tiger-Cats produced an 11-7 regular-season record before reeling off three-straight victories, including a 32-21 triumph over Calgary in the Grey Cup.

During his tenure in Hamilton, Perles developed an offensive line that allowed the fewest sacks in the CFL each of the last two seasons. In 1999, the Tiger-Cats permitted only seven sacks in 18 regular-season games — the lowest total in league history. The offensive line provided near perfect pass protection for quarterback Danny McManus, who was not sacked once over the last 11 games of the season. Three of his linemen earned All-Eastern All-Star Team honors in '99. In 1998, the team surrendered only 15 sacks in 18 regular-season games — the second-lowest figure in CFL history.

Perles previously spent one year as offensive line coach with the CFL's Winnipeg Blue Bombers (1997) and three seasons with the Saskatchewan Roughriders (1994-96).

In 1993, he served as a graduate assistant under his father George Perles at Michigan State, working primarily with the defensive secondary.

Perles worked one season as a defensive assistant coach under Chuck Knox with the NFL's Los Angeles Rams (1992). Prior to his first stint in the pro ranks, he coached the defensive line at the University of Toledo for three years from 1989-91, including the 1990 season when the Rockets claimed a share of the Mid-American Conference crown.

He began his coaching career as a graduate assistant at Michigan State in the spring of 1988.

An all-state nose guard at Upper St. Clair (Pa.) High School, he started his playing career at Kent State before transferring to Michigan State. He was on the Spartans' football roster from 1983-85 as a walk-on outside linebacker. He earned his bachelor's of science degree in marketing and advertising from Michigan State in 1987.

Married to the former Karen Pauls of St. Catharines, Ont., Perles and his wife have three children, Hannah (3 1/2), Julia (6 months) and Joseph George (2).

:: THE PERLES FILE

YEARS AT MICHIGAN STATE:

Third. Joined staff on March 1, 2000, from Western Michigan.

PREVIOUS COACHING EXPERIENCE:

College — Graduate assistant at Michigan State (1988); defensive line coach at Toledo (1989-91); graduate assistant at Michigan State (1993). NFL — Defensive assistant for Los Angeles Rams (1992). CFL — Offensive line coach for Saskatchewan Roughriders (1994-96); offensive line coach for Winnipeg Blue Bombers (1997); offensive line coach for Hamilton Tiger-Cats (1997-99).

PLAYING EXPERIENCE:

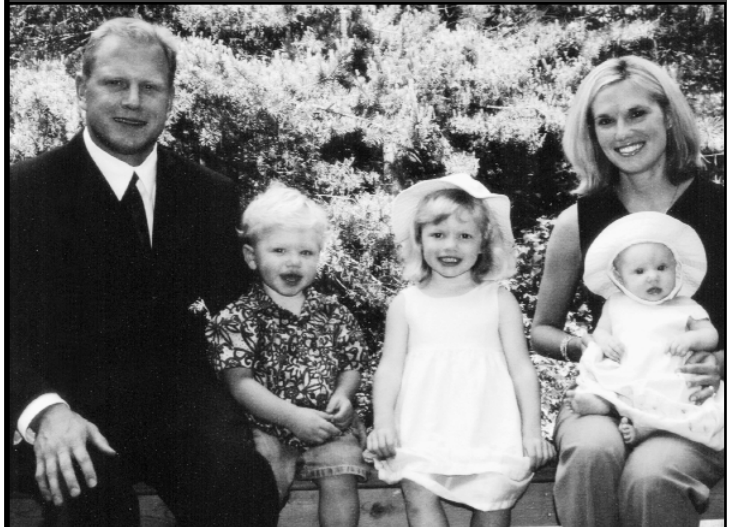
College — Linebacker at Kent State (1981). Outside linebacker at Michigan State (1983-85).

EDUCATION:

Bachelor's degree in marketing and advertising from Michigan State in 1987.

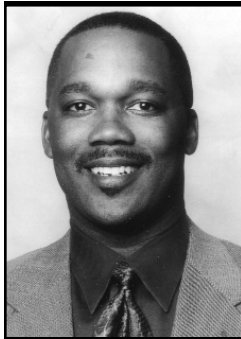
BOWL/POSTSEASON EXPERIENCE:

Player — 1984 Cherry, 1985 Hall of Fame. Coach — 1993 Liberty, 1998 CFL Grey Cup, 1999 CFL Grey Cup, 2001 Silicon Valley Football Classic.



