



# MICHIGAN STATE

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### SCHEDULES & SCOREBOARDS

#### MICHIGAN STATE (0-0)

Sept. 3	at Northwestern (ESPN)	9:15 p.m.
Sept. 11	YOUNGSTOWN STATE (BTN)	12 p.m.
Sept. 18	at Miami (ABC/ESPN)	12 p.m.
Sept. 25	NEBRASKA	TBA
Oct. 2	WESTERN KENTUCKY (HC)	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 9	at Rutgers	12 p.m.
Oct. 16	at Indiana	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

#### NORTHWESTERN (0-0)

Sept. 3	MICHIGAN STATE	9:15 p.m.
Sept. 11	INDIANA STATE	12 p.m.
Sept. 18	at Duke	4 p.m.
Sept. 25	OHIO	TBA
Oct. 2	at Nebraska	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 16	RUTGERS	12 p.m.
Oct. 23	at Michigan	TBA
Oct. 30	MINNESOTA	TBA
Nov. 6	IOWA	TBA
Nov. 13	at Wisconsin	TBA
Nov. 20	PURDUE (Wrigley Field)	TBA
Nov. 27	at Illinois	TBA

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

#### MEDIA COVERAGE

TV: ESPN

Play-by-Play: Beth Mowins

Analyst: Kirk Morrison

Sideline: Dawn Davenport



#### RADIO: SPARTAN MEDIA NETWORK

Play-by-Play: George Blaha

Analyst: Bill Burke

Sideline: Will Tieman

Broadcast Host: Steve Courtney

Website/Mobile: msuspartans.com/MSU Spartans app/

Tune In radio

Flagship Stations: Lansing: WMMQ (94.9 FM)/WJIM (1240 AM); Detroit: WJR (760 AM)

Affiliates: 30 affiliates listed at msuspartans.com

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### GAME

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## MICHIGAN STATE (0-0) AT NORTHWESTERN (0-0)

Date.....	Friday, Sept. 3
Kickoff .....	9:15 p.m. EDT
Location.....	Evanston, Ill.
Stadium .....	Ryan Field (47,330)
Surface .....	Natural Grass
TV/Web/Mobile.....	ESPN/WatchESPN
Live Stats.....	msuspartans.com
Tickets .....	nusports.com
All-Time Series.....	MSU leads, 39-20
Series in Evanston .....	MSU leads, 20-11
Last Meeting.....	MSU 29, NU 20 (2020)
Current Series Streak.....	2 by MSU (2019-)



Head Coach  
Mel Tucker

MSU Record  
2-5 (second season)

Overall Record  
7-12 (third season)

Record vs. NU  
1-0

Head Coach  
Pat Fitzgerald

NU Record  
106-81 (16th year)

Overall Record  
106-81 (16th year)

Record vs. MSU  
5-8

#### FIRST-AND-10 –

• Michigan State kicks off its 125th season of football and begins its second season under head coach **Mel Tucker** on Friday, Sept. 3 at Northwestern. Kickoff is set for 9:15 p.m. ET and the game will be televised on ESPN with Beth Mowins (play-by-play), Kirk Morrison (analyst) and Dawn Davenport (sidelines) on the call.

• Friday's game marks the 60th meeting between Michigan State and Northwestern. The Spartans lead the all-time series, 39-20, including a 20-11 record in Evanston. MSU has won six of the last seven meetings at Ryan Field.

• Michigan State handed Northwestern its only loss of the regular season in 2020 as the Spartans beat the previously undefeated and eighth-ranked (CFP) Wildcats in East Lansing, 29-20, on Nov. 28. MSU ran for a season-high 195 yards on the ground and **Jalen Nailor** had three catches for 99 yards, including a 75-yard touchdown. MSU is looking for its third consecutive win over Northwestern as the Spartans topped NU in Evanston in 2019, 31-10; Mark Dantonio became the winningest coach in program history with the victory.

• Friday's game marks the first time since 1982 that Michigan State will open the season with a conference road game.

• A 25-year coaching veteran with championship experience, Tucker was named Michigan State University's 25th head football coach on Feb. 12, 2020, following Mark Dantonio's retirement on Feb. 4. Tucker led the Spartans through a pandemic-shortened seven-game regular season in 2020 and the second-year head coach conducted his first spring practice at MSU this year in preparation for the 2021 season.

• 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 149 games as a full-time coach in the FBS, Tucker's teams have collected a 108-41 (.725) 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).



# 2021 SPARTAN FOOTBALL GAME NOTES

## WEEKLY MEDIA PLANNER

Monday, Aug. 30	Tuesday, Aug. 31	Wednesday, Sept. 1	Thursday, Sept. 2	Friday, Sept. 3	Saturday, Sept. 4	Sunday, Sept. 5
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.  1 p.m. Players available for interviews.  7-8 p.m. Mel Tucker radio show on Spartan Media Network and msuspartans.com.	No media availability.	Team departs to Evanston.	9:15 p.m. Kickoff vs. Northwestern (ESPN)  Head coach Mel Tucker and selected players available in post-game press conference.  	Off day.	TBA

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The Michigan State Athletic Communications office assists the media in covering Spartan football.

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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

Michigan State Athletics and Fox Sports College Properties announced in August 2020 a new partnership with TCF Bank to rebrand the statewide Spartan Sports Network as the TCF Bank Spartan Media Network. In addition, long-term extensions were announced with the three flagship stations that anchor the network: Detroit's WJR 760-AM, Lansing's WJIM 730/WJIM 1240-AM and 94.9 WMMQ-FM. The TCF Bank 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.

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

The TCF Bank Spartan Media Network produces and distributes Mel Tucker's weekly radio program Thursdays from 7-8 p.m. ET. (please note: first show is on Tuesday, Aug. 31 with the first game being played on the road on Friday, Sept. 3). 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.



• The Spartans are returning 48 letterwinners, including 26 on offense, 20 on defense and two on special teams. The Spartans welcome back 10 starters on offense from 2020 (LT **AJ Arcuri**, RG **Matt Carrick**, LG **J.D. Duplain**, TE **Trenton Gillison/Tyler Hunt**, RB **Connor Heyward**, RT **Kevin Jarvis**, WR **Tre Mosley**, WR **Jalen Nailor**, WR **Jayden Reed**, C **Nick Samac**), seven on defense (DE **Drew Beesley**, CB **Kalon Gervin**, NB **Angelo Grose**, LB **Noah Harvey**, S **Xavier Henderson**, DE **Jacub Panasiuk**, DT **Jacob Slade**) and two on special teams (P **Bryce Baringer**, PK **Matt Coghlin**). 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 **Jacub 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.

• Michigan State is 84-37-3 (.690) all-time in season openers, including a 19-3 record (.864) in its last 22 games.

## 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

## QUICK LOOK AT THE 2021 SCHEDULE –

• For the first time since 1982, Michigan State will open the season with a conference road game as the Spartans travel to Evanston, Illinois, to take on defending Big Ten West Champion Northwestern on Friday, Sept. 3 at 9 p.m. ET. The game will be televised on ESPN. The Spartans defeated the eighth-ranked Wildcats (CFP) last season in Spartan Stadium on Nov. 28, 29-20.

• Michigan State's home opener is set for Saturday, Sept. 11 vs. Youngstown State at noon in Spartan Stadium. After a season without fans due to the COVID-19 pandemic, it will mark the first home game Spartan fans will be able to attend since Nov. 30, 2019, against Maryland. MSU is 2-0 all-time against Youngstown State, with wins over the Penguins in 2011 and 2013.

• The Spartans will then face Miami at Hard Rock Stadium in Miami Gardens, Florida, on Saturday, Sept. 18 at noon. It will mark the fifth all-time meeting between the Spartans and Hurricanes and the first since 1989.

• Michigan State hosts the first of four Big Ten home games on Saturday, Sept. 25 as Nebraska heads into East Lansing for the first time since the 2014 season.

• Homecoming is set for Saturday, Oct. 2 at 7:30 p.m. against Western Kentucky in the first-ever matchup between the Spartans and Hilltoppers.

• MSU returns to Big Ten action with back-to-back road contests at noon against Rutgers (Oct. 9) and Indiana (Oct. 16).

• Following a bye week, the Paul Bunyan Trophy will be on the line as Michigan State hosts rival Michigan on Saturday, Oct. 30 in Spartan Stadium. The Spartans have won nine of the past 13 games over the Wolverines.

• MSU opens November with a road game at Purdue (Nov. 6) before welcoming Maryland to Spartan Stadium on Nov. 13. The Spartans will face defending Big Ten Champion Ohio State in Columbus on Nov. 20 and then close out the regular season against Penn State at home on Nov. 27.

