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SCHEDULES & SCOREBOARDS

NO. 11/11 MICHIGAN STATE (5-0, 2-0 B1G)

Sept. 3	at Northwestern (ESPN)	W, 38-21
Sept. 11	YOUNGSTOWN STATE (BTN)	W, 42-14
Sept. 18	at No. 24/RV Miami (ABC)	W, 38-17
Sept. 25	NEBRASKA (FS1)	W, 23-20 (OT)
Oct. 2	WESTERN KENTUCKY (BTN) (HC)	W, 48-31
Oct. 9	at Rutgers (BTN)	12 p.m.
Oct. 16	at Indiana (FS1)	12 p.m.
Oct. 30	MICHIGAN	TBA
Nov. 6	at Purdue	TBA
Nov. 13	MARYLAND	TBA
Nov. 20	at Ohio State	TBA
Nov. 27	PENN STATE	TBA

RUTGERS (3-2, 0-2 B1G)

Sept. 4	TEMPLE	W, 62-14
Sept. 11	at Syracuse	W, 17-7
Sept. 18	DELAWARE	W, 45-13
Sept. 25	at No. 19/19 Michigan	L, 13-20
Oct. 2	No. 11/10 OHIO STATE	L, 13-52
Oct. 9	No. 11/11 MICHIGAN STATE	12 p.m.
Oct. 16	at Northwestern	12 p.m.
Oct. 30	at Illinois	TBA
Nov. 6	WISCONSIN	TBA
Nov. 13	at Indiana	TBA
Nov. 20	at Penn State	TBA
Nov. 27	MARYLAND	TBA

• All times listed – Eastern. Rankings – AP/Coaches

MEDIA COVERAGE

TV: Big Ten Network
MOBILE: FOX Sports App
Play-by-Play: Brandon Gaudin
Analyst: James Laurinaitis
Sideline: Rick Pizzo



RADIO: SPARTAN MEDIA NETWORK

Play-by-Play: George Blaha
Analyst: Jason Strayhorn
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GAME

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NO. 11/11 MICHIGAN STATE (5-0, 2-0) AT RUTGERS (3-2, 0-2)

Date Saturday, Oct. 9
Kickoff 12:01 p.m. EDT
Location Piscataway, N.J.
Stadium SHI Stadium (52,454)
Surface Field Turf
TV Big Ten Network
Mobile FOX Sports app
Live Stats msuspartans.com
Tickets scarletknights.com
All-Time Series MSU leads, 8-4
All-Time Series in Piscataway MSU leads, 4-1
Last Meeting RU 38, MSU 27 (2020)
Current Series Streak 1 by Rutgers



Head Coach
Mel Tucker

MSU Record
7-5 (second year)

Overall Record
12-12 (third year)

Record vs. RU
0-1

Head Coach
Greg Schiano

Rutgers Record
74-75 (13th year)

Overall Record
74-75 (13th year)

Record vs. MSU
2-1

FIRST-AND-10 –

• After defeating Western Kentucky at Spartan Stadium last Saturday night to remain undefeated on the season at 5-0, Michigan State returns to Big Ten action at Rutgers on Saturday, Oct. 9 at SHI Stadium in Piscataway, New Jersey. Kickoff is set for noon and the game will be televised on the Big Ten Network, with Brandon Gaudin (play-by-play), James Laurinaitis (analyst) and Rick Pizzo (sideline) on the call.

• The Spartans jumped six spots to No. 11 in this week's Associated Press Poll, the highest ranking for MSU in the AP Poll since 2018 (preseason, No. 11). MSU also moved up five spots to No. 11 in the USA TODAY/AFCA Coaches Poll.

• Rutgers enters Saturday's contest at 3-2 overall and 0-2 in the Big Ten. The Scarlet Knights started the season 3-0 with nonconference victories over Temple, Syracuse and Delaware and have lost to Michigan and Ohio State the past two weeks in conference play.

• Michigan State is 5-0 for the first time since 2015 and for the 13th time overall in school history (1913, 1934, 1944, 1951, 1952, 1961, 1965, 1966, 1997, 1999, 2010, 2015, 2021). **Mel Tucker** is just the second coach in school history to begin his second season at MSU 5-0 (**Charlie Bachman** started 5-0 in 1934). The Spartans are looking to start 6-0 for the first time since 2015 and 3-0 in Big Ten play for the first time since 2017.

• Saturday's game marks the 13th meeting between Michigan State and Rutgers. The Spartans lead the overall series, 8-4, including a 6-1 mark in Big Ten play. MSU is 4-1 against Rutgers in Piscataway, including a 3-0 record in Big Ten games. Last season, the Scarlet Knights beat the Spartans, 38-27, on Oct. 24 in Spartan Stadium in the 2020 season opener.

• Michigan State features two players leading the FBS in major statistical categories, as junior running back **Kenneth Walker III** is No. 1 in rushing (136.0 ypg) and redshirt junior **Jayden Reed** is No. 1 in all-purpose yards (176.6 ypg). In addition, Walker ranks among the nation's leaders in scoring (fourth at 10.8 ppg), total touchdowns (fourth with 9), rushing TDs (sixth with 8), yards per carry (13th with 6.8 avg.) and all-purpose yards (16th with 139.4 ypg). Reed is tied for the FBS lead with two punt returns for touchdowns, which already ties a school single-season record; he returned back-to-back punts for scores with a game-tying 62-yarder in the fourth quarter vs. Nebraska and an 88-yarder on his first attempt vs. Western Kentucky, tying the fourth-longest punt return in MSU history.



2021 SPARTAN FOOTBALL GAME NOTES

WEEKLY MEDIA PLANNER

Monday, Oct. 4	Tuesday, Oct. 5	Wednesday, Oct. 6	Thursday, Oct. 7	Friday, Oct. 8	Saturday, Oct. 9	Sunday, Oct. 10
5:30 p.m. Spartan All-Access TV show debuts on FOX Sports Detroit.	Game notes available at msuspartans.com. 12:30 p.m. Mel Tucker's weekly press conference. Audio available on msuspartans. com and Michigan State Spartans official app.	11:15 a.m. Players and assistant coaches available for interviews at Duffy Daugherty Football Building.	7-8 p.m. Mel Tucker radio show on Spartan Media Network and msuspartans.com. 	Team leaves for Piscataway, New Jersey.	12 p.m. Kickoff vs. Rutgers (TV: Big Ten Network/ Radio: Spartan Media Network) MSU head coach Mel Tucker and players available in post-game press conference. 	Off day.

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2021 SEASON

• All requests for working press, photo and broadcast credentials for Michigan State's 2021 home football games should be submitted online. Please contact athletic communications office assistant Paulette Martis at (517) 355-2271 for the website. Upon acceptance of application, MSU game day policies and protocols for the 2021 season will be emailed to those individuals.

In accordance with Michigan State University health directives, the following COVID-19 safety protocols will be in place in Spartan Stadium:

- All individuals are required to wear masks indoors in all Michigan State campus buildings. With this policy in place, face coverings must be worn by everyone in attendance when in an indoor area of Spartan Stadium, unless actively eating or drinking.
- The indoor face covering requirement includes, but is not limited to, the concourse of Spartan Stadium, restrooms, elevators, indoor suite and club areas and the press box.
- Face coverings will not be required but are encouraged in the outdoor seating bowl of Spartan Stadium.
- For the safety of guests and staff, working staff will be required to wear a mask in all indoor areas of Spartan Stadium.

These policies are in place to provide the safest possible environment for student-athletes, staff and media members in Spartan Stadium. The MSU Athletic Communications office will update media members throughout the season on any changes in protocols.

POST-GAME PRESS CONFERENCES

• Post-game interviews will take place in person in the north end zone media center. There are two interview rooms in the media center, one for Michigan State and the other for the visiting team.

WORKING CREDENTIALS

• Priority for the issuance of credentials will be given to daily print/digital media outlets and radio and television stations which cover MSU football on a regular basis. Upon acceptance of application, appropriate credentials will be either mailed or held for pickup at media will-call, located at Gate F on the west side of Spartan Stadium. The media gate will open three hours prior to kickoff. Members of the media picking up credentials at media will-call will be required to provide photo identification and the name must match the one listed on the credential. Working press tickets contain specific seat locations.

GAME NOTES/POST-GAME MATERIALS

• Upon request, a final statistics book, quotes and notes can be e-mailed to media members approximately 90 minutes after the conclusion of the game. To be added to the list, please e-mail football contact Ben Phlegar at phlegarb@ath.msu.edu. In addition, statistics, game notes and quotes will be posted on msuspartans.com after the game.

TUESDAY: WEEKLY PRESS CONFERENCE

• A weekly press conference with MSU head coach Mel Tucker will be held each Tuesday at 12:30 p.m. during the season.

MEDIA INTERVIEWS

• Outside the weekly press conference, interviews during the week with head coach Mel Tucker or any Spartan players should be arranged through the MSU Athletic Communications Department. All player interviews should be completed by Wednesday. Please contact the MSU Athletic Communications Department for all player interview requests at least 24 hours in advance.

RESOURCES/PROGRAMMING

MSUSPARTANS.COM

The official website of Michigan State Athletics, msuspartans.com, is the most complete source of information on the Spartans, featuring news releases, schedules, rosters, bios, statistics, game notes, photos, videos, archives and more. A weekly football release is posted to the website every Tuesday prior to Mel Tucker's weekly press conference. A complete video from the weekly press conference is available on the website Tuesday afternoon. Additional quotes from players and coaches are available throughout the week on the football page. Each game day, the website will have stats, quotes and notes following the conclusion of the game. Live audio from the Mel Tucker Show and every football game is also available on the website.

SPARTAN VIDEO GOOGLE DRIVE UPDATES

Links to download footage for broadcast television use only will be emailed when footage is made available. For questions or to be added to the list, please contact Ben Phlegar.

SPARTAN MEDIA NETWORK

The Spartan Media Network is the largest and most expansive radio network in the State of Michigan and extends its programming nationally and worldwide via partnerships with SiriusXM and TuneIn radio. Long-term extensions were announced in August 2020 with the three flagship stations that anchor the network: Detroit's WJR 760-AM, Lansing's WVFN 730/WJIM 1240-AM and 94.9 WMMQ-FM.

MEL TUCKER SHOW: THURSDAYS FROM 7-8 P.M.

The Spartan Media Network produces and distributes Mel Tucker's weekly radio program Thursdays from 7-8 p.m. ET. Spartan play-by-play announcer George Blaha hosts this live show, featuring insight from Coach Tucker, special guests, features and phone calls. The Mel Tucker Show can be heard statewide as well as locally on flagship station WJIM Radio (AM 1240) and WMMQ (FM 94.9) and on msuspartans.com.

SPARTAN ALL-ACCESS

Spartan All-Access, presented by Buick, is a sports docu-series providing an exclusive look into Michigan State Athletics, its student-athletes, coaches and the people that make the Michigan State Athletics family what it is. The series airs on FOX Sports Detroit on Mondays at 5:30 p.m. from Aug. 30 through April. The show is also available on YouTube at MSUSpartanAthletics and at msuspartans.com. The show is produced by the Emmy award-winning Spartan Vision team.



Kenneth Walker III leads the FBS in rushing, averaging 136.0 yards per game. According to Pro Football Focus, he also ranks first in yards after contact (515) and second with 19 rushes of 10-plus yards. Walker is averaging 155.8 rushing yards per game against FBS opponents this season.

- Reed was recognized on the Paul Hornung Award Honor Roll this week for the third time of the season after collecting a career-high 285 all-purpose yards (127 receiving, 88 punt return, 63 kick return, 7 rushing), the seventh-most single-game total in school history, in the win over Western Kentucky. Reed scored the first time he touched the ball against the Hilltoppers with an 88-yard punt return, marking his second consecutive punt return for a touchdown (62 yards vs. Nebraska in fourth quarter). He also had his second 100-yard receiving effort of the season with four catches for 127 yards vs. WKU, including a 46-yard TD in the first quarter. Reed leads the FBS in all-purpose yards (176.6 ypg) and also ranks among the nation's leaders in yards per reception (fifth with 23.2 avg.), kickoff returns (eighth with 30.7 avg.), TD catches (12th with 5), total touchdowns (15th with 8) and receiving yards per game (24th with 92.6 ypg).

- In his first season as the starting quarterback, redshirt sophomore quarterback Payton Thorne has completed 63 percent of his passes (82-of-130) for 1,236 yards, 11 touchdowns and just one interception. He ranks among the Big Ten leaders in passing efficiency (second with 169.3 rating), passing TDs (third with 11), passing (fourth with 247.2 ypg) and total offense (fifth with 262.6 ypg). Thorne threw for a career-high 327 yards in the victory over Western Kentucky while completing 20-of-30 throws. The Naperville, Illinois, product was named the Big Ten Co-Offensive Player of the Week and the Manning Award National Quarterback of the Week for his performance in the win at No. 24 Miami in Week 3. He became just the second Spartan quarterback in school history, joining Connor Cook, to throw for four touchdowns in back-to-back games during MSU's 38-17 victory against the Hurricanes at Hard Rock Stadium. Thorne also threw for a career-high four TDs in the Week 2 win over Youngstown State, and matched that effort against the Hurricanes by completing 18-of-31 passes for 261 yards and four more touchdowns. Cook threw for four TDs in consecutive games against Indiana and Nebraska in 2015.

- Fifth-year graduate senior **Jacob Panasiuk** has recorded four sacks the past two games (two each vs. Nebraska and Western Kentucky) and leads the Big Ten in tackles for loss with 1.4 per game (7 TFLs for 35 yards). His team-best four sacks are sixth most in the league (0.88 per game). Panasiuk ranks among the school's all-time leaders in sacks (tied for 13th with 13) and tackles for loss (tied for 20th with 28). He has started a total of 35 games, most of any active Spartan.

- Sixth-year graduate senior **Matt Coghlin** needs just one field goal to become the school's all-time leader in field goals made. Coghlin kicked two field goals vs. Western Kentucky to tie Brett Swenson (2006-09) with 71 career field goals. Coghlin is also closing in on becoming MSU's all-time leading scorer. Swenson also holds that record with 377 career points; Coghlin is currently third in school history with 350 points. Coghlin needs eight points to surpass Michael Geiger (357 points from 2013-16) for second place on the MSU all-time scoring list.

MICHIGAN STATE QUICK FACTS

GENERAL INFORMATION

Location: East Lansing, Mich.
Enrollment: 49,695 (fall 2020)
Conference: Big Ten (East Division)
Nickname: Spartans
Colors: Green and White
President: Samuel L. Stanley Jr.
Athletics Director: Alan Haller
Stadium (Capacity): Spartan Stadium (74,866)
Surface: Natural Grass
Press Box Number: 517-353-0630

COACHING STAFF

Head Coach:

Mel Tucker (Wisconsin, 1995)
Record at MSU: 7-5 (second season)
Career Record: 12-12 (third season)
Twitter: @Coach_mtucker

Assistant Head Coach/Offensive Line/Run Game Coordinator: Chris Kapilovic (second year; Missouri State, 1990)

Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks:

Jay Johnson (second year; Northern Iowa, 1992)

Secchia Family Defensive Coordinator:

Scottie Hazelton (second year; Fort Lewis College, 1997)
Secondary:

Harlon Barnett (13th year overall at MSU; Michigan State, 1990)

Defensive Line:

Ron Burton (ninth year; North Carolina, 1987)

Special Teams Coordinator/Linebackers:

Ross Els (second year; Nebraska-Omaha, 1988)

Tight Ends:

Ted Gilmore (second year; Wyoming, 1991)

Wide Receivers:

Courtney Hawkins (second year; Michigan State)

Running Backs:

William Peagler (second year; Clemson, 2010)

Cornerbacks:

Travares Tillman (first year; Georgia Tech, 2010)

FOOTBALL HISTORY

All-Time Record: 715-470-44 (.600)

First Season of Football: 1896

Bowl Games: 29 (13-16)

National Championships: 6 (1951, 1952, 1955, 1957, 1965, 1966)

Big Ten Championships: 9 (1953, 1965, 1966, 1978, 1987, 1990, 2010, 2013, 2015)

Big Ten Division Championships: 3 (2011, 2013, 2015)

College Football Playoff appearances: 1 (2015)



2021 SPARTAN FOOTBALL GAME NOTES

AROUND THE BIG TEN

2021 BIG TEN STANDINGS				
	Conf. Games		All Games	
East Division				
Michigan State	2-0	1.000	5-0	1.000
Michigan	2-0	1.000	5-0	1.000
Penn State	2-0	1.000	5-0	1.000
Ohio State	2-0	1.000	4-1	.800
Maryland	1-1	.500	4-1	.800
Rutgers	0-2	.000	3-2	.600
Indiana	0-2	.000	2-3	.400
West Division				
Iowa	2-0	1.000	5-0	1.000
Minnesota	1-1	.500	3-2	.600
Purdue	1-1	.500	3-2	.600
Nebraska	1-2	.333	3-3	.500
Illinois	1-2	.333	2-4	.333
Wisconsin	0-2	.000	1-3	.250
Northwestern	0-2	.000	2-3	.400



THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Saturday, Oct. 2

Michigan State at Rutgers, 12 p.m. (Big Ten Network)

Maryland at Ohio State, 12 p.m. (FOX)

Wisconsin at Illinois, 3:30 p.m. (Big Ten Network)

Penn State at Iowa, 4 p.m. (FOX)

Michigan at Nebraska, 7:30 p.m. (ABC)

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

Friday, Oct. 1

Iowa 51, Maryland 14

Saturday, Oct. 2

Minnesota 20, Purdue 13

Illinois 24, Charlotte 14

Michigan 38, Wisconsin 17

Ohio State 52, Rutgers 13

Penn State 24, Indiana 0

Michigan State 48, Western Kentucky 31

Nebraska 56, Northwestern 7



MICHIGAN STATE-RUTGERS SERIES: NOTES AND STATISTICS

STAT COMPARISON (BIG TEN RANK, FBS RANK) –

	Michigan State	Rutgers
Scoring Offense	37.8 (3/18)	29.8 (8/65)
Total Offense	466.6 (4/24)	350.2 (11/101)
Rushing Offense	210.8 (4/24)	148.0 (10/80)
Passing Offense	255.8 (6/49)	202.2 (9/91)
Time of Possession	26:39 (14/118)	32:35 (6/19)
Third Down Conversions	.368 (11/83)	.395 (10/69)
Red Zone Offense	.958 (1/11)	.762 (9/102)
Sacks Allowed	1.60 (5/35)	1.20 (2/15)
Scoring Defense	20.6 (7/39)	21.2 (8/42)
Total Defense	429.2 (13/103)	316.2 (7/35)
Rushing Defense	120.4 (7/42)	129.6 (11/54)
Passing Defense	308.8 (14/123)	186.6 (4/31)
Third Down Conversions Defense	.394 (12/83)	.297 (2/15)
Red Zone Defense	.789 (4/46)	.857 (11/83)
Sacks	3.80 (1/6)	3.00 (3/24)
Turnover Margin	1.00 (3/14)	1.00 (3/14)
Fewest Penalty Yards	58.0 (12/74)	33.4 (1/3)

STAT LEADERS–

Michigan State:

Rushing – Jr. Kenneth Walker III (100 carries for 680 yards, 6.8 avg., 8 TDs)

Passing – R-So. Payton Thorne (82-of-130, .631, 1,236 yards, 11 TDs, 1 INT)

Receiving – R-Jr. Jayden Reed (20 catches for 463 yards, 23.2 avg., 5 TDs)

Tackles – Sr. S Xavier Henderson (45 tackles, 29 solo, 16 assists, 5 TFLs, 2 sacks, 1 INT, 1 PBU)

Rutgers:

Rushing – Jr. Isaih Pacheco (71 carries for 267 yards, 3.8 avg., 3 TDs)

Passing – Sr. Noah Vedral (92-of-138, .667, 914 yards, 6 TDs, 3 INTs)

Receiving – Sr. Bo Melton (24 receptions for 253 yards, 10.5 avg., 2 TDs)

Tackles – Sr. LB Olakunle Fatukasi (49 tackles, 27 solo, 22 assists, 6.5 TFLs, 3.5 sacks, 1 PBU, 1 FF)

MSU/RUTGERS SERIES NOTES –

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- MSU is 4-1 against Rutgers in Piscataway, including a 3-0 record in Big Ten games.

- Last season, the Scarlet Knights beat the Spartans, 38-27, on Oct. 24 in Spartan Stadium in the 2020 season opener.



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2021 SPARTAN FOOTBALL GAME NOTES



A QUICK GLANCE AT RUTGERS (3-2, 0-2 BIG TEN) –

• The Scarlet Knights are 3-2 overall and 0-2 in Big Ten action. After Rutgers started 3-0 with wins over Temple (61-14) on Sept. 4, Syracuse (17-7) on Sept. 11 and over Delaware (45-13) on Sept. 18, the Scarlet Knights lost at then-No. 19 Michigan (20-13), on Sept. 25, and at home to then-No. 11 Ohio State (52-13) on Oct. 2.

• Last time out, RU lost to OSU, as the Buckeyes scored on seven of their first eight possessions, only not scoring when the first half ended. The Scarlet Knights were outgained by the Buckeyes, 541-346 in total offense. Ohio State had 333 yards passing and 208 yards rushing, while Rutgers had 235 yards through the air and 111 yards on the ground.

• Senior quarterback **Noah Vedral** was 16-of-23 passing for 152 yards with one TD, but threw three interceptions. Vedral also had eight rushing attempts for 34 yards.

• Freshman running back **Jamier Wright-Collins** had four rushes for 38 yards. Senior wide receiver **Brandon Sanders** led RU's receivers with seven catches for 47 yards, while junior wide receiver **Aron Cruickshank** had three receptions for 102 yards, including a 75-yard TD pass play from Vedral.

• Senior linebacker **Olakunle Fatukasi** spearheaded the Scarlet Knight defense with 10 tackles and one pass break-up.

• For the season, RU is eighth in the B1G in both scoring offense (29.8 points per game) and scoring defense (21.2 ppg). Rutgers is 11th in total offense (350.2 ypg), ranking 10th in rushing offense (148.0 ypg) and eighth in passing offense (202.2 ypg). The Scarlet Knight defense is seventh in total defense (316.2 ypg), ranking 11th in rushing defense (131.8 ypg) and fourth in pass defense (186.6 ypg).

• Vedral is 92-of-138 passing for 914 yards, with six TDs and three INTs, ranking tied for fourth in the Big Ten in passing percentage (.667), as well as 10th in passing yards/game (182.8 ypg), tied for seventh in TDs and eighth in total passing yards. He is also second on the team in rushing with 41 rushes for 151 yards (3.7 ypc/30.2 ypg).

• Senior wide receiver **Bo Melton** is RU's leading receiver with 24 catches for 253 yards (10.5 ypc/50.6 ypg) with two TDs, while Cruickshank has 17 receptions for 206 yards (12.12 ypc/41.2 ypg) with one TD.

• Junior running back **Isaih Pacheco** leads Rutgers in rushing with 71 carries for 267 yards (3.8 ypc/53.4 ypg) with three TDs.

• Fatukasi tops RU's defense, tallying 49 tackles, ranking second in the Big Ten in tackles/game (9.8), as well as third in the league in total tackles, with nearly as many solo stops (27), as the next leading defender (29 total tackles). Fatukasi also has 22 assists, along with 6.5 tackles for loss, with 3.5 sacks, adding one pass break-up and one forced fumble. He's tied for third in the Big Ten with 1.3 TFL/game, while ranking tied for fourth in total TFL.

• Junior placekicker **Valentino Ambrosio** is 5-of-7 on FGs (71.4 percent) with a long of 40 yards, and is 18-of-19 on PATs. Ambrosio also handles kickoffs, and has 29 kickoffs for a 61.0 ypk average with 11 touchbacks.

• Senior punter **Adam Korsak** has 20 punts for a 49.3 ypp average with a long of 69-yards, one of nine of 50+ yards, with 10 inside the 20. Korsak is second in the Big Ten and fifth in the FBS in punting.

• Rutgers head coach **Greg Schiano** is in his second season back as the Scarlet Knights' head coach, previously coaching there from 2001-11. He has a 74-75 total record in his 13th overall.

POLLS (Oct. 3)

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Rk.	School	Record
1.	Alabama (53)	5-0
2.	Georgia (9)	5-0
3.	Iowa	5-0
4.	Penn State	5-0
5.	Cincinnati	4-0
6.	Oklahoma	5-0
7.	Ohio State	4-1
8.	Oregon	4-1
9.	Michigan	5-0
10.	BYU	5-0
11.	Michigan State	5-0
12.	Oklahoma State	5-0
13.	Arkansas	4-1
14.	Notre Dame	4-1
15.	Coastal Carolina	5-0
16.	Kentucky	5-0
17.	Ole Miss	3-1
18.	Auburn	4-1
19.	Wake Forest	5-0
20.	Florida	3-2
21.	Texas	4-1
22.	Arizona State	4-1
23.	NC State	4-1
24.	SMU	5-0
25.	San Diego State	4-0

USA TODAY/AFCA COACHES

Rk.	School	Record
1.	Alabama (63)	5-0
2.	Georgia (2)	5-0
3.	Iowa	5-0
4.	Penn State	5-0
5.	Oklahoma	5-0
6.	Cincinnati	4-0
7.	Ohio State	4-1
8.	Michigan	5-0
9.	Oregon	4-1
10.	BYU	5-0
11.	Michigan State	5-0
12.	Oklahoma State	5-0
13.	Notre Dame	4-1
14.	Kentucky	5-0
15.	Coastal Carolina	5-0
16.	Arkansas	4-1
17.	Ole Miss	3-1
18.	Florida	3-2
19.	Auburn	4-1
20.	Wake Forest	5-0
21.	Clemson	3-2
22.	NC State	4-1
23.	Texas	4-1
24.	SMU	5-0
25.	Arizona State	4-1

(First-place votes) | **Bold** indicates MSU opponent

SPARTANS IN THE POLLS

Week	ASSOCIATED PRESS | COACHES		CFP
	AP	COACHES	CFP
Preseason	-	-	-
Sept. 7	RV	RV	-
Sept. 12	RV	RV	-
Sept. 19	20	21	-
Sept. 26	17	16	-
Oct. 3	11	11	-

ALL-TIME SERIES RESULTS VS. RUTGERS

Overall: 8-4	2017	W	40-7	A
H: 4-3; A: 4-1	2018	W	14-10	H
1988 L 13-17 H	2019	W	27-0	A
1990 W 34-10 A	2020	L	27-38	H
1991 L 7-14 H				
2003 W 44-28 H				
2004 L 14-19 A				
2014 W 45-3 H				
2015 W 31-24 A				
2016 W 49-0 H				



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2021 SPARTAN FOOTBALL STAFF

COACHING STAFF

Head Coach:
Mel Tucker (Wisconsin, 1995)
Record at MSU: 7-5 (second season)
Career Record: 12-12 (third season)

Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks:
Jay Johnson (second year; Northern Iowa, 1992)

Secchia Family Defensive Coordinator:
Scottie Hazelton (second year; Fort Lewis College, 1997)

Secondary: Harlon Barnett (13th year overall at MSU; Michigan State, 1990)

Defensive Line:
Ron Burton (ninth year; North Carolina, 1987)

Special Teams Coordinator/Linebackers:
Ross Els (second year; Nebraska-Omaha, 1988)

Tight Ends:
Ted Gilmore (second year; Wyoming, 1991)

Wide Receivers:
Courtney Hawkins (second year; Michigan State)

Asst. Head Coach/Offensive Line/Ruin Game Coordinator:
Chris Kapilovic (second year; Missouri State, 1990)

Running Backs:
William Peagler (second year; Clemson, 2010)

Cornerbacks:
Travares Tillman (first year; Georgia Tech, 2010)

Special Teams Analyst: Dalmin Gibson (second year)

Defensive Analyst: T.J. Hollowell (second year)

Offensive Analyst: Efrim Reed (second year)

Offensive Analyst: Nick Ruffing (12th year)

Defensive Analyst: Kevin Vickerson (first year)

Graduate Assistant/Defense: Gerren DuHart

Graduate Assistant/Defense: Bo Els

Graduate Assistant/Offense: Jarrod James

Graduate Assistant/Offense: Jack Tabb

Offensive Intern: Jake Reiling

Defensive Intern: Jake Vang

Special Teams Intern: Kenny Spencer

ADMINISTRATIVE/RECRUITING STAFF

Dir. of Football Operations: Cody Cox (fifth year)

Dir. of Player Personnel: Saeed Khalif (first year)

Dir. of Player Engagement: Darian Harris (second year)

Dir. of Video: Chris Plaster (second year)

Dir. of Football Admin.: Simone Proulx (14th year)

Dir. of Community & High School Relations:
Thomas Wilcher (first year)

Asst. Dir. of Football Operations: Ben Mathers (third year)

Special Assistant to the Head Coach/Operations Assistant: Will Price (second year)

Player Personnel Coordinator: Jensen Gebhardt (first year)

Player Personnel Coordinator: Sean Levy (second year)

On-Campus Recruiting Coordinator: Lauren McCree (second year)

Creative Director: Blaze Watson (first year)

Creative Video: Austin Flynn (third year)

Social Media Manager: Paul Morissette (first year)

Graphic Designer: Jackson Jones (first year)

Asst. Director/Video: Ty Woodruff (second year)

Recruiting Assistant: Andrew Rogers (second year)

Recruiting Assistant: Matt Pick (first year)

Office Assistant: Cindy Mejorado (23rd year)

STRENGTH AND CONDITIONING STAFF

Head Strength & Conditioning Coach - Football:
Jason Novak (second year)

Associate Head Strength & Conditioning Coach:
Lorenzo Guess (10th year)

Asst. Strength & Conditioning Coach:
Rick Danison (second year)

Asst. Strength & Conditioning Coach: Taylor Porter (second year)

Asst. Strength & Conditioning Coach: Joe Powell (second year)

Strength and Conditioning Intern: Tyler Beachnau

ATHLETIC TRAINING/NUTRITION/SPORTS SCIENCE STAFF

Dir. of Sports Medicine: Sally Nogle (38th year)

Head Athletic Trainer: Brett Penning (fourth year)

Football Trainer: Jensyn Bradley (first year)

Football Trainer: Lionel Rice (first year)

Director of Football Sport Science: Bill Burghardt (10th year)

Head Football Performance Dietitian: Amber Rineshine (first year)

EQUIPMENT STAFF

Head Football Equipment Manager: Andrew Kolpacki (third year)

Football Equipment Manager: Jacob Crane (first year)

Football Equipment Manager: Ryan Marsom (first year)

ACADEMIC STAFF

Executive Director/Student-Athlete Support Services: Todd Edwards (18th year)

Associate Director: Mandy Chandler (24th year)

Assistant Director: Antwan Joseph (fifth year)



LAST TIME OUT: MICHIGAN STATE 48, WESTERN KENTUCKY 31

• In the first-ever meeting between the two schools, Michigan State defeated Western Kentucky, 48-31, last Saturday night in Spartan Stadium . . . it marked the 25th night game in Spartan Stadium history . . . MSU improved to 18-7 in night games at Spartan Stadium.

• It marked the 105th Homecoming game in school history . . . MSU is now 69-33-3 in Homecoming games.

OFFENSE

• Michigan State collected more than 500 yards of total offense for the third time this season (595 vs. Youngstown State; 511 vs. Northwestern).

• Jayden Reed recorded a career-high 285 all-purpose yards (127 receiving, 88 punt return, 63 kick return, 7 rushing), the seventh-highest single-game total in MSU history . . . Reed had his second 100-yard receiving effort of the season (181 vs. Youngstown State) and seventh of his career (four at WMU in 2018; one at MSU in 2020; two at MSU in 2021) . . . Reed scored on an 88-yard punt return and a 46-yard TD reception in the first quarter . . . he has scored a total of eight touchdowns this season (five receiving, two punt return, one rushing).

• Kenneth Walker III had his third 100-yard rushing game of the season with 126 yards on 24 carries . . . he scored three touchdowns in the first half (5, 5 and 3 yards) and now has eight rushing TDs this season . . . it marked the eighth 100-yard rushing game in Walker's collegiate career (two at Wake Forest in 2019; three at Wake Forest in 2020; three at Michigan State in 2021).

• Jalen Nailor posted career highs for receptions (8) and receiving yards (128), including 98 yards after the catch . . . with Nailor (128) and Reed (127) both posting 100-yard receiving games, it marked the first time two MSU receivers had 100-yard efforts in the same game since Dec. 3, 2011, vs. Wisconsin in the Big Ten Championship Game (B.J. Cunningham, five catches for 115 yards; Keshawn Martin, nine catches for 115 yards).

• Payton Thorne threw for a career-high 327 yards and one touchdown on 20-of-30 passing . . . he connected on a 46-yard TD to Reed in the first quarter . . . Thorne scored his second rushing TD of the season and third of his career on a 12-yard scamper in the second quarter.

• Michigan State scored 42 points in the first half . . . it was the most points in the first half since Sept. 27, 2014, vs. Wyoming (42 points) . . . the modern-day school record (post-WWII) for most points in the first half is 49 (vs. Eastern Michigan on Sept. 20, 2014).

DEFENSE

• Sophomore safety Angelo Grose had a career-high 16 tackles to lead the Spartans.

• Redshirt freshman linebacker Cal Haladay posted a career-high 10 tackles, including one for a 3-yard loss . . . he also forced and recovered a fumble in the second quarter that led to MSU's sixth TD of the first half.

• Fifth-year senior defensive end Jacob Panasiuk tied his career high with two sacks for the second consecutive week . . . he now has 13 career sacks, which is tied for 13th in school history . . . he also has 28 TFLs, which is tied for 20th in school history.

• Redshirt sophomore defensive tackle Maverick Hansen posted his first career sack (9 yards).

SPECIAL TEAMS

• Jayden Reed returned a punt 88 yards for a touchdown in the first quarter, tying for the fourth-longest punt return in school history . . . Reed has returned back-to-back punts for a TD (fourth quarter vs. Nebraska, 62 yards) . . . Reed is just the third player in school history to return two punts for a touchdown in the same season (Bill Simpson, 1972; James Ellis, 1951) . . . both Simpson and Ellis also returned their punts for touchdowns in back-to-back games (Simpson: 48 yards vs. Illinois on Sept. 16, 1972; 74 yards vs. Georgia Tech on Sept. 23, 1972; Ellis: 57 yards vs. Penn State on Oct. 20, 1951; 55 yards vs. Pittsburgh on Oct. 27, 1951) . . . Ellis also returned his on back-to-back attempts, although there were other punts downed and returned by other players (Leroy Bolden) between his TD returns, where Reed returned his on back-to-back punts.

• Matt Coghlin kicked two field goals to tie Brett Swenson's school career record of 71 . . . Coghlin connected on a 21-yard field goal in the third quarter and a 20-yarder in the fourth quarter . . . Coghlin is 71-for-96 on field-goal attempts during his career, dating back to 2017.

2021 SPARTAN FOOTBALL GAME NOTES



2021 COACHING STAFF

• A new era of Spartan football began in 2020 as **Mel Tucker** started his head coaching tenure in East Lansing. Tucker, a 25-year coaching veteran with championship experience, was named Michigan State University's 25th head football coach on Feb. 12 following Mark Dantonio's retirement on Feb. 4.

• Tucker's resume, which began as a graduate assistant at Michigan State under Nick Saban, has an impressive track record of success. The journey that led him back to East Lansing included a head coaching position at Colorado (2019), five seasons as a defensive coach in the Southeastern Conference (2000; 2015-18), 10 seasons in the NFL (2005-14), and four seasons at Ohio State (2001-04). He was a defensive coordinator in the NFL for seven seasons and 11 seasons overall in his coaching career.

• In 154 games as a full-time coach in the FBS, Tucker's teams have collected a 113-41 (.734) record, including 10 postseason bowl games (2000 Peach, 2002 Outback, 2003 Fiesta/BCS National Championship, 2004 Fiesta, 2004 Alamo, 2015 Cotton/CFP Semifinal, 2016 CFP/National Championship, 2016 Liberty, 2018 Rose/CFP Semifinal, 2018 CFP/National Championship), three conference championships, three national championship games and two national championships (2002 with Ohio State, 2015 with Alabama).

• Tucker coached 160 games in the National Football League (64 with Cleveland, 64 with Jacksonville, 32 with Chicago).

• Five of MSU head coach **Mel Tucker's** 12 wins as a head coach have come against AP Top 25 opponents (2021: No. 24 Miami; 2020: No. 11 Northwestern and No. 13 Michigan; 2019: No. 25 Nebraska and No. 24 Arizona State at Colorado). Tucker is 5-4 overall against AP Top 25 opponents (2-2 at Colorado; 3-2 at MSU). He became the first Spartan head coach to defeat a ranked team (AP No. 11 Northwestern) in his first home win.

• Nine of Michigan State head coach **Mel Tucker's** 10 assistant coaches from 2020 are back on the sidelines this fall for the Spartans. Tucker promoted **Travares Tillman** to an on-field role as cornerbacks coach in January after Tillman was a senior defensive assistant at MSU in 2020.

• In addition, **Harlon Barnett**, who is in his 13th season overall on the Spartan defensive staff and second with Tucker, will transition from cornerbacks to secondary coach. Barnett has coached four All-Americans, nine first-team All-Big Ten selections and 10 NFL Draft picks during his time at MSU (2007-17; 2020-).

• **Chris Kapilovic**, who is in his second season as the offensive line coach and run game coordinator at Michigan State, was promoted to assistant head coach in January. Kapilovic, 52, joined Tucker's staff in East Lansing in February 2020 after spending the 2019 season as the offensive line coach and run game coordinator in Colorado. Kapilovic has nearly 30 years of coaching experience, including roles as an offensive coordinator and/or run game coordinator at Southern Mississippi (2008-11), North Carolina (2012-18) and Colorado (2019). He has coached multiple NFL players, first-round draft picks and record-setting offenses during his career.

• **Jay Johnson** is the program's offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach. Johnson, 51, is a veteran coach and administrator of 26 seasons, including 11 as an offensive coordinator at five FBS schools (Michigan State, Colorado, Minnesota, Louisiana, Southern Mississippi) in addition to coaching quarterbacks, running backs and tight ends as a position coach.

• A 25-year coaching veteran with stints at all levels of collegiate football and the NFL, **Scottie Hazelton** is in his second season as the Secchia Family Defensive Coordinator. Last season, Hazelton installed a new 4-2-5 defensive scheme for the Spartans. Hazelton arrived in East Lansing after spending one season as the defensive coordinator and linebackers coach at Kansas State in 2019.

• **Ted Gilmore** coaches the tight ends for the Spartans. Gilmore, who has coached 26 years, has experience at the FBS and NFL ranks and has developed numerous NFL players, draft picks and All-Americans during his career. He was named the 2011 FootballScoop Wide Receivers Coach of the Year after mentoring consensus All-American Robert Woods and 2011 Freshman All-American Marqise Lee at USC. Gilmore, 54, previously spent five seasons (2015-19) as the wide receivers coach at Wisconsin.

• Former Spartan great **Courtney Hawkins** is in his second season as the wide receivers coach, while **William Peagler** enters his second year coaching the running backs.

STARTS CHART

OFFENSE

Player	'17	'18	'19	'20	'21	Total
Jarvis-OL	10	7	3	7	5	32
Campbell-OL	12	5	9	0	-	26
Russo-QB	0	*10	*13	*3	-	26
Horst-LT	-	-	*13	*7	5	25
Reed-WR	-	%12	-	7	5	24
Allen-C	0	7	9	1	5	22
Heyward-TE	0	8	1	6	5	20
Carrick-OG	-	0	11	7	-	18
Nailor-WR	-	1	4	7	5	17
Arcuri-OT	0	0	5	7	5	17
Duplain-LG	-	-	5	5	5	15
Collins-RB	-	0	12	0	-	12
Bueter-OL	0	7	2	2	-	11
Samac-C	-	-	4	6	-	10
Mosley-WR	-	-	1	3	4	8
Gillison-TE	-	0	3	3	-	6
Thorne-QB	-	-	-	1	5	6
Walker-RB	-	-	+0	+0	5	5
Hunt-TE	-	-	-	3	1	4
Hayes-WR	-	0	2	0	-	2
Simmons-RB	-	-	-	1	-	1
Foster-WR	-	-	-	1	-	1
Isaia-OL	-	-	1	-	-	1

* at Temple (2017-20)

^ at Arkansas State (2019-20)

% at Western Michigan (2018)

+ at Wake Forest (2019-20)

Notes:

Jarvis: 32 starts (17 at RG in 2017-18; 3 at LT in 2019; 7 at RT in 2020; 5 at RG in 2021)

Campbell: 26 starts (4 at RG in 2018-19; 1 at LT in 2018; 9 at LG in 2018-19; 12 at RT in 2017)

Heyward: 20 starts (8 at RB in 2018; 1 at RB in 2019; 6 at RB in 2020; 5 at TE in 2021)

Arcuri: 17 starts (5 at LT in 2019; 7 at LT in 2020; 5 at RT in 2021)

Bueter: 11 starts (4 at RG in 2018-19; 4 at C in 2018; 1 as extra OL in 2019; 2 at LG in 2020)

Isaia: 1 start (1 as fullback in I-formation in 2019)

DEFENSE

Player	'17	'18	'19	'20	'21	Total
Panasjuk-DE	0	11	13	6	5	35
Henderson-S	-	0	13	7	5	25
Jordan-DE	#1	#10	#8	#2	-	21
Crouch-LB	-	-	*1	*10	5	16
Harvey-LB	-	0	5	7	-	12
Beesley-DE	0	1	0	7	3	11
Slade-DT	-	0	0	7	4	11
Grose-S	-	-	-	4	5	9
Dowell-NB	-	-	0	2	4	6
Barrow-DT	-	-	-	-	5	5
Haladay-LB	-	-	-	0	5	5
Williams-CB	-	-	-	+0	4	4
Kimbrough-CB	-	-	&0	&0	4	4
Mallory-DT	-	-	0	2	-	2
VanSumeren-LB	-	*0	*0	*2	-	2
Hunt-DT	-	-	-	1	1	2
Camper-DE	0	1	0	1	-	2
Snow-DB	-	-	-	0	1	1

at Duke (2017-20)

^ at Tennessee (2019-20)

* at Michigan (2018-20)

+ at Alabama (2020)

& at Florida (2019-20)

Notes:

Harvey: 12 starts (2 at Will in 2019; 3 at Sam in 2019; 7 at Mike in 2020)

Grose: 9 starts (4 at NB in 2020; 5 at S in 2021)

Dowell: 6 starts (2 at S in 2020; 4 at NB in 2021)



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PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

#76 AJ Arcuri: r-CURE-e
 #99 Bryce Baringer: bare-IN-gurr
 #8 Simeon Barrow: sim-E-in
 #44 Samih Beydoun: bay-dune
 #4 Matt Coghlin: cog-lynn
 #6 Quavaris Crouch: kwuh-varr-iss
 #10 Ma'a Gaoteote: Ma nah-OE-tay-OE-tay
 #73 Jacob Isaia: E-sigh-uh
 #29 Marqui Lowery: Marquee
 #71 James Ohonba: O-huhn-BUH
 #96 Jacob Panasiuk: puh-na-shuke (rhymes with luke)
 #59 Nick Samac: SAY-mack
 #18 Andrew Schorffhaar: SCORE-farr
 #13 Ben VanSumeren: Van SOOM-er-IN
 #43 Cody Waddell: WA-dell

SPARTAN OFFENSIVE PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

Northwestern: Kenneth Walker III
 Youngstown State: Jayden Reed, Payton Thorne, Jordan Simmons, Blake Bueter, Kevin Jarvis
 Miami: Jalen Nailor, Kenneth Walker III
 Nebraska: Blake Bueter, Connor Heyward
 Western Kentucky: AJ Arcuri, Jalen Nailor, Payton Thorne, Kenneth Walker III

SPARTAN DEFENSIVE PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

Northwestern: Simeon Barrow, Drew Beesley, Xavier Henderson
 Youngstown State: Xavier Henderson
 Miami: Drew Beesley, Xavier Henderson, Ronald Williams
 Nebraska: Xavier Henderson, Jacob Panasiuk, Jacob Slade, Chester Kimbrough
 Western Kentucky: Angelo Grose, Jacob Panasiuk

SPARTAN SPECIAL TEAMS PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

Northwestern: Hank Pepper
 Youngstown State: Jayden Reed, Elijah Collins
 Miami: Bryce Baringer, Tyler Hunt
 Nebraska: Matt Coghlin, Jayden Reed, Donovan Eaglin, Parks Gissinger
 Western Kentucky: Matt Coghlin, Jalen Nailor, Jayden Reed

MSU'S ALL-TIME OVERTIME RESULTS

Date	Opponent	Result
10/10/1998	Indiana (2OT)	W, 38-31
10/30/2004	at Michigan (3OT)	L, 37-45
9/17/2005	at Notre Dame	W, 44-41
10/1/2005	Michigan	L, 31-34
10/6/2007	Northwestern	L, 41-48
10/27/2007	at Iowa (2OT)	L, 27-34
10/3/2009	Michigan	W, 26-20
9/18/2010	Notre Dame	W, 34-31
1/2/2012	vs. Georgia (3OT)	W, 33-30
10/13/2012	Iowa (2OT)	L, 16-19
10/27/2012	at Wisconsin	W, 16-13
10/1/2016	at Indiana	L, 21-24
10/28/2017	at Northwestern (3OT)	L, 31-39
9/25/2021	Nebraska	W, 23-20

All-Time Overtime Record: 7-7 (.500)

• With more than three decades of coaching experience, Ross Els is in his second season as the program's linebackers coach and special teams coordinator. Els, 54, has previous experience in the Big Ten, serving as the defensive coordinator at Purdue in 2016 and four seasons at Nebraska under Coach Bo Pelini from 2011-14.

• Ron Burton, who enters his 29th year of coaching, is in his ninth season on the defensive staff at Michigan State and coaches the defensive line. Burton is the only coach to win the FootballScoop National Defensive Line Coach of the Year Award twice, an honor he won for the second time in 2018 after MSU finished with the top-ranked rushing defense in the country. Burton also won the award during his first season in East Lansing in 2013 when the Spartans claimed the Big Ten Championship, won the Rose Bowl, and finished No. 2 in the FBS in total defense and rushing defense.



OFFENSIVE NOTES

TEAM

• The Spartans are fourth in the Big Ten and 18th in the FBS in scoring offense (37.8 ppg) and fourth in the conference and 24th overall in total offense (466.6 ypg).

• MSU's resurgent rushing attack ranks fourth in the Big Ten and 24th in the FBS, averaging 210.8 yards per game. The Spartans accumulated 326 rushing yards at Northwestern – the first time MSU put up more than 300 rushing yards in a game since 2014 (330 yards at Indiana) – and had 272 yards on the ground against Youngstown State and 193 at Miami. MSU is averaging 5.9 yards per carry, tied for 10th best in the FBS.

• Michigan State scored a touchdown on its first play from scrimmage in the first two games of the season. Against Northwestern, junior transfer running back Kenneth Walker III raced 75 yards to the end zone on his first carry as a Spartan, while Payton Thorne found Jayden Reed on a 75-yard touchdown pass against Youngstown State. Dating back to 1944 when school single-game play-by-play records are available, Walker's 75-yard TD marked the first time Michigan State has scored on its first play from scrimmage to start a season. Before the season opener, the last time MSU scored on its first play from scrimmage was on Sept. 25, 2010, against Northern Colorado, as Edwin Baker had a 5-yard run following an interception on UNC's first possession that gave MSU first-and-goal from the 5.

QUARTERBACKS

• Redshirt sophomore quarterback Payton Thorne, who started in the 2020 season finale at Penn State, was named the team's starting quarterback in Week 1 against Northwestern after competing with sixth-year graduate transfer Anthony Russo (Temple) during spring practice and preseason camp. Thorne owns a 5-1 record as a starting quarterback at MSU (5-0 in 2021).

• In his first season as the starting quarterback, Thorne has completed 63 percent of his passes (82-of-130) for 1,236 yards, 11 touchdowns and just one interception. He ranks among the Big Ten leaders in passing efficiency (second with 169.3 rating), passing TDs (third with 11), passing (fourth with 247.2 ypg) and total offense (fifth with 262.6 ypg). Thorne also ranks third on the team in rushing with a net of 77 yards on 30 carries with two TDs, although he has gained a total of 143 yards on the ground.

• Thorne threw for a career-high 327 yards in the victory over Western Kentucky while completing 20-of-30 throws. He also had a 12-yard rushing touchdown.

• The product of Naperville, Illinois, was named the Big Ten Co-Offensive Player of the Week by the conference office on Sept. 20 and was also recognized as one of the Davey O'Brien Award's Great 8 performances of Week 3. Thorne became just the second Spartan quarterback in school history, joining Connor Cook, to throw for four touchdowns in back-to-back games during MSU's 38-17 victory at then-No. 24 Miami in Week 3 at Hard Rock Stadium. Thorne threw for a career-high four TDs in the Week 2 win over Youngstown State, and matched that effort against the Hurricanes by completing 18-of-31 passes for 261 yards and four more touchdowns. Cook threw for four TDs in consecutive games against Indiana and Nebraska in 2015.

• At Miami, Thorne first found Kenneth Walker III on a 7-yard screen pass for a score in the second quarter, then connected with Jalen Nailor on an 11-yard touchdown in the third quarter. Thorne's third TD pass of the game came on a third-and-7 play early in the fourth as he hit Jayden Reed in the end zone for a 10-yard touchdown. Although Thorne ended up with a net of 4 rushing yards, he scrambled for a 22-yard gain on a third-and-6 play and also converted on fourth-and-1 with a quarterback sneak to propel a touchdown drive late in the fourth quarter to make it 31-17 in favor of MSU. Thorne finished the eight-play, 75-yard drive by finding Nailor in the end zone for a 39-yard pass, one play after getting the first down on the QB sneak.



