

MICHIGAN STATE WRESTLING

NOTES 02/21/01 CURRENT RECORD: 8-7 (BIG TEN 3-5)

UP NEXT FOR THE SPARTANS: The 12th-ranked Spartans conclude their regular season at home this Friday, Feb. 23 against No. 6 Oklahoma. The match marks the final home outing for four MSU seniors: Pat McNamara (133), Mike Castillo (141), Cory Posey (149) and Chris Tyler (149).

OVERALL RECORD AGAINST THE SOONERS: 7-31-0 (.184)

LAST TIME OUT: The Spartans and Sooners met in the final regular season meet of the season in 2000. Oklahoma, ranked No. 4 at the time, prevailed in Norman, 31-5.

INJURY REPORT: Sophomore Gray Maynard (157) continues to sit on the sidelines with an injured knee. Maynard had surgery on Feb. 5 and began practicing again on Feb. 16. His target return date is the Big Ten Championships on March 3-4.

FEKETE ON FIRE

Sophomore 197-pounder Nik Fekete continues to dominate his weight class. He has won six of his last eight Big Ten dual bouts, including two conference wins last weekend. Fekete won three times last weekend, counting a major decision and technical fall. His 43 takedowns leads the team and he sports the second-best dual record at 12-3. Fekete surpassed his career-high 18 wins from his freshman year last weekend and currently has a 20-6 overall slate.

MCNAMARA - CVI: Senior Pat McNamara (133) recorded his 106th career victory last weekend, moving him into ninth place on the MSU all-time career wins list. McNamara also has 25 wins so far on the season. He rattled off seven straight victories until his loss to No. 1 Eric Juergens of Iowa on Feb. 11. He is currently ranked eighth in the country and embarked on a new winning streak last weekend, winning three straight.

MOST WINS-CAREER AT MSU

1. Erich Harvey	1992-97	147
2. David Morgan	1995-98	129
3. Dan Wirsberger	1990-95	120
Mike Potts	1981-84	120
5. Don Whipp	1990-93	119
6. Emilio Collins	1990-95	115
7. Nick Muzashvili	1996-99	110
8. Jim Mason	1981-84	107
9. Pat McNamara	1997-2001	106

THREE WINS EACH: Pat McNamara (133), Mike Castillo (141) and Nik Fekete (197) all won three straight matches for the Spartans last weekend.

MOVING UP: Pat McNamara (133) climbed one spot to No. 4 in the latest Amateur Wrestling News individual rankings. Mike Castillo (141) also moved up a spot to No. 16, while Karl Nadolsky (149) rose four spots to No. 14. Gray Maynard (157) and Nik Fekete (197) stayed the course at No. 10 and No. 9, respectively.

NADOLSKY UPSET AFTER UPSETS: No. 14 Karl Nadolsky, after major decisioning Indiana's Josh Beals, 14-5, on Friday night, was upset by Penn State's Nate Wachter, 5-4, last Sunday. Nadolsky rebounded against Eastern Michigan, counting his fifth fall of the season at 6:08 against Eric Fairbanks.

On Feb. 7, Nadolsky pulled off an upset over Iowa's No. 5 Mike Zadick, 5-3. Previously, Nadolsky had dumped No. 1 Adam Tirapelle of Illinois.

SOLDIERS IN THE RANKS: MSU currently boasts six of its wrestlers in the top 20 of their weight classes.

Wt.	Name	AWN*	Intermat&
125	Chris Williams	8th	12th
133	Pat McNamara	4th	4th
141	Mike Castillo	16th	14th
149	Karl Nadolsky	14th	17th
157	Gray Maynard	10th	11th
197	Nik Fekete	9th	12th

* as of Feb. 14

& as of Jan. 5

SPARTANS ON THE WEB: The Spartan team can be followed via live match-by-match updates on either the Spartans' home website at www.msuspartans.com or on the MSU wrestling website, www.msuwrestling.com.

2000-2001 MSU SCHEDULE

November

S 4	Eastern Michigan Open, NTS
S-Sn 18-19 MICHIGAN STATE OPEN, NTS	

December

S 2	Northern Iowa Open, NTS
F 8	Michigan, L (22-16)
Th-F 29-31	Midlands Championships, 8th (56 pts.)