The Perles Family: Pat, Joseph George, Hannah, Karen and Julia.

... Defensive Secondary



Troy Douglas

Defensive Secondary

SECOND SEASON

Troy Douglas enters his second year as defensive secondary coach at Michigan State.

Despite losing four starting cornerbacks during the course of the 2001 season, Michigan State ranked among the

NCAA leaders in pass defense (No. 14 at 176.1 yards per game) and pass efficiency defense (No. 19 with 105.5 rating).

The 36-year-old Douglas spent four seasons under Mike Cavan at SMU (1997-2000) where he coached the running backs his first year before taking over the defensive backs in 1998. During his stint as defensive backs coach, he tutored two first-team All-WAC defensive backs, Tracy Hart in 1999 and Jacoby Rhinehart in '98, and two NFL Draft picks, including Rhinehart (Arizona Cardinals, 1999) and Donald Mitchell (Tennessee Titans, 1999). In 1998, SMU ranked among the NCAA leaders in pass efficiency defense (No. 12 at 103.8 rating) and total defense (No. 14 at 297.2 yards per game). In his only season (1997) as running backs coach, the Mustangs finished fifth in the WAC and No. 26 nationally in rushing, averaging 197.3 yards per game.

Douglas previously spent two years under Charlie Bailey at Texas-El Paso, where he served as defensive backs coach in 1995 and running backs coach in '96.

A native of Jacksonville, Fla., Douglas served as defensive backs coach for three seasons under Coach Cavan at East Tennessee State from 1992-94. In '93, the Buccaneers ranked third in NCAA I-AA in pass efficiency defense. One of his pupils at ETSU, Donnie Abraham (New York Jets) earned his first trip to the Pro Bowl in 2001.

His first full-time coaching assignment came at West Chester (Pa.) University where he worked as defensive backs coach under Rick Daniels from 1989-91. His starting strong safety at West Chester, Lee Woodall, made two Pro Bowl appearances (1995 and '97) with the San Francisco 49ers.

Douglas began his coaching career as a graduate assistant under Sparky Woods at Appalachian State (1987-88).

Douglas was a four-year starter at wide receiver at Appalachian State (1983-86) and led the team in receptions as both a junior and senior. He still ranks fifth among the Mountaineers' all-time leaders in receptions (90) and receiving yards (1,401). He also had 12 career touchdown catches.

He earned his bachelor's degree in communication arts from Appalachian State in 1988. Douglas and his wife Rebecca have two children, Tanner (4) and Taryn (1).

.: THE DOUGLAS FILE

YEARS AT MICHIGAN STATE:

Second. Joined staff on Feb. 26, 2001, from Southern Methodist.

PREVIOUS COACHING EXPERIENCE:

College — Graduate assistant at Appalachian State (1987-88); defensive backs coach at West Chester (Pa.) (1989-91); defensive backs coach at East Tennessee State (1992-94); defensive backs and running backs coach at Texas-El Paso (1995-96); running backs and defensive backs coach at Southern Methodist (1997-2000).

EDUCATION:

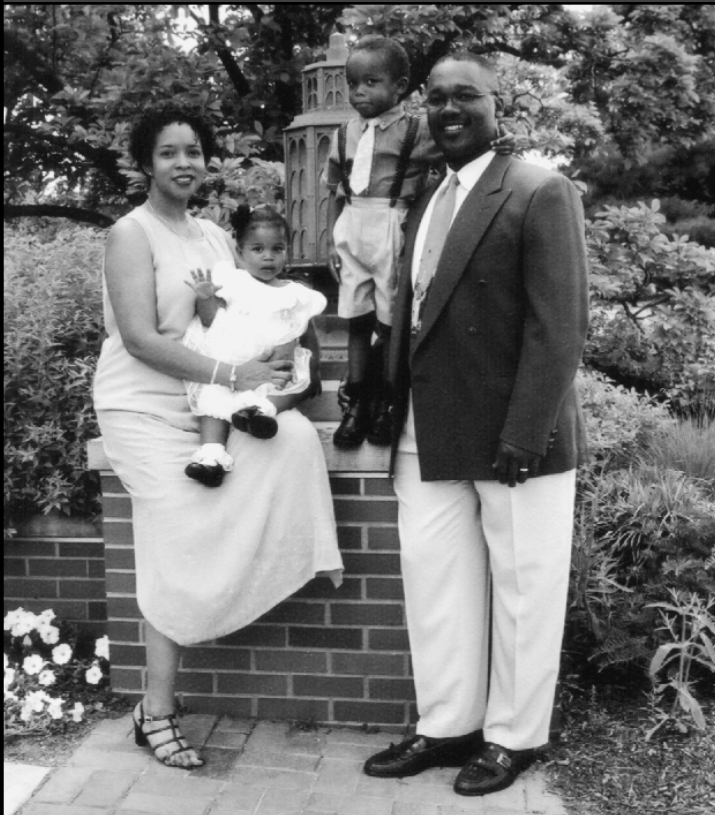
Bachelor's degree in communication arts from Appalachian State in 1988.