- In the 42-14 win over Youngstown State in Week 2, Thorne completed 15-of-21 passes for 280 yards and a career-high four touchdowns. It marked the first time a Spartan quarterback threw for four TDs in a game since Brian Lewerke vs. Northwestern in 2017. Thorne also had 19 yards rushing on three carries (6.3 avg.), including a 10-yard TD run.

- In his second career start, Thorne threw for 185 yards on 15-of-25 passing with one TD at Northwestern in Week 1 to earn his first win as the Spartans' starting QB. Thorne also rushed for 28 yards on five carries.

RUNNING BACKS

- Junior running back **Kenneth Walker III**, a transfer from Wake Forest, is having a dynamic start to the season. Walker leads the FBS in rushing (680 yards; 136.0 ypg) and also ranks among the nation's leaders in scoring (fourth at 10.8 ppg), total touchdowns (fourth with 9), rushing TDs (sixth with 8), yards per carry (13th with 6.8 avg.) and all-purpose yards (16th with 139.4 ypg). According to Pro Football Focus, Walker leads the country in rushing yards after contact (515) and ranks second in the FBS with 19 rushes of 10-plus yards.

- Walker had a record-setting debut as a Spartan, rushing for a career-high 264 yards – the seventh-highest total in school history – while scoring a career-high four touchdowns to lead the Spartans past Northwestern on Sept. 3. It marked the most rushing yards by a Spartan in a debut wearing the Green and White and the second most by a player in the FBS this season. Walker became just the second Spartan to record more than 250 rushing yards and four touchdowns in the same game (**Eric Allen**, school-record 350 yards and four TDs vs. Purdue on Oct. 30, 1971).

- After seeing limited action in Week 2 vs. Youngstown State (seven carries for 57 yards, 1 TD, 8.1 avg.), Walker was back at it in the victory at Miami on Sept. 18, compiling 172 yards on the ground on 27 carries (6.4 avg.) while also catching three passes for 17 yards, including his first career TD reception on a 7-yard screen pass in the second quarter.

- Walker had his third 100-yard rushing game of the season with 126 yards on 24 carries in the victory over Western Kentucky in Week 5. He scored three touchdowns in the first half (5, 5 and 3 yards) and now has eight rushing TDs this season. It marked the eighth 100-yard rushing game in Walker's collegiate career (two at Wake Forest in 2019; three at Wake Forest in 2020; three at Michigan State in 2021).

- Walker is averaging 155.8 rushing yards per game against FBS opponents this season (264 vs. Northwestern; 172 vs. Miami; 61 vs. Nebraska; 126 vs. Western Kentucky).

- Sophomore **Jordon Simmons**, who led the team in rushing as a true freshman with 219 yards on 56 carries (3.9 avg.) in five games, ranks second on the team with 179 rushing yards on 36 carries (35.8 ypg; 5.0 avg.). Simmons recorded his first 100-yard rushing game with 121 yards on 16 carries in the win over Youngstown State in Week 2.

- Redshirt junior **Elijah Collins**, who led the team with 988 rushing yards as a redshirt freshman in 2019, had three carries for 32 yards and one catch for a 20-yard TD against Youngstown State in Week 2 before leaving the game with an injury. He has not seen game action the past three weeks.

WIDE RECEIVERS

- Redshirt junior **Jayden Reed** leads the FBS in all-purpose yards (176.6 ypg) and also ranks among the nation's leaders in yards per reception (fifth with 23.2 avg.), kickoff returns (eighth with 30.7 avg.), TD catches (12th with 5), total touchdowns (15th with 8) and receiving yards per game (24th with 92.6 ypg). He leads the Spartans with 20 catches for 463 yards and five receiving TDs.

- Reed was recognized on the Paul Hornung Award Honor Roll this week for the third time of the season after collecting a career-high 285 all-purpose yards (127 receiving, 88 punt return, 63 kick return, 7 rushing), the seventh-most single-game total in school history, in the win over Western Kentucky. Reed scored the first time he touched the ball against the Hilltoppers with an 88-yard punt return, marking his second consecutive punt return for a touchdown (62 yards vs. Nebraska in fourth quarter). He also had his second 100-yard receiving effort of the season with four catches for 127 yards vs. WKU, including a 46-yard TD in the first quarter.

- Reed was named the Big Ten Special Teams Player of the Week on Sept. 27; he was also recognized on the Paul Hornung Award Honor Roll for the second time this season (Week 2 vs. Youngstown State). With MSU trailing 20-13 to Nebraska late in the fourth quarter, Reed returned a punt 62 yards for a touchdown to tie the game with 3:47 remaining, setting the stage for an overtime win over the Huskers. It marked MSU's first punt return for a touchdown since Nov. 26, 2011 (Keshawn Martin 57 yards at Northwestern). Reed finished the game with 192 all-purpose yards (69 kick return, 62 punt return, 59 receiving, 2 rushing). His 41-yard kick return in the second quarter set up an MSU field goal. He also hauled in four passes for 59 yards, including a 35-yard TD catch from Thorne in the second quarter.

2021 HONORS & AWARDS

#64 MATT ALLEN (Gr.-6, C)

- Senior Bowl Watch List
- NFLPA Collegiate Bowl Watch List

#76 AJ ARCURI (Gr.-6, OT)

- NFF Campbell Trophy Semifinalist
- Senior Bowl Watch List

#86 DREW BEESLEY (Gr.-6, DE)

- Pro Football Focus Preseason All-Big Ten (third team)

#69 BLAKE BUETER (Sr.-5, OL)

- Senior Bowl Watch List

#4 MATT COGHLIN (Gr.-6, K)

- Athlon Sports Preseason All-Big Ten (third team)

#6 QUAVARIS CROUCH (Jr., LB)

- Top 100 Impact Transfer - The Athletic (No. 69)

#67 J.D. DUPLAIN (Jr., OG)

- Phil Steele Preseason All-Big Ten (third team)

#45 NOAH HARVEY (Sr.-5, LB)

- Phil Steele Preseason All-Big Ten (third team)

#3 XAVIER HENDERSON (Sr., S)

- Phil Steele Preseason All-Big Ten (third team)

#11 CONNOR HEYWARD (Gr.-5, TE)

- Paul Hornung Award Watch List

#79 JARRETT HORST (Sr., OT)

- Outland Trophy Watch List

#75 KEVIN JARVIS (Gr.-5, OL)

- Senior Bowl Watch List
- NFLPA Collegiate Bowl Watch List

#8 JALEN NAILOR (R-Jr., WR)

- Phil Steele Preseason All-Big Ten (second team)
- Athlon Sports Preseason All-Big Ten (third team)

#96 JACUB PANASIUK (Gr.-5, DE)

- Pro Football Focus National Player of the Week (vs. Nebraska)
- Athlon Sports Preseason All-Big Ten (second team)
- Pro Football Focus Preseason All-Big Ten (third team)

#10 PAYTON THORNE (R-So., QB)

- Big Ten Co-Offensive Player of the Week (vs. Miami)
- Manning Award National Quarterback of the Week (vs. Miami)
- Davey O'Brien Great 8 performer (vs. Miami)

#5 JAYDEN REED (R-Jr., WR)

- Paul Hornung Award Honor Roll (vs. Western Kentucky)
- Big Ten Special Teams Player of the Week (vs. Nebraska)
- Paul Hornung Award Honor Roll (vs. Nebraska)
- Paul Hornung Award Honor Roll (vs. Youngstown State)
- Paul Hornung Award Watch List
- All-Big Ten Preseason Third Team at KR (Pro Football Focus)

#15 ANTHONY RUSSO (Gr.-6, QB)

- Johnny Unitas Golden Arm Award Watch List
- Senior Bowl Watch List

#9 KENNETH WALKER III (Jr., RB)

- Maxwell Award National Offensive Player of the Week (vs. Northwestern)
- Big Ten Offensive Player of the Week (vs. Northwestern)
- Big Ten Rose Bowl Player of the Week (vs. Northwestern)
- Doak Walker Award Watch List
- Pro Football Focus Preseason All-Big Ten (first team)



2021 SPARTAN FOOTBALL GAME NOTES

SEASON CAPTAINS

Will be announced after the season.

GAME CAPTAINS

Game.....	Captain(s)
Northwestern.....	DE Drew Beesley,
YSU.....	S Xavier Henderson, WR Jalen Nailor
.....	K Matt Coghlin,
.....	TE Connor Heyward, S Xavier Henderson
Miami.....	C Matt Allen, S Xavier Henderson,
.....	WR Jayden Reed
Nebraska.....	DE Drew Beesley, S Xavier Henderson,
.....	TE Tyler Hunt, OL Kevin Jarvis
Western Kentucky.....	S Xavier Henderson,
.....	TE Connor Heyward, WR Jayden Reed
Rutgers.....	
Indiana.....	
Michigan.....	
Purdue.....	
Maryland.....	
Ohio State.....	
Penn State.....	

FUTURE SCHEDULES

FUTURE NONCONFERENCE GAMES

2022:
Sept. 3: WESTERN MICHIGAN
Sept. 10: AKRON
Sept. 17: at Washington

2023:
Sept. 2: CENTRAL MICHIGAN
Sept. 9: RICHMOND
Sept. 16: WASHINGTON

2024:
Aug. 31: FLORIDA ATLANTIC
Sept. 14: LOUISIANA
Sept. 21: at Boston College

2025:
Aug. 30: WESTERN MICHIGAN
Sept. 6: YOUNGSTOWN STATE
Sept. 20: BOSTON COLLEGE

2026:
Sept. 5: TOLEDO
Sept. 12: CENTRAL MICHIGAN

2027:
Sept. 11: CENTRAL MICHIGAN

2029:
Sept. 8: OREGON

2030:
Aug. 31: CENTRAL MICHIGAN
Sept. 7: at Oregon

2032:
Sept. 11: at BYU

• Reed caught four passes for a career-high 181 yards against Youngstown State in Week 2; two of those catches came for 160 yards in the first half alone (75 yard TD on first play of the game; 85 yard TD in second quarter). Reed has seven 100-yard receiving games in his career (four at Western Michigan in 2018; one at MSU in 2020; two at MSU in 2021). He also tallied 264 all-purpose yards (181 receiving, 32 kick return, 48 punt return) against YSU. Reed's 181-yard receiving effort vs. YSU is the highest in the Big Ten in 2021.

• Redshirt junior **Jalen Nailor** has 18 catches for 269 yards and three TDs. He matched his career high with two TD catches at Miami, including a 39-yard grab in the end zone in the fourth quarter. Nailor posted career highs in receptions (8) and receiving yards (128) vs. Western Kentucky in Week 5.

• Nailor topped the 1,000 career yards mark in the Western Kentucky game, becoming the 46th player in MSU history to reach 1,000 career receiving yards. He has 67 catches for 1,028 yards in 24 collegiate games.

• Redshirt sophomore **Tre Mosley** ranks third on the team with 16 catches for 250 yards; he had a career-long 51-yard reception at Miami and a season-best six receptions for 70 yards vs. Nebraska.

TIGHT ENDS

• Redshirt senior **Connor Heyward** converted from running back to tight end during preseason camp, and has started the first five games at his new position. Heyward has 11 catches for 121 yards and has been a key blocker for the Spartans in their four victories.

• Former walk-on punter **Tyler Hunt** made the position switch to tight end in 2020 and has four catches for 36 yards in four games this season, including a starting assignment vs. Youngstown State.

OFFENSIVE LINE

• Michigan State's offensive line had 152 career starts returning in 2021, which ranked third most in the FBS. MSU has nine players of multiple games of starting experience.

• Michigan State has used the same starting lineup in all five games, but regularly rotates nine offensive linemen in its rotation.

• Redshirt senior **Kevin Jarvis** leads the way with 32 career starts. He has started at left tackle (three games in 2019) and right tackle (seven games in 2020) during the past two seasons, but has started the first five games of 2021 at right guard, where he started 17 games in 2017-18.

• **Jarrett Horst**, a transfer from Arkansas State, has started the first five games at left tackle. A member of the Outland Trophy Watch List, Horst started 20 games in 2019-20 at left tackle at Arkansas State.

• Junior **J.D. Duplain** has 15 career starts at left guard, including all five games in 2021.

• Sixth-year graduate **Matt Allen**, who only played in one game in 2020 due to a foot injury, has started the first five games at center. He has started 22 overall games at center throughout his career.

• Sixth-year graduate **AJ Arcuri** started all seven games at left tackle in 2020, but made the move to right tackle this season with the addition of Horst, and has started at his new position all five games in 2021.

• Center **Nick Samac**, left guard **Blake Bueter**, right guard **Matt Carrick** and left tackle **Luke Campbell** also see regular time in the playing rotation and all have multiple games of starting experience.



DEFENSIVE NOTES

DEFENSIVE LINE

• Michigan State returns both starting defensive ends in 2021 in sixth-year graduate **Drew Beesley** and fifth-year graduate **Jacob Panasiuk**.

• Panasiuk has 35 career starts to his credit, most of any active Spartan, including all five games this season. He has recorded four sacks the past two games (two each vs. Nebraska and Western Kentucky) and leads the Big Ten in tackles for loss with 1.4 per game (7 TFLs for 35 yards). His team-best four sacks are sixth most in the league (0.88 per game). He was named the Pro Football Focus National Defensive Player of the Week after collecting a career-high two sacks vs. Nebraska; he had seven stops overall against the Huskers.

• Panasiuk ranks among the school's all-time leaders in sacks (tied for 13th with 13) and tackles for loss (tied for 20th with 28).



• Beesley left the Nebraska game in the second quarter due to an injury. He has 11 tackles, including 2.5 sacks, in three games of action in 2021.

• Sophomore Jeff Pietrowski, who earned his first career start in Week 2 vs. Youngstown State, has 17 tackles, including 3.5 sacks (14 yards) and 4.0 TFLs (17 yards). He has also recovered a fumble and forced a fumble this season.

• Michigan State has four players with starting experience on the defensive line, including redshirt junior Jacob Slade, redshirt junior Dashaun Mallory, redshirt sophomore Jalen Hunt and redshirt freshman Simeon Barrow. Slade had a career game against Nebraska with eight tackles and has 11 stops overall this season with one sack and two TFLs. Barrow has started all five games and leads all Spartan defensive lineman with 18 tackles (0.5 TFLs).

LINEBACKERS

• Quavaris Crouch, a junior transfer from Tennessee, started 10 games for the Volunteers last season and has started the first five games of 2021 for the Spartans. Crouch ranks fourth on the team with 33 tackles, including two sacks (10 yards), two QB hurries, one pass break-up, a forced fumble and a fumble recovery.

• Redshirt freshman Cal Haladay earned his first career start in Week 1 and has kept his starting role ever since. Haladay is third on the team with 37 tackles.

SECONDARY

• Senior Xavier Henderson has started a team-best 25 consecutive games at safety for the Spartans. He leads the team and ranks fifth in the Big Ten in tackles with 45 (9.0 avg). Henderson recorded a career-high 17 tackles vs. Nebraska, the most by a Spartan since Montae Nicholson in 2016.

• Sophomore Angelo Grose, who started four games as a true freshman at nickelback in 2020, made the move to safety in spring practice and has started the first five games at his new position this year. Grose recorded his first career interception in the win at Miami and ranks second on the team with 39 tackles after collecting a career-high 16 vs. WKU. He also leads the team with three pass break-ups.

• At nickelback, redshirt junior Michael Dowell (22 tackles, 3 PBUs) started the first four games; sophomore Darius Snow (18 tackles, 2.5 TFLs) earned his first career start vs. Western Kentucky in Week 5.

• Senior transfer Ronald Williams (Alabama) has started four of the first five games for the Spartans. He has 17 tackles, including two TFLs, one sack and one interception (vs. Miami).

• Junior transfer Chester Kimbrough (Florida) has started the last four games at corner for the Spartans. Kimbrough recorded his first career interception in overtime in the win over Nebraska. He has 15 tackles on the season.

SPARTAN SINGLE-GAME BESTS UNDER TUCKER

Here's a look at the top single-game totals produced by Michigan State during head coach Mel Tucker's tenure (12 total games, 2020-):

Rushing Yards: 326 vs. Northwestern (9/3/21)

Passing Yards: 325 vs. Penn State (12/12/20)

Total Yards: 595 vs. Youngstown State (9/11/21)

First Downs: 25, vs. Youngstown State (9/11/21)

Fewest Rushing Yards Allowed: 52 yards by Miami (9/18/21)

Fewest Passing Yards Allowed: 170 by Rutgers (10/24/20)

Fewest Total Yards Allowed: 276 by Rutgers (10/24/20)

Fewest First Downs Allowed: 16 by Rutgers (10/24/20)

Sacks: 7 vs. Nebraska (9/25/21)

Tackles For Loss: 11 vs. Nebraska (9/25/21)

Turnovers Forced: 4, twice (vs. Miami, 9/18/21; vs. Northwestern (11/28/20)

Points (Game): 48, vs. Western Kentucky (10/2/21)

Points (Half): 42, vs. Western Kentucky (10/2/21)

Points (Quarter): 21, five times (Penn State, 2020; Youngstown State and Miami, 2021; first and second quarter vs. Western Kentucky)

Victory Margin: 28 vs. Youngstown State (9/11/21)

Fewest Points Allowed (Game): 14 by Youngstown State (9/11/21)

INDIVIDUAL CAREER RECORDS

FIELD-GOAL PERCENTAGE

1. Paul Edinger (1996-99)	.793 (46-58)
2. Brett Swenson (2006-09)	.780 (71-91)
3. Dan Conroy (2008-12)	.775 (55-71)
4. Matt Coghlin (2017-21)	.740 (71-96)
5. Michael Geiger (2013-16)	.737 (56-76)

FIELD GOALS

1. Brett Swenson (2006-09)	71
Matt Coghlin (2017-21)	71
3. Dave Rayner (2001-04)	62
4. John Langeloh (1987-90)	57
5. Michael Geiger (2013-16)	56

TOTAL POINTS SCORED

1. Brett Swenson (2006-09)	377
2. Michael Geiger (2013-16)	357
3. Matt Coghlin (2017-21)	350

SPECIAL TEAMS NOTES

KICKER

• Sixth-year graduate Matt Coghlin has been the team's starting placekicker for the past five seasons, dating back to 2017. Coghlin needs just one field goal to become the school's all-time leader in field goals made. He kicked two field goals vs. Western Kentucky to tie Brett Swenson (2006-09) with 71 career field goals.

• Coghlin is also closing in on becoming MSU's all-time leading scorer. Swenson also holds that record with 377 career points; Coghlin is currently third in school history with 350 points. Coghlin needs eight points to surpass Michael Geiger (357 points from 2013-16) for second place on the MSU all-time scoring list.

• Coghlin picked up All-Big Ten honors for the fourth time in his career in 2020 (2018, first team, media; 2017 and 2019-20, honorable mention) in addition to earning Academic All-Big Ten honors for the fourth year in a row.

• Coghlin was named the Big Ten Special Teams Player of the Week for the third time in his career after going 3-of-4 on field goals in the win over No. 8 Northwestern on Nov. 28, 2020, including the game-winner from 48 yards out with 3:35 left in the game that put MSU on top, 23-20, in the eventual 29-20 victory.

• Coghlin connected on 3-of-4 field goals against Nebraska in Week 4, including the fifth game-winning field goal of his career with a 21-yarder in overtime. His four previous game-winners include a 34-yarder as time expired to beat No. 7 Penn State in 2017; a 21-yarder with five seconds left to defeat Indiana in 2019; a 33-yarder to beat Maryland in 2019; and a 48-yarder with 3:35 remaining to beat No. 8 Northwestern in 2020.



2021 SPARTAN FOOTBALL GAME NOTES

SPARTAN STREAKS

Consecutive Games Started (Position players)

Xavier Henderson, S	25
AJ Arcuri, OT	14
Jalen Nailor, WR	13
Kevin Jarvis, OL	12
Jayden Reed, WR	12
J.D. Duplain, LG	10
Angelo Grose, S	9
Connor Heyward, TE/RB	8
Payton Thorne, QB	6

SPARTANS IN THE NFL

Michigan State has 15 former players listed on active rosters for National Football League teams as of Oct. 5, 2021.



Brian Allen, OL	Los Angeles Rams
Le'Veon Bell, RB	Baltimore Ravens
Jack Conklin, OT	Cleveland Browns
Kirk Cousins, QB	Minnesota Vikings
Andrew Dowell, LB	New Orleans Saints
William Gholston, DE	Tampa Bay Buccaneers
Brian Hoyer, QB	New England Patriots
Naquan Jones, DT	Tennessee Titans
Justin Layne, CB	Pittsburgh Steelers
Malik McDowell, DT	Cleveland Browns
Taybor Pepper, LS	San Francisco 49ers
Josiah Scott, CB	Philadelphia Eagles
Trae Waynes, CB	Cincinnati Bengals
Cody White, WR	Pittsburgh Steelers
Khari Willis, S	Indianapolis Colts

Practice Squad:

Joe Bachie, LB	Cincinnati Bengals
Brian Lewerke, QB	New York Giants
Matt Sokol, TE	Jacksonville Jaguars
Kenny Willekes, DE	Minnesota Vikings
Raequan Williams, DT	Philadelphia Eagles

Injured Reserve:

Joel Heath, DE	Detroit Lions
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COACHING STAFF - GAMEDAY LOCATIONS

On the field...

Head coach Mel Tucker
 Secondary coach Harlon Barnett
 Defensive line coach Ron Burton
 Tight ends coach Ted Gilmore
 Wide receivers coach Courtney Hawkins
 Defensive coordinator Scottie Hazelton
 Offensive line coach Chris Kapilovic
 Running backs coach William Peagler

In the booth...

Linebackers/special teams coordinator Ross Els
 Offensive coordinator/quarterbacks coach Jay Johnson
 Cornerbacks coach Travares Tillman

PUNTER

• Redshirt senior Bryce Baringer ranks first in the Big Ten and second in the FBS in punting (51.9 avg.). He's also tied for first with 11 punts of 50-plus yards, including four punts of 60-plus yards. Baringer is tied for sixth in the league with eight punts inside the 20.

• Baringer averaged 58.8 yards per punt (six punts for 353 yards) vs. Nebraska in Week 4, the second-highest single-game punting average in Big Ten history. Baringer had a career-long of 67 yards, a new season-long for the second week in a row after a 65-yarder at Miami, and part of a career-best five punts over 50-yard for the night, including three of 60-plus yards. Only former Spartan All-American punter Mike Sadler had a higher single-game punting average in the history of the Big Ten (minimum four punts; 59.2 avg. vs. Indiana on Oct. 12, 2013; four punts for 237 yards). Prior to the game on Sept. 25, Michigan State and Nebraska honored the memories of Sadler and 2015 Big Ten Punter of the Year Sam Foltz as Mike's mother, Karen, and sister, Katie, along with Sam's parents Jill and Gerald Foltz, participated in the coin toss. Mike Sadler and Sam Foltz were both tragically killed in a car accident on July 23, 2016, while working a kicking camp near Waukesha, Wisconsin. It marked the first time Nebraska had played in East Lansing since the tragic accident.

• Baringer was a walk-on who joined the team in September 2018 and punted in four games. He was not on the 2019 roster, but rejoined the team as a walk-on in 2020 and earned the starting position in all seven games. Baringer earned a scholarship prior to the 2021 season.

RETURNS

• Redshirt junior Jayden Reed leads the team in kick returns (six for 184 yards, 30.7 avg.) and punt returns (five for 198 yards; 39.6 avg.). He ranks second in the Big Ten and eighth in the FBS in kick returns (30.7 avg.). Although he doesn't qualify yet due to a statistic minimum in the NCAA stats (1.2 returns per game), Reed would lead the nation in punt returns with his 39.6 average and is tied for the lead with two punt returns for TDs.

• Reed is No. 1 in the FBS in all-purpose yards (176.6 ypg).

• Reed is tied for the FBS lead with two punt returns for touchdowns, which already ties a school single-season record; he returned back-to-back punts for scores with a game-tying 62-yarder in the fourth quarter vs. Nebraska and an 88-yarder on his first attempt vs. Western Kentucky, tying the fourth-longest punt return in MSU history.

• Reed returned back-to-back punts for a TD (fourth quarter vs. Nebraska, 62 yards; first quarter vs. Western Kentucky, 88 yards) to become just the third player in school history to return two punts for a touchdown in the same season (Bill Simpson, 1972; James Ellis, 1951); both Simpson and Ellis also returned their punts for touchdowns in back-to-back games (Simpson: 48 yards vs. Illinois on Sept. 16, 1972; 74 yards vs. Georgia Tech on Sept. 23, 1972; Ellis: 57 yards vs. Penn State on Oct. 20, 1951; 55 yards vs. Pittsburgh on Oct. 27, 1951). Ellis also returned his on back-to-back attempts, although there were other punts downed and returned by other players (Leroy Bolden) between his TD returns, where Reed returned his on back-to-back punts.

• Reed's 62-yard punt return for a TD vs. Nebraska in Week 4 was the first punt return for a score by a Spartan since Nov. 26, 2011, when Keshawn Martin returned a punt 57 yards for a TD at Northwestern.

• Reed is tied for first among active FBS players with three punt returns for touchdowns in his career. He also had a 93-yard punt return for a TD as a freshman at Western Michigan in 2018 against Delaware State. Reed was a Freshman All-American at WMU in 2018 after collecting 1,119 all-purpose yards (797 receiving, 215 punt return, 116 kick return, -7 rushing).

2021 SPARTAN FOOTBALL GAME NOTES



STATISTICAL TRENDS UNDER MEL TUCKER

SPARTAN TRENDS UNDER TUCKER –

Here's how Michigan State has fared during head coach Mel Tucker's tenure (2020-: 12 games):

	2021	Overall
Games played in Spartan Stadium:	3-0	4-3
Games played on the road/neutral site:	2-0	3-2
Games played in August:	0-0	0-0
Games played in September:	4-0	4-0
Games played in October:	1-0	2-1
Games played in November:	0-0	1-2
Games played in December:	0-0	0-2
Games played in January:	0-0	0-0
When leading at halftime:	5-0	7-1
When trailing at halftime:	0-0	0-4
When tied at halftime:	0-0	0-0
When scoring first:	5-0	7-0
When opponent scores first:	0-0	0-5
When scoring 30-plus points:	4-0	4-0
When allowing 30-plus points:	1-0	1-4
When allowing 20-fewer points:	2-0	3-0
When allowing 17-fewer points:	2-0	2-0
When leading after first quarter:	3-0	4-0
When trailing after first quarter:	0-0	0-5
When tied after first quarter:	2-0	3-0
When leading after three quarters:	4-0	6-0
When trailing after three quarters:	0-0	0-5
When tied after three quarters:	1-0	1-0
Overtime games:	1-0	1-0
When gaining more first downs than opponent:	2-0	2-1
When gaining fewer first downs than opponent:	3-0	5-3
When gaining same number of first downs as opponent:	0-0	0-1
When gaining 200+ yards rushing:	2-0	2-0
When opponent gains 200+ yards rushing:	0-0	0-2
When rushing 40+ times in a game:	2-0	3-0
When rushing 35+ times in a game:	4-0	6-1
When outrushing opponent:	4-0	5-0
When being outrushed by opponent:	1-0	2-5
When opponent is held under 100 yards rushing:	2-0	3-0
When gaining 300+ yards passing:	2-0	3-2
When opponent gains 300+ yards passing:	2-0	3-1
When gaining more total yards than opponent:	3-0	4-1
When gaining fewer total yards than opponent:	2-0	3-4
When leading in time of possession:	2-0	3-0
When trailing in time of possession:	3-0	4-5
When splitting in time of possession:	0-0	0-0
When forcing two or more turnovers:	2-0	3-2
When forcing three or more turnovers:	1-0	2-1
When committing three or more turnovers:	0-0	0-4

TRACKING TURNOVERS

Takeaways (8)	Qtr.	MSU Result
INT-Northwestern (Henderson)	2	TD
FUM-Miami (Pietrowski/Crouch)	1	Punt
INT-Miami (Grose)	2	Punt
FUM-Miami (Beesley/Panasiuk)	4	TD
FUM-Miami (Williams)	4	TD
FUM-Nebraska (Panasiuk/Pietrowski)	4	Punt
INT-Nebraska (Kimbrough)	OT	FG
FUM-Western Kentucky (Haladay)	2	TD
TOTAL: 8 takeaways for 31 points (5-for-8 scoring)		

Turnovers (3)	Qtr.	Opp. Result
FUM-Northwestern (Joiner)	4	TD
FUM-YSU (Russo)	4	End of game
INT-Nebraska (Thorne)	1	Punt
TOTAL: 3 turnovers for 7 points (1-for-3 scoring)		

MSU: +5 turnovers (+1.00 margin), +24 margin on points off turnovers

*TD occurred on same play; ^ fumble occurred on same play

TOP SINGLE-GAME PERFORMANCES (at MSU)

Elijah Collins Rushing		
Yds.	Opponent (Carries)	Date
192	Western Michigan (17)	9/7/19
170	Illinois (28)	11/9/19
109	Rutgers (31)	11/23/19

Noah Harvey Tackles		
Total	Opponent (S-A)	Date
14	Wake Forest (1-13)	12/27/19
11	Michigan (7-4)	10/31/20

Jalen Nailor Receiving		
Total	Opponent (Catches)	Date
128	Western Kentucky (8)	10/2/21
119	Iowa (4)	11/7/20
100	Penn State (6)	12/12/20

Jayden Reed Receiving		
Total	Opponent (Catches)	Date
181	Youngstown State (4)	9/11/21
128	Rutgers (11)	10/24/20
127	Western Kentucky (4)	10/2/21

Jordan Simmons Rushing		
Yds.	Opponent (Carries)	Date
121	Youngstown State (16)	9/11/21

Payton Thorne Passing		
Total	Opponent (C-A)	Date
327	Western Kentucky (20-30)	10/2/21
325	Penn State (22-39)	12/12/20
280	Youngstown State (15-21)	9/11/21
261	Miami (18-31)	9/18/21

Kenneth Walker III Rushing		
Yds.	Opponent (Carries)	Date
264	Northwestern (23)	9/3/21
172	Miami (27)	9/18/21
126	Western Kentucky (24)	10/2/21



2021 SPARTAN FOOTBALL GAME NOTES



2021 SPARTAN MEDIA NETWORK RADIO AFFILIATES

City.....	Call Letters
Alma	WQBQ (FM 104.9)
Alpena	WKJZ (FM 94.9)
Ann Arbor.....	WLBY (AM 1290)
Bad Axe	WLEW (AM 1340)
Battle Creek.....	WBCK (FM 95.3)
Benton Harbor/South Haven	WCSY (FM 103.7)
Cheboygan	WCBY (AM 1240 AM/ FM 100.7/FM 98.1)
Detroit.....	WJR (AM 760)
Flint.....	WWCK (AM 1570)
Grand Haven/Muskegon.....	WGHN (FM 92.1)
Grand Rapids	WBFX (FM 101.3)
Hastings.....	WBCH (FM 100.1)
Iron Mountain.....	WZNL (FM 94.3)
Jackson	FOX Sports (FM 101.9)
Kalamazoo.....	WKZO (AM 590)
Lansing.....	WJIM (AM 1240 & FM 106.9)
.....	WMMQ (FM 94.9)
Ludington.....	WLDN (FM 98.7)
Marquette	WRUP (FM 98.3)
Midland.....	WLUN (FM 100.9)
Munising	WQXO (AM 1400)
.....	WQXO (FM 97.7)
Ontonagon.....	WUPY (FM 101.1)
Port Huron	WPHM (AM 1380)
Saginaw.....	WILZ (FM 104.5)
Tawas City.....	WQLB (FM 103.3)
Traverse City	WJZQ (FM 92.9)

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SPARTAN FOOTBALL PROGRAM NOTES

• The Spartans returned 48 letterwinners in 2021, including 26 on offense, 20 on defense and two on special teams. MSU has 31 players returning with starting experience, including 20 on offense and 11 on defense.

• Six Spartan seniors – center **Matt Allen**, offensive tackle **AJ Arcuri**, defensive end **Drew Beesley**, offensive lineman **Luke Campbell**, kicker **Matt Coghlin** and defensive end **Jacob Panasiuk** – are taking advantage of a rare opportunity, staying at MSU for another year with an extra season of eligibility due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Allen, Arcuri, Beesley, Campbell and Coghlin are all back for a sixth year, while Panasiuk returns for a fifth season.

• Including graduate transfers (CB **Spencer Rowland**, QB **Anthony Russo**, P **Cody Waddell**), MSU has eight players on its 2021 roster in their sixth season of eligibility.

SPARTANS ADD 41 NEW PLAYERS TO 2021 ROSTER, INCLUDING 20 TRANSFERS –

• Michigan State has 41 new players on the 2021 roster. Twenty of those 41 players are transfers, including 17 from FBS programs and 14 from Power 5 schools. Here's a breakdown of the incoming transfers by conference/division:

-SEC (5): LB **Quavaris Crouch**-Tennessee; RB **Harold Joiner**-Auburn, CB **Chester Kimbrough**-Florida; TE **Powers Warren**-Mississippi State; CB **Ronald Williams**-Alabama

-ACC (4): WR **Christian Fitzpatrick**-Louisville; DE **Drew Jordan**-Duke; CB **Marqui Lowery**-Louisville; RB **Kenneth Walker III**-Wake Forest

-Big Ten (3): DE **Itayvion Brown**-Minnesota; TE **Maliq Carr**-Purdue; LB **Ben VanSumeren**-Michigan

-AAC (1): QB **Anthony Russo**-Temple

-Big 12 (1): P **Cody Waddell**-Texas Tech

-Pac-12 (1): CB **Khary Crump**-Arizona

-Sun Belt (1): OT **Jarrett Horst**-Arkansas State

-Independent (1): LB **Samih Beydoun**-Army West Point

-Division II (1): DB **Kendell Brooks**-North Greenville

-Division III (1): CB **Spencer Rowland**-Wheaton College

-Junior College (1): OT **Brandon Baldwin**-Independence Community College

MICHIGAN STATE ONE OF THE WINNINGEST FBS PROGRAMS IN HISTORY –

• Michigan State is one of 31 programs in the FBS to win more than 700 games. The Spartans currently rank tied for No. 26 all-time with 715 victories (all-time record: 715-470-44, .600).

ALL IN THE FAMILY –

• Michigan State has a deep family legacy on the 2021 roster, from siblings to fathers to relatives. In fact, nine players and five staff members have direct family connections who played Spartan football, or are alumni of the program.

Legacy: **Matt Allen** (brothers Jack and Brian); **Charles Brantley** (uncle Herb Haygood); **Michael Dowell** (brothers Andrew and David); **Dallas Fincher** (father Mark); **Tate Hallock** (father Ty, brother Tanner); **Jacob Isaia** (grandfather Bob Apisa); **Jacob Panasiuk** (brother Mike); **Darius Snow** (uncle Percy); **Geno VanDeMark** (grandfather Allan).

Brothers: Jacob/Zach Slade

Alumni: DB coach **Harlon Barnett** (CB from 1986-89), Director of Player Engagement **Darien Harris** (LB from 2012-15), WR coach **Courtney Hawkins** (WR from 1988-91); Associate head strength and conditioning coach **Lorenzo Guess** (S from 1998-2001); Defensive analyst **Kevin Vickerson** (DE from 2001-04).

2021 SPARTAN FOOTBALL GAME NOTES



SPARTANS BOAST 18 GRADUATES ON 2021 ROSTER –

- Michigan State has 18 graduates on its 2021 roster:

Matt Allen – Food Industry Management (December 2020)
 AJ Arcuri – Packaging (December 2020)
 Drew Beesley – Economics (December 2020)
 Luke Campbell – Kinesiology (December 2020)
 Jack Camper – Agribusiness (Summer 2021)
 Matt Carrick – Advertising (Summer 2021)
 Matt Coghlin – Finance (December 2020)
 Emmanuel Flowers – Communication (December 2020)
 C.J. Hayes – Communication (December 2020)
 Connor Heyward – Communication (Summer 2021)
 Tyler Hunt – Agribusiness (May 2021)
 Kevin Jarvis – Criminal Justice (December 2020)
 Drew Jordan – Evolutionary Anthropology (December 2020 from Duke)
 Jacub Panasiuk – Interdisciplinary Studies in Social Science - Human Capital and Society (May 2021)
 Spencer Rowland – Biology (December 2020 from Wheaton College)
 Anthony Russo – Advertising (May 2020 from Temple)
 Cody Waddell – University Studies (Spring 2021 from Texas Tech)
 Powers Warren – Kinesiology/Sport Administration (May 2021 from Mississippi State)

THE 2010s: A DECADE OF SUSTAINED EXCELLENCE FOR SPARTAN FOOTBALL –

- Michigan State recently completed its winningest decade in school history based on total wins, as the Spartans went 92-40 (.697) from 2010-19. The 92 wins were third most in the Big Ten and 13th most in the FBS.

Winningest NCAA FBS Teams: 2010s

Rank	Team	Total Wins
1.	Alabama	124
2.	Clemson	117
3.	Oklahoma	109
4.	Boise State	107
5.	Ohio State	105*
6.	LSU	103
7.	Wisconsin	102
8.	Oregon	101
9.	Georgia	100
10.	Stanford	98
11.	Florida State	96
12.	Oklahoma State	93
13.	Michigan State	92
14.	Northern Illinois	91
15.	San Diego State	90
16.	TCU	87
	Penn State	87

* Ohio State vacated 12 wins from the 2010 season

- In addition, Michigan State became the fifth Big Ten program to win at least 90 games in a decade (Ohio State, Penn State, Michigan, Wisconsin) and the 92 wins were the seventh-most ever by any Big Ten team in a decade.

Winningest Big Ten Teams by Decade (by victories, entering 2020s)

Rk.	Team	Wins	Decade	Coaches
1.	Ohio State	105 (105-18, .854)*	2010s	Tressel/Fickel/Meyer/Day
2.	Wisconsin	102 (102-35, .744)	2010s	Bielema/Andersen/Chryst
	Ohio State	102 (102-25, .803)	2000s	Cooper/Tressel
4.	Penn State	97 (97-26, .789)	1990s	Paterno
5.	Michigan	96 (96-13-3, .848)	1970s	Schembechler
6.	Michigan	93 (93-26-3, .775)	1990s	Moeller/Carr
7.	Michigan State	92 (92-40, .697)	2010s	Dantonio
8.	Ohio State	91 (91-20-3, .811)	1970s	Hayes/Bruce
9.	Michigan	89 (89-29-2, .750)	1980s	Schembechler
10.	Penn State	87 (87-42, .674)	2010s	Paterno/Bradley/O'Brien/Franklin

*12 wins vacated in 2010. Actual record: 117-18 (.867)

- During the 2010s, MSU won six bowl games (2012 Outback, 2012 Buffalo Wild Wings, 2014 Rose, 2015 Cotton, 2017 Holiday, 2019 Pinstripe), three Big Ten Championships (2010, 2013, 2015) and three Big Ten Division titles (2011, 2013, 2015). The six bowl wins tied for second most by a Big Ten team in a single decade.

BY THE NUMBERS

2

MSU is one of two schools in the country, along with Florida, to win multiple National Championships in both football and men's basketball.

6

MSU's six bowl wins last decade (2012 Outback, 2012 Buffalo Wild Wings, 2014 Rose, 2015 Cotton, 2017 Holiday, 2019 Pinstripe) tied for the second most by a Big Ten team in a single decade.

7

MSU has ranked in the FBS Top 20 in total defense seven times in the past 11 seasons, including six times in the top 10.

9

MSU has been ranked in the FBS Top 25 in rushing defense nine times in the past 11 seasons, including six times in top 10 and twice at No. 1 (2014, 2018).

12

Michigan State has made 12 bowl games in the past 14 seasons.

16

MSU has defeated 16 AP Top 25 teams since 2013 (16-16 record vs. ranked teams last eight-plus seasons).

64

MSU has ranked among the nation's Top 25 in attendance each of the last 64 seasons (not including 2020).

92

MSU won 92 games during the 2010s, third most in the Big Ten and 13th most in the FBS during that time period. That total is also the seventh most in a single decade by a Big Ten team.

152

MSU's offensive line had 152 career starts returning in 2021, which ranked third most in the FBS. The nine players with multiple games of starting experience on the o-line ranked tied for second in the FBS.



2021 SPARTAN FOOTBALL GAME NOTES

2021 OFFENSIVE GAME-BY-GAME STARTERS

Game	WR	LT	LG	C	RG	RT	TE	WR	WR	QB	TB
Northwestern	Reed	Horst	Duplain	Allen	Jarvis	Arcuri	Heyward	Mosley	Nailor	Thorne	Walker III
Youngstown State	Reed	Horst	Duplain	Allen	Jarvis	Arcuri	Heyward	Hunt+	Nailor	Thorne	Walker III
Miami	Reed	Horst	Duplain	Allen	Jarvis	Arcuri	Heyward	Mosley	Nailor	Thorne	Walker III
Nebraska	Reed	Horst	Duplain	Allen	Jarvis	Arcuri	Heyward	Mosley	Nailor	Thorne	Walker III
Western Kentucky	Reed	Horst	Duplain	Allen	Jarvis	Arcuri	Heyward	Mosley	Nailor	Thorne	Walker III
Rutgers											
Indiana											
Michigan											
Purdue											
Maryland											
Ohio State											
Penn State											

+ MSU lined up in a two tight end set

2021 DEFENSIVE GAME-BY-GAME STARTERS

Game	DE	DT	DT	DE	WILL	MIKE	NB	CB	S	S	CB
Northwestern	Panasiuk	Hunt	Barrow	Beesley	Crouch	Haladay	Dowell	Gervin	Henderson	Grose	Williams
Youngstown State	Panasiuk	Slade	Barrow	Pietrowski	Crouch	Haladay	Dowell	Gervin	Henderson	Grose	Kimbrough
Miami	Panasiuk	Slade	Barrow	Beesley	Crouch	Haladay	Dowell	Williams	Henderson	Grose	Kimbrough
Nebraska	Panasiuk	Slade	Barrow	Beesley	Crouch	Haladay	Dowell	Williams	Henderson	Grose	Kimbrough
Western Kentucky	Panasiuk	Slade	Barrow	Pietrowski	Crouch	Haladay	Snow	Williams	Henderson	Grose	Kimbrough
Rutgers											
Indiana											
Michigan											
Purdue											
Maryland											
Ohio State											
Penn State											



OFFENSE

100-YARD RUSHING GAME

Spartans: Kenneth Walker III, 126 yards vs. Western Kentucky, Oct. 2, 2021 (MSU 48-31)
Opponent: Trey Sermon (112 yards) and Justin Fields (104), Ohio State, Dec. 5, 2020 (OSU 52-12)

150-YARD RUSHING GAME

Spartans: Kenneth Walker III, 173 yards vs. Miami, Sept. 18, 2021 (MSU 38-17)
Opponent: J.K. Dobbins (172 yards), Ohio State, Oct. 5, 2019 (OSU 34-10)

200-YARD RUSHING GAME

Spartans: Kenneth Walker III, 264 yards vs. Northwestern, Sept. 3, 2021 (MSU 38-21)
Opponent: Taylor Martinez, Nebraska, 205 yards, Nov. 3, 2012 (NEB 28-24)

150 RUSHING YARDS AT HALFTIME

Spartans: Javon Ringer, 160 yards vs. Indiana, Oct. 13, 2007 (MSU 52-27)
Opponent: Mike Weber, Ohio State, 161 yards, Nov. 11, 2017 (OSU 48-3)

30 OR MORE CARRIES

Spartans: Elijah Collins, 31 vs. Rutgers, Nov. 23, 2019 (MSU 27-0)
Opponent: Karan Higdon, Michigan, 33, Oct. 20, 2018 (UM 21-7)

40 OR MORE CARRIES

Spartans: Le'Veon Bell, 44 vs. Boise State, Aug. 31, 2012 (MSU 17-13)

TWO PLAYERS WITH 100-YARD RUSHING GAMES

Spartans: Nick Hill (178 yards) and Jeremy Langford (109 yards), vs. Indiana, Oct. 18, 2014 (MSU 56-17)
Opponent: Trey Sermon (112 yards) and Justin Fields (104), Ohio State, Dec. 5, 2020 (OSU 52-12)

300-YARD PASSING GAME

Spartans: Payton Thorne, 327 yards (20-for-30) vs. Western Kentucky, Oct. 2, 2021 (MSU 48-31)
Opponent: Bailey Zappe, Western Kentucky, 488 yards (46-for-64), Oct. 2, 2021 (MSU 48-31)

400-YARD PASSING GAME

Spartans: Brian Lewerke, 400 yards (33-for-56) vs. Penn State, Nov. 4, 2017 (MSU 27-24)
Opponent: Bailey Zappe, Western Kentucky, 488 yards (46-for-64), Oct. 2, 2021 (MSU 48-31)

500-YARD PASSING GAME

Spartans: Not accomplished.
Opponent: Bryce Petty, Baylor, 550 yards (36-for-51), Jan. 1, 2015 (MSU 42-41)

TWO PLAYERS WITH 100-YARD RECEIVING GAMES

Spartans: Jalen Nailor, 128 yards (8 catches) and Jayden Reed, 127 yards (4 catches) vs. Western Kentucky, Oct. 2, 2021 (MSU 48-31)
Opponent: Corey Davis, 154 yards (10 catches) and Daniel Braverman, 109 yards (13 catches), Western Michigan, Sept. 4, 2015 (MSU 37-24)

150-YARD RECEIVING GAME

Spartans: Jayden Reed, 181 yards (4 catches) vs. Youngstown State, Sept. 11, 2021 (MSU 42-14)
Opponent: Charleston Rambo, 156 yards (12 catches), Miami, Sept. 18, 2021 (MSU 38-17)

150-YARD RECEIVING GAME AT HALFTIME

Spartans: Jayden Reed, 160 yards (2 catches) vs. Youngstown State, Sept. 11, 2021 (MSU 42-14)

200-YARD RECEIVING GAME

Spartans: Mark Dell, 202 yards (9 catches) vs. California, Aug. 30, 2008 (CAL 38-31)
Opponent: Ty Fryfogle, 200 yards (11 catches), Indiana, Nov. 14, 2020 (IU 24-0)

10 STRAIGHT COMPLETIONS TO START GAME

Spartans: Brian Hoyer, 10 vs. UAB, Sept. 1, 2007 (MSU 55-18)
Opponent: Jimmy Clausen, Notre Dame, 10, Sept. 19, 2009 (ND 33-30)

10 STRAIGHT COMPLETIONS

Spartans: Payton Thorne, 12 vs. Penn State (first through third quarter), Dec. 12, 2020 (PSU 39-24)

30 PASS COMPLETIONS

Spartans: Rocky Lombardi, 31 vs. Rutgers (43 attempts), Oct. 24, 2020 (RUT 37-28)
Opponent: D'Erq King, Miami, 38, Sept. 18, 2021 (MSU 38-17)

SCORED FOUR RUSHING TDS

Spartans: Kenneth Walker III, four vs. Northwestern (runs of 75, 3, 5 and 6 yards), Sept. 3, 2021 (MSU 38-21)
Opponent: Larry Johnson, Penn State, four (runs of 11, 78, 11, 38 yards), Nov. 23, 2002 (PSU 61-7)

SCORED FOUR RUSHING TDS IN FIRST HALF

Spartans: *Jehuu Caulcrick, four vs. UAB (runs of 5, 1, 42 and 5 yards), Sept. 1, 2007 (MSU 55-18)
* tied school record with Blake Ezor (1989 vs. Northwest-ern)

SCORED FOUR TDS

Spartans: Kenneth Walker III, four vs. Northwestern (4 rushing), Sept. 3, 2021 (MSU 38-21)
Opponent: Montee Ball, Wisconsin, four (3 rush, 1 receiving), Dec. 3, 2011 (WIS 42-39)

SCORED FIVE TDS

Spartans: Javon Ringer, five vs. Eastern Michigan (5 rush), Sept. 6, 2008 (MSU 42-10)
Opponent: Lee Evans, Wisconsin, five (catches of 9, 75, 18, 70, 18 yards), Nov. 15, 2003 (WIS 56-21)

SCORED TD ON FIRST PLAY FROM SCRIMMAGE

Spartans: Payton Thorne to Jayden Reed, 75-yard TD, Youngstown State, Sept. 11, 2021 (MSU 42-14)

THREE FOUR TD PASSES

Spartans: Payton Thorne, four vs. Miami, Sept. 18, 2021 (MSU 38-17)
Opponent: Shea Patterson, Michigan, four, Nov. 16, 2019 (MICH 44-10)

THREE FIVE TD PASSES

Spartans: *Drew Stanton, five vs. Illinois, Sept. 24, 2005 (MSU 61-14)
* School record
Opponent: Adam Weber, Minnesota, five, Oct. 31, 2009 (MINN 42-34)

THREE TD RECEPTIONS

Spartans: Cody White, three vs. Rutgers (21, 16, 7 yards from Brian Lewerke), Nov. 23, 2019 (MSU 27-0)
Opponent: Pat Freiermuth, Penn State, three (catches of 16, 19, 6), Oct. 26, 2019 (PSU 28-7)

QUARTERBACK WITH TD RECEPTION

Spartans: Brian Lewerke 4-yard pass from Darrell Stewart, Oct. 20, 2018 (UM 21-17)

NON-QUARTERBACK WITH TD PASS

Spartans: WR Darrell Stewart 4-yard pass to QB Brian Lewerke, Oct. 20, 2018 (UM 21-17)

80-YARD OR LONGER TD RECEPTION

Spartans: Payton Thorne to Jayden Reed, 85 yards vs. Youngstown State, Sept. 11, 2021 (MSU 42-14)
Opponent: Brandon Peters to Josh Imatorbhebhe, Illinois, 83 yards, Nov. 9, 2019 (ILL 37-34)

80-YARD OR LONGER TD RUN

Spartans: Connor Heyward, 80 yards vs. Maryland, Nov. 3, 2018 (MSU 24-3)
Opponent: Mike Weber, Ohio State, 82 yards, Nov. 11, 2017 (OSU 48-3)