## 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:** Bill Beekman  
**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:** 2-5 (second season)  
**Career Record:** 7-12 (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:** 710-470-44 (.598)

**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 OUTLOOK

**Lettermen Lost:** 19 (5 offense, 12 defense, 2 specialists)

**Lettermen Returning:** 48 (26 offense, 20 defense, 2 specialists)

**Starters Lost:** 6 (1 offense, 4 defense, 1 specialist)

**Starters Returning:** 19 (10 offense, 7 defense, 2 specialists)

**Offensive Starters Lost (1):** QB Rocky Lombardi

**Offensive Starters Returning (10):** LT **AJ Arcuri**, RG **Matt Carrick**, RG **J.D. Duplain**, TE **Trenton Gillison/Tyler Hunt\***, RB **Connor Heyward**, RT **Kevin Jarvis**, WR **Tre Mosley**, WR **Jalen Nailor**, WR **Jayden Reed**, C **Nick Samac**

\* split starters

**Defensive Starters Lost (4):** CB **Shakur Brown**, NT **Naquan Jones**, S **Tre Person**, LB **Antjuan Simmons**

**Defensive Starters Returning (7):** DE **Drew Beesley**, CB **Kalon Gervin**, NB **Angelo Grose**, LB **Noah Harvey**, S **Xavier Henderson**, DE **Jacub Panasiuk**, DT **Jacob Slade**

**Starting Specialists Lost (1):** LS **Jude Pedrozo**

**Starting Specialists Returning (2):** PK **Matt Coghlin**, P **Bryce Baringer**





# 2021 SPARTAN FOOTBALL GAME NOTES

## AROUND THE BIG TEN

### 2021 BIG TEN STANDINGS

	Conf.	Games	All Games
<b>East Division</b>			
Indiana	0-0	.000	0-0 .000
Maryland	0-0	.000	0-0 .000
Michigan	0-0	.000	0-0 .000
Michigan State	0-0	.000	0-0 .000
Ohio State	0-0	.000	0-0 .000
Penn State	0-0	.000	0-0 .000
Rutgers	0-0	.000	0-0 .000
<b>West Division</b>			
Illinois	1-0	1.000	1-0 1.000
Iowa	0-0	.000	0-0 .000
Minnesota	0-0	.000	0-0 .000
Northwestern	0-0	.000	0-0 .000
Purdue	0-0	.000	0-0 .000
Wisconsin	0-0	.000	0-0 .000
Nebraska	0-1	.000	0-1 .000



### THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

#### Thursday, Sept. 2

Temple at Rutgers, 6:30 p.m. (Big Ten Network)  
Ohio State at Minnesota, 8 p.m. (FOX)

#### Friday, Sept. 3

Michigan State at Northwestern, 9 p.m. (ESPN)

#### Saturday, Sept. 4

Western Michigan at Michigan, 12 p.m. (ESPN)  
Fordham at Nebraska, 12 p.m. (Big Ten Network)  
Penn State at Wisconsin, 12 p.m. (FOX)  
Indiana at Iowa, 3:30 p.m. (Big Ten Network)  
West Virginia at Maryland, 3:30 p.m. (ESPN)  
Oregon State at Purdue, 7 p.m. (FS1)  
UTSA at Illinois, 7:30 p.m. (Big Ten Network)

### LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

Illinois 30, Nebraska 22



## MICHIGAN STATE-NORTHWESTERN SERIES: NOTES AND STATISTICS

### MSU/NORTHWESTERN SERIES NOTES –

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### STAT COMPARISON (BIG TEN RANK, FBS RANK FROM 2020) –

	Michigan State	Northwestern
Scoring	18.0 (14/116)	24.7 (10/92)
Total Offense	330.3 (14/109)	360.7 (9/93)
Rushing Offense	91.4 (13/122)	162.8 (8/65)
Passing Offense	238.9 (7/54)	197.9 (10/96)
Time of Possession	27:10 (12/112)	31:13 (6/38)
Third Down Conversions	.327 (14/114)	.393 (4/70)
Red Zone Offense	.917 (1/10)	.788 (9/90)
Sacks Allowed	2.29 (10/69)	1.44 (4/24)
Scoring Defense	35.1 (14/100)	15.9 (1/5)
Total Defense	396.7 (7/54)	341.2 (4/22)
Rushing Defense	157.3 (8/55)	145.9 (7/46)
Passing Defense	239.4 (9/72)	195.3 (1/19)
Third Down Conversions Defense	.383 (6/48)	.299 (2/8)
Red Zone Defense	.781 (6/34)	.704 (2/6)
Sacks	1.71 (8/91)	1.56 (11/101)
Turnover Margin	-1.29 (12/121)	0.44 (6/36)
Fewest Penalty Yards	63.7 (13/102)	40.4 (3/17)

### TOP RETURNING STAT LEADERS FROM 2020 –

#### Michigan State:

Rushing – So. Jordon Simmons (56 carries for 219 yards, 3.9 avg., 0 TDs)  
Passing – R-So. Payton Thorne (48-of-85, .565, 582 yards, 3 TDs, 3 INTs)  
Receiving – R-Jr. Jayden Reed (33 catches for 407 yards, 12.3 avg., 3 TDs)  
Tackles – R-Sr. Noah Harvey (54 tackles, 31 solos, 23 assists, 5.0 TFLs, 1 PBU)

#### Northwestern:

Rushing – So. Evan Hull (25 carries for 209 yards, 8.4 avg., 2 TDs)  
Passing – N/A  
Receiving – Sr. TE Charlie Mangieri (7 catches for 54 yards, 7.6 avg., 2 TDs)  
Tackles – Gr. Chris Bergin (78 tackles, 40 solos, 38 assists, 4.0 TFLs, 0.5 sacks, 1 INT, 4 PBUs)

### ALL-TIME SERIES RESULTS VS. NORTHWESTERN

<b>Overall: 39-20</b>				1975	W	47-14	H	1998	W	29-5	H
<b>H: 19-9; A: 20-11</b>				1976	L	21-42	A	1999	W	34-0	A
1905	L	11-37	A	1977	W	44-3	H	2000	L	17-37	H
1917	L	6-39	A	1978	W	52-3	A	2001	L	26-27	A
1924	L	9-13	A	1979	W	42-7	A	2002	W	39-24	H
1959	W	15-10	H	1980	W	42-10	H	2005	L	14-49	H
1960	W	21-18	A	1981	W	61-14	A	2006	W	41-38	A
1961	W	21-13	H	1982	L	24-28	H	2007	L	41-48 (OT)	H
1962	W	31-7	A	1983	W	9-3	A	2008	W	37-20	A
1963	W	15-7	A	1984	W	27-10	H	2009	W	24-14	H
1964	W	24-6	H	1985	W	32-0	H	2010	W	35-27	A
1965	W	49-7	H	1986	L	21-24	A	2011	W	31-17	A
1966	W	22-0	A	1987	W	38-0	A	2012	L	20-23	H
1967	W	41-27	H	1988	W	36-3	H	2013	W	30-6	A
1968	W	31-14	A	1989	W	76-14	H	2016	L	40-54	H
1969	W	39-7	A	1990	W	29-22	A	2017	L	31-39 (3OT)	A
1970	L	20-23	H	1991	L	13-16	H	2018	L	19-29	H
1971	L	7-28	A	1992	W	27-26	A	2019	W	31-10	A
1972	W	24-14	H	1993	W	31-29	H	2020	W	29-20	H
1973	L	10-14	A	1994	L	35-17#	A				
1974	W	41-7	H	1997	L	17-19	A				

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## A QUICK GLANCE AT NORTHWESTERN (7-2, 6-1 B1G IN 2020) –

• The Wildcats are coming off a 7-2 campaign in 2020, finishing with a 35-19 win over Auburn in the Citrus Bowl. NU won the Big Ten West Division before falling to Ohio State in the Big Ten Championship game, 22-10. Northwestern started 5-0 last season, before Michigan State upset the eighth-ranked Wildcats, 29-20, on Nov. 28 in Spartan Stadium.

• Northwestern's defense led the Big Ten and ranked fifth in FBS in scoring defense (15.9 ppg), while ranking 10th in the conference in scoring offense (24.7 ppg). The Wildcat defense was also fourth in the league and 22nd in the nation in total defense (341.1 ypg), also topping the league and ranking tied for 19th in FBS in passing defense (195.3 ypg) and ranking seventh in rushing defense (145.9 ypg). Offensively, NU ranked ninth in total offense (360.7 ypg), ranking eighth in rushing offense (162.8 ypg) and 10th in passing offense (197.9 ypg).

• Individually, Northwestern has a bevy of players earning preseason recognition, led by sophomore safety **Brandon Joseph**, who has a lengthy list of preseason honors, including first-team AP Preseason All-American. Offensively, sophomore offensive lineman **Peter Skoronski** is also a preseason All-American.

• Northwestern is led by head coach **Pat Fitzgerald**, who is entering his 16th season at the helm of the Wildcats, posting a 106-81 overall record. Six of the full-time members of the Northwestern coaching staff have been coaching on the field for over 10 years, which is tied with Navy for the most in the country.

## LAST TIME VS. NORTHWESTERN (MSU 29, NO. 8 NORTHWESTERN 20; NOV. 28, 2020) –

**EAST LANSING, Mich.** – No. 8 Northwestern put itself in position to play for the Big Ten title, then it hit the road. Michigan State was ready.

**Matt Coghlin** made a tiebreaking 48-yard field goal with 3:35 left, and the Spartans handed Northwestern (No. 8 CFP, No. 11 AP/No. 13 Coaches) its first loss of the season with a 29-20 victory on Nov. 28. The game was played in front of no fans due to COVID-19 restrictions. The Wildcats were coming off a 17-7 victory over Wisconsin that moved them into contention for a spot in the College Football Playoff.

The Spartans built a 17-0 lead in the first half on Lombardi's 75-yard touchdown pass to **Jalen Nailor** early in the first quarter and Coghlin's 22-yard field goal with 7:06 left in the first. MSU took a 17-0 advantage as Lombardi found Reed in the end zone for a 15-yard TD strike on the first play of the second quarter.

Northwestern scored two field goals in the second quarter to trim the halftime deficit to 17-6, then scored the only points of the third quarter on a Payton Ramsey 1-yard TD run to cut the Spartan lead to 17-13. The Wildcats grabbed a 20-17 lead on Cam Porter's 3-yard run early in the fourth.

The Spartans tied the game at 20 on Coghlin's 44-yard field goal with 10:11 left in the game after forcing a turnover one snap following Lombardi's interception. Northwestern then turned the ball over again, as Shakur Brown intercepted his second pass of the day, and the Spartans took over at midfield. Lombardi rushed 12 yards for a first down on third-and-10 to keep the drive alive, and Coghlin eventually connected on a 48-yard field goal with just 3:35 remaining.

The Wildcats were forced to punt after a three-and-out, and didn't get the ball back until there was only 25 seconds remaining. Pinned back on its own 19-yard line, Northwestern was sacked on its first play of the drive, and ended the game by throwing laterals from deep in their end, trying to extend the play as time expired, only to have the Spartans recover the ball in the end zone for a touchdown at a fan-free game.