January

F 5	CENTRAL MICHIGAN, W, 21-12
S 6	MISSOURI, W, 29-3
Sn 14	No. 1 Oklahoma State, L, 31-3
Sn 21	FINDLAY, W, 45-3
	GRAND VALLEY STATE, W, 42-0
F 26	ILLINOIS, W, 16-15
Sn 28	MICHIGAN, L, 20-12

February

F 2	No. 11 Ohio State, L, 28-9
S 3	Purdue, L, 18-14
F 9	No. 1 Minnesota, L, 32-3
Sn 11	No. 3 Iowa, L, 31-9
F 16	No. 20 INDIANA, W, 20-12
Sn 18	No. 25 PENN STATE, W, 23-12
Sn 18	Eastern Michigan, W, 39-7
F 23	OKLAHOMA

March

S-Sn 3-4	Big Ten Championships*
Th-S 15-17	NCAA Championships%

*Evanston, Ill.

% Iowa City, Iowa

InterMat Wrestling

February 13, 2001

1. Minnesota
2. Oklahoma State
3. Iowa
4. Iowa State
5. Michigan
6. Oklahoma
7. Illinois
8. Lehigh
9. Ohio State
10. Edinboro
11. Lock Haven
12. Nebraska
13. Arizona State
14. Michigan State
15. Northern Iowa
16. Fresno State
17. Oregon State
18. Boise State
19. Hofstra
20. Indiana
21. Purdue
22. Central Michigan
23. Oregon
24. Wisconsin
25. Penn State

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1. Minnesota
2. Oklahoma State
3. Michigan
4. Iowa
5. Iowa State
6. Oklahoma
7. Illinois
8. Ohio State
9. Nebraska
10. Lehigh
11. Arizona State
12. Michigan State
13. Edinboro
14. Boise State
15. Lock Haven
16. Fresno State
17. Oregon State
18. Northern Iowa
19. Oregon
20. Hofstra
21. Wisconsin
22. Indiana
23. Penn State
24. Central Michigan
25. Purdue

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S 2000-2001 MSU WRESTLING

2000-2001 MICHIGAN STATE ROSTER

NAME	YR	WT	HOMETOWN/HIGH SCHOOL
Arsen Aleksanyan	FR.	165	Santa Ana, Calif./Calvary Chapel
Nick Atwood	SO.	149	Rives Junction, Mich./Leslie
Brandon Bushaw	FR.	133	Standish, Maine/Westbrook
Anthony Calati	SO.	197	Clinton Township, Mich./Fraser
Mike Castillo **	SR.	141	Ada, Mich./Forest Hills Central
Joe Cotant	SR..	184	Bloomfield, Mich./Brother Rice
Rashad Evans	JR.	184	Niagara Falls, N.Y./Niagara Wheatfield
Nik Fekete *	SO.	197	Cranford, N.J./Cranford
J.J. Girosik	FR.	165	St. Charles, Mich./Cheasaning
Brandon Hallfield	FR.	125	Clinton Twp., Mich./Notre Dame HS
Matthew Hasbrook	FR.	285	Indianapolis, Ind./Cathedral
Dan Jilg	FR.	125	Novi, Mich./Novi
Michael Keenan	SO.	285	Columbus, Ohio/Bishop Watterson
Eric Keith	FR.	133	Portage, Ind./Portage
Alec Kowalewski*	SO.	165	Augusta, Mich./Galesburg-Augusta
Matthew Koyl *	JR.	165	Bellevue, Mich./Bellevue
Matthew Lamb ***	SR.	285	Camden, N.J./Overbrook
Shane Martin	FR.	141	DeWitt, Mich./DeWitt
Gray Maynard*	SO.	157	Las Vegas, Nev./St. Edward (Ohio)
Pat McNamara ***	SR.	133	Jordan, Minn./Jordan
Nathaniel Mesyn	FR.	174	Clinton Township, Mich./Fraser
Karl Nadolsky*	SO.	149	Holland, Mich./West Ottawa
Scott Owen	SO.	174	Carlsbad, N.M./Carlsbad
Cory Posey ***	SR..	149	Westfield, N.J./Westfield
Scott Pushman	FR.	133	Fenton, Mich./Fenton
Charles Sageman*	SO.	157	Saginaw, Mich./Bridgeport
Adam Shoger	FR.	125	Bloomfield, Mich./West Bloomfield
Kevin Spiess *	SO.	165	Ovid, Mich./Ovid-Elsie
Chris Tyler ***	SR.	165	Lansing, Mich./Sexton
John Wechter*	SO.	184	Saginaw, Mich./Nouvel Catholic Central
Chris Williams **	JR.	125	Fowlerville, Mich./Fowlerville
Michael Woodward	SO.	141	Lansing, Mich./Sexton
Josh Wright	FR.	157	Springport, Mich./Eaton Rapids
Eric Yskes	FR.	133	West Olive, Mich./West Ottawa