PLAYING EXPERIENCE:

College — Four-year starter at wide receiver at Appalachian State (1983-86).

BOWL/POSTSEASON EXPERIENCE:

Player — 1986 NCAA I-AA playoffs. Coach — 1987 NCAA I-AA playoffs, 1989 NCAA Division II playoffs, 2001 Silicon Valley Football Classic.



The Douglas Family: Rebecca, Taryn, Tanner and Troy.

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Danny Crossman

Linebackers / Special Teams Coordinator

FIRST SEASON

Danny Crossman, who served as an assistant coach at Georgia Tech the last three years, begins his first year as linebackers coach and special teams coordinator at Michigan State.

The 35-year-old Crossman spent the last three seasons under George O'Leary at Georgia Tech (1999-2001) where he coached special teams and defensive ends his first two years before taking over the defensive backs in 2001. He helped the Yellow Jackets to a combined record of 25-12 (.676), including three straight bowl appearances (1999 Gator, 2000 Peach and 2001 Seattle Bowls).

In 2001, Georgia Tech finished second in the Atlantic Coast Conference in pass defense (216.2 yards per game) and third in total defense (333.3 ypg.). In addition, the Yellow Jackets ranked among the NCAA leaders in kickoff returns (No. 21/22.9 avg.), net punting (No. 28/37.3 avg.) and punt returns (No. 30/10.9 avg.). Crossman coached two first-team All-ACC specialists in 2001 – placekicker Luke Manget and kick returner Kelley Rhino. Manget led the ACC and ranked 10th nationally in field goals (1.6 made per game) while scoring a school-record 97 points. Rhino set an ACC record with 515 punt return yards.

Georgia Tech also ranked among the NCAA leaders in 2000, finishing 12th in rushing defense (94.5 ypg.) and 21st in scoring defense (19.0 points per game). Crossman tutored first-team All-ACC defensive end Greg Gathers, who finished third nationally in sacks with 13. His defensive ends accounted for 27 of the team's 39 sacks in 2000. His special teams led the ACC in kickoff returns (23.5 avg.) and kickoff coverage (16.1 avg.).

In 1999, the Yellow Jackets were listed among the NCAA leaders in net punting (No. 11/39.5 avg.), kickoff returns (No. 23/22.8 avg.) and punt returns (No. 27/11.2 avg.).

Crossman arrived at Georgia Tech following two years at Central Florida (1997-98) where he coached the defensive backfield and special teams. He previously spent three years at Western Kentucky (1994-96) where he handled all special teams and worked with the defensive secondary for two seasons before coaching the outside linebackers in 1996. His first full-time coaching assignment came at the U.S. Coast Guard Academy in 1993 where he coached the defensive backs and special teams.

He spent parts of two seasons on injured reserve in the NFL with Washington (1990) and Detroit (1991). Crossman played for two years with the London Monarchs (1991-92) in the World League of American Football. He intercepted three passes in the inaugural World Bowl in 1991, returning one pick 20 yards for a touchdown, to earn MVP honors as the Monarchs shut out Barcelona, 21-0.

Crossman earned three letters at Pittsburgh from 1987-89 where he helped the Panthers to a combined record of 22-12-1 (.643), including two bowl trips (1987 Bluebonnet and 1989 Sun). He started 11 games at fullback as a junior in 1988 and rushed for 273 yards (5.5 avg.) and two touchdowns. As a senior in 1989, Crossman was named team MVP and second-team All-American after producing 62 tackles, five pass break-ups and an interception from his strong safety position.

.: THE CROSSMAN FILE

YEARS AT MICHIGAN STATE:

First. Joined staff on Feb. 22, 2002, from Georgia Tech.