BACK-TO-BACK 200-YARD RUSHING GAMES

Spartans: *Javon Ringer, 2008 (Florida Atlantic and Notre Dame)
* First time accomplished in school history

10 STRAIGHT 100-YARD RUSHING GAMES*

Spartans: Jeremy Langford, 2014 (Sept. 27 Wyoming - Jan. 1 Baylor)
* School record

300 ALL-PURPOSE YARDS

Spartans: Javon Ringer, 308 yards vs. Florida Atlantic, Sept. 13, 2008 (MSU 17-0)

DID NOT SCORE A TOUCHDOWN

Spartans: vs. Indiana, Nov. 14, 2020 (IU 24-0)
Opponent: Nebraska, Nov. 17, 2018 (NEB 9-6)

DID NOT SCORE AN OFFENSIVE TOUCHDOWN

Spartans: vs. Indiana, Nov. 14, 2020 (IU 24-0)
Opponent: Nebraska, Nov. 17, 2018 (NEB 9-6)

NEITHER TEAM SCORED A TOUCHDOWN

Nov. 17, 2018, Michigan State at Nebraska (NEB 9-6)

SPECIAL TEAMS

KICKOFF RETURN FOR TOUCHDOWN

Spartans: R.J. Shelton, 90 yards vs. Penn State, Nov. 29, 2014 (MSU 34-10)
Opponent: Darius Phillips, Western Michigan, 100 yards, Sept. 9, 2017 (MSU 28-14)

PUNT RETURN FOR TOUCHDOWN

Spartans: Jadyen Reed, 88 yards vs. Western Kentucky, Oct. 2, 2021 (MSU 48-31)
Opponent: Jahan Dotson, Penn State, 81 yards, Dec. 12, 2020 (PSU 39-24)

BLOCKED PUNT RETURN FOR TOUCHDOWN

Spartans: Bennie Fowler, 0 yards (recovered in end zone: blocked by Tyler Elsworth, 36-yard return) vs. Wisconsin, Oct. 22, 2011 (MSU 37-31)
Opponent: Matt Hahn, Penn State, 0 yards (blocked by Donnie Johnson), Nov. 19, 2005 (PSU 31-22)

BLOCKED PUNT

Spartans: Dominique Long vs. Tulsa, Aug. 30, 2019 (MSU 28-7)
Opponent: Troy Jakubec of Youngstown State blocked Bryce Baringer's punt, Sept. 11, 2021 (MSU 42-14)

SPECIALIST SCORED A TOUCHDOWN

Spartans: PK Matt Coghlin vs. Indiana, Sept. 22, 2018 (MSU 35-21)

BLOCKED FIELD GOAL

Spartans: Mike Panasiuk vs. Purdue, blocked Spencer Evans' 41-yard attempt, Oct. 27, 2018 (MSU 23-13)
Opponent: Shaka Toney, Penn State, blocked Matt Coghlin's 46-yard attempt, Oct. 26, 2019 (PSU 28-7)

BLOCKED TWO FIELD GOALS

Spartans: Percy Snow vs. Minnesota, Nov. 11, 1989 (MSU 21-7)

DEFENSIVE EXTRA POINT SCORED

Spartans: Ashton Watson, returned blocked PAT, vs. Indiana, Oct. 29, 2005 (MSU 46-15)
Opponent: Jabrill Peppers, Michigan, returned fumble on 2-point conversion, Oct. 29, 2016 (MICH 32-23)

SUCCESSFUL 2-POINT CONVERSION

Spartans: Brian Lewerke pass to Felton Davis III, vs. Utah State, Aug. 31, 2018 (MSU 38-31)
Opponent: Sean Clifford pass to Parker Washington, Penn State, Dec. 12, 2020 (PSU 39-24)

INTERCEPTION RETURN FOR TOUCHDOWN

Spartans: Mike Panasiuk, 14 yards vs. Wake Forest, Dec. 27, 2019 (MSU 27-21)
Opponent: Haskell Garrett, Ohio State, 0 yards, Dec. 5, 2020 (OSU 52-12)

FUMBLE RETURN/RECOVERY FOR TOUCHDOWN

Spartans: Kalon Gervin, 0 yards vs. Northwestern, Nov. 28, 2020 (MSU 29-20)
Opponent: Dre'Mont Jones, Ohio State, 0 yards, Nov. 10, 2018 (OSU 26-6)

70-YARD PUNT

Spartans: Bryce Baringer, 78 yards vs. Michigan, Oct. 31, 2020 (MSU 27-24)
Opponent: Drue Chrisman, Ohio State, 74 yards, Dec. 5, 2020 (OSU 52-12)

50-YARD FIELD GOAL

Spartans: Matt Coghlin, 51 yards vs. Michigan, Oct. 31, 2020 (MSU 27-24)
Opponent: A. Borregales, Miami, 55 yards, Sept. 18, 2021 (MSU 38-17)

KICKED FOUR FIELD GOALS

Spartans: Matt Coghlin, four vs. Tulsa (38, 47, 44, 40 yards), Aug. 30, 2019 (MSU 28-7)

MISSED/BLOCKED EXTRA POINT

Spartans: Michael Geiger vs. Penn State, Nov. 28, 2015 (MSU 55-16)
Opponent: Joseph Petrino, Maryland, blocked by Jacob Panasiuk, Nov. 30, 2019 (MSU 19-16)

SUCCESSFUL ONSIDE KICK

Spartans: Kevin Cronin vs. Baylor, Jan. 1, 2015 (MSU 42-41)

Opponent: Kaden Keon, Central Michigan, Sept. 29, 2018 (MSU 31-20)

DEFENSE

HELD TO 25 OR FEWER YARDS RUSHING

Spartans: 15 yards vs. Michigan (23 attempts), Oct. 20, 2018 (MSU 21-7)
Opponent: -73 yards by Tulsa (25 carries), Aug. 30, 2019 (MSU 28-7)

HELD TO 50 OR FEWER YARDS RUSHING

Spartans: 30 yards vs. Wisconsin (21 attempts), Oct. 12, 2019 (WIS 38-0)
Opponent: 36 yards by Illinois (27 carries), Nov. 9, 2019 (ILL 37-34)

HELD TO 10 OR FEWER FIRST DOWNS

Spartans: 9 vs. Indiana, Nov. 14, 2020 (IU 24-0)
Opponent: 7 by Rutgers, Nov. 23, 2019 (MSU 27-0)

HELD TO 100 OR FEWER YARDS PASSING

Spartans: 79 yards vs. Michigan (7-28), Oct. 20, 2018 (UM 21-7)
Opponent: 74 yards by Maryland (8-24), Nov. 3, 2018 (MSU 24-3)

HELD TO 100 OR FEWER YARDS PASSING BACK-TO-BACK GAMES

Opponent: 40 yards by Rutgers (6-18-2), Nov. 12, 2016 (MSU 49-0); 86 yards by Ohio State (10-22-0), Nov. 19, 2016 (OSU 17-16)

HELD TO 100 OR FEWER TOTAL YARDS

Spartans: 94 yards vs. Michigan, Oct. 20, 2018 (UM 21-7)
Opponent: 80 yards by Tulsa, Aug. 30, 2019 (MSU 28-7)

SHUTOUT RECORDED

Spartans: vs. Rutgers (27-0), Nov. 23, 2019
Opponent: by Indiana (24-0), Nov. 14, 2020

SHUTOUT RECORDED IN SPARTAN STADIUM

Spartans: vs. Rutgers (49-0), Nov. 12, 2016
Opponent: by Indiana (24-0), Nov. 14, 2020

SAFETY RECORDED

Spartans: Team (wild snap recovered in end zone by Ohio State), vs. Ohio State, Dec. 5, 2020 (OSU 52-12)
Opponent: Team (intentional), Ohio State, Nov. 10, 2018 (OSU 26-6)

PLAYER HAD THREE SACKS

Spartans: Riley Bulough, three vs. Western Michigan, Sept. 4, 2015 (MSU 37-24)
Opponent: Brandon Graham, Michigan, three, Oct. 25, 2008 (MSU 35-21)

SCORED TWO DEFENSIVE TOUCHDOWNS

Spartans: Two vs. Penn State (Demetrius Cox 77-yard fumble return; Malik McDowell 13-yard interception return), Nov. 28, 2015 (MSU 55-16)
Opponent: Two by Ohio State (Thaddeus Gibson fumble return; Jermale Hines fumble return), Oct. 18, 2008 (OSU 45-7)

SCORED TWO DEFENSIVE TOUCHDOWNS - SAME PLAYER

Spartans: Two vs. South Florida (Shilique Calhoun 4-yard fumble return; Calhoun 56-yard interception return), Sept. 7, 2013 (MSU 21-6)* (school record)

FOUR INTERCEPTIONS (TEAM)

Spartans: Four vs. Central Michigan (Robinson, Lewis, Bulough, Drummond), Sept. 24, 2011 (MSU 45-7)
Opponent: Four by Boston College, Dec. 28, 2007 (BC 24-21)

FORCED FIVE TURNOVERS

Spartans: Five vs. Michigan, Oct. 7, 2017 (MSU 14-10)
Opponent: Seven by Rutgers, Oct. 24, 2020, 2007 (RUT 37-28)

TWO INTERCEPTIONS (INDIVIDUAL)

Spartans: Shakur Brown, two vs. Northwestern, Nov. 28, 2020 (29-20)

PLAYER HAD TWO FUMBLE RECOVERIES

Spartans: Kenny Willekes, two vs. Tulsa, Aug. 30, 2019 (MSU 28-7)

PLAYER HAD THREE FORCED FUMBLES

Spartans: Joe Bachle, three vs. Maryland, Nov. 3, 2018 (MSU 24-3)

TEAM/MISCELLANEOUS

BIGGEST COMEBACK

Spartans: *35 points (down 38-3) vs. Northwestern on Oct. 21, 2006, with 38 straight points to win, 41-38.
* NCAA FBS Record

SCORED 40 POINTS IN FIRST HALF

Spartans: 42 points (led 42-16 at half), beat Western Kentucky 48-31 on Oct. 2, 2021

SCORED 45 POINTS IN FIRST HALF

Spartans: *49 points (led 49-0 at half), beat Eastern Michigan 73-14 on Sept. 20, 2014
* Post-WWII Record.

600 YARDS TOTAL OFFENSE

Spartans: 662 vs. Indiana, Oct. 18, 2014 (MSU 56-17)
Opponent: 611 yards by Northwestern, Sept. 29, 2007 (NU 48-41, OT)

500 YARDS TOTAL OFFENSE

Spartans: 595 vs. Youngstown State, Sept. 11, 2021 (MSU 42-14)
Opponent: 560, W. Kentucky, Oct. 2, 2021 (MSU 48-31)

300 YARDS RUSHING

Spartans: 326 vs. Northwestern, Sept. 3, 2021 (MSU 38-21)
Opponent: 322, Ohio State, Dec. 5, 2020 (OSU 52-12)

300 YARDS RUSHING - BACK-TO-BACK GAMES

Spartans: 336 vs. Eastern Michigan, Sept. 20, 2014 (MSU 73-14); 348 vs. Wyoming, Sept. 27, 2014 (MSU 56-14)

400 YARDS TOTAL OFFENSE IN FIRST HALF

Spartans: 408 vs. Youngstown State, Sept. 11, 2021 (MSU 42-14)

300 YARDS TOTAL OFFENSE IN FIRST HALF

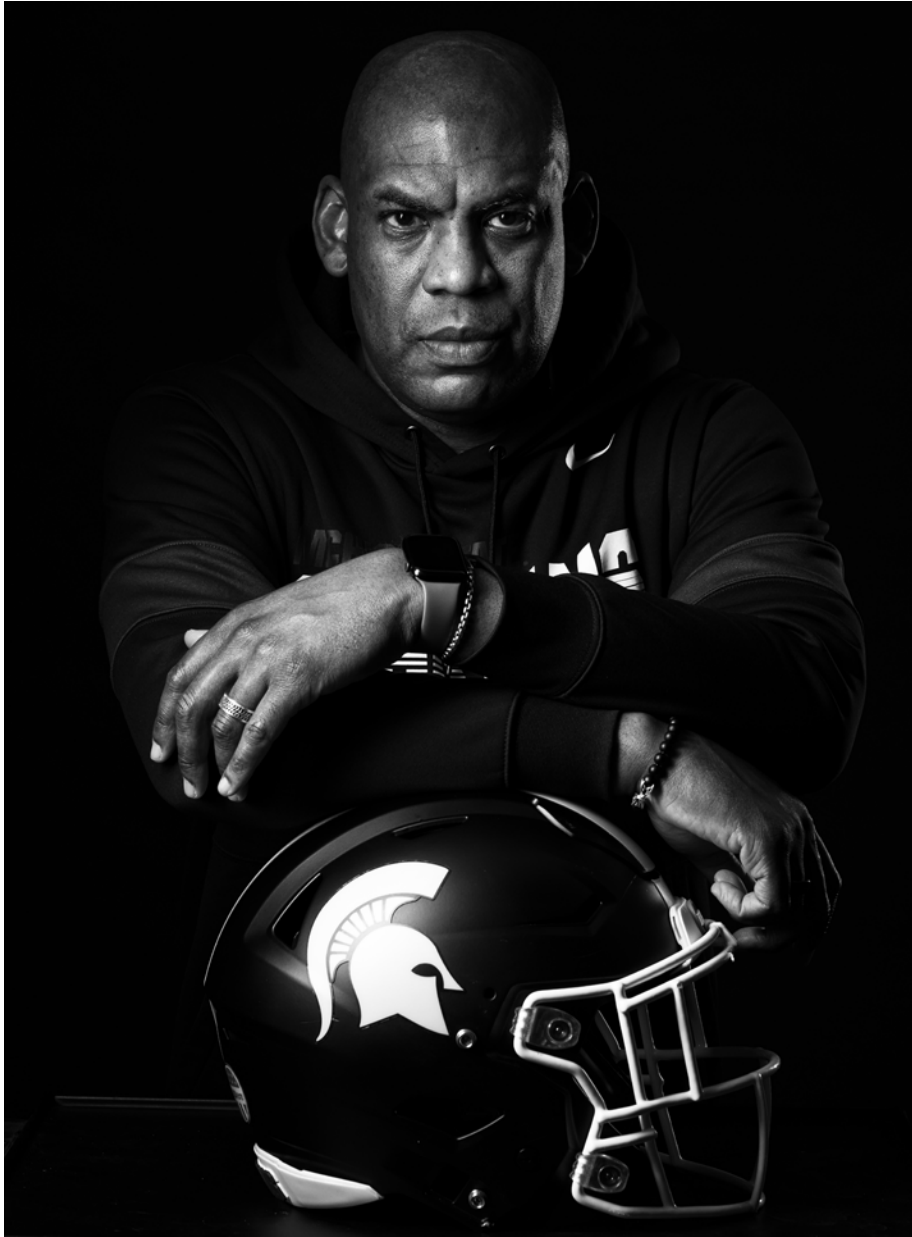
Spartans: 335 vs. Western Kentucky, Oct. 2, 2021 (MSU 48-31)
Opponent: 325, Indiana, Nov. 14, 2020 (IU 24-0)

WON GAME ON FINAL PLAY - REGULATION

Spartans: Matt Coghlin, 34-yard field goal as time expired vs. Penn State, Nov. 4, 2017 (MSU 27-24)
Opponent: Brandon Ruiz, 28-yard field goal as time expired, Arizona State, Sept. 8, 2018 (ASU 16-13)



HEAD COACH MEL TUCKER



Mel Tucker, a 25-year coaching veteran with championship experience, was named Michigan State University's 25th head football coach on Feb. 12, 2020.

Tucker's resume, which began as a graduate assistant at Michigan State under Nick Saban, has an impressive track record of success. The journey that has led him back to East Lansing includes a head coaching position at Colorado (2019), five seasons as a defensive coach in the Southeastern Conference (2000; 2015-18), 10 seasons in the NFL (2005-14), and four seasons at Ohio State (2001-04). He was a defensive coordinator in the NFL for seven seasons and 11 seasons overall in his coaching career.

"I love the positives of the Michigan State Football legacy," said Tucker at his introductory press conference. "I cannot be more fired up about being part of this culture; this is a winning culture."

"I promise you that we will do everything to prepare, practice and play relentless and accountable football with toughness and integrity. We will do that. We have much to live up to and much to prove, and I believe the time is right now."

In 154 games as a full-time coach in the FBS, Tucker's teams have collected a 113-41 (.734) record, including 10 postseason bowl games (2000 Peach, 2002 Outback, 2003 Fiesta/BCS National Championship, 2004 Fiesta, 2004 Alamo, 2015 Cotton/CFP Semifinal, 2016 CFP/National Championship, 2016 Liberty, 2018 Rose/CFP Semifinal, 2018 CFP/National Championship), three conference championships, three national championship games and two national championships (2002 with Ohio State, 2015 with Alabama). He coached 160 games in the National Football League (64 with Cleveland, 64 with Jacksonville, 32 with Chicago).

The 49-year-old Tucker is nationally recognized as a top recruiter and developer of talent, working with numerous NFL Draft selections, including 13 first-rounders, and multiple All-Americans and Pro Bowlers. He has been on staffs with some of the top collegiate coaches in the game, including Saban, Mark Dantonio, Kirby Smart and Jim Tressel.

Before even coaching a game at Michigan State, Tucker helped lead the Spartan program through an offseason in 2020 that was filled with challenges. He demonstrated a forward-thinking approach for adjusting to adverse conditions, especially for a new staff, by adapting to the most up-to-date technology while maintaining connection. A member of the Big Ten Anti-Hate and Anti-Racism Coalition, he invited numerous local and state government representatives, along with other industry leaders, to speak to the team on a variety of topics, including voting rights and registration, social justice causes and mental health awareness.

Tucker has collaborated with several departments on campus to form partnerships with the football program, including the MSU Burgess Institute for Entrepreneurship and Innovation, which developed a six-week training course educating student-athletes on how to sharpen their entrepreneurial mindset, master business basics and learn the process of creating new ventures. In addition, Tucker has embraced social media as a way to connect with the Spartan fan base and recruits, bringing energy and enthusiasm to the program with his "Relentless" philosophy.

On the field, Tucker became just the second Spartan head coach, joining his mentor Saban, to beat Michigan in his first game against the Wolverines with a 27-23 win at Michigan Stadium over 13th-ranked U of M on Oct. 31, 2020. Tucker also recorded his first Top-10 win as head coach of the Spartans with a 29-20 triumph over eighth-ranked and eventual Big Ten West Champion Northwestern on Nov. 28 in Spartan Stadium.



During his first season as a collegiate head coach at Colorado in 2019, Tucker posted wins against Washington, Stanford, Arizona State, Nebraska and Colorado State en route to a 5-7 overall record. The three Pac-12 wins were the second most by the Buffaloes since joining the conference in 2011. Six players earned All-Pac 12 honors, including first-team linebacker Nate Landman, who ranked fourth in the league with 109 tackles. Colorado's 2020 recruiting class was ranked No. 35 in the nation by 247Sports, the highest for the Buffaloes since 2008.

Prior to accepting the head coaching role at Colorado, Tucker spent three seasons (2016-18) as the defensive coordinator and secondary coach at Georgia. The Bulldogs were 32-9 under Tucker's leadership of the defensive unit and finished in the FBS Top 20 for total defense three consecutive years (No. 16 in 2016; No. 6 in 2017; No. 13 in 2018). One of the staff's top recruiters, Tucker was ranked as the No. 14 recruiter in the nation by 247Sports based off the class he helped signed before the 2018 season.

UGA had a banner year in 2017, finishing No. 2 in the national polls with a 13-2 record after winning the SEC title over Auburn and the College Football Playoff Semifinal at the Rose Bowl against Okla-

homa, while playing in the CFP National Championship vs. Alabama. Georgia's defense finished second in the SEC and sixth nationally in both scoring defense (16.4 ppg) and in total defense (294.9 ypg), while also finishing second in the conference in rushing defense. Roquan Smith, who was named a unanimous All-American, won the Butkus Award as the nation's top linebacker and was the eighth-pick overall in 2018 NFL Draft. Tucker also mentored cornerback Deandre Baker at Georgia, who won the 2018 Jim Thorpe Award, was named a first-team All-American, and was drafted in the first round of the 2019 NFL Draft (No. 30 overall) by the Giants. Both Smith and Baker also earned first-team All-SEC honors. In 2021, cornerback Eric Stokes became the third Bulldog drafted in the first round that Tucker coached at Georgia, going to Green Bay at No. 29 overall.

Tucker arrived in Athens after helping Alabama win the 2015 national championship as the assistant head coach/defensive backs coach in his lone season in Tuscaloosa under Saban. Tucker worked with future NFL first-rounders and Pro Bowlers Marlon Humphrey and Minkah Fitzpatrick, along with first-team All-SEC safety and eventual Pro Bowler Eddie Jackson, during the Crimson Tide's national championship season, which included wins over

Florida for the SEC Championship, Michigan State in the CFP Semifinal/Cotton Bowl, and Clemson in the CFP National Championship. It marked the third time Tucker was hired by Saban.

Saban originally hired Tucker for his first job in the coaching profession as a graduate assistant at Michigan State for two seasons (1997-98), where he worked directly under Dantonio, the winningest coach in Spartan history.

Tucker landed his first full-time position in 1999 as a defensive backs coach at Miami (Ohio) for Terry Hoepfner, then reunited with Saban at LSU for one season in 2000 before joining Jim Tressel's staff at Ohio State for four years (2001-04) coaching defensive backs. Under Tressel, Tucker helped the Buckeyes go 14-0 in 2002 while winning the BCS National Championship over Miami (Fla.) in the Fiesta Bowl. Tucker, who was promoted to co-defensive coordinator in his final season at OSU in 2004, helped OSU collect a 40-11 record during his four seasons in Columbus. He also recruited exceptionally well for the Buckeyes, directly helping bring in four future first-round picks (WR Ted Ginn Jr.; WR Anthony Gonzalez; CB Vernon Gholston; DB Malcolm Jenkins) and Troy Smith, the 2006 Heisman Trophy winner. During Tucker's time in Columbus,



Mel Tucker was introduced as Michigan State University's 25th head football coach on Feb. 12, 2020, at the Izzo Hall of History inside the Breslin Center (pictured with his wife, JoEllyn, and sons, Joseph and Christian).



2021 SPARTAN FOOTBALL GAME NOTES



WHAT THEY'RE SAYING ABOUT COACH MEL TUCKER...

**SAMUEL L. STANLEY, JR., M.D.,
MICHIGAN STATE PRESIDENT**

"Mel Tucker has a strong reputation as an intense and dynamic coach and we're excited to have him bring that energy to MSU. Leading our football program on the field and in their development as student-athletes is no small task and we are confident he is the right person for the job. We look forward to having Coach Tucker join our Spartan family."

**KEVIN WARREN,
BIG TEN COMMISSIONER**

"I am thrilled to welcome Mel Tucker back to the Big Ten Conference as he embarks upon his new role as head football coach at Michigan State University. His integrity, demonstrated work ethic and knowledge of what it means to become a Big Ten champion – both as a student-athlete at Wisconsin and as an assistant coach at Ohio State – will clearly provide him with the skills and experience necessary to lead the Michigan State football program that prepares young men for successful lives upon graduation. Mel epitomizes what it means to be a champion both on and off the field. I look forward to working with Coach Tucker and welcoming his wife JoEllyn, and their sons Joseph and Christian into the Big Ten Conference."

he coached four first-team All-Americans (S Mike Doss, S Will Allen, S Donte Whitner, LB A.J. Hawk) and four first-round NFL Draft picks on defense (CB Chris Gamble, S Donte Whitner; LB Bobby Carpenter, Hawk), along with multiple first-team All-Big Ten selections.

Following his successful stint at Ohio State, Tucker moved up to the professional ranks to coach his hometown Cleveland Browns as the secondary coach under Romeo Crennel, who had previously won a Super Bowl as a defensive coordinator for the Patriots. Tucker was promoted to defensive coordinator in 2008, and the Browns finished the season ranked second in the NFL in interceptions (23) and 16th in scoring defense (21.9 ppg). For his four seasons overall with Cleveland from 2005-08, the Browns ranked fifth in the league with 73 interceptions, seventh in passing yards allowed and gave up the fourth-fewest completions of 25-plus yards.

Tucker continued his coaching career in the NFL with the Jacksonville Jaguars. He was hired by Jack Del Rio to be the defensive coordinator and secondary coach in 2009, then moved solely into the defensive coordinator role for the next two seasons. He served as the interim head coach for the final five games of the 2011 season, in which the Jaguars ranked sixth in the NFL in total defense (313.0 ypg). Tucker returned to Jacksonville for the 2012 season to be the assistant head coach and defensive coordinator under Mike Mularkey.

Tucker spent his last two seasons in the NFL as the defensive coordinator for the Chicago Bears working for Marc Trestman in 2013-14.

A 1995 graduate of the University of Wisconsin with his bachelor's degree in agricultural business management, Tucker was a member of the first recruiting class for Hall of Fame Coach Barry Alvarez. He lettered three times at both cornerback



and safety from 1990-94 and was on the Badgers' 1993 Big Ten champion team that defeated UCLA in the Rose Bowl, 21-16. As a sophomore, he made a game-saving hit in the end zone with time running out that preserved a 19-16 win at Minnesota. He had 47 tackles and four pass deflections in his career (he missed his entire junior season after breaking a leg in fall camp).

Tucker remains close with several Badger teammates who have gone on to make their marks in football, including Troy Vincent (the NFL executive vice president for football operations), Chris Ballard (Indianapolis Colts general manager) and Darrell Bevell (Jacksonville Jaguars offensive coordinator).

He was born Melvin Tucker II on Jan. 4, 1972, in Cleveland, Ohio, and graduated from Cleveland Heights High School, where he was an all-state performer in football and an all-conference basketball player. He is married to the former JoEllyn Haynesworth, who earned her undergraduate degree at the University of Illinois and her law degree from Rutgers University. The couple has two sons born on the same day (Feb. 18) two years apart, Joseph and Christian.





THE TUCKER FILE

PREVIOUS COACHING EXPERIENCE:

- Graduate assistant at Michigan State (1997-98)
- Defensive backs at Miami-Ohio (1999)
- Defensive backs at LSU (2000)
- Defensive backs at Ohio State (2001-03)
- Co-defensive coordinator/defensive backs at Ohio State (2004)
- Defensive backs with Cleveland Browns (2005-07)
- Defensive coordinator with Cleveland Browns (2008)
- Defensive coordinator/secondary with Jacksonville Jaguars (2009)
- Defensive coordinator with Jacksonville Jaguars (2010-11)
- Interim head coach with Jacksonville Jaguars (2011)
- Assistant head coach/defensive coordinator with Jacksonville Jaguars (2012)
- Defensive coordinator with Chicago Bears (2013-14)
- Assistant head coach/defensive backs at Alabama (2015)
- Defensive coordinator/secondary at Georgia (2016-18)
- Head coach at Colorado (2019)



PERSONAL DATA: Born Jan. 4, 1972. Family: wife JoEllyn and two sons, Joseph and Christian.

CONNECT: Twitter: @Coach_MTucker; Facebook: Mel Tucker; Instagram: @Coach_MTucker

EDUCATION: Bachelor's degree in agricultural business management from Wisconsin in 1995.

HEAD COACHING RECORD: 12-12 in his third season as a college head coach.

PLAYING EXPERIENCE: College: Three-year letterman as a defensive back at Wisconsin (1990-92, 1994).

POSTSEASON EXPERIENCE: Coach: 2000 Peach, 2002 Outback, 2003 Fiesta/BCS National Championship, 2004 Fiesta, 2004 Alamo, 2015 Cotton/CFP Semifinal, 2016 CFP/National Championship, 2016 Liberty, 2018 Rose/CFP Semifinal, 2018 CFP/National Championship). Player: 1995 Hall of Fame Bowl.

NFL FIRST ROUNDERS: Tucker has coached nine NFL first-round draft picks along with recruiting four others. **COACHED (9):** CB Chris Gamble (Ohio State; No. 28 overall pick by Carolina, 2004 NFL Draft); LB A.J. Hawk (Ohio State; No. 6, Green Bay, 2006); LB Bobby Carpenter (Ohio State; No. 19, Dallas, 2006); CB Donte Whitner (Ohio State; No. 6, Buffalo, 2006); CB Marlon Humphrey (Alabama; No. 16, Baltimore, 2017); S Minkah Fitzpatrick (Alabama; No. 11, Miami, 2018); LB Roquan Smith (Georgia; No. 8, Chicago, 2018); CB DeAndre Baker (Georgia, No. 30, New York Giants, 2019); CB Eric Stokes (Georgia, No. 29, Green Bay, 2021). **RECRUITED (4):** WR Ted Ginn, Jr. (Ohio State; No. 9, Miami, 2007); WR Anthony Gonzalez (Ohio State; No. 32, Indianapolis, 2007); DE Vernon Gholston (Ohio State; No. 6, N.Y. Jets, 2008); CB/S Malcolm Jenkins (Ohio State; No. 14, New Orleans, 2009).

TUCKER'S CAREER RECORD - HEAD COACH

Year	School	Overall			Conference			Finish	Bowl	Rk.
		W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.			
2019	Colorado	5	7	.417	3	6	.333	5th (Pac-12 South)	-	-
2020	Michigan State	2	5	.286	2	5	.286	7th (Big Ten East)	-	-
2021	Michigan State	5	0	1.000	2	0	1.000	-	-	-
Totals		12	12	.500	7	11	.389	-	-	-

TUCKER'S CAREER RECORD - ASSISTANT COACH (COLLEGE)

Year	School	Overall			Conference			Finish	Bowl	Rk.
		W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.			
1999	Miami-Ohio	7	4	.636	6	2	.750	2nd (MAC East)	-	-
2000	LSU	8	4	.667	5	3	.625	2nd (SEC West)	Peach Bowl Champs	22/-
2001	Ohio State	7	5	.583	5	3	.625	3rd (Big Ten)	Outback Bowl	-
2002	Ohio State	14	0	1.000	8	0	1.000	1st (Big Ten)	BCS National Champs	1/1
2003	Ohio State	11	2	.846	6	2	.750	T-2nd (Big Ten)	Fiesta Bowl Champs	4/4
2004	Ohio State	8	4	.667	4	4	.500	T-5th (Big Ten)	Alamo Bowl Champs	20/19
2015	Alabama	14	1	.933	7	1	.875	1st (SEC West)	CFP Semifinal (W)	1/1
									CFP National Champs (W)	
2016	Georgia	8	5	.615	4	4	.500	T-2nd (SEC East)	Liberty Bowl Champs	-
2017	Georgia	13	2	.867	7	1	.875	1st (SEC East)	CFP Semifinal (W)	2/2
									CFP National Champ. Game (L)	
2018	Georgia	11	3*	.786	7	1	.875	1st (SEC East)	Sugar Bowl*	7/7
Totals		101	29	.777	76	45	.623		10 bowl games (8-2)*	

* Did not coach Georgia in Sugar Bowl

WHAT THEY'RE SAYING ABOUT COACH MEL TUCKER...

MARK DANTONIO,

WINNINGEST COACH IN MSU FOOTBALL HISTORY:

"I first came in contact with Mel when he was the graduate assistant here at Michigan State for Coach Saban. He did an outstanding job with the defensive backs. When I went to Ohio State to work for Coach Tressel, he asked me who should coach the secondary, and I immediately thought of Mel. He was a part of the national championship staff and has gone on to coach at the highest levels of football.

"Mel is charismatic, brings good energy, and is a very forward thinker. He's also an outstanding recruiter who connects with his players, but also holds them accountable. He's from the Midwest and has a Spartan background with knowledge of the Big Ten.

"I'm extremely excited for Mel and his family. I'm looking to support him in any way possible. Go Green!"

NICK SABAN,

ALABAMA HEAD FOOTBALL COACH:

"I've known Mel Tucker since my days coaching at Michigan State when he was a graduate assistant on our staff. Since then, Mel has made a name for himself as one of the best and brightest coaches in our profession. I believe he will do a tremendous job as the head coach of the Spartans. MSU is getting a guy with infinite class and a great personality, who is smart, works hard, and does it with an incredible amount of enthusiasm and positive energy. Mel is a tireless recruiter who knows the game of college football and understands what it will take to be successful in East Lansing."

BARRY ALVAREZ,

FORMER WISCONSIN ATHLETIC DIRECTOR:

"Mel was a part of my first recruiting class at Wisconsin and helped us turn the program around. He is an outstanding individual and a really good football person. His background, the people and the programs he has worked for and the success he's been a part of is very impressive. He's been successful at both the NFL and college level. He is truly a quality individual and it is great to have Mel back in the Big Ten Conference."

KIRBY SMART,

GEORGIA HEAD FOOTBALL COACH:

"I worked with Mel at Alabama and when I became the head coach at Georgia, a top priority was to bring Mel along in the defensive coordinator role. In his three years at UGA, he was a great coach, trusted friend and colleague, and role model for our players. Mel helped us build the foundation of the program we have at Georgia and I'm confident he'll be a great fit for the Spartans."



SPARTAN COACHING STAFF

ASSISTANT COACHES



Jay Johnson
Offensive Coordinator/
Quarterbacks
Second Year
Game Day Location: Booth



Scottie Hazelton
Secchia Family
Defensive Coordinator
Second Year
Game Day Location: Sideline



Harlon Barnett
Secondary
13th year overall at MSU
Game Day Location: Sideline



Ron Burton
Defensive Line
Ninth Year
Game Day Location: Sideline



Ross Els
Linebackers/
Special Teams Coordinator
Second Year
Game Day Location: Booth



Ted Gilmore
Tight Ends
Second Year
Game Day Location: Sideline



Courtney Hawkins
Wide Receivers
Second Year
Game Day Location: Sideline



Chris Kapilovic
Asst. Head Coach/Offensive
Line/Run Game Coordinator
Second Year
Game Day Location: Sideline



William Peagler
Running Backs
Second Year
Game Day Location: Sideline



Travares Tillman
Cornerbacks
First Year
Game Day Location: Booth

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No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Elig.	Cl.	Exp.	Hometown (Previous School)
0	Charles Brantley	CB	6-0	165	Fr.	Fr.	HS	Sarasota, Fla. (Venice)
0	Keon Coleman	WR	6-4	210	Fr.	Fr.	HS	Opelousas, La. (Opelousas Catholic)
1	Jayden Reed	WR	6-0	185	Jr.	Sr.	1L	Naperville, Ill. (Western Michigan)
2	Harold Joiner	RB	6-4	215	Jr.	Sr.	TR	Birmingham, Ala. (Auburn)
2	Drew Jordan	DE	6-3	255	Sr.	Gr.-5	TR	Suwanee, Ga. (Duke)
3	Xavier Henderson	S	6-1	210	Sr.	Sr.	3L	Reynoldsburg, Ohio (Pickerington Central)
3	Terry Lockett Jr.	WR	6-0	180	So.	So.	1L	Minneapolis, Minn. (Minnehaha Academy)
4	Matt Coghlin	K	5-9	190	Sr.	Gr.-6	4L	Cincinnati, Ohio (Archbishop Moeller)
4	C.J. Hayes	S	6-2	205	Sr.	Gr.-5	2L	Bowling Green, Ky. (South Warren)
5	Michael Fletcher	DE	6-6	260	So.	Jr.	1L	Flint, Mich. (Carman-Ainsworth)
5	Hamp Fay	QB	6-5	220	Fr.	Fr.	HS	Hudson Oaks, Texas (All Saints Episcopal)
6	Maliq Carr	TE	6-5	245	Fr.	So.	TR	Inkster, Mich. (Purdue)
6	Quavaris Crouch	LB	6-2	230	Jr.	Jr.	TR	Charlotte, N.C. (Tennessee)
7	Michael Dowell	S	6-1	215	Jr.	Sr.	2L	North Ridgeville, Ohio (St. Edward)
7	Ricky White	WR	6-1	185	Fr.	So.	RS	Marietta, Ga. (Marietta)
8	Simeon Barrow	DT	6-2	285	Fr.	So.	RS	Grovetown, Ga. (Grovetown HS)
8	Jalen Nailor	WR	6-0	190	Jr.	Sr.	2L	Palmdale, Calif. (Bishop Gorman)
9	Kenneth Walker III	RB	5-10	210	Jr.	Jr.	TR	Arlington, Tenn. (Wake Forest)
9	Ronald Williams	CB	6-2	185	Sr.	Sr.	TR	Ferriday, La. (Alabama)
10	Ma'a Gaoteote	LB	6-1	245	Fr.	Fr.	HS	Las Vegas, Nev. (Bishop Gorman)
10	Payton Thorne	QB	6-2	210	So.	Jr.	1L	Naperville, Ill. (Naperville Central)
11	Antoine Booth II	CB	5-11	175	Fr.	Fr.	HS	Jessup, Md. (DeMatha Catholic)
11	Connor Heyward	TE	6-0	230	Sr.	Sr.-5	3L	Duluth, Ga. (Peachtree Ridge)
12	Chester Kimbrough	CB	6-0	180	Jr.	Jr.	TR	New Orleans, La. (Florida)
13	Sebastian Brown	WR	6-3	190	Fr.	So.	RS	Detroit, Mich. (Cass Tech)
13	Ben VanSumeren	LB	6-3	240	Jr.	Sr.	TR	Bay City, Mich. (Michigan)
14	Khary Crump	CB	6-0	175	Fr.	So.	TR	Culver City, Calif. (Arizona)
14	Noah Kim	QB	6-2	185	Fr.	So.	RS	Centreville, Va. (Westfield)
15	Angelo Grose	S	5-10	185	So.	So.	1L	Mansfield, Ohio (Mansfield Senior)
15	Anthony Russo	QB	6-4	240	Sr.	Gr.-6	TR	Doylestown, Pa. (Temple)
16	Christian Fitzpatrick	WR	6-4	205	Fr.	So.	TR	Southfield, Mich. (Louisville)
17	Tre Mosley	WR	6-2	195	So.	Jr.	1L	Pontiac, Mich. (West Bloomfield)
18	Andrew Schorfhaar	QB	6-2	195	Fr.	So.	RS	DeWitt, Mich. (DeWitt)
19	Itayvion Brown	DE	6-4	230	Fr.	So.	TR	St. Louis, Missouri (Minnesota)
19	Zach Gillespie	QB	6-2	205	Fr.	So.	RS	East Lansing, Mich. (Lansing Catholic)
20	Emmanuel Flowers	CB	6-2	205	Sr.	Gr.-5	2L	Chino Hills, Calif. (Ayala)
21	Davion Primm	RB	6-0	195	Fr.	Fr.	HS	Detroit, Mich. (Oak Park)
22	Jordon Simmons	RB	5-11	195	So.	So.	1L	Marietta, Ga. (McEachern)
23	Darius Snow	S	6-1	220	So.	So.	1L	Frisco, Texas (Hebron)
24	Elijah Collins	RB	6-1	225	Jr.	Sr.	2L	Detroit, Mich. (University of Detroit Jesuit)
24	Michael Gravely	DB	6-0	210	Fr.	Fr.	HS	Cleveland, Ohio (Glenville)
25	Cole DeMarzo	LB	6-4	225	Fr.	So.	RS	Hilton Head Island, S.C. (Hilton Head)
25	Joseph Martinez	WR	5-9	195	Fr.	So.	RS	Holt, Mich. (Holt)
26	Brandon Wright	DE	6-2	240	Jr.	Jr.	2L	Euclid, Ohio (Euclid)
27	Cal Haladay	LB	6-1	235	Fr.	So.	RS	Elysburg, Pa. (Southern Columbia)
28	Tate Hallock	S	6-4	210	So.	Jr.	1L	Grand Rapids, Mich. (Forest Hills Central)
29	A.J. Kirk	S	6-1	200	Fr.	Fr.	HS	Columbus, Ohio (Archbishop Hoban)
29	Marqui Lowery	CB	6-0	175	Fr.	So.	TR	Charlotte, N.C. (Louisville)
30	Justin White	CB	5-9	180	So.	Jr.	SQ	Agoura Hills, Calif. (Colorado Mesa)
31	Kobe Myers	S	6-1	220	Fr.	So.	RS	Pontiac, Mich. (Blair Academy)
31	Hank Pepper	LS	6-2	205	Fr.	Fr.	HS	Chandler, Ariz. (Chandler)
32	Zach Denha	DB	6-0	185	Fr.	So.	RS	Rochester Hills, Mich. (Stony Creek)
32	Donovan Eaglin	RB	5-11	235	Fr.	So.	RS	Rosharon, Texas (Manvel)
33	Kendell Brooks	DB	6-0	205	Jr.	Jr.	TR	Swansea, S.C. (North Greenville)
34	Khalil Majeed	S	5-11	190	Fr.	Fr.	HS	Moorestown, N.J. (Suffield (Conn.) Academy)
35	Sam Edwards	LB	6-0	215	Fr.	So.	RS	Williamston, Mich. (Lansing Catholic)
36	Torrell Williams	DB	5-10	175	So.	Jr.	SQ	Detroit, Mich. (Cranbrook-Kingswood)
38	Spencer Rowland	CB	6-0	195	Sr.	Gr.-6	TR	Saranac, Mich. (Wheaton College)
39	Evan Johnson	K	5-11	215	Jr.	Sr.	TR	Okemos, Mich. (Hope College)
40	Powers Warren	TE	6-4	230	Sr.	Sr.-5	TR	Minnetonka, Minn. (Mississippi State)
41	Derrick Harmon	DT	6-5	330	Fr.	Fr.	HS	Detroit, Mich. (Loyola)

EXP./CLASS KEY – **HS:** High School; **RS:** Redshirted; **TR:** Transfer; **SQ:** Squad Member; **GR:** Graduate Transfer; **L:** Letters Earned

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No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Elig.	Cl.	Exp.	Hometown (Previous School)
42	Carson Casteel	LB	6-2	215	Fr.	Fr.	HS	Florence, Ala. (Florence)
42	Nick Hunter	WR	5-10	190	So.	Jr.	SQ	Grayling, Mich. (Grayling)
43	Cody Waddell	P	6-1	205	Sr.	Gr.-6	TR	Elkton, Md. (Texas Tech)
44	Adam Berghorst	TE	6-7	255	Jr.	Jr.	2L	Zeeland, Mich. (Zeeland East)
44	Samih Beydoun	LB	5-11	225	So.	So.	TR	Novi, Mich. (Army West Point)
45	Noah Harvey	LB	6-4	245	Sr.	Sr.-5	3L	Hartland, Wis. (Arrowhead)
47	Jackson Morse	TE	6-3	230	So.	Jr.	SQ	East Lansing, Mich. (Davenport)
47	Jeff Pietrowski	DE	6-1	250	So.	So.	1L	Medina, Ohio (St. Edward)
50	Tyson Watson	DT	6-6	275	Fr.	Fr.	HS	Roseville, Mich. (Warren Mott)
53	Brandon Baldwin	OT	6-7	315	So.	So.	JC	Detroit, Mich. (Independence CC)
54	Kyle King	DT	6-3	270	Fr.	So.	RS	Greenfield, Ind. (New Palestine)
55	Zach Slade	DE	6-4	265	Jr.	Sr.	SQ	Lewis Center, Ohio (Olentangy)
56	Matt Carrick	OG	6-5	325	Sr.	Sr.-5	3L	Minerva, Ohio (Perry)
57	Evan Brunning	DT	6-5	300	So.	Jr.	SQ	Oxford, Mich. (Oxford)
58	Spencer Brown	OT	6-6	320	So.	Jr.	SQ	Commerce Township, Mich. (Walled Lake Western)
59	Nick Samac	C	6-4	310	Jr.	Jr.	2L	Mentor, Ohio (Mentor)
62	Luke Campbell	OL	6-5	290	Sr.	Gr.-6	3L	Lewis Center, Ohio (Olentangy)
64	Matt Allen	C	6-3	315	Sr.	Gr.-6	3L	Hinsdale, Ill. (Hinsdale Central)
64	Jacob Slade	DT	6-4	315	Jr.	Sr.	2L	Lewis Center, Ohio (Olentangy)
67	J.D. Duplain	OG	6-4	305	Jr.	Jr.	2L	Strongsville, Ohio (Strongsville)
68	Dan VanOpstall	OT	6-6	305	Jr.	Sr.	1L	Jenison, Mich. (Jenison)
69	Blake Bueter	OL	6-4	320	Sr.	Sr.-5	3L	Howell, Mich. (Detroit Catholic Central)
70	Kevin Wigenton	OL	6-5	330	Fr.	Fr.	HS	Colts Neck, N.J. (The Hun School)
71	James Ohonba	OG	6-4	325	Jr.	Sr.	1L	Stockbridge, Ga. (Woodland)
72	Dallas Fincher	OL	6-4	300	Fr.	So.	RS	Kentwood, Mich. (East Kentwood)
73	Jacob Isaia	OL	6-3	310	Jr.	Sr.	2L	Las Vegas, Nev. (Bishop Gorman)
74	Geno VanDeMark	OL	6-5	325	Fr.	Fr.	HS	Lodi, N.J. (St. Joseph)
75	Kevin Jarvis	OL	6-6	325	Sr.	Gr.-5	3L	Chicago, Ill. (Maine South)
76	AJ Arcuri	OT	6-7	320	Sr.	Gr.-6	3L	Powell, Ohio (Olentangy Liberty)
77	Ethan Boyd	OL	6-7	330	Fr.	Fr.	HS	East Lansing, Mich. (East Lansing)
79	Jarrett Horst	OT	6-6	310	Sr.	Sr.	TR	Middleton, Wis. (Arkansas State)
80	Ian Stewart	WR	6-3	215	Fr.	So.	RS	Woodhaven, Mich. (O.A. Carlson)
81	Parks Gissinger	TE	6-4	240	Jr.	Sr.	1L	Los Angeles, Calif. (Chaminade College Prep)
82	Kameron Allen	TE	6-4	240	Fr.	Fr.	HS	Forney, Texas (North Forney)
83	Montorie Foster	WR	6-0	185	So.	So.	1L	Cleveland, Ohio (St. Edward)
85	Cade McDonald	WR	5-11	195	So.	Jr.	1L	Naperville, Ill. (Naperville Central)
86	Drew Beesley	DE	6-2	260	Sr.	Gr.-6	3L	Rochester Hills, Mich. (Warren De La Salle)
86	Aubrey Dawkins	WR	5-10	180	Fr.	So.	RS	Verona, Wis. (Verona)
87	Jahz Watts	WR	6-0	180	Sr.	Sr.-5	1L	Belleville, Mich. (Belleville)
88	Trenton Gillison	TE	6-4	245	Jr.	Sr.	2L	Pickerington, Ohio (Pickerington Central)
91	Jack Camper	DE	6-5	250	Sr.	Sr.-5	3L	Virginia Beach, Va. (IMG Academy)
92	Evan Morris	TE	6-5	240	So.	Jr.	1L	Elsie, Mich. (Ovid-Elsie)
92	Michael Donovan	LS	6-3	230	Fr.	Fr.	HS	Beverly Hills, Mich. (Seaholm)
94	Dashaun Mallory	DT	6-2	285	Jr.	Sr.	1L	Bolingbrook, Ill. (Bolingbrook)
96	Jacob Panasiuk	DE	6-4	255	Sr.	Gr.-5	4L	Roselle, Ill. (Lake Park West)
97	Maverick Hansen	DT	6-4	310	So.	Jr.	1L	Farmington Hills, Mich. (Harrison)
97	Tyler Hunt	TE	6-3	235	Sr.	Gr.-5	3L	Gobles, Mich. (Gobles)
98	Avery Dunn	DE	6-4	245	Fr.	So.	RS	Shaker Heights, Ohio (Shaker Heights)
98	Stephen Rusnak	K	6-1	170	Fr.	Fr.	HS	Clarkston, Mich. (Clarkston)
99	Bryce Baringer	P	6-3	210	Sr.	Sr.-5	2L	Waterford, Mich. (Illinois)
99	Jalen Hunt	DT	6-4	320	So.	Jr.	1L	Belleville, Mich. (Belleville)