## POLLS (Preseason)

### ASSOCIATED PRESS

Rk.	School	Record
1.	Alabama (47)	0-0
2.	Oklahoma (6)	0-0
3.	Clemson (6)	0-0
4.	<b>Ohio State (1)</b>	<b>0-0</b>
5.	Georgia (3)	0-0
6.	Texas A&M	0-0
7.	Iowa State	0-0
8.	Cincinnati	0-0
9.	Notre Dame	0-0
10.	North Carolina	0-0
11.	Oregon	0-0
12.	Wisconsin	0-0
13.	Florida	0-0
14.	<b>Miami</b>	<b>0-0</b>
15.	USC	0-0
16.	LSU	0-0
17.	<b>Indiana</b>	<b>0-0</b>
18.	Iowa	0-0
19.	<b>Penn State</b>	<b>0-0</b>
20.	Washington	0-0
21.	Texas	0-0
22.	Coastal Carolina	0-0
23.	Louisiana	0-0
24.	Utah	0-0
25.	Arizona State	0-0

### USA TODAY/AFCA COACHES

Rk.	School	Record
1.	Alabama (63)	0-0
2.	Clemson	0-0
3.	Oklahoma (2)	0-0
4.	<b>Ohio State</b>	<b>0-0</b>
5.	Georgia	0-0
6.	Texas A&M	0-0
7.	Notre Dame	0-0
8.	Iowa State	0-0
9.	North Carolina	0-0
10.	Cincinnati	0-0
11.	Florida	0-0
12.	Oregon	0-0
13.	LSU	0-0
14.	USC	0-0
15.	Wisconsin	0-0
16.	<b>Miami</b>	<b>0-0</b>
17.	<b>Indiana</b>	<b>0-0</b>
18.	Iowa	0-0
19.	Texas	0-0
20.	<b>Penn State</b>	<b>0-0</b>
21.	Washington	0-0
22.	Oklahoma State	0-0
23.	Louisiana	0-0
24.	Coastal Carolina	0-0
25.	Ole Miss	0-0

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

## SEASON CAPTAINS

Will be announced after the season.

## GAME CAPTAINS

Game.....	Captain(s)
Northwestern .....	DE Drew Beesley,
.....	S Xavier Henderson, WR Jalen Nailor
Youngstown State .....	
Miami .....	
Nebraska .....	
Western Kentucky .....	
Rutgers .....	
Indiana .....	
Michigan .....	
Purdue .....	
Maryland .....	
Ohio State .....	
Penn State .....	



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## 2021 SPARTAN FOOTBALL STAFF

### COACHING STAFF

#### Head Coach:

Mel Tucker (Wisconsin, 1995)

Record at MSU: 2-5 (second season)

Career Record: 7-12 (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/Run 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:

TJ Hollowell (second year)

#### Offensive Analyst:

Effrem 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:

Jarrad 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: Darien 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

Rinestine (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)



## 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 149 games as a full-time coach in the FBS, Tucker's teams have collected a 108-41 (.725) 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).

Four of Tucker's seven wins as a head coach in his first two seasons have come against AP Top 25 opponents (No. 11 Northwestern and No. 13 Michigan at MSU; No. 25 Nebraska and No. 24 Arizona State at Colorado). Tucker is 4-4 overall against AP Top 25 opponents (2-2 at Colorado; 2-2 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 entering 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 enters 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.

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• 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.



## SPARTAN FOOTBALL PROGRAM NOTES

### 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 No. 27 all-time with 710 victories (all-time record: 710-470-44, .598).

### 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); **Jacub 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).

### 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)

## ALL-TIME WINNINGEST COACHES - MICHIGAN STATE HISTORY

### OVERALL

Rk.	Coach (Years).....Wins
1.	Mark Dantonio (2007-19).....114
2.	Duffy Daugherty (1954-72).....109
3.	Charles Bachman (1933-46).....70
4.	George Perles (1983-94).....68
5.	Chester Brewer (1903-10, '17, '19).....58

Rk.	Coach (Years).....Win Pct.
1.	John Macklin (1911-15).....853 (29-5)
2.	Clarence "Biggie" Munn (1947-53).....846 (54-9-2)
3.	Jim Crowley (1929-32).....712 (22-8-3)
4.	Chester Brewer (1903-10, '17, '19).....699 (58-23-7)
5.	Mark Dantonio (2007-19).....667 (114-57)

Rk.	Coach (Years).....Games Coached
1.	Duffy Daugherty (1954-72).....183
2.	Mark Dantonio (2007-19).....171
3.	George Perles (1983-94).....139
4.	Charles Bachman (1933-46).....114

### BIG TEN GAMES

Rk.	Coach (Years).....Wins
1.	Duffy Daugherty (1954-72).....72
2.	Mark Dantonio (2007-19).....69
3.	George Perles (1983-94).....53

Rk.	Coach (Years) [Min. 10 games].....Win Pct.
1.	Mark Dantonio (2007-19).....639 (69-39)
2.	Denny Stolz (1973-75).....604 (14-9-1)
3.	Nick Saban (1995-99).....603 (23-15-1)

### BOWL APPEARANCES

Rk.	Coach (Years).....Bowls
1.	Mark Dantonio (2007-19).....12
2.	George Perles (1983-94).....7

### BOWL WINS

Rk.	Coach (Years).....Bowl Wins
1.	Mark Dantonio (2007-19).....6
2.	George Perles (1983-94).....3

### AP TOP-25 FINISHES

Rk.	Coach (Years).....Wins
1.	Mark Dantonio (2007-19).....7
	Duffy Daugherty (1954-72).....7
3.	Clarence "Biggie" Munn (1947-53).....6

### WINS OVER AP TOP-25 TEAMS

Rk.	Coach (Years).....Wins
1.	Duffy Daugherty (1954-72).....25
2.	Mark Dantonio (2007-19).....21
3.	George Perles (1983-94).....14

### WINS OVER AP TOP-10 TEAMS

Rk.	Coach (Years).....Wins
1.	Duffy Daugherty (1954-72).....17
2.	Mark Dantonio (2007-19).....10
3.	Clarence "Biggie" Munn (1947-53).....5

### HOME GAMES

Rk.	Coach (Years).....Wins
1.	Duffy Daugherty (1954-72).....68
2.	Mark Dantonio (2007-19).....67
3.	Charles Bachman (1933-46).....46

Rk.	Coach (Years).....Pct.
1.	Clarence "Biggie" Munn (1947-53).....892 (33-4)
2.	Jim Crowley (1929-32).....886 (19-2-1)
3.	John Macklin (1911-15).....857 (18-3)
4.	Chester Brewer (1903-10, '17, '19).....845 (45-7-3)
5.	Charles Bachman (1933-46).....790 (46-10-6)
6.	Mark Dantonio (2007-19).....736 (67-24)





# 2021 SPARTAN FOOTBALL GAME NOTES

## 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

## 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.	<b>Michigan State</b>	<b>92</b>
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.	<b>Michigan State</b>	<b>92 (92-40, .697)</b>	<b>2010s</b>	<b>Dantonio</b>
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.

### Most Bowl Wins in a Decade - Big Ten Teams

Rank	Team (Decade)	Bowl Wins
1.	Michigan (1990s)	7
2.	<b>Michigan State (2010s)</b>	<b>6</b>
	Penn State (1990s)	6*
4.	Iowa (2000s)	5
	Michigan (1980s)	5
	Ohio State (1980s, 2000s)	5
	Wisconsin (1990s, 2000s, 2010s)	5

\* Penn State won seven total bowl games in 1990s, but didn't join Big Ten until 1993

• MSU's .697 winning percentage last decade was the fourth best in school history. MSU was the only school to finish in the top-six of the national polls from 2013-15 (No. 3 in 2013, No. 5 in 2014, No. 6 in 2015) and the 36 wins from 2013-15 marked the winningest three-year stretch in the history of the program.

• In addition, the Spartans have earned 12 bowl bids since 2007, including a school-record four consecutive bowl victories (2012 Outback against No. 18 Georgia, 2012 Buffalo Wild Wings against TCU, 2014 Rose Bowl Game against No. 5 Stanford, 2015 Cotton Bowl Classic against No. 4 Baylor).





## STATISTICAL TRENDS UNDER MEL TUCKER

### SPARTAN TRENDS UNDER TUCKER –

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

	2020	Overall
Games played in Spartan Stadium:	1-3	1-3
Games played on the road/neutral site:	1-2	1-2
Games played in August:	0-0	0-0
Games played in September:	0-0	0-0
Games played in October:	1-1	1-1
Games played in November:	1-2	1-2
Games played in December:	0-2	0-2
Games played in January:	0-0	0-0
When leading at halftime:	2-1	2-1
When trailing at halftime:	0-4	0-4
When tied at halftime:	0-0	0-0
When scoring first:	2-0	2-0
When opponent scores first:	0-5	0-5
When scoring 30-plus points:	0-0	0-0
When allowing 30-plus points:	0-4	0-4
When allowing 20-fewer points:	1-0	1-0
When allowing 17-fewer points:	0-0	0-0
When leading after first quarter:	1-0	1-0
When trailing after first quarter:	0-5	0-5
When tied after first quarter:	1-0	1-0
When leading after three quarters:	2-0	2-0
When trailing after three quarters:	0-5	0-5
When tied after three quarters:	0-0	0-0
Overtime games:	0-0	0-0
When gaining more first downs than opponent:	0-1	0-1
When gaining fewer first downs than opponent:	2-3	2-3
When gaining same number of first downs as opponent:	0-1	0-1
When gaining 200+ yards rushing:	0-0	0-0
When opponent gains 200+ yards rushing:	0-2	0-2
When rushing 40+ times in a game:	1-0	1-0
When rushing 35+ times in a game:	2-1	2-1
When outrushing opponent:	1-0	1-0
When being outrushed by opponent:	1-5	1-5
When opponent is held under 100 yards rushing:	1-0	1-0
When gaining 300+ yards passing:	1-2	1-2
When opponent gains 300+ yards passing:	1-1	1-1
When gaining more total yards than opponent:	1-1	1-1
When gaining fewer total yards than opponent:	1-4	1-4
When leading in time of possession:	1-0	1-0
When trailing in time of possession:	1-5	1-5
When splitting in time of possession:	0-0	0-0
When forcing two or more turnovers	1-2	1-2
When forcing three or more turnovers	1-1	1-1
When committing three or more turnovers	0-4	0-4
When not committing any turnovers	1-0	1-0

