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2002 Season Preview With Head Coach Bobby Williams

Michigan State returns 16 starters overall from last year's 7-5 team, including eight on offense, seven on defense and one specialist. Third-year head coach Bobby Williams takes a position-by-position look at the 2002 Spartans.

Offensive Scouting Report

Michigan State displayed dramatic improvement on the offensive side of the football in 2001. The Spartans led the Big Ten and ranked No. 18 nationally in total offense, averaging 447.0 yards per game. Michigan State also led the league and finished No. 14 nationally in passing offense, averaging 292.5 yards. In addition, the Spartans stood third in the Big Ten and No. 33 in the NCAA in scoring offense, averaging 31.2 points per game.

Williams talks about the offensive game plan:

"We've tweaked the offense a little bit by opening up some of the formations. We'll shift some of the personnel around so defenses can't load up to stop the run."

Offensive Line

Michigan State's starting offensive line returns intact - including center Brian Ottney (6-6, 305, Jr.), guards Joe Tate (6-5, 293, Jr.) and William Whitticker (6-6, 308, So.) and tackles Ulish Booker (6-7, 305, Sr.) and Steve Stewart (6-5, 310, Jr.). That unit is responsible for 65 combined starting assignments.

Next in terms of experience are guards Paul Harker (6-3, 298, Sr.) and Joe Patrick (6-5, 307, Jr.).

Williams talks about the offensive line:

"We have two marquee names on offense, in Charles Rogers and Jeff Smoker, and they receive most of the media attention but all the battles are won up front along the offensive line. In order for the skill players to have an opportunity to perform, the offensive line has to do its job first. These guys will help Jeff take the next step in becoming a great quarterback.

"I'm excited about this unit that returns all five starters. That unit really improved as the 2001 season progressed. I expect the

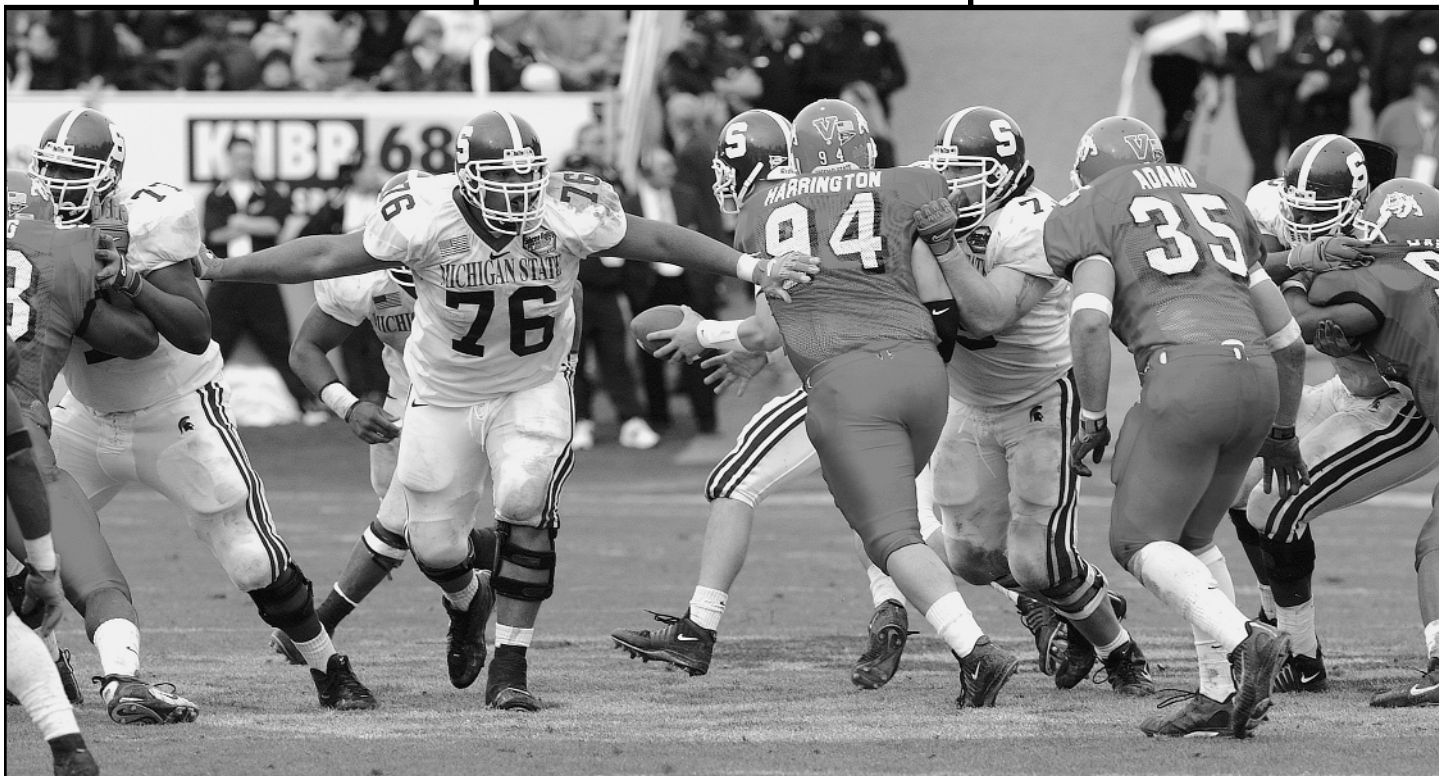
line to be even more physical at the point of attack this fall. These guys will have a lot to say about the success of our football team in 2002.

"Brian Ottney truly is the anchor of our offensive line. Brian provides toughness, intensity and leadership to the lineup. The entire offense feeds off of him, and Brian has assumed that role ever since taking over at center in 2000.

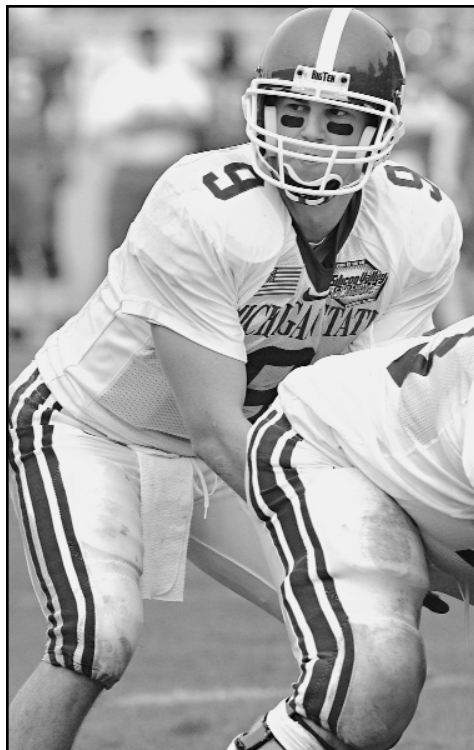
"We've added quality depth to the line and our overall strength continues to improve."

Quarterback

All-America candidate Jeff Smoker (6-3, 214, Jr.) moves into his third season as Michigan State's starting quarterback. Smoker, a consensus preseason first-team All-Big Ten selection, has compiled a 10-7 record in 17 career starts. In 2001, he completed 166-of-262 throws (.634) for 2,579 yards and a Spartan single-season record 21 touchdowns. Smoker, who ranked sixth in the NCAA in passing efficiency with his 166.4 rating, had six 200-yard passing games.



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Back-up QB Damon Dowdell (6-1, 211, So.) saw action in five games in 2001. Dowdell threw for 304 yards and a score in his first collegiate start vs. Purdue last fall. The Spartans have another capable, yet untested backup in Aaron Alexander (6-5, 191, R-Fr.).

Williams talks about the quarterbacks:

"Jeff Smoker consistently plays at a high level and consistently makes big plays. The challenge for him: can he become the quarterback that takes this program to the next level, the championship level?"

"Jeff has a lot of good qualities. First, he has a complete grasp of our offensive system. Second, Jeff has a great feel for the game. He is a real student of the game and he does his homework. Prior to the snap, Jeff has the ability to look at a secondary, recognize the initial coverage and identify where he wants to go with the football. Third, I've seen him emerge as a leader. Jeff takes charge in the huddle and the players rally around him. His ability to play the position plus his knowledge of the game is what separates him from other quarterbacks.

"Jeff is leaps and bounds ahead of where he was as a quarterback at this time last year. There were times last year when Jeff simply didn't get the ball far enough down field. He worked extremely hard during the off-season to improve his arm strength and he's done that.

"I'm really excited about our back-up quarterback situation. This is perhaps the best depth Michigan State has ever had at this position. In Damon Dowdell and Aaron Alexander, we have two capable leaders who have the ability to play winning football.

"Damon now has a good understanding of the offense and it shows in his confidence. And Aaron Alexander has all the tools and ability but he simply needs more work in the system."

Running Back

The biggest challenge on offense is filling the shoes of tailback T.J. Duckett, Michigan State's fifth all-time leading rusher with 3,379 career yards. Duckett, selected No. 18 overall by Atlanta in the 2002 NFL Draft, rushed for 1,420 yards in 2001 – the fifth-best single-season total in Spartan history. As a junior, he accounted for 77 percent of the Spartans' rushing offense (1,420 of 1,854 yards) and scored 12 of its 19 rushing touchdowns.