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82	Kameron Allen	TE	6-4	240	Fr.	Fr.	HS	Forney, Texas (North Forney)
64	Matt Allen	C	6-3	315	Sr.	Gr.-6	3L	Hinsdale, Ill. (Hinsdale Central)
76	AJ Arcuri	OT	6-7	320	Sr.	Gr.-6	3L	Powell, Ohio (Olentangy Liberty)
53	Brandon Baldwin	OT	6-7	315	So.	So.	JC	Detroit, Mich. (Independence CC)
99	Bryce Baringer	P	6-3	210	Sr.	Sr.-5	2L	Waterford, Mich. (Illinois)
8	Simeon Barrow	DT	6-2	285	Fr.	So.	RS	Grovetown, Ga. (Grovetown HS)
86	Drew Beesley	DE	6-2	260	Sr.	Gr.-6	3L	Rochester Hills, Mich. (Warren De La Salle)
44	Adam Berghorst	TE	6-7	255	Jr.	Jr.	2L	Zeeland, Mich. (Zeeland East)
44	Samih Beydoun	LB	5-11	225	So.	So.	TR	Novi, Mich. (Army West Point)
11	Antoine Booth II	CB	5-11	175	Fr.	Fr.	HS	Jessup, Md. (DeMatha Catholic)
77	Ethan Boyd	OL	6-7	330	Fr.	Fr.	HS	East Lansing, Mich. (East Lansing)
0	Charles Brantley	CB	6-0	165	Fr.	Fr.	HS	Sarasota, Fla. (Venice)
33	Kendell Brooks	DB	6-0	205	Jr.	Jr.	TR	Swansea, S.C. (North Greenville)
19	Itayvion Brown	DE	6-4	230	Fr.	So.	RS	St. Louis, Mo. (Minnesota)
13	Sebastian Brown	WR	6-3	190	Fr.	So.	RS	Detroit, Mich. (Cass Tech)
58	Spencer Brown	OT	6-6	320	So.	Jr.	SQ	Commerce Township, Mich. (Walled Lake Western)
57	Evan Brunning	DT	6-5	300	So.	Jr.	SQ	Oxford, Mich. (Oxford)
69	Blake Bueter	OL	6-4	320	Sr.	Sr.-5	3L	Howell, Mich. (Detroit Catholic Central)
62	Luke Campbell	OL	6-5	290	Sr.	Gr.-6	3L	Lewis Center, Ohio (Olentangy)
91	Jack Camper	DE	6-5	250	Sr.	Sr.-5	3L	Virginia Beach, Va. (IMG Academy)
6	Maliq Carr	TE	6-5	245	Fr.	So.	TR	Inkster, Mich. (Purdue)
56	Matt Carrick	OG	6-5	325	Sr.	Sr.-5	3L	Minerva, Ohio (Perry)
42	Carson Casteel	LB	6-2	215	Fr.	Fr.	HS	Florence, Ala. (Florence)
4	Matt Coghlin	K	5-9	190	Sr.	Gr.-6	4L	Cincinnati, Ohio (Archbishop Moeller)
0	Keon Coleman	WR	6-4	210	Fr.	Fr.	HS	Opelousas, La. (Opelousas Catholic)
24	Elijah Collins	RB	6-1	225	Jr.	Sr.	2L	Detroit, Mich. (University of Detroit Jesuit)
6	Quavaris Crouch	LB	6-2	230	Jr.	Jr.	TR	Charlotte, N.C. (Tennessee)
14	Khary Crump	CB	6-0	175	Fr.	So.	TR	Culver City, Calif. (Arizona)
86	Aubrey Dawkins	WR	5-10	180	Fr.	So.	RS	Verona, Wis. (Verona)
25	Cole DeMarzo	LB	6-4	225	Fr.	So.	RS	Hilton Head Island, S.C. (Hilton Head)
32	Zach Denha	DB	6-0	185	Fr.	So.	RS	Rochester Hills, Mich. (Stony Creek)
92	Michael Donovan	LS	6-3	230	Fr.	Fr.	HS	Beverly Hills, Mich. (Seaholm)
7	Michael Dowell	S	6-1	215	Jr.	Sr.	2L	North Ridgeville, Ohio (St. Edward)
98	Avery Dunn	DE	6-4	245	Fr.	So.	RS	Shaker Heights, Ohio (Shaker Heights)
67	J.D. Duplain	OG	6-4	305	Jr.	Jr.	2L	Strongsville, Ohio (Strongsville)
32	Donovan Eaglin	RB	5-11	235	Fr.	So.	RS	Rosharon, Texas (Manvel)
35	Sam Edwards	LB	6-0	215	Fr.	So.	RS	Williamston, Mich. (Lansing Catholic)
5	Hamp Fay	QB	6-5	220	Fr.	Fr.	HS	Hudson Oaks, Texas (All Saints Episcopal)
72	Dallas Fincher	OL	6-4	300	Fr.	So.	RS	Kentwood, Mich. (East Kentwood)
16	Christian Fitzpatrick	WR	6-4	205	Fr.	So.	TR	Southfield, Mich. (Louisville)
5	Michael Fletcher	DE	6-6	260	So.	Jr.	1L	Flint, Mich. (Carman-Ainsworth)
20	Emmanuel Flowers	CB	6-2	205	Sr.	Gr.-5	2L	Chino Hills, Calif. (Ayala)
83	Montorie Foster	WR	6-0	185	So.	So.	1L	Cleveland, Ohio (St. Edward)
10	Ma'a Gaoteote	LB	6-1	245	Fr.	Fr.	HS	Las Vegas, Nev. (Bishop Gorman)
19	Zach Gillespie	QB	6-2	205	Fr.	So.	RS	East Lansing, Mich. (Lansing Catholic)
88	Trenton Gillison	TE	6-4	245	Jr.	Sr.	2L	Pickerington, Ohio (Pickerington Central)
81	Parks Gissinger	TE	6-4	240	Jr.	Sr.	1L	Los Angeles, Calif. (Chaminade College Prep)
24	Michael Gravely	DB	6-0	210	Fr.	Fr.	HS	Cleveland, Ohio (Glenville)
15	Angelo Grose	S	5-10	185	So.	So.	1L	Mansfield, Ohio (Mansfield Senior)
27	Cal Haladay	LB	6-1	235	Fr.	So.	RS	Elysburg, Pa. (Southern Columbia)
28	Tate Hallock	S	6-4	210	So.	Jr.	1L	Grand Rapids, Mich. (Forest Hills Central)
97	Maverick Hansen	DT	6-4	310	So.	Jr.	1L	Farmington Hills, Mich. (Harrison)
41	Derrick Harmon	DT	6-5	330	Fr.	Fr.	HS	Detroit, Mich. (Loyola)
45	Noah Harvey	LB	6-4	245	Sr.	Sr.-5	3L	Hartland, Wis. (Arrowhead)
4	C.J. Hayes	S	6-2	205	Sr.	Gr.-5	2L	Bowling Green, Ky. (South Warren)
3	Xavier Henderson	S	6-1	210	Sr.	Sr.	3L	Reynoldsburg, Ohio (Pickerington Central)
11	Connor Heyward	TE	6-0	230	Sr.	Sr.-5	3L	Duluth, Ga. (Peachtree Ridge)
79	Jarrett Horst	OT	6-6	310	Sr.	Sr.	TR	Middleton, Wis. (Arkansas State)
99	Jalen Hunt	DT	6-4	320	So.	Jr.	1L	Belleville, Mich. (Belleville)
97	Tyler Hunt	TE	6-3	235	Sr.	Gr.-5	3L	Gobles, Mich. (Gobles)
42	Nick Hunter	WR	5-10	190	So.	Jr.	SQ	Grayling, Mich. (Grayling)
73	Jacob Isaia	OL	6-3	310	Jr.	Sr.	2L	Las Vegas, Nev. (Bishop Gorman)

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75	Kevin Jarvis	OL	6-6	325	Sr.	Gr.-5	3L	Chicago, Ill. (Maine South)
39	Evan Johnson	K	5-11	215	Jr.	Sr.	TR	Okemos, Mich. (Hope College)
2	Harold Joiner	RB	6-4	215	Jr.	Sr.	TR	Birmingham, Ala. (Auburn)
2	Drew Jordan	DE	6-3	255	Sr.	Gr.-5	TR	Suwanee, Ga. (Duke)
14	Noah Kim	QB	6-2	185	Fr.	So.	RS	Centreville, Va. (Westfield)
12	Chester Kimbrough	CB	6-0	180	Jr.	Jr.	TR	New Orleans, La. (Florida)
54	Kyle King	DT	6-3	270	Fr.	So.	RS	Greenfield, Ind. (New Palestine)
29	A.J. Kirk	S	6-1	200	Fr.	Fr.	HS	Columbus, Ohio (Archbishop Hoban)
3	Terry Lockett Jr.	WR	6-0	180	So.	So.	1L	Minneapolis, Minn. (Minnehaha Academy)
29	Marqui Lowery	CB	6-0	175	Fr.	So.	TR	Charlotte, N.C. (Louisville)
34	Khalil Majeed	S	5-11	190	Fr.	Fr.	HS	Moorestown, N.J. (Suffield (Conn.) Academy)
94	Dashaun Mallory	DT	6-2	285	Jr.	Sr.	1L	Bolingbrook, Ill. (Bolingbrook)
25	Joseph Martinez	WR	5-9	195	Fr.	So.	RS	Holt, Mich. (Holt)
85	Cade McDonald	WR	5-11	195	So.	Jr.	1L	Naperville, Ill. (Naperville Central)
92	Evan Morris	TE	6-5	240	So.	Jr.	1L	Elsie, Mich. (Ovid-Elsie)
47	Jackson Morse	TE	6-3	230	So.	Jr.	SQ	East Lansing, Mich. (Davenport)
17	Tre Mosley	WR	6-2	195	So.	Jr.	1L	Pontiac, Mich. (West Bloomfield)
31	Kobe Myers	S	6-1	220	Fr.	So.	RS	Pontiac, Mich. (Blair Academy)
8	Jalen Nailor	WR	6-0	190	Jr.	Sr.	2L	Palmdale, Calif. (Bishop Gorman)
71	James Ohonba	OG	6-4	325	Jr.	Sr.	1L	Stockbridge, Ga. (Woodland)
96	Jacob Panasiuk	DE	6-4	255	Sr.	Gr.-5	4L	Roselle, Ill. (Lake Park West)
31	Hank Pepper	LS	6-2	205	Fr.	Fr.	HS	Chandler, Ariz. (Chandler)
47	Jeff Pietrowski	DE	6-1	250	So.	So.	1L	Medina, Ohio (St. Edward)
21	Davion Primm	RB	6-0	195	Fr.	Fr.	HS	Detroit, Mich. (Oak Park)
1	Jayden Reed	WR	6-0	185	Jr.	Sr.	1L	Naperville, Ill. (Western Michigan)
38	Spencer Rowland	CB	6-0	195	Sr.	Gr.-6	TR	Saranac, Mich. (Wheaton College)
98	Stephen Rusnak	K	6-1	170	Fr.	Fr.	HS	Clarkston, Mich. (Clarkston)
15	Anthony Russo	QB	6-4	240	Sr.	Gr.-6	TR	Doylestown, Pa. (Temple)
59	Nick Samac	C	6-4	310	Jr.	Jr.	2L	Mentor, Ohio (Mentor)
18	Andrew Schorffhaar	QB	6-2	195	Fr.	So.	RS	DeWitt, Mich. (DeWitt)
22	Jordon Simmons	RB	5-11	195	So.	So.	1L	Marietta, Ga. (McEachern)
64	Jacob Slade	DT	6-4	315	Jr.	Sr.	2L	Lewis Center, Ohio (Olentangy)
55	Zach Slade	DE	6-4	265	Jr.	Sr.	SQ	Lewis Center, Ohio (Olentangy)
23	Darius Snow	S	6-1	220	So.	So.	1L	Frisco, Texas (Hebron)
80	Ian Stewart	WR	6-3	215	Fr.	So.	RS	Woodhaven, Mich. (O.A. Carlson)
10	Payton Thorne	QB	6-2	210	So.	Jr.	1L	Naperville, Ill. (Naperville Central)
74	Geno VanDeMark	OL	6-5	325	Fr.	Fr.	HS	Lodi, N.J. (St. Joseph)
68	Dan VanOpstall	OT	6-6	305	Jr.	Sr.	1L	Jenison, Mich. (Jenison)
13	Ben VanSumeren	LB	6-3	240	Jr.	Sr.	TR	Bay City, Mich. (Michigan)
43	Cody Waddell	P	6-1	205	Sr.	Gr.-6	TR	Elkton, Md. (Texas Tech)
9	Kenneth Walker III	RB	5-10	210	Jr.	Jr.	TR	Arlington, Tenn. (Wake Forest)
40	Powers Warren	TE	6-4	230	Sr.	Sr.-5	TR	Minnetonka, Minn. (Mississippi State)
50	Tyson Watson	DT	6-6	270	Fr.	Fr.	HS	Roseville, Mich. (Warren Mott)
87	Jahz Watts	WR	6-0	180	Sr.	Sr.-5	1L	Belleville, Mich. (Belleville)
30	Justin White	CB	5-9	180	So.	Jr.	SQ	Agoura Hills, Calif. (Colorado Mesa)
7	Ricky White	WR	6-1	185	Fr.	So.	RS	Marietta, Ga. (Marietta)
70	Kevin Wigenton	OL	6-5	330	Fr.	Fr.	HS	Colts Neck, N.J. (The Hun School)
9	Ronald Williams	CB	6-2	185	Sr.	Sr.	TR	Ferriday, La. (Alabama)
36	Torrell Williams	DB	5-10	180	So.	Jr.	SQ	Detroit, Mich. (Cranbrook-Kingswood)
26	Brandon Wright	DE	6-2	240	Jr.	Jr.	2L	Euclid, Ohio (Euclid)

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CAREER NOTES: Three-year letterwinner has played in 36 career games, including 22 starts at center (seven in 2018, nine in 2019, one in 2020, five in 2021) . . . returned for a sixth year in 2021 and participated in spring practice after missing most of the 2020 season with a foot injury . . . named to Senior Bowl Watch List . . . his other older brother, Brian, was also a four-year letterwinner for the Spartans (2014-17) and was selected in the fourth round of the 2018 NFL Draft by the Los Angeles Rams; he will enter his fourth season with the Rams in 2021 . . . graduated with a bachelor's degree in food industry management in December 2020 . . . currently pursuing a second degree in communication.

2021 SEASON (GRADUATE SENIOR): Has started all five games at center, playing 203 snaps . . . started Western Kentucky game at center and played 40 snaps . . . started at center in game against Nebraska, logging 29 snaps . . . was starting center for Miami game, playing 45 snaps . . . started home opener vs. Youngstown State, playing 39 snaps, helping MSU collect 595 yards of total offense (323 passing, 272 rushing), including 408 yards of total offense in the first half, the first time it had more than 400 total yards in the first half since 2007 . . . started at center in season opener at Northwestern, playing 50 snaps in helping road grade the way for Spartan offensive rushing attack that ran for 326 yards Friday night, marking the first time that the Spartans rushed for 300 yards in a game since 2014 at Indiana (330 yards).



CAREER NOTES: Three-year letterwinner returns for a sixth season in 2021 . . . has played in 32 career games with 17 starts at tackle (five in 2019, seven in 2020, five in 2021) . . . four-time Academic All-Big Ten selection . . . named to Senior Bowl Watch List . . . graduated with his bachelor's degree in packaging in December 2020.

2021 SEASON (GRADUATE SENIOR): Started all five games, playing 219 total snaps . . . was started right guard in Northern Kentucky game, recording 40 snaps . . . started Nebraska at right tackle, notching 29 snaps . . . was starting right tackle at Miami, playing 53 snaps of the 73 total offensive snap, sharing top honors on the O-line . . . started home opener vs. Youngstown State at right tackle, playing 42 snaps in helping MSU collect 595 yards of total offense (323 passing, 272 rushing), including 408 yards of total offense in the first half, the first time it had more than 400 total yards in the first half since 2007 . . . started at left tackle in season-opener at Northwestern and played 55 snaps, helping road grade the way for Spartan offensive rushing attack that ran for 326 yards, marking the first time that the Spartans rushed for 300 yards in a game since 2014 at Indiana (330 yards).



CAREER NOTES: Walk-on rejoined the team in 2020 following a year off the active roster in 2019 . . . two-year letterwinner has 72 career punts for 3,137 yards (43.6 ypp), with 25 of 50+ yards, and 19 inside the 20 . . . ranked No. 4 on MSU career punt average (43.6 ypp), tied for No. 20 on career punts list (72) and No. 18 on career punt yards list (3,137) . . . would rank No. 15 among active FBS punters and No. 17 for all divisions for career average, but doesn't reach minimum of 100 career punts . . . became 24th Spartan punter to reach 2,000 yards plateau and 19th to reach 3,000 yards . . . transferred from Illinois during the 2018 spring semester after redshirting the 2017 season at Illinois.

2021 SEASON (REDSHIRT SENIOR): Tops the B1G and ranks second in FBS in punting with a 51.9 ypp average, the only punter in the league and one of only four in nation averaging over 50+ ypp . . . has 20 punts for 1,038 yards, with a season-long of 67 yards, one of four overall of 60+ yards, as part of a total of 11 going for 50+ yards, with eight inside the 20 and five inside the 10 . . . has at least one inside the 20 in each of the five games, along with one inside the 10 in each game, along with at least one of 50+ yards in four of the five games . . . punted three times against Western Kentucky for a 44.3 ypp average with a long of 47, and one inside the 10 . . . boomed six punts for a 58.8 ypp average in Nebraska game, marking career-high average for second week in a row, with a three over 60 yards for the night, part of a career-best five of 50+, as only punt under 50 was shortest punt of 46 yards, with a 67-yarder in first quarter, then a 55 and 54-yarder in third quarter, followed by 65 and 66-yard punts in the fourth quarter, switching field on Huskers, with only one return for -1 yard . . . punted five times at Miami for a then-career-high 54.6 ypp average, with a then-career-high tying four going for 50+ yards, including a then-season-long 65-yarder in the third quarter, adding a 57-yarder and a 52-yarder in the first half to go with a 51-yarder in the third quarter, with two inside the 20 and one inside the 10 . . . punted three times for a 45.0 ypp average vs. Youngstown State, with one getting blocked, with both inside the 20, with a long of 53-yards that was downed at the 4-yard line, adding a 37-yarder that was fair caught at the 13-yard line . . . punted four times for a 47.2 yards per punt average with a long of 57 yards in season-opener at Northwestern, pinning one inside the 10 that was downed at the 1-yard line.

BARINGER'S CAREER HIGHS

Punts: 10, vs. Ohio State (12/5/20)
Punting Yards: 435, vs. Ohio State (12/5/20)
Punting Avg. (Min. 4): 58.8, vs. Nebraska (9/25/21)
Punts Of 50+: 5, vs. Nebraska (9/25/21)
Punts Inside 20: 4, vs. Ohio State (12/5/20)
Longest Punt: 78, vs. Michigan (10/31/20)

BARINGER'S STATISTICS

PUNTING	G	NO.	YDS.	AVG.	LG	I20	I10	50+
2018	4	15	486	30.3	52	4	1	2
2019				-DNP-				
2020	7	37	1,613	43.6	78	9	5	12
2021	5	20	1,038	51.9	67	8	5	11
Career	16	72	3,137	43.6	78	21	11	25

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BARINGER'S GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

2018

PUNTING	NO.	YDS	AVG	LG	I20	I10	50+
Utah State			-DNP-				
Arizona State			-DNP-				
Indiana	2	68	34.0	35	0	0	0
Central Michigan			-DNP-				
Northwestern			-DNP-				
Penn State			-DNP-				
Michigan			-DNP-				
Purdue	4	154	38.5	44	1	1	0
Maryland	6	173	28.8	52	2	0	2
Ohio State	3	91	30.3	42	1	0	0
Nebraska			-DNP-				
Rutgers			-DNP-				
Oregon			-DNP-				
Totals	15	486	32.4	52	4	2	2

2020

PUNTING	NO.	YDS	AVG	LG	I20	I10	50+
Rutgers	2	101	50.5	55	1	0	1
Michigan	5	270	54.0	78	1	1	4
Iowa	6	256	42.7	51	0	0	1
Indiana	6	237	39.5	56	2	2	2
Northwestern	2	48	24.0	37	0	0	0
Ohio State	10	435	43.5	56	4	0	2
Penn State	6	266	44.3	55	1	0	2
Totals	37	1,613	43.6	78	9	3	12

2021

PUNTING	NO.	YDS	AVG	LG	I20	I10	50+
Northwestern	4	189	47.2	57	1	1	1
Youngstown State	2	90	45.0	53	2	1	1
Miami	5	273	54.6	65	2	1	4
Nebraska	6	353	58.8	67	2	1	5
Western Kentucky	3	133	44.3	47	1	1	0
Total	20	1,038	51.9	67	8	5	11



CAREER NOTES: Second-year player provides talent and depth to the defensive line.

2021 SEASON (REDSHIRT FRESHMAN): Has started all five games, playing 229 defensive snaps, posting 18 tackles (eight solo, 10 assists), recording career bests in the three of the five games, including first two games, with 0.5 sack, one pass break-up and one QB hurry . . . started at defensive tackle in Western Kentucky game, notching two tackles, along with first career pass break-up and also added a QB hurry . . . started Nebraska game at defensive tackle and logged career-high seven stops, nearly doubling previous high of four, adding first career sack, as part of playing 60 of 86 defensive snaps . . . was starting defensive tackle at Miami, playing 50 snaps, a new career high for the second straight game, and posting two tackles . . . started home opener vs. Youngstown State, logging career-high four stops and one QB hurry in 34 snaps . . . made Spartan debut in starting season opener at Northwestern at defensive tackle, logging three tackles, earning MSU Co-Defensive Player of the Week team award, in playing 30 snaps.

BARROW'S CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 7, vs. Nebraska (9/25/21)

Sacks: 0.5, vs. Nebraska (9/25/21)

Pass Break-Up: 1, vs. Western Kentucky (10/2/21)

BARROW'S STATISTICS

	G/GS	UT	AT	TM	TFL	SACKS	INT	PBU	FR	FF
2021	5/5	8	10	18	0.5-2	0.5-2	0-0	1	0-0	0

BARROW'S GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

2021

DEFENSE	UT	AT	TM	TFL	SACKS	INT	PBU	FR	FF
Northwestern	3	0	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Youngstown State	1	3	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Miami	1	1	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Nebraska	2	5	7	0.5-2	0.5-2	0-0	0	0-0	0
Western Kentucky	1	1	2	0-0	0-0	0	1	0-0	0
Totals	8	10	18	0.5-2	0.5-2	0-0	1	0-0	0



2021 SPARTAN FOOTBALL GAME NOTES



CAREER NOTES: Three-year letterwinner returns for a sixth season in 2021 . . . has seen action in 36 career games, making 11 starts (one in 2018, all seven in 2020, three in 2021), with 58 career tackles . . . tied for No. 50 on MSU's career sacks list (7.0), and has 14.0 career tackles for loss, along with four pass break-ups, one interception and two forced fumbles . . . also has two career fumble recoveries and both have come in games against Ohio State . . . two-time Academic All-Big Ten honoree . . . preseason All-Big Ten selection (third team) by Pro Football Focus . . . graduated with a bachelor's degree in economics in December 2021 and is pursuing a master's degree in sport coaching and leadership.

2021 SEASON (GRADUATE SENIOR): Ranks tied for sixth in B1G in sacks/game (0.8), and is also tied for 19th in B1G with 2.5 sacks, along with tied for 48th in tackles for loss (2.5) . . . has 11 total tackles (seven solo, four assists) with 2.5 tackles for loss (17 yards), all coming on sacks (2.5), with one forced fumble and one QB hurry . . . did not play in Western Kentucky game due to an injury . . . notched 0.5 sack as part of three total tackles in Nebraska game, logging 15 snaps in limited action before leaving the game with an injury in the second quarter . . . tied a career-high with 2.0 sacks as part of five total tackles, adding a forced fumble at Miami, in playing 50 snaps, tying for most among defensive linemen . . . did not play against Youngstown State . . . was game captain and started at defensive end in season opener at Northwestern and tallied three tackles, earning MSU Co-Defensive Player of the Week team award, in playing 56 snaps

BEESLEY'S CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 7, vs. Penn State (12/12/20)

Tackle for Loss: 2.5, vs. Rutgers (10/24/20)

Sacks: 2.0, twice (last vs. Miami, 9/18/21)

Forced Fumble: 1, twice (last vs. Miami, 9/18/21)

Fumble Recovery: 1, twice (last vs. Ohio State, 10/5/19)

Interception: 1, vs. Northwestern (9/21/19)

Pass Break-Up: 1, four times (last vs. Penn State, 12/12/20)

BEESLEY'S STATISTICS

	G/GS	UT	AT	TM	TFL	SACKS	INT	PBU	FR	FF
2017	3/0	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
2018	10/1	3	3	6	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	1-0	0
2019	13/0	9	5	14	6.0-28	1.5-15	1-2	1	1-0	0
2020	7/7	15	12	27	5.5-33	3.0-28	0-0	2	0-0	1
2021	3/3	7	4	11	2.5-17	2.5-17	0-0	0	0-0	1
Career	36/11	34	24	58	14.0-78	7.0-60	1-2	4	2-0	2

BEESLEY'S GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

2019

DEFENSE	UT	AT	TM	TFL	SACKS	INT	PBU	FR	FF
Tulsa	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Western Michigan	1	0	1	1.0-2	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Arizona State	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Northwestern	3	0	3	2.0-9	0-0	1-2	1	0-0	0
Indiana	1	0	1	1.0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Ohio State	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1-0	0
Wisconsin	2	0	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Penn State	0	2	2	0.5-1	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Illinois	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Michigan	1	0	1	1.0-13	1.0-13	0-0	0	0-0	0
Rutgers	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Maryland	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Wake Forest	0	1	1	0.5-2	0.5-2	0-0	0	0-0	0
Totals	9	5	14	6-28	1.5-15	1-2	1	1-0	0

2020

DEFENSE	UT	AT	TM	TFL	SACKS	INT	PBU	FR	FF
Rutgers	5	1	6	2.5-11	1.0-10	0-0	0	0-0	1
Michigan	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0-0	0
Iowa	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Indiana	1	2	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Northwestern	2	3	5	2.5-19	2.0-18	0-0	0	0-0	0
Ohio State	1	3	4	0.5-3	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Penn State	4	3	7	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0-0	0
Totals	15	12	27	5.5-33	3.0-28	0-0	2	0-0	1

2021

DEFENSE	UT	AT	TM	TFL	SACKS	INT	PBU	FR	FF
Northwestern	3	0	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Youngstown State				-DNP-					
Miami	4	1	5	2.0-14	2.0-14	0-0	0	0-0	1
Nebraska	0	3	3	0.5-3	0.5-3	0-0	0	0-0	0
Western Kentucky				-DNP-INJURED-					
Totals	7	4	11	2.5-17	2.5-17	0-0	0	0-0	1

2021 SPARTAN FOOTBALL GAME NOTES



CAREER NOTES: First-year player has made an immediate contribution . . . his uncle, Herb Haygood, was a four-year letterwinner (1998-2001) as a wide receiver for the Spartans and was an All-American kick returner in 2001; Haygood was a fifth-round NFL Draft pick by the Broncos in 2002 and is currently the head football coach at Madonna University.

2021 SEASON (FRESHMAN): Has played in 76 total snaps in playing significant action in all five games, recording nine total tackles and two pass break-ups . . . notched one tackle and one pass break-up in playing eight snaps in Western Kentucky game . . . tallied two tackles in Nebraska game, playing 10 snaps . . . matched career high for second straight game with three tackles at Miami, adding one pass break-up, in playing 24 snaps . . . logged three tackles in a season-high 34 snaps vs. Youngstown State.

BRANTLEY'S CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 3, twice (last vs. Miami, 9/18/21)

Pass Break-Up: 1, twice (last vs. Western Kentucky, 10/2/21)

BRANTLEY'S STATISTICS

	G/GS	UT	AT	TM	TFL	SACKS	INT	PBU	FR	FF
2021	5/0	9	0	9	0-0	0-0	0-0	2	0-0	0

BRANTLEY'S GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

2021	DEFENSE	UT	AT	TM	TFL	SACKS	INT	PBU	FR	FF
Northwestern	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	
Youngstown State	3	0	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	
Miami	3	0	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0-0	0	
Nebraska	2	0	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	
Western Kentucky	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0-0	0	
Totals	9	0	9	0-0	0-0	0-0	2	0-0	0	



CAREER NOTES: Division II transfer from North Greenville University in Tigerville, South Carolina, joined the program in January 2021 . . . participated in spring practice.

2021 SEASON (JUNIOR): Has played in all five games, posting four tackles (two solo, two assists), with one pass break-up . . . played limited action on defense and special teams in Western Kentucky contest . . . saw limited action on special teams in Nebraska and Miami games . . . logged four tackles with one pass break-up in playing 15 snaps in home-opener vs. Youngstown State . . . made Spartan debut in season opener at Northwestern, but did not log any stats.

BROOKS' CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 4, vs. Youngstown State (9/11/21)

Pass Break-Up: 1, vs. Youngstown State (9/11/21)

BROOKS' STATISTICS

	G/GS	UT	AT	TM	TFL	SACKS	INT	PBU	FR	FF
2021	5/0	2	2	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0-0	0

BROOKS' GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

2021	DEFENSE	UT	AT	TM	TFL	SACKS	INT	PBU	FR	FF
Northwestern	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	
Youngstown State	2	2	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0-0	0	
Miami	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	
Nebraska	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	
Western Kentucky	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	
Totals	2	2	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0-0	0	



2021 SPARTAN FOOTBALL GAME NOTES



CAREER NOTES: Transfer linebacker from Minnesota . . . nickname is "Tank."

2021 SEASON (REDSHIRT FRESHMAN): Has two tackles (both solo) . . . has not seen action in last four games due to an injury . . . made Spartan debut in season-opener at Northwestern, registering two tackles with both coming on special teams.

BROWN'S CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 2, vs. Northwestern (9/3/21)

BROWN'S STATISTICS

	G/GS	UT	AT	TM	TFL	SACKS	INT	PBU	FR	FF
2021	1/0	2	0	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0

BROWN'S GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

2021	DEFENSE	UT	AT	TM	TFL	SACKS	INT	PBU	FR	FF
Northwestern		2	0	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Youngstown State					-DNP-INJURED-					
Miami					-DNP-INJURED-					
Nebraska					-DNP-INJURED-					
Western Kentucky					-DNP-INJURED-					
Totals		2	0	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0



CAREER NOTES: Three-year letterwinner and fifth-year senior provides starting experience at both center and guard along the offensive line . . . has played in 34 career games, including 11 starts (four at right guard, four at center, one at outside offensive line, two at left guard; seven in 2018, two in 2019, two in 2020) . . . named to Senior Bowl Watch List . . . two-time Academic All-Big Ten selection . . . entered 2018 season as a walk-on but was awarded a scholarship during the bye week.

2021 SEASON (REDSHIRT SENIOR): Has seen action in all five games (134 total snaps) . . . played 35 snaps in Western Kentucky contest . . . saw action in Nebraska game, tallying 24 offensive snaps . . . saw action in 28 offensive snaps at Miami . . . played 33 offensive snaps against Youngstown State, helping MSU collect 595 yards of total offense (323 passing, 272 rushing), including 408 yards of total offense in the first half, the first time it had more than 400 total yards in the first half since 2007 . . . named one of the Spartan Offensive Players of the Week vs. YSU . . . saw action in season-opening win at Northwestern, playing 14 snaps.

2021 SPARTAN FOOTBALL GAME NOTES



CAREER NOTES: Three-year letterwinner returns for a sixth year in 2021 . . . has played in 36 career games, recording 26 starts (12 at right tackle in 2017; nine at left guard in 2018-19; four at right guard in 2018-19; one at left tackle in 2018) . . . versatile lineman can play either tackle or guard position . . . four-time Academic All-Big Ten honoree . . . earned his bachelor's degree in kinesiology in December 2020 and is pursuing a master's in sport coaching and leadership.

2021 SEASON (GRADUATE SENIOR): Has seen action in all five games, playing a total of 134 offensive snaps . . . was in on 35 snaps in Western Kentucky game . . . played 24 snaps in Nebraska game . . . saw action in 29 offensive snaps at Miami . . . played 34 offensive snaps against Youngstown State, helping MSU collect 595 yards of total offense (323 passing, 272 rushing), including 408 yards of total offense in the first half, the first time it had more than 400 total yards in the first half since 2007 . . . saw action in season-opening win at Northwestern, playing 19 snaps.



CAREER NOTES: Three-year letterwinner and fifth-year senior has 29 tackles, with 4.5 tackles for loss (11 yards) and 1.0 sack (5 yards), and one fumble recovery in 28 career games, making two starts (one in 2018, one in 2020) . . . his father, John, was a two-year letterwinner at Duke (1986-87) as a defensive lineman . . . his brother, Blake, was an offensive lineman at South Carolina . . . born June 1, 1998 . . . graduated in 2021 with a bachelor's degree in agribusiness.

2020 SEASON (GRADUATE SENIOR): Has played in three games, posting one tackle in 31 total defensive snaps . . . saw limited action at Miami, playing six defensive snaps . . . tallied one tackle in 24 snaps in Youngstown State contest . . . saw action in season-opening win at Northwestern.

CAMPER'S CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 5, vs. Penn State (12/12/20)

Tackles For Loss: 1.0, three times (last vs. Penn State, 12/12/20)

Sacks: 0.5, twice (last vs. Ohio State, 12/5/20)

Fumble Recovery: 1, vs. Northwestern (11/28/20)

CAMPER'S STATISTICS

	G/GS	UT	AT	TM	TFL	SACKS	INT	PBU	FR	FF
2018	11/1	4	5	9	2.5-6	0.5-3	0-0	0	0-0	0
2019	7/0	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
2020	7/1	5	13	18	2.0-5	0.5-2	0-0	0	1-0	0
2021	3/0	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Career	28/2	9	20	29	4.5-11	1.0-5	0-0	0	1-0	0

CAMPER'S GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

2020

DEFENSE	UT	AT	TM	TFL	SACKS	INT	PBU	FR	FF
Rutgers	0	2	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Michigan	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Iowa	0	3	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Indiana	1	1	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Northwestern	2	0	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1-0	0
Ohio State	0	4	4	1.0-3	0.5-2	0-0	0	0-0	0
Penn State	2	3	5	1.0-2	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Totals	5	13	18	2.0-5	0.5-2	0-0	0	1-0	0

2021

DEFENSE	UT	AT	TM	TFL	SACKS	INT	PBU	FR	FF
Northwestern	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Youngstown State	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Miami	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Youngstown State				-DNP-					
Western Kentucky				-DNP-					
Totals	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0



2021 SPARTAN FOOTBALL GAME NOTES



CAREER NOTES: Transfer from Purdue has four years of eligibility remaining . . . his mother, Peggy Evans, won Michigan Miss Basketball in 1989 at Detroit Country Day, helped Tennessee to a national championship in 1991, and won a state title as a head coach at Inkster (Class A) in 2011 . . . Peggy scored 47 points in the Class C state championship game over Saginaw Valley Lutheran in 1989, which still stands as a state record for most points scored in a title game . . . Peggy played for the Volunteers and was a three-year letterwinner under Hall of Fame coach Pat Summitt from 1990-93 and averaged 11.5 points per game and 6.1 rebounds per game; she transferred to Ohio State and lettered in 1995 with the Buckeyes . . . his father, Cornell Mann, is an assistant basketball coach at Missouri and has also coached at Central Michigan, Western Michigan, Dayton, Iowa State and Oakland; he played college basketball at Akron for three seasons after starting his career at Colorado . . . his stepfather, William McMichael, coaches football at Oak Park.

2021 SEASON (REDSHIRT FRESHMAN): Has played in four games, tallying one catch for 8 yards . . . saw action on offense with nine snaps, and special teams in Western Kentucky contest . . . was in on special teams in Nebraska game . . . saw action on offense and special teams in Miami game . . . made Spartan debut in Youngstown State game and made first reception as a Spartan with an 8-yard catch on an MSU TD drive.

CARR'S CAREER HIGHS

Receptions: 1, twice (last vs. Youngstown State, 9/11/21)

Receiving Yards: 15[^], vs. Iowa (10/24/20)

CARR'S STATISTICS

RECEIVING	G/GS	REC.	YDS.	AVG.	TD	LG	YPG
2020 [^]	3/0	1	15	15.0	0	15	5.0
2021 #	4/0	1	8	8.0	0	8	2.0
Career	7/0	2	23	11.5	0	15	3.3

CARR'S GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

2021

RECEIVING	NO.	YDS	TD	LG
Northwestern		-DNP-		
Youngstown State	1	8	0	8
Miami	0	0	0	0
Nebraska	0	0	0	0
Western Kentucky	0	0	0	0
Total	1	8	0	8

[^] = at Purdue / # = at Michigan State



CAREER NOTES: Three-year letterwinner and fifth-year senior has played in 36 career games, making 19 career starts (11 in 2019, seven in 2020, one in 2021) at right guard, including streak of 10-straight games . . . graduated with his bachelor's degree in advertising in 2021.

2021 SEASON (REDSHIRT SENIOR): Has seen action in all five games, playing 147 total offensive snaps . . . played 35 snaps in Western Kentucky contest . . . was in on 24 snaps in Nebraska game . . . saw action in 36 offensive snaps at Miami . . . played 34 offensive snaps against Youngstown State, helping MSU collect 595 yards of total offense (323 passing, 272 rushing), including 408 yards of total offense in the first half, the first time it had more than 400 total yards in the first half since 2007 . . . saw action in season-opening win at Northwestern, playing 14 snaps in helping offense road grade the way for the Spartan offensive rushing attack that ran for 326 yards, marking the first time that the Spartans rushed for 300 yards in a game since 2014 at Indiana (330 yards), playing 14 snaps.

2021 SPARTAN FOOTBALL GAME NOTES



CAREER NOTES: Four-year letterwinner is in his sixth season in 2021 . . . has tied MSU career record for field goals made with 71, matching Brett Swenson (2006-09), with his second FG in the Western Kentucky game . . . also ranks among MSU's all-time leaders in PAT percentage (tied for first at 100.0, 131-of-131), field-goal percentage (fifth at 74.0, on 71-of-96), field goals made (tied for first with 71), field goals attempted (first with 96), scoring (second with 358), PATs made (fifth with 131) and PATs attempted (sixth with 131) . . . is one of eight Spartan placekickers with 100 PATs . . . preseason All-Big Ten selection by Athlon Sports (third team) . . . became fifth Spartan player with 300 points and first since former teammate Michael Geiger in 2016, reaching the milestone at the Penn State game (12/12/20) . . . set a school record with 18 straight field goals (Nov. 4, 2017 to Oct. 27, 2018), which was also tied for the fourth-longest streak in Big Ten history . . . has earned Big Ten Special Teams Player of the Week honors three times in his career (vs. Penn State in 2017, vs. Indiana in 2018, vs. Northwestern in 2020) . . . has five game-winning field goals in his career (34-yarder as time expired to beat No. 7 Penn State in 2017; 21-yarder with five seconds left to defeat Indiana in 2019; 33-yarder with 2:14 remaining to beat Maryland in 2019; 48-yarder with 3:35 remaining to beat Northwestern in 2020; 21-yarder in overtime to beat Nebraska in 2021), and all five have come at home in Spartan Stadium . . . has 21 career games with at least two field goals made, including a stretch of five in row that was snapped at Iowa in 2020 . . . has 21 career field goals of 40+ yards . . . has earned All-Big Ten honors four times in his career (2018: first team; 2017 and 2019-20: honorable mention) . . . four-time Academic All-Big Ten honoree . . . graduated from the business school with his bachelor's degree in finance in December 2020 and is currently pursuing a master's degree in business analytics . . . his father, Mark, is an Air Force veteran and now a pilot; he flew the team's charter plane to Phoenix, Arizona, for the 2018 Arizona State game.

2021 SEASON (GRADUATE SENIOR): Second in the B1G and tied for ninth in FBS in PAT/game (4.8), along with second in the B1G and tied for seventh in the country in PATs made (24) and third in the league and tied for ninth in the nation PATs attempted (24), as well as sharing the B1G and FBS lead for PAT percentage . . . has split uprights on 24-of-24 PATs and 7-of-11 field goals, with two of four misses coming on 50+ attempts, and one getting blocked . . . also leads the league in FG att/game (2.2), along with ranking tied for fifth in B1G in both FGs made (7) and FG made/game (1.4), as well as second in FGs attempted (11) . . . also has 35 kickoffs for a 64.8 ypk average, with 30 total touchbacks, having streak of 22-straight touchbacks snapped in Nebraska game after having to kickoff from the MSU 20 after a penalty, booming kickoff 75 yards to the NEB 5, dating back to his last four of the Northwestern game, then all seven in both Youngstown State and Miami games, and first four of Nebraska game . . . the 30 touchbacks leads the B1G and is tied for the lead in FBS, while the 35 total kickoffs is third in the conference and tied for 14th in the country . . . also is third in league and ninth in nation in touchback percentage (85.7), along with seventh in the B1G and 57th in FBs in kickoff average (63.0 ypk) . . . was 2-for-2 on field goals in the Western Kentucky game, tying the MSU all-time record for FG made, and tied career-high for second time this season and fourth time in career going 6-for-6 on PATs, and also had nine kickoffs with a career-high eight touchbacks . . . connected on 3-of-4 field goals, including the fifth game-winning field goal of his career with a 21-yarder in overtime of Nebraska game, adding two PATs, as well as five kickoffs with first four going four touchbacks, before streak of consecutive touchbacks came to end after having to kickoff from the 20 after MSU penalty on previous TD . . . made five PATs and was 1-of-2 on FGs at Miami, adding a touchback on all seven kickoffs for second game in a row . . . tied career-high by making all six PATs in Youngstown State win, missing lone FG attempt, a 50-yarder in third quarter, and also had seven kickoffs with all going for touchbacks . . . was 1-for-2 on field goals in season-opening win at Northwestern, missing a 60-yard attempt as time expired in the first half, before splitting the uprights from 37-yards out in the fourth quarter also made all five PAT attempts Friday, finishing with eight points, and also had seven kickoffs for a 62.7 ypk average with four touchbacks.

COGHLIN'S CAREER HIGHS

Extra Points Made 6, four times (last vs. Western Kentucky, 10/2/21)
 Extra Points Att..... 6, four times (last vs. Western Kentucky, 10/2/21)
 Field Goals Made..... 4, three times (last vs. Maryland, 11/30/19)
 Field Goals Att..... 5, vs. Maryland (11/30/19)
 Field Goal..... 51, vs. Michigan (10/31/20)
 Touchbacks..... 8, vs. Western Kentucky (10/2/21)
 Points..... 16, vs. Rutgers (11/27/17)
 Game-Winning FG 34, vs. Penn State (11/4/17), 0:00
 21, vs. Indiana (9/28/19), 0:05
 33, vs. Maryland (11/30/19), 2:14
 48, vs. Northwestern (11/28/20), 3:35
 21, vs. Nebraska (9/25/21), 1st OT

COGHLIN'S STATISTICS

SCORING	PAT (Pct.)	FG (Pct.)	TD	PTS	LG
2017	38-38 (1.000)	15-19 (.789)	0	83	46
2018	25-25 (1.000)	18-22 (.818)	1	85	49
2019	31-31 (1.000)	22-32 (.688)	0	97	47
2020	13-13 (1.000)	9-12 (.750)	0	40	51
2021	24-24 (1.000)	7-11 (.636)	0	45	37
Career	131-131 (1.000)	71-96 (.740)	1	350	51

FG BREAKDOWN	-20	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+	Long	Total
2017	0-0	5-5	6-7	4-6	0-1	46	15-19
2018	0-0	5-5	9-10	4-5	0-2	49	18-22
2019	0-0	6-8	8-10	8-14	0-0	47	22-32
2020	0-0	3-3	1-1	4-7	1-1	51	9-12
2021	0-0	6-6	1-2	0-1	0-2	37	7-11
Career	0-0	25-27	25-30	20-33	1-6	51	71-96

KICKOFFS	NO.	YDS.	AVG.	TB
2019	2	108	54.0	1
2020	25	1,543	61.7	9
2021	35	2,204	63.0	30
Career	62	3,855	62.2	40

COGHLIN'S GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

2017					
OPPONENT	PATs	FGs	LG	PTS	
Bowling Green	5-5	0-0	--	5	
Western Michigan	4-4	0-0	--	4	
Notre Dame	1-1	1-1	40	4	
Iowa	2-2	1-2	38	5	
Michigan	2-2	0-0	--	2	
Minnesota	3-3	3-4	42	12	
Indiana	2-2	1-1	23	5	
Northwestern	4-4	1-3	46	7	
Penn State	3-3	2-2	34	9	
Ohio State	0-0	1-1	37	3	
Maryland	2-2	1-1	27	5	
Rutgers	4-4	4-4	46	16	
Washington State	6-6	0-0	--	6	
Totals	38-38	15-19	46	83	

2018					
OPPONENT	TD	PATs	FGs	LG	PTS
Utah State	0	3-3	3-3	49	12
Arizona State	0	1-1	2-2	37	7
Indiana	1	5-5	0-0	--	11
Central Michigan	0	4-4	1-1	33	7
Northwestern	0	1-1	2-2	27	7
Penn State	0	3-3	0-0	--	3
Michigan	0	1-1	0-0	--	1
Purdue	0	2-2	3-4	48	11
Maryland	0	3-3	1-1	33	6
Ohio State	0	0-0	2-3	44	6
Nebraska	0	0-0	2-3	34	6
Rutgers	0	2-2	0-0	--	2
Oregon	0	0-0	2-3	34	6
Totals	1	25-25	18-22	49	85



2021 SPARTAN FOOTBALL GAME NOTES

COGHLIN'S GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS (CONT'D)

2019

OPPONENT	TD	PATs	FGs	LG	PTS
Tulsa	0	2-2	4-4	47	14
Western Michigan	0	6-6	3-3	39	15
Arizona State	0	1-1	0-3	--	1
Northwestern	0	4-4	1-2	26	7
Indiana	0	4-4	2-3	44	10
Ohio State	0	1-1	1-2	39	4
Wisconsin		-DNP-			
Penn State	0	1-1	0-1	--	1
Illinois	0	4-4	2-2	46	10
Michigan	0	1-1	1-1	35	4
Rutgers	0	3-3	2-3	46	9
Maryland	0	1-1	4-5	40	13
Wake Forest	0	3-3	2-3	44	9
Totals	0	31-31	22-32	47	97

2020

OPPONENT	TD	PATs	FGs	LG	PTS
Rutgers	0	3-3	2-2	49	9
Michigan	0	3-3	2-3	51	9
Iowa	0	1-1	0-1	--	1
Indiana	0	0-0	0-0	--	0
Northwestern	0	2-2	3-4	48	11
Ohio State	0	1-1	1-1	32	4
Penn State	0	3-3	1-1	23	6
Totals	0	13-13	9-12	51	40

2021

OPPONENT	TD	PATs	FGs	LG	PTS
Northwestern	0	5-5	1-2	37	8
Youngstown State	0	6-6	0-1	--	6
Miami	0	5-5	1-2	23	8
Nebraska	0	2-2	3-4	27	11
Western Kentucky	0	6-6	2-2	21	12
Totals	0	24-24	7-11	37	45

2019

KICKOFFS	NO.	YDS.	AVG.	TB
Indiana	2	108	54.0	1
Totals	2	108	54.0	1

2020

KICKOFFS	NO.	YDS.	AVG.	TB
Rutgers	2	129	64.5	1
Michigan	6	383	63.8	2
Iowa	2	130	65.0	1
Indiana	1	65	65.0	1
Northwestern	6	362	60.3	1
Ohio State	3	192	64.0	2
Penn State	5	282	56.4	0
Totals	22	1,543	61.7	7

2021

KICKOFFS	NO.	YDS.	AVG.	TB
Northwestern	7	439	62.7	4
Youngstown St.	7	455	65.0	7
Miami	7	455	65.0	7
Nebraska	5	335	37.0	4
W. Kentucky	9	520	57.8	8
Totals	35	2,204	63.8	30



CAREER NOTES: Promising first-year player provides talent and speed among wide receiving corps and on special teams.

2021 SEASON (FRESHMAN): Has appeared in three games (Northwestern, Youngstown State, Western Kentucky) . . . made first reception of Spartan career in Youngstown State game and played 19 snaps . . . made Spartan debut in win at Northwestern, seeing action mostly on special teams.

COLEMAN'S STATISTICS

RECEIVING	G/GS	REC.	YDS.	AVG.	TD	LG	YPG
2021	3/0	1	2	2.0	0	2	0.7

2021 SPARTAN FOOTBALL GAME NOTES



CAREER NOTES: Two-year letterwinner has seen action in 24 career games, including 12 starts . . . has rushed for 1,118 yards on 268 carries in his career, becoming 46th Spartan player with 1,000 career rushing yards, with five career rushing TDs . . . also had 20 career receptions for 153 yards and one TD. . . was high school teammates on the state championship basketball team with former MSU All-American point guard Cassius Winston.

2021 SEASON (REDSHIRT JUNIOR): Has played in two of the five games, missing three games with an injury, tallying three carries for 32 yards (10.7 ypc), while adding one catch for 20 yards, scoring first career receiving TD . . . snared first career TD reception on a career-long 20-yard catch and run to end zone in Youngstown State game, adding three carries for 32 yards.