### 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 (7 total games, 2020-):

**Rushing Yards:** 195 vs. Northwestern (11/28/20)

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

**Total Yards:** 449 vs. Michigan (10/31/20)

**First Downs:** 23 vs. Rutgers (10/24/20)

**Fewest Rushing Yards Allowed:** 63 yards by Northwestern (11/28/20)

**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:** 4 vs. Northwestern (11/28/20)

**Turnovers Forced:** 4 vs. Northwestern (11/28/20)

**Points (Game):** 29 vs. Northwestern (11/28/20)

**Points (Half):** 21 (1st) vs. Penn State (12/12/20)

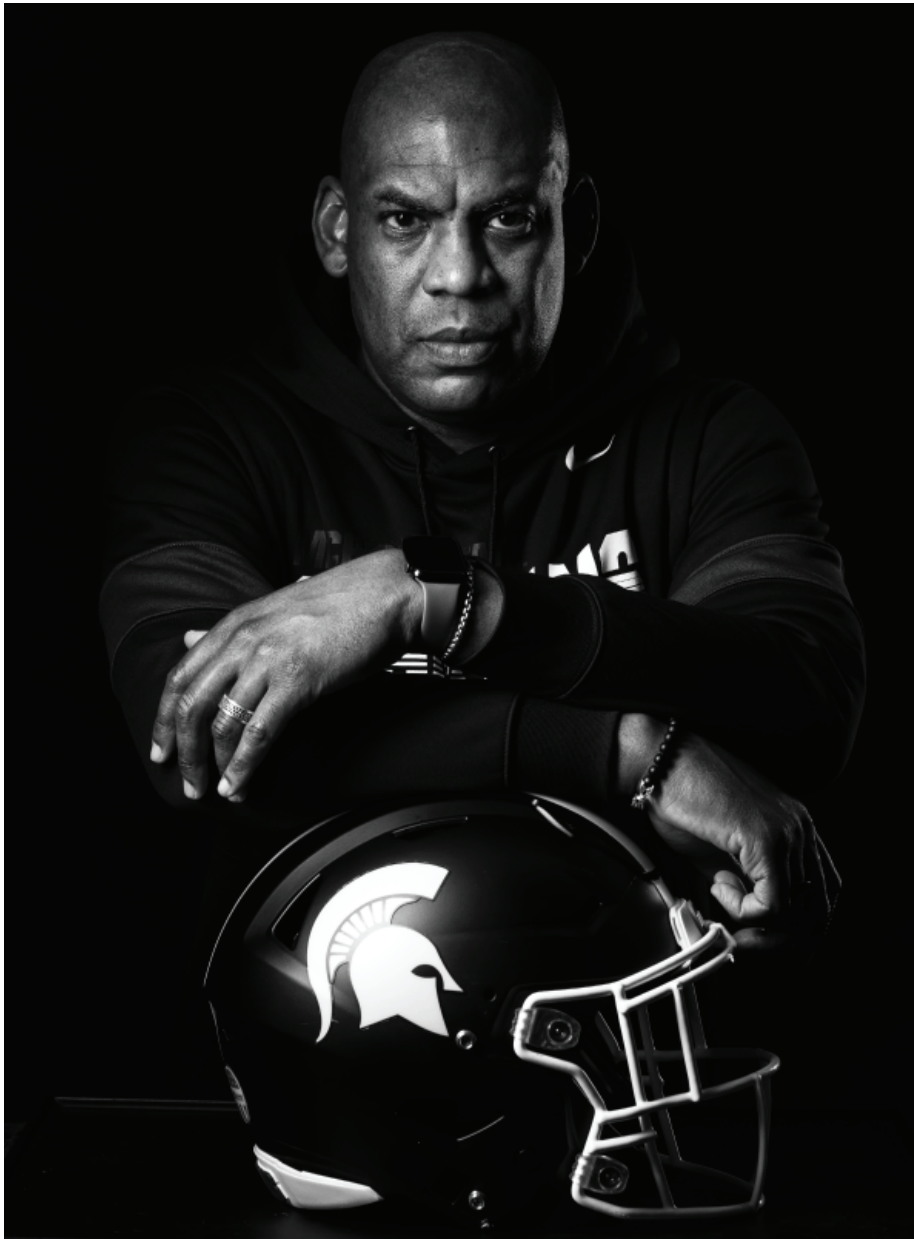
**Points (Quarter):** 21 (2nd) vs. Penn State (12/12/20)

**Victory Margin:** 9 vs. Northwestern (11/28/20)

**Fewest Points Allowed (Game):** 20 by Northwestern (11/28/20)



## 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 149 games as a full-time coach in the FBS, Tucker's teams have collected a 108-41 (.725) 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 Hoeppner, 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."

### BILL BEEKMAN, MICHIGAN STATE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

"It brings me great pleasure to welcome Mel Tucker to the Spartan family as the 25th head coach in Michigan State football history. Mel brings a championship pedigree, NFL experience, connections to our region, success on the recruiting trail and head coaching experience to our program. Beyond his impressive list of credentials is an even more impactful leader of men with an energetic personality that will pay dividends on the recruiting trail. Perhaps more importantly, he'll connect with our student-athletes to help them develop beyond just their skills on the football field. His attention to detail will leave no stone unturned in his drive for championships."

"It's fitting that Mel returns to the place where his coaching career began as a graduate assistant. While he returns to Michigan State with a loftier title, his passion is every bit as fierce. Head football coach might be his title, but he will be an amazing ambassador for our department, our university and more than 550,000 living alums."

### 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:** 7-12 in two seasons 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)	-	-
<b>Totals</b>		<b>7</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>.368</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>.313</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

## 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
<b>Totals</b>		<b>101</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>.777</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>.623</b>		<b>10 bowl games (8-2)*</b>	

\* 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."





# 2021 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





## OFFENSE

### 100-YARD RUSHING GAME

**Spartans:** Elijah Collins, 109 yards vs. Rutgers, Nov. 23, 2019 (MSU 27-0)  
**Opponent:** Trey Sermon (112 yards) and Justin Fields (104), Ohio State, Dec. 5, 2020 (OSU 52-12)

### 150-YARD RUSHING GAME

**Spartans:** Elijah Collins, 170 yards vs. Illinois, Nov. 9, 2019 (ILL 37-34)  
**Opponent:** J.K. Dobbins (172 yards), Ohio State, Oct. 5, 2019 (OSU 34-10)

### 200-YARD RUSHING GAME

**Spartans:** Le'Veon Bell, 266 yards vs. Minnesota, Nov. 24, 2012 (MSU 26-10)  
**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, 325 yards (22-for-39) vs. Penn State, Dec. 12, 2020 (PSU 39-24)  
**Opponent:** Michael Penix Jr., Indiana, 320 yards (25-for-38), Nov. 14, 2020 (IU 24-0)

### 400-YARD PASSING GAME

**Spartans:** Brian Lewerke, 400 yards (33-for-56) vs. Penn State, Nov. 4, 2017 (MSU 27-24)  
**Opponent:** Bryce Petty, Baylor, 550 yards (36-for-51), Jan. 1, 2015 (MSU 42-41)

### 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:** B.J. Cunningham, 115 yards (5 catches) and Keshawn Martin, 115 yards (9 catches) vs. Wisconsin, Dec. 3, 2011 (WIS 42-39)  
**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:** Ricky White, 196 yards (8 catches) vs. Michigan, Oct. 31, 2020 (MSU 27-24)  
**Opponent:** Ty Fryfogle, 200 yards (11 catches), Indiana, Nov. 14, 2020 (IU 24-0)

### 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:** Joe Milton, 32, Michigan (51 attempts), Oct. 31, 2020 (MSU 27-24)

### SCORED FOUR RUSHING TDS

**Spartans:** Edwin Baker, four vs. Minnesota (runs of 30, 1, 1 and 1 yard), Nov. 6, 2010 (MSU 31-8)  
**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:** Jeremy Langford, four vs. Indiana (3 rush, 1 receiving), Oct. 12, 2013 (MSU 42-28)  
**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)

### THREW FOUR TD PASSES

**Spartans:** Brian Lewerke, four vs. Northwestern, Oct. 28, 2017 (NU 39-31 3OT)\*  
**Opponent:** Shea Patterson, Michigan, four, Nov. 16, 2019 (MICH 44-10)

### THREW 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:** Tyler O'Connor to R.J. Shelton, 86 yards vs. Northwestern, Oct. 15, 2016 (NW 54-40)  
**Opponent:** Brandon Peters to Josh Imatorbhebe, 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:** Keshawn Martin, 57 yards vs. Northwestern, Nov. 26, 2011 (MSU 31-17)  
**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 Kyler 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:** Khaleke Hudson blocked Jake Hartbarger's punt, Nov. 16, 2019 (MICH 44-10)

### 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:** Druce 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)

### 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 Bachie, 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 42-7 at half), beat Wyoming 56-14 on Sept. 27, 2014

#### 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:** 526 vs. Illinois, Nov. 9, 2019 (ILL 37-34)  
**Opponent:** 521, Ohio State, Dec. 5, 2020 (OSU 52-12)

#### 300 YARDS RUSHING

**Spartans:** 330 vs. Indiana, Oct. 18, 2014 (MSU 56-17)  
**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:** 438 vs. UAB, Sept. 1, 2007 (MSU 55-18)

#### 300 YARDS TOTAL OFFENSE IN FIRST HALF

**Spartans:** 365, vs. Western Michigan, Sept. 7, 2019 (MSU 51-17)  
**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)