*Letters Earned

Head Coach: Tom Minkel (11th) season - 100-91-3; Overall: 85-73-2 at MSU)

Assistants: David Dan, Roger Chandler, Andy Brydon

STARTING FOR THE SPARTANS:

125lbs.- Chris Williams*\$

133lbs.- Pat McNamara*%

141lbs.- Mike Castillo*%

149lbs.- Karl Nadolsky*%

157lbs.- Gray Maynard*%

165lbs.- Cory Posey

174lbs.- Nate Mesyn

184lbs.- John Wechter

197lbs.- Nik Fekete%

285lbs.- Michael Keenan

*-Indicates returning NCAA qualifier.

%= Listed in top twenty of weight class.

#= Listed in top five of weight class.

LEADERS OF THE PACK: Nik Fekete (197) has 43 takedowns on the season, with Pat McNamara (133) in second with 29.

John Wechter's (184) patented foot carry has allowed him to gain an impressive 25 near fall points.

SEVENTH HEAVEN:

Gray Maynard (157) currently holds the Spartans' most wins via falls, recording seven on the season. Karl Nadolsky (149) recorded his fifth fall last weekend vs. Eric Fairbanks of EMU.

Maynard's seven falls sets a new career best, breaking his previous record of six set last season.

FAST FALLS: Karl Nadolsky(149) recorded the team's fastest fall in the Midlands Championship. Nadolsky pinned first round opponent, San Francisco State's Waylon Miller in 28 seconds. The fall was only three seconds off making the tournament's fastest fall list.

Nate Mesyn (174) has recorded the second fastest fall on the team, pinning Grand Valley State's Rick Bolhuis in 1:35.

WEEKS IN THE TOP 15: Spartan wrestling has never been ranked out of the top 15 since the beginning of the 2000-2001 season. The Spartans were ranked as high as seventh and are currently 12th.

WRESTLING LINKS

- www.msuspartans.com
- www.msuwrestling.com
- www.usawrestling.org/nwca-college-results.htm
- www.themat.com/
- www.amateurwrestlingnews.com
- www.wrestlingusa.com
- www.intermatwrestle.com
- www.wrestlingreport.com
- www.teamwk.com/tagg-net.htm (American Grappler)
- www.intermatwrestle.com/nwca.htm (NWCA)

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S 2000-2001 MSU WRESTLING RECAP

Michigan State boosted its overall record over .500 (8-7) and upped its Big Ten slate to 3-5 with three consecutive wins last weekend. On Friday, Feb. 16, MSU wrestled down No. 20 Indiana, 20-12, while on Sunday, the Spartans hosted No. 25 Penn State, winning 23-12, and then traveled to Eastern Michigan, where it clobbered Eastern Michigan, 29-7, in the Eagles' final home dual meet.

Chris Williams (125) boosted his career wins total to 106 with a forfeit win at EMU and a decisions of Penn State's Josh Moore.

No. 14 MSU 39, EMU 7 - Feb. 18

The 14th-ranked Spartans earned their third-straight victory of the weekend with a win over Eastern Michigan on Sunday. MSU won the meet, 39-7, at Bowen Fieldhouse in Ypsilanti. The win gave Michigan State its second victory of the day as it handed no. 25 Penn State at 23-12 loss earlier in the afternoon in East Lansing. The victory improves MSU's record to 8-7 while Eastern Michigan drops to 9-12-2 in dual meet action.

The Spartans dominated the dual meet, collecting two falls and three technical falls. At 149 pounds, Karl Nadolsky recorded his fifth fall of the season. Spartan heavyweight Mike Keenan tallied the first fall of his college career, pinning EMU's Derrick Parker at 6:34.

At 133 pounds, No. 4 Pat McNamara scored a 19-3 technical fall to record the 106th victory of his career, good for ninth-best all-time at MSU.

Eastern Michigan's third-ranked Mike Feeney continued his outstanding career with a 13-1 technical fall over Spartan wrestler Matt Koyl in the 174-pound match.

No. 14 MSU 23, No. 25 Penn State 12 - Feb. 18

Michigan State defeated the 25th-ranked Penn State Nittany Lions, 23-12, on Sunday afternoon in Jenison Field House. Penn State falls to 7-12, 1-6 in the Big Ten. PSU has lost all five of their road matches this season.

The action began at 133 pounds with Michigan State's Pat McNamara defeating Penn State freshman Marat Tomaev. The fourth-ranked McNamara earned his 105th victory as a Spartan.