COLLINS' CAREER HIGHS

Rushing Attempts: 31, vs. Rutgers (11/23/19)

Rushing Yards: 192, vs. Western Michigan (9/7/19)

Rushing TDs: 2, vs. Illinois (11/9/19)

Receiving TDs: 1, vs. Youngstown State (9/11/21)

COLLINS' STATISTICS

RUSHING	G/GS	ATT	YDS.	AVG.	TD	LG	YPG
2018	3/0	2	8	4.0	0	4	2.7
2019	13/12	222	988	4.5	5	58	76.0
2020	7/0	41	90	2.2	0	14	12.9
2021	2/0	3	32	10.7	0	16	16.0
Career	24/12	268	1,118	4.2	5	58	46.6

RECEIVING	REC.	YDS.	AVG.	TD	LG	YPG
2018	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
2019	15	99	6.6	0	16	7.6
2020	4	34	8.5	0	17	4.9
2021	1	20	20.0	1	20	10.0
Career	20	153	7.7	1	20	6.4

COLLINS' GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

2018	ATT	YDS	TD	LG
RUSHING				
Maryland	0	0	0	0
Nebraska	0	0	0	0
Rutgers	2	8	0	4
Totals	2	8	0	4

2019	ATT	YDS	TD	LG
RUSHING				
Tulsa	8	17	0	9
Western Michigan	17	192	0	58
Arizona State	19	72	1	16
Northwestern	17	76	1	13
Indiana	17	56	1	19
Ohio State	12	63	0	23
Wisconsin	8	16	0	6
Penn State	17	53	0	9
Illinois	28	170	2	40
Michigan	12	27	0	4
Rutgers	31	109	0	23
Maryland	15	41	0	21
Wake Forest	21	96	0	31
Totals	222	988	5	58

2020	ATT	YDS	TD	LG
RUSHING				
Rutgers	9	3	0	4
Michigan	1	0	0	0
Iowa	6	14	0	5
Indiana	3	5	0	6
Northwestern	13	34	0	13
Ohio State	8	37	0	14
Penn State	1	-3	0	0
Totals	41	90	0	14

2021	ATT	YDS	TD	LG
RUSHING				
Northwestern	0	0	0	0
Youngstown State	3	32	0	16
Miami		-DNP-		
Totals	3	32	0	16

2019	NO.	YDS	TD	LG
RECEIVING				
Tulsa	0	0	0	0
Western Michigan	1	7	0	7
Arizona State	1	2	0	2
Northwestern	1	9	0	9
Indiana	1	16	0	16
Ohio State	1	2	0	2
Wisconsin	0	0	0	0
Penn State	3	11	0	7
Illinois	2	7	0	4
Michigan	2	19	0	11
Rutgers	0	0	0	0
Maryland	2	23	0	13
Wake Forest	1	3	0	3
Totals	15	99	0	16

2020	NO.	YDS	TD	LG
RECEIVING				
Rutgers	1	3	0	3
Michigan	0	0	0	0
Iowa	1	6	0	6
Indiana	1	17	0	17
Northwestern	0	0	0	0
Ohio State	0	0	0	0
Penn State	1	8	0	8
Totals	4	34	0	17

2021	NO.	YDS	TD	LG
RECEIVING				
Northwestern	0	0	0	0
Youngstown State	1	20	0	20
Miami		-DNP-INJURED-		
Nebraska		-DNP-INJURED-		
Western Kentucky		-DNP-INJURED-		
Totals	1	20	0	20



2021 SPARTAN FOOTBALL GAME NOTES



CAREER NOTES: Transfer linebacker from Tennessee has played in 28 career games (23 for the Volunteers from 2019-20, five for the Spartans in 2021), including 16 starts at linebacker (11 at Tennessee, five at MSU) . . . has 118 career tackles after posting 85 tackles at Tennessee, including three tackles for loss (10 yards), three pass break-ups and two forced fumbles, and has 33 tackles with 2.0 sacks, one pass break-up, one forced fumble and one fumble recovery at MSU . . . named one of the top 100 impact transfers for 2021 (No. 69) by The Athletic

2021 SEASON (JUNIOR): Has started all five games, ranking tied for 15th in the B1G in tackles/game (6.4) and tied for 16th in league in total tackles (32) . . . the 32 tackles are second among the linebacker corps and rank four overall on the defense, adding 2.0 tackles for loss, both coming on sacks, one forced fumble, one fumble recovery, one pass break-up and two QB hurries in 336 total defensive snaps . . . registered a season-high eight tackles in Western Kentucky game, after starting at linebacker and playing 87 defensive snaps . . . started Nebraska game and posted a season-high tying seven stops, adding 1.0 sack that came on third down to snuff out a Husker drive, and a forced fumble, in playing 81 of 86 defensive snaps . . . logged three tackles, one pass break-up, one QB hurry and one fumble recovery at Miami, recovering fumble on Miami's first drive, in playing 68 defensive snaps . . . notched seven stops and one QB hurry in win over Youngstown State . . . made Spartan debut in win at Northwestern, starting at linebacker and logging seven tackles, including one TFL, coming on a sack in the third quarter .

CROUCH'S CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 11[^], twice (last vs. Texas A&M, 12/19/20)

Tackles For Loss: 2[^], vs. Vanderbilt (12/12/20)

Pass Break-Up: 1[#], vs. Miami (9/18/21)

Forced Fumble: 1[^]#, three times (last vs. Nebraska, 9/25/21)

Fumble Recovery: 1[#], vs. Miami (9/18/21)

CROUCH'S STATISTICS

	G/GS	UT	AT	TM	TFL	SACKS	INT	PBU	FR	FF
2019 [^]	13/1	13	15	28	1.0-2	0.5-1	0-0	2	0	0
2020 [^]	10/10	30	27	57	2.0-8	0-0	0-0	1	0	2
2021 [#]	5/5	17	15	32	2.0-10	2.0-10	0-0	1	1	1
Career	28/16	60	57	117	5.0-20	2.5-11	0-0	4	1	3

[^] = at Tennessee / [#] = at Michigan State

CROUCH'S GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

2019 [^]

DEFENSE	UT	AT	TM	TFL	SACKS	INT	PBU	FR	FF
Georgia State	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
BYU	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0-0	0
UT Chattanooga	2	1	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0-0	0
Florida	1	3	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Georgia	2	2	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Mississippi State	0	4	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Alabama	2	2	4	0.5-1	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
South Carolina	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
UAB	1	1	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Kentucky	4	0	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Missouri	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Vanderbilt	0	1	1	0.5-1	0.5-1	0-0	0	0-0	0
Indiana	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Totals	13	15	28	1.0-2	0.5-1	0-0	2	0-0	0

2020 [^]

DEFENSE	UT	AT	TM	TFL	SACKS	INT	PBU	FR	FF
South Carolina	1	1	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Missouri	2	2	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Georgia	1	6	7	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	1
Kentucky	3	8	11	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Alabama	3	1	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Arkansas	3	2	5	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0-0	1
Auburn	2	1	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Florida	2	1	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Vanderbilt	5	2	7	2.0-8	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Texas A&M	8	3	11	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Totals	30	27	57	2.0-8	0-0	0-0	1	0-0	2

2021 [#]

DEFENSE	UT	AT	TM	TFL	SACKS	INT	PBU	FR	FF
Northwestern	5	2	7	1.0-6	1.0-6	0-0	0	0-0	0
Youngstown State	1	6	7	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Miami	3	0	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	1-0	0
Nebraska	4	3	7	1.0-4	1.0-4	0-0	0	0-0	1
Western Kentucky	4	4	8	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Totals	17	15	32	2.0-10	2.0-10	0-0	1	1-0	1

[^] = at Tennessee / [#] = at Michigan State

2021 SPARTAN FOOTBALL GAME NOTES



CAREER NOTES: Two-year letterwinner looks to have an expanded role on the defense in 2021 at nickelback . . . has played in 25 career games with seven starts (two in 2020 at safety, five in 2021 at nickelback), with 64 career tackles, including 0.5 sack, 0.5 tackle for loss, five pass break-ups and one fumble recovery . . . two-time Academic All-Big Ten selection . . . has been admitted to the Eli Broad College of Business at Michigan State . . . had an internship with a law office over the summer . . . younger brother of former Spartan letterwinners and twins Andrew and David . . . Andrew was a four-year letterwinner (2015-18) and three-year starting linebacker for the Spartans; he was on the practice squad for the Saints in 2019 and made the active roster in 2020 . . . David was a four-year letterwinner (2016-19) and three-year starting safety; he earned first-team All-Big Ten honors from the media in 2017.

2021 SEASON (REDSHIRT JUNIOR): Has started four games at nickelback, posting 22 stops, including one tackle for loss, and three pass break-ups, in playing 256 defensive snaps . . . recorded career-high tying seven stops vs. Western Kentucky in playing 36 snaps . . . was starting nickelback in Nebraska game, notching five stops in logging 54 snaps . . . started at Miami and tallied three tackles plus a career-high two pass break-ups in 58 snaps . . . started Youngstown State contest, recording three tackles and one pass break-up, in playing in 51 defensive snaps . . . started in season-opening win at Northwestern, notching four tackles, including first solo tackle for loss of career, playing 57 snaps.

DOWELL'S CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 7, twice (last vs. Western Kentucky, 10/2/21)

Tackle For Loss: 1.0, vs. Northwestern (9/3/21)

Pass Break-Up: 2, vs. Miami (9/18/21)

Fumble Recovery: 1, vs. Indiana (9/28/19)

Touchdowns: 1, vs. Indiana (9/28/19)

DOWELL'S STATISTICS

	G/GS	UT	AT	TM	TFL	SACKS	INT	PBU	FR	FF
2019	13/0	7	8	15	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	1-0	0
2020	7/2	20	7	27	0.5-2	0.5-2	0-0	1	0-0	0
2021	5/4	15	2	22	1.0-4	0-0	0-0	3	0-0	0
Career	25/6	42	22	64	1.5-6	0.5-2	0-0	5	1-0	0

DOWELL'S GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

2019

DEFENSE	UT	AT	TM	TFL	SACKS	INT	PBU	FR	FF
Tulsa	1	2	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Western Michigan	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Arizona State	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Northwestern	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Indiana	1	1	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1-0	0
Ohio State	1	1	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Wisconsin	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Penn State	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Illinois	2	3	5	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0-0	0
Michigan	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Rutgers	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Maryland	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Wake Forest	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Totals	7	8	15	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0-0	0

2020

DEFENSE	UT	AT	TM	TFL	SACKS	INT	PBU	FR	FF
Rutgers	4	0	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0-0	0
Michigan	3	0	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Iowa	6	1	7	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Indiana	2	1	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Northwestern	2	1	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Ohio State	2	2	4	0.5-2	0.5-2	0-0	0	0-0	0
Penn State	1	2	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Totals	20	7	27	0.5-2	0.5-2	0-0	1	0-0	0

2021

DEFENSE	UT	AT	TM	TFL	SACKS	INT	PBU	FR	FF
Northwestern	2	2	4	1.0-2	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Youngstown State	2	1	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0-0	0
Miami	3	0	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	2	0-0	0
Nebraska	3	2	5	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Western Kentucky	5	2	7	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Totals	15	7	22	1.0-2	0-0	0-0	3	0-0	0



2021 SPARTAN FOOTBALL GAME NOTES



CAREER NOTES: Two-year letterwinner has started 15 games at left guard in last three seasons (five in 2019, five in 2020, five in 2021) and has played in 22 career games . . . third-team preseason All-Big Ten selection by Pro Football Focus.

2021 SEASON (JUNIOR): Has started all five games at left guard, playing 198 total snaps . . . started at left guard in Western Kentucky contest and collected 40 snaps . . . started Nebraska game at left guard, notching 29 snaps . . . was starting left guard at Miami and logged 35 offensive snaps . . . started against Youngstown State and played 34 offensive snaps, helping MSU collect 595 yards of total offense (323 passing, 272 rushing), including 408 yards of total offense in the first half, the first time it had more than 400 total yards in the first half since 2007 . . . started at left guard in season-opening win at Northwestern, playing 50 snaps in helping road grade the way for Spartan offensive rushing attack that ran for 326 yards Friday night, marking the first time that the Spartans rushed for 300 yards in a game since 2014 at Indiana (330 yards).



CAREER NOTES: Transfer wide receiver from Louisville has four years of eligibility remaining . . . his older brother, Dez, played at Louisville from 2017-20 and was selected in the fourth round of the 2021 NFL Draft by Tennessee; Dez had 154 catches for 2,589 yards and 21 TDs in his collegiate career at U of L.

2021 SEASON (REDSHIRT FRESHMAN): Has played in limited action in four games, not playing in Nebraska game, but saw 13 snaps in Western Kentucky contest and also got in nine snaps in both Miami and Youngstown State games, along with four snaps at Northwestern.



CAREER NOTES: Second-year player looks to compete for carries at running back.

2021 SEASON (REDSHIRT FRESHMAN): Has six carries for 33 yards in playing in all five games . . . was in on special teams in Western Kentucky game . . . saw limited action on offense and also played special teams in Nebraska game and at Miami . . . named Spartan Special Teams Co-Player of the Week vs. Nebraska . . . earned first carry of Spartan career in Youngstown State game, ending game with six rushes for 33 yards (5.5 ypc) . . . made Spartan debut at Northwestern, playing on special teams.

EAGLIN'S CAREER HIGHS

Rushing Attempts: 6, vs. Youngstown State (9/11/21)

Rushing Yards: 33, vs. Youngstown State (9/11/21)

EAGLIN'S STATISTICS

RUSHING	G/GS	ATT	YDS.	AVG.	TD	LG	YPG
2021	5/0	6	33	5.5	0	14	6.6

EAGLIN'S GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

2021		NO.	YDS	TD	LG
RUSHING					
Northwestern		0	0	0	0
Youngstown State		6	33	0	14
Miami		0	0	0	0
Nebraska		0	0	0	0
Western Kentucky		0	0	0	0
Totals		6	33	0	14

2021 SPARTAN FOOTBALL GAME NOTES



CAREER NOTES: Two-year letterwinner and fifth-year senior has played in 23 career games . . . has seven career tackles.

2021 SEASON (GRADUATE SENIOR): Has played in all five games, tallying three tackles in logging 46 snaps . . . registered one tackle while in on 28 snaps in Western Kentucky game . . . saw action on special teams in Nebraska game . . . tallied one stop in recording five defensive snaps at Miami . . . logged 12 defensive snaps in Youngstown State game, posting one tackle . . . saw limited action on defense and special teams in Northwestern game.

FLOWERS' CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 2, vs. Michigan (10/31/20)

FLOWERS' STATISTICS

	G/GS	UT	AT	TM	TFL	SACKS	INT	PBU	FR	FF
2018	1/0	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
2019	11/0	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1-0	0
2020	6/0	2	1	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
2021	5/0	2	1	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Career	23/0	5	2	7	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0

FLOWERS' GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

2021	UT	AT	TM	TFL	SACKS	INT	PBU	FR	FF
DEFENSE									
Northwestern	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Youngstown State	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Miami	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Nebraska	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Western Kentucky	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Totals	2	1	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0



CAREER NOTES: Second-year wide receiver will compete for time in the playing rotation.

2021 SEASON (SOPHOMORE): Has played in all five games, tallying first catch of Spartan career in Youngstown State game . . . has two catches for 13 yards . . . had one receptions for 7 yards in playing 11 offensive snaps in Western Kentucky contest . . . was in on six special teams snaps in Nebraska game . . . saw action in 12 offensive snaps at Miami . . . was in on 20 snaps of Youngstown State game, snaring first reception as a Spartan, going for 16-yards and a first down in the third quarter . . . saw action in three snaps at Northwestern.

FOSTER'S CAREER HIGHS

Receptions: 1, twice (last vs. Western Kentucky, 10/2/21)

Receiving Yards: 16, vs. Youngstown State (9/11/21)

FOSTER'S STATISTICS

RECEIVING	G/GS	REC.	YDS.	AVG.	TD	LG	YPG
2021	5/0	2	23	11.5	0	16	4.6

FOSTER'S GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

2021	NO.	YDS	TD	LG
RECEIVING				
Northwestern	0	0	0	0
Youngstown State	1	16	0	16
Miami	0	0	0	0
Nebraska	0	0	0	0
Western Kentucky	1	7	0	7
Totals	2	23	0	16



2021 SPARTAN FOOTBALL GAME NOTES



CAREER NOTES: Promising first-year player has made an immediate contribution . . . his brother, Palaie, was a five-star prospect as an inside linebacker and played at USC in 2018-20 and is now on Ohio State's roster in 2021 . . . from same high school that produced current Spartan teammates wide receiver Jalen Nailor and offensive lineman Jacob Isaia.

2021 SEASON (FRESHMAN): Has played in four games, logging action on defense and special teams, posting 23 total snaps on defense and 19 special teams snaps, totaling two tackles and one pass break-up . . . posted one tackle and one pass break-up in Western Kentucky game . . . logged one stop in Youngstown State game.

GAOTEOTE'S CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 1, twice (last vs. Western Kentucky, 10/2/21)

Pass Break-Up: 1, vs. Western Kentucky (10/2/21)

GAOTEOTE'S STATISTICS

	G/GS	UT	AT	TM	TFL	SACKS	INT	PBU	FR	FF
2021	4/0	2	0	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0-0	0



CAREER NOTES: Two-year letterwinner enters his fourth year with the Spartans . . . has played in 24 career games with six starts (three in 2019, three in 2020) . . . has 18 career receptions for 201 yards . . . high school teammate of Xavier Henderson, who is a senior safety for the Spartans.

2021 SEASON (SOPHOMORE): Has played in all five games, making one catch for 5 yards in playing in 25 offensive snaps . . . saw limited action in last three games (Western Kentucky, Nebraska and at Miami . . . had one catch for 5 yards while playing in 12 snaps vs. Youngstown State . . . saw action in three snaps at Northwestern.

GILLISON'S CAREER HIGHS

Receptions: 4, vs. Wake Forest (12/27/19)

Receiving Yards: 88, vs. Wake Forest (12/27/19)

GILLISON'S STATISTICS

	RECEIVING	G/GS	REC.	YDS.	AVG.	TD	LG	YPG
2018		2/0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
2019		12/3	12	147	12.3	0	64	12.3
2020		4/3	5	49	9.8	0	15	12.3
2021		5/0	1	5	5.0	0	5	1.0
Career		24/6	18	201	11.2	0	64	9.1

GILLISON'S GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

2019				
RECEIVING	NO.	YDS	TD	LG
Tulsa	0	0	0	0
Western Michigan	0	0	0	0
Arizona State	0	0	0	0
Northwestern	0	0	0	0
Indiana	1	12	0	12
Ohio State	3	34	0	19
Wisconsin		-DNP-INJURED-		
Penn State	0	0	0	0
Illinois	0	0	0	0
Michigan	2	7	0	7
Rutgers	0	0	0	0
Maryland	2	6	0	6
Wake Forest	4	88	0	64
Totals	12	147	0	64

2020				
RECEIVING	NO.	YDS	TD	LG
Rutgers	0	0	0	0
Michigan	0	0	0	0
Iowa	3	26	0	15
Indiana	2	23	0	14
Northwestern		-DNP-INJURED-		
Ohio State		-DNP-INJURED-		
Penn State		-DNP-INJURED-		
Totals	5	49	0	15

2021				
RECEIVING	NO.	YDS	TD	LG
Northwestern	0	0	0	0
Youngstown State	1	5	0	5
Miami	0	0	0	0
Nebraska	0	0	0	0
Western Kentucky	0	0	0	0
Totals	1	5	0	5

2021 SPARTAN FOOTBALL GAME NOTES



CAREER NOTES: Second-year player has made the transition to safety after playing nickelback as a true freshman . . . has played in all 12 career games, making nine starts (four at nickelback in 2020, five at safety in 2021) . . . has 62 career tackles, six pass break-ups, one interception and one forced fumble.

2021 SEASON (SOPHOMORE): Ranks seventh in the B1G in passes defended/game (1.0) and tied for ninth in total passes defended (5), with four pass break-ups and one interception, ranking tied for seventh in pass break-ups and tied for 12th in interceptions . . . also ranks seventh in B1G with 7.8 tackles per game, ranking eighth in league total-ling 39 tackles (26 solo, 13 assists), ranking sixth in conference in solo stops . . . has started all five games at safety, logging 396 snaps, which ranks second on the defense . . . the 39 tackles also ranks second on the defense, while topping the defense with the four pass break-ups and five passes defended, with one pass defended in each of the five games . . . started at safety in Western Kentucky contest and collected career-high 16 tackles for first double-digit tackle outing of career, adding one pass break-up . . . started Nebraska game at safety and registered seven tackles and one pass break-up in playing 85 of the 86 defensive snaps . . . snagged first career interception after starting at safety at Miami, adding three stops in playing 85 of 90 defensive snaps, second-most on the defense . . . started Youngstown State game at safety, notching four tackles and one pass break-up . . . started at safety in season-opening win at Northwestern, logging career-high nine stops, sharing team lead, adding one pass break-up.

GROSE'S CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 16, vs. Western Kentucky (10/2/21)

Tackle For Loss: 0.5, vs. Iowa (11/7/20)

Interception: 1, vs. Miami (9/18/21)

Pass Break-Ups: 1, six times, (last vs. Western Kentucky, 10/2/21)

Forced Fumble: 1, vs. Ohio State (12/5/20)

GROSE'S STATISTICS

	G/GS	UT	AT	TM	TFL	SACKS	INT	PBU	FR	FF
2020	7/4	15	8	23	0.5-1	0-0	0-0	2	0-0	1
2021	5/5	26	13	39	0-0	0-0	1-0	4	0-0	0
Totals	12/9	41	21	62	0.5-1	0-0	1-0	6	0-0	1

GROSE'S GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

2020

DEFENSE	UT	AT	TM	TFL	SACKS	INT	PBU	FR	FF
Rutgers	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Michigan	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Iowa	1	1	2	0.5-1	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Indiana	3	0	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Northwestern	5	1	6	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0-0	0
Ohio State	2	4	6	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0-0	1
Penn State	4	1	5	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Totals	15	8	23	0.5-1	0-0	0-0	2	0-0	1

2021

DEFENSE	UT	AT	TM	TFL	SACKS	INT	PBU	FR	FF
Northwestern	5	4	9	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0-0	0
Youngstown State	4	0	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0-0	0
Miami	2	1	3	0-0	0-0	1-0	0	0-0	0
Nebraska	4	3	7	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0-0	0
Western Kentucky	11	5	16	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0-0	0
Totals	26	13	39	0-0	0-0	1-0	4	0-0	0



2021 SPARTAN FOOTBALL GAME NOTES



CAREER NOTES: Second-year player has earned a starting position at linebacker . . . has played in nine career games with five starts, with all five coming in 2021 after making first start of career at Northwestern.

2021 SEASON (REDSHIRT FRESHMAN): Ranks eighth in B1G in tackles per game (7.4), ranked tied for ninth in tackles, totaling 37 stops (nine solo, 28 assists), with 1.5 tackles for loss, two pass break-ups, one forced fumble, one fumble recovery and one QB hurry in starting all four games at linebacker and playing 320 overall snaps . . . started Western Kentucky contest at linebacker and tallied career-high 10 tackles, with one tackle for loss, adding a forced fumble and fumble recovery, stripping the QB of ball on a 3rd-and-1 QB plunge, and recovering the fumble, setting up MSU in WKU territory and Spartan scoring drive . . . started at linebacker in Nebraska game and notched career-high with eight tackles, adding one pass break-up in playing 80 of the 86 defensive snaps . . . was starting linebacker at Miami, notching six tackles in playing 83 of 90 defensive snaps, third-most on the defense . . . started Youngstown State contest and posted career-high for second game in a row with seven stops, including 0.5 tackle for loss, in 33 snaps . . . made first start of Spartan career in season-opener, starting at linebacker and logging career-high six stops and adding first pass break-up of career, playing in 65 snaps, nearly tripling last year's season total of 23 plays on special teams.

HALADAY'S CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 10, vs. Western Kentucky (10/2/21)

Tackle For loss: 0.5, vs. Youngstown State (9/11/21)

Pass Break-Ups: 1, twice (last vs. Nebraska, 9/25/21)

Forced Fumble: 1, vs. Western Kentucky (10/2/21)

Fumble Recovery: 1, vs. Western Kentucky (10/2/21)

HALADAY'S STATISTICS

	G/GS	UT	AT	TM	TFL	SACKS	INT	PBU	FR	FF
2020	4/0	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
2021	5/5	9	28	37	1.5-4	0-0	0-0	2	1-0	1
Totals	9/5	9	28	37	1.5-4	0-0	0-0	2	1-0	1

HALADAY'S GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

2021	DEFENSE	UT	AT	TM	TFL	SACKS	INT	PBU	FR	FF
Northwestern		3	3	6	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0-0	0
Youngstown State		1	6	7	0.5-1	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Miami		2	4	6	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Nebraska		0	8	8	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0-0	0
Western Kentucky		3	7	10	1.0-3	0-0	0-0	0	1-0	1
Totals		9	28	37	1.5-4	0-0	0-0	2	1-0	1



CAREER NOTES: Third-year player competes for time in the playing rotation at defensive tackle.

2021 SEASON (REDSHIRT SOPHOMORE): Has posted eight tackles with one sack, one pass break-up and one QB hurry in playing in 152 total snaps in playing all five games . . . has 1.0 tackle for loss in each of the last two games . . . registered first sack of career as part of two tackles in Western Kentucky game, adding one pass break-up and one QB hurry in logging 38 snaps . . . notched a career-high three stops in Nebraska game, with one tackle for loss, in playing 30 snaps . . . was in on 27 snaps and tallied one tackle at Miami . . . saw action in 26 snaps vs. Youngstown State . . . posted one tackle, including first tackle for loss of career, in playing 31 snaps in season-opening win at Northwestern.

HANSEN'S CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 3, vs. Nebraska (9/25/21)

Sack: 1, vs. Western Kentucky (10/2/21)

Tackle For Loss: 1, four times (last vs. Western Kentucky, 10/2/21)

Pass Break-Up: 1, vs. Western Kentucky (10/2/21)

HANSEN'S STATISTICS

	G/GS	UT	AT	TM	TFL	SACKS	INT	PBU	FR	FF
2020	6/0	0	2	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
2021	5/1	5	2	7	3.0-11	1-9	0	1	0	0
Totals	11/1	5	4	9	3.0-11	1-9	0	1	0	0

HANSEN'S GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

2021	DEFENSE	UT	AT	TM	TFL	SACKS	INT	PBU	FR	FF
Northwestern		1	0	1	1.0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Youngstown State		0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Miami		1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Nebraska		1	2	3	1.0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Western Kentucky		2	0	2	1.0-9	1.0-9	0-0	1	0-0	0
Totals		5	2	7	3.0-11	1-9	0	1	0-0	0

2021 SPARTAN FOOTBALL GAME NOTES



CAREER NOTES: Fifth-year senior and three-year letterwinner has played in 35 career games, making 12 starts at linebacker (five in 2019, seven in 2020), with 110 tackles (nearly even split of 54 solo, 56 assists), including 10.0 for losses (37 yards) and three sacks (18 yards), adding five pass break-ups and one forced fumble . . . preseason All-Big Ten selection (third team) by Phil Steele.

2020 SEASON (REDSHIRT SENIOR): Has played in three games, posting five tackles (two solo, three assists) in playing in 24 snaps . . . posted one tackle in playing in 23 defensive snaps in Western Kentucky game . . . did not see action in Nebraska game and at Miami . . . logged three tackles in playing 17 snaps against Youngstown State . . . tallied one tackle in playing in seven snaps in season-opening win at Northwestern.

HARVEY'S CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 14, vs. Wake Forest (12/27/19)

Tackles For Loss: 2.5, vs. Illinois (11/9/19)

Sacks: 1.5, vs. Illinois (11/9/19)

Pass Break-Ups: 2, vs. Illinois (11/9/19)

HARVEY'S STATISTICS

	G/GS	UT	AT	TM	TFL	SACKS	INT	PBU	FR	FF
2018	12/0	2	0	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
2019	13/5	19	30	49	5.0-24	3.0-18	0-0	4	0-0	1
2020	7/7	31	23	54	5.0-13	0-0	0-0	1	0-0	0
2021	3/0	2	3	5	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Career	35/12	54	56	110	10.0-37	3.0-18	0-0	5	0-0	1

HARVEY'S GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

2019

DEFENSE	UT	AT	TM	TFL	SACKS	INT	PBU	FR	FF
Tulsa	0	2	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Western Michigan	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Arizona State	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0-0	0
Northwestern	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Indiana	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Ohio State	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Wisconsin	1	1	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Penn State	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Illinois	3	6	9	2.5-11	1.5-8	0-0	2	0-0	0
Michigan	4	1	5	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Rutgers	3	3	6	0.5-2	0.5-2	0-0	1	0-0	0
Maryland	5	3	8	1-8	1.0-8	0-0	0	0-0	1
Wake Forest	1	13	14	1-3	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Totals	19	30	49	5-24	3-18	0-0	4	0-0	1

2020

DEFENSE	UT	AT	TM	TFL	SACKS	INT	PBU	FR	FF
Rutgers	3	6	9	0.5-2	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Michigan	7	4	11	1.5-3	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Iowa	4	1	5	1.5-4	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Indiana	3	1	4	1.0-2	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Northwestern	5	3	8	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Ohio State	3	5	8	0.5-2	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Penn State	6	3	9	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0-0	0
Totals	31	23	54	5.0-13	0-0	0-0	1	0-0	0

2021

DEFENSE	UT	AT	TM	TFL	SACKS	INT	PBU	FR	FF
Northwestern	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Youngstown State	1	2	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Miami				-DNP-					
Nebraska				-DNP-					
Western Kentucky	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Totals	2	3	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0



2021 SPARTAN FOOTBALL GAME NOTES



CAREER NOTES: Three-year letterwinner leads all active Spartans with 184 tackles . . . also has 8.5 tackles for loss, three interceptions, seven pass break-ups and one forced fumble in 38 career games, making 25 consecutive starts at safety . . . preseason All-Big Ten selection (third team) by Phil Steele . . . high school teammate of Trenton Gillison, who is a redshirt junior tight end on the Spartans.

2021 SEASON (SENIOR): Ranks fourth in the B1G and tied for 26th in FBS with 9.0 tackles/game . . . also ranks fifth in league and tied for 23rd in nation with 45 total tackles . . . also tied for 11th in B1G in both tackles for loss (5.0) and tied for 14th in TFL/game (1.0) . . . is also ranked tied for 20th in conference in sacks (2.0) and tied for 20th in league in sacks/game (0.5) . . . also tied for 12th in the league with one interception . . . only 2.0 sacks of career came in first two games of season . . . led or shared team-lead in tackles in first four games and had eight or more stops in first four games . . . started all five games at safety and has team-leading 45 tackles (29 solo, 16 assists) with 5.0 TFLs (18 yards) and 2.0 sacks (14 yards), along with one INT and one pass break-up, in playing in defensive-leading 417 of 433 total defensive snaps, including playing every defensive snap in last three games and all but one in another . . . played all 95 snaps in Western Kentucky contest, collecting three stops and 1.0 tackle for loss . . . played all 86 defensive snaps in Nebraska game, posting career-high 17 tackles (10 solo, 7 assists), adding one TFL, marking the most tackles by a Spartan in a single game since Montae Nicholson also had 17 stops (Oct. 8, 2016 vs. BYU) . . . played all 90 snaps at Miami, only defensive player to do so, and led MSU in tackles for third-straight game with eight tackles (all solo) . . . collected the MSU Defensive Player of the Week team award after leading the team in tackles for the second game in a row with eight stops, and also had a 4-yard sack and an acrobatic interception in the second quarter in playing in 63 of the 78 defensive snaps . . . the interception was his first since Nov. 23, 2019 vs. Rutgers and was third career interception . . . was game captain for season-opener and shared top tackle honors with career-high tying nine stops, adding first career sack as part of career-high two tackles for loss in season-opening win at Northwestern, earning MSU Co-Defensive Player of the Week team award, in playing 83 of 84 defensive snaps.

HENDERSON'S CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 17, vs. Nebraska (9/25/21)

Pass Break-Ups: 2, twice (last vs. Maryland, 11/30/19)

Tackles For Loss: 2.0, vs. Northwestern (9/3/21)

Sack: 1.0, twice (last vs. Youngstown State, 9/11/21)

Interception: 1, three times (last vs. Youngstown State, 9/11/21)

Fumble Recovery: 1, vs. Rutgers (11/24/18)

HENDERSON'S STATISTICS

	G/GS	UT	AT	TM	TFL	SACKS	INT	PBU	FR	FF
2018	13/0	9	6	15	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	1
2019	13/13	56	27	83	2.0-5	0-0	2-32	5	0-0	0
2020	7/7	24	17	41	1.5-3	0-0	0-0	1	0-0	0
2021	5/5	29	16	45	5.0-18	2.0-14	1-0	1	0-0	0
Career	38/25	118	66	184	8.5-26	2.0-14	3-32	7	0-0	1

HENDERSON'S GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

2019

DEFENSE	UT	AT	TM	TFL	SACKS	INT	PBU	FR	FF
Tulsa	2	0	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Western Michigan	1	6	7	0-0	0-0	1-0	0	0-0	0
Arizona State	3	4	7	0-0	0-0	0-0	2	0-0	0
Northwestern	5	1	6	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Indiana	3	2	5	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Ohio State	5	0	5	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0-0	0
Wisconsin	7	1	8	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Penn State	6	2	8	1-4	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Illinois	3	4	7	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Michigan	7	2	9	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Rutgers	3	6	9	0-0	0-0	1-32	0	0-0	0
Maryland	4	3	7	1-1	0-0	0-0	2	0-0	0
Wake Forest	2	1	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Totals	56	27	83	2-5	0-0	2-32	5	0-0	0

2020

DEFENSE	UT	AT	TM	TFL	SACKS	INT	PBU	FR	FF
Rutgers	4	2	6	1.0-2	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Michigan	4	3	7	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Iowa	4	2	6	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Indiana	3	1	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Northwestern	2	3	5	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0-0	0
Ohio State	3	6	9	0.5-1	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Penn State	4	0	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Totals	24	17	41	1.5-3	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0

2021

DEFENSE	UT	AT	TM	TFL	SACKS	INT	PBU	FR	FF
Northwestern	7	2	9	2.0-12	1.0-10	0-0	0	0-0	0
Youngstown State	2	6	8	1.0-4	1.0-4	1-0	1	0-0	0
Miami	8	0	8	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Nebraska	10	7	17	1.0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Western Kentucky	2	1	3	1.0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Totals	29	16	45	5.0-18	2.0-14	1-0	1	0-0	0

2021 SPARTAN FOOTBALL GAME NOTES



CAREER NOTES: Three-year letterwinner has played in 41 career games, including 20 starts (eight in 2018, one in 2019, six in 2020, five in 2021 / 15 at running back from 2018-20, five at tight end in 2021) . . . shifted to tight end in preseason . . . second among all active Spartans with 2,053 career all-purpose yards, surpassing the 2,000-yard mark in Miami game, and has cracked MSU's top 50 all-purpose list, now at No. 48 . . . has 818 rushing, 506 receiving, 6 punt return and 723 kick return, and nine career TDs (five rushing, four receptions) . . . has rushed for 818 yards and five TDs on 210 career carries . . . has 72 receptions for 506 yards and four TDs . . . has returned 33 kickoffs in his career for 723 yards, ranking No. 16 on MSU career kick return yards list and tied for No. 18 on career kick return list (33), as well as ranking No. 29 on career kick return average (21.91 ypr) and No. 51 on career rushing yards/game list (20.0), while ranking No. 48 in all-purpose yards (2,053) . . . named to the Paul Hornung Award Watch List . . . his late father, Craig, played college football at Pittsburgh before spending 11 years in the NFL with New Orleans (1988-1991), Chicago (1992), Atlanta (1994-95), St. Louis (1997) and Indianapolis (1998); he rushed for 4,301 career yards and was a Pro Bowl selection in 1995 with the Falcons . . . his oldest brother, Cameron, was a 2011 NFL first-round draft choice (No. 31 overall) out of Ohio State and is in his 10th season with the Steelers as a defensive end; he has earned Pro Bowl honors four straight years (2017-20) and All-Pro accolades twice (2017, 2019) . . . also has an older brother, Corey, who played basketball at Georgia Tech (2013-17) . . . graduated in May 2021 with a bachelor's degree in communication.

2021 SEASON (GRADUATE SENIOR): Has started all five games at tight end . . . has 11 catches for 121 yards (11.0 ypc/24.2 ypg), in playing 217 offensive snaps . . . had three catches for 5 yards in Western Kentucky contest, playing 50 snaps . . . started Nebraska game at tight end and had two catches for 39 yards, with both coming on same MSU drive in second quarter, including 24 YAC, with most of them on a highlight-reel and season-long 34-yard catch, leaping over and bouncing off defender, then running over another would-be tackler and getting first down, part of playing 43 offensive snaps . . . was starting tight end at Miami and had three catches for 49 yards, with 44 coming after contact, and two going for first downs, along with two coming on TD drives, including a 24-yard reception for longest catch of season and second-longest of career and longest since 2019, and also had nice double-block on Jayden Reed's 8-yard TD run to seal Victory for MSU . . . started at tight end vs. Youngstown State, playing 31 snaps . . . made career debut at tight end, starting in season-opening win at Northwestern, and snared three catches for 28 yards including a diving acrobatic catch, along with a third-down reception, running over and carrying several Northwestern defenders on way to first down, keeping Spartan drive going MSU's second possession of the game, which concluded with a TD and a 14-0 lead . . . added a 5-yard catch on MSU's opening possession of the third quarter, resulting in TD for a 28-7 Spartan advantage.

HEYWARD'S CAREER HIGHS

Rushing Attempts: 24, vs. Northwestern (11/28/20)
 Rushing Yards: 157, vs. Maryland (11/3/18)
 Rushing TDs: 2, twice (last vs. Maryland, 11/3/18)
 Receptions: 7, vs. Northwestern (10/6/18)
 Receiving Yards: 78, vs. Nebraska (11/17/18)
 Receiving TDs: 2, vs. Michigan (10/31/20)
 Kick Returns: 7, vs. Ohio State (11/11/17)
 Kick Return: 49, vs. Maryland (11/3/18)
 Kick Return Yards: 115, vs. Minnesota (10/14/17)
 Punt Returns: 1, vs. Minnesota (10/14/17)
 Punt Return Yards: 6, vs. Minnesota (10/14/17)

HEYWARD'S STATISTICS

RUSHING	G/GS	ATT	YDS.	AVG.	TD	LG	YPG
2017	12/0	3	10	3.3	0	3	0.9
2018	13/8	118	529	4.5	5	80	40.7
2019	4/1	24	79	3.3	0	14	19.8
2020	7/6	65	200	3.1	0	14	28.6
2021	5/5	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Career	41/20	210	818	3.9	5	80	20.0

RECEIVING	REC.	YDS.	AVG.	TD	LG	YPG
2017	4	13	3.2	1	7	1.2
2018	32	249	7.8	0	36	19.2
2019	7	52	7.4	1	15	13.0
2020	18	71	3.9	2	13	11.8
2021	11	121	11.0	0	34	24.2
Career	72	506	7.0	4	36	12.3

PUNT RETURNS	ATT	YDS.	AVG.	TD	LG
2017	1	6	6.0	0	6
2018	0	0	0.0	0	0
2019	0	0	0.0	0	0
2020	0	0	0.0	0	0
2021	0	0	0.0	0	0
Career	1	6	6.0	0	6

KICK RETURNS	ATT	YDS.	AVG.	TD	LG
2017	20	436	21.8	0	55
2018	13	287	22.1	0	49
2019	0	0	0.0	0	0
2020	0	0	0.0	0	0
2021	0	0	0.0	0	0
Career	33	723	21.9	0	55

ALL PURPOSE	RUSH	REC	PR	KR	TOTAL	YPG
2017	10	13	6	436	465	38.8
2018	529	249	0	287	1,065	81.9
2019	79	52	0	0	131	32.8
2020	200	71	0	0	271	38.7
2021	0	121	0	0	121	24.2
Career	818	506	6	723	2,053	50.1



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HEYWARD'S GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

2017

RUSHING	ATT	YDS	TD	LG
Bowling Green		-DNP-		
Western Michigan	0	0	0	0
Notre Dame	0	0	0	0
Iowa	0	0	0	0
Michigan	0	0	0	0
Minnesota	0	0	0	0
Indiana	0	0	0	0
Northwestern	2	3	0	3
Penn State	0	0	0	0
Ohio State	0	0	0	0
Maryland	0	0	0	0
Rutgers	1	7	0	7
Washington State	0	0	0	0
Totals	3	10	0	7

2018

RUSHING	ATT	YDS	TD	LG
Utah State	5	42	2	17
Arizona State	5	22	0	11
Indiana	12	23	0	6
Central Michigan	15	48	1	7
Northwestern	5	12	0	12
Penn State	8	44	0	26
Michigan	3	3	0	5
Purdue	2	7	0	5
Maryland	15	157	2	80
Ohio State	4	1	0	5
Nebraska	21	80	0	27
Rutgers	19	81	0	26
Oregon	4	9	0	3
Totals	118	529	5	80

2019

RUSHING	ATT	YDS	TD	LG
Tulsa	15	43	0	7
Western Michigan	3	13	0	14
Arizona State	3	6	0	4
Northwestern	3	17	0	9
Totals	24	79	0	14

2020

RUSHING	ATT	YDS	TD	LG
Rutgers	7	18	0	9
Michigan	13	28	0	5
Iowa	3	10	0	4
Indiana	5	27	0	14
Northwestern	24	96	0	12
Ohio State	8	11	0	4
Penn State	5	10	0	5
Totals	65	200	0	14

2017

RECEIVING	NO.	YDS	TD	LG
Bowling Green		-DNP-		
Western Michigan	0	0	0	0
Notre Dame	0	0	0	0
Iowa	0	0	0	0
Michigan	1	2	0	2
Minnesota	1	-1	0	0
Indiana	0	0	0	0
Northwestern	1	5	0	5
Penn State	0	0	0	0
Ohio State	0	0	0	0
Maryland	0	0	0	0
Rutgers	1	7	1	7
Washington State	0	0	0	0
Totals	4	13	1	7

2018

RECEIVING	NO.	YDS	TD	LG
Utah State	0	0	0	0
Arizona State	4	43	0	22
Indiana	1	16	0	16
Central Michigan	4	16	0	12
Northwestern	7	30	0	15
Penn State	4	20	0	11
Michigan	1	8	0	8
Purdue	0	0	0	0
Maryland	1	2	0	2
Ohio State	1	9	0	9
Nebraska	5	78	0	36
Rutgers	4	27	0	18
Oregon	0	0	0	0
Totals	32	249	0	36

2019

RECEIVING	NO.	YDS	TD	LG
Tulsa	3	28	1	15
Western Michigan	1	7	0	7
Arizona State	1	6	0	6
Northwestern	2	11	0	11
Totals	7	52	1	15

2020

RECEIVING	NO.	YDS	TD	LG
Rutgers	5	25	0	11
Michigan	2	15	2	13
Iowa	2	12	0	9
Indiana	0	0	0	0
Northwestern	4	9	0	5
Ohio State	5	10	0	8
Penn State	0	0	0	0
Totals	18	71	2	13

2021

RECEIVING	NO.	YDS	TD	LG
Northwestern	3	28	0	16
Youngstown State	0	0	0	0
Miami	3	49	0	24
Nebraska	2	39	0	34
Western Kentucky	3	5	0	7
Totals	11	121	0	34

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CAREER NOTES: Transfer from Arkansas State is the starter at left tackle for the Spartans . . . has started 25 career games (started 20 games at left tackle the past two seasons (2019-20) for the Red Wolves; started five games at left tackle in 2021 for the Spartans) . . . named to the Outland Trophy Watch List.

2021 SEASON (SENIOR): Has started all five games at left tackle, playing 173 total snaps . . . was started left tackle in Western Kentucky contest, collecting 40 snaps . . . started at left tackle in Nebraska game, notching 29 snaps . . . was starting left tackle at Miami, playing 44 snaps . . . started Youngstown State game at left tackle, logging 13 snaps in helping MSU collect 595 yards of total offense (323 passing, 272 rushing), including 408 yards of total offense in the first half, the first time it had more than 400 total yards in the first half since 2007 . . . started in Spartan debut, opening season-opener at Northwestern at left tackle, playing 44 snaps in helping offense road grade the way for Spartan offensive rushing attack that ran for 326 yards, marking the first time that the Spartans rushed for 300 yards in a game since 2014 at Indiana (330 yards).



CAREER NOTES: Redshirt sophomore enters his third year with the program in 2021 looking to compete for a starting role . . . has played in 10 career games, with two starts (one in 2020, one in 2021).

2021 SEASON (REDSHIRT SOPHOMORE): Has played in all five games, with one start, logging three tackles in 83 snaps . . . posted one stop in playing 36 snaps in Western Kentucky contest . . . notched one tackle in playing 26 snaps in Nebraska game . . . saw limited action at Miami and against Youngstown State . . . started at defensive tackle in season-opening win at Northwestern, playing 11 snaps and recording one tackle.

J. HUNT'S STATISTICS

	G/GS	UT	AT	TM	TFL	SACKS	INT	PBU	FR	FF
2020	5/1	4	1	5	2-6	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
2021	5/1	3	0	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Career	10/2	7	1	8	2-6	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0



CAREER NOTES: Fifth-year senior and three-year letterwinner has played in 28 career games, making three career starts at tight end . . . switched positions to tight end in 2020 . . . can play a multitude of positions on special teams, including placekicker, punter, kickoffs and holder . . . joined the team as a walk-on in September 2017 . . . graduated with a bachelor's degree in agribusiness in May 2021.

2021 SEASON (GRADUATE SENIOR): Has played in all five games with one start, playing 142 snaps, snaring four catches for 36 yards, with two going for a first down . . . played 36 snaps in Western Kentucky contest . . . was in on 22 snaps in Nebraska game . . . tallied two catches for 20 yards at Miami, with one going for a first down and both coming on a MSU's FG drive, in playing 38 snaps . . . started Youngstown State game at tight end, playing 19 snaps and catching two passes for 16 yards, with one going for a first down and the other part of a MSU TD drive . . . saw action in 29 offensive snaps in season-opening win at Northwestern.

T. HUNT'S CAREER HIGHS

Rushing Attempts: 1, vs. Iowa (11/7/20)
 Rushing Yards: 1, vs. Iowa (11/7/20)
 Rushing TDs: 1, vs. Iowa (11/7/20)
 Receptions: 4, vs. Ohio State (12/5/20)
 Receiving Yards: 24, vs. Ohio State (12/5/20)
 Punts: 11, vs. Michigan (10/20/18)
 Punting Yards: 457, vs. Michigan (10/20/18)
 Punting Avg. (Min. 4): 41.5, vs. Michigan (10/20/18)
 Punts Inside 20: 5, vs. Northwestern (10/6/18)
 Longest Punt: 63, vs. Northwestern (10/6/18)

T. HUNT'S STATISTICS

RECEIVING	G/GS	REC.	YDS.	AVG.	TD	LG	YPG
2018	5/0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
2019	13/0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
2020	5/3	8	78	9.8	0	17	15.6
2021	5/1	4	36	9.0	0	13	7.2
Career	28/4	12	114	9.5	0	17	4.1

RUSHING	ATT	YDS.	AVG.	TD	LG	YPG
2020	1	1	1.0	1	1	1.0

PUNTING	G	NO.	YDS.	AVG.	LG	I20	I10	50+
2018	5	36	1444	40.1	63	15	2	3

T. HUNT'S GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

2020	NO.	YDS	TD	LG
RECEIVING				
Rutgers	-DNP-			
Michigan	-DNP-			
Iowa	1	7	0	7
Indiana	1	15	0	15
Northwestern	1	15	0	15
Ohio State	4	24	0	9
Penn State	1	17	0	17
Totals	8	78	0	17

2021	NO.	YDS	TD	LG
RECEIVING				
Northwestern	0	0	0	0
Youngstown State	2	16	0	8
Miami	2	20	0	13
Nebraska	0	0	0	0
Western Kentucky	0	0	0	0
Totals	4	36	0	13



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CAREER NOTES: Three-year letterwinner is in his fifth season with the Spartans . . . has played in 37 career games, including 32 starts (22 at right guard, three at left tackle, seven at right tackle / 10 in 2017, seven in 2018, three in 2019, seven in 2020, five in 2021) . . . named to Senior Bowl Watch List . . . earned his bachelor's degree in criminal justice in December 2020.

2021 SEASON (GRADUATE SENIOR): Has started all five games at right guard, playing in 270 of 332 offensive snaps, leading the offensive line and third overall on offense . . . was starting right guard in Western Kentucky contest, recording 73 of 75 offensive snaps . . . started at right guard in Nebraska game, notching 53 snaps . . . was starting right guard at Miami, logging 53 of 73 offensive snaps . . . started home opener vs. Youngstown State at right guard, playing 41 snaps in helping MSU collect 595 yards of total offense (323 passing, 272 rushing), including 408 yards of total offense in the first half, the first time it had more than 400 total yards in the first half since 2007 . . . was in on 50 snaps in season-opening win at Northwestern, helping offense road grade the way for Spartan offensive rushing attack that ran for 326 yards, marking the first time that the Spartans rushed for 300 yards in a game since 2014 at Indiana (330 yards).



CAREER NOTES: Transfer running back from Auburn, has played in 22 collegiate games, playing in 17 games for the Tigers from 2018-20 (two in 2018, 13 in 2019, two in 2020), and five for the Spartans in 2021 . . . has 18 career carries for 115 yards and seven receptions for 137 yards (had 15 carries for 103 yards and two rushing TDs, with six receptions for 128 yards and one receiving TD while at Auburn; has three rushes for 12 yards and one catch for 9 yards at MSU)

2021 SEASON (REDSHIRT JUNIOR): Has appeared in all five games, primarily on special teams . . . saw limited action in Western Kentucky, against Nebraska, at Miami and against Youngstown State . . . made Spartan debut in season opening win at Northwestern, with three carries for 12 yards.

JOINER'S CAREER HIGHS

Rushing Attempts: 4[^], twice (last vs. Arkansas, 10/19/19)

Rushing Yards: 59[^], vs. Arkansas (10/19/19)

Rushing TDs: 1[^], twice (last vs. Arkansas, 10/19/19)

Receptions: 2[^], vs. Teas A&M (9/21/19)

Receiving Yards: 78[^], vs. Ole Miss (11/2/19)

Receiving TDs: 1[^], vs. Samford (11/23/19)

JOINER'S STATISTICS (AT AUBURN)

RUSHING	G/GS	ATT	YDS.	AVG.	TD	LG	YPG
2018 [^]	2/0	3	9	3.0	1	5	4.5
2019 [^]	13/0	12	94	7.8	1	32	7.2
2020 [^]	2/0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
2021#	5/0	3	12	4.0	0	8	2.4
Career	22/0	18	115	6.4	2	32	5.2

RECEIVING	REC.	YDS.	AVG.	TD	LG	YPG
2018 [^]	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
2019 [^]	6	128	21.3	1	78	9.8
2020 [^]	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
2021#	1	9	9.0	0	9	2.5
Career	7	137	19.6	1	78	6.2

[^] = at Auburn / # = at Michigan State

2021 SPARTAN FOOTBALL GAME NOTES



CAREER NOTES: Graduate transfer from Duke has played in 52 collegiate games (played in 48 games for the Blue Devils from 2017-20, including 21 starts at defensive end; played in four games for the Spartans in 2021) . . . has collected 110 total tackles (compiled 104 tackles, 15 tackles for loss, 10 sacks, four fumble recoveries and one forced fumble during his time at Duke; has posted eight tackles at MSU) . . . played a total of 2,160 snaps with the Blue Devils . . . enrolled at Michigan State in January 2021 and participated in spring practice . . . graduated from Duke in December 2020 with a bachelor's degree in evolutionary anthropology.

2021 SEASON (GRADUATE SENIOR): Has played in four games, logging eight tackles and two QB hurries in playing 144 overall snaps . . . registered three stops and one QB hurry in 47 snaps in the Western Kentucky contest . . . logged two tackles in playing 21 snaps in Nebraska game . . . was in on 40 snaps at Miami and notched one tackle and one QB hurry . . . made Spartan debut in season-opening win at Northwestern, notching two tackles in playing 35 snaps.