PREVIOUS COACHING EXPERIENCE:

College – Defensive backs and special teams coach at U.S. Coast Guard Academy (1993); defensive secondary, outside linebackers and special teams coach at Western Kentucky (1994-96); defensive backfield and special teams coach at Central Florida (1997-98); defensive ends, defensive backs and special teams coach at Georgia Tech (1999-2001).

EDUCATION:

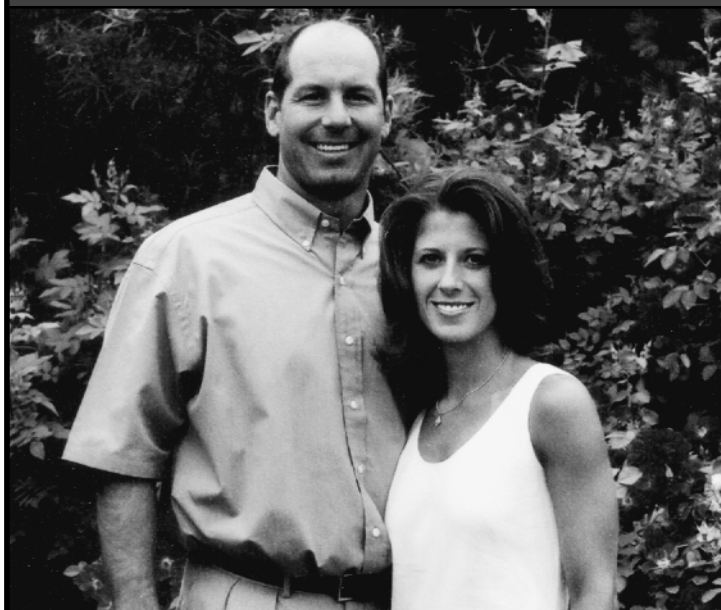
Bachelor's degree in business administration and communications from Pittsburgh in 1990.

PLAYING EXPERIENCE:

College – Started at defensive back for Kansas as a true freshman in 1985. Earned three letters as a fullback and defensive back at Pittsburgh (1987-89). Pro – Spent three years on injured reserve in the National Football League with Washington (1990) and Detroit (1991-92). Played for two years in the World League of American Football with London (1991-92).

BOWL/POST SEASON EXPERIENCE:

Player – 1987 Bluebonnet, 1989 Sun, 1991 World Bowl (WLAF). Coach – 1999 Gator, 2000 Peach, 2001 Seattle.



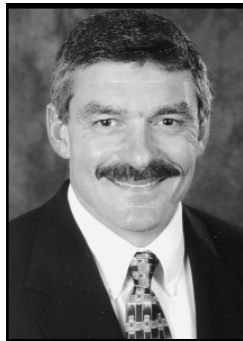
The Crossman Family: Danny and Susan.

He earned his bachelor's degree in business administration and communications from Pittsburgh in 1990.

A native of El Paso, Texas, Crossman began his college career at Kansas where he earned Freshman All-America honors from The Sporting News in 1985. He had 48 tackles and an interception in eight starts at defensive back for Mike Gottfried. Crossman transferred from Kansas in 1986 to follow Coach Gottfried to Pittsburgh.

Crossman is married to the former Susan Walsh of Maplewood, N.J.

.: Strength & Conditioning Coach



KenMannie

Strength & Conditioning Coach

EIGHTH SEASON

Ken Mannie enters his eighth year as Michigan State's strength and conditioning coach.

Mannie is a certified strength and conditioning specialist with both the Collegiate Strength and Conditioning

Coaches Association (CSCCa) and the National Strength and Conditioning Coaches Association (NSCA). In May 2002 at its annual conference in Salt Lake City, the Collegiate Strength and Conditioning Coaches Association awarded Mannie the title of Master Strength and Conditioning Coach in recognition of his professionalism, expertise, longevity and contributions to the field.

He has written over 150 articles and two book chapters on the various aspects of strength/conditioning, speed/power development, sports nutrition, motivation, athletics and the anabolic drug abuse issue.

Mannie is the host of "Roid Roulette: A Dangerous Game," an NCAA-recommended educational videotape on the hazards of steroid use. He also writes a monthly column for *Scholastic Coach and Athletic Director*, the nation's premier coaching publication, and is a frequent contributor to the *Championship Performance* newsletter.

Prior to his arrival at Michigan State, Mannie spent nine years in a similar capacity at the University of Toledo (1985-94). He worked for Nick Saban in 1990 when the Rockets won a share of the Mid-American Conference title and finished 9-2.

He served as a graduate assistant at Ohio State in 1984, working with the Buckeyes' Big Ten championship football team.