The top candidate to replace Duckett is Dawan Moss (5-10, 226, Sr.), who has shed 32 pounds since making the transition from fullback to tailback last spring. In his first three seasons, Moss carried the ball 73 times for 265 yards (3.6 avg.) and five TDs.

Leading candidates for playing time at fullback include Mark Goebel (6-2, 237, Jr.) and Jason Bradley (6-0, 251, So.).

Williams talks about the running backs:

"We lost a pretty good running back by the name of T.J. Duckett, but I think Dawan Moss has a lot of potential as a runner. Last year, we really started to work on Dawan's development as a runner in anticipation of T.J.'s early departure for the National Football League. Dawan has a natural feel for the position. He's got the size and strength you look for in a running back plus he has excellent vision and change of direction.

"Dawan is a tough, physical runner but he simply hasn't had very many opportunities to carry the football. He had only 17 touches as a red-shirt freshman in 1999 but those were very productive carries. I'm

2002 National Preseason Polls

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1. Texas
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7. Colorado
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9. Oregon
10. Nebraska
11. Michigan State
12. Washington
13. Wisconsin
14. LSU
15. Washington State
16. South Carolina
17. Maryland
18. Michigan
19. Syracuse
20. Louisville
21. Virginia Tech
22. Auburn
23. Ohio State
24. Marshall
25. Ole Miss

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15. Michigan State
16. Virginia Tech
17. Penn State
18. Marshall
19. Louisville
20. South Carolina
21. Maryland
22. Oregon State
23. Auburn
24. Oregon
25. Texas A&M

LINDY'S

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10. Colorado
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Former fullback Dawan Moss, who has rushed for 265 yards in his first three seasons at Michigan State, ranks as the heir apparent to the starting job at tailback following the early departure of T.J. Duckett to the National Football League.

confident Dawan will be able to carry a significant load for our running game.

"Tyrell Dortch (5-10, 200, Jr.) has made great strides in his recovery from a broken leg nine months ago but it's far too early to determine what type of role he'll be able to assume this fall.

"We must identify some other backs that can contribute to the running game right away. Four freshmen tailbacks will report for preseason camp, so I'm anxious to see if any of them will be able to have an immediate impact."

Wide Receiver

Heisman Trophy candidate Charles Rogers (6-4, 205, Jr.) rewrote the Spartan record book in 2001. In his first year on the active roster, Rogers set MSU single-season records for receptions (67), receiving yards (1,470), touchdown receptions (14) and 100-yard receiving games (6). His 14 TD catches led the Big Ten.

The top contender to fill the flanker slot vacated by Herb Haygood is BJ Lovett (6-4, 208, Sr.). Others who should figure prominently in the playing rotation at wide receiver include Ziehl Kavanaght (5-11, 182, Jr.) and Ben Steckler (6-4, 208, R-Fr.).

Williams talks about the wide receivers:

"Charles Rogers is arguably the best big-play receiver in the country. We have to continue to find ways to get the football in his hands and put him in a position to make plays. Charles is one of the few players around that can break open any given game because he can score from anywhere on the field.

"A key to Charles' success is his ability to get off the line of scrimmage. It doesn't matter if corners press or play bump-and-run. It's extremely difficult to disrupt Charles because of his speed and quickness. And what I appreciate most is his toughness. Charles will catch the ball over the middle, take a big hit and come back and play the next down. He also has shown the willingness to play a physical role in our running game, getting down field to block. Charles is the complete

package. He's a big, physical receiver with game-breaking ability.

"We have challenged all of our receivers to make plays because we know all of the attention will be focused on Charles this fall. Our other receivers will get plenty of opportunities to work one-on-one with defensive backs and those are match-ups they have to win.

"BJ Lovett is a prime candidate to assume an expanded role in the passing game. BJ had a frustrating junior year. He had an opportunity to make several plays last season and didn't. BJ had a good spring and I think he's ready to take the next step.

"I like the quality of our depth at wide receiver. I expect to see Ziehl Kavanaght and Ben Steckler to compete for significant playing time this fall."



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Tight End

Gone is All-American Chris Baker, Michigan State's career record-holder for receptions by a tight end with 133. Also missing is his back-up Ivory McCoy (39 career catches). Despite the losses, the Spartans are deep and talented at tight end, paced by Jason Randall (6-5, 250, So.), Eric Knott (6-3, 251, So.) and Ryan Woods (6-4, 248, R-Fr.).

Williams talks about the tight ends:

"We signed three tight ends in the 2001 recruiting class and two of them received valuable playing time last fall. Jason Randall is a guy that really came on strong at the end of last season. We had talked about red-shirting Jason but he played his way into the tight end rotation. He matured quickly by playing on the scout team and going against our first-team defense everyday.

"We moved Eric Knott from defensive end back to his natural position of tight end. He has all of the tools to play this position but he simple needs to learn the offensive system. Eric had a good spring and has a chance to be an impact player this fall.

"Ryan Woods is another guy who brings a lot to the table. He's got the size and the skills. Ryan had a good 2001 preseason camp but unfortunately, we lost him to an injury three games into the season. He gained some valuable playing experience last year.

"We have two other guys competing for playing time at tight end - Matt Walters (6-2, 248, Jr.) and Eric Easter (6-4, 226, Sr.). Walters is a versatile player, with excellent hands, so we can utilize him a lot like we did Baker. We can flex him or put him in motion. His playing time will increase as he learns the offensive system.

"We're going play a lot of two tight-end sets so we're going to teach these five guys how to play both positions, Y and H."

Defensive Scouting Report

Williams is determined to find improvement on the defensive side of the football after Michigan State ranked seventh in the Big Ten in total defense (386.5 yards per game) and scoring defense (25.9 points) and eighth in rushing defense, allowing 180.8 yards per game. Despite the loss of four starting cornerbacks to injury, the Spartans 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).

Williams talks about the defensive game plan:

"We need to get back to playing Michigan State defense and that means stopping the run. We had too many letdowns and breakdowns against good running teams last year. We also need to develop a consistent pass rush."

Defensive Line

Michigan State will build its 2002 defensive line around tackle Kyle Rasmussen (6-4, 287, Jr.) and end Greg Taplin (6-5, 256, Jr.). Matthias Askew (6-6, 286, So.) heads into preseason camp atop the list of candidates for the other starting job at defensive end while Kevin Vickerson (6-5, 285, So.) is slated to replace three-year starter Josh Shaw at defensive tackle.



All-Big Ten candidate Kyle Rasmussen led the defensive line and ranked fifth on the team in tackles with 54 in 2001, including three for losses.

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16. Marshall
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22. North Carolina State
23. Penn State
24. Maryland
25. Boston College

ATHLON SPORTS

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Williams talks about the defensive line:

"We're extremely young along the defensive line. In fact, there isn't a senior listed on the two deep. Despite the inexperience, there's quality, young talent at each position.

"A top priority remains to develop a consistent pass rusher. We simply haven't had a dominating edge rusher since Julian Peterson left after the 1999 season. We'll continue to do some things from a scheme standpoint to pressure opposing quarterbacks but the bottom line is someone needs to step forward and become a factor.

"Greg Taplin has shown flashes of brilliance in the past but now he needs to play with more consistency. We moved Matthias Askew outside from defensive tackle to end to give us a little more athleticism. Clifford Dukes (6-3, 254, So.) has played a lot of football here but it's time for him to take his play up a notch.

"I'm anxious to monitor the progress of three other young linemen - Darrell Hamilton (6-4, 235, So.), Dominick Brown (6-3, 265, Jr.) and Luc Mullinder (6-4, 272, Jr.). Those three guys can all run. Darrell, who had a good spring, might be our most athletic defensive end. He has shown the ability to run down plays from the backside.

"We have two solid players inside, in Kyle Rasmussen and Kevin Vickerson. Kyle played extremely well down the stretch last year, and Kevin really came on strong late and played an outstanding bowl game."

Linebacker

The biggest challenge on defense is replacing four-year starter and All-American Josh Thornhill at MIKE linebacker.

Back in the fold are returning starters Mike Labinjo (6-1, 254, Jr.) and Ronald Stanley (6-0, 220, So.). Look for Labinjo, who led the Spartans in tackles for losses (17), sacks (5) and quarterback hits (12) in 2001, to shift from SAM linebacker inside to the MIKE position. Stanley, who earned second-team Freshman All-America honors in 2001, heads into his second season as the starter at the WILL position. Monquiz Wedlow (5-11, 198, Jr.), who played extensively at WILL linebacker in 2001, is the projected starter at the SAM position.

Other contenders for playing time at linebacker include Seth Mitchell (6-2, 246, R-Fr.) and Michael Bazemore (6-3, 242, R-Fr.).