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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)
1	Ronald Williams	CB	6-2	185	Sr.	Sr.	TR	Ferriday, La. (Alabama)
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	Marqui Lowery	CB	6-0	175	Fr.	So.	TR	Charlotte, N.C. (Louisville)
9	Kenneth Walker III	RB	5-10	210	Jr.	Jr.	TR	Arlington, Tenn. (Wake Forest)
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	RB	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	Kalon Gervin	CB	5-11	195	Jr.	Sr.	2L	Detroit, Mich. (Cass Technical)
18	Andrew Schorffhaar	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	Chase Kline	LB	6-4	245	Jr.	Sr.	2L	Chardon, Ohio (Chardon)
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)
22	Justin White	CB	5-9	180	So.	Jr.	SQ	Agoura Hills, Calif., Calif. (Colorado Mesa)
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)
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)

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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)
58	Terry O'Connor	LB	6-3	235	Jr.	Sr.	1L	Traverse City, Mich. (Traverse City Central)
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	DT	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)
93	Alex Okelo	DE	6-5	215	Fr.	Fr.	HS	Nashville, Tenn. (Pearl Cohn)
94	Dashaun Mallory	DT	6-2	285	Jr.	Sr.	1L	Bolingbrook, Ill. (Bolingbrook)
96	Jacub 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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No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Elig.	Cl.	Exp.	Hometown (Previous School)
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, Missouri (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	DT	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)
18	Kalon Gervin	CB	5-11	195	Jr.	Sr.	2L	Detroit, Mich. (Cass Technical)
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 Gissingner	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	RB	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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No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Elig.	Cl.	Exp.	Hometown (Previous School)
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)
21	Chase Kline	LB	6-4	245	Jr.	Sr.	2L	Chardon, Ohio (Chardon)
3	Terry Lockett Jr.	WR	6-0	180	So.	So.	1L	Minneapolis, Minn. (Minnehaha Academy)
9	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)
58	Terry O'Connor	LB	6-3	235	Jr.	Sr.	1L	Traverse City, Mich. (Traverse City Central)
71	James Ohonba	OG	6-4	325	Jr.	Sr.	1L	Stockbridge, Ga. (Woodland)
93	Alex Okelo	DE	6-5	215	Fr.	Fr.	HS	Nashville, Tenn. (Pearl Cohn)
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 Schorfhaar	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)
22	Justin White	CB	5-9	180	So.	Jr.	SQ	Agoura Hills, Calif., 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)
1	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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# 2020 Michigan State Football Michigan State Combined Team Statistics (FINAL) All games

Date	Opponent	Score	Att.
* Oct 24, 2020	RUTGERS	L 27-38	376
* Oct 31, 2020	at #13 Michigan	W 27-24	615
* Nov 07, 2020	at Iowa	L 7-49	1441
* Nov 14, 2020	#10 INDIANA	L 0-24	340
* Nov 28, 2020	#8 NORTHWESTERN	W 29-20	0
* Dec 05, 2020	#4 OHIO STATE	L 12-52	0
* Dec 12, 2020	at Penn State	L 24-39	0

\* = Big Ten Conference game

Rushing	gp-gs	att	gain	loss	net	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Simmons, Jordon	5-1	56	235	16	219	3.9	0	28	43.8
Heyward, Connor	7-6	65	211	11	200	3.1	0	14	28.6
Collins, Elijah	7-0	41	109	19	90	2.2	0	14	12.9
Thorne, Payton	4-1	25	120	73	47	1.9	1	38	11.8
Lombardi, Rocky	6-6	32	117	78	39	1.2	0	21	6.5
Reed, Jayden	7-7	6	25	8	17	2.8	0	12	2.4
Wright, Brandon	6-0	6	15	2	13	2.2	0	5	2.2
Nailor, Jalen	7-7	2	11	0	11	5.5	0	8	1.6
Williams, Anthony	2-0	4	6	1	5	1.2	0	4	2.5
Hunt, Tyler	5-3	1	1	0	1	1.0	1	1	0.2
Total	7	239	850	210	640	2.7	2	38	91.4
Opponents	7	280	1265	164	1101	3.9	20	71	157.3

Passing	gp-gs	effic	comp-att-int	pct	yds	td	lg	avg/g
Lombardi, Rocky	6-6	117.17	84-157-9	53.5	1090	8	75	181.7
Thorne, Payton	4-1	118.57	48-85-3	56.5	582	3	55	145.5
Total	7	117.66	132-242-12	54.5	1672	11	75	238.9
Opponents	7	124.77	151-247-5	61.1	1676	8	65	239.4

Receiving	gp-gs	no.	yds	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Reed, Jayden	7-7	33	407	12.3	3	55	58.1
Nailor, Jalen	7-7	26	515	19.8	4	75	73.6
Heyward, Connor	7-6	18	71	3.9	2	13	10.1
White, Ricky	4-3	10	223	22.3	1	50	55.8
Dotson, Matt	4-1	9	107	11.9	0	21	26.8
Hunt, Tyler	5-3	8	78	9.8	0	17	15.6
Mosley, Tre	4-3	7	71	10.1	0	12	17.8
Gillison, Trenton	4-3	5	49	9.8	0	15	12.2
Simmons, Jordon	5-1	5	34	6.8	0	13	6.8
Collins, Elijah	7-0	4	34	8.5	0	17	4.9
Morgan, Tre'Von	4-0	2	46	23.0	1	26	11.5
McDonald, Cade	5-0	2	15	7.5	0	8	3.0
Wright, Brandon	6-0	1	13	13.0	0	13	2.2
Williams, Anthony	2-0	1	5	5.0	0	5	2.5
Lockett, Terry	6-0	1	4	4.0	0	4	0.7
Total	7	132	1672	12.7	11	75	238.9
Opponents	7	151	1676	11.1	8	65	239.4

Field Goals	fg	pct.	01-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99	lg	blk
Coghlin, Matt	9-12	75.0	0-0	3-3	1-1	4-7	1-1	51	0

Scoring	td	fg	kick	rush	rcv	pass	dxp	saf	pts
Coghlin, Matt	-	9-12	13-13	-	-	-	-	-	40
Nailor, Jalen	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	24
Reed, Jayden	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18
Heyward, Connor	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Hunt, Tyler	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Thorne, Payton	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
White, Ricky	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Gervin, Kalon	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Morgan, Tre'Von	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
TEAM	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2
Total	14	9-12	13-13	-	-	-	-	1	126
Opponents	32	7-9	31-31	-	1	1-1	-	-	246

Score by Quarters	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	Total
Michigan State	24	41	30	31	0	126
Opponents	66	75	46	59	0	246

Defensive Leaders	gp-gs	ua	a	tot	tfl/yds	Sacks	Pass defense	Fumbles	blkd	saf
34 Simmons, Antjuan	7-7	28	47	75	9.0-16	1.0-4	.	2	2	.
45 Harvey, Noah	7-7	31	23	54	5.0-13	.	.	1	2	.
3 Henderson, Xavier	7-7	24	17	41	1.5-3	.	.	1	1	.
21 Kline, Chase	7-0	11	18	29	0.5-1	.	.	.	.	.
23 Boren, Tre	6-5	23	4	27	1.0-10	1.0-10	.	1	1	.

Record:	Overall	Home	Away	Neutral
All games	2-5	1-3	1-2	0-0
Conference	2-5	1-3	1-2	0-0
Non-Conference	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0

Team Statistics	MSU	OPP
FIRST DOWNS	113	149
Rushing	29	53
Passing	72	83
Penalty	12	13
RUSHING YARDAGE	640	1101
Rushing Attempts	239	280
Average Per Rush	2.7	3.9
Average Per Game	91.4	157.3
TDs Rushing	2	20
PASSING YARDAGE	1672	1676
Comp-Att-Int	132-242-12	151-247-5
Average Per Pass	6.9	6.8
Average Per Catch	12.7	11.1
Average Per Game	238.9	239.4
TDs Passing	11	8
TOTAL OFFENSE	2312	2777
Average Per Play	4.8	5.3
Average Per Game	330.3	396.7
KICK RETURNS: #Yards	19-367	17-412
PUNT RETURNS: #Yards	4-32	15-257
INT RETURNS: #Yards	5-107	12-171
FUMBLES-LOST	12-8	8-6
PENALTIES-Yards	49-446	44-353
PUNTS-AVG	46-42.6	38-43.5
TIME OF POSSESSION/Game	27:10	32:50
3RD-DOWN Conversions	37/113	41/107
4TH-DOWN Conversions	5/12	6/11

Interceptions	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Brown, Shakur	5	107	21.4	0	54

Punting	no.	yds	avg	lg	tb	fc	i20	50+	blk
Baringer, Bryce	37	1613	43.6	78	3	11	9	12	0
Crawford, Mitchell	9	346	38.4	47	1	2	2	0	0

Punt Returns	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Reed, Jayden	2	14	7.0	0	10
Nailor, Jalen	2	18	9.0	0	17
Total	4	32	8.0	0	17
Opponents	15	257	17.1	2	81

Kick Returns	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Reed, Jayden	16	329	20.6	0	39
Mandryk, Jack	1	0	0.0	0	0
Barnett, Julian	1	17	17.0	0	17
Nailor, Jalen	1	21	21.0	0	21
Total	19	367	19.3	0	39
Opponents	17	412	24.2	0	39

All Purpose	g	rush	rcv	pr	kr	ir	total	avg/g
Reed, Jayden	7	17	407	14	329	0	767	109.6
Nailor, Jalen	7	11	515	18	21	0	565	80.7
Heyward, Connor	7	200	71	0	0	0	271	38.7
Simmons, Jordon	5	219	34	0	0	0	253	50.6
White, Ricky	4	0	223	0	0	0	223	55.8
Total	7	640	1672	32	367	107	2818	402.6
Opponents	7	1101	1676	257	412	171	3617	516.7

Total Offense	g	plays	rush	pass	total	avg/g
Lombardi, Rocky	6	189	39	1090	1129	188.2
Thorne, Payton	4	110	47	582	629	157.2
Simmons, Jordon	5	56	219	0	219	43.8
Heyward, Connor	7	65	200	0	200	28.6
Collins, Elijah	7	41	90	0	90	12.9
Total	7	481	640	1672	2312	330.3
Opponents	7	527	1101	1676	2777	396.7