A native of Steubenville, Ohio, Mannie taught and coached on the high school level for 10 years (1975-84). He spent nine of those years at his alma mater Steubenville Catholic Central where he coached football, wrestling and track.

He began his coaching career as a student assistant at Akron in 1974, working with the offensive guards and centers.

A former walk-on, Mannie became a three-year starter at offensive guard for Akron from 1971-73. He played on the '71 Zips' team that finished 8-2 and ranked eighth nationally in the Division II polls.

He earned his bachelor's degree in health and physical education from Akron in 1974 and received a master's degree in physical education and health education with an emphasis in exercise science from Ohio State in '85.

Born July 1, 1952, in Los Angeles, he and his wife, Marianne, have a daughter, Alaina Antoinette (14).

.: THE MANNIE FILE

YEARS AT MICHIGAN STATE:

Eighth. Joined staff on Dec. 8, 1994, from Toledo.

PREVIOUS COACHING EXPERIENCE:

College — Graduate assistant at Ohio State (1984); head strength and conditioning coach at Toledo (1985-94).

EDUCATION:

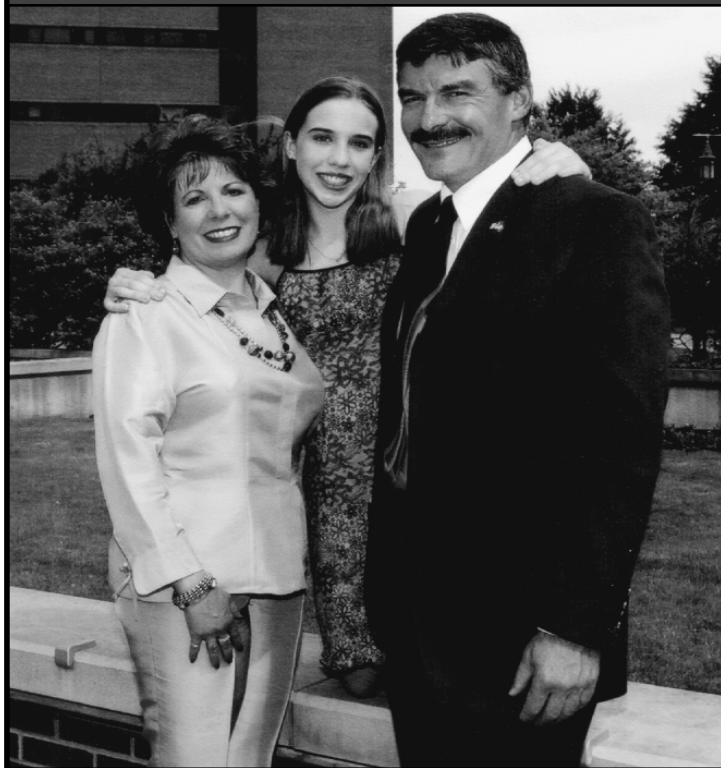
Bachelor's degree in health and physical education from Akron in 1974; master's degree in physical education and health education with an emphasis in exercise science from Ohio State in 1985.

PLAYING EXPERIENCE:

College — Three-year starter at offensive guard at Akron (1971-73).

BOWL EXPERIENCE:

Coach — 1985 Rose, 1995 Independence, 1996 Sun, 1997 Aloha, 2000 Florida Citrus, 2001 Silicon Valley Football Classic.



The Mannie Family: Marianne, Alaina Antoinette and Ken.

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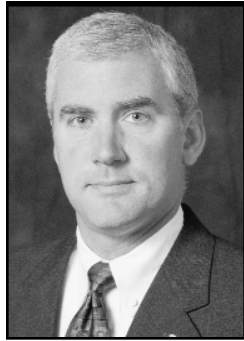
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Mike Vollmar

Assistant A.D. / Dir. of Football Operations

SEVENTH SEASON

Mike Vollmar begins his seventh year as an assistant athletics director and director of football operations at Michigan State.

Vollmar's duties include overseeing the internal and external operations of the football program. In addition, he supervises the athletic department's equipment program and coordinates the agent education program. He also serves on the American Football Coaches Association's national committee for Directors of Football Operations.