Williams talks about the linebackers:

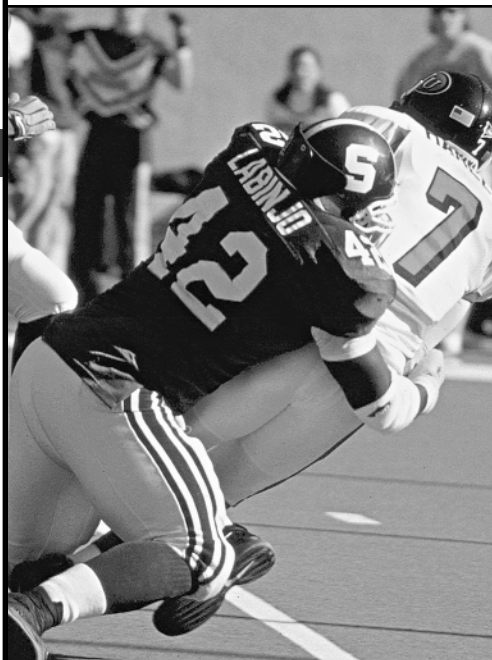
"It's impossible to replace someone like Josh Thornhill. Josh did so many things that didn't show up in the stat sheet. He was a great student of the game and knew our system so well that he was able to help get all the players lined up properly before every snap.

"I'm extremely pleased with the overall ability we have at linebacker. We have a good nucleus of players but someone needs to step forward as a leader.

"In an attempt to get our three best linebackers on the field at one time, we've moved Mike Labinjo from SAM to MIKE linebacker. Mike made a lot of big plays for us last year and he'll get even more opportunities now as a result of the position change.

"Ronald Stanley is an excellent athlete and did a lot of good things for us as a true freshman. He runs well and has good instincts as a linebacker. Ronald worked hard during the off-season too so we expect him to have an even greater impact as a sophomore.

"Monquiz Wedlow has shown the knack for being in the right place at the right time. Monquiz has the speed and power to make things happen. He's been very productive in spot situations before, primarily in our nickel package.



Mike Labinjo, who led the Spartans in tackles for losses (17 for 64 yards) and sacks (5 for 34), is the leading candidate to replace four-year starter and All-American Josh Thornhill at middle linebacker.

"It's simply a matter of time before Seth Mitchell makes his presence known. Seth had an outstanding 2001 preseason but a knee injury sidelined him for the season. He's going to compete for playing time this fall. Also look for Michael Bazemore and James Cooper (6-3, 229, So.) to work their way into the playing rotation."

Defensive Back

The Spartans are well stocked in the defensive secondary, thanks to the presence of nine returning lettermen, including starting corners Broderick Nelson (6-0, 171, Sr.) and Cedric Henry (5-10, 182, Sr.) plus safety Thomas Wright (6-1, 193, Sr.). The only vacancy in the defensive backfield is at free safety, where Jason Harmon (5-11, 189, So.) joins the starting lineup.

In 2001, Nelson led the Spartans in interceptions (5), pass break-ups (20) and forced fumbles (5). Henry, who led the Big Ten in pass break-ups (24) and ranked third in interceptions (5) in 2000, returns to the starting lineup after being declared academically ineligible just two weeks prior to the 2001 season opener. Wright, who has started 22 straight games at safety, led the secondary and finished second on the team in tackles with 92 last season.

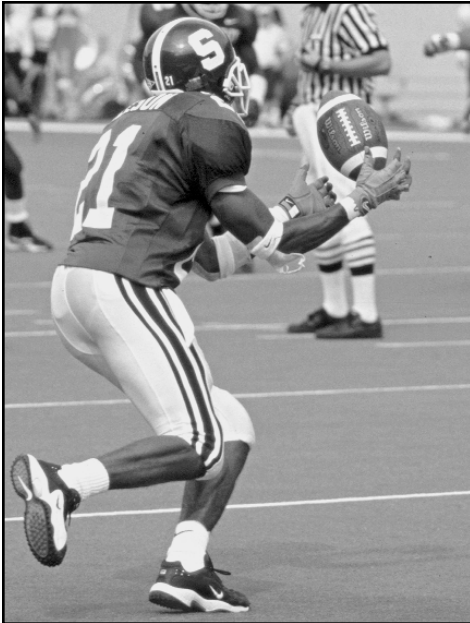
DeMario Suggs (5-11, 197, Sr.), Roderick Maples (5-10, 180, So.) and Robert Flagg (6-2, 197, So.) bring added experience to the secondary.

Williams talks about the defensive backs:

"The strength of our defense is obviously the secondary. We have nine lettermen back and they've all played quality football.

"There's no question that Thomas Wright is the ringleader of our defense, especially in the secondary. Thomas does it all - sets the coverage, makes the checks and handles the rotation. We also like to utilize him as a run-stopper. Thomas is the big hitter in the secondary so that's why we put him in a position to make so many plays against the run.

"You can't say enough about the season Broderick Nelson had in 2001. He started the season as a backup and with the rash of injuries in the secondary, he found himself in the starting lineup. He worked his tail off to make himself into a pretty good defensive back, practicing his fundamentals, his footwork and studying film. Team's knew about his inexperience and



Cornerback Broderick Nelson led the Spartans in interceptions (5), pass break-ups (20) and forced fumbles (5) in 2001.

they went right at him. Broderick hung tough and made a lot of key plays for us. He honestly could have led the nation in interceptions last year. He picked off five passes but he probably dropped five too.

"It sure is nice to see Cedric Henry back on the field. Cedric has truly emerged as one of the top cover corners in the Big Ten and has a chance to become one of the top players at his position in the country. He brings a lot of confidence and toughness to the table. He's also a good tackler in the open field.

"I'm excited about the depth we have at corner with DeMario Suggs and Roderick Maples. Roderick really improved during the bowl practices, earned a spot on the field and played a great game against Fresno State. He has shown flashes of developing into an outstanding corner.

"Look for Jason Harmon and Robert Flagg to wage a good battle for the starting job at free safety."

Special Teams Scouting Report

Dave Rayner (6-2, 208, So.) heads into his second season as Michigan State's starting placekicker. Rayner, who took over the placekicking duties for the last nine games of the 2001 season, hit eight-of-14 field-goal attempts (.571) and 36-of-37 extra-point tries (.973).

One of the most topical questions for the coming year revolves around select-

ing a replacement for four-year punter Craig Jarrett, who finished his career with a 42.9-yard average.

Also missing from the special teams lineup is All-America kick returner Herb Haygood, who ranked ninth in the NCAA in kick-off returns in 2001 with his 27.6-yard average including two returns for touchdowns.

Williams talks about the special teams:

"One positive from the spring certainly was the continued development of placekicker Dave Rayner. Dave has always had a powerful, live leg but he really worked to improve his accuracy last spring. He has all the tools to become a key offensive weapon.

"One priority that remains is to identify the starting punter. Dave Rayner will compete against two newcomers, Brandon Fields (6-6, 215, Fr.) and Jason Daily (6-1, 180, Jr.), for the job.

"I've targeted several areas for improvement, including punt protection and punt returns. We simply can't afford to have seven punts blocked. We must get more mileage out of our punt returns and we must find a replacement for All-America kick returner Herb Haygood."

Williams talks about the upcoming 2002 season:

"We definitely weren't satisfied with our 7-5 record last season but there were many positives. The team accomplished a lot under some difficult circumstances, especially considering the number of season-ending injuries. We lost several close games but the guys never stopped competing. A significant number of young players gained valuable experience because they were forced to play sooner than expected.

"There has been a carryover effect from the bowl victory against Fresno State. This team won some big games last year and now the desire is there to take this program to the next level. We all feel like this team has a legitimate shot at contending for the Big Ten championship.

"Our goal is to build a consistent Top 25 football program. It's one thing to earn the Top 25 label but it's another thing to get the program in the national rankings and keep it there. This program is moving forward and it's headed in the right direction. Our team is excited about facing the challenges ahead."

2002 Big Ten Preseason Polls

STREET & SMITH'S

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4. Ohio State
5. Penn State
6. Iowa
7. Illinois
8. Purdue
9. Indiana
10. Northwestern
11. Minnesota

LINDY'S

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2. Michigan State
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::: Capsule Outlook

2002 OUTLOOK

Basic Offense: Pro Set
Basic Defense: 4-3
2001 Record: 7-5 overall, 3-5 Big Ten (t-8th)
2001 Postseason: Defeated Fresno State (44-35) in 2001 Silicon Valley Football Classic
Lettermen Lost: 19 (8 offense, 8 defense, 3 specialists)
Lettermen Returning: 42 (20 offense, 21 defense, 1 specialist)
Starters Lost: 9 (3 offense, 5 defense, 1 specialist)
Starters Returning: 16 (8 offense, 7 defense, 1 specialist)

OFFENSIVE STARTERS LOST (3):

TE Chris Baker, FL Herb Haygood, TB T.J. Duckett.

OFFENSIVE STARTERS RETURNING (8):

SE Charles Rogers, LT Ulish Booker, LG Joe Tate, C Brian Ottney, RG William Whitticker, RT Steve Stewart, QB Jeff Smoker, FB Dawan Moss.

DEFENSIVE STARTERS LOST (5):

DT Josh Shaw, DE Nick Myers, MLB Josh Thornhill, SS Lorenzo Guess, CB Duron Bryan.

DEFENSIVE STARTERS RETURNING (7):

DE Greg Taplin, DT Kyle Rasmussen, OLB Mike Labinjo, OLB Ronald Stanley, CB Broderick Nelson, FS Thomas Wright, CB *Cedric Henry. (Note: *Started 11 games in 2000.)

STARTING SPECIALIST LOST (1):

P Craig Jarrett.