JORDAN'S CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 7[^], vs. Boston College (9/19/20)

Sack: 1[^], seven times (last vs. Florida State (12/12/20)

Tackles For Loss: 1.5[^], vs. North Carolina (10/26/19)

JORDAN'S STATISTICS

	G/GS	UT	AT	TM	TFL	SACKS	INT	PBU	FR	FF
2017 [^]	13/1	7	9	16	3-15	3-15	0-0	0	1	0
2018 [^]	12/10	21	12	33	4-19	2.5-16	0-0	0	0	1
2019 [^]	12/8	7	11	18	3.5-8	1-3	0-0	0	0	0
2020 [^]	11/2	12	23	35	4.5-21	3.5-20	0-0	0	3	0
2021#	4/0	5	3	8	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Totals	52/22	52	58	110	15.0-63	10.0-54	0-0	0	4	0

[^] = at Duke / # = at Michigan State



CAREER NOTES: Transfer cornerback from Florida has played in 21 collegiate games (played in 17 games for the Gators (eight in 2019, nine in 2020) and played in four for the Spartans in 2021) . . . has 30 career tackles, with 0.5 tackle for loss, one interception and three pass break-ups (compiled 15 tackles and three pass break-ups at UF; has 15 tackles, 0.5 TFL and one INT at MSU).

2021 SEASON (JUNIOR): Has matched his two-year Florida career with 15 stops in five games at MSU, with 11 solo and four assists, along with 0.5 TFL, one INT and one QB hurry in playing 292 total defensive snaps in four games . . . collected collegiate career-high six tackles in Western Kentucky contest, in playing in 94 of the 95 defensive snaps . . . snared first career interception with a pick in overtime of Nebraska game and returned the interception 62 yards, adding one tackle, while playing in 85 of the 86 defensive snaps . . . logged three stops and 0.5 tackle for loss at Miami in 67 snaps . . . made Spartan debut in starting at cornerback in Youngstown State game, making a career-high five tackles in 43 snaps.

KIMBROUGH'S CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 6, vs. Western Kentucky (10/2/21)

Tackle For Loss: 0.5, vs. Miami (9/18/21)

Interception: 1, vs. Nebraska (9/25/21)

KIMBROUGH'S STATISTICS

	G/GS	UT	AT	TM	TFL	SACKS	INT	PBU	FR	FF
2019 [^]	8/0	5	3	8	0-0	0-0	0-0	2	0	0
2020 [^]	9/0	5	2	7	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0
2021#	4/4	11	4	15	0.5-0	0-0	1-62	0	0	0
Totals	20/4	21	9	30	0.5-0	0-0	1-62	3	0	0

KIMBROUGH'S GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

2021	DEFENSE	UT	AT	TM	TFL	SACKS	INT	PBU	FR	FF
Northwestern					-DNP-					
Youngstown State	4	1	5	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Miami	2	1	3	0.5-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Nebraska	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	1-62	0	0	0	0
Western Kentucky	4	2	6	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Totals	11	4	15	0-5-0	0-0	1-62	0	0	0	0

[^] = at Florida / # = at Michigan State



2021 SPARTAN FOOTBALL GAME NOTES



CAREER NOTES: Second-year player adds depth along the front of the defensive line.

2021 SEASON (REDSHIRT FRESHMAN): Has played 28 overall snaps at defensive tackle in three games, posting two tackles and two pass break-ups . . . logged eight snaps at Miami and registered two pass break-ups, including the final play of game . . . played a season-high 14 snaps vs. Youngstown State . . . made Spartan debut in season-opening win at Northwestern, registering two tackles and one pass break-up in playing just six snaps.

KING'S CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 2, vs. Northwestern (9/3/21)

Pass Break-Up: 2, vs. Miami (9/18/21)

KING'S STATISTICS

	G/GS	UT	AT	TM	TFL	SACKS	INT	PBU	FR	FF
2021	3/0	2	0	2	0-0	0-0	0	3	0	0



CAREER NOTES: Second-year receiver will compete for time in the playing rotation . . . his father, Terry Lockett Sr., grew up in Detroit, and has family members who have graduated from MSU.

2021 SEASON (SOPHOMORE): Has played in all five games, snaring three catches for 17 yards in playing 35 total offensive snaps . . . saw limited offense action in Western Kentucky and Nebraska games . . . logged one catch for 4 yards at Miami, in playing 12 snaps . . . was in on 15 snaps in Youngstown State game, registering two catches for 14 yards . . . played two snaps in season-opening win at Northwestern

LOCKETT'S CAREER HIGHS

Receptions: 2, vs. Youngstown State (9/11/21)

Receiving Yards: 14, vs. Youngstown State (9/11/21)

LOCKETT'S STATISTICS

	G/GS	REC.	YDS.	AVG.	TD	LG	YPG
2020	6/0	1	4	4.0	0	4	0.7
2021	5/0	3	18	6.0	0	8	3.6
Career	11/0	4	22	5.5	0	8	2.0

LOCKETT'S GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

2021	RECEIVING	NO.	YDS	TD	LG
Northwestern	0	0	0	0	0
Youngstown State	2	14	9	8	8
Miami	1	4	0	4	4
Nebraska	0	0	0	0	0
Western Kentucky	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	3	18	9	8	8



CAREER NOTES: Fourth-year defensive tackle has played in 12 career games, including two starts . . . has tallied 17 career tackles, including 3.0 tackles for loss and 2.0 sacks.

2021 SEASON (REDSHIRT JUNIOR): Has played in four games, registering one tackle while logging 98 overall snaps . . . saw limited action in Nebraska game . . . was in on 24 snaps at Miami . . . tallied one tackle in home-opening win over Youngstown State in playing in 31 snaps . . . played in the season-opening win at Northwestern, logging 40 snaps.

MALLORY'S CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 6, vs. Penn State (12/12/20)

Tackles For Loss: 1.0, twice (last vs. Northwestern, 11/28/20)

Sack: 1.0, twice (last vs. Northwestern, 11/28/20)

MALLORY'S STATISTICS

	G/GS	UT	AT	TM	TFL	SACKS	INT	PBU	FR	FF
2019	2/0	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
2020	7/2	9	6	15	3.0-9	2.0-7	0-0	0	0	0
2021	4/0	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Career	13/2	10	7	17	3.0-9	2.0-7	0-0	0	0	0

MALLORY'S GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

2020	DEFENSE	UT	AT	TM	TFL	SACKS	INT	PBU	FR	FF
Rutgers	0	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Michigan	1	1	2	1	1.0-4	1.0-4	0-0	0	0-0	0
Iowa	2	1	3	0	0.5-1	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Indiana	0	2	2	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Northwestern	1	0	1	1	1.0-3	1.0-3	0-0	0	0-0	0
Ohio State	0	1	1	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Penn State	5	1	6	0	0.5-1	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Totals	9	6	15	3	3.0-9	2.0-7	0-0	0	0-0	0

2021

DEFENSE	UT	AT	TM	TFL	SACKS	INT	PBU	FR	FF
Northwestern	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Youngstown State	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Miami	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Nebraska	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Western Kentucky				-DNP-					
Totals	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0

2021 SPARTAN FOOTBALL GAME NOTES



CAREER NOTES: Third-year receiver has 44 career receptions for 537 yards (12.2 ypc) in 16 career games, with eight starts (one in 2019, three in 2020 and four in 2021) . . . 25-of-44 (.568) of career catches have gone for first down or TD.

2021 SEASON (REDSHIRT SOPHOMORE): Ranks 11th in B1G in yards per catch (15.6), as well as 18th in conference in both total receiving yards (250) and yards/game (50.0) and tied for 25th in total receptions (13) . . . has played in all five games with four starts, snaring 16 receptions for 250 yards (15.6 ypc/50.0 ypg), adding one rush for 2 yards . . . 9-of-13 (.692) catches have gone for first down . . . had three catches for 57 yards in the Western Kentucky game, with a long of 27-yards, coming on a 3rd-and-8, one of three catches for first downs, as MSU scored TD on next play, and all three catches came on MSU scoring drives (two TD, one FG) . . . snared season-highs of six catches for 70 yards in Nebraska game, with two going for first downs, including a 35-yarder on first play of drive, setting up MSU FG, in playing 41 snaps . . . tallied two catches for 57 yards with a career-long 51-yarder in the second quarter of Miami game, going for a first down, and added one rush for 2 yards on MSU FG drive . . . had one catch for 7 yards in home-opening win over Youngstown State . . . started in season-opening win at Northwestern and snared four receptions, including an acrobatic, one-handed catch, plus a career-long 26-yarder, two of the three that went for a first down, finishing with 59 receiving yards off the four catches.

MOSLEY'S CAREER HIGHS

Receptions: 8, vs. Maryland (11/30/19)

Receiving Yards: 73, vs. Maryland (11/30/19)

Touchdown: 1, vs. Illinois (11/9/19)

MOSLEY'S STATISTICS

RECEIVING	G/GS	REC.	YDS.	AVG.	TD	LG	YPG
2019	6/1	21	216	10.3	1	23	36.0
2020	4/3	7	71	10.1	0	12	17.8
2021	5/4	16	250	15.6	0	51	50.0
Career	16/8	44	537	12.2	1	51	33.6

MOSLEY'S GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

2019

RECEIVING	NO.	YDS	TD	LG
Utah State		-DNP-		
Tulsa		-DNP-		
Western Michigan		-DNP-		
Arizona State		-DNP-		
Northwestern		-DNP-		
Indiana		-DNP-		
Ohio State		-DNP-		
Wisconsin		-DNP-		
Penn State	4	37	0	14
Illinois	3	32	1	18
Michigan	0	0	0	0
Rutgers	2	24	0	16
Maryland	8	73	0	19
Wake Forest	4	50	0	23
Totals	21	216	1	23

2020

RECEIVING	NO.	YDS	TD	LG
Rutgers	1	11	0	11
Michigan		-DNP-INJURED-		
Iowa		-DNP-INJURED-		
Indiana		-DNP-INJURED-		
Northwestern	1	8	0	8
Ohio State	2	22	0	12
Penn State	3	30	0	11
Totals	7	71	0	12

2021

RECEIVING	NO.	YDS	TD	LG
Northwestern	4	59	0	26
Youngstown	1	7	0	7
Miami	2	57	0	51
Nebraska	6	70	0	35
Western Kentucky	3	57	0	27
Totals	16	250	0	51



2021 SPARTAN FOOTBALL GAME NOTES



CAREER NOTES: Exciting playmaker has 67 catches for 1,028 yards, reaching the 1,000 career yards mark in the Western Kentucky game, becoming the 46th player in MSU history to reach 1,000 career receiving yards . . . has nine TDs in 25 games (eight in 2018, four in 2019, seven in 2020, five in 2021), including 17 starts (one in 2018, four in 2019, seven in 2020, five in 2021) . . . has two career 100-yard receiving outings (vs. Iowa, 11/7/20; vs. Western Kentucky, 10/2/21) . . . preseason All-Big Ten selection by Phil Steele (second team) and Athlon Sports (third team) . . . is MSU's active leader with 1,028 receiving yards . . . over last two seasons, 36-of-44 (81.8 percent) receptions have gone for either a first down or TD . . . had a streak of two or more receptions in six-straight games as part of a 15-game streak with at least one catch halted by going without a catch in Nebraska game . . . also has 163 rushing yards and one TD on just 17 carries (9.6 avg.), along with eight punt returns for 48 yards (6.0 ypr) and six kick returns for 125 yards, for 1,364 career all-purpose yards (56.8 ypg) . . . ranks No. 23 on MSU career receptions/game list (2.79), No. 27 on career yards per catch list (15.34 ypc), tied for No. 29 on career receiving TDs (9) and No. 45 in receiving yards (1,028), becoming 46th Spartan receiving with 1,000 career receiving yards . . . has at least one catch in 21 of 24 total career games played . . . MSU has a 16-8 record when Nailor is in the lineup . . . high school teammate of fellow Michigan State offensive lineman Jacob Isaia.

2020 SEASON (REDSHIRT JUNIOR): Ranked 12th in B1G in yards per catch (14.9), as well as tied for sixth in league and tied for 46th in nation in receiving TDs (3), in addition to 14th in conference in receiving yards/game (53.8) and 15th in receiving yards (269) . . . has started all five games and has 18 catches for 269 yards with three TDs, adding one rush (-2 yards) and two kick returns (27 yards). . . 14-of-18 (77.8 percent) catches have gone for first down or touchdown . . . had at least two catches in first three games, as part of six-straight games with two or more receptions, which was part of a 15-game streak with at least one catch, before streak was halted going without a catch in Nebraska game, but bounced back with career-high eight catches in Western Kentucky game . . . also had at least one TD catch in back-to-back (Miami and Youngstown State) . . . had career-game vs. Western Kentucky with career-high eight catches for career-most 128 yards, teaming with Jayden Reed (127 yards) to mark the first time two MSU receivers had 100-yard efforts in the same game since Dec. 3, 2011 vs. Wisconsin in the Big Ten Championship Game (B.J. Cunningham, five catches for 115 yards; Keshawn Martin, nine catches for 115 yards) . . . a total of 6-of-8 catches in WKU game went for first downs, including two coming on same scoring drive in fourth quarter, playing in 62 snaps after starting game at wide receiver . . . started Nebraska game and didn't register a reception, adding one kick return for 15 yards, in playing 53 offensive snaps . . . started game at Miami and had four catches for 82 yards and a career-high tying two TDs, both coming in the second half, with an 11-yards TD catch in the third quarter, then a 39-yard TD catch with 4:12 left in the fourth quarter to seal the Victory for MSU . . . started Youngstown State game and had four receptions, for 39 yards, including a 16-yard TD in the third quarter, one of three going for first down or TD . . . started season-opening win at Northwestern, tallying two catches for 20 yards, with both going for first downs, and added one kick return for 12 yards.

NAILOR'S CAREER HIGHS

Receptions: 8, vs. Western Kentucky (10/2/21)
Receiving Yards: 128, vs. Western Kentucky (10/2/21)
Longest Reception: 75, vs. Northwestern (11/28/20)
Receiving TDs: 2, twice (last vs. Miami, 9/18/21)
Rushing Yards: 99, vs. Northwestern (11/28/20)
Rushing TDs: 1, vs. Indiana (9/22/18)
All-Purpose Yards: 128, vs. Western Kentucky (10/2/21)
Kick Return Yards: 51 vs. Tulsa (8/30/19)
Total TDs: 2, three times (last vs. Miami, 9/18/21)
100-Yard Receiving Outings: . . . 128, vs. Western Kentucky (10/2/21)
 . . . 119, vs. Iowa (11/7/20)

NAILOR'S STATISTICS

RECEIVING	G/GS	REC.	YDS.	AVG.	TD	LG	YPG
2018	8/1	8	138	17.3	2	48	17.3
2019	4/4	15	106	7.1	0	23	26.5
2020	7/7	26	515	19.8	4	75	73.6
2021	5/5	18	269	14.9	3	43	53.8
Career	24/17	67	1,028	15.3	9	75	42.8

RUSHING	ATT	YDS.	AVG.	TD	LG	YPG
2018	9	128	14.2	1	75	16.0
2019	5	27	5.4	0	10	6.8
2020	2	11	5.5	0	8	1.8
2021	1	-3	-3.0	0	0	-1.0
Career	17	163	9.6	1	75	7.1

NAILOR'S GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

2018

RECEIVING	NO.	YDS	TD	LG
Utah State	1	14	0	14
Arizona State	1	4	0	4
Indiana	1	16	1	16
Central Michigan	-DNP-INJURED-			
Northwestern	-DNP-INJURED-			
Penn State	-DNP-INJURED-			
Michigan	0	0	0	0
Purdue	3	70	1	48
Maryland	1	8	0	8
Ohio State	-DNP-INJURED-			
Nebraska	-DNP-INJURED-			
Rutgers	0	0	0	0
Oregon	1	26	0	26
Totals	8	138	2	48

RUSHING	ATT	YDS	TD	LG
Utah State	0	0	0	0
Arizona State	2	16	0	9
Indiana	3	79	1	75
Central Michigan	-DNP-INJURED-			
Northwestern	-DNP-INJURED-			
Penn State	-DNP-INJURED-			
Michigan	0	0	0	0
Purdue	2	24	0	15
Maryland	1	6	0	6
Ohio State	-DNP-INJURED-			
Nebraska	-DNP-INJURED-			
Rutgers	0	0	0	0
Oregon	1	3	0	3
Totals	9	128	1	75

ALL-PURPOSE	RUSH	REC	PR	KR	TOT
Utah State	0	14	0	0	14
Arizona State	16	4	0	0	20
Indiana	79	16	0	0	95
Central Michigan	-DNP-INJURED-				
Northwestern	-DNP-INJURED-				
Penn State	-DNP-INJURED-				
Michigan	0	0	0	0	0
Purdue	24	70	0	0	94
Maryland	6	8	0	0	14
Ohio State	-DNP-INJURED-				
Nebraska	-DNP-INJURED-				
Rutgers	0	0	0	0	0
Oregon	3	26	13	0	42
Totals	128	138	13	0	279 / 34.9 ypg

2021 SPARTAN FOOTBALL GAME NOTES



NAILOR'S GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS (CONT'D)

2019

RECEIVING	NO.	YDS	TD	LG
Tulsa	3	5	0	3
Western Michigan	-DNP-INJURED-			
Arizona State	-DNP-INJURED-			
Northwestern	-DNP-INJURED-			
Indiana	-DNP-INJURED-			
Ohio State	-DNP-INJURED-			
Wisconsin	-DNP-INJURED-			
Penn State	-DNP-INJURED-			
Illinois	-DNP-INJURED-			
Michigan	-DNP-INJURED-			
Rutgers	5	27	0	8
Maryland	2	14	0	10
Wake Forest	5	60	0	23
Totals	15	106	0	23

2019

RUSHING	ATT	YDS	TD	LG
Tulsa	0	0	0	0
Western Michigan	-DNP-INJURED-			
Arizona State	-DNP-INJURED-			
Northwestern	-DNP-INJURED-			
Indiana	-DNP-INJURED-			
Ohio State	-DNP-INJURED-			
Wisconsin	-DNP-INJURED-			
Penn State	-DNP-INJURED-			
Illinois	-DNP-INJURED-			
Michigan	-DNP-INJURED-			
Rutgers	2	11	0	9
Maryland	2	6	0	3
Wake Forest	1	10	0	10
Totals	5	27	0	10

ALL-PURPOSE	RUSH	REC	PR	KR	TOT
Tulsa	0	5	17	51	73
Western Michigan	-DNP-INJURED-				
Arizona State	-DNP-INJURED-				
Northwestern	-DNP-INJURED-				
Indiana	-DNP-INJURED-				
Ohio State	-DNP-INJURED-				
Wisconsin	-DNP-INJURED-				
Penn State	-DNP-INJURED-				
Illinois	-DNP-INJURED-				
Michigan	-DNP-INJURED-				
Rutgers	11	27	0	0	38
Maryland	6	14	0	0	20
Wake Forest	10	60	0	26	96
Totals	27	106	17	77	227 / 56.8 ypg

2020

RECEIVING	NO.	YDS	TD	LG
Rutgers	6	84	1	30
Michigan	2	68	0	53
Iowa	4	119	0	57
Indiana	1	9	0	9
Northwestern	3	99	1	75
Ohio State	4	36	0	17
Penn State	6	100	2	45
Totals	26	515	4	75

RUSHING	ATT	YDS	TD	LG
Rutgers	0	0	0	0
Michigan	2	11	0	8
Iowa	0	0	0	0
Indiana	0	0	0	0
Northwestern	0	0	0	0
Ohio State	0	0	0	0
Penn State	0	0	0	0
Totals	2	11	0	8

ALL-PURPOSE	RUSH	REC	PR	KR	TOT
Rutgers	0	84	18	0	102
Michigan	11	68	0	0	79
Iowa	0	119	0	0	119
Indiana	0	9	0	0	9
Northwestern	0	99	0	21	120
Ohio State	0	36	0	0	36
Penn State	0	100	0	0	100
Totals	11	515	18	21	565 / 80.7 ypg

2021

RECEIVING	NO.	YDS	TD	LG
Northwestern	2	20	0	13
Youngstown State	4	39	1	16
Miami	4	82	2	39
Nebraska	0	0	0	0
Western Kentucky	8	128	0	43
Totals	18	269	3	43

RUSHING	ATT	YDS	TD	LG
Northwestern	0	0	0	0
Youngstown State	0	0	0	0
Miami	1	-3	0	-3
Nebraska	0	0	0	0
Western Kentucky	0	0	0	0
Totals	1	-3	0	-3

ALL-PURPOSE	RUSH	REC	PR	KR	TOT
Northwestern	0	20	0	12	32
Youngstown State	0	59	0	0	59
Miami	-3	82	0	0	79
Nebraska	0	0	0	15	15
Western Kentucky	0	128	0	0	128
Totals	-3	269	0	27	293 / 58.6 ypg



2021 SPARTAN FOOTBALL GAME NOTES



- PFF DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK (Sept. 26, 2021)
- PFF TEAM OF THE WEEK (Sept. 26, 2021)

CAREER NOTES: Four-year letterwinner and three-year starting defensive end has played in 49 career games, including 35 starts, ranking second among active Spartans in both behind placekicker Matt Coghlin (50) . . . returned for his fifth season with the Spartans in 2021 . . . had streak of starting 29 consecutive games, before missing Penn State game in 2020 due to injury, just the second game missed of career . . . has 119 career tackles, including 28.0 TFLs (138 yards) and 13.0 sacks (83 yards) . . . ranks tied for No. 20 on MSU's career tackles for loss list (28.0), while ranking No. 15 in yards from TFL (138), along with tied for No. 13 in sacks (13.0) and tied for No. 19 in yards from sacks (83) . . . also ranked No. 5 on MSU's career forced fumbles list (5), adding three pass break-ups, one fumble recovery and one blocked kick . . . preseason All-Big Ten selection by Athlon Sports (second team) and Phil Steele (third team) . . . his older brother, Mike, was a four-year letterwinner as a defensive tackle for the Spartans (2016-19) and was on the practice squad for the Carolina Panthers during the 2020 season . . . interdisciplinary studies in social science - human capital and society major graduated with a bachelor's degree in May 2021.

2021 SEASON (GRADUATE SENIOR): Leads B1G and ranks tied for No. 23 in FBS in tackles for loss/game (1.40) and is also tied for second in B1G and tied for No. 15 in FBS in tackles for loss (7.0) and also ranks tied for sixth in league in TFL yards (35) . . . also ranks tied for No. 4 in conference and No. 24 in country in sacks (4.0) and tied for No. 6 in league and No. 28 in nation in sacks/game (0.8), along with tied for No. 8 in B1G and No. 65 in FBS in sack yards (23) . . . has started all five games and posted 14 total tackles (six solo, eight assists), with 7.0 TFLs (35 yards) and 4.0 sacks (23 yards), with one forced fumble, one fumble recovery and three QB hurries, in playing 276 total defensive snaps . . . tied career high with 2.0 sacks for the second consecutive week with pair of sacks in Western Kentucky contest in playing 65 snaps . . . had a career-high two sacks in Nebraska game, including a strip sack in the fourth quarter, finishing with seven tackles overall, in playing 66 snaps, earning PFF Defensive Player of the Week honors, producing a 94.1 pass-rush grade and 14 pressures on 39 rushes, according to PFF . . . started game at Miami, notching 48 snaps, in posting a tackle for loss on the game's first play from scrimmage, later adding his first career fumble recovery in the fourth quarter, setting up a Spartan TD deep in Hurricane territory . . . had four tackles, including two for losses (9 yards), vs. Youngstown State . . . started season-opening win at Northwestern, notching one QB hurry while playing in 55 snaps.

J. PANASIUK'S CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 9, vs. Indiana (11/14/20)
Tackles For Loss: 3.0, vs. Tulsa (8/30/19)
Sacks: 2.0, twice, (last vs. Western Kentucky, 10/2/21)
Pass Break-Up: 1, three times (last vs. Iowa, 11/7/20)
Blocked Kick/PAT: 1 (PAT), vs. Maryland (11/30/19)
Forced Fumble: 2, vs. Tulsa (8/30/19)
Fumble Recovery: 1, vs. Miami (9/18/21)

J. PANASIUK'S STATISTICS

	G/GS	UT	AT	TM	TFL	SACKS	INT	PBU	FR	FF
2017	13/0	7	8	15	3.0-12	1.0-4	0-0	0	0-0	0
2018	12/11	12	19	31	4.5-20	2.0-16	0-0	1	0-0	1
2019	13/13	20	14	34	11.0-58	5.0-32	0-0	1	0-0	3
2020	6/6	11	14	25	2.5-13	1.0-8	0-0	1	0-0	0
2021	5/5	6	8	14	7.0-35	4.0-23	0-0	0	1-4	1
Career	49/35	56	63	119	28.0-138	13.0-83	0-0	3	1-4	5

J. PANASIUK'S GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

2017

DEFENSE	UT	AT	TM	TFL	SACKS	INT	PBU	FR	FF
Bowling Green	1	2	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Western Michigan	2	0	2	1.0-7	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Notre Dame	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Iowa	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Michigan	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Minnesota	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Indiana	1	4	5	1.0-4	1.0-4	0-0	0	0-0	0
Northwestern	1	1	2	1.0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Penn State	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Ohio State	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Maryland	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Rutgers	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Washington State	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Totals	7	8	15	3.0-12	1.0-4	0-0	0	0-0	0

2018

DEFENSE	UT	AT	TM	TFL	SACKS	INT	PBU	FR	FF
Utah State	0	2	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Arizona State				-DNP-INJURED-					
Indiana	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Central Michigan	0	2	2	1.0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Northwestern	0	2	2	0.5-6	0.5-6	0-0	1	0-0	0
Penn State	1	1	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Michigan	3	5	8	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Purdue	1	2	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Maryland	0	1	1	0.5-1	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Ohio State	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Nebraska	2	0	2	1.0-6	1.0-6	0-0	0	0-0	1
Rutgers	2	2	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Oregon	3	1	4	1.5-6	0.5-4	0-0	0	0-0	0
Totals	12	19	31	4.5-20	2.0-16	0-0	1	0-0	1

2019

DEFENSE	UT	AT	TM	TFL	SACKS	INT	PBU	FR	FF
Tulsa	4	1	5	3.0-18	1.0-8	0-0	0	0-0	2
Western Michigan	1	1	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Arizona State	1	0	1	1.0-5	1.0-5	0-0	0	0-0	0
Northwestern	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Indiana	1	2	3	1.0-2	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Ohio State	0	3	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Wisconsin	4	1	5	1.0-7	1.0-7	0-0	0	0-0	1
Penn State	1	1	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Illinois	1	2	3	0.5-4	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Michigan	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Rutgers	2	1	3	2.0-7	1.0-5	0-0	0	0-0	0
Maryland	2	2	4	2.5-15	1.0-5	0-0	0	0-0	0
Wake Forest	2	0	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0-0	0
Totals	20	14	34	11.0-58	5.0-32	0-0	1	0-0	3

2020

DEFENSE	UT	AT	TM	TFL	SACKS	INT	PBU	FR	FF
Rutgers	1	5	6	0.5-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Michigan	3	1	4	1.0-5	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Iowa	2	2	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0-0	0
Indiana	4	5	9	1.0-8	1.0-8	0-0	0	0-0	0
Northwestern	1	1	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Ohio State	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Penn State				-DNP-INJURED-					
Totals	11	14	25	2.5-13	1.0-8	0-0	1	0-0	0

2021

DEFENSE	UT	AT	TM	TFL	SACKS	INT	PBU	FR	FF
Northwestern	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Youngstown State	1	3	4	2.0-9	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Miami	1	0	1	1.0-3	0-0	0-0	0	1-4	0
Nebraska	2	5	7	2.0-11	2.0-11	0-0	0	0-0	1
Western Kentucky	2	0	2	2.0-12	2.0-12	0-0	0	0-0	0
Totals	6	8	14	7.0-35	4.0-23	0-0	0	1-4	1

2021 SPARTAN FOOTBALL GAME NOTES



2021 SEASON (FRESHMAN): Has handled long snapper duties in all five games on 56 total special teams snaps, with 35 on field goal formation (24 PATs, 11 field goal attempts) and 21 punts . . . snapped on season-high six PATs, along with three punts and two field goals in Western Kentucky contest . . . successfully snapped on game-winning field goal in OT Victory for MSU over Nebraska, one of four field goal attempts on night, along with six punts and two PATs . . . snapped on five PATs, five punts and two field goals at Miami . . . snapped on six PATs, three punts and one field goal in home-opening win over Youngstown State . . . successfully snapped on five PATs, two field goals and four punts, with many coming in wet, rainy conditions, and added a tackle after a missed 60-yard field goal at end of first half, earning MSU Special Teams Player of the Week team award.



CAREER NOTES: Second-year player who has worked way into rotation at defensive end . . . has played in 12 games (seven in 2020, five in 2021), with two starts, logging 21 career tackles, notching 4.0 tackles for loss and 3.5 sacks, with one forced fumble and one fumble recovery.

2021 SEASON (SOPHOMORE): Ranked tied for eighth in B1G and tied for 37th in FBS in sacks (3.5) and tied for ninth in league and tied for 49th in nation in sacks/game (0.70), in addition to tied for 29th in sack yards (14) . . . also tied for 23rd in conference in tackles for loss (4.0) and tied for 24th in TFL/game (0.8), along with tied for 28th in TFL yards (17) . . . has played in all five games with two starts, posting 17 tackles with 4.0 tackles for loss (17 yards) and 3.5 sacks (14 yards), with one forced fumble and one fumble recovery in 227 overall defensive snaps . . . started Western Kentucky contest and collected career-high tying four tackles in playing 58 defensive snaps . . . posted career-high 1.5 sacks as part of four tackles and registered first fumble recovery of career in Nebraska game, playing 55 defensive snaps . . . notched three stops with one TFL on a sack and added first forced fumble of career, that MSU recovered on Miami's opening drive, in playing 49 snaps . . . drew first start of Spartan career in the Youngstown State game, recording career-high four stops with 1.5 TFL and 1.0 sack, adding one QB hurry, in 38 defensive snaps . . . tallied two tackles in the season-opening win at Northwestern, playing 27 defensive snaps.

PIETROWSKI'S CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 4, twice (last vs. Western Kentucky, 10/2/21)

Tackles For Loss: 1.5, twice (last vs. Nebraska, 9/25/21)

Sacks: 1.5, vs. Nebraska (9/25/21)

Forced Fumble: 1, vs. Miami (9/18/21)

Fumble Recovery: 1, vs. Nebraska (9/25/21)

PIETROWSKI'S STATISTICS

	G/GS	UT	AT	TM	TFL	SACKS	INT	PBU	FR	FF
2020	7/0	2	2	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
2021	5/2	8	9	17	4.0-17	3.5-14	0-0	0	1-0	1
Totals	11/2	10	11	21	4.0-17	3.5-14	0-0	0	1-0	1

PIETROWSKI'S GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

2020

DEFENSE	UT	AT	TM	TFL	SACKS	INT	PBU	FR	FF
Rutgers	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Michigan	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Iowa	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Indiana	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Northwestern	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Ohio State	1	1	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Penn State	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Totals	2	2	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0

2021

DEFENSE	UT	AT	TM	TFL	SACKS	INT	PBU	FR	FF
Northwestern	1	1	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Youngstown State	3	1	4	1.5-8	1.0-5	0-0	0	0-0	0
Miami	2	1	3	1.0-2	1.0-2	0-0	0	0-0	1
Nebraska	2	2	4	1.5-7	1.5-7	0-0	0	1-0	0
Western Kentucky	0	4	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
Totals	8	9	17	4.0-17	3.5-14	0-0	0	1-0	1



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- PAUL HORNUNG AWARD HONOR ROLL (Oct. 4, 2021)
- BIG TEN SPECIAL TEAMS PLAYER OF THE WEEK (Sept. 27, 2021)
- PAUL HORNUNG AWARD HONOR ROLL (Sept. 28, 2021)
- PAUL HORNUNG AWARD HONOR ROLL (Sept. 14, 2021)

CAREER NOTES: Redshirt junior is a starting wide receiver and returns kicks and punts for the Spartans . . . including his time at Western Michigan and MSU, has a combined 2,769 all-purpose yards and is No. 8 among active FBS players and No. 64 for all divisions in all-purpose yards per game (110.76 ypg) . . . also tied for No. 1 on active FBS and tied for No. 5 on all divisions player rankings for career punt return TDs (3) and No. 3 in FBS and No. 24 in all divisions for punt return yards per game (17.0) . . . has 20 total career TDs (16 receiving, three punt returns, one rushing), ranking No. 55 among active FBS players . . . has collected 1,667 career receiving yards on 109 career receptions, topping the 100-receptions mark at Miami, with 16 career TD catches (eight at WMU, eight at MSU) in 25 games (23 starts) . . . during his time at MSU, 35-of-62 (.565) career offensive touches have gone for a first down or touchdown with 33-of-52 (.635) receptions and 2-of-11 (.182) rushes . . . has seven 100-yard receiving games in his career (four at Western Michigan in 2018; three at MSU) . . . transferred from Western Michigan and sat out the entire 2019 season due to NCAA rules, but still practiced with the Spartans . . . named FWAA Freshman All-American at Western Michigan in 2018 . . . named to the Paul Hornung Award Watch List . . . third-team preseason All-Big Ten selection as a kick returner by Pro Football Focus and Phil Steele . . . high school teammates with current Spartans Cade McDonald and Payton Thorne at Naperville Central.

2021 SEASON (REDSHIRT JUNIOR): Leads B1G and FBS in all-purpose yards/game (176.6), all-purpose yards/play (24.5 ypp) and all-purpose total yards (883) . . . has two of the top 10 all-purpose single-game outings in FBS this season and only player in top 10 with multiple outings, with the No. 3 mark of 285 vs. Western Kentucky and No. 7 of 261 vs. Youngstown State, with those marks ranking No. 1 and 5 in the B1G . . . of the 23 players in FBS with 650+ all-purpose yards, has the fewest plays (36) . . . leads B1G and shares FBS in punt return TDs (2), while also leading the league and ranking third in nation in punt return yards (198) on only five returns, so 39.6 ypr would lead nation but doesn't have enough returns to qualify . . . ranks second in B1G and tied for 10th in FBS in kick returns (30.7 ypr), ranking fourth in league and 44th in nation in KR yards (184) . . . with 198 punt return yards and 184 kick return yards, is one of three players in FBS with 100+ yards in both punt returns and kick returns, and all three are in the B1G, joined by Aron Cruickshank of Rutgers (153 PR, 243 KR) and Charlie Jones of Iowa (180 PR, 224 KR) . . . also second in B1G and fifth in FBS in yards/reception (23.2 ypc), and third in conference and 24th in country in receiving yards/game (92.6 ypg), as well as tied for second in the league and tied for 12th in the nation in receiving TDs (5), ranking third in B1G and 19th in FBS in receiving yards (463) and tied for 15th in league in receptions (20) . . . ranked tied for second in B1G and tied for 23rd in FBS in points/game (9.6) and tied for third in league and tied for 20th in nation in scoring (48) . . . of the 36 receivers in FBS with 400+ receiving yards, has the second-fewest catches (20) and of the 60 FBS receivers with 350+ yards, has the third-fewest (20) . . . has two of top nine longest receptions in the Big Ten so far, and is the only B1G player with multiple plays of 70+ yards, with catches of 85 and 75 yards, both coming against Youngstown State, with the 85-yarder ranked No. 8 for longest reception in FBS so far this season . . . has the most single-game receiving yardage in B1G and No. 7 in FBS with the 181 yards vs. Youngstown State . . . is only player in B1G and one of only four players in FBS with multiple catches of at least 70 yards this season, along with Utah State's Deven Thompkins, Treyton Burks of Arkansas and Jameson Williams of Alabama . . . is also one of only 19 players in country with a reception of 80+ yards . . . returned a punt 88 yards for a touchdown in the first quarter of Western Kentucky game, tying for the fourth-longest punt return in school history . . . has returned back-to-back punts for a TD (fourth quarter vs. Nebraska, 62 yards) . . . is just the third player in school history to return two punts for a touchdown in the same season (Bill Simpson, 1972; James Ellis, 1951) . . . both Simpson and Ellis also returned their punts for touchdowns in back-to-back games (Simpson: 48 yards vs. Illinois on Sept. 16, 1972; 74 yards vs. Georgia Tech on Sept. 23, 1972; Ellis: 57 yards vs. Penn State on Oct. 20, 1951; 55 yards vs. Pittsburgh on

Oct. 27, 1951) . . . recorded a career-high 285 all-purpose yards (127 receiving, 88 punt return, 63 kick return, 7 rushing), the seventh-highest single-game total in MSU history . . . had second 100-yard receiving effort of the season (181 vs. Youngstown State) and seventh of career (four at WMU in 2018; one at MSU in 2020; two at MSU in 2021) . . . scored on an 88-yard punt return and a 46-yard TD reception in the first quarter . . . returned a punt 62 yards for a touchdown to tie the Nebraska game at 20 with 3:47 left in the game, marking MSU's first punt return for a touchdown since Nov. 26, 2011 (Keshawn Martin 57 yards at Northwestern), after getting scoring started with a 35-yard TD catch in the second quarter, part of hauling in four passes for 59 yards, finishing night with 192 all-purpose yards (69 kick return, 62 punt return, 59 receiving, 2 rushing), including career-long 41-yard kick return . . . scored first rushing TD of career as part of two total TDs on the day at Miami, with an 8-yard rush in the fourth quarter to seal the Victory for MSU, and also had a 10-yard TD catch earlier in the fourth quarter, finishing day with 69 all-purpose yards on 32 yards receiving on three catches with one TD, 17 yards rushing on two carries, with the ground score, and added a 20-yard kick return . . . it marked the first time an MSU receiver had more than 150 yards receiving in the first half since Tony Lippett in 2014 vs. Jacksonville State (4 catches for 167 yards) . . . now has six 100-yard receiving games in his career (four at Western Michigan in 2018; two at MSU) . . . also tallied a career-high 264 all-purpose yards (181 receiving, 32 kick return, 48 punt return) . . . started at wide receiver in season-opening win at Northwestern in front of many friends and family from his nearby hometown of Naperville, Ill., snaring a team-bests of five catches for 64 yards, with three of the five going for a first down, adding one rush for 12 yards as four of six touches went for first down.

REED'S CAREER HIGHS

Receptions: 11, vs. Rutgers (10/24/20)
Receiving Yards: 181, vs. Youngstown State (9/11/21)
Longest Reception: 85, vs. Youngstown State (9/11/21)
Receiving TDs: 4[^], vs. Miami (OH) (9/29/18)
Rushing Yards: 17, vs. Miami (FL) (9/18/21)
Rushing TDs: 1, vs. Miami (FL) (9/18/21)
All-Purpose Yards: 285, vs. Western Kentucky (10/2/21)
Kick Return Yards: 89, vs. Indiana (11/14/20)
Total TDs: 4[^], vs. Miami (OH) (9/29/18)

REED'S STATISTICS

RECEIVING	G/GS	REC.	YDS.	AVG.	TD	LG	YPG
2018 [^]	13/12	56	797	14.2	8	62	61.3
2020 #	7/7	33	407	12.3	3	55	58.1
2021 #	5/5	20	463	23.2	4	85	92.6
MSU Total	11/11	53	870	16.4	8	85	72.5
Career	25/24	109	1,667	15.3	16	85	66.7

PUNT RETURNS	ATT	YDS.	AVG.	TD	LG
2018 [^]	12	215	17.9	1	93
2020 [^]	2	14	7.0	0	10
2021 #	5	198	39.6	2	88
MSU Total	7	212	30.3	2	88
Career	19	527	27.7	3	93

KICKOFF RETURNS	ATT	YDS.	AVG.	TD	LG
2018 [^]	9	116	12.9	0	25
2020 #	16	329	20.6	0	39
2021 #	6	184	30.7	0	41
MSU Total	22	513	23.3	0	41
Career	31	629	20.3	0	41

ALL PURPOSE	RUSH	REC	PR	KR	TOTAL	YPG
2018 [^]	-9	797	215	116	1,119	93.3
2020 #	17	407	14	329	767	109.6
2021 #	38	463	198	184	883	176.6
MSU Total	55	870	212	513	1,650	137.5
Career	46	1,667	427	629	2,769	110.8

[^] = at Western Michigan / # = at Michigan State

2021 SPARTAN FOOTBALL GAME NOTES



REED'S GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

2018 ^

RECEIVING	NO.	YDS	TD	LG
Syracuse	7	121	1	37
Michigan	2	17	0	10
Delaware State	3	21	0	21
Georgia State	7	101	1	40
Miami (OH)	7	137	4	33
Eastern Michigan	6	69	0	23
Bowling Green	5	72	0	40
Central Michigan	1	13	0	13
Toledo	6	103	2	62
Ohio	2	13	0	8
Ball State	4	45	0	14
Northern Illinois	6	85	0	39
BYU	0	0	0	0
Totals	56	797	8	62

RUSHING	ATT	YDS	TD	LG
Syracuse	0	0	0	0
Michigan	0	0	0	0
Delaware State	0	0	0	0
Georgia State	0	0	0	0
Miami (OH)	0	0	0	0
Eastern Michigan	0	0	0	0
Bowling Green	0	0	0	0
Central Michigan	0	0	0	0
Toledo	0	0	0	0
Ohio	0	0	0	0
Ball State	0	0	0	0
Northern Illinois	1	-9	0	0
BYU	0	0	0	0
Totals	1	-9	0	0

ALL-PURPOSE	RUSH	REC	PR	KR	TOT
Syracuse	0	121	0	0	121
Michigan	0	17	9	0	26
Delaware State	0	21	146	0	167
Georgia State	0	101	0	0	101
Miami (OH)	0	137	34	0	171
Eastern Michigan	0	69	-2	3	70
Bowling Green	0	72	7	0	79
Central Michigan	0	13	19	0	32
Toledo	0	103	0	40	143
Ohio	0	13	0	49	62
Ball State	0	45	2	24	71
Northern Illinois	-9	85	0	0	76
BYU	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	-9	797	215	116	1,119 / 93.3 ypg

2020 #

RECEIVING	NO.	YDS	TD	LG
Rutgers	11	128	2	50
Michigan	1	18	0	18
Iowa	1	7	0	7
Indiana	7	63	0	27
Northwestern	2	36	1	21
Ohio State	5	79	0	55
Penn State	6	76	0	37
Totals	33	407	3	55

RUSHING	ATT	YDS	TD	LG
Rutgers	1	-8	0	0
Michigan	3	13	0	7
Iowa	0	0	0	0
Indiana	0	0	0	0
Northwestern	0	0	0	0
Ohio State	0	0	0	0
Penn State	2	12	0	12
Totals	6	17	0	12

2020#

ALL-PURPOSE	RUSH	REC	PR	KR	TOT
Rutgers	-8	128	0	65	185
Michigan	13	18	0	19	50
Iowa	0	7	0	40	47
Indiana	0	63	0	89	152
Northwestern	0	36	4	13	53
Ohio State	0	79	0	83	162
Penn State	12	76	10	20	118
Totals	17	407	14	329	767 / 109.6 ypg

2021 #

RECEIVING	NO.	YDS	TD	LG
Northwestern	5	64	0	23
Youngstown State	4	181	2	85
Miami	3	32	1	13
Nebraska	4	59	1	35
Western Kentucky	4	127	1	46
Totals	20	463	5	85

RUSHING	ATT	YDS	TD	LG
Northwestern	1	12	0	12
Youngstown State	0	0	0	0
Miami	2	17	1	9
Nebraska	1	2	0	2
Western Kentucky	1	7	0	7
Totals	5	38	1	12

2021#

ALL-PURPOSE	RUSH	REC	PR	KR	TOT
Northwestern	12	64	0	0	76
Youngstown State	0	181	48	32	261
Miami	17	32	0	20	69
Nebraska	2	59	62	69	192
Western Kentucky	7	127	88	63	285
Totals	38	463	198	184	883 / 137.5 ypg



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CAREER NOTES: Graduate transfer quarterback from Temple played in 31 games for the Owls from 2017-20, including 26 starts . . . has played in one game at MSU, giving him 32 career games played . . . has completed 60 percent of his passes (541-of-906) for 6,330 yards, 44 touchdowns and 32 interceptions in his career . . . ranks among Temple's all-time leaders in passing yards (third with 6,292 yards), passing TDs (third with 44), passing completions (third with 536) and passing attempts (fourth with 899) . . . has two of the four top passing games in Temple history (No. 3 with 444 yards at No. 9 UCF in 2018; No. 4 with 409 yards vs. Bucknell in 2019) . . . named one of the top 100 impact transfers for the 2021 season by The Athletic . . . named to Johnny Unitas Golden Arm Award Watch List and Senior Bowl Watch List . . . enrolled at Michigan State in January 2021 and participated in spring practice . . . his uncle, Dan Meier, played football at North Carolina State . . . earned his bachelor's degree in advertising from Temple in the spring of 2020.

2021 SEASON (GRADUATE SENIOR): Did not see action in last three games (vs. Western Kentucky, vs. Nebraska, at Miami) . . . made Spartan debut in Youngstown State win, recording 5-for-7 passing for 43 yards and rushing three times for 10 yards . . . did not see any action in season-opening win at Northwestern.

RUSSO'S CAREER HIGHS (AT TEMPLE)

Pass Completions: 41, vs. Memphis (10/24/20)

Pass Attempts: 63, vs. Memphis (10/24/20)

Passing Yards: 444, vs. UCF (11/1/18)

Passing TDs: 4, three times (last vs. Memphis, 10/24/20)

Rushing Yards: 46, vs. UCF (11/1/18)

Longest Pass Play: 79, vs. Maryland (9/14/19)

Longest Rush Play: 16, vs. UCF (11/1/18)

RUSSO'S STATISTICS

PASSING	G/GS	COMP	ATT	INT	PCT	YDS	YPG	TD	LG
2017 ^	3/0	0	0	0	.000	0	0.0	0	0
2018 ^	12/10	198	345	14	.574	2563	213.6	14	70
2019 ^	13/13	246	419	12	.587	2861	220.1	21	79
2020 ^	3/3	92	135	6	.681	868	289.3	9	32
2021 #	1/0	5	7	0	.714	43	43.0	0	16
Totals	34/26	541	906	32	.597	6330	186.2	44	79

RUSHING	NO.	YDS.	AVG.	TD	LG	YPG
2017 ^	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
2018 ^	43	63	1.5	3	16	5.3
2019 ^	35	-64	-1.8	2	9	-4.9
2020 ^	22	31	1.4	2	12	10.3
2021 #	3	10	3.3	0	7	10.0
Totals	103	35	0.3	7	16	1.0

^ = at Temple / # = at Michigan State

RUSSO'S GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

2018 ^

PASSING	COMP	ATT	INT	PCT	YDS	TD	LG
Villanova	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0
Buffalo	2	4	0	.500	24	0	18
Maryland	15	25	1	.600	228	1	47
Tulsa	7	20	2	.350	112	0	41
Boston College	20	45	2	.444	255	0	35
East Carolina	21	25	1	.840	254	4	31
Navy	23	31	1	.742	300	1	62
Cincinnati	20	41	3	.488	237	3	43
UCF	31	52	2	.596	444	4	70
Houston	14	22	0	.636	217	0	53
USF	20	34	1	.588	264	0	28
Duke	25	46	1	.543	228	1	29
Totals	198	345	14	.574	2563	14	70

2019 ^

PASSING	COMP	ATT	INT	PCT	YDS	TD	LG
Bucknell	32	41	1	.780	409	4	51
Maryland	20	37	1	.541	277	3	79
Buffalo	25	51	3	.490	258	3	43
Georgia Tech	9	22	1	.409	127	0	38
East Carolina	23	34	0	.676	208	1	26
Memphis	20	33	0	.606	224	2	38
SMU	18	32	0	.563	171	1	36
UCF	12	24	2	.500	199	2	75
USF	15	21	1	.714	164	0	36
Tulane	22	38	1	.579	221	2	44
Cincinnati	24	43	1	.558	228	1	24
UConn	14	23	0	.609	247	2	63
North Carolina	12	20	1	.600	128	0	60
Totals	246	419	12	.587	2861	21	79

2020 ^

PASSING	COMP	ATT	INT	PCT	YDS	TD	LG
Navy	21	30	1	.700	206	1	22
USF	30	42	2	.714	270	4	20
Memphis	41	63	3	.651	392	4	32
Totals	92	135	6	.681	868	9	32

2021

PASSING	COMP	ATT	INT	PCT	YDS	TD	LG
Northwestern	-DNP-	-DNP-	-DNP-	-DNP-	-DNP-	-DNP-	-DNP-
Youngstown State	5	7	0	.714	43	0	16
Miami	-DNP-	-DNP-	-DNP-	-DNP-	-DNP-	-DNP-	-DNP-
Nebraska	-DNP-	-DNP-	-DNP-	-DNP-	-DNP-	-DNP-	-DNP-
Western Kentucky	-DNP-	-DNP-	-DNP-	-DNP-	-DNP-	-DNP-	-DNP-
Totals	5	7	0	.714	43	0	16

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CAREER NOTES: Two-year letterwinner has played in 19 career games, including 10 starts at center (four in 2019, six in 2020).

2021 SEASON (JUNIOR): Has played in all five games, logging 129 total offensive snaps . . . collected 35 snaps in Western Kentucky contest . . . notched 24 snaps in Nebraska game . . . played in 28 snaps at Miami . . . saw action in home opener vs. Youngstown State, playing 28 snaps, helping MSU collect 595 yards of total offense (323 passing, 272 rushing), including 408 yards of total offense in the first half, the first time it had more than 400 total yards in the first half since 2007 . . . got action in season-opening win at Northwestern, playing 14 snaps, helping road grade the way for Spartan offensive rushing attack that ran for 326 yards Friday night, marking the first time that the Spartans rushed for 300 yards in a game since 2014 at Indiana (330 yards).