MSU senior Mike Castillo took the second match. The 14th-ranked Castillo earned a major decision over Penn State redshirt freshman Eric Narkiewicz at 141 pounds. Castillo got out to a fast start as he led 6-2 after the first period. He established a riding time of 2:08 early in the second period and dominated the rest of the match.

Nate Wachter gave Penn State its first match win after falling behind early, 8-0. His decision over 17th-ranked Karl Nadolsky closed the gap to 7-4.

The Spartans went on to take the next two matches with Charlie Sageman's 5-3 decision over PSU's Aaron Wright and Cory Posey's 11-7 decision over Doc Vecchio. This gave Michigan State a 13-3 lead.

Michigan State's second major decision of the afternoon came in the 184 pound match. Sophomore John Wechter defeated Penn State freshman Cliff Wonsettler 14-4. After leading 17-6, MSU's Nik Fekete, ranked 12th, earned a 9-4 decision at 197 pounds over Penn State junior Pete Mielnik. The match was scoreless after one period, but Fekete went on to dominate the second, taking a 5-2 lead going into the third.

The Nittany Lions scored the only fall of the meet when Bobby Jones, a defensive end for the PSU football team, pinned MSU freshman Mike Keenan in the heavyweight bout with 1:33 left in the third period.

The last match resulted in a win for 12th-ranked Chris Williams of MSU, as he defeated PSU freshman Josh Moore at 125 pounds.

"It was an important win for us here; we struggled on the road the last couple of weeks. It was important to get two wins this weekend," said Michigan State coach Tom Minkel.

No. 14 MSU 20, No. 20 Indiana 12 - Feb. 16

The #14 Michigan State wrestling team defeated the 20th-ranked Indiana Hoosiers, 23-12, on Friday, Feb. 16 in Jenison Field House. During the dual, the Spartans used two last-second victories to assist their effort. With the win, MSU improves to 6-7, 2-5 in the Big Ten. Indiana drops to 10-4, 2-4 in the Big Ten. The win stopped a five-game losing streak for the Spartans.

"It was a good win all-around," said Spartan 197-pounder Nik Fekete. "We've been in a slump lately. It is good for the morale of our team to get a victory over a ranked team and a Big Ten opponent."

The wrestling began at 165 pounds with Indiana's ninth-ranked Kevin Stanley taking a hard-fought 1-0 victory over MSU's Cory Posey to give the Hoosiers a 3-0 lead. The Spartans pulled even in the second match of the evening as 174-pound freshman Nate Mesyn defeated IU's Jack Wade, 3-1, scoring a takedown as time expired in the third period. Mesyn improved to 10-15 on the season, 4-9 in the Big Ten.

After an Indiana decision by fifth-ranked Victor Sveda at 184, the Spartans took the next two matches of the evening and five of the next six. At 197 pounds, Fekete, ranked No. 12, scored a 25-11 major decision over Brett Becks. Leading 10-5 after two periods, Fekete exploded to score 14 points in the third period. The win improved his record to 18-6 overall, 8-3 in the Big Ten.

In the heavyweight match, Spartan sophomore Michael Keenan recorded a last-second 3-1 sudden victory decision. With 0.1 seconds remaining in the first extra period, Keenan scored a takedown on Mike Dixon. The victory gave MSU a 10-6 team lead heading into the intermissions. The Keenan victory was especially satisfying for MSU head coach Tom Minkel.

"It was a huge win for Mike," said Minkel. "That is a win that we could not count on going into the dual. The Indiana kid (Dixon) is a senior and an NCAA qualifier. We had lost the coin toss, so we had to get the takedown in the first overtime. Keenan showed a lot of character and a lot of fight. Personally, I'm very happy for him."

Indiana started the second half of the evening on a strong note, with 13th-ranked Greg Schaefer defeating MSU's 12th-ranked Chris Williams, 10-4, at 125 pounds. Michigan State, however, regained control of the dual as No. 4 Pat McNamara cruised to a 7-2 victory over IU's Brian Smiley, giving the Spartans a 13-9 team advantage. McNamara's victory improved his record to 24-5, 11-2 in dual meets and 9-2 in the Big Ten. It was also the 104th win of his career.