STARTING SPECIALIST RETURNING (1):

PK Dave Rayner.

TOP LOSSES:

TB T.J. Duckett (second-team All-Big Ten, MSU's fifth all-time leading rusher with 3,379 yards, rushed for 1,420 yards and 12 TDs in 2001); **TE Chris Baker** (*Football News* second-team All-American, MSU's career record-holder for receptions by a tight end with 133, school-record 47 consecutive starts); **WR Herb Haygood** (Walter Camp and CNNSI first-team All-America kick returner, ranked ninth in NCAA in kickoff returns with his 27.6-yard avg., 115 career receptions for 1,640 yards and seven TDs); **LB Josh Thornhill** (*The Sporting News* and *Football News* third-team All-American, 2001 Spartan MVP, MSU's fourth all-time leading tackler with 395 stops); **DT Josh Shaw** (second-team All-Big Ten, 214 career tackles, 29 career starts); **P Craig Jarrett** (honorable mention All-Big Ten, MSU's fourth all-time leading punter with 42.9-yard avg.).

TOP RETURNEES:

WR Charles Rogers (second-team All-Big Ten, set MSU single-season records with 67 receptions for 1,470 yards and 14 TDs in 2001); **QB Jeff Smoker** (led Big Ten and ranked sixth in NCAA in passing efficiency at 166.4 rating, completed 166-of-262 passes for 2,579 yards and MSU single-season record 21 TDs, 17 career starts); **C Brian Ottney** (21 straight starts, 156 career pancakes); **RG William Whitticker** (*The Sporting News* first-team Freshman All-American, 63 pancakes); **S Thomas Wright** (honorable mention All-Big Ten, team's second-leading tackler with 92 stops, 22 career starts); **CB Broderick Nelson** (honorable mention All-Big Ten, led team with 5 interceptions and 20 pass break-ups); **CB Cedric Henry** (second-team All-Big Ten in 2000, 5 interceptions and 24 pass break-ups); **DT Kyle Rasmussen** (54 tackles including 3 for losses, 16 career starts); **OLB Mike Labinjo** (led team with 17 tackles for losses and 5 sacks); **OLB Ronald Stanley** (*The Sporting News* and *Football News* second-team Freshman All-American, 43 tackles including 3 for losses).

TOP NEWCOMERS:

P Jason Daily (Jr./JUCO All-American averaged 40.7 yards in 2001); **P Brandon Fields** (Fr./All-Ohio punter averaged 41.7 yards); **DT Brandon McKinney** (So./Prep All-American in 2000); **LB Seth Mitchell** (R-Fr./Prep All-American had 146 tackles and 6 interceptions in 2000); **TB David Richard** (Fr./Prep All-American rushed for 1,009 yards and 12 TDs in 2001); **WR Agim Shabaj** (Fr./Prep All-American had 60 receptions for 1,411 yards and 18 TDs in 2001).

THE STRENGTHS

Offensive Line – Michigan State's starting offensive line returns intact – including LT Ulish Booker, LG Joe Tate, C Brian Ottney, RG William Whitticker and RT Steve Stewart. That unit is responsible for 65 combined starting assignments. **Passing Game** – Michigan State led the Big Ten and finished No. 14 nationally in passing offense, averaging 292.5 yards. QB Jeff Smoker led the Big Ten and ranked sixth in the NCAA in passing efficiency. Smoker completed 63 percent of his throws for 2,579 yards and a Spartan single-season record 21 touchdowns. WR Charles Rogers set MSU single-season records with 67 receptions for 1,470 yards, 14 TDs and 6 100-yard receiving games. **Secondary** – Nine lettermen return in the defensive backfield, including starting S Thomas Wright and starting CBs Broderick Nelson and Cedric Henry. Despite losing four starting cornerbacks to season-ending injuries in 2001, the Spartans still managed to finish 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 QUESTIONS

Running Back – Gone is T.J. Duckett, MSU's fifth all-time leading rusher with 3,379 yards. In 2001, Duckett accounted for 77 percent (1,420 of 1,854 yards) of MSU's ground attack and scored 12 of its 19 rushing TDs. **Pass Rush** – MSU ranked ninth in the Big Ten in sacks with 18 in 2001. The Spartans have totaled only 36 sacks over the last two years after setting a school single-season record with 54 in 1999. **Rushing Defense** – MSU ranked eighth in the Big Ten in rushing defense, allowing 180.8 yards per game in 2001. The Spartans also permitted 21 rushing TDs – the second-most allowed by a Big Ten team in 2001. **Special Teams** – One of the most topical questions for the coming year revolves around selecting a replacement for four-year punter Craig Jarrett, who finished his career with a 42.9-yard average. In 2001, MSU had seven punts blocked and finished last in the Big Ten in punt returns with its 8.3-yard average. The special teams lineup also is missing All-American Herb Haygood, who finished ninth in the NCAA in kickoff returns with his 27.6-yard average including two runbacks for scores.

ALL-AMERICA CANDIDATES:

WR Charles Rogers
 QB Jeff Smoker

ALL-BIG TEN CANDIDATES:

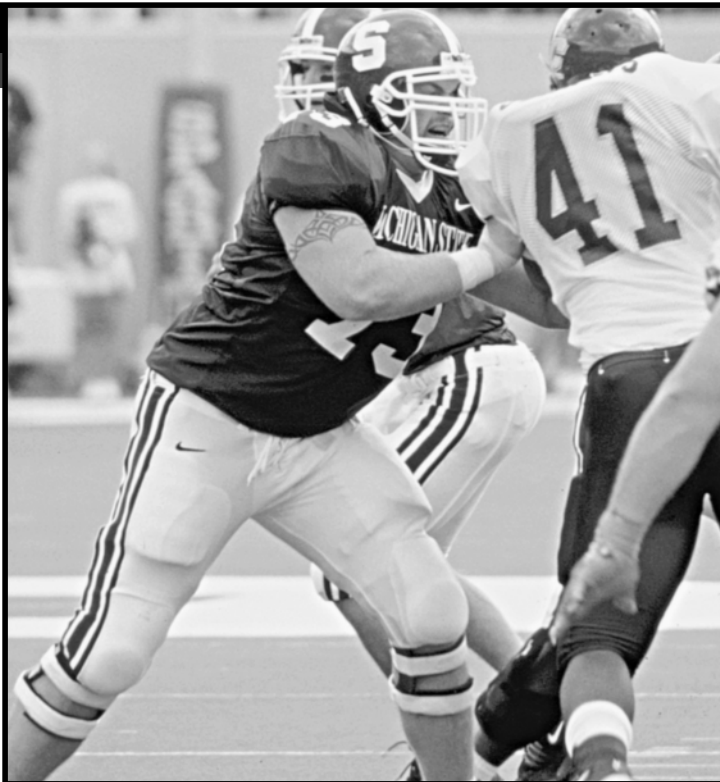
C Brian Ottney
 OG William Whitticker
 DT Kyle Rasmussen
 CB Cedric Henry
 CB Broderick Nelson
 SS Thomas Wright

POSITION CHANGES:

Matthias Askew (from DT to DE)
 Tyrell Dortch (from CB to TB)
 Jason Harmon (from CB to S)
 Eric Knott (from DE to TE)
 Dawan Moss (from FB to TB)
 Luc Mullinder (from TE to DE)

Offense (10 Lost, 21 Returning)

LOST	POSITION	RETURNING
	SE	CHARLES ROGERS (1) Ziehl Kavanaght (2)
	LT	ULISH BOOKER (2)
	LG	JOE TATE (2) Joe Patrick (2)
Tony Grant (2)	C	BRIAN OTTNEY (2) DeMarco Monroe (2)
	RG	WILLIAM WHITTICKER (1)
	RT	STEVE STEWART (2) Sean Poole (1)
CHRIS BAKER (4) Ivory McCoy (4)	TE	Jason Randall (1) Eric Easter (1) Ryan Woods (1)
HERB HAYGOOD (4) Ryan Van Dyke (4)	FL	BJ Lovett (1)
	QB	JEFF SMOKER (2) Damon Dowdell (1)
Brian Burns (1)	FB	DAWAN MOSS (3) Mark Goebel (2) Jason Bradley (1) Tim James (1)
T.J. DUCKETT (3) Little John Flowers (4) Mike McConnell (1) David Schaefer (3)	TB	
	PK	DAVE RAYNER (1)



Brian Ottney, who has recorded 156 career pancakes, has started 21 straight games at center.

Defense (9 Lost, 21 Returning)

LOST	POSITION	RETURNING
	DE	GREG TAPLIN (2) Clifford Dukes (1)
JOSH SHAW (4)	DT	KYLE RASMUSSEN (2)
	DT	Kevin Vickerson (1) Matthias Askew (1) Lonnie Simmons (1) Eric Knott (1)
NICK MYERS (4) Dedrick Roper (1) Matt Kropf (2) JOSH THORNHILL (4) Matt Dawes (2)	DE	
	SAM	MIKE LABINJO (2)
	MIKE	
	WILL	RONALD STANLEY (1) Monquiz Wedlow (2) Richard Bryce (1)
	CB	BRODERICK NELSON (2) CEDRIC HENRY* (3) Roderick Maples (1) Jason Harmon (1) Jeremiah McLaurin (1)
LORENZO GUESS (4)	SS	Robert Flagg (1)
	FS	THOMAS WRIGHT (3)
DURON BRYAN (3)	CB	DeMario Suggs (4) Damien Fortson (1) Tyrell Dortch (2)
CRAIG JARRETT (4)	P	



WILL linebacker Ronald Stanley earned second-team Freshman All-America honors from *The Sporting News* and *Football News* in 2001.