CAREER NOTES: Second-year running back will compete for carries in the backfield . . . has 398 career yards on 92 carries (4.3 ypc/39.8 ypg), adding nine receptions for 64 yards (7.5 ypc), with one career receiving TD . . . his brother, Tyler, was a four-year letterwinner as a wide receiver for Georgia (2016-19).

2021 SEASON (SOPHOMORE): Has played in all five games, notching 36 carries for 179 yards (5.0 ypc/35.8 ypg), adding four catches for 30 yards and a TD . . . notched 34 yards on 10 carries and added one reception for 3 yards in Western Kentucky game, logging 20 snaps . . . posted three rushes for 13 yards and one catch for 6 yards in Nebraska game, playing eight snaps . . . saw limited action at Miami, notching two carries for 1 yard on seven snaps . . . registered first career 100-yard rushing game with 121 yards on a career-high 16 carries (7.6 avg.) in Youngstown State game, adding one catch for 7 yards . . . scored his first career TD with a 14-yard screen pass reception in the second quarter of the season-opening win at Northwestern, for only reception of the game, adding five rushes for 10 yards

J. SIMMONS' CAREER HIGHS

Rushing Attempts: 16, vs. Youngstown State (9/11/21)

Rushing Yards: 121, vs. Youngstown State (9/11/21)

Receptions: 2, vs. Michigan (10/31/20)

Receiving Yards: 14, vs. Northwestern (9/3/21)

Receiving TDs: 1, vs. Northwestern (9/3/21)

J. SIMMONS' STATISTICS

RUSHING	G/GS	ATT	YDS.	AVG.	TD	LG	YPG
2020	5/1	56	219	3.9	0	28	43.8
2021	5/0	36	179	5.0	0	24	35.8
Career	10/1	92	398	4.3	0	28	39.8

RECEIVING	REC.	YDS.	AVG.	TD	LG	YPG
2020	5	34	6.8	0	13	6.8
2021	4	30	7.5	1	14	6.0
Career	9	64	7.1	1	14	6.4



2021 SPARTAN FOOTBALL GAME NOTES

J. SIMMONS' GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

2020

RUSHING	ATT	YDS	TD	LG
Rutgers	14	43	0	14
Michigan	14	55	0	28
Iowa	9	34	0	9
Indiana	5	15	0	5
Northwestern	-DNP-INJURED-			
Ohio State	-DNP-INJURED-			
Penn State	14	72	0	16
Totals	56	219	0	28

RECEIVING	NO.	YDS	TD	LG
Rutgers	1	13	0	13
Michigan	2	11	0	6
Iowa	1	6	0	6
Indiana	1	4	0	4
Northwestern	-DNP-INJURED-			
Ohio State	-DNP-INJURED-			
Penn State	0	0	0	0
Totals	5	34	0	19

2021

RUSHING	ATT	YDS	TD	LG
Northwestern	5	10	0	5
Youngstown State	16	121	0	24
Miami	2	1	0	2
Nebraska	3	13	0	10
Western Kentucky	10	34	0	11
Totals	36	179	0	24

RECEIVING	NO.	YDS	TD	LG
Northwestern	1	14	1	14
Youngstown State	1	7	0	7
Miami	0	0	0	0
Nebraska	1	6	0	6
Western Kentucky	1	3	0	3
Totals	4	30	1	14



CAREER NOTES: Fourth-year player and two-year letterwinner returns as one of the starting defensive tackles . . . preseason All-Big Ten selection by Pro Football Focus (honorable mention) . . . has 41 tackles, including 5.0 for losses and 2.0 sacks, along with three pass break-ups (including two vs. Northwestern, with one in 2020 and one in 2021), in 26 career games, with 11 starts (seven in 2020, four in 2021). . . twin brother of Zach Slade, who is also a defensive lineman for the Spartans . . . economics major . . . attended the same high school as Spartan offensive lineman Luke Campbell.

2021 SEASON (REDSHIRT JUNIOR): Has seen action in all five games, making four starts, and recording 13 tackles in playing 235 snaps . . . tallied two tackles against Western Kentucky in playing 58 snaps . . . had breakout performance in Nebraska game, notching a career-high eight tackles (five solo, three assists) with 2.0 TFL and 1.0 sack, doubling previous career-best of four stops, surpassing that in solo tackles alone, in 57 snaps . . . was starting defensive tackle at Miami, logging 49 snaps and posting one tackle . . . started in Youngstown State game, posting one stop in 35 snaps . . . saw action in season-opening win at Northwestern, logging one tackle and one pass break-up, in playing 36 defensive snaps.

J. SLADE'S CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 8, vs. Nebraska (9/25/21)

Tackles For Loss: 2.0, twice (last vs. Nebraska, 9/25/21)

Sacks: 1.0, twice (last vs. Nebraska, 9/25/21)

Pass Break-Ups: 1, three times (last vs. Northwestern, 9/3/21)

J. SLADE'S STATISTICS

	G/GS	UT	AT	TM	TFL	SACKS	INT	PBU	FR	FF
2018	1/0	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0	0
2019	13/0	4	10	14	2.5-6	1-5	0	1	0-0	0
2020	7/7	5	8	13	0.5-2	0-0	0	1	0-0	0
2021	5/4	7	6	13	2.0-6	1.0-5	0	1	0-0	0
Career	6/11	16	25	41	5.0-14	2.0-10	0	3	0-0	0

2021 SPARTAN FOOTBALL GAME NOTES



J. SLADE'S GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

2019

DEFENSE	UT	AT	TM	TFL	SACKS	INT	PBU	FR	FF
Tulsa	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Western Michigan	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Arizona State	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Northwestern	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Indiana	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Ohio State	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Wisconsin	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Penn State	0	3	3	0.5-1	0-0	0	0	0	0
Illinois	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Michigan	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Rutgers	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Maryland	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0
Wake Forest	1	2	3	2-5	1-5	0	0	0	0
Totals	4	10	14	2.5-6	1-5	0	1	0	0

2020

DEFENSE	UT	AT	TM	TFL	SACKS	INT	PBU	FR	FF
Rutgers	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Michigan	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Iowa	3	1	4	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Indiana	0	2	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Northwestern	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0
Ohio State	0	3	3	0.5-2	0-0	0	0	0	0
Penn State	2	0	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Totals	5	8	13	0.5-2	0-0	0	1	0	0

2021

DEFENSE	UT	AT	TM	TFL	SACKS	INT	PBU	FR	FF
Northwestern	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0
Youngstown State	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Miami	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Nebraska	5	3	8	2.0-6	1.0-5	0	0	0	0
Western Kentucky	1	1	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Totals	7	6	13	2.0-6	1.0-5	0	1	0	0



CAREER NOTES: Second-year player will compete for playing time at safety and will also see time on special teams . . . son of Eric Snow, who played basketball at Michigan State from 1991-95 and ranks fourth all-time in the Spartan record book with 599 career assists . . . Eric was a second-round NBA Draft selection by Milwaukee in 1995 and spent 13 seasons in the NBA (Seattle, 1995-98; Philadelphia, 1997-2004; Cleveland, 2004-08) . . . Darius' uncle, Percy Snow, was a four-year letterwinner (1986-89) and two-time All-America linebacker for the Spartans and is a member of the College Football Hall of Fame.

2021 SEASON (SOPHOMORE): Has played in all five games for a total of 140 snaps, logging 18 tackles and 2.5 tackles for loss . . . posted career-high five tackles in Western Kentucky game, playing 33 snaps, in his first career start . . . tallied two tackles in Nebraska game, notching 32 defensive snaps . . . registered career-high four tackles with another career-best with 1.5 tackles for loss at Miami, playing season-high 33 snaps . . . posted career-high four tackles in Youngstown State game, recording 15 snaps . . . saw action in season-opening win at Northwestern, notching career-high tying three tackles, including one tackle for loss, in playing 27 defensive snaps.

SNOW'S CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 5, vs. Western Kentucky (10/2/21)

Tackles For Loss: 1.5, vs. Miami (9/18/21)

SNOW'S STATISTICS

	G/GS	UT	AT	TM	TFL	SACKS	INT	PBU	FR	FF
2020	6/0	2	1	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
2021	5/1	11	7	18	2.5-8	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Career	11/1	13	8	21	2.5-8	0-0	0-0	0	0	0

SNOW'S GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

2021

DEFENSE	UT	AT	TM	TFL	SACKS	INT	PBU	FR	FF
Northwestern	2	1	3	1.0-4	0-0	0	1	0	0
Youngstown State	3	1	4	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Miami	3	1	4	1.5-4	0-0	0	0	0	0
Nebraska	1	1	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Western Kentucky	2	3	5	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Totals	11	7	18	2.5-8	0-0	0-0	0	0	0



2021 SPARTAN FOOTBALL GAME NOTES



- BIG TEN CO-OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK (Sept. 20, 2021)
- DAVEY O'BRIEN AWARD'S GREAT 8 PERFORMANCES OF WEEK 3 (Sept. 20, 2021)
- MANNING AWARD TOP 8 (Sept. 20, 2021)
- MANNING AWARD QUARTERBACK OF THE WEEK (Sept. 23, 2021)
- MAXWELL AWARD "WHO'S HOT" LIST (Sept. 23, 2021)

CAREER NOTES: Third-year quarterback has 14 career TD passes on 130-of-215 (.605) passing for 1,818 yards in his two years as a Spartan signal-caller, with four INTs, adding 124 career rushing yards on 55 carries with three TDs . . . currently No. 1 on MSU's career pass efficiency list (149.3), No. 6 for passing yards/game (202.0) and tied for No. 7 on career pass completion percentage list (.605) . . . also ranked No. 27 on MSU's career passing yards list (1,818), becoming 33rd MSU QB to reach the 1,000-career passing yards plateau, along with No. 23 for career completions (130), No. 27 for career passing attempts (215) and tied for No. 22 on career passing TD list (14) . . . is 5-1 as the Spartan starting quarterback (5-0 in 2021; 0-1 in 2020) . . . comes from football bloodlines, as his grandfather, John, coached at Wheaton Central High School and Wheaton-Warrenville South High School before spending 13 seasons at Division III North Central College in Naperville, Illinois, and is in the North Central College Athletics Hall of Fame after transforming the program into a national contender; during John's tenure, the Cardinals recorded 118 victories, won eight straight College Conference of Illinois & Wisconsin (CCIW) Championships from 2006 to 2013, and made eight appearances in the NCAA Division III Football Championship . . . his grandfather, Dave Martin, played football at Wisconsin . . . Payton's father, Jeff, was the offensive coordinator at North Central beginning in 2002, was promoted to assistant head coach in 2010, and took over the North Central program in 2015 following John's retirement and has been equally successful, compiling a 52-9 record in his first five seasons, including a 37-4 record in College Conference of Illinois & Wisconsin (CCIW) play and the program's first NCAA Division III national championship in 2019 . . . Jeff also played collegiately as a quarterback at Eastern Illinois.

2021 SEASON (REDSHIRT SOPHOMORE): Ranks second in B1G and 11th in FBS in QB rating (169.3), also tied for third in conference and ranking tied for 14th in country in passing TDs (11), along with fourth in league in passing yards/game (247.2), fifth in passing yards (1,236), eighth in passing percentage (.631), tied for seventh in passing completions (82) and seventh in passing attempts (130) . . . shares the B1G best for single-game TDs responsible for with five from Youngstown State game, throwing four TD passes and rushing for one TD, and also has tied for second mark with four from Miami game with four TDs through the air, also tied for second-best with the four TDs, one of only B1G QBs with multiple four passing TD outings (C.J. Stroud of Ohio State) . . . has thrown for 1,236 yards on 82-of-130 passing now with 11 TDs against just two INTs, getting intercepted for first time this season in Nebraska game, snapping streak at 49 completions and 78 attempts without an INT this season . . . has rushed for 77 yards on 30 carries with two TDs . . . threw for a career-high 327 yards and one TD on 20-of-30 passing in Western Kentucky game, connecting with Jayden Reed on a 46-yard TD in the first quarter, and also scored second rushing TD of the season and third of career on a 12-yard scamper in the second quarter, part of seven rushes for a season-high 31 rushing yards . . . was 14-of-23 passing for 183 yards and one TD in Nebraska game, throwing first interception on the season in the first quarter, on second attempt of game . . . was named B1G Co-Offensive Player of Week, along with being recognized by the Davey O'Brien Award and the Manning Award for having one of the top eight quarterback performances in the nation in Week 3 for his outing at Miami, becoming just the second Spartan quarterback in school history, joining Connor Cook, to throw for four touchdowns in back-to-back games during MSU's 38-17 victory at then-No. 24 Miami . . . after throwing for a career-high four TDs in the Week 2 win over Youngstown State, matched that effort against the Hurricanes by completing 18-of-31 passes for 261 yards and four more touchdowns, while finishing with four rushing yards on eight attempts, with a season-long 22-yard scamper, in addition to few bigger than the 1-yard QB plunge on 4th-and-1 at the MIA 40 late in the game to get the 1st down, then throwing a 39-yard TD pass to Jalen Nailor on the next play to seal the Victory for MSU . . . made first career home start in Spartan Stadium, and third of career in the Youngstown State game and completed 15-of-21 passes for 280 yards and a career-high four touchdowns, marking first time a Spartan quarterback has thrown four TDs in a game since Brian Lewerke vs. Northwestern in 2017 . . . had an 85-yard pass completion and a 75-yard TD pass on the first offensive play, which are two of the top pass plays in the B1G this season, and the 85-yarder was ranked No. 6 for longest pass play in FBS at that point of the season . . . also had 19 yards rushing on three carries (6.3 avg.) with a 10-yard TD in the first quarter, and earned MSU Offensive Co-Player of the Game team award . . . made second career start in the season-opening win at Northwestern, throwing for 185 yards on 15-of-25 passing with one TD, to earn his first win as the Spartans' starting QB . . . also rushed for 28 yards on five carries, in front of many friends and family from his nearby hometown of Naperville, Ill. . . . ranked tied for fourth in B1G in percentage (.600) and ninth in B1G in passing yards per game (185.0).

THORNE'S CAREER HIGHS

Pass Completions: 22, vs. Penn State (12/12/20)
 Pass Attempts: 39, vs. Penn State (12/12/20)
 Passing Yards: 327, vs. Western Kentucky (10/2/21)
 Passing TDs: 4, twice (last vs. Miami, 9/18/21)
 Rush Attempts: 9, vs. Ohio State (12/5/20)
 Rushing Yards: 42, vs. Ohio State (12/5/20)
 Rushing TDs: 1, twice (last vs. Western Kentucky, 10/2/21)
 Longest Pass Play: 85, vs. Youngstown State (9/11/21)
 Longest Rush Play: 38, vs. Indiana (11/14/20)
 Longest Pass TD: 85, vs. Youngstown State (9/11/21)
 Longest Rush TD: 20, vs. Ohio State (12/5/20)

THORNE'S STATISTICS

PASSING	G/GS	COMP	ATT	INT	PCT	YDS	YPG	TD	LG	Effic.
2020	4/1	48	85	3	.565	582	145.5	3	55	118.6
2021	5/5	82	130	2	.631	1,236	247.2	11	85	247.2
Career	9/6	130	215	5	.605	1,818	202.0	14	85	149.3

RUSHING	NO.	YDS.	AVG.	TD	LG	YPG
2020	25	47	1.9	1	38	11.8
2021	30	77	2.6	2	22	15.4
Career	55	124	2.3	3	38	13.8

2021 SPARTAN FOOTBALL GAME NOTES



THORNE'S GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

2020

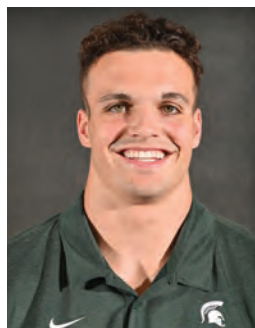
PASSING	COMP	ATT	INT	PCT	YDS	TD	LG
Rutgers		-DNP-					
Michigan		-DNP-					
Iowa	0	1	0	.000	0	0	0
Indiana	10	20	1	.500	110	0	27
Northwestern		-DNP-					
Ohio State	16	25	1	.640	147	0	55
Penn State	22	39	1	.564	325	3	45
Totals	48	85	3	.565	582	3	55

RUSHING	ATT	YDS	TD	LG
Wisconsin		-DNP-		
Michigan		-DNP-		
Iowa	0	0	0	0
Indiana	8	25	0	38
Northwestern		-DNP-		
Ohio State	9	42	1	31
Penn State	8	-20	0	2
Totals	25	47	1	38

2021

PASSING	COMP	ATT	INT	PCT	YDS	TD	LG
Northwestern	15	25	0	.600	185	1	26
Youngstown State	15	21	0	.714	280	4	85
Miami	18	31	0	.581	261	4	51
Nebraska	14	23	1	.609	183	1	35
Western Kentucky	20	30	0	.667	327	1	46
Totals	82	130	1	.631	1,236	11	85

RUSHING	ATT	YDS	TD	LG
Northwestern	5	28	0	18
Youngstown State	3	19	1	10
Miami	8	4	0	22
Nebraska	7	-5	0	9
Western Kentucky	7	31	1	13
Totals	30	77	2	22



CAREER NOTES: Transfer linebacker from Michigan has played in 20 collegiate career games (15 games at UM from 2018-20; five games at MSU in 2021) . . . earned three letters for the Wolverines (2018-20) and appeared in 15 games, including two starts at linebacker . . . has 13 career tackles (seven in 2020 at UM, six in 2021 at MSU), adding nine career carries for 20 yards and one rushing TD (all at UM).

2021 SEASON (REDSHIRT JUNIOR): Has played in all five games, registering six tackles while logging 76 snaps . . . logged one tackle in playing 14 defensive snaps in Western Kentucky contest . . . posted one tackle in playing seven snaps in Nebraska game . . . notched one tackle in playing seven snaps at Miami . . . posted three tackles in playing 28 snaps in home-opener against Youngstown State . . . made Spartan debut in season-opening win at Northwestern, playing 20 defensive snaps.

VAN SUMEREN'S CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 3, twice, (last vs. Youngstown State, 9/11/21)

VAN SUMEREN'S STATISTICS

	G/GS	UT	AT	TM	TFL	SACKS	INT	PBU	FR	FF
2018 ^	4/0	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
2019 ^	5/0	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
2020 ^	6/2	3	4	7	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
2021 #	5/0	3	3	6	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Career	20/2	6	7	13	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0

^ = at Michigan / # = at Michigan State



2021 SPARTAN FOOTBALL GAME NOTES



- BIG TEN OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK (Sept. 6, 2021)
- MAXWELL AWARD PLAYER OF THE WEEK (Sept. 8, 2021)
- CFPA NATIONAL PERFORMER OF WEEK 1 (Sept. 6, 2021)

CAREER NOTES: Transfer from Wake Forest has played in 25 collegiate games (20 at Wake Forest from 2019-20, five at Michigan State in 2021) . . . joined the Spartan program in January 2021 and participated in spring practice . . . first-team preseason All-Big Ten selection by Pro Football Focus . . . named to the Doak Walker Award Watch List for the second year in a row . . . named the No. 30 impact transfer in the nation and No. 4 running back by The Athletic . . . has 1,838 rushing yards on 317 carries (5.8 ypc/70.7 ypg) with 25 career rushing TDs (rushed for 1,158 yards and 17 touchdowns on 217 carries in just 20 games during his first two seasons with the Demon Deacons / has 680 yards on 100 carries (6.8 ypc / 136.0 ypg) with eight rushing TDs for the Spartans) . . . currently tied for No. 16 among active career FBS players for career rushing TDs (25) and No. 67 among all NCAA divisions, as well as No. 18 among career FBS players for total TDs (26), No. 28 for rushes per game (12.2) and No. 46 for career rushing yards (1,838), and would also rank No. 5 among active FBS players and tied for No. 33 for all NCAA divisions in yards per carry (5.8), but hasn't reached the minimum of 2,000 career yards yet . . . has eight 100-yard rushing games in career (two at Wake Forest in 2019; three at Wake Forest in 2020; three at Michigan State in 2021).

2021 SEASON (JUNIOR): Currently leads the FBS in rushing (680 yards; 136.0 ypg) and also ranks third in B1G and 16th in FBS all-purpose yards (139.4 ypg), third in league and 13th in nation in yards per carry (6.8), while leading conference and ranking fourth in country in both scoring (54) and points/game (10.8 ppg), while ranking second in league and sixth in nation in rushing TDs (8) . . . according to Pro Football Focus, also leads the country in rushing yards after contact (515) and also ranks first in the FBS with 19 rushes of 10-plus yards, along with tied for second in gaining first downs (34) . . . has B1G season-highs for single-game outings for points (24) and touchdowns (4) in Northwestern game, while 264-yard outing vs. Northwestern is second-most in B1G this season and most in a conference contest . . . ranked No. 6 in FBS in all-purpose yards for single game with 264 yards vs. Northwestern (9/3/21) . . . has three 100-yard outings with 264 vs. Northwestern, 172 vs. Miami and 126 vs. Western Kentucky . . . had at least one TD in each of the first three games, with a career-best four rushing TDs in the opener at Northwestern, adding one rushing score in Week 2 vs. Youngstown State and first career TD reception in Week 3 at Miami, but was kept out of the endzone in Week 4 Nebraska game, before bouncing back with three rushing TDs in Week 5 vs. Western Kentucky . . . had at least one rush of 23-plus yards in each of the first four games this season, with a long of 75-yards in the season-opener at Northwestern, then 24-yards vs. Youngstown State, then 26-yard and 24-yard scampers at Miami, along with a 23-yard run vs. Nebraska, but was held to just a long of 15-yards in Western Kentucky game . . . posted third 100-yard rushing game of the season with 126 yards on 24 carries in Western Kentucky contest, scoring three touchdowns in the first half (5, 5 and 3 yards) . . . had 19 carries for 61 yards against Nebraska, including a 23-yard gain on MSU's first play in OT, setting up game-winning field goal . . . registered second 100-yard rushing outing of the season, with 172 yards on 27 carries at Miami, and recorded first reception of the season with a second-quarter catch and later snared the first TD reception of his collegiate career with a 7-yard TD pass from Thorne, finishing game with three catches for 17 yards and a TD . . . had seven carries for 57 yards (8.1 ypc) with a 6-yard TD rush in limited action against Youngstown State, pushing and carrying several YSU defenders with him to the endzone . . . was named the Big Ten Player of the Week and Maxwell Award National Player of the Week after erupting onto the scene in Spartan debut, taking handoff on opening offensive play of game and scampering 75 yards for opening TD, the first of four rushing touchdowns and ending with career-high 264 yards – the seventh-highest total in MSU history – on 23 carries . . . it marked the most rushing yards by a Spartan in a debut wearing the Green and White . . . was the first time a Spartan scored four rushing TDs in a game since Edwin Baker in 2010 vs. Minnesota . . . according to ESPN Stats and Information, is the first Big Ten running back with 250-plus rushing yards and four rushing TDs in a single game since Melvin Gordon (Wisconsin) in 2014

. . . according to Sports Info Solutions, since they began tracking yards after contact in 2016, no Big Ten running back has generated more in a conference game than his 187 in Northwestern game, bettering previous top mark of 185 by Jonathan Taylor (Wisconsin) in 2017 and 182 by Saquon Barkley (Penn State) . . . is the first Spartan to record more than 200 rushing yards in a game since Le'Veon Bell (2012 at Minnesota, 266 yards) . . . the 264 yards are the most by a Spartan running back in an MSU season opener.

WALKER'S CAREER HIGHS

Rushing Attempts: 27^, vs. NC State (9/19/20)
Rushing Yards: 264#, vs. Northwestern (9/3/21)
Rushing TDs: 4#, vs. Northwestern (9/3/21)
Longest Rush: 96^, vs. Rice (9/6/19)
Receiving TDs: 1#, vs. Miami (9/18/21)

WALKER'S STATISTICS

RUSHING	G/GS	ATT	YDS.	AVG.	TD	LG	YPG
2019 ^	13/0	98	579	5.9	4	96	44.5
2020 ^	7/0	119	579	4.9	13	75	82.7
2021 #	5/5	100	680	6.8	8	75	136.0
Career	25/5	317	1,838	5.8	25	96	73.5

RECEIVING	REC.	YDS.	AVG.	TD	LG	YPG
2019 ^	3	17	5.7	0	15	1.3
2020 ^	3	30	10.0	0	19	4.3
2021 #	3	17	5.7	1	7	3.4
Career	9	64	7.1	1	19	2.6

^ = at Wake Forest / # = at Michigan State

WALKER'S GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

2019 ^

RUSHING	ATT	YDS	TD	LG
Utah State	0	0	0	0
Rice	9	125	1	96
North Carolina	13	94	0	21
Elon	9	91	1	23
Boston College	2	8	0	4
Louisville	4	10	1	5
Florida State	1	-1	0	0
NC State	16	56	0	16
Virginia Tech	3	11	0	5
Clemson	6	16	0	8
Duke	17	113	1	34
Syracuse	10	32	0	12
Michigan State	8	24	0	9
Totals	98	579	4	96

2020 ^

RUSHING	ATT	YDS	TD	LG
Clemson	6	19	0	12
NC State	27	131	3	14
Campbell	11	105	1	27
Virginia	23	128	3	75
Virginia Tech	23	66	1	11
Syracuse	16	79	3	20
North Carolina	13	51	2	11
Totals	119	579	13	75

2021

RUSHING	ATT	YDS	TD	LG
Northwestern	23	264	4	75
Youngstown State	7	57	1	24
Miami	27	172	0	26
Nebraska	19	61	0	23
Western Kentucky	24	126	3	15
Totals	100	680	8	75

^ = at Wake Forest / # = at Michigan State

2021 SPARTAN FOOTBALL GAME NOTES



CAREER NOTES: Walk-on tight end spent four years at Mississippi State (2017-20) and played in six games for the Bulldogs . . . his father, Kevin, is the Big Ten Commissioner and was the former Chief Operating Officer of the Minnesota Vikings . . . graduated with his bachelor's degree in May 2021 from Mississippi State and is currently pursuing a master's degree in sport coaching and leadership at Michigan State.

2021 SEASON (GRADUATE SENIOR): Has seen limited action, appearing in two games (Western Kentucky and Youngstown State) . . . made Spartan debut in Youngstown State game in playing limited action, seeing seven offensive snaps.



CAREER NOTES: Transfer cornerback from Alabama . . . provides veteran talent and depth to defensive backfield.

2021 SEASON (SENIOR): Has played in all five games, making four starts in posting 16 tackles, logging first pass break-up, sack and snaring first INT of career this season, in playing 344 total snaps . . . was starting cornerback in Western Kentucky contest and posted four stops and a pass break-up in playing 86 of 95 defensive snaps . . . started Nebraska game at cornerback, collecting three tackles with one tackle for loss, in playing 78 snaps . . . started at cornerback at Miami, playing 65 snaps and recording three tackles, along with making a leaping catch for first interception of career, coming in fourth quarter to seal the Victory for MSU . . . posted one tackle in playing 38 snaps in Youngstown State game . . . made Spartan debut in season-opening win at Northwestern, starting at cornerback and notching five tackles, including a sack, while playing in 77 defensive snaps.

WILLIAMS' CAREER HIGHS

Tackles: 5, vs. Northwestern (9/3/21)

Interception: 1, vs. Western Kentucky (10/2/21)

Interception: 1, vs. Miami (9/18/21)

Tackles For Loss: 1, twice (last vs. Nebraska, 9/25/21)

Sacks: 1, vs. Northwestern (9/3/21)

WILLIAMS' STATISTICS

	G/GS	UT	AT	TM	TFL	SACKS	INT	PBU	FR	FF
2020 ^	3/0	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
2021 #	5/4	13	3	16	2.0-3	1.0-2	1-0	1	0-0	0
Career	8/4	14	3	17	2.0-3	1.0-2	1-0	1	0-0	0

WILLIAMS' GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

2021 #	DEFENSE	UT	AT	TM	TFL	SACKS	INT	PBU	FR	FF
Northwestern	4	1	5	1.0-2	1.0-2	0-0	0	0-0	0	0
Youngstown State	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0
Miami	3	0	3	0-0	0-0	1-0	0	0-0	0	0
Nebraska	3	0	3	1.0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0
Western Kentucky	3	1	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0-0	0	0
Totals	13	3	16	2.0-3	1.0-2	1-0	0	0-0	0	0

^ = at Alabama / # = at Michigan State



2021 GAME RECAPS

GAME 1 • MICHIGAN STATE 38, NORTHWESTERN 21

Game 1 | Michigan State 38, Northwestern 21

Sept. 3, 2021 • Evanston, Ill.

Ryan Field • Att: 34,248

Play-by-play, post-game quotes and notes available at msuspartans.com.

EVANSTON, Ill. -- Kenneth Walker III had a Spartan debut to remember as Michigan State opened the 2021 season with a 38-21 victory at Northwestern on Sept. 3 at Ryan Field.

Walker, a junior transfer running back, rushed for a career-high 264 yards – the seventh-highest total in MSU history – and scored a career-high four touchdowns to lead the Spartans. It marked the most rushing yards by a Spartan in a debut wearing the Green and White.

Overall, MSU racked up 511 yards of total offense, including 326 on the ground, the most rushing yards for the Spartans in a single game since 2014 at Indiana (330).

Making his second career start, Payton Thorne connected on 15-of-25 passes for 185 yards and one touchdown to get his first win as the starting quarterback. Thorne's favorite target was Jayden Reed, who hauled in five catches for 64 yards.

Senior safety Xavier Henderson led the Spartan defense with nine tackles, including two for losses and a sack, while sophomore safety Angelo Grose also had nine stops for the Spartans.

Walker was at it right from the beginning. On the first play from scrimmage, the Arlington, Tennessee, native took his first handoff as a Spartan and raced 75 yards for a touchdown, quickly putting MSU on top.

After Northwestern missed a first goal on its first series, the Spartans put together a 10-play, 74-yard drive, capped by Walker's second TD of the game on a 3-yard run to take a 14-0 lead midway through the opening quarter.

The Spartans increased their lead to 21-0 on their first series of the second quarter, marching 66 yards on just four plays, finished off by a 14-yard screen pass from Thorne to Jordan Simmons.

Northwestern got on the board late in the half on a fourth-and-goal play where Hunter Johnson found Trey Pugh in the end zone for a 1-yard pass.

Walker scored his third rushing touchdown, a 5-yard burst into the corner of the end zone, at the 7:06 mark in the third quarter to give MSU a 28-7 advantage.

Northwestern responded with a 16-play, 69-yard touchdown drive that took 7:52 off the clock and trimmed the Spartan lead to 28-14.

Matt Coglin's 37-yard field goal put the Spartans on top, 31-14, but the Wildcats scored another touchdown with 2:27 left in the game to make it a 10-point game.

That's when Walker put the game out of reach. After MSU recovered an onside kick, Walker carried the ball three more times – for 4 yards, 30, and then 6 for his fourth and final touchdown of the game with 57 seconds left.

POST-GAME NOTES:

- Michigan State head coach Mel Tucker improves to 2-0 against Northwestern, leading the Spartans to victory over the Wildcats for second-straight season, after last year's 29-20 victory for MSU over then-No. 8 ranked Northwestern ... MSU has won seven of the last eight games at Northwestern ... MSU now leads the all-time series, 40-20, including a three-game winning streak.



Junior running back Kenneth Walker III had an explosive debut as a Spartan, rushing for four touchdowns, including a 75-yard scamper for a TD on his first play in the game on MSU's opening offensive play ... Walker rushed for a career-high 264 yards – the seventh-highest total in MSU history – and scored a career-high four touchdowns to lead the Spartans ... It marked the most rushing yards by a Spartan in a debut wearing the Green and White ... It was also the first time a Spartan scored four rushing TDs in a game since Edwin Baker in 2010 vs. Minnesota.

SCORE BY QUARTERS	1	2	3	4	F
Michigan State (1-0, 1-0 B1G)	14	7	7	10	- 38
Northwestern (0-1, 0-1 B1G)	0	7	0	14	- 21

SCORING SUMMARY

FIRST QUARTER

MSU (7-0)	Walker 75-yard run (Coghlin kick), 14:47 left Drive: 1 play, 75 yards, TOP 0:13
MSU (14-0)	Walker 3-yard run (Coghlin kick), 7:44 left Drive: 10 plays, 74 yards, TOP 4:12

SECOND QUARTER

MSU (21-0)	Simmons 14-yard pass from Thorne (Coghlin kick), 9:45 left Drive: 4 plays, 66 yards, TOP 1:28
NU (7-21)	Pugh 1-yard pass from Johnson (Kuhbänder kick), 0:59 left Drive: 15 plays, 62 yards, TOP 6:44

THIRD QUARTER

MSU (28-7)	Walker 5-yard run (Coghlin kick), 7:06 left Drive: 11 plays, 80 yards, TOP 4:20
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FOURTH QUARTER

NU (14-28)	Pugh 5-yard pass from Johnson (Kuhbänder kick), 11:17 left Drive: 16 plays, 69 yards, TOP 7:52
MSU (31-14)	Coghlin 37-yard field goal, 6:04 left Drive: 10 plays, 59 yards, TOP 5:06
NU (21-31)	Robinson 14-yard pass from Johnson (Kuhbänder kick), 02:27 left Drive: 8 plays, 61 yards, TOP 2:20
MSU (38-21)	Walker 6-yard run (Coghlin, Matt kick), 1:29 left Drive: 4 plays, 52 yards, TOP 0:57

TEAM STATISTICS

	MSU	NU
First Downs	23	20
Rushes-Yards	37-326	38-117
Passing Yards	185	283
Passes	15-26-0	30-43-0
Total Offense	63-511	81-400
Punts-Avg.	4-47.2	5-39.0
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	1-0
Penalties-Yards	5-50	6-40
Possession Time	22:25	37:35

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING (CARRIES-YARDS)

MSU: Walker 23-264; Thorne 5-28; Reed 1-12; Joiner 3-12; Simmons 5-10. NU: Hull 9-87; Clair 4-14; Tyus III 8-13; Cisco 3-10; Robinson 2-5; Washington 1-2; Johnson 11-(-14).

PASSING (C-A-I-YARDS-TD)

MSU: Thorne 15-25-0-185; Team 0-1-0-0. NU: Smith 16-27-1-153.

RECEIVING (RECEPTIONS-YARDS)

MSU: Reed 5-64; Mosley 4-59; Heyward 3-28; Nailor 2-20; Simmons 1-14. NU: Kirtz 7-80; Robinson 5-79; Pugh 4-18; Washington 3-32; Hull 3-23; Mangieri 2-27; Niro 2-15; Tyus 2-4; Gill 1-9; Clair 1-(-4).

TACKLES-TOP FIVE (TOTAL-SOLO-ASSISTS)

MSU: Henderson 9 (7-2); Grose 9 (5-4); Gervin 8 (8-0); Crouch 7 (5-2); Haladay 6 (3-3). NU: Bergin 10 (8-2); Joseph 8 (7-1); Hampton 5 (4-1); McIntyre 5 (4-1); Jackson 4 (4-0); Miller 4 (2-2).



GAME 2 • MICHIGAN STATE 42, YOUNGSTOWN STATE 14

Game 2 | Michigan State 42, Youngstown State 14

Sept. 11, 2021 • East Lansing, Mich.

Spartan Stadium • Att: 70,103

Play-by-play, post-game quotes and notes available at msuspartans.com.

EAST LANSING, Mich. -- Michigan State gained 595 yards of total offense and quarterback Payton Thorne completed 15-of-21 passes for 280 yards and a career-high four touchdowns as the Spartans defeated Youngstown State in the home opener at Spartan Stadium, 42-14, on the afternoon of Sept. 11.

Thorne's favorite receiver on the day was Jayden Reed, who hauled in four catches for 181 yards and two TDs. Jordon Simmons led the Spartans on the ground with 121 yards on 16 carries.

Xavier Henderson led the defense with eight tackles, including a 4-yard sack, and an acrobatic interception in the second quarter.

For the second consecutive game, the Spartans (2-0) scored on the first play, this time on a 75-yard pass from Thorne to Reed. Last week in the season opener at Northwestern, Walker raced 75 yards for a score on the MSU's first play from scrimmage. In limited action on Saturday, Walker had seven carries for 57 yards (8.1 avg.) and one touchdown, a week after accumulating a career-high 264 yards on the ground against the Wildcats.

Thorne upped MSU's lead to 14-0 midway through the first quarter as he scampered 10 yards into the end zone at the 7:54 mark.

Henderson prevented a potential Youngstown State scoring drive early in the second quarter with an acrobatic interception at the 2-yard line. Three plays later, Thorne connected on an 85-yard touchdown pass to Reed, the 11th longest in MSU history. Reed caught the ball at the MSU 47 and sprinted 53 yards to the end zone to put MSU on top, 21-0.

On MSU's fourth scoring drive of the game, Elijah Collins had three straight carries for 32 yards, then took a screen pass on the fourth play 20 yards for a touchdown for his first career receiving TD, making it 28-0 in favor of the Spartans.

Youngstown State got on the board with 4:10 left in the second quarter on a Demeatrice Crenshaw 6-yard TD score, but the Spartans responded with a 11-play, 68-yard drive to close the half, capped by a 6-yard run by Walker.

The Penguins (1-1) scored on their first possession of the second half as Christian Turner went 26 yards for a touchdown.

Thorne found Jalen Nailor for a 16-yard pass in the end zone at the 4:32 mark of the third quarter for Thorne's fourth TD of the game.

POST-GAME NOTES:

• Michigan State collected 595 yards of total offense (323 passing, 272 rushing) . . . MSU had 511 yards vs. Northwestern in Week 1 . . . it marks the first time MSU has compiled 500 yards of total offense in back-to-back games since 2014 (Oct. 11, 532 vs. Purdue, Oct. 18, 662 vs. Indiana) . . . it's the most total yards of offense in a single game for the Spartans since Oct. 18, 2014, at Indiana (662) . . . Michigan State had 408 yards of total offense in the first half, the first time it had more than 400 total yards in the first half since Sept. 1, 2007 (438 vs. UAB).



Jayden Reed caught four passes for a career-high 181 yards . . . Reed had two catches for 160 yards in the first half alone (75 yard TD on first play of the game; 85 yard TD in second quarter) . . . it marked the first time an MSU receiver had more than 150 yards receiving in the first half since Tony Lippett in 2014 vs. Jacksonville State (4 catches for 167 yards) . . . Reed now has six 100-yard receiving games in his career (four at Western Michigan in 2018; two at MSU) . . . Reed also tallied a career-high 264 all-purpose yards (181 receiving, 32 kick return, 48 punt return).

SCORE BY QUARTERS	1	2	3	4	F
Youngstown St. (1-1, 0-0 MVC)	0	7	7	0	- 14
Michigan State (2-0, 1-0 B1G)	14	21	7	0	- 42

SCORING SUMMARY

FIRST QUARTER

MSU (7-0) Reed 75-yard pass from Thorne (Coghlin kick), 14:50 left
Drive: 1 play, 75 yards, TOP 0:10

MSU (14-0) Thorne 10-yard run (Coghlin kick), 7:54 left
Drive: 6 plays, 58 yards, TOP 2:01

SECOND QUARTER

MSU (21-0) Reed 85-yard pass from Thorne (Coghlin kick), 12:52 left
Drive: 3 plays, 98 yards, TOP 1:07

MSU (28-0) Collins 20-yard pass from Thorne (Coghlin kick), 10:12 left
Drive: 4 plays, 52 yards, TOP 1:51

YSU (7-28) Crenshaw 6-yard run (McFadden kick), 4:10 left
Drive: 12 plays, 75 yards, TOP 6:02

MSU (35-7) Walker 6-yard run (Coghlin, kick), 0:17 left
Drive: 11 plays, 68 yards, TOP 3:47

THIRD QUARTER

YSU (14-35) Turner, Christian 26-yard run (McFadden, Colt kick), 10:54 left
Drive: 10 plays, 75 yards, TOP 4:06

MSU (42-14) Nailor 16-yard pass from Thorne (Coghlin kick), 4:32 left
Drive: 6 plays, 45 yards, TOP 02:07

FOURTH QUARTER

None

TEAM STATISTICS

	YSU	MSU
First Downs	20	25
Rushes-Yards	45-167	38-272
Passing Yards	137	323
Passes	16-32-1	20-28-0
Total Offense	77-304	66-595
Punts-Avg.	7-42.7	3-30.0
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	1-1
Penalties-Yards	4-34	7-56
Possession Time	32:31	26:40

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING (CARRIES-YARDS)

MSU: Simmons 16-121; Walker 7-57; Eaglin 6-33; Collins 1-22; Thorne 3-19; Russo 3-10.
YSU: Crenshaw 18-69; Turner 5-48; McLaughlin 13-34; Pearson 7-12; Craycraft 1-3; St. Surin 1-1.

PASSING (C-A-I-YARDS-TD)

MSU: Thorne 15-21-0-185-4; Russo 5-7-0-0. YSU: Crenshaw 10-23-1-81-0; Craycraft 6-9-0-56-0.

RECEIVING (RECEPTIONS-YARDS)

MSU: Reed 5-104; Nailor 8-39; Hunt 2-16; Lockett 2-14; Collins 1-10; Foster 1-16; Carr 1-8; Stewart 1-8; Simmons 1-7; Mosley 1-7; Gillison 1-5; Coleman 1-24. YSU: Hensley 4-35; Charleston 3-18; Ogletree 2-13 2-13; McLaughlin 1-30; Radford 1-12; Burgett 1-9; St. Surin 1-6; Portorreal 1-5; Smith 1-6; Turner 1-2.

TACKLES-TOP FIVE (TOTAL-SOLO-ASSISTS)

MSU: Henderson 8 (2-6); Haladay 7 (1-6); Crouch 7 (1-6); Kimbrough 5 (4-1); 8 others w/ 4. YSU: White 9 (6 3); Augustin 8 (2-6); Dixon 7 (2-5); Salyers 6 (3-3); D. Johnson 4 (2-2); Jones 4 (2-2).



2021 GAME RECAPS

GAME 3 • RV/RV MICHIGAN STATE 38, NO. 24/RV MIAMI 17

Game 3 | RV/RV Michigan State 38, No. 24/RV Miami 17

Sept. 18, 2021 • Miami Gardens, Fla.

Hard Rock Stadium • Att: 46,427

Play-by-play, post-game quotes and notes available at msuspartans.com.

MIAMI GARDENS, Fla. -- Kenneth Walker III rushed for 172 yards and Payton Thorne was 18-of-31 passing for 261 yards and four touchdowns as Michigan State topped No. 24 Miami, 38-17, on the afternoon of Sept. 18 at Hard Rock Stadium. With the victory, Michigan State improved to 3-0 on the season for the first time since 2015.

The Spartans forced four turnovers in the game and didn't commit a turnover in the win. MSU collected 454 yards of total offense, with a balanced attack of 193 yards on the ground and 261 through the air.

Jalen Nailor had four catches for 82 yards and two TDs for MSU, while Connor Heyward had three grabs for 49 yards. Defensively, Xavier Henderson led the Spartans in tackles for the third game in a row with eight stops.

After a scoreless first quarter for both teams, the Spartans got on the board early in the second quarter as Matt Coughlin connected on a 23-yard field goal at the 13:58 mark to cap a 12-play, 73-yard drive.

Miami responded with a touchdown on its next series, going 75 yards on 10 plays. Charleston Rambo caught a 3-yard TD pass from D'Eriq King to put the Hurricanes on top, 7-3, with 10:08 left in the half; Rambo had five receptions for 70 yards on the drive and finished with 12 catches for 156 yards in the game.

The Spartans reclaimed the lead, 10-7, with 2:56 remaining in the second quarter on Walker's 7-yard TD reception from Thorne. It marked Walker's first career touchdown reception.

MSU increased its advantage to 17-7 at the 6:08 mark in the third quarter as Thorne connected on an 11-yard strike to Jalen Nailor. Walker accounted for 49 rushing yards on the 10-play, 85-yard drive that took 3:59 off the clock.

Miami trimmed its deficit to 17-14 with 3:53 left in the third on Rambo's second TD grab, this time from 14 yards out.

With the Hurricanes gaining momentum early in the fourth quarter, Drew Beesley came up with a strip sack on King and Jacob Panasiuk picked up the fumble for the Spartans. MSU quickly capitalized three plays later with Thorne finding Reed in the end zone on third-and-7 for a 10-yard TD with 13:10 remaining in the game.

With under five minutes in the game, MSU elected to go for it on fourth-and-1 from the Miami 40, and Thorne ran a quarterback sneak for a first down. On the next play, Thorne connected with Nailor on a 39-yard touchdown pass to give MSU a 31-14 lead.

Ronald Williams recorded MSU's fourth turnover of the game with an interception on Miami's next series, and the Spartans again took advantage of the takeaway with another touchdown drive, capped by Reed's 8-yard scamper into the end zone to make the final 38-17.

POST-GAME NOTES:

- Michigan State earned its first win over Miami in the five-game series history, as Saturday was the first meeting since 1989 . . . MSU head coach Mel Tucker collected his third win over an AP Top 25 team while leading the Spartans, including two of the three on the road (No. 13 Michigan in 2020; No. 24 Miami in 2021) . . . with Saturday's win over No. 24 Miami, five of Tucker's 10 career wins as a head coach have come against AP Top 25 opponents (2021: No. 24 Miami; 2020: No. 11 Northwestern and No. 13 Michigan; 2019: No. 25 Nebraska and No. 24 Arizona State at Colorado).



Sophomore quarterback Payton Thorne was 18-for-31 passing for 261 yards with a career-high tying four TDs for the second straight game . . . Thorne becomes just the second Spartan quarterback in school history to throw for four touchdowns in back-to-back games (Connor Cook, 2015, vs. Indiana and Nebraska) . . . Thorne has nine TD passes this season, and owns two of the four top single-game passing TD performances in the B1G this season.

SCORE BY QUARTERS	1	2	3	4	F
Michigan State (3-0, 1-0 B1G)	0	10	7	21	- 38
Miami (FL) (1-2, 0-0 ACC)	0	7	7	3	- 17

SCORING SUMMARY

FIRST QUARTER

None

SECOND QUARTER

MSU (3-0) Coughlin, Matt 23-yard field goal, 13:58 left

Drive: 12 plays, 73 yards, TOP 4:41

MIA (7-3) Rambo 3-yard pass from King (Borregales kick), 10:08 left

Drive: 10 plays, 75 yards, TOP 3:50

MSU (10-7) Walker 7-yard pass from Thorne (Coughlin kick), 2:56 left

Drive: 9 plays, 80 yards, TOP 3:14

THIRD QUARTER

MSU (17-7) Nailor 11-yard pass from Thorne (Coughlin kick), 6:08 left

Drive: 10 plays, 85 yards, TOP 3:59

MIA (14-17) Rambo 14-yard pass from King (Borregales kick), 3:53 left

Drive: 10 plays, 75 yards, TOP 2:15

FOURTH QUARTER

MSU (24-14) Reed 10-yard pass from Thorne (Coughlin kick), 13:10 left

Drive: 3 plays, 13 yards, TOP 1:27

MIA (17-24) Borregales 55-yard field goal, 8:11 left

Drive: 11 plays, 38 yards, TOP 4:59

MSU (31-17) Nailor 39-yard pass from Thorne (Coughlin kick), 4:12 left

Drive: 8 plays, 75 yards, TOP 3:59

MSU (38-17) Reed 8-yard run (Coughlin kick), 2:32 left

Drive: 4 plays, 23 yards, TOP 1:33

TEAM STATISTICS

	MSU	MIA
First Downs	23	29
Rushes-Yards	41-193	24-52
Passing Yards	261	388
Passes	18-31-0	38-60-2
Total Offense	72-454	84-440
Punts-Avg.	5-54.6	3-49.0
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	2-2
Penalties-Yards	9-80	10-84
Possession Time	31:15	28:45

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING (CARRIES-YARDS)

MSU: Walker 27-172; Reed 2-17; Thorne 8-4; Mosley 1-2; Simmons 2-1; Nailor 1-(-3); MIA: Harris 11-44; King 12-7; Harley 1-1.

PASSING (C-A-I-YARDS-TD)

MSU: Thorne 18-31-0-261-4. MIA: King 38-59-2-388-2.

RECEIVING (RECEPTIONS-YARDS)

MSU: Nailor 4-82; Heyward 3-49; Reed 3-32; Walker 3-17; Mosley 2-57; Hunt 2-20; Lockett 1-4. MIA: Rambo 12-156; Harris 7-22; Harley 4-51; Smith 4-50; Mallory 3-36; Brinson 3-33; Wiggins 3-25; Arroyo 1-7; Restrepo 1-7.

TACKLES-TOP FIVE (TOTAL-SOLO-ASSISTS)

MSU: Henderson 8 (8-0); Haladay 6 (2-4); Beesley 5 (4-1); Snow 4 (3-1); 7 others 3. MIA: Bolden 10 (8-2); Steed 8 (4-4); Flagg 8 (4-4); Carter 5 (4-1); 3 others 4.



GAME 4 • NO. 20/21 MICHIGAN STATE 23, NEBRASKA 20 (OT)

Game 4 | No. 20/21 Michigan State 23, Nebraska 20 (OT)

Sept. 25, 2021 • East Lansing, Mich.

Spartan Stadium • Att: 70,332

Play-by-play, post-game quotes and notes available at msuspartans.com.

EAST LANSING, Mich. -- Michigan State kicker Matt Coghlin capped off a wild comeback with a 21-yard field goal on the second possession of overtime as the Spartans beat Nebraska, 23-20, at Spartan Stadium on Saturday night.

Payton Thorne completed 14-of-23 passes for 183 yards and one touchdown, while Kenneth Walker III carried the ball 19 times for 61 yards, including a 23-yard gain on his first overtime run. Tre Mosley added six receptions for 70 yards, and Jayden Reed caught four passes for 59 yards and had a 62-yard punt return for a touchdown to tie the game late in the fourth quarter.