At 141 pounds, 14th-ranked Mike Castillo scored a tough 4-3 victory over Indiana's Coyte Cooper. Castillo fell behind 2-0 early in the first period, but rallied to tie the score at two on a pair of escapes. With the score tied, Castillo scored the winning takedown at the edge of the mat with 35 seconds remaining in the match. Castillo improved to 19-9, 8-5 in the Big Ten. At 149, No. 17 Karl Nadolsky controlled IU's Josh Beals, recording a 14-5 major decision. Nadolsky scored six takedowns in the match. He improves to 21-9, 7-7 in the Big Ten. In the final match of the evening, Indiana's Gabe Cook defeated Charles Sageman, 2-1, at 157 pounds.

S 2000-2001 MSU WRESTLING STATISTICS

INDIVIDUAL RECORDS

Wt.	Name	W-L	Big		Tech	
			Dual	Ten	Falls	Falls
125	Chris Williams	24-10	8-7	8-8	1	2
125	Brandon Hallfield	0-4	0-0	0-0		
125	Adam Schoger	1-4	0-0	0-0		
125	Dan Jilg	3-4	0-0	0-3		
133	Eric Keith	2-2	0-0	0-1		
133	Scott Pushman	2-4	0-0	1-0		
133	Eric Yskes	0-4	0-0	0-2		
133	Pat McNamara	26-5	13-2	10-2	1	2
133	Brandon Bushaw	1-2	0-0	0-1		
141	Mike Castillo	21-9	8-7	9-5	1	
141	Shane Martin	0-2	0-0	0-0		
141	Matt McCarty	2-4	0-0	0-0		
141	Mike Woodward	5-5	1-1	2-1		
149	Karl Nadolsky	22-10	7-5	7-8	5	1
149	Charlie Sageman	15-12	4-6	4-8	2	2
149	Nick Atwood	4-2	0-0	0-1		
149	Aaron Burch	0-2	0-0	0-0		
157	Gray Maynard	18-1	7-1	5-0	7	1
157	Steve Clark	0-4	0-0	0-1		
165	Chris Tyler	3-4	1-1	0-1	2	
165	Cory Posey	14-12	4-8	3-9		2
165	Arsen Aleksanyan	5-5	0-0	3-2		1
165	Kevin Spiess	8-7	0-0	4-3		
165	Alex Kowalewski	4-7	2-0	1-4	1	
165	Matt Koyl	3-7	0-1	0-2		
174	Scott Owen	3-1	0-0	2-1		
174	Nate Mesyn	10-16	3-11	4-10	2	
174	Josh Wright	0-2	0-0	0-1		
184	Joe Cotant	5-1	0-0	2-1		
184	John Wechter	12-14	6-9	2-9	2	4
184	T.J. Calati	1-5	0-0	0-0		
184	Rashad Evans	4-3	0-0	1-1	1	
197	Nik Fekete	20-6	12-3	6-4	4	2
285	Matt Lamb	11-13	2-8	3-7		
285	Mike Keenan	9-7	5-1	2-1	1	1
285	Matthew Hasbrook	3-4	0-0	0-3	1	

STATISTICAL LEADERS

	Wt.	TD	ESC.	REV.	RT.	NF.
Chris Williams	125	2	6		4:17	2
Pat McNamara	133	24	14	1	6:04	8
Mike Castillo	141	8	10	1		
Mike Woodward	141	3	5	2		3
Charlie Sageman	149	6	8	1		3
Karl Nadolsky	149	10	8			
Gray Maynard	157	25	7	1	4:51	16
Cory Posey	165	10	9	1		
Alec Kowalewski	165	6	2	3	1:03	2
Nate Mesyn	174	3	27		1:47	5
John Wechter	184	16	18	1		25
Nik Fekete	197	29	18	1		3
Mike Keenan	Hwt.	8	1	2		9
Matt Lamb	Hwt.	4	7			

2000-01 SEASON INDIVIDUAL TOURNAMENT FINISHES

Wt.	Name	EMU	MSU	N. Iowa	Midlands
125	Chris Williams	2nd	1st	1st	4th
131	Pat McNamara	--	1st	2nd	4th
141	Mike Castillo	--	1st	1st	6th
149	Charlie Sageman	2nd	7th	2nd	--
149	Karl Nadolsky	4th	2nd	1st	--
157	Gray Maynard	--	1st	1st	--
157	Cory Posey	--	3rd	6th	--
174	Nate Mesyn	3rd	--	--	--
174	Scott Owen	6th	--	--	--
184	Joe Cotant	3rd	--	--	--
184	Rashad Evans	2nd	--	--	--
197	Nik Fekete	--	3rd	1st	--
Hwt.	Matt Lamb	--	5th	3rd	--
Hwt.	Mike Keenan	--	8th	--	--