*Started 11 games at cornerback in 2000.
 (#) Indicates letters earned.
 Note: Positions listed according to the final 2001 depth chart.

... Alphabetical Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	Exp.	Birthdate	Hometown (Previous School)
14	Todd Acchione	WR	6-0	175	Fr.	RS	1/1/83	Syracuse, NY (Solway)
10	Aaron Alexander	QB	6-5	191	Fr.	RS	12/12/83	Richmond, VA (Henrico)
23	Carlos Alexander	CB	5-11	170	Fr.	HS	10/27/82	Akron, OH (John R. Buchtel)
95	Matthias Askew	DT	6-6	286	So.	1L	7/1/82	Fort Lauderdale, FL (Dillard)
22	Darren Barnett	DB	6-1	185	Fr.	HS	5/22/84	Cincinnati, OH (Princeton)
40	Michael Bazemore	LB	6-3	242	Fr.	RS	4/10/83	Philadelphia, PA (West Catholic)
6	Mark Bojovic	K	5-11	196	Jr.	SQ	5/14/81	Warren, MI (Warren Woods Tower)
65	Ulish Booker	OT	6-7	305	Sr.	2L	8/14/79	West Haven, CT (West Haven)
47	Jason Bradley	FB	6-0	251	So.	1L	3/27/81	Sarasota, FL (Booker)
60	Joe Brooks	OG	6-3	280	Jr.	SQ	2/22/81	Milwaukee, WI (Marquette)
54	Dominick Brown	DE	6-3	265	Jr.	SQ	5/11/81	Lansing, MI (Sexton)
3	Kyle Brown	WR	6-1	195	Fr.	HS	12/31/83	West Bloomfield, MI (West Bloomfield)
29	Richard Bryce	LB	6-3	218	Sr.	1L	3/9/80	East Lansing, MI (East Lansing)
56	Brian Bury	C	6-0	245	Fr.	HS	9/17/83	Marion, OH (Harding)
53	Marshall Campbell	LB	6-0	200	So.	TR	6/30/81	Gratiot, MI (St. Clair CC)
10	Chris Christoff	K	5-8	179	Jr.	SQ	4/9/81	Novi, MI (Southwest Baptist)
69	Kyle Cook	OL	6-4	290	Fr.	HS	7/25/83	Macomb, MI (Dakota)
58	James Cooper	LB	6-3	229	So.	SQ	9/9/81	St. Louis, MO (Hazelwood East)
87	Paul Cummings	WR	6-0	174	So.	SQ	5/20/82	Belding, MI (Belding)
18	Jason Daily	P	6-1	180	Jr.	JC	3/9/82	San Luis Obispo, CA (College of the Canyons)
15	J.J. Danhof	K	5-9	176	Fr.	RS	9/11/82	Haslett, MI (Haslett)
64	Brian Davies	DL	6-5	247	So.	SQ	12/24/81	Farmington, MI (Farmington)
98	Brian Dieckman	TE	6-3	240	Sr.	SQ	12/11/79	Macomb, MI (Lutheran North)
34	Tyrell Dortch	TB	5-10	200	Jr.	2L	11/18/82	Hoboken, NJ (Hoboken)
7	Damon Dowdell	QB	6-1	211	So.	1L	8/17/83	Detroit, MI (Henry Ford)
59	Clifford Dukes	DE	6-3	254	So.	1L	6/26/81	Lexington Park, MD (Great Mills)
86	Eric Easter	TE	6-4	226	Sr.	1L	12/20/80	Bloomfield Hills, MI (Toledo)
8	Brandon Fields	P	6-6	215	Fr.	HS	5/21/84	Toledo, OH (St. John's)
33	Robert Flagg	S	6-2	197	So.	1L	5/29/83	Carol City, FL (Miami Norland)
38	Damien Fortson	CB	5-11	172	So.	1L	3/16/83	Ravenna, OH (Ravenna)
35	Mark Goebel	FB	6-2	237	Jr.	2L	6/3/81	Milford, MI (Brother Rice)
93	Darrell Hamilton	DE	6-4	235	So.	SQ	1/2/83	Detroit, MI (Benedictine Catholic)
57	Paul Harker	OG	6-3	298	Sr.	1L	10/30/79	Dayton, OH (Chaminade-Julienne)
25	Jason Harmon	S	5-11	189	So.	1L	4/3/82	Ironton, OH (Ironton)
63	Matt Hasbrook	DT	6-2	266	So.	SQ	7/16/82	Indianapolis, IN (Cathedral)
31	Jaren Hayes	TB	5-10	180	Fr.	HS	1/13/83	Lebanon, PA (Cedar Crest)
57	Matt Hayes	LB	6-2	220	Sr.	SQ	6/20/80	Saginaw, MI (Delta College)
37	Cedric Henry	CB	5-10	182	Sr.	3L	2/12/79	Sarasota, FL (Booker)
30	Mitch Herrema	FB	5-11	235	So.	SQ	6/7/81	Jenison, MI (Air Force)
41	David Herron Jr.	FB	6-2	235	Fr.	HS	6/17/84	Warren, OH (Warren G. Harding)
26	Tim James	TB	5-8	170	Sr.	1L	8/1/81	Milan, MI (Milan)
70	Joe Karaska	OL	6-3	325	Fr.	HS	3/18/83	Southfield, MI (Southfield-Lathrup)
82	Ziehl Kavanaght	WR	5-11	182	Jr.	2L	12/8/76	Brossard, QUE (Cegep du Vieux Montreal)
50	Steve Kielp	LB	6-6	225	Fr.	HS	9/10/83	Riverside, IL (Riverside-Brookfield)
4	Eric Knott	TE	6-3	251	So.	1L	1/18/82	Detroit, MI (Henry Ford)
42	Mike Labinjo	LB	6-1	254	Jr.	2L	7/8/80	Toronto, ONT (St. Michael's College)
6	BJ Lovett	WR	6-4	208	Sr.	1L	8/28/80	Belle Glades, FL (SUNY - Morrisville)
17	Roderick Maples	CB	5-10	180	So.	1L	1/11/81	Detroit, MI (Cass Tech)
15	Brandon Massey	CB	6-1	195	Fr.	HS	9/22/84	St. Louis, MO (Hazelwood East)
99	Brandon McKinney	DT	6-3	293	So.	HS	8/24/83	Dayton, OH (Chaminade-Julienne)
24	Jeremiah McLaurin	S	5-11	183	Jr.	1L	7/24/81	Saginaw, MI (Saginaw)
48	Seth Mitchell	LB	6-2	246	Fr.	RS	5/29/82	Brandywine, MD (Gwynn Park)
67	DeMarco Monroe	C	6-4	315	Jr.	2L	7/4/81	Evansville, IN (Evansville Central)
51	Chris Morris	C	6-4	285	Fr.	RS	2/22/83	Lambertville, MI (Temperance-Bedford)
49	Dawan Moss	TB	5-10	226	Sr.	3L	4/11/80	Detroit, MI (Cass Tech)
88	Luc Mullinder	DE	6-4	272	Jr.	SQ	9/25/80	Mississauga, ONT (Applewood Heights)
21	Broderick Nelson	CB	6-0	171	Sr.	2L	8/6/78	Dania, FL (South Broward)
71	Gordon Niebylski	OG	6-3	300	Fr.	RS	2/19/83	Farmington, MI (Birmingham Brother Rice)
55	Matt Ott	LB	6-2	242	So.	SQ	3/27/81	Rochester Hills, MI (Rochester)
73	Brian Ottney	C	6-6	305	Jr.	2L	7/14/80	Troy, MI (Troy)
19	Amish Patel	QB	6-0	185	So.	RS	5/27/81	Austin, TX (Ranger College)
61	Joe Patrick	OG	6-5	307	Jr.	2L	5/20/80	Ashley, MI (Ithaca)
53	Andrew Petterson	SN	6-0	210	So.	SQ	1/22/82	Denver, CO (Cherry Creek)
79	Sean Poole	OT	6-6	301	So.	1L	7/7/82	Flint, MI (Flint Central)