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**Michigan State Overall Team Statistics (FINAL)**  
**All games**

<b>Team Statistics</b>	<b>MSU</b>	<b>OPP</b>
SCORING	126	246
Points Per Game	18.0	35.1
Points Off Turnovers	25	62
FIRST DOWNS	113	149
Rushing	29	53
Passing	72	83
Penalty	12	13
RUSHING YARDAGE	640	1101
Yards gained rushing	850	1265
Yards lost rushing	210	164
Rushing Attempts	239	280
Average Per Rush	2.7	3.9
Average Per Game	91.4	157.3
TDs Rushing	2	20
PASSING YARDAGE	1672	1676
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INT RETURNS: #-Yards	5-107	12-171
KICK RETURN AVERAGE	19.3	24.2
PUNT RETURN AVERAGE	8.0	17.1
INT RETURN AVERAGE	21.4	14.2
FUMBLES-LOST	12-8	8-6
PENALTIES-Yards	49-446	44-353
Average Per Game	63.7	50.4
PUNTS-Yards	46-1959	38-1654
Average Per Punt	42.6	43.5
Net punt average	35.3	41.6
KICKOFFS-Yards	27-1665	47-2593
Average Per Kick	61.7	55.2
Net kick average	38.1	37.8
TIME OF POSSESSION/Game	27:10	32:50
3RD-DOWN Conversions	37/113	41/107
3rd-Down Pct	33%	38%
4TH-DOWN Conversions	5/12	6/11
4th-Down Pct	42%	55%
SACKS BY-Yards	12-71	16-121
MISC YARDS	0	0
TOUCHDOWNS SCORED	14	32
FIELD GOALS-ATTEMPTS	9-12	7-9
ON-SIDE KICKS	0-1	0-0
RED-ZONE SCORES	(11-12) 92%	(25-32) 78%
RED-ZONE TOUCHDOWNS	(7-12) 58%	(20-32) 63%
PAT-ATTEMPTS	(13-13) 100%	(31-31) 100%
ATTENDANCE	716	2056
Games/Avg Per Game	4/179	3/685
Neutral Site Games		0/0

<b>Score by Quarters</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>3rd</b>	<b>4th</b>	<b>OT</b>	<b>Total</b>
Michigan State	24	41	30	31	0	126
Opponents	66	75	46	59	0	246

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**Michigan State Overall Individual Statistics (FINAL)**  
**All games**

<b>Rushing</b>	<b>gp-gs</b>	<b>att</b>	<b>gain</b>	<b>loss</b>	<b>net</b>	<b>avg</b>	<b>td</b>	<b>lg</b>	<b>avg/g</b>
Simmons, Jordon	5-1	56	235	16	219	3.9	0	28	43.8
Heyward, Connor	7-6	65	211	11	200	3.1	0	14	28.6
Collins, Elijah	7-0	41	109	19	90	2.2	0	14	12.9
Thorne, Payton	4-1	25	120	73	47	1.9	1	38	11.8
Lombardi, Rocky	6-6	32	117	78	39	1.2	0	21	6.5
Reed, Jayden	7-7	6	25	8	17	2.8	0	12	2.4
Wright, Brandon	6-0	6	15	2	13	2.2	0	5	2.2
Nailor, Jalen	7-7	2	11	0	11	5.5	0	8	1.6
Williams, Anthony	2-0	4	6	1	5	1.2	0	4	2.5
Hunt, Tyler	5-3	1	1	0	1	1.0	1	1	0.2
TEAM	2-0	1	0	2	-2	-2.0	0	0	-1.0
Total	7	239	850	210	640	2.7	2	38	91.4
Opponents	7	280	1265	164	1101	3.9	20	71	157.3

<b>Passing</b>	<b>gp-gs</b>	<b>effic</b>	<b>comp-att-int</b>	<b>pct</b>	<b>yds</b>	<b>td</b>	<b>lg</b>	<b>avg/g</b>
Lombardi, Rocky	6-6	117.17	84-157-9	53.5	1090	8	75	181.7
Thorne, Payton	4-1	118.57	48-85-3	56.5	582	3	55	145.5
Total	7	117.66	132-242-12	54.5	1672	11	75	238.9
Opponents	7	124.77	151-247-5	61.1	1676	8	65	239.4

<b>Receiving</b>	<b>gp-gs</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>yds</b>	<b>avg</b>	<b>td</b>	<b>lg</b>	<b>avg/g</b>
Reed, Jayden	7-7	33	407	12.3	3	55	58.1
Nailor, Jalen	7-7	26	515	19.8	4	75	73.6
Heyward, Connor	7-6	18	71	3.9	2	13	10.1
White, Ricky	4-3	10	223	22.3	1	50	55.8
Dotson, Matt	4-1	9	107	11.9	0	21	26.8
Hunt, Tyler	5-3	8	78	9.8	0	17	15.6
Mosley, Tre	4-3	7	71	10.1	0	12	17.8
Gillison, Trenton	4-3	5	49	9.8	0	15	12.2
Simmons, Jordon	5-1	5	34	6.8	0	13	6.8
Collins, Elijah	7-0	4	34	8.5	0	17	4.9
Morgan, Tre'Von	4-0	2	46	23.0	1	26	11.5
McDonald, Cade	5-0	2	15	7.5	0	8	3.0
Wright, Brandon	6-0	1	13	13.0	0	13	2.2
Williams, Anthony	2-0	1	5	5.0	0	5	2.5
Lockett, Terry	6-0	1	4	4.0	0	4	0.7
Total	7	132	1672	12.7	11	75	238.9
Opponents	7	151	1676	11.1	8	65	239.4

<b>Punt Returns</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>yds</b>	<b>avg</b>	<b>td</b>	<b>lg</b>
Reed, Jayden	2	14	7.0	0	10
Nailor, Jalen	2	18	9.0	0	17
Total	4	32	8.0	0	17
Opponents	15	257	17.1	2	81

<b>Interceptions</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>yds</b>	<b>avg</b>	<b>td</b>	<b>lg</b>
Brown, Shakur	5	107	21.4	0	54
Total	5	107	21.4	0	54
Opponents	12	171	14.2	2	54

<b>Kick Returns</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>yds</b>	<b>avg</b>	<b>td</b>	<b>lg</b>
Reed, Jayden	16	329	20.6	0	39
Barnett, Julian	1	17	17.0	0	17
Mandryk, Jack	1	0	0.0	0	0
Nailor, Jalen	1	21	21.0	0	21
Total	19	367	19.3	0	39
Opponents	17	412	24.2	0	39

<b>Fumble Returns</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>yds</b>	<b>avg</b>	<b>td</b>	<b>lg</b>
Gervin, Kalon	0	0	0.0	1	0
Total	0	0	0.0	1	0
Opponents	1	5	5.0	0	5

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Scoring	td	fg	PAT				dxp	saf	pts
			kick	rush	rcv	pass			
Coghlin, Matt	-	9-12	13-13	-	-	-	-	-	40
Nailor, Jalen	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	24
Reed, Jayden	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18
Heyward, Connor	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Thorne, Payton	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Gervin, Kalon	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Hunt, Tyler	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
White, Ricky	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Morgan, Tre'Von	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
TEAM	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2
Total	14	9-12	13-13	-	-	-	-	1	126
Opponents	32	7-9	31-31	-	1	1-1	-	-	246

Total Offense	g	plays	rush	pass	total	avg/g
Lombardi, Rocky	6	189	39	1090	1129	188.2
Thorne, Payton	4	110	47	582	629	157.2
Simmons, Jordon	5	56	219	0	219	43.8
Heyward, Connor	7	65	200	0	200	28.6
Collins, Elijah	7	41	90	0	90	12.9
Reed, Jayden	7	6	17	0	17	2.4
Wright, Brandon	6	6	13	0	13	2.2
Nailor, Jalen	7	2	11	0	11	1.6
Williams, Anthony	2	4	5	0	5	2.5
Hunt, Tyler	5	1	1	0	1	0.2
TEAM	2	1	-2	0	-2	-1.0
Total	7	481	640	1672	2312	330.3
Opponents	7	527	1101	1676	2777	396.7

Field Goals	fg	pct.	01-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99	lg	blk
Coghlin, Matt	9-12	75.0	0-0	3-3	1-1	4-7	1-1	51	0

FG Sequence	Michigan State	Opponents
Rutgers	(45),(48)	(44)
Michigan	(27),(51),40	(23)
Iowa	48	37
Indiana	-	(21),41
Northwestern	(22),49,(44),(48)	(42),(32)
Ohio State	(32)	(27)
Penn State	(23)	(24)

Punting	no.	yds	avg	lg	tb	fc	i20	50+	blk
Baringer, Bryce	37	1613	43.6	78	3	11	9	12	0
Crawford, Mitchell	9	346	38.4	47	1	2	2	0	0
Total	46	1959	42.6	78	4	13	11	12	0
Opponents	38	1654	43.5	74	2	13	21	8	0

Kickoffs	no.	yds	avg	tb	ob	retn	net	ydln
Coghlin, Matt	25	1543	61.7	9	0			
Hahn, Cole	2	122	61.0	0	0			
Total	27	1665	61.7	9	0	24.2	38.1	26
Opponents	47	2593	55.2	18	0	19.3	37.8	27

Numbers in (parentheses) indicate field goal was made.