Vollmar previously spent five years at Syracuse, serving as recruiting and personnel coordinator from 1991-93 and director of football and recruiting operations from 1994-96 under Paul Pasqualoni. Four players recruited during that period were named to Syracuse's All-Century team, including Kevin Abrams (Detroit Lions), Donovan Darius (Jacksonville Jaguars), Donovan McNabb (Philadelphia Eagles) and Kevin Johnson (Cleveland Browns). During his tenure at Syracuse, the Orangemen claimed the ECAC championship and Lambert Trophy (Eastern Football Champions) in 1992. The Orangemen also won three bowl games, including the '92 Hall of Fame, '93 Fiesta and '96 Gator Bowls.

Prior to joining the Syracuse staff, Vollmar worked for three years as assistant recruiting coordinator and in athletic administration under Bo Schembechler and Gary Moeller at Michigan (1988-90). During his stint in Ann Arbor, the Wolverines won three Big Ten championships, made two trips to the Rose Bowl and a trip to the Gator Bowl.

Vollmar participated in track and field (pole-vaulter) at Siena Heights College in Adrian, Mich. He received a bachelor's degree in history with a minor in speech communications from Siena Heights in 1988.

A native of Riverview, Mich., Vollmar earned a total of eight letters in track and basketball at Riverview Community High School. As a senior, he earned all-state honors as a pole-vaulter. Vollmar attended the same high school that produced Michigan head coach Lloyd Carr, former Vanderbilt head coach Woody Widenhofer and former Colorado head coach Bill McCartney.

Born Jan. 21, 1965, in Mt. Clemens, Mich., Vollmar earned a master's degree in sports management from the United States Sports Academy in Daphne, Ala., in 1989.

Married to the former Tami Schneck of Tecumseh, Mich., he and his wife have a daughter, Bailey Lauren (4).

:: THE VOLLMAR FILE

YEARS AT MICHIGAN STATE:

Seventh. Joined staff on Feb. 13, 1996, from Syracuse.

PREVIOUS COACHING EXPERIENCE:

College — Assistant recruiting coordinator at Michigan (1988-90); recruiting and personnel coordinator at Syracuse (1991-93); director of football and recruiting operations at Syracuse (1994-96).

EDUCATION:

Bachelor's degree in history and a minor in speech communications from Siena Heights College in 1988; master's degree in sports management from the United States Sports Academy in 1989.

PLAYING EXPERIENCE:

College — Track and field athlete at Siena Heights College (1983-87).

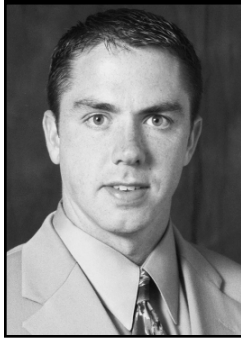
BOWL EXPERIENCE:

Coach — 1989 Rose, 1990 Rose, 1991 Gator, 1992 Hall of Fame, 1993 Fiesta, 1996 Gator, 1996 Sun, 1997 Aloha, 2000 Florida Citrus, 2001 Silicon Valley Football Classic.



The Vollmar Family: Mike, Bailey and Tami.

:: Assistant Strength & Conditioning Coach



Aaron Wellman

Assistant Strength & Conditioning Coach

SECOND SEASON

Aaron Wellman is in his second year as Michigan State football's assistant strength and conditioning coach.

The 28-year-old Wellman spent five years at Indiana (1996-2001) where he served as a graduate assistant in the weight room for two years before being named assistant strength and conditioning coordinator in 1998. As a graduate assistant under Matt Bomba, he worked closely with Indiana's football, softball and baseball teams. As a full-time assistant, Wellman helped implement a physical development plan for the Hoosier football program.

Prior to joining the Indiana staff, Wellman completed a strength and conditioning internship at Notre Dame in 1995 where he coordinated individual workouts for Irish football, basketball and baseball players.

Wellman is a certified strength and conditioning specialist by the National Strength and Conditioning Association and the Collegiate Strength and Conditioning Coaches Association. In addition, he is certified by the United States Weightlifting Federation to be a club strength coach.

A four-year letterman (1993-96) at Manchester (Ind.) College, Wellman was a three-year starter at defensive back. He received his bachelor's degree in health and physical education from Manchester College in 1996. Wellman earned a master's degree in kinesiology from Indiana University in 1998 and is nearing completion of a second master's in nutrition science.

A native of Ligonier, Ind., Wellman is married to the former Shellie Thompson of Noblesville, Ind.



The Wellman Family: Aaron and Shellie.

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Administrative
Assistant/
Football Operations



Matt House
Graduate Assistant



Carrie Murphy
Recruiting Assistant



Pam Henning
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