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81	Jason Randall	TE	6-5	250	So.	1L	12/26/82	Muskegon Heights, MI (Muskegon)
97	Kyle Rasmussen	DT	6-4	287	Jr.	2L	3/21/81	Hadley, MI (Lapeer West)
16	Dave Rayner	K	6-2	208	So.	1L	10/26/82	Oxford, MI (Oxford)
45	Jason Rhoades	FB	6-2	227	Fr.	RS	6/30/82	St. Clair Shores, MI (Harper Woods)
11	David Richard	TB	6-2	230	Fr.	HS	8/5/83	St. Louis, MO (Hazelwood East)
1	Charles Rogers	WR	6-4	205	Jr.	1L	5/23/81	Saginaw, MI (Saginaw)
23	Jeremy Rolinski	P	5-10	178	Sr.	SQ	4/17/80	Gaylord, MI (Gaylord)
52	Clifton Ryan	LB	6-3	260	Fr.	HS	2/18/84	Saginaw, MI (Arthur Hill)
32	Jerramy Scott	TB	5-10	185	Fr.	HS	4/7/83	Jupiter, FL (Dwyer)
2	Agim Shabaj	WR	5-10	185	Fr.	HS	1/4/84	Farmington Hills, MI (Harrison)
92	Lonnie Simmons	DT	6-3	290	So.	1L	11/13/81	Columbus, OH (Northland)
13	Chad Simon	CB	5-8	194	So.	SQ	8/13/82	Saginaw, MI (Heritage)
30	Chris Smith	LB	6-2	230	Jr.	JC	8/15/81	Torrance, CA (Los Angeles Harbor College)
36	Eric Smith	S	6-2	197	Fr.	RS	3/17/83	Groveport, OH (Groveport-Madison)
9	Jeff Smoker	QB	6-3	214	Jr.	2L	6/13/81	Manheim, PA (Manheim Central)
44	Ronald Stanley	LB	6-0	220	So.	1L	3/6/83	Saginaw, MI (Saginaw)
5	Drew Stanton	QB	6-3	220	Fr.	HS	5/7/84	Farmington Hills, MI (Harrison)
80	Ben Steckler	WR	6-4	208	Fr.	RS	8/28/82	Huntingburg, IN (Southridge)
77	Steve Stewart	OT	6-5	310	Jr.	2L	11/12/80	Sandusky, OH (Sandusky)
19	DeMario Suggs	CB	5-11	197	Sr.	4L	3/12/79	Toledo, OH (St. John's)
94	Greg Taplin	DE	6-5	256	Jr.	2L	1/18/82	Hollywood, FL (Hallandale)
68	Joe Tate	OT	6-5	293	Jr.	2L	12/13/80	Southfield, MI (Southfield-Lathrup)
20	Jason Teague	TB	5-10	182	Fr.	HS	8/28/84	St. Petersburg, FL (Osceola)
39	Nick Thompson	FB	6-3	250	So.	SQ	9/1/82	Houghton Lake, MI (Houghton Lake)
74	Alphonso Townsend	OL	6-6	301	So.	HS	1/23/81	Lima, OH (Fork Union Military Academy)
83	Matt Trannon	WR	6-7	210	Fr.	HS	7/22/83	Flint, MI (Northern)
91	Kevin Vickerson	DT	6-5	285	So.	1L	1/8/83	Detroit, MI (Martin Luther King)
85	Matt Walters	TE	6-2	248	Jr.	JC	8/26/81	Clackamas, OR (Scottsdale CC)
27	Derron Ware	S	6-3	205	Fr.	HS	4/14/84	Los Angeles, CA (Dorsey)
12	Ashton Watson	CB	6-0	170	Fr.	HS	6/28/83	Huber Heights, OH (Wayne)
66	Nate Weber	OL	6-5	300	Fr.	HS	2/27/84	Los Angeles, CA (Dorsey)
45	Monquiz Wedlow	LB	5-11	198	Jr.	2L	11/18/79	Saginaw, MI (Saginaw)
72	Stefon Wheeler	OG	6-5	310	Fr.	RS	9/17/82	Passaic, NJ (Milford Academy)
76	William Whitticker	OG	6-6	308	So.	1L	8/2/82	Marion, IN (Marion)
28	Marc Wilson	S	6-1	191	Jr.	RS	11/24/79	Jackson, MI (Lumen Christi)
89	Ryan Woods	TE	6-4	248	Fr.	1L	5/5/83	Florissant, MO (Christian Brothers College)
43	Thomas Wright	S	6-1	193	Sr.	3L	7/3/81	Lake Wales, FL (Lake Wales)
96	Greg Yeaster	DT	6-1	269	So.	SQ	6/29/82	Montrose, MI (Montrose)

KEY - HS: High School; RS: Red-shirted; JC: Junior College; TR: Transfer; SQ: Squad member; L: Letters earned

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1	Charles Rogers	WR	23	Jeremy Rolinski	P	48	Seth Mitchell	LB	73	Brian Ottney	C
2	Agim Shabaj	WR	24	Jeremiah McLaurin	S	49	Dawan Moss	TB	74	Alphonso Townsend	OL
3	Kyle Brown	WR	25	Jason Harmon	S	50	Steve Kielp	LB	76	William Whitticker	OG
4	Eric Knott	TE	26	Tim James	TB	51	Chris Morris	C	77	Steve Stewart	OT
5	Drew Stanton	QB	27	Derron Ware	S	52	Clifton Ryan	LB	79	Sean Poole	OT
6	BJ Lovett	WR	28	Marc Wilson	S	53	Andrew Petterson	SN	80	Ben Steckler	WR
6	Mark Bojovic	K	29	Richard Bryce	LB	53	Marshall Campbell	LB	81	Jason Randall	TE
7	Damon Dowdell	QB	30	Chris Smith	LB	54	Dominick Brown	DE	82	Ziehl Kavanaght	WR
8	Brandon Fields	P	30	Mitch Herrema	FB	55	Matt Ott	LB	83	Matt Trannon	WR
9	Jeff Smoker	QB	31	Jaren Hayes	TB	56	Brian Bury	C	85	Matt Walters	TE
10	Aaron Alexander	QB	32	Jerramy Scott	TB	57	Paul Harker	OG	86	Eric Easter	TE
10	Chris Christoff	K	33	Robert Flag	S	57	Matt Hayes	LB	87	Paul Cummings	WR
11	David Richard	TB	34	Tyrell Dortch	TB	58	James Cooper	LB	88	Luc Mullinder	DE
12	Ashton Watson	CB	35	Mark Goebel	FB	59	Clifford Dukes	DE	89	Ryan Woods	TE
13	Chad Simon	CB	36	Eric Smith	S	60	Joe Brooks	OG	91	Kevin Vickerson	DT
14	Todd Acchione	WR	37	Cedric Henry	CB	61	Joe Patrick	OG	92	Lonnie Simmons	DT
15	Brandon Massey	CB	38	Damien Fortson	CB	63	Matt Hasbrook	DT	93	Darrell Hamilton	DE
15	J.J. Danhof	K	39	Nick Thompson	FB	64	Brian Davies	DL	94	Greg Taplin	DE
16	Dave Rayner	K	40	Michael Bazemore	LB	65	Ulish Booker	OT	95	Matthias Askew	DT
17	Roderick Maples	CB	41	David Herron Jr.	FB	66	Nate Weber	OL	96	Greg Yeaster	DT
18	Jason Daily	P	42	Mike Labinjo	LB	67	DeMarco Monroe	C	97	Kyle Rasmussen	DT
19	DeMario Suggs	CB	43	Thomas Wright	S	68	Joe Tate	OT	98	Brian Dieckman	TE
19	Amish Patel	QB	44	Ronald Stanley	LB	69	Kyle Cook	OL	99	Brandon McKinney	DT
20	Jason Teague	TB	45	Monquiz Wedlow	LB	70	Joe Karaska	OL			
21	Broderick Nelson	CB	45	Jason Rhoades	FB	71	Gordon Niebyski	OG			
23	Carlos Alexander	CB	47	Jason Bradley	FB	72	Stefon Wheeler	OG			