Xavier Henderson led Michigan State with 17 total tackles, including one for loss, while Cal Haladay had eight tackles and Jacob Slade had eight tackles, one sack and two tackles-for-loss.

After a scoreless first quarter, the Spartans took advantage of good field position to start the second, and quickly scored the game's first touchdown on a three-play, 55-yard drive in just 52 seconds, capped by a Thorne 38-yard pass to Reed on a flea flicker. It marked the second time MSU has scored a TD on a flea flicker this season (first play of the game against Youngstown State in Week 2 on a 75-yard pass from Thorne to Reed).

Nebraska got on the board on its next series with a 28-yard field goal by Connor Culp with 11:22 left in the half. Adrian Martinez scrambled 45 yards and a Spartan late hit set up a first-and-goal for the Huskers, but they were forced to kick a field goal.

Reed returned the ensuing kickoff 41 yards, sparking a six-play, 49-yard drive that culminated with a 26-yard field by Matt Coghlin to put MSU on top, 10-3, at the 8:20 mark.

Nebraska tied the game at 10 on Martinez's 12-yard touchdown run with 4:20 left in the half. MSU regained the lead as Coghlin connected on his second field goal, this time from 26 yards out, to make it 13-10 with just over a minute remaining until halftime.

The Spartans forced a quick punt and took over on the Nebraska 46, but a bad snap led to Coghlin's 44-yard field goal getting blocked to end the half.

Culp's 28-yard field goal on Nebraska's first series of the second half tied it at 13 with 9:10 left in the third.

The Spartans forced a fumble on Martinez early in the fourth quarter took over at the Nebraska 45-yard line, but were unable to convert on the turnover.

Nebraska took the next series 80 yards on 11 plays for a touchdown drive, as Martinez ran from 3 yards out for his second rushing TD of the game to give the Huskers a 20-13 lead with 7:29 left in the game.

Michigan State took over with 7:22 to play in regulation, but was forced to punt after three plays. Nebraska took over with 6:22 left, and the Spartan defense responded with its own three-and-out. Reed received the punt at the MSU 38-yard-line, found a seam and broke up the right sideline 62 yards untouched as the Spartans tied the game at 20. It marked MSU's first punt return for a touchdown since 2011.



Jayden Reed returned a punt 62 yards for a touchdown to tie the game at 20 with 3:47 left in the game . . . it marked MSU's first punt return for a touchdown since Nov. 26, 2011 (Keshawn Martin 57 yards at Northwestern) . . . Reed also hauled in four passes for 59 yards, including a 35-yard TD catch from Thorne in the second quarter . . . Reed finished with 192 all-purpose yards (69 kick return, 62 punt return, 59 receiving, 2 rushing).

SCORE BY QUARTERS	1	2	3	4	OT	F
Nebraska (2-3, 0-2 B1G)	0	10	3	7	0	- 20
Michigan St. (4-0, 2-0 B1G)	0	13	0	7	3	- 23

SCORING SUMMARY

FIRST QUARTER

None

SECOND QUARTER

MSU (7-0) Reed 35-yard pass from Thorne (Coghlin kick), 14:08 left
Drive: 3 plays, 55 yards, TOP 0:52

NEB (3-7) Culp 28-yard field goal, 11:22 left
Drive: 7 plays, 65 yards, TOP 2:46

MSU (10-3) Coghlin 26-yard field goal, 8:20 left
Drive: 6 plays, 49 yards, TOP 2:54

NEB (10-10) Martinez 12-yard run (Culp kick), 4:20 left
Drive: 9 plays, 75 yards, TOP 4:00

MSU (13-10) Coghlin 27-yard field goal, 1:03 left
Drive: 9 plays, 61 yards, TOP 3:11

THIRD QUARTER

NEB (13-13) Culp 28-yard field goal, 9:10 left
Drive: 14 plays, 60 yards, TOP 5:50

FOURTH QUARTER

NEB (20-13) Martinez 3-yard run (Culp kick), 7:29 left
Drive: 11 plays, 80 yards, TOP 5:05

MSU (20-20) Reed 62-yard punt return (Coghlin kick)

OVERTIME

MSU (23-20) Coghlin 21-yard field goal, 0:00 left
Drive: 4 plays, 22 yards, TOP 0:00

TEAM STATISTICS

	NEB	MSU
First Downs	26	12
Rushes-Yards	50-194	30-71
Passing Yards	248	183
Passes	25-36-1	14-23-1
Total Offense	86-442	53-254
Punts-Avg.	7-32.4	6-58.8
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	0-0
Penalties-Yards	6-40	5-44
Possession Time	37:28	22:32

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING (CARRIES-YARDS)

MSU: Walker 19-61, Simmons 3-13, Reed 1-2, Thorne 7-(-5); NEB: Johnson 19-76; Martinez 21-72; Morrison 3-14, Flack 0-12, Smothers 3-11, Toure 1-4, Belt 1-3, Stepp 1-2, Manning 1-(-1).

PASSING (C-A-I-YARDS-TD)

MSU: Thorne 14-23-1-183-1. NEB: Martinez 24-34-1-244-0, Smothers 1-2-0-4-0.

RECEIVING (RECEPTIONS-YARDS)

MSU: Mosley 6-70, Reed 4-20, Heyward 2-39, Joiner 1-9, Simmons 1-5; NEB: Betts 5-62, Toure 4-52, Allen 4-28, Manning 4-16, Vokolek 2-29, Johnson 2-11, Belt 1-24, Falck 1-22, Morrison 1-14.

TACKLES-TOP FIVE (TOTAL-SOLO-ASSISTS)

MSU: Henderson 17 (10-7); Slade 8 (5-3); Haladay 8 (0-8); Grose 7 (4-3), Crouch 7 (4-3), Panasiuk 7 (2-5), Barrow 7 (2-5). NEB: Reimer 11 (6-5), Henrich 9 (3-6), Nelson 6 (4-2), Williams 5 (3-2), 3 others w/ 4.



2021 GAME RECAPS

GAME 5 • NO. 17/16 MICHIGAN STATE 48, WESTERN KENTUCKY 31

Game 5 | No. 17/16 Michigan State 48, Western Kentucky 31

Oct. 2, 2021 • East Lansing, Mich.

Spartan Stadium • Att: 70,075

Play-by-play, post-game quotes and notes available at msuspartans.com.

EAST LANSING, Mich. -- No. 17/16 Michigan State scored six touchdowns in the first half to open up a 26-point lead and put up more than 500 yards in total offense en route to a 48-31 win over Western Kentucky in front of 70,075 fans at Spartan Stadium Saturday night.

Junior running back Kenneth Walker III had 24 carries for 126 yards and scored three touchdowns, while redshirt sophomore quarterback Payton Thorne completed 20-of-30 passes for a career-high 327 yards and one touchdown pass, in addition to seven carries for 31 yards, including a 13-yard touchdown run. Redshirt junior wide receiver Jayden Reed caught four passes for 127 yards and one touchdown and also returned a punt 88 yards for a score, while redshirt junior receiver Jalen Nailor had eight catches for a career-high 128 yards. Reed finished the game with 285 all-purpose yards, the seventh-highest single-game total in Michigan State history.

Sophomore safety Angelo Grose led Michigan State with a career-high 16 tackles, while redshirt freshman linebacker Cal Haladay had 10 tackles, including one for loss, junior linebacker Quavaris Crouch added eight tackles and junior safety Michael Dowell had seven tackles.

After the Spartans defense forced a three-and-out to start the game, Reed returned the ensuing punt 88 yards for a touchdown, quickly putting MSU on top, 7-0. It marked the second straight punt return for a touchdown for Reed, who returned a punt 62 yards for a score against Nebraska in the fourth quarter.

Following another WKU three-and-out, the Spartans took their first offensive possession 80 yards on seven plays for a score, capped by a 5-yard TD run by Walker.

The Hilltoppers got on the board with a field goal at the 5:04 mark in the first quarter, but the Spartans responded with another touchdown drive as Thorne connected with Reed on a 46-yard touchdown pass with 3:54 left in the first.

WKU scored its first touchdown of the game on its next series, cutting the Spartan lead to 21-10 at the 2:57 mark, and added a field goal early in the second quarter to make it 21-13 in favor of MSU.

Walker scored two more rushing touchdowns in the second quarter, from 5 and 3 yards out, and Thorne rushed for a 12-yard TD right before the half to give MSU a 42-16 halftime lead. It marked the most points by MSU in the first half since Sept. 27, 2014 vs. Wyoming (42 points).

On WKU's first series of the second half, the Spartans held the Hilltoppers out of the end zone on a fourth-and-goal play from the 20, but MSU had to take over on its own 1-yard line after a 19-yard pass. MSU then drove 96 yards on 14 plays and took 5:49 off the clock as Matt Coghlin made a 21-yard field goal with 43 seconds left in the third.

Bailey Zappe found Jerreth Stearns in the end zone with 13:13 left in the fourth quarter, and the Hilltoppers converted the 2-point attempt to trim the Spartan advantage to 45-24.

WKU scored its second TD of the fourth quarter at the 8:24 mark, cutting the MSU lead to 14 points (45-31).

The Spartans took over with just over eight minutes left in the game and 3:38 on a 12-play, 72-yard drive that was capped by a 20-yard field goal from Coghlin, giving MSU a 48-31 lead.



Kenneth Walker III had his third 100-yard rushing game of the season with 126 yards on 24 carries . . . he scored three touchdowns in the first half (5, 5 and 3 yards) and now has eight rushing TDs this season . . . it marked the eighth 100-yard rushing game in Walker's collegiate career (two at Wake Forest in 2019; three at Wake Forest in 2020; three at Michigan State in 2021).

SCORE BY QUARTERS	1	2	3	4	F
Western Kentucky (1-3, 0-0 C-USA)	10	6	0	15	- 31
Michigan St. (5-0, 2-0 B1G)	21	21	3	3	- 48

SCORING SUMMARY

FIRST QUARTER

MSU (7-0)	Reed 88-yard punt return (Coghlin kick)
MSU (14-0)	Walker 5-yard run (Coghlin kick), 8:26 left Drive: 7 plays, 80 yards, TOP 3:59
WKU (3-14)	Narveson 37-yard field goal, 5:04 left Drive: 11 plays, 56 yards, TOP 3:22
MSU (21-3)	Reed 46-yard pass from Thorne (Coghlin kick), 3:54 left Drive: 4 plays, 75 yards, TOP 1:10
WKU (10-21)	Beljan 4-yard pass from Zappe (Narveson kick), 2:57 left Drive: 3 plays, 65 yards, TOP 0:57

SECOND QUARTER

WKU (13-21)	Narveson 29-yard field goal, 11:42 left Drive: 13 plays, 61 yards, TOP 4:53
MSU (28-13)	Walker 5-yard run (Coghlin kick), 9:10 left Drive: 6 plays, 68 yards, TOP 2:27
WKU (16-28)	Narveson 35-yard field goal, 6:51 left Drive: 8 plays, 58 yards, TOP 2:19
MSU (35-16)	Walker 3-yard run (Coghlin kick), 2:39 left Drive: 9 plays, 66 yards, TOP 4:06
MSU (42-16)	Thorne 12-yard run (Coghlin kick), 0:41 left Drive: 6 plays, 31 yards, TOP 0:53

THIRD QUARTER

MSU (45-16)	Coghlin, Matt 21-yard field goal, 0:43 left Drive: 14 plays, 96 yards, TOP 5:49
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FOURTH QUARTER

WKU (24-45)	Je. Sterns 28-yard pass from Zappe (Tinsley pass), 13:13 left Drive: 9 plays, 75 yards, TOP 2:30
WKU (31-45)	Beljan 1-yard pass from Zappe (Narveson kick), 8:24 left Drive: 8 plays, 50 yards, TOP 2:28
MSU (48-31)	Coghlin 20-yard field goal, 4:46 left Drive: 12 plays, 72 yards, TOP 3:38

TEAM STATISTICS

	WKU	MSU
First Downs	31	26
Rushes-Yards	26-72	43-192
Passing Yards	488	327
Passes	46-65-0	20-30-0
Total Offense	91-560	73-519
Punts-Avg.	2-54.5	3-44.3
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	0-0
Penalties-Yards	8-75	6-60
Possession Time	29:35	30:25

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING (CARRIES-YARDS)

MSU: Walker 24-126, Simmons 10-34, Thorne 7-31, Reed 1-7, Team 1-(-6); WKU: Whittington 7-37, Robichaux 6-18, Cofield 3-15, Jones 2-10, Moses 1-9, Zappe 7-(-17).

PASSING (C-A-I-YARDS-TD)

MSU: Thorne 20-30-0-327-1. WKU: Zappe 46-64-0-488-3, Zaubi 0-1-0-0-0.

RECEIVING (RECEPTIONS-YARDS)

MSU: Nailor 8-128, Reed 4-127, Mosely 3-57, Heyward 3-5, Foster 1-7, Simmons 1-3; WKU: Je. Sterns 17-186, Tinsley 7-127, Corley 7-69, Cofield 6-33, Burt 4-46, Jo. Sterns 2-16, Beljan 2-5, Whittington 1-6.

TACKLES-TOP FIVE (TOTAL-SOLO-ASSISTS)

MSU: Grose 16 (11-5), Haladay 10 (3-7), Crouch 8 (4-4), Dowell 7 (5-2), Kimbrough 6 (4-2); WKU: Kincade 10 (8-2), Malone 9 (4-5), Oliver 7 (4-3), Hailassie 7 (2-5), Hunter 6 (2-4).



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2021 SCORING DRIVES BREAKDOWN

MSU SCORING DRIVES (Game-by-Game)

Opp.	Plays	Yards	Time	Result	Qtr	Scoring Play
NU	1	75	0:13	TD	1	Walker 75-yd run
NU	10	74	4:12	TD	1	Walker 3-yd run
NU	4	66	1:28	TD	2	Simmons 14-yd pass; Thorne
NU	11	80	4:20	TD	3	Walker 5-yd run
NU	10	59	5:06	FG	4	Coghlin 37-yd FG
NU	5	57	0:57	TD	4	Walker 6-yd run
YSU	1	75	0:10	TD	1	Reed 75-yd pass; Thorne
YSU	6	58	2:01	TD	1	Thorne 10-yd run
YSU	3	98	1:07	TD	2	Reed 85-yd pass; Thorne
YSU	4	52	1:51	TD	2	Collins 20-yd pass; Thorne
YSU	11	68	3:47	TD	2	Walker 6-yd run
YSU	6	45	2:07	TD	3	Nailor 16-yd pass; Thorne
MIA	12	73	4:41	FG	2	Coghlin 23-yd FG
MIA	9	80	3:14	TD	2	Walker 7-yd pass; Thorne
MIA	10	85	3:59	TD	3	Nailor 11-yd pass; Thorne
MIA	3	13	1:27	TD	4	Reed 10-yd pass; Thorne
MIA	8	75	3:59	TD	4	Nailor 39-yd pass; Thorne
MIA	4	23	1:33	TD	4	Reed 8-yd run
NEB	3	55	0:52	TD	2	Reed 35-yd pass; Thorne
NEB	6	49	2:54	FG	2	Coghlin 26-yd FG
NEB	9	61	3:11	FG	2	Coghlin 27-yd FG
NEB	4	22	0:00	FG	OT	Coghlin 21-yd FG
WKU	7	80	3:59	TD	1	Walker 5-yd run
WKU	4	75	1:10	TD	1	Reed 46-yd pass; Thorne
WKU	6	68	2:27	TD	2	Walker 5-yd run
WKU	9	66	4:06	TD	2	Walker 3-yd run
WKU	6	31	0:53	TD	2	Thorne 12-yd run
WKU	14	96	5:49	FG	3	Coghlin 21-yd FG
WKU	12	72	3:38	FG	4	Coghlin 20-yd FG

Quick Strike Breakdown

Fewest Plays: 1 (twice), vs. Northwestern, vs. Youngstown State
 Fewest Yards (TD): 13, vs. Miami
 Fewest Yards (FG): 22, vs. Nebraska
 Time of Possession: 0:10, vs. Youngstown State

Longest Drives Breakdown

by No. of Plays (TD): 11 (twice), vs. Northwestern, vs. Youngstown State
 by No. of Plays (FG): 14, vs. Western Kentucky
 by No. of Yards (TD): 98, vs. Youngstown State
 by No. of Yards (FG): 96, vs. Western Kentucky
 Time of Possession (TD): 5:06, vs. Northwestern
 Time of Possession (FG): 5:49, vs. Western Kentucky
 Longest Scoring Play (run): Walker 75-yard run vs. Northwestern
 Longest Scoring Play (pass): Reed 85-yard pass from Thorne vs. Youngstown State

TD Drive Breakdown

No. of TD Scoring Drives: 22

1-9 yards: 0
 10-19 yards: 1
 20-29 yards: 1
 30-39 yards: 1
 40-49 yards: 1
 50-59 yards: 4
 60-69 yards: 4
 70-79 yards: 5
 80-89 yards: 4
 90-99 yards: 1

1st Quarter: 6
 2nd Quarter: 9
 3rd Quarter: 3
 4th Quarter: 4
 Overtime: 0

Most Points in a Quarter: 21, four times: 2nd, vs. Youngstown State; 4th vs. Miami; 1st & 2nd vs. Western Kentucky
 Most Points in 1st Half: 42 vs. Western Kentucky
 Most Points in 2nd Half: 28, vs. Miami

Scoring On Opening Drive: vs. Northwestern (TD), vs. Youngstown State (TD), vs. Western Kentucky (TD)

OPPONENT SCORING DRIVES (Game-by-Game)

Opp.	Plays	Yards	Time	Result	Qtr	Scoring Play
NU	15	62	6:44	TD	2	Pugh 1-yd pass; Johnson
NU	16	69	7:52	TD	4	Pugh 5-yd pass; Johnson
NU	8	61	2:20	TD	4	Robinson 14-yd pass; Johnson
YSU	12	75	6:02	TD	2	Crenshaw 6-yd run
YSU	10	75	4:06	TD	3	Turner 26-yd run
MIA	10	75	3:50	TD	2	Rambo 3-yd pass; King
MIA	10	75	2:15	TD	3	Rambo 14-yd pass; King
MIA	11	38	4:59	FG	4	Borregales 55-yd FG
NEB	7	65	2:46	FG	2	Culp 28-yd FG
NEB	9	75	4:00	TD	2	Martinez 12-yd run
NEB	14	60	5:50	FG	3	Culp 28-yd FG
NEB	11	80	5:05	TD	4	Martinez 3-yd run
WKU	11	56	3:22	FG	1	Narveson 37-yd FG
WKU	3	65	0:57	TD	1	Beljan 4-yd pass; Zappe
WKU	13	61	4:53	FG	2	Narveson 29-yd FG
WKU	8	58	2:19	FG	2	Narveson 35-yd FG
WKU	9	75	2:30	TD	4	Je. Sterns 28-yd pass; Zappe
WKU	8	50	2:28	TD	4	Beljan 1-yd pass from Zappe

Quick Strike Breakdown

Fewest Plays: 3, Western Kentucky
 Fewest Yards (TD): 50, Western Kentucky
 Fewest Yards (FG): 38, Miami
 Time of Possession (TD): 0:57, Western Kentucky
 Time of Possession (FG): 2:19, Western Kentucky

Longest Drives Breakdown

by No. of Plays: 16, Northwestern
 by No. of Yards: 75 (six times), Youngstown State (twice); Miami (twice); Nebraska; Western Kentucky
 Time of Possession: 7:52, Northwestern
 Longest Scoring Play (run): Turner 26-yd run (Youngstown State)
 Longest Scoring Play (pass): Je. Sterns 28-yd pass from Zappe (Western Kentucky)

TD Drive Breakdown

No. of TD Scoring Drives: 12

1-9 yards: 0
 10-19 yards: 0
 20-29 yards: 0
 30-39 yards: 0
 40-49 yards: 0
 50-59 yards: 1
 60-69 yards: 4
 70-79 yards: 6
 80-89 yards: 1
 90-99 yards: 0

1st Quarter: 1
 2nd Quarter: 3
 3rd Quarter: 2
 4th Quarter: 6
 Overtime: 0

Most Points in a Quarter: 15, 4th, Western Kentucky
 Most Points in 1st Half: 16, Western Kentucky
 Most Points in 2nd Half: 15, Western Kentucky

Fewest Points in a Quarter: 0, 7 times: Northwestern (1st & 3rd); Youngstown State (1st & 4th); Miami (1st); Nebraska (1st); Western Kentucky (3rd)
 Fewest Points in 1st Half: 7, 3 times: Northwestern, Youngstown State, Miami
 Fewest Points in 2nd Half: 7, Youngstown State

Scoring On Opening Drive: --



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RUSHES	30	Nebraska (09/25/2021)
YARDS RUSHING	71	Nebraska (09/25/2021)
YARDS PER RUSH	2.4	Nebraska (09/25/2021)
TD RUSHES	0	Nebraska (09/25/2021)
PASS ATTEMPTS	23	Nebraska (09/25/2021)
PASS COMPLETIONS	14	Nebraska (09/25/2021)
YARDS PASSING	183	Nebraska (09/25/2021)
YARDS PER PASS	7.1	at Northwestern (09/03/2021)
TD PASSES	1 1 1	Western Ky. (10/02/2021) Nebraska (09/25/2021) at Northwestern (09/03/2021)
TOTAL PLAYS	53	Nebraska (09/25/2021)
TOTAL OFFENSE	254	Nebraska (09/25/2021)
YARDS PER PLAY	4.8	Nebraska (09/25/2021)
POINTS	23	Nebraska (09/25/2021)
SACKS BY	2	Youngstown St. (09/11/2021)
FIRST DOWNS	12	Nebraska (09/25/2021)
PENALTIES	5 5	Nebraska (09/25/2021) at Northwestern (09/03/2021)
PENALTY YARDS	44	Nebraska (09/25/2021)
INTERCEPTIONS BY	0 0	Western Ky. (10/02/2021) at Northwestern (09/03/2021)
PUNTS	3 3	Western Ky. (10/02/2021) Youngstown St. (09/11/2021)
PUNTING AVG	30.0	Youngstown St. (09/11/2021)
LONG PUNT	47	Western Ky. (10/02/2021)
PUNTS INSIDE 20	1 1	Western Ky. (10/02/2021) at Northwestern (09/03/2021)
LONG PUNT RETURN	0 0	at Miami (FL) (09/18/2021) at Northwestern (09/03/2021)



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Opponent - Game Lows

RUSHES	24	at Miami (FL) (09/18/2021)
YARDS RUSHING	52	at Miami (FL) (09/18/2021)
YARDS PER RUSH	2.2	at Miami (FL) (09/18/2021)
TD RUSHES	0 0 0	Western Ky. (10/02/2021) at Miami (FL) (09/18/2021) at Northwestern (09/03/2021)
PASS ATTEMPTS	32	Youngstown St. (09/11/2021)
PASS COMPLETIONS	16	Youngstown St. (09/11/2021)
YARDS PASSING	137	Youngstown St. (09/11/2021)
YARDS PER PASS	4.3	Youngstown St. (09/11/2021)
TD PASSES	0 0	Nebraska (09/25/2021) Youngstown St. (09/11/2021)
TOTAL PLAYS	77	Youngstown St. (09/11/2021)
TOTAL OFFENSE	304	Youngstown St. (09/11/2021)
YARDS PER PLAY	3.9	Youngstown St. (09/11/2021)
POINTS	14	Youngstown St. (09/11/2021)
SACKS BY	0 0	Western Ky. (10/02/2021) Youngstown St. (09/11/2021)
FIRST DOWNS	20 20	Youngstown St. (09/11/2021) at Northwestern (09/03/2021)
PENALTIES	4	Youngstown St. (09/11/2021)
PENALTY YARDS	36	Youngstown St. (09/11/2021)
INTERCEPTIONS BY	0 0 0 0	Western Ky. (10/02/2021) at Miami (FL) (09/18/2021) Youngstown St. (09/11/2021) at Northwestern (09/03/2021)
PUNTS	2	Western Ky. (10/02/2021)
PUNTING AVG	32.4	Nebraska (09/25/2021)
LONG PUNT	44	Nebraska (09/25/2021)
PUNTS INSIDE 20	1 1 1 1	Western Ky. (10/02/2021) at Miami (FL) (09/18/2021) Youngstown St. (09/11/2021) at Northwestern (09/03/2021)
LONG PUNT RETURN	0 0	Nebraska (09/25/2021) Youngstown St. (09/11/2021)



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RUSHES	27	Kenneth Walker III at Miami (FL) (09/18/2021)
YARDS RUSHING	264	Kenneth Walker III at Northwestern (09/03/2021)
TD RUSHES	4	Kenneth Walker III at Northwestern (09/03/2021)
LONG RUSH	75	Kenneth Walker III at Northwestern (09/03/2021)
PASS ATTEMPTS	31	Payton Thorne at Miami (FL) (09/18/2021)
PASS COMPLETIONS	20	Payton Thorne vs Western Ky. (10/02/2021)
YARDS PASSING	327	Payton Thorne vs Western Ky. (10/02/2021)
TD PASSES	4	Payton Thorne at Miami (FL) (09/18/2021)
	4	Payton Thorne vs Youngstown St. (09/11/2021)
LONG PASS	85	Payton Thorne vs Youngstown St. (09/11/2021)
RECEPTIONS	8	Jalen Nailor vs Western Ky. (10/02/2021)
YARDS RECEIVING	181	Jayden Reed vs Youngstown St. (09/11/2021)
TD RECEPTIONS	2	Jalen Nailor at Miami (FL) (09/18/2021)
	2	Jayden Reed vs Youngstown St. (09/11/2021)
LONG RECEPTION	85	Jayden Reed vs Youngstown St. (09/11/2021)
PUNTS	6	Bryce Baringer vs Nebraska (09/25/2021)
PUNTING AVG	58.8	Bryce Baringer vs Nebraska (09/25/2021)
LONG PUNT	67	Bryce Baringer vs Nebraska (09/25/2021)
PUNTS INSIDE 20	2	Bryce Baringer vs Nebraska (09/25/2021)
	2	Bryce Baringer at Miami (FL) (09/18/2021)
	2	Bryce Baringer vs Youngstown St. (09/11/2021)
LONG PUNT RETURN	88	Jayden Reed vs Western Ky. (10/02/2021)
LONG KICKOFF RETURN	41	Jayden Reed vs Nebraska (09/25/2021)
TACKLES	17	Xavier Henderson vs Nebraska (09/25/2021)
SACKS	2	Jacub Panasiuk vs Western Ky. (10/02/2021)
	2	Jacub Panasiuk vs Nebraska (09/25/2021)
	2	Drew Beesley at Miami (FL) (09/18/2021)
TACKLES FOR LOSS	2	Jacub Panasiuk vs Western Ky. (10/02/2021)
	2	Jacob Slade vs Nebraska (09/25/2021)
	2	Jacub Panasiuk vs Nebraska (09/25/2021)
	2	Drew Beesley at Miami (FL) (09/18/2021)
	2	Jacub Panasiuk vs Youngstown St. (09/11/2021)
	2	Xavier Henderson at Northwestern (09/03/2021)



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RUSHES	21	Adrian Martinez vs Nebraska (09/25/2021)
YARDS RUSHING	87	Evan Hull at Northwestern (09/03/2021)
TD RUSHES	2	Adrian Martinez vs Nebraska (09/25/2021)
LONG RUSH	49	Evan Hull at Northwestern (09/03/2021)
PASS ATTEMPTS	65	Bailey Zappe vs Western Ky. (10/02/2021)
PASS COMPLETIONS	46	Bailey Zappe vs Western Ky. (10/02/2021)
YARDS PASSING	488	Bailey Zappe vs Western Ky. (10/02/2021)
TD PASSES	3 3	Bailey Zappe vs Western Ky. (10/02/2021) Hunter Johnson at Northwestern (09/03/2021)
LONG PASS	60	Bailey Zappe vs Western Ky. (10/02/2021)
RECEPTIONS	16	Jerreth Sterns vs Western Ky. (10/02/2021)
YARDS RECEIVING	165	Jerreth Sterns vs Western Ky. (10/02/2021)
TD RECEPTIONS	2 2 2	Joey Beljan vs Western Ky. (10/02/2021) Charleston Rambo at Miami (FL) (09/18/2021) Trey Pugh at Northwestern (09/03/2021)
LONG RECEPTION	60	Mitchell Tinsley vs Western Ky. (10/02/2021)
FIELD GOALS	3	Brayden Narveson vs Western Ky. (10/02/2021)
LONG FIELD GOALS	55	Andres Borregales at Miami (FL) (09/18/2021)
PUNTS	5	Derek Adams at Northwestern (09/03/2021)
PUNTING AVG	54.5	John Haggerty vs Western Ky. (10/02/2021)
LONG PUNT	61	John Haggerty vs Western Ky. (10/02/2021)
PUNTS INSIDE 20	2	Daniel Cerni vs Nebraska (09/25/2021)
LONG PUNT RETURN	13	Bryce Kirtz at Northwestern (09/03/2021)
LONG KICKOFF RETURN	29	Coco Azema at Northwestern (09/03/2021)
TACKLES	11	Luke Reimer vs Nebraska (09/25/2021)
SACKS	1 1 1 1 1 1	Deontre Thomas vs Nebraska (09/25/2021) Garrett Nelson vs Nebraska (09/25/2021) Chantz Williams at Miami (FL) (09/18/2021) Corey Flagg, Jr. at Miami (FL) (09/18/2021) Waynmon Steed at Miami (FL) (09/18/2021) Jeremy Meiser at Northwestern (09/03/2021)
TACKLES FOR LOSS	2 2 2	DeAngelo Malone vs Western Ky. (10/02/2021) Garrett Nelson vs Nebraska (09/25/2021) Waynmon Steed at Miami (FL) (09/18/2021)
INTERCEPTIONS	1	Marquel Dismuke vs Nebraska (09/25/2021)



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Rushing

Player	gp	att	gain	loss	net	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Kenneth Walker III	5	100	704	24	680	6.8	8	75	136.0
Jordon Simmons	5	36	183	4	179	5.0	0	24	35.8
Payton Thorne	5	30	143	66	77	2.6	2	22	15.4
Jayden Reed	5	5	38	0	38	7.6	1	12	7.6
Donovan Eaglin	4	6	33	0	33	5.5	0	14	8.3
Elijah Collins	2	3	32	0	32	10.7	0	16	16.0
Harold Joiner	4	3	12	0	12	4.0	0	8	3.0
Anthony Russo	1	3	10	0	10	3.3	0	7	10.0
Tre Mosley	5	1	2	0	2	2.0	0	2	0.4
Jalen Nailor	5	1	0	3	-3	-3.0	0	0	-0.6
Team	5	1	0	6	-6	-6.0	0	0	-1.2
Total	5	189	1157	103	1054	5.6	11	75	210.8
Opponents	5	183	754	152	602	3.3	4	49	120.4

Punt Returns

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Jayden Reed	5	198	39.6	0	88
Cade McDonald	1	-1	-1.0	0	0
Total	6	197	32.8	0	88
Opponents	4	15	3.8	0	13

Interceptions

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Chester Kimbrough	1	62	62.0	0	62
Xavier Henderson	1	0	0.0	0	0
Ronald Williams Jr.	1	0	0.0	0	0
Angelo Grose	1	0	0.0	0	0
Total	4	62	15.5	0	62
Opponents	1	0	0.0	0	0

Passing

Player	gp	effic	comp-att-int	pct	yds	td	lg	avg/g
Payton Thorne	5	169.3	82-130-1	63.1	1236	11	85	247.2
Anthony Russo	1	123.0	5-7-0	71.4	43	0	16	43.0
Team	5	0.0	0-1-0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0
Total	5	165.8	87-138-1	63.0	1279	11	85	255.8
Opponents	5	127.9	155-237-4	65.4	1544	8	60	308.8

Kick Returns

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Jayden Reed	6	184	30.7	0	41
Jalen Nailor	2	27	13.5	0	15
Total	8	211	26.4	0	41
Opponents	4	75	18.8	0	29

Receiving

Player	gp	no.	yds	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Jayden Reed	5	20	463	23.2	5	85	92.6
Jalen Nailor	5	18	269	14.9	3	43	53.8
Tre Mosley	5	16	250	15.6	0	51	50.0
Connor Heyward	5	11	121	11.0	0	34	24.2
Tyler Hunt	5	4	36	9.0	0	13	7.2
Jordon Simmons	5	4	30	7.5	1	14	6.0
Kenneth Walker III	5	3	17	5.7	1	7	3.4
Terry Lockett	5	3	18	6.0	0	8	3.6
Montorie Foster	5	2	23	11.5	0	16	4.6
Harold Joiner	4	1	9	9.0	0	9	2.3
Elijah Collins	2	1	20	20.0	1	20	10.0
Trenton Gillison	4	1	5	5.0	0	5	1.3
Ian Stewart	2	1	8	8.0	0	8	4.0
Maliq Carr	4	1	8	8.0	0	8	2.0
Keon Coleman	3	1	2	2.0	0	2	0.7
Total	5	87	1279	14.7	11	85	255.8
Opponents	5	154	1523	9.9	8	60	304.6

Fumble Returns

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Total	0	0	0.0	0	0
Opponents	0	0	0.0	0	0



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Scoring

Player	td	fg	PAT						pts
			kick	rush	rcv	pass	dxp	saf	
Kenneth Walker III	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	54
Jayden Reed	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	48
Matt Coghlin	-	7-11	24-24	-	-	-	-	-	45
Jalen Nailor	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18
Payton Thorne	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Elijah Collins	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Jordon Simmons	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Total	24	7-11	24-24	0	0	0	0	0	189
Opponents	12	6-9	11-11	0	1	1	0	0	103

Field Goals

Player	fg	pct.	01-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99	lg	blk
Matt Coghlin	7-11	63.6	0-0	6-6	1-2	0-1	0-2	37	1
Opponents	6-9	66.7	0-0	3-4	2-3	0-1	1-1	55	0

FG Sequence

Team Name	Michigan St.	Opponents
Northwestern	60,(37)	44,38
Youngstown St.	50	
Miami (FL)	(23),39	27,(55)
Nebraska	(26),(27),44,(21)	(28),(28)

Numbers in (parentheses) indicate field goal was made

Total Offense

Player	g	plays	rush	pass	total	avg/g
Payton Thorne	5	160	77	1236	1313	262.6
Kenneth Walker III	5	100	680	0	680	136.0
Jordon Simmons	5	36	179	0	179	35.8
Anthony Russo	1	10	10	43	53	53.0
Jayden Reed	5	5	38	0	38	7.6
Donovan Eaglin	4	6	33	0	33	8.3
Elijah Collins	2	3	32	0	32	16.0
Harold Joiner	4	3	12	0	12	3.0
Tre Mosley	5	1	2	0	2	0.4
Jalen Nailor	5	1	-3	0	-3	-0.6
Team	5	0	-6	0	-6	-1.2
Total	5	327	1054	1279	2333	466.6
Opponents	5	420	602	1544	2146	429.2

Punting

Player	no.	yds	avg	lg	tb	fc	i20	50+	blk
Bryce Baringer	20	1038	51.9	67	6	3	8	11	0
Team	1	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Total	21	1038	49.4	67	6	3	8	11	1
Opponents	24	977	40.7	61	2	10	6	4	0

Kickoffs

Player	no.	yds	avg	tb	ob	retn	net	ydln
Matt Coghlin	37	2204	59.6	30	1			
Total	37	2204	59.6	30	1	4	38.1	26
Opponents	23	1332	57.9	10	1	8	34.6	30



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Team Results

	Date	Opponent		Score	Att.
*	09/03/2021	at Northwestern	W	38-21	34248
	09/11/2021	Youngstown St.	W	42-14	70103
	09/18/2021	at Miami (FL)	W	38-17	46427
*	09/25/2021	Nebraska	Wot1	23-20	70332
	10/02/2021	Western Ky.	W	48-31	70075

Rushing

Player	gp	att	gain	loss	net	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Kenneth Walker III	5	100	704	24	680	6.8	8	75	136.0
Jordon Simmons	5	36	183	4	179	5.0	0	24	35.8
Payton Thorne	5	30	143	66	77	2.6	2	22	15.4
Jayden Reed	5	5	38	0	38	7.6	1	12	7.6
Donovan Eaglin	4	6	33	0	33	5.5	0	14	8.3
Elijah Collins	2	3	32	0	32	10.7	0	16	16.0
Harold Joiner	4	3	12	0	12	4.0	0	8	3.0
Anthony Russo	1	3	10	0	10	3.3	0	7	10.0
Tre Mosley	5	1	2	0	2	2.0	0	2	0.4
Jalen Nailor	5	1	0	3	-3	-3.0	0	0	-0.6
Team	5	1	0	6	-6	-6.0	0	0	-1.2
Total	5	189	1157	103	1054	5.6	11	75	210.8
Opponents	5	183	754	152	602	3.3	4	49	120.4

Passing

Player	gp	effic	comp-att-int	pct	yds	td	lg	avg/g
Payton Thorne	5	169.3	82-130-1	63.1	1236	11	85	247.2
Anthony Russo	1	123.0	5-7-0	71.4	43	0	16	43.0
Team	5	0.0	0-1-0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0
Total	5	165.8	87-138-1	63.0	1279	11	85	255.8
Opponents	5	127.9	155-237-4	65.4	1544	8	60	308.8

Receiving

Player	gp	no.	yds	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Jayden Reed	5	20	463	23.2	5	85	92.6
Jalen Nailor	5	18	269	14.9	3	43	53.8
Tre Mosley	5	16	250	15.6	0	51	50.0
Connor Heyward	5	11	121	11.0	0	34	24.2
Tyler Hunt	5	4	36	9.0	0	13	7.2
Jordon Simmons	5	4	30	7.5	1	14	6.0
Kenneth Walker III	5	3	17	5.7	1	7	3.4
Terry Lockett	5	3	18	6.0	0	8	3.6
Montorie Foster	5	2	23	11.5	0	16	4.6
Harold Joiner	4	1	9	9.0	0	9	2.3
Elijah Collins	2	1	20	20.0	1	20	10.0
Trenton Gillison	4	1	5	5.0	0	5	1.3
Ian Stewart	2	1	8	8.0	0	8	4.0
Maliq Carr	4	1	8	8.0	0	8	2.0
Keon Coleman	3	1	2	2.0	0	2	0.7
Total	5	87	1279	14.7	11	85	255.8
Opponents	5	154	1523	9.9	8	60	304.6

Game Records

Record	Overall	Home	Away	Neutral
ALL GAMES	5-0	3-0	2-0	0-0
CONFERENCE	2-0	1-0	1-0	0-0
NON-CONFERENCE	3-0	2-0	1-0	0-0

Team Statistics

	MSU	OPP
First Downs	109	126
Rushing	52	44
Passing	48	73
Penalty	9	9
Rushing Yardage	1054	602
Rushing attempts	189	183
Average per rush	5.6	3.3
Average per game	210.8	120.4
TDs Rushing	11	4
Passing Yardage	1279	1544
Comp-Att-Int	87-138-1	155-237-4
Average per pass	9.3	6.5
Average per catch	14.7	10.0
Average per game	255.8	308.8
TDs Passing	11	8
Total offense	2333	2146
Average per play	7.1	5.1
Average per game	466.6	429.2
Kick returns: #-Yards	8-211	4-75
Punt returns: #-Yards	6-197	4-15
Int returns: #-Yards	4-62	1-0
Fumbles-Lost	2-2	6-4
Penalties-Yards	32-290	35-280
Punts-Avg	21-49.4	24-40.7
Time of possession / game	26:39	36:21
3rd-down conversion	21/57	37/94
4rd-down conversion	3/5	15/19

Interceptions

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Chester Kimbrough	1	62	62.0	0	62
Xavier Henderson	1	0	0.0	0	0
Ronald Williams Jr.	1	0	0.0	0	0
Angelo Grose	1	0	0.0	0	0
Total	4	62	15.5	0	62
Opponents	1	0	0.0	0	0



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Field Goals

Player	fg	pct.	01-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-59	lg	blk
Matt Coghlin	7-11	63.6	0-0	6-6	1-2	0-1	0-2	37	1
Opponents	6-9	66.7	0-0	3-4	2-3	0-1	1-1	55	0

Scoring

Player	td	fg	PAT					dxp	saf	pts
			kick	rush	rcv	pass				
Kenneth Walker III	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	54
Jayden Reed	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	48
Matt Coghlin	-	7-11	24-24	-	-	-	-	-	-	45
Jalen Nailor	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18
Payton Thorne	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Elijah Collins	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Jordon Simmons	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Total	24	7-11	24-24	0	0	0	0	0	0	189
Opponents	12	6-9	11-11	0	1	1	0	0	0	103

Score by Periods

Team	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	TOT
Michigan St.	49	72	24	41	3	189
Opponents	10	37	17	39	0	103

Punting

Player	no.	yds	avg	lg	tb	fc	i20	50+	blk
Bryce Baringer	20	1038	51.9	67	6	3	8	11	0
Team	1	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Total	21	1038	49.4	67	6	3	8	11	1
Opponents	24	977	40.7	61	2	10	6	4	0

Punt Returns

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Jayden Reed	5	198	39.6	0	88
Cade McDonald	1	-1	-1.0	0	0
Total	6	197	32.8	0	88
Opponents	4	15	3.8	0	13

Kick Returns

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Jayden Reed	6	184	30.7	0	41
Jalen Nailor	2	27	13.5	0	15
Total	8	211	26.4	0	41
Opponents	4	75	18.8	0	29

All Purpose

Player	g	rush	rcv	pr	kr	ir	total	avg/g
Jayden Reed	5	38	463	198	184	0	883	176.6
Kenneth Walker III	5	680	17	0	0	0	697	139.4
Jalen Nailor	5	-3	269	0	27	0	293	58.6
Tre Mosley	5	2	250	0	0	0	252	50.4
Jordon Simmons	5	179	30	0	0	0	209	41.8
Connor Heyward	5	0	121	0	0	0	121	24.2
Payton Thorne	5	77	0	0	0	0	77	15.4
Chester Kimbrough	4	0	0	0	0	62	62	15.5
Elijah Collins	2	32	20	0	0	0	52	26.0
Tyler Hunt	5	0	36	0	0	0	36	7.2
Donovan Eaglin	4	33	0	0	0	0	33	8.3
Montorie Foster	5	0	23	0	0	0	23	4.6
Harold Joiner	4	12	9	0	0	0	21	5.3
Terry Lockett	5	0	18	0	0	0	18	3.6
Anthony Russo	1	10	0	0	0	0	10	10.0
Ian Stewart	2	0	8	0	0	0	8	4.0
Maliq Carr	4	0	8	0	0	0	8	2.0
Trenton Gillison	4	0	5	0	0	0	5	1.3
Keon Coleman	3	0	2	0	0	0	2	0.7
Cade McDonald	2	0	0	-1	0	0	-1	-0.5
Total	5	1054	1279	197	211	62	2803	560.6
Opponents	5	602	1523	15	75	0	2215	443.0

Total Offense

Player	g	plays	rush	pass	total	avg/g
Payton Thorne	5	160	77	1236	1313	262.6
Kenneth Walker III	5	100	680	0	680	136.0
Jordon Simmons	5	36	179	0	179	35.8
Anthony Russo	1	10	10	43	53	53.0
Jayden Reed	5	5	38	0	38	7.6
Donovan Eaglin	4	6	33	0	33	8.3
Elijah Collins	2	3	32	0	32	16.0
Harold Joiner	4	3	12	0	12	3.0
Tre Mosley	5	1	2	0	2	0.4
Jalen Nailor	5	1	-3	0	-3	-0.6
Total	5	327	1054	1279	2333	466.6
Opponents	5	420	602	1544	2146	429.2

Team Defense

			Tackles				Sacks	Pass defense			Fumbles	blkd		
##	Player	gp	ua	a	tot	tfl/yds	no-yds	int-yds	brup	qbh	fr-yds	ff	kick	saf
3	Xavier Henderson	5	29	16	45	5-18	2-14	1-0	1
15	Angelo Grose	5	26	13	39	.	.	1-0	4



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##	Player	gp	Tackles				Sacks	Pass defense			Fumbles		blkd	
			ua	a	tot	tfl/yds	no-yds	int-yds	brup	qbh	fr-yds	ff	kick	saf
27	Cal Haladay	5	9	28	37	0.5-1	.	.	2	1	1-0	1	.	.
6	Quavaris Crouch	5	18	15	33	2-10	2-10	.	1	2	1-0	1	.	.
7	Michael Dowell	5	15	7	22	1-4	.	.	3	.	.	.	.	.
23	Darius Snow	5	11	7	18	2.5-8	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
8	Simeon Barrow	5	8	10	18	0.5-2	0.5-2	.	1	2	.	.	.	.
9	Ronald Williams Jr.	5	14	3	17	2-3	1-2	1-0	1	.	.	.	.	.
47	Jeff Pietrowski	5	8	9	17	4-17	3.5-14	.	.	2	1-0	1	.	.
12	Chester Kimbrough	4	11	4	15	0.5-0	.	1-62	.	1	.	.	.	.
18	Kalon Gervin	4	13	1	14	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
96	Jacub Panasiuk	5	6	8	14	7-35	4-23	.	.	3	1-0	1	.	.
64	Jacob Slade	5	7	6	13	2-6	1-5	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
21	Chase Kline	4	4	7	11	0.5-2	0.5-2	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
86	Drew Beesley	3	7	4	11	2.5-17	2.5-17	.	.	1	.	1	.	.
0	Charles Brantley	5	9	.	9	.	.	.	2	.	.	.	.	.
2	Drew Jordan	4	5	3	8	.	.	.	.	2	.	.	.	.
97	Maverick Hansen	5	5	2	7	3-11	1-9	.	1	2	.	.	.	.
13	Ben VanSumeren	5	3	3	6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
45	Noah Harvey	3	2	3	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
33	Kendell Brooks	4	2	2	4	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
5	Michael Fletcher	4	1	3	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
8	Jalen Nailor	5	3	.	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
99	Jalen Hunt	4	3	.	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
20	Emmanuel Flowers	5	2	1	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
19	Itayvion Brown	1	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
10	Ma'a Gaoteote	3	2	.	2	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
54	Kyle King	3	2	.	2	.	.	.	3	.	.	.	.	.
31	Hank Pepper	5	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
2	Harold Joiner	4	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
38	Spencer Rowland	1	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
94	Dashaun Mallory	2	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
91	Jack Camper	2	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
26	Brandon Wright	3	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
15	Anthony Russo	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
98	Avery Dunn	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
4	Matt Coghlin	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Totals		5	231	158	389	34-134	19-98	4-62	24	17	4-0	5	0	0
Opponents		5	189	136	325	25-104	8-55	1-0	13	7	2-0	2	0	0



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Opponent	Score	First Downs				Rushing Number-Yards	Passing		Total Offense Plays-Yards	Return Yards	Turn- Overs
		Total	Rush	Pass	Pen		Comp-Att.-Int	Yards			
Northwestern	38-21	23 / 20	11 / 10	11 / 10	1 / 0	37-326 / 38-117	15-26-0 / 30-43-0	185 / 283	63-511 / 81-400	12 / 75	1 / 0
Youngstown St.	42-14	25 / 20	15 / 11	9 / 8	1 / 1	38-272 / 45-167	20-28-0 / 16-32-1	323 / 137	66-595 / 77-304	79 / 0	1 / 1
Miami (FL)	38-17	23 / 29	12 / 5	9 / 20	2 / 4	41-193 / 24-52	18-31-0 / 38-60-2	261 / 388	72-454 / 84-440	20 / 1	0 / 4
Nebraska	23-20	12 / 26	4 / 12	6 / 13	2 / 1	30-71 / 50-194	14-23-1 / 25-36-1	183 / 248	53-254 / 86-442	208 / 12	1 / 2
Western Ky.	48-31	26 / 31	10 / 6	13 / 22	3 / 3	43-192 / 26-72	20-30-0 / 46-66-0	327 / 488	73-519 / 92-560	151 / 2	0 / 1
Totals	189-103	109 / 126	52 / 44	48 / 73	9 / 9	189-1054 / 183-602	87-138-1 / 155-237-4	1279 / 1544	327-2333 / 420-2146	470 / 90	3 / 8

Opponents	3rd Down Conversion	4th Down Conversion	Time of Possession	TOP Margin	Avg Yds/Rush	Avg Yds/Pass	Avg Yds/Play	Punting Number-Avg	Penalties Number-Yards	Sacks
Northwestern	4-10 / 8-20	1-1 / 4-5	22:25 / 37:35	-15:10	8.8 / 3.1	7.1 / 6.6	8.1 / 4.9	4-47.3 / 5-39.0	5-50.0 / 6-40.0	4 / 2
Youngstown St.	4-10 / 9-20	1-1 / 4-4	26:40 / 33:20	-06:40	7.2 / 3.7	11.5 / 4.3	9.0 / 3.9	3-30.0 / 7-42.7	7-56.0 / 4-36.0	2 / 0
Miami (FL)	7-15 / 6-17	1-1 / 3-4	31:15 / 28:45	02:30	4.7 / 2.2	8.4 / 6.5	6.3 / 5.2	5-54.6 / 3-49.0	9-80.0 / 10-84.0	3 / 3
Nebraska	1-11 / 7-20	0-1 / 2-2	22:32 / 52:28	-29:56	2.4 / 3.9	8.0 / 6.9	4.8 / 5.1	6-58.8 / 7-32.4	5-44.0 / 6-40.0	7 / 3
Western Ky.	5-11 / 7-17	0-1 / 2-4	30:25 / 29:35	00:50	4.5 / 2.8	10.9 / 7.4	7.1 / 6.1	3-44.3 / 2-54.5	6-60.0 / 9-80.0	3 / 0
Totals	21-57 / 37-94	3-5 / 15-19	133:17 / 181:43	-48:26	5.6 / 3.3	9.3 / 6.5	7.1 / 5.1	21-49.4 / 24-40.7	32-290.0 / 35-280.0	19 / 8

Note: Game totals are displayed in the format TEAM/OPPONENT for each category