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##	Defensive Leaders	gp-gs	Tackles				Sacks no-yds	Pass defense			Fumbles		blkd	
			ua	a	tot	tfl/yds		int-yds	brup	qbh	rcv-yds	ff	kick	saf
34	Simmons, Antjuan	7-7	28	47	75	9.0-16	1.0-4	.	2	2	2-0	.	.	.
45	Harvey, Noah	7-7	31	23	54	5.0-13	.	.	1	2	.	.	.	.
3	Henderson, Xavier	7-7	24	17	41	1.5-3	.	.	1	1	.	.	.	.
21	Kline, Chase	7-0	11	18	29	0.5-1	.	.	.	.	.	2	.	.
1D	Dowell, Michael	7-2	20	7	27	0.5-2	0.5-2	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
2P	Person, Tre	6-5	23	4	27	1.0-10	1.0-10	.	1	.	.	1	.	.
86	Beesley, Drew	7-7	15	12	27	5.5-33	3.0-25	.	2	3	.	1	.	.
29	Brown, Shakur	7-7	19	6	25	.	.	5-107	4	1	.	.	.	.
96	Parasiuk, Jacob	6-6	11	14	25	2.5-13	1.0-8	.	1	2	.	.	.	.
93	Jones, Naquan	7-4	10	14	24	5.0-7	.	.	1	2	1-0	.	.	.
15	Grose, Angelo	7-4	15	8	23	0.5-1	.	.	2	1	.	1	.	.
18	Gervin, Kalon	6-6	16	6	22	.	.	.	4	.	1-0	.	.	.
91	Camper, Jack	7-1	5	13	18	2.0-5	0.5-2	.	.	2	1-0	.	.	.
9M	Mallory, Dashaun	7-2	9	6	15	3.0-9	2.0-7	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
9	Long, Dominique	7-1	11	2	13	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
6S	Slade, Jacob	7-7	5	8	13	0.5-2	.	.	1	3	.	.	.	.
5F	Fletcher, Michael	7-0	7	5	12	3.5-14	3.0-13	.	2	.	.	.	.	.
1J	Jackson, Chris	4-2	5	4	9	2.0-5	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
14	Williams, Davion	7-0	1	7	8	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
8H	Hunt, Jalen	5-1	4	1	5	2.0-6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
4K	Kruse, David	7-0	1	3	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
47	Pietrowski, Jeff	7-0	2	2	4	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
26	Wright, Brandon	6-0	2	2	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
43	Mandryk, Jack	7-0	2	1	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
20	Flowers, Emmanuel	7-0	2	1	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
2	Barnett, Julian	6-1	3	.	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
23	Snow, Darius	6-0	2	1	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
11	Heyward, Connor	7-6	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
83	Foster, Montorie	7-1	.	2	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
9H	Hansen, Maverick	6-0	.	2	2	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
24	Collins, Elijah	7-0	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
50	O'Connor, Terry	5-0	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
40	Pedrozo, Jude	7-0	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
99	Baringer, Bryce	7-0	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
10	Thorne, Payton	4-1	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
97	Hunt, Tyler	5-3	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
8	Nailor, Jalen	7-7	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.
5	Reed, Jayden	7-7	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
56	Carrick, Matt	7-7	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1-0	.	.	.
TM	TEAM	2-0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Total		7	293	238	531	44-140	12-71	5-107	25	22	6-0	6	.	1
Opponents		7	227	274	501	51-211	16-121	12-171	27	20	8-5	9	.	.

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<b>Rushing</b>	gp	att	gain	loss	net	avg	td	lg	avg/g	gp	att	gain	loss	net	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Simmons, Jordon	5	56	235	16	219	3.9	0	28	43.8	5	56	235	16	219	3.9	0	28	43.8
Heyward, Connor	7	65	211	11	200	3.1	0	14	28.6	36	210	861	43	818	3.9	5	80	22.7
Collins, Elijah	7	41	109	19	90	2.2	0	14	12.9	23	265	1168	82	1086	4.1	5	58	47.2
Thorne, Payton	4	25	120	73	47	1.9	1	38	11.8	4	25	120	73	47	1.9	1	38	11.8
Lombardi, Rocky	6	32	117	78	39	1.2	0	21	6.5	22	74	327	161	166	2.2	0	47	7.5
Reed, Jayden	7	6	25	8	17	2.8	0	12	2.4	7	6	25	8	17	2.8	0	12	2.4
Wright, Brandon	6	6	15	2	13	2.2	0	5	2.2	12	24	63	2	61	2.5	0	10	5.1
Nailor, Jalen	7	2	11	0	11	5.5	0	8	1.6	19	16	166	0	166	10.4	1	75	8.7
Williams, Anthony	2	4	6	1	5	1.2	0	4	2.5	14	42	144	21	123	2.9	1	17	8.8
Hunt, Tyler	5	1	1	0	1	1.0	1	1	0.2	23	1	1	0	1	1.0	1	1	0.0
TEAM	2	1	0	2	-2	-2.0	0	0	-1.0									
Total	7	239	850	210	640	2.7	2	38	91.4									
Opponents	7	280	1265	164	1101	3.9	20	71	157.3									

<b>Passing</b>	gp	effic	comp-att-int	pct	yds	td	lg	avg/g	gp	effic	comp-att-int	pct	yds	td	lg	avg/g
Lombardi, Rocky	6	117.17	84-157-9	53.5	1090	8	75	181.7	22	98.51	159-332-14	47.9	1902	11	75	86.5
Thorne, Payton	4	118.57	48-85-3	56.5	582	3	55	145.5	4	118.57	48-85-3	56.5	582	3	55	145.5
Total	7	117.66	132-242-12	54.5	1672	11	75	238.9								
Opponents	7	124.77	151-247-5	61.1	1676	8	65	239.4								

<b>Receiving</b>	gp	no.	yds	avg	td	lg	avg/g	gp	no.	yds	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Reed, Jayden	7	33	407	12.3	3	55	58.1	7	33	407	12.3	3	55	58.1
Nailor, Jalen	7	26	515	19.8	4	75	73.6	19	49	759	15.5	6	75	39.9
Heyward, Connor	7	18	71	3.9	2	13	10.1	36	61	385	6.3	4	36	10.7
White, Ricky	4	10	223	22.3	1	50	55.8	4	10	223	22.3	1	50	55.8
Dotson, Matt	4	9	107	11.9	0	21	26.8	35	41	436	10.6	2	21	12.5
Hunt, Tyler	5	8	78	9.8	0	17	15.6	23	8	78	9.8	0	17	3.4
Mosley, Tre	4	7	71	10.1	0	12	17.8	10	28	287	10.2	1	23	28.7
Gillison, Trenton	4	5	49	9.8	0	15	12.2	18	17	196	11.5	0	64	10.9
Simmons, Jordon	5	5	34	6.8	0	13	6.8	5	5	34	6.8	0	13	6.8
Collins, Elijah	7	4	34	8.5	0	17	4.9	23	19	133	7.0	0	17	5.8
Morgan, Tre'Von	3	2	46	23.0	1	26	15.3	3	2	46	23.0	1	26	15.3
McDonald, Cade	3	2	15	7.5	0	8	5.0	4	2	15	7.5	0	8	3.8
Wright, Brandon	6	1	13	13.0	0	13	2.2	12	1	13	13.0	0	13	1.1
Williams, Anthony	2	1	5	5.0	0	5	2.5	14	7	82	11.7	0	23	5.9
Lockett, Terry	6	1	4	4.0	0	4	0.7	6	1	4	4.0	0	4	0.7
Total	7	132	1672	12.7	11	75	238.9							
Opponents	7	151	1676	11.1	8	65	239.4							

<b>Total Offense</b>	g	plays	rush	pass	total	avg/g	g	plays	rush	pass	total	avg/g
Lombardi, Rocky	6	189	39	1090	1129	188.2	22	406	166	1902	2068	94.0
Thorne, Payton	4	110	47	582	629	157.2	4	110	47	582	629	157.2
Simmons, Jordon	5	56	219	0	219	43.8	5	56	219	0	219	43.8
Heyward, Connor	7	65	200	0	200	28.6	36	212	818	36	854	23.7
Collins, Elijah	7	41	90	0	90	12.9	23	265	1086	0	1086	47.2
Reed, Jayden	7	6	17	0	17	2.4	7	6	17	0	17	2.4
Wright, Brandon	6	6	13	0	13	2.2	12	24	61	0	61	5.1
Nailor, Jalen	7	2	11	0	11	1.6	19	16	166	0	166	8.7
Williams, Anthony	2	4	5	0	5	2.5	14	42	123	0	123	8.8
Hunt, Tyler	5	1	1	0	1	0.2	23	1	1	0	1	0.0
TEAM	2	1	-2	0	-2	-1.0						
Total	7	481	640	1672	2312	330.3						
Opponents	7	527	1101	1676	2777	396.7						

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Scoring			PAT										PAT							
	td	fg	kick	rush	rcv	pass	dxp	saf	pts	td	fg	kick	rush	rcv	pass	dxp	saf	pts	td	fg
Coghlin, Matt	-	9-12	13-13	-	-	-	-	-	40	1	64-85	107-107	-	-	-	-	-	305		
Nailor, Jalen	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	24	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	42		
Reed, Jayden	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18		
Heyward, Connor	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	54		
Hunt, Tyler	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6		
White, Ricky	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6		
Gervin, Kalon	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6		
Morgan, Tre'Von	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6		
Thorne, Payton	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6		
TEAM	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2											
Total	14	9-12	13-13	-	-	-	-	1	126											
Opponents	32	7-9	31-31	-	1	1-1	-	-	246											

Punt Returns	no.	yds	avg	td	lg	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Reed, Jayden	2	14	7.0	0	10	2	14	7.0	0	10
Nailor, Jalen	2	18	9.0	0	17	8	48	6.0	0	17
Total	4	32	8.0	0	17					
Opponents	15	257	17.1	2	81					

Kick Returns	no.	yds	avg	td	lg	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Reed, Jayden	16	329	20.6	0	39	16	329	20.6	0	39
Mandryk, Jack	1	0	0.0	0	0	1	0	0.0	0	0
Nailor, Jalen	1	21	21.0	0	21	4	98	24.5	0	28
Barnett, Julian	1	17	17.0	0	17	4	53	13.2	0	19
Total	19	367	19.3	0	39					
Opponents	17	412	24.2	0	39					

Interceptions	no.	yds	avg	td	lg	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Brown, Shakur	5	107	21.4	0	54	7	186	26.6	1	69
Total	5	107	21.4	0	54					
Opponents	12	171	14.2	2	54					