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No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	CL.	Exp.	Birthdate	Hometown (Previous School)
1	Charles Rogers	WR	6-4	205	Jr.	1L	5/23/81	Saginaw, MI (Saginaw)
2	Agim Shabaj	WR	5-10	185	Fr.	HS	1/4/84	Farmington Hills, MI (Harrison)
3	Kyle Brown	WR	6-1	195	Fr.	HS	12/31/83	West Bloomfield, MI (West Bloomfield)
4	Eric Knott	TE	6-3	251	So.	1L	1/18/82	Detroit, MI (Henry Ford)
5	Drew Stanton	QB	6-3	220	Fr.	HS	5/7/84	Farmington Hills, MI (Harrison)
6	BJ Lovett	WR	6-4	208	Sr.	1L	8/28/80	Belle Glades, FL (SUNY - Morrisville)
6	Mark Bojovic	K	5-11	196	Jr.	SQ	5/14/81	Warren, MI (Warren Woods Tower)
7	Damon Dowdell	QB	6-1	211	So.	1L	8/17/83	Detroit, MI (Henry Ford)
8	Brandon Fields	P	6-6	215	Fr.	HS	5/21/84	Toledo, OH (St. John's)
9	Jeff Smoker	QB	6-3	214	Jr.	2L	6/13/81	Manheim, PA (Manheim Central)
10	Aaron Alexander	QB	6-5	191	Fr.	RS	12/12/83	Richmond, VA (Henrico)
10	Chris Christoff	K	5-8	179	Jr.	SQ	4/9/81	Novi, MI (Southwest Baptist)
11	David Richard	TB	6-2	230	Fr.	HS	8/5/83	St. Louis, MO (Hazelwood East)
12	Ashton Watson	CB	6-0	170	Fr.	HS	6/28/83	Huber Heights, OH (Wayne)
13	Chad Simon	CB	5-8	194	So.	SQ	8/13/82	Saginaw, MI (Heritage)
14	Todd Acchione	WR	6-0	175	Fr.	RS	1/1/83	Syracuse, NY (Solvay)
15	Brandon Massey	CB	6-1	195	Fr.	HS	9/22/84	St. Louis, MO (Hazelwood East)
15	J.J. Danhof	K	5-9	176	Fr.	RS	9/11/82	Haslett, MI (Haslett)
16	Dave Rayner	K	6-2	208	So.	1L	10/26/82	Oxford, MI (Oxford)
17	Roderick Maples	CB	5-10	180	So.	1L	1/11/81	Detroit, MI (Cass Tech)
18	Jason Daily	P	6-1	180	Jr.	JC	3/9/82	San Luis Obispo, CA (College of the Canyons)
19	DeMario Suggs	CB	5-11	197	Sr.	4L	3/12/79	Toledo, OH (St. John's)
19	Amish Patel	QB	6-0	185	So.	RS	5/27/81	Austin, TX (Ranger College)
20	Jason Teague	TB	5-10	182	Fr.	HS	8/28/84	St. Petersburg, FL (Osceola)
21	Broderick Nelson	CB	6-0	171	Sr.	2L	8/6/78	Dania, FL (South Broward)
22	Darren Barnett	DB	6-1	185	Fr.	HS	5/22/84	Cincinnati, OH (Princeton)
23	Carlos Alexander	CB	5-11	170	Fr.	HS	10/27/82	Akron, OH (John R. Buchtel)
23	Jeremy Rolinski	P	5-10	178	Sr.	SQ	4/17/80	Gaylord, MI (Gaylord)
24	Jeremiah McLaurin	S	5-11	183	Jr.	1L	7/24/81	Saginaw, MI (Saginaw)
25	Jason Harmon	S	5-11	189	So.	1L	4/3/82	Ironton, OH (Ironton)
26	Tim James	TB	5-8	170	Sr.	1L	8/1/81	Milan, MI (Milan)
27	Derron Ware	S	6-3	205	Fr.	HS	4/14/84	Los Angeles, CA (Dorsey)
28	Marc Wilson	S	6-1	191	Jr.	RS	11/24/79	Jackson, MI (Lumen Christi)
29	Richard Bryce	LB	6-3	218	Sr.	1L	3/9/80	East Lansing, MI (East Lansing)
30	Chris Smith	LB	6-2	230	Jr.	JC	8/15/81	Torrance, CA (Los Angeles Harbor College)
30	Mitch Herrema	FB	5-11	235	So.	SQ	6/7/81	Jenison, MI (Air Force)
31	Jaren Hayes	TB	5-10	180	Fr.	HS	1/13/83	Lebanon, PA (Cedar Crest)
32	Jerramy Scott	TB	5-10	185	Fr.	HS	4/7/83	Jupiter, FL (Dwyer)
33	Robert Flagg	S	6-2	197	So.	1L	5/29/83	Carol City, FL (Miami Norland)
34	Tyrell Dortch	TB	5-10	200	Jr.	2L	11/18/82	Hoboken, NJ (Hoboken)
35	Mark Goebel	FB	6-2	237	Jr.	2L	6/3/81	Milford, MI (Brother Rice)
36	Eric Smith	S	6-2	197	Fr.	RS	3/17/83	Groveport, OH (Groveport-Madison)
37	Cedric Henry	CB	5-10	182	Sr.	3L	2/12/79	Sarasota, FL (Booker)
38	Damien Fortson	CB	5-11	172	So.	1L	3/16/83	Ravenna, OH (Ravenna)
39	Nick Thompson	FB	6-3	250	So.	SQ	9/1/82	Houghton Lake, MI (Houghton Lake)
40	Michael Bazemore	LB	6-3	242	Fr.	RS	4/10/83	Philadelphia, PA (West Catholic)
41	David Herron Jr.	FB	6-2	235	Fr.	HS	6/17/84	Warren, OH (Warren G. Harding)
42	Mike Labinjo	LB	6-1	254	Jr.	2L	7/8/80	Toronto, ONT (St. Michael's College)
43	Thomas Wright	S	6-1	193	Sr.	3L	7/3/81	Lake Wales, FL (Lake Wales)
44	Ronald Stanley	LB	6-0	220	So.	1L	3/6/83	Saginaw, MI (Saginaw)
45	Monquizz Wedlow	LB	5-11	198	Jr.	2L	11/18/79	Saginaw, MI (Saginaw)
45	Jason Rhoades	FB	6-2	227	Fr.	RS	6/30/82	St. Clair Shores, MI (Harper Woods)
47	Jason Bradley	FB	6-0	251	So.	1L	3/27/81	Sarasota, FL (Booker)
48	Seth Mitchell	LB	6-2	246	Fr.	RS	5/29/82	Brandywine, MD (Gwynn Park)
49	Dawan Moss	TB	5-10	226	Sr.	3L	4/11/80	Detroit, MI (Cass Tech)
50	Steve Kiepl	LB	6-6	225	Fr.	HS	9/10/83	Riverside, IL (Riverside-Brookfield)
51	Chris Morris	C	6-4	285	Fr.	RS	2/22/83	Lambertville, MI (Temperance-Bedford)
52	Clifton Ryan	LB	6-3	260	Fr.	HS	2/18/84	Saginaw, MI (Arthur Hill)
53	Andrew Petterson	SN	6-0	210	So.	SQ	1/22/82	Denver, CO (Cherry Creek)
53	Marshall Campbell	LB	6-0	200	So.	TR	6/30/81	Gratiot, MI (St. Clair CC)
54	Dominick Brown	DE	6-3	265	Jr.	SQ	5/11/81	Lansing, MI (Sexton)
55	Matt Ott	LB	6-2	242	So.	SQ	3/27/81	Rochester Hills, MI (Rochester)
56	Brian Bury	C	6-0	245	Fr.	HS	9/17/83	Marion, OH (Harding)
57	Paul Harker	OG	6-3	298	Sr.	1L	10/30/79	Dayton, OH (Chaminade-Julienne)
57	Matt Hayes	LB	6-2	220	Sr.	SQ	6/20/80	Saginaw, MI (Delta College)
58	James Cooper	LB	6-3	229	So.	SQ	9/9/81	St. Louis, MO (Hazelwood East)
59	Clifford Dukes	DE	6-3	254	So.	1L	6/26/81	Lexington Park, MD (Great Mills)

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60	Joe Brooks	OG	6-3	280	Jr.	SQ	2/22/81	Milwaukee, WI (Marquette)
61	Joe Patrick	OG	6-5	307	Jr.	2L	5/20/80	Ashley, MI (Ithaca)
63	Matt Hasbrook	DT	6-2	266	So.	SQ	7/16/82	Indianapolis, IN (Cathedral)
64	Brian Davies	DL	6-5	247	So.	SQ	12/24/81	Farmington, MI (Farmington)
65	Ulish Booker	OT	6-7	305	Sr.	2L	8/14/79	West Haven, CT (West Haven)
66	Nate Weber	OL	6-5	300	Fr.	HS	2/27/84	Los Angeles, CA (Dorsey)
67	DeMarco Monroe	C	6-4	315	Jr.	2L	7/4/81	Evansville, IN (Evansville Central)
68	Joe Tate	OT	6-5	293	Jr.	2L	12/13/80	Southfield, MI (Southfield-Lathrup)
69	Kyle Cook	OL	6-4	290	Fr.	HS	7/25/83	Macomb, MI (Dakota)
70	Joe Karaska	OL	6-3	325	Fr.	HS	3/18/83	Southfield, MI (Southfield-Lathrup)
71	Gordon Niebylski	OG	6-3	300	Fr.	RS	2/19/83	Farmington, MI (Birmingham Brother Rice)
72	Stefon Wheeler	OG	6-5	310	Fr.	RS	9/17/82	Passaic, NJ (Milford Academy)
73	Brian Ottney	C	6-6	305	Jr.	2L	7/14/80	Troy, MI (Troy)
74	Alphonso Townsend	OL	6-6	301	So.	HS	1/23/81	Lima, OH (Fork Union Military Academy)
76	William Whitticker	OG	6-6	308	So.	1L	8/2/82	Marion, IN (Marion)
77	Steve Stewart	OT	6-5	310	Jr.	2L	11/12/80	Sandusky, OH (Sandusky)
79	Sean Poole	OT	6-6	301	So.	1L	7/7/82	Flint, MI (Flint Central)
80	Ben Steckler	WR	6-4	208	Fr.	RS	8/28/82	Huntingburg, IN (Southridge)
81	Jason Randall	TE	6-5	250	So.	1L	12/26/82	Muskegon Heights, MI (Muskegon)
82	Ziehl Kavanaght	WR	5-11	182	Jr.	2L	12/8/76	Brossard, QUE (Cegep du Vieux Montreal)
83	Matt Trannon	WR	6-7	210	Fr.	HS	7/22/83	Flint, MI (Northern)
85	Matt Walters	TE	6-2	248	Jr.	JC	8/26/81	Clackamas, OR (Scottsdale CC)
86	Eric Easter	TE	6-4	226	Sr.	1L	12/20/80	Bloomfield Hills, MI (Toledo)
87	Paul Cummings	WR	6-0	174	So.	SQ	5/20/82	Belding, MI (Belding)
88	Luc Mullinder	DE	6-4	272	Jr.	SQ	9/25/80	Mississauga, ONT (Appelwood Heights)
89	Ryan Woods	TE	6-4	248	Fr.	1L	5/5/83	Florissant, MO (Christian Brothers College)
91	Kevin Vickerson	DT	6-5	285	So.	1L	1/8/83	Detroit, MI (Martin Luther King)
92	Lonnie Simmons	DT	6-3	290	So.	1L	11/13/81	Columbus, OH (Northland)
93	Darrell Hamilton	DE	6-4	235	So.	SQ	1/2/83	Detroit, MI (Benedictine Catholic)
94	Greg Taplin	DE	6-5	256	Jr.	2L	1/18/82	Hollywood, FL (Hallandale)
95	Matthias Askew	DT	6-6	286	So.	1L	7/1/82	Fort Lauderdale, FL (Dillard)
96	Greg Yeaster	DT	6-1	269	So.	SQ	6/29/82	Montrose, MI (Montrose)
97	Kyle Rasmussen	DT	6-4	287	Jr.	2L	3/21/81	Hadley, MI (Lapeer West)
98	Brian Dieckman	TE	6-3	240	Sr.	SQ	12/11/79	Macomb, MI (Lutheran North)
99	Brandon McKinney	DT	6-3	293	So.	HS	8/24/83	Dayton, OH (Chaminade-Julienne)

KEY - HS: High School; RS: Red-shirted; JC: Junior College; TR: Transfer; SQ: Squad member; L: Letters earned

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14	Todd Acchione	WR	33	Robert Flag	S	51	Chris Morris	C	5	Drew Stanton	QB
10	Aaron Alexander	QB	38	Damien Fortson	CB	49	Dawan Moss	TB	80	Ben Steckler	WR
23	Carlos Alexander	CB	35	Mark Goebel	FB	88	Luc Mullinder	DE	77	Steve Stewart	OT
95	Matthias Askew	DT	93	Darrell Hamilton	DE	21	Broderick Nelson	CB	19	DeMario Suggs	CB
22	Darren Barnett	DB	57	Paul Harker	OG	71	Gordon Niebylski	OG	94	Greg Taplin	DE
40	Michael Bazemore	LB	25	Jason Harmon	S	55	Matt Ott	LB	68	Joe Tate	OT
6	Mark Bojovic	K	63	Matt Hasbrook	DT	73	Brian Ottney	C	20	Jason Teague	TB
65	Ulish Booker	OT	31	Jaren Hayes	TB	61	Joe Patrick	OG	39	Nick Thompson	FB
47	Jason Bradley	FB	57	Matt Hayes	LB	53	Andrew Petterson	SN	74	Alphonso Townsend	OL
60	Joe Brooks	OG	37	Cedric Henry	CB	79	Sean Poole	OT	83	Matt Trannon	WR
54	Dominick Brown	DE	30	Mitch Herrema	FB	81	Jason Randall	TE	91	Kevin Vickerson	DT
3	Kyle Brown	WR	41	David Herron Jr.	FB	97	Kyle Rasmussen	DT	85	Matt Walters	TE
29	Richard Bryce	LB	26	Tim James	TB	16	Dave Rayner	K	27	Derron Ware	S
56	Brian Bury	C	70	Joe Karaska	OL	11	David Richard	TB	12	Ashton Watson	CB
69	Kyle Cook	OL	82	Ziehl Kavanaght	WR	1	Charles Rogers	WR	66	Nate Weber	OL
58	James Cooper	LB	50	Steve Kielp	LB	23	Jeremy Rolinski	P	45	Monquizz Wedlow	LB
87	Paul Cummings	WR	4	Eric Knott	TE	52	Clifton Ryan	LB	72	Stefon Wheeler	OG
18	Jason Daily	P	42	Mike Labinjo	LB	32	Jerramy Scott	TB	76	William Whitticker	OG
15	J.J. Danhof	K	6	BJ Lovett	WR	2	Agim Shabaj	WR	28	Marc Wilson	S
98	Brian Dieckman	TE	17	Roderick Maples	CB	92	Lonnie Simmons	DT	89	Ryan Woods	TE
34	Tyrell Dortch	TB	15	Brandon Massey	CB	13	Chad Simon	CB	43	Thomas Wright	S
7	Damon Dowdell	QB	99	Brandon McKinney	DT	30	Chris Smith	LB	96	Greg Yeaster	DT
59	Clifford Dukes	DE	24	Jeremiah McLaurin	S	36	Eric Smith	S			
86	Eric Easter	TE	48	Seth Mitchell	LB	9	Jeff Smoker	QB			
8	Brandon Fields	P	67	DeMarco Monroe	C	44	Ronald Stanley	LB			

::: Preseason Depth Chart

2002 OUTLOOK

Here is the way Michigan State plans to line up at the beginning of the 2002 season. This tentative depth chart is based on ratings at the conclusion of spring practice. It does not include incoming transfers, freshmen or walk-ons.

PLACEKICKER
16 Dave Rayner (6-2, 208, So.)



FLANKER
6 BJ Lovett (6-4, 208, Sr.)
82 Ziehl Kavanaght (5-11, 182, Jr.)



TAILBACK
49 Dawan Moss (5-10, 226, Sr.)
34 Tyrell Dortch (5-10, 200, Jr.)



FULLBACK
35 Mark Goebel (6-2, 237, Jr.)
47 Jason Bradley (6-0, 251, So.)

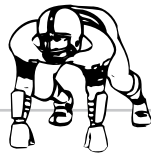


SPLIT END
1 Charles Rogers (6-4, 205, Jr.)
80 Ben Steckler (6-4, 208, R-Fr.)

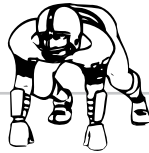
QUARTERBACK
9 Jeff Smoker (6-3, 214, Jr.)
7 Damon Dowdell (6-1, 211, So.)
10 Aaron Alexander (6-5, 191, R-Fr.)



TIGHT END
81 Jason Randall (6-5, 250, So.)
4 Eric Knott (6-3, 251, So.)
89 Ryan Woods (6-4, 248, R-Fr.)
85 Matt Walters (6-2, 248, Jr.)
86 Eric Easter (6-4, 226, Sr.)



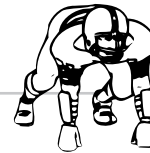
RIGHT TACKLE
77 Steve Stewart (6-5, 310, Jr.)
79 Sean Poole (6-6, 301, So.)



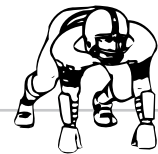
RIGHT GUARD
76 William Whitticker (6-6, 308, So.)
61 Joe Patrick (6-5, 307, Jr.)
60 Joe Brooks (6-3, 280, Jr.)



CENTER
73 Brian Ottney (6-6, 305, Jr.)
51 Chris Morris (6-4, 285, R-Fr.)
67 DeMarco Monroe (6-4, 315, Jr.)



LEFT GUARD
68 Joe Tate (6-5, 293, Jr.)
57 Paul Harker (6-3, 298, Sr.)



LEFT TACKLE
65 Ulish Booker (6-7, 305, Sr.)
72 Stephon Wheeler (6-5, 310, R-Fr.)
71 Gordon Niebylski (6-3, 300, R-Fr.)

DEFENSIVE END
95 Matthias Askew (6-6, 286, So.)
59 Clifford Dukes (6-3, 254, So.)
88 Luc Mullinder (6-4, 272, Jr.)

DEFENSIVE TACKLE
91 Kevin Vickerson (6-5, 285, So.)
96 Greg Yeaster (6-1, 269, So.)

DEFENSIVE TACKLE
97 Kyle Rasmussen (6-4, 287, Jr.)
92 Lonnie Simmons (6-3, 290, So.)

DEFENSIVE END
94 Greg Taplin (6-5, 256, Jr.)
93 Darrell Hamilton (6-4, 235, So.)
54 Dominick Brown (6-3, 265, Jr.)



CORNERBACK
37 Cedric Henry (5-10, 182, Sr.)
17 Roderick Maples (5-10, 180, So.)
24 Jeremiah McLaurin (5-11, 183, Jr.)



CORNERBACK
21 Broderick Nelson (6-0, 171, Sr.)
19 DeMario Suggs (5-11, 197, Sr.)
38 Damien Fortson (5-11, 172, So.)



PUNTER
16 Dave Rayner (6-2, 208, So.)

SAM LINEBACKER
45 Monquizz Wedlow (5-11, 198, Jr.)
58 James Cooper (6-3, 229, So.)



MIKE LINEBACKER
42 Mike Labinjo (6-1, 254, Jr.)
48 Seth Mitchell (6-2, 246, R-Fr.)



WILL LINEBACKER
44 Ronald Stanley (6-0, 220, So.)
40 Michael Bazemore (6-3, 242, R-Fr.)



STRONG SAFETY
43 Thomas Wright (6-1, 193, Sr.)
36 Eric Smith (6-2, 197, R-Fr.)

FREE SAFETY
25 Jason Harmon (5-11, 189, So.)
33 Robert Flagg (6-2, 197, So.)