Fumble Returns	no.	yds	avg	td	lg	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Gervin, Kalon	0	0	0.0	1	0	0	0	0.0	1	0
Total	0	0	0.0	1	0					
Opponents	1	5	5.0	0	5					

All Purpose	g	rush	rcv	pr	kr	ir	total	avg/g	g	rush	rcv	pr	kr	ir	total	avg/g
Reed, Jayden	7	17	407	14	329	0	767	109.6	7	17	407	14	329	0	767	109.6
Nailor, Jalen	7	11	515	18	21	0	565	80.7	19	166	759	48	98	0	1071	56.4
Heyward, Connor	7	200	71	0	0	0	271	38.7	36	818	385	6	723	0	1932	53.7
Simmons, Jordan	5	219	34	0	0	0	253	50.6	5	219	34	0	0	0	253	50.6
White, Ricky	4	0	223	0	0	0	223	55.8	4	0	223	0	0	0	223	55.8
Collins, Elijah	7	90	34	0	0	0	124	17.7	23	1086	133	0	0	0	1219	53.0
Dotson, Matt	4	0	107	0	0	0	107	26.8	35	0	436	0	0	0	436	12.5
Brown, Shakur	7	0	0	0	0	107	107	15.3	26	0	0	14	0	186	200	7.7
Hunt, Tyler	5	1	78	0	0	0	79	15.8	23	1	78	0	16	0	95	4.1
Mosley, Tre	4	0	71	0	0	0	71	17.8	10	0	287	0	0	0	287	28.7
Gillison, Trenton	4	0	49	0	0	0	49	12.2	18	0	196	0	37	0	233	12.9
Thorne, Payton	4	47	0	0	0	0	47	11.8	4	47	0	0	0	0	47	11.8
Morgan, Tre'Von	3	0	46	0	0	0	46	15.3	3	0	46	0	0	0	46	15.3
Lombardi, Rocky	6	39	0	0	0	0	39	6.5	22	166	0	0	0	0	166	7.5
Wright, Brandon	6	13	13	0	0	0	26	4.3	12	61	13	0	0	0	74	6.2
Barnett, Julian	6	0	0	0	17	0	17	2.8	19	19	182	0	53	0	254	13.4
McDonald, Cade	3	0	15	0	0	0	15	5.0	4	0	15	0	0	0	15	3.8
Williams, Anthon	2	5	5	0	0	0	10	5.0	14	123	82	0	93	0	298	21.3
Lockett, Terry	6	0	4	0	0	0	4	0.7	6	0	4	0	0	0	4	0.7
TEAM	2	-2	0	0	0	0	-2	-1.0								
Total	7	640	1672	32	367	107	2818	402.6								
Opponents	7	1101	1676	257	412	171	3617	516.7								

**2020 Michigan State Football**  
**Michigan State Individual Season/Career Statistics (as of Dec 15, 2020)**  
**All games**

SEASON										CAREER													
Field Goals					att	good	long	blkd						att	good	long	blkd						
Coghlin, Matt					12	9	51	0						85	64	51	2						
Total					12	9	51	0															
Opponents					9	7	44	0															
Punting					no.	yds	avg	lg	blk						no.	yds	avg	lg	blk				
Baringer, Bryce					37	1613	43.6	78	0						52	2099	40.4	78	0				
Crawford, Mitchell					9	346	38.4	47	0						9	346	38.4	47	0				
Total					46	1959	42.6	78	0														
Opponents					38	1654	43.5	74	0														
Kickoffs					no.	yds	avg	tb	ob						no.	yds	avg	tb	ob				
Coghlin, Matt					25	1543	61.7	9	0						27	1651	61.1	10	0				
Hahn, Cole					2	122	61.0	0	0						113	6593	58.3	33	7				
Total					27	1665	61.7	9	0														
Opponents					47	2593	55.2	18	0														
##	Defensive Leaders	gp	ua	a	total	tfl	sack	int	pbu	fr	ff	blk	gp	ua	a	total	tfl	sack	int	pbu	fr	ff	blk
34	Simmons, Antjuan	7	28	47	75	9.0	1.0	.	2	2	.	.	46	102	129	231	26.0	4.5	2	5	3	1	.
45	Harvey, Noah	7	31	23	54	5.0	.	.	1	.	.	.	32	52	53	105	10.0	3.0	.	5	.	1	.
3	Henderson, Xavier	7	24	17	41	1.5	.	.	1	.	.	.	33	89	50	139	3.5	.	2	6	1	.	.
21	Kline, Chase	7	11	18	29	0.5	.	.	.	.	2	.	20	16	25	41	1.5	1.0	.	.	.	2	.
86	Beesley, Drew	7	15	12	27	5.5	3.0	.	2	.	1	.	33	27	20	47	11.5	4.5	1	4	2	1	.
1D	Dowell, Michael	7	20	7	27	0.5	0.5	.	1	.	.	.	20	27	15	42	0.5	0.5	.	2	1	.	.
2P	Person, Tre	6	23	4	27	1.0	1.0	.	1	.	1	.	34	43	16	59	2.0	2.0	.	6	.	2	.
29	Brown, Shakur	7	19	6	25	0.0	.	5	4	.	.	.	26	38	16	54	2.0	2.0	7	9	.	.	.
96	Panasiuk, Jacob	6	11	14	25	2.5	1.0	.	1	.	.	.	44	50	55	105	21.0	9.0	.	3	.	4	1
93	Jones, Naquan	7	10	14	24	5.0	.	.	1	1	.	.	46	31	47	78	12.5	3.0	.	3	1	1	.
15	Grose, Angelo	7	15	8	23	0.5	.	.	2	.	1	.	7	15	8	23	0.5	.	.	2	.	1	.
18	Gervin, Kalon	6	16	6	22	0.0	.	.	4	1	.	.	19	22	8	30	0.0	.	.	4	1	.	.
91	Camper, Jack	7	5	13	18	2.0	0.5	.	.	1	.	.	25	9	19	28	4.5	1.0	.	.	1	.	.
9M	Mallory, Dashaun	7	9	6	15	3.0	2.0	.	.	.	.	.	9	10	6	16	3.0	2.0	.	.	.	.	.
9	Long, Dominique	7	11	2	13	0.0	.	.	1	.	.	.	44	41	10	51	0.0	.	.	2	.	.	1
6S	Slade, Jacob	7	5	8	13	0.5	.	.	1	.	.	.	21	9	19	28	3.0	1.0	.	2	.	.	.
5F	Fletcher, Michael	7	7	5	12	3.5	3.0	.	2	.	.	.	8	7	5	12	3.5	3.0	.	2	.	.	.
1J	Jackson, Chris	4	5	4	9	2.0	.	.	1	.	.	.	9	6	4	10	2.0	.	.	1	.	.	.
14	Williams, Davion	7	1	7	8	0.0	.	.	.	.	.	.	23	4	10	14	0.0	.	.	.	2	1	.
8H	Hunt, Jalen	5	4	1	5	2.0	.	.	.	.	.	.	5	4	1	5	2.0	.	.	.	.	.	.
47	Pietrowski, Jeff	7	2	2	4	0.0	.	.	.	.	.	.	7	2	2	4	0.0	.	.	.	.	.	.
26	Wright, Brandon	6	2	2	4	0.0	.	.	.	.	.	.	12	2	2	4	0.0	.	.	.	.	.	.
4K	Kruse, David	7	1	3	4	0.0	.	.	.	.	.	.	13	1	3	4	0.0	.	.	.	.	.	.
23	Snow, Darius	5	2	1	3	0.0	.	.	.	.	.	.	5	2	1	3	0.0	.	.	.	.	.	.
43	Mandryk, Jack	7	2	1	3	0.0	.	.	.	.	.	.	20	7	6	13	0.0	.	.	.	.	1	.
20	Flowers, Emmanuel	7	2	1	3	0.0	.	.	.	.	.	.	19	3	1	4	0.0	.	.	.	.	.	.
2	Barnett, Julian	6	3	.	3	0.0	.	.	.	.	.	.	19	5	.	5	0.0	.	.	.	.	.	.
83	Foster, Montorie	7	.	2	2	0.0	.	.	.	.	.	.	7	.	2	2	0.0	.	.	.	.	.	.
24	Collins, Elijah	7	1	1	2	0.0	.	.	.	.	.	.	23	1	1	2	0.0	.	.	.	.	.	.
11	Heyward, Connor	7	2	.	2	0.0	.	.	.	.	.	.	36	3	.	3	0.0	.	.	.	.	.	.
9H	Hansen, Maverick	6	.	2	2	0.0	.	.	.	.	.	.	6	.	2	2	0.0	.	.	.	.	.	.
5O	O'Connor, Terry	4	1	.	1	0.0	.	.	.	.	.	.	4	1	.	1	0.0	.	.	.	.	.	.
10	Thorne, Payton	4	1	.	1	0.0	.	.	.	.	.	.	4	1	.	1	0.0	.	.	.	.	.	.
97	Hunt, Tyler	5	1	.	1	0.0	.	.	.	.	.	.	23	1	.	1	0.0	.	.	.	.	.	.
40	Pedrozo, Jude	7	.	1	1	0.0	.	.	.	.	.	.	20	3	2	5	0.0	.	.	.	.	.	.
5	Reed, Jayden	7	1	.	1	0.0	.	.	.	.	.	.	7	1	.	1	0.0	.	.	.	.	.	.
8	Nailor, Jalen	7	1	.	1	0.0	.	.	.	.	1	.	19	2	.	2	0.0	.	.	.	.	1	.
99	Baringer, Bryce	7	1	.	1	0.0	.	.	.	.	.	.	11	1	.	1	0.0	.	.	.	.	.	.
56	Carrick, Matt	7	.	.	.	0.0	.	.	.	1	.	.	31	.	.	.	0.0	.	.	.	1	.	.
TM	TEAM	2	.	.	.	0.0	.	.	.	.	.	.											
Total		7	293	238	531	44	12	5	25	6	6	.											
Opponents		7	227	274	501	51	16	12	24	8	9	.											